

Clean Water – Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program Township of Hamilton

2011 Annual Report

Municipal and Conservation Authority Partnership

2011 marked the third anniversary of the Clean Water - Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program within the Township of Hamilton. This initiative is supported in partnership by the Township of Hamilton, and administered by the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority.

Landowners, residents, community groups, schools and businesses within the Township of Hamilton and the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority can apply for financial assistance to complete stewardship projects that will benefit their community. Such projects include tree planting, erosion control, water well upgrades and decommissions, habitat creation

or enhancement, stream fencing, alternate water supplies and many other projects that improve or conserve local watersheds.



The goal of the Clean Water -Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program is, “through stewardship, improve overall watershed health”.

A successful year

As a result of the Clean Water-Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program, stewardship projects were implemented in the watersheds of Gages Creek, Cobourg Creek, the Ganaraska River and the smaller Rice Lake and Lake Ontario tributaries.

Functions were attended to promote the program such as the Harwood Waterfront Festival and the Port Hope Fall Fair, In addition, many landowners were actively engaged in the program with either a stewardship project occurring on their land or having received technical advice from qualified staff.

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Environmental change

The following projects were approved in 2011 under the Clean Water-Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program. As a result, many benefits will occur to conserve, restore and enhance the watersheds of Gages Creek, Cobourg Creek, the Ganaraska River and the smaller Rice Lake and Lake Ontario tributaries.

- Four private water well upgrade projects to protect groundwater and improve drinking water for homeowners.
- Five private water well decommission projects to protect groundwater and improve drinking water for homeowners.
- Four agricultural projects (no-till drill, GPS and waste management).
- 2 tree planting projects for a total of 1,541 trees planted.
- 1 invasive species control project.
- 2 education projects (accessible board walk and tallgrass prairie plot).



GPS Unit



Well Decommissioned

Monetary value of stewardship projects

Clean Water-Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program
paid out: \$14,462.28

Clean Water-Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program approved in 2011
but not yet completed: \$4,004.68

Additional funding was provided through the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (\$2,779.80), and the Environmental Farm Plan.

Landowner contribution for completed projects: \$58,394.04

Total Monetary Value of Approved Projects: \$83,701.32