



South Nation Conservation Watershed Update

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SNC Provides Full Septic System Permit Services



After conducting septic bed inspections for over 12 years, SNC now also issues septic system permits for eleven municipalities in Eastern Ontario. Residents seeking septic permits for new construction, renovation, and legal searches will now work directly with SNC. These services were formerly provided by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU). Fees will remain the same, and permit application forms are available online at www.nation.on.ca. For further information, contact Monique Sauve at 877-984-2948 Ext. 316.

Technology Improves Data Collection



A partnership with the Ministry of Environment (MOE) will result in improved, more efficient collection of water quality data from the Castor River at Russell. Automated surface water sampling will provide continuous water quality and ground water data, plus weather and water flow information. Automated sampling eliminates data gaps at crucial times, such as during snow melts and flood events.

Woodlot Advisory Service Exceeds Targets



The Woodlot Advisory Service (WAS) program, now in its second year, conducted 79 site visits throughout SD&G, Prescott-Russell, Leeds-Grenville and Ottawa. WAS promotes efficient, sustainable forest management, and planting trees. The program is coordinated by SNC, and is funded through an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant and a financial contribution from the United Counties of Prescott-Russell.

Tri-Valley Awards—New Date, New Category



The 2011 Tri-Valley Conservation Awards will be held April 18th in Manotick. The date has been changed to spring from fall to better accommodate schools. A new Lifetime Achievement Award has been added for each watershed: South Nation, Rideau Valley and Mississippi Valley. Nominations will be accepted until March 1st, 2012. For complete information and online nomination forms, visit www.nation.on.ca.

SNC Committed To Customer Service Excellence

The Accessibility Standards for Customer Service became law on January 1, 2008. It is the first accessibility standard under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. This standard is an important step to create a barrier-free and accessible Ontario by 2025. Accessible customer service is not about ramps or automatic door openers. It's about understanding that people with disabilities may have different needs. SNC is committed to excellence in serving all customers including people with disabilities. We will make every reasonable effort to ensure that our policies, practices, and procedures are consistent with the principles of dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity.

