



# South Nation Conservation Watershed Update — November 2011 —



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## News From The SNC Board of Directors

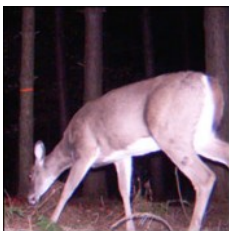
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### Level 1 Low Water Condition Lifted



SNC has lifted the Level 1 Low Water Condition issued in August. Over the last 3 months, stream flows throughout the watershed showed signs of a potential water supply problem. As a precaution, SNC's Water Response Team encouraged voluntary water conservation. Normal rainfall in October increased stream flows in the watershed, so SNC lifted the Condition. As common practice, SNC continues to encourage wise use of water. Visit [WatershedConditions.com](http://WatershedConditions.com) for more information.

### Increase In Letters Of Permission For Hunting On SNC Lands



The Board was advised that the number of permission letters issued to hunt on SNC lands has increased by over 60% this year. Responsible hunting is allowed on most of the 10,000 acres of land owned by SNC, but a letter of permission must be obtained first. To get a letter, contact Chris Craig at 877-984-2948 Ext. 234. The fee is \$50, and a valid hunting licence must be produced.

### Approval For Funding Proposals



Proposals for funding from Environment Canada were approved for two important habitat stewardship programs. SNC is seeking approximately \$10,000 for the American Ginseng program; and another \$15,000 for the Rare Turtle Program which protects and restores turtle populations in the watershed. Staff will also pursue nearly \$20,000 in funding to identify and map issues related to SNC managed forest and watershed restoration projects.

### Tile Drain Control Structures To Be Purchased



The Board approved purchasing tile drain control structures to a limit of \$30,000. The funding is being provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), through the Watershed Evaluation of Beneficial Management Practices (WEBs) Program. A goal of the WEBs program is to encourage adoption of tile drain management. Structures and installation will be provided free of charge to interested farmers to promote this best management practice. For more information, contact Ronda Boutz at 877-984-2948 Ext. 251.

### The Benefits of Conservation Easements

Conservation easements are an important vehicle in long-term environmental protection. The benefits are two-fold: 1) the donor receives an attractive tax incentive (while maintaining title to the Property); and 2) local communities conserve and protect ecologically significant lands, which means overall environmental benefits. To qualify under Environment Canada's Ecological Gift Program, properties must meet certain criteria. SNC staff are pleased to discuss these options further with interested watershed residents.

