

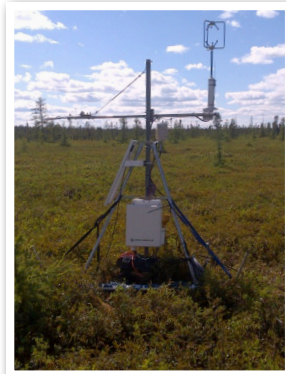


Local students enhance education with SNC summer jobs

SNC is connecting hands-on work and mentor experience with 12 local post-secondary students whose career goals lead naturally to working in a Conservation Authority. With support from federal and provincial government funds, SNC is the largest, rural, student employer in the area. Summer hires are gaining experience in the monitoring and habitat restoration as well as, delivering education programs, and assisting in finance and corporate services.

Regional Committee Funds SNC Projects

The Eastern Ontario Water Resources Committee (EOWRC) recently approved \$43,000 in grants to five SNC projects in Prescott & Russell and the City of Ottawa. Funding will provide well decommissioning grants for landowners, develop a septic education program, enhance outreach to residents on watershed conditions, and support research work in the Alfred Bog and use of floating wetlands to improve water quality in stormwater ponds. EOWRC is funded by the United Counties of Prescott and Russell and the City of Ottawa.



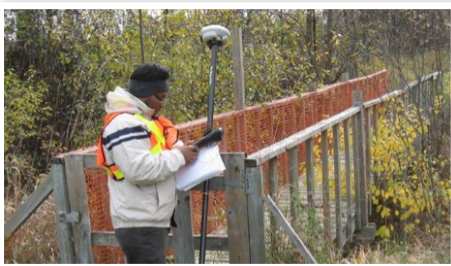
SNC Report Recommends Improvements to Low Water Response

Experience gained during the 2012 drought has led to SNC's review of how it responds to low water conditions across its jurisdiction. In a recently released report, SNC identified challenges faced by the local Water Response Team when implementing the Provincial Ontario Low Water Response Program. The report recommends several ways to improve Program delivery; including additional data collection and enhancements to municipal and public outreach.



SNC Parks Open for the Season

SNC's Conservation Areas are open for the season. Working in partnership with its member municipalities, SNC maintains twelve Conservation Areas across its jurisdiction. An online visitor survey will be launched this summer to gather feedback on the Conservation Areas; signage will direct visitors to the survey site. For more information on SNC's Conservation Areas, visit www.nation.on.ca.



Floodplain Mapping Projects

Working with municipalities to manage development in floodplains is a core mandate for SNC. To improve this service, SNC is undertaking several floodplain initiatives. Projects range from new flood risk mapping in the City of Ottawa to internal data management and data sharing with member municipalities and counties.