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# Source Water Protection

The Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Region includes the jurisdictions of the Raisin Region and South Nation Conservation Authorities, and a few extra areas such as Hoasic Creek, Rigaud River, the Town of Prescott, Champlain Township, and Hawkesbury

## What is Source Water?

Source water is the raw water that we take from lakes, rivers or underground aquifers to supply people with drinking water. The goal of Source Water Protection is to protect these sources of drinking water from contamination and overuse, now and into the future.

The Ontario Clean Water Act requires municipalities and stakeholders to work together to develop watershed-based Source Protection Plans. These plans focus on protecting the source water that supplies municipal drinking water systems.

A local Source Protection Committee was tasked with writing the Source Protection Plans.

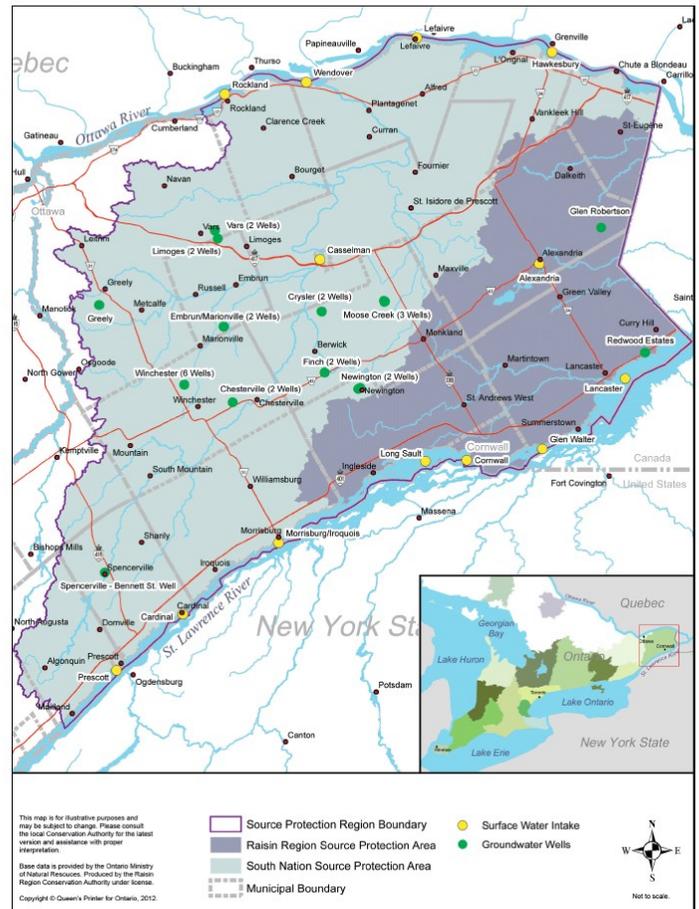
## Municipal Drinking Water Systems

The Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Region includes 26 municipal drinking water systems (13 groundwater, and 13 surface water) in local municipalities.

[www.yourdrinkingwater.ca](http://www.yourdrinkingwater.ca)



Map 2: Drinking Water Systems



## Risk Management Office & Source Water Protection Implementation

The Risk Management Office is established to assist in the enforcement of the Clean Water Act. The office includes a local Risk Management Official (RMO) assisted by local Risk Management Inspectors (RMI).

The RMO and RMIs establish guidance documents for risk assessments, prepare risk management plans (RMP) for prescribed activities, develop templates and forms for RMPs, develop information packages or sessions for property owners, negotiate and establish RMPs with property owners, approve RMPs, monitor implementation and performance of the RMPs, and report to the Source Protection Authority.

The RMO and RMIs work closely with property owners, municipal staff, local Conservation Authorities and agencies such as the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH).