

## South Nation Conservation report to South Dundas

# Forest cover below recommended level

MORRISBURG –According to the Ministry of the Environment, 30 per cent forest cover is needed to maintain a healthy watershed.

In 2008, South Dundas was below that 30 per cent recommendation.

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officials say that in the last forest cover survey, which was in 2008, South Dundas was sitting at 23.2 per cent.

Of that 23.2 per cent, Josée Brizard said, “You are doing fairly well. Although you are not at 30 per cent, you are not the worst.

She reported that some other municipalities in the watershed are as low as 10 per cent. The highest amount of forest cover in the watershed is 34 per cent..

Brizard said that they will soon have 2014 numbers for comparison.

To work towards adding to the forest cover numbers across the watershed, South Nation Conservation has a tree planting program that last year planted 1,100 in the watershed, and this year added 1,700 more.

SNC also accepts land donations from watershed residents.

The donated lands are used to improve forest cover, ensure healthy and safe waterways, and provide public recreational areas.

Two Creeks forest and the Williamsburg Forest are examples of lands donated to South Nation Conservation through this program.