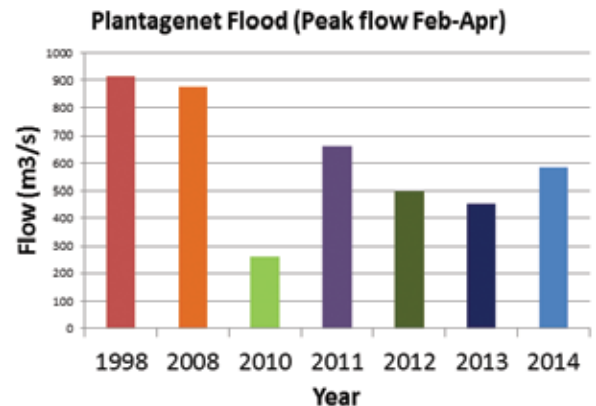




Ramping up warning and protection from potential floods

Every spring, the South Nation Watershed experiences a flood: big or small. New this year, SNC is asking residents to enhance our monitoring efforts by sharing photos of unusual water levels in your area. Submit photos by email: info@nation.on.ca, Twitter: [@SouthNationCA](https://twitter.com/SouthNationCA), or Facebook: facebook.com/SouthNationConservation. See nation.on.ca for details. Every day, staff are checking weather conditions, precipitation and temperatures, and stream flow at 30 monitoring sites in the Watershed. Seasonally, staff collect and compare snow and ice thickness. This data helps SNC identify flood potential in different areas. Staff are available 24/7 during potential flood periods. SNC issues the latest information on Watershed conditions to the public, emergency services, and the media during potential flood events.



Board reappointments at Annual General Meeting

SNC's member municipalities appoint a 12-member, plus past chair, Board of Directors to make policy decisions which govern all of its work. Executive reappointments at this month's Annual General Meeting include: SNC Chair Bill Smirle of Morewood retains the chairmanship for 2014; Ottawa Councillor Doug Thompson remains vice chair. Leaving the chairmanship in 2012, Lawrence Levere of Cardinal will continue to serve on the Board as past chair.



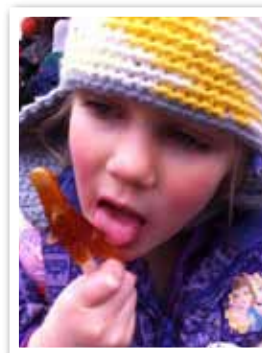
L-R: Doug Thompson, Bill Smirle, Lawrence Levere

Local expertise advances Watershed protection efforts

SNC works with citizen advisory committees to review programs and develop recommendations to the Board of Directors. They are local people making local decisions with years of experience in the community to draw from. The wide membership includes representatives from the general public, community groups, agriculture, business, industry, municipalities, and the Board. The committees make work plan and budget decisions to guide staff in the delivery of their water quality, fisheries, forestry, grant-giving, communication, and outreach programs. SNC held a joint committee meeting for members to collaborate with staff to meet the opportunities that lay ahead in 2014 with broad-based support.

Securing forests for the future

Land securement by public bodies is an effective way to protect natural heritage features and systems for public benefit. SNC is adopting a five-year Land Securement Strategy to provide direction for future land stewardship. SNC will work with property owners, municipalities, and partners to acquire the best land for providing environmental, social, and economic benefit throughout the jurisdiction. SNC also encourages property owners to donate land for conservation, with such gifts often qualifying as charitable donations under the Federal *Income Tax Act*.



Another sweet success!

SNC invites schools to tap into our Maple Syrup Education Program every March at Sand Road Maple Farm in Moose Creek.

NEW: SNC Finch office is open until 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays starting in April to serve you better.