

## SNC partners with municipalities and contractors to improve service delivery

SNC's second annual Municipal Exchange was well received by Municipal staff from all across the watershed. Discussions focussed on SNC's planning and review services that help protect people and property. SNC also hosted a septic program meeting for local contractors and designers to provide information on building code changes and a new national standard for certifying treatment units. Both days provided key networking opportunities to help SNC improve service delivery to its local municipalities and residents.



### South Nation channel improvements continue in Augusta Township

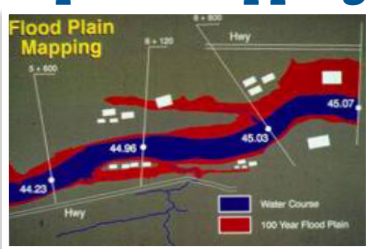
Augusta Township will receive up to \$24,000 for a second phase of the South Nation Channel Improvement Project. The SNC Board of Directors approved the payment at a 50 per cent cost-share at a meeting in April. The second project will improve river flow upstream of the work completed last summer to restore the movement of water through the South Nation River, improve drainage, and reduce flooding.

### Ontario training session features SNC's 2012 Low Water Response Program

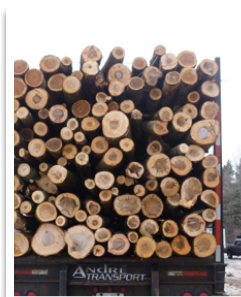
SNC's Low Water Response Team includes local farmers, and municipal and provincial government representatives. Together, the team supports local preparedness in the event of a drought. The SNC watershed was selected as a case study, highlighting last year's dry conditions and SNC's Low Water Response Program at a provincial training session in April. SNC is reviewing data collected in 2012 to identify areas affected by low water and document effects of the drought conditions. This work will provide recommendations to farmers and residents on adapting to low water conditions in the future.

### City of Ottawa floodplain mapping

SNC is updating the floodplain mapping in the City of Ottawa along watercourses with existing and future development pressure. The five-year plan includes technical work and floodplain mapping. The first year of the plan has SNC staff surveying three reaches of the Shields Creek Sub-watershed: Findlay Creek, John Boyce, and Osgoode Garden Cedar Acres.



### Forest revenues exceed early estimates



SNC has exceeded the forest harvest revenue estimate by \$10,000 with a current figure of over \$83,000. The harvest was a thinning operation completed on a 93 acre parcel of SNC property in Prescott and Russell, near Riceville. SNC forests are managed for sustainability and are Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certified. In addition to harvesting efforts, SNC has planted over 123,000 trees across the watershed this year. Planting sites include SNC land as well as private land.



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