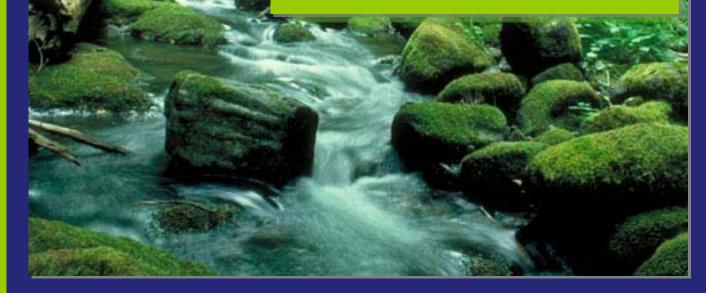


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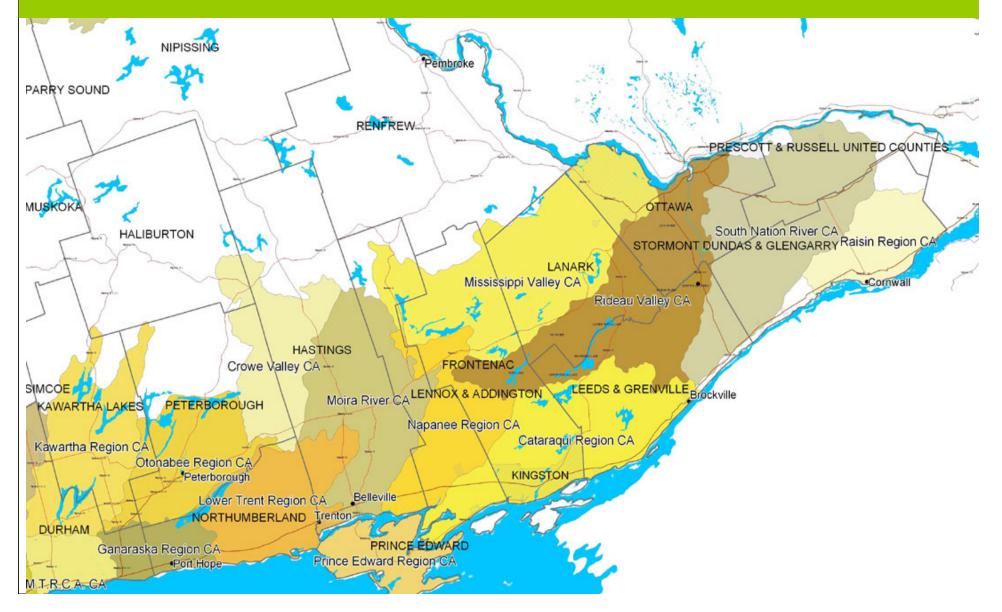


Conservation Authorities in Ontario



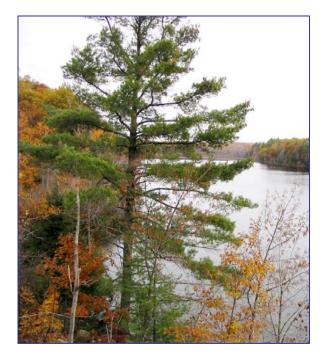
- Partnership of Municipalities
- Watershed Jurisdiction
- Shared Funding
- Board of Directors
- Municipal Control

Eastern Ontario Conservation Authorities





Long Term Vision



- Water system clean and protected
- Water and land areas support a healthy ecosystem, and contribute to a healthy economy and community
- Work involves many small cumulative programs and projects



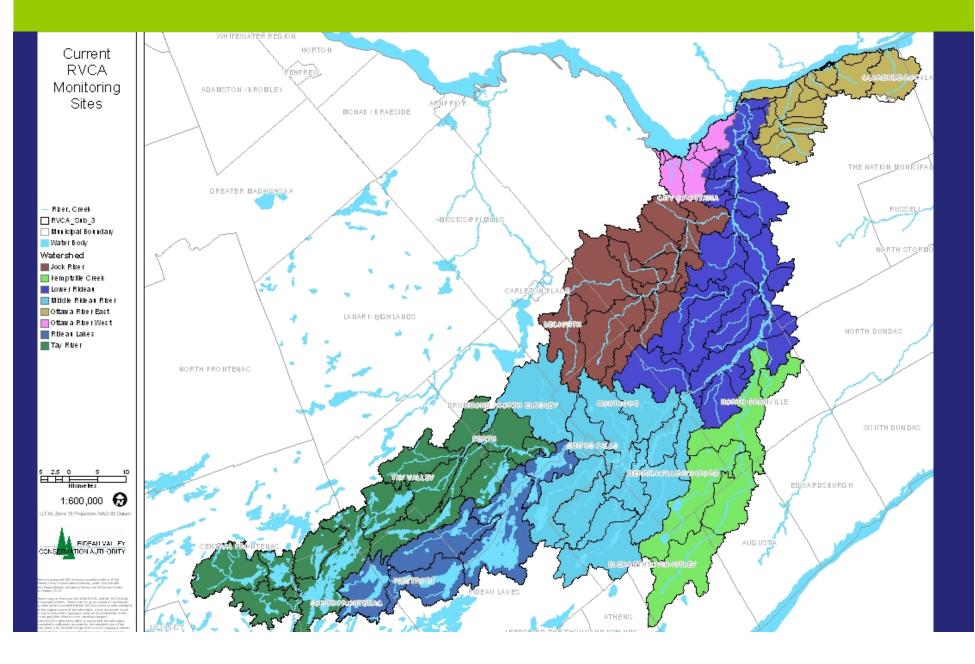
Watershed Planning Monitoring and Reporting

- Watershed planning
- Surface water quality monitoring
- Streamflow and precipitation
- Groundwater monitoring
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat
- Community based monitoring
- Municipal drain classification
- Watershed information system
- Source Water Protection Planning

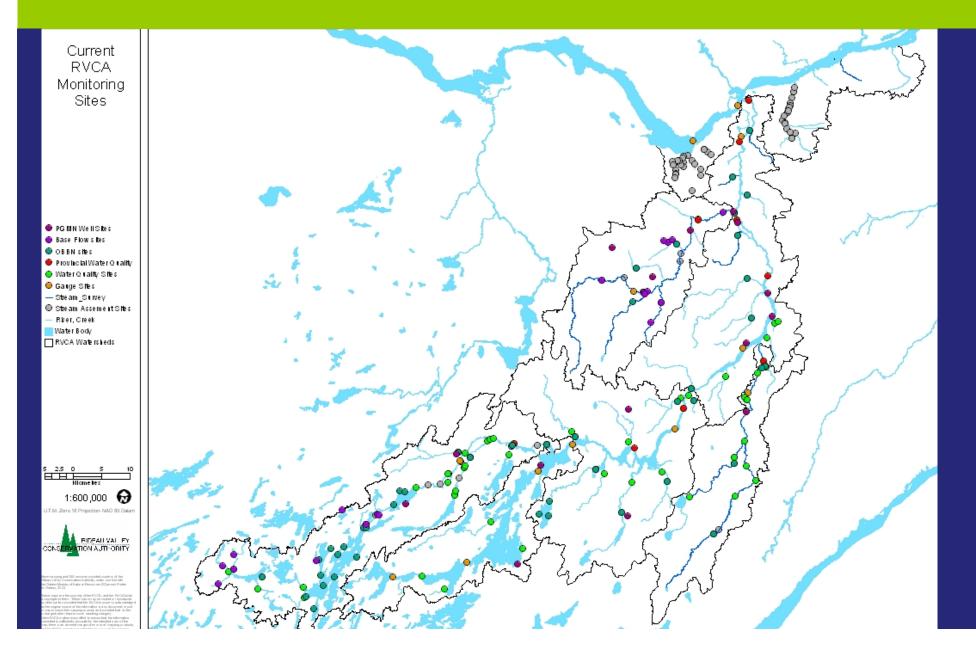




Tributary Watersheds



RVCA Monitoring Sites





Planning Advisory and Regulatory Services

- Review of site specific development applications (1,200 per year)
- Official Plans, Comprehensive Zoning, Environmental Assessments (24)
- Section 28 CA Act Regulation (170)
- Section 25 Canada Fisheries Act (50)
- Septic System Approvals in Ottawa (900)
- Septic Re-inspection in three upper municipalities



Shoreline Stewardship Programs

- The Brochure (adopted by the Living by Water Project)
- On the Waterfront Tabloid
- On the Living Edge Handbook
- Shoreline Classification
- Working with Lake Stewards





Tree Planting Program

- Planted 150,000 tree seedlings this spring overall
- Planted 86,000 tree seedlings in upper watershed areas
- Over 3 million trees planted by RVCA over the past 22 years
- Special thanks to *our* many funding partners









Rideau Valley's Rural Clean Water Program



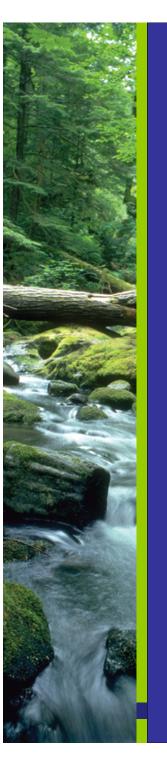
- Voluntary
- Environmental Farm Plan required (for farmers) or an Environmental Property Plan (for rural non-farm landowners)
- Financial Incentives (50-75%)
- Application reviewed by Review Committee

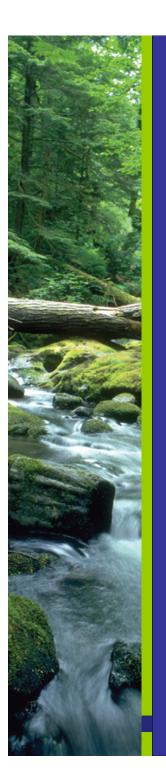


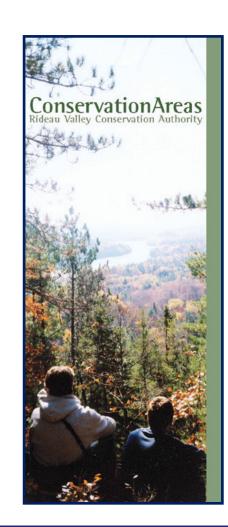
Rural Clean Water Program

- 144 projects completed
- Approximately \$184,000 in grants
- Approximately \$580,000 (total project cost) invested in water quality projects









Conservation Areas

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- 34 parcels of public land totaling approximately 5,500 acres
- 10 developed conservation areas
- Providing opportunities for the public to learn, enjoy and respect the natural environment
- Outdoor education programs at Baxter and Foley Mountain

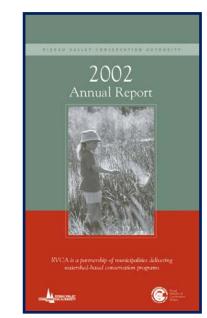




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Public Watershed Information



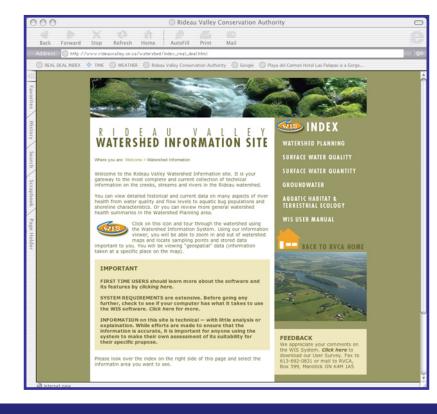
- LandOwner Resource Centre
- RVCA Website and Watershed Information System
- Media releases
- RVCA Annual Report
- CA Viewpoints
- Conservation tabloids







Watershed Information System





Municipal Watershed Information

- Around the Rideau
 Municipal Newsletter
- Municipal Updates
- Meeting agendas, minutes and presentations

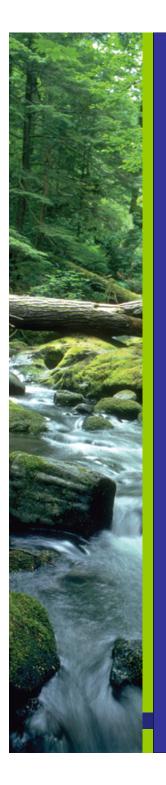
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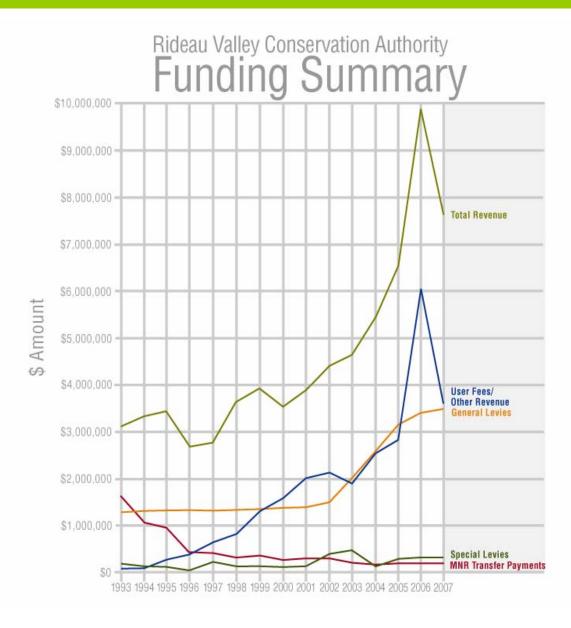


Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation



- Conservation Land Endowment Fund
- Williams Water Endowment Fund
- Environmental Land Fund
- Conservation Areas Fund
- Trees for Tomorrow
- Living Memorial Program

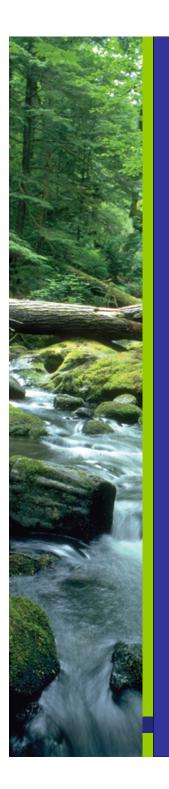






Staff Expertise

- Engineers
- Planners
- Hydrogeologists
- Biologists/fisheries/water quality techs
- Foresters/forest techs
- Ecologists
- Septic Inspectors
- Public Education/Communications
- GIS Specialists
- Support Staff





Final Thoughts

- Accountable to 18 municipalities across RVCA watershed
- Multiplier effect of leveraging \$ from other sources
- Broad range of technical staff expertise
- Cost effective field delivery organization
- At your service