

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

ACT FOR CLEAN WATER

Mississippi-Rideau
Source Protection Region



Mississippi Valley
Conservation



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Draft Technical Studies – Coming in 2009!

The Source Protection Committee plans to release draft mapping of **wellhead protection areas** and **intake protection zones** for public consultation in early to mid 2009. The results of our **threats assessment** will follow later in the year.

Watch your local newspaper and our website for public consultation opportunities!

Mapping will delineate the areas around our 13 municipal wells and intake pipes where municipal drinking water is most vulnerable to contamination or depletion. The threats assessment will identify land uses and activities in these vulnerable areas that could pose a significant threat to drinking water.

Terms of Reference Submitted for Approval

Our *Proposed* Terms of Reference was submitted to the Minister of the Environment on October 16 for approval. Thank you to everyone who participated in our public consultation, your comments were included in our submission package for the Minister's consideration when reviewing and approving our Terms of Reference.

The Terms of Reference lays out a **workplan & budget** to produce Assessment Reports (technical studies) by 2009 and Source Protection Plans by 2012.

Money Available for Stewardship Projects

If you have property **very close** to a municipal wellhead or surface water intake you could be eligible for grants to undertake the following projects. Contact the Landowner Resource Center for more details at 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 ext 1128 (Kellie) or 1132 (Megan).

- septic system inspections and upgrades
- well decommissioning and upgrading
- runoff and erosion protection (through vegetative setbacks)
- pollution prevention reviews for small and medium sized rural businesses
- land conservation measures (municipalities purchasing or leasing property)
- fuel storage upgrades, maintenance and removal
- other projects to protect municipal drinking water sources (subject to MOE approval)

More Information

Please contact Sommer if you have any questions or you would like a speaker for your group.

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