



Bay of Quinte

Remedial Action Plan

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The Bay of Quinte is a healthy and vibrant ecosystem
we need to protect for future generations.

Municipal involvement in long-term planning

WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY!

- Tens of \$Millions spent on “clean up” of the Bay since mid 1980’s
- Federal & provincial governments working with local conservation authorities, industries, First Nations, the public and municipal governments to get the job done
- The Bay is currently a healthy and vibrant ecosystem that attracts visitors from around the world
- 7 Beneficial Use Impairments are on their way to being identified as not impaired

WE HAVE A LITTLE FURTHER TO GO...

4 Beneficial Use Impairments to complete and re-assess

WORK THAT WILL HELP US ADDRESS THE REMAINING BUIs

- Develop a Phosphorus Management Strategy
- Implement Stormwater and Infrastructure improvements
- Implement Natural Heritage Strategy & incorporate into Official Plans
- Maintain healthy shorelines to protect the fisheries and water quality
- Municipalities to take action on the outstanding RAP recommended actions

NEXT STEPS

- Long-term monitoring plans and management strategies to be developed and municipal and public involvement will be key

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Once the BQRAP is complete, the local community will still have a continued responsibility to protect the environment
- Great strides have been made and we can’t slip back - How are we going to ensure that doesn’t happen?
- Need to monitor, need to implement the plans and strategy, need to involve the public and municipalities long into the future.
- Need to continue to work with provincial and federal governments to ensure priorities are addressed and financed

POSSIBLE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS TO KEEPING THE BAY HEALTHY

- National Marine Conservation Area?
- Biosphere Reserve?
- Foundation or Friends Group?
- Financing by local municipalities?
- Great Lakes Protection Act – Geographically Focused Initiative?

As you can see, when the Bay of Quinte is no longer an Area of Concern, all the work is not done. The work of ensuring that environmental quality is sustained into the future is just beginning and municipalities are going to be key players in the process.

To find out more about the Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan and how through the efforts of its many partners the Bay is a success story that needs your input and support, visit our web site www.bqrap.ca

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Please make the Bay of Quinte part of your campaign agenda.

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