

Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan



ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2008



Sawquin Marsh

THE RAP OFFICE WAS A BUSY PLACE

- 5 meetings of the BQRAP Restoration council held.
- A two person administrative office was maintained.
- New funding from Great Lakes Sustainability Fund (EC), Ministry of the Environment and Canadian Wildlife Service (EC) was awarded.
- Three full-time temporary staff in said administrative office.
- One field/program coordinator for volunteers in Marsh Monitoring Program and contractors in enhanced Marsh Monitoring Program.
- Three contractors for enhanced Marsh Monitoring Program for 11 coastal wetlands in the Bay of Quinte.
- Funded engineering services support for Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan activities.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 6 Big Cleanup Bulletins, 1 Summer Newsletter, and an Annual Report.
- Article in County Living Magazine.
- Exhibitor at 3rd Annual Sustainability Symposium at Loyalist College.
- Community Wildlife Monitoring Program Annual Marsh Monitoring Workshop at Quinte Conservation with Terry Sprague - Over 55 volunteers in attendance.
- Big Cleanup Recognition Event at Quinte Conservation with 30+ people in attendance.
- 20th Annual Hastings County Farm Show & Plowing Match Exhibitor Conservation Tent with 16,000 people in attendance.
- Shoreline Survey Volunteer Training Session with 20 people in attendance.
- Exhibitor at the Community Forum on Water with Maude Barlow at Centennial Secondary School.
- Radio Campaign - Community Wildlife Monitoring Program.
- Presentations to Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee and Queen's University 4th year Civil Engineering course.
- Expanded Web promotion with links on 26 sites.
- 10 requests for BQRAP information.
- Interviews in local newspapers and on radio.
- RAP literature displayed in 65+ locations.
- BQRAP standing display at Lower Trent Conservation and Quinte Conservation.



Habitat Enhancement Project

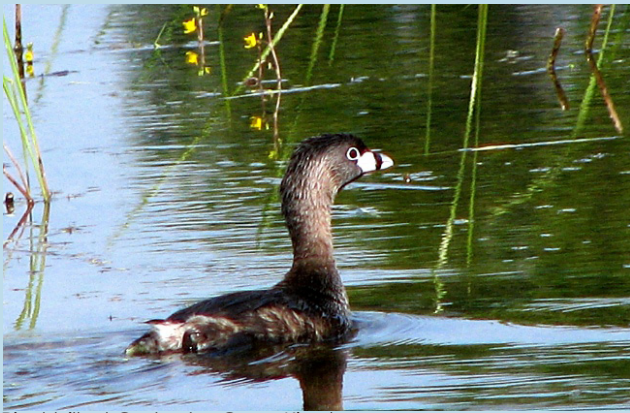
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COMMUNITY WILDLIFE MONITORING PROGRAM



Pied-billed Grebe by Garry Kirsch

The Community Wildlife Monitoring Workshop, was held at Quinte Conservation in Belleville on March 05, 2008 and combined the bird and frog training in one session.

"Interest in the Community Wildlife Monitoring Program continues to grow every year, as evidenced by the response to our spring workshop. Volunteers are eager and enthusiastic to get involved and contribute what they can to a better understanding of wetland bird and amphibian populations. This year there seemed to be an increase in spring peepers and green frogs and that is always a good sign."

To volunteer contact: Terry Sprague - 613-476-5072
tsprague@kos.net

OUT IN THE FIELD

- Monitored fish community in five coastal wetlands in the Bay of Quinte.
- Monitored wetland dependant birds and amphibians in eleven coastal wetlands Bay of Quinte.
- Monitored fish, wildlife and habitat within an area of past habitat enhancement project in Sawguin Creek Marsh.
- Monitored aquatic invertebrates, water quality, and submerged aquatic vegetation in fifteen coastal wetlands Bay of Quinte.
- Surveyed over 150 shoreline landowners along the north shore on the bay between Carrying Place and Point Ste. Anne on the condition of their shoreline and their attitude towards it at the status of the bay. Over 100 requested a follow up to the survey.
- Assisted in the sampling of benthic vegetation and water samples for algal communities and toxin analysis for Dr. Sue Watson, Environment Canada.
- Hosted workshop to train a mix of 20 government agency staff and volunteers on Shoreline Naturalization, Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan and Landowner Surveys.
- Hosted workshop on Regional Master Drainage Planning for the Bay of Quinte and attended by local and external municipal and agency, provincial and federal representatives.



A healthy adult bowfin collected, measured then returned during a fish community survey at a coastal wetland in the Bay of Quinte.

THE RAP ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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PUBLIC OUTREACH



Restoration Council Member from the MOE brought their RV activity centre to the Quinte Children's Water Festival.

REPORTS RECEIVED

- Project Quinte Annual Report by Department of Fisheries and Oceans.
- Final Draft Mayhew Creek Master Drainage Plan by WaterPlan Associates.
- Recommendations for Assessing Beneficial Use Impairments #1 Fish and Wildlife Consumption Restrictions by St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences.
- Beneficial Use Impairments Status Report Card submitted by Environment Canada.

The RAP RESTORATION COUNCIL

Ontario Ministry of the Environment
Environment Canada
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
CFB Trenton
Mohawks of The Bay of Quinte
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food,
and Rural Affairs
Lower Trent Conservation
Quinte Conservation,
Quinte Watershed Cleanup