



## Waterlogs - March 2021

Today, the Bay of Quinte is a healthy and vibrant ecosystem.  
Now, we must focus on keeping it this way

### ANNUAL REPORT 2020



# BAY OF QUINTE REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Despite all the challenges this year has thrown at us, we still accomplished getting another BUI restored, holding a public comments period, pushing forward the Phosphorus Management Strategy, engaging the landowners with workshops, completing a number of stewardship initiatives and continuing citizen science monitoring. This year's Annual Report is in a digital format, making it more interactive. We hope you enjoy this change.

## BUILD YOUR OWN RAIN GARDEN

### Is your lawn a lazy . . . . . just demanding your time and money?

**Time to make it useful! Build a Rain Garden.**

**Why a Rain Garden? Because it has a job to do.**

- Providing habitat for wildlife, such as birds, butterflies, and bees
- Helping protect streams, rivers, and lakes from pollutants carried by stormwater runoff
- Helping protect communities from flooding
- Increasing the amount of water entering the ground, which re-charges aquifers
- Beautifying your yards and neighbourhood



If you live in an urban centre around the Bay of Quinte you could be eligible for a grant of **up to \$500** for native plants, soil, compost, gravel, and mulch to establish a functioning rain garden.

**[www.bqrap.ca](http://www.bqrap.ca)**

### What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is rain and melted snow that is not able to soak into the ground. As it runs over pavement and rooftops, it picks up a variety of contaminants and transports them through storm drains and eventually into the Bay of Quinte. These pollutants may include: pet waste, oil, gasoline, road salt, leaves, and litter.

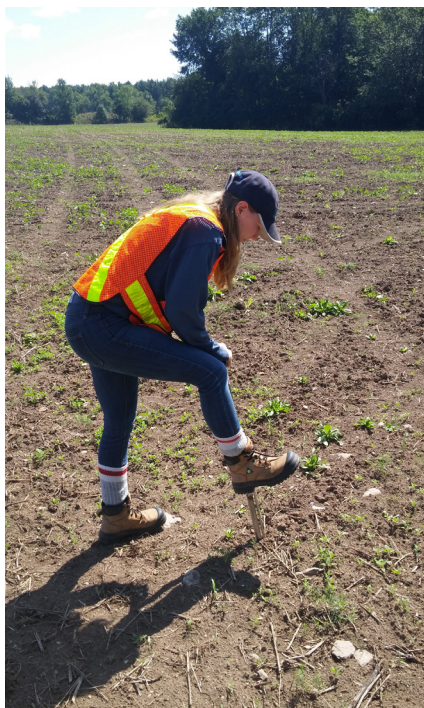
By creating rain gardens, in urban areas, more stormwater will be able to naturally infiltrate into the ground.

You can be part of the long-term solution to improving water quality in the Bay of Quinte by decreasing the volume of contaminated stormwater leaving your property.

To learn if you are eligible for the \$500. grant and to book your site visit, contact:

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## BOOK YOUR FARM'S SOIL TESTING



Excess phosphorous from rural and urban sources has a direct impact on water quality in the Bay of Quinte. The Healthy Soils Check Up Program helps farmers improve water quality and save money by providing:

1. Free agronomic soil testing with analysis being done by an OMAFRA accredited soil lab.
2. Detailed field maps showing contours (slopes) and areas within the field that are more prone to erosion.

This program will help farmers keep nutrients and soil where they want them – in the fields, improving crop yields.

Knowing the baseline nutrient levels and implementing the 4 R's (right source/ product, right rate, right time, and right place) of fertilizer application will minimize nutrient transport from fields and maximize crop uptake and utilization.

The field maps will identify key erosion sites to help farmers adopt Best Management Practices (BMPs) to keep soil on the fields and out of local waterways.

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