

Early Actions Funding Available to Landowners Deadline Approaching

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The Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Early Actions Program is providing cost-share grants for landowners living near municipal drinking water wells or surface water intakes. Funding for this voluntary stewardship program is retro-active to September 19, 2006 provided that landowners have the necessary documentation and meet Program eligibility.

Properties that may be eligible for funding must be located within 100 metres of a municipal wellhead; a 200 metre radius of a municipal surface water intake; an approved 2 year time of travel zone for a municipal wellhead; or within approved Intake Protection Zone 1 for a municipal intake.

Program information is available at www.yourdrinkingwater.ca. Please note that this funding is only available until the end of December 2010, approved projects must be completed and paperwork submitted to South Nation Conservation (SNC) or Raisin Region Conservation by December 31, 2010.

If you are interested in applying for grants, a Program Representative will visit your property and assist you with completing the application form. If you are a farmer completing a project through the Canada-Ontario Farm Stewardship Program (COFSP), you may also contact your local Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association Representative to apply for Early Actions funding along with your submission to COFSP.

Those interested in applying for funding or who have any questions on this cost-share opportunity please contact **Valerie Sylvia** at **1-877-984-2948 ext. 238** or **Norm Genier** at **1-866-938-3611 ext. 228**. Early Actions grant information can also be accessed by e-mail at vsylvia@nation.on.ca or normand@rrca.om.ca

For more general information about Drinking Water Source Protection in Raisin-South Nation region please visit www.yourdrinkingwater.ca

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