

The Corporation of the County of Wellington Planning Committee Agenda

March 12, 2015 11:15 am County Administration Centre Keith Room

Members: Warden Bridge; Councillors Lennox (Chair), Alls, McKay, Watters

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Next meeting date April 9, 2015 or at the call of the Chair.



County of Wellington Planning Statement of Operations as of 28 Feb 2015

	Annual Budget	February Actual \$	YTD Actual \$	YTD Actual %	Remaining Budget
Revenue					
Grants and Subsidies	\$28,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	54%	\$13,000
Municipal Recoveries	\$35,000	\$1,567	\$1,567	4%	\$33,433
User Fees & Charges	\$250,000	\$17,315	\$36,400	15%	\$213,600
Other Revenue	\$0	\$8,060	\$8,060	0%	\$(8,060)
Internal Recoveries	\$500	\$333	\$333	67%	\$167
Total Revenue	\$313,500	\$42,275	\$61,360	20%	\$252,140
Expenditures					
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$1,588,000	\$129,253	\$251,492	16%	\$1,336,508
Supplies, Material & Equipment	\$36,800	\$1,819	\$3,324	9%	\$33,476
Purchased Services	\$298,100	\$12,464	\$28,857	10%	\$269,243
Transfer Payments	\$740,000	\$36,736	\$0	0%	\$740,000
Internal Charges	\$6,100	\$301	\$707	12%	\$5,393
Total Expenditures	\$2,669,000	\$180,573	\$284,380	11%	\$2,384,620
NET OPERATING COST / (REVENUE)	\$2,355,500	\$138,297	\$223,020	9%	\$2,132,480
Transfers					
Transfers from Reserves	\$(20,000)	\$0	\$0	0%	\$(20,000)
Total Transfers	\$(20,000)	\$0	\$0	0%	\$(20,000)
NET COST (REVENUE)	\$2,335,500	\$138,297	\$223,020	10%	\$2,112,480

County of Wellington

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Planning

Capital Work-in-Progress Expenditures By Departments

All Open Projects For The Period Ending February 28, 2015

	Approved Budget	February Actual	Current Year	Previous Years	Total	% of Budget	Remaining Budget
Trans Canada Trail Official Plan Update	\$395,300 \$40,000	\$9,326 \$0	\$9,326 \$0	\$0 \$25,694	\$9,326 \$25,694	2 % 64 %	\$385,974 \$14,306
Total Planning	\$435,300	\$9,326	\$9,326	\$25,694	\$35,021	8 %	\$400,279



County of Wellington

Green Legacy

Statement of Operations as of

28 Feb 2015

	Annual Budget	February Actual \$	YTD Actual \$	YTD Actual %	Remaining Budget
Revenue					
Sales Revenue	\$500	\$0	\$0	0%	\$500
Other Revenue	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	0%	\$1,500
Total Revenue	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	0%	\$2,000
Expenditures					
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$475,800	\$32,740	\$61,572	13%	\$414,228
Supplies, Material & Equipment	\$101,100	\$3,252	\$5,619	6%	\$95,481
Purchased Services	\$77,000	\$2,135	\$3,455	4%	\$73,545
Insurance & Financial	\$9,100	\$9,118	\$9,118	100%	\$(18)
Internal Charges	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	0%	\$5,000
Total Expenditures	\$668,000	\$47,244	\$79,764	12%	\$588,236
NET OPERATING COST / (REVENUE)	\$666,000	\$47,244	\$79,764	12%	\$586,236
NET COST (REVENUE)	\$666,000	\$47,244	\$79,764	12%	\$586,236



County of Wellington Emergency Management

Statement of Operations as of

28 Feb 2015

	Annual Budget	February Actual \$	YTD Actual \$	YTD Actual %	Remaining Budget
Expenditures					
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$277,700	\$16,526	\$31,206	11%	\$246,494
Supplies, Material & Equipment	\$8,500	\$221	\$389	5%	\$8,111
Purchased Services	\$176,500	\$46,435	\$72,505	41%	\$103,995
Transfer Payments	\$141,000	\$37,982	\$0	0%	\$141,000
Insurance & Financial	\$2,000	\$1,984	\$1,984	99%	\$16
Total Expenditures	\$605,700	\$103,147	\$106,083	18%	\$499,617
NET OPERATING COST / (REVENUE)	\$605,700	\$103,147	\$106,083	18%	\$499,617
NET COST (REVENUE)	\$605,700	\$103,147	\$106,083	18%	\$499,617



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

То:	Chairman and Members of the Planning and Development Committee
From:	Linda Redmond, Planner
Date:	March 5, 2015
Subject:	COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 94 – Mount Forest Hummell – Recreational to Residential Designation File No. OP-2014-05
Report:	PD2015-10

1. Introduction

The purpose of County Official Plan Amendment No. 94 is to redesignate the subject lands from Future Development to Residential. The applicant is proposing to develop the lands with a single family dwelling. The amendment affects Schedule A6-1 – Mount Forest and there are no proposed textual changes to the policies of the Official Plan

2. Site and Surrounding Area

The property is 1.6 hectares (3.9 acres) and is located at the southern most point of the Mount Forest Urban boundary. The property has frontage on Clyde Street and is legally described as Part Lot 5, South of Clyde Street (Figure 1).

The surrounding land uses include residential and agricultural. The lands to the north and west include residential and the Saugeen River. The lands to the east and south are residential dwellings and agricultural. The property is currently occupied by а newly constructed residence.

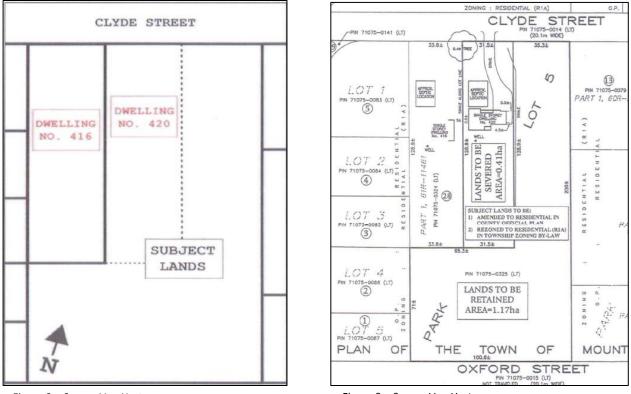


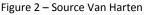
Figure 1 Existing Property Configuration

The property is currently zoned and designated Future Development (FD) in the County of Wellington Official Plan and Township of Wellington North Zoning By-law 66-01.

3. Background

The subject lands obtained one severance in 2010 for residential purposes (dwelling 416, figure 2). At that time the Future Development designation permitted the creation of one new lot by consent. Subsequent to this the applicant preconsulted with County staff about further severances on the remaining parcel. They were informed that an Official Plan amendment and zone amendment would be required in order to proceed. Further, the applicant indicated a desire to create an additional residential lot at the rear of the lands along Oxford Street. This road is unopened and consequently the applicants were informed that a severance could not be supported without appropriate access. The subject land is occupied by a dwelling (dwelling 420, figure 2). The proposal at this time is to sever this dwelling and construct one more dwelling on the retained lands in the future, with access off of Clyde Road. A separate consent application will be submitted in the future (figure 3).







4. Places to Grow (PTG) and Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)

The proposal is located within the urban boundary of the Mount Forest Urban area. The proposal is in conformity with both the Places to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement.

5. Public Meeting

The Township of Wellington North held the statutory public meeting on March 9, 2015. Council passed a resolution in support of the Official Plan Amendment at this Council meeting.

6. Agency and Public Comments

The application was circulated by the County to agencies in December, 2014. The following comments were received:

Agency	Position	Comments
Saugeen Valley	Not within	
Conservation	regulated area.	
Authority(SVCA)		
Wellington North	No Concerns.	
Power		
Upper Grand	No Objection	In comments of January 19, 2015 the UGDSB indicated
District School		that development charges are applicable.
Board (UGDSB)		
One Neighbour		Raised concerns about road access and snow melt onto
		their property and natural springs that occur on the
		subject lands.

7. Wellington County Official Plan

Future Development

Section 8.10 of the Plan outlines the following objectives for areas designated FUTURE DEVELOPMENT:

- a) To provide for the orderly future development of the unbuilt areas of the Urban Centre;
- b) To limit development of such lands until an Official Plan Amendment including a proper site plan or concept plan for future uses has been submitted and approved;
- c) To prohibit any major development of these lands until the necessary municipal services can be made available to such areas.

This application is submitted to address item b).

Intensification

The policies of Section 3 of the Official Plan outline the general strategies for guiding growth within the County. Section 3.3 sets out objectives for growth and encourages growth in urban areas. It further seeks to identify and promote opportunities for growth in the built up areas of urban centres through intensification and redevelopment where this can be accommodated, taking into account small town scale and historic streetscapes.

Section 4.4.3 of the Official Plan encourages intensification in urban centres and further states in subsection e) that the plan "encourages modest intensification in stable residential areas respecting the character of the area. Stable residential areas are considered to be established areas generally consisting of predominantly low density housing on local roads with the built boundary".

Residential Designation

The policies of Section 8.3.2 of the Official Plan sets out a number of objectives for residential development including, b) "to provide a variety of dwelling types to satisfy a broad range of residential requirements, e) to ensure that an adequate level of municipal services will be

available to all residential area's and g) to encourage intensification, development proposals provided they maintain the stability and character of existing neighbourhoods".

Land Use Compatibility

In considering new locations for Residential Areas, the Official Plan requires such uses to be compatible with surrounding properties and not create adverse impacts on existing uses. The subject lands are located in a primarily residential area that is characterized by large lots on individual on-site services. The residential use would be desirable and would represent a logical infilling within this existing residential area.

The policies of Section 8.3.11 of the Official Plan encourage development of "vacant or underutilized properties for residential uses which are compatible with surrounding uses in terms of dwelling type, building form, site coverage and setbacks".

Servicing

The Urban Centre policies of Section 11.2.4 indicates that municipal services is the preferred method of servicing in all urban centres, however recognizes existing situations in which individual on-site servicing may be appropriate. Section 11.2.4 c) indicates, "individual on-site servicing is not allowed in urban centres which have municipal services except: i) to provide for the continued use of lots developed on individual on-site services and ii) to allow a small scale use on an existing lot in an area where municipal services are not reasonably anticipated." In this instance the property is located in an area of Mount Forest that is currently not on municipal services are not planned for this area of Mount Forest.

8. Related Applications

In addition to the Official Plan amendment application, a separate zoning amendment has been submitted to the Township of Wellington North for the purpose of rezoning the parcel of land from Future Development to Residential – R1A Zone. A severance application is proposed in the future to sever one residential lot from the lands.

9. Conclusion

This proposal to redesignate the subject property from Future Development to Residential meets the intent of the Official Plan policies which encourages the development of vacant or underutilized properties for residential uses which are compatible with surrounding uses. The proposal represents logical infilling of an existing area characterized by large lots on private services. Further, municipal services are not anticipated for this area in the future.

10. Recommendation

THAT a by-law adopting County of Wellington Official Plan Amendment 94 be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Redmond, B.A. Senior Planner

Attachment 1 Excerpt from Proposed County Official Plan Amendment 94 File OP-2014-05

PART B - THE AMENDMENT

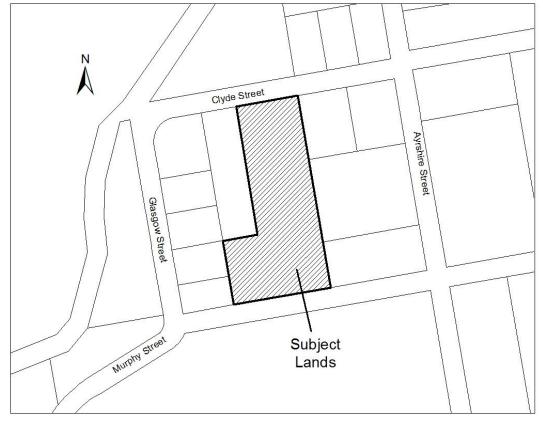
All of this part of the document entitled Part B - The Amendment, consisting of the following text constitutes Amendment No. 94 to the County of Wellington Official Plan.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

The Official Plan of the County of Wellington is hereby amended as follows:

1. THAT **SCHEDULE A6-1 (Mount Forest)** is amended, as it relates to the subject land, by redesignating the land described as Part Lot 5, South of Clyde Street, as identified on Schedule "A" of this amendment, from "Future Development" to "Residential".

SCHEDULE 'A' OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 94



Redesignate from Future Development to Residential Amends Schedule A6-1 (Mount Forest)



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

- To: Chair and Members of the Planning Committee
- From: Sarah Wilhelm, Senior Planner
- Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Subject: 2015 Trail Update (PD2015-11)

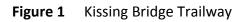
1. Purpose

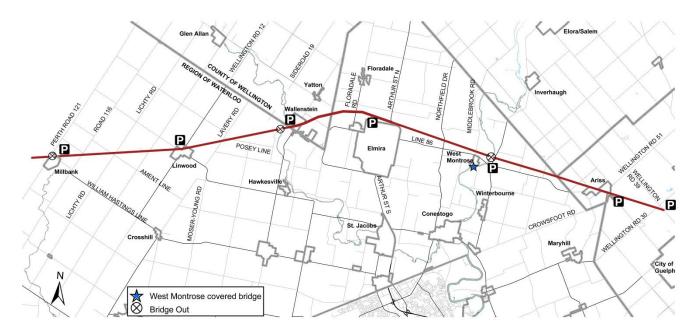
The purpose of this report is as follows:

- to amend the Terms of Reference of the Kissing Bridge Trailway Advisory Board;
- to consider appointments to the Kissing Bridge Trailway Advisory Board; and
- outline the 2015 trail work plan.

2. Terms of Reference

The Regional Municipality of Waterloo and County of Wellington jointly manage the Kissing Bridge Trailway (Figure 1). On September 18, 2014, the president of the Conestogo-Winterbourne Optimist Club informed Regional staff that, due to resource constraint, the Club wished to relinquish stewardship of its segment of the Trailway extending from the eastern edge of Elmira to the Grand River. Subsequently, the Lions Club of Elmira informed staff that it was prepared to add the segment of the Trailway from the eastern edge of Elmira to Northfield Drive to its existing segment which extends as far west as Wallenstein.





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On November 17, 2014, the West Montrose Residents' Association Inc. agreed to take on the stewardship of the Optimists' remaining segment from Northfield Drive to the Grand River.

Amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Kissing Bridge Trailway Advisory Board are necessary to reflect the above changes in Trailway steward groups (attached). The West Montrose Residents' Association Inc. will be given full membership on the Board for a principal representative and an alternative as is the case with the other Trailway steward groups. A Trailway steward group agreement will need to be executed with the West Montrose Residents' Association Inc. similar to those in place with the other Trailway steward groups. The Lions Club agreement will also be revised to cover the eastward extension of its segment. In addition, a few other minor edits are recommended to update the 1998 document to current terminology.

3. Appointments

The Regional Municipality of Waterloo and the County of Wellington jointly appoint members to the Kissing Bridge Trailway Advisory Board. The Committee is made up of 16 members and 6 alternates appointed for staggered terms. The terms of five board members expired at the end of 2014. The nominees recommended for re-appointment to the Kissing Bridge Trailway Advisory Board for three-year terms ending December 31, 2017 are as follows:

- Doug Cerson, Business Community representative
- Mike Curtis, nominee of the Guelph Hiking Trail Club
- Bob Gray, Non-farm landowner (Elmira)

As a result of the addition of the West Montrose Residents' Association as a steward group, the nominees recommended for appointment to the Kissing Bridge Trailway Advisory Board for three-year terms ending December 31, 2017 are as follows:

- Richard Beisel, nominee of the Lions Club of Elmira
- Pat Cosgrove, nominee of the West Montrose Residents' Association Inc. (alternate), and
- Hans Pottkamper, nominee of the West Montrose Residents' Association Inc.

Upon re-apointment and appointment of the above-named persons, four vacancies will remain on the Kissing Bridge Trailway Advisory Board, one non-farm landowner, the Wellington Federation of Agriculture Representatives for Mapleton and Guelph/Eramosa, and the County of Wellington appointee.

When the Kissing Bridge Trailway was established in 1997-98, the agricultural community expressed concern about the potential impacts of a publicly-accessible trailway on adjoining farms. Consequently, the initial composition of the Board contained a strong contingent of Federation of Agriculture nominees. The actual development and operation of the Trailway has not resulted in the negative impacts anticipated. Although the agricultural community's direct representation on the Board has dwindled significantly, staff continues to send agenda and minutes of the Kissing Bridge Trailway Advisory Board meetings to the Waterloo and Wellington Federation offices to keep the organizations apprised of items before the Board.

The Board will seek out other qualified persons who may be interested in serving in the vacant positions in the future. Meanwhile, the recommended appointments and re-appointments will enable the Board to function at its scheduled 2015 meetings.

4. 2015 Work Plan

This year we intend to use \$24,000 of the Planning and Development Department's \$30,000 trail budget on maintenance and minor trail improvements. The remaining \$6,000 would be used in 2016 to support necessary bridge maintenance for the former CNR bridge over Wellington Road 18. This work would follow the recommendations of the engineer's bridge inspection report.

Maintenance

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE: \$16,000

We maintain a combined distance of approximately 10 km of the Kissing Bridge Trailway and Trestle Bridge Trail. In 2015, we plan to mow both trails three times, including trimming around benches and barrier gates at road crossings. A 2.6 km off-road portion of the new Cottontail Road Trail will be under construction in 2015, but may require mowing this year, depending on when construction is completed. We have set aside funds to allow for the trail to be mowed twice.

On an as needed basis, we also control noxious weeds, arrange for tree pruning and garbage removal. As a result, we have also allowed for a contingency of \$2,000 within the preliminary estimate should special maintenance needs arise.

Over and above this contingency, we need to repair erosion damage to driveways to the Trestle Bridge trail parking lot in Aboyne and the Kissing Bridge Trailway parking lot in Ariss. We will need to have both areas graded and filled. We have set aside \$2,000.00 in the budget for these improvements.

Trail Improvements

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE: \$7,000

Adjacent to the Ariss parking area we need to remove gravel and replace it with native tree plantings, shrubs and boulders/armour stone. We also plan to install two benches for the Trestle Bridge and Aboyne Trails.

Trail Promotion

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE: \$1,000

We have set aside \$1,000 within the budget for costs associated with supporting trail events and printing for trail publications produced in-house.

5. Recommendations

- 1. That the County of Wellington, in concert with the Region of Waterloo:
 - a. amend the Terms of Reference of the Kissing Bridge Trailway Advisory Board to replace the Conestogo-Winterbourne Optimist Club with the West Montrose Residents' Association Inc. as a full member of the Board;

- authorize execution of an agreement making the West Montrose Residents' Association Inc. a new Trailway Steward Group having responsibility for the segment of the Kissing Bridge Trailway between Northfield Drive and the Grand River;
- c. re-appoint the following persons to the Kissing Bridge Trailway Advisory Board for threeyear terms ending December 31, 2017:
 - Doug Cerson, Business Community Representative;
 - Michael Curtis, nominee of the Guelph Hiking Trail Club; and
 - Bob Gray, Non-farm Landowner (Elmira)
- d. appoint the following persons for three-year terms ending December 31, 2017:
 - Richard Beisel, nominee of the Lions Club of Elmira;
 - Pat Cosgrove, nominee of the West Montrose Residents' Association Inc. (alternate); and
 - Hans Pottkamper, nominee of the West Montrose Residents' Association Inc.
- 2. That the 2015 work plan be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Wilhelm, MCIP, RPP Senior Planner

Attachments:

Kissing Bridge Trailway Advisory Board Terms of Reference

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Attachment 1 to PD2015-11 Text with yellow highlighting is proposed to be added



KISSING BRIDGE TRAILWAY

Trailway Advisory

Board

1. Terms of Reference

- 1.1 As a representative of the various stakeholders in the Trailway local residents, Trailway Steward groups, the business community, and the County of Wellington and Regional Municipality of Waterloo - the Trailway Advisory Board will provide ongoing supervision of the Trailway, and coordinate the work of the various Trailway Steward groups having regard to the report presented to County and Regional Councils in 1997.
- 1.2 The Trailway Advisory Board is an advisory board to the County and Regional Councils and will provide the ongoing liaison between the Councils, the Trailway Steward Groups and local residents. It will strive to ensure that the interests of the various stakeholders are appropriately addressed, and seek to balance potentially competing interests.
- 1.3 Staff will address concerns, complaints, and suggestions from local residents and Trailway users, and, where appropriate, refer them to the Trailway Advisory Board for further discussion. Where issues cannot be satisfactorily resolved, the Board will request County and Regional staff to refer the matter to County and Regional Councils for resolution.
- 1.4 The Trailway Advisory Board will consult with stakeholder groups to determine standards for fencing, signage, parking facilities, other capital improvements, and ongoing maintenance.
- 1.5 The Trailway Advisory Board will receive, evaluate, and prioritize requests for fencing according to the following priorities:

Priority 1

- a. Adjacent property used for livestock, or potentially hazardous activities;
- b. Areas experiencing recurrent problems with trespass and vandalism;
- c. Residences and barns located in proximity to the Trailway;

Priority 2

- d. Commercial and recreational establishments adjacent to the Trailway;
- e. Agricultural cropland; and
- f. Other areas deemed appropriate by the Trailway Advisory Board.
- 1.6 The Trailway Advisory Board will make recommendations to the Councils through their respective planning committees concerning such matters as policy issues, issues which have significant Regional or County implications, the expenditure of contributions to a tax creditable Trailway Fund (which will be jointly administered by the County and Region), and any matters that may be referred to the Trailway Advisory Board by either Council.
- 1.7 The Trailway Advisory Board will participate in fund-raising for capital improvements and other ongoing expenses.
- 1.8 The Trailway Advisory Board will prepare an annual report to the Councils of the County of Wellington and Regional Municipality of Waterloo on its activities, initiatives, and proposals for the coming year.

2. Membership

- 2.1 The Trailway Advisory Board will consist of the following:
 - a) One local farm landowner to represent each local municipality in which the Trailway is located (i.e., the Townships of Guelph/Eramosa, Mapleton, Woolwich, and Wellesley), to be nominated by the respective Federation of Agriculture (if for any reason no representative is available, a farm landowner from another municipality may be nominated) [Total 4]:
 - b) Three representative local non-farming landowners from any of the municipalities in which the Trailway is located, to be selected from applicants responding to public advertisements [Total 3];
 - c) One representative nominated by each Trailway Steward group, namely
 Guelph Hiking Trail Association
 West Montrose Residents' Association Inc.
 Lions Club of Elmira
 Linwood and District Lions Club
 Golden Triangle Snowmobile Club
 Village of Millbank Association
 (Alternates may be designated by each group to attend when the principal representative is unavailable.) [Total 6 Representatives and 6 Alternatives];
 - d) One nominee of the local Chambers of Commerce or Business Associations in communities along the Trailway, on a rotating basis, or failing nomination, a member of the business community who applies to serve [Total 1];
 - e) One person appointed by the Council of the County of Wellington [Total 1]; and

- f) One person appointed by the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo [Total 1].
- 2.2 In the event the County of Perth or the Township of Perth East elects to participate in the Trailway at a future date, the membership shall be increased to include one local farm landowner and one appointee of the respective Council.
- 2.3 All members of the Trailway Advisory Board shall be jointly appointed by the Councils of the County of Wellington and the Regional Municipality of Waterloo.
- 2.4 The members of the Board shall be appointed for three year terms. The two Council appointees will be appointed by their respective Councils for a four-year term coinciding with the term of Council.
- 2.5 A member of the Board may be reappointed for a **subsequent** term at the conclusion of the initial term.

3. Operation of the Committee

- 3.1 The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Trailway Advisory Board will be elected from among the members at the Board's first meeting of each calendar year. **The Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected from appointed members**. The Chair should be able to devote some time between meetings to working informally with Trailway Steward Groups, County and Regional staff, and to attending meetings of the County and Regional Planning Committees when circumstances warrant.
- 3.2 The quorum for a meeting shall be half the total membership of the Board.
- 3.3 Meetings of the Trailway Advisory Board will be held at least twice a year. Meetings may also be held at the call of the Chair to consider urgent matters.
- 3.4 When an issue must be resolved expeditiously and it is not feasible to convene a quorum, draft motions or resolutions may be circulated to all voting members of the Board. If a majority of be resolutions are signed and returned to the Chair, the motion shall be considered adopted.
- 3.5 Any member missing three consecutive meetings without a valid reason will be replaced at the earliest opportunity.
- 3.6 Meetings will normally be open to the public. In camera discussions will only be held in compliance with the County and Regional Procedural By-laws.
- 3.7 Members may from time to time be requested to serve on a sub-committee to investigate particular issues.
- 3.8 The Trailway Advisory Board will advise Trailway Steward groups, adjoining residents, or County and Regional Councils on matters referred to them.
- 3.9 The Trailway Advisory Board will discuss and resolve issues identified by local residents, Trailway Steward Groups, Trailway users, or County and Regional staff. Where issues cannot be satisfactorily resolved, the Board may request County and

Regional staff to refer the matter to County and Regional Councils for resolution. Subject to the terms of the leasing arrangements, the final decision in such cases will rest jointly with County and Regional Councils.

- 3.10 The Board shall engage volunteers from the community to prepare agendas, minutes, and correspondence. If necessary, staff support to perform these functions may be provided by the County of Wellington and/or Regional Municipality of Waterloo on an interim basis.
- 3.11 Staff support will be provided by the County of Wellington and the Regional Municipality of Waterloo to collect and disburse moneys other than those contributed directly to Trailway Steward Groups, and to provide other advice.
- 3.12 The Trailway Advisory Board may, from time to time, invite other persons to address the Board and participate in discussions on subjects before the Board or to be briefed on Trail-related initiatives by other agencies or organizations.
- 3.13 The Trailway Advisory Board may review these Terms of Reference from time to time as required. With support from two-thirds of the members eligible to vote, the Board may request County and Regional Councils to make necessary amendments thereto.
- 3.14 The Trailway Advisory Board shall report to the County and Regional Councils on a regular basis.

4. Conflict of Interest Policy

All members shall adhere to the Conflict of Interest Policy for Advisory Committees, approved by Regional Council on May 28, 2003. All members shall annually review and complete the agreement and signature form attached to the policy. Signature forms are to be returned to the Committee Clerk for safe keeping.

Members are expected to undertake their responsibilities on an impartial and objective basis. Any member whose financial interests could be in conflict with the interests of the Region is obliged to disclose same at the meeting. Members will not participate in any decision or recommendation in which they or their immediate family has any financial interest except in common with residents of the municipality.





RURAL WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

Wellington-Guelph Rural Water Quality Program

Wellington County Planning Committee March 12, 2015



Rural Water Quality Program

- Funded by Wellington County and City of Guelph since 1998
- Protect and improve water at source
- Supporting agriculture = healthy sustainable ecosystem
- All agricultural land in Wellington County is eligible





Program Basics





- Voluntary
- EFP Mandatory
- Onsite technical assistance
- Review committee makes decisions
- Performance payment for land taken out of production

Eligible Projects



Project	Grant rate	Maximum grant	
Manure Storage	50%	\$25,000	
Manure Storage Decommissioning	50%	\$3,000	
Clean Water Diversion	50%	\$5,000	
Dead Stock Composting	50%	\$4,000	
Milkhouse Waste	50%	\$5,000	
Livestock Access Restriction	75%-100%	\$10,000	
Fuel Storage/Handling	50%	\$4,000	
Fertilizer and/or Chemical Handling and Storage	50%	\$2,500	
Erosion Control Structures	75%	\$10,000	
Tile Drain Control Structures	80%	\$7,500	Performance
Nutrient Management Plans	50%	\$2,000	Incentive
Cover Crops	n/a	n/a	\$100/acre up to 30 acres.
Tree Planting – stream buffers, fragile land retirement, field windbreaks	80%	\$7,500	\$350/acre per year for 3 years. Maximum 10 acres.
Living Snow Fences	80%-100%	\$5,000	\$500/acre per year for 3 years. Maximum 10 acres.
Natural Area Restoration and Creation	80%	\$7,500	\$350/acre per year for 3 years. Maximum 10 acres.
Machinery Crossings	50%	\$5,000	
Wellhead Abandonment	100%	\$2,500	
Wellhead Protection	80%	\$2,000	

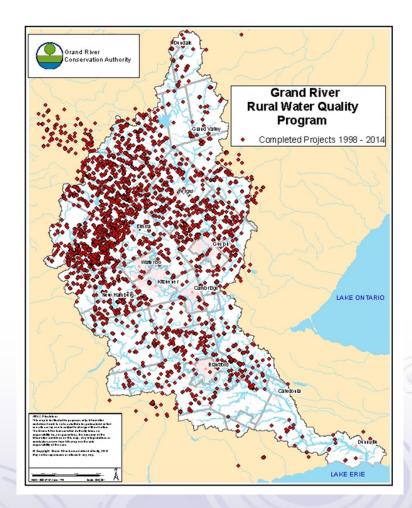
Program Success

Wellington

- 2169 projects
- \$6,054,000 in grant
- \$18.1 million invested

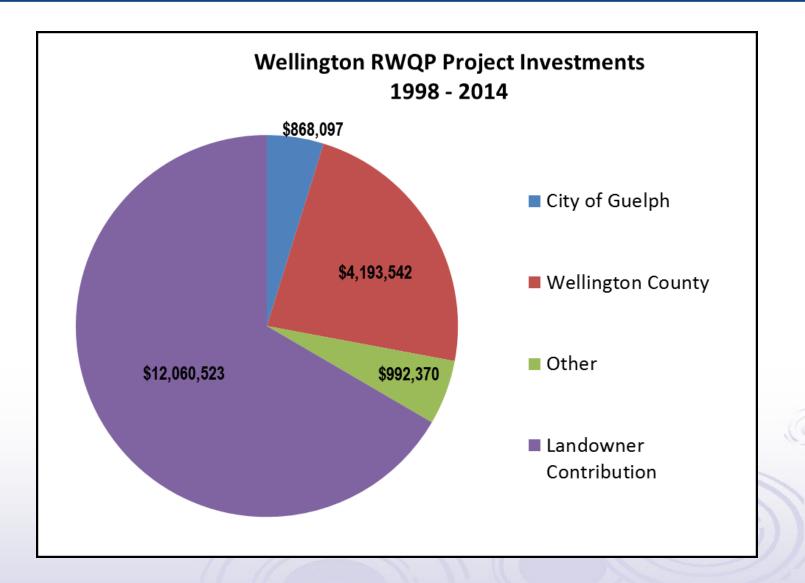
Watershed Wide

- 4,700 projects
- \$14.6 million in grant
- Over \$41 million invested





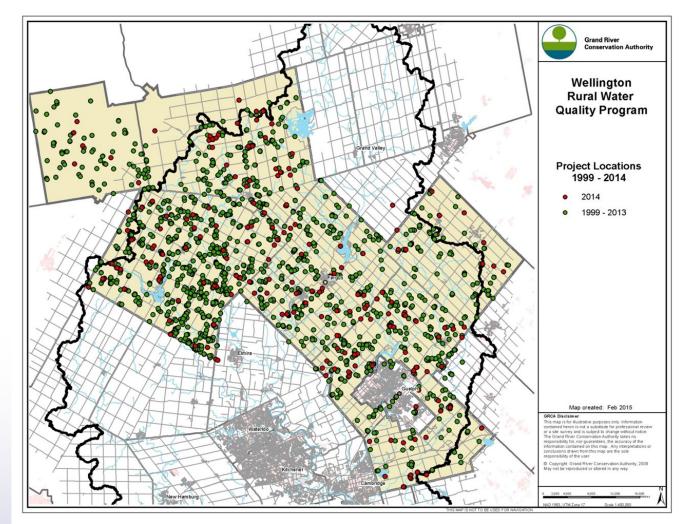
Project Investment



2014 Projects

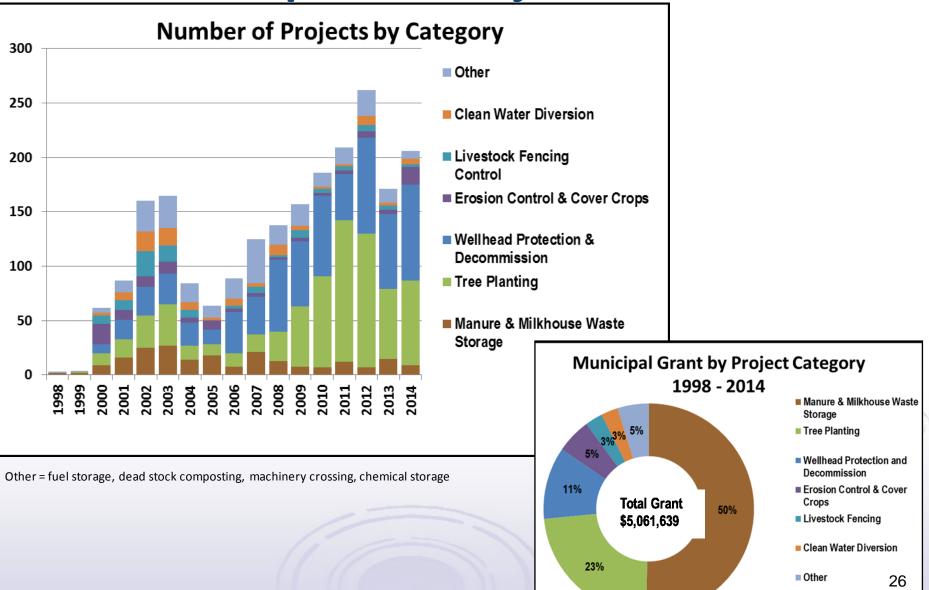


- 206 projects completed
- \$577,765 in municipal grant provided



Completed Projects





Wellington Projects



- 157 manure storage facilities
- 34 erosion control projects
- 46 kms of watercourse fences
- 800 acres in cover crops
- 296 wells decommissioned
- 236 well upgraded





Tree Planting - Wellington

- 50 kms of riparian buffer established
- 900 acres of marginal land retired and planted to trees
- 155 kms of windbreak
- 10.7 kms of living snow fence











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INTRODUCTION

The Wellington-Guelph Rural Water Quality Program (RWQP) was announced in 1999. Funding for the program was allocated by the County of Wellington and City of Guelph. The purpose of the program was to provide technical and financial assistance to agricultural landowners to enable them to implement best management practices that would improve and protect water quality.

Since 1999 City of Guelph has provided \$960,000 to the program while the County of Wellington has allocated \$4,637,500.

The Wellington Rural Water Quality Program continues to be a very successful program with numerous benefits to the environment and the community. The interest in the program has been overwhelming. This report summarizes program accomplishments since 1999 and details projects and expenditures for 2014.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

The Grand River Rural Water Quality Program currently extends across the watershed via various funding mechanisms. To date there has been over \$14.6 million in grant provided to more than 4700 projects across the watershed. Figure 1 shows the distribution of projects across the watershed. Landowners and funding partners have invested over \$41 million in projects to improve and protect water quality in the Grand River watershed.

The funding has come from all levels of government as well as a number of foundations and environmental organizations. The core funding for the Grand River Rural Water Quality Program comes from the Region of Waterloo, Wellington County, City of Guelph, County of Brant, City of Brantford and Haldimand County. Having stable long term funding from these member municipalities facilitates landowner awareness and trust in the program. It has also created synergy for promotion across the watershed.



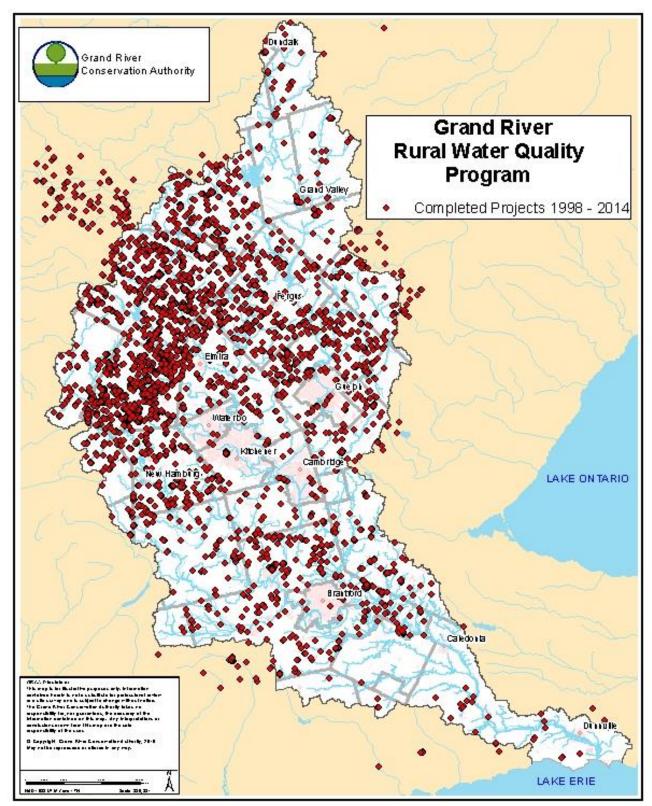


Figure 1: Rural Water Quality Program Project Locations 1998- 2014

MARKETING/PROMOTION

The Wellington Rural Water Quality Program has been promoted at a wide range of events. There have been many opportunities to jointly promote the Waterloo and Wellington Rural Water Quality Programs. The promotion of the watershed programs increases the profile and achievements of the programs, as well as enhancing the image of the Rural Water Quality Program in the agricultural community.

The following is a list of events where the Wellington Rural Water Quality Program was promoted in 2014.

- Wellington Environmental Farm Plan Workshop
- FarmSmart Conference Guelph
- Drayton Farm Show
- London Farm Show
- Wellington County Cattlemens Annual Meeting
- Wellington County Soil and Crop Annual General Meeting

In addition to the events listed above, GRCA staff presented a series of evening workshops to promote the benefits of tree planting. Workshop attendance ranged from 20 to 40 participants. Workshop topics included;

- **Trees and Bees** (Rockwood) Promoting native planting for pollinator habitat and water quality.
- **Trees and Trout** (Puslinch) Promoting riparian planting for habitat enhancement and water quality at a RWQP project site.
- Windbreaks. Are the Rumors True? (Centre Wellington) Past RWQP clients shared their experience in establishing field windbreaks with tour participants.



Trees & Trout workshop participants tour a RWQP livestock crossing project. August 2014

PROJECTS COMPLETED

Since 1998, more than \$6 million in grant has been provided to Wellington County landowners to support the completion of more than 2,000 projects. This includes all grants provided through the RWQP including contributions leveraged from federal and provincial initiatives, foundations and environmental organizations. When the landowners contribution is factored in, these projects represent an investment of more than \$18 million in water quality projects within Wellington County. Figure 2 summarizes projects investments by funding source.

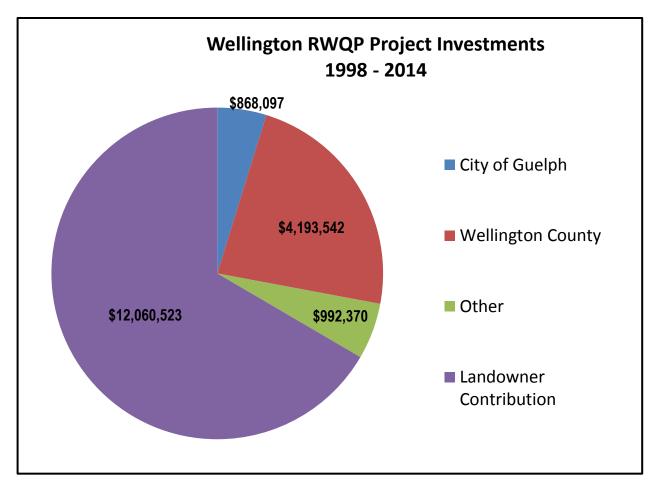


Figure 2: Project Investment by Funding Source

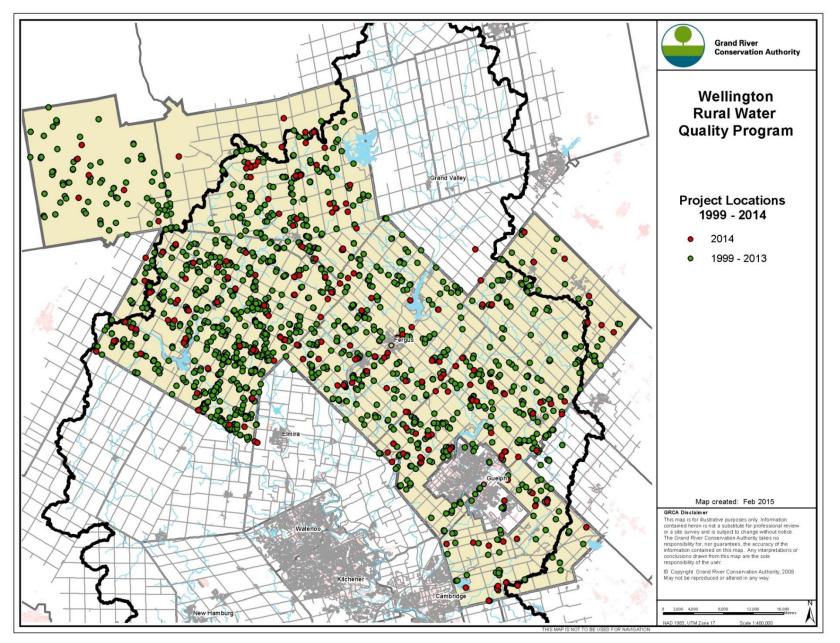


Figure 3: Location of RWQP Projects in Wellington County 1999-2014 (all funding sources)

In 2014, 206 projects were completed through the Wellington Rural Water Quality Program. Figure 3 highlights project locations. Projects shown within the City of Guelph were completed with funds from the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program.

A total of \$618,000 in cost share funding from multiple sources was provided to support the 206 projects completed in Wellington County in 2014. Figure 4 provides an annual summary of RWQP project grants by funding source.

In 2014 approximately \$40,000 in grant was leveraged from other sources to support projects in Wellington County. This included funding from the Trees Ontario Foundation and the Federal Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk. The reduction in funding from other sources in 2014 can be attributed to the conclusion of Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program offered from 2008 through 2013.

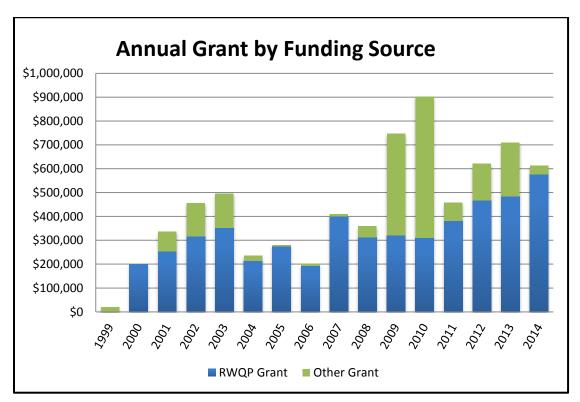


Figure 4: Wellington RWQP Project Grants by Funding Source

Since the beginning of the program \$5,061,600 in municipal funding has directly supported the completion of 1,678 projects.

Of the 206 projects completed in Wellington County in 2014, 192 received cost share dollars from Wellington County and the City of Guelph. A total of \$577,765 in municipal grant was provided in 2014. This surpasses the 2013 high of \$484,700 in municipal funds to projects.

Figure 5 summarizes the distribution of municipal grants by project category. Each year approximately one half of the program budget is directed to manure storage projects. Although only 11% of funding has been spent on well projects, this category represents one third of all projects completed. Appendix A provides a detailed summary of annual municipal grants by project category.

Appendix B details the annual number of projects completed with the support of municipal funding.

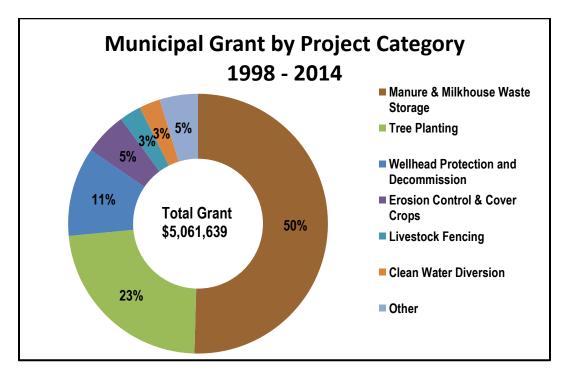


Figure 5: Distribution of Municipal RWQP Grants by Project Category

Since 2009 Wellington County has allocated \$25,000 of the annual RWQP budget for the upgrade and decommissioning of rural non-farm wells. Beginning in 2012, an additional \$25,000 has been designated annually for the decommissioning of settlement area wells. Each year the rural non-farm allotment has been fully subscribed, while the settlement area reserve was underutilized. In 2014 these allotments were combined within the budget allowing for up to \$50,000 to be directed toward rural non-farm and settlement area well projects as directed by application demand. This resulted in the completion of 25 upgrades and 11 well decommissions on rural non-



farm properties and the completion of 11 well decommission projects in settlement areas.

Figure 6 provides an annual summary of the number completed projects from all funding sources. The number of projects completed varies from year to year owing in part to the availability of additional funds from other sources. Appendix C provides a detailed summary of cost share payments by project category from all funding sources.

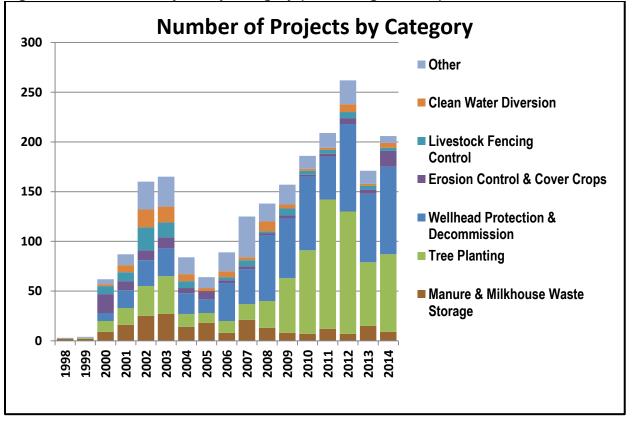


Figure 6: Number of Projects by Category (all funding sources)

In 2014 nearly 53,000 trees were planted to 78 projects through the Wellington Rural Water Quality Program. This included 9.5 kms of field windbreaks, 2.7 kms of living snow fence and 3.7 kms of riparian buffer plantings. A total of 26 acres of fragile agricultural land was retired from production and planted to trees.

Since 1999, Rural Water Quality Program funding has supported the planting more than 750,000 trees on 900 acres of fragile land that was taken out of agricultural production. This land includes sensitive recharge areas, riparian zones and steep slopes. This planting has created over 155 kilometres of windbreaks and more than 50 kilometers of riparian buffers. The program has also supported the fencing of more than 46 kilometres of streams in Wellington County. These fences have restricted approximately 4,900 head of livestock from local streams and wetlands.

The program has also supported the construction of 162 manure storage facilities to assist farmers in managing their nutrients and protecting water quality.

To date, 300 wells have been decommissioned in Wellington County with RWQP funding and 240 wellheads have been upgraded.



PROGRAM BUDGET

The County of Wellington provided \$425,000 to support the Rural Water Quality Program in 2014. This included \$50,000 designated for the upgrade and decommissioning of rural, non-farm wells and decommissioning settlement area wells. An additional \$80,000 in project funding was provided by the City of Guelph.

A total of \$510,509 was carried forward into 2014 from previous annual contributions. In 2014 the total expenditure was \$583,602.83. At the end of 2014 there was a balance of \$431,859 of which \$410,196 was allocated to projects not yet completed. The remaining \$68,000 is expected to be allocated to spring 2015 tree planting projects early in 2015. Program expenditures for 2014 are detailed in Table 1.

2014 Expenditure	Amount
Promotion	\$3,937.79
RWQP Project Cost	\$577,565.60
Committee Expenses	\$1,899.44
(Mileage/meals/per diems)	
Total Expenditures	\$583,602.83

Table 1: Wellington Rural Water Quality Program - 2014 Expenditures

CONCLUSION

Overall program interest remains high, with more than 200 projects completed in 2014.

The addition of consistent funding for well projects on non-farm properties has generated much interest and awareness in the program outside the agricultural community.

The continued municipal support has sustained program momentum. This ongoing commitment to the program also underscores to the community, the value placed on private landowner efforts to protect our water resources.



Appendix A: Annual Municipal Grants by Project Category

									Annual M	lunicip	al Grants	in Welling	ton Coun	ity									
Construction Const														otal									
1999																						\$0	
2000	6478	720			18133	32208	22704				575	91537	13088			807	11310		790	2172	1288	\$201,809	
2001	9192	3980			9092	3413	22220					174737	16739			2361	11680		340		500	\$254,254	
2002	33459	2260		1400			31814				3378	202628	28622			459	10420			230	1879	\$316,549	
2003	14876	2060		4000	1095	11191	42225				2125	251758	10759			1000	11030				500	\$352,619	
2004	5851	460		2000	8668	10718	42091				2467	118752	5000			4448	4000			4180	4776	\$213,411	
2005	10413	3000			15453		21782				2244	206088				2095	7610			2870	3412	\$274,965	
2006	2943			4000	5461	2966	21741				10503	120000				2592				10188	13280	\$193,674	
2007	2890		849	4000	5582	6507	34726				26897	278492	5333			11307		1508		10092	11251	\$399,434	
2008	10487				3773	3523	37128				14050	195000				5522				26694	16621	\$312,798	
2009	7984				26658	21216	99112			1000	13103	120000				5745				21504	3886	\$320,207	
2010	2355			2000	9837	3954	133822				9165	105000			900	2880		2850		24666	14012	\$311,440	
2011	2119			2000	9328	5747	156709				5074	148255		6000		6595				15019	24453	\$381,299	
2012	8229			12000	23680	15022	199974	6922			13182	100000	4200		6000	6476		5000		36576	29450	\$466,711	
2013	621	9000		8000	10000	9208	106068	2800	600	_	1150	184875	20000	4671		9898				70557	47254	\$484,701	
2014	14374	35700		7600	10000	11180	155575	2800	25582		2663	125000	15000	1695		1050		6166		90175	73207	\$577,765	
Total	\$132,270	\$57,180	\$849	\$47,000	\$156,758	\$136,853	\$1,127,692	\$12,522	\$26,182	\$1,000	\$106,575	\$2,422,122	\$118,741	\$12,366	\$6,900	\$63,233	\$56,050	\$15,524	\$1,130	\$314,924	\$245,769	\$5,061,639	

Appendix B: Annual Number of Projects Receiving Municipal Funding

							Numbe	r of P	roject	s Rece	eiving	Munic	ipal F	unds	in We	elling	ton Co	ounty					
	$\frac{1}{2000} = 3 + 1 = 1 + 3 + 8 + 10 = 1 + 7 + 3 + 10 = 1 + 7 + 3 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 $																						
2000	3	1			3	8	10				1	7	3			3	14		1	5	3	62	
2001	3	5			2	1	1					12	4			7	2				1	38	
2002	8	1		1			1				6	14	8			4	4			1	4	52	
2003	4	2		2	1	3					3	17	3			1	8				1	45	
2004	3			1	2	3	12				3	8	1			11	1			9	11	65	
2005	3	3			3		14				3	15				5	2			5	9	62	
2006	6			2	3	2	8				8	8				8				17	21	83	
2007	3		1	2	2	4	15				18	19	2			22		1		19	15	123	
2008	9				2	2	23				9	13				10				40	27	135	
2009	4				3	7	45			1	8	8				11				34	5	126	
2010	2			1	2	3	70				5	7			1	5		1		39	18	154	
2011	2			1	3	4	98				3	10		2		10				16	26	175	
2012	8			3	6	6	107		1		7	6	1		1	9		1		29	22	207	
2013	2	3		2	1	4	53	1	1		1	8	4	2		10				38	29	159	
2014	5	15		2	1	3	57	7			1	5	3	1		2		2		44	44	192	
Total	65	30	1	17	34	50	514	8	2	1	76	157	29	5	2	118	31	5	1	296	236	1678	

Annual Grants in Wellington (all sources)																							
	Clean Water Diversion	Cover Crops	Chem. Storage	Dead Stock	Erosion Control	Fencing	Fragile Land Retire	Natural Area Rest	Living Snow Fence	Fert. Storage	Fuel Storage	Manure Storage	Milk Waste	Manure Decomm	Innov ativ e	NMP	Tillage	Machine X	Strip Crop	Well Plugging	Water Service Connect	Well Protect	Total Grant (all sources)
1998												15000.00	4509.16			500.00							\$20,009.16
1999							898.13					15000.00	5000.00			0.00							\$20,898.13
2000	5562.15	720.00			18132.82	32207.99	23822.81				575.11	76536.78	13087.93			617.50	11310.00		790.00	2172.00		1287.70	\$186,822.79
2001	18908.08	3980.00			14738.24	28817.44	56697.45					174736.77	16739.42			2948.09	11680.00		340.00	4000.00		4408.72	\$337,994.21
2002	42748.36	2260.00		1400.00	22326.50	57152.03	69342.36				3377.86	202627.72	28622.17			5573.65	10420.00			5867.33		4979.67	\$456,697.65
2003	21404.85	2060.00		4000.00	6275.48	72881.92	92873.18				2124.98	252586.00	10759.19			9056.29	11030.00			7507.40		4664.65	\$497,223.94
2004	10391.94	460.00		2000.00	9719.11	25178.74	42955.00				2467.10	118752.22	5000.00			5722.43	4000.00			4180.32		5183.81	\$236,010.67
2005	10412.64	3000.00			15453.07		27742.75				2243.59	206088.05				2094.75	7610.00			2869.90		3411.73	\$280,926.48
2006	2943.04			4000.00	8460.98	7816.34	23687.02				10502.98	120000.00				2592.26				10188.29		13280.09	\$203,471.00
2007	2889.61		849.00	2000.00	6581.50	10502.70	43553.64				25822.41	278491.59	5332.60			10856.67		1507.88		10092.30		11250.84	\$409,730.74
2008	10487.00				3772.80	3522.97	84001.25				12049.60	195000.00				5522.01				27173.90		16171.42	\$357,700.95
2009	7984.02				26657.54	21216.11	157129.00			1000.00	13102.82	120000.00				5744.66				34681.00		34964.54	\$422,479.69
2010	2355.00			2000.00	9836.00	7455.72	186216.00				5203.00	105000.00			900.00	2880.00		2850.00		43976.00	4000.00	46409.00	\$419,080.72
2011	2118.77			2000.00	9328.33	5746.78	215080.00				5074.11	148255.36		6000.00	815.00	6594.00				15233.36		27531.00	\$443,776.71
2012	8228.90			12000.00	23679.60	15021.84	216443.44	7787.68			13181.87	100000.00	4200.00		6000.00	6476.38		5000.00		64033.24	11228.61	80730.61	\$574,012.17
2013	620.50	9000.00		8000.00	10000.00	9207.73	136329.00	2800.00	600.00		1150.00	234875.00	20000.00	4671.13		9897.83				73992.48		47796.50	\$568,940.17
2014	14373.65	35700.00		7600.00	10000.00	15543.90	191680.17	2800.00	25582.06		2662.64	125000.00	15000.00	1695.00		1050.00		6166.25		90174.69		73206.52	\$618,234.88
Total	\$161,429	\$57,180	\$849	\$45,000	\$194,962	\$312,272	\$1,568,451	\$13,388	\$26,182	\$1,000	\$99,538	\$2,487,949	\$128,250	\$12,366	\$7,715	\$78,127	\$56,050	\$15,524	\$1,130	\$396,142	\$15,229	\$375,277	\$6,054,010.06

Appendix C: Annual Grants by Project Category (all funding sources)