

Lake Networking Meeting: Oct 11, 2023

MVCA notes

Monitoring Updates:

In 2023 MVCA focused our lake sampling in our headwater areas in North Frontenac, as well as Dalhousie and Mississippi Lakes. We completed sampling at the end of September and results will be analyzed once field season for other programs wraps up. After 7 years our report format will be updated this winter and I look forward to sharing the final product with you next spring.

Stewardship Updates:

Stewardship has had a busy year with the expansion and reintroduction of many programs. Our shoreline naturalization program has had a successful year, with several private property plantings and 3 lake giveaway days. MVCA also partnered with RVCA to deliver its butternut giveaway campaign, giving away free butternut trees to over 300 landowners this year.

In 2023 ALUS Lanark entered its second year, with 11 projects across 8 properties in Lanark County. These projects included tree planting, riparian buffer planting, delayed haying and wetland creation/enhancement.

The Ottawa Rural Clean Water program has also had a busy and successful year, with approximately 15 projects within the City boundaries. These projects included several forest management plans, precision farming implements, and wetland restorations.

Finally, MVCA was excited to relaunch City Stream Watch this summer. It is a citizen science led initiative that surveys local streams. These surveys, conducted at Watts Creek and Carp Creek, help to inform potential stewardship projects. We were very thankful to have several dedicated volunteers come out for these survey days!

Invasive Species:

For more information on current and potential Invasive Species in Ontario please check out the resources available on the OFAH and the Invasive Species Centre websites.

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