Ontario Approves Plan for the Grand River Watershed

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Ontario has approved a plan to protect sources of drinking water in the Grand River watershed area in south-central Ontario

The
source protection plan, developed by the local municipalities and the Lake Erie Region source protection committee, will take effect July 1, 2016.

This approved plan will help the area to: Create management plans to help communities reduce the risks associated with waste disposal sites, manure, livestock, road salt, pesticides, fuel, biosolids, snow storage, organic solvents and commercial fertilizers; Complement these plans by implementing education and outreach programs that promote best management practices for these significant risks; Monitor the implementation and effectiveness of targets and goals outlined in the plan.

Ontario has now approved all 22 source water protection plans for the province. Altogether, the plans cover areas where over 95% of the province's population live. The Clean Water Act established 19 local committees across Ontario. Each committee developed science-based plans that address risks to the water that supply municipal drinking water systems.

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