

WATER SYMPOSIUM: CONSERVE & PROTECT

Where will our water come from in 20 or 30 years? How will we take care of the water needs of a rapidly growing population? The Waterloo region is expected to grow from more than 550,000 now to about 730,000 by 2031. That's like adding the number of people equivalent to a city larger than Cambridge is now.

Where will we get the water to meet the needs of homes, farms, and businesses while not disrupting the needs of the wildlife with whom we share these waters? Will it come from more wells? A pipeline to Lake Erie? Or from increased water conservation?

These are among the questions that will be probed by a panel of speakers taking part in the **Water Symposium: Conserve & Protect** on June 8. The event is being held in the historic Slit Barn at rare Charitable Research Reserve in Cambridge.

The speakers are from *rare*, Great Lakes United, the Grand River Environmental Network, REEP Green Solutions, the Grand River Conservation Authority, the Region of Waterloo, and Mindscape Innovations.

Great Lakes United, the Grand River Environmental Network and *rare* are jointly hosting the event with financial support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Great Lakes Protection Fund.

The \$10-admission fee includes the cost of a light lunch and an opportunity for those who haven't already done so to get a look at the recently renovated slit barn. People are encouraged to car pool as parking is at a premium.

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Hosted by **rare** Charitable Research Reserve, Great Lakes United,
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At rare ECO Centre Historic Slit Barn,
768 Blair Road, Cambridge
June 8, 2013



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** Please pre-register. Please car-pool as parking is limited.*

10 a.m.: Welcome by moderator Katherine McCleod, Director of Research and Education at **rare**

10:10: John Jackson, Director, Water Programs, Great Lakes United & Chair, Grand River Environmental Network. Current & Future Threats to the waters of the Grand River Watershed

10:45: Steve Gombos, Manager of Water Efficiency for Waterloo Region. Regional water efficiency programs & the development of a new regional water efficiency strategy

11:00: Derek Satnik, managing director and chief innovation officer, at Mindscape Innovations of Kitchener. Thinking outside of the box on water conservation.

11:15: Questions & Comments on presentations by Steve and Derek.

11:45: Jenna Quinn, **rare** Research Coordinator. Cold-water Streams at rare: Health and Importance.

12: Lunch: Visit displays and networking.

12:45: Jorge Cavalcante, Manager of Engineering and Planning, Waterloo Region. Long Term Water Supply Strategy.

1:00: Susan Bryant, Grand River Environmental Network & APT. Where should our future water supply come from: a Great Lakes pipeline to Lake Erie? More wells? Or increased water efficiency and conservation measures?

1:15: Questions & Comments on Jorge and Susan's presentations

1:45: Sharmalene Mendis-Millard, Community Engagement and Volunteer Coordinator for the RAIN Program at REEP Green Solutions. REEP's storm water management program. Learn how to slow rainwater down from running into creeks and keeping it clean.

2:15: Lorrie Minshall, Water Management Plan Director at Grand River Conservation Authority. The Grand River Basin Water Management Plan: Update and what it means for watershed residents.

2:45: Draw for door prize. Symposium closes.