



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **CONSERVATION ONTARIO ENCOURAGED BY SECOND READING OF BILL 43, THE *CLEAN WATER ACT***

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NEWMARKET – Conservation Ontario is pleased with the government’s continued support of Bill 43, the *Clean Water Act* and looks forward to participating in the anticipated Legislative Committee review of the legislation.

“Conservation Ontario looks forward to the discussions that will take place on this important legislation,” said Peter Krause, Chair of Conservation Ontario, the network of 36 Conservation Authorities. “The Clean Water Act provides the framework that is essential for ensuring successful drinking water source protection. I am confident that the hearings will ensure the final legislation that will allow the province to move forward to successfully protect our drinking water.”

Source water protection builds on past science and studies and links directly to the water management programs Conservation Authorities and their partner Municipalities have been doing for years.

Since the tragedy at Walkerton in May 2000, Conservation Ontario and its member Authorities have worked with the province and other stakeholders, including municipalities and the farming community, to provide expertise in developing the best approach to source water protection.

Conservation Authorities are local, community-based environmental organizations that manage natural resources with a particular emphasis on water.

For more information on source water protection, including the Conservation Ontario Frequently Asked Questions SWP Fact Sheet and background information, please see Conservation Ontario's website: [www.conservation-ontario.on.ca](http://www.conservation-ontario.on.ca)

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