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Charter of Water Rights and Responsibilities - Sign on Now!



On June 1 & 2, the 2010 Freshwater Summit was held in Bracebridge, Ontario. The Summit provided a forum for freshwater scientists, policy makers, Aboriginal peoples of Canada, students, interest groups and the public to discuss issues concerning the protection, use and management of freshwater in Canada and how to better integrate water research and monitoring into policy development.

In addition to the more than 300 participants at the Summit, local high schools, supported by Nipissing and Laurentian Universities, joined us in a parallel Youth Summit.

Recommendations arising from the 2010 Freshwater Summit are contained in a communiqué and in a companion document, a draft Canadian Charter of Water Rights and Responsibilities.



Show your support for the recommendations by signing the online petition.

Climate Change and Adaptation in Muskoka



Climate change is the biggest environmental threat currently facing the health of Muskoka's watersheds. How we adapt and live within this changing environment will impact our social, economic and environmental well-being long into the future.

The <u>Climate Change and Adaptation in Muskoka</u> report was developed by MWC using the technical expertise of several local scientists in order to provide depth and insight into many aspects of this very challenging topic, including:

* Surface Water

* Woodlands and Wetlands

* Biodiversity

* Tourism

* Human Health

* Community Infrastructure

* Agriculture

The report also makes recommendations on how Muskoka can move forward to address the challenge climate change poses to watershed health.

Nature Quest 2010 Stewardship Workshops

The <u>Parry Sound-Muskoka Stewardship Network</u> is holding interactive stewardship workshops throughout July. These workshops are designed to provide hands-on experience while fostering stewardship, knowledge and understanding of land stewardship.

Hike up Your Tree ID IQ – July 13th.

 $\textbf{Managing Your Woodlot for Wildlife-The 7 Steps} - \text{July } 20^{\text{th}}.$

Wildlife CSI – July 27th.



Pre-registration is required as programs are limited to 30 participants. Please see the <u>flyer</u> for registration and workshop details. Call 705-646-5538 for more information or to register.