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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 Climate Change and Adaptation in Muskoka 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 Parry Sound-Muskoka Stewardship Network 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.

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