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2010 Muskoka Watershed Report Card

The Muskoka Watershed Report Card is produced by the Muskoka Watershed Council every four years.

The Report Card is a science-based evaluation of the health of the water, land, and wetlands in Muskoka and the municipalities that share Muskoka's watershed.

There are four components to the 2010 Muskoka Watershed Report Card:

- 1. the four-page full-colour report card summary distributed to the public through local media and available online;
- 2. the report card website;
- 3. the report card Background Report that details the indicators and how grades were determined; and
- 4. <u>Subwatershed Reports</u> for each of the 20 subwatersheds analyzed in the report card.

Didn't get a copy of the Report Card? Stop by the Muskoka Heritage Foundation office in Bracebridge or your local municipal office to get your copy today!

DMM Biological Monitoring Program

Calling all lake associations, citizen scientists and interested individuals. There's still time to book your benthic monitoring day and get down and dirty for your lake!



Benthic monitoring is a fun and simple way for your lake association or volunteer group to contribute to monitoring water quality on your lake this summer. Benthic monitoring is simply looking at the "bugs in the mud" in your lake as an indication of water quality.

The District Municipality of Muskoka supplies the equipment and technical support needed for the day and the association provides the location and the volunteers.

If you or your lake association is interested in benthic monitoring, please call 705-645-2231 x332 or email biotech@muskoka.on.ca for more information or to book your sampling day today!

MHF Natural Heritage Stewardship Awards

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for taking good care of their land? Someone

who has: minimal lawn, retained native trees and shrubs wherever possible, minimized their footprint on the land, and done their best to live in harmony with the natural environment

Each year the Muskoka Heritage Foundation presents a number of Natural Heritage Stewardship Awards to recognize the efforts of private or rehabilitated natural areas. These natural areas are not only an attractive part of Muskoka's rugged

commercial property owners who have protected or

landscape but they also provide habitat for native plant and animal life.

Criteria for awards and nomination forms are available on the Muskoka Heritage Foundation website.

Nominations close July 31, 2010.

