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Sydenham area residents invited to learn about their drinking water

Residents of the village of Sydenham and surrounding area are invited to attend a public open house about their drinking water on **Wednesday, April 9, 2008** at the **Township of South Frontenac Council Chambers** in Sydenham.

Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) staff and XCG Consultants Ltd. will present information from an ongoing study of Sydenham's drinking water source which is Sydenham Lake. This is one of the studies being undertaken as part of the provincial drinking water source protection program under the *Clean Water Act*.

Those attending the open house will learn about:

- protecting sources of drinking water
- water quality in Sydenham Lake
- the movement and flow of water to the drinking water intake for the water treatment plant
- potential threats to the drinking water source
- funding available to landowners to help protect drinking water.

"We're going to present some of our preliminary findings from our study of Sydenham Lake," said Holly Evans CRCA water quality specialist. "Each drinking water system that serves a city or town in the Cataraqui Source Protection Area will be studied and plans will be put in place to keep their sources of drinking water clean and safe."

"Everyone has a role to play in making sure that our water stays clean," added Evans. "Making sure that your septic system works, properly abandoning wells you're not using and planting trees and shrubs along the shoreline are a few examples of things that landowners can do to help keep our water clean."

The open house runs from **5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**, with a **presentation at 7:00 p.m.** by the consultant and CRCA staff. There will also be 15 minute **tours** of the **Sydenham Drinking Water Treatment Plant** from **6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** and **7:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

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