

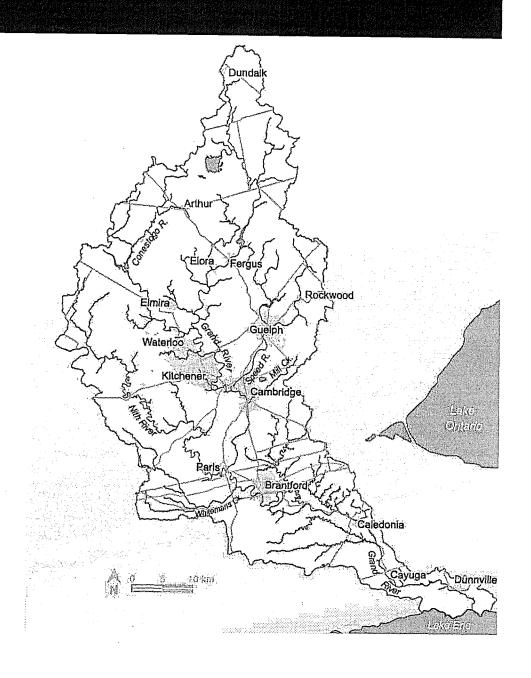


Length

300 km

Area

6,800 km² larger than Prince Edward Island



Flows into

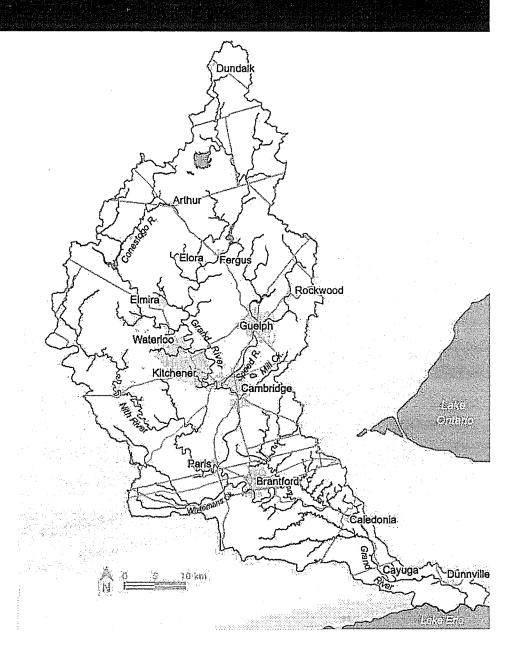
Lake Erie at Port Maitland

Length of rivers and streams

11,000 km

4 major tributaries

Speed, Eramosa, Nith and Conestogo



Population

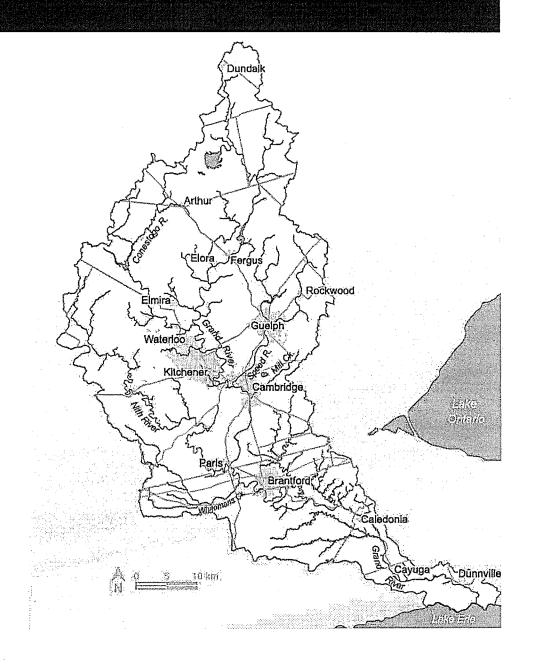
Close to one million

Boundaries

39 municipalities and two First Nations

80% of people live in five cities:

Kitchener, Waterloo, Guelph, Cambridge, Brantford



Farming

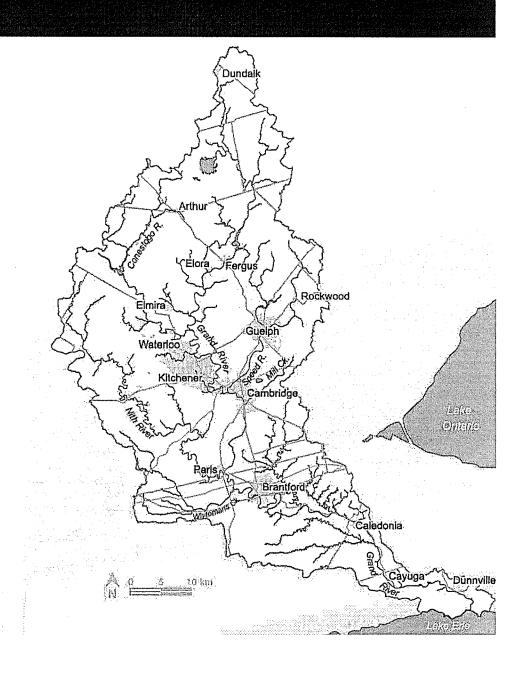
70% of watershed is agricultural land

Drinking water

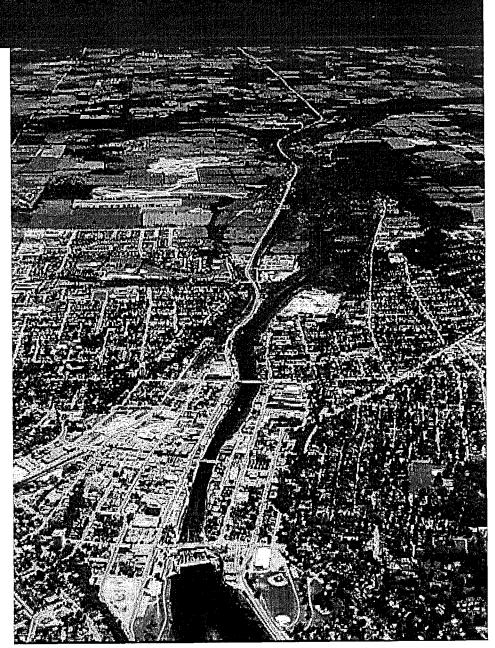
73% wells 24 % river 3 % lake

Wastewater

30 sewage treatment plants

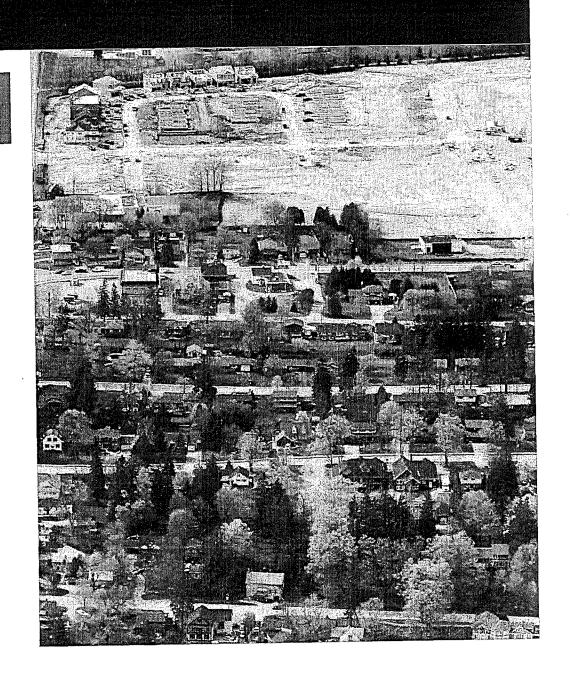


- The Grand River lies at the heart of one of the richest, fastest growing regions in Ontario.
- The vitality of the watershed has been linked to the river and the natural environment.
- The Grand River
 watershed faces
 important and evolving
 challenges...



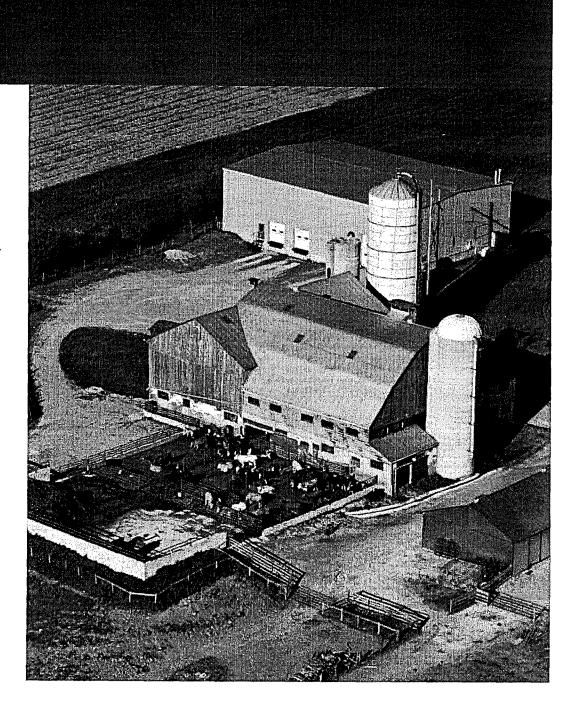
Population Growth

 Need for water supplies, sewage treatment, groundwater recharge



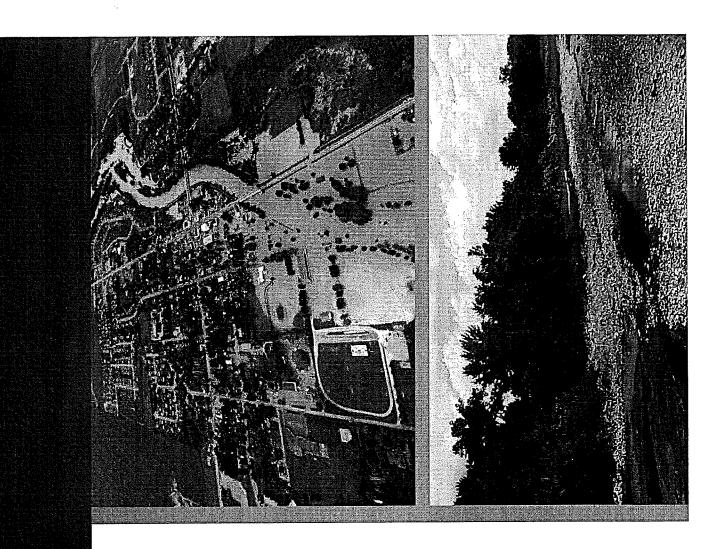
Extensive Agriculture

- impact on water quality and quantity
- erosion needs to be addressed to protect farmland and water quality



Climate Change

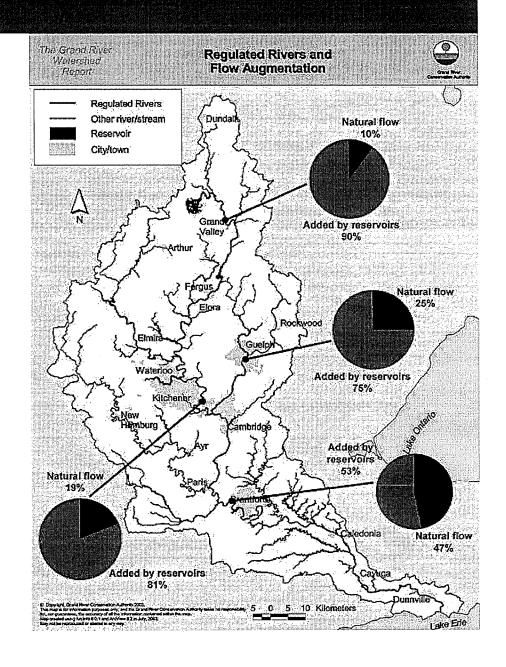
the issue of our time – presents new challenges including increased frequency of extreme events (floods, droughts, ice storms, etc.)



- Connect people With the

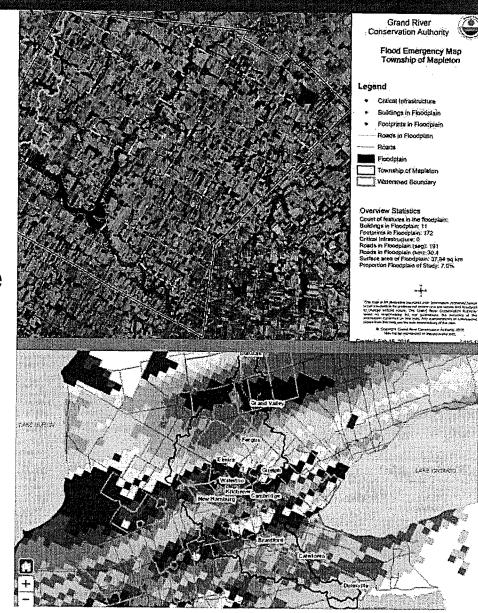
Protect life and minimize property damage

 Seven dams reservoirs actively managed to reduce flood damages and maintain flows



Protect life and minimize property damage

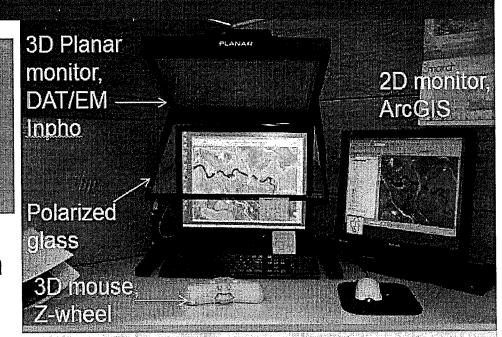
- Working with senior levels of government to find innovative ways to improve floodplain mapping
- Improved flood forecasting and warning



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Protect life and minimize property damage

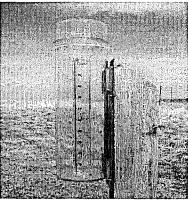
- Deliver value and innovation
- Ability to regulate hazard areas and prevent building in wetlands



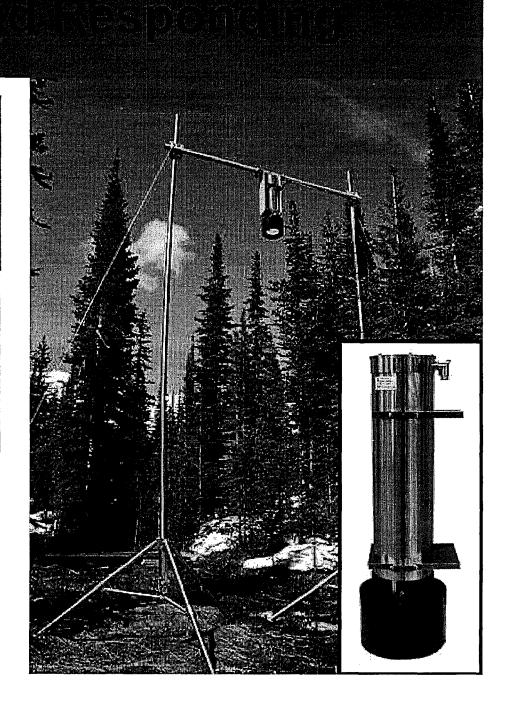


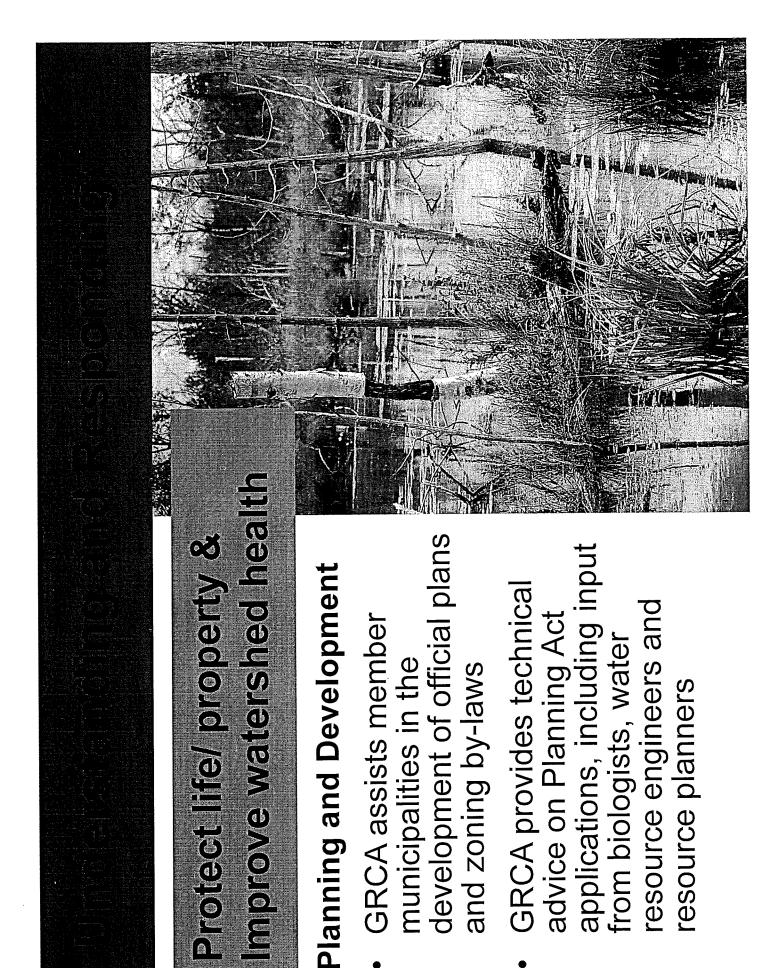
Protect life and minimize property damage





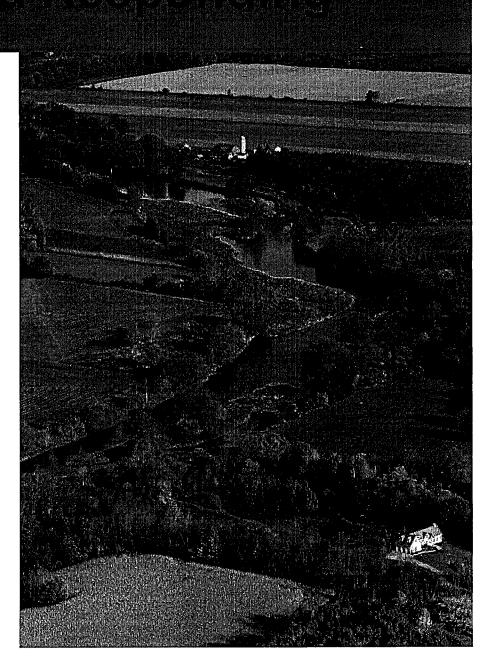
- Improved monitoring and preparedness
- Adapting to climate change



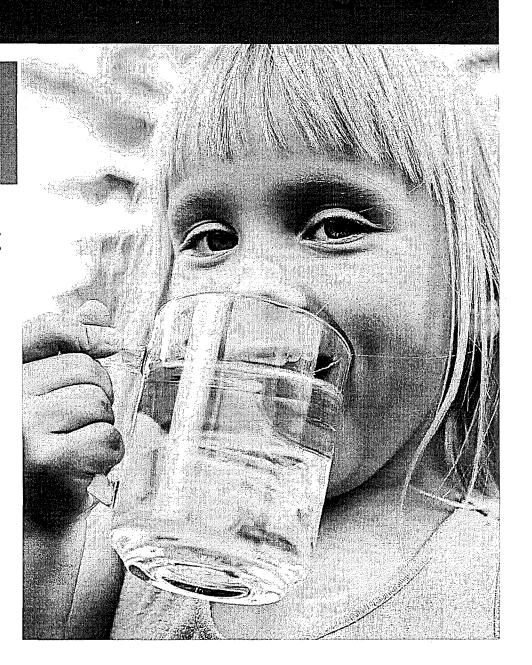


Natural Heritage Framework Initiative

- Subwatershed characterization for Conestogo River to be completed in winter 2017/2018
- 5 subwatershed reports completed to characterize Southern Grand between 2015 and March 2017

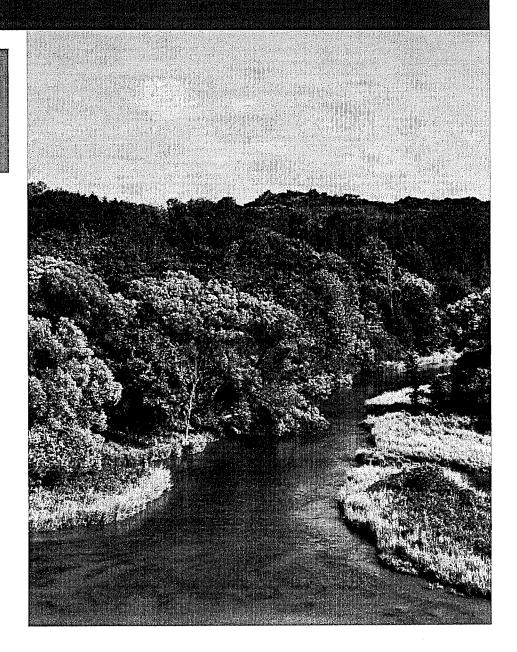


- Grand River Source
 Protection Plan took effect
 July 1, 2016
- Province funded 100% of Plan's development



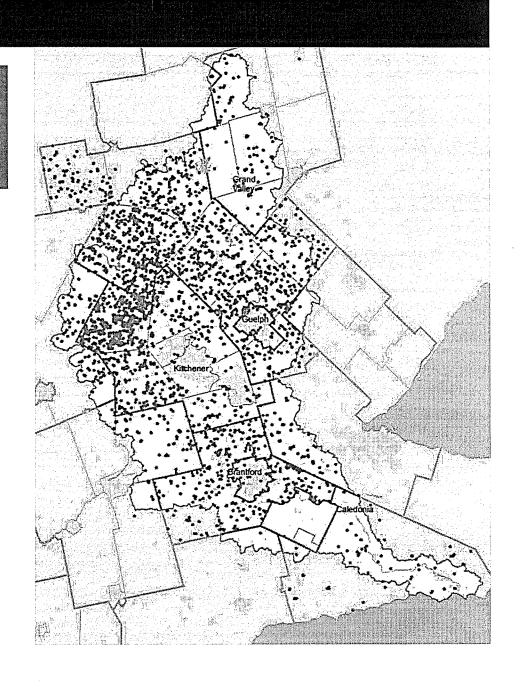
The Water Management Plan builds resiliency to address challenges related to climate change, population growth and agriculture.

The Wastewater Optimization Program builds upon the successful optimization work in municipalities like Guelph.



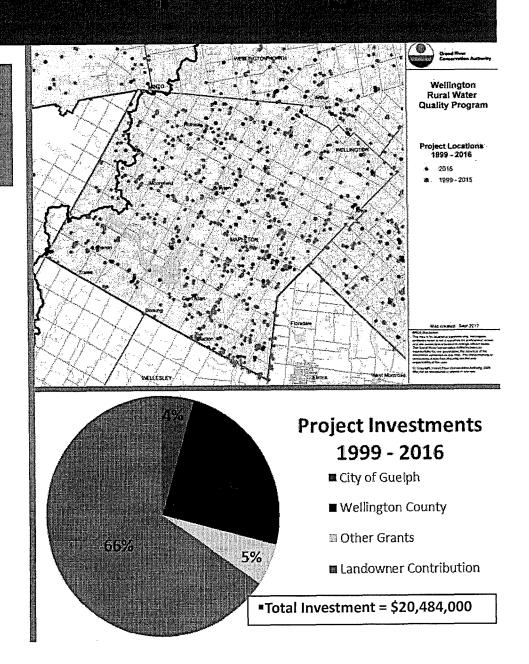
Rural Water Quality Program Watershed Success 1998-2016:

- Over 5,500 projects
- \$16 million in grant
- More than \$45 million invested



Wellington Rural Water Quality Program (RWQP)

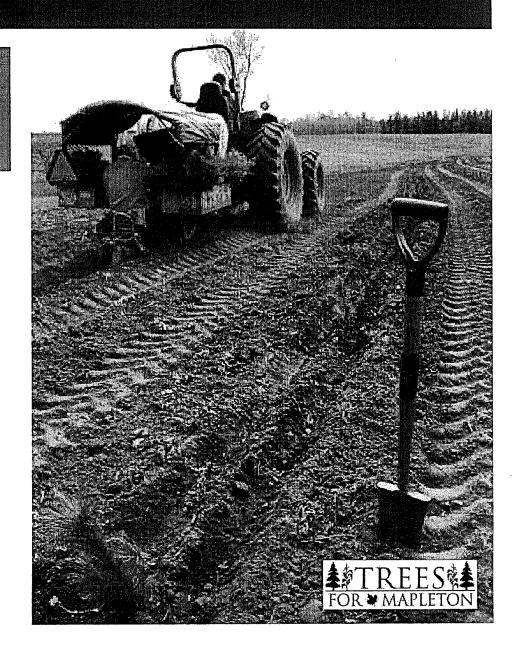
- 2,700 projects completed
- \$7 million in grant provided
- \$20 million invested





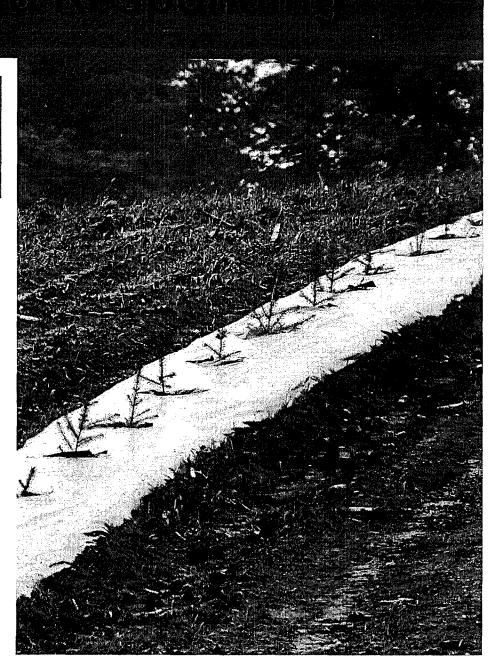
Trees for Mapleton Program

 GRCA forestry staff worked with 14 landowners to plant 11,000 trees in Mapleton Township in 2017



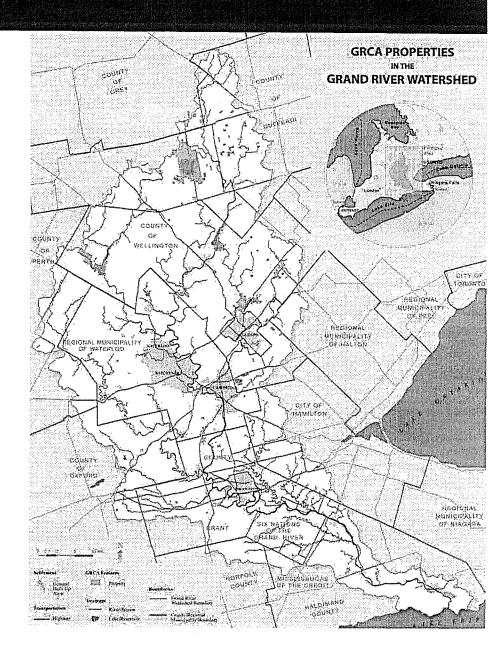
Wellington RWQP Tree Planting – Mapleton Statistics (since 1998)

- 27 km of riparian buffer established
- 310 acres of marginal land retired and planted to trees
- 113 km of windbreaks planted



Connect people with the environment

- More than 48,000 acres of recreational and natural land
- Includes 11 parks, Luther
 Marsh Wildlife Management
 Area, 6 natures centres, as
 well as cottage lots, farm
 leases and rail trails
- Current initiatives: wind-down of residential rental program, evaluation of other program areas, as well as hazard tree management



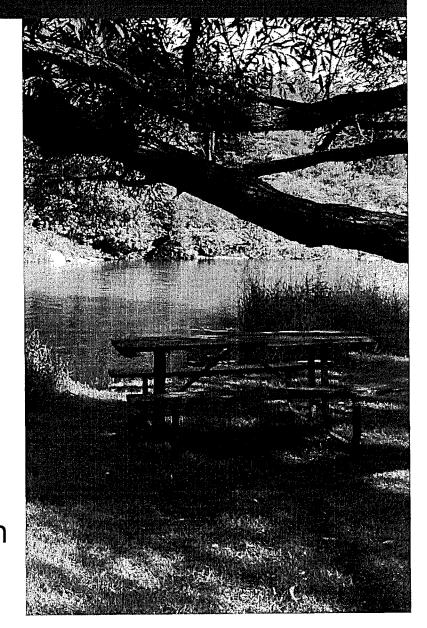
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GRCA Parks/Conservation Areas

- Weather dependent
- Revenue forecasts are prone to significant fluctuations
- 2015, 2016 and 2017 have been good years for revenue

Natural Areas

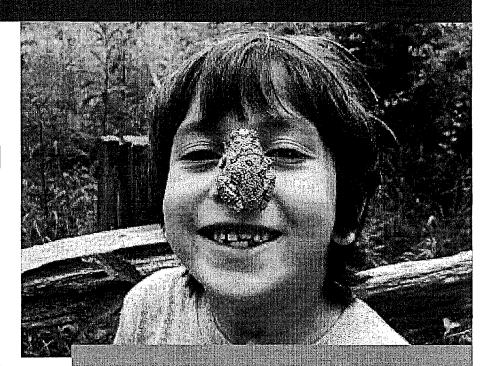
 Increasing management and cost pressures due to population growth and changing demographics



Some thoughts on Nature ...

If we teach them, they will understand it. If they understand it, they will value it. If they value it, they will protect it.

The Future needs: Biologists,
Engineers, Resource Managers,
Planners, Accountants,
Educators, Economists. We
must all communicate,
collaborate and cooperate.



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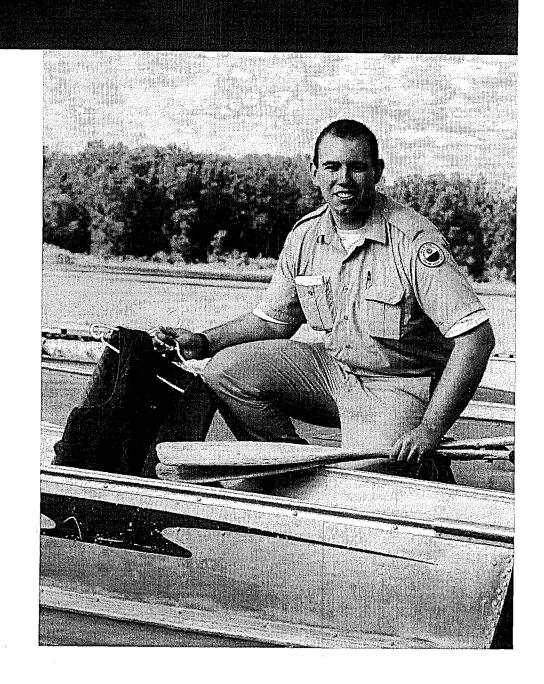
Timetable

September 22, 2017	→ Draft #1 to General Meeting
January 24, 2018	→ Municipalities advised of Meeting Date for Budget
January 26, 2018	→ Draft #2 to General Meeting
February 23, 2018	→ Board Approval, 2018 Budget & Levy (AGM)

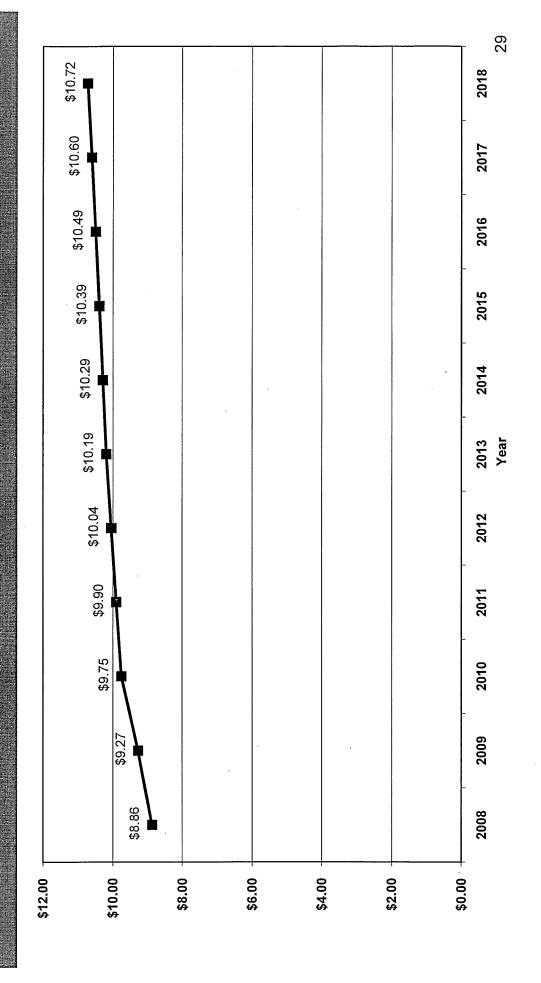
(Presentations to municipal councils between October 2017 and February 2018 as required)

Overview

- 2018 expenditures:
 \$32.0 million (\$31 million in 2017)
- Municipal dollars
 highly leveraged (\$1 in
 municipal levy matched
 by \$2 from other
 sources)
- Per capita municipal levy: \$10.72



GRCA Per Capita Levy 2008 to 2018

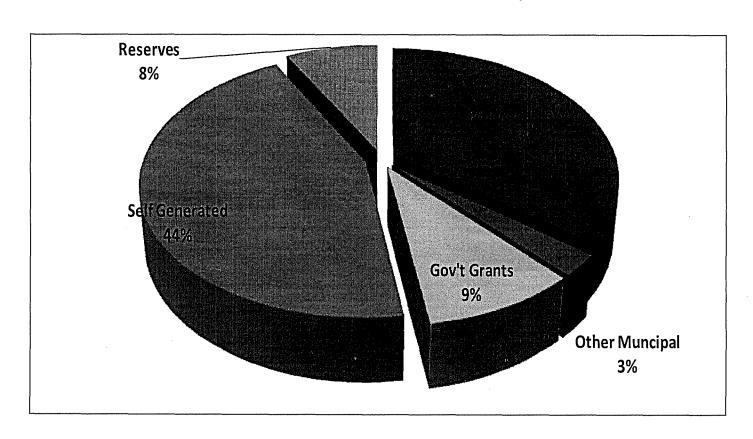


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Revenue by Source

Total 2018 Budget Revenue = \$32.0 Million

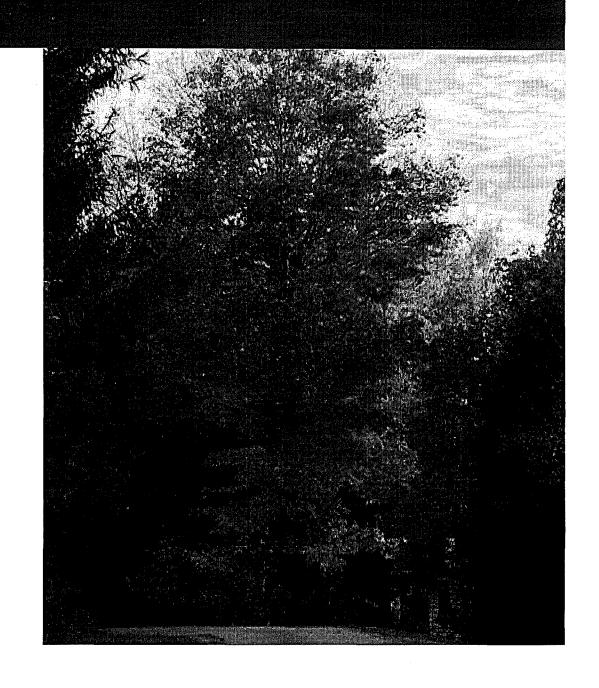
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Revenue

General Municipal Levy

- Increasing by 2.5% to \$11,352,000 in 2018
- Operating Levy increasing 2.8% or \$277,000
- Capital Levy held constant at \$1,050,000



Revenue

Special Projects

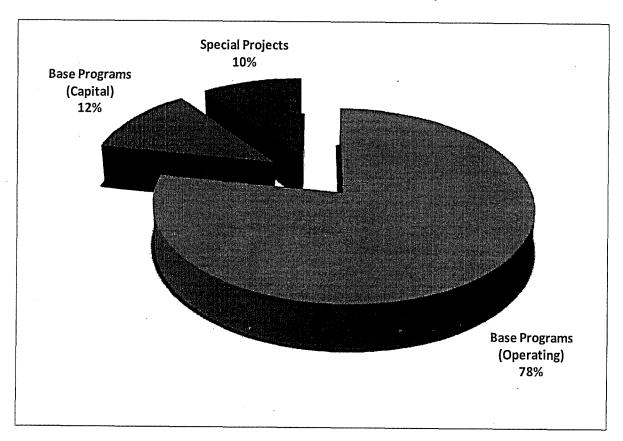
- Expenses are offset 100% by special funding sources
- Do not use general municipal levy to fund these projects



Expenditures by Category

2018 Budget Expenditures = \$32.0 Million

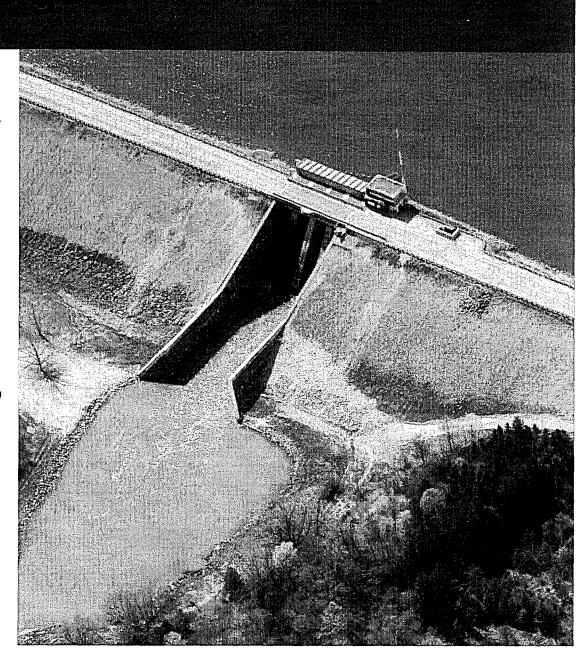
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Expenditures

Operating Budget (\$24.9 million)

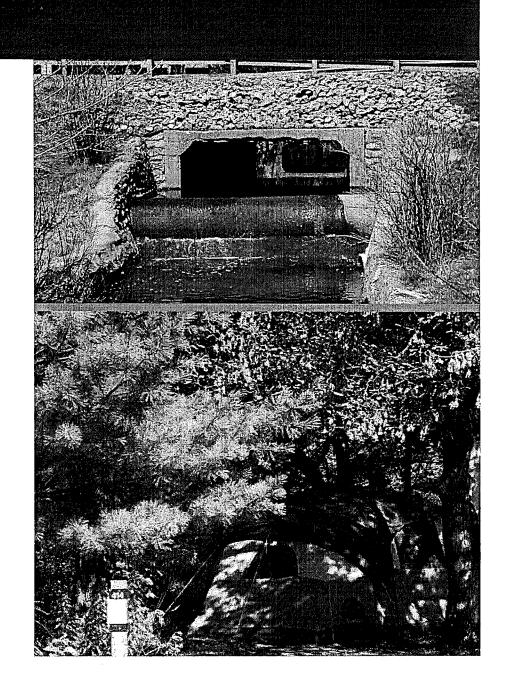
- Watershed
 Management
 (dams, flood
 forecasting, planning, lands
- Conservation Areas
- Corporate Services and Communication



Expenditures

Capital Budget (\$3.8 million)

- Water Control Structures
- Conservation Areas



Expenditures

Special Projects (\$3.2 million)

- Floodplain Mapping
- Parkhill Hydro Turbine
- Children's Water Festivals
- Water Management Plan
- Mill Creek Rangers
- Source Protection Program
- Emerald Ash Borer
- Rural Water Quality Program



Grand River Conservation Authority Summary of Municipal Levy - 2018 Budget

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	% CVA in	2017 CVA		CVA-Based	2018 Budget	2018 Budget	2018 Budget	Actual	
	Watershed	(Modified)	CVA in Watershed	Apportionment	Operating Levy	Capital Levy	Total Levy	2017 Levy	% Change
Brant County	84.0%	5,778,502,491	4,853,942,092	3.20%	329,962	33,630	363,592	354,137	2.7%
Brantford C	100.0%	12,178,149,735	12,178,149,735	8.04%	827,847	84,376	912,223	897,489	1.6%
Amaranth Twp	82.0%	651,361,270	534,116,241	0.35%	36,308	3,701	40,009	39,009	2.6%
East Garafraxa Twp	80.0%	498,143,467	398,514,773	0.26%	27,090	2,761	29,851	29,452	1.4%
Town of Grand Valley	100.0%	396,850,584	396,850,584	0.26%	26,977	2,750	29,727	27,291	8.9%
Melancthon Twp	56.0%	481,524,449	269,653,692	0.18%	18,331	1,868	20,199	19,694	2.6%
Southgate Twp	6.0%	815,068,745	48,904,125	0.03%	3,324	339	3,663	3,620	1.2%
Haldimand County	41.0%	5,888,880,157	2,414,440,864	1.59%	164,129	16,728	180,857	183,117	-1.2%
Norfolk County	5.0%	8,186,035,325	409,301,766	0.27%	27,824	2,836	30,660	30,831	-0.6%
Halton Region	10.3%	36,402,339,213	3,765,423,823	2.48%	255,966	26,089	282,055	271,150	4.0%
Hamilton City	4.7%	77,135,348,277	3,625,361,369	2.39%	246,445	25,118	271,563	263,512	3.1%
Oxford County	37.7%	3,548,847,438	1,337,821,840	0.88%	90,943	9,269	100,212	99,302	0.9%
North Perth T	2.0%	1,770,295,097	35,405,902	0.02%	2,407	245	2,652	2,563	3.5%
Perth East Twp	40.0%	1,600,912,173	640,364,869	0.42%	43,531	4,437	47,968	45,952	4.4%
Waterloo Region	100.0%	86,368,658,180	86,368,658,180	56.99%	5,871,175	598,402	6,469,577	6,314,548	2.5%
Centre Wellington Twp	100.0%	4,246,127,695	4,246,127,695	2.80%	288,644	29,419	318,063	312,036	1.9%
Erîn T	49.0%	2,223,001,923	1,089,270,942	0.72%	74,047	7,547	81,594	81,701	-0.1%
Guelph C	100.0%	22,830,352,868	22,830,352,868	15.06%	1,551,964	158,179	1,710,143	1,646,748	3.8%
Guelph Eramosa Twp	100.0%	2,374,434,372	2,374,434,372	1.57%	161,409	16,451	177,860	175,520	1.3%
Mapleton Twp	95.0%	1,408,733,893	1,338,297,198	0.88%	90,975	9,272	100,247	95,992	4,4%
Wellington North Twp	· 51.0%	1,432,770,017	730,712,708	0.48%	49,672	5,063	54,735	53,415	2.5%
Puslinch Twp	75.0%	2,216,998,019	1,662,748,514	1.10%	113,030	11,520	124,550	127,922	-2.6%
Total	and the second s	278,433,335,385	151,548,854,151	100.00%	10,302,000	1,050,000	11,352,000	11,075,000	2.5%

