

FRIENDS OF THE



TAY WATERSHED

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Friends of the Tay Watershed Watershed Discovery Day Press Release

The Friends of the Tay Watershed are pleased to invite all residents to attend our Watershed Discovery Day at the Perth Farmers' Market, Crystal Palace, on **Saturday, August 20th** from **8 am to 1 pm**. We have something of interest for people of all ages, with our hands-on displays including a model wetland, story time and a fish pond for the kids. A special feature this year is an Indigenous exhibit entitled "Indigenous Respect for Water". And there is more.

We are also pleased that a number of our partners will also have exhibits including the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, the Ottawa River Keeper, Climate Network Lanark and REAL. Our exhibitors will be prepared to answer all your questions about the conservation of our precious water resources, how to maintain sustainable shorelines and waterfronts, how to plan for climate change, and to share information about their respective programs and initiatives. Learn how you can participate in watershed conservation and perhaps join our river keeper program. The theme this year will be: What is your weather story? We want to post as many weather stories as is possible on our display board.

The "community is everything" and how we take care of the environment in our community will influence our quality of life and the sustainability of nature's attributes that surround us. Friends of the Tay Watershed, who are celebrating their 21st anniversary this year, are committed to conserving the health and natural features of the Tay Watershed. The task is challenging. The Tay Watershed includes 46 lakes, covers a land area of some 865 km² (334 square miles) and extends 95 km from Carnahan Lake in Frontenac County east to the Rideau River. Our mandate is to raise the public awareness about this significant natural asset and to encourage all those living in the watershed to take responsibility to help maintain water quality, to conserve habitat for fish and wildlife and to mitigate the impacts of flooding and climate change.

Please mark August 20th in your Calendars and plan to attend. Since this is also market day, you will also have the opportunity to purchase fresh produce from the local farm community vendors.

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