

## COMMUNICATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

### 2013 DART Presentation Working Together



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## Provincial Initiatives – Working Together



### Provincial Sub-Committee

**DAWG**- Drainage Action Working Group  
Established by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and  
the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

**Purpose:** To update DFO's working in stream protocol  
document. This will allow works under the  
Drainage Act and Fisheries Act to work together

### Provincial Sub-Committee

**DART-** Drainage Act and Section 28 Regulation  
Team  
Established by the Ministry of Natural  
Resources and the Ministry of  
Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

**Purpose:** To create a document that will allow  
the Conservation Authorities Act and  
the Ontario Drainage Act find common  
ground, so that workable solutions can  
be obtained.

### Provincial Interaction

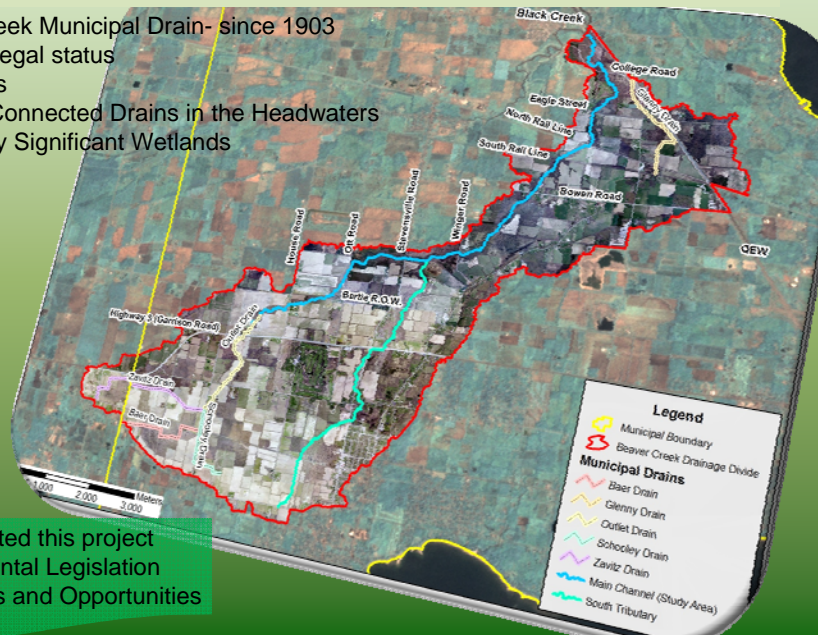
MNR, OMAFRA and DSAO working together  
to develop programs that will allow a  
unified approach in dealing with matters  
otherwise sensitive in nature.

Programs such as a one window approach  
will assist the Drainage Superintendents in  
submitting monitoring sheets which will  
satisfy the MNR requirements for  
notification and monitoring.



## BEAVER CREEK MUNICIPAL DRAIN

- Beaver Creek Municipal Drain- since 1903
- By Law - Legal status
- 2500 Acres
- Series of Connected Drains in the Headwaters
- Provincially Significant Wetlands



- What initiated this project
- Environmental Legislation
- Challenges and Opportunities

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### Beaver Creek Municipal Drain – Grass Pickerel Project

#### Background

- 16 kms of Municipal Drain
- Provincially Significant Wetlands
- Drain has not had any work done in over 100 years
- Species at Risk – Grass Pickerel and Turtles
- Drainage Works began in 2004
- Application for drainage works 2007(Denied)



#### Issues to be resolved

- How can drainage be achieved in accordance with the Ontario Drainage Act, since no work in over 100 years
- No information available for the Grass Pickerel within the existing environment of Fort Erie and the PSW
- Department of Fisheries not in support of required drainage works – until this project became scientific research.

## Development of the Grass Pickerel Team *The Scoping Team*

### Environmental Interaction

#### Federal Agencies

- Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada

#### Provincial Agencies

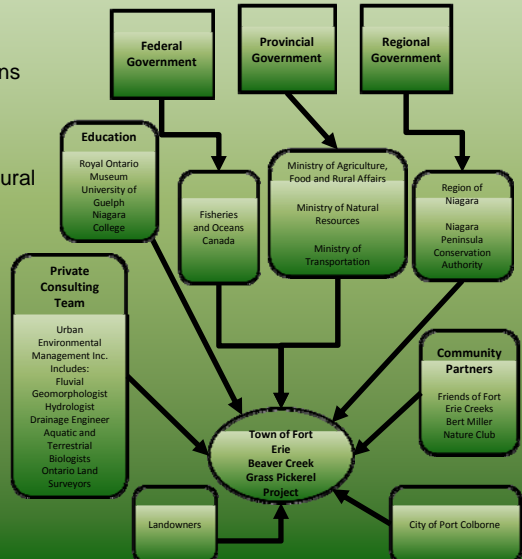
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Ministry of Natural Resources

#### Regional Agencies

- Conservation Authorities

#### Other Agencies

- Environment Canada
- Ministry of the Environment
- Ministry of Transportation
- Bordering Regions, Counties and Municipalities



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### Project Costs

- Project Design \$400,000 includes studies
- Project Construction \$400,000
- Project Monitoring \$400,000 includes studies and reports
- Yearly Monitoring Costs estimated to be \$100,000 for the next 4 years
- Grants Received to date \$435,000
- Town Council has agreed to pay \$535,000, which leaves the balance to landowners.
- Leaves approximately \$230,000 which will offset landowner costs on this project.
- There are pros and cons to this.
  - Trust, Communication and Partnerships

### To Be Clear - Clarity

- Very difficult to apply for funding when parties are not clear on the project.
- Applicant may speak Engineering not Biology or visa versa.
- Long term monitoring requirements who is the person paying the costs of this work? Is this or should this be a societal cost?







