



Conservation and Water Stewardship

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Dear Manitobans:

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship is finalizing through regulation, under *The Water Protection Act*, the identification of watershed boundaries, their designated planning authorities and their respective plans. The regulation defines the boundaries of 23 watershed based planning areas in Manitoba and designates specific conservation district(s) as the water planning authority.

The Water Protection Act establishes water planning as an effective and inclusive means to address risks to water and aquatic ecosystems. The establishment of watershed planning areas allows for the development of integrated watershed management plans. Designated water planning authorities are responsible to lead development of their respective watershed management plan.

Integrated watershed management planning is predicated on a shared governance principle. It is a cooperative effort by watershed residents, governments and other stakeholders to create a long term plan to manage land, water and related resources on a watershed basis.

This regulation supports the provincial concept of integrated watershed management planning as identified in *Tomorrow Now-- Manitoba's Green Plan*.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship invite comments on the proposed draft regulation. Enclosed is the draft regulation under *The Water Protection Act*. Please feel free to share these documents with colleagues or to direct others to the electronic documents available on our web site at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/index.html>. French copies of the documents are also available online.

Written comments regarding the proposed regulation must be received by **June 7, 2013**. Please email or mail them to:

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