

Our Watersheds Are Not Protected Equally Ontario Headwaters

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While the Province of Ontario likes to say that it has a framework approach to watershed management, it does not. Instead, it has six different frameworks just in South-central Ontario, some of which overlap, with different policies and uneven funding. As a result, watershed security is not being protected equally across the region.

The six areas depicted on a drawing include those under the jurisdiction of one of 36 Conservation Authorities, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Greenbelt Act, the Lake Simcoe Protection Act, the Severn Sound Environmental Association, and the District Municipality of Muskoka.

The drawing, Watershed Management in South-central Ontario can be seen [here](#), for which we thank students and faculty at Fleming College.

Worse, as anyone who has been following Ontario's radical Housing Action Plan knows, the Province has curtailed the role of conservation authorities, is abolishing regional planning, has made it much harder to identify and protect significant wetlands, has reduced permitting requirements for a number of assaults on water, and more.

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