

## We Need to Talk About Watershed Security



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With apologies for duplicates

The OHI has today released a comprehensive nine-page paper calling for broad discussion on replacing Ontario's fragmented approach to watershed management with an Outcomes-based Framework for Watershed Security, which we define as healthy and resilient watersheds that ensure regional ecological integrity, social wellbeing, and economic vitality.

The Framework we offer and suggest be a basis for discussion includes recommendations to:

- Address policy and implementation gaps in watershed management at the provincial level;
- Integrate land use and watershed planning at the municipal level; and,
- Revitalize and expand the role of conservation authorities and similar agencies.

The release of the discussion paper is supported by the launch of an extensive outreach campaign to run through February, March, and into April, as described on the last page of the Discussion Paper. The campaign includes a template letter for organizational support, an e-mail campaign, and opportunities for in-person and digital presentations.

You can see the Discussion Paper and elements of the Outreach Campaign, including how you can support the call for broad consultation, [here](#).

If your organization would like to discuss the Paper with us or arrange a presentation, please contact us at your convenience via [andrew@ontarioheadwaters.ca](mailto:andrew@ontarioheadwaters.ca).

Sincerely,

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**Water is Life.  
Let's act like it.**