

ST. MARYS RIVER REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN NEWSLETTER

May, 2026



What's happening this month?

WELCOME MAY

As May arrives, the watershed is bursting with new life, and our team is feeling energized by the momentum building across the river. With warmer days, early blooms, and more people returning to the shoreline, this month feels full of possibility.

We're looking forward to deepening community connections, sharing updates on restoration progress, and celebrating the St. Marys River as it shifts fully into spring.



UPCOMING EVENT RAP COMMUNITY DAY

We're excited to share that our annual St. Marys River RAP Community Day is coming up this summer!

Thursday, July 11th at 5:00–8:00 PM, held at the Waterfront Adventure Centre.

Join us for an evening of learning, celebration, and hands-on exploration along the river. This free community event will feature:

- Short presentations on restoration progress and river health
- Hands-on education stations led by local partners
- On-the-water activities, including paddling opportunities
- Interactive displays highlighting species, stewardship, and AOC history

Whether you're new to the RAP or have been following the project for years, Community Day is a great chance to connect, ask questions, and experience the river in a new way. More details will be shared in June.



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ST. MARYS RIVER PUBLIC PERCEPTION CAMPIAGN

On March 26th, we officially launched our new Public Perception Campaign Survey! This is an important tool for understanding how the community views the St. Marys River Area of Concern (AOC) and the Remedial Action Plan (RAP). Establishing this baseline helps us see where our messaging is landing and where gaps remain, guiding our communication as we move into the final stages of restoration.

The survey covers awareness of AOC and RAP terminology, how people use the river, recognition of the organizations involved in restoration, and perceptions of how cleanup efforts support community well-being and the local economy. Hosted through Google Forms, it will help us identify blind spots, strengthen outreach, and build a clearer shared understanding of the river's recovery.

One of the most helpful ways you can support this project is by helping us spread the word. Please share the survey link with your contacts, friends, colleagues, and community groups who care about the St. Marys River. We'll also be releasing social media posts over the coming months to promote the survey, so feel free to share those as they come out. Every share helps us reach a wider audience and strengthens the accuracy of our community snapshot.



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For May, we invite you to join our **“River Rhythms”** mini challenge, inspired by the movement, patterns, and natural rhythms that shape the St. Marys River in spring.

This month, take a moment to notice the ways the river moves, gentle ripples, fast currents, wind-shaped waves, or even the rhythmic return of migrating species. Capture a photo, short video, or written reflection that highlights a spring rhythm you love.

Share your moment using [#RiverRhythms](#) to help us create a community-curated look at the river’s dynamic spring energy.



Thank you for being part of the St. Marys River RAP community. Your interest, participation, and passion help drive this work forward. We’re excited for the months ahead and the many opportunities to learn, share, and celebrate the progress being made. Stay tuned for more events, updates, and ways to get involved as we continue working together for a healthier St. Marys River.





We acknowledge that we are gathering on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, including the Ojibwe of the Garden River and Batchewana First Nations. This land is part of the Robinson-Huron Treaty and has been home to Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial. We honour their enduring connection to the land, water, and all living things.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for weekly updates, Wild Wednesday species spotlights, and behind-the-scenes looks at restoration work.

Do you have a river memory or old photo? We’re collecting historical images to help tell the story of the St. Marys, especially those showing environmental changes over time. Email us at stmarysriverrap@gmail.com or message us directly to contribute.

Thank you for being part of this journey.



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