

ST. MARYS RIVER REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN NEWSLETTER

August, 2026

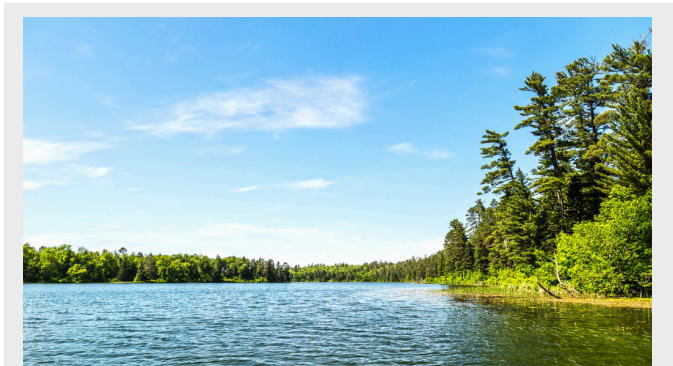


What's happening this month?
WELCOME AUGUST

August is a time to soak up the final stretch of summer and make the most of long evenings along the St. Marys River. Whether you're exploring a local trail, paddling on the water, tending a garden, or simply enjoying a sunset by the shoreline, every moment spent outdoors helps strengthen our connection to the places we call home.

As we continue working toward a healthier St. Marys River, we're grateful for everyone who volunteers, attends events, and shares our passion for protecting this incredible ecosystem.

We hope to see you out in the community this month!



UPCOMING EVENT **RIVER CLEANUP**

Our next community cleanup is happening mid-month.

Monday, August 10

6:00-8:00 PM

**Meeting location is at Bellevue Park Marina
at the end of Pine St. Sault Ste Marie.**

Help us keep the St. Marys River shoreline healthy and beautiful! Join us for an evening of community stewardship as we remove litter and debris from local shoreline areas.

Whether you can stay for the full two hours or only have 20 minutes, every helping hand makes a difference.

Pre-registration is required. Meeting location and additional details will be sent after registration.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

GLO IN THE GARDEN

Monday, August 10

2:00-5:00 PM

RAP Rain Garden (Behind Korah High School)

Spend an afternoon connecting with nature during GLO in the Garden!

Participants will have the opportunity to explore the community rain garden, learn about native plants and pollinators, and take part in hands-on outdoor activities that celebrate local biodiversity and stewardship.

This is a wonderful opportunity to slow down, ask questions, and discover how healthy gardens contribute to healthy ecosystems.

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NEXT COFFEE SOCIAL

We're excited to invite you to our fourth coffee social of the year.

Monday, August 17, 5:00-8:00 PM, held at the Waterfront Adventure Centre.

Drop in anytime throughout the evening to meet members of the St. Marys River RAP team, learn about ongoing restoration work, enjoy casual conversation, and connect with others who care about our local environment.

Grab a coffee, enjoy the waterfront views, and spend some time getting to know your community.

Everyone is welcome!



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ST. MARYS RIVER PUBLIC PERCEPTION CAMPAIGN CLOSES AUGUST 31ST

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.



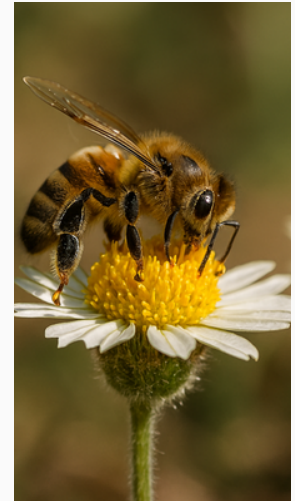
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This month, we invite you to take part in our **Pollinator Watch mini challenge**: a celebration of the tiny creatures that help our ecosystems thrive. As you spend time outdoors this August, keep an eye out for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, dragonflies, and other pollinators visiting flowers, gardens, and natural spaces along the St. Marys River.

Share a photo or short video of your pollinator sightings and tell us where you found them. Use [#PollinatorWatchSMR](#) and tag us. Together, we'll showcase the incredible biodiversity that calls our community home and highlight the important role pollinators play in keeping our environment healthy.



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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