

# MISSISSIPPI LAKE PLAN PROCESS

The Centre for Sustainable Watersheds (CSW) has partnered with the Mississippi Lakes Association (MLA), French Planning and Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) on the development of a Mississippi Lake Plan. The goal of the Lake Plan is to identify, protect and restore the natural, physical and social integrity of Mississippi Lake's ecosystem.

## WHAT ARE THE STEPS?

Background Work (2011-2014)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ • Determine the need for a Mississippi Lake Plan (done at AGM, June 2011)</li> <li>✓ • Establish the terms of reference, work plan and organizational structure</li> <li>✓ • Determine values surrounding the lake and the issues that threaten them using community surveys</li> <li>✓ • Complete research for the "State of the Lake/Watershed" report</li> <li>🕒 • Complete a nutrient budget to research the levels and sources of nutrients entering the lake from upstream</li> <li>✓ • Complete the draft "Mississippi Lake Today" (State of the Lake) Report for reference purposes</li> </ul>
Plan Preparation (2014-2015)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a "Mississippi Lake Vision and Values"</li> <li>• Establish goals and objectives for the Mississippi Lake Plan and develop implementation and action strategies.</li> <li>• Produce the Mississippi Lake Plan</li> <li>• Distribute the Lake Plan to community members and partners for review</li> </ul>
Implement (2015-beyond)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain formal endorsement for the Mississippi Lake Plan from community</li> <li>• Adopt an implementation strategy and actions</li> <li>• Implement any needed monitoring strategies</li> <li>• Adopt a formal review schedule of the Lake Plan</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <span style="color: orange;">✓ = completed</span>  <span style="color: orange;">🕒 = currently in progress</span> </p>

## Mississippi Lake Plan Key Events

1. Mississippi Lake Today (State of the Lake Report) – Draft April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014
2. Mississippi Lakes Association AGM – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014
3. Lake Plan Community Values and Visioning Public Forum – June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014
4. Lake Plan Community Issues and Action Strategy Public Forum – Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014
5. Mississippi Lake Plan Draft – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015
6. Mississippi Lake Plan Final Document – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Your time is valuable to us. We understand you have other priorities and so any help you can give us is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the process, or how you can help, please contact the Mississippi Lake Association at [lakeplan@lakemississippi.ca](mailto:lakeplan@lakemississippi.ca) or the Centre for Sustainable Watersheds at [king@watersheds.ca](mailto:king@watersheds.ca) or by phone at (613) 264-1244.

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