

Yellow Fish Road Program

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Who: Katelyn and I have the backing of the Brighton Art Council, Brighton Leos, Brighton Lions, ENSS Mike and Lori's No Frills, Minister of the Environment and Environmental activities within ENSS and the Lower Trent Conservation. We also have support from individuals in Brighton and ENSS student Body.

What: Yellow Fish Road Program preventing contaminants from entering storm drains and watersheds. Started in 1991 tens of thousands of Canadians have raise awareness about pollution entering local water bodies through storm drains (Trout Unlimited Canada, 2009). Approximately 12,077 storm drains have been marked with yellow fish symbols including the local communities of Colborne and Frankford, informational door hangers are hung on resident's doors for reminders of why the yellow fish are there. Almost anything other than clean rainwater is harmful to fish and other aquatic life. (Ex. Soap to wash cars, excess fertilizer, dirt and oil from driveways.)

Where: We would like to have the program known within the community, but we believe that for the first time going out with people in the community, it may be effective just to do the main streets until it becomes more well known.

When: We would like this to happen, if possible, before September on an evening or weekend with our volunteers.

Why: Brighton is known a lot for the achievements that happen within ENSS and one of the main activities that happen within ENSS is our environmental leadership. T-Fox, recycling tin cans for cancer. Out windmill and soon to be installed our Solar panels. So having a project like this in and community with ENSS as the high school just seems to be a great combination.

How: Lower Trent Conservation has all needed supplies. LTC, Brighton Lions and Leos, Brighton Art Council and Mike and Lori's No Frills are all in support of this program coming into Brighton and volunteers within these groups are willing to participate in spraying storm drains.

For more information, please call the Public Works office at 475-1162.