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Thank you to all those who have assisted in our effort to have a cleaner, healthier lake. It has been one year since construction was completed (mostly) on the Goodyear Farm (GYF) in Beaverton in conjunction with the Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority (LSRCA) to mitigate runoff into Lake Simcoe. Construction activities included two storm water ponds and the use of this storm water pond water for partial irrigation, three WASCObS (Water and Sediment Control Basins), addition of ditches, stabilization of laneways, replacement of culverts, buffer and wind break plantings, grassing of waterways, and planting of cover crops.

Since then, further “hardening” of the LSRCA plan has been taking place by adding linear ditches to channel surface water into the water management ponds, spring planting of trees for berm stability and erosion control, and adding another WASCOb to mitigate runoff.

Overall runoff has decreased and we have seen visual improvement in lake water quality. However, runoff events continue to occur and it is important to identify which specific runoff corridors (7 in total) are draining into the lake in order for us to drive further mitigation improvements. Please call these events into the 24 hour spill hotline at 1-800-268-6060 operated by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) when these happen.

On a related note, the MECP has provided funding to LSRCA to conduct a watershed analysis on White's Creek this summer 2021 in order to determine and mitigate the runoff problems that we have been calling in. This will deal with the complete catchment area for White's Creek to discover the source of the runoff and is an approach they have used successfully with "smaller" watersheds such as Scanlon Creek. We continue to point out runoff occurring from the Marydel housing development, particularly from the exposed berm that runs for a kilometer along the west side of the development parallel to the CN tracks. More to come.

Lastly, it has been reported the GYF in Ramara will not operate this year which should reduce runoff into the Talbot River and ultimately into Lake Simcoe.

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