

By Email to FOCA - June 21, 2017

*To: Lake Networking Group email distribution list*

*Greetings everyone, At our April 28th Lake Networking Group meeting, it was proposed that we should try to organize a summer 2017 workshop/discussion that would assist lake associations to interpret and truly understand what their water quality data actually means in terms of the health of their lakes.*

*I have good news ... after discussion with staff from the local Conservation Authorities and the Lake Partner Program, I can confirm the following...*

**Upcoming Workshop:**

**Understanding Water Quality Data Workshop/ Discussion – Thursday, August 3, 2017 1-4 p.m.**

**Goal** – to assist lake associations to interpret and truly understand what their water quality data actually means in terms of the health of their lakes.

**Workshop Partners** – Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA), Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA), Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA), the Lake Partner Program and the Lake Networking Group

**Workshop Date and Time** – Thursday, August 3, 2017 1-4 p.m.

**Location** – Perth – Burgess Hall or larger space if registration warrants (see note re registration)

**Workshop format** - Presentations about water quality data analysis and interpretation will be provided by CRCA, MVCA, RVCA, and the Lake Partner Program followed by a time for Questions and Answers between presenters and workshop participants

**Overview**

Learn more about:

- the newly released CRCA lake reports,
- sampling methodologies/parameters used by the various programs,
- how data is analyzed and interpreted,
- the goal/scope of the Lake Partner Program - what is the Lake Partner Program learning about Ontario lakes through their analysis of the data that is collected through their Program?
- AND MORE

Discuss how data can be best presented/analyzed in ways that are most useful to lake associations.

With increased knowledge about lake health/or challenges to lake health, how can lake associations best respond?

**Registration** – No cost but participants are asked to pre-register ASAP so that we can ensure that we have sufficient space for everyone (we may have to change locations)

**- To register – please contact Karen at [mkhunt@ripnet.com](mailto:mkhunt@ripnet.com)**

**I look forward to hearing that many of you would like to participate in this valuable opportunity.**

Best regards,  
Karen Hunt