



Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations FOCA - December 2010 Elert

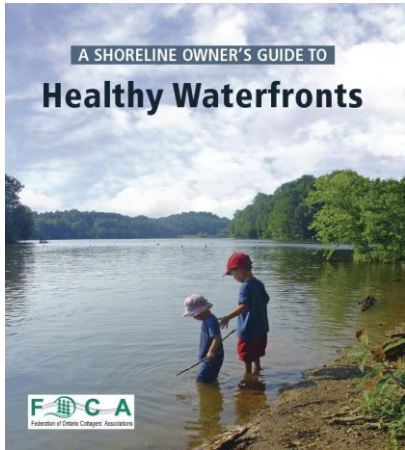
PHOTO CONTEST

Do you have a great photo of healthy, sustainable shoreline living? Share it!

We are looking for a **NEW COVER IMAGE** for the reprint of FOCA's *Healthy Waterfronts* guide, in association with the Lakeland Alliance.

Hurry, the deadline for photo submissions is:
5pm this Friday, **December 17th, 2010.**

[more info & contest entry link...](#)



HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Still looking for the **perfect gift for your favourite cottager**? You can always find mugs, hoodies and more at the FOCA store [ONLINE](#).

Or, consider **gifting an INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP to FOCA** for someone passionate about waterfront living, **for only \$37.50.**

Remember, FOCA membership brings discounts on cottage insurance, free FOCA Newsletters & Elerts, and so much more.



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PROPERTY TAXES > Paying too much?

The recent Annual Report released by Ontario's Auditor-General indicates that **1 in 8 Ontario homeowners** is being incorrectly assessed by MPAC.

As the lead for [WRAFT](#), FOCA notes that rural and waterfront properties are especially prone to poorer-quality assessments.

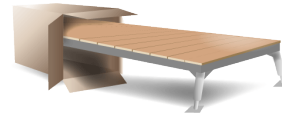
Read the section of the Report that deals with MPAC [here](#), or a brief summary of the issue in the December 7th issue of the [Globe & Mail](#).



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FOREST HEALTH UPDATES

The **2010 Ontario Forest Health Updates** are in!

Visit the [REGIONS](#) page of the FOCA website for copies of the reports from the Ministry of Natural Resources, about forest conditions in several Ontario regions. Learn about the Red Pine Cone Beetle, the Walnut Lace Bug, and more, by region.

> Redhumped Oakworm Larvae photo by Patrick Hodge, MNR



Road Survey * UPDATE *

Thanks to all 130 people who have responded to our road survey so far. **But we still need more input.**

FOCA is collecting info from associations about private road management issues, for the benefit of all members. We will follow up with a summary of the results to all participants.

Share your experience; we can learn from each other.

Deadline: January 14, 2011.

[Click here](#) to take the road issues survey now.



BOATING AWARDS CEREMONY

The CASBAs (Canadian Safe Boating Awards) will be celebrated at the Toronto Sheraton Centre. When?: Sunday January 9th @ 6:00pm.

For more information and the registration form, [click here](#).



**May you enjoy all the very best
of the Ontario winter season!**

Season's Greetings

from all of us




Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations

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