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FOCA celebrates Ontario Lake Partner Program's Technical Excellence Award from NALMS

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) is extremely proud that the [Ontario Lake Partner Program](#) has received the **2011 Technical Excellence Award** from the North American Lake Management Society ([NALMS](#)).

Each year NALMS recognizes individuals, organizations, and programs, corporations and projects that have contributed to the science of lake and watershed management.

The [Lake Partner Program](#) is a volunteer based, lake sampling program operated by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) [Dorset Environmental Science Centre](#) in partnership with FOCA, and hundreds of lake stewards across Ontario.



This program is the largest volunteer lake monitoring program of its kind, resulting in long-term information on the nutrient status of Ontario's inland lakes. FOCA is pleased to have been involved with the Lake Partner Program for many years.

FOCA sincerely hopes that cutbacks being contemplated by the Province of Ontario do not jeopardize the significant value contributed to freshwater science in Ontario by the Lake Partner Program, through all our volunteers.



FOCA members, and everyone interested in a continued investment in the Lake Partner Program, can provide feedback directly to the Minister of the Environment:

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Speak up for the health of the Ontario waterfront.

Pictured at top right: Wolfgang Scheider, Assistant Director, MOE Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Section, holding the NALMS award, 2011