Severn Sound Environmental Association

Our Watershed Work at a Glance: Quarter 3 (Jul. - Sept. 2026)

Memorable Moments

Capturing the people and projects that shaped this Quarter!

Seasonal staff met with **MP Chambers**, to share their Canada Summer Jobs experiences and the value of supporting youth employment and stewardship

Recognized members of the **SSEA Board** for their commitment to protecting the lands and waters of the **Severn Sound watershed**

Installed **6 turtle basking platforms**, built by Georgian Bay District High School students (Matchedash Bay area)

Joined the **Township of Tay** and **Town of Penetanguishene** at the Week of Welcome events to share the work SSEA does to keep Severn Sound healthy

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Key Highlights from this Quarter

40+

Development applications reviewed across all SSEA programs

Supports informed development decisions that protect watershed health

77

Invasive Species Survey Sites Monitored

Helps track spread and impact of invasive species to guide effective management.

511

Surface Water Samples Collected & Analyzed

To test water quality and track watershed health

SSEA staff collected sonar scan & underwater imagery data for FiSHE project

Community Engagement & Education

5 Outreach & Education Materials Created

Includes videos, presentations, and resources to support public engagement and awareness.

24 Events, Meetings & Conferences

Engaged partners and public through events, meetings, conferences, and virtual sessions.

1,773
Total Followers

53
Social Media Posts

14,300
Total Reach

62,300
Total Views

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Habitat Restoration & Natural Heritage

31
Turtle monitoring days at 6 locations in Matchedash Bay area observing 3 turtle species

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FiSHE proj. Habitat substrate sampling & elevation surveys

5
Agricultural site visits

2026 tree plant success reporting underway

Funding support from Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program - Marginal Lands Initiative

Through the Agriculture & Nature Initiative, SSEA supports farmers who may be eligible for up to 100% funding for creating or enhancing natural features like pollinator habitat, tree and shrub plantings and more.

Resilient Agriculture Landscape Program (RALP) pollinator habitat

Information Sharing

43 Public Inquiry Responses

108 Reports Produced

Watershed Monitoring

Student collecting stream benthos

Student open water sampling

Site Type	Sites Monitored	Samples Collected
Openwater	10	350
Inland Lakes	18	53
Stream (Provinicial)	12	108
Benthic Invertebrates	13	62

Invasive Species

77 Invasive Species Sites Surveyed

14 Invasive Species Volunteers

43 Invasive Species Management and Removal Sites

28 Invasive Species Management Events

Students removing invasive phragmites

Sustainable Severn Sound

SSEA sharing information at the Elmvale Farmer's Market

Presentations & Engagement

Participated in various community events throughout the watershed to share information on Flood Ready Severn Sound and encourage participation in the flood survey

SSEA launches free resource to help prepare to be energy efficient and climage ready

Community Engagement

Community Climate Concierge launch. This free tool connects residents with over 120 links to resources, and information, covering home energy upgrade opportunities to information on emergency preparedness

Flood Ready Severn Sound

Met with municipal staff and Flood Working Group members to review completed municipal flood risk maps

Risk Management Services

44 Development Applications (Commented or Reviewed)

36 Properties Monitored

2 Risk Management Plan support/ implementation activities

Source Protection Authority

3 Attended Source Protection Committee meeting and assisted municipal staff with drinking water licenses and water system changes.