

Mandatory Septic System Inspections

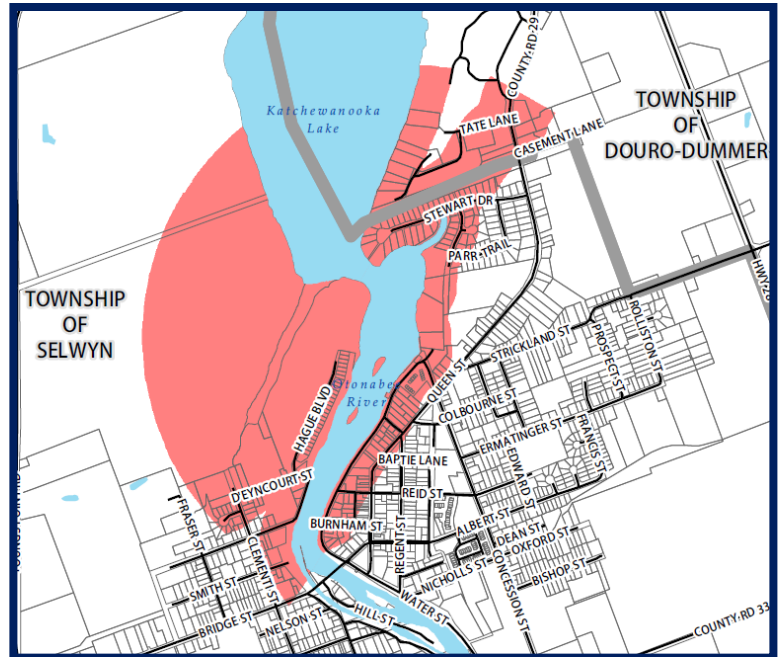
Under the *Clean Water Act*, a Drinking Water Threat is an activity that can impact the quality or quantity of a municipal drinking water source if undertaken in certain Vulnerable Areas relative to the sources of water for municipal drinking water systems.

Septic systems are one of 21 land-based activities that the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change has identified as a Drinking Water Threat.

In 2012, the *Building Code Act* was amended to acknowledge the potential threat that septic systems can pose to municipal drinking water sources if they are not adequately maintained and operating as designed.

As a result, septic systems across the province that are located in Vulnerable Areas around municipal drinking water sources will be inspected every 5 years to manage the potential threat that they pose to drinking water sources.

In Lakefield, septic systems located in the red area as shown on the map at right are subject to inspection every 5 years.



The Peterborough County-City Health Unit is responsible for completing the mandatory inspection required under the *Building Code Act*.

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