

Carleton Place

@With a population of: 9,600

@Your Water Comes From:

- ◆ The Mississippi River. Water is pumped from Carleton Place Water Treatment Plant throughout the community. The Wastewater Treatment Plant cleans wastewater before discharging it into the river.



www.county.lanark.on.ca

@ Taking Stock...Critical Local Water Concerns

- ◆ Plans for mining and processing uranium locally could lead to the contamination of the Mississippi River watershed—your drinking water source—with radioactive particles.
- ◆ Facilities for the production of slurry (thickener used in paint and fine paper) and water bottling company “Lanark Pure” deplete local surface water and aquifers. Long-term effects remain unknown.
- ◆ Pesticide run-off in nearby agricultural areas pollutes watersheds with toxic chemicals. Intense grazing of cattle may also lead to contamination of water with high counts of bacteria.

@Keeping Track...Initiatives and Actions In Your Community

- ◆ **Campaign to Ban Bottled Water on school and city property. Get involved!**
Check out: <www.insidethebottle.org/re-fresh-re-jaillir>

And...

- ◆ The **Rideau Environmental Action League** works on environmental projects to promote a green-up of communities throughout Lanark. Check out their activities: <www.reaction.ca>
- ◆ **Sustainable Food Initiatives:** Check out the Good Food Box Initiative in your neighbourhood: <www.foodshare.net/goodfoodbox01.htm>

✍ For references and more resources, contact the Polaris Institute: <www.insidethebottle.org/contact>

