

**The Blue Sea Lake Watershed Association Bulletin
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Regroupement pour la protection de l'eau de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau

The Association is pleased to announce that we are now a member of the recently established "Regroupement pour la protection de l'eau de la vallée-de-la-Gatineau". The mission of this new organization - which is essentially a federation of like-minded associations, municipalities, and stakeholders - is to protect our region's waterways and groundwater.

The Regroupement will be able to address issues that go beyond the scope and framework of local lake and environmental associations. It will also provide a forum in which such associations can exchange ideas, develop positions on matters of mutual interest, and pool resources to meet common challenges. We believe that our association can make a positive contribution to the Regroupement and that being a member of this organization will enhance our ability to preserve and protect our watershed.



Holiday Reading

If you have some free time during the holiday season, might we suggest that you take a second (or perhaps a first) look at some of the articles that have appeared in Shorelines and on our website during the past couple of years. Recommended readings include:

- "Blue-Green Algae" ([bulletin #10](#) and [web page](#));
- "Assessing the Health of a Lake" ([web page](#));
- "Safe, Courteous, and "Green" Boating" ([PDF brochure](#));
- "Seasonal Tips" ([Spring](#), [Summer](#), [Fall](#), and [Winter](#));
- "Aquatic Plants in Blue Sea Lake" ([web page](#)).



You will also find many other articles on our website that deal with important watershed issues such as [Eurasian milfoil](#) and [septic system management](#). Please let us know if you have any suggestions or comments regarding our website and its content, and if there are any subjects you would like to see included on the site.

Holiday Wishes

As you will note in the "[Events](#)" segment of our website, 2013 has been a very busy year for the Association. We would not have accomplished all that we have without the collaboration of our [members](#), [partners](#), and [volunteers](#). The Administrative Council would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you who have contributed so much to the success of our organization and to wish you and your families all the best for the new year.

In closing, please remember that the protection and preservation of our watershed is everyone's concern. The appearance/presence of blue-green algae blooms, Eurasian milfoil, and periphyton in our waterways is a clear message that our lakes are in trouble. **In 2014, we must all do more to protect our fragile environment.**

