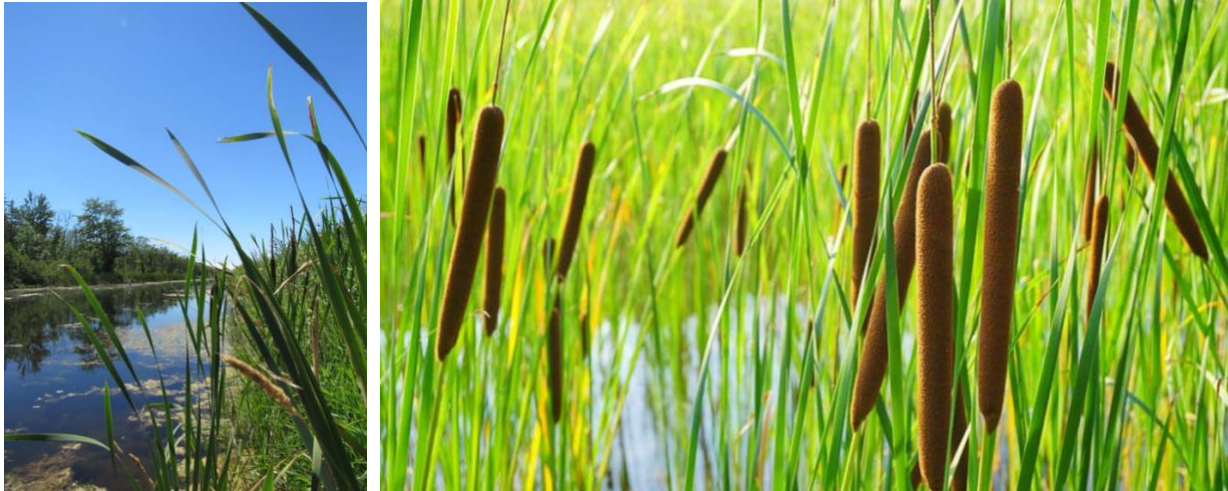


## Protecting and Conserving our Lakes



The lakes are used for a variety of recreational activities including swimming and fishing. It is in everyone's best interest to protect our lakes.

Here are some simple steps to cleaner, healthier lakes:

1. Use only organic fertilizers – using other fertilizers can have a negative impact on the lakes, e.g. smell, algae, lack of fish, no more swimming.
2. The cosmetic use of herbicides and pesticides are now banned in Ontario. No herbicides or pesticides should come into contact with our lakes as a consequence.
3. Control sedimentation from entering the lakes, e.g., from home building.
4. Don't allow any garbage – particularly from homebuilding – to enter the lakes. Pick up any garbage you see around the lakes.
5. Preserve shoreline vegetation. Plants near the shoreline provide a buffer to sedimentation and nutrients entering the lakes.
6. Pump out your septic tank every 3 to 5 years.