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Oxford People Against the Landfill

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“It's all about the water,
the water, the water.”

- J. Vanthof



The Dump is not a done deal! You can help stop it! Spread the word!

When you donate to OPAL to stop the dump, it helps us pay for a water scientist to show that our drinking water could be at risk if a dump fills the quarry at Beachville.

Send your donation to protect our water to:

OPAL c/o S. Fleming
205 George Street
Ingersoll, ON, N5C 1Z5



OPAL thanks all who help spread the word -

- ♦ Stores, restaurants, offices and cafés who display our free magazine for the taking.
- ♦ Readers who take a copy for a friend.
- ♦ Neighbours who supply their street.

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OPAL is proud that we recycle to reduce waste. Waste reduction is one way that Ontario can eliminate the garbage which Toronto wants to truck to Oxford. Reuse is a solution too. Pass the message on to others!



Save these dates!

**March 26: OPAL's Annual
General Meeting, 2:30 pm,
Ingersoll Legion**

April 20: Future Oxford Expo

**April 22: ReusapaloozAHA in
Embro**



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Why is OPAL opposed to a dump in Oxford?

OPAL recognizes that dumps have multiple negative impacts on the human, social and natural environment. "Promoting public awareness of the negative impacts of opening a proposed landfill in Oxford County, Ontario" is a key purpose of our organization. Since, however, the environment is not contained by human-made boundaries, OPAL is also aware that the effects of dumps extend broadly. Londoners, look out!

OPAL knows that Ontario recognizes the importance of ground and other drinking water sources through a suite of regulations and legislation. This is as it should be. Further, Ontario's Conservation Authorities identify and map source water protection zones. Oxford County's aquifer is officially "highly vulnerable", and needs the protection that would be created by rapid and stringent application of regulations, actions and programs which would keep waste products away from water. Local farmers would advise you to "keep the outhouse away from the well". Ontario also is well aware that dump liners leak. The sad example of the Richmond dump where plumes of pollution have

invaded the water table well beyond the "containment attenuation zone" is proof that the dump liners leak. In fact, the very concept of containment attenuation zones around dumps are an admission that liners will leak.

All Oxford citizens need to tell the Minister of the Environment, Mr. Glen Murray, that he

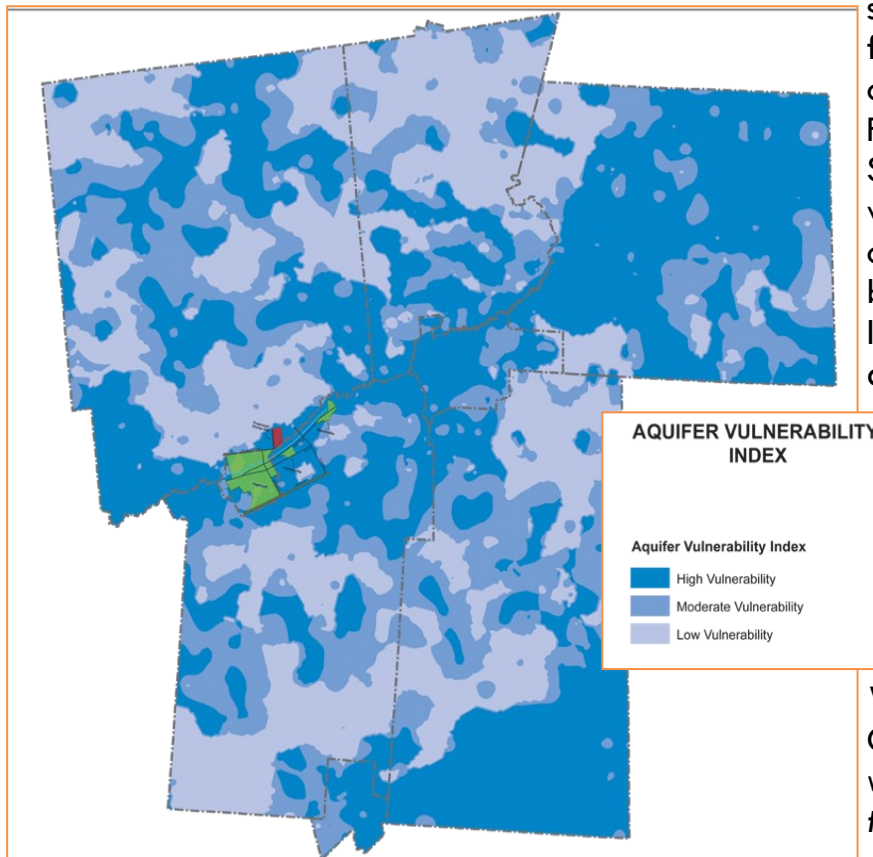
should move forward quickly on the "Waste-Free Ontario Strategy" which would rid Oxford of the menace of being Ontario's largest garbage dump. Tell him so, via his email.

This article represents a small portion of OPAL's analysis of the

Waste-Free Ontario Strategy where OPAL insists that a Waste-Free Ontario does not mean 17 million tonnes or more of Toronto's trash

(or anyone else's for that matter) should be trucked into Oxford and chucked into a quarry by the Thames River. See more on-line.

Are we there yet? – No, a Waste-Free Ontario could start soon. The Ministry estimates 20 years before we need to be 100% Waste-Free.



All this clean water is already at risk. Why risk more chances of pollution from garbage?

Email Minister Glen Murray at minister.moe@oxford.net

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Who wants 4 million litres of dump leachate near our drinking water and the Thames?

Who wants 17 million tonnes of Toronto's trash?

INVITATION

Annual General Meeting



March 28, 2:30p.m.

Ingersoll Legion

Updates, election, light refreshments

All welcome!

Meet OPAL Alliance

at

Future Oxford Expo

April 20

Woodstock Fairgrounds



For a dump-free future

ReuseapalooZaha

What? – A Giant **Free** Swap Meet!

Where? – Embro Community Centre 355644
35th Line, Embro, ON N0J 1J0

When? – Earth Day! April 22nd 8 am to 2 pm
for drop-offs and free 'shopping'

What? - Toys, tools, books, clothes, drapes, sheets, furniture, kitchenware, small appliances, hardware, garden & building materials, electronic waste, batteries, scrap metal, pet supplies, décor items. (No hazardous waste! – Free drop at Salford)

Who? – You, your friends and family!
Lions, OPAL Alliance, Zorra Council

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