

- **Implementation and outreach activities are evolving in an effective manner.**

In Ontario, the federal and provincial governments are funding the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) to undertake the overall coordination and implementation of the Ontario side of the AOC. The NPCA has formulated and is implementing a comprehensive plan to address nonpoint pollution-related problems and habitat-related issues in the Welland River basin. A budget that adequately addresses these necessary actions has been developed. In New York State, as described below (in Funding A Comprehensive RAP Program), habitat creation or restoration activities have been initiated along the Niagara River. Public outreach is an important component of the AOC restoration effort. Outreach activities conducted by NPCA staff members are contributing to an increased public awareness of the RAP effort in Ontario. Outreach efforts by U.S. EPA's Niagara Falls Public Information Office on behalf of the Niagara River Toxics Management Plan, the Niagara River RAP and the Lake Ontario Lakewide Management Plan have contributed to the public's understanding of remedial programs in the Great Lakes basin.

