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Event: **Waterfront Regeneration Trust Hosts Boston Exchange Program and Launches Toronto's 4th Annual Clean Waters Summit, Nov. 16 - 17**

Attendees: Honorable David Collenette, Minister of Transport
Joe Pantalone, Chair, Waterfront Reference Group
Dick O'Brien, Chair, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
Beth Benson, Executive Director, Waterfront Regeneration Trust, Toronto
Honorable David Crombie, Founding Chair of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust
Linda Haar, Director of Planning and Development, Boston Redevelopment Authority
Mike Domenica, Water Resource Associates, Massachusetts
Bruce Berman, Director of Communications, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, Boston

Date & Time: **Friday November 16, 2001, 3 – 5 p.m.**

Location: Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre Hotel (Lower level, Ballroom D), 525 Bay St.

TORONTO, Ontario – You are invited to attend the Boston Exchange Program on November 16, at the Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre Hotel, which will highlight strategies for integrating water quality improvements with waterfront revitalization and kick-off Toronto's Fourth Annual Clean Waters Summit, hosted by the Waterfront Regeneration Trust, a Toronto-based charitable organization.

At the Exchange, representatives from the Boston Harbor clean-up and waterfront redevelopment teams will share their experience improving Boston's water quality and habitats and explore how similar approaches can help remove Toronto and Region from the "black list" of Areas of Concern around the Great Lakes, as identified in 1987 by the International Joint Commission. Comparisons can be drawn between Toronto's combined sewer overflow and storm water problems and how Boston is using sewer separations, storage conduits, source controls and facility upgrades to close more than 35 of its combined sewer overflows and minimize discharges or treat more than 44 others.

To address Toronto's "black list" ranking, the Toronto and Region Remedial Action Plan (RAP) was developed in 1994. The RAP aims to restore and protect environmental quality under the direction of a coordinating committee comprised of representatives from the Trust, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Environment Canada and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

Friday's Boston Exchange program will include introductory remarks by the Honorable David Collenette, Minister of Transport, and will be chaired by the Honorable David Crombie, Founding Chair of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust. Attendees will include federal, provincial and municipal officials, environment and community groups and interested members of the public. Beth Benson, Executive Director, Waterfront Regeneration Trust will also be on hand to field questions about the Trust's involvement in the Toronto and Region Remedial Action Plan, its progress to date and future steps.

During the past 10 years, the Waterfront Regeneration Trust has worked with more than 30 Lake Ontario waterfront communities to link environmental regeneration with economic revitalization. It has facilitated Lake Ontario Greenway and Waterfront Trail projects for more than 90 projects along the Lake Ontario shoreline.

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