



San Roque Lake Watershed & Grand River Conservation Authority

- 5-year renewable agreement signed at Thiess Riverfestival in 2004
- exchanges, training opportunities, sharing of approaches



**FIGURE 1:
GENERAL LOCATION**



Argentina

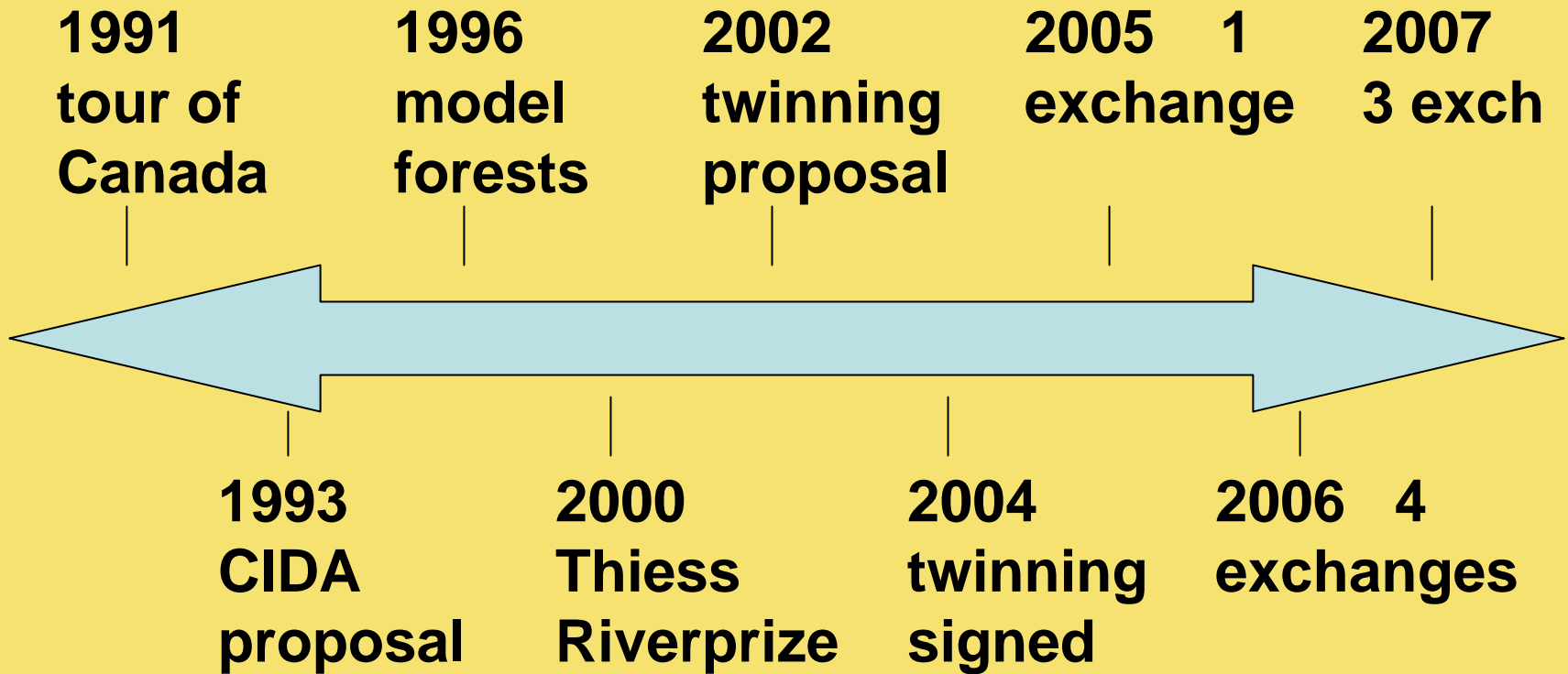
Location of the Grand River Watershed



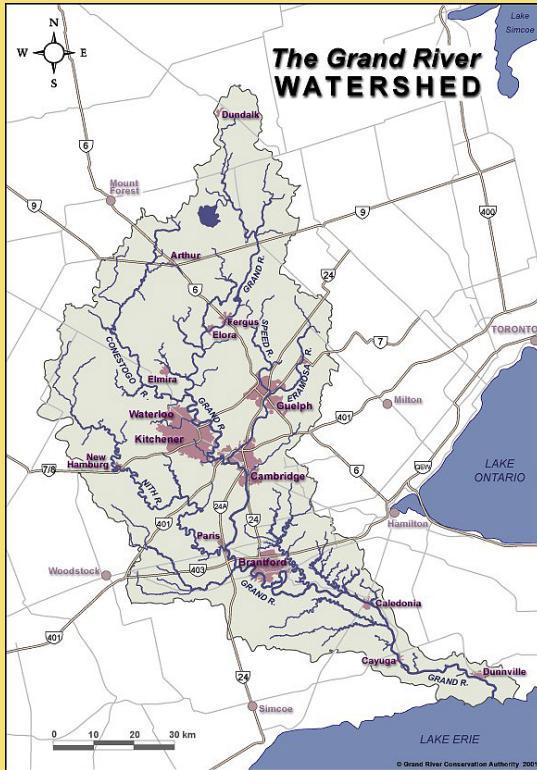
Country Comparison

- large, sparsely populated, resource based
- <1930's similar economy, standard of living
- Canadian stability/Argentine turmoil
- Cordoba universities established 1600's, Ontario universities established 1800's
- Spanish/English

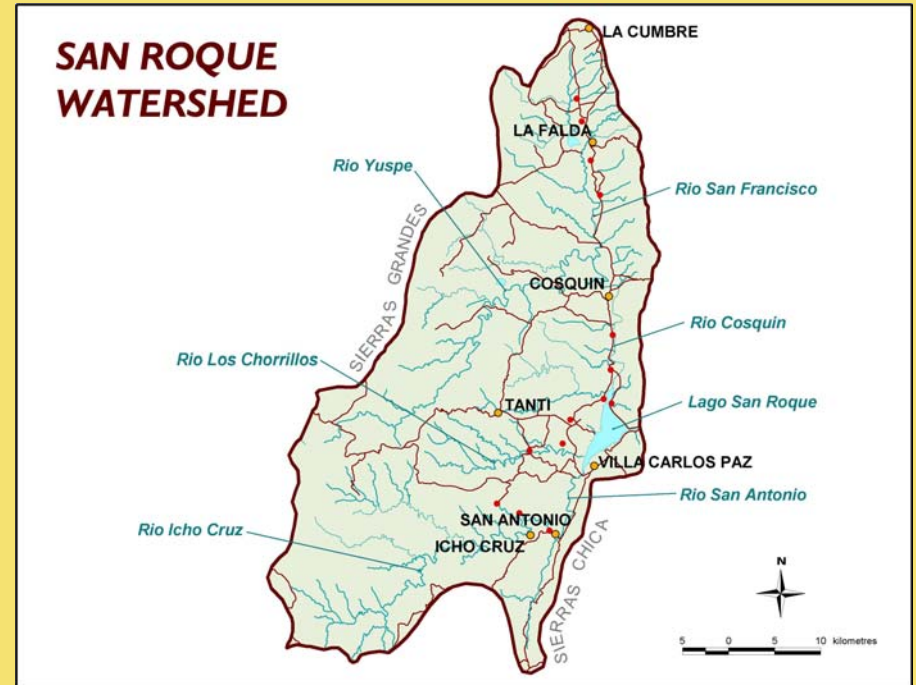
Chronology



Two Watersheds



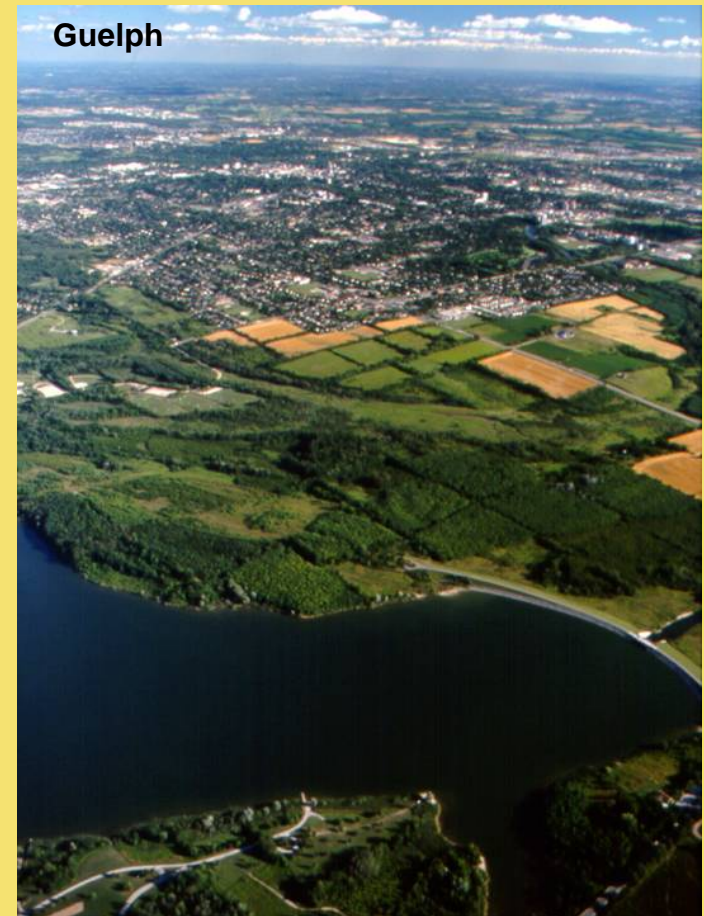
- pop. 925,000
- 6,800 km²
- surface and groundwater



- pop. ~250,000
- ~ 1,200 km²
- surface water to more than 1.5 million

Issues – Both Watersheds

- assimilation of treated sewage effluent
- agricultural practices
- water quality/water taking
- urbanization
- natural heritage at risk



Twining Benefits

- **information sharing**
- **profile**
- **“proof of possibility”**
- **credibility**
- **moral support**
- **workshops, ideas, “watershed 101”**
- **pilot projects, demo sites,
watershed action plan**

...the real “Project” ...

- watershed forum and workshops
- all sewage treatment plants up-graded
- all landfill sites removed from watershed
- regional decision-making structure
- 2004 provincial law to protect natural forests
- strong municipal support
- many funding proposals

What makes it work?

- dedicated people
- personal relationships
- a little money goes a long way

Lago San Roque

