



# Update on CONSERVATION

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*Leading the way to abundant clean water within a healthy landscape*

## Managing Our Environment

A snapshot of three years of environmental activity in the Kawartha Watershed was presented to member municipalities during January and February.

In early 2007, we produced 'Managing our Environment', a report outlining the water-focused initiatives undertaken throughout the Kawartha Watershed. CAO Ian Macnab presented the document to council at each of our six watershed municipalities.

"This is a summary of activities we have undertaken on behalf of our watershed residents," states Ian Macnab. "Periodically, we provide updates to our municipal partners, and we felt this three-year review was a good way to give councillors, both new and returning, environmental information to reference when making decisions

about programming at the local level."

Within the City of Kawartha Lakes and the Township of Scugog, each ward is represented in a map depicting conservation activity. Brock, Clarington, Galway-Cavendish & Harvey, and Cavan-Milbrook-North Monaghan comprise smaller areas of the watershed and their maps are municipal-wide.

The maps visually plot water-monitoring sites; flood forecasting sites and flood prone areas; water supply sites; shoreline naturalization projects, and more. Environmental Advisory Service (plan review) statistics are included in text form.

The report is available free at [www.kawarthaconservation.com](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com), or can be purchased on CD for a minimal fee by contacting Catherine Hennings at 705 328-2271 extension 211. ♦

### Coming Events:

- April 17, 19, 22 'An Inconvenient Truth,' Kinmount, Woodville and Lindsay Library
- April 21 Earth Day Celebration, Lindsay
- Apr 21, 22 Scugog Spring Garden Show, Port Perry
- April 24 Friends of Kawartha Conservation Meeting, Lindsay
- April 26 Municipal Meeting, Source Water Protection, Lindsay
- April 27, 28 Tree Seedling Pick up, Lindsay
- May 2 Board of Directors Meeting Lindsay

For details about these events, visit [www.kawarthaconservation.com](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com)

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## Trent Conservation Coalition Seeking Chair for Source Protection Committee

In October, 2006 the *Clean Water Act* received royal assent in the provincial legislature. Through the *Act*, Source Protection Committees will be formed in regions across the province.

Each regional source protection committee will create science-based source protection plans to address risks to their municipal drinking water. The committee will be made up of local stakeholders, including representatives from municipalities, agriculture, industry, business, community groups and the public.

Within the **Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region**, Kawartha Conservation is working with four other conservation authorities (Crowe Valley, Ganaraska Region, Lower Trent and Otonabee) to assist in the formation of the committee.

The region is currently seeking individuals who may be interested in heading up the Source Protection Committee as Chair.

The Chair will be responsible for guiding the effective operation of the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee, and for ensuring that broad public consultation occurs throughout the planning process.

Expressions of interest from individuals must be submitted by **Friday, May 11, 2007** to:

**Glenda Rodgers, Project Manager  
Source Water Protection  
Trent Conservation Coalition  
714 Murray Street, R.R. #1  
Trenton, Ontario K8V 5P4**

Complete details are available on the Trent Conservation Coalition website. <http://www.ttc.on.ca/sourcewater.html>



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## Community Invited to East Cross Forest Update

BLACKSTOCK- On April 11th, Kawartha Conservation hosted a public information session at the Community Centre in Blackstock about the East Cross Forest project.

For several decades this area in the south eastern section of Scugog has been the site of unauthorized hunting, offroad trucking, motorcycling and ATVing. Illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles and other destructive activities have left portions of the land degraded. In collaboration with the Township of Scugog, Region of Durham, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, Kawartha Conservation has begun acquiring property in the forest to restore as a conservation area.

Kristie Virgoe, Kawartha Conservation manager, environmental protection and restoration, presented an update on progress to date in the East Cross

Forest and our plans for 2007, including details about a major onsite clean up June 9th and 16th. Councillor Lynn Hodgson brought greetings from the Township of Scugog and security firm Canadian Shield Anticrime gave an overview of their role in the process.

"We want to ensure that everyone feels welcome to get involved in the restoration of East Cross Forest," says Ms. Virgoe. "Public participation will help us reach our goal of opening the conservation area in 2009."

For more information about the East Cross Forest project, call Kristie Virgoe at 705 328-2271 ext. 223, or visit [www.kawarthaconservation.com](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com).

To be added to the East Cross Forest mailing list, phone or email Catherine Hennings at 705 328-2271 ext. 211, or [chenning@kawarthaconservation.com](mailto:chenning@kawarthaconservation.com). ♦



Left, Mayor Larry O'Connor of Brock and right, Scugog Councillor Lynn Philip Hodgson

### 2007 Conservation Board Leaders

Brock Township Mayor Larry O'Connor, will chair the Kawartha Conservation Board of Directors in 2007. Councillor Lynn Hodgson of the Township of Scugog was elected Vice Chair.

Nine directors are municipally appointed to the Authority Board for the duration of a municipal term. Directors are Donna Villemaire, Lloyd Robertson and David Marsh of the City of Kawartha Lakes; Jim McMillen of Scugog; Ron Hooper of Clarington; Peter Franzen of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey, and Alex Ruth of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan. ♦

## Blue Canoe Back for Second Season

The popular Blue Canoe program will be back on Lake Scugog again this summer. Last year 168 Durham residents received a visit from our Blue Canoe crew and this year the goal is to reach 500 homes with information on a variety of shoreline-related topics including naturalizing shorelines, nuisance geese, and maintaining septic systems.

The Blue Canoe is an initiative that supports the Lake Scugog Environmental Management Plan, a five-year study to determine the sources of nutrients entering Lake Scugog, and to recommend ways to improve lake quality.

To be considered for a visit, or for more information on the Blue Canoe program contact Kristie Virgoe at 705 328-2271 ext. 223, (toll free 1 800 668-5722) email [kvirgoe@kawarthaconservation.com](mailto:kvirgoe@kawarthaconservation.com), or visit our website at [www.kawarthaconservation.com](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com). ♦

## Free Shoreline Workshops Offered

It is a sure sign that spring has arrived when we are once again offering free shoreline naturalization workshops to watershed residents.

The workshops cover topics of interest to waterfront landowners and include "The What, When and Why's of Shoreline Naturalization", "How to Reduce Erosion" "Managing Canada Geese" and "Why Fish Matter".

Participants are encouraged to bring their questions and photos to the workshops. "Without investing a lot of time or

money, residents can reap the rewards of naturalizing their waterfronts," says Melissa Thompson, stewardship coordinator.

Landowners can also book free one-on-one onsite consultations.

For more information about the Shoreline Naturalization program, upcoming workshops, or onsite visits, call Melissa Thompson at 705 328-2271 ext. 224, email [mthompson@kawarthaconservation.com](mailto:mthompson@kawarthaconservation.com) or visit [www.kawarthaconservation.com](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com). ♦

## Tree Seedling Pick Up

Tree seedlings purchased through the Victoria Land & Water Stewardship Council Tree Seedling Program can be picked up at:

Ken Reid Conservation Area  
277 Kenrei Road, Lindsay  
Friday, April 27, 11am-4pm  
Saturday, April 28, 9am-2pm

Please note: There will be no onsite sales. ♦

## Want to Make a New Friend?

The Board of Directors of Friends of Kawartha Conservation welcomes anyone interested in participating in conservation activities to join them at their upcoming meeting:

April 24th, 5:30 pm  
Administrative Centre  
Ken Reid Conservation Area  
277 Kenrei Road, Lindsay

To learn more, visit [www.kawarthaconservation.com](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com) and click **Friends** from "Quick Picks" or call Lezlie Goodwin at 705 328-2271 ext. 233. ♦

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Kawartha Conservation monitors water levels year round as part of our Flood Forecasting and Warning Program. When conditions warrant, we issue flood messages to advise watershed municipalities and the public of potential flooding.