



## Have your say on plans for the East Cross Creek watershed

(Scugog, August 31, 2009) Kawartha Conservation is holding an open house on plans for East Cross Creek and the surrounding land that drains to it. Whether you live or work in the area, or come to fish or canoe in the creek, your input can help identify opportunities for environmental restoration and protection, recreation and future development.

East Cross Creek originates on the Oak Ridges Moraine, flowing northward past Cadmus, Nestleton Station and Janetville, before emptying into the Scugog River near O'Donnell Landing. The creek drains an area of 213 square kilometres of land, w the Township of Scugog. The creek is a major tributary of the Scugog River. It is an important source of water for the surrounding area and supports highly sought after game fish. Sustaining water quality and the environmental integrity of the watershed will help protect these resources.

As part of the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan*, Kawartha Conservation is developing management plans to protect the creek and watershed. These plans are made possible by the Region of Durham's commitment to protecting the natural environment.

The East Cross Creek Aquatic Resources Management Plan focuses on protecting and enhancing fish and fish habitat in the creek. It will include recommendations on the conservation, restoration and development of fish habitat.

The East Cross Creek Watershed Plan is broader, focusing on both the creek and the land that drains to it. The plan will identify opportunities for restoration, preservation and stewardship of natural resources, such as forests, wetlands and wildlife, and cultural resources, such as agriculture, recreational opportunities and cultural heritage.

Kawartha Conservation relies on public participation and involvement at each stage of the planning process. You can help guide this process and influence recommendations by attending an open house on **Tues., Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Nestleton Community Centre** (3971 Hwy, 7A, Nestleton Station) or **Thurs., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Janetville United Church** (712 Janetville Rd., Janetville). Presentations begin at 7:15 p.m. Questions and follow-up discussions will take place afterwards. Free refreshments will be provided.

You can also have your say by filling out a survey online at [www.kawarthaconservation.com/ORM](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com/ORM)

For more information, visit [www.kawarthaconservation.com](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com) or call 705.328.2271 or 1.800.668.5722.

