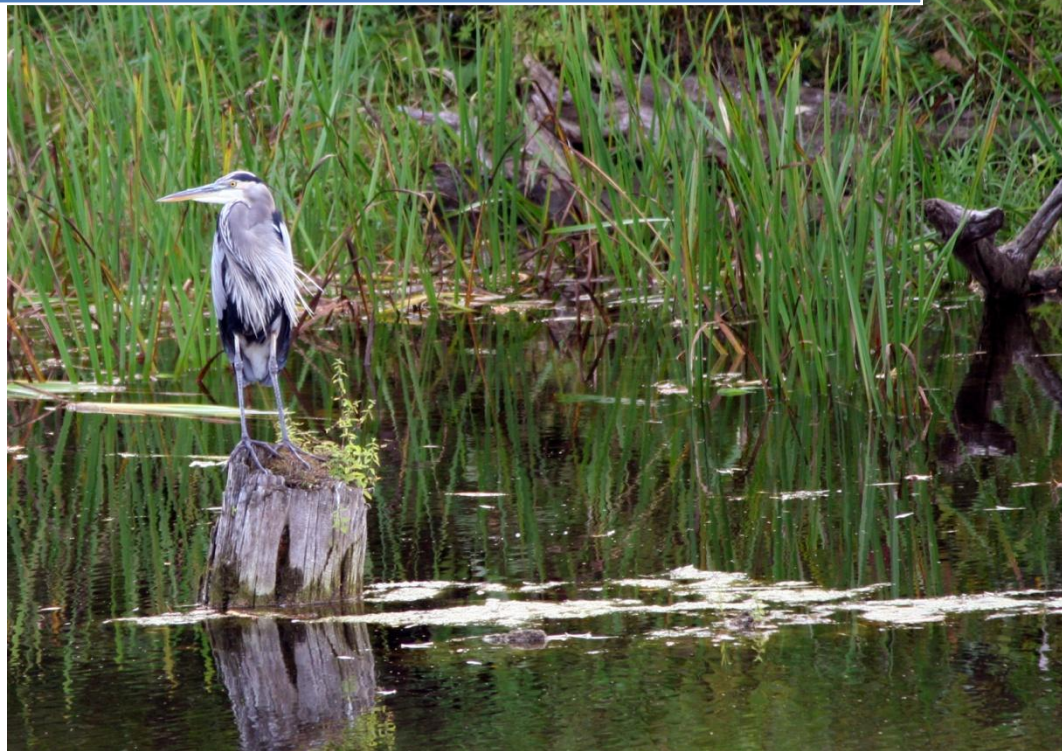


2010

LOWER TRENT CONSERVATION BUSINESS PLAN



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Meeting the Challenge ...Leading Conservation

A Message from the General Manager...

The 2010 business plan sets out the priority areas of work over the next year that will implement the Authority's Conservation Strategy and contribute to the health of the lower Trent watershed and its residents. While all of the current conservation programs will continue, significant new effort will be placed on public and landowner engagement in order to increase on-the-ground conservation efforts. This increased effort will involve more one on one consultation, workshops and improved access to resource materials.

The education and outreach activities of the Authority will include an expanded Children's Water Festival, and a redesigned website to provide better access to the information and services of Lower Trent Conservation. We will increase our presence with schools and community groups through direct visits and distribution of resource materials.

The drinking water source protection program will reach another milestone in 2010 with the completion of the assessment report concerning the sources of water for the municipal water systems in the watershed. The assessment report provides the basis for the formulation of the source protection plans for these systems.

Partnerships are central to the success of conservation programs in the watershed. In 2010, Lower Trent Conservation will continue its long tradition of strengthening existing partnerships and building new ones. We look forward to continuing the journey towards healthy watersheds.

Lower Trent Conservation – who we are...

Our Vision

... to be the local leader in conservation – working with others towards healthy watersheds for now and future generations.

We see healthy watersheds as having:

- Excellent water quality
- Excellent water quantity
- Reduced flood and erosion risk
- Natural areas for all to share
- Abundant & diverse natural habitats
- Vibrant & productive communities
- People who appreciate the natural environment

The Lower Trent Region Conservation Authority was formed in 1968 under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Lower Trent Conservation's area of jurisdiction covers 2121 sq. km (819 sq mi) and includes all or portions of seven municipalities.

The *Conservation Authorities Act* of Ontario provides the mechanism for establishing and administering a conservation authority. The act reads:

The objects of the authority are to establish and undertake, in the area over which it has jurisdiction, a program designed to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources other than gas, oil, coal and minerals. (R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 27, Section 20)

Both the founding principles of the legislation and the legislation itself embody the three fundamental strengths of every conservation authority: local initiative, cost sharing, and watershed jurisdiction.

Local Initiative:

The conservation movement has been a movement by and for the people for the past sixty years. Community initiative is the strength and success of every conservation authority. Without this local motivation, an authority cannot be formed. People must first recognize the need for environmental action and request the provincial government to form a conservation authority. In making the request, watershed residents must be willing to contribute financially to the works of the organization and face the responsibility of directing it.

Cost Sharing:

Traditionally, municipalities within the conservation authority and the provincial government shared the costs of funding conservation programs. Over time, conservation authorities have expanded their

partnerships to include other agencies and the community. A conservation authority flourishes only when local people have enough enthusiasm and conviction to support it financially.

Watershed Jurisdiction:

A watershed – the area drained by a watercourse and its tributaries – is a natural geographic unit that crosses municipal boundaries. Conservation authorities can have jurisdiction over one or more watersheds. Since decisions and actions made in one location can affect upstream and downstream areas in other locations (or even other municipalities), watersheds are ideal units for protecting and managing the local environment. Conservation authorities are the only agencies that manage natural resources on a watershed basis.

Our Strategic Priorities

In 2008, our Conservation Strategy was updated to reflect the evolving internal and external challenges and opportunities affecting our business. The result was the development of seven strategic priorities to guide how we conduct our business for the next decade.

- *Building trust through consistency and accountability*
- *A solid financial base*
- *A dedicated team of directors and staff*
- *Customer focused programs*
- *Partnerships in conservation*
- *Leading innovation through technology, staff skills and practices*
- *Public awareness and participation*

Conservation Business for 2010

Lower Trent Conservation (LTC) is in the business of protecting, enhancing and restoring the natural environment. It is a business that builds healthier communities, improves the quality of life for residents, makes our area more appealing to visitors and new business, and helps ensure a more diverse and vibrant regional economy.

The Conservation Strategy (2008), which defines our vision, mission and strategic priorities, directs our annual Business Plan. Our job is to deliver conservation services aimed at protecting and managing our local environment. Our services must be customer focused—local responses to local needs. They are delivered through creative funding in partnership with municipalities, other agencies, and the local communities.

Lower Trent Conservation must maintain a business-like approach to be successful and to meet community expectations. This Business Plan outlines our approach and priorities for 2010. In 2010 significant new effort will be placed on public and landowner engagement in order to increase on-the-ground conservation efforts.

Additional investment in staff time and financial resources are required to provide support to landowners, community groups and individuals in their conservation efforts. In 2010, LTC will reach out to landowners and groups across the watershed through one on one consultation, workshops and resource materials to encourage increased on the ground conservation projects. Our education and outreach activities will include an expanded Children's Water Festival, and a redesigned website to provide better access to our information and services. We will increase our presence with schools and community groups through direct visits and distribution of resource materials.

We are confident that, by working closely with our conservation partners, we can continue to make real progress towards a sustainable environment and the benefits that a healthy environment brings.

Lower Trent Conservation delivers conservation services in five main service areas to protect and manage our local environment on a watershed basis:

Environmental Advisory Service

Our Environmental Advisory Service provides information and advice to municipalities and watershed residents on a wide range of environmental issues. The Environmental Advisory Service includes the following components:

- monitoring/assessing watershed conditions
- watershed strategies
- municipal planning program
- drinking water source protection
- management of watershed information
- geographical information services
- landowner advice

2010 Program Priorities

Drinking Water Source Protection

Lower Trent Conservation has been designated as the lead Conservation Authority for the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region. As lead, Lower Trent Conservation is responsible for the coordination of the development of source protection plans over the next few years.

In 2010, in its role as the lead, Lower Trent Conservation will work to ensure that technical studies and assessment reports for the Region are finalized. Work on the Source Protection Plans will be initiated. We will continue to provide technical, communications and administrative support to the Source Protection Committee, and serve as the

In October 2006, the Ontario government passed the *Clean Water Act*. The Act is aimed at protecting drinking water at the source as part of the Province's overall commitment to human health and the environment. A key focus of the legislation is the production of locally developed science based assessment reports and source protection plans.

The legislation and regulation established source protection regions across the Province. The Lower Trent watershed is part of the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region, comprised of five Conservation Authorities within the Trent River watershed - Crowe Valley, Ganaraska Region, Kawartha, Lower Trent, and Otonabee Conservation Authorities, and additional areas within the Trent River watershed in Peterborough and Haliburton Counties, outside of Conservation Authority jurisdiction.

liaison between the Source Protection Committee and the Ministry of the Environment.

In its role as a partner in the Trent Conservation Coalition, Lower Trent's responsibilities in 2010 include: completion of technical studies and the assessment report, participate in local consultation, provide updates to the Lower Trent Source Protection Authority, and provide logistical support to the Lower Trent Source Protection Area Municipal Working Group.

Municipal Plan Review

Lower Trent Conservation updated the plan review manual in 2008 to reflect changes in legislation and provincial policies, as well as improved availability of information. This document is a guidance policy which guides plan review recommendations to municipalities providing increased consistency and clarity.

In 2009, surveys were conducted to measure client satisfaction with our planning and regulations program. In 2010, LTC will continue to measure customer service by tracking timeliness of our comments to municipalities on planning applications.

Watershed Plans

The Environmental Advisory Service will continue to pursue opportunities to work cooperatively with our member municipalities on various watershed studies and plans. A State of the Watershed Report, assembling information on the Lower Trent watershed to provide direction for planning, monitoring, and stewardship, will be released.

Monitoring and Data Management

For the last three years, we have modified our base flow monitoring to focus on complete coverage of targeted subwatersheds. This will continue in 2010 with monitoring scheduled for Salt Creek, Percy Creek and Trent River tributaries watersheds. A "Check your Watershed Day" will be organized where volunteers assist with monitoring one of our watersheds. A comprehensive watershed monitoring plan was developed in 2009.

Oak Ridges Moraine

Protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine is important because of its significance as a source of groundwater, as a headwater area for cold water streams, and for its natural heritage features. Lower Trent Conservation will work with the Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition and watershed municipalities to develop an information base about ground and surface water on the Moraine, and the connections between them, as well as collecting information on, and mapping for, natural heritage features. We will also provide support to our municipalities on the Moraine to help them with implementation of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

GIS Mapping for Watershed Municipalities

Lower Trent Conservation will continue to assist municipalities with digital mapping for their Official Plans, Zoning By-Laws, and other projects. This work is done on a fee-for-service basis.

Northumberland County Forest Advisory Committee

Northumberland County has established an Advisory Committee to provide advice and direction for the development of the Forest Master Plan for the County Forest. As a member of the committee, Lower Trent Conservation will be involved in the important task of developing this new Master Plan. We will continue to provide technical and GIS support to Northumberland County.

Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan

Lower Trent Conservation administers the Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan, in addition to its direct and indirect implementation under the Bay of Quinte Restoration Council. The Restoration Council includes agencies from all level of government as well as representatives from various local governments and stakeholders. The Restoration Council will continue to direct implementation of projects and programs to remediate and protect the Bay of Quinte. These activities will have associated benefits for Lower Trent Conservation and its partners.

Environmental Advisory Service 2010 Measures and Targets

Objective	Measures	Targets	Strategic Priorities Addressed
Expand and improve our information base and expertise on local watershed environmental issues	Increased employee accessibility, understanding and usage of data	Investigate the use of the MOE GIS portal for management of monitoring data.	Building trust through consistency & accountability Leading innovation through technology, staff skills and practices
	Number of gaps in information that have been eliminated	PGMN 18 samples PWQMN 72 samples Benthics sample 43 sites Comprehensive baseflow sampling of 3 subwatersheds Temperature probes - 10 sites Check your watershed day Coordinate monitoring of 15 coastal wetlands (BQRAP) Coordinate water quality monitoring of beach and recreational water areas at 12 locations (BQRAP)	Building trust through consistency & accountability
Provide quality municipal plan review recommendations to member municipalities	Time to provide comments on planning applications to member municipalities	Respond to municipal requests within 10 business days	Building trust through consistency & accountability Customer focused programs

Objective	Measures	Targets	Strategic Priorities Addressed
Maintain municipal plan review service agreements	Number of signed agreements – screening vs. non-screening	Agreements maintained with all member municipalities	Building trust through consistency & accountability Customer focused programs
Coordinate Source Protection Planning for the Trent Conservation Coalition, and continue to build the knowledge base required for the process.	Meet legal obligations under the <i>Clean Water Act</i>	Complete assessment reports for 5 Source Protection Authorities Submit business plan Complete 2 business plan reports Initiate Source Protection Planning Process	Building trust through consistency & accountability Leading innovation through technology, staff skills and practices
Produce a state of the watershed report to guide planning monitoring and stewardship	Report Release	March 2010	Building trust through consistency & accountability

Conservation Lands

Lower Trent Conservation owns approximately 1500 hectares of natural areas. Conservation lands are living examples of natural areas which we strive to protect. They provide a number of important values to our watershed: protection of natural ecosystems, outdoor recreation, and tourism opportunities. They are places where the public can experience a healthy natural environment. Conservation lands are a reflection of our commitment to providing natural areas for all to share.

For many of our customers, our Conservation Lands are their main connection with Lower Trent Conservation. We strive to protect and maintain our Conservation Lands to a level that provides for user safety, demonstrates sound environmental management, meets public expectations, and provides a positive image of Lower Trent Conservation.

2010 Priority Projects

Priority projects for 2010 include upgrading facilities and enhancing natural heritage features in our conservation areas. Projects include:

- at Bleasdel Boulder Conservation Area, completing a 0.5 km trail connection from the boulder to lower Trent trail and landscape & signage improvements
- tree planting at Goodrich-Loomis Conservation Area
- install new lookout tower at Sager Conservation Area
- oak savannah/prairie restoration at Trenton Greenbelt, Seymour, and Goodrich-Loomis Conservation Areas

We will also update the Conservation Lands Strategy which guides the management of our existing lands and acquisition of additional lands.

Conservation Lands 2010 Measures and Targets

Objective	Measures	Targets	Strategic Priorities Addressed
Maintain Conservation Lands to a level that provides for user safety, demonstrates sound environmental management, meets public expectations, and provides a positive image of Lower Trent Conservation	Number of environmental projects	5	Customer focused programs
	Number of projects to improve public expectations / visitor safety	2	Customer focused programs
	Number of visitor accidents Number of safety inspections Trail maintenance	0 visitor accidents 0 visitor complaints June to Aug – weekly inspections of heavily used areas September to May bi-weekly inspections of heavily used areas Large trail systems at least 4 times per year	Customer focused programs
Update our Conservation Lands Strategy	Phase of strategy development	Completed by November 2010	Customer focused programs



Keating-Hoards Natural Habitat Area

Flood Protection Service

Lower Trent Conservation, in cooperation with local municipalities and the provincial government, plays a significant role in protecting life and property from natural hazards such as flooding. The Flood Protection Service can be divided into three components:

- Operation and Maintenance of Flood Control Structures

Lower Trent Conservation has completed 16 flood control projects throughout the Lower Trent watershed region. These structures perform the function of protecting lives and properties within flood susceptible areas of the watershed from impacts resulting from a flood. The structures were constructed with the aid of the Province of Ontario and the Local Municipality on a cost sharing basis. These structures include the Warkworth Dam and flood control channel, Trout Creek Channel Improvements, Killoran Creek Channel Improvements, Rawdon Creek Village of Stirling Flood and Erosion Control Infrastructure, Mayhew Creek Channel Improvements, and several others which include berms, weirs, and overflow channels. As some of these structures were constructed close to 20 years ago, a maintenance program and regular inspections are required to ensure that they are in good condition and continue to function as designed. The inspections are carried out at least once a year and the results of the inspections are used to determine maintenance and budget requirements.

- Flood Forecasting and Warning

Lower Trent Conservation is responsible for providing early warning of metrological conditions that may produce flood emergencies within the watershed. This is accomplished by way of a Daily Planning Cycle which allows staff to acquire and analyze data from our real time network of monitoring stations. Data is used to develop a risk assessment and, if required based on the analysis, LTC will provide notice of the potential for an event to our local municipalities and the general public. Local in-depth knowledge of flood prone areas and watershed responses to rainfall and snowmelt events is required to implement this program.

- Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation (Ontario Regulation 163/06)

Through this regulation Lower Trent Conservation is empowered to regulate development and activities in or adjacent to river or stream valleys, Great Lakes and large inland lakes shorelines, watercourses, hazardous lands and wetlands. By reviewing applications for activities near these areas, Lower Trent Conservation can ensure that development will not be impacted by flooding or erosion problems and that new development does not aggravate flooding problems upstream or downstream. Environmental impacts are also taken into consideration before issuing a permit.

2010 Priority Projects

Flood protection priorities for 2010 include continuing work on updating the HEC-HMS flood forecasting model for Cold, Mill, and Rawdon Creeks and updating Regulation mapping.

Flood Protection Service 2010 Measures and Targets

Objective	Measures	Targets	Strategic Priorities Addressed
Provide flood protection services to protect against flooding damage and risk to life	Number of complaints regarding inadequate water level information	0 complaints	Customer focused programs Building trust through consistency & accountability
	Daily planning cycle		
	Number of permits / violations	Increased compliance with policies and regulations	Customer focused programs
	Number of flood control projects	Inspect all flood and erosion control structures to ensure they are safe and in working order	Customer focused programs Leading innovation through technology, staff skills and practices
	Number of inspections		
	Number of repairs required		

Watershed Restoration Services

We seek opportunities to establish partnerships with other agencies, watershed residents and community groups to do restoration projects. We also provide coordination and expertise to these groups. Key restoration partnerships are: Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan, Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative / Caring for the Moraine, Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program, and Greencover Canada. Watershed restoration activities include:

- tree seedling program
- restoration projects

2010 Priority Projects

Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan

The Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan (BQRAP) is working under a workplan (2006-2011) to change its listing as an Area of Concern or “pollution hotspot” by the International Joint Commission. The goal of the BQRAP is to meet the environmental standards set forth in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement between Canada and the United States. The major funders for the plan are Ontario’s Ministry of the Environment and Environment Canada through the Canada-Ontario Agreement. There are currently 13 members on the BQRAP Restoration Council, with Lower Trent Conservation occupying one of the co-chairs. The BQRAP is administered out of the Lower Trent Conservation office along with direct and indirect implementation of projects.

Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative / Caring for the Moraine

The original Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative founding partners (Nature Conservancy of Canada, Lower Trent Conservation, Gananaska Region Conservation Authority, Northumberland County, and Ontario Parks) have joined with Ducks Unlimited Canada, Northumberland County Stewardship

Council, Northumberland Land Trust, and the Alderville First Nation to plan and deliver stewardship and habitat restoration programs to benefit landowners on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Keating-Hoards Species at Risk

Lower Trent Conservation received funding from Environment Canada's Habitat Stewardship Fund to develop a Species at Risk Management Plan for the Keating-Hoards Natural Habitat Area. The Management Plan will be completed by March 2010.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

Lower Trent Conservation will deliver the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program to assist landowners and businesses take action to reduce threats to local municipal drinking water sources within the Lower Trent Source Protection Area. With the expansion of eligible areas in 2009, and the addition of program components that should be arriving in 2010, we will continue our outreach efforts to landowners in these areas and work to keep them up to date on what is available to them and develop more on-the-ground projects.

Landowner Outreach

In 2010, Lower Trent Conservation will expand landowner outreach activities to the entire watershed to encourage proactive stewardship of our land and water resources. Activities will include providing information, technical advice, and connecting landowners with incentive programs to undertake restoration projects.

Watershed Restoration Service 2010 Measures and Targets

Objective	Measures	Targets	Strategic Priorities Addressed
Cultivate partnerships within the watershed community and other environmental organizations to implement programs which further progress towards our vision	Number of existing partnership maintained	4	Partnerships in conservation Public awareness & participation
	Number of new partnerships established	2	Partnerships in Conservation Solid financial base

Objective	Measures	Targets	Strategic Priorities Addressed
Work with the watershed community to complete 'on the ground' projects that enhance, restore, and protect the natural environment	Increase natural cover Protect / enhance water systems Number of landowner sites visits Habitat Enhancement Program (BQRAP)	25,100 seedlings distributed through the tree seedling program 6 ODWSP projects 70 landowner site visits Coordinate the implementation of 10 shoreline enhancement projects	Public awareness & participation Building trust through consistency & accountability
Coordinate the Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan	Progress toward delisting as outlined in 5 year plan	Complete year 5 of the plan	Partnerships in Conservation

Communications, Education & Outreach

Informing and educating the public is an important part of our business and a component of each of our program areas. Our established communications program includes: special events, website, press releases, publications, displays, public speaking engagements, Goodrich-Loomis Nature Camp, and seminars and workshops.

Lower Trent Conservation's *Volunteers for Conservation Program* offers opportunities for individuals to get involved with local environmental projects. Volunteers may assist with various aspects of Lower Trent Conservation's programs including watershed restoration, conservation lands, special events, environmental education, or administration.

2010 Priority Projects

Quinte Children's Water Festival

Lower Trent Conservation will once again partner with Quinte Watershed Cleanup, the Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan, the City of Quinte West, and both the Hastings and Prince Edward and Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Boards to deliver the 2010 Quinte Children's Water Festival.

The 2010 festival will build on the success of the 2009 pilot festival which was a one day event that saw 256 students (grades 3 to 5) from the watershed visit 22 hands-on curriculum-based interactive activity centres. The 2010 festival will expand to become a two-day event with 30 activity centres that focus on water protection, conservation, science, and attitudes. By adding more activity centres and expanding

the festival to two days, the Quinte Children's Water Festival can support 800-1000 children from the lower Trent and surrounding watersheds, all learning about our most precious resource...water.

Caring for Our Watershed

Lower Trent Conservation has been approached by Agrium Inc. to initiate a program called Caring for Our Watershed in this area. Caring for Our Watershed presents students with the following question: What can you do to improve your watershed? Students identify a concern that impacts the watershed in their area. After conducting the research, students must explain their idea in an essay. Prizes are awarded to the students and the school, and funds are available to implement the idea. Lower Trent Conservation will work with the schools in Campbellford to pilot this program in the 2010-2011 school year.

New Media

We will initiate the use of social networking websites such as Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, and Flickr to increase traffic for our website, assist with media monitoring, and promote Lower Trent Conservation services.

Municipal Education

As key partners in our conservation program, ongoing education and communication with our member municipalities is critical. In addition to our current initiatives to keep municipalities up-to-date (e.g. Conservation Update newsletter, council presentations as requested, etc.), we will begin to plan this year for a comprehensive education program for potentially new municipal councils and LTC Board in 2011 following the fall municipal elections. A variety of methods to inform and educate municipalities about the LTC conservation program will be investigated including workshops, presentations, open houses and watershed tours. The Board of Directors' Handbook will also be reviewed and updated.

Education and Outreach Initiatives

In 2010, Lower Trent Conservation intends to expand our ability to provide education and outreach opportunities. This will enhance our positive image in the local communities and encourage proactive stewardship of land and water resources. Proposed initiatives include:

- Expanding landowner outreach activities to the entire watershed
- Piloting the Yellow Fish Road program
- Increased presence in schools and community groups



Goodrich-Loomis Nature Camp 2009 –
child with Eastern Hog-nosed Snake



Lower Trent Conservation is on Facebook

Conservation Communications, Education & Outreach 2010 Measures and Targets

Objective	Measures	Targets	Strategic Priorities Addressed
Increase our contact with watershed residents	Number of publications	Prepare 20 publication including brochures, factsheets and flyers	Public awareness & participation
	Number of special events & presentations Number of participants	Participate in 6 events	Public awareness & participation Partnerships in Conservation
	Number of press releases and photo opportunities	12 press releases and/or photo opportunities	Public awareness & participation
	Number of Nature Camp participants	200 registrants	Public awareness & participation
	Number of Environmental Education Initiatives	Participate in 6 educational initiatives	Public awareness & participation
	Number of Volunteer Opportunities	Provide 4 volunteer opportunities.	Public awareness & participation



Quinte Children's Water Festival 2009

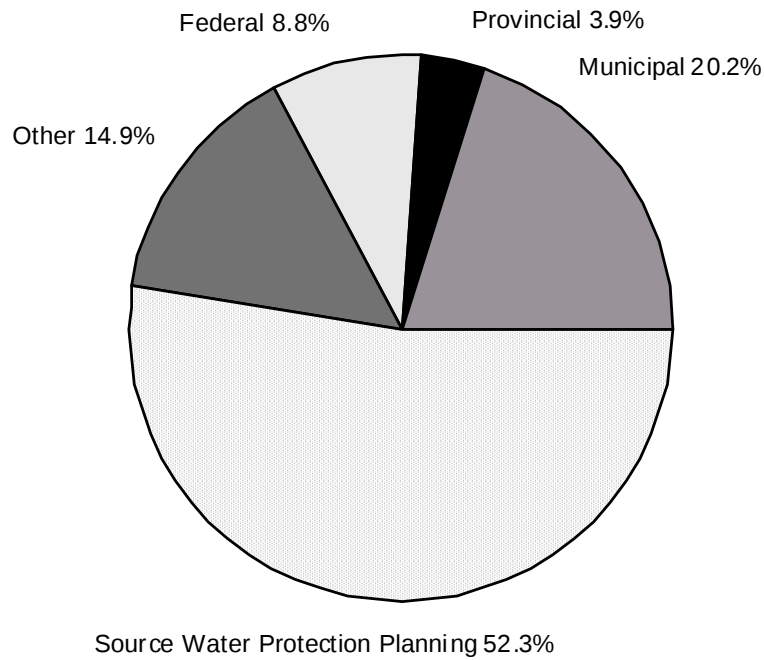


Hastings County Farm Show & Plowing Match

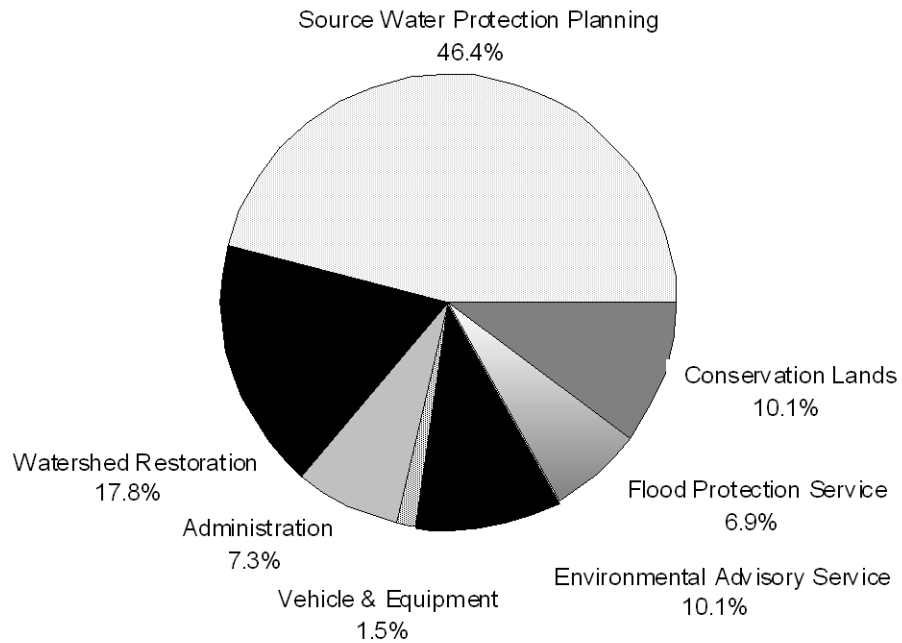
LOWER TRENT CONSERVATION
BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2010

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
ADMINISTRATION	257,000
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY SERVICE	
Program Operations	323,000
Equipment, Materials, Supplies	<u>32,000</u>
TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY SERVICE	355,000
FLOOD PROTECTION SERVICES	
Program Operations	192,000
Flood Control & Erosion Control Structures	19,000
Flood Warning and Forecasting	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL FLOOD PROTECTION SERVICES	241,000
CONSERVATION LANDS	
Program Operations	161,000
Taxes and Insurance	43,000
Workshop & Conservation Centre	21,000
Conservation Areas - Development	92,300
Conservation Areas - Maintenance	16,000
Goodrich Loomis Nature Camp	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL CONSERVATION LANDS	353,300
WATERSHED RESTORATION	
Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan	300,000
Tree Planting Program	18,000
Watershed Stewardship Program	30,000
SWP Stewardship Fund	270,000
Keating-Hoards C.A. S.A.R.	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL WATERSHED RESTORATION	623,000
VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	
Maintenance	33,000
Acquisition	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	53,000
SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING	1,626,700
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,509,000
REVENUES	
Provincial Grants	(133,330)
Federal Grants	(300,000)
General Levy	(688,650)
Special Benefiting Levies	(15,000)
Goodrich Loomis Nature Camp	(20,000)
Contracts and Agreements	(311,100)
Other Revenues	(176,200)
Source Protection Planning	(1,785,900)
LTC 2008/2009 Year End Surplus	(78,820)
TOTAL REVENUES	(3,509,000)
NET DEFICIT/(SURPLUS)	0

ESTIMATED REVENUES



ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES



Your Investment in A Better Environment

This year, Lower Trent Conservation will spend just over \$3.5 million to prevent flooding, improve water quality, protect water supplies, provide environmental education, operate conservation areas and trails, and manage other sensitive environmental lands.

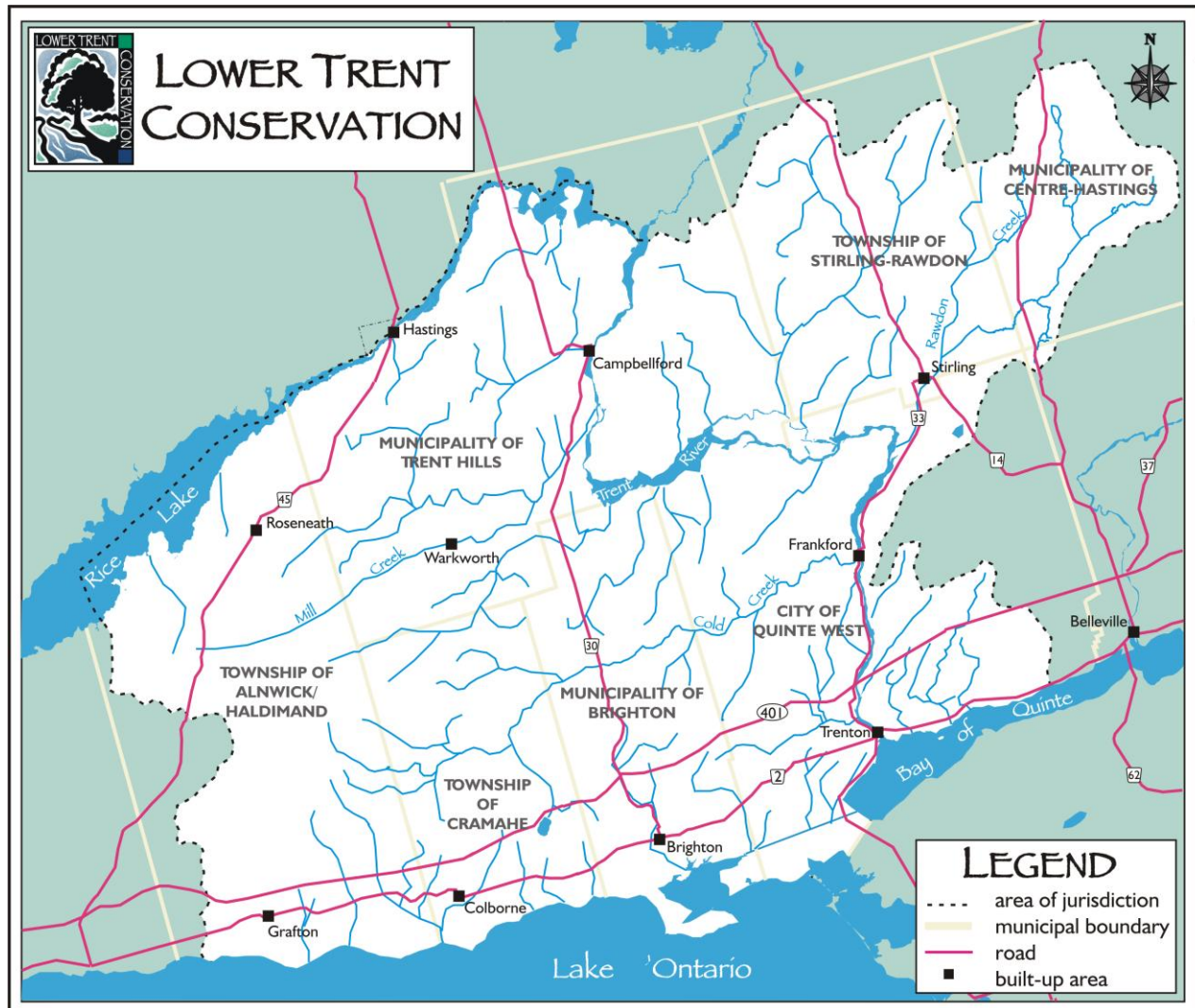
The services provided to the residents of our watershed include:

- flood forecasting and warning
- monitoring of watershed conditions
- administration of our Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation
- fisheries reviews in partnership with the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (under our Level 2 Agreement)
- operation and maintenance of flood control structures
- implementing the Ontario Low Water Response Plan, as required, to deal with local drought conditions
- drinking water source protection
- municipal planning—plan input and review
- preparing proposals for watershed planning, mapping and restoration projects
- digital mapping (Geographic Information Systems – GIS)
- developing our information base and data management
- maintenance and upgrading of conservation areas
- sale of tree seedlings on cost recovery basis
- communicating with the press and public on conservation programs and initiatives
- organizing Conservation Area special events
- operating the Goodrich-Loomis Nature Camp
- working with community groups on conservation restoration efforts
- responding to general inquiries on a broad range of environmental issues/concerns
- providing technical advice to individuals and volunteer groups for watershed conservation projects
- facilitating delivery of the Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan's program and communications initiatives
- working with municipalities, Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan, and other partners to continue to develop and implement resource protection/restoration plans (eg. Natural Heritage Strategies, Fish Habitat Management Plans, etc.)
- Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative / Caring for the Moraine – landowner contact

Member Municipalities

Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Municipality of Centre Hastings
City of Quinte West
Municipality of Trent Hills

Municipality of Brighton
Township of Cramahe
Township of Stirling-Rawdon



Partners in Conservation

Lower Trent Conservation's Board of Directors and staff work with a growing number of partners who share our concern for the future of our region's environment. Lower Trent Conservation has worked with every sector of the community—from individual landowners and service clubs to major corporations, colleges and government ministries to achieve our collective vision of a healthy environment.

Municipal

7 member municipalities
Hastings County
Northumberland County

Provincial

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Ministry of the Environment
Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Ministry of Natural Resources
Ministry of Northern Development and Mines
Members of Provincial Parliament
Ministry of Transportation
Ministry of Training, Colleges, & Universities
Ontario Geological Survey
Ontario Geospatial Data Exchange
Ontario Works

Federal

Canadian Forces Base Trenton
Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Environment Canada - Great Lakes Sustainability Fund
Service Canada
Members of Parliament
Trent-Severn Waterway
Water Survey of Canada

Organizations

Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan Restoration Council
Canada Helps
Career Edge
Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition
Conservation Ontario
Ducks Unlimited Canada
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Health Unit
Local Stewardship Councils
Local police forces
Municipal Health & Safety Association
Nature Conservancy of Canada
Police Association of Ontario
Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation

Ontario Land Trust Alliance
Quinte West Fire Department
Tallgrass Ontario
Waterfront Regeneration Trust
Wetland Habitat Fund
Wildlife Habitat Canada

Recreation

Campbellford Bass Masters
Cold Creek Fly Fishers
Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

Education

Local School Boards
Loyalist College
Trent University

Community Business Organizations

Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation
Local Chambers of Commerce
Children's Aid Society (Kawartha-Haliburton, Durham, Northumberland)
Info Northumberland
Northumberland Tourism
Pitch-In Canada
Quinte Watershed Cleanup Inc.
Quinte Wildlife Conservation Dinner Committee
Rotary Clubs of Brighton, Campbellford & Trenton
Save our Heritage Organization
Volunteer and Information Quinte

Business and Industry

Bills Johns
Canadian Tire Corporation
Canadian Tire Campbellford
Sedge's Fish Guiding Service
The Canadian Flyfisher

Volunteers for Conservation

Dedicated groups and individuals who devote time and energy to various local conservation projects.

We thank all of our "partners in conservation" and look forward to working with you and others toward our common vision of healthy watersheds.