Lake Simcoe Region conservation authority

2023 Year in Review

2023 was a year of remarkable achievements. Our dedicated staff worked tirelessly to preserve and enhance our Lake Simcoe watershed, achieving a multitude of positive outcomes.

Through invaluable contributions and an optimistic vision for a sustainable and thriving environment, all of our partners and staff came together to continue to conserve, restore, and enrich our watershed.

Grounded in science and evidence-based practices, our work creates climate resilient communities where innovative solutions are celebrated and they improve the lives of those that call the watershed home.

Behind the Scenes

77% of full-time staff have been with us for 5+ years

25 contract hires completed

105 media articles related to the conservation authority

18,940 landowners reached through multiple direct mail campaigns

60+ billion elevation points in LiDAR data captured to better predict flooding

19 Conservation Award recipients recognized

4 conservation areas received new entry signs

Science, Research & Monitoring

5,294 fish captured, identified, weighed, and released at 38 sites

4.25 million water monitoring data points collected

715 mussel samples collected from Lake Simcoe

1 new real time lake level gauge installed

17 flood messages issued

Raising Funds for our Watershed

$731,000 raised to build the new Nature Centre

$1.4 million in total raised for conservation projects

Supporting Responsible Growth

857 permit applications received

804 permits issued

1,846 regulatory inquiries received

233 enforcement complaints

340 pre-consultation applications received

486 planning reviews completed

Nature Based Education

13,490 student engagements

1,815 community programming participants

216 educators participated in 11 professional development sessions

Managing our Watershed

400+ professionals trained in stormwater management infrastructure inspection and maintenance

123 stormwater management features inspected in the Towns of Aurora and East Gwillimbury

Caring for the Land

108 restoration projects completed

36 hectares of land restored

260 species of flora and fauna identified at the new Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve

113 kilometres of trails maintained for safe public use

982 hectares of land planted in cover crops

161 soil samples collected and analyzed

75 volunteers in 8 events engaged in trail work

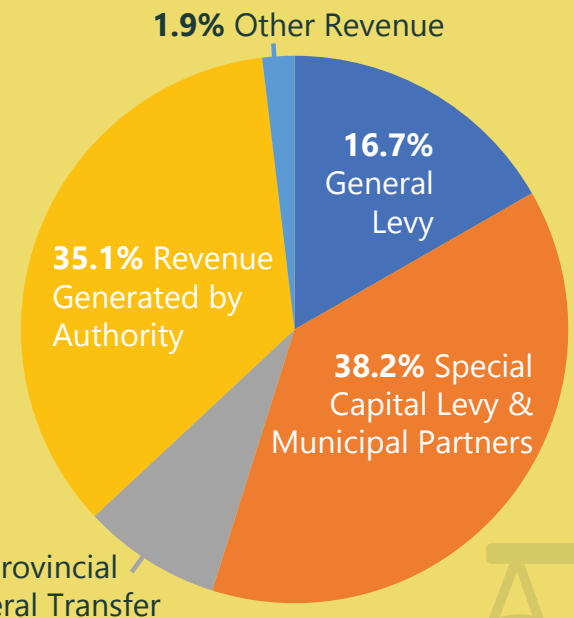
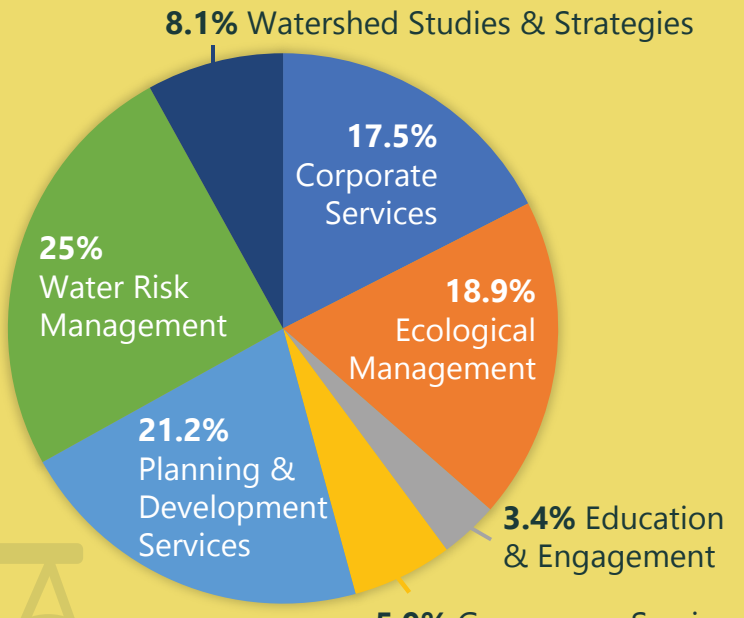
153,000 visitors to our popular properties

Climate Action

4 new areas of research for carbon sequestration

576 hectares of land added to the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database

Budgeted Revenues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