Lake Simcoe Region conservation authority

2024

Year in Review

At the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, 2024 was another year of transformation. Faced with challenges, we embraced resilience, turning obstacles into opportunities.

With leading-edge and adaptive lake science, we not only safeguard Lake Simcoe and our natural spaces but also strengthen partnerships and continue to create lasting value for the communities we serve.

In 2024, through optimism, advocacy, and meaningful action, we proved that together, we can achieve more, making a difference for today and building a stronger tomorrow.

People

74% of full-time staff have been with us for 5+ years

27 contract staff hired including 12 seasonal staff

130+ media articles mentioning the conservation authority were analyzed

1,000+ volunteers took part in 30 community events

186,000 visitors explored our popular conservation areas

22 Conservation Award recipients recognized

Flora and Fauna

13,900 trees distributed through our DIY program – a record high!

5,800 trees assessed as part of the York Region Urban Forest Study

84% average survival rate for young trees planted on 18 projects

6 conservation areas had invasive species control efforts implemented

Education

15,360 student engagements

6,286 outreach programming participants in person and 2,388 virtually

1,733 participants in our 4-week summer camp, Therapy in the Woods program, ParkRx Day, and Bradford Women's group hike

23,000 hours spent outdoors by students visiting the Scanlon Creek Nature Centre

152 educators participated in professional development

Science, Technology, and Monitoring

3,290 fish captured, identified, weighed, and released at 37 sites

110 monitoring stations with 30 of those posting real-time data used by staff, researchers, and partner municipalities

26 deciduous forest sites were monitored for the 1st year of our terrestrial monitoring program

251 days of open water monitoring season on Lake Simcoe. The longest in the past 15 years!

50 billion + elevation points gathered from airplane-based laser sensors, provide us with more accurate information to predict flood events

Land

2,150 hectares of land continues to be under our protection

101 restoration projects funded

33 hectares of land restored

804 planning reviews completed

2,964 regulatory inquiries received

Water

548 engineering reviews completed

309 hydrogeology reviews completed

117 natural heritage reviews completed

20 watershed flood messages issued

311 stormwater facility inspections were completed across 6 municipalities

100% of pre-existing threats to drinking water sources addressed

172 stormwater management professionals trained in infrastructure inspection and maintenance

Climate

7 carbon sequestration research projects implemented in the watershed

75% of restoration projects we funded focused on improving biodiversity

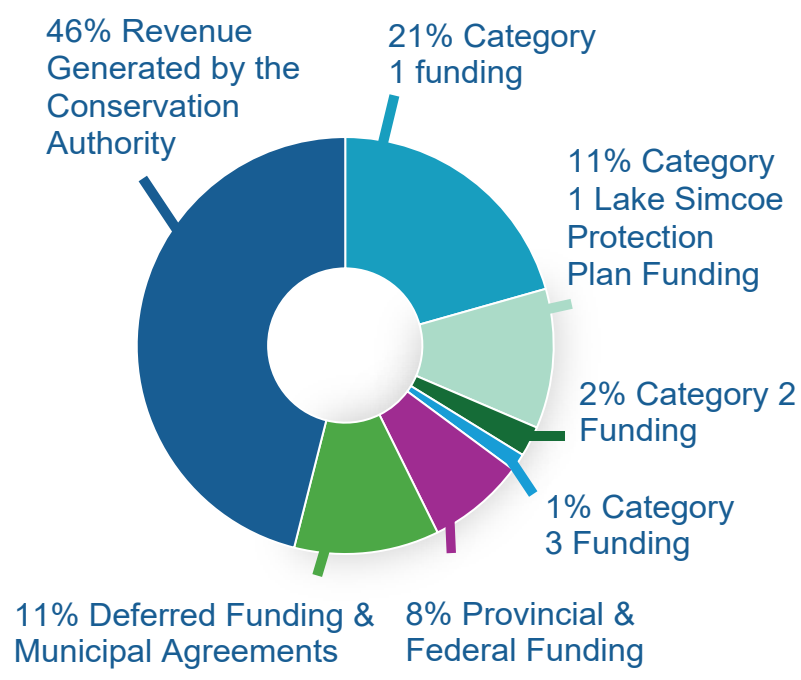
73% of restoration projects addressed climate change

Foundation

$384,382 raised through the 35th annual Foundation Dinner and the annual Golf Tournament

$845,811 raised for the new Scanlon Creek Nature Centre

Budgeted Revenues



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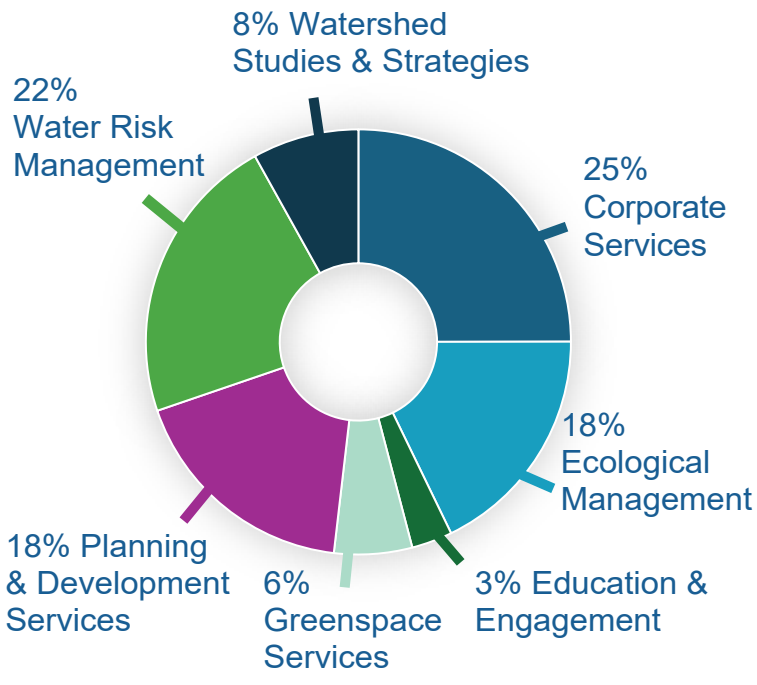

Total Revenue (in the 000's)

$26,468.00

Total Expenditures (in the 000's)

$27,060.00