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MINISTRY OVERVIEW

Ministry Vision, Mission and Mandate

The Ministry of Natural Resources is the steward of Ontario's provincial parks, forests, fisheries, wildlife, mineral aggregates, petroleum resources and the Crown land and waters that make up 87 per cent of the province.

The ministry envisions a healthy environment that is naturally diverse and supports a high quality of life for the people of Ontario through sustainable development. The ministry's mission is to manage our natural resources in an ecologically sustainable way to ensure that they are available for the enjoyment and use of future generations. The ministry is committed to conserving biodiversity and using natural resources in a sustainable manner.

*Our Sustainable Future*¹, the ministry's strategic direction document, outlines the following as the ministry's mandated activities.

Forest Management²

- Provide leadership and oversight in the management of Ontario's forests, including policy and program development; intergovernmental cooperation on national forestry initiatives; Crown forest management planning, renewal and protection from pests; forest science and research; monitoring, auditing, information management and public reporting. Support sustainable use of forests for a healthy forest products sector and thriving forest-dependent communities.

Fish and Wildlife Management

- Provide leadership and oversight in the coordination of Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy, including management of Ontario's fish and wildlife resources, species at risk and invasive species; Great Lakes management; fish culture and stocking; resource monitoring, assessment and allocation; research, food safety and wildlife disease control; enhance fishing and hunting opportunities.

Lands and Waters Management

- Lead the management of Crown lands, water resources, mineral aggregates, and oil, gas, and salt resources. Includes supporting tourism, land use planning, resource valuation and allocation, flood management, and low water/drought management. Promote renewable energy by making Crown land available, and implement the Safeguarding and Sustaining Ontario's Water Act.

¹ Our Sustainable Future is currently being revised and should be finalized in the fall of 2010. Any changes to the list of the ministry's mandated activities made in the new strategic direction document will be reflected in next year's Results-based Plan.

² The Premier announced the realignment of the business and economic aspects of forestry to the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry in June 2009. This description of the Ministry of Natural Resources' role in forest management reflects this change.

Ontario Parks

- Deliver Ontario's Parks and Protected Areas program, including: protection and management of provincially significant natural, cultural, and recreational environments; provincial parks operations; provision of tourism opportunities, natural heritage education; planning and management of parks and protected areas; policy leadership on conservation reserves; monitoring, auditing, and public reporting on Ontario's parks and protected areas.

Aviation and Forest Fire Management

- Provide leadership and program delivery for the protection of people, property and communities affected by forest fires, floods, and other natural resource emergencies. Includes planning and delivery of the ministry's emergency management program and aviation services for the Ontario government.

Geographic Information

- Provide direction for the management of information assets to assist the ministry in meeting its business objectives. The Geographic Information program provides corporate leadership to the ministry in the development and application of geographic information for natural resource management and decision-making. It also provides basic land information and an infrastructure to improve the sharing of information for the Ontario government to realize the strategic value of its information investments.

Field Services Support

- Lead the provision of service delivery and operational implementation of natural resource management programs; provide direct client services to the public and resource-based industry sectors across Ontario; lead professional law enforcement of resource statutes; lead the ministry's efforts for aboriginal involvement in resource management and decision-making.

Corporate Management

- Provide corporate strategic business planning and reporting, legal counsel, communications, and administrative services in support of the ministry's business areas.

Key Priorities and Results

The ministry's seven corporate priorities for 2010-11 are:

- Develop and implement a long-term plan for environmentally sustainable economic development while protecting the boreal region in the Far North
- Implement the new Endangered Species Act and program, including protection of caribou habitat in the boreal forest
- Contribute to Go Green Ontario, the government's climate change action plan
- Support the efforts of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs in working with Aboriginal peoples and First Nations to develop a strategy and resource benefits sharing approaches
- Promote, market and enhance the protection of natural heritage in southern Ontario
- Deliver on the government's green energy agenda
- Achieve organizational excellence through leadership renewal, engaged staff and an inclusive, diverse, safe and healthy workplace

In pursuing these goals, the ministry contributes to the achievement of the government's key commitments, priorities and results.

Meeting Government Commitments

The government is working towards a more prosperous Ontario by seeking to grow the green economy and to enhance the province's business climate. The ministry is working with the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure to implement the Green Energy Act and facilitating increased energy generation from wind, water, geo-thermal and other opportunities. It is also providing outdoor recreation opportunities and seasonal jobs, which stimulates demand for related businesses. The ministry will support Open for Business, Ontario's three-year program to create faster, smarter and streamlined government-to-business services that make Ontario more attractive for business development while protecting the public interest.

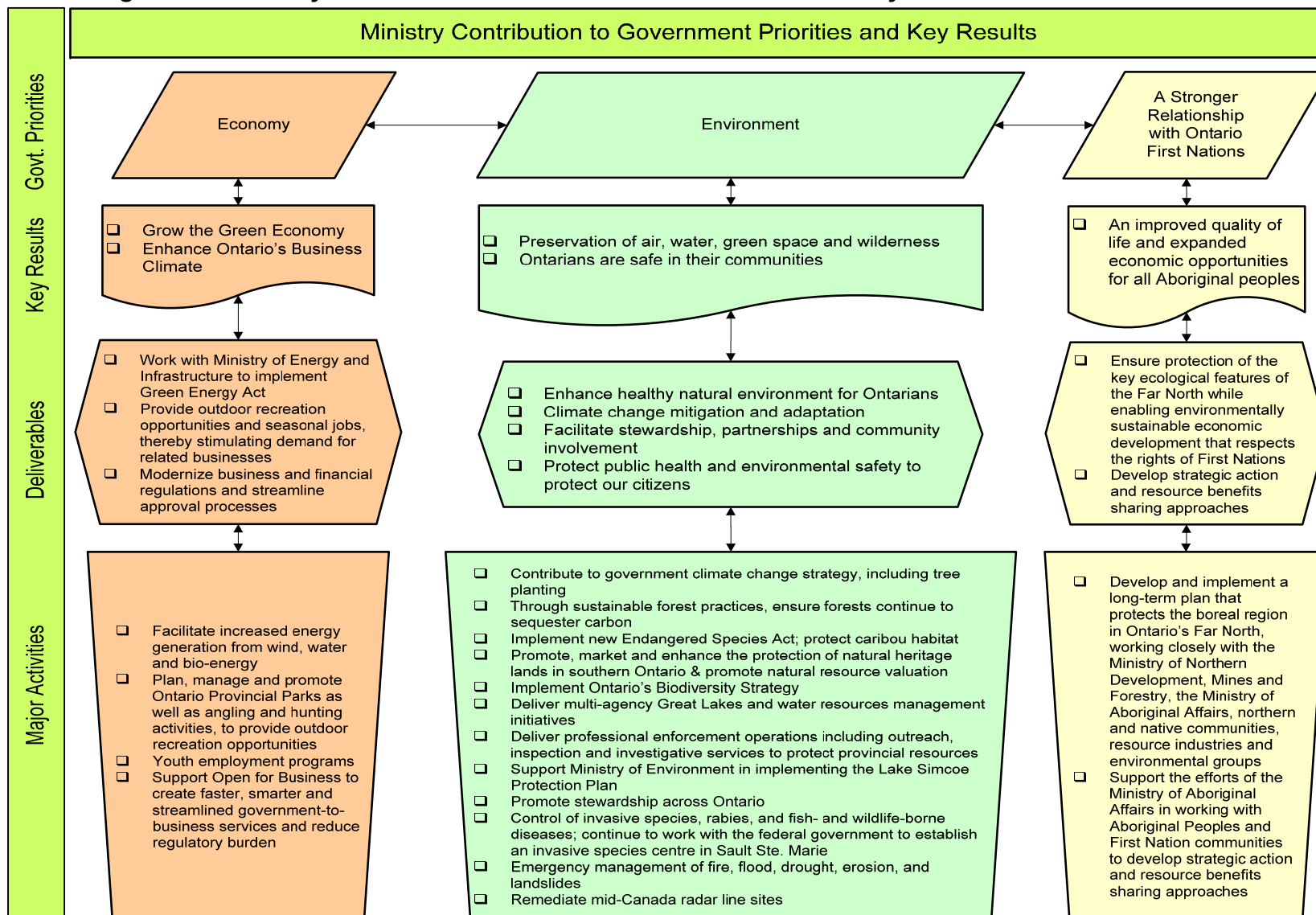
The government is committed to a greener Ontario by protecting air, water, green space and wilderness, and protecting Ontarians from natural resource emergencies. In pursuing its goal of a healthy natural environment for Ontarians, the ministry is contributing to the government's climate change strategy by planting 50 million trees in southern Ontario by 2020, and ensuring sustainable forest practices. The ministry is also putting Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy into action. The ministry is implementing the new Endangered Species Act, including protecting caribou habitat in the boreal forest. The ministry is coordinating, enhancing and marketing efforts to protect natural heritage lands in southern Ontario.

The ministry will support the Ministry of the Environment in protecting drinking water, and in implementing the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan which provides direction on protecting and restoring the ecological health of the lake and its watershed ecosystem.

The ministry will promote stewardship across Ontario. In addition, the ministry is continuing to increase opportunities for energy generation from wind, water, geothermal and bio-energy. To make Ontarians safer in their communities, the ministry protects people, property and communities from natural resource emergencies. The ministry works to make Ontarians safe from natural resource hazards, such as forest fires and floods. The ministry also works to control invasive species, rabies and wildlife diseases, clean up hazard lands such as mid-Canada radar sites, and rehabilitate abandoned oil and gas wells.

The government is committed to a stronger, more positive relationship with First Nations. The ministry will develop and implement a long-term plan that protects the boreal region in the Far North working closely with the ministries of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry and Aboriginal Affairs, northern and Aboriginal communities, resources industries and environmental groups. The ministry also supports the efforts of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs in working with Aboriginal peoples and First Nation communities on strategic action and resource benefits sharing approaches.

In pursuing its seven corporate priorities, the ministry continues to be well-aligned to support the government's key commitments, priorities and results. The ministry's commitment to growing the green economy, enhancing the province's business climate and achieving organizational excellence for improved public service helps achieve a more prosperous Ontario. In enhancing a healthy natural environment for Ontarians, contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation, protecting people, property and communities from natural and human-made hazards, and working with the Ministry of the Environment to improve the health of Lake Simcoe, the ministry is helping build a greener Ontario. By working to protect key ecological features of the Far North while enabling environmentally sustainable economic development that respects First Nation rights, as well as supporting the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs in the development of strategic action and resource benefits sharing approaches, the ministry supports efforts to develop a stronger and more positive relationship with First Nations.

Diagram 1: Ministry Contribution to Government Priorities and Key Results


Ministry Programs

Forest Management

The ministry will continue to provide leadership and oversight in the sustainable management of Ontario's Crown forests. It will lead a review of potential improvements to the forest management planning process as part of the forest tenure and pricing review led by the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry. A revised provincial forest compliance program will be implemented, and a new Forest Compliance Handbook published online. The ministry will begin the revision of the Silviculture Guides, and implement two newly released guides: the Forest Management Guide for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Landscapes and the Forest Management Guide for Conserving Biodiversity at the Stand and Site Scales.

The ministry will also ensure Ontario is a North American leader in managing carbon through forest management practices. Improvements will be made to the operation of the Forestry Futures Trust, an independent organization which oversees trust funds disbursed to restore and maintain the sustainability of Ontario's Crown forests. The ministry will oversee the preparation of 11 independent forest audits by third-party auditors. It will also release the 2008-09 Provincial Report on Forest Management.

Fish and Wildlife Management

The ministry will continue implementation of Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy. Developed by a broad spectrum of contributors, the strategy is an overarching plan to protect Ontario's rich natural heritage of plants, animals and ecosystems and use our natural resources sustainably. Through the involvement of people from across Ontario, the strategy will help ensure clean air and water, abundant wildlife and places for recreation.

The ministry will support the Ontario Biodiversity Council in the development of the 2010 State of Biodiversity Report, which will help fulfil Ontario's commitments to report under Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy, the Canadian Biodiversity Strategy and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity. This report will be released in May and will contribute to Ontario's activities in 2010 – the International Year of Biodiversity. To help celebrate the year, the ministry has partnered with the Royal Ontario Museum to offer "The Slice of Life", a multi-platform program to raise awareness of Ontario's biodiversity. It is also hosting "Invisible Cities – An Urban Biodiversity Conference" in order to engage architects, urban planners, scientists and the media on how to manage biodiversity in an increasingly urban world.

The ministry continues to implement the recommendations of the Auditor General's Report on the Fish and Wildlife Program. It will continue to implement the new moose policy by updating moose population objectives and harvest management strategies, and will continue looking at ways to improve the resident tag draw system. Implementation of the Human-Deer/Human-Wildlife conflict strategies will continue.

Ontario continues to pursue efforts to restore Atlantic salmon and its habitat in Lake Ontario. The ministry is also developing an elk management plan that will help to support a healthy and self-sustaining elk population in the province.

The ministry continues to implement the Endangered Species Act. A caribou conservation plan and caribou habitat protection regulation will be implemented. Funding of \$5 million will be available in the fourth year of the \$18-million four-year Species at Risk Stewardship Fund to encourage and support stewardship activities that protect species at risk and their habitats.

Invasive species pose a significant threat to Ontario's biodiversity and affect our natural environment, society and economy. The government is pursuing a number of projects and partnerships to control invasive species on the land and in our waters.

The ministry is leading the completion of an Ontario Invasive Species Action Plan to guide implementation of *An Invasive Alien Species Strategy for Canada* in Ontario. In addition, the ministry:

- o works with the federal government and other partners to manage pests and invasive plants that threaten our forests;
- o supports Transport Canada's Ballast Water Control and Management Regulations which require ocean-going vessels to flush their tanks with salt water before entering the Great Lakes to eradicate any foreign organisms that could infect Ontario's water bodies;
- o monitors invasive species threats in neighbouring jurisdictions, including the presence of Asian carp in the United States; and
- o has a long-term partnership with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters that has delivered extensive programs to raise awareness of invasive species and how to prevent their spread.

The ministry will work with the Ministry of the Environment and other ministries to implement Go Green, Ontario's Action Plan on Climate Change, a strategy that will help address, mitigate the effects of, and assist Ontarians to adapt to, climate change.

Under the new Ecological Framework for Recreational Fisheries Management in Ontario, Fisheries Management Zone advisory councils have been set up in 11 zones with at least two more councils planned to be set up in 2010-2011. A broad-scale fisheries monitoring program will be continued.

The ministry is working with the federal government to establish an Invasive Species Centre at the Great Lakes Forestry Centre in Sault Ste. Marie. The centre will promote cooperation, collaboration and efficiencies in invasive species management and help coordinate provincial, national and international efforts to address the spread of invasive species and the negative effects they can have on the health of Ontario's ecosystems and economy.

The ministry will continue to be vigilant in controlling rabies and other fish- and wildlife-borne diseases. While raccoon rabies has been eliminated from Ontario, monitoring will continue, as will work to control fox strain rabies and to expand the use of a new rabies vaccine.

The ministry will implement a pilot automated licence project that makes fish and wildlife licences available through the Internet, an Integrated Voice Recognition phone system and Point of Sale terminals.

The ministry will continue to manage Ontario's commercial and recreational fisheries to ensure they provide sustainable ecological and economic benefits. Fish culture stations will provide eight million fish for stocking purposes.

Lands and Waters Management

The ministry will work with the Ministry of the Environment to implement the Safeguarding and Sustaining Ontario's Water Act, which puts into practice the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement, signed by Ontario, Quebec and the eight Great Lakes U.S. states in December 2005.

The ministry will continue to work with its partners to implement the current Canada-Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem to restore and protect the Great Lakes. The ministry is also working with the ministries of the Environment and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to ensure Ontario's interests are reflected in a re-negotiated Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. In addition, it is supporting the Ministry of the Environment in working to protect drinking water from source to tap and in implementing the Lake Simcoe Protection Act.

The ministry will work with the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure to implement the Green Energy Act. This includes supporting the government's renewable energy commitments through Crown land disposition and development for wind, waterpower, geothermal and other opportunities.

The ministry will work on the remediation of the Mid-Canada Line radar sites under a cost-sharing agreement with the federal government. Work will also continue to decommission abandoned oil and gas wells in the province to ensure protection of the environment and local residents.

Ontario Parks

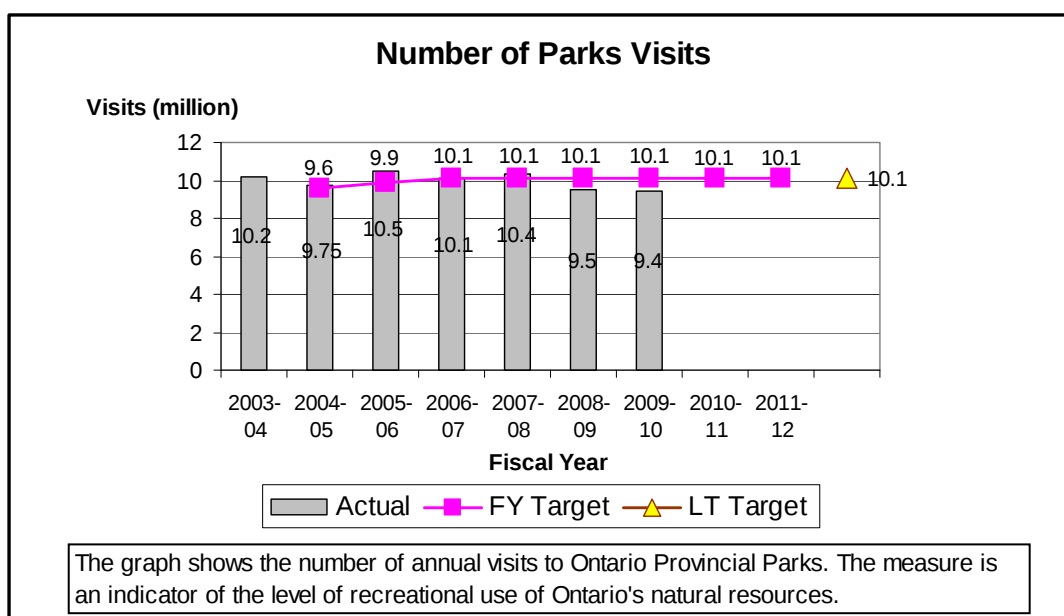
The ministry will continue implementation of the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act and regulations to enhance protection and ecological integrity of Ontario's provincial parks and conservation reserves.

Guidelines to support the new Ontario's Protected Areas Planning Manual will be finalized and released to the public. Also, the ministry will finalize and publish the first State of Ontario's Protected Areas Report. The first five-year review of the Class

Environmental Assessment for Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment.

The ministry is finalizing a number of park management plans. The Spanish River Signature Site Park Management Plan will be finalized. The management plan review for Nagagamisis Provincial Park will be completed. The Wabakimi and Quetico Provincial Park Management Plan processes will continue.

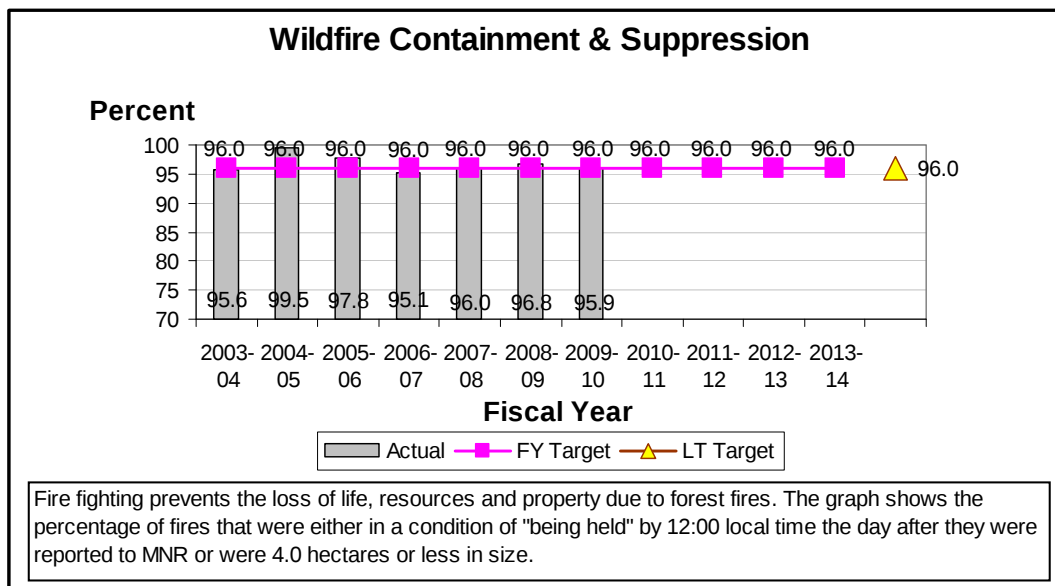
Parks visits have stayed relatively constant at about 10 million visits per year since 2003-04. Park visitation was down by 100,000 visitors in 2009-10 as compared to 2008-09. While there was a decrease in both day use and camping of about 50,000 visits respectively, reservations processed increased by 5,000.



Aviation and Forest Fire Management

The ministry will maintain the protection of people, property and communities from forest fires, floods and other natural-resource emergencies. Construction will begin on the new Dryden Aviation and Aerial Fire Operations building, as will work on replacing the Sioux Lookout Fire Management Headquarters. Initial feasibility and design work will commence for the Dryden and Sudbury Regional Fire Response Centres, and improvements will be made to the Pembroke, Timmins and Sudbury Fire Management Headquarters. Work will continue on the replacement of mobile incident command trailers. The ministry will continue to implement an emergency management program meeting the requirements of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act while advancing the program to a comprehensive level. Modernization of the ministry's air fleet will continue with the procurement of the seventh EC 130 helicopter, the final step in the replacement of the full fleet inventory of helicopters.

Ministry Wildfire Containment and Suppression has been above 95 per cent since 2003-04. Wildfire Containment and Suppression shows the percentage of fires that were either in a condition of "being held" by 12:00 local time the day after they were reported to the ministry or were four hectares or less in size.



Geographic Information

The ministry will continue to provide leadership and program delivery in the development and application of geographic information for natural resource management and decision-making, such as the protection of the boreal forest in Ontario's Far North and preservation of natural heritage in southern Ontario. The ministry will also contribute to the government's Information and Information Technology initiative by making land information available through a suitable infrastructure.

Field Services Support

The ministry is working to implement the government's climate change plan. This includes making Ontario greener by working with partners to plant 50 million new trees by 2020.

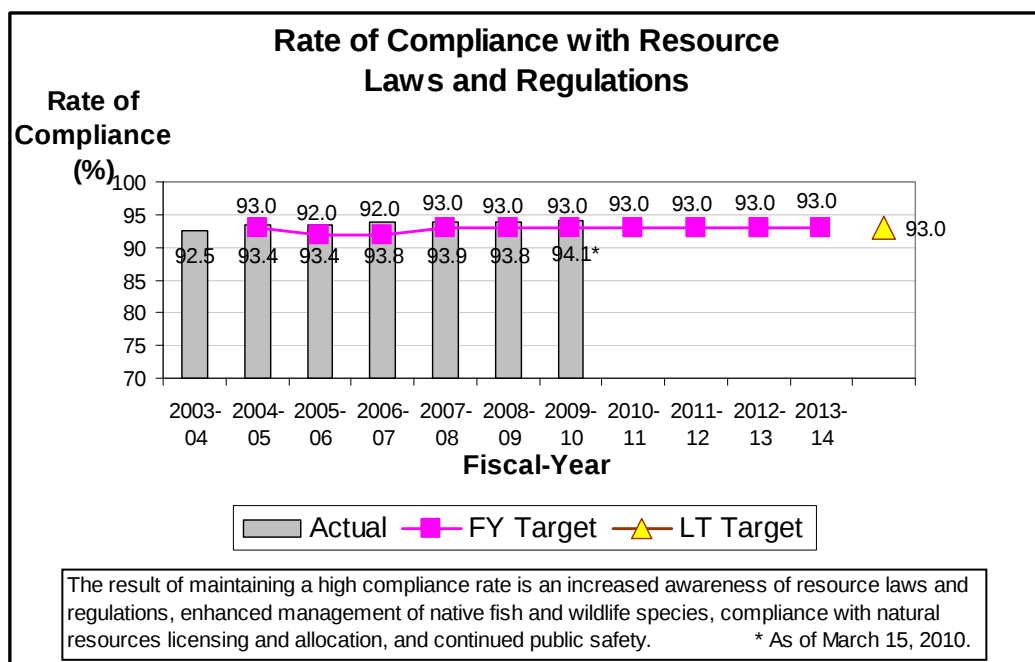
The ministry will develop and implement a long-term plan that protects the boreal region in Ontario's Far North working closely with the ministries of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry and Aboriginal Affairs, northern and Aboriginal communities, resources industries and environmental groups. This will include Far North legislation which, if passed by the Legislature, would ensure the protection of at least 225,000 square kilometres of the Far North boreal region and allow for sustainable development of the region's natural resources.

The ministry will continue to expand partnerships to conserve natural spaces, and make it easier for southern Ontario landowners to voluntarily protect and restore natural areas on private property.

Stewardship will continue to be promoted across the province. Through resource stewardship, the ministry safeguards the public interest in Ontario's resources and acts as the steward of our natural legacy.

The ministry will continue to integrate the front counter service provided in its various offices with ServiceOntario.

The ministry continues to deliver professional law enforcement to protect Ontario's natural resources for present and future generations. The rate of compliance with resource laws and regulations has remained relatively constant at over 92 per cent since 2003-04.



Land and Resources Information and Information Technology (I&IT) Cluster

The Land and Resources I&IT Cluster supports five client ministries in achieving their priorities: Natural Resources; Aboriginal Affairs; Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; Environment; and Northern Development, Mines and Forestry.

The cluster:

- develops and provides ongoing technology solutions and support for MNR's corporate priorities including: Far North, and the Endangered Species Act; Go Green Ontario (Climate Change); Work with Aboriginal Peoples and First Nations; Natural Heritage; Green Energy Agenda; Ontario Biodiversity Strategy; and Organizational Excellence
- plays a key role in supporting Open for Business, Ontario's three year plan to create faster, smarter and streamlined government-to-business services
- contributes to making the government workplace more environmentally-friendly through the Green I&IT Strategy

The cluster is also implementing the Beyond e-Ontario strategy, the government's strategic plan that provides the framework for information and information technology investments and management across the OPS.

Corporate Management

The ministry's administration program provides corporate strategic business planning and reporting, legal counsel, communications and administrative services in support of the ministry's business areas. The administration program supports the ministry so that it can deliver on results, priorities and core programs within its resource allocations, including financial and staff resources; provides leadership in organizational performance and organizational excellence, through leadership renewal, engaged staff and an inclusive, diverse, safe and healthy workplace; leads strategic corporate business planning, including fiscal controllership, sustainable infrastructure management and strategic human resources.

Table 1: Performance Measures and Achievements by Program

Performance Measures	<u>2007-08 Achievement</u>	<u>2008-09 Achievement</u>	<u>2009-10 Target*</u>	<u>2010-11 Target</u>
Forest Management				
Percentage of Independent Forest Audits recommending Sustainable Forest Licence extension (without conditions)	93%	100%	80% (actual)	85%
Ontario Parks				
Number of parks visits (Discontinued as key measure after 2008-09; now reported as statistic in Ministry program description)	10.4 million	9.5 million	Measure discontinued	Measure discontinued
Percentage of Ontario Parks customers satisfied with facilities and services provided (Discontinued as key measure after 2008-09; now reported as statistic in Ministry program description)	79%	79%	Measure discontinued	Measure discontinued
Fish and Wildlife Management				
Percentage of eligible municipalities participating in Bear Wise programs**	40%	48%	Measure discontinued	Measure discontinued
Percentage of game wildlife, migratory game birds, commercial and sport fish with a conservation status of secure**	82%	87%	Measure discontinued	Measure discontinued

Performance Measures	2007-08 <u>Achievement</u>	2008-09 <u>Achievement</u>	2009-10 <u>Target*</u>	2010-11 <u>Target</u>
Number of volunteers in, and the total number of volunteer hours contributed to, the Community Fisheries and Wildlife Involvement Program (CFWIP) and the Ontario Stewardship Program**	38,170 volunteers 271,189 hours	39,752 volunteers 318,922 hours	Measure discontinued	Measure discontinued
Lands and Waters Management				
Percentage completion of water budgets in the nineteen proposed source water protection watershed regions**	68%	66%	Measure discontinued	Measure discontinued
New provincial renewable energy capacity MNR has approved for installation on Crown land as a percentage of the total provincial 2010 renewable energy target***	10%	26%	24%	Measure discontinued
Field Services Support				
Rate of compliance with resource laws and regulations	93.9%	93.8%	94.1% (actual, as of Mar. 15, 2010)	93.0%
Acres of Green Space protected** • Number of acres of Green Space protected in Ontario • Number of acres and total percentage of Ontario's land area regulated as National Park, Provincial Park, and Conservation Reserve • Number of acres of existing Protected Areas where conservation has been enhanced	• 1,882,998 acres • 23,710,760 acres or 8.9% • 2,589,240 acres	• 1,882,998 acres • 23,714,768 acres or 8.9% • 2,548,568 acres	Measure discontinued	Measure discontinued

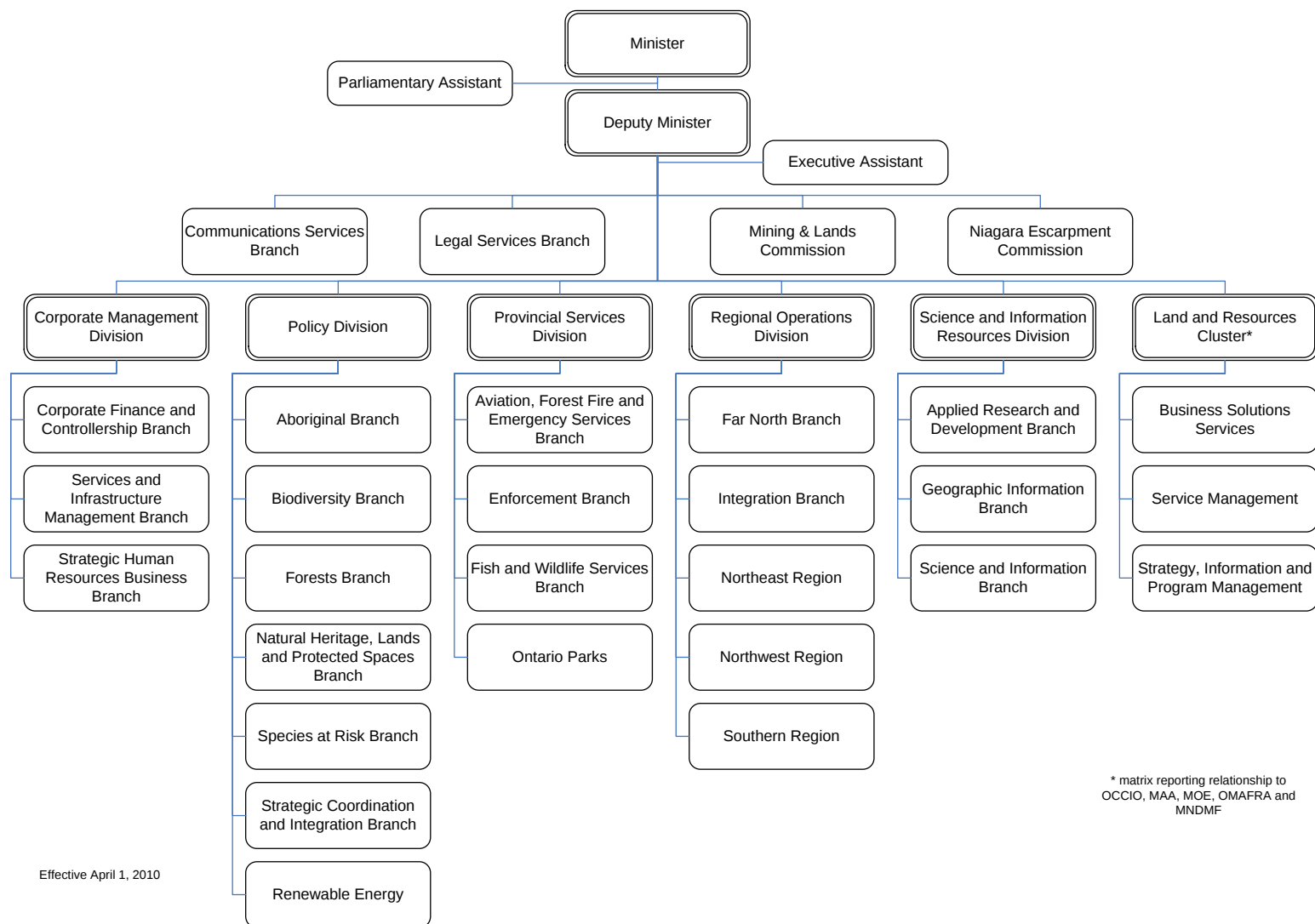
Performance Measures	2007-08 <u>Achievement</u>	2008-09 <u>Achievement</u>	2009-10 <u>Target*</u>	2010-11 <u>Target</u>
Number of acres and total percentage of Ontario's land and water area formally identified for a level of protection equivalent to regulation	n/a	5,667,687 acres or 2.1% (baseline)	5,668,687 acres or 2.1%	5,669,687 acres or 2.1%
Aviation and Forest Fire Management				
Wildfire containment and suppression	96.0%	96.8%	95.9% (actual)	96.0%
Ministry Administration				
Percentage of internal business support costs to ministry program delivery costs**	4.3%	4.9%	Measure discontinued	Measure discontinued

* With a few exceptions (marked as "actual"), 2009-10 achievement data were not available at time of printing.

** This measure was discontinued after 2008-09.

*** This measure was discontinued in 2010-11. While MNR is the steward of the land base for locating many renewable energy projects, the ministry does not have authority or control over a number of other aspects of the project development process. A new measure is under development.

Ministry Organization Chart



Legislation

Aggregate Resources Act

- Regulates the operation of pits and quarries in designated parts of Ontario and the disposition of Crown owned aggregate.

Algonquin Forest Authority Act

- Establishes a Crown corporation known as the Algonquin Forestry Authority to harvest Crown timber in Algonquin Provincial Park and public lands adjacent to the park, to sell the logs and also to carry out other such activities as authorized by the Minister of Natural Resources.

Algonquin Provincial Park Extension Act, 1960-61

- Adds the public lands in the Geographic Townships of Bruton and Clyde in the Provincial County of Haliburton to the park; hunting is still permitted in the added lands.

An Act for the Settlement of Certain Questions between Governments of Canada and Ontario Respecting Indian Reserve Lands, 1891

- Permitted the Ontario government to enter into an agreement with the government of Canada to settle certain questions relating to the provision of Indian reserve land in the area that was the subject of the Northwest Angle Treaty (Treaty No. 3).

An Act to Confirm the Title of the Government of Canada to Certain Lands and Indians Lands, 1915

- Act by which the Ontario government transferred to the government of Canada certain lands to be set apart as Indian reserve lands in the area that was the subject of the Northwest Angle Treaty (Treaty No. 3).

Arboreal Emblem Act

- Adopts the Eastern White Pine as the arboreal emblem of Ontario.

Avian Emblem Act, 1994

- Adopts the common loon as the avian emblem of Ontario.

Beds of Navigable Waters Act

- Legislation relating to title in the beds of navigable waters.

Conservation Authorities Act

- Provides for the establishment of conservation authorities for the purpose of establishing and undertaking programs designed to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources in their area of jurisdiction.

Conservation Land Act

- Provides for the establishment of grant programs to promote the recognition, encouragement and support of the stewardship or conservation of certain lands, and for the making of easements for conservation.

Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994

- Provides for the sustainability of Crown forests and the management of Crown forests to meet the social, economic and environmental needs of present and future generations of Ontario.

Endangered Species Act, 2007

- This act came into effect on June 30, 2008. Provides for protection and recovery of species at risk and their habitats through science-based listing, automatic protection of species and their habitat, mandatory requirements for recovery strategies and management plans and government accountability through reporting requirements.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997

- Provides for the conservation and management of wildlife and fish resources, including the protection of game wildlife and specially protected wildlife as defined in the act.

Fish Inspection Act

- Authorizes inspection of fish storage and processing establishments. Regulations under the act provide standards for quality and labelling of canned and frozen fish, as well as operating and equipment requirements for establishments.

Fisheries Act (Canada) – Ontario Fishery Regulations

- The Ontario Fishery Regulations made under this act relate to open seasons for angling and commercial fishing and the licences required.

Fisheries Development Act (Canada)

- Allows the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans to undertake projects to enhance fishery resources in order to develop the commercial fisheries of Canada.

Fisheries Loans Act

- Provides for loans to persons carrying on the business of commercial fishing or any other business dependent on fishing in waters where fishing has been prohibited due to contaminated fish caused by polluted waters.

Forest Fires Prevention Act

- Prohibits activities that cause or promote forest fires, and allows the ministry to put in place restrictions, such as restricted fire zones and restricted travel zones during fire emergencies, to help prevent forest fires.

Forestry Act

- Under this Act, the Minister enters into agreements with landowners, such as municipalities and conservation authorities, to manage forest lands. The Minister may also establish programs for the encouragement of forestry.

Freshwater Fish Marketing Act (Ontario)

- Complements the Freshwater Fish Marketing Act (Canada). Through these acts and the federal-provincial agreement, the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation, established under the federal act, is the sole purchaser of commercial fish in a defined area in Northwestern Ontario.

Gas and Oil Leases Act

- Sets out the procedure for declaring a gas or oil lease void.

Heritage Hunting and Fishing Act, 2002

- Recognizes the right to hunt and fish recreationally in accordance with Ontario laws and created the Fish and Wildlife Heritage Commission to provide advice to the Minister of Natural Resources on fish and wildlife related initiatives.

Indian Lands Act, 1924

- Passed by the Legislature of Ontario and the Parliament of Canada to deal with certain questions relating to the administration and control of Indian reserve land, surrendered Indian reserve land in Ontario and mineral rights on reserve.

Industrial and Mining Lands Compensation Act

- Provides for agreements between the owner or operator of a mine and the owner or lessee of any land for payment of compensation for any damage or injury resulting, or likely to result, to the land or to its use and enjoyment from the operation of the mine.

Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park Act, 2003

- Provides for the protection of the ecological integrity of the Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park and ensures that the policies governing the park will protect its natural and cultural values, maintain its traditional uses and provide the opportunity for recreational activities that are compatible with the natural heritage values and semi-wilderness character of the park.

Lake of the Woods Control Board Act, 1922

- Complementary to a Federal Act of 1921. Deals with the regulation of the water levels of the Winnipeg River, the English River, Lac Seul and Lake St. Joseph.

Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act

- Provides for the use of the water of lakes and rivers and regulates improvements in them and gives the Minister discretionary powers relating to the repair, reconstruction and removal of dams, maintenance of water levels, and regulation of use of waters or works.

Migratory Birds Convention Act (Canada) – Ontario Regulations

- Open seasons for migratory birds are set under this act.

Mineral Emblem Act

- Adopts the amethyst as the mineral emblem of the Province of Ontario.

Mining Act (s. 99, 100, 101, 102, 154)

- Part IV of the act deals with exploration licences for oil and gas, leases for production of oil and gas and storage leases for the temporary storage of hydrocarbons in underground formations. The Minister of Natural Resources administers sections 99 to 102 (oil and natural gas) and section 154 (brine wells).

Ministry of Natural Resources Act

- Created the Ministry of Natural Resources by amalgamating the former Department of Lands and Forests and Department of Mines and Northern Affairs. (A separate

Ministry of Northern Development and Mines was established in 1985.) The act provides for the appointment of a Mining and Lands Commissioner and advisory committees.

Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act

- Establishes the Niagara Escarpment Plan and Commission and provides for the maintenance of the Niagara Escarpment and land in its vicinity substantially as a continuous natural environment where only compatible development occurs.

North Georgian Bay Recreational Reserve Act, 1962-63

- Establishes the North Georgian Bay Recreational Reserve, provides for the planning and development of the reserve and the appointment of a committee to advise the Minister.

Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act, 1997

- Sets out requirements for various aspects of oil and natural gas exploration, drilling and production and provides for the making of regulations respecting oil and gas conservation and the safe operation of drilling and production facilities.

Ontario Geographic Names Board Act

- Provides for the establishment of a Geographic Names Board for Ontario having the duty to gather information respecting the names of places and geographical features, make recommendations, collaborate with the Geographical Names Board of Canada, and provide information to government departments.

Ontario Harbours Agreement Act, 1962-63

- Confirms on behalf of Ontario the agreement between Ontario and Canada establishing the harbours which were public harbours at Confederation, providing that mines and minerals therein are administered by Ontario and confirming grants and quit claims listed therein.

Ottawa River Water Powers Act, 1943

- Ratifies and confirms an agreement between Ontario and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario with Quebec and the Quebec Streams Commission respecting the development of water power on the Ottawa River.

Professional Foresters Act, 2000

- Regulates the practice of professional forestry in Ontario.

Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006

- Provides for the establishment of provincial parks and conservation reserves and their management. Parks may be classified as a natural environment park, a nature reserve park, a wilderness park, a recreational park, a waterways park or a historical park.

Public Lands Act

- Provides for the disposition and management of Crown land, the administration of roads on Crown land, the administration and control of the construction and maintenance of dams, and the granting of water powers and privileges.

Seine River Diversion Act, 1952

- Confirms the partial diversion of the Seine River and authorizes the completion and operation of the diversion by Steep Rock Iron Mines Limited.

Steep Rock Iron Ore Development Act, 1949

- Authorizes a water power lease and various agreements between Ontario, the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, the Ontario-Minnesota Pulp and Paper Company and Steep Rock Iron Mines Limited respecting supply of power, maintenance and operation of certain dams and of the Seine diversion, and dam construction.

Surveyors Act

- Establishes the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors, regulates the practice of professional land surveying, and prescribes the rules governing membership and conduct.

Surveys Act

- Prescribes the methods and monuments to be used in performing surveys of land.

Wild Rice Harvesting Act

- Governs the harvesting of rice on Crown land.

Wilderness Areas Act

- Provides for the preservation of areas having some unique features

Agencies, Boards and Commissions

The Agencies, Boards and Commissions that report to or have appointments made by the Ministry of Natural Resources are listed below with a brief summary. A classified agency, though established by the government, is not considered part of the ministry. However, the government appoints the majority of its members, assigns responsibility to perform a public function and holds the agency to account.

Algonquin Forestry Authority (Classified Agency)

The Algonquin Forestry Authority is responsible for forest management, including timber harvesting, in Algonquin Park. The Authority sorts, sells and delivers harvested logs to regional mills. It also may advise on, undertake and carry out forestry, land-management and other programs and projects as the Minister may authorize.

Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (Classified Agency)

The Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario is responsible for assessing and classifying species that may be at risk in Ontario.

Council of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors

The Council of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors regulates the practice of professional land surveying and governs the profession in accordance with the Surveyors Act, its regulations and bylaws.

Council of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association

The Ontario Professional Foresters Association regulates the practice of professional forestry, and all foresters must be members in order to practise in the province. The governing council manages, administers and oversees the functioning of the association.

Fish and Wildlife Heritage Commission (Classified Agency)

Established under the Heritage Hunting and Fishing Act, the Fish and Wildlife Heritage Commission makes recommendations to the minister on ways to encourage people to value our fish and wildlife resources, promote more participation in conservation and other programs, and to search out new fish- and wildlife-related opportunities.

Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation

Established under the federal Freshwater Fish Marketing Act, the Corporation is the buyer, processor and marketer of freshwater fish from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Northwest Territories, and part of Northwestern Ontario (the area north and

west of Thunder Bay). It markets and trades in fish, fish products and fish by-products for export abroad and among the provinces.

Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park Management Advisory Board (Classified Agency)

The Board was established under the Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park Act and provides advice to the minister on the planning and management of the park.

Lake of the Woods Control Board

The Lake of the Woods Control Board regulates the water levels in the Lake of the Woods, Lac Seul and in the Winnipeg and English Rivers between the lake outlets and their confluence.

Niagara Escarpment Commission (Classified Agency)

The Niagara Escarpment Commission administers the provincial Niagara Escarpment Plan through promoting the objectives of the plan; processing and making decisions on development permit applications and making recommendations on plan amendments.

Ontario Geographic Names Board (Classified Agency)

The Ontario Geographic Names Board manages and defines the treatment of 220,000 official geographic names of places and geographical features in Ontario.

Ontario Moose-Bear Allocation Advisory Committee (Classified Agency)

The Ontario Moose-Bear Allocation Advisory Committee advises the minister on the allocation of moose among tourist outfitters and on the issues arising from the allocation of black bear management areas of tourist operators.

Ontario Parks Board of Directors (Classified Agency)

The Directors of the Ontario Parks Board provide advice on planning, management and development of the provincial park system.

Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board

The Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board is a partnership among Canada, Quebec and Ontario to formulate and review policies that will lead to integrated management of the reservoirs in the Ottawa River basin.

Rabies Advisory Committee (Classified Agency)

The Rabies Advisory Committee advises on the scientific steps necessary for developing a successful rabies research and response program, which includes developing suitable vaccines and systems for vaccinating wild animal populations.

Species at Risk Program Advisory Committee (Classified Agency)

The Species at Risk Program Advisory Committee provides advice on matters related to implementation of the species at risk program, other than matters addressed by the Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (Classified Agency)

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Committee provides advice to the Minister on matters related to:

- i. the rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife, excluding matters related to animal welfare addressed under the *Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*;
- ii. return of rehabilitated wildlife to the wild;
- iii. disposition of wildlife that are not releasable to the wild;
- iv. human-wildlife conflict, as it relates to wildlife rehabilitation;
- v. regulations and policies related to the matters identified in (i) to (iv); or
- vi. such other matters as the Minister may specify.

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Committee was established under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*, as an advisory agency. The Committee has been established for a three-year period. At the end of that time, the need for continuation of the Committee will be examined, and if the Minister wishes to have it continue, the Ministry will seek approval from Management Board to do so. MNR is currently reviewing applications to fill all positions, including the Chair, Vice Chair and up to 14 Members.

Table 2: Expenditure and Revenue Data for Agencies, Boards, Commissions

Name	2010-11 Estimates		2009-2010 Interim Actuals	
	Expenditure \$	Revenue \$	Expenditure \$	Revenue \$
Algonquin Forestry Authority	21,475,000	20,975,000	19,423,000	18,942,000
Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario	45,000	0	28,000	0
Council of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors	15,000	0	14,000	0
Council of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association	5,000	0	5,000	0
Fish and Wildlife Heritage Commission	50,000	0	37,756	0
Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation	2,400	6,000	1,869	6,388
Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park Management Advisory Board	12,000	0	15,462	0
Lake of the Woods Control Board	6,500	6,000,000	6,500	5,000,000
Niagara Escarpment Commission	2,388,100	0	2,386,005	121
Ontario Geographic Names Board	10,000	0	9,000	0
Ontario Moose-Bear Allocation Advisory Committee	30,000	0	12,500	0
Ontario Parks Board of Directors	12,000	0	9,053	0
Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board	48,000	12,500,000	46,647	18,066,587
Rabies Advisory Committee	4,500	0	2,500	0
Species at Risk Program Advisory Committee	20,000	0	4,000	0
Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Committee new	10,000	0	0	0

Note: Expenditure and revenue reported in this table are also reported as part of the ministry's overall expenditure and revenue.

MINISTRY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following graph depicts the Ministry's planned 2010-11 expenditures by Program.

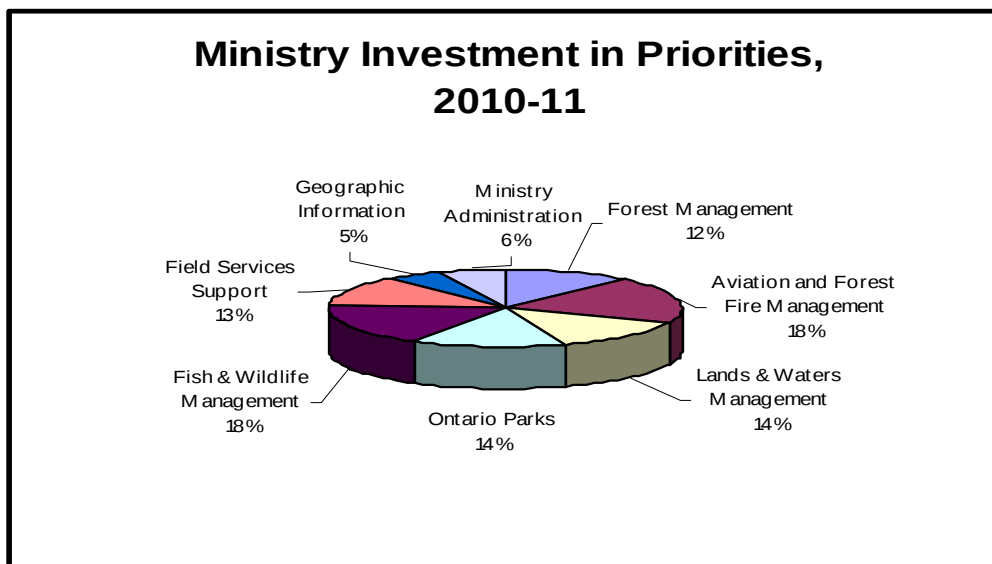


Table 3: Ministry Planned Operating Expenditures by Program 2010-11

Program Name	Ministry Planned Expenditures (\$M)*
Forest Management	\$63.9
Aviation and Forest Fire Management	\$101.0
Lands and Waters Management	\$72.9
Ontario Parks (incl. \$61.4M Special Purpose Account funding)	\$75.8
Fish and Wildlife Management (incl. \$65.7M Special Purpose Account funding)	\$94.5
Field Services Support	\$68.3
Geographic Information	\$27.0
Ministry Administration	\$32.0
Land and Resources Cluster (expends and recovers \$59.9 million for a net nil balance)	\$0.0
Total Planned Expenditures by Program	\$535.6

Table 4: Ministry Planned Total Expenditures 2010-11

	Ministry Planned Expenditures (\$M)*
Operating	\$535.6
Capital	\$64.5
TOTAL	\$600.1

*All amounts may not add correctly due to rounding.

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Table 5: Operating and Capital Summary by Vote

The Ministry envisions a healthy environment that is naturally diverse and supports a high quality of life for the people of Ontario through sustainable development. The Ministry's mission is to manage our natural resources in an ecologically sustainable way to ensure that they are available for the enjoyment and use of future generations. Ecological sustainability focuses on safeguarding the province's natural capital and nature's capacity to renew itself. It is directed towards resource management practices that protect and maintain nature's capacity to renew itself and generate sufficient natural "interest" to meet Ontarians' present and future needs.

	Estimates 2010-11	Change from Estimates 2009-10		Estimates 2009-10 *	Interim Actuals 2009-10 *	Actuals 2008-09 *
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$
OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENSE						
Ministry Administration	32,022,600	(1,452,800)	(4.3)	33,475,400	33,445,400	35,925,967
Geographic Information	27,037,500	(3,134,800)	(10.4)	30,172,300	29,959,200	36,377,323
Natural Resource Management	305,505,300	(13,441,900)	(4.2)	318,947,200	321,683,486	319,113,379
Public Safety and Emergency Response	101,028,500	(1,205,500)	(1.2)	102,234,000	104,763,600	96,050,483
Land and Resources Information & Information Technology Cluster	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000	868
Less: Special Warrants				-	-	-
Total Operating and Capital Expense to be Voted	465,594,900	(19,235,000)	(4.0)	484,829,900	489,852,686	487,468,020
Special Warrants		-		-	-	-
Statutory Appropriations	7,477,214	3,647,900	95.3	3,829,314	3,554,314	2,657,916
Ministry Total Operating & Capital Expense	473,072,114	(15,587,100)	(3.2)	488,659,214	493,407,000	490,125,936
Consolidation & Other Adjustments - Fish & Wildlife Special Purpose Account	65,683,200	203,200	0.3	65,480,000	65,480,000	61,724,564
Consolidation & Other Adjustments - Ontario Parks Special Purpose Account	61,382,300	2,442,300	4.1	58,940,000	65,313,000	60,432,273
Other Consolidations (non-Special Purpose Account)	-	-		-	-	9,046,233
Total Including Consolidation & Other Adjustments	600,137,614	(12,941,600)	(2.1)	613,079,214	624,200,000	621,329,006
OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSETS						
Natural Resource Management	33,148,500	8,581,600	34.9	24,566,900	24,566,900	13,516,856
Public Safety and Emergency Response	10,501,000	432,000	4.3	10,069,000	10,069,000	64,572
Land and Resources Information & Information Technology Cluster	600,000	240,000	66.7	360,000	360,000	199,517
Less: Special Warrants		-		-	-	-
Total Operating and Capital Assets to be Voted	44,249,500	9,253,600	26.4	34,995,900	34,995,900	13,780,945
Special Warrants		-				
Statutory Appropriations		-				
Total Assets	44,249,500	9,253,600	26.4	34,995,900	34,995,900	13,780,945

* Estimates for the previous fiscal year are re-stated to reflect any changes in ministry organization and/or program structure. Interim actuals reflect the numbers presented in the 2010 Ontario Budget.

Note: Commencing in 2009-10, the Province's minor Tangible Capital Assets (mTCA) are capitalized on a prospective basis. Direct comparison between 2010-11, 2009-10, and 2008-09 may not be meaningful.

APPENDIX

2009-10 Annual Report

In 2009-10, the ministry continued to work with Trees Ontario to plant 50 million trees in southern Ontario by 2020. Trees Ontario planted 3.6 million trees in 2009. The ministry also partnered with Evergreen to plant 100,000 trees in cities across the province by the end of 2009.

The third and final year of enhanced polar bear research was completed with an additional 10 female bears collared to monitor their movements, and 60 bears checked for health indicators.

The ministry worked with the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure to implement the Green Energy Act and supported the government's renewable energy commitments by making Crown land available for wind, waterpower and other opportunities.

The ministry moved to implement Ontario's new Endangered Species Act. In 2009-10, the first habitat regulations under the new act were put in place for nine species.

In addition, \$5 million in funding was distributed to 120 projects through grants with numerous organizations as part of the province's \$18-million, four-year Species at Risk Stewardship Fund. Projects helped to protect and recover species at risk and their habitats. Also, \$800,000 in funding was distributed through the pilot Species at Risk Farm Incentive Program to 269 stewardship projects addressing best management practices on privately owned agriculture lands that support the protection and recovery of species at risk and their habitats.

Ontario committed \$15 million to creating an Invasive Species Centre in Sault Ste. Marie while the federal government committed \$13.4 million. The new centre will be established at the federal government's Great Lakes Forestry Centre. The ministry also helped fund the appointment of a research chair in invasive species biology at Algoma University, one of the partners in the Invasive Species Centre.

In 2009-10, the ministry added a total of 17.6 hectares to five existing provincial parks in Ontario's system of parks and protected areas. The ministry also accepted the recommendations of a report prepared by the Ontario Parks Board and Algonquin Forestry Authority Board on reducing the environmental impacts of forestry activities in Algonquin Provincial Park, enhancing protection for park values, and still providing certainty of wood supply and economic security for local mills and communities.

Ontario Parks became the first provincial organization in Canada to achieve Level 4 in the National Quality Institute's Progressive Excellence Program.

The ministry introduced proposed Far North legislation which, if passed, would see Ontario protect at least 225,000 square kilometres of the Far North Boreal region and

allow for sustainable development of the region's natural resources. Eight First Nation communities have set up land use planning teams and are developing a community based land use plan, of which two – Cat Lake and Slate Falls First Nations – completed terms of reference to guide the planning process.

In 2009-10, terms of reference were signed with Pikangikum First Nation to support protected areas and forest management planning, building on a declaration order granted by the Ministry of the Environment to provide Environmental Assessment Act coverage for forest management in the Whitefeather Forest.

The ministry de-regulated Ipperwash Provincial Park so that the land could be transferred to the federal government, which has authority to add land to existing Indian reserves or create new reserves. Transferring the land to the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation is expected to bring social and economic benefits to the First Nation and to local non-Aboriginal communities.

The ministry is leading a six-year plan with local First Nation communities to clean up 16 abandoned radar sites that are part of the mid-Canada line dating back to the Cold War. The province is contributing up to \$73 million to clean up all the sites, while the federal government is contributing \$30 million to help with 11 sites that are highly contaminated.

While raccoon rabies has been eliminated from Ontario, the ministry continued monitoring for this strain of rabies to ensure early warning of possible new outbreaks and to control other fish and wildlife diseases. In 2009, the ministry distributed 1.3 million baits containing a vaccine to control rabies in skunks and foxes, which helped result in a reduction in incidents of these strains of rabies of 50 per cent over last year.

With Ontario's second lowest fire season on record in 2009, the ministry was able to provide unprecedented support to British Columbia and Alberta during their very active fire season from the end of July to mid-September. Almost 300 forest fire fighters and three aircraft were sent to assist these jurisdictions.

Under the province's five-year ReNew Ontario project, \$3.9 million was invested to build the new fire attack base in Hearst. The new base will help the ministry respond to fires in the Hearst, Hornepayne and Kapuskasing areas, as well as protect the region's forest resources.

The ministry continued a broad review of Ontario's moose management program. Public consultation took place on a final Moose Management Policy, Draft Moose Population Objectives Setting Guidelines and Draft Moose Harvest Management Guidelines.

The ministry strengthened its enforcement capacity, further protecting the province's natural resources. Mobile offices were designed and implemented in 102 conservation

officer trucks. The mobile units give full desktop functionality in the field, increasing efficiency and improving records management.

The province invested over \$5 million to protect ecologically sensitive lands through the Land Securement Program. The ministry partnered with conservation groups to identify and secure over 3,600 hectares of natural heritage lands.

The ministry continued to implement the new ecological framework for recreational fisheries management in Ontario, which includes new zones, managing on a broader landscape scale, enhanced stewardship and regular monitoring and reporting. Fisheries Management Zone advisory councils have now been set up in 11 zones.

Support continued for the Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program, an effort to bring back wild populations of Atlantic salmon to Lake Ontario. The Ministry of Natural Resources, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Ontario Power Generation worked together on improvements to an eel ladder at the Saunders Generating Station in Cornwall that will let American eels migrate to Lake Ontario and live out their life cycle.

The ministry released the Aggregate Resource in Ontario Study Consolidated Report, which summarizes information from a more detailed report that will inform a broader provincial aggregate strategy.

The ministry provided 2,330 jobs in natural resource management to young people across the province through five youth employment programs.

Table 1: Ministry Expenditures

	Ministry Interim Actual Expenditures (\$M) 2009-10
Operating	\$561.1
Capital	\$63.1
Staff Strength (as of March 31, 2010)	4,024.3*

* Approximately 285 seasonal fire staff were brought on earlier than usual due to the increased fire activity prior to March 31st.

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