



**Essex Region
Conservation
Authority**

Annual Report 2009

Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy

A photograph of a Michigan Lily flower in a forest. The flower is orange with dark red spots and is shown in profile, facing left. It has six petals and six stamens with dark red anthers. The flower is on a green stem with several green leaves. In the background, there is a dense forest of green trees and foliage. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Vision

To achieve a sustainable balanced environment with healthy watersheds, highlighted by clean creeks and rivers, thriving natural areas, and productive agricultural lands.

Our Mission

To provide locally based leadership in creating a sustainable environment for the residents of the Essex region.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

A healthy environment is intrinsically linked with the health of a community's residents, and the economy. For this reason, the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) has been working with many partners for more than 36 years to implement the environmental improvements necessary to create a sustainable environment for the Essex region.

Dr. Richard Florida, one of the world's leading authors on economic competitiveness, demographic trends and innovation, has identified the features that attract creative people and economic growth. Green spaces and a healthy environment are at the top of this list. Natural areas and parks are recognized as some of our most attractive features by visitors to our region.

During these challenging economic times, it is critically important that the Windsor-Essex community continue to invest in the sustainable natural resources of this region so that we may enhance our ability to provide a high quality of life and attract employers, tourists and residents.

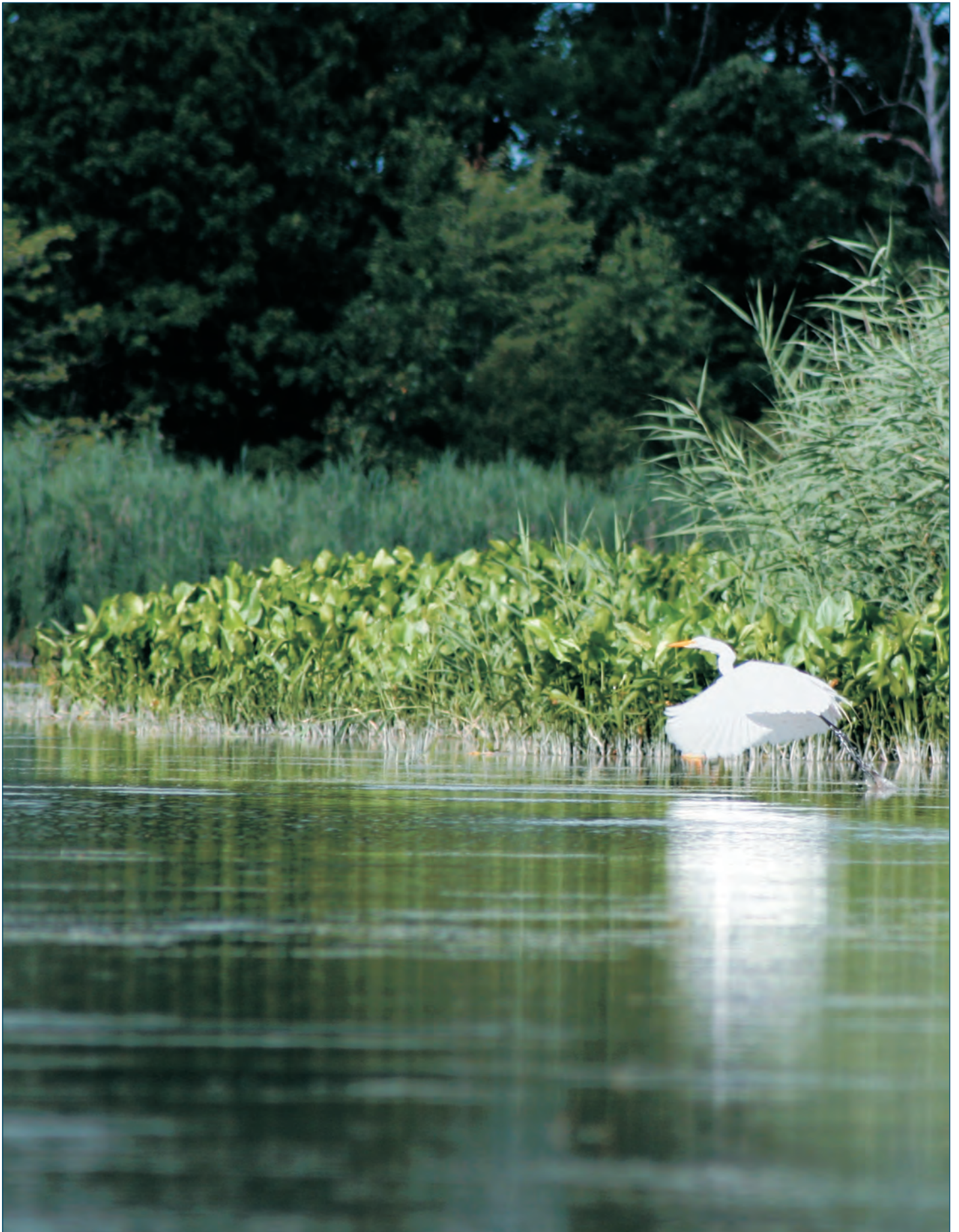
The Essex Region Conservation Authority and our partners continue to work diligently to sustain a community with adequate green spaces, clean and healthy sources of drinking water, natural areas in which to recreate and an interconnection of trails for hiking, biking and alternative forms of transportation.

There is tremendous potential for the creation of green jobs in the Essex region through the manufacturing of renewable energy solutions. Strengthening partnerships, building upon successes and investing in our natural resources will benefit the entire community and is the path to rebuilding economic prosperity.

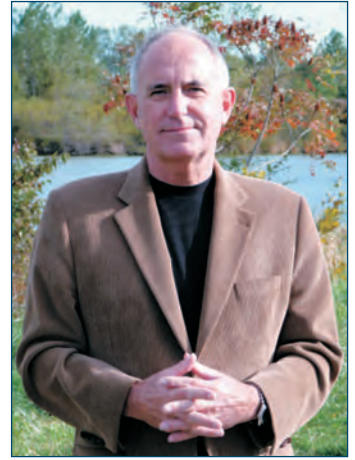
There has never been a more exciting time to be involved in watershed protection because of the positive impact that it can have on the community as a whole. Healthy watersheds ensure that we continue to enjoy the Great Lakes and all the waterways that connect us. Investment in environmental protection and enhancement serves to safeguard the greatest assets that this region has and our investment will be returned many times over with resulting economic development.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest appreciation to the Board of Directors, the staff, and our many partners and volunteers who have all continued to work vigorously to improve the environmental sustainability of the Essex Region over this past year. With continued dedication, we will achieve this community's goal of a sustainable future.

David Brister, Chair



Egret in Cedar Creek



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

This area is special in many ways. As Canada's South Coast, its residents enjoy more than 102 miles of shoreline, rivers, Carolinian forests, wetlands, unique alvars and the best tall grass prairie remaining in Canada. We have an excellent network of trails and recreational opportunities, are uniquely positioned on the spring and fall bird migration routes, and enjoy the benefits of a close relationship with our neighbours across the Detroit River.

As I reflect upon my career which has spanned more than 35 years with this Authority, I am proud to say that real progress is being made in creating a future of sustainability. The percentage of our land covered in forest continues to increase, as ERCA has recently planted its five millionth tree. We have developed a comprehensive water quality monitoring program, and have realized some water quality improvements in our watersheds and surrounding Great Lakes. In fact, Wheatley Harbour, formerly considered an environmental hotspot, is about to be removed from the list of areas of concern.

In the millennium year, we celebrated the grand opening of the 50 kilometre Chrysler Canada Greenway. The Detroit River became designated as a Canadian Heritage River in 2001. Since 1973, we have acquired more than 20 Conservation Areas, including several new ones this past year, to ensure the protection of their natural features and to provide recreation and education opportunities. More than 3500 previously flood or erosion prone homes have been protected thanks to our many flood control and shoreline protection projects and the \$40 million in investments we have attracted for these works. ERCA's floodplain and shoreline regulations have provided for the protection of many thousands of new homes.

We continue to create more trails, connecting more communities and providing opportunities for our residents to lead healthy and active lifestyles. The Essex Region Conservation Foundation has raised millions of dollars to assist us in protecting the most significant yet vulnerable natural resources of the region. We have established great partnerships with the Federal and Provincial Governments, the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ducks Unlimited Canada and many others. These are just a sampling of the many environmental successes that we have had the opportunity to celebrate.

It has been a great privilege to spend my entire career working to improve the environment of the Windsor-Essex community by balancing human and environmental needs. As a new era in the management and protection of our region's critical natural resources begins, this need will become more important than ever. I would like to thank the many incredible Chairs, Board members, Members of the Federal and Provincial governments, partners and volunteers with whom I've had the opportunity to work over the past three and a half decades. I thank the dedicated staff, who work diligently every day to improve the sustainability of this region, and I look forward to witnessing continued environmental successes and a legacy of a cleaner and healthier future for this community. By continuing to work together, the Essex Region will be recognized as a place of choice in all of Canada.

Ken Schmidt
General Manager
/Secretary Treasurer



There's no question that water is the basis of all life. Without it, nothing lives. What's becoming more evident is that the impact of local watersheds on the quality of water in the Great Lakes is profound. The Great Lakes provide drinking water for 24 million people, and comprise 20% of the world's fresh water. With the recent resurgence of blue-green algal blooms in Lake Erie, and scientific studies pointing to watershed runoff as a key problem, there's no question that the on-the-ground projects that ERCA implements in partnership with landowners will continue to grow in importance, and should be accelerated to achieve more significant water quality improvements.



PROTECT & IMPROVE WATER

The **2009 Water Quality Report**, a comprehensive scientific report on the water quality status of the Essex Region's watersheds was prepared. This report highlights various important water quality issues (e.g. nutrients and algal blooms, suspended sediments, and bacterial contamination at the public beaches, etc) in the Essex Region and the Lake St Clair to the Detroit River and Western Lake Erie basin corridor. The report also includes the impacts of local tributary loadings on the nearshore water quality (e.g. raw water quality at the drinking water intakes).

The **Clean Water~Green Spaces' Water Quality Program** provided technical and financial assistance to 58 landowners for projects that improve water quality and reduce soil erosion. Completed projects included 30 buffer strips and tree plantings, 14 soil erosion control structures, 9 septic system upgrades, and 11 well capping projects.

Surface Water Quality Monitoring continued at 56 stations along the Region's watercourses and nearshores. ERCA's surface water monitoring program was extended from 12 to 17 sub-watersheds in 2009, and enhanced by including wet weather and nearshore monitoring in these sub-watersheds. Flow monitoring was also initiated at the selected sites in the 17 sub-watersheds to quantify and understand the impacts of local tributary loadings on the near shore of the Great Lakes system.

Groundwater Quality Monitoring continued at eight monitoring stations operated by ERCA, as part of the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network.

The Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of the Environment, toured the **Detroit River Area of Concern**.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

The Source Protection Committee completed the first phase of technical studies as part of the Source Water Protection planning. The areas of land surrounding municipal drinking water intakes were mapped out as 'Intake Protection Zones', where special care must be taken in the use and handling of chemical and other potential pollutants. Within these areas, existing and potential future 'threats' were identified. These are particular land uses or activities which could have the potential to affect the water quality of source water at the water intakes. Water quality 'Issues' were also evaluated.

Landowners, businesses, and residents within these Intake Protection Zones were encouraged to attend scheduled public meetings and review these studies.

These technical studies will be part of the science-based Assessment Report generated for the Essex Region Source Protection Area, which will be completed in early 2010 as part of the source water protection planning process under the Clean Water Act. Plans, which may include policies regarding land use activities, must be completed by 2012.



Natural areas have value that extends beyond the environment. More and more, the value of 'natural capital' is being recognized and studied. In The Value of Natural Capital in Settled Areas of Canada, Dr. Nancy Olewiler demonstrates that the protection and enhancement of natural areas can, over time, improve water quality and decrease water treatment costs, increase recreational opportunities, mitigate flooding, decrease net greenhouse gas emissions, lower dredging costs of waterways, improve air quality, provide habitat, sustain food production and produce many more benefits to society. ERCA has long recognized the significant importance of protecting existing natural areas and improving biodiversity, and has protected more than 4000 acres over its 36 years in business. This work remains among ERCA's top priorities.

PROTECT NATURAL AREAS & ENHANCE BIODIVERSITY

ERCA protected more than **350 acres of environmentally sensitive land** located adjacent to Cedar Creek Conservation Area, in partnership with the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ducks Unlimited and the Essex Region Conservation Foundation. This area provides important habitat for several species at risk, and connects two previously fragmented woodlots.

Clean Water~Green Spaces' Tree Planting and Habitat Restoration Program resulted in the naturalization of over 240 acres at over 160 project sites. Over 150,000 seedling trees were planted by ERCA (50 sites) or distributed by ERCA and planted by landowners (110 sites). Projects emphasized forest restoration, with some prairie and wetland projects also completed, all utilizing a diversity of native Carolinian trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants. In addition, over 4,000 large stock trees were planted at a variety of locations throughout the region, including 700 along EC Row in partnership with the City of Windsor.

Together with our partners in the **Emerald Ash Borer Response - Natural Areas Restoration Program**, 2 tree identification walks were provided to over 30 participants, exposing them to many of our native Carolinian trees. In the fall, 8 community based seed collection events were undertaken with the assistance of over 90 volunteers. Almost 1,700 pounds of native tree and shrub seeds were collected locally, which will be propagated into seedlings by our commercial growers to enhance the survival and vigour of seedlings used in our program in the coming years. This year we received a total of 46,000 seedlings which were grown from ERCA collected seed and then planted throughout the region.

Plan Review continued to involve substantial input into 4 comprehensive Official Plan reviews. As well, ERCA has been commissioned by the County of Essex to lead a Natural Areas Study as part of the update to the County's Official Plan. ERCA

is also completing natural heritage feature inventory studies for the Town of LaSalle and Town of Tecumseh as part of their Official Plan reviews. ERCA took a lead role in the planning review of several renewable energy development proposals, including wind and solar projects. Additionally, over 460 *Planning Act* applications, environmental impact assessments and related studies were referred to ERCA for review and comment by member municipalities.

The **Essex-Erie Aquatic Species at Risk Recovery Strategy** was implemented focusing on restoring or enhancing habitat for rare fish in priority areas. This work was undertaken in partnership with several jurisdictions in the Lake Erie watershed where these rare fish are known to occur.

The **Big Creek Watershed Plan** was further developed in partnership with the Town of Amherstburg and others. Technical studies were undertaken in the areas of water quality, water quantity and natural areas. Several community consultations were held. This information will be used to develop the Plan in 2010, the results of which will be used to guide land use and resource management decision making.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are of great value as a decision making tool in supporting ERCA's business needs through the generation, management, modeling and display of geographically referenced data. GIS tools allow ERCA staff to efficiently find and work with digital data and maps. ERCA also offers the benefits of GIS via a

specialized interactive mapping website. The website is available to staff, partners, and the public alike, and is used extensively by our staff when they are consulting members of the public. In addition, mutually beneficial relationships continue to be strengthened with our member municipalities to further advance system interaction and data sharing.



Conservation Ontario has identified that climate change, urbanization and aging urban infrastructure have diminished the capacity of watersheds to cope with increased storm runoff, exposing growing populations to increased flood risks. Research has demonstrated that storms in Ontario have become more frequent and powerful. From 2000 to 2005, Ontario experienced ten severe storms that exceeded intensities that are not normally expected more than once every 100 years. These storms caused over \$360 million in damages. Protecting homes and people from the dangers of flooding and erosion is a key priority upon which all Conservation Authorities are based, and continues to be of critical importance.

PROTECT PEOPLE & PROPERTY FROM FLOOD & EROSION

The **Southeast Leamington Sustainable Management Strategy** continues to evolve, with new concepts brought forward that provide solutions to the significant flood and erosion hazards found in this area. Stakeholder consultation continues to be an integral part of the process. A separate study called the **Point Pelee Peninsula Eastern Erosion Mitigation Study** is also being conducted in the Southeast Leamington area. This study will investigate upgrade options for the southeast corner of the Marentette Dyke for full protection from erosion due to Lake Erie waves. Secondary objectives of this study include conceptual solutions for the shoreline from Hillman Marsh to the tip of Point Pelee National Park.

The **Colchester to Southeast Shoal Beach Nourishment Study** continued in 2009 to investigate options to improving the shoreline between Colchester to Point Pelee National Park. This study continues ERCA's efforts towards sediment management improvements of this shoreline.

ERCA and the City of Windsor celebrated the completion of the **Little River Dykes/East Riverside Flood Control**. Over the past several years, the Ministry of Natural Resources contributed over \$900,000 through their Water and Erosion Control (WECI) program. The recent works, in conjunction with the original project, protects over 2000 homes and the Pollution Control Plant in east Windsor.

Alternative channel designs continue to be investigated along **Little River** between Tecumseh Road East and Lauzon Road. Recreational or habitat improvement opportunities may be realized along this section of the river due to existing flow overcapacity. This study will determine what alternative channel designs are possible to maximize the benefits of this part of Little River.

Repairs were completed along a section of the revetment that protects the **Pelee Island Dykes**. This will ensure the continued protection of the island interior from Lake Erie waves and flooding.

A study of the outfall sewer structures along **Windsor's riverfront** is continuing to determine the status of the sewers and to determine repair priorities. Once the study is completed, sewer repair work will follow as required.

Restoration efforts proceeded for the **Upper Grand Marais Drain** along the Phase 1 area while detailed design for Phase 2 of the project has continued towards construction planned in 2010. This project will improve the flow capacity of the Grand Marais Drain between Walker Road and Central Avenue, which will reduce the flooding risks to many upstream Windsor residents.

Phase 1 of the **Grand Marais Drain concrete channel** study was completed, which investigated the concrete repairs that are needed within the channel. Phase 2 of the study has begun and will determine channel alternative design for the concrete channel so that future maintenance is minimized.

Construction in the **McRae Orchard** area of Kingsville to repair existing shoreline protection began. These repairs are essential for the protection of shoreline residential properties.

Repairs to the flood control structures along the **Belle River** continued, including the repair of severely damaged seawalls near County Road 22. A study to determine future repairs needed for a pump station and other the flood control structures is also being conducted.

Inspections of existing **Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure** projects continued in order to identify the need for any additional repairs. Identified projects will be brought to the attention of the affected municipality so that ERCA can continue to apply for funding to assist our member municipalities with required infrastructure repairs.

In 2009, **ERCA's Regulation & Plan Review** assisted 410 landowners in obtaining permits.



Education and outreach are key factors in creating a future of sustainability. The students of today are the environmental stewards of tomorrow, and instilling an environmental consciousness at a young age will ensure a lifelong commitment to making sustainable choices. What's more, engaging the broader public in activities and initiatives that improve our local environment enhances not only our environment, but also pride in our local community.



EXPAND CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Conservation Education & Heritage Field Studies are curriculum-based, hands-on learning opportunities. More than 10,000 students learned about the importance of protecting our environment and preserving our heritage. We are grateful to our partners from CIBC and John Omstead who continue to 'Sponsor our Future' through Conservation Education. Additional support from RBC allowed Conservation Education programs to be delivered focusing on how our local drinking water is being protected at the source. Finally, a generous gift from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation to celebrate the opening of their Belle River Branch will allow students from the Town of Belle River to participate in Conservation Education programs at no charge in spring of 2010.

Friends of Watersheds continued in 2009 with 6 established groups around the region. A total of 47 events were held during the year, including 27 tree plantings (17 of which were schoolyard plantings), 2 wildflower plantings, 4 watercourse cleanups, and 14 educational & outreach events. Approximately 2,600 seedling trees and almost 700 large stock trees were planted on approximately 5 acres. Over 1,400 volunteers were involved in Friends of Watersheds events and activities in 2009.

Public education and outreach continued to be expanded. More than 75 media releases were distributed in 2009, resulting in nearly 500 news stories generated across Windsor and Essex County newspapers, television, radio and magazines. ERCA also utilizes social media tools such as Facebook and Wikipedia to engage the broadest possible audience. Over 600 subscribers are regularly updated on news, events, programs and services with ERCA's Watershed Quarterly e-newsletter. Additional information materials included flyers, posters, the Annual Report and corresponding video, and the Business Plan.

More than 40 **community events** and speaking engagements were hosted at conservation areas and other locations across the region with many enjoyable activities for all ages promoting environmental education and action. Events such as Sunoco

Earth Day, the Shore and Songbird Celebration, the Festival of Hawks, Locavore Lunch and the Parade of Horse Breeds continue to be popular.

Volunteers continue to significantly contribute to the protection and restoration of our natural resources. Thousands of volunteers assisted with habitat and water quality restoration and enhancement projects, special events, and the protection and restoration of our heritage assets.

ERCA was once again pleased to invite more than 40 children from Windsor's city core to participate in this year's **Urban Conservation Challenge**. ERCA provided bussing and programming to allow children who might otherwise not have had the opportunity to visit the region's Conservation Areas to engage in a fun and educational day of environmental activities and programs.

ERCA again took a leadership role in planning and implementing the annual **Essex Region Children's Water Festival**, which educates thousands of students about the critical importance of clean water to their future. The children participated in activities that encourage positive attitudes about protecting, restoring, and conserving water.

The **Essex County Demonstration Farm** was maintained to highlight current agricultural techniques, tools, and products that enhance the linkage between farming and the environment.

ERCA was a key partner in **Carolinian Canada's 'Caring for Our Coast' Forum**. ERCA provided both financial and in-kind support, leading several field trips and break out sessions throughout the conference. The goal of the Forum was to develop the concept of a Stewardship Trail along the Lake Erie coastline. As such, ERCA's involvement highlighted key issues and considerations, including existing trail development, habitat restoration, and sustainability of the shoreline.



ERCA protects 4000 acres of environmentally sensitive lands and where compatible, provides nature based recreational opportunities. Physical inactivity is one of the key risk factors Canadians are experiencing and one of the goals of Canada's Healthy Living Strategy. Research indicates that increased activity can save millions in health care spending. ERCA owns and manages 20 publicly accessible conservation areas and nearly 100 kilometres of trails to promote healthy and active lifestyles. Conservation Areas provide peaceful settings for families to reconnect while enjoying and appreciating nature and each other. They are places to take refuge from stress, renew spiritual health, and are places of which communities can be proud.



PROVIDE NATURE BASED RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

This year, the **John R. Park Homestead** welcomed the Ontario Minister of Culture to visit the historic home. With assistance from the Lions Club of Kingsville and the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the site's two largest barns were renovated and restored. High speed internet was added to the Homestead's modern visitor centre to improve the facility for meetings and conferences, and the successful Locavore Lunch event was expanded to celebrate 200 years of agriculture in the Iler Settlement. ERCA was also honoured to receive the E.J. Lajeunesse Award for contributions to local history.

A 24x24 foot picnic pavilion was constructed for visitors at **Ruscom Shores Conservation Area**, one of two remaining wetlands on the south shore of Lake St. Clair. This new pavilion will provide protection from the elements for visitors, and was developed in partnership with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU).

In addition to improving visitor facilities at **Ruscom Shores**, a Phragmites control program has been implemented. Phragmites is an invasive plant that is overtaking biodiverse wetland communities, turning them into monoculture stands that have little biological value. ERCA is currently seeking partners to implement the second phase of this work, which is a prescribed burn.

In partnership with the Town of Tecumseh and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU), ERCA was able to redevelop existing trails and construct new trails linking **McAuliffe Woods Conservation Area** to the Municipal system and parks. McAuliffe Woods now has a combination of gravelled and paved trails totaling 1.5 kilometres with improved accessibility.

Users of the Chrysler Canada Greenway in the Kingsville area will now be able to head south at the Kingsville Train Station Arboretum and take the new **Kingsville Mettawas Trail** to Park Street and the Pelee Island Ferry. ERCA, in partnership with the Town of

Kingsville and MTCU, has been able to transform this former industrial rail spur into two acres of parkland usable for the community and visitors alike.

The **Chrysler Canada Greenway** has also grown towards Leamington again and now extends to the southwest corner of former Landfill #2. Administration has been in discussion with the Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority to develop this former landfill into a passive use recreational facility for the community. Conceptual plans for this project have been initiated and further discussion with the EWSWA will be taking place as this future development takes shape.

ERCA, the Boblo Island Corporation and Parks Canada formed a unique partnership to develop a new nature trail that would allow island visitors and residents to enjoy White Sands Conservation Area, Fort Malden's Historic lighthouse and the natural areas owned by the Boblo Island Corporation. The **Boblo Island Trail** highlights the natural and cultural heritage features that are so prevalent along this internationally designated river. In the spring of 2010, visitors will be able to visit the southern tip of Boblo Island to enjoy the beach and a magnificent view of the mouth of the Detroit River as it joins with Lake Erie.

In 2008, the Conservation Authority undertook developments at the southern end of ERCA's **Hillman Marsh** beach. In 2009, similar work took place to make for a slightly larger and more secure parking area at **Hillman Marsh North Beach** that now ensures this Provincially Significant Habitat is protected from ATV use.

The **Pelee Island Stone Road Alvar Brushing Project** to enhance habitat for species at risk was implemented on Stone Road. Alvar Conservation Area, removing understory brush manually rather than conducting a prescribed burn. This project benefits the threatened Fox Snake as well as the endangered Blue Racer snake.





ESSEX REGION CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

The Essex Region Conservation Foundation raises the funds required to improve the environment of the Essex Region. In 2009, the Essex Region Conservation Foundation underwent significant changes with the launch of a new logo and website. As well, the Board of Directors' structure was slightly altered, and a membership breakfast held to rally additional interest in our Foundation. A strategic Fundraising Plan was adopted, and a Case for Support document prepared to identify the rationale for supporting the critically important work of the Foundation.

Several new fundraising initiatives and events were also introduced. The Gift that Honours allows donors to plant a tree to recognize a significant life event. Purchasers receive a tax receipt for their donation, while recipients receive a beautiful certificate and keepsake, as well as the GIS coordinates of the location at which their tree has been planted. The first Super Santa Run was held in 2009, attracting nearly 200 participants and raising important funds for the protection and restoration of our region's natural resources.

In total, the Foundation granted \$143,000 to the essential work of the Essex Region Conservation Authority, allowing ERCA to plant more trees at our Heritage Forest sites, undertake development of the Big Creek Watershed plan, and expand our Conservation Education program.

The Foundation continues to grow and has a significant new event Enviro-Expo 2010 planned for next year. This is expected to be the largest green lifestyle show in the country, and will welcome President Bill Clinton as its keynote speaker. The efforts of the volunteers, corporations and donors who continue to contribute to the Foundation have a significant impact on the health of our region. For more information or to become involved, visit ourgreenlegacy.org or call us at 519-776-5209 ext. 390.

The Benefits of Trails

Better Health. Trails support an active lifestyle that improves health. Physical activity helps prevent heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis, obesity, colon cancer and depression. An increase in physical activity can save millions in health care spending. Physical activity also reduces stress and improves mental health. Trails are exceptionally well suited to helping Ontarians become more physically active. They can provide physical activity for the widest range of people, including persons with disabilities, children and youth, the elderly and others who are known to be less physically active.

Strong People, Strong Economy. Trails attract tourists to Ontario communities. Tourism creates jobs and puts money into local economies. The Ontario Trails Council estimates that trails contribute at least \$2 billion a year to the

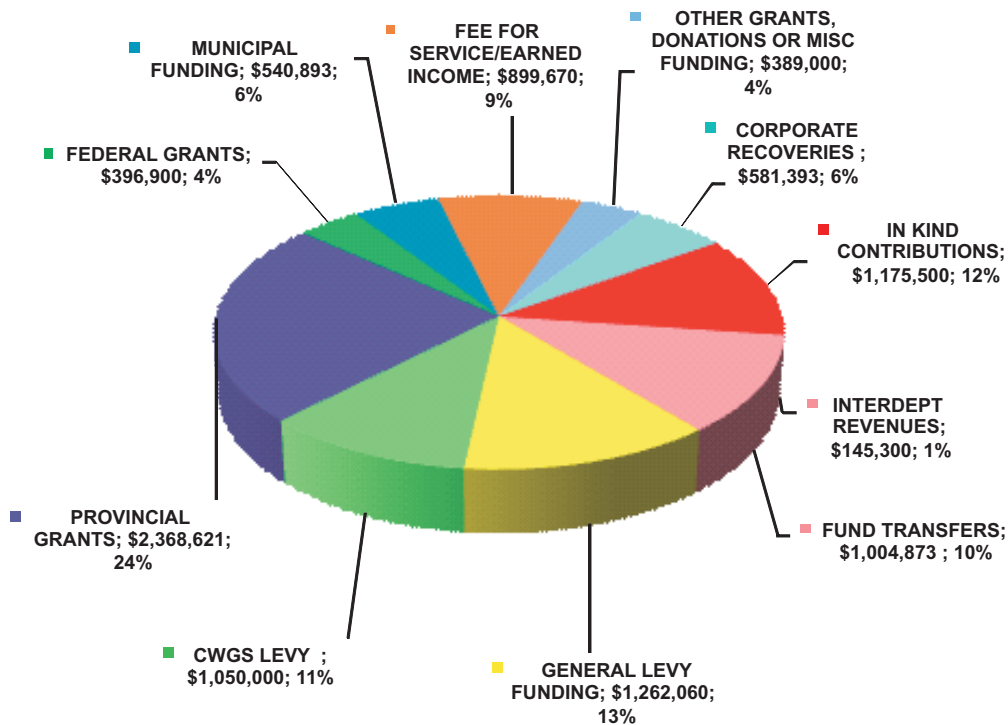
provincial economy. Trails increase property values. Studies find that properties located near trails generally sell for 5% to 32% percent more than those farther away.

Conserving and Appreciating the Environment. Trails lead users through the incredibly varied landscapes to be found in Ontario. They lead people to diverse plant and animal habitats like wetlands and forests, and historic places like old mills, canal locks or the homes of famous Canadians. Trails provide meaningful and satisfying outdoor experiences for many users. These experiences reaffirm a sense of connection with the natural environment and provide opportunities for an appreciation of Ontario's natural heritage.

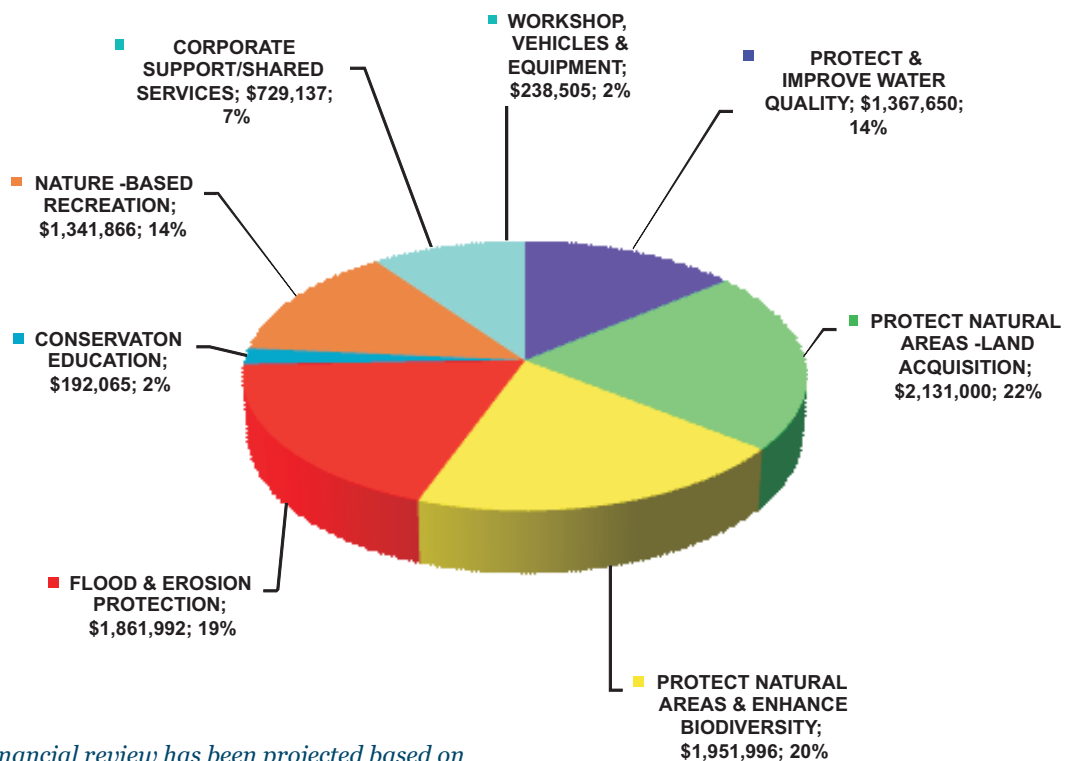
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2009 FINANCIAL REVIEW

2009 FORECASTED ACTUAL REVENUES (\$9.8 million)

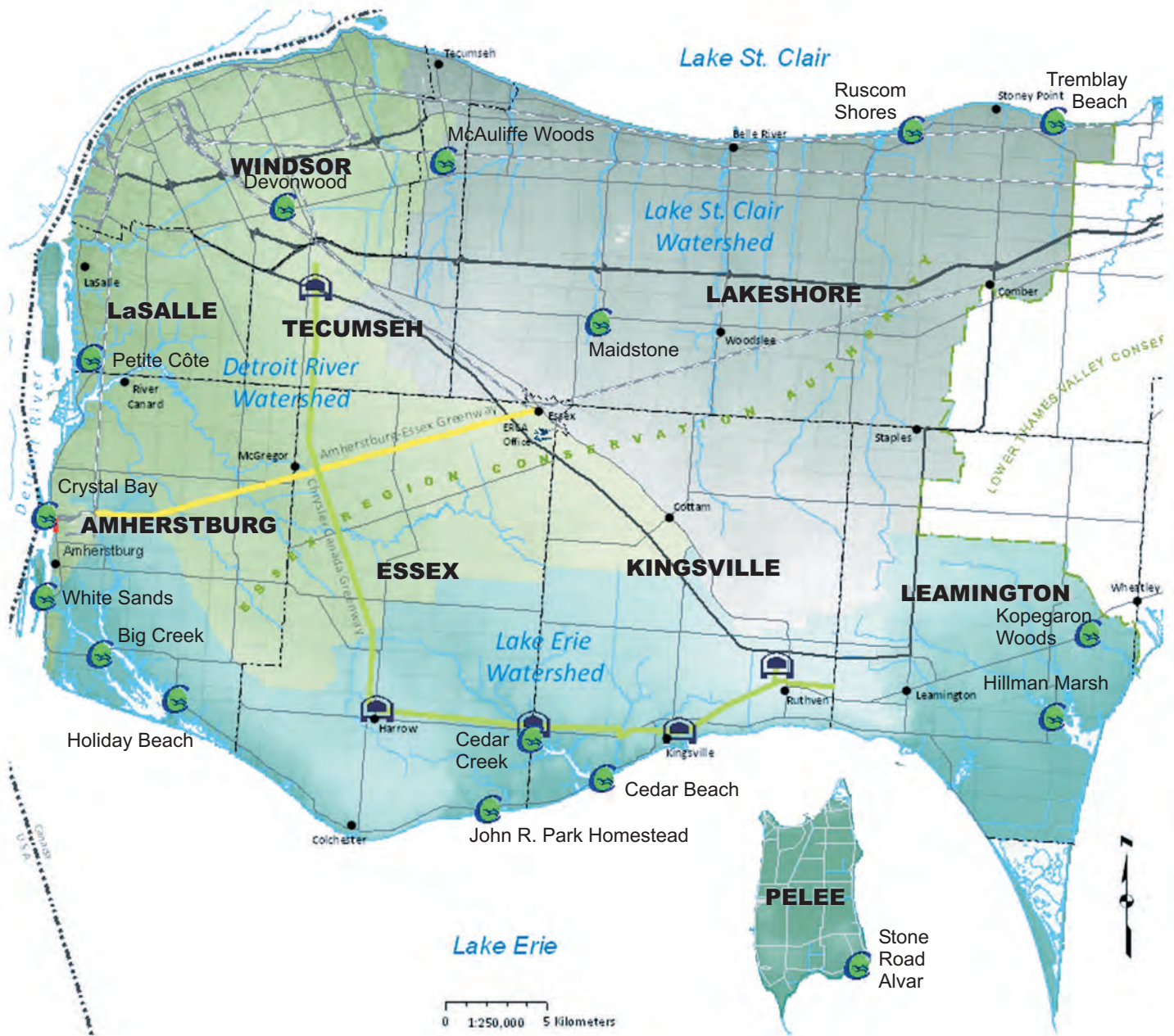


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Note: The 2009 unaudited financial review has been projected based on information received by December 31, 2009. Audited financial statements will be available in June, 2010.

*Make healthy and active lifestyles a priority for your family.
Visit any of the region's conservation areas to hike, bike
and enjoy nature and each other.*





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