



2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Long Point Region Conservation Authority



Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) is a community-based environmental agency that works in partnership with the provincial and federal governments, our eight member municipalities, and the community to increase natural areas coverage, improve water quality, protect people and property from flood and erosion, and provide education and recreation opportunities.

The LPRCA and its predecessors, the Big Creek Region and Otter Creek Conservation Authorities, have been responsible for protecting, restoring and managing the natural resources and features in the watershed since 1948.

Our area of jurisdiction – the Long Point Region watershed – covers 2,780 square kilometres and is home to nearly 102,000 people.

The LPRCA promotes an integrated watershed approach – one that balances human, environmental and economic needs. Our success is based on local initiative, watershed jurisdiction and partnerships.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



It is hard to believe that a whole year has gone by. The past year was a very busy time for LPRCA .

The KCCA-LPRCA Liaison Committee was formalized in 2012 allowing Kettle Creek and Long Point Region Conservation Authorities to explore joint funding opportunities, operational efficiencies as well as projects of mutual benefit.

Currently, the Committee is exploring the possibility of a new Lake Shore Management Plan that will assist local municipal partners when it comes to development reviews while ensuring consistent program service delivery across the various watersheds.

The LPRCA Strategic Review Committee completed gathering information on our operational procedures. The information we have garnered and learned will be used in the setting forth of a new strategic plan to advance both the services provided by the Conservation Authority to its many partners and the method of delivery. The Plan will incorporate guiding principles for the LPRCA in the manner that it conducts business. Completion of our updated Strategic Plan is expected to be formalized in 2013.

Thanks to the investment income generated from the Backus Woods Endowment Fund, we look forward to the possibility of expanding the Conservation Education Program in 2013 and continuing to better engage youth for years to come. Educating

the next generation about the environment and conservation are an important part of what we do.

This year's highlights also include planting more than 105,000 trees throughout the watershed; welcoming more than 279,900 visitors to our conservation areas and providing natural and cultural education programs to 4,000 students.

As I come to the end of my message, I would be remiss if I did not thank staff for a job well done. Your dedication and hard work are noted and appreciated.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Roger Geysens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Roger" and last name "Geysens" clearly distinguishable.

Roger Geysens
Chair

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



Working for the Long Point Region Conservation Authority reminds me a lot of my days working in various newsrooms – there is something new everyday, time flies by (even though I suspect that has more to do with getting older) and one thing all staff agree upon – it is never boring. It would take an encyclopaedia to capture the wide range of initiatives LPRCA staffers are planning, developing or implementing on behalf of our many watershed partners – so here are just a few highlights from 2012.

LPRCA staff along with their counterparts from Norfolk County has initiated a Liaison Program whereby both parties get together twice annually to discuss the various museums operated by the two parties – with the goal of exploring cross-marketing opportunities, as well as, joint sharing of artefacts and curatorial expertise. The goal is to enhance visitor experience to the region and the plan is to expand the Liaison Program to include other museum curators from the rest of the watershed.

In relation to forestry, LPRCA continues to have a very aggressive tree planting program backed by numerous partners. As well, LPRCA staff is working closely with the South Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation (SCOR) to try and find local materials for regional businesses, as well as, to assist in moving forward the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification process for local stakeholders in that industry. It is hoped that a coordinated approach to certification will open up more markets to Ontario wood products and enhance employment opportunities for the nearly 2500 jobs that rely on forestry in this region.

The successful Norfolk Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Pilot

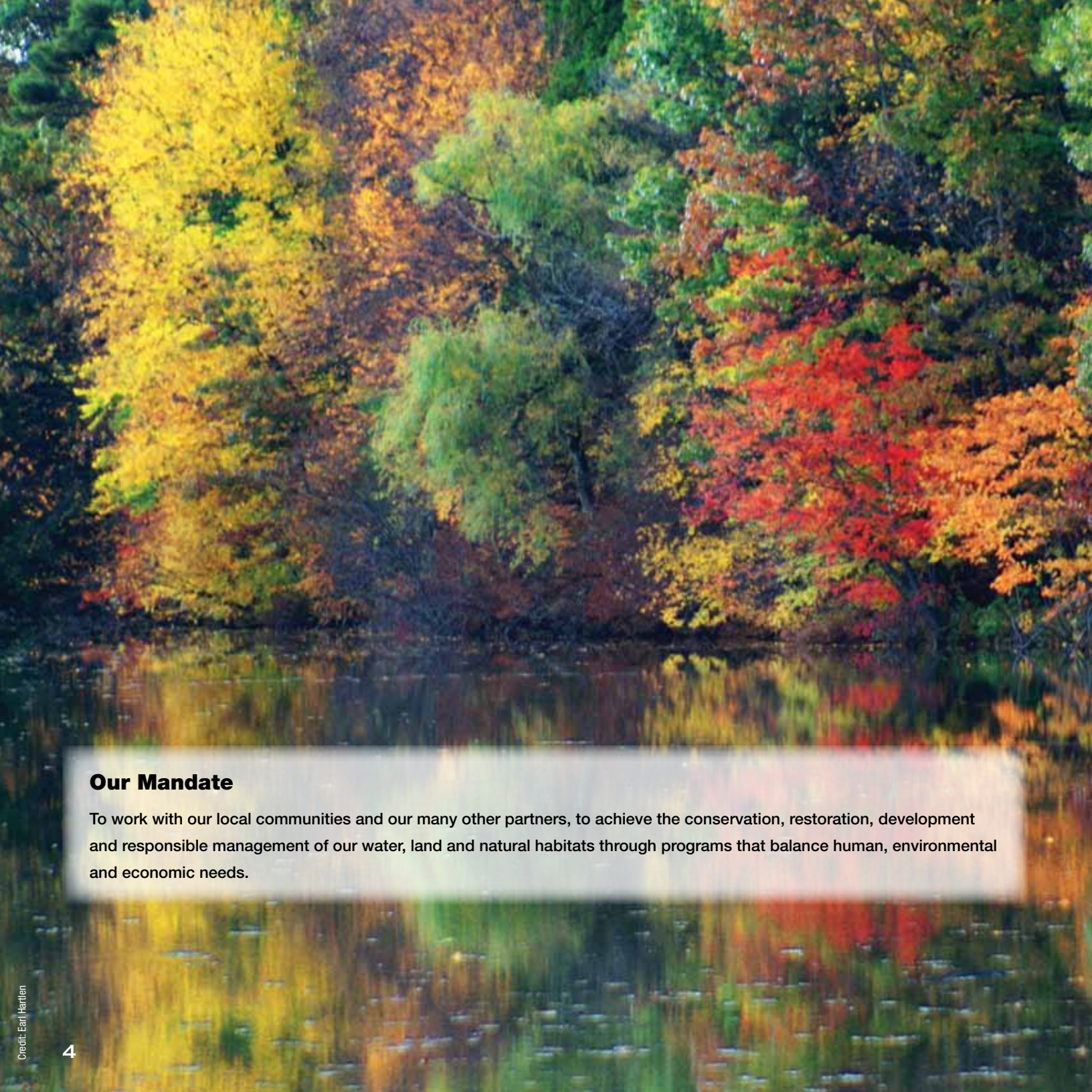
Project has not only been extended, but also expanded to eight other Canadian sites, including the Municipality of Bayham. Thanks to the participation of LPRCA staffers in the Norfolk Pilot and the proximity of Bayham to the original project, the Bayham ALUS has hit the floor running – having already established their Partnership Advisory Committee with representatives from the Municipality, Elgin Federation of Agriculture and local farming community. On-the-ground work and the establishment of demonstration farms are expected in 2013.

Funding was secured by LPRCA staffers for various initiatives throughout the watershed. As well, there was the development of a new partnership with the Turkey Point Mountain Bike Club in relation to the Anderson Tract. In August another worthy recipient was presented with a \$1,000-scholarship to assist with their post-secondary education in the environmental field. The Leighton and Betty Brown Scholarship Fund started in 2006 thanks to the generosity of hunters who wanted to recognize the former Lee Brown Marsh Manager and his wife. Fifteen students have been awarded funding support since the inception of the Scholarship.

Again, my many thanks to the Board for their support in 2012 for providing an environment in which staff can be creative in moving forward the mandate of the Conservation Authority – and to the staffers who through their dedication and hard work improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of our community.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Cliff Evanitski'. The signature is stylized with a large 'C' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Cliff Evanitski
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Our Mandate

To work with our local communities and our many other partners, to achieve the conservation, restoration, development and responsible management of our water, land and natural habitats through programs that balance human, environmental and economic needs.



Our Programs and Services focus on:

- Ensuring that the Long Point Region watershed lands and waters are properly safeguarded, managed and restored
- Protecting, managing and restoring watershed woodlands, wetlands and natural habitats
- Developing and maintaining programs that will protect life and property from natural hazards such as flooding and erosion
- Providing opportunities for the public to enjoy, learn from and respect the watershed's natural and cultural environments

PROTECTING LIFE & PROPERTY

Planning and Regulations

Through the plan review process, Long Point Region Conservation Authority ensures that proposed developments will not affect the control of flooding, erosion, pollution, the conservation of land or the hydrologic function of a wetland.

The LPRCA administers a regulation under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act known as the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation (Ont. Reg. 178/06). Regulation of construction activities in environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, shorelines and waterways ensure that activities in these areas will not result in a risk to public safety or property damage. This preventative approach also ensures that wetlands, shorelines and waterways are protected.

LPRCA provides input and review on municipally circulated applications under the Planning Act such as land severances, zoning bylaws or official plan amendments. Conformity to provincial policies and guidelines is also considered when commenting on proposals. Comments are provided to municipalities when they update their Official Plans to help ensure the impacts of development on water and land are considered.

2012 was a busy year for planning staff due in part to a significant number of green energy development proposals being reviewed with respect to impacts on flooding and erosion. The majority of the wind turbines are located outside of the regulated area; however a permit is required for associated infrastructure. LPRCA staff reviewed plans for access roadways, watercourse crossings, culvert installations, directional drills and conduit lines.

Under an agreement with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), LPRCA reviews development applications on issues related to fish habitat and whether the work may cause the habitat to be harmfully altered, disrupted or destroyed. As part of its review, the LPRCA provides input on how the impact can be reduced.



2012 Planning Highlights:

- Processed 273 Section 28 permit applications for activity within regulated areas
- Reviewed and issued permits for 73 wind farm development applications
- Reviewed and provided advisory comments to member municipalities on 73 applications made under the Planning Act
- Commented on 103 property information inquiries
- Issued 41 letters of advice to landowners for fisheries matters
- Reviewed and provided input for changes to municipal planning documents in Elgin and Norfolk counties
- Adopted amendments to the Section 28 Regulation and submitted it to the Minister of Natural Resources for approval. The amendments are intended to streamline the permitting process and allow LPRCA staff to be more efficient in review of Section 28 applications.
- Inspected a variety of shoreline features throughout the watershed with Dr. Robin Davidson-Arnott and discussed impacts development may have on shoreline processes

Flood Forecasting and Warning

Flooding can be caused by a number of factors including excess snow melt, irregular breakup of ice in creeks and along the lakeshore or heavy rainfall. Water level surges on Lake Erie or larger watercourses can be caused by high winds.

Conservation Authorities, in cooperation with local municipalities and the province, play a significant role in the protection of life and property from flooding hazards. LPRCA is responsible for forecasting when flooding is likely to occur within the watershed and issuing appropriate messages.

LPRCA monitors weather information, stream flows, snowpack and ice conditions in order to predict when floods will occur and how high the water may rise. When flooding is possible, or about to

occur, the LPRCA issues flood messages to municipal emergency management officials and the media.

A Watershed Conditions Statement was issued on October 28th when severe weather was anticipated throughout the watershed as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Limited property damage and flooding was experienced when strong winds and heavy rainfall swept through the area.

The flood message terminology that is used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Conservation Authorities was changed in February to better align with other weather agencies such as Environment Canada and the Weather Network. These changes will ensure consistency across the board when it comes to flood forecasting and warning.



Credit: Earl Hartten

Flood forecasting activities in 2012:

- Operated and maintained 13 stream flow recording stations in partnership with the Water Survey of Canada
- Conducted snow surveys at 5 locations to assess snowpack conditions
- Measured rainfall and snowfall using 3 precipitation stations
- Issued a Watershed Conditions Statement in October and a total of 3 Flood Watches for surges on Lake Erie (two during January and one in March)
- Hosted an information session for municipal flood coordinators
- Secured \$6,000 in new funding from the province's Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) program for safety signage and boom hardware and to assess the bottom draw at Lehman's Dam
- Hosted a tour of the WECl committee to review structures where provincial funding had been granted as well as possible future projects
- Undertook routine monthly inspections and maintenance to ensure safe and efficient operation of twelve water control structures
- Replaced wooden stoplogs at Teeterville Dam

CONSERVING WATER & SOIL

Healthy Watersheds

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority offers a variety of services and programs aimed at encouraging and demonstrating good land stewardship practices. Through its Healthy Watershed Program, LPRCA works with landowners, community groups and all levels of government to improve, restore and secure natural habitats within the watershed. A number of cost-sharing and technical assistance programs are available to landowners in the Long Point Region watershed.

Stewardship activities have included:

- Planting buffers and windbreaks
- Restoring landscapes
- Creating sand dune habitat
- Connecting corridors
- Decommissioning wells
- Creating wetlands and sediment basins
- Restoring open water habitats
- Monitoring fish populations
- Enhancing wildlife habitat

Through its Private Land Erosion Control Assistance program, LPRCA helped a Municipality of Bayham landowner to establish berms and hickenbottoms between agricultural fields and erodible gulleys.

In partnership with the Norfolk Stewardship Council, an agricultural field was restored by creating a wetland and planting 2.5 acres of trees for a private landowner.

Wetlands and native groundcover was established to help restore the site of the former Port Rowan sewage lagoons. Project partners included Norfolk County, the Ministries of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Natural Resources, Bird Studies Canada, Ontario Power Generation, Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation and Environment Canada.

In 2012, the Elgin Clean Water Project and Haldimand Rural Water Quality Program were launched, providing technical and financial assistance for landowners to implement projects aimed at improving and maintaining the quality of surface and ground water. The Elgin Clean Water Project was established as a partnership between Catfish Creek, Kettle Creek, Lower Thames and Long Point Region Conservation Authorities with funding support from the RBC Blue Water Grant. Two projects were completed in the Municipality of Bayham with \$1384 in funding assistance provided to decommission a well and create a wetland.

Haldimand County made \$25,000 available to assist landowners in the Grand River, Niagara Peninsula and Long Point Region watersheds. This new program is administered by Haldimand's Agricultural Advisory Committee and County staff in consultation with the three conservation authorities.



LPRCA continued to promote the Brant Rural Water Quality Program and the Clean Water Program in Oxford County. In 2012 a Brant County landowner received assistance to plant trees with funding from Brant Millennium Grow Green and Maple Leafs Forever. Grant funding totaling \$5,000 was provided through the Clean Water Project to assist three Oxford County landowners to decommission wells and upgrade a septic system.

Creating Open Water Habitat

Sections of the Long Point, Turkey Point and Big Creek marshes contain Phragmites and cattail monocultures resulting in sediment accumulation and reduced health of these aquatic ecosystems. These in-filled marshes were excavated to create open water areas of varying depths. The excavated material was placed on existing berms and used to create hummocks similar to muskrat pushups to provide non-linear nesting and basking habitat for snakes and turtles. Funding was provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment Canada's Habitat Stewardship program and the six participating landowners.

2012 Planting Season

This year the Private Land Tree Planting program was well received with 105,000 trees and seedlings planted. LPRCA has adopted the practice of direct seeding in some projects, especially for oaks, hickories and walnuts. Planting projects are more complex with a wide range of tree species, native grasses and shrubs planted for increased biodiversity.

Trees Ontario's 50 Million program increases the number of trees planted in Ontario by significantly reducing landowners' cost of large-scale tree planting on their lands by providing a subsidy. LPRCA, as the local planted agency, worked with 14 landowners to arrange the planting of more than 42,100 tree seedlings. Trees Ontario provided \$132,500 in support of these projects.

Public planting events in partnership with Scouts Canada and District A2 Lions Clubs engaged the public in environmental stewardship activities. Close to 45 Lions Clubs planted 10,000 trees on land owned by the Nature Conservancy of Canada, while the Lynn Valley District Scoutree event helped to plant more than 1,800 trees on a nearby property. These two planting events will help restore the land to its natural habitat.

In an effort to restore trees along roadside, the Townships of Norwich and South West Oxford and the Municipality of Bayham with assistance from LPRCA offered a Trees for Roads program. A total of 185 sapling trees were planted along municipal roads.

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has supported a reforestation and habitat restoration program in the Long Point Region watershed since 1995. Through a partnership agreement with OPG and the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation, LPRCA provides project coordination along with technical advice and planting services. This project helps address forest fragmentation, sequester carbon and improve linkages between natural areas. This year slightly more than 20,000 tree seedlings were planted in partnership with twelve landowners.

Natural vegetation along the shoreline of a watercourse plays an important role in protecting water quality, preventing soil erosion and providing wildlife habitat. In 2012, LPRCA received \$6,800 from the Ministry of Natural Resources to establish and maintain buffers in the Big Creek watershed.



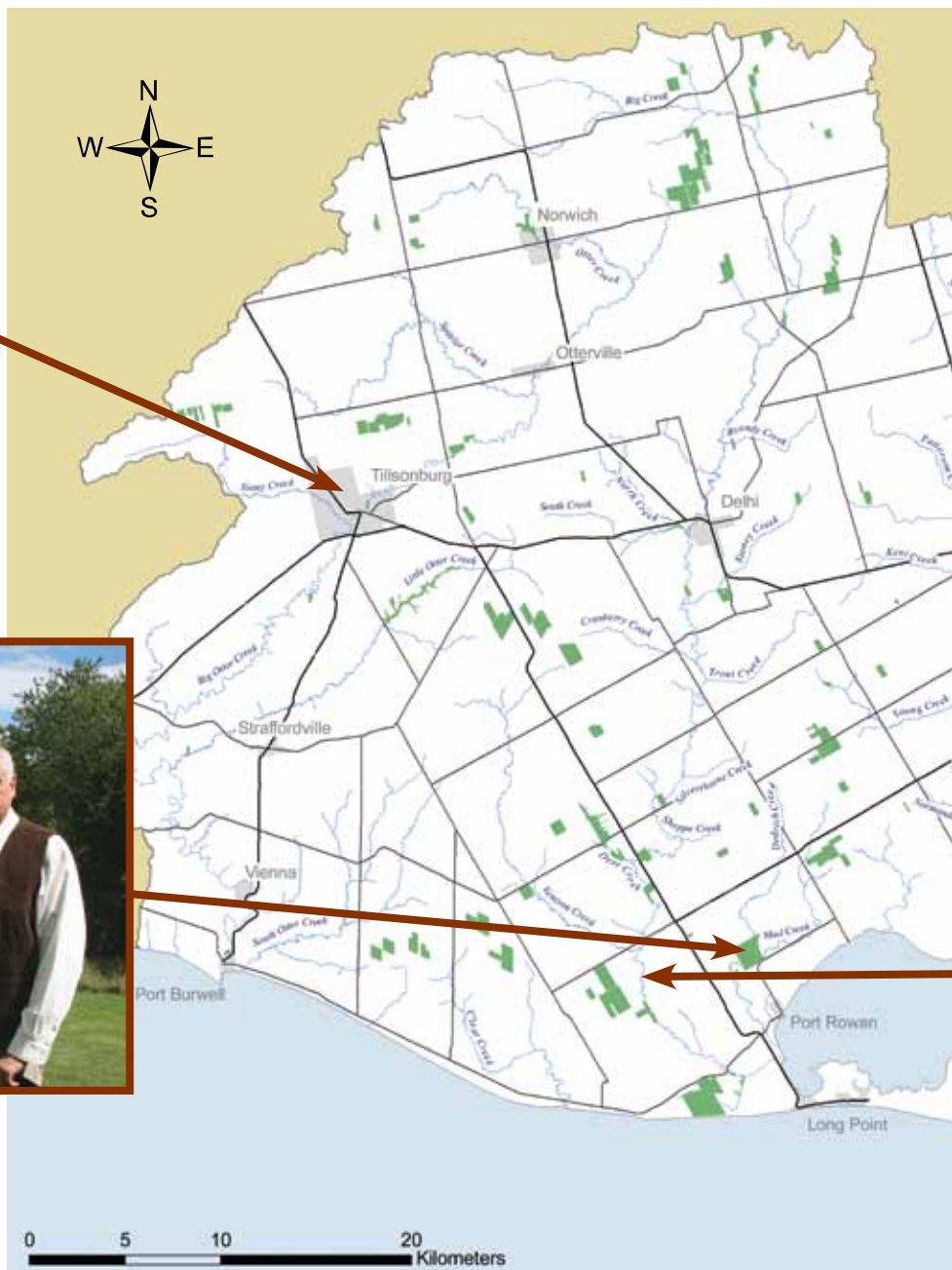
AROUND THE WATERSHED



Chairman Roger Geysens received an Award of Merit in recognition of LPRCA's support for Fish-A-Thon for a Cure.



Haldimand-Norfolk MPP Toby Barrett (right) is shown taking part in the War of 1812 Re-enactment at Backus.



Explore Norfolk Trails - Ontario Trillium Foundation provided \$54,000 to this collaborative project to map and promote more than 100 km of trails.



A new Rural Water Quality Improvement Program developed provides funding to Haldimand County landowners to implement a range of projects on their land.



Surface water samples are collected from various creeks to better understand watershed health.



Legend
 LPRCA Property
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CONSERVING SOIL & WATER

Watershed Monitoring

Surface Water Monitoring - LPRCA monitors surface water quantity as part of the Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network (PWQMN). Water samples are collected from April to November at 9 locations across the watershed and are analyzed for general water chemistry and E. coli. Data is used to monitor the long term water quality of the sampled streams.

Biomonitoring – Benthos or bottom dwelling insects, crustaceans, worms and mollusks are collected in the fall at 19 locations in support of the Ontario Benthos Biomonitoring Network. Benthic invertebrates are monitored as a good indicator of water quality as they respond quickly to changes in water conditions.

Groundwater Monitoring – LPRCA has 10 monitoring wells in the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGWMN), where ground water levels are monitored regularly. In the fall, staff sampled three of the wells for water quality.

Pesticides – LPRCA continued to monitor pesticides in partnership with the University of Guelph. Samples were collected once a month as part of an agricultural pesticide study. In 2012 the sampling location was moved to Venison Creek from Trout Creek.

Nutrient Management – Stream flow and water quality continued to be monitored at least once a month for a provincial nutrient management study. LPRCA monitored a new site on Venison Creek for this study.

Phosphorus – LPRCA partnered with the University of Waterloo to collect water samples at least once a month on Venison Creek.

Temperature – Installed and monitored loggers at 27 locations to measure water temperature.

Lamprey Barriers – As per an agreement with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, 4 barriers were inspected five times during the year.

Big Creek Hahn Marsh – During high flow events, staff measured turbidity at 5 locations and photographed 10 locations to record and monitor the effectiveness of riparian buffers and sediment basins established in 2007.

Lynn River Water Quality – LPRCA completed the second year of a five year agreement with Norfolk County to assess the impact of effluent discharge on the Lynn River. Surface water samples were collected and stream flow measured five times during 2012.



Bayham ALUS Pilot Project

After a successful pilot of the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) program in Norfolk County, the program expanded in 2012 with new provincial and national pilot programs. Locally, a three-year pilot program was established in the Municipality of Bayham with funding from The W. Garfield Weston Foundation, the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Municipality.

A community-based Partnership Committee (PAC) was established to govern the Bayham ALUS Pilot. During the next three years, four to six demonstration farms will be established to serve as focal points to help promote the program in the municipality.

A Project Coordinator was hired in the fall to work with the PAC and local landowners. LPRCA is providing technical expertise and support through its Healthy Watersheds program and office space for the coordinator.

The program allows farmers to take marginal land out of production and get paid in return for transforming the land into alternative uses that benefit the environment.

Low Water Response

Overall 2012 was a very dry year, with the watershed experiencing its driest conditions since 2007. An unusually low amount of precipitation coupled with a warmer winter with minimal snow cover made for extremely dry conditions this spring and summer. Dry streams and low water levels persisted throughout much of the year.

In partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources, the LPRCA monitors low water and drought conditions. The Conservation Authority coordinates three local Low Water Response Teams (WRTs) that provide leadership and preparedness in the event of a drought. The on-going dry conditions experienced in 2012 prompted the joint WRTs to issue a Level 1 advisory in May. This was the earliest a Level 1 had been declared locally since the inception of the WRT in 2000. A Level 2 low water advisory was



issued in July with recommended water conservation throughout the watershed.

Staff gathered and generated information in preparation of a Level 3 advisory. Fortunately, more seasonal temperatures and adequate rainfall began to occur in August and continued through September and October. Flows stabilized and concerns regarding a potential Level 3 receded. By the middle of November, the entire watershed had returned to normal conditions and the advisory was lifted.

Source Water Protection

2012 was a milestone year in the Lake Erie Source Protection Region after more than five years of preliminary work. The Updated Assessment Report for the Long Point Region was submitted to the Minister of the Environment in January and approved in February.

The Long Point Region Source Protection Plan was submitted to the Ministry of Environment (MO) in December following extensive public consultation. The Plan establishes policies to reduce or eliminate significant threats to water quality and identifies who is responsible for taking action, setting timelines and establishing performance measures for plan implementation.

Funding received through MOE's Drinking Water Stewardship Program provided assistance for an eligible Norfolk County resident to complete a project that will help protect municipal drinking water.

CONSERVATION LANDS

Land Acquisition

LPRCA has been protecting areas of natural significance through direct ownership and management for more than 60 years. Today, we own slightly more than 10,900 acres (4,411 hectares) of conservation lands that help protect water quantity and quality; provide natural heritage benefits for present and future generations; facilitate fishing and other recreational opportunities; and protect the scenic valleys, forests and wetlands that are characteristic of the Long Point Region watershed.

Lands Secured as of December 2012

MUNICIPALITY	TOTAL ACRES
Municipality of Bayham	74.56
County of Brant	1500.62
Haldimand County	177.21
Township of Malahide	0.00
Norfolk County	8037.82
Township of Norwich	744.83
Township of SW Oxford	380.46
Township of Tillsonburg	22.51
Total	10,938.01

Lee Brown Waterfowl Management Area

Forest Management

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) manages a large forest resource using sustainable forest management practices involving silviculture and wildlife habitat improvements which contribute to the health of the watershed's natural environment.

A 20-Year Forest Management Plan provides the overall direction for an ecosystem-based approach to the management of LPRCA's forested properties. The objectives of the Forest Management Plan are met through harvesting stands that are over mature and/or disease and insect infested; by removing genetically poor quality trees which provides stand improvements; by monitoring younger stands to ensure that diseased stems are marked for removal and by monitoring areas to ensure wildlife habitat is being maintained and used.

Sustainable forest management is based on considering social, economic and environmental values when planning and implementing forest management activities and providing people with jobs, recreational opportunities and a health, sustainable forest, now and in the future.

Harvesting inspections were carried out by LPRCA staff on a weekly basis to ensure contractors were complying with the terms and conditions of their contracts and to minimize damage during the logging operations.

LPRCA utilizes accredited and licensed consultants to ensure that logging is conducted in a safe, ecologically responsible and sustainable manner.



2012 Forest Management Activities:

- Marked and tendered four properties for selective harvest of sawlogs
- Awarded timber contracts for selective hardwood harvest from three properties
- Harvested selected conifers from two properties
- Contracted ecological survey of 604 acres (244 ha) on seven properties
- Consulted ecologist to identify species of concern prior to marking forest tracts
- Initiated discussions in regards to Forest Stewardship Council certification

CONSERVATION AREAS

Long Point Region Conservation Authority owns more than 2,400 acres (971 ha) of conservation lands that provide trails, more than 650 campsites, a National Historic Site and a variety of special events. This network of conservation lands helps protect natural features within the watershed while making a range of recreational activities and outdoor spaces available for people to enjoy.

LPRCA's five campgrounds continued to be natural choices for outdoor activity in 2012. Hot, sunny weather played a major role in drawing close to 280,000 visitors in total to Backus Heritage, Deer Creek, Haldimand, North and Waterford North Conservation Areas. Increased attendance at Deer Creek and Waterford North Conservation Areas can be attributed to the crystal clear water at both parks where fishing and canoeing are popular.

Backus Heritage Conservation Area attracted more day use visitors with an expanded line of special events, including an art show, fishing derby and an old-fashioned ice cream festival. The 1798 Backhouse Mill National Historic Site stands as a landmark from the War of 1812. Visits to the old red mill and the annual War of 1812 Re-enactment increased as people looked for ways to connect with this important time in history.

Highlights for 2012:

- Completed necessary filtration and water treatment upgrades at all parks
- Enhanced campsite services at Backus Heritage and Deer Creek with installation of hydro at selected sites
- Continued to host events at conservation areas with a range of community partners
- 4,000 students took part in outdoor education programs at Backus
- Volunteers at Backus Heritage CA contributed more than 3,400 hours to conservation and heritage programs
- Developed a lease agreement with Turkey Point Mountain Bike Club for trail use at the Anderson Tract
- Participated in the Southwest Ontario Barn Quilt Trails with installations at Backus Heritage and Fishers Glen Conservation Areas
- Hosted exhibition in partnership with local wildlife artist Vic Gibbons in support of conservation education programs
- Local residents organized a work bee to remove debris from Black Creek CA
- Backus Heritage CA was a popular location for film crews and photographers looking to capture images depicting the War of 1812



Credit: Laughing Devil Photography

WATERSHED SNAPSHOTS



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- 1 Young anglers enjoy a day fishing at Deer Creek CA.
- 2 Children's Water Festivals were held in Brant and Oxford counties in 2012 providing 5,000 elementary students a chance to get out of the classroom and learn about the importance of water.
- 3 Vivian Adam was awarded the Leighton and Betty Brown Conservation Scholarship.
- 4 Backus Heritage CA is one stop along the Southwest Ontario Barn Quilt Trails celebrating Norfolk County's rich heritage. This mural depicts the grist mill quilt block pattern to represent Backhouse Mill National Historic Site.
- 5 The ALUS program for Bayham was launched with a media event in May. Mayor Paul Ens (left) examines some tall grass prairie with LPRCA's Chairman and Vice Chairman.

WATERSHED CONNECTIONS

The eight watershed municipalities appoint one or more representatives to the LPRCA board to oversee the budget and activities of the Conservation Authority. Ten individuals represent the local urban and rural communities, deciding policies and programs that will lead to a healthy watershed.



Left to right: Dennis Travale, Ed Ketchabaw, Roger Geysens, Betty Chanyi, Mike Columbus

Back: Robert Chambers, Ron Sackrider, Dave Beres, Leroy Bartlett

Absent: Craig Grice

2012 Board of Directors

Norfolk County

Councillor Betty Chanyi
Councillor Michael Columbus
Councillor Roger Geysens, Chair
Mayor Dennis Travale

Haldimand County

Councillor Leroy Bartlett
Councillor Craig Grice

County of Brant & Township of Norwich

Councillor Robert Chambers

Municipality of Bayham & Township of Malahide

Councillor Ed Ketchabaw, Vice Chair

Oxford County

Councillor Dave Beres
Town of Tillsonburg
Councillor Ron Sackrider
Township of South West Oxford

2012 Boards & Committees

Audit Committee

Dave Beres, Chair
Roger Geysens
Craig Grice
Ed Ketchabaw
Ron Sackrider

Land Acquisition

Mike Columbus, Chair

Lee Brown Marsh Committee

Tom Haskett, Chair
Leighton Brown
Trevor Brown
Larry Chanda
Betty Chanyi
Ron Sackrider
Barry Smith

2012 STAFF

Administration Office

April Anderson	Lands & Waters Technician (until April)
Bonnie Bravener	Resource Technician
Jerry DeBackere	Forest Technician
David Holmes	Field Superintendent
Cliff Evanitski	General Manager/Secretary Treasurer
Paul Gagnon	Lands & Waters Supervisor
Ben Hodi	Water Resources Analyst
Meaghan Ingleby	Community Relations Assistant
Craig Jacques	Source Water Protection Technician
Carolyn Jones	Accounting & Administration Supervisor
Ejay Lai	GIS Technician & IT Specialist
Kyle Mauthe	Acting Lands & Waters Technician/Bayham ALUS Coordinator (as of October)
Judy Maxwell	Manager Corporate Services
Dana McLachlan	Administrative Assistant
Justin Miller	Resource Planning Assistant
Janice Robertson	Supervisor of Community Relations
Heather Surette	Manager Watershed Services
Debbie Thain	Forest Technician
Ginny VanLouwe	Accounting Clerk
Jennifer Wilson	Healthy Watershed Specialist

Backus Heritage Conservation Area

Robin De Cloet	Heritage Programmer/Curator
Nick DeSerranno	Backus Area Director
Brett Mudge	Administrative Assistant
Fiona Street	Outdoor Educator

Waterford Workshop

Bob Fussee	Workshop Supervisor (until February)
Bob Matthews	Carpenter
Frank Schram	Workshop Supervisor (as of March)

Lee Brown Waterfowl Management Area

Kim Brown	Marsh Manager
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Service Recognition Awards

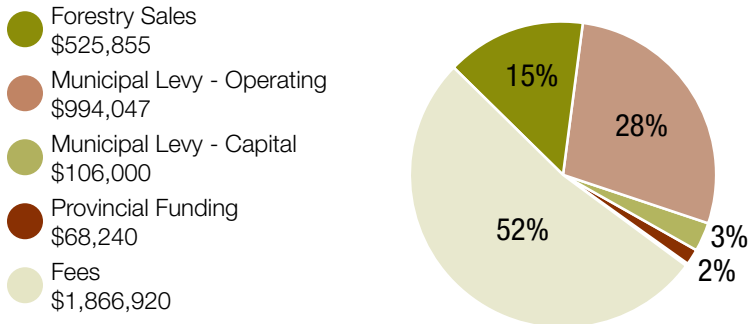
The Service Recognition Awards Program was adopted in 1992 as a way of paying tribute to members and staff based on years of service. Individuals are recognized after five years of service and every five years thereafter. In 2012, seven employees and one director, who had each reached a milestone with LPRCA, were recognized for their years of service.



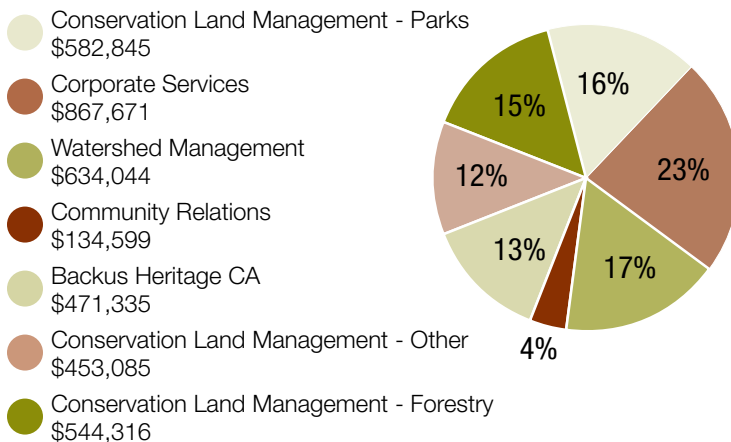
LPRCA Chair Roger Geysens is shown with recipients Paul Gagnon 10 years, Ginny VanLouwe 25 years, Bonnie Bravener 20 years, Cliff Evanitski 5 years, Jim Mason 15 years, Bob Matthews 40 years and Leroy Bartlett 5 years. Absent when the awards were presented was Dave Holmes who was recognized for twenty-five years of service.

INVESTING IN CONSERVATION

2012 Revenue Sources \$3,561,062



2012 Expenditures \$3,687,895



2012 Operating Levy

Municipal Share of Levy

Municipality	Amount	Percentage
Haldimand County	\$147,794	15%
Norfolk County	\$523,982	52%
Oxford County	\$214,997	22%
Brant County	\$59,208	6%
Bayham Municipality	\$41,287	4%
Malahide Township	\$6,779	1%
TOTAL	\$994,047	

How it was Spent

Corporate Services	\$336,895	34%
Watershed Management Services	\$322,397	33%
Community Relations	\$131,717	13%
Backus Heritage CA	\$63,745	6%
Conservation Land Management - Other	\$139,293	14%
TOTAL	\$994,047	

A copy of the full 2012 Audited Financial Statements may be obtained by contacting the Authority Administration Office.



Deer Creek Conservation Area



Rock's Mill Conservation Area



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