

A scenic landscape photograph of a cornfield and rolling hills at sunset. The foreground is filled with a dense field of corn plants. In the middle ground, there are rolling green hills. The background shows a line of trees and a small building on a hill under a sky with soft, colorful clouds in shades of pink, orange, and blue.

2013

annual report

LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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Chairman's Message

The path has been set with the completion of the new 2014-2018 Long Point Region Conservation Authority Strategic Plan. After numerous meetings with staff and Board members and a full business review of LPRCA's Parks, Forestry and Watershed Services operations, LPRCA is ready to move forward over the

next five years. The goals of the Plan are:

1. To develop and maintain programs that will protect life and property from natural hazards such as flooding and erosion;
2. Maintain and enhance watershed health;
3. Link people to the environment through outdoor, education and cultural heritage experiences;
4. Maintain an organization committed to teamwork, positive change and excellence; and
5. Work collaboratively with watershed stakeholders to deliver high-value, efficient and innovative solutions.

In particular under Goal #3, I look forward to continuing the comprehensive review of our Parks with the aim of increasing revenues and enhancing visitor experience. The new Strategic Plan is a living document that will be revisited annually by the Board in order to ensure the organization is delivering on its commitment to balance the environmental, social and economic needs of the communities it serves.

Elsewhere, the LPRCA continues to work with neighbouring conservation authorities and municipalities to identify efficiencies in operations, reduce duplication of services and provide joint-marketing opportunities to enhance visitors' experiences when they come to the region. Currently LPRCA is working with the Catfish Creek, Grand River, Kettle Creek and Lower Thames Valley conservation authorities on an updated shoreline management plan

to assist municipalities in planning reviews.

LPRCA in conjunction with Conservation Ontario continues to lobby the province not only for continued support of local municipalities when it comes to providing assistance with implementing source water protection plans, but also continues to meet with local politicians to garner support for Conservation Ontario's Whitepaper that calls for the Ontario Government to revisit the funding relationship between the Ministry of Natural Resources and conservation authorities.

On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank all our staff for the great work they do, as well as, our numerous partners who support our efforts to make our watershed a great place to live.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Roger Geysens". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Roger Geysens
Chair



General Manager's Report

Partnerships – new and old – were critical to the success of the Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) in 2013. Probably one of the most significant initiatives to come to fruition last year was the acquisition of two parcels of land in the Dereham Wetlands in the Township of South West Oxford. The

Township, along with the Town of Tillsonburg, Ducks Unlimited and the Ruffed Grouse Society partnered with LPRCA to acquire 29 acres – bringing LPRCA's holdings within the Dereham Wetlands Complex to about 322.7 acres. This environmentally significant wetland supplies both water storage/retention and base flow to Stony Creek, a tributary to Big Otter Creek. While this acquisition has been in the works for some time, it all came together in 2013 thanks to the many partners who recognized a lot can be achieved when we all work together.

The Conservation Authority working with the support of the Nature Conservancy of Canada also acquired approximately 45 acres on Concession 2 in the former Township of South Walsingham (Norfolk County) in early 2013. The property that is half-forested provides LPRCA with the opportunity to help the watershed in reducing soil and wind erosion, enhancing water retention and conducting environmentally-sound forest management practices.

LPRCA's Low Impact Development Project at its administration office took another step forward thanks to support from the RBC. Through RBC's Blue Water Project, LPRCA received \$40,000 for native plantings at its administration office including 1,500 tree seedlings, as well as, tallgrass prairie plots at the front of the property representative of LPRCA's logo. The funding will also allow for the installation of a bio-swale in the rear parking lot to assist with improving water quality from storm event runoff before it enters local watercourses. Volunteers from RBC, the Lions Club and the Town of Tillsonburg all participated in the successful launch of the project

last June. The Low Impact Development Project not only reduces LPRCA's impact on the local environment, but also is intended to serve as a demonstration site for others interested in finding out what they can do to improve local water quality.

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority sold its former Hay Creek office last fall. A new parking lot was installed to the south of the building in order to ensure continued public use of the adjoining forest-area and trail system. As well, LPRCA started a campaign late in 2013 designed to raise resources to support restoration work on the Backhouse Mill National Historic Site. A dedicated group of volunteers has come forward to assist in the process that hopefully will lead to the implementation of restoration work in 2014 that would see the return of the mill stones to operational status.

On behalf of LPRCA I wish to thank all the volunteers, community partners and various levels of government who work diligently to support the LPRCA during the year – together we are making a difference.

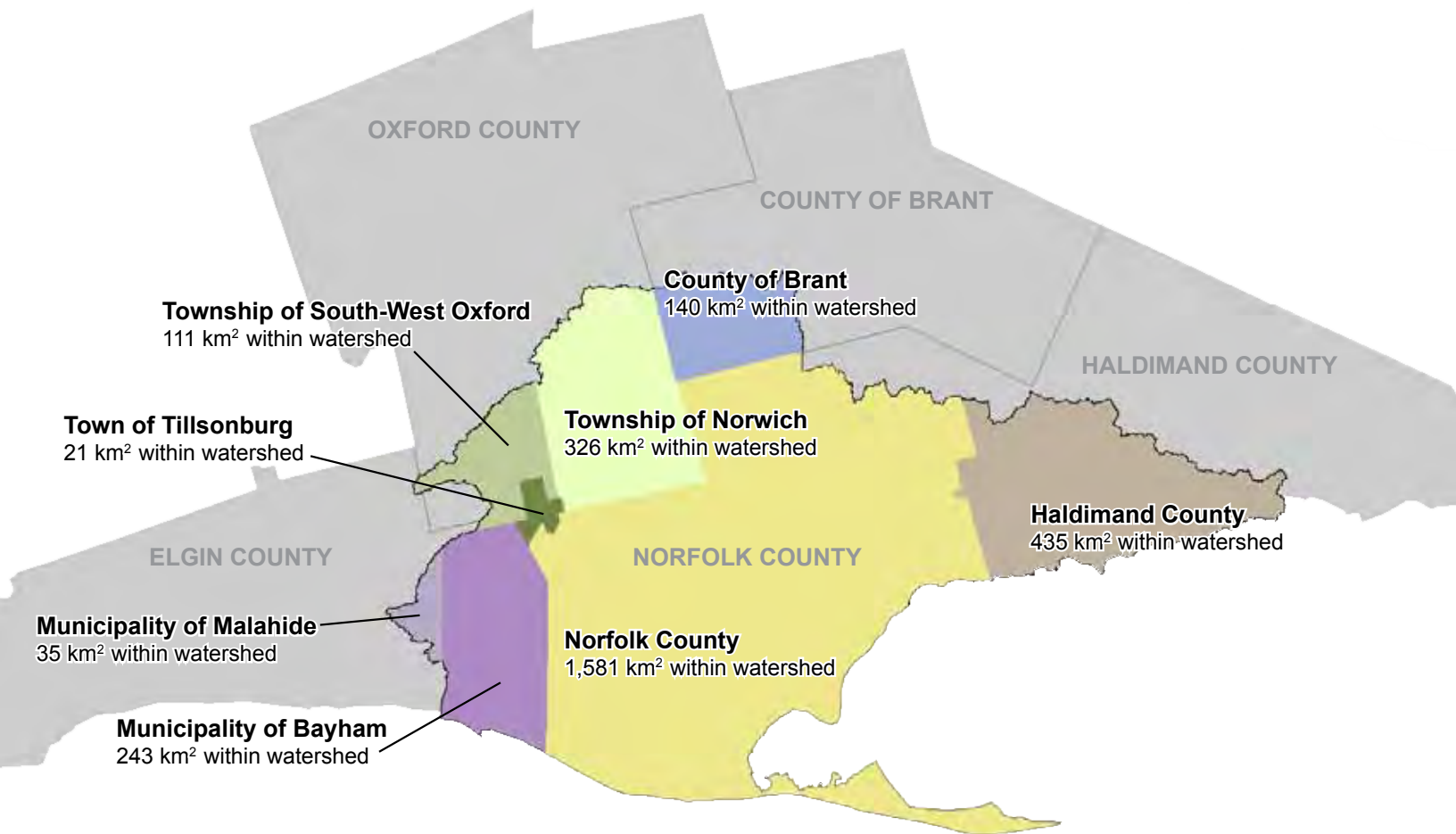
Cliff Evanitski
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

The LPRCA Watershed

The Long Point Region watershed drains 2,800 square kilometres of land, an area roughly bounded by Burgessville in the north, Long Point to the south, Hagersville to the east and Mount Elgin to the west. It includes 3,700 km of watercourses that all drain into Lake Erie and approximately 200 km of Lake Erie shoreline.

The watershed can be divided into the following six major subwatershed areas: 1) Big Otter Creek, 2) South Otter/Clear Creek, 3) Big Creek, 4) Dedrick/Young/Hay Creek, 5) Lynn River/Black Creek and 6) Nanticoke/Sandusk/Stoney Creek.

Each subwatershed has unique features relative to their land base and land use that affect watershed health.



Looking Ahead

LPRCA Strategic Plan: 2014-2018

A new Strategic Plan was adopted by LPRCA in November. It creates both a blueprint for, and a road map, to a long-term destination for our organization.

This new strategic document outlines five goals and more than twenty objectives that will guide LPRCA's actions over the next five years. The Plan also takes into account issues and challenges facing the watershed in the short term.

The five strategic goals that have been developed are:

1. To develop and maintain programs that will protect life and property from natural hazards such as flooding and erosion.
2. Maintain and enhance watershed health.
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4. Maintain an organization committed to teamwork, positive change and excellence.
5. Work collaboratively with watershed stakeholders to deliver high-value, efficient and innovative solutions.

Ensuring the health of the Long Point Region watershed cannot be achieved by any one group alone. Our success in implementing the Plan rests on participation from residents, agency partners, member municipalities and community groups.

Through the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan, we will continue to develop programs and offer services that contribute to the health of our watershed and communities.

Our Vision

To Build a Healthy and Resilient Watershed

Our Mission

Providing services in partnership to protect, enhance and restore a healthy watershed.

Our Values

We are dedicated to conservation excellence by both building on existing partnerships, as well as, forging new relationships that benefit the watershed and its constituents.

We are committed to open communication that is clear and respectful to all.

We will work on creative and resourceful solutions based on the best information available, ever mindful of the boundaries in which we work.

We will conduct ourselves in a responsive and dynamic manner that reflects the four cornerstones of the organization: accessibility, transparency, integrity and accountability.

Watershed Highlights



March In conjunction with World Water Week and Conservation Ontario, LPRCA released a new Watershed Report Card that provided a check up on the current state of the watershed.



May The LPRCA, in partnership with Norfolk County and the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation, launched the new Explore Norfolk Trails website.



Credit: ALLUS

April The Ministry of Agriculture and Food provided funding to restore wetland habitat and construct sediment ponds, among other best management practices, aimed at reducing phosphorus loading into Lake Erie.



June RBC awarded a Leadership Grant to LPRCA on Blue Water Day to help pilot a Low Impact Development project at its administration office site in Tillsonburg.



August Members of the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee awarded the 2013 Leighton and Betty Brown Conservation Scholarship to area high school students Emily Priester, Michael Kungl and Hannah Vanderpost.



September The War of 1812 Re-enactment continued to be a popular event, with bicentennial activities attracting several hundred visitors to Backus Heritage Conservation Area.



November LPRCA approved a new 2014-2018 Strategic Plan which will be a road map for advancing its vision: *To build a healthy and resilient watershed.*



December Late in 2013, LPRCA achieved Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification through the Forest Certification Program of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest.

Protecting Life & Property

Planning & Regulations Services

LPRCA has a legislative mandate to protect people and property from natural hazards, including flooding and erosion, while at the same time protecting natural heritage features such as floodplains, wetlands, shorelines and waterways.

LPRCA staff work with hundreds of landowners each year on various planning issues. We did this by:

- Providing local municipalities with environmental review and advice on land development applications in accordance with Ontario's Planning act; and,
- Providing individual property owners and land developers with assistance in obtaining a permit for works under Ontario Regulation (OR) 178/06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act.
- Under an agreement with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), LPRCA staff reviewed 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, LPRCA provided guidance on how the impacts could be reduced.

2013 Advisory Services

LPRCA provided planning advice and comments on:

- 320 site specific planning applications
- 2 Official Plan/Zoning Bylaw documents
- 74 municipal planning applications
- 7 Permit To Take Water applications

2013 Regulatory Services

Under the authority of OR 178/06, staff issued:

- 209 permits for activity (development) within our Regulated Area
- Commented on 100 property inquiries
- Provided 40 letters of advice for fisheries matters under an agreement with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)



Ontario Regulation 178/60

Several changes made to OR 178/06 to streamline LPRCA's permitting process came into effect in 2013. The changes designate staff to make decisions on straight forward applications, resulting in timelier permit issuance.

Staff issued 209 permits under the LPRCA's Section 28 regulation in 2013.

Changes to the Delivery of the Federal Fisheries Act

The LPRCA has assisted Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) in the implementation of the Federal Fisheries Act since 2000. In November, amendments to the Fisheries Act came into effect and with these changes the existing partnership agreement between DFO and the LPRCA was no longer in effect. DFO is working with Conservation Ontario to review opportunities under the new Fisheries Protection Program.

LPRCA will continue to manage the resources of the Long Point Region watershed, consistent with our mandate, using science-based approaches and tools provided to us by the Ontario Conservation Authorities Act.

Elgin County Shoreline Management Plan

Looking for efficiencies and consistency, the four conservation authorities within Elgin County, (Catfish Creek, Kettle Creek, Long Point Region and Lower Thames Valley), formed a collaborative to develop a Joint Lake Erie Shoreline Management Plan. A collaborative plan will provide a more consistent guide for municipal land use planning along the shoreline. It will also provide for a more accurate investigation into the dynamics of the entire Elgin County shoreline instead of a sectional or watershed view. The Joint Shoreline Management Plan will examine hazards and protection along the shoreline providing recommendations for sustainable development of shoreline ecosystems and land uses. There is approximately 90 km of Lake Erie shoreline in Elgin County of which 14 km is located within the Long Point Region watershed. The project is targeted for implementation in 2014.



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Protecting Life & Property

Flood Forecasting & Warning

LPRCA maintains a comprehensive flood forecasting and warning program which involves the measurement of flows and water levels throughout the watershed.

Weather forecasts and watershed conditions are monitored on an ongoing basis at locations across the Long Point Region watershed. Water level and related information is recorded through our monitoring network, which includes 10 stream gauges, 5 snow course sites and 5 precipitation gauges. Monitoring allows the LPRCA to assess water resource conditions within the watershed and enables us to forecast potential flooding.

When flooding is possible or about to occur, the LPRCA issues flood messages to municipal emergency management officials and the media.

Nine flood-related messages were issued during the year. In addition to riverine flooding, LPRCA issues warnings for damage which may occur from high water and wave action along the northern Lake Erie shoreline.

Number of Flood Messages Issued by LPRCA in 2013



Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety

High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children and pets. Flooding is not expected.



Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook

Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions.



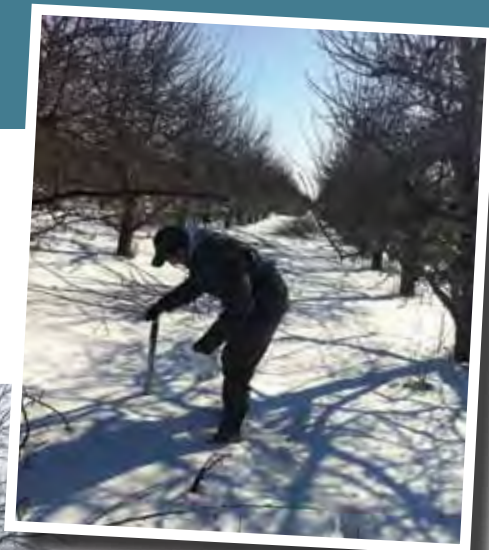
Flood Watch

Indicates there is the potential for flooding within specific watercourses and municipalities.



Flood Warning

Indicates that flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.



Maintaining Healthy Watersheds

Taking Action across the Watershed

The goal of LPRCA's Healthy Watershed Services program is to work toward an environmentally and economically healthy watershed that benefits all who have a stake in it. Our programs help maintain and restore natural spaces, improve water quality and promote stewardship practices throughout the watershed.

Successful stewardship requires the cooperation, collaboration and the support of many partners. LPRCA works with landowners, community groups and all levels of government to maintain, enhance and restore natural features and habitats.

Private Land Tree Planting

Each year, Long Point Region Conservation Authority, landowners, and municipalities plant tens of thousands of trees to improve forest conditions in this watershed. LPRCA offers affordable tree planting programs and services to all our watershed municipalities.

In 2013 more than 86,000 trees and seedlings were planted for landowners through the LPRCA's Private Lands Tree Planting Program. With help from Lynn Valley District Scouts 1,400 of these trees were planted on a site to enhance local plant diversity and connect adjoining forests.

LPRCA continued to engage the public in its tree planting programs by offering subsidies provided through the Trees Ontario 50 Million Program and the Ontario Power Generation/Forest Corridor project to significantly reduce landowner costs of large-scale tree planting projects.

Through its tree planting services LPRCA:

- Planted 18,880 trees for 12 landowners as the local planting agency for the Trees Ontario 50 Million Program
- Worked with 27 landowners through the Private Land Tree Planting program to plant more than 11,000 seedlings
- Completed another successful reforestation and habitat restoration program in partnership with Ontario Power Generation and the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation with more than 51,000 trees planted
- Assisted the Township of South West Oxford and the Municipality of Bayham with Trees for Roads, a municipal roadside tree planting program through which 105 trees were planted for two landowners
- Supported stewardship initiatives of Norfolk and Bayham ALUS with our planting services



Maintaining Healthy Watersheds

Stewardship & Restoration Services

LPRCA staff worked with its many community partners, including the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, municipal staff and ALUS programs in Bayham and Norfolk, to create buffers around watercourses, restore wetlands, control erosion and improve wildlife habitat.

Improving Water Quality

A number of cost-sharing and technical assistance programs were available to landowners in 2013. Funding through the Ministry of Natural Resources provided additional incentives to 30 landowners to plant and maintain riparian buffers in the Big Creek watershed.

In 2013, funding received from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food provided incentives to farmers to undertake best management practices to reduce phosphorous entering Lake Erie from agricultural sources. Twenty projects, including riparian buffers and erosion control structures, were funded.

Rural Clean Water Programs, funded by watershed municipalities, offer financial and technical assistance to farmers and rural landowners undertaking projects to protect and improve water quality in the Long Point Region watershed. During 2013, a landowner received assistance to plant trees through the Brant Rural Water Quality Program.

The Elgin Clean Water Project is administered by the four conservation authorities that have part of their watershed in Elgin County. In 2013, four projects in the Long Point Region watershed were approved, with just under \$7,500 in grants awarded. This program helped landowners undertake projects that controlled erosion, created pollinator habitat and restored a wetland.

The Alternative Land Use Services Program or ALUS is a voluntary, community-led, farmer-delivered program that recognizes the unique role farmers and ranchers play not only in producing food, but the healthy environment we all enjoy. In 2013 LPRCA provided technical advice and support to help implement 23 reforestation and 15 wetland enhancement projects in Norfolk County. Staff helped establish a demonstration site and complete seven additional projects in the Municipality of Bayham.



Special Projects

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority works closely with many groups to promote and protect water quality and quantity throughout the watershed.

2013 Highlights:

- Assisted restoration efforts at the former Port Rowan Sewage Lagoon site by planting native trees and wildflowers near the creek to enhance habitat and improve water quality
- Received funding from the Long Point and Area Fish and Game Club to support stream restoration in Venison Creek
- Supported 3 projects through its Erosion Control Assistance program that helped watershed landowners address erosion concerns
- Planted perennial grasses, wildflowers and 1,500 trees as the first phase of a new Low Impact Development project at its administration office site. The project received support from RBC's Bluewater Fund, Trees Ontario, the Town of Tillsonburg and Tillsonburg Lions Club. In future, soakaway pits and other innovative technologies are to be constructed to treat stormwater runoff and improve water quality entering Big Otter Creek and ultimately Lake Erie.

Sediment management is encouraged through the establishment and maintenance of sand traps on coldwater sand plain streams, and especially sand traps located directly upstream of on-line reservoirs.

In 2013 LPRCA:

- Partnered with the Lake Lisgar Revitalization Project Committee and the Town of Tillsonburg to secure funding from the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund that was used to maintain and expand three sediment traps and other projects designed to reduce sediment entering Lake Lisgar and improve the Big Otter Creek watershed
- Worked with the Simcoe and District Fish and Game Club and Norfolk County to create a sediment trap on Lake George to improve water quality in the Lynn River and to plant trees on the shoreline to discourage Canada Geese



Maintaining Healthy Watersheds



Watershed Monitoring

Monitoring has become increasingly important with growing pressures on surface and groundwater resources and development next to lakes, watercourses and wetlands. Climate change is also expected to have unforeseen and possibly dramatic impacts that reinforce the importance of LPRCA's monitoring programs.

LPRCA Monitoring Programs

Environmental monitoring provides ongoing information on both surface and groundwater quality and quantity, and other environmental indicators within the watershed. LPRCA monitors, evaluates and reports on our watershed's existing conditions which allow staff to identify changes that are taking place and to offer important environmental services and programs to watershed municipalities and residents.

Since 2002, LPRCA has monitored surface water quality as part of the Ministry of Environment's (MOE) Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network (PWQMN) and the Ontario Benthos Biomonitoring Network (OBBN). The sampling sites have been established in strategic locations throughout the watershed to ensure that monitoring covers a broad range of catchment areas.

In an effort to better understand Ontario's groundwater resources, the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGMN) was established in 2001. PGMN data collected provides baseline data information that staff use for source water protection, water taking assessments and low water response.

2013 Monitoring Activities included:

- Fish communities were sampled by backpack electrofishing using a single pass approach at Rock's Mill and Sutton Conservation Areas to track effects of previous restoration efforts at these sites
- 27 portable water temperature data loggers were installed in various locations in the spring and remained in the creeks until winter
- Water samples were collected monthly (April – November) at 9 sites to assess surface water quality
- Surface water quality samples were also collected at various times of the year to provide data for provincial pesticide and nutrient management studies/projects
- 11 monitoring wells were used to collect data on groundwater quantity with 3 of the wells sampled in the fall to assess water quality
- Benthic macro-invertebrates samples were collected at 21 sites
- Monitored water quality and stream flow for Norfolk County to assess impact of effluent discharge from sites on Big Creek and Lynn River
- Monitored 26 cover boards five times during the year to assess species at risk snake populations at 4 previous restoration sites with funding from Environment Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program





Watershed Report Card

Throughout the watershed, Long Point Region Conservation Authority staff collects standardized scientific data through established monitoring programs. Monitoring helps us to better understand the impacts of land-use activities on water quality so that informed decisions about managing and protecting our water resources can be made. It can also help measure the effectiveness of programs and policies that are designed to protect and restore water quality.

In March, as part of a coordinated effort by Conservation Ontario, LPRCA released the Long Point Region Watershed Report Card. Just like school report cards, the Long Point Region Watershed Report Card grades the health of the watershed using letter grades from A (excellent) to F (Very Poor) for a five-year period (2007-2011). The report card examined water quality of creeks and streams, and measured the size and health of forests and wetlands in the watershed.

Low Water Response

LPRCA, in partnership with the MNR, monitors low water or drought conditions and assists in the co-ordination and support of local response in the event of an extended period without precipitation, affecting water availability.

After the dry weather and low water conditions experienced in 2012, the watershed started the New Year off in normal conditions. In 2013, relatively wet conditions at the beginning of the year, combined with adequate precipitation throughout the remainder of the year, made the declaration of a low water condition unnecessary.

Source Water Protection

The Long Point Region Source Protection Plan that was submitted to the Ministry of the Environment in late 2013 is under review by the Ministry to see if it fulfills the requirements of the Clean Water Act. Although the Source Protection Plan has been submitted for approval, work was undertaken to update elements of the Plan including:

- Work on the Tier 3 Water Budget study continued with a focus of identifying the potential for stress to the municipal water supplies in Tillsonburg, Delhi, Waterford and Delhi
- Field verification of significant drinking water threats on behalf of Norfolk County
- Discussions with Brant County on identifying priority areas, with on-the-ground field verification planned to start in early 2014
- Lake Erie Region source protection staff organized workshops to assist municipal staff in preparation for implementation

The Catfish Creek, Kettle Creek, Long Point Region and Grand River conservation authorities, municipalities and other agencies in the Lake Erie Region took steps in 2013 to be ready to implement source protection plans once they are approved. It is anticipated that the Long Point Region Source Protection Plan will come into effect in 2015.



Conservation Lands

LPRCA Conservation Areas & Forests

LPRCA conservation areas and forest tracts continue to contribute significantly to the environment, economic and social well-being of the watershed. More than 11,000 acres of land including beaches along Lake Erie, campgrounds, day-use parks, wetlands and forest tracts are owned and managed LPRCA. In 2013, 74 acres of land were acquired and the former administration office building with 1.5 acres of property was sold.



Forest Management

Towards the end of 2013, LPRCA was pleased to achieve Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification through the Forest Certification program of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest (EOMF). FSC certification acknowledges conscientious land stewardship through independent evaluation of forestry practices around the world. The Forest Stewardship Council works to promote environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable management of the world's forests. LPRCA is proud that its forests have been certified to FSC standards as being well managed.

The schedule of forest management activities planned for Long Point Region forests over the next 5-year period is based on the analysis of the sustainable timber management as described in the 20-Year Forest Management Plan. The determination of the area available for treatment is an important part of the forest management planning process. Equally important is the allocation process that identifies candidate areas that are eligible to receive treatment or sites to be selected for treatment over a period of time.

Controlling harvest and treatment levels is an important tool to ensure the balance of growth and harvest is maintained and that the forests remain healthy.

Revenue generated from timber and fuelwood sales is used to maintain forestry programs and supports LPRCA's program of operations. During 2013, new signs to identify LPRCA forest tracts were installed.



Conservation Areas

Long Point Region Conservation Authority owns more than 2,400 acres of conservation lands that provide trails, more than 650 campsites, a National Historic Site and a variety of seasonal events.

LPRCA's five campgrounds continued to be natural choices for outdoor activities during the year. In 2013, more than 260,000 people visited conservation areas and attended special events as a way to reconnect with history and nature.

In collaboration with the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee, large patches of phragmites were compacted and methods to manage this invasive species were evaluated.

Capital improvements at Backus included painting the exterior of the historic church; installing an accessible washroom in the campground; maintenance and repairs to the grist mill; constructing two turtle nesting structures; and work began on a new gatehouse to replace the existing structure that was built in 1988 to celebrate LPRCA's 40th anniversary.

Work began on a new gatehouse for Backus Heritage Conservation Area in the fall that is designed with a drive-up window allowing visitors to have immediate contact with a gate attendant. The gatehouse will feature an accessible entry making this new building community-friendly.

Visitors and students to Backus Heritage Conservation Area were given opportunity to learn more about the watershed's natural and cultural heritage through guided hikes, school programs and special events throughout the year. In 2013 more than 3,700 students participated in education programs at Backus.

Explore Norfolk Trails

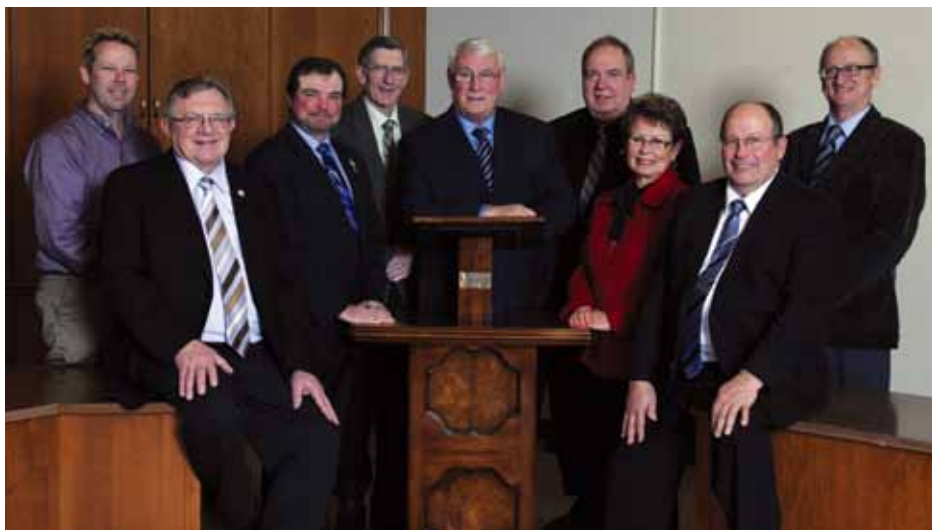
In 2013 LPRCA, with a number of community partners, launched Explore Norfolk Trails, a new website that promotes multi-use trails and green spaces in the County.

LPRCA worked together with Norfolk County and the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation to develop an interactive website profiling the multi-use trail system in Norfolk County. In addition to these three main partners, the project was supported by 15 community organizations and businesses and the Ontario Trillium Foundation. With support from Norfolk District Business Development Corporation, the website was upgraded to be compatible with mobile devices. The site informs viewers about the County's natural and cultural heritage and encourages people to get outside and actively enjoy these areas.



On Board for Conservation

Long Point Region Conservation Authority is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the municipalities within the Long Point Region watershed. The counties of Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk together with municipalities in Elgin and Oxford Counties appoint one or more representatives to the LPRCA Board to oversee the budget and activities of the conservation authority. These ten directors speak on behalf of residents at the LPRCA, deciding policies that lead to a healthy watershed.



Left to right: Mike Columbus, Leroy Bartlett
Back: Craig Grice, Ed Ketchabaw, Ron Sackrider, Roger Geysens,
Dave Beres, Betty Chanyi, Robert Chambers
Absent: Dennis Travale

2013 Board of Directors

Chair Councillor Roger Geysens,
Norfolk County

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Municipality of Bayham & Township of Malahide

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Town of Tillsonburg

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County of Brant & Township of Norwich

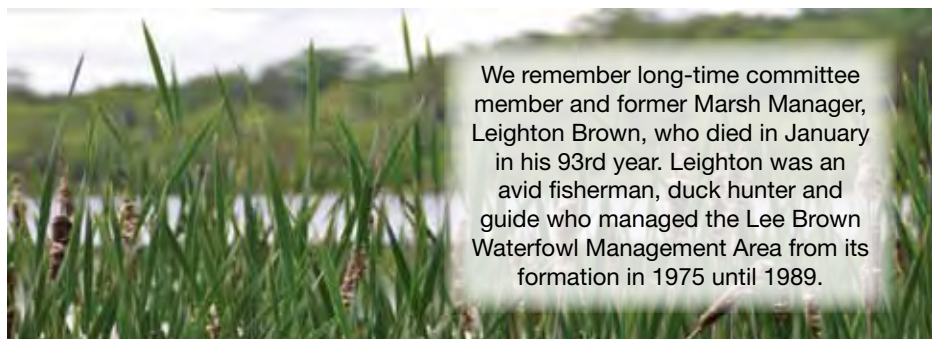
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Haldimand County

Councillor Ron Sackrider
Township of South West Oxford

Mayor Dennis Travale
Norfolk County



We remember long-time committee member and former Marsh Manager, Leighton Brown, who died in January in his 93rd year. Leighton was an avid fisherman, duck hunter and guide who managed the Lee Brown Waterfowl Management Area from its formation in 1975 until 1989.

2013 Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee

Tom Haskett, *Chair*

Trevor Brown

Larry Chanda

Betty Chanyi

Roger Geysens

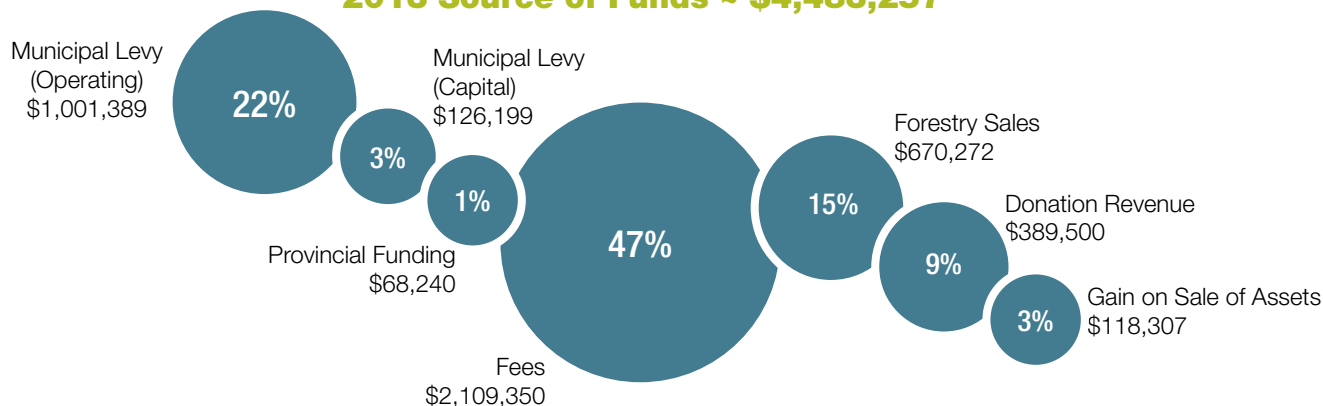
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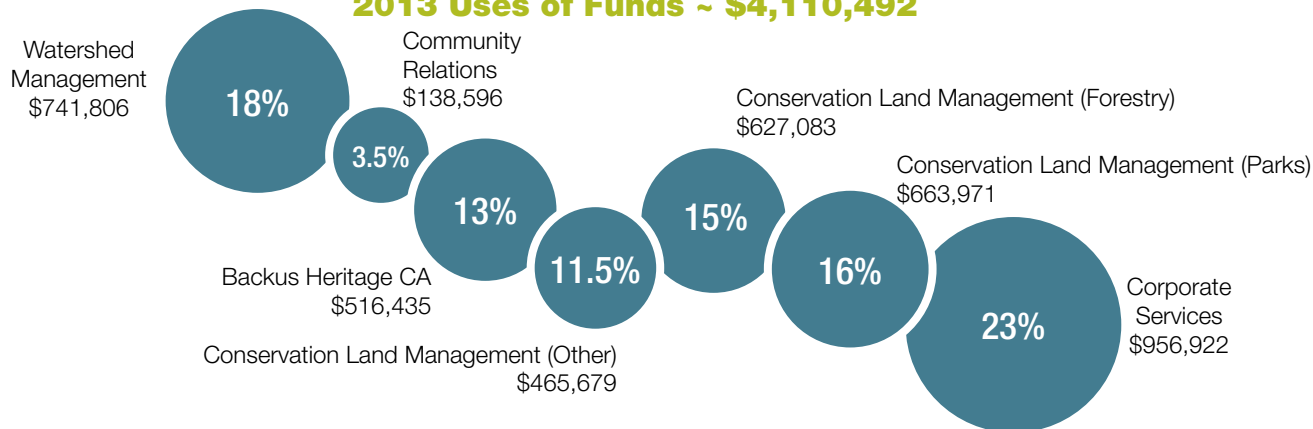
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2013 Source of Funds ~ \$4,483,257



2013 Uses of Funds ~ \$4,110,492



2013 Operating Levy

How it was Spent	Amount	Percentage
Corporate Services	\$275,871	28%
Watershed Management Services	\$388,688	39%
Community Relations	\$140,050	14%
Backus Heritage CA	\$61,486	6%
Conservation Land Management (Other)	\$135,294	13%
TOTAL	\$1,001,389	

Municipal Share of Levy

Municipality	Amount	Percentage
Haldimand County	\$148,561	15%
Norfolk County	\$528,470	52%
Oxford County	\$216,072	22%
Brant County	\$59,999	6%
Bayham Municipality	\$41,511	4%
Malahide Township	\$6,776	1%
TOTAL	\$1,001,389	

A copy of the full 2013 Audited Financial Statements may be obtained by contacting LPRCA's Administration Office.



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