



Otonabee
CONSERVATION

PROGRAM PROFILE

Member of



**Conservation
ONTARIO**
Natural Champions

Otonabee Conservation is a member of Conservation Ontario, the umbrella organization that represents Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities, who raises awareness of the network at the community and provincial levels.

Conservation Ontario also works to build relationships with decision makers to develop and expand of the Conservation Authority program.



OUR VISION

A **healthy** natural environment where communities **thrive**.

OUR MISSION

To be a **leader** in the Otonabee Region watershed for the **conservation, protection, and enhancement** of a healthy, natural environment.

Otonabee Conservation is a locally-focused, community-based environmental agency that protects, restores, and manages the natural resources within the Otonabee Region watershed. Otonabee Conservation works with its eight member municipalities to create a healthy, environmentally-diverse watershed that improves the quality of life for residents, makes our area more appealing to visitors and new business, and helps to ensure a more vibrant regional economy.

PROGRAM DIRECTION

Conservation Authorities across the province protect the environment on a watershed basis. Our land and water resources are connected and impact each other, so managing these resources on a watershed basis is recognized as the best way to protect the environment.

Otonabee Conservation delivers programs and services that support the sustainability of the environment, within the physical and economic context of the watershed and in consideration of the social, cultural, and economic aspirations of its residents.

Otonabee Conservation works closely with its member municipalities, watershed residents, and many partnership agencies to achieve program outcomes that balance a diversity of needs and local conservation priorities.

NATURAL HAZARDS

We protect life and property from flooding and other natural hazards.

PLAN REVIEW & PERMITTING

We deliver the Authority's permitting responsibilities, ensuring compliance to Ontario Regulation 167/06 and related policies, with timely customer service and appropriate enforcement action.

We meet the Authority's delegated responsibility to represent the provincial interest in natural hazards through timely engagement with member municipalities in the review of applications under the Planning Act.

DAM OPERATIONS

We operate and maintain water and ice control structures ensuring that they are in safe working order and that public safety measures are in place.

FLOOD FORECASTING & WARNING

We operate a flood forecasting and warning system to ensure that residents and municipalities are aware of potential flood-related events in a timely manner; during storm events, we support municipally-led emergency response.

We monitor watershed conditions to detect low water conditions and support the Otonabee Region Water Response Team in responding to low water events.

We deliver water safety and natural hazard education programs to keep watershed residents safer from hazards.

FLOOD PLAIN MAPPING

We acquire and maintain floodplain mapping to better understand flood risks throughout our watershed.



We safeguard people and property from flooding and other natural hazards.



We contribute to the maintenance of a healthy and resilient natural environment.

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

We contribute to the protection of existing and future sources of municipal drinking water by delivering the duties, functions, and responsibilities of a source protection authority under the *Clean Water Act*.

We support municipalities in the Otonabee-Peterborough Source Protection Authority to implement the policies of the Trent Source Protection Plan and meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

We provide administrative support to the Otonabee-Peterborough Source Protection Authority to meet all of their obligations under the Trent Source Protection Plan and the Clean Water Act.

We fulfill the Authority's obligations outlined in the agreements with municipalities to:

- Enforce Part IV of the Clean Water Act through activities of the Risk Management Office and to ensure compliance with the Trent Source Protection Plan and the Clean Water Act.
- Develop and implement an Education and Outreach Program, as required by the Trent Source Protection Plan policies.

We deliver water quality and quantity monitoring programs in partnership with various provincial agencies.

CONSERVATION LANDS

We manage and conserve lands owned by the Authority for the protection of biodiversity and natural heritage including the preservation of areas of significant environmental and ecological importance; we also provide opportunities for outdoor recreation.

CONSERVATION LANDS MANAGEMENT

We ensure the proper management and stewardship of 10,300 acres of land owned by the Authority.

We operate several free day-use conservation areas for outdoor recreation activities including hiking, biking, geo-caching, nature viewing, boating, picnicking, fishing, and swimming.

LAKEFIELD CAMPGROUND

We operate Lakefield Campground for public and seasonal camping, on behalf of the Township of Selwyn. This includes canoe rentals and retail sales for items such as firewood and ice.

WARSAW CAVES CONSERVATION AREA

We operate Warsaw Caves Conservation Area for day-use activities including hiking, biking, geo-caching, nature viewing, boating, picnicking, fishing, swimming, spelunking, and group and family camping. This includes canoe rentals and retail sales for items such as ice, firewood, and headlamps.

BEAVERMEAD CAMPGROUND

We operate Beavermead Campground for group, public, and seasonal camping, on behalf of the City of Peterborough. This includes canoe rentals and retail sales for items such as firewood and ice.

We provide recreational opportunities in the natural environment.



NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION

We advance and contribute to the maintenance of a healthy and resilient natural environment.

EDUCATION & STEWARDSHIP

We support landowners and community partners to undertake stewardship activities on their lands that enhance the natural environment.

We develop, promote, and deliver events that foster awareness of the watershed environment and watershed health.

We support environmental education through a variety of experiential learning opportunities.

CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

Our programs support the adaptation and mitigation of climate change impacts in the Otonabee Region watershed. Our Climate Change Strategy articulates specific actions related to climate change including goals, objectives and a series of specific actions that we measure each year and present in a Climate Change Report Card.

CORPORATE SERVICES

We ensure the effective and efficient delivery of program and services

We support the Board of Directors in meeting its legislated mandate and responsibilities.

We provide the necessary administrative and support services for the efficient and effective operation of the Authority for services such as payroll, purchasing, financial, human resources, IT, GIS, vehicle, equipment and facility management.

We provide communications and marketing to ensure our watershed residents are aware of our programs and services.

PLAN REVIEW & MONITORING

We fulfill the Authority's obligations in its Partnership Agreements with member municipalities to provide technical review and expertise.

We assist the municipalities in making environmentally sound decisions.

At the request of our member municipalities, we undertake post-development monitoring programs and conduct research and technical studies.



Tree Planting at Baxter Creek, 2019

We build awareness and understanding of the value of the natural environment.



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