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PUBLIC MEETING TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE BEAVER RIVER WETLAND CONSERVATION AREA DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

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NEWMARKET – After several months of public consultation and planning, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and its partners have developed a draft management plan for the Beaver River Wetland Conservation Area.

Local residents are invited to join the Beaver River Wetland Steering Committee to provide input on the draft plan, prior to finalizing it. A public open house and presentation of the draft plan will be held on Saturday, May 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Sunderland Co-op located at the corner of Regional Road 10 and Hwy 7/12 in Sunderland.

The Beaver River Wetland Conservation Area is located along the Beaver River in Brock Township. Since 1993 the LSRCA has been securing lands within the wetland with the support of Ducks Unlimited Canada, the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ontario Heritage Trust, the region of Durham and Katherine Symons. The conservation area is now over 900 acres in size and includes Provincially Significant wetland habitat and almost 16 kilometres of abandoned rail line which has been converted into a recreational trail.

In Sept 2009 a public meeting was convened to discuss the features, opportunities, and challenges associated with the Beaver River wetland and Beaver River Wetland Conservation Area. Over the past year, a steering committee made up of representatives of the Conservation Authority, the Township of Brock, the Region of Durham, the Heart of Ontario Snowmobile Club, and the Trans Canada Trail have been reviewing these comments and identifying options for improving services and facilities at the Conservation Area.

For more information, please visit www.lsrca.on.ca or call 905 895-1281.

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