# **Conservation Landholdings**

**Board Of Directors** 

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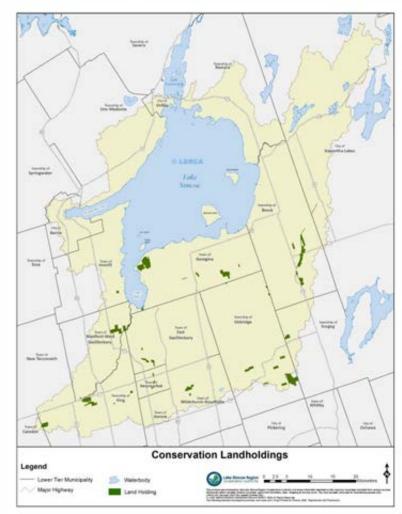
**Director, Conservation Lands** 





#### **Conservation Properties**

- 36 Landholdings
  - 33 Owned
  - Durham Regional Forest
  - 2 Conservation Easements
- 2,750ha (6,800ac)
- 120km of trails



#### **Natural Heritage Protection**

- Critical headwater protection
- Habitat connectivity
- Climate change mitigation
- Canada Target 1
  - 8 properties contributing to National 25% target



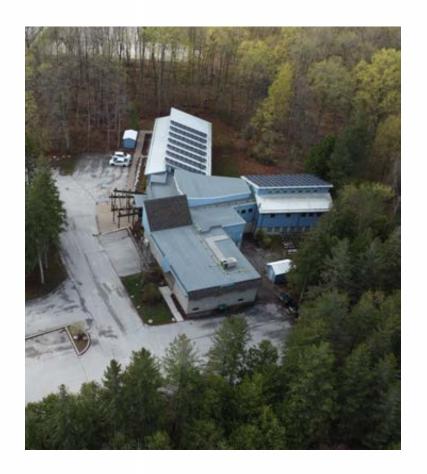
#### **Community Wellness**

- Passive recreation
  - Provided without direct support or supervision of staff employed by the Authority or other body
- Outdoor education
- Our property visitors
- 40% visitor increase during pandemic



#### **Authority Operations**

- Head Office
- Operations Centre
- Nature Centre
- Works Yard and Greenspace Services



## Landscape Change: Conservation Authorities Act

- Mandatory Category 1
  - Programs and services related to the conservation and management of lands
- Property sustainability
- Action Items: 2024
  - Conservation Land Inventory
  - Conservation Area Strategy



#### **Management Approach**

- Conservation Lands team
- Municipal partnerships
- Parking revenue for capital enhancements
- Lake Simcoe Conservation
   Foundation



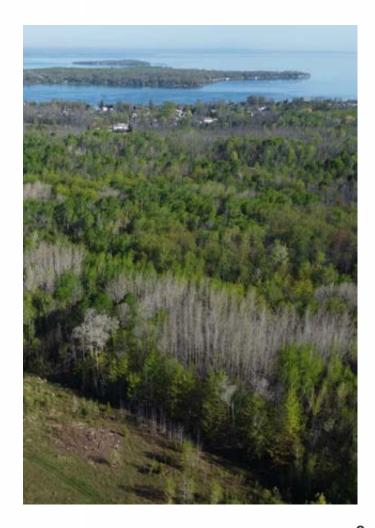
#### Rationalization of Landholdings

- Conservation Land
   Acquisition and
   Dispositions Strategies
- Disposal of lands that no longer meet Authority objectives
- Reviewing Durham Forest
   Management Agreement



#### **Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve**

- Management underway
  - Boundary establishment
  - Baseline Documentation Report preparation
  - Agricultural leases
- Master Planning
  - Consultant Request for Proposal
  - Community engagement



#### **Major Initiatives**

- Conservation Authorities Act requirements
- Property ManagementPlanning
- Preserve Master Planning
- Scanlon Creek Nature Centre Development
- Signage Strategy



### Thank-you

