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New Provincial Environment Plan Commits to Working With Conservation Authorities

NEWMARKET, ON - November 30, 2018 - Through its new '[Made in Ontario Environment Plan](#)', the Government of Ontario commits to continue to work with Conservation Authorities on many different initiatives in order to help ensure the health of our lakes, rivers and greenspaces.

The Plan praises the effective partnership between provincially supported source protection committees, municipalities and conservation authorities in protecting important sources of drinking water and also commits to continuing to implement the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.

It recognizes and commits support for the important role of conservation authorities in protecting people and property from flooding and other natural hazards, and conserving natural resources. And, as part of their objective to promote parks and increase recreational opportunities, the plan outlines the need for many agencies, including conservation authorities, to share the responsibility of conserving Ontario's protected lands.

"Conservation Authorities are a cost effective foundation on which to address many of the issues identified in the new objectives of the Environmental Plan," said Kim Gavine, General Manager of Conservation Ontario, the organization that represents Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities.

"We're pleased to see the Government will address climate change impacts and continue to work to restore and protect our Great lakes. Conservation Authorities are key partners, along with many other agencies, in planning and implementing many of these initiatives."

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