

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



Conservation
ONTARIO



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Cover image: A spectacular view of the Cascades Conservation Area poplar and birch forest, and the Current River rapids.

What We Do

CONSERVATION ONTARIO IS A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION THAT REPRESENTS ONTARIO'S 36 CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES.

Conservation Authorities (CAs) are community-based watershed management agencies whose mandate is to undertake watershed-based programs to protect people and property from flooding and other natural hazards and to conserve natural resources for economic, social, and environmental benefits.

CAs are legislated under the *Conservation Authorities Act, 1946*.

Conservation Ontario is governed by a six-member elected Board of Directors and directed by a Council of appointed and elected municipal officials from the 36 CAs Boards of Directors and CAs staff. Conservation Ontario's primary funding source is secured from its membership through levies and supplemented by project funding and contracts.



CONSERVATION ONTARIO'S BUSINESS FUNCTIONS

- ✔ Policy and Program Development
- ✔ Business Development and Partnerships
- ✔ Communications
- ✔ Education and Training
- ✔ Collective Corporate Services
- ✔ Government Relations
- ✔ Information Management and Research

How We Work



VISION

Conservation Ontario will engage Conservation Authorities in matters of common interest and to shape effective policies relating to Conservation Authorities.



MISSION

To promote and continually strengthen a watershed-based conservation coalition in Ontario.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair, Alan Revill

Cataraqui Conservation

Vice-Chair, Alan Dale

Upper Thames River
Conservation Authority

Director, Rob Baldwin

Lake Simcoe Region
Conservation Authority

Director, Linda Laliberte

Ganaraska Region
Conservation Authority

Director, Samantha Lawson

Grand River Conservation
Authority

Message from the General Manager

THE VALUE OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES CONTINUES



Angela Coleman

Angela Coleman
General Manager,
Conservation Ontario

Seventy-five years ago, Ontario saw the impacts of early development on watercourses, wetlands, and forests. Disappearing forests and other land cover significantly increased flooding and erosion and threatened the province's water quality, soils, and biodiversity. In response, the Province worked with local municipalities to introduce the *Conservation Authorities Act, 1946* and established Conservation Authorities (CAs).

Since then, CAs have become highly efficient watershed managers forging close local connections with landowners, residents, and local governments. In doing so, they provide local partners with various valuable benefits. They also help other governments and non-government partners address broader environmental priorities and goals.

CAs are '*boots on the ground*' agencies that reduce flood and erosion risk. We operate the dams, plant the trees and work directly with citizens to enhance biodiversity, such as forests and wetlands. We have studied Ontario's watersheds for years, providing relevant technical advice to municipalities and other partners and keeping new development safe. CAs also offer natural areas and outdoor activities through more than 300 publicly accessible Conservation Areas across Ontario, contributing to residents' physical and mental health.

Over 75 years, the value of CAs continues to grow. We will adapt to the shifting needs of all levels of government, particularly local municipalities and their residents.

We are the leaders of local watershed knowledge and experience, contributing significantly to Ontario's resilience for the environment and its people. Now, more than ever, we cannot afford to underestimate this value.

Finally, thank you, Council, Board, and staff, for welcoming me to this role in September 2022. Our thanks to Kim Gavine for nine years of service as General Manager of Conservation Ontario and Bonnie Fox for doing an outstanding job as acting General Manager. In December, we celebrated Jane Lewington's 21-year communications career accomplishments with Conservation Ontario and wished her well in retirement. The efforts of dedicated staff enrich our organization.



📍 Ganaraska Forest

**GANARASKA
FOREST**
Est. 1945
GANARASKA REGION
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY



Changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*

CONSERVATION ONTARIO SUPPORTS CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES' TRANSITION

Amendments were made to the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA) in 2020 and again in December 2022 through the Omnibus Bill 23 (*More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*).

Conservation Ontario (CO) presented to the Standing Committee advocating for the removal of proposed amendments that: i) affected Conservation Authorities' (CAs) ability to enter into voluntary agreements with municipalities and; ii) exempted *Planning Act* authorizations from requiring Conservation Authority (CA) natural hazard permits. This positioning was supported further by a media release, numerous media interviews, and a blog. It was also supported in the related CO submissions in response to the Environmental Registry of Ontario policy proposal postings on the CAA and regulatory proposals, including the Section 28 regulations.

Bill 23 received Royal Assent on November 28, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) confirmed legislative and related regulatory changes affecting CAs in correspondence dated December 28, 2022. CO held four information sessions in November and December with General Managers (three) and Council members (one) to discuss the Bill, CO's response, and related implementation concerns.

In January 2022, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) posted for review the Regulatory and Policy Proposals implementing the 2020 CAA amendments. These were finalized and released on April 22, 2022. This work was advised by the Conservation Authorities Working Group established by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Throughout 2022, CO supported CAs in implementing the new regulatory requirements. By the end of February 2022, all 36 CAs successfully submitted their Transitions Plans to MECP and their Program and Service Inventories to MECP and municipalities. CO hosted two discussion sessions with CA General Managers to support these submissions.

Further to the regulations, finalized in April, CO updated guidance for CAs to support their ongoing:

- Consultation with municipalities on their inventory of programs and services,
- Negotiations with municipalities regarding municipal Memorandums of Understanding and other programs and services agreements, and,
- Submission of quarterly progress reports to the Province.

A General Managers discussion session on this guidance was held in May 2022, and a CO and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario webinar was hosted on June 22.

A guidance document was developed, and sessions were hosted for CAs on CA Fee Policies and Fee Schedules, which were required to be updated by January 1, 2023, further to April regulations and the Minister's Fee Classes Policy.

Changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*

PROVINCIAL TRAINING

Conservation Authorities (CAs) participated in provincial training sessions targeted to CAs and municipalities, including:

- CA Program and Service Inventory Workshop (May)
- Phase 1 Regulations - Refresher (October)
- Phase 2 Regulation and Policy - Overview (October)



UPCOMING CONSERVATION AUTHORITY DELIVERABLES

Conservation Ontario (CO) supported Conservation Authorities in developing several provincial deliverables that are due by December 31, 2024, including:

- ✓ Natural Hazard Infrastructure asset management plans,
- ✓ Natural Hazard Infrastructure operational plans and ice management plans (as required),
- ✓ Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy,
- ✓ Conservation Area Strategy, and,
- ✓ Conservation Land Inventory.

Five sessions were hosted with Conservation Authority (CA) staff on the development of these deliverables, and two CO and CA working groups were established to assist in creating guidance material.



GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Conservation Ontario (CO) and Conservation Authorities (CAs) share the Provincial government's commitment to governance, accountability, and transparency. All 36 CAs confirmed compliance with the Chair and Vice-Chair provisions of the *Conservation Authorities Act* for 2022. Therefore, their Chair and Vice-Chair have not held office for more than two consecutive terms unless they received a Minister's exception. All 36 CAs created governance webpages, with CO staff support as necessary, and posted material as per the April 2022 'Information Requirements' regulation.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT

On August 30, 2022, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry was assigned responsibility for administering the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA), and moving forward, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) would no longer have duties, functions or responsibilities under the CAA. MECP continues to partner with CAs by administering the *Clean Water Act* and the source water protection program.

Federal and Provincial Consultations

PROVIDING ADVICE TO CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES AND PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Conservation Ontario (CO) coordinates Conservation Authorities' (CAs) review of Provincial and Federal policy proposals and consultations that affect, or benefit from, the Conservation Authority business of conserving natural resources and protecting public health and safety.

In 2022, 29 of the 36 CAs actively developed 18 CO submissions. Three submissions were directly related to the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Fifteen additional submissions were provided in 2022 on policy proposals related to: the *Planning Act*, the Greenbelt Plan, the *Environmental Assessment Act*, guidance material for subwatershed planning, stormwater management, wetland evaluation and natural heritage compensation and offsetting, and other proposed legislative and regulatory changes.

In January 2022, CO submitted the Five-Year Review Report to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) on using the CO *Class Environmental Assessment for Remedial Flood and Erosion Control Projects* (Class EA) and continued to work with MECP on streamlining improvements to CO's Class EA.





Conservation Ontario Client Service and Streamlining Initiative

IMPROVING CUSTOMER SERVICE TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

To support the Provincial government's objective of increasing the housing supply without jeopardizing public health and safety, or the environment, Conservation Ontario (CO) continued to work with Conservation Authorities (CAs) to improve client service and accountability, increase the speed of approvals, and reduce red tape and regulatory burden.

In 2022, CO hosted a Planning Best Management Practices Day, bringing together Conservation Authority (CA) staff from across the province to share ideas about improving client service. The day started with a panel discussion of representatives from the development, municipal, and CA sectors on how to work together most effectively.

CO continues to track permit review timelines reported in the graphic. In 2022, all 36 CAs joined the annual reporting cycle. CAs continue to demonstrate a high level of client service through their timely reviews and approvals. CO continues to support CAs to provide this yearly reporting.

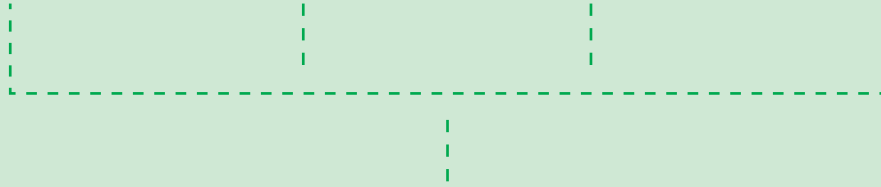
ACTIVITIES

Timely Reviews

Streamlining
Applications

Consistent Planning
Comments

Client-centric
Customer Service
Training



2022 RESULTS

HIGH-GROWTH CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES



6,893

Permits Issued



92%

Issued within
Provincial Timelines



14

High-Growth Conservation
Authorities Participated

NON-HIGH-GROWTH CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES



4,895

Permits Issued



91%

Issued within
Provincial Timelines



22

Non-High-Growth
Conservation Authorities
Participated



Flooding

REDUCING THE RISK OF FLOODING AND EROSION HAZARDS

Conservation Authorities (CAs) are vital players in flood and erosion hazard management in Ontario. They help to protect lives and avoid costly business disruptions and damages.

FLOOD HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND MAPPING PROGRAM

On August 12, 2022, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) launched Ontario's Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program (FHIMP). In partnership with provincial and territorial governments, the FHIMP aims to complete flood hazard maps of higher-risk areas in Canada and make this flood hazard information widely accessible. The Government of Canada is investing over \$63.8M in this program.

Before the launch, a webinar was co-hosted by Conservation Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) in spring 2022. A questionnaire was circulated to CAs and municipalities to understand the interest and nature of potential flood mapping projects underway or planned. The questionnaire results were reviewed by NRCAN, MNRF, and AMO staff. NRCAN and MNRF are the Federal-Provincial partners in delivering this program.



FLOOD MAPPING TECHNICAL TEAM

Throughout 2022, Conservation Ontario continued work around the Ontario Flooding Strategy and Flood Mapping Technical Team (FMTT). This work was focused on developing progress reports with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Conservation Authorities, and municipal representatives (Association of Municipalities of Ontario).

The Data, Survey and Mapping Task Team evaluated the scope and status of geospatial data across the province to support flood hazard mapping. A survey and mapping guidance document outlining suggested standards and specifications for flood hazard mapping in Ontario was drafted. Work also began developing a technical bulletin to address options for incorporating climate change considerations for river and stream flooding hazards. A draft of the Hydrology and Hydraulics Technical Bulletin was also underway.

ENGAGING AROUND FEDERAL CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES

Conservation Ontario (CO) and Conservation Authorities (CAs) continued to engage in several important climate change-related initiatives relevant to CAs at the Federal and Provincial levels. This includes providing technical input related to all Conservation Authority (CA) business, programs, and services.

CO tracked the National Adaptation Strategy development, released in November 2022, and provided input via a collaborative: Climate Proof Canada Coalition. This group has provided direct input about the strategy to the Federal Ministers and their staff. The coalition recommends that the strategy focuses on setting realistic targets as part of a five-year implementation plan starting in 2023 to protect Canadians from extreme heat, flood, and wildfires.

CO coordinated CA input to the Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment.

RAISING AWARENESS WITH THE INSURANCE SECTOR

Conservation Ontario collaborated with the Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario to develop an e-learning course on the Conservation Authorities' role in flood and erosion hazards. The course provides information on Conservation Authority programs and services, describes the different types and impacts of flooding, and the different roles of Conservation Authorities, the Province, municipalities, and the Federal government in Ontario's flood management. It also examines the *Conservation Authorities Act* and provides ideas for personal flood preparedness. Over 600 brokers have completed the course to date.



WATER EROSION AND CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

Conservation Ontario managed the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) database for the 2022-2023 WECI funding application review process. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) administers the funding program with the support of a committee of Conservation Authority infrastructure experts. The committee hosted an information webinar in early February 2022 as an orientation for submitting applications, with 50 staff attending from 31 Conservation Authorities (CAs). The committee reviewed 98 funding applications from 27 CAs for 2022/23, with total project costs of around \$10.9 million. Overall, MNRF approved and allocated the funding to 93 infrastructure safety and repair projects and studies with a value of \$10 million for 27 CAs.



Partnerships

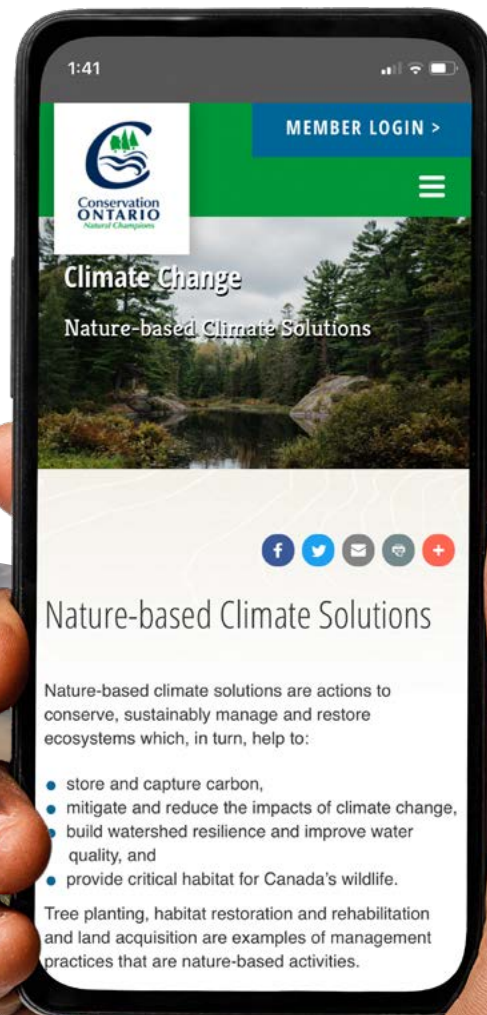
NATURE SMART CLIMATE SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

In 2021, Conservation Ontario (CO) was granted \$9 million from Environment and Climate Change Canada over three years through the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund. CO received \$3.5 million of this funding in 2022 (Year Two) to support Conservation Authorities (CAs).

Throughout 2022, 18 CAs were implementing 64 local projects that support the reduction of greenhouse gases (GHGs) through wetland, grassland, and riparian protection and restoration, as well as agricultural land management permanent cover practices such as cover cropping.

- These projects provide co-benefits, including flood risk reduction, enhanced or restored habitat for species at risk, and water quality and soil health improvements.
- CO has developed a Story Map and webpage to highlight the various projects under the program.
- CO also hosted a session at the 2022 Latornell Conservation Symposium on October 18.

📍 Cooper Marsh



2 BILLION TREES PROGRAM - PLANTING FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Conservation Authorities (CAs) planted approximately 2 million trees across Ontario's watersheds in 2022. They also continued to map and monitor local forest cover.

Conservation Authority tree planting and habitat restoration and rehabilitation projects are delivered in partnership with agencies, local businesses, nurseries, and landowners, which allows the leveraging of resources, resulting in broader benefits and impacts.

CAs worked closely with many of these partners, including Forests Ontario, to begin delivering the Federal government's 2 Billion Trees Program.



Partnerships

HELPING TO PROTECT THE GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE RIVER WATER QUALITY

CANADA WATER AGENCY

In 2022, Conservation Ontario provided comments on the establishment of a Canada Water Agency and was supportive of its creation. It was emphasized that an integrated watershed management framework (including watersheds, sub-watersheds, and catchment basins) should be used to manage freshwater resources.

GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

Conservation Authorities' watershed management programs continued to help the Federal government to meet its goals under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA).

2022 marked the 50th anniversary of GLWQA and the release of the 2022 State of the Great Lakes Report and the 2022 Progress Report. Conservation Ontario and several Conservation Authorities (CAs) attended or presented at the September 2022 Great Lakes Public Forum in Niagara Falls.

Additionally, Canada and the United States governments released the 2021 Lakewide Action and Management Plan Annual Reports for Lakes Erie, Huron, Michigan, Ontario, and Superior. CAs participate, along with many other agencies, in various implementation initiatives that contribute to improvements in the Great Lakes' water quality.

In October, Conservation Ontario completed a story map examining how CAs use watershed management to support upstream agricultural activities to maintain or improve the water quality of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River.



OTHER PARTNERSHIPS

Conservation Ontario and Conservation Authorities engaged with key Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs and agriculture stakeholders on soil health and the next Federal Agricultural Framework.

Throughout 2022, activities also involved collaborating with various environmental organizations to advance nature-based infrastructure initiatives, including the Greenbelt Foundation, Ontario Land Trust Alliance, Ontario Nature, Ducks Unlimited Canada, and Forests Ontario.



Information Management

PROTECTING IMPORTANT LANDS FOR THEIR ECOLOGICAL VALUES

CANADA NATURE FUND - LAND SECUREMENT

Conservation Ontario continued to administer a multi-year land acquisition program through a contract with Environment and Climate Change Canada. The program was expanded in 2022 to a three-year, \$7.2 million opportunity. To date, 18 Conservation Authorities are participating in the project, targeting more than 1,900 hectares. Year 2 (2022-2023) will acquire 750 of these hectares. Additional lands are available should more funding be provided.

ONTARIO NATURE - ASSESSMENTS OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITY LANDS

Conservation Authority (CA) lands are rich in biodiversity. Over the years, Conservation Ontario (CO) has worked with the Federal government to tally up these lands by collecting and cataloguing data and projects.

In 2022, the Greenbelt Foundation funded a project with Ontario Nature and CO to assess CA and municipal lands in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to be counted towards Canada's biodiversity targets. In 2022, five Conservation Authorities participated in a bulk screening of their lands. In total, 44 CA properties were assessed, and 7,200 hectares of land will be added to the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database. The Federal government has a target to protect 25 per cent of Canada's lands by 2025.

A workshop for participants was hosted in April.



KNOWLEDGE BUILDING THROUGH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

OPEN DATA INITIATIVES

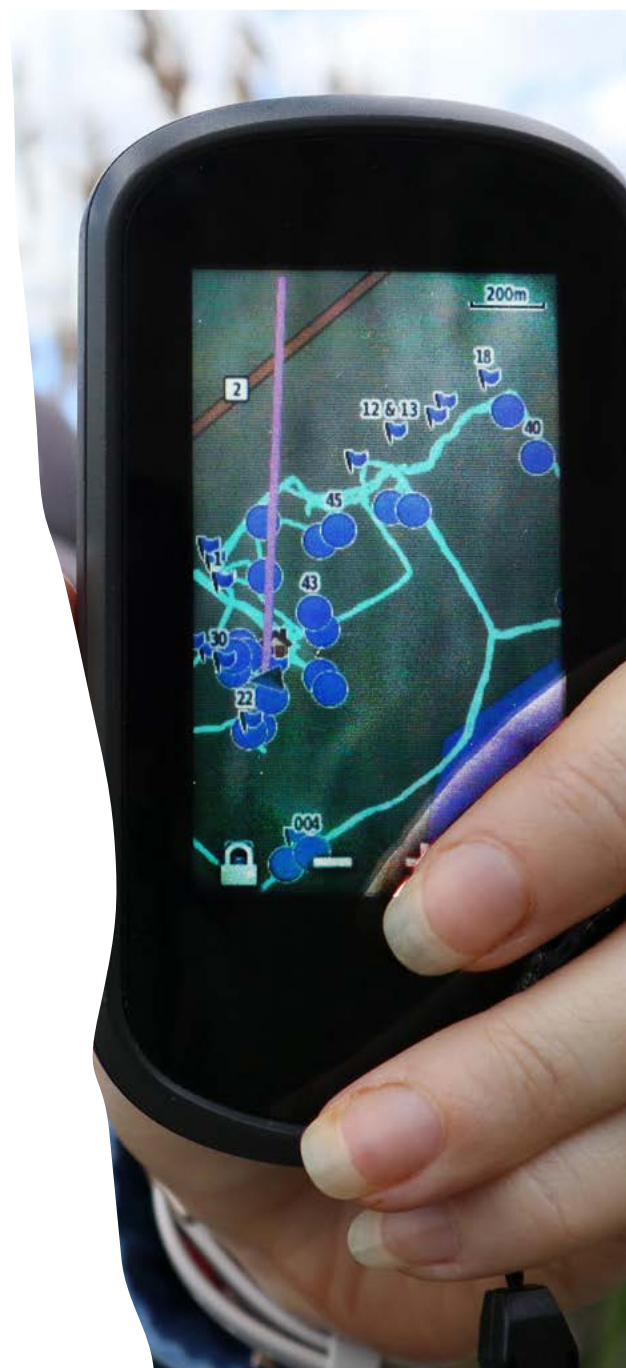
Conservation Ontario's Open Data Project is a multi-year initiative to assist Conservation Authorities (CAs) in making their geospatial data more discoverable, accessible, and available. Using data, maps, and apps such as online story maps, Conservation Ontario (CO) can communicate Conservation Authority (CA) science with the general public in a user-friendly way. A focus in 2022 was to work with the Open Data Working Group and tell stories with open data.

CO and the CAs used social media to tell their stories:

- ✔ Participated in Geography Awareness Week (November 14-19) and GIS Day (November 16). Promoted CA data and a collection of story maps published by CAs.

Conservation Authority topics:

- Using GIS helps to identify flood and erosion risks (*Essex Region Conservation Authority*)
- How LIDAR helps with updating floodplain mapping (*North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority*)
- Showing how data is easily accessible to download (*Grand River Conservation Authority*)
- Creating maps with various layers to show elevation and land cover (*Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority*)
- Talking about climate change (*Credit Valley Conservation*)
- Key roles of GIS professionals (*Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority*)



Drinking Water Source Protection

The *Clean Water Act* (2006) led to the establishment of the Drinking Water Source Protection program, which the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks administers. Conservation Ontario provides coordination and support services to Conservation Authorities (CAs) and helps them carry out their legislative responsibilities under the *Clean Water Act* as Source Protection Authorities. CAs continue to excel in program delivery and play a pivotal role in protecting our existing and future drinking water sources on a watershed basis.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TRAINING AND GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Conservation Ontario hosted an Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) hands-on training for Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP) Project Managers and staff in September. The session included practical training by an AODA expert and step-by-step guidance for building and remediating documents. A newly created AODA guidance document focused on DWSP Assessment Reports and Source Protection Plans was developed to support source protection authority staff as part of the training materials.

KNOWLEDGE BUILDING

- ✔ A Source Water Seminar Series for Risk Management Officials and Inspectors and Drinking Water Source Protection Project Managers was re-established in 2022. This series aims to nurture an interdisciplinary approach to source water protection policy development and considerations for practical application.
- ✔ Conservation Ontario continues to support DWSP Project Managers and provides quarterly peer-to-peer knowledge-building sessions to learn from each other.

Conservation Ontario continues to support the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Tool for Drinking Water Source Quality and hosted a tutorial for municipal and Conservation Authority staff.



CREATING AWARENESS ABOUT DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

SOCIAL MEDIA

In addition to ongoing seasonal social media posts about source water protection, Conservation Ontario worked with Conservation Authorities to deliver a unique campaign titled *Back to the Basics*. The campaign supported the implementation of source protection plans and increased public awareness about Drinking Water Source Protection.

SALT RESPONSIBLY CAMPAIGN

Road salt can contaminate the environment through runoff across surface areas to lakes, rivers, and streams and seeping into groundwater sources. Chlorides in road salt affect drinking water quality and are harmful to fish, wildlife, trees, and plants along shorelines.

In 2022, Conservation Ontario worked with the Conservation Authorities and municipal Risk Management Officials to develop and launch a 15-week public information campaign about how to *Salt Responsibly* in the winter. New education tools include social media posts, stickers for salt bins, a QR code, an online mapping application, and a story map about the impacts of road salt across Ontario which has had just over 2,000 views.

QUEEN'S PARK DAY

Through the Ontario Road Salt Management Advisory Committee, Conservation Ontario participated in the Good Roads Queen's Park Day on November 22, 2022.



2022 Latornell Conservation Symposium

A SOLD-OUT SUCCESS

The 2022 Latornell Conservation Symposium included three fall webinars and a 1.5-day in-person event on October 17-18 at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington, Ontario. The in-person event offered four field tours and one workshop on the first day. A total of 304 people attended the in-person event.

The second day included 16 sessions over four streams, including Watershed Management, Natural Heritage, Climate Change, and Water Resources. The keynote speaker was Dr. Gail Krantzberg, Professor and lead for the Masters of Engineering and Public Policy in the School of Engineering Practice and Technology at McMaster University.



FIELD TOURS

- Urban Wetland and Creek Restoration (*Hamilton Conservation Authority, Royal Botanical Gardens, Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System*)
- Peri-Urban Land Stewardship along the Niagara Escarpment (*Bruce Trail Conservancy, Royal Botanical Gardens, Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System*)
- Creating a New Conservation Area: Jim Tovey Conservation Area (*Credit Valley Conservation, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority*)
- Ecological Restoration through Partnerships (*Conservation Halton*)

WORKSHOP

- How to Be an Effective Environmental Witness
Presenter: Tim Hilditch, Colucent Group of Companies



WEBINARS

- Reimagining Conservation with the Black Environmentalists Alliance (*September 20, 2022*)
177 registrants (39% CA staff)
YouTube Views: 227
- Healing Our Connection to Water and Place Through Habitat Creation (*November 9, 2022*)
313 registrants (36% CA staff)
YouTube Views: 147
- Keeping Up with Planning in Ontario (*December 13, 2022*)
504 Registrants (44% CA staff)
YouTube Views: 196



Healthy Hikes Step Into Nature

The 2022 Healthy Hikes social media campaign explored six themes that focused on nature's mental, physical, and social benefits, inclusion in nature, and park behaviours. Learn more about Healthy Hikes at www.healthyhikes.ca.

MAY

**Bounce Back in Nature
(Nature & Mental Health)**



JUNE

**Nature & Inclusion
#NatureForAll**



JULY

Recreate Responsibly



AUGUST

Keep the Great Lakes Great



SEPTEMBER

Nature Helps Children Learn



OCTOBER

Fantastic Fall



SOCIAL MEDIA

Numbers at a Glance

Conservation Ontario is connected to our network of Conservation Authorities, partners, and online communities and on the pulse of the latest news and happenings that inform and shape policy and decision-making.



Facebook
(Ontario's Conservation Areas)
11,820 FOLLOWERS



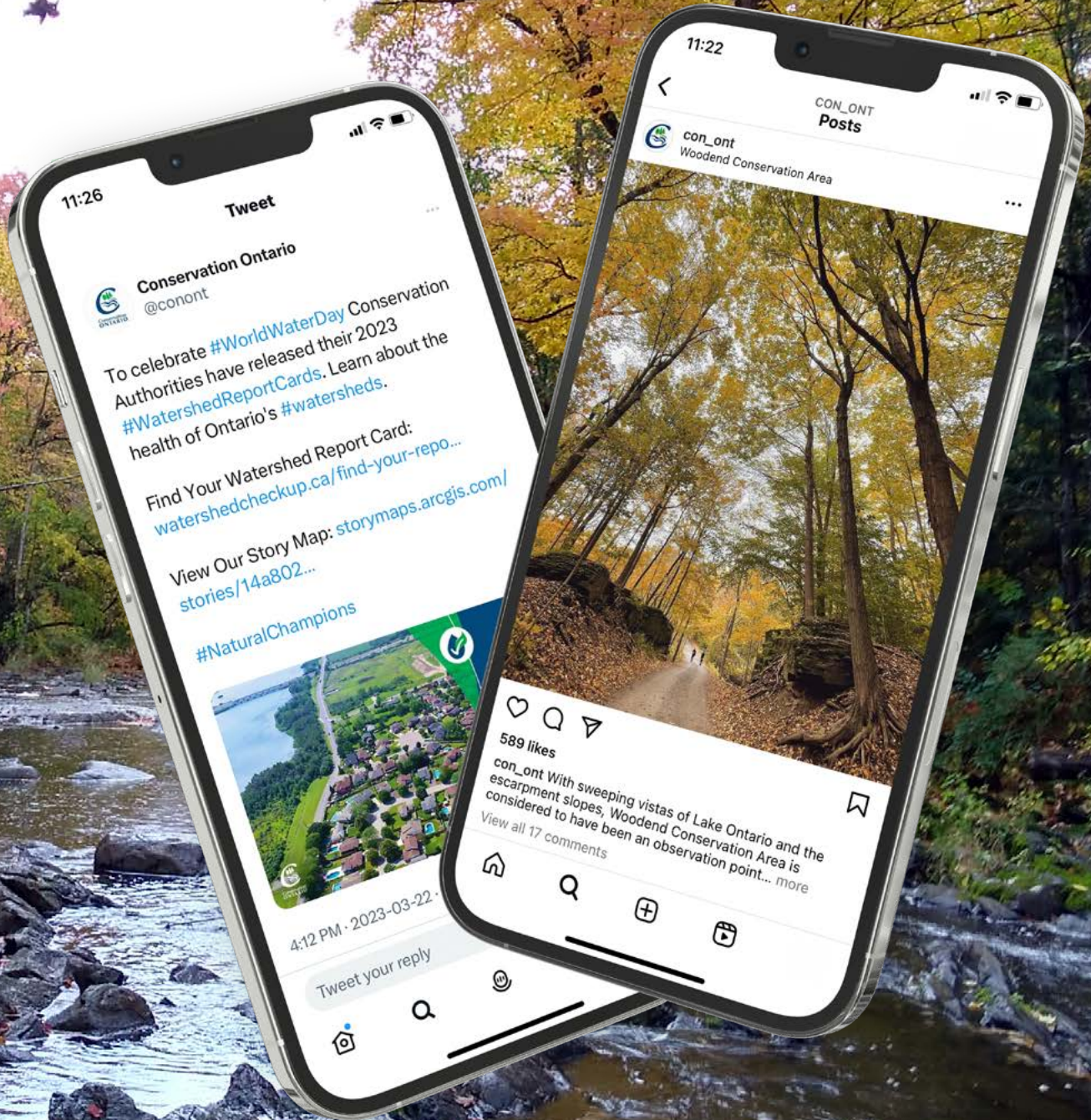
Facebook
(Conservation Ontario)
4,404 FOLLOWERS



Twitter
31,543 FOLLOWERS



Instagram
22,789 FOLLOWERS





Education and Training

WORKSHOPS

Municipal and Conservation Authority Protected and Conserved Areas

- April 13
- 20 CA staff; 27 CAs represented

AODA Hands-On Training for Drinking Water Source Protection Documents

- September 14
- 34 CA staff; 22 CAs represented

Conservation Areas Workshop - Growing Together Conservation Lands for All

- October 26-27
- 120 CA staff; 29 CAs represented

ReKindle the Sparks Workshop - Re-imagining Conservation Education

- November 16-18
- 26 CA staff; 12 CAs represented

Conservation Authority Watershed Stewardship, Restoration and Forestry Meeting

- October 17
- 42 CA staff; 19 CAs represented

Conservation Authority Collaborative Information Sessions (CACIS)

- Five sessions from November-December
- Avenza Maps and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
- 45 CA staff; 23 CAs represented
- Esri Canada - Sharing and Decision-Making with Drone Data
- 26 CA staff; 16 CAs represented
- Esri Canada - Exploring the ArcGIS Workforce Starter Solution
- 30 CA staff; 17 CAs represented
- Esri Canada - What's New in ArcGIS Pro and ArcGIS Online
- 54 CA staff; 24 CAs represented
- OMNRF - Mapping and Geomatics Services Section Update
- 60 CA staff; 26 CAs represented

CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT

CO-AMO Webinar - Overview of the Second Phase of the Transition Period for CAs

- June 22
- 57 CA staff; 28 CAs represented

Conservation Ontario CAA Guidance Overviews and Discussion - GM Session

- October 13
- 81 CA staff; 32 CAs represented

Conservation Authority University (CAU) General Manager and/or CA Staff Lead Sessions

- Six sessions from January 7-October 12
- Average of 57 CA staff; Approximately 31 CAs represented

Conservation Authority Asset Management Workshop

- April 13
- 38 CA staff; 27 CAs represented

Level 1 Provincial Offences Officer Training Course (April 25-May 6)

- 20 CA staff; 14 CAs represented

Level 2 Provincial Offences Officer Training

- January 20-February 17
- 33 CA staff; 18 CAs represented

Collecting Evidence in a Conservation Authority Investigation

- April 20
- 114 CA staff; 35 CAs represented

How To Be An Effective Environmental Witness (3 regional workshops)

- November 14, 22, 30
- Average of 29 CA staff; 8-12 CAs represented

WEBINARS

Conservation Areas Workshop Webinar - International Panel Discussion: Navigating the Challenges of a Pandemic in Parks and Open Spaces: Past, Present, and Future

→ February 22

→ 117 CA Staff; 29 CAs represented

Building Relationships and Embracing Truth: Conservation Authority-Led Reconciliation

→ September 27

→ 156 CA staff; 32 CAs represented

DWSP Project Managers' Knowledge Building Session #1 - Consolidated Linear Infrastructure Permission Approvals (MECP)

→ April 21

→ 21 CA staff; 19 CAs represented

DWSP Project Managers' Knowledge Building Session #2 - Hydrocarbon Pipeline Companies (TC Energy, Trans Northern, Enbridge) for Source Protection Plan Policy Harmonization Opportunities

→ May 5

→ 25 CA staff; 20 CAs represented

Annual Provincial Flood Forecast and Warning Workshop/Webinar Series

→ September 14-November 23

→ Average of 90 CA staff per session; 36 CAs represented

DWSP Project Managers/ Risk Management Officials Source Water Seminar Series - Consolidated Linear Infrastructure & DWSP, The Nutrient Act and Risk Management Plan Case Studies

→ September 20

→ 62 CA staff; 24 CAs represented

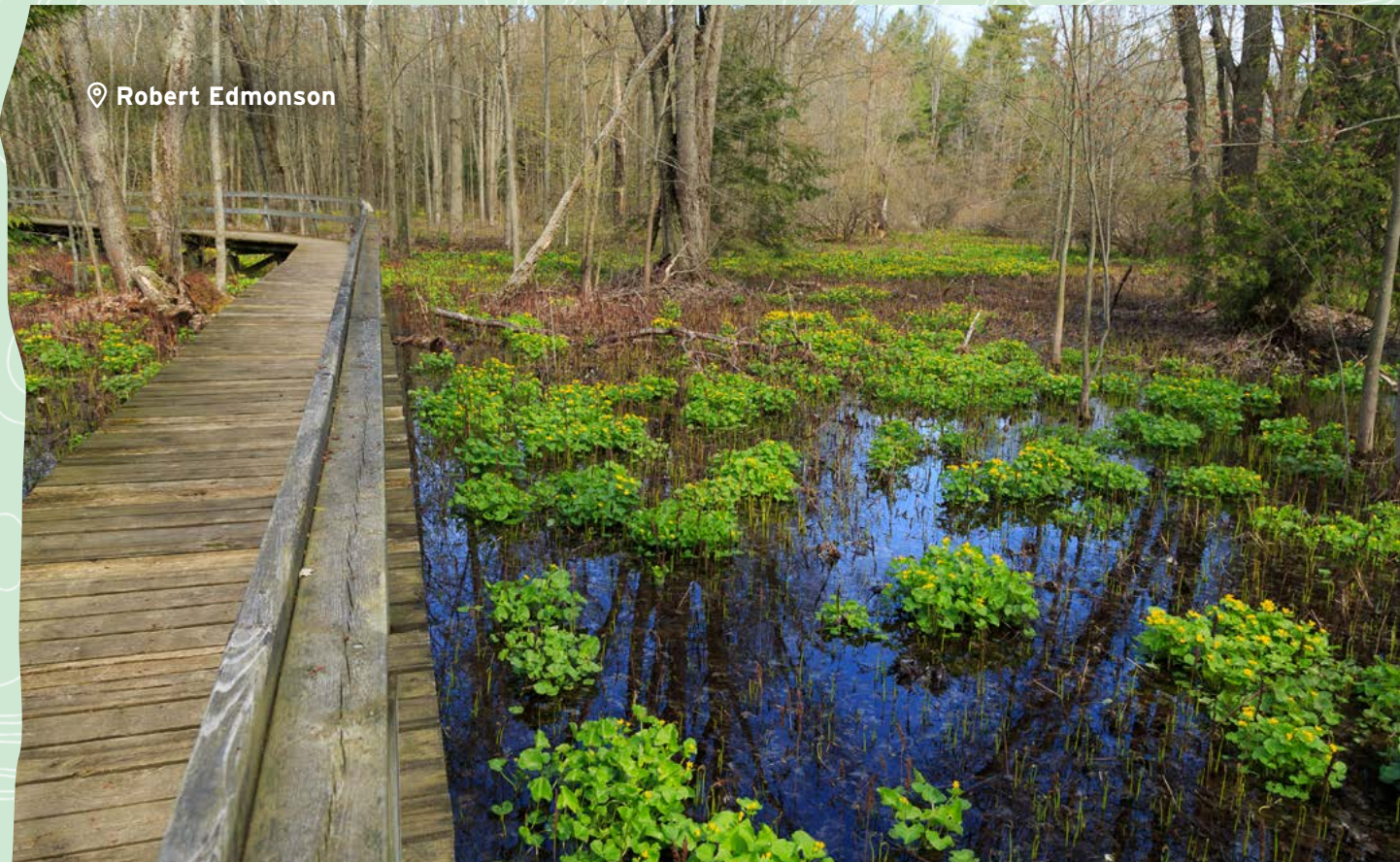
DWSP Project Managers' Knowledge Building Session #3 - The Value of Open Data - Rick Wilson

→ November 7

→ 29 CA staff; 21 CAs represented



📍 H. R. Frink



📍 Robert Edmonson

CONSERVATION ONTARIO

2022 Financial Summary

Below is a high-level overview of Conservation Ontario's financials for the fiscal year period of January 1-December 31, 2022. As always, we are committed to the prudent use of funds and are proud to share these numbers with you.

REVENUES

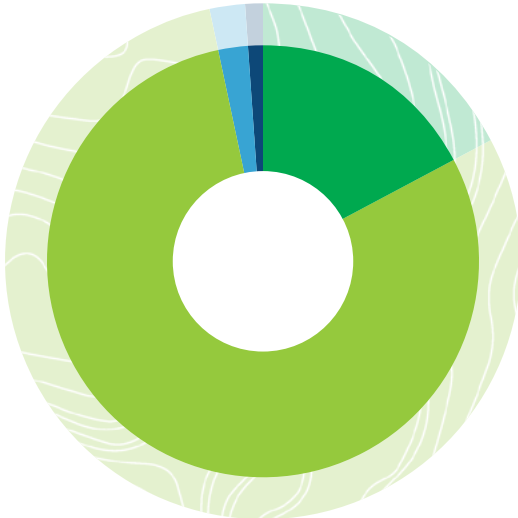
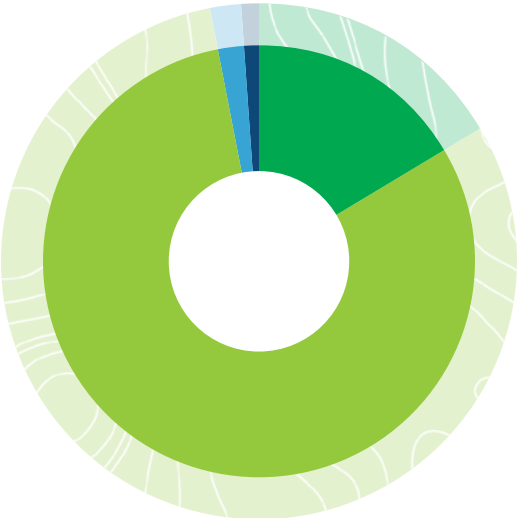
● Membership Fees	1,342,999
● Special Projects	6,512,988
● Source Water Protection	164,103
● Other	76,174

TOTAL **\$8,096,264**

EXPENDITURES

● Operations	1,415,366
● Special Projects	6,430,832
● Source Water Protection	164,103
● Revenue Over Expenses	85,963

TOTAL **\$8,096,264**










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