



Conservation **ONTARIO**
Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities



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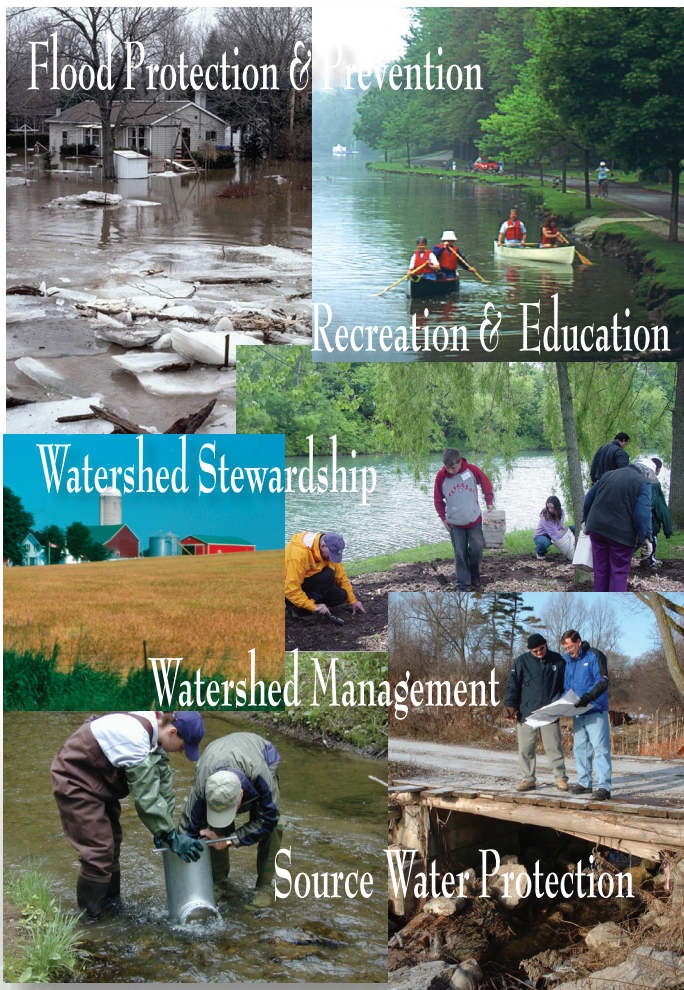
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Natural Champions

Mandate

Conservation Authorities are mandated to ensure the conservation, restoration and responsible management of Ontario's water, land and natural habitats through programs that balance human, environmental and economic needs. Conservation Authorities are legislated under the *Conservation Authorities Act* (1946).



Objectives

Ensure that Ontario's rivers, lakes and streams are properly safeguarded, managed and restored.

Based on Ontario's system of watersheds, Conservation Authorities are known globally for their stewardship of our rivers, lakes and streams through the development and delivery of watershed-based programs that work with nature to protect, restore and effectively manage Ontario's water resources.

Protect, manage and restore Ontario's woodlands, wetlands and natural habitat.

Because what we do on land is reflected in our water and ecosystems, Conservation Authorities develop programs that protect our land resources and promote watershed stewardship practices that lead to healthy, sustainable communities and industries.

Develop and maintain programs that will protect life and property from natural hazards such as flooding and erosion.

Conservation Authorities work in partnership with municipalities to protect life and property through the development of programs that minimize or prevent the impact of natural hazards such as flooding and erosion.

Provide opportunities for the public to enjoy, learn from and respect Ontario's natural environment.

Through the lands they manage and own, as well as the educational programs they deliver, Conservation Authorities provide opportunities for our citizens to understand and appreciate the value of their natural environment as well as the social and economic benefits of protecting that environment.

Conservation Authorities promote an integrated watershed approach to managing Ontario's natural resources based on the cause-effect relationship between human activities and the healthy state of our environment. Key to the success of this approach are locally developed watershed action plans that describe what we must all do in order to ensure a safe and secure water supply and a healthy aquatic ecosystem.