

The Couchiching Conservancy

Protecting the special natural features of the Couchiching region for future generations



Annual report 2010



*"We do not see nature with our eyes, but with
our understandings and our hearts."
William Hazlitt*

"Into the next decade"

President's Message

The Couchiching Conservancy is all about people as we work together to protect the natural features of the Couchiching region for future generations to enjoy. Our membership of 300-plus includes individuals and families with wide age ranges and interests.

A kaleidoscope of images unfolds: a local school group exiting the woods as a young lad exclaims that he thinks he saw a bear; our two grandsons, aged six and three, arriving from Toronto wanting to know how soon we can go for a walk in the woods; a busload from a local retirement home enjoying a walk at the height of the fall colours. Each season holds its unique fascination. Just this fall I met folks from Wisconsin who had spent the night in the area and were impressed with the upkeep of our trail system and the natural features within the woods.

Our volunteers — over 300 of you — are critical in maintaining the properties so that trails are safe for traversing in all seasons of the year or as appropriate for specific conditions. Our property teams do an outstanding job of keeping the properties under surveillance and providing upkeep as needed. The Board and staff thank each of you for your ongoing support.

Carden Nature Festival, held each year in June, is a huge event that involves large numbers of volunteers and attracts attendees from all over the province. We have been fortunate in having good weather bring the same folks back year after year.

Fundraisers this year brought staff, Board members and members from near and far together as we saw the fall Cycling Adventure and the first fall dinner event unfold. Intuitive planning by staff and committees helped these events draw folks from within and beyond our usual catchment area. The dinner event and silent auction was obviously enjoyed by those in attendance, and those of us who hosted look forward to a repeat in 2011.

My thanks to our dedicated staff — Mark Bisset, Gayle Carlyle, Sarah Hodgkiss, Kyra Howes, Ron Reid and Mallory Everson — and Board members Jamie Powell as Vice President, Peggy Foley as Treasurer, Ingrid VanderMarel as Secretary, and Directors David Hawke, David Homer, Kristi McKechnie, Lou Probst and Bob Sullivan for another successful year.

Isabelle Thiess, President



Highlights of 2010

Preserving natural lands

When The Couchiching Conservancy crafted its five-year Strategic Plan in 2008, it envisioned 10,000 acres under protection in key areas by 2013. We were on the verge of attaining that goal at the end of 2010.

Spurred by the creation of a special fund for acquisition in Carden and the generosity of landowners, The Conservancy protected 300 acres of high-priority habitat and negotiated conservation easement agreements that will ensure the protection of an additional 485 acres. When those agreements are finalized, it will push us over the 10,000-acre threshold.

Notable in 2010 were:

🌿 The creation of the Carden Acquisition Fund by an anonymous donor. This fund puts \$400,000 in matching funds at the disposal of The Couchiching Conservancy and the Nature Conservancy of Canada over two years, and puts both organizations in a position to ramp up land-acquisition activity in Carden.

🌿 The purchase by The Couchiching Conservancy of Wolf Run Alvar, a 300-acre property in Carden, which will help us create a natural link between other Carden conservation lands and Queen Elizabeth II Provincial Park.

🌿 Negotiation of a conservation easement on 85 acres of wetland owned by Lyn Russell in Carden, with final details expected to be concluded in 2011.

🌿 Negotiation of a conservation easement south of Cameron Ranch on 100 acres of mixed forest and wetland owned by Judy and Lou

Probst, with final details expected to be completed in 2011.

🌿 Negotiation of a conservation easement in north Severn Township on 300 acres of mixed forest, granite ridges and wetland owned by Dr. Nancy Ironside, with final details expected to be completed in 2011.

Stewarding natural lands

The Carden Plain remained a focus for the Conservancy in 2010, and partnerships played a key role in accomplishing our goals. Funding for the clean-up of Lake Simcoe, federal and provincial funding, and contributions by several partnering organizations allowed us to undertake more than a dozen stewardship projects in the Carden region. In partnership with landowners and ranchers, many of these projects involved fencing off wetlands and watercourses and creating alternate water sources for cattle, which are used to manage alvar and grassland habitats. Our efforts at reducing nutrients flowing into Lake Simcoe earned the Conservancy a Watershed Hero Award from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

Battling invasive species was also a major feature of our stewardship

work in 2010. Working from a list of 21 priority hotspots, staff and volunteers toiled to reclaim ground for native species and biodiversity on numerous properties. Garlic mustard, phragmites, dog-strangling vine and giant hogweed were among the top competitors for our attention.

With the addition of four more properties to our portfolio in 2010, the role our volunteer property teams play is crucial in stewarding these important natural lands. To date the Conservancy has 17 properties. Once the 2010 agreements are finalized, we will be responsible for nine conservation easements. We will also look after another 11 properties and one easement through partnership agreements with the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ontario Parks, and Ontario Heritage Trust.

Managing a strong and sustainable organization

Continued rapid growth, increasing complexity of operations and an unstable North American economy challenged the Conservancy Board and staff in 2010. We rose to the occasion with a strong response:

🌿 We stayed tightly focused on our

continued over

In the spotlight

🌿 Another 300 acres protected with an additional 485 acres pending through conservation easements.

🌿 The creation of the \$400,000 Carden Acquisition Fund, which is providing matching dollars for property purchases by the Conservancy and the Nature Conservancy of Canada on the Carden Plain.

🌿 Janet Grand and Ron Reid's Big Year raising more than \$34,000 to help fund the purchase of Wolf Run Alvar.

🌿 A new fundraising dinner event, which raised more than \$7,000.

🌿 The creation of a new stewardship endowment fund.

🌿 A water-conservation award from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority for our work through the Lake Simcoe Clean-up Fund in Carden. 🌿

five-year strategic plan, reaching (in fact, exceeding) our goal for land acquisition ahead of schedule.

🌿 A financial audit for our fiscal year (ending October 31) has been prepared by Hehn Trickey Professional Corporation Chartered Accountants and is available on request.

🌿 Accountant J.R. Booth was retained to provide accounting support.

🌿 Our overall revenues of \$888,715 for 2010 reflected acquisitions and the number of stewardship projects being undertaken in Carden and elsewhere. Our operating costs, which include acquisitions and capital, went up accordingly to \$868,958. At year end, our operating revenues generated a net excess of \$8,792.

🌿 By board policy, some funds are held for special purposes. These funds were maintained at 2009 levels: the Acquisition Fund, used to assist with acquisition, \$56,325; the Property Protection Fund, used to provide ongoing income to maintain our properties, \$164,704; the Carden Conservation Fund, designed to help private landowners with stewardship projects, \$25,000; the President's Reserve, held as a buffer for future operating expenses, \$94,773.

🌿 Looking to the future, The Couchiching Conservancy Stewardship Endowment Fund has been created with the Community Foundation of Orillia and Area. This new fund currently stands at \$13,400.

🌿 A group of the Conservancy's past presidents and treasurers has been formed under the leadership of Gord Ball. The group will develop a plan to create an operations endowment fund. During the initial stages they are talking to Conservancy supporters to help shape the initiative and are welcoming advice from the membership.

Looking ahead to 2011

The Conservancy Board priorities for 2011 include:

🌿 Completing at least two new property acquisitions in Carden, as well as finalizing management plans for existing properties.

🌿 Completing one new property acquisition in the Severn region.

🌿 Working through the final steps to register conservation easements on the Ironside, Probst and Russell properties.

🌿 Securing one additional conser-

vation easement in Carden.

🌿 Implementing a proposed stewardship project in the Copeland Forest.

🌿 Unveiling a new website, which will improve our online capabilities.

🌿 Continuing to implement the Integrated Carden Conservation Strategy to build bridges through partnerships, advance the cause of conservation and further enhance the Carden Nature Festival.

🌿 Seek new and diverse sources of funding for our core operations. 🌿

Reaching out to the Community

Community support and involvement is crucial to our success. We are proud of all we have accomplished with the contributions from the local communities. Our outreach program this year included:

- The fourth annual Carden Nature Festival, which featured over 100 field trips and workshops and attracted more than 325 participants.
- Our second Conservancy Cycling Adventure on October 3, which attracted dozens of participants who pedaled their way around the Washago area to visit three Conservancy properties. There was excellent media coverage, including reporting from four local newspapers and local television.
- Media partnerships with the *Orillia Packet & Times* and the *Lindsay Post*, which provided regular exposure about the Conservancy's activities to a wide audience.
- Partnership with the Community Foundation of Orillia and Area to raise money for an endowment fund. Our first project of the year was a donor tour of the Carden Alvar. For the second year, a major fundraising initiative was participation in the Orillia Dragon Boat Festival held on September 25. Our paddling team raised \$5,000 for the fund, which was matched by Meridian Credit Union.
- Recruiting 40 volunteers to participate in three bio-blitzes on private properties in Ramara Township.
- Recruiting more than 45 volunteers for a two-day turtle-habitat restoration project in Washago. Media covered the event on local television.
- Attending meetings, including those of the Orillia Naturalists Club, Carden Field Naturalists, service clubs and community groups. We also attended the Victoria Stewardship Forestry Workshop, Scienstational Sssnakes March Break event, Georgian College Volunteer Fair, Wye Marsh Hummingbird Festival, Lindsay Lilac Festival and Kids For Turtles Dragonfly Festival with a display booth, and recruited volunteers to staff a booth at the Orillia Farmer's Market.
- Attending the Ontario Land Trust Alliance Gathering in October.
- A volunteer-appreciation bus tour of Oro-Medonte properties in August. 🌿

The following individuals and groups contributed \$100 or more to the Conservancy and its projects during 2010. Support from all of our donors is greatly appreciated.

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Wilson, Ivan
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Wood, Louise 🌿

Smiles all around

The folks on board for the volunteer-appreciation bus trip this August were all smiles.

Photo: Cynthia MacDougall



Our Volunteers are priceless

Once again our volunteers brought their boundless energy, talents and dedication to the work of the Conservancy. Volunteers participate on property management teams, build and maintain trails at various properties, staff special events, help with fundraising, sit on committees and assist us in a hundred special ways.

Our volunteer coordinator, Betty Forward, has been busy updating our database and contacting everyone on the list. She welcomes enquiries from anyone with time, talent and enthusiasm to spare. Please contact the Couchiching Conservancy office at 705 326-1620 and Betty will get in touch with you.

Among our most active volunteers are our Board members, who dedicate many hours to oversee Conservancy affairs as well as be involved in projects. Our thanks to our 2010 volunteers, and our sincere apologies if we missed anyone.

Ackert, Brenan
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- Carden Field Naturalists
- Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
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- Durham Region Field Naturalists
- Twin Lakes Conservation Club
- Township of Oro-Medonte
- City of Orillia
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CNF Spider Watch

One particular arachnid was the star of the show as a rapt audience was able to get up close during the CNF Spider Watch at the 2010 Carden Nature Festival. The festival is one of several events The Couchiching Conservancy holds annually. *Photo: Nathalie Rockhill.*



