




*Caring
for more
than
just land*

2014

Annual Report

*The Couchiching
Conservancy* 

President's Message

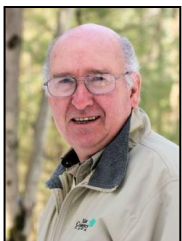
It has been another successful year in the life of The Couchiching Conservancy. The continuing success of this organization is due to three most important groups of people:

First. The Conservancy is blessed with a skilled and devoted full and part-time staff, supported by committed, individual contractors making up this incredible team. The amount of high quality work they accomplish is staggering. Thank you!

Second. Backing up this staff team is a cadre of willing volunteers and financial supporters... you! Without your assistance, the Conservancy would not be able to accomplish what it does. Thank you!

Third. A superb group of gifted and dedicated volunteers make up the Board. It meets monthly and members communicate regularly. Two years ago it was suggested that we all become more involved in the organization, apart from our regular meetings, by forming committees which would help direct the organization and be a resource for staff. Everyone agreed and as a result a number of new committees were formed: Human Resources, Policy, Speakers Bureau, Development, Strategic Planning and the Grants Woods Renovation Committee. All of these committees are chaired by board members and consist of board members (most serving on more than one committee), staff and the general membership. I applaud the board members for this additional work and most valuable service. Thank you!

It has been an extreme honour for me to serve the Couchiching Conservancy in this capacity for the past two years and to work with such a dedicated group of people. Thank you for the privilege.



David A. Homer
President

Executive Director's Message

Our maps tell a big story, but they don't reveal everything.

In a report on a single project we had to list the number of species at risk which benefited. The list had 17 names. It didn't include the legions of living things benefiting from the spaces and the actions attached to that project.

The human species benefits too, and not just from the mind-body-spirit connection with our protected spaces. Over the last decade, the work of the Conservancy has pumped more than \$1.5 million into the local economy on the Carden Plain alone. Combined with the jobs and projects created across our region, that number increases dramatically.

I never feel we adequately capture the effort underpinning the locations on our maps. From the teenager who spends an afternoon banging nails, to the hundreds who squeeze precious hours out of a busy week, to our remarkable board and past presidents, there are countless tales of selfless dedication and good humour. Who counted the hours logged by outgoing secretary Ingrid VanderMarel faithfully recording the board minutes? Who could count the time outgoing president David Homer has invested in his beloved Conservancy? Jamie Powell? You can't keep him down. And that teenager? That afternoon might lead to the president's seat.

These are the stories buried in our maps. The boundary lines trace out our continuing success in preserving critical habitat, protecting and sustaining species at risk, using scarce resources to amplify our impact through partnerships and volunteers, all the while building something to span the generations.



Mark Bisset
Executive Director

Board of Directors

Margaret Pomeroy, *Vice President*

Kailin Gratrix, *Treasurer*

Ingrid VanderMarel, *Secretary*

Jamie Powell, *Past President*

Directors: Robert Sullivan, Doug Christie, Gord Michener, Liz McClelland

Staff

David Hawke, *Stewardship Program Manager*

Dorthea Hangaard, *Project Manager*

Tanya Clark, *Development Coordinator*

Gay Guthrie, *Volunteer Coordinator*

Contractors: Ron Reid, Ginny Moore & Kathy Connor.

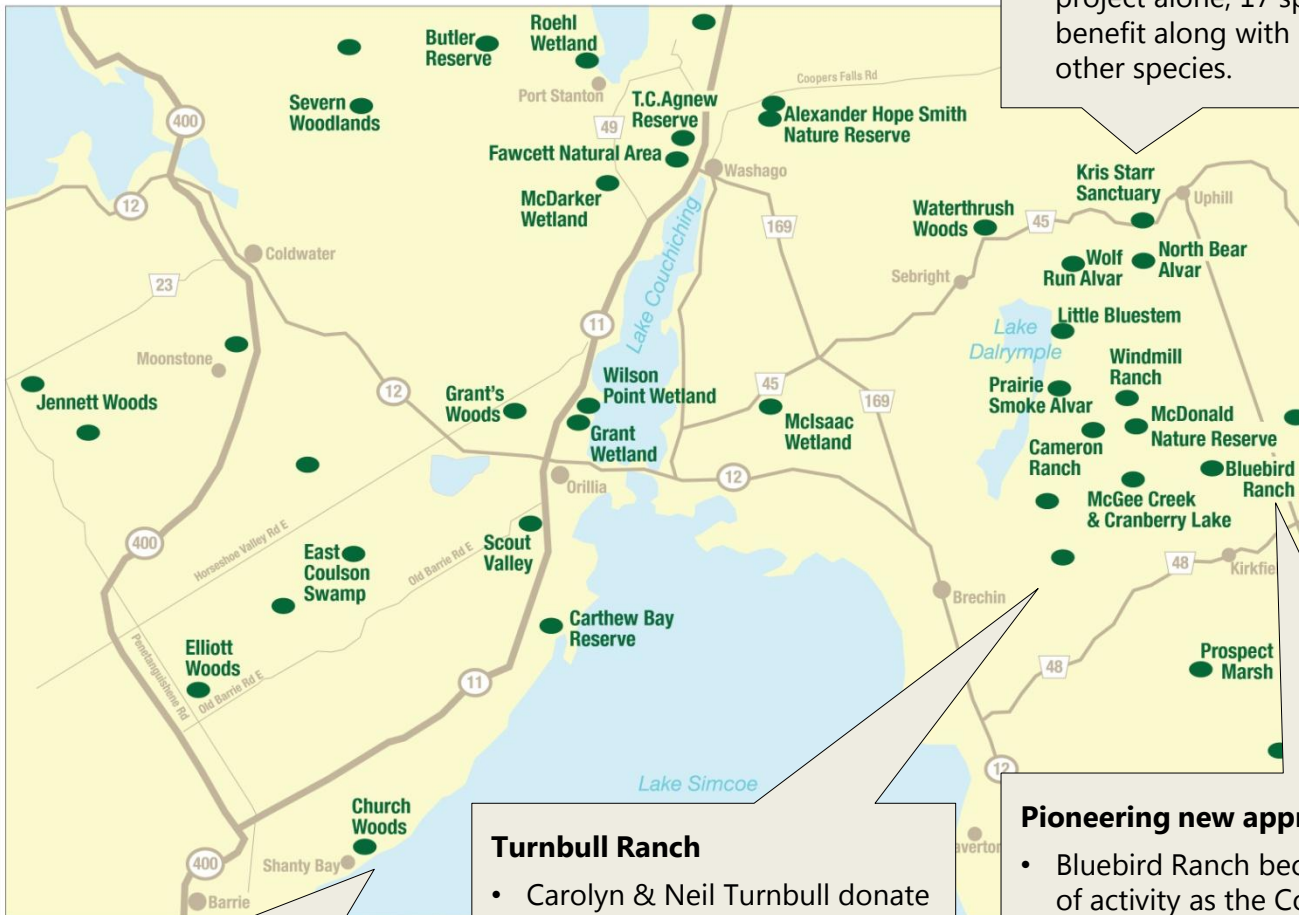
Highlights from 2014

Growth in our Organization

- Created a new Strategic Plan for 2014-2019, with input from our members and supporters;
- Updated Bylaws and Articles of Continuance approved by our members and accepted by the federal government;
- Welcomed new Volunteer Coordinator, Gay Guthrie, thanks to The Somos El Barco Fund of Tides Canada. Well over 300 volunteers are now on the Conservancy roster;
- 50 Corporate Partners showed their support for conservation;
- Continued to care for 41 properties totaling over 12,000 acres within two counties and seven townships.

Protection

- A 354-acre conservation easement donated by Ellie Larsen provides a strategically important linkage between the conservation lands of the Carden Alvar and Queen Elizabeth II Provincial Park;
- The regulation of Carden Alvar Provincial Park strengthens the protected status of the cornerstone of the alvar conservation lands;
- In one habitat stewardship project alone, 17 species at risk benefit along with hundreds of other species.



Church Woods expands

- The Township of Oro-Medonte transfers a strip of land for the creation of a trail to connect Church Woods to Ridge Road in Shanty Bay.

Turnbull Ranch

- Carolyn & Neil Turnbull donate the 400-acre Turnbull Ranch, formerly protected under a conservation easement, and create habitat benefit exchange opportunities for the Conservancy.

Pioneering new approaches

- Bluebird Ranch becomes a hive of activity as the Conservancy, working with the Schad Foundation, Earth Rangers and the Ontario Land Trust Alliance Program, restores more than 70 acres of grassland for Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark species and, at the same time, piloting a new habitat benefit exchange program for species at risk.

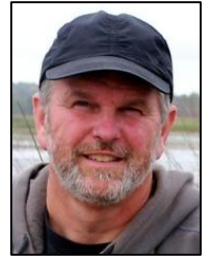
Caring for our Lands

This year has "flown by" due to every day being fully engaged with land stewardship projects and responsibilities. Whether it's monitoring and managing current properties, or visiting and preparing baseline reports for new properties, a wide range of activities need to be addressed for each site.

Combating the arrival of invasive species continues to be a large and important component of Land stewardship. Garlic mustard, dog-strangling vine and phragmites reed are the Top 3 invasive plants that are affecting our properties. At the other end of the scale are the endangered and threatened species that call our myriad of holdings their home. Species at risk (SAR) programs include monitoring for the presence of birds, reptiles, plants and others which may have very low populations both in Ontario and nationally.

Our organization is an early adopter of the new Species At Risk Benefit Exchange (SARBEX) program. Administered by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, a land developer may proceed with a certain project provided that equal or greater habitat of impacted species is enhanced elsewhere. Bluebird Ranch currently has three agreements that have provided much needed funding for the enhancement of grassland habitat.

The stewardship responsibilities vary from property to property, yet all remain a high priority; the land must be protected, managed and maintained to its best ecological values for generations to come.



David Hawke



Left to right: Partnering with the Nature Conservancy of Canada to pick dog-strangling vine pods. Leadbeater Easement, a 218 acre property near Raven Lake. Elliott Woods volunteers get their hands dirty picking garlic mustard.

Volunteers

Our dedicated 'army' of Couchiching Conservancy volunteers come to the forefront. Whether controlling invasive species, strolling through a woodland checking for rare birds, or clearing brush and stumps to enhance grassland habitat, our volunteers are simply incredible. A huge and sincere "thank you" is extended to all who have lent time (and sometimes muscle) to ensure the land and its inhabitants remains special, intact, functioning and significant.

Towards the end of the year we began working to develop new volunteer opportunities and ways of enhancing existing ones so that our many volunteers can continue to enjoy their work with us and the sense of satisfaction that comes from knowing that their contribution plays such a vital role in the Conservancy's continuing success.



Gay Guthrie

Gay is our newest staff member, playing an important role in our success as our Volunteer Coordinator. This position has been made possible thanks to a two-year grant from The Somos El Barco Fund of Tides Canada.

Volunteers

Ackert, Maggie • Adams, Crystal • Adkinson, Angela • Agnew, Sandy & Melnyk Lynne • Alger, Brian • Antochin, Elizabeth • Appleyard, Yvonne • Armstrong, Greg • Armstrong, Peter • Atwood, Harold • Babbage, Lori • Babineau, Rose • Baldwin, Freida • Balika, Debbie • Ball, Gord & Jane • Ball, Jonathan • Bam, Homi • Barbour, Anne • Barrett, Craig • Baxter, Michal • Beck, Gregor • Belfontaine, Tin & Tam • Bell, Anne • Bell, Tassia & John • Bender, Ian • Bertie, Bryan • Bigelow, Cameron • Billing, Sean • Binstead, Kevin • Bisset, Mark, Sandi & Claire • Blair, Bernice & Gordon • Blayney, Susan • Boddington, Cathy • Boddy, William • Boehnert, Roy • Bolton, Judi • Bone, Dan • Booth, Kevin • Bouchard, Sylvia • Bowden, Lydia • Bowles, Bob • Bowman, Ken • Bray, Bob & Nancy • Breckenridge, Cathie • Brenner, Konrad • Brewer, Greg • Brown, Ian • Brown, Jerry & Lorraine • Brown, Peter • Brown, Roy • Budge, Don • Burgan, Leah • Busby, Dan • Burrows, Joe • Button, Ian • Byer, Reid • Callahan, Kathy • Calvert-Dale, Louise • Campana, Marco • Campbell, David & Barb • Cappella, Javier • Carling, Brenda • Carlyle, Gayle & Challis, John • Carroll, Erin • Catteau, Jeff • Charles, Sandra • Chernushevich, Julia • Chilton, Kate • Christie, Douglas & Barb • Christie, Meaghan • Christie, Michael • Claridge, Terry • Clark, Marilyn & Hayward, Peter • Clark, Tanya • Clarke, Susan • Clarke, Trevor • Cleland, Murray & Rosalind • Cockburn, John • Cohen, Ellen • Cohen, Louise • Colby, Cynthia • Cole, Dane • Colla, Sheila • Connor, Kathy • Cook, Ian & Phillips, Carol • Cornett, Diane • Coughlin, Meghan • Coughlin, Trudy • Coulombe, Max Claude • Craig, Neil • Critchley, Kate • Crooks, Timothy • Curran, Cameron • Currie, Natalie • Dagenais, Adam & Brittany • Darker, Bill & Helenmaria • Davidson, Judith • Debiasi, Paul • Deimling, Peter & Carol • DeMarco, Jerry • Dewar, Andrew • Dixon, Janet • Douglas, Mark • Drozda, Sheree & Lori • Duggan, Sean • Duncan, Bruce • Dunn, Ron • Dykman, Kate • Dymont, Leslie • Edwards, Judy • Ellingwood, Chris • Engeland, Paul & Linda • Evans, Chris • Fell, Garry • Fendley, Shawn • Ferguson, Kristyn • Fleming, Rae • Foley, Peggy • Ford, Derek • Foster, Brooke • Francis, Mike • Francis, Simon • French, Jon • Fritz, Al • Frost, Doug • Fulford, Pam • Furniss, Herb • Fyfe, Nancy & Emily • Gale, Ruth Ann • Gamroth, Mary Sue & Ed • Gaudie, Heather • Gilbreath, Jeff • Gilchrist, Danny • Gill, Peter & Pat • Gillette, Lisa • Gillette, Michael • Glazer, Stanley & Brenda • Gordon, Bernice & Blair • Gottlieb, Patricia • Grainger, Deborah • Grand, Janet & Reid, Ron • Grandine, Joan • Gratrix, Kailin • Gray, Neil, Cameron & Ann • Greatrix, Ted • Hadlington, Sid • Hagedorn, Todd • Hall, Harry & Marian • Hall, Susan • Hamilton, Janice • Hancock, Ron & Sharon • Hand, Vicki • Hangaard, Dorthea • Hatch, Mark & Kim • Hawke, David & Juliana • Hawke, John & Gwen • Hawkman, Harry • Hems, Lisa • Hess, Sandra & Jullian • Hewitt, Luke • Hodgkiss, Sarah • Hodgson, Marg & Anthony • Holden, Clare • Homer, David & Bonnie • Hoogendorn, Igor • Hope-Smith, Rodger • Hosie, Sandy • Hounsell, Steve • Howes, Warren • Hughes, Ian • Hunt, Katrina • Hynes, Steve • Ironside, Nancy • Jackson, Louise • Jardine, Ernie • Jenkins, Jeremy • Jenkins, John & Sharon • Jones, Michael & Barbara • Junck, Kenneth • Kamstra, James • Keddy, Ken • Kelly, Kevin • Kelly, Lee



Left to right: Volunteer Alan Smale hides from bugs at Helen Butler Nature Reserve. A view of the grasslands in Carden, home to many bird species. Tom Wilson explores grykes at Wolf Run Alvar. Clear-Winged Moth.

Kennedy, David & Margaret • Kielar, Ania • Kirby, Mary Lou • Kirby, Sean • Kluger, Ronald & Ronna • Lancaster, Marty • Larsen, Ellie • Lauer, Tim & Rhonda • Laver, Paul • Leadbeater, Dale • Leclerc, Cas • Lee, Cat • Levez, Lisa • Lewis, Jane • Linton, Etta • Longlade, Tess • Lowry, Si & Wendy • Lynch, Richard • Macdonald, Jim & Cathy • MacNaughton, Ann Marie • Mainguy, Sarah • Mainprize, Daphne • Malloy, Helen & Brian • Malloy, Vanessa • Marshall, Bob • Mason, Betty • Mason, Tom • Massig, Cathy • Massig, Joanne & Greg • Matthews, Chris • McClelland, Elizabeth • McCreath, Paul • McFadden, Stephen • McGovarin, Adam • McIntosh, Sue • McIntyre, Ross • Mclsaac, Carol • McKechnie, Kristi • McKee, Dennis • Mckelvey, Jim • McKerroll, Marj • McKinlay, Nancy • McNabb, Dave • McNaughton, Ann Marie • McNeill, Colleen • McSorley, Lois & Wayne • McTavish, Susan • McWhinney, Bob • Meechan, Nik • Mia, T • Michener, Gord • Mick, Omer & Mary • Micks, Laura • Millar, Rob • Miller, Bob • Milligan, Josh • Mills, Alex • Mills, Ron • Milsom, Dave • Moore, Ginny • Moore, Melanie • Moreau, Roland • Morrison, Shelly • Morrison-Hennessy, Amy • Morton, Jennifer • Moy-Shuster, Stefanie • Munro, Judy • Myles, David • Nangle, Richard • Neville, Lisa • Nixon, Catherine & Richard • Noland, Ruth • Norman, Carol • Norman, Michael • Norton, Gary • Nourse, Jenny • Oben, Miriam • Orr, Vic • Owen-Keith, Miriam • Paczay, Jacqueline • Palmer, Brian • Parker, Martin & Kathy • Parliament, Maggie • Hathaway, Jeff • Peverill, Mark & Lisa • Peyton, Barry • Pitts, John • Poisson, Geri • Pomeroy, Margaret • Popp, Karen • Poropat, Ed • Powell, Mark • Powell, Valerie & Jamie • Presement, Harvey • Preston, Robbie • Price, Steven • Probst, Lou & Judy • Ravenshaw, Jane • Reichart, Michelle • Reszler, Gloria • Robillard, Suzanne • Robinson, Brenda • Robinson, Peter • Rockhill, Nathalie & Pengelly, Elizabeth • Rose, Linda • Rosebush, Joan & John • Ross, Jamie & Anne • Rowell, David • Rumball, Sheri • Schulz, Karl • Scott, Bethany • Scott, Don • Selby, Les • Severtchenko, Elena • Shaw, Kelsey • Shaw, Nigel • Sinclair, Al • Sinclair, Carol • Sinclair, Alec & Muriel • Sloley, Jane & Jim Langman • Smale, Alan • Smith, Dennis & Prudence • Smith, Hope • Smith, Ken & Judy • Smith, Sean • Staples, Ceryne • Stephen, Murray & Marcia • Stephenson, Shannon • Stevenson, Mark • Stewart, Geoff • Stewart, Jason • Stinnessen, Tricia • Stinnessen, Arni & Diane • Story, Noella • Stoutt, Daniel • Stransky, Carlie • Sullivan, Bob & Wendy • Sullivan, Gerard • Tang, Jennifer • Thiess, Isabelle & Gary • Thompson, Bill • Thomson, Adam • Thomson, Ken • Thomson, Matt • Thornley, Glen • Toby, Matthew • Totten, Beverley • Trayling, Bill • Tryon, Brett, Ken & Pat • Turnbull, Carolyn & Neil • Turner, Jan • Urszulan, Anya • Vandenhoff, Mary • VanDerJagt, Ingrid & Mike • VanderMarel, Ingrid • Vandermeulen, Josh • Vascou, Ana-Maria • Voutour, Susan • Walker, Madeline • Walton, Karl & Sandra • Wand, Kimberley • Ward, Andrea • Ward, Ann • Wargel, Karin • Watt, Valerie • Westerby, Lynne • White, Chad • White, Randy & Cindy • Whitman, Bill & Christie • Whittam, Terry • Wianko, Leonore • Wigham, Peter • Wilson, Bruce • Wilson, Melanie • Wilson, Tom • Winter, Jacqueline • Wolfe, Dianna • Wolst, Julia • Wood, Richard • Woodford, Pat & Jim • Wright, Bob • Young, Peter • Yu, Yang • Zardo, Jenna • Zimmerman, Rene

Private Stewardship



Thanks to a grant from the Intact Foundation we initiated our Carden Water Quality project with technical expertise from Lakehead University.

It has been a year of new partnerships and new initiatives to add to the list of inspiring people and organizations we work with already.

We expanded our work with ranchers to include Ramara Township as well as Carden Township, thanks to a new partnership with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and our long-standing supporters at the

Provincial Species at Risk Program and Wildlife Preservation Canada. With our assistance, six cattle ranchers were able to maintain a total of 1,054 acres of working grassland through the installation of fences and water systems.



Dorthea Hangaard

*Grasslands are the most unique and threatened habitat in the world, with the highest concentration of endangered species. **In Ontario, only 3% of our native grasslands remain.** The “working grasslands” that ranches provide have filled the niche, and are essential habitat for threatened and endangered species such as Bobolink, Meadowlark, Barn Swallows, Monarch Butterflies, Milk Snake, and many more.*

Copeland Forest Stewardship Initiative

This year the Copeland Forest Stewardship Committee weathered some challenges, and emerged stronger and more cohesive than ever.

A grant from Mountain Equipment Co-op’s Enviro Fund is allowing the committee to move forward with plans to Incorporate as a Non-Profit, with the blessing of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, who own Copeland Forest. This Non-Profit will go on to implement the stewardship recommendations, which were developed in consultation with the public two years ago. Over the long term, the Non-Profit will ensure that the considerable recreational interest in Copeland Forest is balanced with conserving the natural integrity of the forest. The Couchiching Conservancy will continue to support this initiative.



Through dialogue, multiple recreational interests can co-exist.

Carden Stewardship

The limestone meadows of the Carden Alvar are a place of global significance, and we intend to ensure it stays that way. With the help of many partners, we continue to secure the future health of key habitats. We are now past the two-thirds mark towards our long-term goal of protecting 12,000 acres of this unique landscape.

Our experience allows us to participate in other initiatives as well. I have been a Board member of the Cornerstone Standards Council, which recently approved voluntary standards for certification of aggregate operations in Ontario. I am a member of the provincial Bobolink/Meadowlark Round Table, which provides advice on conservation policies and funding for those species. As a result of our early experience with the SARBEX program, we have made presentations at three conferences to help educate others on its potential.



Ron Reid



CTV News Barrie interviews Executive Director Mark Bisset about Carden Alvar Provincial Park.



John Challis, Gayle Carlyle, Noella Story and Lisa Neville at the Agnew Nature Reserve.



Lakehead University Nuts for Nature Campers take a tour of Grant's Woods with Steve Hynes and Julia Wolst.



Volunteer Matt Thomson at the Arts for Peace Festival.

In The Community

Our community is the heart of our organization. When people continue to talk about the importance of protecting the environment and caring for our land close to home, we create a strong voice for nature and for the future of our beautiful landscapes.

Through our online presence, community events attended by volunteer Ambassadors, the Carden Nature Festival, presentations to community groups and regular articles in the Orillia Packet & Times and The Villager, we keep the conversation going.

Conservancy volunteers make all of this possible! Thanks to:

- Ambassadors;
- The Carden Nature Festival Planning Committee;
- Our group of feature article writers.

Also thanks to our media partners, the Orillia Packet & Times and Sunshine FM for their support.

ONLINE PRESENCE



Weekly updates to our website which had over **9,000 visitors** in 2014



Electronic newsletter received by 895 people (↑ 129)



470 Likes (↑ 93)



942 Followers (↑ 239)



114 photos shared to 92 followers



Four new videos Over 1,068 total views (↑ 718)



490 photos shared online



RSS feed added to our website

Raising Funds for Conservation

This year we had two major events that raised funds to protect nature close to home. A special *thank you* to the volunteers who helped with these fundraising efforts. Many people participated in planning committees, helped with mail-outs and got items for silent auctions – it is really appreciated. All of this work raises funds for the Conservancy so that we can continue to protect the beautiful, diverse landscapes that we all call home.

Corn Roast in the Woods:

Thank you to everyone who came out despite the torrential downpour, and thanks to our Event Sponsors, Meridian Credit Union of Orillia and Thor Motors. We raised well over \$4,000 and had an enjoyable evening with friends and supporters.



Tanya Clark

Carden Challenge:

The 9th year of the Challenge was a record year for species! Eleven teams collectively raised over \$22,000 for the stewardship of the Carden Alvar and spotted 158 bird species in 24 hours.



A successful Pie Auction with Dubeau Auctions & Meridian Credit Union staff.



Staff from Wildlife Preservation Canada joined in the fun.



Carden Cup Winners 2014
Wylie Road Runners.

Planning for the Future

Changes are inevitable over generations – the ups and downs in the economy, different leadership in government, the amount of funds available to non-profits. The Heartwood Fund is a protected endowment whose income is dedicated to supporting the core of our organization and ensuring that regardless of any changes, we can continue to do our work – to protect nature for future generations.

The Past President's Committee has set a big goal - \$10 million in pledges by 2025. With their work and dedication, we are spreading the word about the Fund. To date we have 21 pledges and contributions, accounting for an estimated \$1.6 million to the Fund from people who are committed to protecting the environment and trust The Couchiching Conservancy.

The following people have made important pledges and contributions to the Fund:

Sandy Agnew, Gord & Jane Ball, Doug & Barbara Christie, Timothy Crooks, David & Bonnie Homer, Ginny Moore, Ron Reid & Janet Grand, Nathalie Rockhill & Elizabeth Pengelly, Jamie & Anne Ross, Lynn Russell, Robert & Wendy Sullivan, Michael & Norma Tangney, Isabelle & Gary Thiess, Ken Thomson and Mary Walton-Ball. There were also six contributors who chose to remain anonymous.

For more information on leaving a legacy, call Tanya Clark at 705.326.1620. for a confidential discussion.



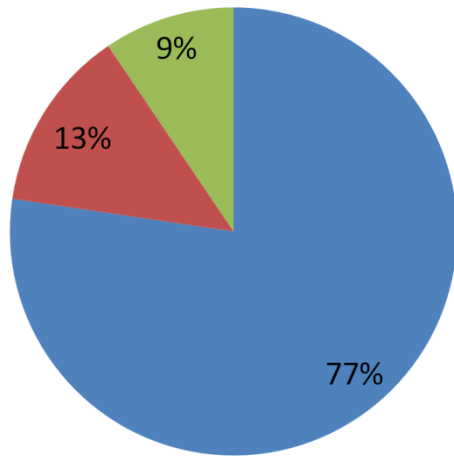
*"We think that the goal of keeping land in its natural state for the long term is **a gift that benefits everyone**. The opportunity to be part of the Heartwood Fund and support this unique local organization is both gratifying and rewarding for us."*

Robert and Wendy Sullivan, Heartwood Supporters

Financial Information

The Couchiching Conservancy continued to enjoy sound financial health in 2014. We completed the year with a modest surplus of \$4,745 and were able to contribute \$6,310 to the Property Protection Reserve Fund. An independent financial audit for our fiscal year, ending Oct. 31, 2014, has been prepared by Hehn Trickey Professional Corporation Chartered Accountants and is available to the public at www.couchichingconserv.ca with our Annual Reports.

How We Spent Our Resources



- Acquisition, Stewardship, Programs
- Management & Administration
- Fundraising, Communications

*Based on 2013 data

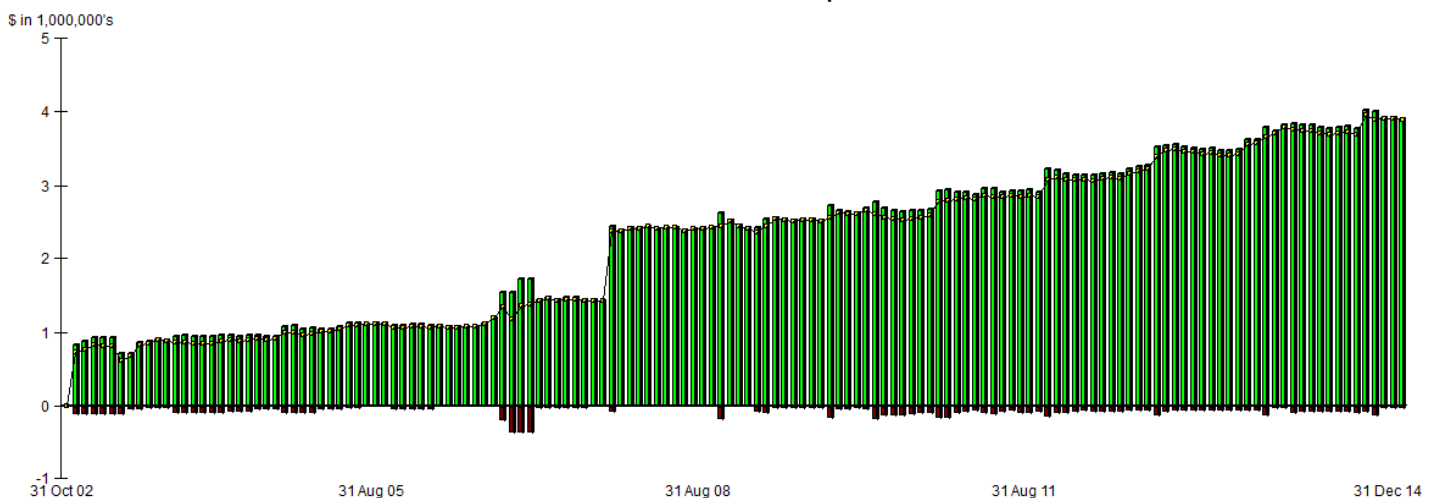
Correction

In 2010, The Couchiching Conservancy entered into a partnership with the Community Foundation of Orillia and Area to develop an endowment fund to support stewardship. The fund had grown to \$36,044 as of Dec. 31, 2013 thanks to generous donors, volunteer efforts and a matching grant from the Ontario Land Trust Alliance and Community Foundations of Canada. However, in an effort to track the value of the endowment, it was incorrectly recorded as a Conservancy asset rather than a Community Foundation asset, as they control how the funds are invested. A correction has been made in the 2014 audited financial statements to correct the error, which included a restatement of the 2013 comparative figures to remove the \$32,438 of endowment assets. As the only beneficiary of the endowment, the Conservancy will continue to reap the benefits of the fund with annual disbursements from the foundation. In 2014, the endowment generated \$1,500 for the Conservancy.

Net assets

Our net assets increased from \$3,649,784 at the end of 2013, to \$3,911,794 as of Oct. 31, 2014. The donation of two key Conservation Easements by Ellen Larsen and Dale Leadbeater accounted for the increase.

Net Worth: 2002 to present



Net worth increase chart

The graph above shows The Couchiching Conservancy's consistent growth in net worth, from approximately \$800,000 in November 2002 to today, when our current net worth stands at just over \$3.9 million. The brief decline in the middle of the graph indicates the economic downturn of 2007-08. The bars below the zero line indicate liabilities in a given month.

Our Sincere Thanks: Projects, Grants, Foundation & Corporate Partners

Special Projects

Brereton Field Naturalists	Ontario Heritage Trust	Township of Oro-Medonte
Carden Field Naturalists	Ontario Parks	Twin Lakes Conservation Club
Holcim Canada Inc.	Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association	United Way of Greater Toronto
Kawartha Field Naturalists Club	Orillia Naturalists Club	Walker Industries
Lafarge Canada	R. W. Tomlinson Aggregates	Washago Lions Club
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority	Scales Nature Park	YMCA Leadership Program
Nature Conservancy of Canada	The Miller Group	
Ontario Field Ornithologists	Toronto Ornithological Club	

Grants and Foundations

Canada Summer Jobs	Orillia Lions Club
Community Foundation of Orillia and Area	The Gosling Foundation
Earth Rangers	The Harriet & Gordon Cummings Fund
Environment Canada	The Invasive Species Centre
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada	The Schad Foundation
Intact Foundation	The Somos El Barco Fund of Tides Canada
Kawartha Field Naturalists	Wildlife Preservation Canada
Mountain Equipment Co-op	
Ontario Land Trust Alliance	
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Species At Risk Program	
Ontario Trillium Foundation	

Corporate Partner and Sponsors

The following businesses supported us through our Corporate Partnership program with donations and in-kind services or products. Some also supported us through Event Sponsorship. All of their contributions made a difference to the work that we do and to the events that we ran. They know that a healthy environment is vital to a healthy community.

Oak: Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Russell, Christie, LLP Barristers & Solicitors, K. McKechnie Architectural Design, Lakehead University, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Scott Inc. Design & Build.

Maple: Accessibility Professionals, Crawford McLean Anderson & Duncan LLP, Downtown Computers, Meridian Credit Union, Hehn Trickey Professional Corp., Pelee Island Winery, The Davey Tree Expert Co. of Canada, Township of Oro Medonte, Jack Booth Professional Corp.

Elm: Orillia District Chamber of Commerce, Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, Orillia Packet & Times, The Bird House Nature Co.

Pine: Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc., The Water Market, Northern Business Equipment, Thor Motors, Ego's Nurseries Ltd., Lafarge Canada, Kathryn Manners Facilitation.

Cedar: Dr. Michelle Gordon, Georgian Bay Printers, CT Strongman Surveying Ltd., The Villager, Madison County Food and Beverage, Stone Gate Inn, Leon's Orillia, Arbraska Treetop Trekking, Walker Industries, Saturday Afternoon, Washago Lumber Co Ltd.

Willow: Marlene Bulas, Home Depot Bracebridge, Orillia Trim & Door, Home Hardware Orillia, Bruce Stanton MP, Birchmere Retirement Residence, Office Links, Roy E. Pearn Enterprises Limited, Back to Function, Dr. Anthony Reid, Askett Printing Services, Mariposa Market.

Our Sincere Thanks: Donors

Without support from community members, businesses, foundations and others, our work would not be possible. All of the projects, accomplishments and events come about because of support from the people and organizations listed in these pages.

Those listed below donated over \$200 to our organization in 2014. Additional donors have requested anonymity. There were also 460 people who donated under this amount - we would print every name if there was space.

Thank you to everyone that has supported us this year – every dollar matters.



Canada Violet (*Viola canadensis*)

Ball, Gordon & Jane
Ballantyne, Robert
Barnett, Ross & Anna
Barrett, Craig & Karen
Bell, Anne
Bisset, Sandi & Mark
Brenner, Konrad
Brown, Peter
Callahan, Kathy
Christie, Douglas & Barbara
Clark, Marilyn
Cook, Ian & Phillips, Carol
Dale, Peter
Duchesne, Ron
Duncan, Bruce
Dunsmore, Rosemary & John
Elliott, Heather
Fecht, Joe & Ford, Eileen
Fonseca, David
Ford, Derek
Gilbreath, Stephanie & Jeff
Gingrich, John
Gordon, Michael
Graham, Jim
Grand, Janet & Reid, Ron
Estate of William Grant
Gratrix, Kailin

Guthrie, Donald
Hall, Harry & Marian
Handley, Tim
Harris, Nancy
Hawke, David & Juliana
Hibbard, Laurel
Homer, David & Bonnie
Hunter, John & McCulloch, Jane
Ironside, Nancy
Jefferies, Sheryn
Jenkins, John & Sharon
Johnson, Shirley
Jones, Michael & Barbara
Jones, Richard
Kenny, Maureen & McDonald, Jim
Kielar, Ania
Kurtz, Judith & Tom
Larsen, Ellen
Leadbeater, Dale
Lowry, Si & Wendy
McCall, Beth
McSorley, Lois & Wayne
Mick, Omer & Mary
Murphy, Marilyn
Mustel, Karin
O'Grady, Jean
Owen-Keith, Miriam

Page, Jeanne & George
Paul, Peter & Donna
Pomeroy, Margaret
Probst, Lou & Judy
Purkiss, Kevin
Rivers, Sharon
Robillard, Suzanne
Rockhill, Nathalie & Pengelly, Elizabeth
Rohmann, Werner & Christine
Rolland, Mark & Cecile
Rosebush, Joan & John
Russell, Lynn
Sarjeant, M J
Sinkewicz, Michael
Stephen, Murray & Marcia
Stewart, James & Barbara
Sullivan, Robert & Wendy
Tangney, Michael & Norma
Thomson, Adam & Shirley
Thomson, Ken & Corinne
Tillmann, Bill & Gill
Timpf, Matthew
VanderMarel, Ingrid
Williams, Michael & MacFeeters, Sheila
Woodford, Pat & Jim

Monthly Giving Program



*"We understand that there are on-going costs to care for land, which is why we support the Conservancy as a monthly giver. With our busy schedules, this is a simple giving option that helps us plan our giving for the year, **reduces paperwork** and gives us **peace of mind**"*
- Jim and Pat Woodford

Call Tanya to join this easy and environmentally friendly giving option (705-326-1620). As an added bonus, we will send you a 'coveted' Conservancy toque.

How You Can Help:

- Join our Monthly Giving Program;
- Donate online through Canada Helps;
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