



Conservation Update

St. Clair Region Conservation Authority

August 2016

Evoy Woodlot Donated

The St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation received a generous donation from the Evoy family of a 33-hectare woodlot in Enniskillen Township near Oil Springs. Tom Evoy was a board member of the Conservation Authority from 1976 – 1992 and a member of the Conservation Foundation from 1979 – 1983.

Tom Evoy was instrumental in establishing the tree planting program in the 1980s. He, along with Conservation Authority staff, started a program that today has seen over 3.5 million trees planted.

Our sincere thanks to Tom and his family for making this incredible gift – it leaves a legacy for future generations at a time when natural areas, environmental awareness, and a place for people and wildlife are more important than ever.

The property is located on Black Ash Road between Oil Springs Line and Aberfeldy Line.



Members of the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation and the Evoy family met to commemorate the donation of a 33-hectare woodlot.

Peers Wetland Viewing Platform

The Sydenham Field Naturalists constructed a viewing platform at the Peers Wetland just outside of Wallaceburg with funding from the Union Gas Helping Hands program and memorial donations. Peers Wetland is the only sizeable wetland that remains along the lower reaches of Otter Creek. Earlier, work was undertaken on a berm and pumping scheme to manage water levels in the wetland. Trails have been added to improve public access. It is becoming a popular place for nature lovers.



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Union Gas Supports Conservation Education

Union Gas donated \$5,000 to the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation to support the Authority's Conservation Education Program. Specifically, this donation will be used to support the Spring Water Awareness Program which teaches elementary school students to be more aware of the power and dangers of water – especially during spring thaw.



Steve Arnold, Chair, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority; Sharon Nethercott, Conservation Education Coordinator, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority; Wes Armstrong, Director of Storage and Transmission Operations, Union Gas; and Chris Young, Administration Manager, STO, Union Gas.

Aamjiwnaang First Nation Envirofest

SCRCA staff participated in Aamjiwnaang's Envirofest in August. Information was shared with community members on the St. Clair River Remedial Action Plan and a number of Conservation Authority programs including the unique and valuable wildlife found within our watershed and our programs to protect species at risk, critical habitat, and vulnerable ecosystems. Community members were invited to search through our benthic invertebrate samples to see what kind of life can be found in a healthy creek.



Conservation Scholarships

The Conservation Scholarship program rewards graduating high school students continuing their post-secondary studies in a conservation-related field based on their academic achievement and their demonstrated interest and involvement with the environment. In total, \$3,000 was awarded across the St. Clair region this year.

A.W. Campbell Memorial Scholarships - \$1,000 award:
Jared Vanrabaey, Lambton Kent Composite School
Emily Glasgow, Lambton Kent Composite School

Tony Stranak Conservation Scholarship - \$500 award:
Kurtis Minielly, North Lambton Secondary School

Mary Jo Arnold Conservation Scholarship - \$500 award:
Jaime Dimillo, St. Patrick's High School

The scholarships are made possible through trust funds established by the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation and its donors.



Jared Vanrabaey, Lambton Kent Composite School



Emily Glasgow, Lambton Kent Composite School



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Next Conservation Authority Board Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 10:00 a.m.

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