

Watershed Watch Newsletter



Conservation Areas Strategy

Kawartha Conservation has launched a public survey aimed at gathering valuable community input for the development of a new Conservation Areas Strategy. This initiative is designed to guide the decision-making process for the management and enhancement of our conservation areas, ensuring they reflect the values and priorities of our community.

[Have Your Say](#)



Fall Native Plant Sale

Our fall native plant sale, opening on August 8th, offers a variety of specialized kits including shoreline, understory, pollinator, spring bloomer and rain garden options. Enhance your garden with native plants that support local ecosystems and promote biodiversity.

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Anaphalis margaritacea,
Pearly Everlasting



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As we dive into August, there's still plenty of time to explore the great outdoors and make the most of summer. The Kawartha Lakes and Durham Region offer a wealth of opportunities for unforgettable experiences.

Kawartha Conservation manages several stunning areas, each with unique landscapes and activities. Ken Reid Conservation Area, located north of Lindsay, is a haven for nature lovers, with diverse ecosystems perfect for birdwatching, hiking, and picnicking. Windy Ridge Conservation Area offers breathtaking views and trails through rolling hills and lush forests. Durham East Cross Forest Conservation Area features a mix of forests, wetlands, and meadows, ideal for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Fleetwood Creek Natural Area offers a rugged environment with steep hills and deep valleys for more challenging hikes. Pigeon River Headwaters Conservation Area is a key ecological area that is perfect for hiking through different habitats and wildlife observation.

Beyond these areas, the Kawartha Lakes and Durham Region are brimming with outdoor activities. The lakes are perfect for boating and fishing, with various species to catch. Hiking and biking trails, such as the Victoria Rail Trail Corridor and Oak Ridges Moraine Trail, offer scenic routes. Numerous campgrounds and picnic areas provide idyllic settings for family outings or weekend getaways. The region is also rich in wildlife, making it ideal for wildlife viewing and photography.

August has arrived, and there's still so much to do around our area! Whether you're exploring the serene beauty of our Conservation Areas or indulging in outdoor activities around the Kawartha Lakes and Durham Region, this summer offers endless opportunities for adventure. Pack your gear, plan your trips, and get ready to create lasting memories in the great outdoors.

Happy exploring!

- Carolyn Snider, Community Engagement Technician



The Oak Ridges Moraine is a crucial geological formation in southern Ontario, known for its diverse ecosystems and vital water sources.

Weather Station

Over the past decade, Kawartha Conservation has conducted precipitation monitoring at Ken Reid Conservation Area, using the data to help inform decision making for our Flood Forecasting and our Climate Change programs. As part of our ongoing effort to implement real-time monitoring stations across the watershed, upgrading our precipitation monitoring at Ken Reid CA to a real-time weather station was essential. This new station enables us to monitor a wide range of atmospheric parameters crucial for our flood forecasting network and understanding the impacts of climate change on our watershed.

Our Environmental Monitoring Strategy aims to increase real-time data access for climate-related programs and flood forecasting through the establishment of real-time stations across our watershed. This new weather station monitors real-time precipitation, air temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, wind direction, and wind speed. Additional parameters such as snow depth, dew point temperature, and instantaneous radiation are also available and recorded at different intervals, with data transmitted to our database every hour in bulk format.

This new station will significantly enhance our ability to assess the severity of upcoming weather events, storms, and potential flood events within the Lindsay watershed. It will also improve decision-making processes when issuing Watershed Condition Statements and will provide valuable insights into the effects of climate change on our watershed.

The funding for this station was provided to us by the Province of Ontario through the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant.

-Nathan Rajevski, Environmental Field Technician

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Weather Station at Ken Reid Conservation Area that monitors parameters such as precipitation, air temperature, relative humidity, and more.



Monitoring equipment inside the weather station.

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