

Watershed Watch Newsletter



NEW Urban Forest Guide

Introducing our new Urban Forest Guide, designed to cater to your specific needs with four customizable templates. This guide includes detailed species lists and essential maintenance tips to help you create a thriving urban forest. As the latest addition to our Healthy Garden Guide series, it promises to be an invaluable resource for urban gardening enthusiasts.

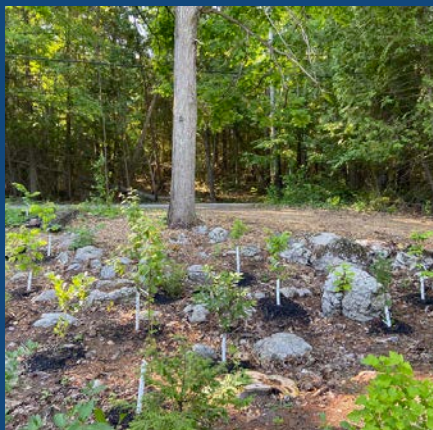
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Water Fund Now Open

The Water Fund, an annual grant program since 2008, provides landowners and not-for-profit community organizations in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Durham Region, including the Township of Scugog, with funding, knowledge, and technical support for environmental projects. If your project has the potential to positively impact water quality or ecosystem health, apply now on our website.

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Small scale tree planting project funded through the Water Fund Program.



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As September approaches, we find ourselves on the cusp of a new season. The heat of summer begins to give way to the crisp, refreshing air of fall. It's a time of change and renewal, offering us yet another perfect opportunity to get outside and enjoy the beauty of nature.

With the seasons changing, the landscape transforms into a stunning palette of reds, oranges, and yellows. Whether it's the warmth of summer or the cool embrace of early fall, being outdoors is always a joy. The transition from summer to autumn brings a different kind of experience—one where the vibrant colors of the forests, the serene trails, and the fresh, invigorating air invite us to explore the natural beauty of our region in new ways. This is the ideal time to visit our conservation areas, from the peaceful trails at Ken Reid Conservation Area to the sweeping vistas of Windy Ridge Conservation Area, and the tranquil paths of Pigeon River Headwaters, Durham East Cross Forest, and Fleetwood Creek.

September also marks new beginnings as children head back to school and routines are re-established. While the kids dive into their studies, we encourage families to take advantage of the season for weekend outings and after-school adventures. Our conservation areas offer countless ways to make the most of this vibrant season, whether through a hike, a bike ride, or simply a peaceful walk in nature.

At Kawartha Conservation, we're not slowing down as fall arrives. While our field season may be winding down, our community events are just beginning to ramp up. We're excited to invite you to the Kawartha Fall Festival on September 28 at Ken Reid Conservation Area—a perfect opportunity to celebrate the season with family and friends, all while connecting with nature and our community.

As we say goodbye to the long, hot days of summer, let's welcome fall with open arms. September is a time to refresh, rejuvenate, and reconnect with the environment around us. Get outside, explore, and make the most of this beautiful season. And don't forget to mark your calendars for the Kawartha Fall Festival on September 28! We can't wait to see you there.

- Carolyn Snider, Community Engagement Technician



Fall colours at Durham East Cross Forest Conservation Area.

Upcoming Events

It's that time of year again, and the Kawartha Conservation team is excited to announce our upcoming events! We invite you to join us at Ken Reid Conservation Area for our annual free family events. This year we are happy to be bringing back our annual Fall Fest and the ever popular Christmas at Ken Reid.

This year Fall Fest will be held on Saturday, September 28th. This family-friendly event promises a day filled with fun and excitement, including a vibrant pumpkin patch, a fascinating visit from the Reptilia Zoo, and awe-inspiring shows by the Canadian Raptor Conservancy. Plus, there will be many more activities to enjoy, making it a perfect autumn outing for everyone.

Looking ahead to the holiday season, we are eagerly preparing for our annual Christmas at Ken Reid event on Saturday, December 7th. This cherished event will once again feature the joyful presence of Santa, bringing holiday cheer to children and families. Attendees can look forward to an array of festive activities, including fun games for all ages, a delightful petting zoo, enchanting horse-drawn wagon rides, and so much more.

In addition, we will have an outdoor vendor market at both events, showcasing local artisans and businesses. We are still actively seeking vendors to participate. If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to csnider@kawarthaconservation.com or visit the link below to learn more about our festivals.

Remember to mark your calendars and come join us for these wonderful community events, where there's something fun for everyone!

[Festival Information](#) >



Birds of Prey demonstration during Fall Fest.



Santa visiting a young guest during Christmas at Ken Reid.

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