

Watershed Watch Newsletter



NEW Customer Service-Focused Website

Kawartha Conservation is thrilled to announce the launch of its brand-new website, designed to serve as a streamlined customer service hub for the community. The updated platform offers easy access to important information, resources, and tools, making it more convenient than ever to connect with Kawartha Conservation. Whether you're looking for permit details, planning services, or updates on environmental initiatives, the new site is your one-stop destination. Kawartha Conservation welcomes your feedback—if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please reach out to John Chambers at jchambers@kawarthaconservation.com.

NEW Drone Program

Staff have been busy preparing for using Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (aka drones) to monitor erosion and sediment control needs at local construction sites. This initiative is a key outcome from the City of Kawartha Lakes Implementation Action Plan, and is intended to help improve water quality in our lakes and streams by reducing dirty runoff from construction projects. We have just finalized a corporate drone operations policy, which provides guidance for staff on proper piloting techniques, pre flight planning, and safe and legal operations.



Integrated Watershed Management team undertaking drone flight training.



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In this issue, we're pleased to announce that our annual seedling sale is officially open! Check out the species guide and place your orders to support your reforestation or landscaping projects. It's the perfect time to plan ahead and give back to the environment with every tree you plant.

We're also thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new customer service-focused website! The new design is built to make it easier for you to find information, access resources, and connect with our team. We value your feedback as we refine the site, so please take a moment to explore and share your thoughts on its design and functionality.

Additionally, we're excited to share updates on our new drone program, a cutting-edge tool helping us improve our erosion and sediment control efforts. It's a fascinating addition to how we care for and monitor our watershed.

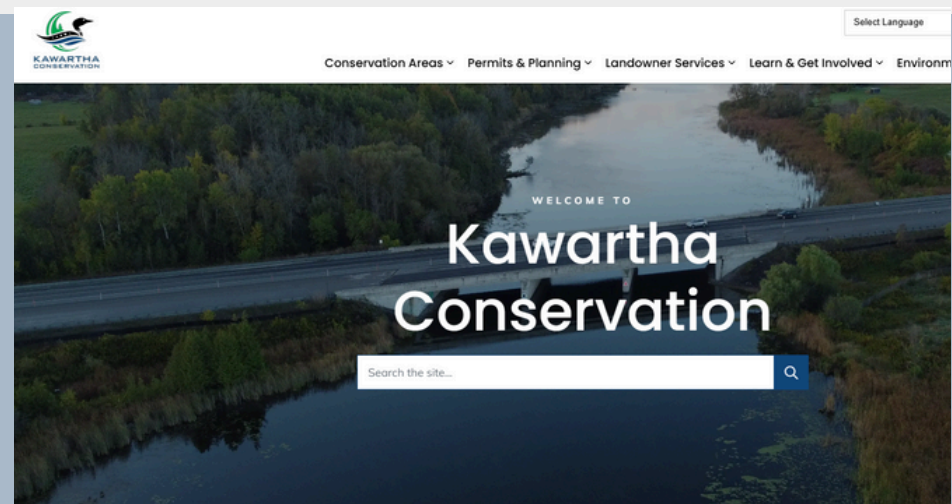
The staff at Kawartha Conservation understand how hectic the holiday season can be. As the festive season unfolds—a time filled with joy, celebration, and occasional stress—it's essential to pause, prioritize self-care, and find balance amidst the busyness.

Here are three simple tips to help you manage the holiday rush:

- **Take a Breather** – Step outside for a few moments each day, breathe in the crisp winter air, and enjoy the peacefulness of nature. A short walk or simply pausing to soak in your surroundings can help clear your mind.
- **Stay Organized** – Keep the chaos at bay with a holiday to-do list. Tackling one task at a time makes everything feel more manageable.
- **Schedule 'You Time'** – Carve out moments just for yourself. Whether it's reading, enjoying a warm drink, or indulging in a favorite hobby, taking time to recharge is essential.

Take a moment to breathe, stay present, and enjoy this special time of year. From all of us at Kawartha Conservation, we wish you a joyful and peaceful holiday season!

- Carolyn Snider, Community Engagement Technician



The homepage of our new and improved website.

Annual Seeding Sale NOW OPEN

We're excited to once again offer our popular Seedling Sale, bringing a variety of high-quality tree and shrub seedlings to watershed landowners at reduced costs. This program makes it easy to enhance your property while contributing to a healthier environment. Choose from over 20 different species, including evergreens like pines and spruce, deciduous trees such as maples and oaks, and a range of shrubs, including dogwoods and berry varieties.

Seedlings are sold in convenient bundles of 25, with pricing designed to make planting affordable for everyone: coniferous tree bundles are \$43.50, deciduous tree bundles are \$59.00, shrub bundles range from \$57.50 to \$73.00, and specialty seedlings are available for \$68.50 to \$114.50 per bundle.

To help you select the best species for your property, we provide a detailed Species Information Guide. This valuable resource offers insights into each species' characteristics and needs, ensuring you can make informed decisions about what to plant based on your unique property conditions.

This year, we're also proud to introduce advancing species to our selection. These are trees and shrubs that do not currently grow in the Kawartha watershed but are naturally migrating northward as the climate warms. By planting these advancing species, you're participating in an important climate adaptation strategy known as assisted migration. This proactive approach helps support biodiversity and resilience in the face of a changing environment.

Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your property and the future of our environment. Visit us today to take advantage of this fantastic program!

[Order Now](#)
[Species Information Guide](#)



Bare root seedlings ready for planting.



2024 Seedling Sale orders packed and ready to go.

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