



Town of Caledon Correspondence Package

July 7, 2015

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

You will recall during our recent meeting with the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, the Premier indicated she would appreciate expressions of support to back up our suggestions for change regarding the *Municipal Act*.

Attached you will find the resolution which was passed unanimously by Oakville Council on June 3, 2015. I am forwarding it to you for your consideration to be used as a model.

Please keep Mayor Jeff Lehman informed of actions you take, thereby enabling LUMCO to continue to co-ordinate efforts and undertake successful future engagements with the Province of Ontario.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rob Burton

WHEREAS the strength of the Canadian economy and the livelihoods of Canadians are directly related to the livability of the municipalities in which Canadians live, work, raise families and retire and;

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities deliver emergency and protection services through police, fire, and ambulance; and courts, hospitals, transit, transportation infrastructure for vehicles and active modes of mobility, schools, green space protection, parkland, recreation, libraries, water, waste water and solid waste services and economic development and infrastructure maintenance and renewal and;

WHEREAS the property tax is not a sustainable revenue source for municipalities to meet the many and increasing obligations and responsibilities demanded by the public, and those which were downloaded from the federal and provincial governments, especially the costs of growth and;

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities must serve the needs of an increasingly mobile, globally-connected, diverse population with growing complex needs and expectations that require increasing degrees of administrative flexibility and responsiveness and;

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario provided the City of Toronto broad new powers and significant new legislative freedoms in 2006, promising to roll them out to other municipalities after evaluating their use in the City of Toronto and;

WHEREAS the success of the options accorded the City of Toronto may be seen in the Province's continued provision of them and the absence of any requests from the City of Toronto for removal of any of the provided freedom, powers, accountability or administrative options and;

WHEREAS the Town of Oakville and other municipalities would benefit from having the same legislative flexibility in addressing the increased demands of Canadians,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That this Council endorses equal status for Ontario municipalities and recommends to the Province of Ontario that all Ontario municipalities have equal access through the *Municipal Act* and all other applicable legislation to the same powers and administrative options accorded by the Province to any Ontario municipality.



**Town of Caledon
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June 25, 2015

RE: Conservation Area Management Plan and Project Updates

Dear Chair and Members of Council,

Over the course of 2015, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) will be developing, initiating or finalizing management plans for three of its properties: Upper Credit Conservation Area, Island Lake Conservation Area and the Belfountain Complex (Map 1). These natural spaces provide a variety of important ecological goods and services, protect significant natural features, and contribute to appreciation and recreation opportunities that benefit socio-economic aspects of local and regional communities. CVC is responsible for the long-term sustainable management of these areas, which is achieved through careful planning and the development of comprehensive management plans.

Conservation area management plans direct the future management and development of a property, focusing on the following items:

- Management and protection of natural heritage features and functions
- Conservation of cultural heritage features
- Recreation programming
- Visitor and operational infrastructure
- Restoration and stewardship projects

This letter includes a brief overview of the status of each property currently undergoing the management planning process; the factsheets and presentation outline included in this package contain additional information.

Upper Credit Conservation Area (2013 – 2015)

Located within the Towns of both Caledon and Orangeville, Upper Credit Conservation Area spans 162 hectares (400 acres) along the upper Credit River. The management plan for Upper Credit Conservation Area (UCCA) is expected to be finalized in the summer of 2015. Management priorities for UCCA include restoration of natural areas, trail development, enhanced wayfinding signage, installation of ancillary features (such as washrooms), and the enforcement of unsanctioned activities. Approval of the UCCA Management Plan by CVC's Board of Directors is expected in fall, 2015.

Belfountain Complex Management Plan (2014 – 2016)

Located within the Town of Caledon, on the Niagara Escarpment, the Belfountain Complex totals 56 hectares (138 acres) and is comprised of three properties: Belfountain Conservation Area and Cox Property, owned by CVC; and the Willoughby Property, owned by the Ontario Heritage Trust and managed by CVC. Initiated in 2014, the management plan for the Belfountain Complex is ongoing, and expected to be complete in early 2016. The factsheet contained within the agenda package includes

updates on major projects going on within and affecting the Complex. Besides the management plan, these include:

- Class environmental assessment for the Belfountain dam and headpond
- Restoration of the terrace within Belfountain Conservation Area
- Visitor management strategy focused on the Belfountain and Cheltenham areas

Island Lake Conservation Area Management Plan (2015 – 2017)

Located within the Towns of Orangeville and Mono, the 328 hectare (812 acre) Island Lake Conservation Area is situated in the headwaters of the Credit River watershed. The management planning process for Island Lake Conservation Area commenced earlier this year, and CVC is still in the early phases of the process. As a regional resource and tourism destination, representatives from the Town of Caledon have previously been invited to participate in planning activities for this conservation area.

Please find attached, a package that includes the following items:

- PowerPoint presentation outlining key facts and information for each conservation area
- Factsheet highlighting key projects and planning processes related to the Belfountain Complex
- Letter of information containing the schedule and planning process for the Island Lake Conservation Area Management Plan
- Factsheet highlighting the priorities and key projects of the Upper Credit Conservation Area Management Plan

Additional information on CVC's management planning process and the status of the conservation area management plans can be found on our website: <http://www.creditvalleyca.ca/enjoy-the-outdoors/conservation-areas/>.

If you have any questions or require any clarification regarding the information in this package, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



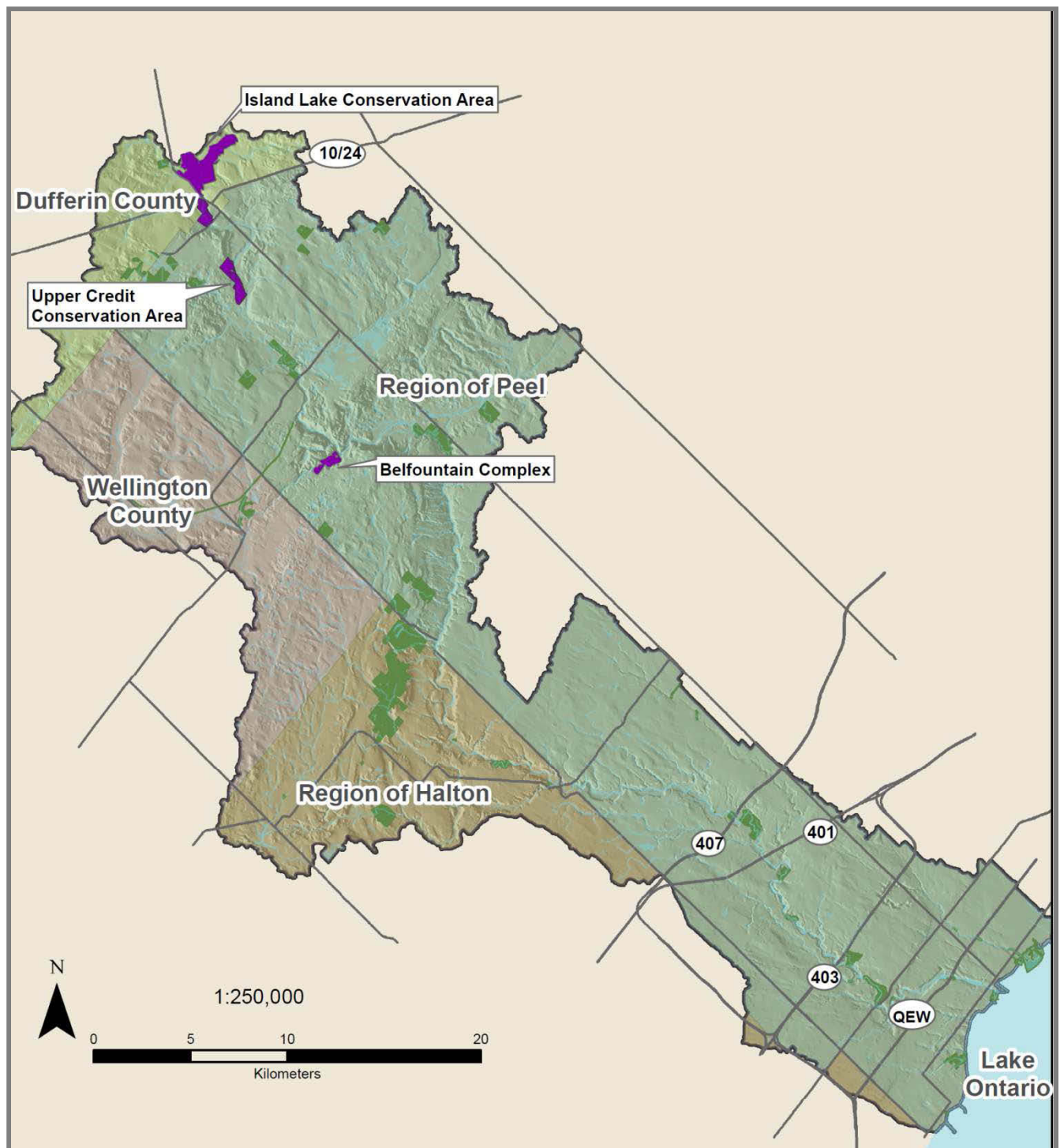
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Map 1: Credit River watershed

Belfountain Complex Projects

Update to Caledon Council

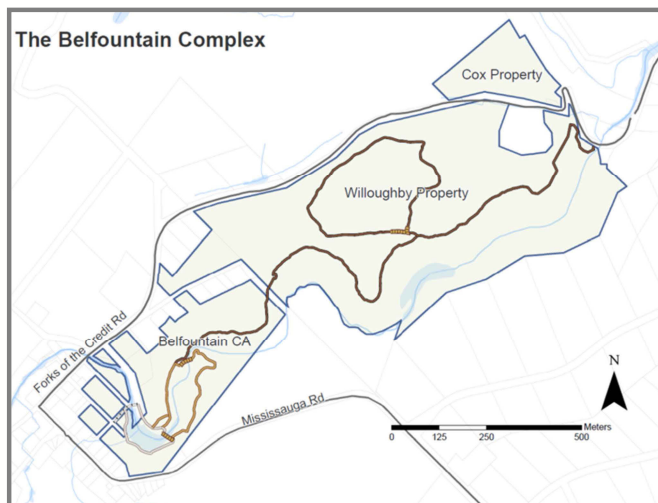
The Belfountain Complex

Located on the Niagara Escarpment within the Town of Caledon, the 56 ha Belfountain Complex is composed of three unique properties:

- Belfountain Conservation Area (13 ha)
- Cox Property (4 ha)
- Willoughby Property (owned by the Ontario Heritage Trust, managed by CVC) (39 ha)

Given their common geography and natural features, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) manages these properties as a unit within the context of the Credit River watershed. This factsheet contains brief highlights of four projects currently underway within, or affecting the Complex:

- Belfountain Complex management plan
- Restoration of terrace feature onsite
- Class environmental assessment for the Belfountain dam and headpond
- Visitor management strategy focused on the Belfountain and Cheltenham areas



Belfountain Complex Map

Management Plan

CVC is in the process of developing a management plan for the Belfountain Complex. The management plan will outline the vision for the Complex and provide the framework that will guide its future management.

CVC is currently in the Strategic Directions phase and has retained *Brook McIlroy Inc.*, a landscape architect firm, to develop concept plans and options for the area.

Proposed projects and recommendations range in scope and scale; some examples include:

- Enhance aesthetics through landscaping and garden design
- Restore degraded natural areas
- Enhance visitor appreciation and experience through interpretive opportunities and a multi-functional visitor centre
- Create better visitor experiences by updating the trail system and other recreational facilities
- Improve visitor flow and traffic by redesigning the parking area



Belfountain Conservation Area

The final Management Plan will require approval from CVC's Board of Directors, the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Implementation of the approved projects and programs will occur over several years.

Terrace Restoration

For the past eighteen months, the Terrace located in Belfountain Conservation Area has been closed to the public due to health and safety concerns. Located on the bank of the West Credit River and used for special events, picnics and weddings, the Terrace is structurally unstable and is failing at a rapid rate.

Due to the urgent nature of this project, its repair will take place outside of the management planning process. Construction on this project is expected to begin mid-June, 2015.

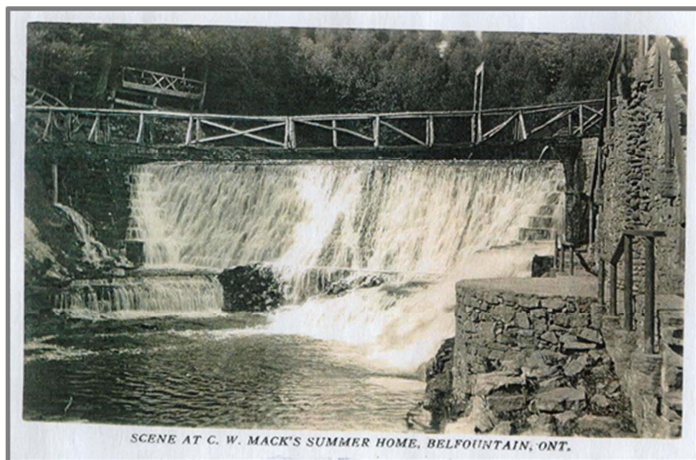


The Terrace in Belfountain C.A. is failing

Class Environmental Assessment

As a component of the management planning process for the Belfountain Complex, CVC commenced a class environmental assessment (Class EA) for the Belfountain dam and headpond. An environmental assessment is a study and planning process that evaluates the positive and negative impacts of a project before decisions are made about implementation.

The need for the Belfountain dam and headpond Class EA was identified in previous assessments of the dam which revealed various structural and environmental issues and concluded that the dam does not meet all of the current provincial standards for dam safety. CVC has retained *Amec Foster Wheel* to undertake this project, which will be carried out concurrently with the ongoing Belfountain Complex Management Plan.



Original dam and bridge in Belfountain C.A.

The goal of the Class EA for the Belfountain dam and headpond is to determine a solution that will address the problem of a potentially unsafe structure while aligning with CVC's objectives for the area:

- Minimize risk to visitors, staff and downstream properties
- Conserve and enhance cultural heritage values
- Conserve and enhance natural heritage values
- Maintain a barrier between sensitive, upstream Brook Trout populations and downstream species
- Promote natural stream function
- Maintain or improve visitor experience
- Ensure long-term sustainability and economic viability

CVC is in the early stages of the Class EA process and potential solutions and alternatives have not yet been determined.

Belfountain Visitor Management Strategy

A Committee has been formed in an effort to coordinate projects and planning processes within the Belfountain Hamlet and surrounding environs, and address community concerns related to traffic congestion and safety. This Committee is dedicated to addressing community concerns and realizing efficiencies related to ongoing and future projects within the Belfountain area.

A collaboration between multiple partners, this Committee will develop specific solutions to:

- Ensure the safety of pedestrians and drivers
- Reduce traffic congestion and improve flow
- Improve connectivity and walkability between areas

Potential solutions may include additional parking locations, shuttle programs and strategic road closures, and are currently in the process of being developed. The Committee will work towards developing a plan and implementing solutions as early as 2015.

Additional information on any of these projects can be obtained by contacting Laura Rundle, Conservation Lands Planner at lrundle@creditvalleyca.ca or (905) 670 – 1615 ext. 535.

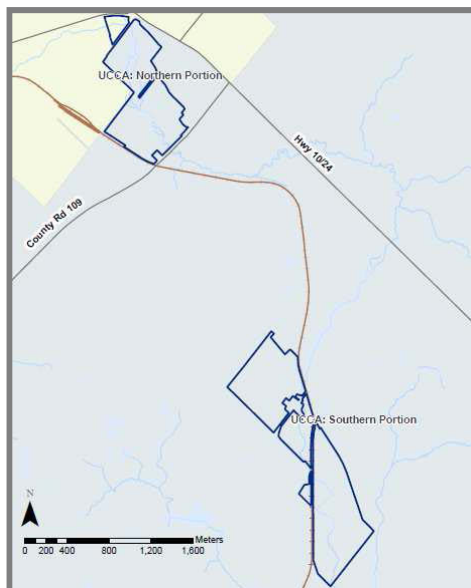
Additional Information on the Belfountain Complex and ongoing planning processes is available on CVC's website: www.creditvalleyca.ca.

Upper Credit Conservation Area Management Plan

Fact Sheet

Background Information

Located within the Towns of Caledon and Orangeville, Upper Credit Conservation Area (UCCA) is one of Credit Valley Conservation's (CVC) newest acquisitions. Commencing with the purchase of the Safari parcel in 2005, the past ten years has seen UCCA quadruple in size with the acquisition of additional lands. Securement of these lands is a CVC success story made possible through funding and donations from several sources, including private individuals, provincial and municipal governments, the Nature Conservancy of Canada and Ducks Unlimited. Today UCCA spans an area of 162 hectares, or 400 acres.



Upper Credit Conservation Area Map

From ecological, social and cultural perspectives, UCCA provides important functions in both local and regional contexts. It contains a diversity of habitats that provide refuge to more than 700 species

of flora and fauna, eleven of which are Species-at-Risk. It is associated with two Provincially Significant Wetlands and encompasses a portion of a candidate Earth Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest. UCCA is historically tied to three Cultural Heritage Landscapes, as defined by the Town of Caledon, including the historic Town of Melville, the long-retired Toronto Grey & Bruce Railway, the bed of which now functions as part of the trail system, and the still functioning CVR/CPR Railway. Since monitoring began, visitation at the main access has risen steadily from an estimated 10,600 in 2010 to 26,000 in 2013.

Management Plan

The goal of the UCCA Management Plan is to balance the protection of natural heritage features and their functions with development of appreciation and recreation

opportunities and the values of the local community and general public. The Management Plan for UCCA establishes conservation area goals and objectives, and provides the means and strategies for achieving them. It advises day-to-day operational decisions as well as complex problems by clarifying and prioritizing management actions that are required to achieve the objectives for the conservation area.

Vision Statement

The management plan provides land managers and stakeholders with a long-term vision for the conservation area as well as with direction for guiding the management of the property toward achieving that vision. The vision statement for UCCA is;

"To protect and enhance the conservation area's diverse and significant ecosystems and offer sustainable natural heritage appreciation and recreational benefits to watershed residents and visitors."

Management Directions

The development of policies, structures and programming to support interpretation, appreciation and recreation opportunities aims to physically connect people and communities to the landscape. The restoration projects, land securement program and stewardship initiatives outlined in the Management Plan seek to improve existing habitats and establish or enhance functional linkages to the ecosystems both within and surrounding UCCA. The policies and recommendations detailed in the management plan aspire to foster and support protectionist attitudes that will assist CVC in achieving its vision of a healthy, sustainable Credit River watershed for future generations.



The Management Plan contains recommendations and projects to help CVC achieve its vision, goals and objectives. Some key directions are highlighted below.

Habitat Restoration

The protection and enhancement of the diverse landscape of UCCA is a management priority. The Management Plan not only illustrates CVC's commitment to the preservation of key features and functions, it also identifies opportunities for the restoration of specific habitats including:

- Restore 10 hectares, or 25 acres, of old agricultural lands to help in the recovery of grassland birds
- Restore areas of degradation along the Credit River
- Manage invasive species
- Manage woodlots to improve ecosystem health and function

Trail Development

Trails provide a multitude of benefits to both trail users and local communities. They provide access to natural places, a variety of health and wellness benefits, opportunities for active transportation, generate tourism and connect communities both physically and socially.



With 12 km of trails, UCCA's trail system is one of its biggest assets. The Management Plan not only seeks to improve trail connectivity and visitor experiences, but also contributes to the Credit Valley Trail, a trail that will stretch the length of the Credit River, from Port Credit north to the Town of Mono. Management Plan priorities, include:

- Close almost 1 km of trail;
- Build or re-develop 5.7 km of trail, 3.5 km of which will meet accessibility standards; physically connecting the trail system across UCCA.

- Install wayfinding, informative and interpretive signage

Recreation

Recreational activities, whether pre-existing or proposed, have been evaluated using a number of criteria including:

- Environmental Impacts
- Social Impacts
- Infrastructure Needs
- Ability to Manage
- Activity Demand
- Cost-Benefit Analysis
- Liabilities and Hazards

CVC's goal is to ensure all visitors to UCCA have an enjoyable and safe experience. CVC must also balance recreational opportunities with the protection of features and functions that are of ecological and cultural significance. Where facilities exist, UCCA is passively used by visitors with hiking, dog walking and fishing being the most popular activities.

CVC recognizes UCCA is attractive for visitors with off-leash dogs. Dogs are permitted within UCCA provided they are on a leash 2m in length or less and they are picked up after. This policy is consistent with Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act, and is essential to ensuring the protection of habitats CVC is working hard to protect and restore. Grassland birds are declining across North America. This trend is likely to continue as agricultural uses intensify and habitat is removed for development purposes. Given these birds are ground nesters and occupy the open meadows at UCCA, off-leash dogs cannot be accommodated at UCCA.

"Our close connections to the natural environment enhance our quality of life and remind us of our responsibility to protect it."
- A Provincial Report on Ontario Wellbeing, 2014

Contact Us

If you have any questions about UCCA or the Management Plan, please contact:

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Conservation Area Management Plans

Town of Caledon Council

June 16th, 2015

Outline

- CVC's Management Planning Process
- Belfountain Complex
- Upper Credit Conservation Area
- Island Lake Conservation Area



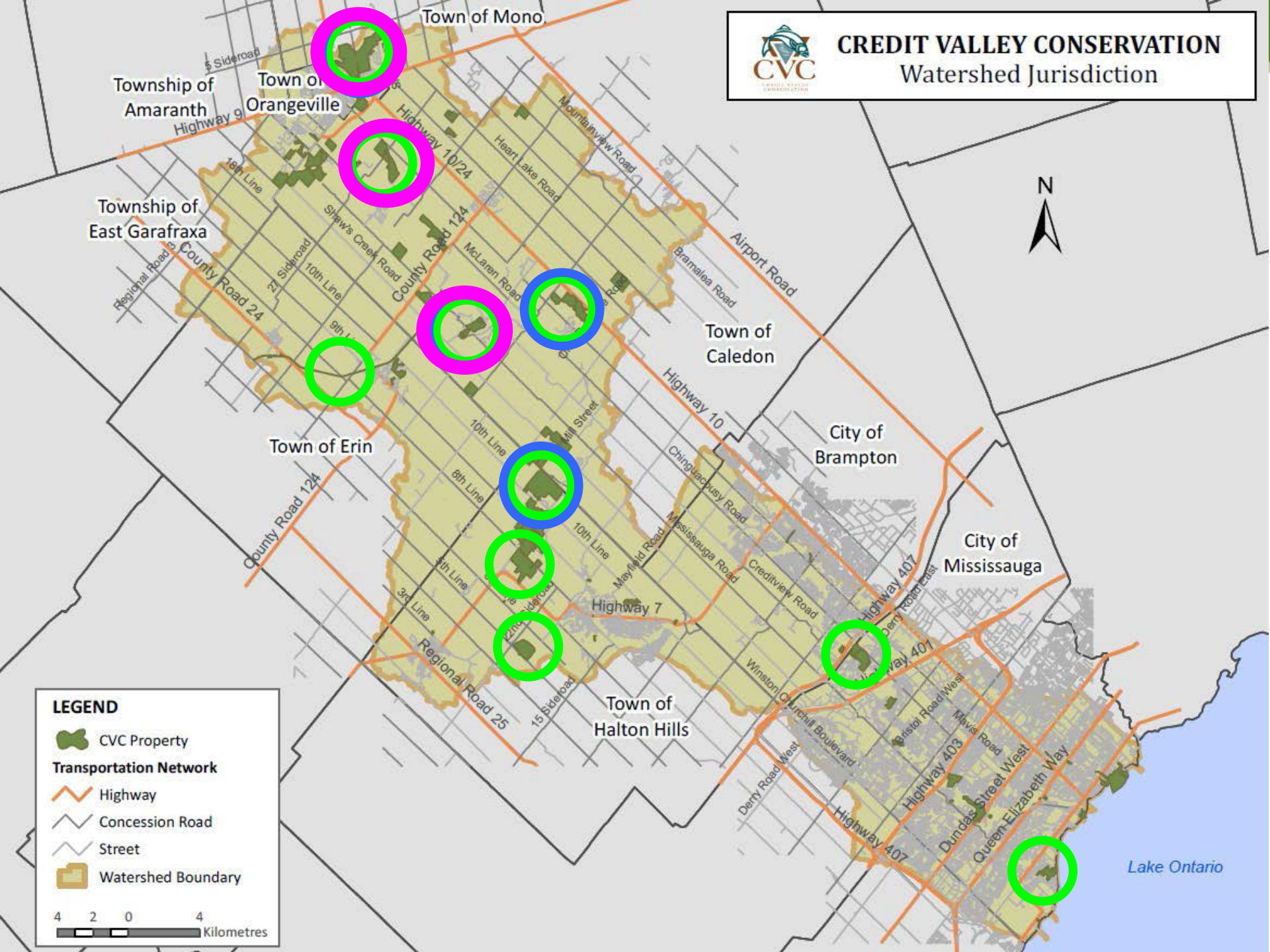
CREDIT VALLEY CONSERVATION Watershed Jurisdiction



LEGEND

-  CVC Property
- Transportation Network**
 -  Highway
 -  Concession Road
 -  Street
 -  Watershed Boundary

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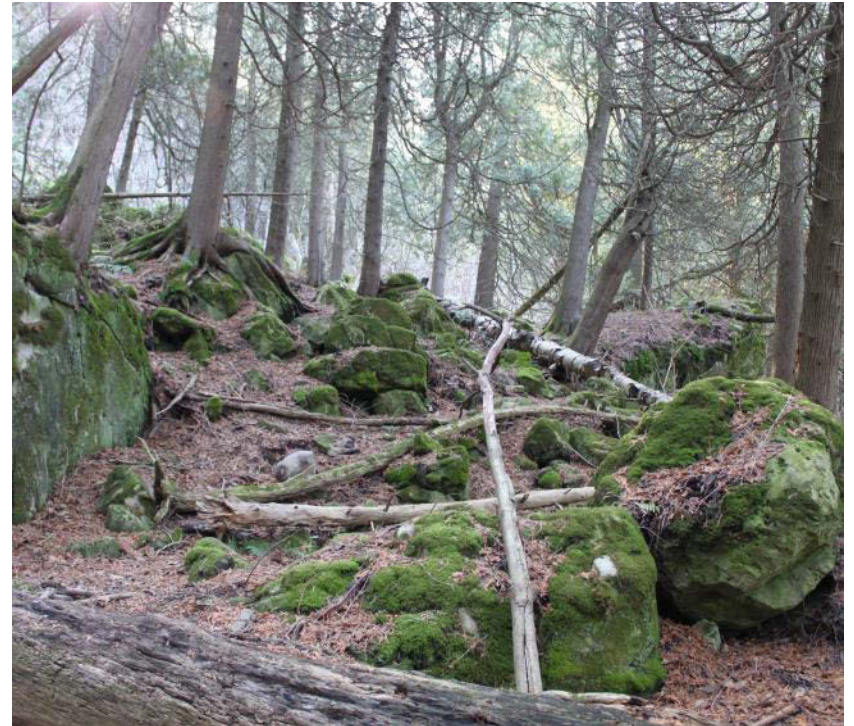


What is a Management Plan?

- Framework that guides the development of a Property:
 - Visitor and Community-based Amenities
 - Natural Environment and Restoration
 - Cultural Heritage Appreciation
 - Education and Programming
 - CVC Operations
- 10 year timeframe, 5 year review

Management Principles

- Protection
- Appreciation
- Recreation





Management Plans – Why now?

- Management Plans are out of date or do not exist
- Best practice
- Business case to support development
- Plan in a holistic, transparent, comprehensive way





Planning Process

Background Report

Strategic Directions Report – Phase I: Recommendations

Strategic Directions Report – Phase II: Consultation

Strategic Directions Report – Phase III: Decisions

Management Plan

SAC



Committees

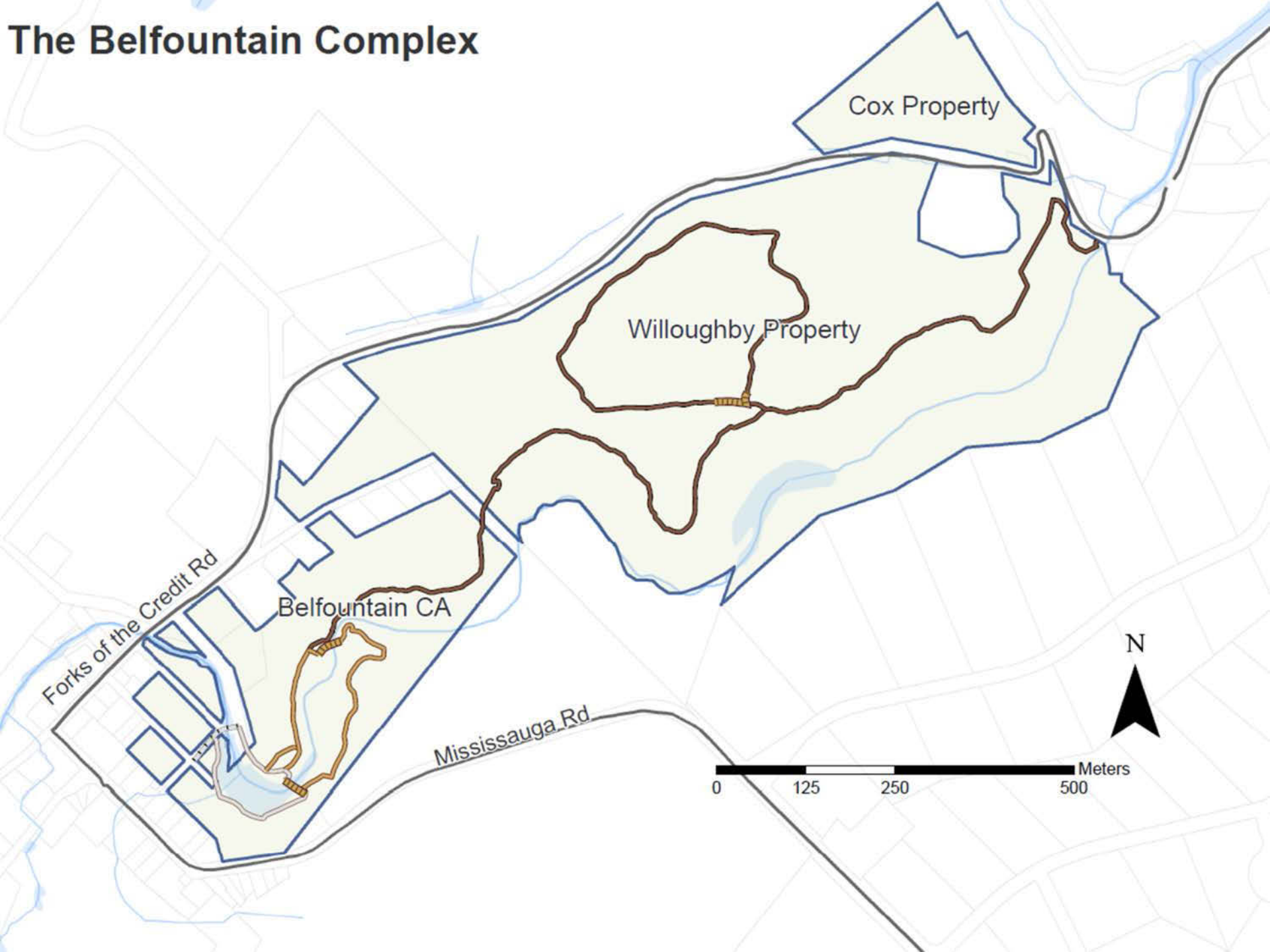
- Stakeholder Advisory Committees (external)
- Technical Steering Committee (internal)
- Friends of Groups

Stakeholder Advisory Committee

- Broad range of voices and perspectives (agencies, organizations, public)
- Representatives act as liaisons between their organization and CVC
- Develops solutions and guides decisions for a specific conservation area

Belfountain Complex

The Belfountain Complex



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Management Plan



The diagram illustrates the planning process as a sequence of five steps. A large brown bracket on the right side groups the first four steps (Background Report, Strategic Directions Report – Phase I: Recommendations, Strategic Directions Report – Phase II: Consultation, and Strategic Directions Report – Phase III: Decisions) under the label 'SAC'. Green arrows point from the right side of each of these four steps towards the left, indicating a flow or review process. The fifth step, 'Management Plan', is not included in the 'SAC' bracket and has no arrow pointing to it.

SAC

Belfountain Complex Management Plan

- Current Plan is out of date
- Plan Development 2014 – 2016
- Specific recommendations for all aspects of the Belfountain Complex



Belfountain Complex Committees

- Belfountain Complex Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) 2014 - 2016
- Technical Steering Committee (internal)

Class Environmental Assessment – Belfountain Dam and Headpond

- Belfountain dam does not meet all current Provincial standards for safety
- As a public body, certain activities must be planned in accordance with the *Environmental Assessment Act*



Class Environmental Assessment Process

- Consultation with public and agency partners
- Characterization of the study area
- Evaluation of preliminary alternatives
- Determination of the potential impacts of the proposed alternative
- Identification of measures and actions to mitigate possible negative impacts

Class Environmental Assessment Objectives

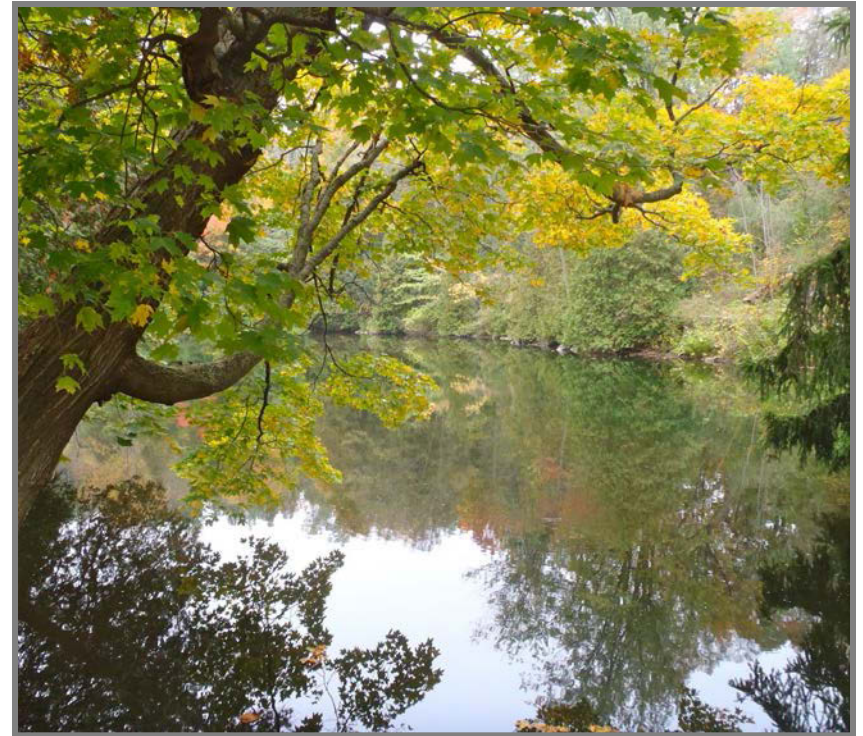


Photo by: Jon Clayton

- Maintain a barrier between upstream Brook Trout and downstream invasive and non-native species
- Reduce/minimize risk to visitors, staff and affected properties
- Maintain or improve the visitor experience

Class Environmental Assessment Objectives

- Conserve and enhance cultural heritage attributes
- Conserve and enhance natural heritage attributes
- Promote natural stream function
- Strive for long-term sustainability, including economic viability



Belfountain Visitor Management Strategy

- Collaboration between multiple partners
- Will develop solutions to:
 - Ensure safety of pedestrians and drivers
 - Reduce traffic congestion and improve flow
 - Improve walkability and connectivity between areas

Belfountain Visitor Management Strategy

Potential solutions include:

- additional parking (on and off site)
- develop shuttle program
- road closures and re-routes during the busy season



Belfountain Terrace



- Closed off and monitored for the past 18 months
- Received quotes and permits for reconstruction
- Construction summer 2015

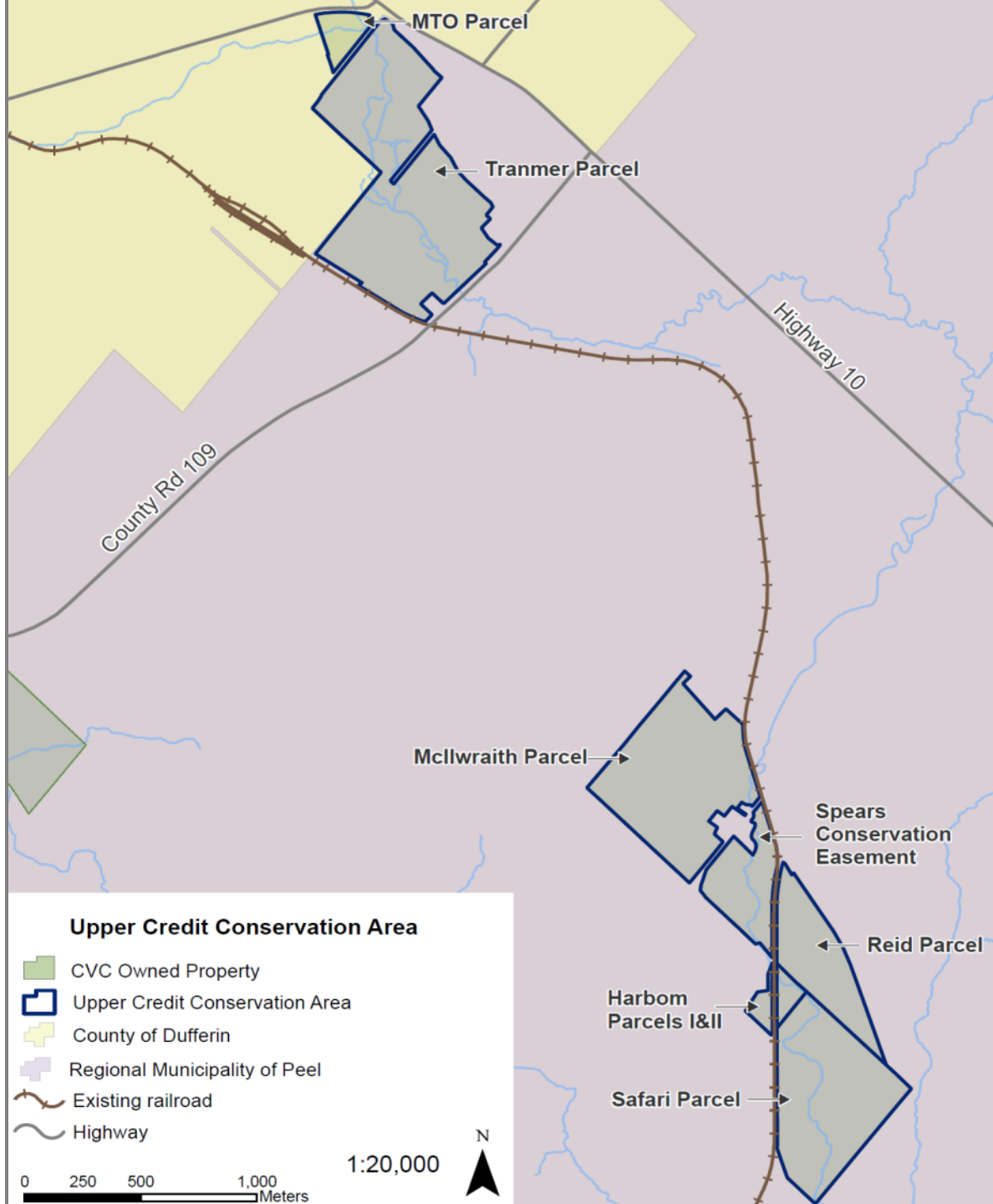


Next Steps

Task	Timeline
Concept Plans	Summer 2015
Consultation(s)	Fall 2015, 2016
Preferred Alternative Selected	Winter 2015
Final Management Plan	Late 2015
Final Report – Class EA	Spring 2015
Approvals	2015 - 2016
Implementation	2016 - 2026

Council updates at key milestones – early 2016

Upper Credit Conservation Area



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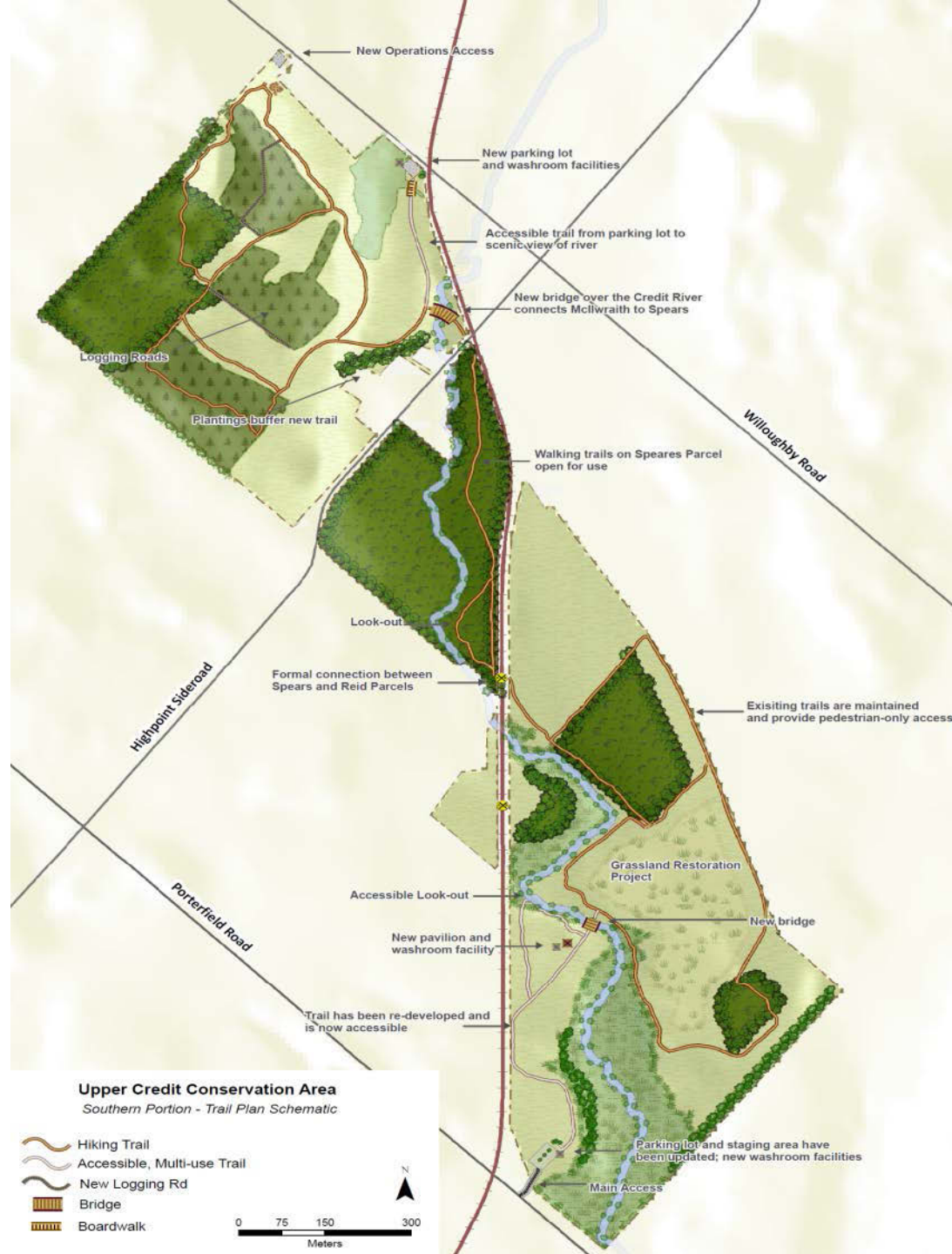




Upper Credit C.A. Management Plan

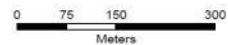
- Acquired 2009 - 2011
- Plan Development 2013 – 2015
- Recommendations focused on restoration and trail development (Credit Valley Trail)





Upper Credit Conservation Area
Southern Portion - Trail Plan Schematic

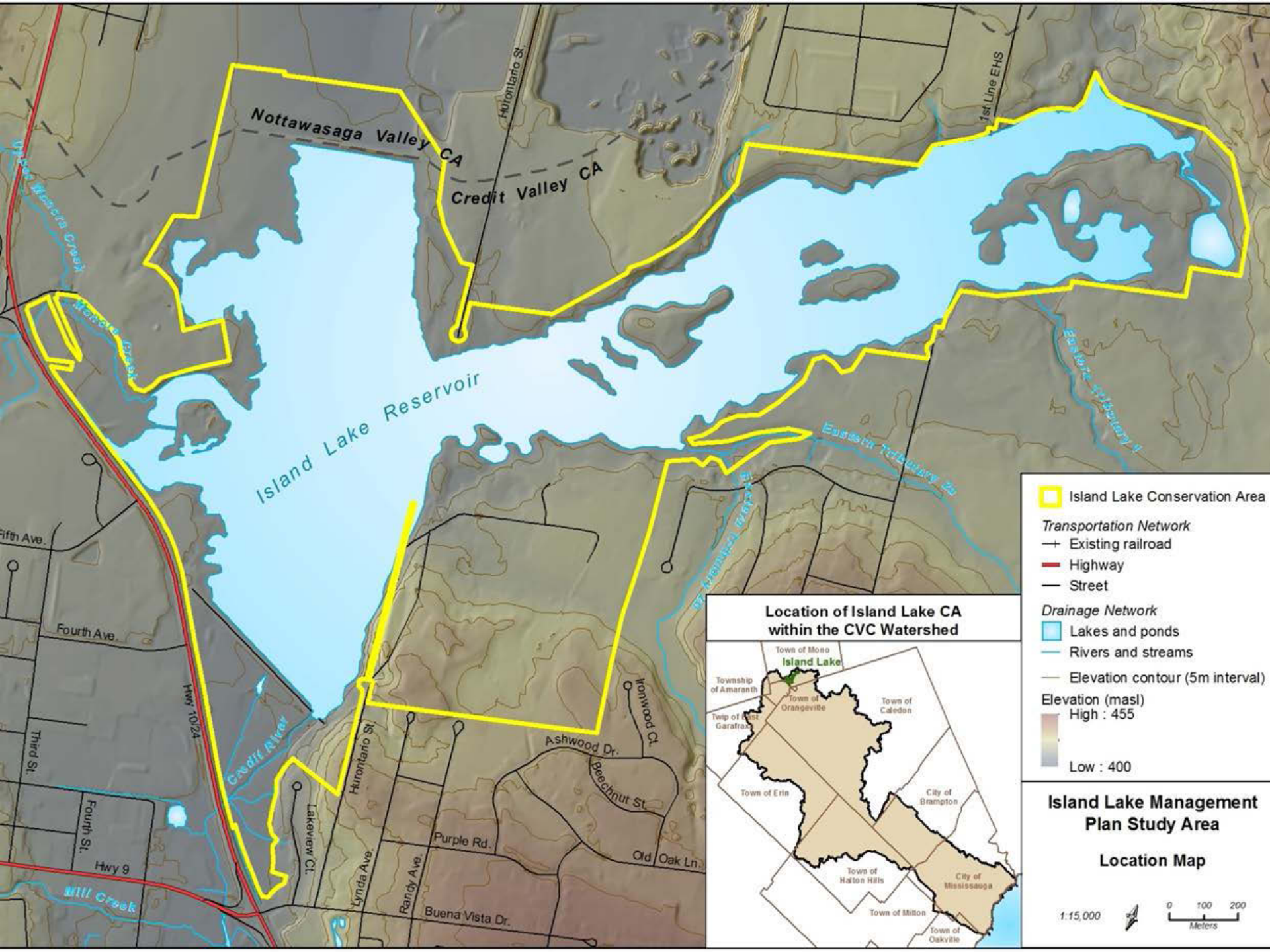
-  Hiking Trail
-  Accessible, Multi-use Trail
-  New Logging Rd
-  Bridge
-  Boardwalk



Next Steps

Task	Timeline
Final Management Plan	Summer 2015
Approvals	Fall 2015
Implementation	2015 - 2025

Island Lake Conservation Area



Nottawasaga Valley CA

Credit Valley CA

Island Lake Reservoir

Location of Island Lake CA within the CVC Watershed

Island Lake Conservation Area

Transportation Network

Existing railroad

Highway

Street

Drainage Network

Lakes and ponds

Rivers and streams

Elevation contour (5m interval)

Elevation (masl)

High : 455

Low : 400

Island Lake Management Plan Study Area

Location Map

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Credit Valley
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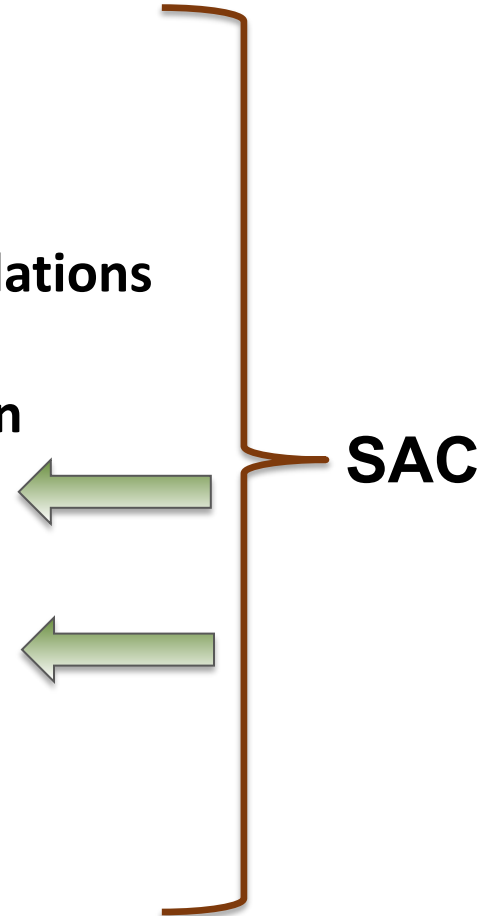
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Management Plan



Island Lake CA Management Plan

- Current Plan expires in 2017
- Plan Development 2015 – 2017
- Specific recommendations for all aspects of ILCA management



ILCA Committees

- ILCA Management Committee 1997 – 2014
- Island Lake Management Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) 2015 - 2017
- Friends of Island Lake 2005 – Present
- Technical Steering Committee (internal)

Next Steps

Task	Timeline
Council Delegations	Spring 2015
Invitations for SAC Membership	Early Summer 2015
Draft Background Report	End of 2015
Stakeholder Advisory Committee	Fall 2015
Concept Plans	2016

Council updates at key milestones – next update summer of 2016

Questions



*Together, it's our nature to conserve
and our future to shape.*

The Hon. Lorna Milne
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To whom it may concern:

I suggest naming our 50 acre donation of land in Caledon;

The William Dennison Forest Preserve

My father and I spent many early spring days planting trees on that land in the 1940s and 1950s. He deliberately planted every second tree a "Scotch pine" (to be later harvested as a Christmas tree) but in between we planted trees that he always intended to mature and become a permanent forest.

The land has been a source of joy to our family ever since Dad purchased it in 1940s.

You may also be interested in the fact that William Dennison was one of the founders of the Don Valley Conservation Association (the precursor of the Metro Toronto Conservation Association) along with his great friend Charlie Saurel, aided and abetted by the fact that my Dad was an MPP at the time. They were both avid bee-keepers and conservationists. Charlie kept his bees by his home beside the forks of the Don. Dad kept some of his in our backyard on Jarvis Street. I remember many visits to Charlie's home and apiary, and us all planting trees in the Don Valley in the Spring.

Sincerely,



Lorna Milne