

Message from the President and Executive Director

e are pleased to update you on the conservation work that your gifts have helped to support in the past year. Because of you, the Lake Simcoe watershed is becoming cleaner and healthier, and our community is gaining valuable insights about caring for our natural spaces. It's incredible what we're achieving together!

Although the COVID-19 pandemic created challenges and delays with many of the conservation projects we support, 2021 saw progress that will benefit our watershed for years to come. Thanks to you, the Authority has been able to restore creeks, improve fish habitats, protect aquatic species at risk, and plant trees and shrubs all over our community. You've also helped to improve trail accessibility as well as design, develop, and deliver innovative outdoor education programs that engage young learners.

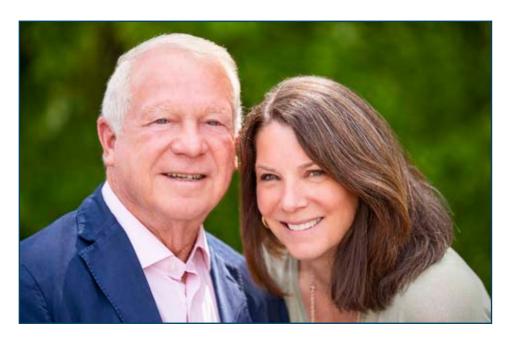
Last year, the Foundation focussed on re-building after a very difficult 2020. We had to be flexible enough to adapt to whatever COVID and the related restrictions could throw at us ... and it all worked out! Thanks to the kind support of people like you, we were able to raise over \$ 1.5 million through our various campaigns – 112% of our goal!

The Foundation supported over 11 Authority programs and projects in 2021, disbursing almost \$450,000 to outdoor education and restoration initiatives across our watershed. Plus, our Connect Campaign to build a new Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek has raised over \$2 million so far. We look forward to crossing the finish line on our \$3 million+ goal with help from our generous community.

If there is one thing that the pandemic made clear, it is how important nature is to our health and well being. We've also realized how vital it is to support and protect the natural areas around us. That's why your loyalty as a donor is so valued! We are thrilled to have your continued friendship as we move forward in protection of our amazing watershed.

Because the Foundation is deeply committed to the Authority's vision, it is incredible to know that donors like you are committed too... even during uncertain times.

Together with the entire community — we are making it happen!



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Vision

We envision a cleaner, healthier Lake Simcoe watershed that will inspire, motivate and enrich us all.

Mission

We raise money to support a cleaner and healthier Lake Simcoe watershed through the funding of specific projects of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.



Lake Simcoe Watershed

The Lake Simcoe watershed is a 3,400 square kilometre area of land that sweeps across 20 municipalities, from the Oak Ridges Moraine in the south to the Oro Moraine in the north, through York and Durham Regions, Simcoe County and cities of Kawartha Lakes, Barrie and Orillia.

It has been inhabited by Indigenous Peoples since creation. We recognize the Williams Treaties First Nations, including the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama and Beausoleil and the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, the Credit and Scugog Island. We are committed to renewing our relationships and deeply appreciate their historic connection and unwavering care for this land and water.

Happy Retirement Judy!

Judy Milner, Development Officer, retired after sixteen years. Judy was our "go-to" administrative expert and was the first person many of our donors connected with. Her incredible work ethic, positive attitude and wonderful sense of humour will be missed by Board and staff. Enjoy your new adventures, Judy!

2021 Supported Projects - Thanks to our donors

- Outdoor Education Program
- Outreach Education Branded Hybrid Vehicle Lease
- Beaver River Wetland Acquisition - Mersich Property
- Kettleby Creek Restoration
 Project
- Lake Simcoe Polders Project (Farming Community)
- Conservation Area
 Grassland Enhancement
 Project: MapleCross Nature
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- John Street Low Impact Development Project
- Community Action and Restoration Program: Tree Planting
- Thornton Bales Greenbelt Accessibility Improvement Project

Project Highlights

Thank you for supporting positive change in our watershed

Kettleby Creek Restoration Project

Kettleby Valley Camp in the Township of King is home to the Kettleby Creek. This beautiful stream supports Brook Trout and Redside Dace, a local species at risk and was home to an old dam structure that prevented fish migration and disturbed their habitat. The Kettleby Creek Restoration Project partnered with the camp to return the creek it

to a more natural free-flowing state. Thanks to your support, the dam was removed, 60 metres of stream was restored, 130 shrubs and 500 live stakes were planted along 120 metres of shoreline. The streambanks were stabilized and vegetation enhanced, which will greatly improve fish health and habitat.







Engaging Our Young Learners

Thanks to you, the Outdoor Education team continues to design, develop and deliver a suite of innovative programs and services to engage our young learners. While the pandemic continued to impact programing, our certified teachers provided an expanded suite of digital resources and virtual learning experiences alongside inperson experiences. Highlights include delivery to grade 4 students within the Simcoe County District School Board, new climate change programs for students, teachers and the public, the expansion of the Forest School Program and supporting learning objectives for secondary students in the Specialist High Skills Major Program.



Thanks to RBC Foundation for their impactful multi-year support of Outdoor Education Programming

Making our Trails More Accessible

Thornton Bales Conservation Area is in an area of varied steep terrain with limited parking. During the pandemic, it became a much loved and popular natural destination. The benefits of immersing ourselves in nature is well known and improving access is key. This project formalized a trailhead off the Greenbelt Cycling Route, improved the existing trail entry at the parking lot, and built a safe, accessible lookout at the top of the "99 steps" for visitors to enjoy. An animal resistant waste receptacle and informative signage along the trail were also installed.



Good Governance

Since 2013, LSCF has been accredited by Imagine Canada's distinguished Standards Program after demonstrating excellence in sector standards in Board Governance, Financial Accountability and Transparency, Fundraising, Staff Management and Volunteer Involvement, Invest in trust!





Together we have raised over \$ 2 Million!

"With the population of the Lake Simcoe Watershed doubling in the next 30 years, it's critically important that we provide more opportunities to learn about, appreciate, and protect our green spaces."

- Rob Baldwin, CAO, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Creek gives people the chance to take a break, immerse themselves in nature and learn more about how to protect our natural spaces. But our current Nature Centre building is dangerously out-of-date. Our Connect Campaign was launched with the goal of re-envisioning the education facility at Scanlon Creek so that our incredible outdoor education programs can continue there. The community has really come together to help make our Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek a reality and we are immensely grateful for the support of the campaign so far. With your help, we will raise the last million very soon and begin construction in 2024.



Events



32nd Annual Conservation Dinner

September 22, 2021 The Paramount Event Space

Thank you to sponsors and guests who came together at the Conservation Dinner. It is our signature fundraising event, and we depend on it every year to help support our work. The Conservation Dinner was understandably cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic and we were not entirely confident that we could hold it in 2021, as ongoing challenges related to COVID-19 resulted in date and last minute venue changes. Everything came together and it was SOLD OUT again. Thanks to you, we raised almost \$200,000.

3rd Annual Dalton Hicks Invitational Golf Tournament

August 25, 2021 The Nest at Friday Harbour

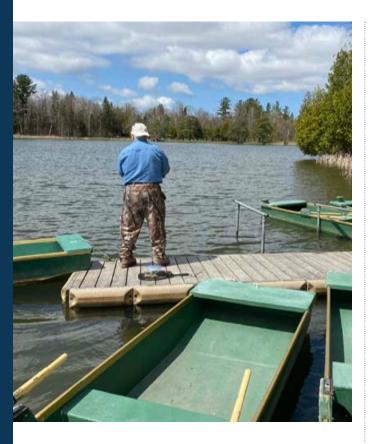


Thanks to all the golfers and sponsors who, over the past three years, chose to support a healthier Lake Simcoe watershed and joined us for the Dalt Hicks Invitational Golf Tournament. It all began in 2019 at Redcrest, then Woodensticks, and finally at The Nest at Friday Harbour. We golfed in all weather, and the pandemic did not dampen our spirits. Good times and great golf was enjoyed by all.



Thanks to our amazing sponsors and golfers, well over \$100,000 has been raised.

Events



Franklin Fishing

Taking place every spring and fall, diehard anglers and LSCF donors meet at The Franklin Club in Mt. Albert for a day of trout fishing and fine food. A day not to be missed by the "regulars", it's a chance to fly fish in a wonderful natural setting and help support our important work.



York Region Chairmans Golf Tournament

August 19, 2021 Upper Unionville Golf Course

104 golfers enjoyed a very special day on the links in support of the Connect Campaign to build the new Nature Centre. Thanks Chairman Emmerson for hosting this fabulous event and to Lina Bigioni for organizing the tournament!

Honda Canada Manufacturing

generously donated a Side by Side, Generator and Trimmer to help take care of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority conservation areas.

The Honda SxS will be used by staff at Scanlon Creek to support and facilitate a variety of maintenance program tasks. The Honda generator allows us to complete projects such as the Lookout at Scanlon and boardwalks and kiosks at our other properties. Having access to power for saws, drills and other equipment makes work safe and quick. The addition of the new string trimmer helps maintain the appearance of our properties, keeping them clear and presentable.

Thank You Honda Canada!



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We also recognize the many donors who have given smaller amounts, as well as those who wished to remain anonymous. Every gift makes a difference.

Thank you

to those who made a donation in loving memory of

Mary Jane Brinkos Evald Engman Douglas McCutcheon James Gordon Roberts Dr. Richard Tanner Donald Thompson John Wardop

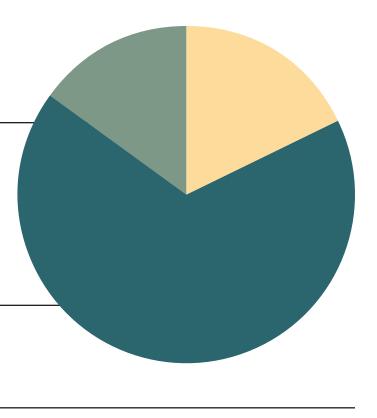
Your thoughtful contribution will carry their legacy forward and help ensure the health of the Lake Simcoe watershed for generations to come.





Grants: 18% Conservation Dinner:

Fundraising Programs: 67%



Expenses: \$281,836

Board: 1.6% Fundraising: 65%

Legal and Audit: 1.4% Operating: 32%

Transfers to Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority priority environmental initiatives: \$436,667 Applications for support are submitted by LSRCA and approved by LSCF Board of Directors annually.

2021 Audited Financial Statements are available on our website at www.lakesimcoefoundation.ca

15%

Message From the LSRCA Chair

To our steadfast Lake Simcoe champions,

here's one thing that I have been certain of throughout the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, and that's the consistent care and generosity of the wonderful donors in our watershed community. While 2021 continued to present significant challenges to all of us, your unwavering support and love for Lake Simcoe and the surrounding watershed remained a priority.

Not only have I been impressed with the commitment of our donor community, but also by the resilience of the teams at both the Conservation Foundation and the Conservation Authority. In 2021, more than ever, they demonstrated strength, determination, and devotion to ensuring that in-the-ground projects, and

education and outreach programs were delivered to ensure the current and future health of our Lake and watershed.

With our new strategic plan, Transformation 2022-2024, now in place, I have every confidence that the Conservation Authority will continue to innovate and adapt to the changing landscape and deliver the much-needed projects that your dollars support.

On behalf of the Conservation Authority Board of Directors and staff, I say thank you to each donor, and thank you to the small but mighty team at the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation.

Without your strength and contributions, the Conservation Authority wouldn't be able to accomplish all that we do each year.



Wayne Emmerson,
Lake Simcoe Region
Conservation Authority Chair,
and Chairman and Chief
Executive Officer of the
Regional Municipality of York



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