



**Conservation**ONTARIO  
Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities



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**Outline of Presentation**

- Conservation Ontario (**Network**)
  - Mandate, Objectives, Background
- Conservation Ontario (**Corporate**)
  - Business Functions, Org Chart
- Council Member Information
  - Online Members' Manual



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**Conservation Authority Mandate**

Ensure the conservation, restoration & responsible management of Ontario's water, land and natural habitat through programs that balance human environmental & economic needs.

**CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OBJECTIVES**



Ensure Ontario's rivers, lakes & streams are properly safeguarded, managed & restored




Protect, manage & restore Ontario's woodlands, wetlands & natural habitat




Develop & maintain programs that protect life & property from natural hazards



Provide opportunities for the public to enjoy, learn from & respect Ontario's natural environment



**CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES OF ONTARIO**



- 90% of Ontarians live in a CA watershed
- 36 Conservation Authorities
- deliver programs & services valued at \$275M
- employ 3,000 people



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**Our Brand**  
Trusted Implementers of successful programs that get things done in the field with variety of partners.

**Unique Characteristics of Conservation Authorities**

- Rely on Science
- Watershed-based
- Value Partnerships
- Local Delivery

## USE AN INTEGRATED WATERSHED APPROACH TO ENSURE HEALTHY WATERSHEDS

- Watershed-based approach that addresses both land and water related resources
- Move beyond sector or single issue based approaches
- More effectively assess and balance ecological, social and economic interests

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### Conservation Authority Programs

- Watershed/Sub-watershed Planning
- Water Quality/Quantity Monitoring & Modeling
- Natural Heritage and Forestry
- Source Protection
- Watershed Stewardship
- Technical Input & Review – Land Use Planning
- Education & Recreation

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### 2011-2015 Strategic Plan

“The Partner of Choice for managing & adapting to climate change and growing the green economy.”

- Just completed updated Strategic Plan
- Will review in this meeting
- Handout provided
- Information will be online as well

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### Corporate Conservation Ontario

- Non-profit corporation
- Represents the network of Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities
- Governed by member Conservation Authorities
- Funded by members

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### Corporate Conservation Ontario

Mission/Fundamental Purpose

Promote and continually strengthen a watershed based conservation coalition in Ontario.

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### Corporate Business Functions

- Government Relations
- Policy & Planning Development
- Building & Maintaining Partnerships
- Corporate Communications
- Research & Information
- Evaluation & Reporting
- Education & Training



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## Online Members' Manual

- Background Information
- Council Meeting Dates
- Council Contact List
- By-Laws of the Association of Conservation Authorities of Ontario
- History of Conservation Ontario

[http://www.conservationontario.ca/about/Online\\_Manual.htm](http://www.conservationontario.ca/about/Online_Manual.htm)

