

## Partnering with Conservation Authorities

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Makes a Difference in Ontario's Watersheds



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Conservation Ontario appreciates partnership with TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

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#### TD FEF SPONSORED PROJECTS

**Environmental Education**  
[The Tiffin Environmental Education & Outreach Program](#) offered through the [Nottawasaga Conservation Authority](#). With the support of TD Friends of the Environment, the facility was able to purchase new solar house kits and portable solar panels.

**Halton Hikes**  
The Foundation

## CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY FOR TD FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION

NEWMARKET (December 20, 2010) Conservation Ontario congratulates [TD Friends of the Environment \(TD FEF\)](#) on its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and thanks them for their support towards numerous local projects dedicated to preserving the environment. Over the years, the foundation has provided more than \$53 million in support to more than 19,000 environmental projects.

The Foundation credits its success to the numerous community partners they work with to support and deliver grassroots environmental projects in communities across Canada. Ontario's [Conservation Authorities](#) are among those partners.

Since 2000, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation has funded more than **\$1 million dollars** to Conservation Authority projects including wetlands education, community tree plantings, community stewardship forums, children's water conservation festivals and more.

supports [Conservation Halton](#) Foundation's [Halton Hikes](#), a guide book, which assists people in the community to explore area parks, trail systems, farms, the Greenbelt and the Niagara Escarpment. TD Friends of the Environment supported the publication of the 2nd edition of Halton Hikes: *Outdoor Adventures Close to Home* which will have new information on wheelchair accessible trails and new trail listings for the area.

#### **Supporting Water Festivals**

TD FEF supported [Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's](#) [Durham Children's Water Festival](#), which educates Durham students about the importance of water in their daily lives, and how their actions affect their watersheds.



The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation was honoured with a special presentation to TD FEF's Executive Director, Mary Desjardins from Conservation Ontario Chair Dick Hibma on December 6, 2010.

Conservation Ontario represents Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities, local watershed management agencies located throughout the province and work in partnership with government, agencies and landowners.

#### **Supporting Watershed Reporting and Learning in the Upper Thames Watershed**

Since 2001, the [Upper Thames River Conservation Authority](#) has published environmental report cards for each of the 28 subwatersheds of the upper Thames Riverwatershed. The report cards present useful and relevant data on the environmental health of each of the subwatersheds in a user friendly manner and grades several environmental factors in the categories of forest conditions and surface water quality. TD Friends of the Foundation supports local students to develop their own report cards; and for teachers and students to participate in field study programs where they learn hands-on environmental monitoring and assessment techniques.

For more information:

[The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Watershed Report Card Education Program](#).



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