



Bancroft Area Stewardship Council

ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

Community members and partners in the Bancroft area working together to support responsible natural resource use and land management



*This Annual Report is
dedicated in honour of
our dear and respected friend*

Dennis LeFeuvre



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Bancroft Area Stewardship Council

Message From The Council

This year marks the 14th year of operation for the Bancroft Area Stewardship Council (BASC). We are very pleased to have had another great year with many successes; however it has also been a very difficult year for us with the sudden loss of our dear friend, respected member and Chair of our Council, Dennis LeFeuvre. We have dedicated this report in his honour; he was a driving force within the community of Bancroft and he will be sadly missed as a member of our Stewardship Council.

As you will read throughout this report our Council has remained very active on a number of projects and programs. We have been able to move forward with some exciting new projects including a community based FireSmart program involving a number of local municipalities and provincial fire staff. This pilot project will serve as a provincial model for other communities to follow. Also in 2009 we were involved with a number of lake trout assessments, which combined with previous years work, will complete the Community Fisheries Assessment Program. This program will now be shifting its focus to identifying brook trout creeks in the coming year. In 2010 the BASC will also be moving into the final phase of our strategic planning process and we hope to have a strategic plan in place by next year. We feel that this document, in combination with our State of the Resources report will be very valuable to the Council and our partners.

We have maintained many of our existing partnerships and continue to build new partnerships and expand our networks throughout the greater Bancroft Area. We are one of 46 community based councils that operate within the guidelines of the Ontario Stewardship Program. The stewardship program is continuing to evolve and move forward, and throughout this we recognize that the success of this program and the Stewardship Council is based on the volunteer council members and our partners in the community. As Coordinator with the Bancroft Area Stewardship Council I have had the honour of working with a number of volunteers and partners, and I am continually amazed at everyone's dedication to stewardship and the ethic of environmental stewardship. I am very pleased to provide this report to you, highlighting the successes of this Council and our partners in 2009-2010.

The Council would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jon Orpana for his work as Acting Stewardship Coordinator over the past year. His work with the Council is greatly appreciated and we wish him luck in the future.

Sincerely,

Suzy Shalla, A/Stewardship Coordinator
On behalf of the Bancroft Area Stewardship Council



OUR STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL Objectives and Guiding Principles

The mandate of the Bancroft Area Stewardship Council is to promote and support private land stewardship and the wise management and use of natural resources in the Bancroft area.

Our goals are to:

- Respond to community issues and concerns related to natural resources
- Provide a forum for discussion and investigation of issues relating to private land stewardship
- Provide education and information to landowners through an influence approach
- Promote resource sustainability and a healthy environment for present and future generations
- Promote and initiate natural resource based projects through community partnerships
- Support a balance between socio-economic values and natural resource based industries



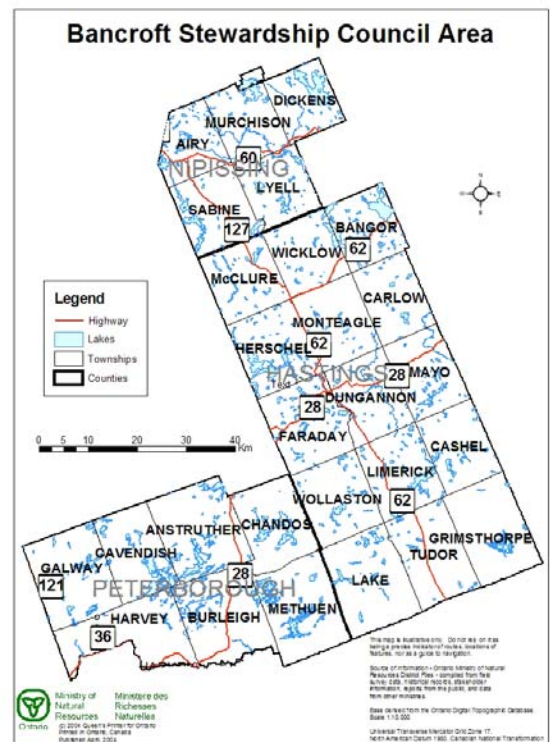
A typical scene in the Bancroft area.

Council Area

The Bancroft Area Stewardship Council services the southern half of Nipissing District (Township of South Algonquin), the northern portion of Hastings County, and the northern portion of Peterborough County (focusing mainly on the Township of North Kawartha) which is shared with the Peterborough County Stewardship Council.

Encompassing roughly 635,000 hectares, this area is characterized by many pristine cold-water lakes and rivers, forests and mineral deposits. Rough topography, abundant water and poorly drained organic soils limit access to many areas. Land ownership is mixed with roughly 60% Crown land and 40% private.

The settlement of the region was based on the logging industry, which continues to be the primary basis of the local economy. The unique area geology supports a cyclical mining industry, while agricultural and industrial sectors are very limited. Tourism and recreation has become an important four-season industry that has the potential for widespread expansion.



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Council Member Profiles

Doug Wellman (Vice-Chair)

Businessman and longtime waterfront property landowner; Past President of Anstruther Lake Cottagers Association Inc.; Lake Steward on Anstruther Lake.

Gordon Mackey (Financial Officer)

CEO with the Whitby Chamber of Commerce. Holds Certified Association Executive (CAE) and Certified Sales Professional designations with over 20 years experience in association management; member of the Tourism Association and Not for Profit Management/Tourism; has extensive experience in destination and tourism marketing, event planning and the agricultural sector

King Baker

Retired teacher; member of Ontario Nature, Bird Studies Canada, Ontario Field Ornithologists, Wilderness Canoe Association, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Peterborough Naturalists Club and Kawartha Nordic Ski Club; waterfront property owner, and Lake Steward on Chandos Lake

Cathy Best

Public Health Nurse; operates family-owned beef farm and representative for local agricultural community

Denis Brown

BASC Youth Representative; Director with the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery; avid fisherman and conservationist.

Terry Campbell (Past Chair)

Member of the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery; forest landowner and member of Bancroft Area Forest Industry Association; avid fisherman and conservationist

Betty Coutu

Retired college professor and registered nurse; President of Bancroft Field Naturalist Club; Recording secretary for North Hastings Interagency Group; Board member of Hospice North Hastings and Algonquin Forest Local Citizen Committee

Robert Craftchick

ANR Representative for Algonquins of Whitney & Area; Registered Professional Forester

Colleen Drew-Baehre

Educational advisor to the Council; High school teacher; member of Bancroft Fish & Wildlife Advisory Committee, North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery Education Committee, and Ontario Woodlot Association

Dan Freymond

Co-owner/operator of Freymond Lumber Ltd., member of Bancroft Area Forest Industry Association and Bancroft Minden Forest Co. Inc. (SFL); member of Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters, Bancroft District Fish & Game Protective Association, and Old Hastings Snow Riders; waterfront property owner

Kevin Hockley

Museum exhibit specialist with extensive knowledge of fish and wildlife; member of RMEF, Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters and the Canadian Taxidermist Association

Fred Werner

Consulting forester and member of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association; Chair of Bancroft Chapter of Ontario Woodlot Association; volunteer forest manager at Vance Farm Park, Registered Professional Forester

OUR 2009-10 PROJECTS

The following categories are used to summarize details of each project:

Partners = Total number of partners involved in the project, including the Stewardship Council

In-Kind Contribution = A dollar value quantifying the voluntary contributions (both material and time) contributed by partners. Time is calculated at \$9 / hour for students, \$15 / hour for adults, and \$25 / hour for professional services.

Funding = total dollars allocated to the project, including leveraged funds and contributions from the MNR and Stewardship Council

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Ontario Stewardship Rangers:

This 8-week summer employment program, sponsored by the OMNR and Trees Ontario, is a popular program for area youth and community partners. The team of four 17-year-olds and a Crew Lead completed a variety of projects that included forest management, tree planting assessments, trail maintenance, GPS mapping, fisheries assessments, and an overnight canoe trip. The Crew also participated in various training and educational initiatives, including First Aid, ORCA Level 1 Canoe certification, and job shadowing with a Conservation Officer.

Partners: 17 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$7,085.00 **Funding:** \$30,000 (Trees Ontario and MNR)



Envirothon:

16 students from North Hastings High School participated in a full day of training at the regional competition in Renfrew; learning about soils, forestry, aquatics, and wildlife. One team from NHHS went on to participate in the provincial competition in St. George (Tim Horton's Onondaga Farms).

Partners: 5 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$6,000 **Funding:** \$0

Outdoor Education Programs at North Hastings High School:

Support for high school outdoor education classes continues to be a strong focal point of the BASC. The Stewardship Council acts as a liaison for these programs providing input to course activities, monetary contributions and sponsors a youth achievement award for the top student in each program

Partners: 4 (main) **In-Kind Contributions:** \$11,750 **Funding:** \$1,000



FORESTRY

Tree & Shrub Planting Program:

The Tree & Shrub Planting Program provides low-cost seedlings to private landowners for a variety of applications, including wildlife habitat rehabilitation and shoreline applications. Seedlings are provided at a reduced cost or subsidized rate due to monetary contributions from forest industry and other local partners. In 2008 a total of 33 landowners planted 9,600 seedlings.

Partners: 11 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$5,300 **Funding:** \$665

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Tornado Recovery Tree Plant:

The Stewardship Council in partnership with Trees Ontario and BAFIA has worked toward the reforestation of private properties impacted by significant wind storm events. BAFIA volunteers identified willing landowners in areas of greatest impact with the most suitable planting conditions. Landowners covered the cost of site cleanup and preparation, while funds provided through Trees Ontario covered the cost of the seedling purchase and planting. 5,000 seedlings were planted on one property in 2009.

Partners: 4 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$2,500 **Funding:** \$2,500

Bancroft Area Forest Industry Association:

The Stewardship Council continued to provide assistance to BAFIA, a local organization of forestry professionals dedicated to promoting and sustaining the forest industry in the Bancroft area. BAFIA continues to have strong community outreach and is committed to working with youth in the community.

Partners: 5 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$9,000 **Funding:** \$0



Trenton Woodlot Conference:

The Trenton Woodlot Conference is an annual event co-hosted by the six Stewardship Councils covering the greater Quinte area that aims to raise awareness and promote wise woodlot management practices. This one day conference consists of indoor presentations, an exhibitors room for displaying woodlot management information and products, outdoor demonstrations and tours, and updates from various partner associations.

Partners: 8 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$2,700 **Funding:** \$1,800

FISH & WILDLIFE

Partnership Projects with DUC and NWTf:

The Stewardship Council continues to partner with the local chapters of Ducks Unlimited Canada and the National Wild Turkey Federation (Timberline Strutters) to improve wildlife habitat in the greater Bancroft area. The Council provided a financial contribution to both organizations to assist with habitat enhancement projects and supported local fundraising efforts and events.

Partners: 3 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$500 **Funding:** \$500

Take A Kid Fishing:

This annual event, co-hosted by the Stewardship Council and Bancroft MNR Enforcement Team, aims to introduce youth to recreational angling as a fun outdoor activity. Following a presentation by Conservation Officer Shane Brownlee, students from Coe Hill Public School were judged in a poster contest illustrating their interpretation of fish habitat. Six lucky students participated in a fishing trip on Wollaston Lake; each received a rod, reel and tackle box.

Partners: 7 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$1,475 **Funding:** \$250

Community Fisheries Assessment Program:

The Stewardship Council worked in partnership with the Bancroft District MNR and the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery to assess native (un-stocked) lake trout lakes. The results will be used by MNR to determine the status of the lake trout population and identify potential donor or recipient lakes for the local rehabilitative stocking program. Ten lake trout lakes were assessed in 2009. Financial support for this program was provided by the Ontario Stewardship Opportunity Fund.

Partners: 4 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$7,300 **Funding:** \$8,000



North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery:

This community-based hatchery is raising a unique, locally adapted strain of lake trout for stocking back into local, public lakes. This incorporated, charitable organization was able to secure two significant government grants, build many local partnerships, secure water resources, and implement various fundraising initiatives. Fish are now being raised in the facility and have been stocked into several local lakes over the past two years; 10,000 lake trout were stocked in 2010.



Partners: 3 (main) **In-Kind Contributions:** \$500 **Funding:** \$0

Nesting Box Program:

This partnership between the Bancroft Field Naturalist Club and the Stewardship Council supplies low-cost bluebird boxes and bat houses to landowners. All the materials and labour for this project are donated by generous local partners, with the proceeds from sales being split between the Naturalist Club and BASC.

Partners: 6 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$8,250 **Funding:** \$0

SAR Trail Re-routing Project:

This collaborative project brought together many partners to re-route a section of a multi-use trail to avoid critical nesting habitat for a species at risk. With financial support from the provincial SAR Stewardship Fund, Algonquin Provincial Park, and the MNR the new trail was completed in fall 2009 and the old trail was decommissioned. All ATV and snowmobile traffic is now using the re-routed section.

Partners: 9 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$3,650 **Funding:** \$60,000

Bancroft Area Bird Checklist:

In partnership with the Bancroft Field Naturalists the first seasonal bird checklist for the Bancroft Area was developed. The list was prepared by local bird expert Bruce Collins for the Naturalist Club and the design of the pamphlet done by the club. The checklists are available through various outlets for a minimal cost of \$1 per booklet.

Partners: 3 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$2,000 **Funding:** \$700

WATER AND WETLANDS

Lakeland Alliance:

The Stewardship Council remains a contributing partner in this regional collaborative of government agencies, NGOs, and community organizations working together to promote the stewardship of water resources in the greater Kawartha Lakes watershed. With the assistance of a Project Coordinator, made possible through an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, the Alliance was able to secure funds for a Lake Advisors Program as well as offer workshops throughout the year to targeted waterfront organizations.

Partners: 12 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$15,000 **Funding:** \$10,000



Lakeland Conference:

The Stewardship Council was a supporter of the ninth annual Lakeland Conference held in Haliburton on September 19th. A strong organizing committee, led this year by the Lakeland Alliance Project Coordinator, delivered an informative one-day program themed ‘Taking Action for the Health of our Lakes: Showcasing the efforts of our lake communities’. 110 waterfront property owners, cottage association and municipal representatives attended the conference.

Partners: 12 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$10,230 **Funding:** \$0

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'Wonders of Wetlands' Field Day:

The fourth and fifth annual 'Wonders of Wetlands' Field Days were held in 2009. The spring event was held on May 14th, and the fall event held on the 15th of October. These events were held at Joy Bible Camp with nine (9) schools that participated in the event; all sponsored by local donations through the Ducks Unlimited Project Webfoot Program.



Partners: 15

In-Kind Contributions: \$24,100

Funding: \$4,819.44

AGRICULTURE

Hastings County Farm Show:

The BASC partners with the other Quinte Area Stewardship Councils at the annual Hastings County Farm Show held in August. Scheduled events included demonstrations in sawmilling, tree planting, horse logging, timbersports demonstrations, as well as an exhibit area with free information and resources for landowners.

Partners: 6

In-Kind Contributions: \$4,500

Funding: \$1,500

COMMUNITY

Nurture Nature Series:

This is a series of fun, family-oriented demonstrations focusing on a variety of resource management related themes that aim to enhance appreciation and understanding of nature and the outdoors. Six sessions were held in 2009 — NHCFFH Tour, Earth Walk, Bats, Species at Risk, Wildlife CSI, and Wild Edibles. At all sessions, participants learned from expert guest speakers and were provided with hands-on learning opportunities. A total of 85 people participated in the sessions.

Partners: 4

In-Kind Contributions: \$3,400

Funding: \$500



Community Events:

The Stewardship Council continued to support various community events in 2009, including the Youth March Break event, Maynooth Madness and tree planting in Sparrow Park with a local school and the Town of Bancroft. These efforts enhanced awareness of the local Stewardship program and support for stewardship activities and action in the community.

Partners: 5

In-Kind Contributions: \$2,625

Funding: \$0

BASC Community Stewardship Award:

The Community Stewardship Award recognizes individuals and businesses/ partners that support and promote resource stewardship in our community. This award was not given out in 2009; it will be presented again in 2010.

Partners: 4

In-Kind Contributions: \$0

Funding: \$500

Spring Fishing News and Fall Hunt Camp News:

2009 was the fourth year for the Fall Hunt Camp News and the third year for the Spring Fishing edition of this feature publication produced by the Bancroft This Week newspaper. This project and partnership was facilitated by the Stewardship Council, with content on a variety of fish and wildlife management themes provided by Bancroft District MNR. Bancroft This Week coordinated the sale of advertising to cover the majority of publication and printing costs for both publications. 8,000 copies of each publication were distributed to households and businesses in the greater Bancroft area.

Partners: 4

In-Kind Contributions: \$11,750

Funding: \$1,000

FireSmart Community Extension Program:

The Stewardship Council is working with a committee comprised of MNR Fire Program staff and fire representatives from seven surrounding municipalities. This committee will be the first in the province to develop a cooperative program among the public and stakeholders who have a vested interest minimizing the risk of wildfires in communities. This pilot project will be used as a template for other communities in the province.

Partners: 10 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$6,750 **Funding:** \$2,500

BE FireSmart®**State of the Resources Report:**

The Stewardship Council completed a State of the Resources report for the greater Bancroft area in 2009. This comprehensive analysis and summary of the status of various natural resources will provide the basis for the development of a longer term strategic plan for the Stewardship Council, and will be shared for use by the project partners and other local organizations.

Partners: 3 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$3,000 **Funding:** \$0

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PROJECT STATISTICS SUMMARY

Total number of projects:	24
Total number of project partners:	164
Total in-kind contributions:	\$135,865.00
Total funding:	\$130,734.44
TOTAL LEVERAGED:	\$266,599.44

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

This statement represents only cash flow through the BASC account, and does not include assets, liabilities and equity.

Revenue:

MNR Seed Funding	\$9,550.00
Granting agencies, foundations, and partners	76,021.09
Project generated	\$11,637.84
Other sources / miscellaneous	\$85.13
TOTAL:	\$97,294.06

Expenses:

Project expenses	\$90,366.69
Support staff	\$0
Marketing, promotion, and printing	\$705.76
Office supplies and equipment	\$0
General and administrative	\$702.76
TOTAL:	\$91,775.21

Net surplus of \$5,521.85

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Stewardship Council recognizes the support of the following partners in achieving our 2009/10 work plan:

Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Board	Ministry of Natural Resources
Bancroft & District Chamber of Commerce	Municipality of Hastings Highlands
Bancroft Area Forest Industry Association	National Wild Turkey Federation
Bancroft District Fish & Game Protective Association	North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery
Bancroft District MNR	North Hastings High School
Bancroft District MNR Enforcement Team	Northumberland Stewardship Council
Bancroft Field Naturalist Club	Ontario Deer Hound Association
Bancroft Forestry Service	Ontario Federation of Agriculture—Hastings County
Bancroft Minden Forest Co. Inc.	Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters
Bancroft O.P.P.	Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters—Zone E, F
Bancroft Retriever Club	Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs
Bancroft This Week	Ontario Forestry Association
Bancroft Times	Ontario Nature
Baptiste Lake Association	Ontario Parks
Canadian Institute of Forestry	Ontario Provincial Police (Bancroft)
Canadian Tire (Bancroft)	Ontario Stewardship
Chandos Lake Property Owners Association	Ontario Woodlot Association
Cheshers Outdoors	Ontario Woodlot Association - Bancroft Chapter
Chisholm (Roslin) Ltd	Otonabee Region Conservation Authority
Community Fisheries & Wildlife Involvement Program (CFWIP)	Parks Canada (Trent Severn Waterway)
Community Futures Development Corporation of North & Central Hastings and South Algonquin	Paudash Lake Conservation Association
County of Hastings	Pepin's No Frills
Department of Fisheries & Oceans	Peterborough County Stewardship Council
Domtar Forest Resources / Norampac (Trenton)	Peterborough Green-up
Ducks Unlimited Canada	Prince Edward Stewardship Council
Ducks Unlimited—Bancroft Chapter	Quinte Conservation (CA)
Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship	R&L Bus Lines
Faraday Trout Lake Cottagers Association	Rally of the Tall Pines
Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations	Renfrew County Stewardship Council
Ferguson Forest Center	Richardson's Pineneedle Farms
Freymond Lumber Ltd.	Sir Sandford Fleming College
Frontenac Stewardship Council	Species at Risk Stewardship Fund (OMNR)
Gryphon Blooms	The Bancroft Times
Guides and Scouts Organizations	Timberline Strutters
Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association	Toronto Zoo
Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council	Town of Bancroft
Haliburton Muskoka Children's Water Festival	Township of Carlow-Mayo
Hastings Highlands Loggers Games	Township of Faraday
Hastings Stewardship Council	Township of Galway, Cavendish & Harvey
Hypoint Farm	Township of North Kawartha
Jack's Lake Association	Township of South Algonquin
Joy Bible Camp	Trees Ontario
Kawartha Region Conservation Authority	Trillium Lakelands Catholic District School Board
Lennox Addington Community Stewardship Council	Victoria Land and Water Stewardship Council
Limerick Township	Wilson's TIM-BR Mart
Lock, Stock and Barrel	Whitney and Area Algonquins
Mackey Management Inc.	Wollaston Township
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs	
Ministry of Environment	





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