



Bancroft Area Stewardship Council

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





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Bancroft Area Stewardship Council

Message From The Chair

This year marks the 15th year of operation for the Bancroft Area Stewardship Council (BASC), and the beginning of my term as Chair of the Council. I am very pleased to be writing this message and presenting the results of our Council's efforts and hard work over the past year in our Annual Report. We have had a number of changes within our Council membership, saying farewell to some long time members and friends, and welcoming new members to the table as well.

As a Council, we have continued working on a number of projects and have initiated new programs and partnerships as well. The partnerships that we maintain and continue to grow are of great importance to the successes of this Council, and the Stewardship Councils across the province. The BASC is very excited about a number of our current projects and looking forward to continuing with the development of key projects, including brook trout assessments through our Community Fisheries Assessment program. This program focuses on collecting valuable data from local streams through the assistance of volunteers in the community. We are also very happy to see some great advancement with the South Central Ontario Firesmart Committee which we have been involved with developing, and assisting this committee in moving forward with some great on-the-ground projects.

In the coming year the Council will be focusing on renewing our work plan and projects, and thinking about our projects more strategically. We will be spending time developing a new strategic plan which will guide our work direction over the next several years. This is a very important time for the BASC and we are looking forward to engaging in new opportunities, exciting partnerships, as well as expanding our networks throughout the local communities. In the 15th year of the Ontario Stewardship Program we recognize that there is a need for us to evolve with the world that is changing so quickly, and we hope that our new strategic planning will help guide us in this direction.

The success of the Ontario Stewardship program lies within the volunteer council members and our partners in the community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who work and volunteer with us, and a very heartfelt thank you to all of the members of the BASC who contribute so much to this Council. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Suzy Shalla for her tremendous support as our Acting Coordinator, and welcome back Jennifer Card to the position — we look forward to having you with us again!

Sincerely,
Doug Wellman



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



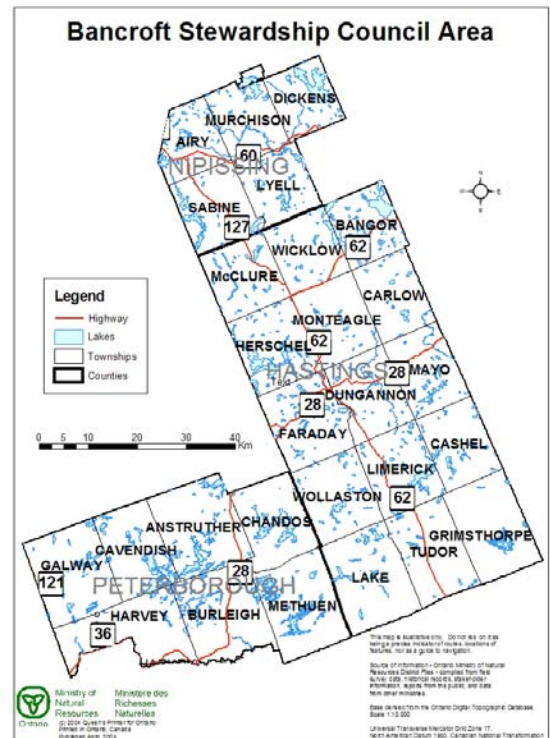
A typical scene in the Bancroft area.

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.



Council Member Profiles

Doug Wellman (Chair)

Businessman and longtime waterfront property landowner; Past President of Anstruther Lake Cottagers Association Inc., Lake Steward on Anstruther Lake and member of the North Kawartha Lakes Association.

Fred Werner (Vice-Chair)

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

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; past 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

Cathie Best

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

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 (Resource Advisor)

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 the Canadian Taxidermist Association and the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters.

Jessica Mrazek (Youth Representative)

Currently enrolled in the Northern Environmental Research and Design Studies program at North Hastings High School and will be attending Sir Sandford Fleming College's Fish and Wildlife Technology Program in 2012. Volunteers with the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery, and enjoys fishing, hiking and canoeing.

OUR 2010-11 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 \$10 / 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, 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, trail maintenance, GPS mapping, brook trout assessments and an overnight canoe trip. The Crew also participated in various training and educational initiatives, including First Aid, canoe training, and job shadowing with a Conservation Officer.



Partners: 16 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$7,370.00 **Funding:** \$30,000 (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, the "Rod Malloy Memorial Award" for the top student in each program



Partners: 3 (main) **In-Kind Contributions:** \$12,500 **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 2010 a total of 28 landowners, two cottages associations and two municipalities planted 9600 trees and shrubs.

Partners: 11 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$3,800 **Funding:** \$500

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Trees Ontario Tree Plant:

The Stewardship Council in partnership with Trees Ontario, BAFIA and Freymond Lumber 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 through the 50 Cent Program in 2010.

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: 6 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$8,000 **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: 9 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$3,150 **Funding:** \$2,100

FISH & WILDLIFE

Partnership Projects with DUC and NWTf:

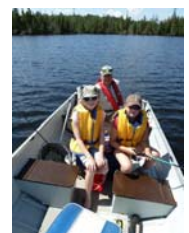
The Stewardship Council continues to partner with the local chapters of Ducks Unlimited Canada and the National Wild Turkey Federation to improve wildlife habitat in the greater Bancroft area. The Council provided a financial contribution to both organizations to assist with habitat enhancement projects 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 Darren Bishop, students from Hermon Public School were judged in a poster contest illustrating their interpretation of fish habitat. Six lucky students participated in a fishing trip on Fosters Lake and each received a rod, reel and tackle box.

Partners: 8 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$1,390 **Funding:** \$100



Community Fisheries Assessment Program:

The Stewardship Council worked in partnership with the Bancroft District MNR and the local volunteers to assess brook trout creeks. The results will be used by MNR to determine the presence/absence of native trout, and will aid in planning for fisheries and forestry purposes. Financial support for this program was provided by the Ontario Stewardship Opportunity Fund.

Partners: 4 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$3,150 **Funding:** \$6,000



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 build many local partnerships and implement various successful fundraising initiatives with support from the BASC. Both lake trout and brook trout are now being raised in the facility, 2010 is the first year for brook trout rearing. These hatchery raised lake trout have exceptional growth rates and the volunteers were able to stock 10,000 lake trout 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

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:** \$2,200 **Funding:** \$0

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, and grants from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Eco-Action, and RBC Bluewater the Alliance was able to secure funds for a Shoreline Advisors Program as well as offer workshops throughout the year to targeted waterfront organizations. Locally, Limerick Lake participated in the 2010 shoreline advisor program



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

Lakeland Conference:

The Stewardship Council was a supporter of the 10th annual Lakeland Conference held in Apsley on October 2nd. A strong organizing committee, led this year by the Lakeland Alliance Project Coordinator, delivered an informative one-day program with a good diversity of presentations. A total of 60 waterfront property owners, cottage association and municipal representatives attended the conference.

Partners: 11 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$17,500 **Funding:** \$0

'Wonders of Wetlands' Field Day:

The sixth annual 'Wonders of Wetlands' Field Day was held on October 7, 2010 at Joy Camp. Eight local schools participated in this event with a total of 225 students in attendance. The schools were sponsored by local donations through the Ducks Unlimited Project Webfoot Program.



Partners: 14 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$11,062 **Funding:** \$1,712

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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, 2010. Scheduled events included demonstrations in sawmilling and timbersports, 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 2010 — NHCFH Tour, Bees and Bee Keeping, Earth Walk, North Hastings Geology, Wildlife CSI, and Wild Turkeys. At all sessions, participants learned from expert guest speakers and were provided with hands-on learning opportunities. This series of workshops is a collaborative partnership with three local organizations: the Bancroft Field Naturalist Club, the Bancroft Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association, and the Bancroft Fish and Game Club. In 2010 a total of 89 people attended the sessions.

Partners: 4 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$3,500 **Funding:** \$500

Community Events:

The Stewardship Council continued to support various community events in 2009, including the Youth March Break event, Earth is Hiring Symposium, Apsley Trappers Carnival, Think Indigenous event, and programs with the North Hastings Children's Services. These efforts enhanced awareness of the local Stewardship program and provided important outreach and education opportunities.

Partners: 7 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$2,100 **Funding:** \$0



BASC Community Stewardship Award:

The Community Stewardship Award recognizes individuals and businesses/ partners that support and promote resource stewardship in our community. In 2010 this award was presented to Robert D. Robinson Logging for the business category and to Peter Chown for the individual category. Each recipient received a \$250 donation in their name to a local project of program of their selection. Mr. Robinson donated his to the Maynooth Loggers Games, and Mr. Chown donated his to the North Kawartha Lakes Association.

Partners: 4 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$0 **Funding:** \$500

FireSmart Community Extension Program:

The Stewardship Council is working with a committee comprised of MNR Fire Program staff and fire representatives from eight surrounding municipalities. This committee has been working on several initiatives this past year including a FireSmart signage project and the development of an annual work plan. In the coming year they will continue to implement a cooperative program among the public and stakeholders who have a vested interest minimizing the risk of wildfires in rural communities.

Partners: 10 **In-Kind Contributions:** \$6,900 **Funding:** \$6,500



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PROJECT STATISTICS SUMMARY

Total number of projects:	20
Total number of project partners:	149
Total in-kind contributions:	\$112,502.00
Total funding:	\$64,312.00
TOTAL LEVERAGED:	\$176, 814.00

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	\$8,100.00
Project generated	\$6,811.88
Other sources / miscellaneous	\$60.96
TOTAL:	\$24,522.84

Expenses:

Project expenses	\$13,227.20
Support staff	\$0
Marketing, promotion, and printing	\$400.59
Office supplies and equipment	\$71.17
General and administrative	\$619.13
TOTAL:	\$14,318..09

Net surplus of \$10,204.75

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Stewardship Council recognizes the support of the following partners in achieving our 2010/11 work plan:

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





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