



Toward a Healthy Watershed



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Our watershed has an abundance of spectacular natural features that make this region a great place to live, work and play. These natural resources provide tourism and recreational opportunities and contribute to a healthy natural environment.

Conservation Halton's vision is to create a healthy watershed with clean streams, vigorous forests, abundant green space and balanced growth that result in strong livable communities. As we work toward this vision, Conservation Halton will collaborate with its partners and stakeholders to deliver positive results.

For several years Conservation Halton has been using a results-based process to produce a strategic conservation plan for the watershed. Our plan, *Toward a Healthy Watershed*, was created in 2002 to guide our actions for a period of six years. The plan has recently been audited and updated for the remaining three years. It is the guiding document that is used to achieve our vision for the watershed.

Protecting the natural environment in the 21st century is a daunting task during times of rapid growth and unprecedented development. At the same time we have a great opportunity to create a healthy watershed that can be used as a model for environmental protection and balanced growth in southern Ontario.

I invite you to read our updated draft strategic plan and welcome your thoughts and comments. Conservation Halton is committed to a collaborative planning approach and your feedback is critical in helping us achieve our mission of protecting the natural environment for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

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Brian Penman
Conservation Halton Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Conservation Halton has an important role to play in protecting the watershed's significant natural environment. To help us achieve our vision and mission for the watershed, our environmental agency is pleased to present our draft conservation plan - *Toward a Healthy Watershed*.

Every three years, the plan is audited to ensure that current issues and community needs are considered and reflected in the plan. The audit is conducted to determine our successes and challenges and to refine and update the plan to ensure it protects and enhances the natural environment from lake to escarpment for present and future generations.

The first part of the audit involved a survey to stakeholders and staff and a workshop with the board of directors and the senior management team to develop the framework of the updated plan. The workshop included a review of Conservation Halton's mission, vision, organizational values and strategic goals. There was also a discussion on assessing the strategic environment and a session on refining our strategic directions. The result of this planning exercise was the development of a draft updated plan. *Toward a Healthy Watershed* builds on the principles of earlier strategic plans as it outlines specific strategic directions and actions to protect the natural environment. The draft plan also details how we will measure our successes with an emphasis on providing transparency and accountability with the results. We welcome your input to our draft plan that will help guide our conservation efforts in the years ahead.

Theresa Maguire-Garber
*CAO, Secretary-Treasurer
Conservation Halton*



FOREWORD

Conservation Halton's watershed is one of the most beautiful and diverse places in Ontario. Our watershed includes the world-renowned Niagara Escarpment, the Lake Ontario shoreline, Carolinian forests, creeks, valleys and rich wetlands. From archaeological sites and a rare glacial lake to the ancient cedars that cling to escarpment cliffs, the conservation lands in the watershed are a significant natural heritage that needs to be protected for future generations to enjoy.

Conservation Halton is the steward of the watershed's conservation areas, forests, creeks, Niagara Escarpment lands, source water protection sites and biodiversity. The environmental agency also provides recreational and educational opportunities for more than 600,000 people annually who visit Conservation Halton parks. This is a major responsibility that Conservation Halton delivers through its mandated programs that meet the needs of a broad client base.

Toward a Healthy Watershed is a combination of our long term strategic directions and current priorities. When the draft plan is finalized, it will guide Conservation Halton's environmental protection efforts to ensure that the watershed's health will be maintained or enhanced while meeting the current needs of local communities.



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Looking to the Future

Conservation Halton faces many challenges as it moves forward with its strategic conservation plan. Our ability to deal with these challenges will depend on how we are able to integrate our conservation actions with community growth.

Watershed residents and stakeholders need more information, transparency and accountability in environmental protection decisions and policies. There is increased demand for recreational opportunities close to home which places more demands on our protected natural areas. Current urbanization and development pressures are also creating greater expectations to protect natural areas and resources such as groundwater and forests.

Conservation Halton has a long history of providing environmental protection programs within its watershed and will build on this strength as it looks to the future.



Conservation Halton's Mandated Programs

Conservation Halton is the community based environmental agency that protects, restores and manages the natural resources in its watershed. Conservation Halton has staff that includes ecologists, land use planners, engineers, foresters and educators along with a network of volunteers who are guided by a Board of Directors comprised of municipally elected councillors and appointed citizens. Conservation Halton is recognized for its stewardship of creeks, forests and Niagara Escarpment lands through science based programs and services. Our mandate includes the following primary roles:

Environmental Protection

Conservation Halton protects local ecosystems and contributes to the quality of life in communities throughout the watershed.

Water Resources Management

Conservation Halton manages water resources using integrated, ecologically sound environmental practices to maintain secure supplies of clean water, to protect communities from flooding and to ensure that environmental planning is an integral part of community development.

Forest Resources Management

Conservation Halton manages a large forest resource using sound sustainable forest management practices involving silviculture and wildlife habitat improvements which contribute to the health of the watershed's natural environment.

Lifelong Education and Recreation

Conservation Halton creates educational and recreational experiences in natural environments that enrich the lives of people of all ages by instilling awareness and appreciation of the watershed's natural heritage.



Halton's Environmental Protection Efforts

Conservation Halton works in partnership with local municipalities and the Province of Ontario to ensure long term protection of natural areas such as forests, wetlands, valleys and escarpment lands. These are some of our current conservation activities:

- ◆ Provide a water control and flood warning program to reduce the risk of property damage and loss of life due to flooding.
- ◆ Provide environmental planning services through input and review of municipal land use plans as well as develop and review plans for watersheds and the Lake Ontario shoreline.
- ◆ Work in partnership with local municipalities, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to ensure that waterfront developments are undertaken in a safe and environmentally sound manner.
- ◆ Plant trees and manage a large forest resource using sustainable management practices which contribute to the health of the watershed's natural environment.
- ◆ Active partner in the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan and the Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project. These long term conservation programs are designed to improve the quality of Burlington Bay and Hamilton Harbour.
- ◆ Administer regulations that were created to prevent loss of life and property due to flooding. The regulations also help prevent pollution while enhancing the natural environment.
- ◆ Implement the Hamilton-Halton Watershed Stewardship Program to encourage and assist with stewardship initiatives on private lands. The program is being undertaken in association with the Hamilton Conservation Authority and the Bay Area Restoration Council.
- ◆ Acquire and manage conservation lands to provide active and passive recreational opportunities while protecting the natural environment.
- ◆ Lead the development of a source water protection plan for the combined watersheds of Conservation Halton and the Hamilton Conservation Authority.
- ◆ Conduct educational programs that promote watershed health. This includes community outreach efforts that involve volunteers working for conservation.



Community Benefits from Conservation Actions

For almost 50 years, Conservation Halton has been responsible for environmental planning, flood control, preservation of natural lands and creating parks and green space for public enjoyment and watershed health. These programs benefit municipalities, watershed residents and ratepayers, landowners, developers, farmers, provincial ministries, schools and the academic community, planners, building officials, consultants, lawyers and recreation seekers such as hikers, naturalists, skiers, anglers, campers and boaters. More than 600,000 people visit Conservation Halton parks each year. Conservation Halton annually reviews more than 1000 planning applications, fill and floodplain permits, provincial policy applications, along with participation on technical review teams. Conservation Halton provides the following community benefits:

- ◆ Preservation of wetlands for water quality improvement.
- ◆ Protection of habitat for a wide range of plants and animals.
- ◆ Protection of large areas of natural significance.
- ◆ Provision of open space for public recreation and education.
- ◆ Efficient co-ordination of flood warning and control systems.
- ◆ Improvement of water quality by maintaining creek flows to dilute waste water from treatment plants.
- ◆ Maintenance of water quality and quantity to ensure the ecological integrity of our creeks and streams.
- ◆ Reduction of risk to life and property from hazards such as flooding and unstable slopes.
- ◆ Sustainable land and water use for future generations.
- ◆ Watershed health monitoring through baseline data.
- ◆ Forest improvements and restoration work on 3200 hectares of forested lands owned by Conservation Halton.
- ◆ Planting of seedling trees on private and public lands with approximately 2,225,000 trees planted since 1960.
- ◆ Restoration of healthy fish and wildlife communities to Burlington Bay/Hamilton Harbour.
- ◆ Water quality improvement from protection of watershed streams and groundwater sources.
- ◆ Protection of landowners, downstream neighbours and the creeks by preventing pollution and siltation.
- ◆ Protection of the natural environment, wetlands, valleys, floodplains and watercourses.
- ◆ Over 5,000 landowners have been contacted about their roles in protecting and enhancing wetlands, uplands and riparian areas.
- ◆ Increased public awareness and respect for natural heritage features.
- ◆ More than 45,000 students and teachers from 12 Boards of Education participate in Conservation Halton's education programs annually.



Assessing the Current Environment

As part of the strategic planning process, Conservation Halton assessed the current environment in the watershed relative to government policy, internal climate, and the community. Changes or realities were identified in each area along with the potential implications for Conservation Halton. This information, summarized below, was considered when developing our new strategic directions and goals.

GOVERNMENT POLICY

Top 5 Realities or Changes

1. Changes in government at all levels accompanied by changes in their focus (eg. Source water protection, greenbelt, the Mid-Peninsula Highway)
2. Competition for funding
3. Growing costs to participate in growth related OMB hearings
4. Need to improve funding relations and partnerships
5. Challenge of balancing short vs. long term initiatives - how to prepare and respond

Top 5 Implications for CH

1. Need for reserves
2. Need to develop a partnership accord
3. Need to break down the barriers (political, regional)
4. Need time to deal with growth and our legislated mandate
5. Need to enhance our status with all government partners (regarding planning in the watershed)

INTERNAL CLIMATE

Top 5 Realities or Changes

1. Increased environmental expectations
2. Competing priorities of board members
3. Need for a greater advocacy role for board members
4. Board is moving from an operational role to a directive role
5. Repercussions of change in senior management with conservation lands

Top 5 Implications for CH

1. Innate increase in workload on staff
2. Better communication to the public and "stakeholders" to develop champions for Conservation Halton
3. Develop an advocacy role for the board members
4. Board needs to come to a comfort level with the role they take on within defined guidelines
5. A lot of time and energy to correct issues

COMMUNITY

Top 5 Realities or Changes

1. Growth management and sprawl
2. Aging Infrastructure
3. Preserving natural areas
4. Water quality and quantity issues affecting ecosystems
5. Changing policy and regulations

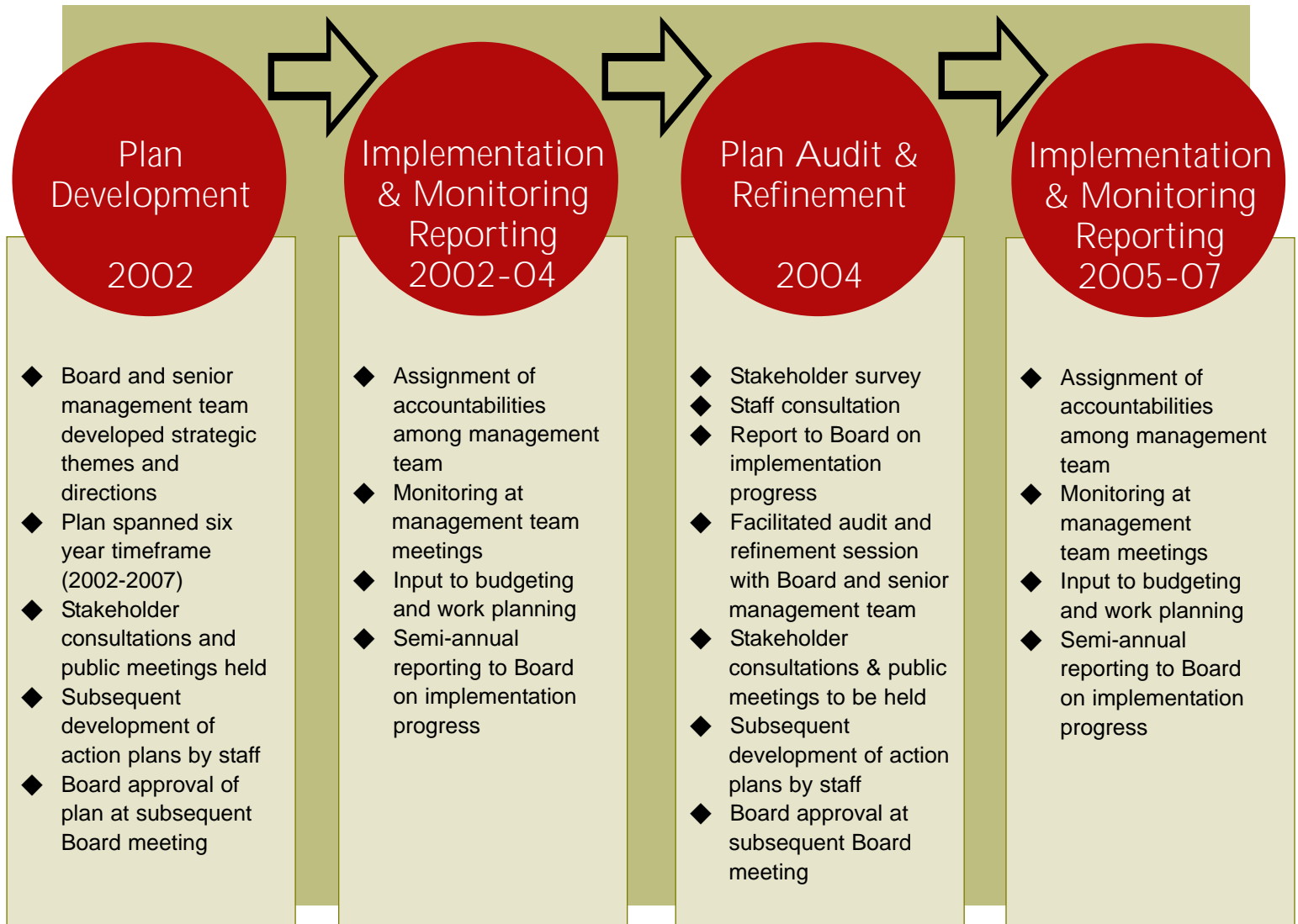
Top 5 Implications for CH

1. Heightened public awareness, expectations and Conservation Halton profile. Need staffing to meet expectations.
2. Sustained capital program for repairs and replacements.
3. Sustain and further our stewardship program and implement watershed plans; complete natural heritage strategy
4. Source protection and drinking water regulations. Raise & promote issue with provincial and federal governments.
5. Time pressures increased



Conservation Halton's Strategic Planning Process

In 2002, Conservation Halton developed a strategic plan, *Toward a Healthy Watershed*, for the 2002-2007 period. An audit of the plan was conducted in 2004, at which time we assessed our progress and refined directions to reflect changes in the current environment. An overview of the planning process is shown below.

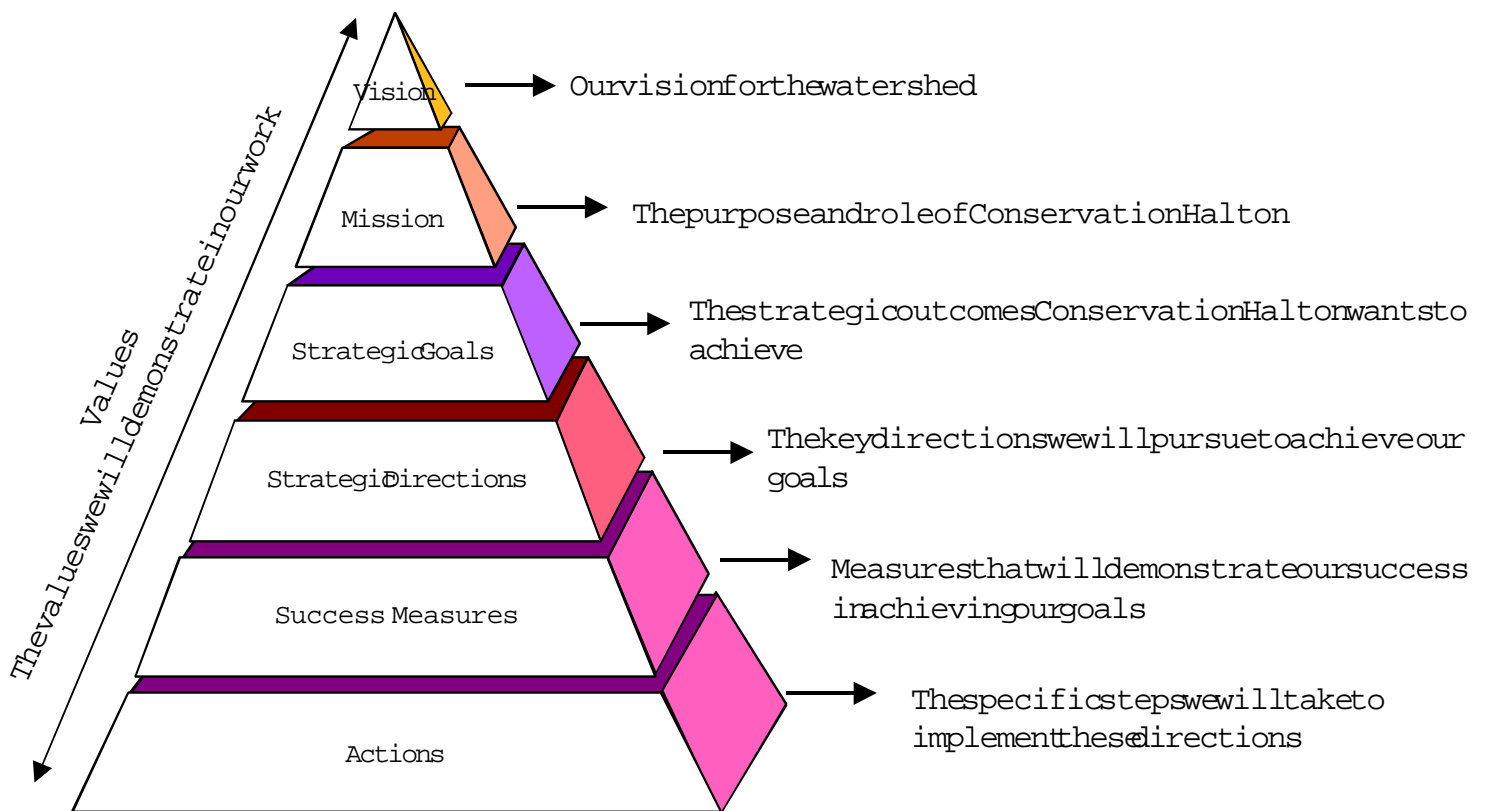




Strategic Directions Framework

Our updated plan, *Toward a Healthy Watershed*, builds on the directions established by Conservation Halton's previous strategic plans: *Inspired by Nature 2000* and *Toward a Healthy Watershed 2002* - while providing new directions in several key areas. The following elements provide the framework of our *Toward a Healthy Watershed* plan.

PLANNING FRAMEWORK





Conservation Halton's Vision, Mission & Values

Vision

Our vision is to create a healthy watershed with clean streams, vigorous forests, abundant green space and balanced growth that results in strong livable communities.

Mission

Conservation Halton's mission is to protect the natural environment from lake to escarpment for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Corporate Values

Conservation Halton's Board of Directors, its Foundation Board and staff will strive for excellence by embracing these values.

- ◆ Be committed to the well being of the environment.
- ◆ Be committed to continuous improvement and to valuing our stakeholders
- ◆ Be committed to accountability to the public.



Strategic Plan Goals

Conservation Halton's strategic plan includes three primary goals that will help us achieve our vision and mission.

1. A Healthy Watershed

Conservation Halton will strive to create a watershed with healthy ecosystems that safeguard human health and the quality of life for its residents.

2. Quality Recreational Opportunities in a Natural Setting

Conservation Halton will continue to provide quality and financially sustainable recreational opportunities in natural settings for the enjoyment of watershed residents and beyond.

3. Governance and Management Excellence

Conservation Halton is committed to governance and management excellence with our environmental protection programs including building financial stability for the organization and providing opportunities for the community to support conservation.



Conservation Halton's Strategic Directions

Toward a Healthy Watershed has the following strategic directions for each goal of the plan.

GOAL 1

A Healthy Watershed

- 1.1 Develop, enhance and sustain a natural heritage system for the watershed.
- 1.2 Integrate environmental planning with community growth based on an environment-first approach.
- 1.3 Provide watershed management programs to ensure the protection of life, property and natural systems.
- 1.4 Expand education and outreach efforts to promote watershed health.
- 1.5 Ensure protection and environmentally effective management of lands under Conservation Halton's stewardship.

GOAL 2

Quality Recreational Opportunities in a Natural Setting

- 2.1 Provide and promote environmentally and financially sustainable recreational experiences.
- 2.2 Develop outdoor recreational opportunities across Conservation Halton's lands.
- 2.3 Promote and develop partnerships for ongoing recreational opportunities across the watershed.

GOAL 3

Governance and Management Excellence

- 3.1 Build financial stability.
- 3.2 Manage our human resources effectively
- 3.3 Ensure effective governance by the Board of Directors.
- 3.4 Encourage and support fundraising programs of the Conservation Halton Foundation.



Proposed Actions and Success Measures

The strategies and proposed actions listed below detail how Conservation Halton will focus its efforts to achieve the goals of the plan. Success measures have also been included to determine how well we are performing and to monitor the effectiveness of the plan's strategies and actions. Monitoring performance and success will allow us to assess our progress and share the results with others.

GOAL 1 A Healthy Watershed

Strategy 1.1

Develop, enhance and sustain a natural heritage system for the watershed

Proposed Actions

- (a) Develop a co-ordinated approach for a natural heritage system with watershed partners
- (b) Define the objectives, strategies and targets for a natural heritage system.
- (c) Develop and implement programs to enhance and sustain the natural heritage system and reach targets established.

Success Measures

- ◆ Forest habitat compared to targets established
- ◆ Wetlands compared to targets established.
- ◆ Natural corridors and linkages in comparison to the targets established as per the natural heritage system map.
- ◆ Riparian (stream cover) habitat compared to targets established.

Strategy 1.2

Integrate environmental planning with community growth based on an environment-first approach.

Proposed Actions

- (a) Develop and implement watershed plans for Grindstone, Bronte, Sixteen Mile Creek and Northshore watersheds.
- (b) Support municipalities in the development and implementation of watershed studies.
- (c) Promote an environment-first approach in Municipal Official Plans.
- (d) Implement communication programs that focus on environment-first approach for planning community growth.

Success Measures

- ◆ Full municipal endorsements of watershed plans.
- ◆ Number of watershed plan recommendations implemented.
- ◆ Number of watershed studies completed.
- ◆ Increased community awareness through stakeholder survey.

Strategy 1.3

Provide watershed management programs to ensure the protection of life, property and natural systems

Proposed Actions

- (a) Lead the development of a source water protection plan for the combined watersheds of Conservation Halton and the Hamilton Conservation Authority in co-operation with all municipalities involved.
- (b) Complete Generic Regulations and associated mapping.
- (c) Establish and implement a review of flood and erosion control infrastructure and develop a ten year capital plan.
- (d) Promote and deliver landowner stewardship programs.
- (e) Develop a watershed reforestation plan with forest cover targets, restoration objectives, and a tree planting strategy that is co-ordinated with watershed municipalities and other stakeholders.
- (f) Develop an environmental monitoring plan for the continued assessment of environmental health.

Success Measures

- ◆ Improvements in surface and groundwater quality to meet established objectives.
- ◆ Improvements to monitoring for surface and groundwater quantity to meet established objectives.
- ◆ Adoption of new Generic Regulations.
- ◆ Comparative number of new landowner stewardship agreements.
- ◆ Number of hectares protected through acquisition and conservation easements.
- ◆ Number of hectares reforested.

Strategy 1.4

Expand education and outreach efforts to promote watershed health

Proposed Actions

- (a) Conduct a government relations program based on best practices for building strong relationships with government, professionals and elected officials.
- (b) Develop and implement a community outreach strategy.
- (c) Develop advocacy strategies that include clear positions on environmental issues and effective ways of communicating them.
- (d) Develop effective partnerships with the watershed community.
- (e) Develop an action plan and budget for the 50th anniversary of Conservation Halton.
- (f) Develop an organization wide branding strategy.
- (g) Undertake stakeholder and visitor surveys to identify needs and measure effectiveness of education and outreach efforts.
- (h) Inventory and adapt educational activities to meet market needs.
- (i) Develop a strategy for a volunteer program that contributes to watershed health.

Success Measures

- ◆ Increased awareness of Conservation Halton through responses to surveys.
- ◆ Increased inquiries on website.
- ◆ Increased participation in educational programs.
- ◆ Increased financial support from government.
- ◆ Increased partnership programs and projects.
- ◆ Increased volunteer participation.

Strategy 1.5

Ensure protection and environmentally effective management of lands under Conservation Halton stewardship.

Proposed Actions

- (a) Develop and implement master plan and management strategies for Conservation Halton lands.
- (b) Develop and implement forest management plans for Conservation Halton lands.
- (c) Develop and implement an environmental sustainability strategy for Conservation Halton lands.
- (d) Protect and promote the cultural heritage resources located on Conservation Halton lands.
- (e) Develop partnership opportunities for effective land management.

Success Measures

- ◆ Number of initiatives put in place to maximize environmental sustainability actions.
- ◆ Increased number of land management partnerships.
- ◆ Completion of master plans.
- ◆ Number of master plan recommendations implemented.

GOAL 2 Quality Recreational Opportunities in a Natural Setting

Strategy 2.1

Provide and promote environmentally and financially sustainable recreational experiences.

Proposed Actions

- (a) Complete marketing surveys for each conservation area offering recreational programming.
- (b) Prepare five-year business plans for each conservation area offering recreational programming (each plan must be at least revenue neutral).
- (c) Prepare a ten-year capital forecast for each conservation area, which includes an implementation plan reliant on revenues.

Success Measures

- ◆ Measure actual results against park business plans.
- ◆ Visitation growth.

Strategy 2.2

Develop outdoor recreational opportunities across Conservation Halton lands

Proposed Actions

- (a) Preparation and implementation of a plan to co-ordinate recreational activities on Conservation Halton lands.
- (b) Develop and implement a watershed trail strategy on Conservation Halton lands in relation to other trails.

Success Measures

- ◆ Increased cross-marketing actions.
- ◆ Program audits measuring compliance with the co-ordinated recreational plan.

Strategy 2.3

Promote and develop partnerships for ongoing recreational opportunities across the watershed.

Proposed Actions

- (a) Identify partnership opportunities.
- (b) Develop and promote partnership programs in recreation
- (c) Develop and implement a volunteer program that contributes to providing quality recreational opportunities.

Success Measures

- ◆ Increased educational and recreational partnership programs.
- ◆ Increased volunteer participation.

GOAL 3 Governance and Management Excellence

Strategy 3.1

Build financial stability

Proposed Actions

- (a) Develop a funding formula and a ten year financial model for Conservation Halton (including budget principles).
- (b) Develop a budget protocol to apply the model.
- (c) Develop new partnerships to support financial stability.

Success Measures

- ◆ Approval of funding formula and financial model.
- ◆ Support for funding model by stakeholders.

Strategy 3.2

Manage our human resources effectively

Proposed Actions

- (a) Develop a comprehensive human resources plan.
- (b) Implement the human resources plan.
- (c) Interview full-time staff who leave Conservation Halton and modify systems and actions based on lessons learned.

Success Measures

- ◆ Increasing staff satisfaction.
- ◆ Increasing applications received for positions.
- ◆ Staff retention statistics.
- ◆ Increased staff training actions.

Strategy 3.3

Ensure effective governance by the Board of Directors

Proposed Actions

- (a) Implement recommendations developed as a result of the board effectiveness survey.
- (b) Define an advocacy role and plan for the board.
- (c) Provide opportunities for informal meetings and information sharing among members of the Board.
- (d) Develop periodic summary packages of key information for members of the Board.

Success Measures

- ◆ Board effectiveness surveys.
- ◆ Strategic plan progress.
- ◆ Increased Board advocacy actions.
- ◆ Board member attendance.
- ◆ Increased Board member support for the Conservation Halton Foundation.

Strategy 3.4

Encourage and support fundraising programs of the Conservation Halton Foundation.

Proposed Actions

- (a) Provide Conservation Halton Foundation with staff resources.
- (b) Assist the Foundation in developing fundraising strategies and targets over a five year period.
- (c) Assist the Foundation in recruiting appropriate directors to reach a full Board complement.

Success Measures

- ◆ Increased endowment support.
- ◆ Increased annual donations.



Implementation

Conservation Halton will implement its strategic conservation plan - Toward a Healthy Watershed - during the next three years. Work plans with critical paths and assigned actions will be prepared along with identified indicators to monitor our success.

To ensure maximum success in implementing the plan, priorities have been established regarding the order and timing of each strategic direction. All strategic directions are important and will be addressed over the course of the plan. The priority ranking, determined by the Board and senior staff during the plan audit session, includes the following.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION	
1	Provide watershed management programs to ensure the protection of life, property and natural systems
2	Build financial sustainability
3	Ensure protection and environmentally effective management of lands under Conservation Halton stewardship
4	Integrate environmental planning with community growth based on an environment-first approach
5	Manage our human resources effectively
6	Develop, enhance and sustain a natural heritage system for the watershed
7	Expand education and outreach efforts to promote watershed health
8	Promote and develop partnerships for ongoing recreational opportunities across the watershed
9	Develop branded outdoor recreational opportunities across Conservation Halton lands
10	Provide and promote environmentally and financially sustainable recreational experiences
11	Ensure effective governance by the Board of Directors
12	Encourage and support fundraising programs of the Conservation Halton Foundation



Stakeholder and Public Consultations

Before finalizing the Toward a Healthy Watershed Plan, Conservation Halton welcomes feedback and comments about our goals, strategic directions and proposed actions. In April, Conservation Halton will be hosting a public open house on the draft strategic plan. We will consider the views and ideas expressed at this meeting as well as written submissions from stakeholders, other organizations or interested citizens. Conservation Halton has also developed an online survey on the draft strategic plan. The survey will be sent to all relevant stakeholders as well as posted on our website. All feedback will be reviewed by Conservation Halton prior to approval of the final plan.

Moving Forward

Conservation Halton is committed to a healthy watershed, quality recreational experiences in natural settings, and governance and management excellence. These strategic goals will help us achieve our vision of a watershed with clean streams, vigorous forests, abundant green space and balanced growth that result in strong livable communities.

There will be many challenges in protecting the watershed's natural environment but Conservation Halton will build on its strengths to meet the demands of increased growth and development.

We will work to enhance the natural heritage system in the watershed and ensure that environmental planning is integrated with growth. We will also promote watershed health and provide environmentally and financially sustainable recreational experiences for watershed residents. We are also committed to governance and management excellence to maintain our conservation focus.

As we move forward with our Toward a Healthy Watershed Plan we will collaborate with watershed stakeholders and residents to provide accountable and transparent conservation actions that will benefit current and future generations.

Conservation Halton's watershed includes 948 square kilometres of land drained by 17 watercourses that flow into Lake Ontario. The watershed's natural environment includes unique geological features, environmentally sensitive habitats and rich wetlands. Conservation Halton has acquired more than 9,000 acres of conservation lands that are being protected as well as allowing residents to hike, ski, fish, swim, cycle in natural settings close to home all year long.



- Conservation Areas**
- Conservation Lands**
- Restorative Management Areas**
- R1 Shaanahan
- R2 Twins
- R3 McKenzie-Davis
- R4 McCroan
- R5 McLean
- R6 Triss
- R7 Crawford
- R8 Escarpment
- R9 Little
- R10 Kiwanis
- R11 Lake Medad
- R12 Medad Valley
- R13 Bunker
- R14 Knight
- R15 Albert
- R16 Harrison
- R17 Yarensko
- R18 Yarensko-Ridley
- R19 Freeman
- R20 Fucarelli
- R21 Kassatt
- R22 Kerncliff
- R23 Waterdown Woods
- R24 Grindstone Creek
- R25 Clappison Woods
- Flood Plain Lands**
- F1 Morrison
- F2 McCrae
- F3 Porter & Bort
- F4 Queen Elizabeth Way
- F5 Stewart
- F6 Sinclair
- F7 Garside
- F8 Merton Highway
- Water Control Areas**
- WC1 Morrison-Wedgewood Diversion
- WC2 Hager-Rambo Diversion
- WC3 Scotch Block Reservoir
- WC4 Milton Channel
- WC5 Halton Hills-Ch
- Waterfront Lands**
- W1 Cockburn-Greenhouse
- W2 Burlington Beach

- Other Protected Lands**
- Halton Region Agreement Forests**
- A1 Frank Tract
- A2 Conley Tract
- A3 Elliot Tract
- A4 Britton Tract
- A5 Robertson Tract
- A6 Mahon Tract
- A7 Turner Tract
- A8 Cox Tract
- A9 Carrie Tract
- A10 Laking Tract
- A11 Snyder Tract
- A12 Acton Tract
- A13 Finney Tract
- A14 Coulton Tract
- Waterfront Parks**
- Watershed Boundary**
- Municipal Boundaries**
- Niagara Escarpment**
- Watercourses**

- Watershed Trails**
- Bruce Trail - Main
- Bruce Trail - Side Trail
- Waterfront Trail

