



Quinte CONSERVATION



Protecting the places you cherish

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Quinte Conservation is one of Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities. We are a community based environmental protection agency. Our main goal is to ensure the healthy co-existence between the community, its environment and its economy. Our area of jurisdiction includes the watersheds of the Moira, Napanee and Salmon Rivers and all of Prince Edward County.

We provide important conservation advisory services to our 18 local municipalities within our 6,000 square kilometer region. We own over 12,000 hectares of land and 39 water control structures. Our success is based on local initiative, watershed jurisdiction and partnerships in resources management. We provide cost-effective environmental expertise to local communities.

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Our mission is to create a sustainable ecosystem where people and nature live in harmony. Our vision is for Quinte Conservation to be the premier ecologically sustainable watershed.

MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES

Representatives from each of the 18 municipalities within the watersheds serve on Quinte Conservation's Board of Directors. There is an Advisory Board for each watershed; Moira River, Napanee Region and Prince Edward Region.

PARTNERS

Quinte Conservation's primary partners in conservation are our 18 local municipalities. We also work with the provincial and federal government, community groups, trail and naturalist associations, landowners, service clubs, "Friends of" groups, local school boards and businesses.

HISTORY

Quinte Conservation was formed in 1996 with the merger of the Moira, Napanee Region and Prince Edward Region Conservation Authorities. More information on our history can be found on our website at www.quinteconservation.ca.

BUDGET

Our budget is over four million dollars a year. Of that, the municipal levy is less than one million. Other funding sources include; government, grants, user fees, donations and fundraising.

STAFF

Our staff of over 25 includes a water resources engineer, environmental planner, forestry specialist, naturalist, financial coordinator, field technicians and other environmental specialists.

FLOOD PROTECTION

Quinte Conservation provides services to reduce the threat of loss of life and property damage such as flood warnings, flood forecasting and the operation and maintenance of flood control structures.

LOW WATER RESPONSE

Quinte Conservation coordinates the local Low Water Response Team that provides information, leadership and preparedness in the event of a drought.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

We review and provide input for changes to municipal planning documents. We also offer technical advice regarding environmental issues for legal and development inquiries.

WATER QUALITY MONITORING

Quinte Conservation carries out sampling in rivers and streams to better understand watershed health. We also participate in the Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network and the Ontario Benthos Biomonitoring Network.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

Quinte Conservation is supporting the work of the Quinte Region Source Protection committee by gathering technical information required for the preparation of a plan to protect sources of municipal drinking water. You can find more information at quintesourcewater.ca.

MANAGED FORESTS

All Quinte Conservation properties are managed according to approved Forest Management Plans.

WATER CONTROL STRUCTURES

Quinte Conservation owns, operates and maintains 39 water control structures, 14 of which are for flood control. Others provide seasonal recreation, low flow augmentation and local water supply.

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Quinte Conservation provides technical information services to municipalities as well as conservation and environmental information to the public and media.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

We offer a diverse outdoor program including evening and weekend interpretive events. There are also workshops, summer day camps for children, school outreach programs, and a spring water safety program

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION

Quinte Conservation participates in the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network collecting water quality and quantity data from 31 local wells.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Water quality and quantity can be adversely affected by stormwater. We provide "one-window" service, technical advice and review of stormwater management plans for local municipalities, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of the Environment and other local Conservation Authorities.

FLOODPLAIN ADVICE

Quinte Conservation provides technical advice to municipalities, landowners, lawyers and developers. We review development proposals in regulated areas.

CONSERVATION ADVICE

We provide technical advice to encourage protection and restoration of healthy, natural shorelines and wetlands.

FISH HABITAT PROTECTION

Quinte Conservation performs inspections under Section 35 of the Federal Fisheries Act for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

TREE SEEDLING ORDERS

Quinte Conservation provides technical advice and a seedling stock owner service to landowners.

BAY OF QUINTE REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

Quinte Conservation works with Lower Trent Conservation and federal and provincial partners on the "Big Cleanup" of the Bay of Quinte.