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Attention: Conservation Partner

Dear Conservation Partner,

Re.: Invitation for nominees to Conservation Strategy Development Team

Twenty years ago, people in the Ausable Bayfield community began meeting to create a Conservation Strategy. They were anglers, farmers, municipal representatives, planners, and members of nature groups, stewardship groups, and the public. They forged a vision and mission for conservation in this area, determined and ranked issues, and decided plans of action. Their plan has served our area well for almost two decades but we need to ensure we're still on track.

We invite you to nominate yourself, or someone else, to join the development team that will create a new Conservation Strategy. Their time commitment would be to attend one two-hour meeting each month between September 2010 and September 2011.

We know people are very busy and your time is very valuable. We are providing members the option to attend face-to-face meetings monthly or to join an online group, which will have an Internet-based meeting each month.

If you think you might be interested in joining the Conservation Strategy development team, or want more information, please contact the ABCA and talk to Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist, ideally by July 31. Feel free to phone him at 519-235-2610, or toll-free 1-888-286-2610, ext. 248, or on his cell phone at 519-719-3805, or e-mail him at tcumming@abca.on.ca

We also invite you to take part in an online web and telephone information hour on Wednesday, July 7 at 3 p.m. Let us know if you are interested in joining this online information hour and we will send you details.

Creation of a Conservation Strategy is very important and will chart the course for the future. We hope you will be able to help guide this important work.

Sincerely,

AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Jim Ginn, Chair, Board of Directors