

Towards a New Conservation Strategy



Ausable Bayfield Conservation

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Agenda

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Welcome ...

- Tom Prout, General Manager and Secretary Treasurer, ABCA

Round table

- Who is taking part today?

What is a conservation strategy?

- This is the *community's* direction to guide local efforts to conserve land and water ...
- This action plan will give guidance to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors, staff, member municipalities, the public and partners including governments and other agencies.





Integrated Watershed Management

Integrated watershed management is about multiple partners, representing different perspectives on how a watershed should be managed, making decisions together.

- Balancing environmental, human needs
 - Setting common priorities and goals
 - Not worrying about who gets credit
 - Conservation Authorities, municipalities, landowners, watershed communities, governments, agencies, youth ...
 - Integrating multiple efforts to protect land, water

Ausable Bayfield communities

What area
is included?





Watershed Community

Students, educators, farmers, planners, municipal representatives, retirees, property owners, public-at-large, environmental groups, local agencies ... **you**

Who else should be invited?

CONSERVATION STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

The following people provided input to the development of the Conservation Strategy by attending two or more of the Conservation Strategy Working Group meetings between September 1991 and September 1992. The Authority greatly appreciates their dedication to the project.

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Lambton Wildlife Inc.
Township of Hibbert
Township of Tuckersmith
Lambton FA
Township of Usborne
Township of Stephen
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Township of McKillop
Township of Adelaide
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Huron County Planner
Town of Exeter
Township of Bosanquet
Town of Parkhill
individual
Town of Seaforth
Village of Lucan
Township of London
Middlesex County FA
MNR Wingham
individual
OMAF Perth
Village of Grand Bend
Middlesex County FA
individual
Huron County FA
MNR, Aylmer

Who is
invited?



Why do we need
a new strategy?

Why is it needed?

The community last met to develop a conservation strategy almost 20 years ago. A lot has changed since then - new staff, new leadership in local agencies and groups, new government policies, new environmental realities ...

- Making sure we're on the right path ...
 - Have our priorities and goals changed?
 - Have our objectives changed?
 - Do we need new action plans?

WATERSHED VISION STATEMENT

"Our vision is one of clean and usable watersheds where the needs and the needs of the natural environment are balanced to ensure quality of life and biological diversity today and in the future."



The Vision Statement is intended to provide a picture of what the watersheds will be in twenty years. The Vision Statement relates to the Conservation Authority's geographical unit.

The intent of maintaining and improving the quality of life and the lives of the watershed was an important basis for this

MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the ABCA is to provide leadership, in co-operation with the community, to manage the watershed resources now and in the future."

The Mission Statement describes the role of the Conservation Authority.

The ABCA will provide leadership and management. The Mission Statement is the co-operation with the community, interest groups, agencies and individuals. It describes the way in which activities in the watershed will be managed, positively or negatively impact other ecosystems, and the way in which the ABCA and all those who have a stake in the watershed will co-operate to utilize human and financial resources.

OBJECTIVES

An objective is the means by which goals are achieved. It relates directly to the mission statement.

What will your role be?

What does a team member do?

Each member of the Conservation Strategy Development Team will meet no more than once a month between September 2010 and September 2011.

- Define major objectives
 - Create vision statement, mission statement
 - Set goals, set objectives
 - Define and rank environmental issues
 - Create action plans for each of the main issues

#5 Environmental Issue: Planning

waste management, lakeshore development, pits and quarrying

#5 Goal Provide watershed planning assistance for the wise use of natural resources.

Objectives

1. Co-operate with related agencies and interest groups and develop partnerships when beneficial.
2. Provide input to municipal planning documents and bylaws.
3. Assist landowners with the development of land use plans.
4. Continue administration of the Fill, Construction and Alteration to Waterways Regulations to ensure proper use of floodplain lands and lands adjacent to unstable slopes.
5. Ensure that recreational opportunities on Authority lands demonstrate positive integrated environmental planning.
6. Fulfil the role of watershed planners and ensure that the concept of watershed planning (ecosystem planning) is incorporated into the municipal planning process.



Action Plans

- *1. Maintain contact with municipal and county staff. (2)
- *2. Co-operate with other concerned agencies to achieve the watershed goals. (all goals)
- *3. Continue participating in the development of municipal official use by-laws and regulations by insisting that municipal policies reflect watershed vision. (all goals)
4. Fulfil the role of watershed planners to ensure that the watershed planning (ecosystem planning) is incorporated into the planning process. (all goals)



Discussion

- Are you interested in attending in person?
- Are you interested in attending online?
- How could the two be combined?
- Days, times, locations for meetings ...
 - What day of week works for you?
 - What time of day works for you?
 - Date of first meeting?
 - What computer or social media tools do you use?

Questions?



What questions do you have?

Thank you!



We hope you will want to be involved ...