

AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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Central Huron

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Middlesex Centre

North Middlesex

Perth South

South Huron

Warwick

West Perth

Huron East

Re.: Date set for first meeting of Conservation Strategy Development Team; nominations still welcome

We are gratified by the enthusiastic response of more than a dozen community members who have volunteered, so far, to join the development team to create a new Conservation Strategy to guide future conservation efforts in Ausable Bayfield watersheds. We also welcome others to take part to ensure we have enough people, with a range of perspectives, to accomplish this important task. If you have already nominated someone to this group, we thank you. If you have not yet nominated anyone, we invite you to consider nominating someone or joining yourself.

The date of the first meeting of the Conservation Strategy Development Team meeting has been set, thanks to input from a web conference held earlier in the summer. The first meeting takes place on **Wednesday**, **September 22** at **7 p.m.** at the Thompson Ltd. board room at **96 Nelson Street** in **Hensall**. (Enter the front door, and take stairs immediately to the right to meeting room.) For those who are unable to attend in person a teleconference and online web conference will be set up. Visit **abca.on.ca** for more information.

Volunteers are asked to attend one two-hour meeting each month between September 2010 and September 2011. If you, or a nominee from your organization, might be interested in joining the Conservation Strategy Development Team, or would like more information, please contact the ABCA and talk to Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist, at 519-235-2610, or toll-free 1-888-286-2610, ext. 248, or his cell phone at 519-719-3805, or e-mail him at tcumming@abca.on.ca

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, government agencies, 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 the right track. For more information on the Conservation Strategy please visit the development team web page at abca.on.ca by clicking on the 'Communities' tab at the top and then clicking on the 'Conservation Strategy Development Team' link.

Creation of a Conservation Strategy is very important and will chart the course for the future. We thank those who have already volunteered to be part of this team and encourage others to consider this opportunity to make a difference.

Sincerely,

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Jim Ginn, Chair, ABCA Board of Directors