

Zurich Conservation Area

A. Introduction

Zurich Conservation Area is a small property in Zurich managed by the Municipality of Bluewater. Adjacent to the ball diamond, Babe Siebert Community Centre and Zurich Drain, the picnic pavilion receives the main use. The woodlot requires management by doing an improvement cut and infilling with species appropriate for muck soils. There are only informal trails through the woodlot but the community has not shown an interest in further development.

B. Goal

To provide an area for recreation and to protect the Zurich Drain

C. Objectives

1. To provide an area for passive recreation
2. To protect water quality in the Zurich Drain
3. To provide habitat for terrestrial and aquatic species
4. To provide a site for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation Commemorative Woods

D. Action Plans

The current property condition meets the goals of providing a recreation area and protecting the Zurich Drain. However, the woodlot requires attention as is reflected in the following action plans.

1. Continue the management agreement with Municipality of Bluewater to complement the municipality's day-use recreation area.
2. Remove invasive species: *Phragmites*, buckthorn (especially in poplar windbreak) and Scot's pine.
3. Do a forest health improvement cut and infill open areas within forest.