

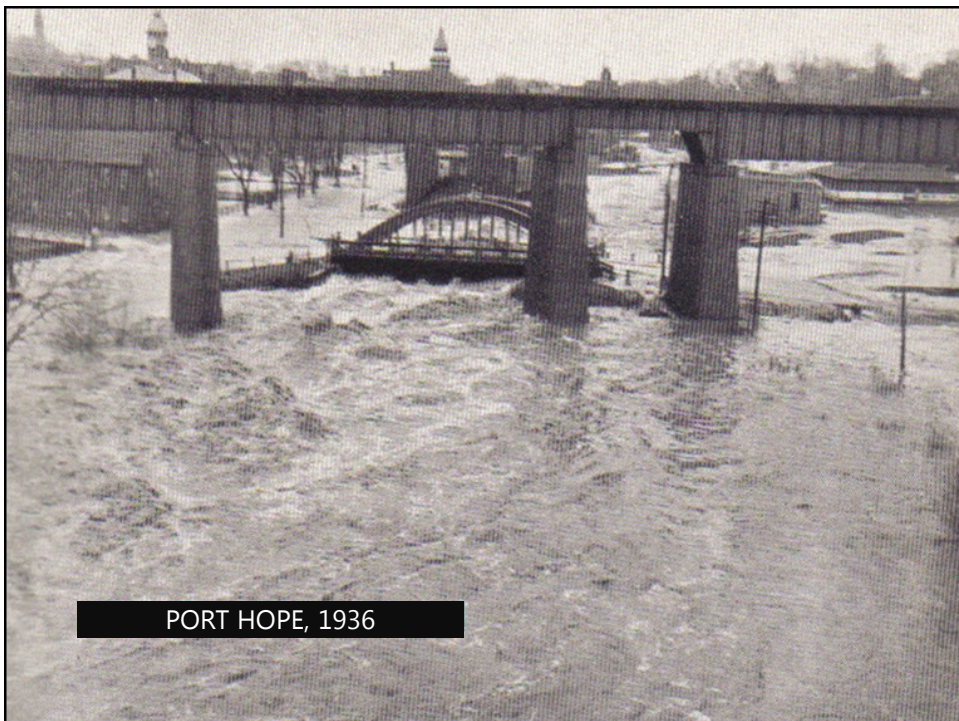


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**CONSERVATION  
AUTHORITIES ACT:  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

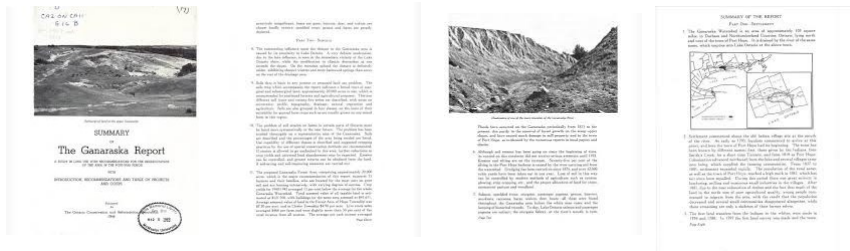
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PORT HOPE, 1936

As a result of the 1941 Guelph Conference, and the 1944 Ganaraska Report, local people requested the formation of conservation authorities, through their municipalities.



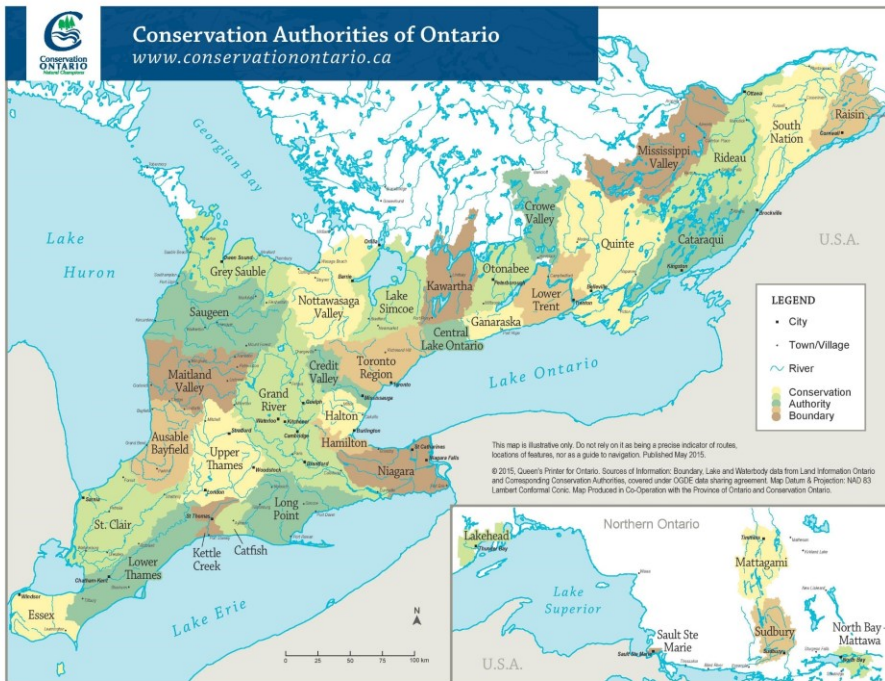
## CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACT

### Established in 1946 with the following legislated mandate:

- Based on a watershed area of jurisdiction
- Initiated by the municipalities located in the watershed
- Represented by municipally appointed members
- Responsible to the province of Ontario

### Conservation authorities have the power to:

- Study the ecological functions of the watershed
- Control waters to prevent flooding and pollution
- Determine and implement the appropriate methods to conserve, restore or develop the natural resources of the watershed



## PURPOSE, OBJECTS AND POWERS

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**20** (1) The objects of an authority are to provide, in the area over which it has jurisdiction, programs and services designed to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources other than gas, oil, coal and minerals.

**All unchanged – watershed focus, natural systems focus, water management focus**

## BILL 108: CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT

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**21.1** (1) An authority **shall provide the following programs or services** within its area of jurisdiction:

1. A program or service that meets any of the following descriptions and that has **been prescribed by regulations**:
  - i. Programs and services related to the risk of **natural hazards**.
  - ii. Programs and services related to the **conservation and management of lands** owned or controlled by the authority, including any interests in land registered on title.
  - iii. Programs and services related to the authority's duties, functions and responsibilities as a **source protection authority** under the Clean Water Act, 2006.
  - iv. Programs and services related to the authority's duties, functions and responsibilities under an Act prescribed by the regulations.

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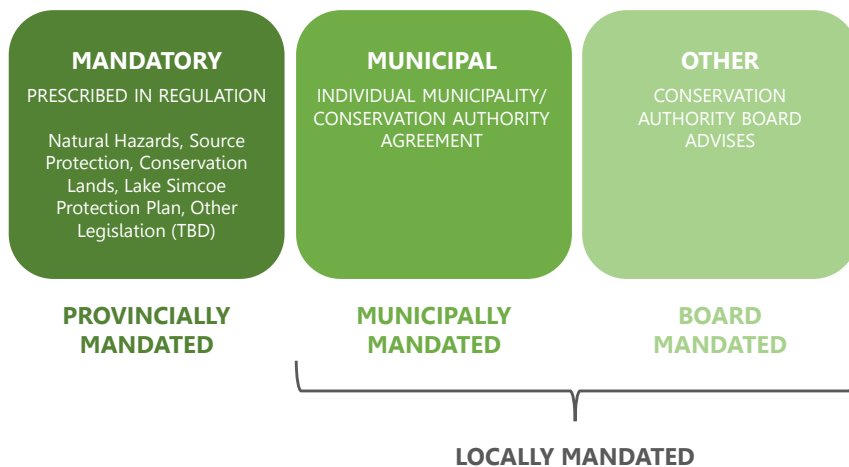
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2. A **program or service**, other than a program or service described in paragraph 1, that has been prescribed by the regulations on or before the first anniversary of the day prescribed under clause 40 (3) (h).

**21.1.1** (1) An authority **may provide** within its area of jurisdiction **municipal programs and services** that the authority agrees to provide **on behalf of** a municipality situated in whole or in part within its area of jurisdiction under a *memorandum of understanding* or such other agreement as may be entered into with the municipality in respect of the programs and services.

## PURPOSE, OBJECTS AND POWERS

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## ACT TO IMPLEMENTATION

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- Conservation Authorities Act passed in June 2019
- Conservation Authorities Act implemented by regulations
- Met with MOECP for one-on-one meetings in October-December
- Draft regulations have not been released
- Four public consultation sessions held



## GOVERNANCE

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- Board of Directors are formed to guide conservation authorities
- Board members are appointed by municipal governments
- Most members are elected councillors, some are citizen appointees
- Boards and committees can have variable structures

## GOVERNANCE

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### **Burlington**

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward  
Councillor Rory Nisan  
Mr. Gerry Smallegange (Chair)  
Mr. Jim Sweetlove

### **Oakville**

Mayor Rob Burton  
Councillor Cathy Duddeck  
Councillor Allan Elgar  
Councillor Dave Gittings

### **Halton Hills**

Councillor Moya Johnson (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Bryan Lewis

### **Milton**

Councillor Mike Cluett  
Councillor Rick Di Lorenzo  
Councillor Zeeshan Hamid  
Mayor Gordon Krantz

### **Hamilton**

Ms. Joanne Di Maio  
Dr. Zobia Jawed

### **Puslinch**

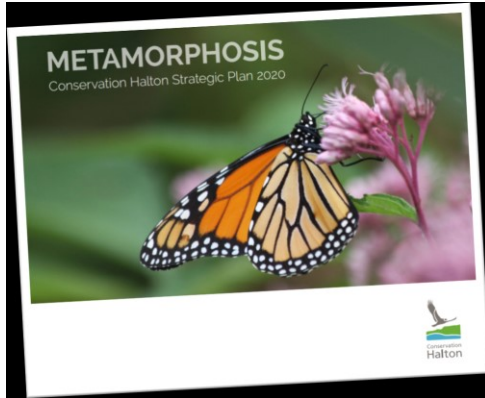
Mr. Stephen Gilmour

### **Mississauga**

Mr. Hamza Ansari  
Mrs. Jean Williams



## STRATEGIC PLAN



*This is the strategic plan that has been guiding us for the last two years.*



## ANNUAL REPORT




*This is the annual report that we have used to track progress on our strategic priorities.*

- ↗ Positive upward trend
- ↘ Positive downward trend
- ↗ Negative upward trend
- ↘ Negative downward trend
- ↔ Neutral trend
- On track
- On track with minor issues
- Off track

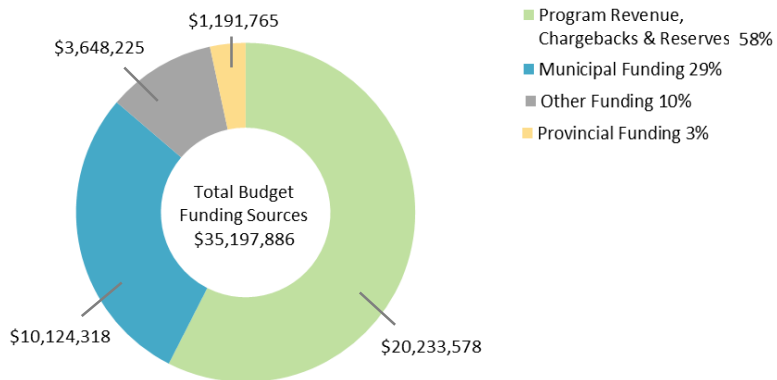
## 2020 BUDGET REQUEST

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- Sustainable management of provincial funding reduction
-  municipal funding increase within regional guidelines
- Asset Management Plan completed to support State of Good Repair Levy
- Continued transition to full cost recovery for program fees

## 2020 BUDGET FUNDING SOURCES

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## Conservation Halton Today



### CONSERVATION HALTON



- A** Ensuring transparent & accountable governance
- B** Supporting responsible & efficient finances
- C** Providing certainty & streamlining development approvals
- D** Protecting public health & safety & the environment
- E** Building resilient, healthy & engaged communities



## CONSERVATION HALTON

1M+ Park Visits    20,000 Parks Members    36,000 Snow Rentals    13,300 Water Rentals    6,500 Hops and Harvest    4,000 Challenge Course

116 Kilometers of Trail    190 Stations Monitored    5,700 Ash Trees Removed    82,200 Trees and Shrubs Planted    1,800 Stream Restored (m)

103 New Land in Stewardship (ac)    62 Stewardship Projects    \$27.11 Partnership Dollar Ratio

63,800 Education Participants    3,900 Water Festival    3,800 Ways of the Woods

2 Donkeys	3 Rabbits	3 Goats	4 Sheep	6 Horses
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**Growth and Climate Change**

Multi-layered solutions



## CONSERVATION HALTON LAND HOLDINGS

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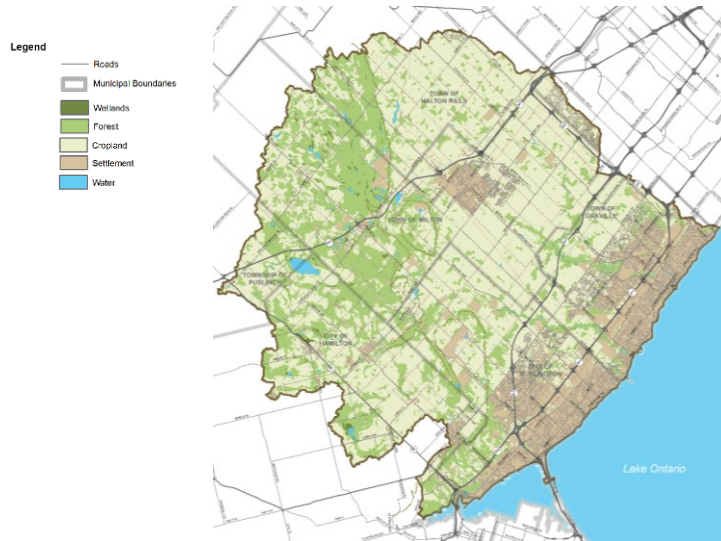
## CONSERVATION HALTON REGULATION LIMIT

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### LAND USE - 1990

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### LAND USE - 2010

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## HALTON WATERSHED - MILTON

1984



POPULATION: 28,000

2016



POPULATION: 110,100



### RESTORATION PROJECTS

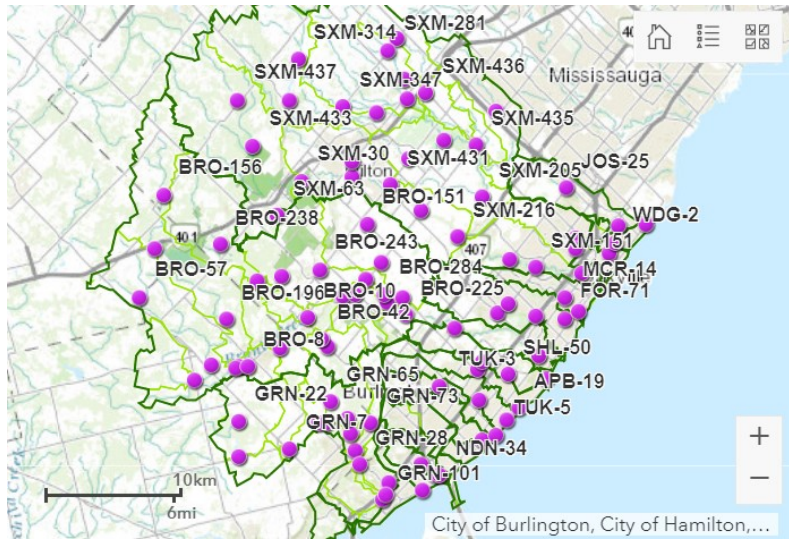
1. Wetland Creation (Private Landowner)
2. Brighton Beach Bioswale
3. Courtcliffe Park Channel Narrowing
4. Waterdown Homeowner Workshop
5. Agricultural Stewardship Project Tour
6. Municipal Natural Assets Initiative



**FLOODING AND EROSION PROJECTS**

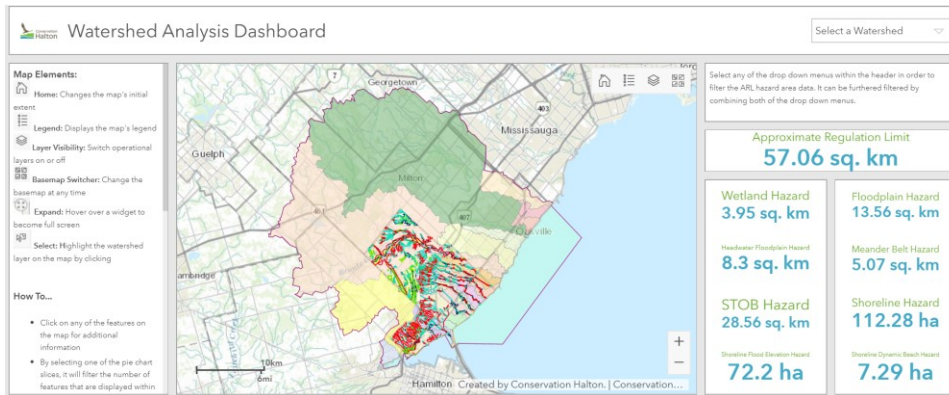
- 1. West Aldershot Creek Erosion Control Municipal Class EA
- 2. Tuck Creek Flood Mitigation
- 3. Appleby Creek Flood Mitigation
- 4. Appleby Creek Erosion Mitigation
- 5. Flood Hazard & Scoped Stormwater Management Assessment
- 6. Grindstone Creek Erosion Mitigation

**AQUATIC MONITORING DATA (2019)**





## BURLINGTON STATISTICS DASHBOARD



## Next Steps

## KEY MESSAGES

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- CAs' role in **planning decisions** under the Planning Act and the Environmental Assessment Act ensure that developments do not result in changes to the floodplain and natural heritage that would put communities at risk from flooding
- Watershed-scale **monitoring programs** are necessary for delivery programs: flood mitigation, natural hazards, and drinking water source protection
- CAs should continue to play a key role in delivering **community projects** in partnership with municipalities and local organizations
- CAs operate at the **watershed** scale, providing a much-valued bridge across jurisdictional boundaries to understand and address environmental concerns, including flooding.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

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- Online survey on consultation sessions to provide Province with feedback open until Friday, March 13
- Draft regulations are anticipated in April
- Final regulations expected in June before summer break
- Transition period

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

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- Complete the online survey
- Influence content of regulations to protect watershed programs
- Tell the province what you want from legislative change
- Speak with MPPs and Ministers about process and outcomes
- Pass a resolution in support of your conservation authority

**Thank you.**