



President's Remarks

The Northumberland Land Trust can indeed be proud of what we have accomplished in the first three years of operation. We are now at the point of being responsible for owning four properties in four municipalities in Northumberland County - Hope Township, Cramahe, Hamilton Twp. and Alnwick/Haldimand. These properties have approximately 400 acres in total.

During the past year we have sponsored an open house on the Laurie Lawson Education property (Hamilton Twp.) and walks on the Leckey (Cramahe Twp.) and McEwen (Port Hope) properties. We have been able to observe first hand the marked variation of topography of these properties ranging from wetlands and vernal pools to rolling hills and savannah.

Land Trusts are about preserving and maintaining sensitive lands for future generations. Those who have supported the Northumberland Land Trust can be proud of their investment as we have acquired a significant amount of land in Northumberland County to be protected into the future. However we have only started and there is yet so much to be done to ensure that our wetlands and green spaces are acquired, maintained and protected.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us to fulfill our mission. There are opportunities for you to serve on several committees - fundraising, governance, finance, special events and stewardship. We'd welcome your offer of help.

With best wishes for the holidays and for a healthy and happy New Year.

Doug Galt,

Dr. Doug Galt, President

"Walks and Talks"

"Walks and Talks" is the Northumberland Land Trust's program to introduce our members to the properties that we own or on which we hold conservation easements. We also plan to offer talks on subjects that are of interest to Land Trust supporters.

The first nature walk was held on a warm and sunny fall day in September on Molly Leckey's property in Cramahe Township. NLT holds a conservation easement on this beautiful piece of land. The walk was led by Audrey Wilson, a general naturalist who, for many years, pioneered and coordinated the outdoor education program for Northumberland County. Ten people joined the walk and we were entertained by Audrey telling us how she'd taught children to remember the various plants, berries and trees which were beginning to display their colourful autumn mantles.



On a very misty day at the end of October, about 20 people braved the elements to join the second walk on NLT's newest property acquisition, the McEwen property in Hope Township. Negotiations are almost complete for the Nature Conservancy of Canada to gift this property to the Land Trust and Mark Stabb of NCC led the walk. The property directly abuts the Ganaraska Forest to the west, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail runs along the concession road to the south of the property.

On November 15, NLT hosted a talk on the Oak Ridges Moraine. The ORM occupies a large area in Northumberland County and since the introduction of the ORM Act and Plan in 2001 there has been a great deal of

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interest in the subject. Debbie Crandall, Executive Director, STORM Coalition addressed a group of some 30 people interested in the history and preservation of the Moraine and the importance of the ORM Plan. Throughout her talk Ms. Crandall answered the many varied questions and concerns from the audience while also informing us of the importance of preserving this ecologically sensitive landform.



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Northumberland County at risk...

The pristine beauty of Northumberland County, with its rolling landscapes, lakes, streams, forests and wildlife is seriously threatened - and not only by climate change.

It is threatened by those who do not appreciate the value of this precious resource. By the people who refuse to dispose of their garbage in an environmentally friendly manner; by developers and speculators who are gobbling up the land at an alarming speed, laying concrete over the green hills and valleys, dividing farms and laying waste to heritage properties. The lakes and streams are becoming contaminated and the fish and wildlife are at risk.

Is this what you want for you? For your children? For your grand-children? And for the future? No?

Then you can help! The Northumberland Land Trust is a local charity formed to work with landowners to help ensure that these cherished landscapes will also be there for future generations.

We'd like to hear from everyone who is interested in assisting with this work. There are several committees which would welcome your efforts. Stewardship, Land Acquisition, Fund-Raising and Special Events.

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