



# Annual Report

## Credit Valley Conservation Foundation



2009

# Message from the Chair: Marolyn Morrison

The natural environment around us is ours to preserve, protect and cherish. We all carry the responsibility of doing our part to build a better future. When it comes to the Credit River Watershed, the Credit Valley Conservation Foundation is a prime example of commitment toward environmental stewardship and sustainability. We are wholeheartedly dedicated to making a difference for the flora and fauna, the watershed and its inhabitants.

In 2008, the Foundation adopted the campaign title Landscapes for Life as an overarching representation of all the work we do. We believe in the concept of “landscapes” as being an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view: a view that is offered and appreciated by everyone who resides in the Credit River Watershed, and a view that is important to respect and preserve. The reference to “life” not only pertains to all living creatures in the watershed, but also to the opportunities for positive change today that will matter tomorrow and for years to come.

Members of, and donors to the CVC Foundation believe that our personal health, economic well-being and quality of life are inextricably linked to the health of our natural environment. The money raised by the Foundation is used exclusively for CVC projects: projects that are meant to protect, restore and enhance the Credit River. Our sincere thanks to all of the partners and donors that are helping to secure a sustainable environment for our future and helping to create Landscapes for Life.

**Marolyn Morrison**  
**Chair, CVC Foundation**

## 2009 Board of Directors

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## Staff Support:

Terri LeRoux, Executive Director

Sharlene Hardwar, Partnership  
Development Coordinator

## Financial Summary:

CVCF contributed \$422,414.00  
to CVC in 2009

- Island Lake = \$262,957
- CYC = \$108,376
- Economic Values Study = \$25,000
- Sheridan Creek Water Project = \$10,000
- Other CVC Projects = \$13,180
- Memorial Benches = \$2,800

# Accomplishments

## Conservation Youth Corps

Conservation Youth Corps (CYC) is a program of Credit Valley Conservation, the purpose of which is to provide meaningful volunteer opportunities for watershed area youth in conservation and environmental stewardship. Local activities focused on the global climate crisis are among the main objectives for CYC and take the form of tree planting, outreach and education. Other activities like habitat restoration or invasive species management compliment our tree planting program and provide for a well rounded experiential learning opportunity, while addressing an array of conservation issues.

Thank you to our funding and contributing partners, dedicated staff and volunteers for making 2009 a highly successful year; the amount of work completed was astonishing!

Collectively, 169 youth volunteers contributed over 9000 volunteer hours and participated in such activities as:

- Planting 10,000 native trees and shrubs;
- Invasive species control projects and mapping at Rattray Marsh Conservation Area, parks in the City of Brampton and Terra Cotta;
- Electro-fishing done at several sites throughout the watershed;
- Stream and shoreline rehabilitation projects at Upper Credit Conservation Area, Caledon Lake, Rattray Marsh, Belfountain CA and the Clark Property;
- Boardwalk construction, low level creek crossing and trail enhancements at Terra Cotta;
- The construction of bird and bat boxes and salamander boards;
- A Mill Creek clean-up in Orangeville.



# Accomplishments Continued

## Island Lake Community Trails Campaign

In 2005, local residents and community members formed the Friends of Island Lake to enhance community involvement and awareness of the need to expand the current trail system at Island Lake Conservation Area. Since then, the Friends of Island Lake have been working tirelessly to raise the funds needed to complete a *wheelchair accessible, walking and cycling trail around the perimeter of Island Lake that will link with trail networks that are planned or existing in Orangeville, Caledon, Dufferin and Mono.*

In 2009, the North Shore section of the Vicki Barron Lakeside Trail was officially opened. This 2,300 metre section of trail runs from the north shore dam to the site of the future bridge crossings. The cost of this section was \$161,411 and was funded by the Ontario

Trillium Foundation, the Town of Mono, TD Friends of the Environment Orangeville Chapter and Mountain Equipment Co-op.

By February 2010, the South Access Trail Section of the Vicki Barron Lakeside Trail will be complete, providing the integral link to the Town of Orangeville municipal trail system. The cost of this 640 metre section is approximately \$175,000 and is being funded by a variety of sources. The National Trails Coalition is providing 50% of the funding, with the other 50% coming from a variety of sources including the Town of Orangeville, the County of Dufferin, the Rotary Club of Orangeville, the Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands, TD Friends of the Environment Orangeville Chapter, as well as numerous individual donors and local businesses.



# 2009 Events Summary

In 2009, The CVC Foundation, in partnership with our many volunteer sub-committees, hosted seven fundraising events in support of our Landscapes for Life campaigns. This could not have been possible without the dedication and efforts of our volunteers, partners, event sponsors and attendees. Our sincere and heartfelt appreciation goes out to those who supported the Foundation's efforts.

Some of the events held in 2009 were:

## **Terra Cotta Valentine's Dinner Dance & Auction**

Held on February 14, 2009, the Friends of Terra Cotta hosted their first ever Valentine's fundraising event. This intimate evening for 80 guests featured a gourmet dinner, silent and live auctions and musical entertainment and raised more than \$5000.00 towards the Terra Cotta Centre for Environmental Learning.

## **4th Annual Conservation Gala**

The CVCF in partnership with the Conservation Halton Foundation, hosted its 4th Annual Conservation Gala. Attended by environmentalists, business people, community members, politicians and guests, this event raised more than \$98,000.00 towards tree planting projects in the Peel and Halton watersheds.

## **2nd Annual Canoe the Credit**

On May 24, 2009, the Foundation, in partnership with the Canoe the Credit Planning Committee, hosted its 2nd Annual Canoe the Credit event. The event garnered close to 100 paddlers and raised more than \$20,000.00 towards the Conservation Youth Corps program.

## **Island Lake Family Fishing and Camping Weekend**

For the weekend of July 10-12, families and individuals came out to Island Lake

Conservation Area for a weekend of camping, family fun and a fishing tournament. This event was hosted by the Friends of Island Lake with proceeds to support the Island Lake Community Trails Campaign.

## **Oktoberfest Event**

In their efforts to raise funds towards the Terra Cotta Centre for Environmental Learning, the Friends of Terra Cotta hosted their first Oktoberfest event on October 3, 2009. Guests in attendance enjoyed a traditional Oktoberfest dinner along with traditional German music.

## **Terra Cotta Halloween Haunted Forest**

In an effort to create awareness among the families and local community residents of Terra Cotta, the Friends of Terra Cotta hosted a Halloween Haunted Forest for children 10 years of age and under on the trails at Terra Cotta Conservation Area on October 30th, 2009. That night, Terra Cotta CA had over 500 people in the park.

## **27th Annual Egg Nog Jog**

The Friends of Terra Cotta, in partnership with the Georgetown Runners, hosted the 27th annual Egg Nog Jog, a race through Terra Cotta conservation area. While parents and individuals were participating in the race, children were invited to the Terra Cotta Nature Centre where the Friends of Terra Cotta offered crafts and holiday activities.

# Donor Acknowledgements

The Credit Valley Conservation Foundation wishes to thank the following for their generous contributions of \$1000 or more in 2009:

- ADP Canada
- AquaResource
- City of Mississauga
- Coalition of Canadian Trails Organizations
- County of Dufferin
- Credit Valley Conservation
- D. Cullen
- Delta Meadowvale Resort and Conference Centre
- Enbridge Gas Distribution
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- Fieldgate Developments
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- Sierra Club
- TD Bank Financial Group
- TD Friends of the Environment Foundation
- Technicor Industrial Services
- The Erin Mills Development Corporation
- Town of Caledon
- Town of Mono
- Town of Orangeville



# Volunteer Acknowledgements

The Credit Valley Conservation Foundation would also like to give a special thanks to the core volunteers on our various fundraising sub-committees:

## Friends of Island Lake

- Bob Shirley, Chair
- Marc Darby, Vice Chair
- Stephen Doney, Fundraising Coordinator
- Adrian Maes
- Bob Burnside
- Bob Clarence
- Bob Mitchell
- Brenda Teeter
- Christine Langman
- Cory Jones
- Dave Dyce
- Doc Gillies
- Don Cullen
- Fred Murphy
- Gerry Lindsay
- Karl Edelbrock
- Kim Perryman
- Larry Dee
- Laura Ryan
- Margorie Grime
- Mark Whitcombe
- Sylvia Cheuy
- Teresa Pope
- Terrance Carter
- Warren Hillard
- Wayne White

## Friends of Terra Cotta

- Dave Rutherford
- Keith & Evelyn Thoy
- Ted Webb
- Joan Wong
- Angela Meyer
- Mike & Joan Warrian
- Teresa Rigg
- Tom Ashby
- Lillie Ann Morris
- Annette & Ron Graydon
- Anna Rachielle

## Ratray Marsh Protection Association

- Jean Williams, President
- Janet Bumstead, Vice Chair
- Wendy Walker, Recording Secretary
- Peter Westbrook, Treasurer
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- Elaine McMillan
- Irene Stirling
- Ivan Sack
- Kirsten Burling
- Merle Kisby
- Peggy Sharpe

## Canoe the Credit 2009

- Phil Green, Chair
- Anita Scholtz
- Darryl Bohm
- David Culham
- Gary Mascola
- Jane Bonsteel
- Jessica Rando
- John Wood
- Larry Cain
- Marlene Yakabuski
- Peter O'Dell
- Silvia Gualtieri

## Gala Committee 2009

- Jim Muscat
- Mike Warrian
- Rae Horst



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