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OTONABEE CONSERVATION RECOGNIZES ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE ~
Profile of Environmental Excellence Award Recipients

Conservationist: Barbara Elliot of Fleming College

Barbara is a professor in the ecosystem management program at the school of environmental and natural resources science at Fleming College. Barbara is considered ORCA's expert in residence in the specialty area of taxonomy and identification of benthic macro invertebrates. During the past several field seasons, Barbara's involvement has supported our watershed health monitoring program, and the Ontario benthos biomonitoring network bio-criteria research project in which ORCA participates.

Stewardship: Lara Griffin - the Peterborough Junior Field Naturalists

This energetic and passionate group of youth, aged 5 to 12, led by Lara Griffin, have spent hours outdoors, being involved with conservation projects that help make our watershed healthier. The Junior Field Naturalists participated in the Yellow Fish Road storm drain marking program in the City of Peterborough, helping to raise awareness about water quality protection.
They have planted trees in the Township of Douro-Dummer, learning about the importance of healthy forest ecosystems and planted an impressive pollinator garden at the Warsaw Caves Conservation Area.

Partnership: Mike Richardson, Manager of Parks and Recreation for the Township of Selwyn

Mike's participation in conservation projects within the municipality has included the protection of shoreline habitat, the installation of turtle nesting sites, the creation of pollinator gardens, the ongoing maintenance of the rain garden and bio-retention area for stormwater management and the Imagine the Marsh Conservation Area project.

Business: General Electric Canada –Peterborough and BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada - VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers from within the GE motors, the BWXT Nuclear divisions and the Women's Network have been actively involved with several conservation projects over the years. The shoreline and trail sites where their assistance in conservation work was very much appreciated included James Stevenson Park, Millennium Park, and Medical Drive as well as Isabel Morris park in Selwyn Township and along the Rotary Trail in Peterborough.

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