

Carolinian Canada Coalition Forum 2006

Friday, Oct 20 Ingersoll

GROWING SUSTAINABLE CONNECTIONS

Working Together To Protect Our Unique Nature in Southwestern Ontario



Are We Protecting What Makes Our Communities Unique?

It is timely to call on the major conservation allies in Carolinian Canada to highlight their programs and future plans in this ecoregion. Join the Carolinian Canada Coalition on October 20, 2006 to explore sea changes in southwestern Ontario that will affect conservation in our communities.

Who is doing What in Carolinian Canada?

Carolinian Canada Coalition is reorganizing around a move to incorporate and implement a new strategic plan. *Parks Canada* and related agencies of the federal government are involved in emerging new programs involving ecological integrity, species and ecosystems at risk, marine conservation and biodiversity. *The Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Parks* and related agencies are implementing a new Parks Act and a new stewardship approach. *First Nations* communities are facing increasing pressures on traditional natural heritage areas. *Agriculture* is increasingly concerned with nature conservation as part of sustainable land use in Ontario's countryside. *Conservation authorities* focus on landowner programs and source water protection in Ontario's watersheds. The *Nature Conservancy of Canada* and other non-government organizations are increasingly involved in innovative community landscape initiatives. *Municipalities* are creatively applying an array of new legislative, provincial policy and other tools at the urban - rural interface. *New opportunities* for heritage landscapes and other innovative approaches are growing. *Society* is progressively recognizing the value of nature and its critical role in many facets of healthy and sustainable communities.

Will current programs and initiatives work together to efficiently conserve the unique heritage of Carolinian Canada communities? Join us for a day of discussion and ideas.

Carolinian Canada Coalition Forum 2006 will bring together community leaders, conservationists, farmers, planners, managers, politicians, educators, researchers and citizens to examine new opportunities, identify challenges, highlight innovative approaches and grow sustainable connections between major conservation initiatives across southwestern Ontario. Invited speakers will reveal the impacts of nature on our economy, health, landscapes and way of life. Two panels will highlight current and innovative programs to protect the unique nature and green infrastructure in the communities of southwestern Ontario, Canada's Carolinian life zone.

The Coalition extends a special invitation to municipal leaders across Carolinian Canada to gain insights into the conservation tools available to their communities.

All are invited to our Annual General Meeting, as we look forward to effective collaboration with individuals and groups who care about our natural lands to enhance conservation action in the region. The day will culminate with our Awards Ceremony to recognize conservation leaders of our time.

For over 20 years, the Carolinian Canada Coalition has been a leader in connecting people for the protection of the unique natural heritage of the Carolinian life zone of southwestern Ontario.

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DRAFT AGENDA

Carolinian Canada Coalition Forum 2006 will present morning and afternoon sessions, to be led off with talks on Carolinian Canada Coalition's new strategy and recent research into the economic value of natural heritage. Following this, two panels of invited representatives from government, land use and conservation groups in southwestern Ontario will outline their major current programs and plans for their work in Carolinian Canada. Each panel member will initiate the discussion with a 15 minute talk followed by a general question period to engage the audience identifying challenges and make links between major conservation initiatives. The forum will aim to build an understanding of current shifts in conservation and the things that have to be done to address the challenges effectively, efficiently and equitably.

CCC FORUM 2006: DRAFT AGENDA – times to be confirmed	
9 AM - Morning Panel	
Local Welcome	To be confirmed
Keynote Address	To be confirmed
Conserving Nature in Carolinian Canada: A new strategy for the Future	CCC
Ecological Integrity on Land and Water: The federal role in Carolinian Canada	Chip Bird, Parks Canada
Sustainable landscapes: The Provincial role in Carolinian Canada	Ray Bonenberg, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Green Communities: The First Nations role in Carolinian Canada	To be confirmed
Rural - Urban Common Ground: The County role in Carolinian Canada	Michael Harding, Oxford County
NOON - Lunch	
Lunch Address	To be confirmed
1 PM - Afternoon Panel	
Nature Counts research: The economic value of nature in our communities	Amy Handyside, Natural Spaces
Strategic conservation: The role of conservation groups in Carolinian Canada	James Duncan Nature Conservancy of Canada
Agricultural Allies: The role of farm stewardship in Carolinian Canada	To be confirmed
Planning for the future: The role of urban areas in Carolinian Canada	Brian McHattie City of Hamilton
Landowner Links in Land and Water: The CA role in Carolinian Canada	Don Pearson Conservation Ontario
3:30 PM - Annual General Meeting	CCC
4:00 AWARDS RECEPTION & CEREMONY	