

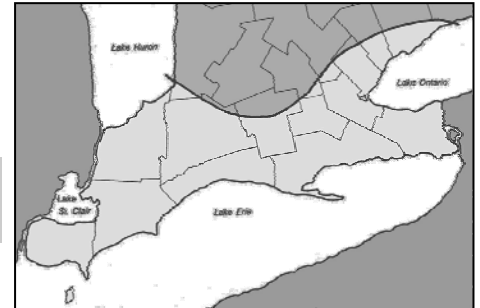
GROWING SUSTAINABLE CONNECTIONS

Working Together To Protect Our Unique Nature in Southwestern Ontario



Are We Protecting What Makes Our Communities Unique?

Major shifts are taking place in conservation programs across Carolinian Canada. Join the Carolinian Canada Coalition on October 20, 2006 to explore how these changes will affect our communities.



Who is doing What in Carolinian Canada?

Find out about what's happening in your area:

- ↪ The Coalition's new strategic plan
- ↪ New National and Provincial approaches
- ↪ Rural & Urban natural heritage advances
 - ↪ Creative tools for municipalities
 - ↪ Innovative community landscape initiatives
 - ↪ Leading First Nations projects
- ↪ Agriculture contributions to sustainable landscapes
- ↪ Landowner programs and source water protection
- ↪ The value of nature in society & sustainable communities



How can we work together? Join us for a day of Ideas.

Meet community leaders, policy-makers, conservationists, planners, managers, politicians, educators, researchers & active citizens

- ↪ Examine new opportunities
- ↪ Identify challenges
- ↪ Highlight innovative actions
- ↪ Grow sustainable connections

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.



Carolinian Canada Coalition Forum 2006

Friday, Oct 20 Elm Hurst Inn, Ingersoll, Ontario

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DRAFT AGENDA ~ Please visit our website for more information www.carolinian.org or call (519) 433-7077

9 AM

Conserving Nature in Carolinian Canada: A Strategy For The Future
Michelle Kanter, Executive Director, Carolinian Canada Coalition

Morning Panel: Invited representatives from all levels of government will outline their major current programs and plans for their work in Carolinian Canada. Moderator: Stewart Hilts, University of Guelph

Ecological Integrity on Land and Water: The federal role in Carolinian Canada
Chip Bird, Southwestern Ontario Superintendent, Parks Canada

Sustainable landscapes: The Provincial role in Carolinian Canada
Ray Bonenberg, Southern Region Director, Ministry of Natural Resources

Green Communities: The First Nations role in Carolinian Canada
Dr. Dean Jacobs, Co-chair Walpole Island Ecosystem Recovery Strategy

Rural - Urban Common Ground: The County role in Carolinian Canada
Michael Harding, Oxford County Councillor, City of Woodstock Mayor

Panel Q & A: Your opportunity to discuss new programs directly with panel members, identify challenges and make links between major conservation initiatives.

1 PM

Nature Counts research: The economic value of nature in our communities
Amy Handyside, Natural Spaces, Ministry of Natural Resources

Afternoon Panel : Invited representatives of major land use and conservation groups will outline tools in use for conservation action across Carolinian Canada. Moderator: Daryl Ball, Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs

Strategic conservation: The role of conservation groups in Carolinian Canada
James Duncan, Southwest Ontario Program Manager, Nature Conservancy of Canada

Agriculture Allies: The role of agriculture policy and farm stewardship in Carolinian Canada
Paul Smith, Policy Analyst, Environmental Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs

Planning for the future: The role of urban areas in Carolinian Canada
Brian McHattie, Councillor, City of Hamilton

Landowner Links in Land and Water: The Conservation Authority role in Carolinian Canada
Don Pearson, General Manager, Conservation Ontario

Panel Q & A: 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.

How can we work together? Highlights of the Day
Dr. Gordon Nelson, Chair, Carolinian Canada Coalition

3:30 PM

Carolinian Canada Coalition Annual General Meeting - All are invited to our Annual General Meeting to get updates about the organization as we look forward to effective collaboration with individuals and groups who care about our natural lands to enhance conservation action in the region.

4:00 PM

CAROLINIAN CANADA CONSERVATION AWARDS Reception & Ceremony
Recognizing some of the conservation leaders of our time.