

Community Marking Project

Carolinian Sites

Rouge River Valley
 Iroquois Shoreline Woods
 Sassafras Woods
 Beverly Swamp
 Dundas Valley
 Grimsby - Winona Escarpment and Beamer Valley
 Jordan Escarpment Valley
 Caistor - Canborough Slough Forest
 Fonthill Sandhill Valley
 Willoughby Clay Plain
 Point Abino Peninsula Sandland Forest
 Sudden Bog
 Grand River Valley Forests and Spottiswood Lakes
 Six Nations I.R. Forests
 Embro Upland Forest
 Oriskany Sandstone and Woodlands
 Delhi Big Creek Valley
 St. Williams Dwarf Oak Forest
 Big Creek Valley - South Walsingham Sand Ridges
 Dorchester Swamp
 Skunk's Misery
 Catfish Creek Slope and Floodplain Forest
 Port Franks Wetlands and Forested Dunes
 Ausable River Valley
 Plum Creek Upland Woodlots
 Shetland Kentucky Coffee-tree Woods
 Sydenham River Corridor
 Walpole Island I.R.
 Lake St. Clair Marshes
 Sinclair's Bush
 Ojibway Prairie Remnants
 Canard River Kentucky Coffee-tree Woods
 Big Creek Marsh
 Oxley Poison Sumac Swamp
 Cedar Creek
 Middle Point Woods
 Stone Road Alvar
 Middle Island

The Carolinian Canada sites listed on the left margin of this page were identified in 1984 as "critical unprotected natural areas". Since that time a lot of effort has been directed towards enhancing and securing the natural values at these locations and one thing that has emerged from these projects is the fact that these sites have been protected for generations by the good stewardship of communities, families and individuals. If this had not been the case, they would have long ago disappeared. Carolinian Canada wants to celebrate this history of conservation by erecting **permanent plaques** that will tell the story of the site and the people who protected it.

The Carolinian Canada sites were identified for their natural values but it is really thanks to human values that these sites have persisted to form the basis of the natural heritage system that provides us with clean air and water. Through the Community Marking Project we want to *honour* those who have given us this legacy; *recognize* our responsibility to preserve it for generations to come; and to *inspire* our children to become good stewards in their turn.

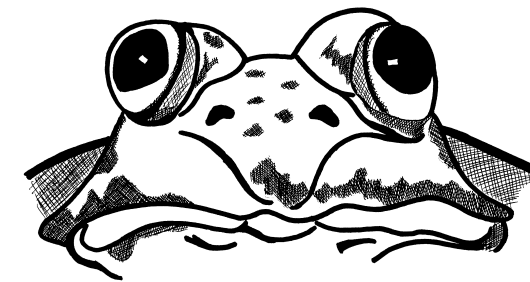


"What your father can hardly remember, you will not miss. What you now take for granted, or what is now slowly disappearing, your children, not having known, cannot lament." D.F. Kozlovsky.

The distinctive Carolinian Canada plaques will be an enduring reminder of conservation success in your community. The cast brass plaques, mounted on a sturdy steel post are similar to the familiar blue provincial markers at sites of historical interest. When the project is completed a published booklet will guide people on a tour of southwestern Ontario's natural heritage.

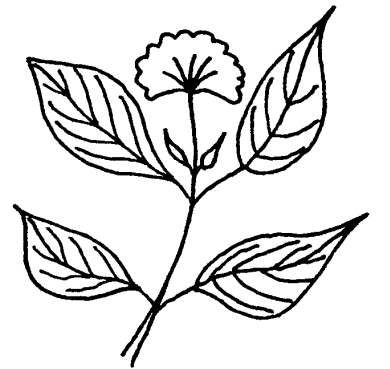
We need you to make this project a success. At each location we will need a community partner to work with Carolinian Canada to:

- Develop the story
- Organize a community event to unveil the plaque.
- Involve as broad a cross section of your community as possible, with a special emphasis on young people.



Potential Partners

Conservation Clubs
 Church Groups
 Farm Organizations
 First Nations
 Stewardship Councils
 Conservation Authorities
 Naturalist Clubs
 Service Clubs
 ... are just a few examples



Are you interested?

It's easy to become involved. There is no complicated application procedure, just contact Carolinian Canada by phone or email. Our representative can meet with you to discuss how we may celebrate conservation within your community together.

Call (519) 873-4631
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