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Conservation Ontario is the umbrella organization for all 36 Conservation Authorities across Ontario.



**Working together  
to keep our  
future green!**

## Time to Think Trees!

Contact us for information on our 2018 tree planting program. There are some great incentive programs available through the 50 Million Tree Program.

Ask us about tree planting services, species information, the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP), and more!

Contact [forestry@svca.on.ca](mailto:forestry@svca.on.ca) or call us today.



## SVCA's Annual General Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Saugeen Conservation took place on Jan. 16th, 2018. Welcome back Luke Charbonneau (Town of Saugeen Shores) as Chair of Saugeen Conservation, as well as Dan Gieruszak (Municipality of Brockton) as 1st Vice, Maureen Couture (Municipality of Kincardine) as 2nd Vice, and Kevin Eccles (Municipality of West Grey), as a Member-at-Large.

Many thanks to all those who attended and brought greetings on behalf of municipalities, organizations and partners.



Staff has been working hard gathering important data over the past five years to provide a snapshot of our watershed health. A total of four parameters have been graded consisting of forests, wetlands groundwater quality and surface water quality.

Within the Saugeen Watershed jurisdiction, report cards will be completed for each major subwatershed. Electronic copies will be available at the end of February. Keep your eyes peeled!

## A November Visitor



This past November, staff welcomed a student from Mexico through the Walkerton Rotary Club Exchange Program.

Denisse Inman took Environmental Engineering in her home country and is working on her Master's Program. She worked with SVCA's Water Quality Specialist, Shaun Anthony, sampling groundwater aquifers, measuring groundwater levels and sampling surface water.

Planning to build or expand?

Thinking about digging a pond?

Please call us first!



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## Lieutenant Governor Visits Stoney Island Conservation Area

The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, was at Saugeen Conservation's very own Stoney Island Conservation Area, north of Kincardine, to formally open a new Canada 150 Trail on Tuesday, January 16th.

The Kincardine Cross-Country Ski Club looks after the management of this Conservation Area. They are instrumental in areas such as trail development, grant research, the coordination of volunteers, etc.

Following the ceremony a crowd of keen students converged on the new trail system on skis and snowshoes ready to check it out!

## Another Dam Removal in 2017



Saugeen Conservation is pleased to announce the removal of the 5th dam within the Saugeen River Watershed this past summer and fall.

Staff, volunteers, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Stewardship Grey Bruce, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund and the Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation all contributed to the funding. Happy Trout, a chapter of Trout Unlimited Canada, and the Markdale Rotary Club were also involved. Together - *we made it happen!*

Volunteers and the organizations listed above were also instrumental in naturalizing the channel after project completion.

## Camping Fever - Is it Spring Yet?

Thinking of those warm, sunny days lounging around the campsite? Our on-line system is available to serve you. Choose the campground of your choice: Saugeen Bluffs, Brucedale or Durham Conservation Areas.

Book your reservation with us today!  
[www.saugeen.goingtocamp.com](http://www.saugeen.goingtocamp.com)



## Horsin' Around at Saugeen Bluffs

The recent addition of horse camping at Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area has been a real hit! Come bring your horse, ride the trails, check out the event ring, visit the park store, or simply sit by the fire and relax!

We also offer various clinics throughout the season. Visit our website for more information and book your campsite today.



## Legends of the Great Swamp

'Legends of the Great Swamp' tours will be offered once again this year, due to popular demand. The next tours are scheduled for April 28th and June 9th. Book now as spaces are limited. Register at Eventbrite today.  
[www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca)



Stay tuned for more great adventures of the watershed!

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## Got A Question?

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