

FUNDS



In the interest of tailoring possible contributions to individual interests, the Foundation has developed a number of 'funds' to which people can contribute.

Conservation Area Fund donations to this fund go toward improvements at the various Conservation Areas, including trail development, boardwalk construction, bridges, signage, etc.

Wetland Fund contributions received for this fund are utilized for the purchase of provincially significant wetlands to ensure their protection for future generations.

Saugeen River Fund monies received go towards improvements to the Saugeen River with respect to

both fishing or canoeing. The Saugeen River is one of the most popular fishing and canoeing locations in southern Ontario.

Conservation Education Fund thousands of children enjoy the opportunity to participate in the extensive outdoor education opportunities offered by the Authority. Monies here are directed to much needed supplies and materials

General Fund donations not earmarked for a specific program are designated to areas of need, as determined by the Authority.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All donations to the SVCF are tax exempt.

The Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation operates out of the Saugeen Conservation Administrative Office, located at the Headquarters Conservation Area in Formosa.

The Foundation is made up of a Board of Directors consisting of residents who live within the watershed. These individuals have a keen interest in conservation and dedicate their time and expertise working toward the betterment of the local environment.

The Foundation receives its direction from Saugeen Conservation. A list of conservation priorities are established each year to which the

Foundation raises funds.

- The Foundation has an extensive volunteer base made up of individuals who offer their time and expertise to assist with Foundation events and programs. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact us! The information on the back of this pamphlet.
- The Foundation does, from time to time, accept donations of land. The land in question must meet a number of criteria, including provincial and/or national significance. Please contact us for additional information.



Saugeen Valley
Conservation
Foundation

1078 Bruce Rd. 12
P.O. Box 150
Formosa ON N0G 1W0
Phone: (519) 367-3040
Fax: (519) 367-3041

Email: publicinfo@svca.on.ca
www.svca.on.ca



Saugeen Valley
Conservation
Foundation

RAISING FUNDS FOR CONSERVATION



HISTORY

Established in 1973, the Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation is a registered non-profit organization established for the sole purpose of raising funds for Saugeen Conservation. These funds go directly to the conservation and betterment of the natural resources within the drainage basins of the Saugeen, Pine and Penetangore Rivers as well as the smaller lake fringe rivers along the Lake Huron shoreline, an area of approximately 4,675 sq. km (1,805 square miles). In order to raise funds for conservation purposes, the Foundation undertakes a number of different initiatives, including programs, events and designated funds.



PROGRAMS



Celebration Forest This program was developed to provide people with an opportunity to dedicate a mature tree to someone special. Designed to fit any occasion, each tree is permanently signed with a plaque which includes the names of those involved, the occasion and date. A gift of a lifetime, individuals are free to visit their tree at any time. Trees are priced according to size.



Memorial Grove Program Under this program, individuals can choose to have a tree planted in memory of a loved one. Trees are planted in various Memorial Forests across the watershed.

Each year, on the last Sunday in June, a special ceremony is held to honour those who have had trees planted in their memory. Donors, as well as the families of the deceased, are invited to the ceremony. It takes place at the Sulphur Spring Conservation Area (former Headquarters), south of Hanover.



Recycling Program In partnership with *ThinkRecycle*, the SVCF collects used print cartridges and cell phones. A number of municipalities, businesses, organizations and individuals participate in this program. These items are then sent to be either properly disposed of or refurbished for future use. Funds are then allotted to the Foundation.

EVENTS

The Old-Fashioned Maple Syrup Festival An annual tradition since 1971, this event is held at the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area, north of Paisley and features a full historical encampment, including a blacksmith, mercantile, story teller, pioneer toys maker, and more.

Visitors can enjoy old-fashioned maple taffy, horse-drawn wagon rides, hands-on activities, live entertainment and demonstrations. Hot-off-the grill pancakes and sausages are served throughout this two-day event. Special games and attractions are always planned for the younger ones in the crowd.



Christmas in the Country This annual tradition is held at the Sulphur Spring Conservation Area (former Headquarters), south of Hanover. Thousands of lights and hundreds of candle lanterns adorn the tree-lined pathways. In addition to the dazzling light displays, activities and demonstrations are hosted in each building on the grounds. Visitors can make their own lanterns, decorate a gingerbread cookie, make a Christmas craft, hear a story-teller, cook bannock over an open fire or take a horse-drawn wagon ride. Kids can even visit with Santa in his very own igloo.



An Evening For Conservation Held every other year, the Foundation hosts a special dinner and auction to raise funds for conservation. This fun evening features a full course meal as well as live and silent auctions, raffles, draws, etc. Each dinner includes live entertainment and various themes to keep it interesting and enjoyable!

