

Sustaining Resources Together



ANNUAL REPORT 2018~2019



Garlic Festival - Maynooth



York River shoreland reclamation



Eagles Nest Interpretive Trail
Grand Opening

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The 2018-2019 year has been one of transition. After six very successful years, Steve Wilkens has stepped aside from the position of chair. His efforts and accomplishments are still very evident in many of our projects, and will be for years to come.

With new leadership comes new ideas. The formation of the Bancroft Youth Stewardship Council was started at the beginning of 2018. Kelsey Dillabough and Taylor Grosklag started up a group of young environmental stewards at the North Hastings High School, and their involvement in community projects has already made an impact.

Christine Luckasavitch, archaeologist, and recently retired MNR District Manager Vince Ewing also joined our Council this year. Their knowledge and experience will be a great asset for us in the future.

After many years of service, Betty Coutu has resigned as a director and assumed a position as a resource member. Betty was very helpful this year with our Wonders of Wetlands project, and we all wish her and her husband Denis the very best.

We have focused on community involvement during the past year. Through invasive species awareness and tree planting projects we have worked hard to engage local people in stewardship initiatives. Also, we have opened new doors to work with the Town of Bancroft, the Baptiste Lake Association and the Paudash Lake Cottage Association in collaborative projects.

The formation of the new not-for-profit Stewards of Bancroft's Eagles Nest Park Inc. is a testament to all of the work that BASC has done to help develop the park and successfully manage the Canada 150 grant that we received.

We have done well managing our funds during the past year by looking for ways to run programs at little or no cost. Also, through generous donations and revenue income from our Stocked Lakes Access Guide Book sales, we look forward to another good financial year.

Our strength is not about all of the great projects that we run, but with our people.

It has been a great honour for me to represent and to work with such a dedicated group of volunteers who give their time to commit to sustaining our natural resources. I am very much looking forward to see what we can accomplish together in the future.

Ian Hendry

BASC Chair



OUR STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

VISION STATEMENT

The Bancroft Area Stewardship Council creates a healthy, vibrant and sustainable community through natural resource stewardship

MISSION STATEMENT

To empower citizens and community in the stewardship of our natural resources through collaboration and partnerships

ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

- Respect for private landowner rights through influence
- Resource sustainability and a healthy environment for present and future generations
- Community collaboration and partnerships
- Balancing environmental, social and economic views
- Open and responsive to local natural resource issues

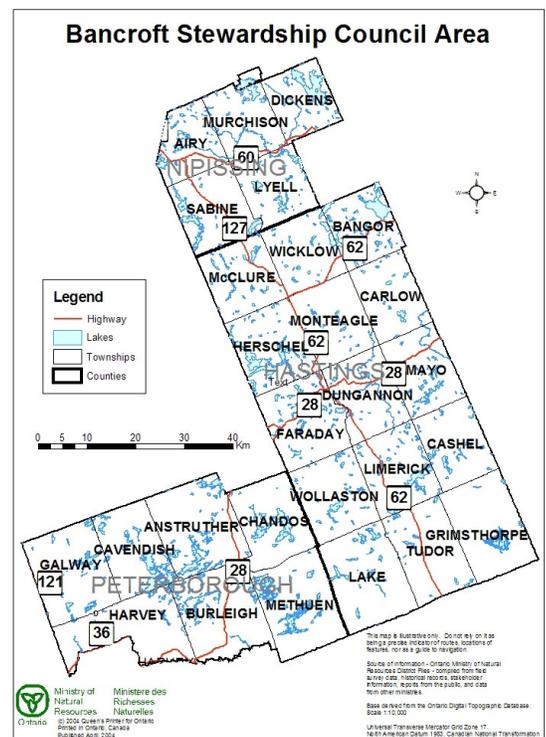
COUNCIL AREA

The Bancroft Area Stewardship Council services the southern half of Nipissing District (Township of South Algonquin), the northern portion of Hastings County, and the northern portion of Peterborough County (focusing mainly on the Township of North Kawartha).

Encompassing roughly 635,000 hectares, this area is characterized by many pristine cold-water lakes and rivers, forests and mineral deposits. Rough topography, abundant water and poorly drained organic soils limit access to many areas. Land ownership is mixed with roughly 60% Crown land and 40% private.

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The settlement of the region was based on the logging industry, which continues to be the primary basis of the local economy. The unique area geology supports a cyclical mining industry, while agricultural and industrial sectors are very limited. Tourism and recreation has become an important four-season industry that has the potential for widespread expansion.



COUNCIL MEMBERS

OFFICERS

Ian Hendry (Chair) Waterfront property owner and outdoor enthusiast; business owner with marketing skills; Director at North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery

Keith Buck (Co Vice-Chair) Retired TV executive producer; experience in print promotion and corporate communications; strong proponent of the local food movement

John O'Donnell (Co Vice-Chair) Retired paramedic; Vice Chair of the North Hastings Family Health Team; Committee member of external advisors for the Algonquin Ontario land claim; Co-chair of the Bancroft Elk Restoration Project; Volunteer at the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery; waterfront property owner and outdoor enthusiast; past Co-chair

of the Stewards of Bancroft Eagles Nest Park

Steve Wilkins (Past Chair) ~ Retired MNR manager with background in forestry and extensive experience in resource stewardship; Vice President with North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery; represents BASC on several local committees

Gordon Mackey (Secretary-Treasurer) ~ Holds CAE and CSP designations with 20+ years experience in association management; extensive experience in destination and tourism marketing, event planning and agricultural sector

DIRECTORS

Colleen Drew-Baehre ~ Educational advisor and local high school teacher; member of Bancroft MNRF Fish & Wildlife Advisory Committee, NHCFH Education Committee, and Ontario Woodlot Assoc.

Robert Craftchick ~ Elected community leader and land claim negotiation representative for the Whitney & Area Algonquins; Registered Professional Forester

Dan Freymond ~ Co-owner / operator of Freymond Lumber Ltd.; member of Bancroft Minden Forest SFL and BAFIA; founding member of North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery; avid outdoor enthusiast

Barry Hendry ~ Retired lead reporter / photographer and editorial writer for local newspaper; founding member of Palliative Care North Hastings; organized an invasive species program

Roger Kelly (Vice Chair) ~ Owner / operator of Kelly's Berry Farm; member of Ontario Woodlot Assoc., Bancroft Chamber of Commerce, and Ontario Federation of Agriculture; advocate for forest biodiversity and sustainable agriculture

Fred Werner ~ Registered Professional Forester and member of Ontario Professional Foresters Assoc.; Chair of Bancroft Chapter—Ontario Woodlot Association; volunteer manager at Vance Farm Park

Christine Luckasavitch is an Algonquin Anishinaabekwe of the Crane Clan residing in South Algonquin. The owner of Waaseyaa Consulting and Waaseyaa Cultural Tours, she is also an archaeologist, orator and researcher. Christine is currently the Coordinator of the Algonquin Inòdewiziwin EarlyON Child and Family Centre in Maynooth.

Taylor Grosklag was born and raised in the Bancroft area and is an outdoor enthusiast- hunting, fishing, atving, and hiking. Here she gained a love for the outdoors and natural sciences. After receiving a Bachelor of Science in Biology at Laurentian University Taylor completed an internship with the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery while developing and cofounding the Bancroft Area Youth Stewardship Council, a group dedicated to youth engagement and conservation. She is currently further developing the program and continuing her research on Brook Trout rehabilitation in partnership with the MNRF and Algonquins of Ontario. Taylor's key interests are healthy ecosystems and invasive species awareness.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

DIRECTORS continued...

Kelsey Dillabough is a 17 year old grade twelve student at NHHS. At a very young age she grew to respect and appreciate the outdoors, leading her to a pathway of Stewardship involvement. Already, she has been involved in many Stewardship initiatives such as: the Resource Management class and the NERDS class; active BASC member; co-founder and Co-chair of the Bancroft Area Youth Stewardship Council and North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery volunteer. Kelsey has also planned a tree planting event, helped with multiple outreach and education projects for younger students and attended the Ontario Nature Youth Summit. Kelsey thoroughly enjoys being a Steward and believes it is important to protect our natural resources today for future generations.

Vince Ewing is an avid angler, hunter and outdoor enthusiast who recently retired as Bancroft District Manager with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Over his 36 years with the Ministry, Vince's primary work focus and experience has been as a Fish and Wildlife Biologist in numerous locations across central and southern Ontario.



Youth Stewards at the March Break Kids' Day at the Royal Canadian Legion in Bancroft.

RESOURCE ADVISORS

King Baker ~ Retired teacher; waterfront property owner and lake steward on Chandos Lake; avid birder, canoer, cross-country skier and outdoor enthusiast with membership in numerous provincial organizations

Cathie Best ~ Retired public health nurse; operates family-owned beef farm and local agricultural rep

Betty Coutu ~ Retired college professor and registered nurse; member of Bancroft Field Naturalist Club, and Hospice North Hastings

Doug Wellman ~ Businessman and long-time waterfront property owner on Anstruther Lake; Past President of Anstruther Lake Cottage Assoc.; Co-Chair of NORKLA; Chair of Stewardship Committee of Kawartha Highlands; Secretary of Stakeholder Group of Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park

Kevin Hockley ~ Museum exhibit specialist with extensive knowledge in fish and wildlife; member of the Canadian Taxidermist Association and the OFAH; Director with the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery

Barry Wannamaker ~ Retired municipal CAO; past president of E. Ont. Economic Development Commission; vice-president of Limerick Lake Hunting & Fishing Assoc.; Co-chair of local elk re-introduction program

OUR 2018~2019 PROJECTS

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES / ENHANCING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN NATURAL RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

Outdoor Education Programs at North Hastings High School (NHHS)

Support for high school outdoor education classes continues to be a strong focal point of the BASC. We act as a liaison for these programs providing input to course activities, monetary contributions and sponsor a youth achievement award, the "Rod Malloy Memorial Award" for the top student in each program.

In January, 2018, the Bancroft Area Youth Stewardship Council was born. Co-chairs Kelsey Dillabough and Taylor Grosklag started the youth council at the North Hastings High School to engage local youth and encourage them to become involved in local stewardship projects.

In 2018 they were very much involved in our invasive species awareness projects, and conducted a shoreline rehabilitation project along the York River after receiving funding from the Town of Bancroft. Kelsey and Taylor were also named as BASC directors in order for us to stay involved and informed on all of the great things they are doing today, and will be doing for years to come.

'Wonders of Wetlands' Field Day

The Wonders of Wetlands Field Day was held on June 6, 2018 at Joy Bible Camp. Approximately 150 local students from Apsley to Whitney were bussed in to participate in interactive stations which taught them the value and importance of wetlands. Special thanks to the many community partners, volunteers and sponsors that contribute to this event.

Nature Discovery Tours

This program provides guided, interpretive hands-on tours for the whole family to the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery, and the Bancroft Eagles Nest Park.

Community Events

This year we widened our profile in the community by participating in local events and presenting to local groups, such as the Kids in Need March Break Event at the Bancroft Legion, the Paudash Lake Cottagers Association's AGM, The Baptiste Lake Association AGM, and have begun work to bring all the local service and volunteer groups together with the co-

operation of the Town Of Bancroft.

Forestry Day

Forestry Day was held at Joy Bible Camp in 2018, providing learning opportunities for 150+ students in North Hastings. BASC supported BAFIA in this event by providing volunteer station leaders.



Wonders of Wetlands Day



Invasive species boat cleaning

OUR 2018~2019 PROJECTS ... Continued

LARGE-SCALE / LANDSCAPE LEVEL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Tree & Shrub Planting Program

This program provides low-cost seedlings to private landowners for a variety of applications, including wildlife habitat rehabilitation and shoreline enhancement applications. Orders are now placed online through the new BASC storefront. This continues to be a popular program for property owners looking to plant smaller quantities of native trees and shrubs.

Nesting Box Program

This partnership with the Bancroft Field Naturalist Club and Freymond Lumber supplies low-cost bluebird boxes and bat houses to landowners. All the materials and labour for this project are donated by generous local partners, with the proceeds from sales being split between the Naturalist Club and BASC to support other community stewardship programs. Orders can now be placed online through the BASC storefront.

Fish Stocking Guidebook

A partnership with the local MNRF and the Bancroft Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee to provide a comprehensive guidebook with detailed information on local put, grow and take lakes to promote local angling opportunities. Data includes access points, lake characteristics and stocking information. A total of 1200 copies of the first edition were sold from February 2017- July 2018. The second edition is being planned to include updated reports and advertising for opportunities for local businesses.

Eagles Nest Park Trails.

The BASC were awarded a Canada 150 grant to develop and promote the trails and construct informative kiosks and other improvements. The work was completed in 2017, and in 2018 the project was continued with the creation of a new not-for-profit group to carry on with the maintenance and future development to the park, the Stewards of the Bancroft Eagles Nest Park Inc.

Trail development includes local Algonquin cultural heritage, education about flora and fauna and recognition of volunteers who have

contributed to the local community. It is an economic development initiative for the area that also supports healthy active living for local residents and visitors.

Local Food Initiative

Building on the 100 mile diet notion, this project is striving to profile locally grown foods, as well as farmers and chefs who support "eating local".

BASC sponsored the first Maynooth Garlic Festival in 2017, and in 2018 the estimated attendance doubled to 3000 people. This event has become a huge success for our council, and in promoting "local food for local people" in our area.



CrimeStoppers Ad on Illegal Dumping

This is a partnership with CrimeStoppers Ontario and the local MNRF office to develop a poster campaign to curtail illegal dumping on both public and private lands. This is a growing concern in rural Ontario, and



BASC saw an opportunity to promote good stewardship of natural spaces. The ad campaign began in 2017 and we are continuing to source partners.

Recreational Land Tenure Map

This project is just in development, but will involve the production of an updated recreational land tenure map that shows where people can go in the Bancroft area to recreate. It will include information on land ownership, forest access roads and trails, stocked lakes, public lake access points, and wildlife management units. Maps will be available for purchase at local businesses.

OUR 2018~2019 PROJECTS ... Continued

ENHANCED PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

Bancroft Area Forest Industry Association (BAFIA)

While our administrative support role with BAFIA has diminished, we continue to partner with them on local program delivery, including the Local Wood Initiative, Forestry Day, and large tree planting projects with Forests Ontario (50 Million Trees Program).



South Central Ontario FireSmart Committee (SCOFC)

The SCOFC is a regional collaborative of municipal fire representatives and community partners working together to minimize the risk of wildfires in rural areas. The BASC is represented on the committee, and plays an important advisory role. With support from MNR's AFFES branch, the committee is nearing completion of a Community FireSmart Plan for the Town of Bancroft.



North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery (NHCFH)

In 2018, this community-based hatchery stocked approx. 5300 lake trout and 1,700 brook trout into local lakes. The BASC supports this incorporated, charitable organization by providing funding, assistance with promotion and fundraising efforts, and building partnerships with other community groups. We also provided a unique, hand-crafted plaque for the Volunteer of the Year award that recognizes the outstanding contributions of a volunteer member as voted by their peers.



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OUR 2018~2019 PROJECTS ... Continued

ENHANCED COUNCIL GOVERNANCE, VISIBILITY AND BUSINESS ACUITY

Community Profile

Here's what we accomplished in 2018/2019 to enhance our visibility and profile in the community:

- Enhanced / regular website maintenance and monitoring, including an online storefront for electronic purchases
- Facebook page that is updated regularly
- Branding identity implemented on all BASC products, including new rack cards and a pop-up banner display—the same 'look and feel' is on all Council materials so we're easy to identify.
- Acquired two new tents with branding to increase our visibility at community events
- Invited as guests and to speak about BASC at the Bancroft Spirit Dinner

Planning

We also made some significant strides in updating and creating new guiding documents that will lead us as an organization into the future:

- Initiated a review of the Strategic Plan and Corporate By-laws
- Ongoing monitoring of our Investment Strategy that addresses annual operating costs in the long-term
- Addressed gaps in our membership skills and expertise and demographics



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BANCROFT AREA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL



THE BANCROFT AREA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL is committed to creating a healthy, vibrant and sustainable community through natural resource stewardship.



We work with local community groups, agencies and landowners to deliver programs and services that support biodiversity conservation and sustainable resource management.

TOGETHER we can make a difference!



PROJECT STATISTICS SUMMARY

Total number of projects: 20+
Total volunteer hours: 1,000+
Total in-kind contributions: \$31,995
Total funding: \$80,000

TOTAL LEVERAGED: \$111,995

For a complete listing of project partners,
please visit our website at :
www.bancroftstewardship.ca

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Revenue

Granting agencies, foundations and partners	\$ 7,840.00
Project generated	\$ 4,920.00
Other sources / miscellaneous	\$ 409.00
TOTAL:	\$13,169.00

Expenses

Project expenses	\$5,355.00
Marketing, promotion and printing	\$ 321.00
General and administrative (including insurance)	\$3,860.00
TOTAL:	\$9,536.00

NOTE: This statement represents only cash flow through the BASC account, and does not include assets, liabilities and equity.



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