

# Dundas Valley 50-Year Vision and Strategy | 2008-2058

## Protect and Enhance Dundas Valley Lands

**Goal: Protect and enhance the valley's  
ecology and natural areas**

**A community  
oriented  
strategy with a  
focus on  
preserving and  
enhancing the  
unique,  
culture, charm,  
and  
environment of  
the Dundas  
Valley area.**



### Strategic Direction

- **Protect rare, endangered  
and species at risk within  
the Valley**



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## Summary

All public and private landowners have a role to play in the conservation and restoration of the natural environment on the land they own.

The Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) is dedicated to the conservation of the natural environment throughout Dundas Valley area. Through the HCA's programs, it undertakes ecological monitoring, promotes biodiversity, regulates the watershed, conserves and acquires land, and is a leader within the community.

## Actions

- **Develop and implement protection plans for individual species (based on Natural Areas Inventory (NAI))**
- **Inquire about how HCA's Hamilton-Halton Watershed Stewardship Program (HHWSP) can assist to do species at risk (SAR) work with landowners**
- **Implement protection policies and plans**
- **Focus HCA land acquisition and protection in priority areas**
- **Develop landowner/awareness/ protection/stewardship programs (look at HHWSP)**
- **Develop visitor management/awareness/protection/stewardship program**
- **Ensure Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) motorized vehicles policy in natural area parks is implemented to minimize detriment to species**
- **Investigate the impacts of climate change on species at risk (SAR)- develop and implement action strategies**

## Notes

# Resources



## **Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation;** [www.greenbelt.ca](http://www.greenbelt.ca)

A charitable grant-making organization working to help keep farmers successful, strengthen local economies and protect and grow natural features.

## **Natural Areas Inventory;** [www.conservationhamilton.ca/natural-areas-inventory-nai](http://www.conservationhamilton.ca/natural-areas-inventory-nai)

The Hamilton Conservation Authority, and other strategic partners developed the natural areas inventory classifying land to guide human interaction and to assist in the preservation of natural, scientific, and environmentally significant areas.

## **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources;** [www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry](http://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry)

Dedicated to the preservation and appropriate use of Ontario's natural resources. Providing legislation and action towards the protection of species, fighting invasive species and all around land management for the mutual benefit of the environment and Ontario's population.

## **City of Hamilton;** [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca)

Owens and manages a significant amount of land, and possesses the ability to regulate human activity in relation to the environment, and the built environment.

## **Royal Botanical Gardens;** [www.rbg.ca](http://www.rbg.ca)

Focused on natural area sciences, and protection. A community leader in environmental land management and stewardship, as well as a major contributor of environmental educational opportunity.

## **Cootes to Escarpment;** [www.cootestoescarpment.ca](http://www.cootestoescarpment.ca)

The Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System is a collaborative initiative to protect, restore and connect more than 3,900 hectares (9,600 acres) of natural lands at the western end of Lake Ontario.

## **Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC);** [www.hamiltonharbour.ca](http://www.hamiltonharbour.ca)

A community driven organization focused on the promotion of the Hamilton Harbour and its watershed. Promoting environmental sustainability and actions.

## **Hamilton Conservation Foundation;** [www.hamiltonconservationfoundation.ca](http://www.hamiltonconservationfoundation.ca)

The charitable arm of the Hamilton Conservation Authority, assists in the funding of projects for the benefit of the environment and surrounding community; watershed wide.

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