



## Integrating Climate Change into Community-based Stewardship Programs


### Forests for Life and Elgin Landscape Strategy

Carolinian Canada Annual General Meeting-October 26, 2007

## Presentation Objectives

- Provide a brief overview of Ontario Stewardship and the Elgin Stewardship Council
- Provide a context for stewardship and its relationship to reducing the impact of climate change
- Highlight Forests For Life and the Elgin Landscape Strategy as two case studies in community engagement
- Inspire you to get involved regardless of background




## Elgin Stewardship Council





## Our Mission

“Achieve and maintain a healthy rural environment that will contribute toward both the viability of *agriculture* and *natural resources* as well as the *social* and *economic* well being of its residents”




## How We are Making a Difference in Carolinian Canada

- Investing in capacity building, relationships and developing grass-roots leadership
- Creating private sector opportunities
- Developing innovative approaches to land stewardship
- Efficient and effective delivery of community programs
- Activities and events for all demographics




## Forests For Life










  
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## Based on best available science



**How Much Habitat is Enough?**  
 A Framework for Guiding Habitat Rehabilitation in Great Lakes Areas of Concern  
 Second Edition

- Wetlands
- Riparian buffers
- Total forest cover
- Interior and deep interior habitat




  
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## Respecting landowner interests

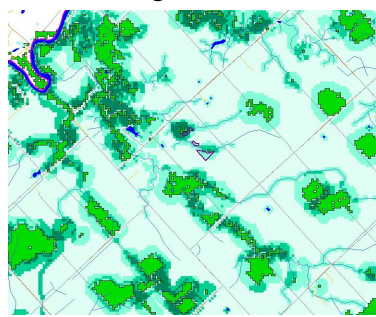
- Provide information rather than regulations
- People will often make the right decisions
- “Pull” rather than “push” people into the process
- Landowners want to work together in their habitat restoration projects so these relationships need to be nurtured. One of the keys to sustainability.







  
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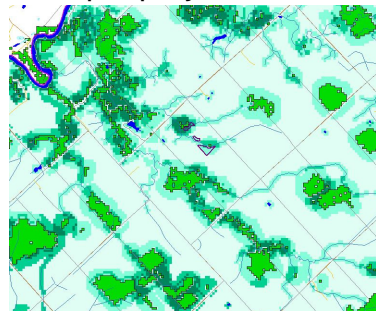
## Resulting information






  
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## Example projects - Kanter





  
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## Example projects - Miller



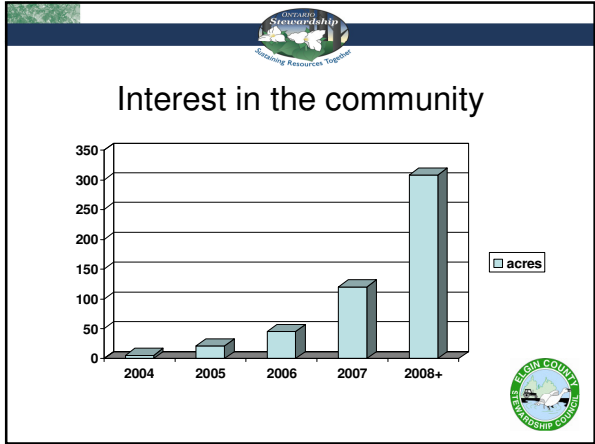



  
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## Landowners share expertise








  
**Potential Role for Citizens in Carolinian  
Canada**

- Learn all that you can about climate change
- Understand that there are things that you can do at your home and out in the community
- There is a role for everyone whether you come from an urban or rural background
- Find out about projects going on in your area through your local stewardship council or conservation authority.
- If you are from the Elgin, Middlesex or Oxford area, consider helping us in our Forests for Life program or the Elgin Landscape Strategy. We have important roles for everyone.



  
**THANK YOU!!!!**

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