

Heber Down Conservation Area Public Use Strategy

User Survey / Comment Sheet

Purpose of the Public Use Strategy:

In 2007, the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) acquired an additional 67 acres of environmentally sensitive lands fronting on Lyndebrook Road and nestled within the core of Heber Down Conservation Area (HDCA). As a result, Heber Down CA has blossomed to a total of 727 acres “that are close to the city, yet country quiet.” CLOCA is faced with numerous land management related challenges associated with the strategic redevelopment of Heber Down CA.

It is crucial to the long term vitality of the HDCA to complete and successfully implement a redevelopment strategy with a foundation that is based upon the preservation and enhancement of environmentally sensitive areas. Compatible public uses will be provided by the Authority in our commitment to provide communities with opportunities for passive recreation, public enjoyment and the overall appreciation for our natural environment.

Purpose of the Survey:

The information obtained from this survey will be used to help evaluate current uses of Heber Down CA and to identify public preferences for future uses and activities. CLOCA is undertaking this public survey as part of a Public Use Strategy in order to provide the public with opportunities to comment.

Questions:

1. Where do you live?

- Within walking / cycling distance of Heber Down CA
- Whitby (north of Taunton Road)
- Whitby (south of Taunton Road)
- Elsewhere in Durham Region (specify) _____
- Other _____

2. How often have you visited Heber Down CA?

- once a week, or more
- at least once a month
- several times a year
- for special event (please specify) _____

3. What is your age group?

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 19-30 | <input type="checkbox"/> > 65 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30-44 | |

4. Who do you visit the Heber Down CA with?

- on my own
- with spouse, or friend
- as part of organized group / activity (specify) _____
- with children, ages:
 - 0-4 10-13
 - 5-9 14-18

5. What activities have you, and / or your family, participated in at Heber Down CA? Please mark all that apply.

- Walking / hiking
- Day use picnic area (by booking / permit)
- Cycling / mountain biking
- Group camping area (by booking / permit)
- Nature observation
- Special event (fishing day, competition etc)
- Dog walking
- School related event
- Snowshoeing / cross-country skiing
- Other (please specify) _____
- Bird watching

**6. a) What activities / facilities, that are currently not offered, would you, and / or your family, like to see at Heber Down CA?
b) Are there any activities / facilities that you feel are inappropriate?**

New Activities / Facilities	Inappropriate Activities / Facilities

7. Do you have any additional comments that may assist us in our strategic redevelopment of the Heber Down CA i.e. maintenance, safety, user conflicts, accessibility?

I wish to be notified of any upcoming public information circulations regarding the Heber Down CA (Please provide contact information).

All information provided will be kept confidential and will only be used for purposes associated with the Heber Down CA Public Use Strategy.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Please return comments by Friday, May 2, 2008 by Fax, Mail or Email to:

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Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.