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Preserving Land For Future Generations

Central Lake Ontario Conservation is pleased to announce the acquisition of an additional 40 hectares (99 acres) of environmentally sensitive land to the Lynde Shores Conservation Area in Whitby. Located on the northwest side of the conservation area, the land plays an important role in providing a buffer to the Provincially Significant Lynde Marsh along with protecting and expanding potential nesting habitat for a number of wetland species.

“This land acquisition is an investment for future generations to enjoy and we could not have completed the acquisition without the support of the Regional Municipality of Durham and the Town of Whitby,” states Councillor Gerry Emm, Chair of Central Lake Ontario Conservation. “This was a one time opportunity and if we did not bring it under our protection, it would likely have lead to subsequent development that would be permanently incompatible with Central Lake Ontario Conservation’s vision for this unique area.”

Lynde Shores Conservation Area sees over 50,000 visitors each year and the purchase of this land increases the size of the conservation area to approximately 398 hectares (961 acres). “As the population of Durham Region grows, natural lands such as this one become ever more important to protect, experience and enjoy,” states Chair Emm.

In addition to the above, Central Lake Ontario Conservation has also acquired 34 hectares (84 acres) of land adjoining Long Sault Conservation Area in Clarington. “This new land creates a 971 hectare (2,400 acre) section of connected natural heritage lands by joining Long Sault Conservation Area and the East Cross Forest in Scugog,” states Chair Emm. “Central Lake Ontario Conservation would like to extend its appreciation to the Regional Municipality of Durham for their financial support through the Land Conservation and Protection Reserve in the Long Sault C.A. land purchase.

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