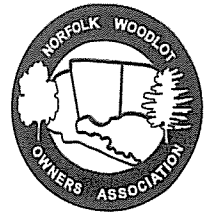


NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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President's MESSAGE

The days are getting longer again. Although winter is not over yet, we feel that spring is close. The buds on the trees are swelling fast. Sap is running from Sugar Maple trees. Summer birds from the south are coming back into our region. Other migrating birds are leaving our area to go up north. March 8 is the start of Tundra Swan migration into Norfolk and Elgin County. These birds then move on to the Hudson Bay tundra to nest and raise the young in the summer.

In the past month a forester has come out to our woodlot to mark the trees. He will make a summary of the trees that can be harvested; the trees that need to be cut to open up the canopy, and split or damaged trees that limit young saplings from growing into strong, big, straight trees. Execution of this plan will eventually result in valuable harvestable trees in a sustainable environment. Others may argue that we need to leave natural areas alone. In that way, nature will take its own course and offer habitat and opportunities for all species that fit in this particular habitat. This strengthens the bio-diversity in Norfolk County. We are waiting for the forester to come back with the list and his recommendations. We take this process one step at a time and when we are ready I will let you know about the next step.

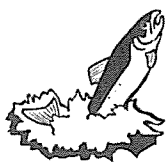
Some of our board members are currently working hard with the logging industry and sawmills to get a certification process going. They are working on obtaining funding to get this process going. Once the initiative process is complete, woodlot owners can join to be certified. Completing this process will open markets in Europe as well as in the US, that are now closed.

The committee for Species at Risk has been invited to a meeting to give input on Proposed Habitat Regulation for Eastern Flowering Dogwood. We have received the proposal that will be discussed. This information is currently available on line for public comment at www.ebr.gov.on.ca (Registry #011-2471). Our committee will discuss the proposal and make recommendations. If you have any questions you can contact Angelle van Kleef. If you want to make your own comment you can do this online or by fax before April 4th. In general, I need to say that although habitat for Eastern Flowering Dogwood is protected you can still manage your woodlot as before. You have to be aware of working around Eastern Flowering Dogwood or any other Species at Risk not to harm them or destroy their habitat. We will organize workshops to inform you more. Dates for these workshops will be posted in our next newsletter.

Finally, we will start introducing the board of directors for the NWOA in the next newsletter. This will make you more familiar with the board members and the specialties they bring to the NWOA. You can also visit the general pages of the new website at www.norfolkwoodlots.com.

Angelle van Kleef, President of the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



Normandale Fish Culture Station Tour

Wednesday March 30th, 2011 – 1:30 PM

- A private tour for the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association
- A presentation on the Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program (LOASRP)

Directions: heading south on Turkey Point Road – turn left onto Charlotteville Road #1 ~ drive to #394. (end of road to Fish Hatchery – meet in parking lot)

For more information please call Dave Reid – 519-426-4259.

THINKING OF TREE PLANTING?



SATURDAY, APRIL 16th, 2011 - 9:30 AM

St. Williams Nursery and Ecology Center (north side of Highway 24 – formerly the St. Williams Nursery)

The Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association in partnership with St. Williams Nursery and Ecology Center, Norfolk County, and the Long Point Region Conservation Authority is hosting an information session on tree planting.

If considering planting one or a thousand trees this spring or anytime in the future please join us on April 16th, 2011! It's more than the **GREEN SIDE UP!** For more information please call Angelle vanKleef – 428-1421.

WOODLOT TOUR ~ Beischlag Property

Location: Pt lot 22, Conc 1 (97 acre parcel) on

Saturday April 30th, 10:00 am to noonish.

This will provide some insights to managing a new plantation (this was planted from 1993 to 1996). It includes a 5 acre Red Oak Genus experiment and a 5 acre Carolinian Forest compliments of the MNR back in 1995. There was a total of 81,000 trees planted on this property over the 4 year period. There is also an established 7 acre woodlot.

Location: Meet at the corner of Lawrence Road & Highway #24 at 10:00 Am.

For more information please contact Paul Beischlag R. R. 2 1298 Charlotteville Road 5 Simcoe, ON N3Y 4K1 519 426-8591 or email: pbeischlag@hotmail.com



Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters applauds MNR investment in Ontario's fishery

On May 20th the Honourable Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Natural Resources, announced a major initiative in support of the **Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program (LOASRP)**. The program is jointly led by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (O.F.A.H.), with assistance from other levels of government and a number of public and private sector companies and organizations.

As early as this summer, work will begin on a multimillion-dollar rebuild of the provincially-run Normandale Fish Culture Station, which is responsible for raising more than a half million Atlantic salmon annually for the LOASRP. The O.F.A.H. applauds the province's ongoing commitment to the restoration of the once-abundant species, and to Ontario's fish culture program.

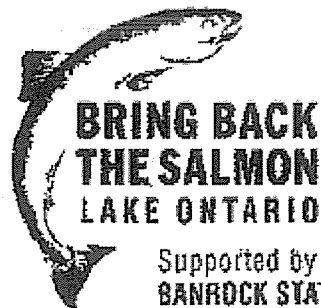
"I am pleased that the rebuilding of the Normandale Fish Culture Station is moving forward," said Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Natural Resources. "My Ministry understands how important it is to restore a self-sustaining population of Atlantic salmon to Lake Ontario. The Atlantic salmon is a part of Ontario's rich biodiversity and this centre will restore Lake Ontario's Atlantic salmon population to its natural glory."

At 85 years old, the Normandale hatchery, located 20 kilometers south of Simcoe in Norfolk County, is in immediate need of upgrading. As the lead production facility for the LOASRP, it is essential that Normandale be fully capable of raising healthy Atlantic salmon to various life stages. The rebuilt hatchery will also have the capacity to raise other species, including chinook salmon and rainbow trout.

"Healthy fisheries are vitally important to the ecological, economic and social wellbeing of Ontario," said Mike Reader, O.F.A.H. Executive Director. "The province, through this significant investment in the Normandale Fish Culture Station, has clearly demonstrated its continued commitment to Ontario's fish culture program and to the restoration of Atlantic salmon to Lake Ontario where they once thrived."

The Minister shared the good news during the ceremonial release of the LOASRP's two millionth fish on May 20, 2010, at the Belfountain Conservation Area on the Credit River. At the same event, LCBO President and CEO Bob Peter announced that the LCBO will continue to provide major support for the program through the Natural Heritage Fund beyond 2010.

More than forty partners provide financial and in-kind support to the LOASRP. Australia's Banrock Station Wines and the Natural Heritage Fund of the LCBO are the major sponsors, with additional support coming from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Canadian Sportfishing Industry Association, Fish For Ever Foundation, Fleming College, conservation authorities, landowners and many others.





WOODN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW.....

- Q. How can I provide input to the Eastern Flowering Dogwood (EFD) Habitat Regulation proposal the OMNR has put forth under the Species at Risk Act?

Regulation Proposal Notice:

Title:

Amendments to the General Regulation (Ontario Regulation 242/08) under the Endangered Species Act, 2007 to prescribe the habitat for three species at risk

EBR Registry Number:

011-2471

Ministry:

Ministry of Natural Resources

Date Proposal loaded to the

Registry:

February 18, 2011

Description of Regulation:

Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act, 2007 (ESA 2007) prohibits the damage or destruction of the habitat of species classified as endangered or threatened on the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) List in Ontario Regulation 230/08. Draft policy guidance pertaining to the interpretation of protected habitat and the assessment of damage or destruction on protected habitat will be forthcoming. Through a separate Environmental Registry posting currently targeted for Spring 2011, open and transparent public comment and feedback will be solicited on the draft policy guidance.

Under the ESA 2007, "habitat" is defined as either an area on which a species depends directly or indirectly to carry on its life processes (based on the general definition in clause 2(1)(b) of the act or the area prescribed for the species in a habitat regulation (clause 2(1)(a)). A habitat regulation can prescribe an area as the habitat of the species through the description of boundaries, features of an area, or by describing the area in any other manner.

Under the ESA 2007, the MNR is required to give notice to the public under of the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993 of a proposal to make a regulation (amending Ontario Regulation 242/08) that would prescribe an area as the habitat of a species which is listed on the SARO List as endangered or threatened. This notice shall be provided within 2 years for species designated as endangered and within 3 years for species designated as threatened.

On February 18, 2009, Eastern Flowering Dogwood was added to the SARO List as endangered.

This proposal is related to the proposed regulation to prescribe the habitat for; **EASTERN FLOWERING DOGWOOD**

Details on EFD habitat and the draft content of the proposed regulation for this species at risk was developed based on the best available scientific information. To provide a level of certainty to areas that are protected, in some cases the proposed regulation has been defined on specific features, geography, and known and historic occurrences. To the extent possible the government would like to protect the habitat of species where it occurs and is interested in perspectives that would provide additional details on locations that could be protected outside those identified in the current proposal.

Purpose of Regulation:

The purpose of this proposal is to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed regulation to prescribe the habitat of Eastern Flowering Dogwood.

SUBMIT COMMENTS BY APRIL 4th, 2011 TO:

Glenn Desy Species at Risk Biologist

Ministry of Natural Resources - Policy Division - Species at Risk Branch

300 Water Street Floor 4 Robinson Place South Tower

Peterborough Ontario K9J 8M5

Phone: (705) 755-5336

Fax: (705) 755-5566

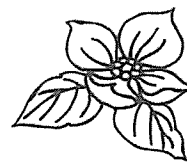
OR ON THE WEB

<http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB->

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PROPOSED HABITAT PROTECTION

Eastern Flowering Dogwood Habitat:



The Eastern Flowering Dogwood (endangered) is a small, showy tree native to deciduous and mixed forest understorey of southwestern Ontario. It grows in variety of vegetation communities, prefers mid-aged to mature forests, and can also be found along fencerows and roadsides. The proposed habitat provisions for Eastern Flowering Dogwood would protect elements of direct habitat including the terrestrial, naturally occurring vegetation types where the tree exists as well as the terrestrial, vegetated area within a 20 metre radius of each stem. Due to the large number of horticultural specimens of dogwood planted in landscaped settings such as urban gardens, cultivars of Eastern Flowering Dogwood are excluded from protection under this regulation unless they were developed from disease resistant plants that are native to Ontario or an adjacent state.

These provisions would apply in the following areas: the cities of Brantford, Hamilton, London and Windsor, the counties of Brant, Elgin, Essex, Haldimand, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford, and Norfolk, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and the regional municipalities of Halton and Niagara.

Key terms:

- **Cultivar:** a cultivated variety of a plant that has been deliberately selected for specific desirable characteristics.
- **Terrestrial:** an area where the water table is rarely or briefly above the substrate surface and hydric soils have not developed
- **Vegetation type:** a classification of vegetation community as describe.



Some points to consider from our various meetings the NWOA and Norfolk County have attended with the OMNR (these are from discussions and do not necessarily reflect what the MNR will apply as their final interpretation):

- **Vegetative Types** refer to the communities an Eastern Flowering Dogwood has been and thus could be found. This Vegetative type is not regulated, it is for reference when an individual had to screen a property for occurrence/potential of Eastern Flowering Dogwood.
- **Habitat:** As Eastern Flowering Dogwood grows on a diverse and variety of sites – the "habitat" of EFD would have been very difficult to define
eg: grows in a dry mesic oak forest with a 40% canopy closure, etc, etc, etc
 - so to make it easier to define – the habitat of the EFD was defined as where it actually grows and 20 metres around that individual stem
 - there is no reason provided why 25 metres, now 20 metres, is the defined regulated area around an EFD – this is questionable and could be better defined by growth of individual stems eg: outer dripline of tree plus 2 metres
 - within this 20 metres it does not prevent an individual from undertaking normal management – provided you do not destroy the Eastern Flowering Dogwood in doing so, thus you can still harvest and open up the vegetation around the tree to increase airflow to help ward off the anthracnose
 - further the Act cannot compel you to manage for conserving the species eg: take specific steps to open up around an EFD in a woodlot
 - the only issued flagged on defining the areas eg: Norfolk County – is that new areas have been found so why is the OMNR restricting itself to only 15 communities – this is not undertaken for other SARS to our knowledge
- **Cultivars:** this is a problematic proposal – how the OMNR will enforce and regulate individual yard trees has been flagged as an issue – having landowners keep documentation when & where they bought a single EFD for their yard just will not happen – with potential changes in ownership of single home dwellings, this proposal is unrealistic.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

www.ebr.gov.on.ca

What is the Environmental Bill of Rights?

The EBR gives every citizen of Ontario the right to participate in environmental decision-making. The goals of the EBR are to protect, conserve and restore the integrity of the environment, to provide for the sustainability of the environment, and to protect the right to a healthful environment.

What is the Environmental Registry?

The Environmental Registry is an important component of the EBR which provides the information you need to participate in environmentally significant government decision-making.

Don't Move Firewood

Buy Local!

Throwing a few pieces of firewood into the trunk of the car before a camping trip might seem like a good way to plan ahead, but those logs could destroy a forest.

Firewood can carry small but harmful hitchhikers that are often hidden in the bark or wood. The damage caused by invasive species such as the emerald ash borer can expand exponentially when they get rides from families on vacation—even if it is only a few kilometres away. In fact, the emerald ash borer has killed millions of ash trees across Canada.

When forests are destroyed, everyone bears the consequences. Workers who depend on the lumber industry can lose their livelihoods. Animals and birds can lose their habitat. And our environment can lose the cleaning power forests provide for the air we all breathe.

The solution is easy: leave your firewood at home and pick some up locally instead. If everyone takes care of our forests we will be able to enjoy them for years to come.



Sweet Tree Ventures
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RECIPES FROM THE WOODS

Salmon Barbecued in Birch Syrup

2 Lbs Wild BC SALMON	1 Cup Sweet Tree Ventures' Birch Syrup
½ Cup Sesame Oil	1 Small Onion, finely chopped
2 Cloves Garlic, minced	1 Tbsp Cumin
Salt & Pepper to taste	

1. Combine birch syrup & remaining marinade ingredients in a glass or plastic container.
2. Cut Salmon into steaks if desired.
3. Add fish to marinade & turn to coat thoroughly. Cover & refrigerate 2 – 8 hours, or until ready to use.
4. Barbecue on a hot grill for 20 – 45 minutes depending on the thickness of the steaks.
* If you don't have a BBQ grill, the fish can be baked in a 350° F oven.

NWOA Directors – 2011

** year indicates the term the year expires, the (number) indicates the number of terms served*

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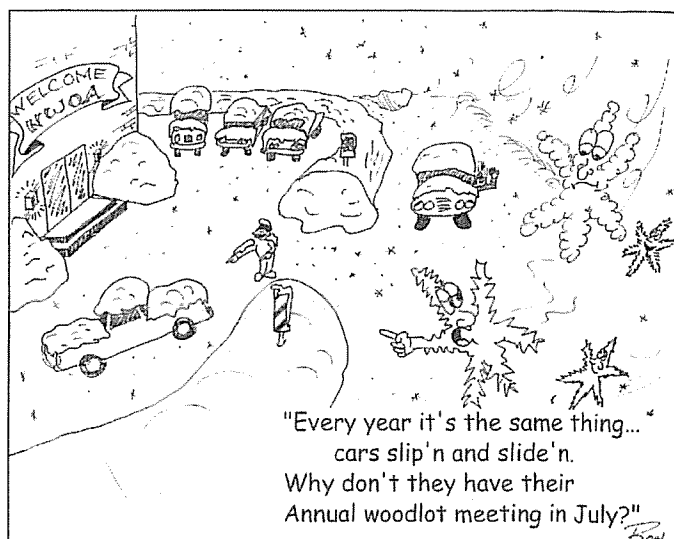
WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A DIRECTOR?

An interest in natural resources management We meet once a month except July & August....
We need new members to keep the momentum of our associations growth moving forward.....
If interested please contact an existing director to learn more.....

FOREST FUNNIES

Stand still. The **trees** ahead and bush beside you are not lost. ~ Albert Einstein

If trees could scream, would we be so cavalier about cutting them down? We might, if they screamed all the time, for no good reason. ~ Jack Handy SNL





TREES FOR ROADS

LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY & NORFOLK COUNTY ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR ROADSIDES GREEN

Norfolk County is now taking requests from landowners interested in planting trees on their own property adjacent to the County road allowance. In an effort to maintain our local rural "green" character along our roadways, Norfolk County invests in replacing those trees which are scheduled for removal annually for maintenance purposes. However, there are many areas adjacent to private lands which have never had trees planted – we are seeking these partnerships between private landowners to plant new areas which can help supplement our efforts to maintain our existing roadside tree inventory.

A limited number of tall stock trees are available this year, including Sugar Maple, and limited quantities of White Pine, White Cedar, Hemlock, Red, White & Bur Oak, Tulip, White Birch, Kentucky Coffee, Honey Locust, American Chestnut and Bitternut Hickory. Native shrub material will also be available for suitable locations. Landowners will be selected based upon the most suitable sites for the species available. This program is supported by the Norfolk Land Stewardship Council, the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association, LPRCA and Norfolk County. This support allows landowners the opportunity to purchase these trees and have them planted at a subsidized cost of \$15.00/ per tree.

In an effort to assist the landowner - the partners listed above have arranged to plant the tree(s) for landowners - ensuring the "*Right tree in the Right place*".

APPLY TODAY WITH NORFOLK COUNTY
**DEADLINE – APRIL 15th, 2011 - CALL FOR MORE
INFORMATION – ext. 2224** at any of the above numbers



Online applications available at www.norfolkcounty.ca

APPLICATION ON REVERSE

PLEASE VISIT ONE OF OUR LOCAL SWEET ESTABLISHMENTS THIS SPRING.....

Chambers Pure Maple Products & Pancake House Contact: Marvin & Judy Chambers

R.R. #3, Waterford ,N0E 1V0 Phone: (519)443-8561 Fax: (519)443-5794

Open Weekends 8-2:30 for 8 consecutive weeks starting February 28. Syrup sales daily. 235 Villa Nova Rd. S. 5 minutes SE of Waterford. Mid-week group bookings by appointment.

MapleRidge Syrup & Pancake House

Contact: Gary & Stella Watt

90 Con 11 Townsend, RR3, Waterford ,N0E 1Y0 Phone: (519)-426-5516 Fax: (519)-426-7754
Maple Ridge Syrup & Pancake House is located north of Simcoe, off Hwy 24 on Conc 11.



Serving pancake meals beginning the first weekend in March for six consecutive weeks. Maple syrup, maple products and giftware are available year round.

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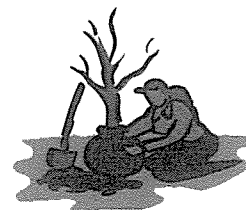
2011 APPLICATION FORM

Please submit application in **FULL** by **APRIL 15th, 2011** to:

NORFOLK COUNTY 95 Culver St. Simcoe, ON N3Y 2V5

Phone: 519-426-5999 ext 2224

Fax: 519-426-0059



Surname											Given Name										
Tax Roll No.	3	3	1	0																	
Mailing Address											Town										
Postal Code											E-mail										
Daytime Phone No.	()										Business No.	()									
Proposed Planting Location																					
Lot											County	Norfolk									
Concession											Former Township										
Side of Road	North			South				East				West									
Estimated Length of area to contain planting:										ft.		Spacing: Every				ft.					
Site Preparation Required / By Whom:										Soil Conditions:											

- Native Hardwood Species & Shrubs will be available this year (\$15.00 per tree / shrub) and selection will be discussed on site with Norfolk County staff.
- Spacing and location will depend upon suitability of site for species requested.
- An on site inspection will be provided and a decision made in regards to suitability of planting site.
- Eligibility for involvement in "Trees for Roads" maybe limited by overhead or underground utilities, site lines, drainage, road maintenance, or suitability of planting site.

Tree Species	Site Description		Tree Species	Site Description	
Hard Maple	- prefers well drained sites		White Pine	- prefers well drained sites	
American Chestnut	- prefers well drained sites		Tulip	- prefers moist to well drained sites	
White Birch	- prefers moist to well drained sites		Honey Locust	- prefers well drained sites	
Red Oak	- prefers dry well drained sites		Red Maple	- prefers moist sites	
White Oak	- prefers well drained sites		Sycamore	- prefers mosit sites	

CONDITIONS

I hereby understand that payment in full must be made upon receipt of the invoice for the services provided under the Trees for Roads Program. Materials, such as, tree stakes remain property of the Trees for Roads program and will be removed and re-used within the program once the tree has established itself. It is understood that the partners cannot guarantee the survival of individual trees.

Every effort will be made to assist the landowner in how they can increase the chances of survival and tree growth. Replacement trees will be offered the following year, for subsequent years a tree will be replanted once for \$10.00 per tree.

The applicant agrees to allow the partners to enter upon their property to monitor the health, remove the tree stake, and undertake tree pruning (*where possible*). The Trees for Roads Program does not take any responsibility in the long-term care and maintenance of the trees planted under this program.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

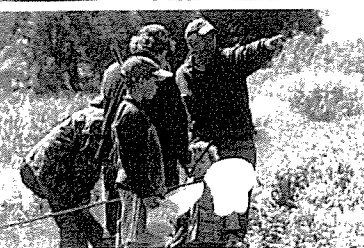
PLANTING LOCATION

Please indicate municipal address, roads, woodlots, buildings, etc.

NORTH
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Long Point-Carolinian Nature Fest



FRI. MAY 27 - SUN. MAY 29, 2011

NORFOLK COUNTY

A celebration of southern Ontario's nature featuring a weekend of birding, nature walks, night hikes, mountain biking, kayak and canoe trips, educational bus tours, youth and family-oriented activities, displays, and workshops throughout Norfolk County.

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or contact us at info@naturefest.ca, 519-410-8878

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