



# EXPLORING OUR WATERSHEDS

LAMBTON COLLEGE (1457 London Rd., SARNIA ON)

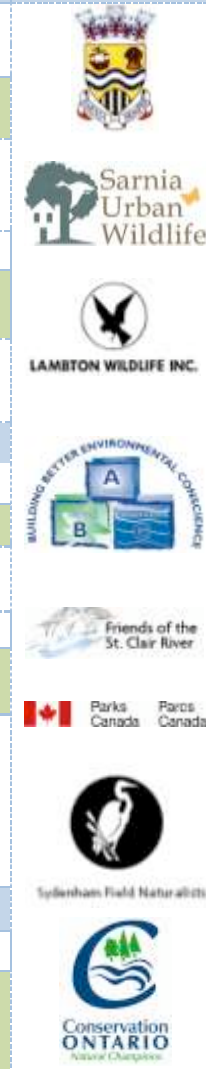
Ontario Nature's 79<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting &  
Carolinian Canada Coalition's 2010 Forum & 4<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Visit Lambton's World Class Natural Areas in Carolinian Canada



## DAY 1 - STEWARDING CAROLINIAN COASTS Friday May 28, 2010 [Lambton College Residence Ballroom, 1485 London Rd.]

8:00	<b>Registration, Networking &amp; Continental Breakfast</b>	
9:00	<b>WELCOME</b> Mayor Mike Bradley of Sarnia; Caroline Schultz, Ontario Nature; Dr. Gordon Nelson, Carolinian Canada Coalition	
	<b>Coastal Greenways &amp; the Big Picture in Carolinian Canada</b> Hear overviews & local case studies to examine the vision, status & hurdles of the major landscape-scale habitat programs & their vital role in water conservation	
	Stewarding Carolinian Coasts & Biodiversity Hotspots Ontario Nature Greenway Program – The Green Way Forward St. Clair River Remedial Action Plan (RAP)	Michelle Kanter, Carolinian Canada Coalition Amber Cowie, Ontario Nature Kristina Lee, St. Clair River RAP's Binational Public Advisory Committee
10:30	<b>Health Break / Displays</b>	
10:50	<b>Species at Risk in Aquatic Ecosystems &amp; Watersheds</b> Discover the significance of aquatic ecosystems in southern Ontario's Biodiversity	
	Bkejwanong's Marshes: Sustaining a Conservation Legacy Protecting Fishes At Risk through Community Based Management Plans The Ontario Reptile & Amphibian Atlas	Clint Jacobs, Walpole Island First Nation Kari Jean, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Joe Crowley, Ontario Nature
12:00	<b>LUNCH [Video "One Shot: The River R.A.P."]</b> Kim Gledhill, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority	
12:30	<b>CAROLINIAN CANADA COALITION 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> [Ballroom]	
1:15	<b>Getting Involved [Concurrent Workshops]</b>	
	1. Social Marketing & Ecotourism: Can a Coastal Trail Enhance Stewardship? 2. Establishing an Aquatic Protected Areas Network	Megan Ihrig, Carolinian Canada Coalition [Ballroom] Dave Pearce, CPAWS-Wildlands League [Room LI300]
2:30	<b>Health Break / Displays</b>	
2:50	<b>The Green Economy &amp; Climate Change</b> Explore challenges/opportunities for watershed and biodiversity conservation emerging in response to climate change and green energy policy	
	Re-casting a Vision for a Biodiversity Strategy for Ontario North America's First Renewable Energy Feed in Tariff: Understanding and Benefiting from Ontario's New Green Energy Act Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS): Market Pressures to Market-Based Solutions for Climate Change and Ontario's Green Economy Wrap-up	Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario Mike Layton, Environmental Defense Dr. Robert Bailey, Delta Waterfowl Foundation Dr. Gordon Nelson, Chair, Carolinian Canada Coalition
5:00	<b>LOCAL WATERS BANQUET [LAMBTON COUNTY NATURAL HERITAGE VIDEO from LAMBTON WILDLIFE INC.]</b>	
6:00	<b>~ CAROLINIAN CANADA CONSERVATION AWARDS ~</b>	
7:30	<b>Duc D'Orleans II Cruise on the St. Clair River</b> [297 Front St. Sarnia ON] (Buses leave Lambton College Residence @ 7pm) Learn about the many uses of this critical waterway on this 2 hr cruise with local experts Darrell Randell & Archie Kerr, world music and cash bar <b>"Migration of the Monarchs – A concert that knows no boundaries"</b> [Jarmo Jalava, Jimi Doney & Charly Garcia] (Return buses leave dock @ 9:45pm)	



# Day 2 – EXPLORING LAMBTON’S WATERS

Saturday May 29, 2010 [Lambton College 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor]



Ministry of Natural Resources  
Ontario Stewardship

7:00

**Early Morning Walks – Guided Hike:** Howard Watson Nature Trail *(Bus leaves Lambton College Residence @ 7am, Returns 8:15am)*  
**Self-guided:** Wawanosh Wetlands or Lambton College Woodlot *(see maps for locations)*

8:00

**Hot Breakfast, Registration, Networking & Refreshments (Lambton College 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

8:45

**WELCOME** [Lambton College Theatre A223]

**“Healthy Watersheds” – Rick Battson, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority**

9:20

*Buses for Full Day Field Trips Depart from Lambton College (Bridge Entrance)*

9:30

**Getting the Big Picture – Highlights from Friday**

10:00

**Health Break**

10:15

**Wild Neighbours [Concurrent Sessions]**

Get to know the fascinating wildlife of Lambton County, an ecologically diverse and species-rich municipality

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| 1. Wonders of the Sydenham River             | Muriel Andreae, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority [A223] |
| 2. Birding the Sarnia to Grand Bend Corridor | Sarah Rupert, Point Pelee National Park [A210]                 |
| 3. Damsels and Dragons                       | Alistair MacKenzie, Pinery Provincial Park [A209]              |

11:15

**Wild Places [Concurrent Sessions]**

Find out how local action is restoring critical aquatic habitat

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| 1. Wetland Restoration & Protection: St. Clair River AOC   | Darrell Randell, Ducks Unlimited [A223]                   |
| 2. Just how pristine is the St. Clair River?               | Tim Moran, Pollutech [A210]                               |
| 3. Establishing Ribbons of Green along Ontario’s Waterways | Kate Monk, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority [A209] |

12:00

**LUNCH** [BBQ in the courtyard beside 1<sup>st</sup> floor cafeteria @ Lambton College]

1:00

**Getting Your Feet Wet [Concurrent Sessions]** *(Buses leave from Lambton College Bridge Entrance @ 1pm)*  
Venture into the community to work with local experts in recreation, creativity, landscaping and habitat restoration

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| 1. Natural Area Highlights Bus Trip                    | Brenda Lorenz  |
| 2. Geocaching @ Wawanosh Wetlands                      | Sharon Nethercott, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority |
| 3. Wood Carving @ Kinsmen Centre                       | Triple C Woodcarvers                                       |
| 4. Naturalized Landscaping & Art @ Urban Nature Centre | Lorraine Johnson & Shawn McKnight                          |
| 5. Reptiles & Amphibians @ Dow Wetlands                | Joe Crowley & Melissa Levi                                 |

4:00

**ONTARIO NATURE 79<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & AWARDS** [Lambton College Theatre A223]

6:00

**ONTARIO NATURE WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION** [Lambton College Residence Ballroom]

7:00

**LOCAL FIELDS BANQUET & LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS** [Lambton College Residence Ballroom]

8:30

**“Navigating through the Biodiversity of Canada’s Stream Corridors: A Personal Voyage”**  
**JACK IMHOF, National Biologist, Trout Unlimited Canada** [Lambton College Residence Ballroom]  
Hear keynote speaker Jack Imhof, a distinguished ecologist, talk of the rich diversity of southern Ontario’s rivers.

# DAY 3 – CAROLINIAN CANADA WATERSHEDS

**Sunday May 30, 2010** [Canatara Park Pavilion] (Park entrance @ Cathcart Blvd. & Christina St. N)

8:00

**Hot Breakfast in the Park**

9:00-Noon

**Half Day Field Trips [Concurrent Sessions with boxed lunches included]** *(Self-transportation to sites required)*

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| 1. Bickford Line Conservation and Restoration Sites | Carolinian Canada Big Picture Core Habitat                 |
| 2. Port Franks Natural Areas                        | Carolinian Canada Signature Site & Biodiversity Hotspot    |
| 3. Ausable River Valley                             | Carolinian Canada Signature Site & Biodiversity Hotspot    |
| 4. Sarnia’s Fabulous Canatara Park                  | Local birding hotspot and variety of Carolinian landscapes |

**SATURDAY**

**FULL DAY FIELD TRIPS**

**BUS DEPARTS 9:20 A.M. FROM LAMBTON COLLEGE [BRIDGE ENTRANCE]**

**[OPTION 1] WALPOLE ISLAND [TRADITIONAL LUNCH]**

**[OPTION 2] KARNER BLUE SANCTUARY & PINERY PROVINCIAL PARK [CATERED LUNCH]**

**BUS RETURNS 3:45 P.M.**