

## Why a Land Trust?

Areas of wilderness are disappearing quickly throughout southern Ontario because of pressure to expand urban areas. The Willow Beach Field Naturalists identified the need to have a Land Trust established in Northumberland County in order to preserve natural spaces for future generations and to provide habitat for wildlife and species at risk. Their group initiated the incorporation of the Northumberland Land Trust and have provided seed monies and support since its formation in 2004.



View looking west across the Leckey property

## What we do:

The Northumberland Land Trust's goal is to hold title to lands and to obtain donations to secure significant lands for the preservation of their natural, cultural or historical values. As a nonprofit organization, the NLT is involved in local partnerships which share common goals and values in land

securement and protection. The NLT also partakes in community outreach by engaging the public in volunteer stewardship programs, nature hikes and other outreach activities.

Our operational activities include promoting the role of the land trust and the opportunities we can provide through marketing materials and providing a presence at local community events. We work with landowners to achieve conservation objectives and we work in partnership with other agencies in land securement and conservation. We also organize speakers at educational lectures and workshops, and we publish a quarterly newsletter informing our membership about projects and events. Our cooperation with community groups such as the Willow Beach Field Naturalists, the Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative, and trail groups helps to achieve our objectives and provides outreach and educational opportunities.

## Some Successes to Date:

- Ownership of 52 acres adjacent to Peter's Woods, an old growth forest and wetland north of Centreton (the Pelton Property).
- Acquisition of the Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Center through a donation by Dr. Mary Bedford-Jones. The site is managed by the NLT and leased by the Kawartha Pine Ridge

District School Board with over 6,000 students coming to the property annually for outdoor education classes in a natural setting.



- The McEwen property acquisition (100 acres) in partnership with the Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Ontario Land Trust Alliance.
- The establishment of a conservation easement (the Leckey Property)
- Completion of baseline reports for the Leckey, Pelton and McEwen properties including management plans for the latter two.

## Membership:

If you would like to join the NLT and help with our preservation and conservation work, please fill out the form below and send it with your cheque to "Northumberland Land Trust, P.O. Box 1153, Cobourg, ON, K9A 5A4." You will receive an income tax receipt. To pay with a credit card go to [www.northumberlandlandtrust.ca](http://www.northumberlandlandtrust.ca) Select "Donate Now" then "Please Choose a Fund".

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### Membership category:

Individual:  \$25      Family:  \$40

Supporting:  \$50

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## Partnerships:

The NLT joined the Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative in 2006. The Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative is a collective of "parties" all of whom recognize that the eastern end of the Oak Ridges Moraine, (identified through natural area studies as the Rice Lake Plains), is an environmentally significant part of Ontario and that a landscape approach to preservation is required to protect the resources found here. The Rice Lake Plains area is particularly important as a major groundwater recharge zone containing headwater habitats for several coldwater creeks in Northumberland County. It is also home to Canada's eastern-most prairies and Black Oak Savannas. The partners to date are Alderville First Nation, Northumberland County, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, Lower Trent Conservation, the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Northumberland Land Trust, Tallgrass Ontario, Lone Pine Marsh, Willow Beach Field Naturalists and Ontario Parks. These organizations are collectively known as "the Parties", and all of them have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to achieve the objectives as described above.



## Who we are:

The Northumberland Land Trust (NLT) is a not-for-profit agency incorporated in 2004 and operated by a volunteer Board of Directors. The NLT was established to preserve the natural, historical and cultural heritage of Northumberland County. Northumberland County is comprised of the towns of Port Hope, Trent Hills, Cobourg, Colborne, Brighton and scenic rural areas with many rolling hills. Since inception the NLT has acquired three properties: the Laurie Lawson Property, 100 acres on Telephone Road in Cobourg; the McEwen Property, 100 acres in the northern rural area of Port Hope on the Oak Ridges Moraine; and the Pelton Property, 52 acres in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, also on the Oak Ridges Moraine and abutting Peter's Woods. We also hold a conservation easement on the Leckey Property, 177 acres in Cramahe Township, for a total of 429 acres of protected lands in Northumberland County.