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Northumberland Land Trust Receives \$23,000 OTF Grant

Cobourg, ON – Conservation work in the Northumberland area was given a boost today as Northumberland-Quinte West MPP Lou Rinaldi announced a \$23,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to further the work of the Northumberland Land Trust (NLT). MPP Rinaldi was joined by OTF representative Morris Tait as NLT members celebrated the good news at the announcement held at the Victoria Retirement Living Centre.

“This grant is truly an investment in Northumberland's future,” said M.P.P. Lou Rinaldi. “I’m delighted to see the Ontario Trillium Foundation support Northumberland Land Trust’s work in preserving our environmental heritage for future generations.”

Over the next year, the Northumberland Land Trust will increase the Executive Director’s hours to further enhance their mandate and produce a wide-variety of informational and educational materials to promote their work. The grant will support NLT achieve a higher level of functioning in areas of outreach, communications, governance, environmental education and land stewardship.

“It is wonderful news that we are being given this grant, allowing us to continue our work in land conservation,” said James Thomas, Land Trust President. “With 430 acres of land, including the Outdoor Education Centre operated by our School Board, the funding will go a long way to expanding our capacity in the County.”

From small beginnings in 2003 with the Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre, has added three significant properties to the portfolio of the Northumberland Land Trust this year. All were made with the support of the local community, NLT Board and volunteers who commit their time and talent for the present and to the future generations of Northumberland County and the Province of Ontario.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For over 25 years, the Foundation has supported the growth and vitality of communities across the province. OTF continues to strengthen the capacity of the volunteer sector through investments in community-based initiatives. For more information, please visit www.trilliumfoundation.org.

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