

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT
ECOLOGICAL GIFT PROGRAM
SUMMER HIKE - July 19, 2014
A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR
SUPPORTERS

Not displaying correctly?
[View this email in your browser](#)

Visit our Website www.mvlt.org



Photo Credit; *Bo Spalding*

Stewardship Hike

Dear << Test First Name >>,

Last summer, I became president of our Land Trust, taking over from Dexter Coolidge. I did so because of my commitment to Ahmic Lake and the surrounding area and the pristine environment we all enjoy and my belief that the Land Trust has the tools and the organization to help preserve our beautiful area and environment. Dexter helped put in place the necessary structure and we recognize his outstanding work in support of our Land Trust. He is definitely a hard act to follow! We took the opportunity to thank and recognize Dexter for his outstanding work at our annual party last August. His leadership was also recognized by the Ontario Land Trust Association last fall when he was awarded the Ontario Land Trust Alliance 2013 Vision Award for his outstanding contribution to the land trust movement and conservation in Ontario.

With no slight to Dexter, the biggest thanks goes to our supporters, each and every one of you. Thank each of you who have donated land for preservation, sought conservation easements for preservation of land, financially supported the Land Trust, and expressed interest and moral support in the Land Trust. We are very

grateful and are here today because of your ongoing support. As a relative newcomer to land trust conservation, we are proud to have taken on and successfully accomplished an initial and extremely generous and complicated project, the Old Man's Creek Reserve. The gift consists of 97 hectares (240 acres) of mixed upland forest and lowland forests that flank Old Man's Creek and includes two waterfalls and 610 meters (2,000 feet) of creek shore. We were also able with wonderful financial support to purchase and successfully preserve additional land adjacent to the Reserve. This includes another 5.6 ha (13.8 ac) of land with its 305 m (1,000 ft) of Old Man's Creek shoreline. And now we are in the final stages of completing the acceptance of a conservation easement protecting 5 ha (13.5 ac) of land with its 335 m (1,100 ft) of Ahmic Lake shoreline. Plus this past fall we obtained a change in zoning status of OMC Reserve from rural to environmentally protected ("EP") status, and soon we are hopeful we will be able to announce that we obtained a zoning change for Lot 3, making it EP as well.

We have, as a young land trust, enjoyed exciting times (and steep learning curves - successfully, I am happy to report) and are looking forward to future prospects and projects, both around Ahmic and the Magnetawan Watershed, with the possibility of taking on a preserving more land by land donations and conservation easement grants.

Currently, two different property owners, one on Ahmic and one in the Watershed but off Ahmic, have approached us with potential projects which we are analyzing.

Focusing on the "approached us" aspect, I would like all to understand, please, that the Land Trust is, for lack of a better term, a passive organization. We are set up to assist those who are or might be thinking about preserving their land or part of it. Although tempted, we are not out knocking on doors and urging people to put their land in a land trust for preservation. (Fair warning, however, we do like to talk about land conservation and ways to achieve it, if given the opportunity.) So if you are interested in conservation tools available through us that can assist you in preserving your property (and perhaps giving you the enjoyment of potential lessened taxes and the benefit of charitable gift deductions) around Ahmic and the Watershed, please let us know. Also, if you hear from friends, family, or colleagues that might have an interest, please encourage them to contact us.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for their past solid and unselfish work for the Land Trust and for their future efforts. All have put many, many hours into the Trust already and have provided insightful guidance in our moving forward.

I would be remiss if I did not also give great thanks to our Coordinator, Val Fieldwebster, who is friendly, talented, and patient, bringing not only conservation experience to us but also a deep knowledge of flora and fauna and very good organizational skills to keep the Land Trust running as smoothly as we can run it. Thank you, Val!

And, finally, I would be very remiss if I did not seek your continued support to help preserve the lands around beautiful Ahmic Lake and the land throughout the Magnetawan Watershed by way of land donations, conservation easements, and, yes, funds. Without them, we could not operate and offer assistance to those desiring to conserve their lands and preserve our beautiful area and environment.

In closing, I would like to leave you with this thought. Any and all feedback, thoughts you may have on the Land Trust and moving forward, and constructive criticism are all appreciated and needed. Please feel free to contact me, any Board member, or Val at any time.

As Dexter wrote as a closing line which I will happily continue to use:
Thinking of Ahmic!

The very best of regards,

Barry Graham, President

Preserving your Land in Perpetuity

A desire to preserve the land and lake we love led to the formation of the Magnetawan Watershed Land Trust. One of the tools available to help ensure a piece of land is preserved in perpetuity is the Ecological gift program. The Ecological gift program is a federal income tax incentive. This program can give a potential land donor extra assurance that the land they cherish will be preserved in perpetuity. A donor who's land qualifies for the ecological gifts program will also receive a non-refundable Canadian tax credit, and Canadian corporate donors will receive a tax deduction. Land donations given through this program may also qualify for an exemption from the capital gains tax. To find out more about ecological gifts go to <http://www.ec.gc.ca/pde-egp/> or email Valerie Fieldwebster at magnetawanwlt@gmail.com.



Photo Credit; Valerie Fieldwebster



How healthy is Old Man's Creek?

Join us for a look at the creatures that live in the Old Man's Creek.

We will be using aquatic dip nets, and identification sheets to calculate the creek's biotic index. Wear your rubber boots, or footwear that can get wet and you can help with this scientific investigation.

July 19, 10 a.m.

Meet at the Old Man's Creek Bridge on Ahmic rd.

Visit the [Crowd Around Muskoka Parry Sound](#) website and help support MWLT's stewardship equipment crowd funding campaign.



With your support we can purchase stewardship equipment for our volunteers such as water monitoring equipment, GPSs and educational materials.



Photo Credit: Edward Foster

2013 was a wonderful year for connecting with our supporters.
A Big Thank You to those of you who have been with us since the beginning and a warm welcome to those who chose to join us this year.

Rock Bass (\$21 - \$249)

Astron Specialty Metals
Laetitia Ayars in *Memory of Kelly Seibels*
Laura and Lee Berg
Carol Breckenridge in *Memory of Kelly Seibels*
Elizabeth Carrier Brooks
Susan and Ed Connors
Carol and Dexter Coolidge
in *Memory of Kelly Seibels*
Nancy and Richard Embry
Mary Fenimore
Don and Judy Fleming
Fritz Kelly
Joyce and Bill Mahan
Jane and Richard Moore
Bev Rodin and Jim Mellard
Janet and Byron Simmons
Anne and Matthew Sudduth
Joanne and Matthew Van Nest
Nancy Warner
Susan Wickens-Schiedel
Deany and Robert Wood

Sunfish (\$250 - \$499)

Terry and Mark Anderson
Sandra and John Cameron
Betsy and Bo Candler
Sally Caudwell
Shelley and Brian Chemnitz
Virginia and Merdyth Ewing
Preston Kelly
Francis and Noris Little

Large-mouth Bass (\$500 - \$999)

Ahmic Maintenance and Storage
Susan Bohaker
Marion and Les Green
Deirdre and David LaMotte
Melissa and Bo Spalding
Mary and Bob Stockdale-Vernon
Carol and Dick Verity

Pickrel (\$1,000 - \$4,999)

Anonymous
Ann Walker and Earl Box
Beth and Sam Candler
Ellen and Whit Conrad
Carol and Dexter Coolidge
Ed Foster
Palmer and Barry Graham
Mary and Ted Levering
Molly Norton
Louise Verity and Mac Penney
Marsha and John Ramsay
Susannah and Hadley Rouse
Ted Rouse
Beth and Edmund Seibels
Molly and Fabio Terlevich
Christine and Christopher Totman

Northern Pike (\$5000 +)

Steve Caudwell
Geoffry Garth

If we have not listed you, it is due to either your request to remain anonymous or an oversight on our part. If the latter, please accept our apology and let us know so we can acknowledge your support of the Land Trust in a subsequent Newsletter.

Donate Now

Copyright © 2014 Magnetawan Watershed Land Trust, All rights reserved.

We send these newsletters to folks who may share our interest in preserving Ahmic Lake

Our mailing address is:

Magnetawan Watershed Land Trust

407 Whitehouse Rd.

RR#2

Huntsville, On P1H 2J3

Canada

[Add us to your address book](#)

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

The MailChimp logo is displayed in a white, cursive font within a grey rectangular box.