



2017 ANNUAL REPORT



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



As Chair of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) Board of Directors, I am honoured to serve the residents of the Niagara Peninsula watershed. Niagara has one of the most complex watersheds in Ontario and respecting that incredible responsibility has been fundamental to everything we do.

As you will see in the 2017 NPCA Annual Report, this past year was the culmination of the completion of the Strategic Plan 2014-2017, the hiring of a new CAO, Mark Brickell, a new planning protocol and MOU with the Region of Niagara and saw the assent of Bill 139: Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017.

In 2017 I had the opportunity to engage with over 165 groups, partners, and communities throughout the Niagara region, the City of Hamilton, and Haldimand County. Listening to their feedback on how the NPCA can play a positive role in their respective sector has been critical. Throughout those conversations, one message has been clear, unequivocal and universal; We must continue to balance the needs of our partners, and we will do so exclusively within the language of the Conservation Authorities Act. While difficult at times, the opportunities far outweigh the challenges, and together we can ensure a healthy, resilient watershed. The Conservation Authorities Act is an incredible piece of legislation vital to building prosperous, healthy communities and it will continue to guide the decisions of the NPCA Board of Directors.

I look forward to continuing the open dialogue with our partners, local communities, and stakeholders. I also look forward to your feedback as we begin the process of creating our Strategic Plan 2018-2021.

Sincerely,
Sandy Annunziata
NPCA Board Chair

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CAO



Thanks to a solid 2014-2017 Strategic Plan and our Board's commitment to implementing that plan, the NPCA that exists today is more professional, better managed, more customer and stakeholder focused, more transparent and more accountable than ever before. In addition, the NPCA has made significant investments in its parks and campgrounds, with more to come. Importantly, NPCA staff now have the tools and resources necessary to do their work. Costs have been controlled and revenues are up substantially. And the NPCA continues along the path of continuous improvement.

That said, the best is still to come.

As we now work to develop our 2018-2021 Strategic Plan, I would like to acknowledge the great work of the amazing women and men who work at the NPCA. Their dedication, commitment and passion to the Niagara Peninsula watershed and its people is second to none.

We look forward to working even more closely with our numerous stakeholders as we move towards an even greater future.

Sincerely,
Mark Brickell
CAO/Secretary Treasurer

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KEY EVENTS

Envirothon
March

Roots on the Twenty
May

St. Johns Pond Opening
April

Hawkwatch
March

New Splashpad opens at Binbrook
July

Niagara Falls Nature Club
Smithness Planting
June

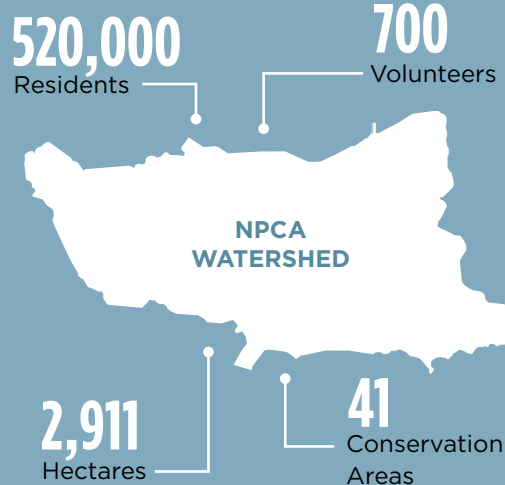
Extreme Mudder Race Competition
October

Perseids Meteor Shower
August

Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival
Over 30,000 attended
October

Pollinator Gardens Legacy Project
June

NPCA BY THE NUMBERS



\$1.4M | Returned to Niagara Taxpayers
(Hamilton Apportionment Decision)

SPOTLIGHT

Appointed New
CAO/Mark Brickell

Bill 139 Receives
Royal Assent

The Living
Landscape Policy
Review

8 Bold New
Initiatives

5.2% | Reduction in
2018 Budget

ACCESSIBILITY

Long Beach Stairs

Parking at Ball's Falls
Thanksgiving Festival

New accessible walkway
at Binbrook

PARKS ARE REVENUE POSITIVE

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**COMPREHENSIVELY
PREPARED
MASTER PLANS**

Cave Springs
Master Plan

Lakefront Master Plan

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Health of NPCA after completing first ever 2014-2017 Strategic Plan.

Beginning the process of the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan.

4 MOUs Initiated

• **Niagara Region**
Planning Protocol

• **Department of National Defense**
Land Use Agreement

• **District School Board of Niagara**
Outdoor Learning

• **NPC Foundation**
New Partnership

3 New Policies Crafted

• Code of Conducts

• Record Retention

• Communications

NPCA REVISED ADVISORY COMMITTEE MODEL

Province adopts this model in Bill 139

PARTNERSHIPS

Bench Brewing Company

NCDSB

Niagara Rowing School

BoarderPass Canada

Landcare Niagara Agreement

Canada 150 School Board Project

Métis Nation of Ontario

Burlington Beach Rentals

Brock University

Niagara College

Niagara Region Native Centre

Treetop Trekking



Updated Source Protection Plan

1 New Source Protection Committee Chair
2 New Committee Members | 3 Meetings

125+ Highly Vulnerable Aquifer reviews

1 new bedrock monitoring well in North Pelham

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