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Welcome to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) Quarterly Report. This report offers an update to the people in the Niagara peninsula watershed, our funders, and our stakeholders as to what has been happening at NPCA. As laid out in our Strategic Plan, we are making a concerted effort to be more transparent and hope that these reports are helpful in your understanding of our work.



The first quarter of 2018 saw new partnerships, and the beginnings of more NPCA community engagement than ever before. We look forward to interacting with you in new and accessible ways.

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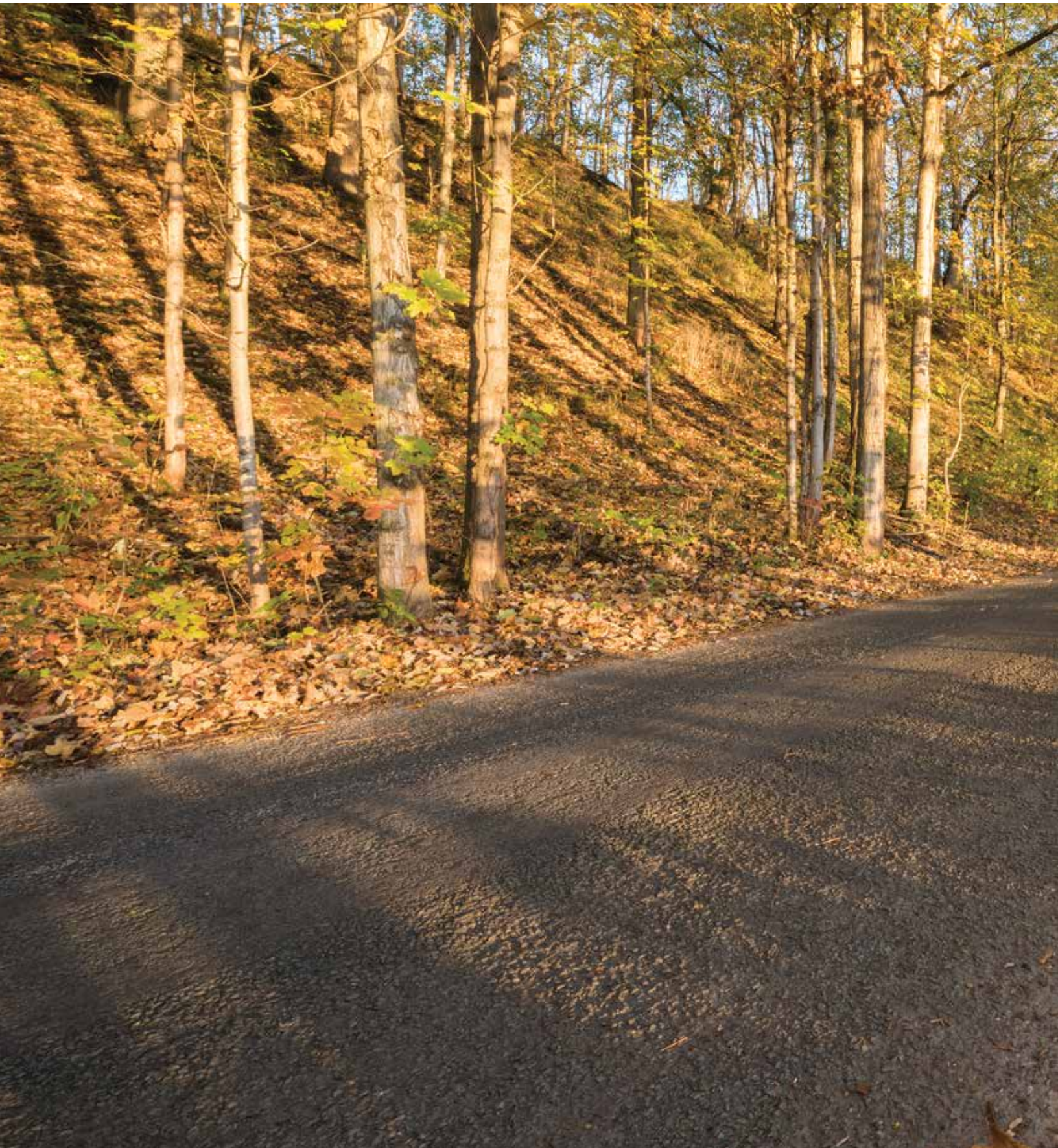
Mark Brickell
Chief Administrative Officer
Secretary Treasurer



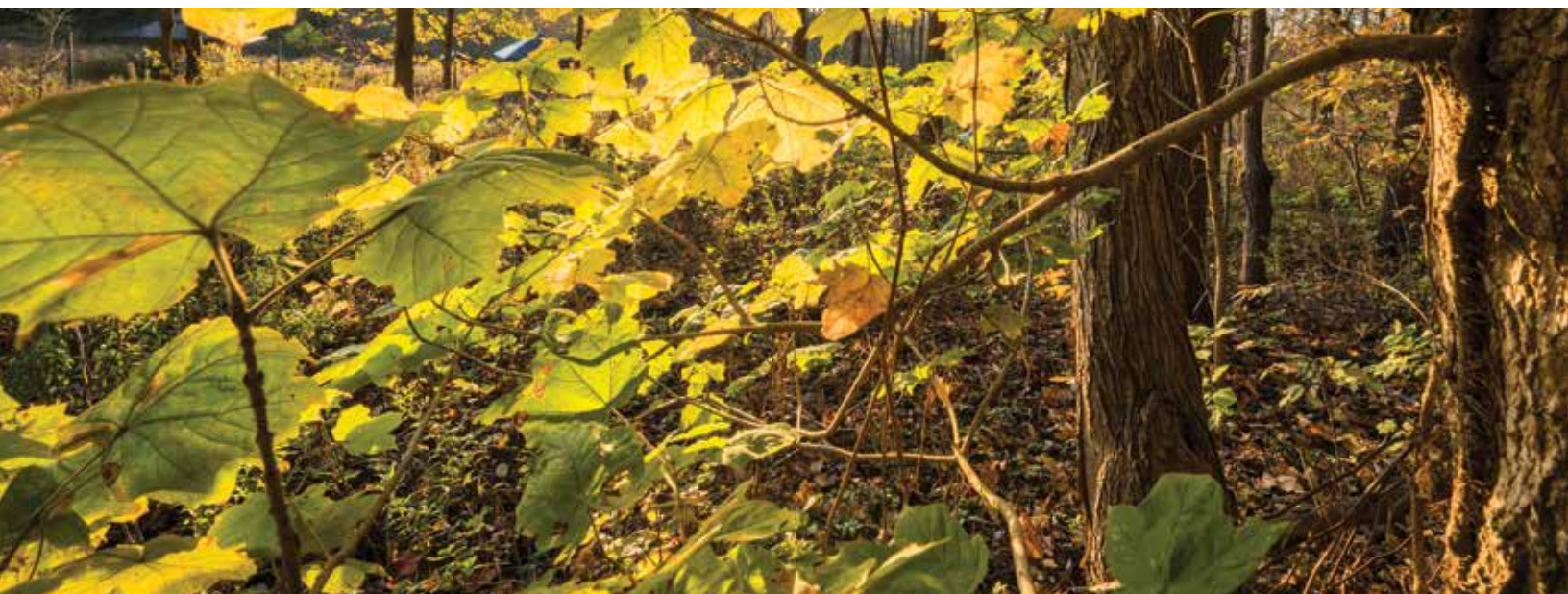
As we begin building a Strategic Plan 2018-2021, I am confident that NPCA will continue moving towards excellence.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandy".

Sandy Annunziata
Chair, Board of Directors







ABOUT US

Our Waters

The NPCA manages the Niagara peninsula watershed with the purpose of keeping people and property safe from flooding and erosion. Our watershed includes several bodies of interconnected waters that flow throughout Niagara and part of Hamilton and Haldimand County. NPCA implements programming aimed at improving water quality.

Our Lands

NPCA manages its 41 Conservation Areas, including Ball's Falls, Binbrook, Long Beach and Chippawa Creek. These lands are held in public trust for recreation, heritage preservation, conservation, and education.

The NPCA also reviews and regulates proposed developments when that development is occurring on land that contains features such as slopes, valleys, wetlands, etc.

Our Legacy

We manage the Niagara peninsula watershed and our conservation areas for this generation, and for all future generations.

Our Life

Water and air are essential to biological life. It is everyone's responsibility to protect those resources.



Q1 HIGHLIGHTS

- 2** | Watershed Condition Statements Issued
- 7** | Locations are monitored bi-monthly November-February to measure snowpack throughout the watershed
- 233** | Individual volunteers awarded
- 48** | Building permits
- 1** | Star Trek filming agreement
- 42,832** | Facebook: posts reached 42,832 people
- 3** | Major Mud Runs booked
- 2** | Applications for NPCA Well Water Decommissioning Program



COMMUNITY

NPCA's Hawkwatch

The new Beamer Memorial Viewing Platform was unveiled. There was a Birds of Prey demonstration, BBQ, and interactive photo booth. Attendance was at a record high.

NPCA Conservation Awards

233 individual awards were presented and 58 partners/organizations/groups were awarded at the awards dinner in February.

Partnerships

Pen Centre
General Motors

Sponsorships

Building a Disaster Resilient Niagara Symposium
Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair
State of the Region

NPCA Advisory Committee

4 new members were appointed to the Advisory Committee.

Agricultural

- » Public-At-Large
 - » Urban Rural planning
 - » User/Volunteers
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OUR WATERS

The 2018 Niagara Peninsula Watershed Report Card was completed and submitted to Conservation Ontario. Watershed Report Cards are published every 5 years, and provide a baseline that can inform the focus of our work.

Our watershed received the following grades:

Ground Water Quality | **B**

Surface Water Quality | **D**

Forest Conditions | **D**

Wetland Cover | **B**



OUR LANDS

Ball's Falls Conservation Area

NPCA hosted its most successful Ball's Falls March Break camp to date and was sold out on most days.

Staff began the process of getting ready to open the property for the season.

Summer Camps were scheduled and a promotion schedule is underway.

There is a new Thanksgiving Festival website and vendors will be selected in the next quarter. They will be able to pay online.

Binbrook Conservation Area

280 participants presented for the Hard Water Crappie Derby. The top Crappie weighed in at .525

Chippawa Creek Conservation Area

94 seasonal campers were confirmed for 2018

Long Beach Conservation Area

121 seasonal campers were confirmed for 2018 exceeding the projection of 115





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