

Conservation authorities blasted

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Conservation authorities are overstepping their jurisdiction, says an Ontario Landowners Association report.

The 35-page report, written by the OLA and Terrance Green, an Ottawa-based lawyer, argued “recent conduct of the various Conservation Authorities suggest they have become onerous on the municipalities and the provincial taxpayers.”

Landowners have to deal with restrictions on their land without being compensated in any way, said the report that was slim on details and arguments.

Last year, *Farmers Forum* reported accusations of abuse of power by several conservation authorities – particularly South Nation and Nottawasaga. Farmers claimed they were forced to pay inflated fees for permits and other work.