

Reveler Conservation Area opens

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The planning, hard work and dedication that led to the creation of the Reveler Conservation Area culminated in a grand opening of the publicly accessible conservation area on Saturday, July 26, near Crysler.

The Reveler family of North Stormont donated the 99-acre parcel for the South Nation Conservation Authority to manage as a biodiversity preserve. The site is located six kilometres west of Crysler at the corner of Concession 10-11 and Reveler Road. Ray

Reveler grew up next door and bought the property in 1972 to preserve the extensive biodiversity on the land. It is home to 10 acres of mature sugar maple, grasslands providing habitat for more than 100 bird species, a pond, hedgerows, limestone outcroppings and rare or endangered species including rock elm, slippery elm, butternut, bobolink, eastern meadowlark, and loggerhead shrike.

"The site will be managed to improve natural heritage features," said Jim Hendry, SNC Team Lead, Property. "In particular, the goal will be to enhance habitat potential for grassland birds."