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Board of Directors Project Update

February 18th, 2021





Stakeholder Engagement: Standing Committees



SNC Joint Standing Committees Meeting
March 7th, 2019

Joint Standing Committee Meeting
– postponed until fall, date TBD

March 2nd, 2021

10:00 a.m. Forestry – *NEW DATE*

March 4th, 2021

9:30 a.m. Clean Water

1:00 p.m. Communications

3:00 p.m. Fish and Wildlife



Outreach: Virtual Field Trip



Shoreline of the St. Lawrence River
Cornwall

Provincial Great Lakes Partnership

- MECP Program Funding
- Create a virtual field trip for Grades 7 -10 in Eastern Ontario
- In class teaching modules to “bring” students to the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Rivers



Products: SNC Visual Identity Guidelines



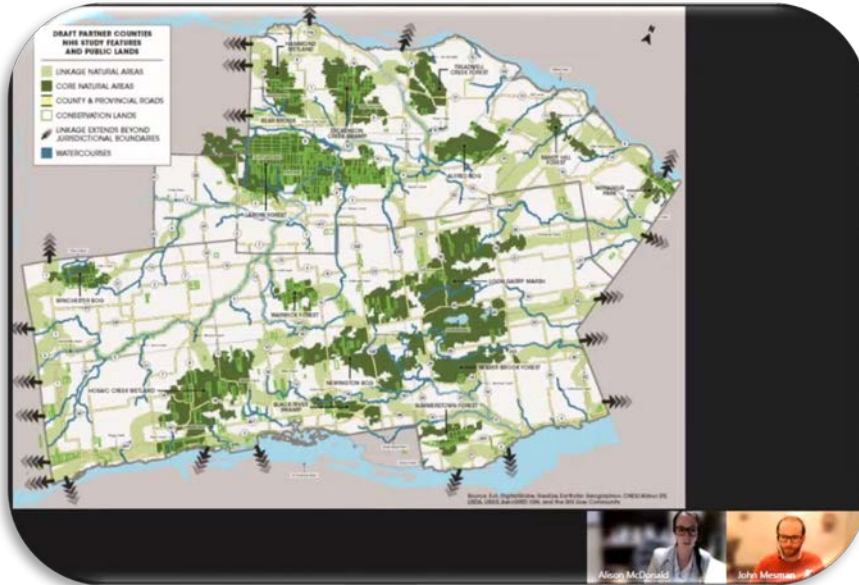
Cover of the SNC Visual Identity Guidelines

Updated Guidelines Reviewed by Communications Committee

- Visual identity guidelines help define how and when corporate branding should be used
- Maintains a strong and consistent brand identity
- Includes examples on logo use across SNC templates and identifies corporate fonts and colour palettes.



Outreach: Natural Heritage System Study



Screenshot from Online Public Meetings

Online engagement sessions on February 9th and 10th

- New draft Natural Heritage System maps for UCPR and SDG
- Over 250 people tuned-in live on YouTube
- Draft maps, public feedback and meeting request forms available at www.nation.on.ca/nhs



Outreach: Community Environmental Grants



SNC Staff at the Chesterville Green Gang Planting

Program guidelines have been amended for 2021

- Community Garden
 - Community Tree Planting
 - Community Event
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- Local health guidelines must be followed, applicants must prepare safety plans



Outreach: Trail Grooming Promotion



New video on social media promoting SNC's groomed recreational trails.

SNC grooms over 30 km of trails in select Conservation Areas and municipal parks throughout Eastern Ontario.



Conservation Area Updates: Warwick Forest



The South Trail at the Warwick Forest was closed for approximately 6 weeks while harvesting operations were underway within the SDG Forest.

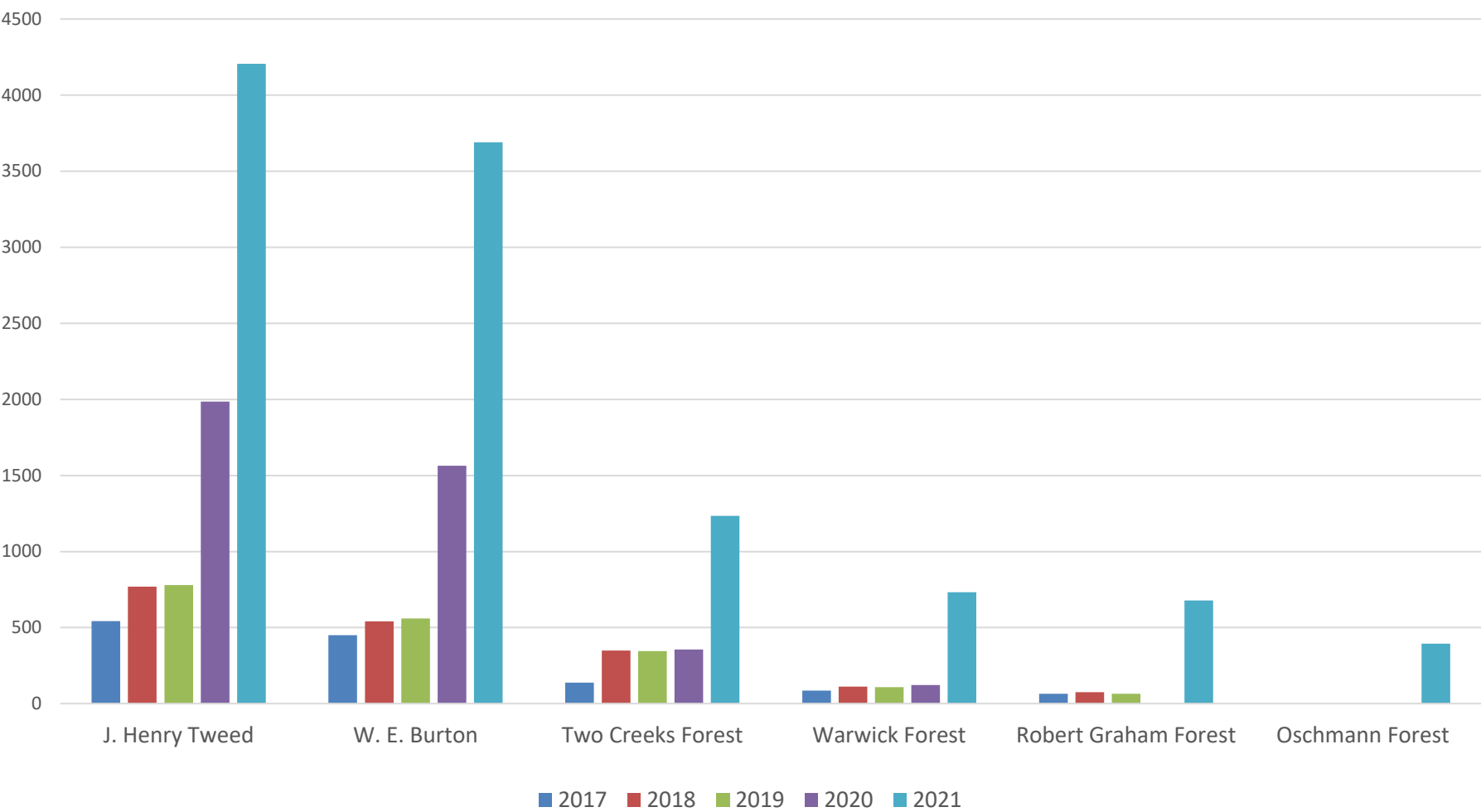
Due to snowstorms and heavy snow loading on trees, the North Trail needed to be closed for 1 week while staff worked to clear trails.

All trails at the Warwick Forest reopened for Friday, February 12th.



Monthly Conservation Area Visitor Stats

January Conservation Area Visitation (2017 - 2021)





The Working Forest: SNC



SNC 17 logging operation
North Stormont

Estimated Harvest:

- White Pine - 50 m³
- White Spruce - 560 m³
- Green Ash - 500 m³

Estimated Revenue:

- \$ 7,100



The Working Forest: SDG



Warwick Forest after Harvest
North Stormont

Estimated Harvest:

- Red Pine - 450 m³
- White Pine – 340 m³
- White Spruce – 240 m³
- Norway Spruce – 140 m³

Estimated Revenue:

- \$11,600



The Working Forest: Certification



Winter Forest Operations
North Stormont

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification standards

- Annual auditing and reporting
- 2020 FSC audit – December
 - 1 Minor non-conformity
 - 1 Observation
- 2021 Internal audit- January
 - SDG 11/12/13
 - SNC 16/17



Outreach: 2021 Tree Planting Goals



SNC staff at a planting site
Cardinal, Spring 2020

Tree Planting Program Update

Record Goal Set: plant over 200,000 trees

Over 229,030 tree seedlings are now reserved for Spring 2021!

- Over 3.35 million trees planted by SNC since 1990
- 165,000 trees planted in 2020



Outreach: Community Free Trees



SNC Staff at 2020
Free Tree Pick Up



2019 Free Tree Recipient!

Working with Municipal Partners to plan 2021 Tree Giveaways

- 16 giveaways planned for Spring
- \$500 per municipality allocated from SNC Budget
- Memos have been sent to Councils, including proposed plans for “Free Tree Pick Ups” and opportunities for additional funds



Indigenous Partnerships: OPG Regional Biodiversity Funding Proposal



The Healing Place
September 23rd, 2020
SNC 164, Shanly, ON

\$225,000 requested for 2021-2023

- Healing Spaces – A Journey to Reconciliation
- Weaving Western Science and Traditional Knowledge through Two-Eyed Seeing
 - South Nation River: Oak Valley to Cass Bridge (shoreline restoration)
- SNC Forests – Cultural Values



Protecting People and Property: Spring Freshet



2021 Spring Freshet Preparation:

- Annual Flood Forecasting and Warning Information Day (March 3rd, 2021)
- Meetings with Lower Ottawa River Group, Great Lakes Water Level Group and other Emergency Management Stakeholders



Ottawa River Flood, 2019



Protecting People and Property: Dam Operations



Chesterville Dam Operations

- Enhanced water level monitoring
- Assessing environmental impacts from timing of dam operations



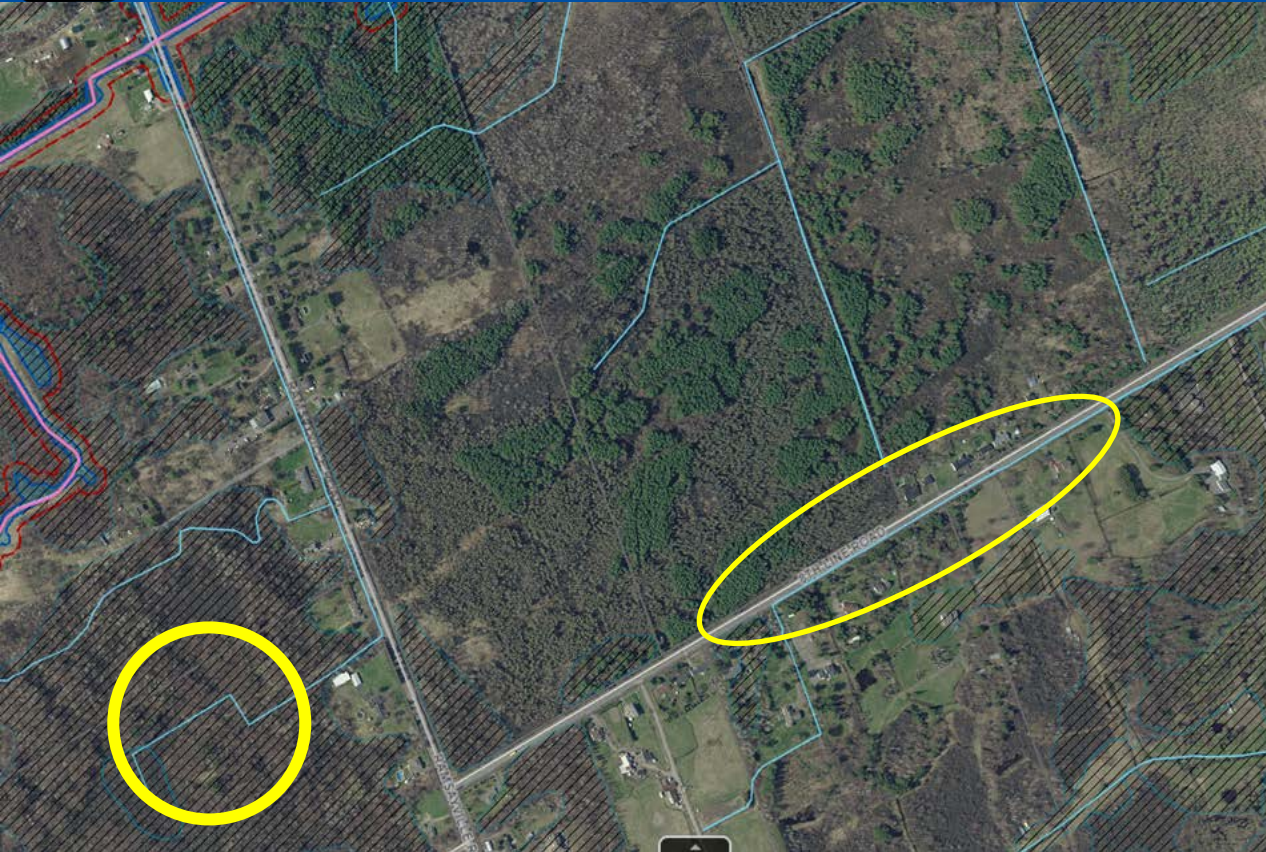
Municipal Drinking Water Source Protection



- Updating Risk Management Plan in North Dundas WHPA
- Managing fuel storage on commercial property
- Update captured through Planning Act application



Supporting Sustainable Development: Watercourses



Alterations prohibited

5. Subject to section 6, no person shall straighten, change, divert or interfere in any way with the existing **channel** of a river, creek, stream or watercourse or change or interfere in any way with a wetland. O. Reg. 170/06, s. 5.

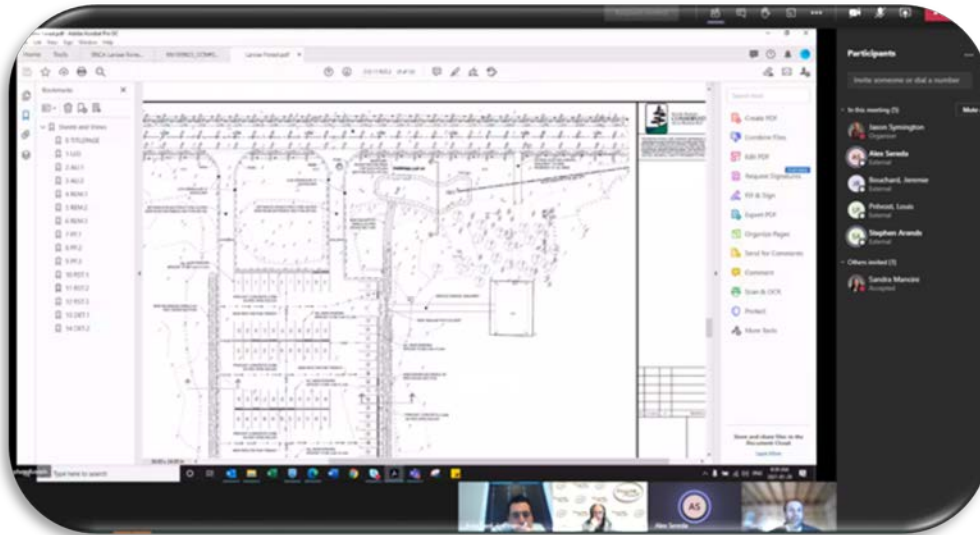


Dickenson's Creek Wetland
Near Wendover, Alfred and Plantagenet

- Subject to on-going violation investigation
- Trespassing issues on County lands
- Numerous complaints and petitions from residents
- Council Resolution passed to receive updated wetland evaluations from MNRF



Municipal Partnerships: Larose Forest LID Update



LID Options meeting
January 29th, 2021

- Low Impact Development (LID) design
- Assisting Prescott-Russell with grant application
- Construction in 2021

Our Local Environment, We're in it Together.



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