

Lower Thames Valley Conservation Foundation

...helping to conserve
our natural & cultural heritage



2010
Annual Report

We Gratefully Acknowledge Donors in 2010

Diamond \$1000+

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- Thamesville, Bothwell
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Carey, Dr. M. - Vancouver
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President's Message

The dedication of volunteers and hundreds of generous donors made 2010 a landmark year of collaboration to sustain the fragile ecosystems of the Lower Thames Valley. It was with your help that the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Foundation raised nearly \$20 thousand last year. Since incorporation in 1995, the total is over \$600,788 that has been contributed to natural and cultural heritage conservation programs in the Lower Thames Valley region. All contributions directly benefit families and communities within the jurisdiction of the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA).



Our Memorial Forest Program supporters deserve special recognition - McKinlay Funeral Home in Chatham and Blenheim, John C. Badder Funeral Home in Thamesville, Badder & Robinson Funeral Home in Bothwell and Dresden, with dozens of private donors. In 2010, 476 trees were planted in six memorial forests across our watershed. This program also maintains a partnership with the Tilbury and District Horticultural Society to reforest parkland.

The Lower Thames Valley Conservation Foundation was honored to be chosen two years ago to facilitate a significant donation by the late Dr. Lewis Carey. Dr. Carey is recognized in this report for his vision and generosity that lay the foundations for the creation of the Carey Carolinian Arboretum and Trail at the Longwoods Road Conservation Area, a landmark project that has since received support from colleagues, family and friends in his memory. In the spring of 2010, more large stock Carolinian trees were purchased and planted as part of the project and the official opening and recognition ceremony was held on Fathers' Day 2010. Dr. Carey left an additional \$5,000 in his estate towards the arboretum project, which was presented by his family at the official opening. To complement conservation educational programs and the arboretum, the Foundation applied for funding for Global Positioning System units from Friends of the Environment Foundation – Lambton Chapter for students to map significant species along the Carey trail. The final phase of this project will be the construction of an information kiosk which is projected to begin in 2011.

Foundation funds were also provided to the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority for a variety of conservation area projects. These included new picnic tables, computer systems, software, and trail and arboretum maintenance. Financial support was granted to help hire summer students for environmental projects and for public conservation area events. Of note is the annual Moonlight Family Winter Hike at Longwoods, which would not be possible without the assistance of the Directors on the Foundation Board and other community volunteers. During the year land taxes for Sharon Creek Conservation Area were paid from a trust that the Foundation manages on behalf of the Friends of Sharon Creek. The Foundation also provided funding to support the acquisition of a large woodlot in the watershed.

As we reflect over the past year and look forward to both the challenges and opportunities of 2011, I remain deeply in the debt of everyone who has chosen to support our mission and vision with the generosity of their time, effort and contributions. On behalf of the Foundation's Board of Directors let me express our warmest gratitude to our volunteers, the employees of the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority and our many partners in conservation. It is your commitment and outstanding effort today that is the heritage for all the generations that will follow.

Peter Snow - President
Lower Thames Valley Conservation Foundation

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2010

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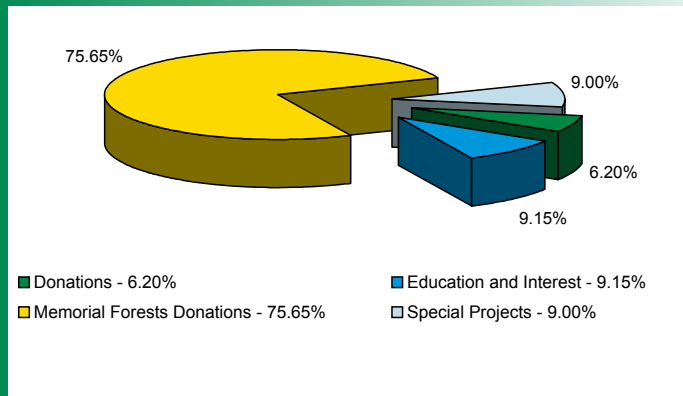
About the Foundation

The Conservation Foundation works with the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority helping to raise funds for wise management of our renewable natural resources. Created in 1995, it cultivates and enhances all aspects of conservation, providing present and future generations with a safe and healthy environment, including natural and cultural heritage resources. The Conservation Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit, federally registered charity - Number 898198171 RR0001. Tax receipts are issued for all donations.

Revenues & Expenses

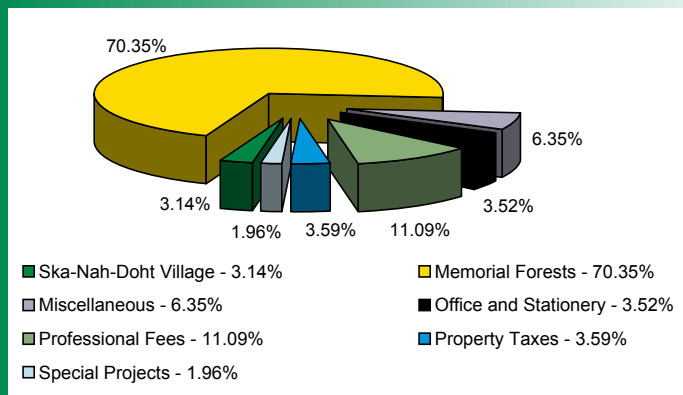
The Foundation facilitated the generation of \$18,886 in 2010. The excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for 2010 was \$6,588. Available upon request are the 2010 Financial Statements, which outline the revenues and expenditures in detail. The Secretary/Treasurer position was held by Ken Brooks in 2010. He is recognized for his financial expertise with the budget.

2010 Foundation Revenues \$18,886



Over the past year, 75% the Foundation's revenue resulted from a valuable partnership with local Funeral Homes through the Memorial Forest Program.

2010 Foundation Expenses \$25,474



Over 70% of the Foundation's expenses were towards the purchase, planting and maintenance of the memorial trees planted by the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority in 2010.

We Gratefully Acknowledge Donors in 2010

Bronze up to \$100

Anderson, D. - Toronto
 B. Platoon - Chatham
 Bardyla, W. & L. - Chatham
 Bechard, P. - Dover Centre
 Bodnar, B. & S. - Kent Bridge
 Boismier, K. & D. - Chatham
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 Carey, W. - London
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 Ducharme, L. - London
 Dymock, M. - Chatham
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 Elston, M. - Chatham
 Everitt, B. & A. - Thamesville
 Fantin, G. & J. - Tilbury
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 Jackson, W. & R. & B. & M. - Chatham
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 Jones, T. & J. - Chatham
 Jubenville, D. & G. - Erieanu
 King, L. - Chatham
 Klein, D. & J. - Bobcaygeon
 Kuni, E. - Chatham
 Labadie, A. & J. - Chatham
 Lambe, S. & S. & J. & R. - Pain Court
 Lenover, M. & S. - Chatham
 Marshall, E. & D. - Bothwell
 McMullen, P. - Chatham
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 Pelletier, S. & W. - Chatham
 Pierce, K. - Chatham
 Pugh, D. & Jamieson, F. - Charing Cross
 Rowden, D. - Chatham
 Smith, B. - Chatham
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 Stoneham, K. - Shelburne
 Towsley, V. & D. - Blenheim
 Vander, E. & A. - Chatham
 Vogt-Elliott, M. - Bothwell
 Watson, C. & G. - Canton
 Wilderdyk, D. & Family - Chatham
 Wilken, T. - Chatham
 Wilken, T. - Erieanu
 Wilson, A.B. & Gillespie, R. - Tilbury
 Ytsma, A. & S. - West Vancouver
 Zeller's Family - Chatham



Supporting the
Lower Thames Valley
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Community Conservation
Partners...

Projects and Services
“Assisted” Through Our
Foundation and Its Generous
Donors in 2010

- \$1,500 for 30 picnic tables at C.M. Wilson Conservation Area
- \$1,700 for 2 computer systems and software at Longwoods Road Conservation Area
- \$1,657 for 12 GPS units for Longwoods Education Programs
- \$1,170 for Longwoods summer student employment program support
- \$914 for Sharon Creek Conservation Area taxes
- \$1,071 for 13 native species ceremonial memorial forest trees
- \$800 to Ska-Nah-Doht Village & Museum for Taste of Fall Entertainment



Supporting Reforestation



MEMORIAL FOREST PROGRAM

memories live on

A focus of the Foundation over the years has been its memorial forest program with 6,267 memorial trees planted. In 2010, \$14,288 in donations were received for trees, dedicated to loved ones, at six Foundation memorial forests. The value of this memorial forest program has been reinforced, with less than two percent tree cover coupled with the demise of ash trees from the Emerald Ash Borer, in the lower Thames watershed. This program also helps support conservation lands and education programs of the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority. Recognized for their ongoing support of the memorial forest

program are the **McKinlay Funeral Homes** of Chatham and Blenheim, **John C. Badder and Badder & Robinson Funeral Homes** of Thamesville, Bothwell and Dresden, and the **Tilbury and District Horticultural Society**. Friends and families dedicate trees to loved ones who have passed away by contacting the Foundation, requesting a tree donation card and making a \$30 donation for each tree. Next of kin receive a certificate and an invitation to an annual memorial forest service.

“Friends” Helping Out

The Foundation recognizes the work done by local volunteer groups to help reforest our watershed and region. We won't forget the efforts of the **Friends of Sharon Creek** in Delaware (dissolved in 2009), and the active **Tilbury and District Horticultural Society**. The partnerships that have developed are valued and of benefit to local communities.

Some of the memorial forests are located in conservation areas. The Sharon Creek Memorial Forest has over 350 memorial trees growing there and is located in the Sharon Creek Conservation Area near Delaware. A volunteer group named the “Friends of Sharon Creek” supported this area from 1995 - 2009, paying the annual taxes, improving facilities, planting a seven acre Tallgrass Prairie in 1999 and much more. The Foundation now has the responsibility of managing the Sharon Creek Trust Fund, and from this Fund, paying the taxes.



Memorial Tree Dedications



On September 12, 2010, the thirteenth annual dedication service was held at the **McKinlay Woodlands** in C.M. Wilson Conservation Area south of Chatham and 331 memorial trees were dedicated. Foundation President **Peter Snow** offered greetings. The total of memorial trees now growing at McKinlay Woodlands is 4,281. Over 1,500 friends and family members attend these annual services.



On September 19, 2010, the tenth annual dedication service was held at the **Badder & Robinson Memorial Forest** near Bothwell at the Mosa Forest. 101 trees were dedicated and the audience. Foundation Director **Glenn Stott** addressed the audience. The total memorial trees now growing in memory of loved ones at Badder & Robinson Memorial Forest is 1,305. Over 250 people attend these annual services.



On September 26, 2010, the seventh annual dedication service was held at the **Tilbury Northside Memorial Forest**, located at the Tilbury Northside Park. Four trees were dedicated and Foundation Director **Brian King** brought greetings. The total memorial trees now growing in memory of loved ones at this memorial forest is 53. Approximately 50 people participate in these services each year.

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- Planting of 476 trees in five memorial forests in the lower Thames River watershed and region and assisting with memorial forest dedication services
- Management of environmental trusts and the William Erickson Bursary
- Volunteers for Moonlight Family Winter Hike at Longwoods
- Maintenance of Longwoods Road Conservation Area nature trails through the Interpretive Trail Signage Sponsorship Program
- \$5,000 to the Thames Talbot Land Trust towards Tanager Tract

Memorial Forest Sites

McKinlay Woodlands... A Living Memorial

C.M. Wilson Conservation Area
Chatham-Kent, On
(supported by
McKinlay Funeral Homes in
Chatham and Blenheim)

Big Bend Memorial Forest

Big Bend Conservation Area
Wardsville, On

Comber District Historical Museum Memorial Forest

Comber, On

Sharon Creek Memorial Forest

Sharon Creek Conservation Area
Delaware, On

Badder & Robinson Memorial Forest

Bothwell, On
(supported by John C. Badder and
Badder & Robinson Funeral Homes in
Thamesville, Bothwell and Dresden)

Rowsom's Tilbury West Memorial Forest

Rowsom's Tilbury West
Conservation Area
Tilbury, On

Tilbury Northside Memorial Forest

Tilbury Northside Park
Tilbury, On
(supported by the Tilbury and District
Horticultural Society)

Thames Talbot Land Trust
TANAGER TRACT
The Conservation
Challenge

Across the Canadian region nature is in retreat, species are going extinct and the legacy of our oil and gas wealth is in danger. We need to protect our natural areas and wildlife habitat for future generations. Join us and help us protect these areas that the Tanager Tract now, many of these beautiful areas will disappear before our children and grandchildren have a chance to enjoy them. Cultural recreation is a part of our life and protecting natural areas ensures that we continue to have places to hike and enjoy the wonders of nature. We have a chance to help protect our natural areas and pass along to future generations the beauty, health, water and resources that we enjoy today.

Send your gift, make a pledge, and tell your friends.
Together, we can secure the future.
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2010
Geocache Event
Donors:



BMO Nesbitt Burns
Dickerson, Dr. M. - Family Dentistry
Digital Catering Ltd.
Double Time Courier
Erick's Horticultural Services Ltd.
J. Nakagawa Photographics
Mortgage Wise Financial
Payne's Grey Creative
Roger Whittle & Associates
Royal Lepage Triland Realty
Scotiabank Group
Shillingtons LLP



TD Friends of the Environment Foundation - Lambton Chapter is thanked for their generous donation towards the purchase of 12 GPS units. This equipment will be used by students participating in the Longwoods Road Conservation Area conservation education programs in association with the Carey Carolinian Arboretum and Trail. These units will also help to teach beginner "geocachers" at the upcoming event.



Foundation Directors make up the majority of volunteers running the annual Moonlight Winter Family Hike at Longwoods Road Conservation Area. Of course, the live entertainment also helps to bring in the crowds!

Supporting Conservation

Over the past year, the Foundation invited service clubs, local businesses, charitable foundations and private citizens to become "partners in conservation" to support and improve conservation lands and facilities of the LTVCA. This is an opportunity for sponsors to have their name in publications and on signs, receive media attention, and to receive a tax receipt, all in recognition of their support. The Foundation can apply for Government grants and corporate sponsorship on behalf of the Conservation Authority. This special funding supports summer students and helps to purchase equipment not covered through the LTVCA's budget, but needed to operate programs in the conservation areas. A trail sponsorship program at Longwoods Road Conservation Area also raises money for the upkeep of the wheelchair accessible nature trails.

In 2010, the Foundation received **\$1,200 in donations from 12 local companies towards a new Geocache fund-raiser event** planned for the near future. The Foundation recognizes their ongoing generosity and support of local conservation lands and will ensure that their donation is used appropriately. Check out our web page for this watershed wide, fun, family-friendly event!
www.lowerthames-conservation.on.ca/Foundation.htm

Summer Students and Events



The Foundation helped to support the hiring of three summer students for the Ska-Nah-Doht Village and Museum at Longwoods Road Conservation Area.

Each year, the Foundation assists the Conservation Authority with funding to help support the employment of summer students and offset the costs of hosting public events. In 2010, some funding was provided for the Canada Summer Jobs and Young Canada Works in Heritage grants and also for the annual Taste of Fall event in October, at Longwoods Road Conservation Area.

Nature Trail Sponsorship



This marsh boardwalk spans a provincially significant wetland at Longwoods Road.

Families and groups sponsor the 6.5 km of nature trails at Longwoods Road Conservation Area. Two trails are wheelchair accessible. Donations are used to provide stone chips, repair boardwalks and stairs, and clear and prune trails. Sponsors are recognized on trail signs and receive tax receipts.

Our appreciation is extended to: the **Schofield Family - London** and the **Flegel Family - Mount Brydges** for their continued support in 2010.

Supporting Education

The Conservation and Ska-Nah-Doht education programs at Longwoods Road Conservation Area, are unique to our watershed and benefit from "partners in conservation" to be preserved for all to enjoy. Annually, over 7,000 students participate in these programs. Donations from service clubs, foundations, corporations, and individuals, help maintain trails, facilities, and programs at Longwoods.

Carey Carolinian Arboretum & Trail

Facilitated through the Foundation, a \$26,000 gift in 2008 from a private donor - Dr. Lewis Carey, was used by the LTVCA for an educational "Carey Carolinian Arboretum and Trail" project at Longwoods Road Conservation Area. Dr. Carey had dedicated the arboretum and trail in memory of his wife - Dr. Beverly Carey. Dr. Carey passed away in November of 2009.

In the spring of 2010, more large stock Carolinian trees were purchased and planted with their signage including Kentucky Coffee, Cucumber Magnolia, Flowering Dogwood, PawPaw, and Slippery Elm as part of the Carolinian Arboretum. Now over 40 Carolinian tree and shrub species are signed in the arboretum and trail. An official opening and recognition ceremony was held on Fathers' Day, June 20. Seventy friends, family and sponsors attended the afternoon event which included guided tours and a ribbon cutting by the Carey Family. Dr. Carey had left an additional \$5,000 in his estate towards the arboretum project, which was also presented by the family that day. To complement the conservation education programs, the Foundation applied for funding towards 12 GPS units from Friends of the Environment Foundation to be used by students mapping the trail.

Both the Conservation Foundation and Conservation Authority realize the importance of creating a Carolinian arboretum and trail system as an educational tool for this unique habitat. Dr. Carey's wish for messaging to reflect the connection between First Nations peoples and the natural surroundings of a Carolinian forest came to fruition, as Longwoods highlights both native and natural history. The final phase of this project will be the construction of a Carolinian information kiosk with plans to begin in 2011.



Dr. Carey's children officially opened the Carey Carolinian Arboretum and Trail with a ribbon cutting on June 20, 2010. From left to right: John, Mark, Richard, Susan, David and youngest granddaughter Serena.



Dr. Carey's estate donated an additional \$5,000 to LTVCA's General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Campbell (second from left) and LTVCFoundation's President Peter Snow (far right), at the official opening of the Arboretum and Trail.

Education Programs of the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority

Conservation Education

- Conservation Area Field Trips
Longwoods Road
C.M. Wilson
- Classroom Outreach Programs



Ska-Nah-Doht Village and Museum

- Native Studies Programs
Longwoods Road Conservation Area



Ska-Nah-Doht Village and Museum is located in Longwoods Road Conservation Area. Curriculum based native studies programs attract thousands of students, teachers and chaperones annually. In the summer months, tourists from around the world explore the longhouses inside the palisade.

2010

Carey Carolinian
Arboretum & Trail
Donors:



The Estate of Dr. Lewis Carey

Denise Anderson
Grant and Barbara Baxter
Dr. Mark Carey
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Donations to the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Foundation for education and conservation projects are generously recognized and wisely used for activities in the local area. Tax receipts are available.