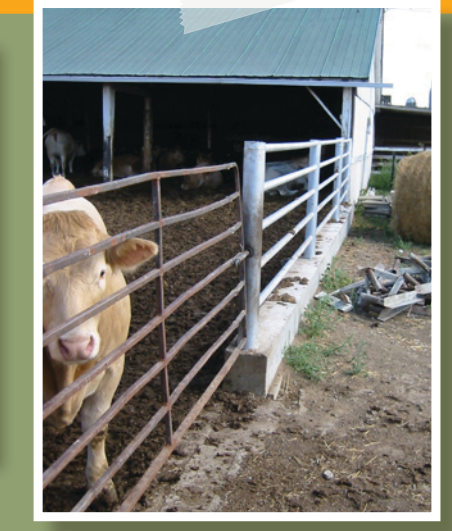




■ The Thames is designated a Canadian Heritage River



■ LTVCA hosts Conservation Authorities Biennial Conference



■ Healthy Futures landowner incentive program begins

■ First annual Thames River Symposium celebrates the Heritage River designation of the Thames



■ Walking Trails of Middlesex County booklet features four LTVCA conservation areas



■ Ska-Nah-Doht Village wins Attractions Canada Provincial Winner – Developed Outdoor Site



■ Emerald Ash Borer infestation results in the destruction of 90,000 trees to prevent the spread

■ LTVCA, UTRCA, and SCRCA work together as the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Region with provincial funding to protect municipal drinking water sources



■ Emerald Ash Borer Response Program begins

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

• Conservation Authorities and Ontario Ministry of the Environment work together in Source Protection planning



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■ Repairs are made to McGregor Creek dam



■ Chatham-Kent Children's Safety Village opens at C.M. Wilson Conservation Area



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■ First annual Chatham-Kent Children's Water Festival is held in October at C.M. Wilson Conservation Area

■ LTVCA receives over \$100 thousand from Lower Thames Valley Conservation Foundation to restore and preserve 3 historic aboriginal log cabins at Longwoods

■ New generic regulation *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses*

■ Significant flooding in 2008 and 2009



■ Continuation of Chatham-Kent Greening Strategy started in 2007 that plants 200,000 trees over 4 years



■ Carey Carolinian Arboretum and Trail officially opens at Longwoods Road Conservation Area

■ Forestry grant programs continue

■ Community Trees Initiative



■ A full draft of the human genome is completed

■ George W. Bush wins U.S. election by a Supreme Court ruling

■ Contaminated water in Walkerton results in 7 deaths



■ 911 attack

■ China admitted to World Trade Organization

■ World economic slowdown

■ War in Afghanistan



■ Corporate scandals: Enron, Arthur Andersen, Merrill Lynch, WorldCom, Citigroup, Kmart

■ Queen Mother dies at the age of 102

■ Queen Elizabeth celebrates 50 years reign



■ Space shuttle Columbia explodes on re-entry killing crew of 7

■ SARS crisis hits Toronto



■ George Bush wins a second term Presidency

■ Tsunami in the Indian Ocean kills 200 thousand people



■ Lance Armstrong wins 7th Tour de France

■ Hurricane Katrina devastates Louisiana and Texas



■ Stephen Harper wins minority in Federal election

■ Global warming documentary *An Inconvenient Truth* opens



■ Sub prime mortgage crisis

■ The iPhone is launched in the U.S.



■ World Markets plunge—Dow Jones suffers its largest one day fall

■ Barak Obama is elected to become first black U.S. President



■ Miracle on the Hudson – Sully Sullenberger, pilot of U.S. Airways Flight 1549, ditches the plane in the Hudson River

■ Michael Jackson dies



■ Team Canada wins Gold at the Vancouver Olympics

■ BP Deep Water Horizon Well explodes in the Gulf of Mexico