

CURRENTS



YOUR CONNECTION TO THE CREDIT RIVER WATERSHED



The Changing Conservation Landscape

Environmental challenges differ in city and country.

The Credit River Watershed, extending from north of Orangeville to the Lake Ontario shoreline, is home to a multitude of plants and animals that form unique ecosystems. The watershed is also home to three-quarters of a million people, whose relationship with the natural environment around them is as diverse as they are. From farms and historic hamlets to bustling urban centres, the Credit River connects our communities, and provides benefits like clean drinking water and spaces for healthy recreation.



Planting trees

Caring for the Rural Watershed

From the headwaters of the Credit, the river flows through rural communities where Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) has a long history of working to protect the natural environment. Through Caledon, Wellington County and Halton Hills, the challenges include rural developments, agricultural operations, land and water conservation, reforestation, and protection of the river and its tributaries. CVC works with farmers through the Rural Water Quality Program, which supports healthy rural communities, and protects the environment downstream by promoting sound land management practices. CVC also offers tree planting services to landowners who own at least two acres of property. Experienced staff can help landowners by offering advice, financial incentives, and hands-on help planting trees, shrubs and seedlings. Among CVC's highest priorities is land securement to support the development of a natural heritage system – a connected corridor of healthy natural spaces – that will support wildlife habitat survival for generations to come.

Building Green Cities

As the Credit flows toward Lake Ontario, it passes through some of the most rapidly developing communities in the country.



Local students get up close with nature

The challenges in the urban watershed are very different from those just a few kilometres north. In these areas, less than 6 per cent of natural forest cover remains, fragmenting the critical natural heritage system. From residential, commercial and industrial properties, polluted runoff rolls directly into the river with few natural

buffers to help purify the flow. Household garden fertilizer spurs algae growth that collects along the lakeshore and starves fish of oxygen. During heavy rainfalls, lack of permeable ground can lead to flooding. In the urban watershed, restoration is the order of the day: targeted steps to help reverse the impacts of urban development. CVC is engaging with diverse communities to build ecological literacy and to discuss our environmental responsibilities as citizens. Through our award-winning *Save the Leopard Frog* school program, more than 2,000 students have participated in field tours to learn about nature in their own neighbourhoods.

CVC is also working with industrial and

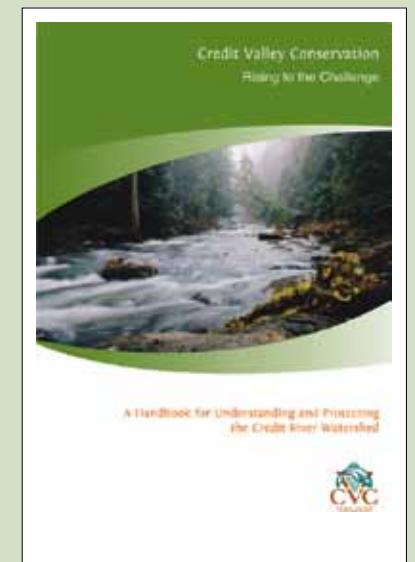
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Rising to the Challenge: Are you ready?

Credit Valley Conservation has published Rising to the Challenge: A Handbook for Understanding and Protecting the Credit River Watershed.

The handbook is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to know more about the local natural environment - what a watershed is, the plants and animals that call it home, the quality of water and other natural goods that we all need to live, and the environmental challenges the watershed is facing.

Download a copy of *Rising to the Challenge* from CVC's website at www.creditvalleyca.ca/education or email education@creditvalleyca.ca for a printed copy.



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Chair & CAO's Message

*Message from Pat Mullin, Chair,
and Rae Horst, CAO of Credit
Valley Conservation.*

We are pleased to present the fall/winter 2009/2010 edition of Currents, which highlights the many programs and services offered by Credit Valley Conservation (CVC).

The theme of this edition of Currents is city and country. The Credit River Watershed consists of 10 different municipalities, spanning a wide geographic area, and including

many diverse ecosystems. The headwaters of the Credit River begin in Orangeville and Mono in the north, passing through East Garafraxa, Amaranth, south to Caledon, Erin, Oakville, Halton Hills and through the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga before flowing into Lake Ontario.

CVC works with government and non-government organizations, community partners, businesses, schools and volunteers to develop and deliver programs that preserve, protect and restore our watershed. Together with our partners, we are actively responding to the challenges created by population growth, land use planning policies such as the provincial Places to Grow Act, as well as climate change.

CVC is your resource for research, infor-

mation and action on environmental issues right in your neighbourhood – whether you live in the scenic countryside, or the vibrant city. As you'll see in this edition of Currents, we're all connected, and we can all play a part in caring for the Credit River Watershed.



Rae Horst
CAO of CVC



Pat Mullin
CVC Chair

Landowners' Generosity Grows Upper Credit Conservation Area

Over the past four years, Upper Credit Conservation Area has doubled in size, thanks to landowners' participation in CVC's Land Securement Program.

Comprising 160 acres of protected land along the Credit River, Upper Credit Conservation Area provides a protected corridor essential for species habitat and ecosystem health.

This past September, CVC hosted a celebration to honour landowners John Harbom and Mary Agar, who donated 10 acres of land; John and Ellen Spears, who donated a conservation easement on 30 acres of land; and Tom and Ali Reid, from whom CVC secured 40 acres of land buffering the Credit River.

The celebration was attended by representatives from the Region of Peel, the Ontario Heritage Trust and members of the community who are all instrumental partners in CVC's Land Securement Program. Participants enjoyed a bird's-eye view of the newly-secured property from a hot-air balloon.

Located at 20073 Porterfield Road in Alton, Upper Credit Conservation Area offers hiking trails and brook trout fishing. Please visit www.ourcredit.ca for more information.



Leave Your Green Legacy

Do you own land in the Credit River Watershed that contains natural features such as forest, wetland, woodland, river or valley? Would you like to learn how to protect the sensitive environmental features of your land, and perhaps benefit from a tax advantage at the same time? CVC can help.

For more than 50 years, CVC has worked cooperatively with landowners and community partners to secure important green lands throughout the Credit River Watershed. In addition to individual owners, CVC works with municipal partners such as Peel and Halton Regions, the government of Ontario, and organizations such as the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Together, we have secured and manage over 2,400 hectares (6,000 acres) of green lands within the watershed. If you are interested in leaving a green legacy, talk to us about conservation options for your property.

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commercial partners to implement low-impact development technologies like permeable paving, and is helping corporate office campuses turn a new leaf by naturalizing their green spaces to provide homes for native plants and animals.

CVC's mission includes caring for the natural resources of the Credit River Watershed by offering innovative programs and ser-

vices to residents in the city, and in the country.

You can be part of this mission: visit a conservation area, choose native species for your garden, attend a workshop or event, volunteer, or donate. To learn more about the Credit River Watershed, order a copy of our handbook, "Rising to the Challenge" – see cover for details.



Permeable paving

Vale Inco – Giving Nature a Helping Hand

Vale Inco is growing some magic in Mississauga by turning its high-maintenance turf into blossoming green space.

Mining company Vale Inco, which operates a research facility in Sheridan Creek Business Park, has partnered with Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) and Blue Oak Native Landscapes to naturalize its six acre property. The naturalization plan is part of Vale Inco's Sustainable Development Policy to enhance the local environment through responsible land use planning and the protection of biodiversity.

This past spring Vale Inco stopped mowing the grass on over half of its property. At the same time, botanist and landscaper Paul O' Hara of Blue Oak planted 70 trees, 400 shrubs, and 1,500 wildflower plugs, and broadcasted over six kilograms of wildflower seed. All the selected species are

native and include species like White pine, Red cedar, White birch, Red-osier dogwood, Stag-horn sumac, Black-eyed Susan, Evening primrose, Meadow sedge, Heath aster, New England aster and Smooth aster.

Since the project started, toads, birds, bees, ladybugs, butterflies, spiders, dragon and damselflies have returned to the property. Fox and Red-tailed hawks have also been seen hunting on the property. Moreover, many native plants such as Violets, Wild strawberry, Common milkweed and Oak seedlings have started to sprout up since the land is no longer being mowed or chemically treated.

Vale Inco and the Sheridan Creek Business Park sit at the headwaters of Sheridan Creek which flows through the suburban neighbourhood of Clarkson, exiting into Lake Ontario at Rattray Marsh, a provincially significant wetland and environmentally sensitive area.

Scientific research and water monitoring conducted by CVC shows that Sheridan Creek is exhibiting signs of environmental degradation – a product of intensive urbanization, resulting in pollution and land erosion. The Vale Inco naturalization project will benefit Sheridan Creek and Rattray Marsh in many ways. The green space will increase plant biodiversity, enhance water infiltration and reduce storm water runoff. Furthermore, since the project began, the irrigation has

been turned off and greenhouse gas emissions from lawn mowing activities have been cut in half. Not only is the naturalization project good for the environment, Vale Inco says its employees are enjoying the new look of their corporate grounds and are using the paths that have been cut through the naturalized area.

O'Hara will be continuing to monitor the project's development over the coming year and his tasks will include: monitoring

pest outbreaks, removing invasive plants, replacing dead trees or shrubs, and custom collecting and broadcasting seed to enhance biodiversity.

As part of CVC's work, protecting, restoring and conserving the natural resources of the Credit River Watershed, staff will continue to monitor Sheridan Creek to determine the long-term impact the naturalization project has on water quality. For more information, call CVC at 905-670-1615. 



Vale Inco's Mississauga property



Terra Cotta Offers Family Fun In a “Super-Natural” Setting

Are you looking for some “super-natural” family fun over the holidays? Terra Cotta Conservation Area (CA) offers 12 kilometres of outdoor adventure that wind through the picturesque Niagara Escarpment.

Located near Georgetown, Terra Cotta CA offers hiking (12 kilometres), bird watching and other recreational activities in the summer and cross-country skiing in the winter. Some of the events planned for Terra Cotta CA this year include the Egg Nog Jog on Dec. 13 and a Maple Syrup Festival, which is planned for the spring. Beginning in the New Year, visitors can warm up in the

newly renovated Visitor Welcome Centre. As a centre for learning, Terra Cotta is a natural classroom. View wildlife in their natural habitat or go cross country skiing on groomed trails. Beginning this year, the Watershed Learning Centre will offer Landscapes for Learning, a series of public events, workshops and guided hikes that explore a range of nature topics. The centre will also

offer educational programs for all ages. For more information about events and educational programs at the Watershed Learning Centre, visit www.creditvalleyca.ca/education. Terra Cotta CA is located at 14452 Winston Churchill Blvd., a few kilometres north of the Village of Terra Cotta. Visit www.ourcredit.ca to explore all of CVC's recreational opportunities. 



Watershed Learning Centre at Terra Cotta CA

Upcoming Events at Terra Cotta CA

Egg Nog Jog

Sunday, December 13
(Hosted by the Georgetown Runners)

Maple Syrup Festival

Spring

Fascinating Fungi Found Locally

Here in the Credit River Watershed, the last two field seasons have been wet and cool. Most people don't like wet and cool weather, but fungi thrive in it. If you take a walk through the watershed, there are many types of fabulous fungi that can be found.



Pinwheel Marasmius



Coral fungi

When most people think of fungi they think of mushrooms. However, mushrooms are only the fruiting bodies of some fungi. In fact, fungi are a diverse group that also includes athlete's foot fungus and the yeasts that give us bread, wine and beer. It is estimated there are more than a million species of fungi in the world - yet only 10 per cent have been discovered.

Many fungi break down plants and woody debris and without them our woodlands would quickly be buried in dead trees, branches and leaves. Some fungi form mutual beneficial associations with plant roots. In these cases, the fungi give plants water and minerals, and in return plants give the fungi sugars. Trees grow faster and healthier because of this association.

Fungi are also indicators of ecosystem health. While fungi are not specifically monitored as part of CVC's Natural Areas Inventory (NAI) Project, fungi are still fun to find and photograph. Ecologists are giving more attention to how the complex world of fungi can be monitored to increase our ecological awareness. The NAI project is generously supported by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. For more information about the NAI project, visit us online at www.creditvalleyca.ca/NAI.



Credit Valley Conservation's Tree Planting Service



**FIGHT
CLIMATE
CHANGE**

**PROTECT
GROUNDWATER
SUPPLIES**

**ENLARGE
YOUR WOODLOT**

**ATTRACT
MORE WILDLIFE**

As a landowner in the Credit River Watershed, you may be eligible to participate in our Private Landowner Tree Planting Service.

Credit Valley Conservation's (CVC) experienced staff will assist qualified landowners in restoring and improving their property and community by supplying and planting trees, shrubs, and seedlings.

Landowners in the Credit River Watershed who participate in CVC's program may also be eligible for planting cost subsidies.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO ARRANGE A SITE VISIT, CONTACT:**

(905) 702-5201 or (905) 702-8041

forestry@creditvalleyca.ca

www.creditvalleyca.ca

Save up to **75% or more**
on the cost of CVC's tree planting services.
Minimum planting requirements apply.

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Minimum 2 Acres of Land Required



It Takes a Keen Eye to Spot a Flying Squirrel

Belfountain Public School students partner with CVC to monitor the elusive northern flying squirrels.

Have you ever seen a flying squirrel (not counting Rocky the flying squirrel of Rocky and Bullwinkle fame)? The northern flying squirrel makes its home in Ontario, but being secretive and nocturnal, it is

rarely seen. Some local students however, are learning how to spot their furry neighbours, and hope to contribute to the body of knowledge about these animals.

Leanne Wallis of the Natural Areas Inventory (NAI) Project, along with flying squirrel educator Steve Patterson, introduced the elusive squirrel species to Janice Haines' grade 4 students at Belfountain Public School. They worked together to build and install nest boxes in and around Belfountain Conservation Area.

The students are diligently monitoring the boxes and recording their observations. They are contributing valuable information on these shy mammals.

In addition to monitoring northern flying squirrels, students are also keeping their eyes open for the less-common southern flying squirrel, the northern flying squirrel's smaller cousin. Known to exist in the Credit River Watershed, the southern flying squirrel is near its northern range limit of central Ontario. With recent warmer win-

ters, the southern flying squirrel's numbers seem to be increasing and its range expanding into northern Ontario.

CVC's NAI project identifies natural heritage features in the Credit River Watershed and Region of Peel and provides public education to community groups and schools. The NAI project is generously supported by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. For more information, visit www.creditvalleyca.ca/NAI.



Sabrina and Scooter,
Steve Patterson's flying squirrels
Photo Credit: Cy Hampson/flyingsquirrels.com



Grade 4 students at Belfountain P.S.

Wildflower Photo Contest Winner!



Winner, Cathy Chmilnitzky, photo of Blue Flag Iris

Congratulations to Cathy Chmilnitzky for her beautiful photo of a “Blue Flag Iris”, a flower native to the Credit River Watershed. Cathy will receive an “Our Credit” membership to enter CVC’s conservation areas.

In our Spring 2009 issue of Currents, we asked our readers to send in their best photos of wildflowers found in our Credit River Watershed. The winner, Cathy Chmilnitzky, entered a bright and colourful photo of a Blue Flag Iris, showing bold purple petals against rich green leaves.

Thank you to all the contestants for your submissions! 

The Blue Flag Iris, *Iris versicolor*, is a native plant that has tall, sword-shaped green leaves and large, blue-purple flowers with yellowish veins. It can be found growing throughout the Credit River Watershed in marshes, swamps, wet meadows, and along shorelines. A common perennial, it will form colonies from thick, fleshy rhizomes (underground stems), which are sometimes eaten by muskrats, beavers, and waterfowl. Seeds are produced in capsules that persist on the tall stems well into the fall.



Runner-up, Rachel Phaneuf, photo of Spring Beauty

Nature in the City

CVC study shows living near green space adds \$8,000 - \$10,000 to average residential property values in Mississauga.

A recent CVC study shows the value of residential properties is enhanced by proximity to natural features. The analysis looked at more than 28,000 properties located within 100 metres of green or open space and found that proximity added, on average, \$8,000 (South Mississauga) and \$10,000 (North Mississauga) to individual property values.

In addition to these amenity values, natural features in the watershed provide a number of other valuable ecosystem services such as removing pollutants from the air, purifying water, and helping to protect property from extreme weather events such as flooding and wind storms.

This study on the impact of natural areas on property values is part of ongoing research by CVC to better measure the true value of the natural spaces in our communities.

For a copy of the report, ‘The Impact of Natural Features on Property Values’, please contact Jeff Wilson at CVC: jwilson@creditvalleyca.ca. 



Winter in the Watershed CVC PHOTO CONTEST

Send us your best photo of winter in the Credit River Watershed and you could win an “Our Credit” family membership.

The family membership pass offers unlimited access to CVC’s conservation areas where you and your family can enjoy fishing, hiking, cross-country skiing, photography, picnics and more. This pass also gives you a discount on conservation area rentals such as picnic shelters, barbecues, canoes, kayaks, electric motor boats, ice huts and snowshoes. Participants can submit as many pictures as they like before the deadline of March 1, 2010. The winner will be announced in the spring edition of Currents. With each photograph, please include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address.

Participants can send pictures by mail to:
Winter Wonderland Photo Contest
Credit Valley Conservation, 1255 Old Derry Road, Mississauga, ON L5N 6R4
or electronically to cvc@creditvalleyca.ca (Please include the title “CVC Photo Contest” with your submission.)

Step Back in Time Along the Woollen Mills Trail

A walk along the Woollen Mills Trail provides a look back at Erin's mill history and a glimpse of life as an early settler.

A charming slice of the past has been reclaimed at Woollen Mills Conservation Area through river restoration efforts and development of a one kilometre interpretive walking trail. The 8.3 acre Woollen Mills property is steeped in local history. In 1840, Daniel McMillan, one of Erin's earliest pioneers, persuaded William Cornock, a prosperous Irish gentleman, to settle in the area. Mr. Cornock brought in stone masons from Scotland to assist in construction of several buildings including a flour and grist mill. Ten years later, the grist mill was converted to a "carding" (woollen) operation where wool, cotton and other fibres were combed and prepared for spinning.



The new trail takes visitors past the remains of Cornock's woollen mill and through the regenerated cedar forest along the banks of the West Credit River.

The Woollen Mills Trail is a partnership project of CVC, the Town of Erin, and the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and is a legacy of the West Credit Appreciation, Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project (WeCARE).



New Horse Farm Owners Harness the Power of Partnerships

Trailwood features more than 55 acres of rolling hills, pasture, paddock, streams and wetlands, situated in the Credit River Watershed on the Oak Ridges Moraine.



When Doug and Debbie Hart purchased their farm in Caledon this past spring, it was the realization of a long-held dream. "After growing up in a city subdivision and eventually moving to Caledon, we knew we loved the area," said Doug. "We decided to look north, and by coincidence ended up buying the farm that our daughter used to ride at 15 years earlier."

The Harts' Trailwood Farm offers boarding, training, trail riding and lessons for kids and adults. Trailwood features more than 55 acres of rolling hills, pasture, paddock, streams and wetlands, situated in the Credit River Watershed on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

As new farmers, the Harts take their responsibility as stewards of the land very seriously. But far from going it alone, the Harts have found a great deal of help along the way, with programs that provide expertise, assistance and funding for environmental improvements. Doug Hart has even gone back to school, completing the Canada-Ontario Environmental Farm Plan Workshop hosted by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association. At the workshop, Doug completed an environmental assessment of his property and pinpointed those areas that require environmental improvements. "It was a real education on the whole environmental issue," said Doug. "I'd recommend it to anybody farming."

The Harts' property is a varied landscape, and while some of it is not suitable for pasture land, these areas have provided the focus for the couple's first environmental improvement efforts. Starting with an area of sloping and wet low land, the Harts worked with Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) to plant a diverse mix of native trees and shrubs such as tamarack, maple and dogwood. The plantings will help reduce erosion by stabilizing soils on the steep hill, and will provide a habitat for wildlife. Cost-share funding for the planting project was provided by Peel Region's tree planting subsidy and the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation's "Caring for the Moraine" project.

One of the key features of the Harts' farm from an environmental perspective is a stream that passes through a number of provincially significant wetlands in neighbouring properties before feeding into the Credit River. To help protect this important stream from the negative impacts of nutrients in surface runoff from the horse pastures, the Harts have increased the distance of their pastures from the wetlands by installing new fences with cost-share funding provided by the Peel Rural Water Quality Program. Next spring the Harts plan to have CVC reforest the buffer area between the new fencing and the wetland. The expanded buffer will provide enhanced wildlife habitat and reduce the amount of surface runoff entering the wetland during heavy rainstorms. Excessive nutrient runoff is damaging to wetlands and streams because it promotes algae growth, reduces oxygen levels in the water, and compromises the health of fish and other living things in the river and all the way downstream into Lake Ontario. As they make improvements to their land in the coming years, the Harts will be able to seek the support of a number of environmental partners and programs, such as funding administered by Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, and Peel Rural Water Quality Program, administered by CVC.

"Support for farm improvement initiatives comes from federal, provincial and local levels, as well as various not-for-profit groups. It speaks to just how important these projects are," said Mike Puddister, CVC's Director of Restoration and Stewardship. "Landowners are critical to protecting some of our most precious natural spaces, so it makes sense to do what we can to assist them."

As for the Harts, they feel right at home on their new farm. "You have to experience the peace and serenity of a warm summer night," said Doug. "You have never seen so many stars." For more information about how to get started with your own environmental improvement project, contact Credit Valley Conservation.



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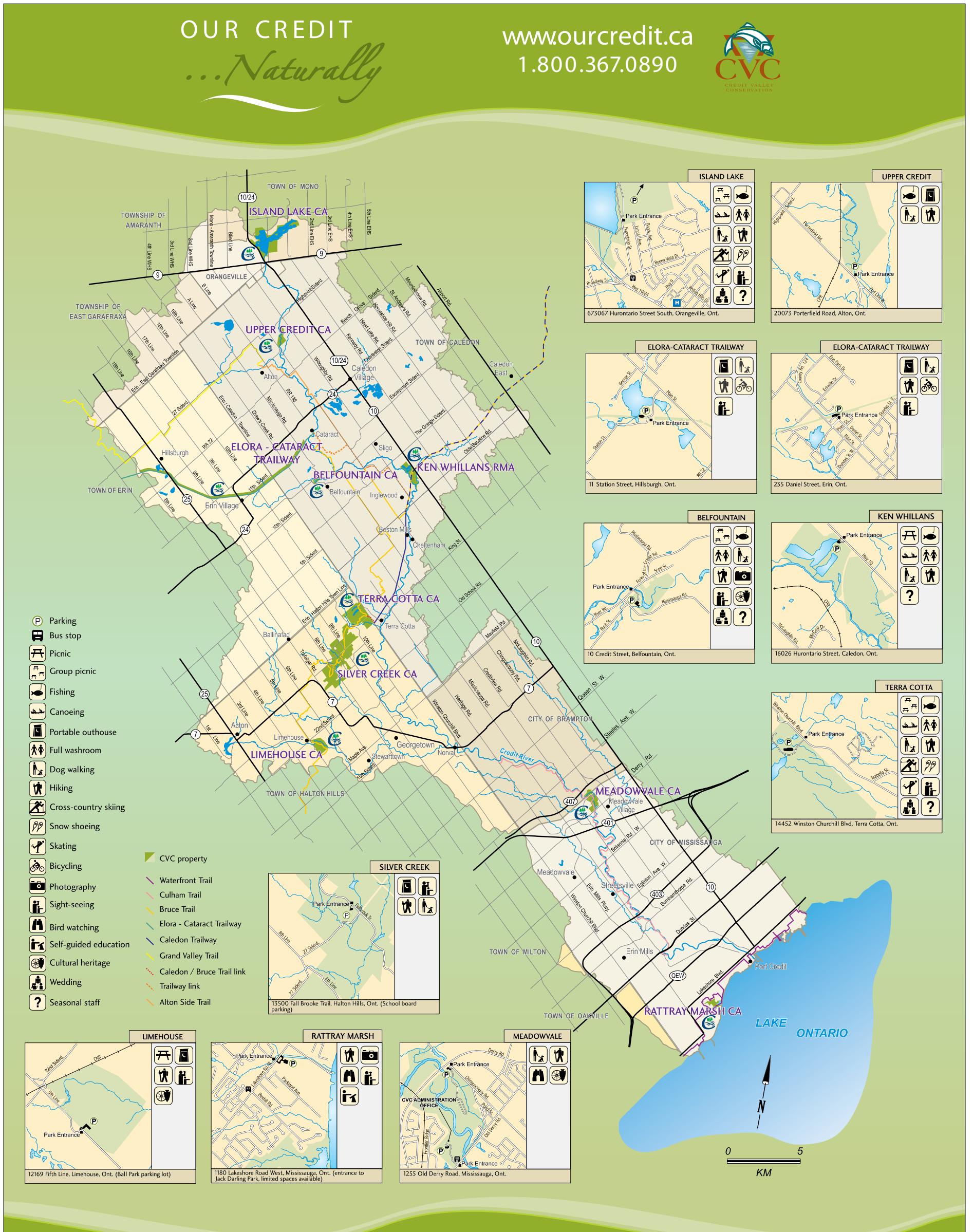
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Credit River Watershed and Conservation Areas Map



ISLAND LAKE

673067 Hurontario Street South, Orangeville, Ont.

- Parking
- Bus stop
- Picnic
- Group picnic
- Fishing
- Canoeing
- Portable outhouse
- Full washroom
- Dog walking
- Hiking
- Cross-country skiing
- Snow shoeing
- Skating
- Bicycling
- Photography
- Sight-seeing
- Bird watching
- Self-guided education
- Cultural heritage
- Wedding
- Seasonal staff

UPPER CREDIT

20073 Porterfield Road, Alton, Ont.

- Parking
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ELORA-CATARACT TRAILWAY

11 Station Street, Hillsburgh, Ont.

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ELORA-CATARACT TRAILWAY

235 Daniel Street, Erin, Ont.

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BELFOUNTAIN

10 Credit Street, Belfountain, Ont.

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KEN WHILLANS

16026 Hurontario Street, Caledon, Ont.

- Parking
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TERRA COTTA

14452 Winston Churchill Blvd, Terra Cotta, Ont.

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SILVER CREEK

13500 Fall Brooke Trail, Halton Hills, Ont. (School board parking)

- Parking
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- Portable outhouse
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LIMEHOUSE

12169 Fifth Line, Limehouse, Ont. (Ball Park parking lot)

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RATTRAY MARSH

1180 Lakeshore Road West, Mississauga, Ont. (entrance to Jack Darling Park, limited spaces available)

- Parking
- Bus stop
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- Fishing
- Canoeing
- Portable outhouse
- Full washroom
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MEADOWVALE

1255 Old Derry Road, Mississauga, Ont.

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