



**CVC | Credit Valley Conservation**

**Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)**

Save Our Ash: Jon MacMull



Now I'd like to pass it over to Jon MacMull to wrap things up.

Thanks Dave.

Now I'd like to turn around from what CVC is doing to what we can do together – as a community – to protect the forests at Rattray Marsh Conservation Area.

As I mentioned earlier – we're all here tonight because we care about Rattray Marsh.



I have a personal connection with Rattray Marsh as I'm sure we all do.

I like to visit whenever I get a chance. I love the trails, the tranquility and being surrounded by nature.

I took this picture on my second trip to Rattray Marsh – back in the summer of 2011. I've only really known the marsh for four years but it holds a special place in my heart.



This is a picture of Rattray Marsh from the early 70s.

Why am I showing you this picture?

Firstly – I want you to show you what Rattray Marsh Conservation Area can look like with much less forest cover. It's a scary sight.

Secondly – I want to show you how far Rattray Marsh has come in just a few decades – all as a result of strong community action.



This is a picture of Rattray Marsh from 2011

The story of Rattray Marsh is a story of community action.

The community with the Rattray Marsh Protection Association came together to protect this place.

And look what you've accomplished. It's actually quite remarkable. We should all be proud of this achievement.



And now the forests at Rattray Marsh are literally under attack.



Emerald ash borer are one of the greatest threats to the marsh in recent years.

But regardless of the challenge we are facing. And no matter how large it may seem. We at CVC view this as an opportunity.



## An Opportunity

This is an opportunity to come together as a community and give back to the marsh. It's an opportunity to plant new trees for the future.



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It's an opportunity to protect the healthy trees that remain.



We're calling on the community – on you – to help Save Our Ash.

You should have all received a save our ash fundraising package when you came in.

I'm asking all of you to please read it and please give!

Your donations will go towards inoculating healthy ash tree against emerald ash borer and to plant new trees for the future.

The cost of saving one ash tree is on average only \$200, every two years – that's only 27 cents a day. And it's even less expensive to plant new trees.



We have an opportunity here to face the challenge of emerald ash borer head on – as a community.

In the past, we've come together to protect the marsh and I'm confident that we'll be able to do it again.

We can ensure a thriving, healthy Rattray Marsh Conservation Area for future generations to enjoy.

With that I'd like to open it up to questions from the audience.