A Hotspot of Hotspots: Safeguarding Carolinian Canada

Southwestern Ontario, London and the Thames

The heart of Carolinian Canada is in southwestern Ontario—incorporating significant fragments of Kettle creek, Kettle lake and sub-tidal and coastal areas of the western Great Lakes Drainage basin. In southwestern Ontario, the region rests between the regional flora and fauna of midcontinental North America and those of eastern North America—what is often referred to as the Carolinian biome. Over 67% of the remaining Carolinian vegetation in Ontario is in southwestern Ontario.

Preserving the Freshwater Seas: National Marine Conservation Areas (NMCA)

The Freshwater Seas National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA) is in southwestern Ontario and includes Lake Huron, Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair.

We All Need Natural Sanctuaries

Our cities, towns and small villages are surrounded by natural sanctuaries that are inaccessible to pollution, development, and to be discovered in nature. In southern Canada, natural sanctuaries and wetlands are also supported by the natural biodiversity that makes nature safe for us in today’s world.

A National Urban Park for Windsor

To the north of the Thames valley and the cities of Windsor, London and Chatham-Kent, are the southernmost wetlands in southwestern Ontario.

Connecting the Rouge

The Rouge National Urban Park is one of many locations throughout Ontario that are being looked at for potential protection. The Rouge National Urban Park is a national urban park located in the city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The park consists of a series of connected natural areas, and is one of the largest urban parks in North America.

A Vision to sake GreenSpace

Wildlands League is a not-for-profit charity working to protect public land and water since 1969. We are policy experts, negotiators and communicators standing up for wildlife and standing with communities. We take a holistic approach to ecological conservation that threatens precious rivers, lakes and wildlife habitat. We create solutions and we operate under the principle that to make nature safe at all levels, the country is protected for all children, the climate and the planet.

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Canada's Great Lakes

Join us in protecting Canada’s Great Lakes, the largest and most biodiverse lake system on Earth. The Great Lakes are a vital part of our natural heritage, and protecting them is essential for the health and well-being of the entire planet. We rely on the Great Lakes for drinking water, recreation, and a variety of other vital services. Our mission is to ensure that the Great Lakes are protected and preserved for future generations.

Ontario’s Greenbelt Under Threat by Ford Government

The Greenbelt has been recognized as a vital ecological corridor that provides important habitat for a diversity of species and contributes to the overall health of the Great Lakes basin.

Seizing the Opportunities

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 global goals that are intended to address the world’s biggest challenges. The SDGs are a blueprint for action that is centered around the idea of leaving no one behind. They aim to ensure that every person has access to the basic necessities of life, including food, water, and education.

Naturally Connected: Corridors and Ecosystems

Nature, agriculture, and industry are all interconnected. By working together, we can create sustainable and resilient communities that benefit both people and nature.

A Near Urban Nature Network

The Toronto Greenbelt has been designated as a model urban green corridor in Canada. The Greenbelt connects natural areas and green spaces within the city, providing critical habitat for plants and animals.

Conclusion

In conclusion, it is essential to create a interconnected network of parks that will not only protect our natural resources, but also provide opportunities for education and recreation. This network of parks will allow people to connect with nature and learn about the importance of protecting our environment.

Wildlands League's vision looks towards a future where every Canadian community has access to a natural area that provides opportunities for learning, exploration, and enjoyment. By working together, we can create a more sustainable and healthy future for all.
A Vision for Connected Greenspace

London and the Thames
The greenbelt sweeps across the countryside, forming a powerful visual and ecological centerpiece for the city of London and the region. By connecting the watersheds of the Thames and other waterways, it forms a natural barrier against the expansion of urban sprawl. The greenbelt acts as a buffer between the city and its surroundings, providing a natural corridor for wildlife and a recreational area for residents. It is an essential part of the city’s green infrastructure, offering a link between the natural and the urban.

Windsor to Wheatley
The proposed Oakleaf National Urban Park could be the cornerstone of a series of greenspaces connecting Windsor to Wheatley. This park would provide a natural corridor for wildlife and a recreational area for residents. It would also serve as a visual link between the city of Windsor and the region, enhancing the city’s green infrastructure.

Central Ontario
There is an opportunity to preserve significant corridors between existing parks and protected areas in the form of new or expanded parks or conservation areas. The proposed Oakleaf National Urban Park could serve as a link between these areas, providing a natural corridor for wildlife and a recreational area for residents. It would also serve as a visual link between the city of Windsor and the region, enhancing the city’s green infrastructure.

Greater Golden Horseshoe
The greenbelt plays a crucial role in the region. It provides a natural corridor for wildlife and a recreational area for residents. It is an essential part of the region’s green infrastructure, offering a link between the natural and the urban.

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