



## Island Lake Conservation Area Management Plan

To: Stakeholder Advisory Committee

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## Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather and the entire Credit River Watershed is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

The Credit River Watershed is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Métis, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit.

As citizens, we continue to be party to the treaties made with Canada's Indigenous peoples and we recognize their enduring presence on this land. We affirm that this land is our common source of life and we must all share in its care and prosperity.

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**Welcome to the Stakeholder Advisory  
Committee!**



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## SAC Expectations

- Participate in meetings and workshops; share your opinions and experiences
- Review reports, plans and information and provide your feedback
- Respect
- Liaise between your organization or group and CVC
- The satisfaction of contributing to a great project and making a difference in your community

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## SAC Expectations

- Our gratitude!
- Engagement in the time of COVID-19
  - Do what you can
  - Let us know what works for you
- Engaging, interesting ... fun?

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## Island Lake Conservation Area



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## Island Lake Conservation Area

- First opened to the public in 1970, Island Lake was created by the construction of 2 dams
- 329 hectares, characterized by a large reservoir surrounded by wetlands, upland forest, plantations, and meadows



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## Ecological Values

- Provincially Significant Wetland
- Significant Wildlife Habitat and Significant Woodlands
- Almost 700 unique species recorded, 12 Species at Risk
- Water quality and quantity are very important due to reliance on groundwater in this area



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## Cultural Values

- Little is known about the Indigenous occupation of the landscape
- Early settlement was largely influenced by the Toronto Grey and Bruce Railway
- Site was farmed except for lower wet areas that is now Island Lake



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## Social Values

- Fishing, hiking, canoe/kayaking, and social gatherings are popular activities
- 225,100 visits in 2019
- Key events: fishing derbies, maple syrup festival, Canada Day, amphitheater events, learn-to's and wellness series
- Incredible community support



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## Economic Values

- ILCA generated \$579,000 in revenue so far in 2020
- ILCA employs 10 FT\* staff, 19 PT staff (summer) and 9 PT staff (winter)
- ILCA is connected to local businesses, restaurants and outdoor recreation shops



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## Pressures

The success of the plan will be measured by how well it responds to current pressures:

- Reservoir storage capacity
- Impacts of fluctuating water levels on natural heritage & recreation
- Island Lake water quality
- Invasive species
- Site servicing
- Potential for overuse
- Dam operations
- Insufficient infrastructure and amenities
- Commercial site access
- Financial sustainability
- Climate Change

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## Developing a Park Management Plan



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## Project Initiation

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 WHEREAS CVC's Conservation Areas Strategy requires development of management plans for all CVC conservation areas; and,  
 WHEREAS the current Island Lake Management Plan will expire in 2017; and,  
 WHEREAS a public consultation process is deemed to be important in the development of conservation area management plans; and,  
 WHEREAS public involvement through the establishment of a Stakeholder Advisory Committee is an effective means of engaging the local community in the development of management plans;  
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report entitled "Island Lake Management Plan" be received and appended to the minutes of this meeting as Schedule "C"; and,  
 THAT CVC staff be authorized to develop a new management plan for Island Lake Conservation Area; and,  
 THAT CVC staff be authorized to initiate the dissolution of the Island Lake Management Committee; and,  
 THAT a Stakeholder Advisory Committee be established, which would include representation from a variety of community group and agencies at the local, municipal, regional and provincial level, to provide input throughout the management planning process and to assist with the development of the management plan; and,  
 THAT Gail Campbell be appointed as a Stakeholder Advisory Committee member representing the Credit Valley Conservation Board of Directors; and,  
 THAT staff be directed to develop and submit funding applications to our funding partners and potential donors to facilitate implementation of the management plan; and further,  
 THAT the final management plan be brought to the CVC Board of Directors for approval.  
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- 1997 Management Plan set to expire in 2017
- In 2015, CVC Board or Directors authorized development of new management plan

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## Planning and Reporting Process



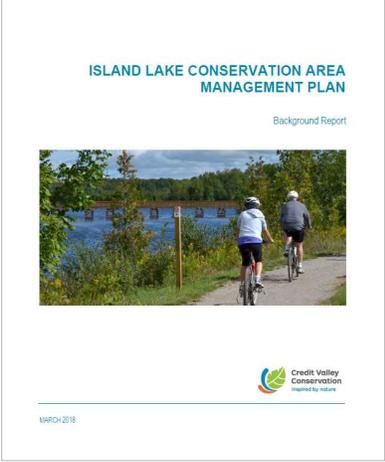
**Background Report** is a situation analysis of the natural, cultural and social values of the study area

**Strategic Directions Report** outlines the guiding statements (vision, objectives, directions and outcomes), presents the conceptual site plan and design intent for key features, and discusses input received through consultations

**Management Plan** presents a final vision for the conservation area and elaborates on directions and actions outlined in the Strategic Directions Report through more detailed management direction, conceptual design and policies.

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## Situation Analysis



Background report completed in 2018

Recommendations from technical reports prepared by staff to be considered in the management plan

Does not include recent park development, current visitation stats and CAMS.

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## Strategic Directions: Guiding Statements

S.W.O.T Analysis  
World Café Exercise



Values and Pressures Evaluation  
Objectives, Outcomes and Directions Development  
Visioning Exercise



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## Conceptual Design

- WSP has been hired as the lead architecture and landscape architecture consultant
- Deliverables under this contract include a final design package of:
  - a professional conceptual site plan
  - photorealistic renderings
  - Class D cost estimates
- CVC is in the final stages of onboarding an Indigenous architecture consultant to guide designs for CVT's IEP Key Site #1 'Turtle'

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## Engagement Plan

- CVC staff
- CVC's Board of Directors
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)
- Municipal Councils
- Municipal Council Committees
- General public incl: Conservation parks members, Friends of Island Lake members, neighbours, park visitors)
- Government agencies outside of SAC
- Credit Valley Trail partners
- Indigenous communities

### Notice to Neighbours Near Island Lake Conservation Area

Credit Valley Conservation is developing a new park management plan for Island Lake Conservation Area, 47267 Hurontario Street South, Orangeville.

**What is a park management plan?**  
A park management plan sets the long term vision for a park and outlines the strategies, actions and operational decisions needed to achieve that vision.

**Why are we developing a management plan?**  
The current Island Lake Conservation Area management plan was completed in 2017 and outlines objectives and directions for 25 years. This plan sets an additional in-kind, set the stage for the development of several recreational facilities and supporting infrastructure such as the forest launch, docks, picnic pavilions, washrooms, parking lots, viewing platforms, fishing piers and trail system.

A lot has changed over the years, and a new plan will establish an updated vision and objectives that respond to current opportunities and priorities. A new set of directions will guide natural resource management, capital investments, recreation and visitor experiences over the next 25 years.

**When will the management plan be completed?**

Summer 2020	Fall 2020	Winter 2021	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Fall 2021
Project launch	Engage public and stakeholders	Develop plan	Communicate plan	Final management plan	Implementation
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**How can you get involved?**  
We invite to work collaboratively with our communities, partners, stakeholders and park neighbours. Help shape the future of Island Lake through public surveys, consultation events or by connecting with our staff. Visit [cvc.ca/engagement](http://cvc.ca/engagement) to complete the first project survey and learn how you can get involved in planning the future of Island Lake.

**Contact with us for more information:**  
Send a direct message to @cvc.ca on Facebook or email [kate.burgess@creditvalleyconservation.ca](mailto:kate.burgess@creditvalleyconservation.ca)  
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## Virtual Meet & Greet



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## Roundtable Introductions

Introduce yourself to SAC!

- Name
- Organization
- What you value most about ILCA
- What you see as the biggest pressure/issue



Hello!

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## Next Steps

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### Next Steps

- Please review SAC Terms of Reference
- Next meeting will be Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup> 7-9 p.m.
- Share information about the project with your organizations and contacts and encourage participation  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ILMPsurvey1>

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**questions?**

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