



- ***GSCA Board of Directors endorses The Positively Green Campaign***

The campaign is a collaboration between the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation and 13 conservation authorities. The campaign proposes to seek funding to deliver the following environmental outcomes:

- Increasing biodiversity by improving habitat and restoring connectivity to benefit species at risk, fish and ranges of large mammals;
- Protecting and improving water quality and groundwater, and the clean and abundant base flows provided to rivers and lakes; and,
- Advancing the use of green infrastructure by municipalities as a climate mitigation and adaptation tool, particularly to manage storm water and flooding, as well as to sequester carbon.

Positively Green has more than 100 shovel-ready priority projects on the ground in communities throughout the Greenbelt Area. These projects are community-facing and provide real, tangible examples of how climate action benefits people and neighbourhoods directly. The projects are grouped into six main categories and include:

- Forestation and Cooling Corridors;
- Wetlands and Storm water/Flood Control;
- Habitat Restoration and Biodiversity Improvement;
- Major Lake and River System Improvements;
- Enhancing Greenspace and Public Access; and,
- Climate Leadership and Innovation

Projects contributed by GSCA include:

- Management Plan and property enhancements for the Inglis Falls Conservation Area;
- Management Plan and property enhancements for the Eugenia Falls Conservation Area;
- Enhancement of Natural Heritage System Core Green Areas protection through land securement;
- Develop partnerships for the implementation of Low Impact Development (LID) stormwater controls in the Craigleith and Warton areas;
- Improve water quality and stream health in Niagara Escarpment area subwatersheds through a combination of enhanced water quality monitoring and targeted riparian planting.

- ***Asset Management Planning***

GSCA Board of Directors were provided an orientation on GSCA's approach to Asset Management Planning.

- GSC's value of assets is \$54,614,675. As of December 31st, 2018, financial reserves end value was \$1,590,666.
- Like its member municipalities, many of GSCA's capital assets are in need of financial attention.

- A copy of the Asset Management Plan will be forwarded to the Watershed Clerks and the BOD's.
- **Correspondence with Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**
Minister Yurek, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, provides letter confirming that the conservation authorities will be contacted in the near future to arrange consultations regarding the proposed regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act.
- **CAO Recruitment**
Following the resignation of the GSCA CAO, the Board of Directors named an Interim GM to act until approximately the end of January 2020 and delegated a committee to recruit a CAO. With the ensuing announcement of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) GM retirement the end of October, the SVCA board proposed that the Board consider recruitment of one GM/CAO for both CAs. At the direction of each board, the SVCA executive committee and a sub-Committee of the GSCA Board met and subsequently the boards and senior staff met to discuss the feasibility and merit of a shared GM/CAO. The GSCA Board of Directors, acting with due diligence and in the best interests of GSCA, has now directed that GSCA recommence the process of recruiting a CAO for GSCA immediately.
- **Communications RFP**
GSCA issued a Request for Proposal for Corporate Image Design, Strategy and Training for Grey Sauble Conservation with a submission deadline of Friday, October 4th, 2019 at 12:00pm. The chosen consultant will help develop key public messaging to support GSCA's strategic communications plan and to streamline and increase the effectiveness of our internal communication specialties and services. The consultant will also provide branding and design templates for several specified communication deliverables and training for a corporate communications transformation.
- **Collaborative Projects**
GSCA is actively involved in three collaborative projects that increase local understanding of potential flooding scenarios which will enable proactive mitigation and resiliency actions.
 - The National Disaster Mitigation Program Intake 4 (NDMP 4) project in the lake fringe sub-watersheds of Grey County with Grey County and Town of the Blue Mountains;
 - The National Disaster Mitigation Program intake 5 (NDMP 5) project at Lora Bay in the Town of the Blue Mountains; and,
 - The Municipal Climate Innovation Program which involves creation of a Climate Change Adaptation Plan (CCAP) for the City of Owen Sound.

All these projects involve a collaborative approach to improving the data upon which GSCA and municipal partners base our decisions. This includes assessing risks to infrastructure and assets which allows municipal officials to better identify deficiencies in flood-related infrastructure. The studies will also provide a better understanding of how climate change will impact these areas and the risk associated under various scenarios.