

The Ontario Great Lakes Coastal Wetlands Atlas contributes to delivering the goals of the following initiatives.



Great Lakes Wetlands Conservation Action Plan (GLWCAP)

The GLWCAP is a cooperative program of the federal and Ontario governments as well as non-governmental groups to protect, rehabilitate and create wetlands on the Canadian side of the Great Lakes basin. Implementation of the plan is coordinated by representatives from the Canadian Wildlife Service of Environment Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy of Canada, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, and Ducks Unlimited Canada. The Atlas contributes to several GLWCAP strategies, including: improve wetland science, data and monitoring, and improve coordination. For more information, visit www.on.ec.gc.ca/wetlands/glwcap-e.cfm.



North American Waterfowl
Management Plan
Plan nord-américain de
gestion de la sauvagine
Plan de Manejo de Aves
Acuáticas de Norteamérica

Eastern Habitat Joint Venture (EHJV)

The EHJV is one of 14 joint ventures established across the continent to ensure the implementation of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. In Ontario, the EHJV is a partnership of the federal and Ontario governments, Ducks Unlimited Canada, The Nature Conservancy of Canada, and Wildlife Habitat Canada. Extensive programs are applied on a broad scale to influence land use policies and promote ecologically sound and sustainable land use practices. Intensive programs are tailored to secure, create, restore, or rehabilitate balanced habitat conditions for waterfowl and other wetland wildlife. For more information, visit www.nawmp.ca.



Species at Risk

The Government of Canada's three-part strategy to protect species at risk consists of building on the federal-provincial-territorial Accord for the Protection of Species at Risk, developing and implementing stewardship and incentive programs, and creating and passing federal endangered species legislation, the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). For more information, visit www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca.



Land Information Ontario (LIO)

LIO is an initiative to restructure the management and use of Ontario's land information infrastructure led by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR). LIO is building a new way to manage land information; one which will ensure that all of Ontario's land information assets are standardized, properly managed, widely known, accessible, and collected efficiently. At present, natural resource, environmental, and geologic themes dominate the approximately 140 layers of data contained in the warehouse. This composition is expected to change as more of LIO's stakeholders migrate their holdings to the facility. LIO provides the public and private sectors with an unprecedented opportunity to work together in the collection, management and distribution of Ontario's land information assets. For more information, visit www.lio.mnr.gov.on.ca.



The Canada-Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Basin (COA)

The COA is a commitment by the governments of Canada and Ontario to restore and protect the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem. Renewed in 2002, the current Agreement outlines how the two governments will cooperate and coordinate their efforts to achieve this commitment. The Agreement includes an overarching agreement to stand in perpetuity, along with four annexes, each of which specifies five-year goals for the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem. The Lakewide Management Annex for example, includes commitments for Canada and Ontario to work towards achieving: rehabilitated, conserved, and protected fish and wildlife habitats and protected areas; and coordinated and integrated monitoring for scientific interpretative reporting, decision-making, and reporting on progress. For more information, visit www.on.ec.gc.ca/coa.



The State of the Lakes Ecosystem Conference (SOLEC)

The SOLEC conferences are hosted by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and Environment Canada on behalf of the two countries every two years in response to the binational Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. The conferences are intended to provide a forum for exchange of information on the ecological condition of the Great Lakes and surrounding lands. A major purpose of this is to reach a large audience of people in the government (at all levels), corporate and not-for-profit sectors who make decisions that affect the lakes. For more information, visit www.on.ec.gc.ca/solec.