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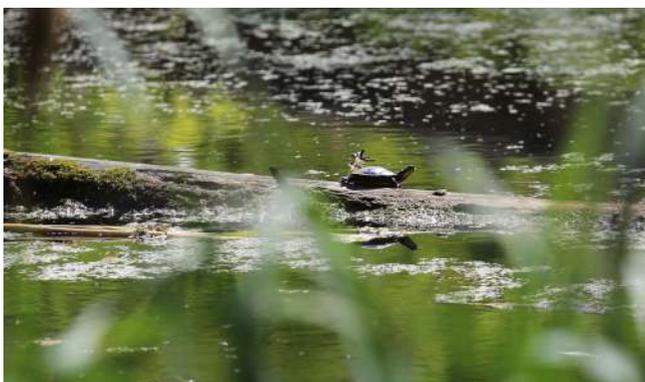
YOUR ACTION REPORT FROM THE OAK RIDGES MORaine LAND TRUST

*'Your Moraine ... protect water, land and life for tomorrow'*

## 3786 Acres with 47 Agreements!

We are honoured to protect two new properties with the generous donations of two new landowners. It is a humbling experience to work with people who are so connected and dedicated to protecting the Oak Ridges Moraine, and these two new donors are no exception!

The first property, almost 50 acres of Natural Core Area of the Oak Ridges Moraine, is a joint project with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority. This property is part of a provincially significant wetland in the Humber River sub-watershed and provides habitat for a wide variety of plants and animals including this lovely turtle.



TRCA STAFF Photo

This property has been in the landowner's family for generations and they have many fond memories connected to the land. Their history of wise stewardship is demonstrated

in their early adoption of a Forest Management Plan. Their motivation to donate this sensitive property comes from a deep desire to do 'what is right for the benefit of the public and future generations'.

Our second property is a stunning woodland close to a number of Regional Forests, providing a connective corridor for wildlife. This 26+ acres in the Natural Core Area of the Oak Ridges Moraine has been stressed by development on both sides but has now been protected.

The donor has now ensured that this beautiful island of green remains protected amidst the development that surrounds it. He worked closely with our staff to ensure that his property would continue to be part of the natural landscape that makes our Moraine so special.



Photo: Kristie Virgoe



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## From Susan's Desk



Photo: Garry Conway

Many people ask me how an accountant became Executive Director of an environmental charity? Here's the story of my second act!

I began my path into environmental advocacy in a local battle to protect donated lands against

development. The donor, Anne Bartley Smith, left a bequest in her will of 100 acres to be a public park for all to enjoy the property, as she did. It was very disheartening to me that her wishes were not being followed and that this land was being proposed for development.

My neighbours and I formed a ratepayers association, learned about planning, legislation and town council matters. (I now know more about municipal sewage systems than I ever want to know!) Working with many different parties, we won the OMB fight. 100 acres of land were not developed and were protected for future generations. My next chapter had begun!

My volunteer work had made a difference. I decided to start my "encore career". I grabbed the opportunity to match my skills and talents to a similar purposeful mission with the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust and make a positive impact on our world. It was, and still is, exhilarating.

Throughout my new work, I am guided by a simple but profound thought:

*Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible.*  
*Francis of Assisi*

I would love to hear your encore story. Please call me anytime at 905-853-3171 x32.

## Welcome to Kristie

The Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust is thrilled to announce that Kristie Virgoe has joined our team as our Program Manager - Land Securement and Stewardship.

Kristie started her career with Kawartha Conservation where she led the Stewardship and Land Protection divisions for over 8 years. Since that time, she has worked for the Ontario Land Trust Alliance as Program Manager and the Muskoka Conservancy as their Executive Director.

A busy mom, Kristie volunteers with her local school and puts her feet into action, volunteering and participating in the annual Weekend to End Women's Cancers walks, as well as running over 200km in two years to raise money for land protection in Ontario.

Her enthusiasm, professionalism and cheerful attitude will continue to make a difference in the work that we do in the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine. Please reach out and congratulate Kristie at her new office located at Cawthra Mulock Nature Reserve at 905-853-3171 x31 or [kvirgoe@oakridgesmoraine.org](mailto:kvirgoe@oakridgesmoraine.org)



Photo: Lissa Dwyer



## Moraine Superheroes: Tom and Virginia

They don't have super powers, wear a cape or tights but Tom and Virginia are our Moraine Superheroes.

Tom and Virginia Atkins have been part of our Land Trust family since 2000. As our first president, Tom volunteered countless hours and handled literally everything from letter writing, fundraising, chairing meetings to stewardship activities like tree planting and walks on the Moraine.

His firm leadership touch inspired everyone to do more. His smile and enthusiasm was the basis of the Land Trust's philosophy to treat our donors with care and his legacy lives on in every land donor relationship. Virginia, his active and supportive wife, has always been a community supporter of environmental, cultural and historical conservation.

When presented with the book, "The Oak Ridges Moraine From Above", Tom and Virginia said

*"We are very happy to see that the Moraine we truly love is still being permanently protected by the great team work of the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust. Just being able to do something to help is meaningful to us."*

Thank you Tom and Virginia for always being here when we, and the Moraine need you!



Photo: Susan Walmer

## Oak Ridges Moraine Photo Club

As you read this, summer is here and the Moraine is pulsing with life. Now is the time to take advantage of the fine weather to ramble across the hilly Moraine. And we bet you take photos of your adventures.

Photos make the Moraine come alive because they allow us to deeply feel how special this place is from Caledon in the west to Castleton in the east.

Now you can share you photos with other keen shutterbugs by joining our FREE online photo club. Surf on over to [www. photo-oakridgesmoraine.org](http://www.photo-oakridgesmoraine.org) to check it out. And please participate in our "Focus Here" challenge that currently features photos of sunsets, dew, leaves or special places.



Photo: Kristie Virgoe



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## It's Not Too Late For Susan & The Land Trust To Work Their Magic!

Turn \$1 into \$500 for the purchase of a precious property in Caledon. We featured this opportunity in a special mailing to our generous supporters. If you have already contributed,  
**THANK YOU!**

If not, here's your chance. Just tear off this page and send it back with your contribution in the envelope provided.



### Leave The World A Better Place

Over the years, a number of exceptional donors have remembered the land protection work of the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust with a gift in their Will.

Gifts of every size make a huge difference to land protection.

If you would like information about leaving a legacy to the Land Trust, please call Susan at 905-853-3171 x32.

Thanks to our partners for their support .



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**Yes Susan!** I'd like you to work your magic. I am delighted to enclose my donation which I understand will **magnify by 50 times** to protect Moraine lands.

- \$100 (x 50 becomes \$5,000)
- \$250 (x50 becomes \$12,500)
- \$500 (x50 becomes \$25,000)
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you so much for your support!**  
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