



# CARETAKERS

YOUR OAK RIDGES MORAINE LAND TRUST  
GRATITUDE REPORT 2015

## CELEBRATING OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> PROPERTY PROTECTED FOREVER!

With your support, we were able to protect our 50<sup>th</sup> property. This beautiful piece of Simcoe County has 2 lovely ridges of hardwood forest, spectacular meadows, and a cold water stream that runs into the Bailey Swamp Wetland. Thank you for helping save another stunning piece of our Moraine!



## FOREST BATH, ANYONE?

A recent study proved that a 20 minute walk in the forest can improve the functioning of your immune system by up to 54%! The science shared at our health benefits workshop confirmed what we already knew in our hearts: nature is good for you!



## CHIRP! CROAK! FLUTTER! SLITHER... IDENTIFYING SPECIES AT RISK

Together with landowners, volunteers and specialists, we explored all our protected properties, and found that 60% provide habitat for Species At Risk! And in our BioBlitz events, we'll be looking for mammals, birds, plants, reptiles, amphibians, insects and fungi!



## WHAT'S THE BUZZ ON POLLINATORS?

You packed the hall to hear a local expert talk about our friendly pollinators, the bees. This inspiring talk helped us understand the importance of these pollinators within the natural world but also within the farming world!



## NO HIGHWAY HERE!

Our supporters and community added their voices and we stood together against the Greater Toronto Area West Highway Corridor and a proposed new highway. Thank you to everyone who helped convince our leaders that our Greenbelt is no place for a highway!



This is your Land Trust. This is your Moraine. Take a moment and reflect on the places and spaces that matter to you. Where are your Moraine footprints? You can see in our legend that different shades of our water drop represent both kinds of properties you have helped protect. Light blue indicates a Nature Reserve and dark blue represents a Conservation Easement. If you have questions about our properties, or how the protections work, we would love to speak with you! And we used a water drop because with your gifts, you are protecting the water of our Moraine and Greenbelt, our most treasured resource! *Thank you!*

## OAK RIDGES MORaine

-  ORMLT PROPERTY
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-  TOWNSHIP BOUNDARY
-  WATER
-  CITY CENTER
-  URBAN AREA
-  MORaine
-  GREENBELT