



**Credit Valley
Conservation**
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Island Lake Conservation Area Management Plan

To Town of Orangeville Council

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Outline

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3. Developing the Park Management Plan
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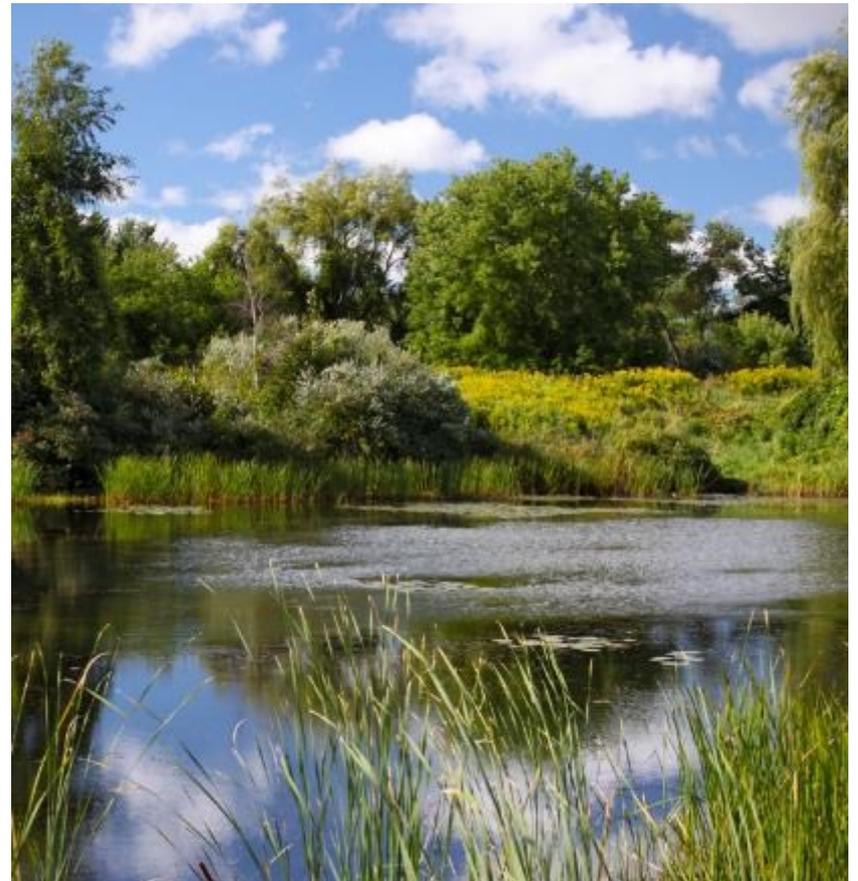
Purpose

- Overview of the management plan process
- Next steps – upcoming consultations
- Plan endorsement by Council



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
- 4 Seasons of recreation
- Northern trailhead of Credit Valley Trail



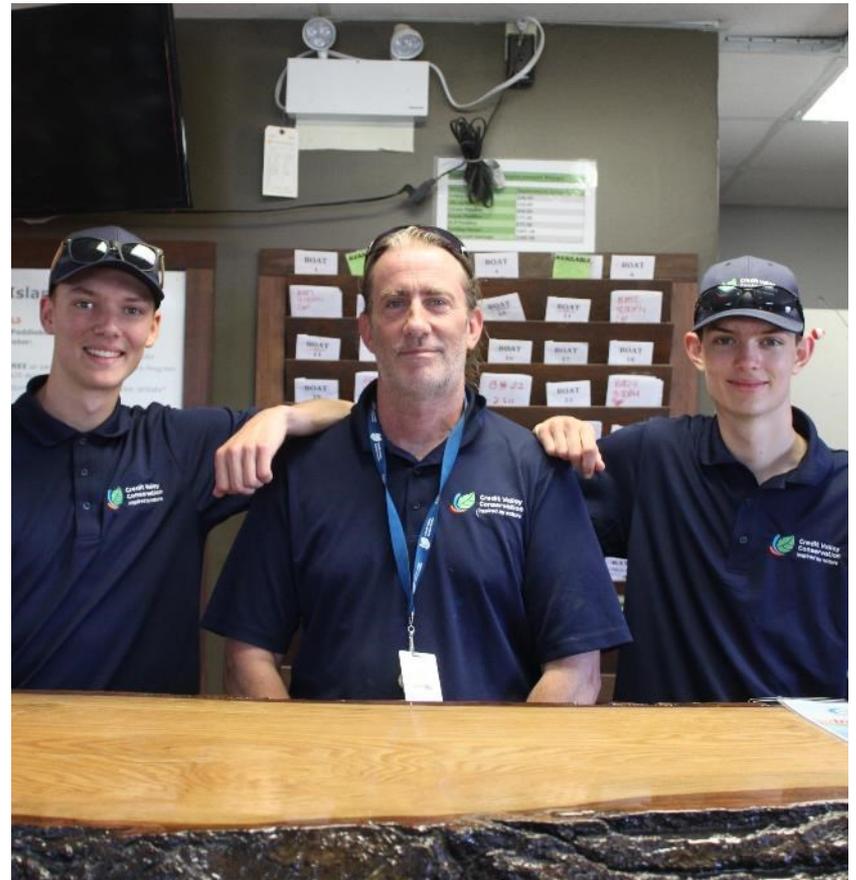
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- Fishing, canoe, kayaking, hiking, and social gatherings are popular activities
- 272,000 visits in 2020, 76% through trail access points
- Events: fishing derbies, maple syrup festival, Canada Day, amphitheater events, learn-to's and wellness series
- Beloved park by local communities



Island Lake Conservation Area

- Relationship to local businesses, restaurants and outdoor recreation shops
- Generated over \$520,000 in revenues (2020)
- Employs 10 FT staff, 19 PT staff (summer) and 9 PT staff (winter)



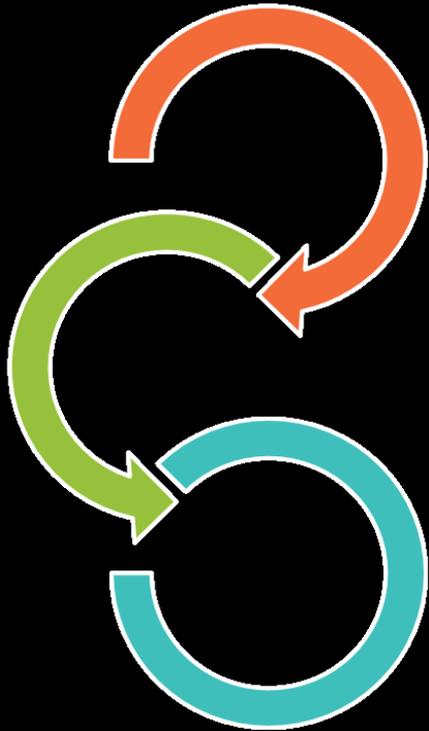
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Key pressures:

- Water quantity and quality
- Fluctuating water levels
- Dam operations and maintenance
- Site servicing and aging infrastructure
- Vehicle queuing
- Insufficient parking
- Sustainable revenue streams
- Invasive species
- Climate change



Management Planning Process



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

Strategic Directions includes guiding statements (vision, objectives, directions and outcomes) and conceptual design development. A report summarizes ideas through to decisions as well as 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

Overall Project Milestones and Timelines



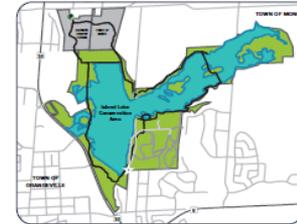
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Engagement Plan

- CVC's Board of Directors
- General public
- Government agencies
- Indigenous communities
- Municipal Councils
- Municipal Council Committees
- Municipal Staff
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Credit Valley Trail partners

Notice to Neighbours Near Island Lake Conservation Area

Credit Valley Conservation is developing a new park management plan for Island Lake Conservation Area, 673067 Hurontario Street South, Orangeville.



What is a park management plan?

A park management plan sets the long-term vision for a property 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 1997 and outlines objectives and directions for 20 years. This plan, with an addition in 2005, set the stage for the development of several recreational facilities and supporting infrastructure such as the boat 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 pressures. 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?



How can you get involved?

We aspire to work collaboratively with our communities, partners, stakeholders and park neighbours. Have your say through project surveys, consultation events or by connecting with our staff. **Visit cvc.ca/ilmps to complete the first project survey and learn how you can get involved in planning the future of Island Lake.**

Connect with us for more information:

We'll share info and updates at cvc.ca/ilmp and on Facebook @CreditValleyConservation and Twitter @CVC_CA.

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Stakeholder Advisory Committee

- Central Counties Tourism
- Credit River Metis Council
- CVT, Orangeville Chapter
- Dufferin Board of Trade
- Dufferin County
- Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle
- Eco Camp
- Fishing Friendly Inc.
- Friends of Island Lake
- Headwaters Community in Action
- Headwaters Nature
- Heritage Committee, Town of Mono
- Island Lake Rowing Club
- **Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee**
- Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism & Culture
- Ontario Parks
- Orangeville Business Improvement Area
- Orangeville Lions Club
- Recreation Advisory Committee, Town of Mono
- Rotary Club of Orangeville
- Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands
- **Sustainable Orangeville**
- Theatre Orangeville
- Town of Mono
- **Town of Orangeville**
- Upper Grand District School Board

Next Steps

- Draft management plan Vision, Outcomes and Directions and site conceptual plan consultations **March-April**
- Draft Management Plan consultations **September**
- Final Management Plan approval by CVC Board **December**
- Management Plan Endorsement by Orangeville Council **Q1 2022**

questions?



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