

OAK RIDGES MORaine TRAIL

One of the Moraine's greatest assets is a publicly accessible trail system that traverses its entire length. The trail makes the unique features and beauty of the Moraine accessible to anyone who wishes to experience it firsthand. The Oak Ridges Trail Association has been in place since 1992 as a volunteer organization dedicated to securing a trail across the Moraine. The Foundation has supported the work of the Association and has developed an Oak Ridges Moraine Trail Strategy in order to direct and coordinate the efforts of the various stakeholders and funding partners.

ORMF OAK RIDGES MORaine TRAIL GRANTS

- **Oak Ridges Trail Association -**
Oak Ridges Trail Strategy \$43,000
Organizational Support \$18,600
Implementation of Trail Plan Recommendations \$36,000
ORM Trail Improvements and Raising Public Awareness \$123,000
ORM Trail Improvements and Raising Public Awareness #2 \$302,000
Organizational Support \$67,500
Organizational Support \$80,000
Strategic Legacy Building Collaboration \$56,025
2009 Selected Strategic Activities \$39,500
- **Township of Uxbridge -**
Uxbridge Trail Securement \$25,201
- **Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust -**
Securement of the Oak Ridges Trail \$99,769
- **Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation -**
Securement of the Oak Ridges Trail \$75,000
- **Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto -**
Uxbridge Trail Linkage \$20,150

EDUCATION & PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING

One of the primary objectives of the ORMF is to share information and research gathered from across the Moraine with schools and the general public. The Foundation has developed and implemented programs and projects to help meet this objective. More than 5,700 school children have learned about the importance of water and wildlife protection on the Moraine through in-class education presentations supported by Foundation funds. 1000's more have been educated through a variety of Moraine programs.

ORMF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING GRANTS

- **Centre for Land and Water Stewardship -**
ORM Stewardship Handbook \$27,333
Pond Management Handbook \$5,000
- **Nature Conservancy of Canada -**
Rice Lake Plains Initiative – Communications \$58,850
- **Otonabee Region Conservation Foundation -**
Oak Ridges Moraine Education Program \$5,000
- **Rouge Valley Foundation -**
Community Resource Centre Projects \$6,000
- **Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation Educational Materials -**
Program #1 \$100,000
Program #2 \$220,000
Program #3 \$25,000
Program #4 \$15,500
- **Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority -**
Oak Ridges Moraine Information Centre \$500,000
- **Town of Richmond Hill -**
Oak Ridges Moraine Eco-Centre \$86,486
- **Ontario Streams -**
Newberry Park: Wetland Restoration and Education Facility \$40,000
- **Green Communities Canada -**
Well Aware in the Oak Ridges Moraine \$171,665
- **Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto -**
Homeowners Information Toolkit \$18,350
Support for Three Children's Water Festivals \$30,000
- **Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation -**
Outreach and Education In-Class Programming \$107,915
Training Partner Volunteers for In-Class Presentations \$31,100
2015 Plan Review Preparedness \$100,000

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THE ORMF'S ROLE TODAY

Although we have suspended our granting role, the Foundation continues to play a very important coordination and collaboration role. With our connections to the many different stakeholders, the Foundation acts as a clearinghouse of information and as a central hub of coordination on the Moraine. We have been playing a lead role in pulling together the information needed for the review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan in 2015. A series of eight reports are being undertaken to determine how effective both the legislation and non-regulatory work of the Foundation have been in contributing to the overall protection and enhancement of the Moraine. As well, we continue to work on the Oak Ridges Trail – aiming to take the trail off roads and onto public lands and continuing to create more side trails that will link communities directly with the Oak Ridges Trail. And lastly, we are continuing to seek additional funding so we can continue our important work.

OAK RIDGES MORaine

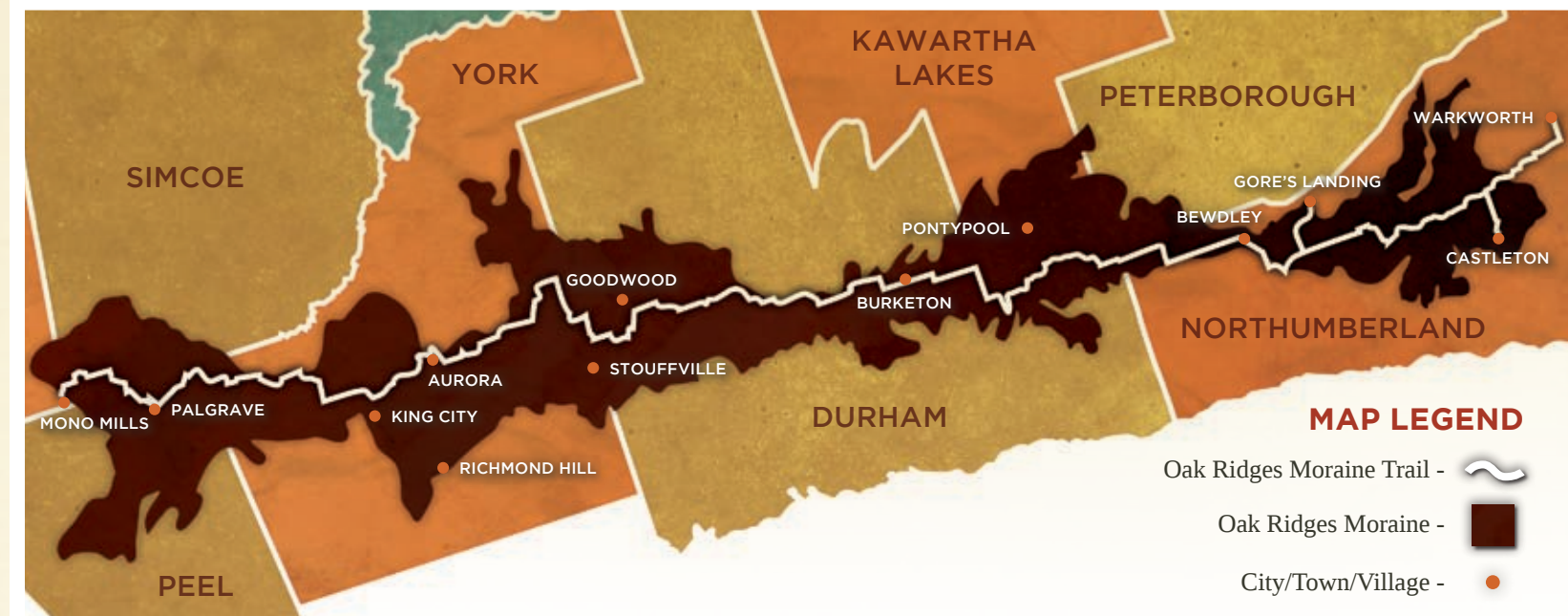


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OAK RIDGES MORaine FOUNDATION

The Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation was founded in 2002 as a governing body dedicated to the enhancement and preservation of the Moraine as a healthy and vibrant ecosystem. Comprised of an independent board of directors, the Foundation has diligently distributed in excess of \$14 million in grants to 177 projects since 2002. Working closely with Moraine partners, the ORMF leveraged an additional \$35.8 million in funding for land securement; stewardship; education and public understanding; Oak Ridges Moraine Trail; and research projects.

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STEWARDSHIP

The Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation (ORMF) developed a Stewardship Strategy in 2005 to ensure that Foundation funds focused where maximum environmental protection and preservation could be achieved. To date over 1,000 acres of conservation lands have been enhanced through stewardship projects such as tree planting, wetland creation and restoration, habitat management, prairie restoration and livestock diversion. Close to 16 km of stream-bank restoration has also been completed. Through projects like the Caring for the Moraine more than 85,000 Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM) landowners received stewardship advice from ORMF partners.

ORMF STEWARDSHIP GRANTS:

- **Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto -**
Stewardship Strategy **\$10,000**
Preston Lake Shoreline Restoration **\$5,800**
Chadwick Restoration Project **\$2,000**
Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan **\$30,000**
Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan Implementation **\$125,010**
Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan Implementation #2 **\$91,230**
- **Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto/Seneca College -**
Eaton Hall Wetland and Forest Enhancement **\$72,465**
- **Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority -**
Ganaraska Forest Tallgrass Prairie Maintenance **\$2,500**
Ganaraska Plains Initiative **\$21,000**
- **Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority -**
Reforestation Project **\$7,500**
ORM Research Officer **\$40,000**
Tapping Into Nature –Oak Ridges Moraine Displays **\$8,997**
- **Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority -**
Reforestation Project **\$6,000**
Reforestation Project **\$2,000**
Reforestation Project **\$2,287**
- **Credit Valley Conservation -**
Reforestation Project **\$570**
Wetland Naturalization **\$7,155**
Reforestation in Wetland Complex **\$792**
Kilmagh Swamp Restoration **\$1,587**
- **Wetland Habitat Fund -**
Cold Creek Headwaters Woodland/Wetland Planting **\$4,000**
Orono Creek Riparian and Upland Habitat Restoration **\$2,000**
Red Cloud Cemetery Prairie Restoration and Management Project **\$2,000**
- **Nature Conservancy of Canada -**
Rice Lake Plains Initiative **\$333,290**
Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative #2 **\$33,902**
Caring for the Moraine in the Rice Lake Plains **\$60,270**
- **York Environmental Stewardship -** Rouge Watershed
Wetland Creation and Re-naturalization **\$19,000**
- **Kawartha Region Conservation Authority -**
East Cross Forest Restoration **\$19,000**
- **Willow Beach Field Naturalists –**
ORM Restoration Strategy **\$12,000**
- **Ducks Unlimited -**
Wetland Conservation and Enhancement Program **\$184,400**
- **Citizens Environment Watch -**
ORM Community-led Monitoring Program **\$402,000**
Strengthening the Oak Ridges Moraine Network: Bringing Together Monitoring and Stewardship **\$92,428**
- **Oak Ridges Moraine Landowner Contact Program –**
Funds Distributed to 11 Conservation Groups for Implementation **\$200,959**
- **Stewardship Projects in the Conservation Priority Areas of the ORM (Caring for the Moraine Year 1) -**
Funds Distributed to 15 Conservation Groups for Stewardship Work **\$474,750**
- **Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority/Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association/Conservation Ontario -**
ORM Environmental Enhancement Program for Farmers on the Moraine **\$450,314**
- **Trees Ontario Foundation -**
ORM Tree Seed and Seedling Management **\$137,400**
- **Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters -**
Community Stream Steward Program **\$159,877**
ORM Restoration Database **\$25,000**
Stewardship Rangers **\$30,000**
Community Stream Steward Program #2 **\$66,414**
- **Caring for the Moraine**
Year 2 – Funding Distributed to 14 Conservation Groups for Stewardship Work **\$574,252**
Year 3 - Funding Distributed to 14 Conservation Groups for Stewardship Work **\$802,866**
Year 4 - Funding Distributed to 17 Conservation Groups for Stewardship Work **\$726,632**
Year 5 – Funding Distributed Through Small Grants Program **\$30,000**
- **Evergreen - Phyllis Rawlinson Park:**
Greening a Growing Community **\$24,683**
- **Lower Trent Conservation Authority -**
Caring for the Moraine in the Rice Lake Plains **\$80,413**

LAND SECUREMENT

The ORMF helped its partners to obtain land according to its Land Securement Strategy (2003). Lands secured included those that contain significant natural and hydrological features and values, lands within natural core and linkage areas, lands that serve important ecological functions and lands identified in the Oak Ridges Trail Strategy. Securement was undertaken in the form of fee simple purchase, donations or easements. To date more than 5,582 acres of conservation lands have been protected through acquisition, donation and conservation easements.

ORMF LAND SECUREMENT GRANTS:

- **Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto -**
Acquisition of 160 acres **\$215,000**
Acquisition of 30 acres **\$87,375**
Acquisition of 232 acres **\$270,000**
Acquisition of 25 acres **\$247,000**
Acquisition of 5 acres **\$33,167**
Acquisition of 92 acres **\$322,500**
Acquisition of 50.45 acres **\$895,000**
Acquisition of 82.71 acres **\$82,667**
- **Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority -**
Acquisition of 325 acres **\$219,834**
Acquisition of 216 acres **\$225,000**
Acquisition of 135 acres **\$140,000**
Acquisition of 300 acres **\$275,000**
Acquisition of 630 acres **\$575,000**
Acquisition of 120 acres **\$40,000**
Acquisition of 124 acres **\$35,000**
- **Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust -**
Easement Acquisitions 2003 **\$14,160**
Easement Acquisitions 2004 **\$24,421**
Secure Conservation Land and the Oak Ridges Trail **\$219,943**
Acquisition of 25.55 acres **\$6,833**
Acquisition of 49.8 acres **\$5,248**
Donation of Conservation Easement **\$6,833**
- **Nature Conservancy of Canada -**
Acquisition of 50 acres **\$220,000**
Acquisition of 96 acres **\$87,000**
Acquisition of 388 acres **\$156,000**
Acquisition of 100 acres **\$11,000**
Acquisition of 226 acres **\$59,310**
Acquisition of 71 acres **\$230,400**
- **Regional Municipality of York -**
Acquisition of 60 acres **\$108,000**
Acquisition of 71 acres **\$80,000**
- **Lower Trent Region Conservation Authority -**
Acquisition of 107 acres **\$41,000**
- **Kawartha Heritage Conservancy -**
Building Securement Capacity on the Eastern Oak Ridges Moraine **\$92,000**
- **Kawartha Region Conservation Authority -**
East Cross Forest Land Acquisition and Protection **\$235,200**
Acquisition of 29.5 acres **\$16,151**
Acquisition of 599 acres **\$427,500**
- **Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority -**
Acquisition of 115 acres **\$8,075**
Acquisition of 100 acres **\$23,736**
- **Northumberland Land Trust -**
Acquisition of 52.85 acres **\$26,110**

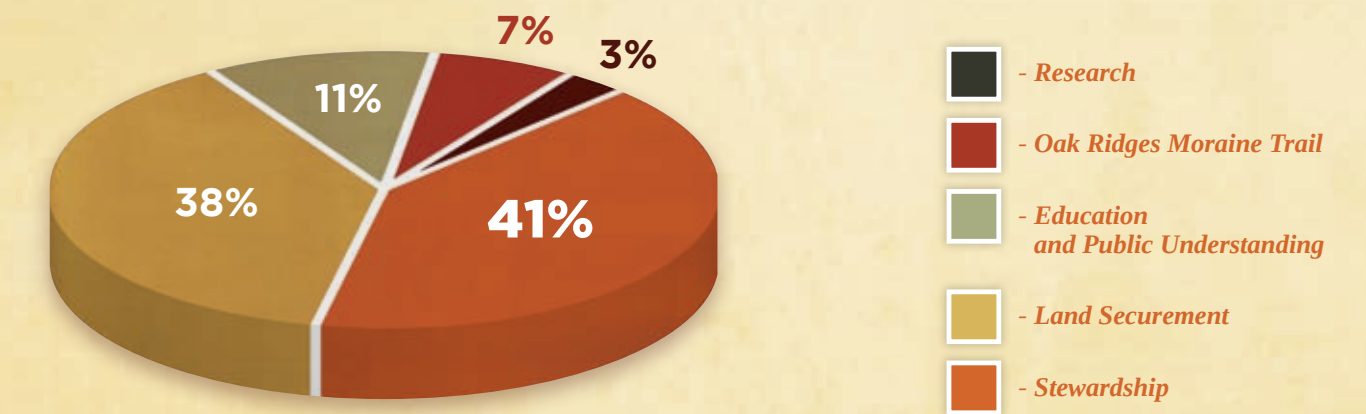
RESEARCH

The ORMF has supported selected research efforts conducted by universities, colleges, and non-government organizations in order fill knowledge gaps on the Moraine.

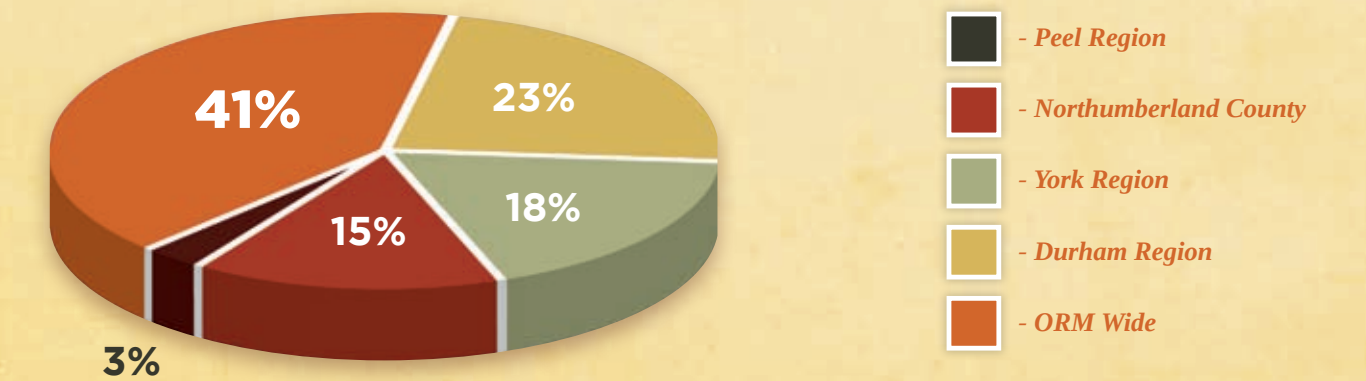
ORMF RESEARCH GRANTS:

- **Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto -**
Permeable Pavement/Bioretenention Swale Demonstration **\$25,000**
- **University of Waterloo -**
Investigation of ORM as a Biosphere Reserve **\$45,000**
ORM as a Biosphere Reserve **\$66,180**
- **Ecojustice Canada -**
Understanding the Cumulative Impact of Water Takings on the ORM **\$50,000**
- **Watershed Science Centre/Trent University -**
Impacts of Roads and Trails on Forest Bird Communities **\$24,250**
Impacts of Roads and Trails on Forest Bird Communities #2 **\$32,035**
- **Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto -**
Evaluating the Natural Function of Headwater Streams **\$118,750**

% OF GRANTS ALLOCATED TO PROGRAM AREAS



% OF GRANTS ALLOCATED PER MUNICIPALITY



FUNDING

ORMF funds have leveraged \$35.8 million dollars including:

- **\$10 million from the private sector**
- **\$20 million from the public sector**
- **\$5.8 million from in-kind contributions**

As a result, over \$49.8 million in new conservation and protection projects have been undertaken on the Oak Ridges Moraine.



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