

photographs. Much of the story can be read on the land itself. The story is evident in the character of old buildings and other structures, in field patterns and the layout of the roads. It is also apparent in the shape and size of woods and natural areas, as well as in climate soils and waters. Because it takes considerable skill, knowledge and experience to read the land well, Heritage Landscape Guides integrate geology, biology, archaeology, history, geography, economics and other specialties to provide people with information that tells them the story of a Landscape on the ground, and makes it possible for them to create a comprehensive understanding of a place. Heritage Landscape Guides are intended to: help people understand how the land has evolved and what changes seem to be underway today and why; attempt to address the needs that citizens, professionals, and specialists of different kinds have for ways of integrating information about the environmental, social, economic changes that are going on around them; be a useful tool for education in schools, in training professionals and in interpreting protected areas and surrounding regions to concerned citizens; provide information that can be used for making decisions related to conservation and sustainable planning and land-use; and, help build a shared view of the heritage of a place.

CREDIT VALLEY CONSERVATION GREENLANDS STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract

Since 1954, Credit Valley Conservation has worked to protect the quantity and quality of water and ecosystems in the Credit River watershed. This service included active land ownership and management programs that in turn support private land stewardship and sound planning activities undertaken by watershed municipalities. Today, the watershed is challenged by the rapid growth of urban areas, roads, highways, concerns about the safety of drinking water, and demands for public access and recreation arising from growing communities. In response, CVC staff is developing new approaches to watershed management including Subwatershed Studies, Water Management Strategy, Natural Heritage Strategy, Credit River Fisheries Management Plan and The Greenlands Strategy. The Greenlands Strategy is a viable tool directed at securing land for the purposes of enhancing existing features and functions found within representative ecosystems. The conservation areas system within the water shed is established to provide opportunities for natural heritage appreciation, tourism, and recreation.