

mapping process with an emphasis on providing a commentary on how MNR addressed the need to include ecological integrity considerations during the boundary refinement process.

Ontario Parks Legacy 2000: From Morris Tract to Clear Creek - Poster Presentation

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In the spring of 1996, Ontario Parks joined with The Nature Conservancy of Canada to initiate Ontario Parks Legacy 2000—an ambitious partnership using public and private funds to help complete a system of parks and protected areas in Ontario in celebration of the new Millennium. In serving the protection mandates of both Ontario Parks and The Conservancy, Ontario Parks Legacy 2000 is helping to fulfill international obligations to the conservation of biodiversity as committed in the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and the Canadian Biodiversity Strategy. Through this partnership, The Conservancy and Ontario Parks have been working with numerous other partners to acquire some of Ontario's most significant natural areas including: alvars, Carolinian forests, exceptional bogs and fens; habitats for species at risk, and other sites important for representing Ontario's natural heritage. From the securement of the Morris Tract Provincial Nature as the first acquisition in 1996, through the dedication of Clear Creek Forest Nature Reserve on April 21, 2001, The Nature Conservancy and Ontario Parks, with many other partners and project supporters, have been successful in protecting 24 significant properties with a total area of more than 11,000 hectares (+27,000 acres), valued at more than \$12.3 million. This presentation will feature a travelogue illustrating some of the key projects, including the final acquisition and dedication of Clear Creek Forest Nature Reserve, a superb 572 acre tract of Carolinian forest in the Kent-Chatham area.