

2023

Year in Review

2023 was a year of remarkable achievements. Our dedicated staff worked tirelessly to preserve and enhance our Lake Simcoe watershed, achieving a multitude of positive outcomes.

Through invaluable contributions and an optimistic vision for a sustainable and thriving environment, all of our partners and staff came together to continue to conserve, restore, and enrich our watershed.

Grounded in science and evidence-based practices, our work creates climate resilient communities where innovative solutions are celebrated and they improve the lives of those that call the watershed home.

Behind the Scenes

- 77%** of full-time staff have been with us for 5+ years
- 60+** billion elevation points in LiDAR data captured to better predict flooding
- 25** contract hires completed
- 19** Conservation Award recipients recognized
- 105** media articles related to the conservation authority
- 4** conservation areas received new entry signs
- 18,940** landowners reached through multiple direct mail campaigns

Science, Research & Monitoring

- 5,294** fish captured, identified, weighed, and released at 38 sites
- 1** new real time lake level gauge installed
- 4.25** million water monitoring data points collected
- 17** flood messages issued
- 715** mussel samples collected from Lake Simcoe

Raising Funds for our Watershed

- \$731,000** raised to build the new Nature Centre
- \$1.4** million in total raised for conservation projects

Supporting Responsible Growth

- 857** permit applications received
- 233** enforcement complaints
- 804** permits issued
- 340** pre-consultation applications received
- 1,846** regulatory inquiries received
- 486** planning reviews completed

Nature Based Education

- 13,490** student engagements
- 1,815** community programming participants
- 216** educators participated in 11 professional development sessions

Managing our Watershed

- 400+** professionals trained in stormwater management infrastructure inspection and maintenance
- 123** stormwater management features inspected in the Towns of Aurora and East Gwillimbury

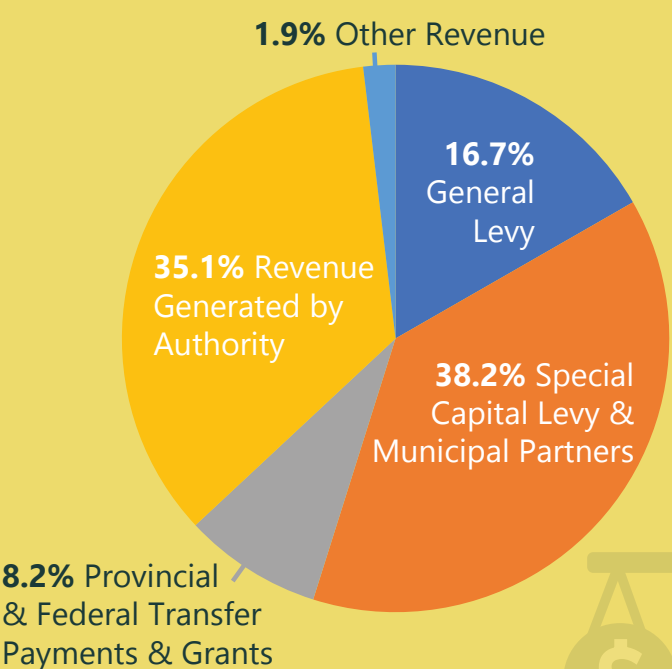
Caring for the Land

- 108** restoration projects completed
- 982** hectares of land planted in cover crops
- 36** hectares of land restored
- 6,300** trees and shrubs sold
- 260** species of flora and fauna identified at the new Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve
- 161** soil samples collected and analyzed
- 113** kilometres of trails maintained for safe public use
- 75** volunteers in 8 events engaged in trail work
- 153,000** visitors to our popular properties

Climate Action

- 4** new areas of research for carbon sequestration
- 576** hectares of land added to the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database

Budgeted Revenues



Budgeted Expenditures

