

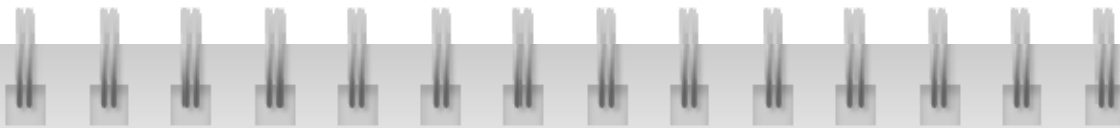
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**To:** Kelly Lush  
**Subject:** Notice of Pre-Consultation in 2022 on Proposed Amendments

This email is to offer you updates about drinking water source protection in Maitland Valley and Ausable Bayfield areas. Thanks for having subscribed to this email newsletter. You are welcome to unsubscribe at any time.

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## **Notice of Pre-Consultation on Proposed Amendments to Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Plans**

Over the past three years, the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley (ABMV) Source Protection Committee (SPC) has been working on a review and amendments of the Source Protection Plans for the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Areas.

The proposed amendments have been circulated to municipalities, ministries and other implementing bodies for their review and comment.

The deadline for pre-consultation comments is October 14, 2022.

Download the Notice and Summary now:

- [Notice of Pre-Consultation on Proposed Amendments to Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Plans](#) – 2 MB (large) PDF file

Key changes in the proposed amendments include:

- Changes to wellhead protection areas (WHPA), such as Belgrave
- Fuel tanks more than 250 litres may require a risk management plan (RMP) if close to a municipal well
- Road salt management plans will be required for municipalities
- Risk management plans may be required for salt application and storage in areas close to municipal wells
- Transporting snow into the 100-metre zones around municipal wells will be prohibited
- Future storage of certain toxic chemicals will be prohibited in the 100-metre zone of a municipal well, with risk management elsewhere
- Ongoing education to promote source water protection in vulnerable areas

The maps and updated documents can be accessed at this link:

- [Pre-Consultation and Consultation Web Page](#)

You can find a new video, regarding these proposed amendments, featuring source protection committee member Allan Rothwell, at this link:

- [Have Your Say on Changes to Source Protection Plans](#)

Ministry and municipal and other implementing body comments received as part of the pre-consultation process will be reviewed by the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee and possible changes made to policies prior to public consultation proposed in early 2023.

To stay up-to-date on this process, you may subscribe to our e-newsletter here:

- [Sign Up Now for Source Protection Newsletter](#)

You may also visit our Pre-Consultation and Consultation web page here:

- [Consultation Web Page](#)

If questions arise, please contact DWSP Co-Supervisors, Donna Clarkson [dclarkson@abca.ca](mailto:dclarkson@abca.ca) 519-335-3557 ext.224 or Mary Lynn MacDonald [mmacdonald@abca.ca](mailto:mmacdonald@abca.ca) 519-235-2610 ext. 247.



There are proposed amendments to approved source protection plans, and assessment reports, for the Maitland Valley and Ausable Bayfield source protection areas, as per Section 36 of the Ontario *Clean Water Act, 2006*. Pre-consultation takes place with municipalities, the Ministry, and implementing bodies in 2022. There is public consultation, on proposed amendments, planned for 2023. In this new video, source protection committee member Allan Rothwell shares the changes that are proposed.

## Learn more

Find out more about drinking water source protection in your region.

Learn how source protection planning policies affect you.

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## **LATE SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

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### **In This Newsletter:**

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## What's Going On...At RTO7

- **Sustainable Tourism Survey**

Thank you to those who have already completed the survey! If you haven't yet, RTO7 is looking for your input to help determine what the next step towards sustainable tourism in BruceGreySimcoe should be. For more info and to complete the survey, check out the [RTO7 Connection blog post](#).

You can also go directly to the survey by clicking [HERE](#).

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## Events

- **August 30 at 3 pm, 10 Things You Can Do to Make Your Business Accessible**

Hosted by TIAO, this FREE workshop addresses accessibility throughout the hiring and employment process, as well as storefronts for customers, and communication in digital media (websites, documents, etc.). Learn more and register on [TIAO's website](#).

- **August 30 to September 1, International Agritourism Workshop**

Hosted by the University of Vermont Extension local host committee, this hybrid event (offered online and in person), is geared to farmers, researchers, agricultural service providers, tourism experts, and others interested in agritourism. Learn more and register by visiting the [workshop website](#).

- **September 14, 8 am to 11 am, Navigating LGBT+ Diversity & Inclusion in the Tourism Industry – FREE Webinar**

Hosted by the CGLCC, this webinar helps tourism-based businesses learn about LGBT+ inclusion and how to effectively understand, value, and serve LGBT+ customers. Learn more and register by clicking [HERE](#). (Note that

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times on registration page are in Atlantic Daylight Time).

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## **Funding, Professional Development & Business Support**

- **New Course: Make Local Sourcing Work For You, created in partnership by the Culinary Tourism Alliance with OTEC**  
Free, online food tourism training for Ontario businesses. Learn more and sign up on the [CTA website](#).
- **Passport to Hospitality Work Prosperity Project**  
The program connects trained job seekers to hospitality employers for a 3 week paid work-integrated placement. Employers will receive a 50% wage subsidy for placement and an opportunity to fill jobs for the long term. Trainee cohorts are graduating weekly and are situated across the province. The program runs until March 2023. For more info and contact information, read the Project Overview [HERE](#).
- **Georgian College Launches Free UpSkill Tourism Micro-Credential**  
Georgian College is introducing an [UpSkill Tourism micro-credential program](#) to address the labour challenges experienced in the hospitality and tourism sector. This fully-funded program offers two distinct and unique micro-credentials that are aimed at supporting the employment skills gap and training challenges specific to today's hotel, resort and restaurant industries. They are "Frontline Service" and "Managers and Aspiring Leaders". Learn more about the program and eligibility by visiting [Georgian College's website](#).
- **Destination Canada Recovery Resources**  
To support the tourism industry during the recovery process, DC has put together the following:
  - [Making the Most of Social](#)
  - [Marketing Tips and Tricks](#)
  - [Canada's Tourism Renaissance: Our Strategy for Recovery](#)

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- **Tourism's Big Shift Report & Webinar**
  - **Tourism HR Canada Recovery Programs & Resources**
    - **Propel Program:** Propel connects post-secondary students with meaningful, paid work-integrated learning placements and provides tourism and hospitality employers with wage subsidies to support these placements.
    - **Now Hiring: A Guide to Help Employers Attract and Retain Workers in a Post-Pandemic Environment:** covers a range of essential HR practices, tips to implement them, and practical checklists and forms to help tackle key issues.
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## Interesting / Must Reads

- 3 Marketing Tips for Your Employer Branding, blog post by Frederic Gonzalo.  
Excerpt from blog, "...now, more than ever, organizations need to also have an employer branding strategy in place in order to attract and retain their employees. Without a doubt, shortage of labor has become the biggest issue for many, if not most, travel and hospitality companies." **Read the blog post for Frederic's 3 simple tips.**
  - Preparing Your Hotel for the Sunset of Google Analytics, by Tina Markowitz, eHotelier.  
Although the word "hotel" appears in the title of this article, the information about the upcoming transition to Google Analytics 4 (GA4) from the current Universal Analytics (UA) is relevant to all business owners who use Google Analytics. Read the article **HERE**.
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## News From Around the Region



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- **Spruce the Bruce Grants Have Updated Eligibility**

If you have received a Spruce the Bruce grant for your business in the past, we have exciting news. Recent changes to program eligibility now allow the same business to receive more than one Spruce the Bruce grant – even under the same stream! You may be eligible to receive up to \$4,000 for a **Façade Improvement**, up to \$1,000 for a **Fascia Sign**, up to \$750 for a **Perpendicular Sign**, up to \$1,000 for an **Awning**, and up to \$4,000 for a **Patio Installation**.

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## **IN EVERY NEWSLETTER:**

### **RTO7 Programs and Resources**

RTO7 has other programs and resources to help your business recover from the effects of COVID-19, create video and image libraries and more! Click on the links below for more info:

- **Programs**
  - **Partnership Programs**
  - **BruceGreySimcoe Free Training** (click on the image below to learn more about Typsy)
  - **T3 Accelerator**
  - T3 Accelerator Podcast
    - **Tourism Biz Bites from the 7**
  - **Implementation Programs**
    - **Experience Implementation Program** (EIP)
    - Festival Implementation Program (See Operations Implementation Program)
    - **Operations Implementation Program** (OIP)
    - **Sustainability Inclusivity Program** (SIP)
    - Tourism Implementation Program (See Operations Implementation Program)

- **Resources**
  - **Ontario Staycation Tax Credit**
  - **Careers in Tourism**
  - **RTO7 Industry Events Calendar**
- Are You Listed?
  - **FREE Tourism Operator Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com**
- Add Your Festival or Event!
  - **FREE Festivals and Events Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com**
- Need Help Pushing Out a Promotion?
  - **FREE Promotions Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com** (complete and up-to-date operator profile required)



## T3 Accelerator Podcast





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## Careers in Tourism



### Ontario Staycation Tax Credit & Your Tourism Business

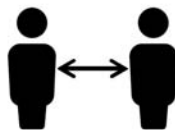
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## 2021 Great Lakes Lakewide Action and Management Plans Annual Reports Available Online



The 2021 Lakewide Action and Management Plan (LAMP) Annual Reports for Lakes [Erie](#), [Huron](#), [Michigan](#), [Ontario](#) and [Superior](#) are now available.

[LAMPs](#) are binational ecosystem-based strategies for protecting and restoring the water quality of the Great Lakes. These five-year strategic plans identify key priorities for each Great Lake and guide the coordination of binational environmental protection and restoration activities. The Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement also commits the United States and Canada to provide annual updates on implementing each LAMP.

These 2021 LAMP Annual Reports highlight accomplishments and progress during the past year for each Great Lake, including protection and restoration actions, science and monitoring, and outreach activities. LAMPs are developed and implemented by Lake Partnerships, which are led by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Environment and Climate Change Canada, and consist of representatives from Federal agencies, State and Provincial Governments, Tribal Governments, First Nations, Métis, Municipal Governments, and watershed management agencies. These Partnerships coordinate binational LAMP actions, facilitate information sharing, and identify priorities for science and management actions, as described in the [2012 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement](#).

For more information, visit [Binational.net](#).

### **Stay Informed!**

*We appreciate and value your interest in the Great Lakes. If you wish to update any of your contact information or be removed from this distribution list, please send an email to [Greatlakes-grandlacs@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Greatlakes-grandlacs@ec.gc.ca) with "unsubscribe" in the subject line. As always, your details will be treated as privileged information and will only be used to distribute Great Lakes information to you.*

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## Les rapports annuels 2021 du Plan d'action et d'aménagement panlacustre (PAAP) des Grands Lacs disponibles en ligne



Les rapports annuels 2021 du Plan d'action et d'aménagement panlacustre (PAAP) pour les lacs [Érié](#), [Huron](#), [Michigan](#), [Ontario](#) et [Supérieur](#) sont maintenant disponibles.

[Les PAAP](#) sont des stratégies binationales fondées sur l'écosystème pour protéger et restaurer la qualité de l'eau des Grands Lacs. Ces plans stratégiques quinquennaux définissent les principales priorités pour chaque Grand Lac et orientent la coordination des activités binationales de protection et de restauration de l'environnement. L'Accord relatif à la qualité de l'eau dans les Grands Lacs engage également les États-Unis et le Canada à fournir des mises à jour annuelles sur la mise en œuvre de chaque PAAP.

Ces rapports annuels du PAAP 2021 mettent en évidence les réalisations et les progrès accomplis au cours de l'année écoulée pour chaque Grand Lac, y compris les actions de protection et de restauration, les activités scientifiques et de surveillance, et les activités de sensibilisation. Les PAAP sont élaborés et mis en œuvre par les Partenariats des Grands Lacs, dirigés par l'Agence de protection de l'environnement des États-Unis et Environnement et Changement climatique Canada, et composés de représentants d'organismes fédéraux, de gouvernements d'États et de provinces, de gouvernements tribaux, de Premières nations, de Métis, de gouvernements municipaux et d'organismes de gestion des bassins hydrographiques. Ces partenariats coordonnent les actions binationales du PAAP, facilitent le partage de l'information et déterminent les priorités en matière de mesures scientifiques et de gestion, comme le décrit [l'Accord de 2012 relatif à la qualité de l'eau dans les Grands Lacs](#).

Pour plus d'informations, visitez [Binational.net](https://binational.net).

### **Tenez-vous au courant!**

Nous apprécions et estimons votre intérêt pour les Grands Lacs. Si vous souhaitez mettre à jour certaines de vos coordonnées ou être retiré de cette liste de distribution, veuillez envoyer un courriel à [greatlakes-grandlacs@ec.gc.ca](mailto:greatlakes-grandlacs@ec.gc.ca) en inscrivant "unsubscribe" dans la ligne d'objet. Comme toujours, vos détails seront traités de façon confidentielle et ne seront utilisés que pour vous diffuser des informations sur les Grands Lacs.

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## FOCA E!rt ~ August 2022



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## FOCA Events

**Save the date: FOCA Fall Seminar**  
**Saturday, November 19, 2022**  
by webinar 9:00am - 12:00pm

### 2022 Fall Seminar

for Lake & Road Associations

Our annual **Fall Seminar for Lake and Road Associations** will be held by webinar this year.

Plan to join us for updates on FOCA's work, results from our recent surveys, the launch of our revised website, and the release of a forthcoming significant report about the **economic impact of waterfront property owners across Ontario**! Also, get association tips for engaging with your incoming municipal council as they head into their 4-year term.

For now, hold the date. Details will be posted here: <https://foca.on.ca/2022-fall-seminar/>  
Registration will open in September and you'll be updated in the next E!rt.

## FOCA Surveys

### **survey recap: Cottage Country Hot Topics & FOCA's Roles**

Thanks to the hundreds of you who took part in our **June 2022 survey**, asking about the **top issues** facing cottage country, and FOCA's related roles, communications and member benefits. Here are some highlights (we'll share more at the FOCA Fall Seminar):

**97%** of those with an opinion (n=487) agreed with the statement, "**FOCA has information worth sharing with others.**" Thank you, and please keep sharing!



**We heard that you value:** FOCA's advocacy, our network, our programs, our communications, and your member benefits (like a member price on events, dedicated online resources, and discounts or deals from our partners and corporate sponsors). However, some folks said *"A lot of these I didn't know about"* or *"My association hasn't been sharing that information with us."* As a result, we've decided to feature one membership benefit each month in the Elert; check out the new section, below: **FOCA Member Benefit: a Highlight!**

**1/4** of our survey respondents **live at their waterfront year-round** (n=696). Although these hundreds of respondents only represent a fraction of the thousands of waterfront property owners in Ontario, this bears out the shift we've noticed since urban real estate began to get out of reach, and especially since the pandemic started in 2020.

### **new FOCA survey: Trends in Waterfront Ontario**

With this question about usage in mind, we are now launching a **new survey** to help us learn more. Did you use your property more, less, or the same amount as usual, during the past two pandemic years? Do you have year-round access? Are you on an island? A private road?



Also, we received hundreds of responses in our June survey about the **top current cottage country issues**. See what made the **"top 10"**, and help us decipher which ones should be at the very top of the list, in this new survey.

Participate by **September 23rd**, and please share the survey link widely with all your community contacts: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FOCAusage2022>  
Feel free to post the link online; we'd like to hear from everyone in this survey!

## **FOCA Champions Safe & Affordable Rural Living**

### **Short-term Rentals**

There are several new entries on FOCA's webpage devoted to the topic of **short-term rental (STR)** in cottage country:

- **Airbnb** has announced new 'anti-party' technology tools
- **Tiny Township** and **Haliburton County** have each announced new regulations
- FOCA's Terry Rees was interviewed on the **Cottage Life podcast** about STR and encouraging positive behaviour amongst cottage visitors.

Access these links & earlier news: <https://foca.on.ca/responsible-cottage-rental/>

#### **Short Term Rentals**



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## Cottage Succession Planning

Thank you to the hundreds of registrants who participated in FOCA's August 17th succession seminar. We have 3 more sessions scheduled:

- September 21st - "An introduction to Cottage Succession" hosted by the **Manitouwabing Lake Community Association**
- September 22nd - "An introduction to Cottage Succession" hosted by the **Jack's Lake Association**
- September 28th - a deeper dive into "Targeting Tax" hosted by the **Chandos Lake Property Owners Association**.

These valuable events are free for FOCA members! Get details, links to register, and access to purchase recordings of past talks on our webpage: <https://foca.on.ca/cottage-succession/>



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## FOCA Advocates for Responsive Government

### Funding Committed to High-Speed Internet

The **Province of Ontario** announced they have signed agreements with 8 service providers, and committed nearly \$4 billion to bring high-speed internet access to up to 266,000 unserved and underserved homes and businesses by the end of 2025. Link to this news and related updates, on [FOCA's Rural Utilities webpage](#).



## Municipal Elections

Municipalities have begun to post election information, in advance of the **October 24, 2022** election date. See an example of handy video resources from the [Township of Douro-Dummer here](#). *NOTE: voting methods will be different in different municipalities. Find your own [municipality here](#).*

- [Municipal Election 2022 - Common Questions Video](#)
- [Municipal Election 2022 - Candidates information Video](#)
- [Municipal Election 2022 - Voting Information Video](#)

## Lots of Council seats up for grabs

In related news, the last date to **register as a candidate** in the upcoming municipal elections was Friday, August 19th. According to the **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**, for the 2022 election, there are 2,861 positions to be decided. Check your municipal website (the link to find your municipality is above) for details about your local voting methods, and list of candidates. Visit <https://foca.on.ca/vote-for-your-future-municipal-elections/> for more about who can vote.



## Are you on the List?

Importantly, FOCA reminds you to ensure you and your spouse are on the [Voters' List](#) in the municipality of your Ontario waterfront property, for the October municipal elections. Note that **after September 1st**, you will have to contact your municipal clerk to be added to the list of eligible voters.



## FOCA Member Benefits: a highlight

### A Voter Engagement Guide for Associations

FOCA member Association representatives can login on the FOCA website to access a digital [Vote for your Future Toolkit](#); enter the member login for access to this members-only resource. This guide has your overview about who can vote, frequently asked questions, how to communicate to your members about the municipal election, holding "all-candidates" meetings, and much more. Although written for the 2018 election, the advice holds; only the dates change!




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Materials you might need:

- Download the "Vote for your Future" poster from FOCA, or personalize one for your Association web.
- Download the "Vote Ballot" template from FOCA. You can personalize it with topics relevant to your area. Consider leaving one "Other" category blank, to collect additional ideas from your "voters." Print out multiple copies of these Vote Cards, and remember to bring pencils to the event!
- Use post-it notes to collect answers to the question "Why Vote?"
- Prop up a tall cardboard box to mimic a "Voter Station" and provide some privacy for voting. You may also need to bring a table, if people will be standing to vote.
- Provide an empty tissue box, or a box with a slit at the top, to collect the completed, folded ballots.
- Share this link to the short "Voter Survey" from FOCA: [https://www.yourwaterfront.ca/foca/VoteSur\\_2018](https://www.yourwaterfront.ca/foca/VoteSur_2018) and ask attendees to complete the survey. This will help us to collect some basic information about who plans to vote in their waterfront community this October.
- Provide copies of the voter guide from your township Clerk's Office, or part of local details from the municipal website. Print out the [https://www.yourwaterfront.ca/foca/VoteSur\\_2018](https://www.yourwaterfront.ca/foca/VoteSur_2018)

Remember to check out all the current member benefits for your Association, and our member families, here: <https://foca.on.ca/benefits/>. If you need help accessing your benefits, [email us](#).

## Municipal Partner Feature

### Watershed Planning - Muskoka

As part of Phase 2 of the District of Muskoka's "[Making Waves: Integrated Watershed Management](#)" Initiative, a review of land use policy is underway to identify how natural capital (water, forests, wetlands, rock barrens, species) could be effectively managed through an 'environment-first' approach across the entire watershed, in order to sustain ecosystem services for the community and the economy. Learn more about [Linking Natural Capital and Land Use](#). (PDF, 2 pages)



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## New Partner Article of Note

### Citizen Scientists: stewards of community trust

Can citizen scientists counter anti-science attitudes and help to build public trust in science? Or, is the recent popularity of citizen science indicative of growing public hostility towards professional expertise in favour of 'alternative facts' in a 'post truth' era? Does the democratization of science (by involving unpaid citizens) marginalize the authority of science 'experts' on subjects of environmental policy, or make it more relatable and 'real'?

A new article published this August in *Environmental Sociology*, written by FOCA and our University partners, **addresses these themes**. The article springs from a qualitative case study of our [Lake Partner Program](#) volunteers. Get a link to the article, and more about citizen science, here: <https://foca.on.ca/citizen-science/>

**FOCA thanks our dedicated Lake Partner Program volunteers, and all of you who participate in local sampling, monitoring, or species counts!** Your efforts help to advance important science in our watersheds, and your role as science communicators is crucial in this day and age.

image: Brenda Ferris



## FOCA Promotes Healthy Lands, Lakes & Rivers

### Green Shovels: Phragmites control

*Phragmites australis* is one of Canada's worst invasive species. It is a serious threat to biodiversity and causes extensive negative socio-economic impacts. This summer, FOCA sought proposals from our Member Associations across the province to run projects addressing invasive Phragmites control at the local level. **Five FOCA Member Associations were successful recipients of Green Shovels funding and the work is now underway!**



In related news, our **Green Shovels** partners at the **Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC)** are working in and around Georgian Bay to control *Phragmites australis*. They want landowners to know that taking action to stop this invader in its tracks on your own shoreline makes a difference! **What can you do?** See the NCC instructional video with great tips for identification and removal. Get a link to the video, best management practices guides, and much more on FOCA's webpage: <https://foca.on.ca/phragmites/>

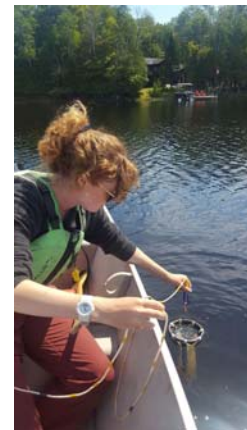


### IsampleON

Thank you to our many **IsampleON volunteers** who collected water samples this season. The program used the help of volunteer citizen scientists to monitor for and prevent aquatic invasive species introductions in Ontario's inland lakes. The program will contribute both to local knowledge, and a broader understanding and awareness of aquatic invasives through provincial data repositories.

**Volunteers:** if you haven't yet sent pictures of your local efforts, [please send us your photos now.](#)

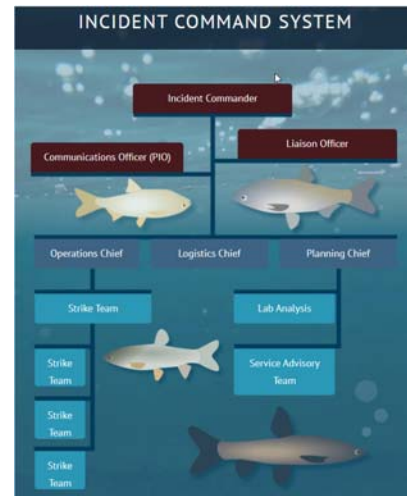
**IsampleON** is a citizen science program targeted at water sampling for invasive zebra mussels and spiny waterflea. Learn more about this year's program, here: <https://foca.on.ca/isampleon/>



## Asian Carp Response Plan

**Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)**, in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), has developed an **Asian Carp Response Plan** under the **Incident Command System (ICS)** framework. An ICS response is activated when an Asian carp is sighted and verified. Staff get to work, assessing the fish and its fertility, and efforts may include on-the-water activities to capture others in the area.

**Great Lakes Members:** You may hear from FOCA by email in instances where the ICS framework is not activated but there is value in alerting local communities of confirmed Asian carps sightings or captures, so you can be helpful eyes on the water for further sightings. Learn more, here: <https://www.asiancarp.ca/surveillance-prevention-and-response/asian-carp-response-plan/>



## Partner Updates & Regional Notices

### Early results: Ash = More Syrup!

As described in a [mid-August Facebook post](#), the early results of efforts to spread wood ash in sugar maple forests has yielded some exciting results: after just one season, there was on average **twice** as much sap produced from trees in the ash plots, compared to the control plots. Read more in the *Dockside Publishing* online article, using the Facebook link above. FOCA has been following developments of Dr. Norman Yan and the Friends of the Muskoka Watershed's project, [AshMuskoka](#), for a number of years now. Very 'sweet' results!



### last call: Mississippi-Rideau Survey

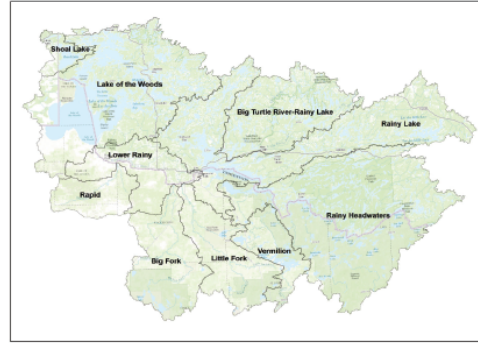
Property owners on the following lakes in the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region are reminded to respond to a **Rideau Valley Conservation Authority survey** about private drinking water systems **by August 31, 2022**. [Access the survey here](#). The selected Rideau lakes are: Eagle, Wolfe, Christie, Otty, Bass, Otter, Upper Rideau. FOCA is pleased to be part of this important research and we look forward to sharing the subsequent recommendations.





## IJC Commissioner visits flooded Rainy-LOW Area

The **International Joint Commission (IJC)** Commissioner, Lance Yohe, visited the aftermath of spring flooding in the **Rainy River-Lake of the Woods (LOW)** basin, together with staff and members of the International Rainy-LOW Watershed Board's Water Levels Committee. The group met with many affected by flooding across the region on both sides of the border including First Nations, municipal leaders, business owners, and others. They discussed the historic flooding, a result of extreme precipitation during a wet and cold April and May, and offered their thoughts on resiliency, rebuilding, and when waters would recede. [Read an account of their visit in this August update from IJC.](#)



Throughout August, the water level on **Lake of the Woods** has continued to recede, although the most recent report (August 29th) from the **Lake of the Woods Control Board (LWCB)** indicated the current level is still over the 95th percentile for this time of year. [Get the details from LWCB.](#)

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## Muskoka Lakes: Dark Sky By-law input

The Township of Muskoka Lakes is seeking public input about updating the Dark Sky By-law which regulates outdoor illumination. [Get information and provide your feedback here.](#)



For more on the topic of night light, read the article by Robert Dick in last year's [FOCA Lake Stewards Newsletter](#) (PDF, 32 pages; see pp.10-11).

*image: R. Dick*

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## Tay Township: Dock By-law?

During a Committee meeting earlier this month, Tay Township's Manager of Planning and Development Services proposed that the Township consider implementing a **Zoning By-law for dock size**, similar to the one already on the books in the neighbouring Township of Georgian Bay. Read more from **Cottage Life** on the topic, from a link on FOCA's webpage: <https://foca.on.ca/docks-boathouses>



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## Great Lakes Public Forum

**September 27-29, 2022** - Niagara Falls & virtual. This forum will provide an opportunity for members of the public, organizations, and agencies with an interest or involvement in the restoration and protection of the Great Lakes to learn, share, and participate in discussions. The **Governments of Canada and the United States** will discuss the state of the Great Lakes, restoration and protection opportunities



and binational priorities for science and action, and invite the general public to participate and comment on these plans. The **International Joint Commission** will also discuss and receive public input on the Progress Report of the Parties. Get a link to more info & how to register by Sept. 5th: [foca.on.ca/great-lakes-strategy-and-action/](https://foca.on.ca/great-lakes-strategy-and-action/)

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## Final Thoughts

Looking for a long weekend activity that's free, easy, and good for you? Do some **forest bathing**!

Forest bathing, or *shinrin-yoku*, is the term used in Japan to refer to the practice of immersing yourself in a wooded area and taking time to take in the trees through your senses. The practice can lower your stress, boost your body's immunity, and improve the quality of your sleep. Set off on a leisurely wander in the trees, without worrying about going too far or having a particular destination in mind. Soak in the goodness. Learn more from the Hamilton Halton Brant Regional Tourism Association's webpage:

<https://theheartofontario.com/article/forest-bathing-101-4-reasons-to-take-a-woodsy-walk/>



The FOCA office will be closed Monday, September 5, 2022. We wish you and your families well on this **Labour Day long weekend!** Be safe & enjoy the great outdoors.

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## September Events!

### Great Goderich Shoreline Clean-up

The Great Goderich Shoreline Clean-up will bring our community together to fight back against plastic pollution on Lake Huron. This family friendly event will feature a beach BBQ courtesy of Zehrs Goderich as a thank you to the incredible volunteers. All money raised will go towards local conservation projects!



**When:** Saturday, September 24th 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

**Clean-up locations:** St. Christopher's beach or entrance to the Menesentung Bridge (the big rock).

Help keep the Goderich beach beautiful, safe, and clean by clicking the volunteer button below. To become a sponsor please email [coastalcentre@lakehuron.ca](mailto:coastalcentre@lakehuron.ca)

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## Froggy Fest

*A Celebration of Conservation & Creativity*

If you love art and conservation this is the event for you!



**When:** Saturday, September 17th  
from 8:00am - 1:00pm

**Where:** Courthouse Park in Goderich  
along side the Farmers Market

- Do froggy art with real artists!
- Learn amazing stuff from conservation experts!
- Buy a snack and some cool eco-sweg!
- Take in a concert by Boy in December!
- Take home free seeds and other sweet giveaways!

Facebook Event

World Rooted Art

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## Field Season Wrap-up

### A Successful CCYC Summer Comes to an End



We are excited to announce that the Coastal Conservation Youth Corps (CCYC) program was a huge success this summer, hosting over 30 youth who utilized the Lake Huron shoreline to learn about beach restoration, biodiversity, invasive species, Species at Risk, plastic pollution and so much more. This year the CCYC participants worked together to accomplish 4 beach clean-ups removing 63 lbs. of litter, removed 11 bags of invasive species, and planted 6 different types of native grasses. Thank you to all the incredible youth that participated this summer!



Cameron Hogg is a past CCYC participant turned Coastal Stewardship Assistant who worked along-side program coordinator, Kerry Kennedy, to help make this program a success. This what he had to say about his journey with the CCYC program:

*“As a CCYC participant I enjoyed learning about Lake Huron’s coastal environment while meeting other*

*participants, curious people in the community, and the Coastal Centre staff. Naturally when I saw a job opening to become the Coastal Education Assistant I jumped at the opportunity. I have been at the Lake Huron Coastal Centre for two months and I have loved every minute of it. It has been just as exciting as when I was a participant in the program last year.*

*CCYC helped me to make new friends with similar interests, it has inspired me to consider a career in conservation, and it was a fun and impactful way to earn volunteer hours for high school. It is also a great way to stay active during the summer months and to make a difference in the community.”*



Local youth will continue their positive impact during the final CCYC session this fall in Goderich. We have only a few more spots left for the fall group, which happens over two weekends (September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>). Registration is still open, but spots are filling up fast.

Fall Registration



## Green Ribbon Champion Update



The Green Ribbon Champion (GRC) assessment season is officially over!

Our Coastal Restoration Technician, Holly, met so many incredible shoreline residents in Huron-Kinloss, Kincardine, and Saugeen Shores this year. Thank you for signing up to keep Lake Huron's sand dunes, beaches, and water resilient and clean. We'll see you all again soon!

Keep an eye out for **volunteer opportunities** during the restoration season this Fall!

[Volunteer for GRC](#)

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### Gallery: From the GRC Fieldbook



Canada Wild Rye - a native, cool-season grass and larval host for the Zabulon Skipper butterfly!



Zabulon Skipper  
Photo by Bob Gutowski (iNaturalist)



White Sweetclover- a non-native, invasive plant.

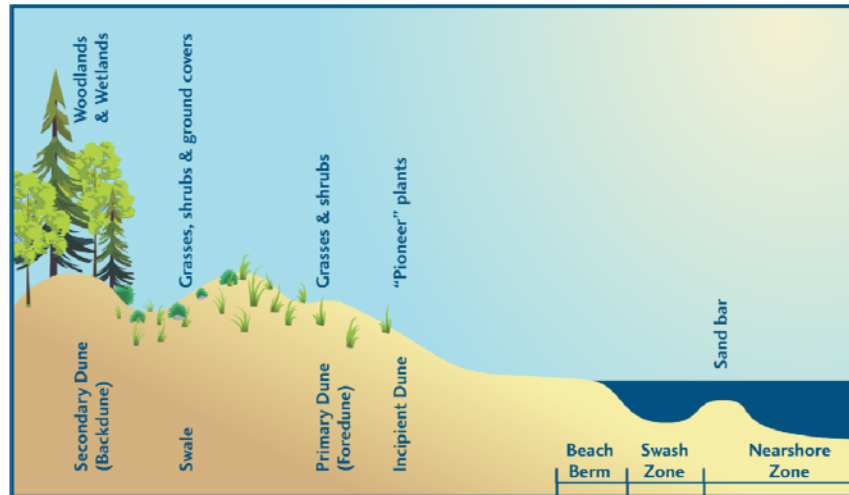


A Blue Jay was here!

A healthy Northern Leopard Frog in  
Tiverton.



## Ecological Succession In A Sandy Coastal Environment



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American Searocket (photo below) is an annual, pioneer dune plant. Since it can tolerate harsh weather and barren or degraded environments, it's usually one of the first species to colonize the incipient dune (diagram above). After it dies, the organic material it leaves behind enriches the sand and provides the nutrients required for other dune plants to thrive.







The decorative yet deadly Mountain Death Camas is a highly poisonous, native plant. It is one of our Coastal Restoration Technician's favourite plants (to look at).



Death Camas Miner Bee  
Photo by Libby and Rick Avis



Spotted Knapweed - a non-native, invasive plant.



A perfectly narrow, S-curved beach access pathway in Southampton.



A sneaky view of Stoney Island in Kincardine.



[Find out more](#)



Non-native Blue Lyme Grass (left) next to native American "Marram" Beach Grass (right).

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## Sunset Beach Clean-up Summary

### *What's On Your Beach?*

Everyone loves Lake Huron sunsets... that's why we decided to make our beaches better while enjoying the beautiful sunset glow. Litter collected during our beach clean-up events is logged into the Ocean Wise database that collects information on shoreline trash nationally to help decision making and policy creation.

Ocean Wise Shoreline Cleanup is a conservation program that provides Canadians across the country the opportunity to take environmental action in their communities.

Top 3 litter types found at the sunset beach clean up events were...

#### **Sauble Beach**

#1 Cigarette butts - **1319**  
#2 Plastic pieces - **86**  
#3 Food wrappers - **46**

#### **Port Elgin**

#1 Cigarette butts - **957**  
#2 Plastic pieces - **242**  
#3 Food wrappers - **187**



Volunteer for a beach clean-up

Lead Your Own Clean-up

These events were made possible by Community Foundation Grey Bruce



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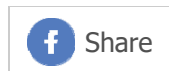
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## Youth Connections at the Farm



The Youth Connections program was so lucky to spend an afternoon touring Marianne Stewart's family farm! Marianne and her mother, Anne, were quick to invite us after a last-minute event cancellation freed up our schedule.

The highlight of the trip was bottle feeding a calf—something none of the youth had done before! The calf came trotting over as it heard us coming and waited patiently as the bottle was prepared.

"He's really strong!" One youth commented as the calf nudged the empty bottle, hoping for a few extra drops. It was hard to miss the kids' ear-to-ear smiles as they fed the calf.

Next up was a visit to the family cabin in the forest! The youth explored the cabin and its surroundings, while also taking time to throw a ball for Trixie, the border collie pup. Back at the front yard, the youth cooled off with a popsicle before spending time with the miniature horses. They all learned how to brush and put the halter on the horses and spent the rest of the time leading them around the yard!

"I'm just letting the horse eat the grass!" Callum said with a smile as he brushed the baby miniature horse.

Thanks to our gracious hosts for having us! We had a wonderful time.

- Youth Connections



## Summer Volunteer Spotlight



This summer was a busy one for the people we support who have finally had events to volunteer at again after two long years of not much going on.

This return to “normalcy” is a welcome change; especially for people who are used to being involved in, and lending a hand at the plethora of community events that typically happen in Kincardine in the summer time!

This summer, supported individuals volunteered at the following events:

The Pride Parade, The Scottish Fest, The Women’s Triathlon, Friday Cruise nights, and just recently; the Special Olympics track and field meet.

Here are some pictures of these volunteers hard at work helping out in the community.

These events would not be able to run smoothly without the help of Volunteers and we thank you ALL, and applaud your effort and willingness to help out!

**Way to go Volunteers!**

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## CLKD Named the Hero Organization for September



We are honoured to be named the Hero Organization of the month of September by Kincardine RONA!

Throughout the month of September, Kincardine RONA will raise funds to support Community Living Kincardine & District to achieve our mission. From September 1 to 30, Kincardine RONA will be accepting donations which will go directly to the enhancement of our community programs and services. But that's not all! At the end of the fundraising campaign, Corporate will match 50% of donations raised up to a maximum of \$2,000!

Watch our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for more details on Kincardine RONA's Hero Organization campaign, including information about an upcoming community BBQ.

We are incredibly grateful to Kincardine RONA for helping us ***Inspire Possibilities!***

### **About the Hero Campaign:**

"All corporate stores within the Lowe's Canada network, as well as some of the distribution centres and participating RONA affiliated dealer stores, are raising funds to support the mission or a specific project of non-profit organizations or public schools that, through their programs and actions, are true heroes in their communities."

(<https://www.lowescanada.ca/en/corporate-responsibility/communities/local-campaigns/lowes-canada-heroes>)

## All Abilities Soccer Sessions



Grey Bruce Playgroup for Kids with Disabilities is in its second year! We are a playgroup that facilitates inclusive play for children and youth with disabilities and their non-disabled friends, family and community members.

At the beginning of the summer we introduced All Abilities Soccer Sessions in partnership with Saugeen Shores United Football Club. We received funding from Bruce Power for soccer jerseys and SSUFC has volunteered equipment and coaches. We've had two sessions so far with great attendance and lots of fun was had by all! We will continue to hold these soccer sessions into the fall with the plan to pick them up again in the spring of 2023.

"What has made this soccer and playgroup experience so magical is watching the kids naturally excel at inclusion. I've seen these kids ask brilliant, respectful questions and mention things they've noticed about other children, but ultimately accept each other for exactly who they are without judgement. To watch these kids make sure they play in a way that allows for everyone to participate, have a turn, and have fun, without requiring any prompting to play in this manner, has been such an eye-opener. I believe young children truly are the masters of inclusive play if they're given the opportunity." said organizer Whitney.

Our most recent and exciting update is an offer from the Bluewater Outdoor Education Centre to enjoy programming and explore the outdoors on their site once a season for 2022/2023. This will provide an excellent opportunity for year-round inclusive playgroup activities. Given the approaching school year, we plan to hold these on Saturdays.

To contact us about upcoming opportunities, please find us on Facebook ("Grey Bruce Playgroup for Kids with Disabilities" or "All Abilities Soccer SSUFC") or by emailing [GreyBrucePlay@gmail.com](mailto:GreyBrucePlay@gmail.com).



## A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words



A couple Saturday nights in July after the pipe band, we went out so I could take some pictures of the sunset. I took pictures of two churches, the firehall and the lighthouse, in the light of the sunset.

I think these spots are good for pictures. I really like the pictures of the gazebo at the beach. I took pictures near Boiler Beach one week, and down by the board walk on another night.

I also liked listening to the Beach Boys, and the YMCA in the car while we went from place to place.

I hope others enjoy looking at my pictures too.

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Another thing I like is having my picture taken with my friends. Staff helped to take a picture of Alyssa and I at the pipe band, and of my friend Doug and I at the legion one day!

- Jeffrey Van de Klippe

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## Bring a Friend to Work Day



When Kathy S. saw that "Bring a Friend to Work Day" at McDonald's in Kincardine was coming up she couldn't wait to ask her friend Catherine to join her for a shift. Catherine has expressed interest in employment in the past and this was the perfect opportunity to experience first hand what it would be like to work in a fun, fast-paced environment. The day was enjoyed by all and Catherine has expressed a renewed interest in employment because of the experience. McDonalds in Kincardine is a long-time inclusive employer who always goes the extra mile to make sure that their staff are well matched with jobs that they enjoy and are great at!

*"The day went really well I think. I think Catherine had a good time and we both got a free lunch. I asked her after if she could see herself working at McDonalds and she said yes! I've been working here about 5 years now and I'm still going. It would be great to have another one of my friends here with me." - Kathy Soloduka*

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## Online Respite Training Opportunities



Respite is a critical service for families and caregivers but many families have shared that they feel uncomfortable or unprepared to hire or train an independent respite care provider.

Safeguards has developed a 'Respite Learning Portal' to provide training and resources for both current and potential respite providers as well as caregivers that want to use respite care. They currently offer 3 self-paced online courses to help workers and caregivers ensure that respite care is safe, effective and meaningful. More than 16,000 people from across North America have taken Safeguard's respite courses.

[Learn more and link to upcoming courses here.](#)

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## **Inclusive Employer Spotlight!**





Pictured here: Steve Poyner, Mallory Carriere and Rahul Deshpande.

Did you know that 2m Power was the first business to approach JobsWork about inclusive employment opportunities?

JobsWork had its soft launch as an Employment Service in 2016 and was shortly thereafter approached by 2m Power about the possibilities of broadening their hiring pool by employing a participant in our program. Since then, they have been outstanding partners, helping to spread the message of the benefits of inclusive hiring by joining JobsWork on Chamber Chat and guest speaking at our Employment Events!

2M Power has also been huge supporters of other Community Living Kincardine events throughout the years, showing their support through participation and sponsorship.

JobsWork would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the extremely valuable partnership of 2m Power and the work they have done to become inclusive employers.

Thank you 2M Power!

## Upcoming Events & Activities

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## National Disability Employment Awareness Month

October

The purpose of Disability Employment Awareness Month is to promote employment inclusion for people who experience disability and to celebrate the many and varied contributions of workers with disabilities.

Watch our [Facebook page](#) as we share employment stories and information for employers and employees.

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### **Fall Grant applications are open now!**

In addition to our Fall Community Grants, this year Community Foundation Grey Bruce is offering Kids Can Play Grey Bruce Grants to support Grey Bruce organizations that provide recreation programs to youth. The deadline to apply is September 15. Contact Jennifer Isber-Legge, Grants & Donor Relations Coordinator, at [jen.legge@cfgb.ca](mailto:jen.legge@cfgb.ca) or call 519-371-7203 to [see if your project is eligible!](#)





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### **Welcome Ajiijak!**

The unveiling of Ajiijak by artist Charmaine Jenner Tauchkwe took place on Saturday at the old Oxenden General Store. Kim West-Briggs, Vice Chair of the Community Foundation Grey Bruce Board, attended the event hosted by the Oxenden Indigenous Art Project. This community celebration marked a new chapter of friendship and respect with members of the community walking together on the path toward reconciliation. The Oxenden Indigenous Art Project received a 2022 Spring Community Grant to support the Ajiijak Community and Knowledge Building Project.



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### **Supporting our local shorelines!**

This summer, the Lake Huron Coastal Centre organized two sunset beach clean ups to keep the Lake Huron shoreline safe and healthy with the support of a 2021 community grant. The public was invited to join in Sauble Beach on August 4 and Port Elgin on August 18. The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation received a 2022 Spring Community Grant to support the clean up events.



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### **Everyone Needs a Place to Go!**

The Bluewater Education Foundation received a 2021 Capital Grant to build an accessible, permanent, year-round comfort station on the campground at the Bluewater Outdoor Education Centre. The Bluewater Outdoor Education Centre offers outdoor and environmental educational experiences for the students of the Bluewater District School Board to support the curriculum.





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### **Community Foundation Grey Bruce is On The Road Again!**

In August, Community Foundation Grey Bruce visited communities across Grey Bruce to meet our grantees and local non-profits and learned about what is happening across Grey Bruce. The events were scheduled in [Durham](#) at the Riverstone Eco – Retreat, in [Owen Sound](#) at Keystone Child, Youth and Family Services, and in [Warton](#) at the Warton Propeller Club. The On The Road Again events were an opportunity for the Foundation to connect with local non-profit organizations, for grantees to share what they have been doing in the community, and provided an opportunity to network and develop connections. We hope your organization will be able to join us next year!



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