



"THE WATERSHED" NEWS

- Fall / Winter 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

... Robert B. Waind

The Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation (BMWTF) has had a very busy and focused Spring and Summer. It is almost too hard to believe that the beautiful weather of the Summer is almost behind us and the crisp air of Fall will soon be here.

We very much appreciate the support of our 157 members through their generous donations and membership fees. We especially extend our thanks to The Nature League, Don Kerr and Douglas Nadler / Earth Day for their generous donations in support of our partnership with Elephant Thoughts, a charitable organization dedicated to science and environmental education.

There was a tremendous amount of work accomplished by the Watershed Action Group (WAG) Committee which is outlined in their report in this newsletter. Don Kerr, Don Gibson and Norm Wingrove deserve a huge amount of credit for all of their efforts focused on the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Hearing prior to and during these sessions. A substantial amount of effort is still required as the focus moves from the East Lands to the West Lands of the Silver Creek Wetland. We will need your support as members to keep up the pressure for preserving the Wetland and to provide financial support for the on-going costs of retaining our environmental consultant. We have provided a donation form for your convenience.

We would like to give Celine Petsche, our student Board Member from the Pretty River Academy our best wishes as she heads off to Laurier University. All the best!

It is with regret that Frances Roulstone, Secretary, stepped away from the WAG Committee and we all wish her good health.

Our Membership / Communication / Publication Committee focused their efforts on shining the light on the Silver Creek Wetland through articles in the Georgian Triangle Newspapers; a Press Release to the

Queens Park Press Gallery; an Ontario Nature Action Alert as well as the publication of support letters from our membership. Twenty-two letters were sent to Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing in support of saving the Silver Creek Wetland, from concerned citizens.

Our Education Committee has been very active and we are pleased to welcome Bobby Peckford and Kelso Colville as two new members. The Committee is progressing on three key initiatives: 1) Elephant Thoughts partnership; 2) Documentary on the Blue Mountain Watershed and; 3) The Watershed Festival.

The Craighleith Heritage Depot is something you will want to see. The Town of Blue Mountains has recently hired a Curator to prepare exhibits and open the building to the public. In the interim, the Depot is open Friday – Sunday, staffed by Georgian Triangle Tourist Information to supply visitors with details on area attractions.

Our good friends and partners, **The Nature League is holding their Major Fundraiser for the Environment. It is their Third Annual House & Garden Tour on Saturday, September 8, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** More details are included inside our newsletter. Please come up and support them!

We invite you to participate in the BMWTF's Third Annual Watershed Festival, Saturday, September 15, 2007 in Harbourview Park. The festivities begin at **12 noon and conclude at 10 p.m.** All of the details are in this newsletter. **Bring the family** and experience a very special day.

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2008 in the evening. Please mark your calendars. An invitation with details will be sent to you next year. You won't want to miss this one! We count on your continued interest and support throughout 2007 and 2008.

R.B. Waind
President, Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation

SILVER CREEK WETLAND - **UPDATE**

(Submitted by Don Kerr)

A. Approval of residential development in East Lands is expected!

On August 7, 2007 the OMB hearing for the Consulate East Lands was concluded. These are the lands east of a line drawn south from the end of Bartlett Blvd. and bounded by Princeton Shores and Highway 26. The Parties to the hearing were the Town, the County and the owner, Consulate. The Blue Mountain Watershed Trust was a Participant. We learned at Castle Glen that Participants are generally ignored; therefore, we asked for and obtained special status to provide an expert environmental witness.

Early in the process, it became apparent that the inclusion of Residential zones within part of the East Lands in the Town's 2004 Official Plan was crucial in determining that some development was inevitable. The only question was how to accommodate it without harming the wetland.

Mediation occurred prior to the formal hearing. Usually Participants are not involved in mediation; but, the special status which we obtained, including use of an environmental consultant, was instrumental in getting our voice heard. There were environmental reviews and expert meetings involving the owner's consultant, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) and our consultant, Ms. Mainguy of North-South Environmental, Inc. There were also mediation conferences which culminated in an agreement between the Trust and the owner on the agreed buffers which included an additional 20 metres on the north side. Otherwise, we accepted the buffers that the NVCA had recommended which were considerably more protective than the owner had proposed. Ms. Mainguy also participated in development of the 65 conditions and mitigation measures that will form part of the signed agreements. This included a storm water treatment system as well as a chain-link fence to prevent residents from moving into the buffer areas.

We expect that about 320 residential units will be approved in the central pocket of the East Lands. There is also a separate hi-density development along Highway 26 which the OMB will rule upon and which could result in between 40 and 110 units

depending on whether the Town or Consulate wins favour with the OMB. The OMB decision can be expected in a few weeks.

This description is subject to seeing the final OMB East Lands decision which we expect will refer to our settlement.

Overall, the outcome was as good as could be expected given the 2004 Official Plan endorsement of residential zoning in part of the east lands. (We were remiss in failing to object to the OP when it was in process.) Our consultant did excellent work and we plan to retain her for the OMB hearing on the West Lands. The cost to date for these services is about \$10,000.

B: Opposition to development in the West Lands

An OMB hearing on the Consulate West Lands (a larger area extending west from the East Lands and bounded by Highway 26 and Georgian Bay) is scheduled for December 10, 2007. The likelihood of residential development could be lower here because the upland areas are zoned Rural and the remainder, the wetland and floodplain, is zoned Environmental Protection. In addition, it is the home of the endangered Spotted Turtle. You may also remember our pledge of best efforts to raise up to \$100,000, if necessary, in support of public ownership of the West Lands.

WE NEED YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT. Let your friends know that you want the Wetland preserved. Write to Collingwood's Mayor and Councilors and tell them that you support their efforts to save the Wetland and the interconnected adjacent uplands. Encourage others to join the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust.

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Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Hearings for 2007 for the Consulate West Lands ... detailed on the next page.

Silver Creek Wetland

OMB HEARING (ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD)

CONSULATE WEST LANDS 2007 SCHEDULE:

**September – final issues list
November – submit expert witness statement
- submit participant statement
December 10 – Hearing starts**

CASTLE GLEN

(Submitted by Don Kerr)

We have received a final opinion from the Minister of Municipal Affairs that he cannot use the Planning Act to change the decision on the Castle Glen development of 1564 residential units on the Niagara Escarpment in the Town of the Blue Mountains. This is contrary to our reading of the Act but he is adamant.

We had explained that we are not asking the government to over-rule the OMB decision on Castle Glen but to "revise" the decision based on today's policy context. We had asked whether the minister is willing to use his powers under Section 47.(1) of the Planning Act to "update" the decision or whether the government accepts that the decision was correct and that we should accept the consequences.

The Minister's position is as follows:

1. The Minister does not have the ability to revise the OMB decision because it is a decided matter of the Ontario Municipal Board based on the policies in place at that time.
2. In order to address this problem, the Planning Act has been amended by Bill 51 (01 Jan/07) so that an OMB decision must be consistent with provincial policies at the time of the decision.

We noted that the Castle Glen decision would have been very different in today's planning context. The decision was partly based on an old Official Plan Amendment which dated from 1975.

It is indeed unfortunate that the pre-Jan/07 Planning Act does not give the Minister the ability to change a bad decision which will damage the many benefits of the Niagara Escarpment, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

The next steps in the Castle Glen development process includes an Environmental Constraint Impact Study and the Plan of Sub-division. There is some possibility for restraining the plans for golf courses and 1064 residences. This is in addition to commercial units and the 500 residential units below the brow that were allowed in Phase One.

"SNAPSHOT" OF COMMITTEES IN ACTION

WAG (Watershed Action Group) Committee: (Submitted by Norm Wingrove)

Members are Douglas Cooper, Hans Eijssenck, Don Gibson, Jeanne Hazell, John Jardine, Don Kerr, Greta McGillivray, Garry Reid, Bob Waind and Norm Wingrove (Chair). What a great team! Thank you all for your continued efforts and commitment. Also thanks to former members Brenda Johnson, Len & Jerri Popp, and Frances Roulstone (Secretary).

As Don Kerr mentions in his articles *Silver Creek Wetland Update* and *Castle Glen* above, we continue to be engaged in major issues. Don Kerr and Don Gibson deserve our thanks for their dedication and commitment. Thanks, Don K and Don G!

Hans Eijssenck has updated the Silver Creek Brochure; the update of the BMWTF Brochure is almost done. Thanks, Hans!

Garry Reid took the initiative, and we have entered into an agreement to support the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority with funding and volunteer time in their monitoring of the water quality in Townline Creek and Silver Creek for 2007. We plan to continue this initiative into the future. Thanks, Garry!

Jeanne, Hans and Garry prepared a press release on the Silver Creek Wetland for Queen's Park, a newspaper article *Did You Know?* and Action Alerts for Ontario Nature on both Silver Creek and Castle Glen. Thanks!

The NVCA has developed a Fisheries Habitat Management Plan. Doug Cooper was involved in attending meetings at the NVCA and providing input. For more information, visit <http://www.nvca.on.ca>. Thanks, Doug!

We continue to pursue opportunities for public ownership and/or easements on sensitive natural areas in partnership with the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy and/or other conservation organizations.

The WAG Committee will continue to be involved in the preservation and protection of our natural heritage for future generations. If you are interested in joining this dynamic group, please call (705) 445-0357 or e-mail bmwt@bmts.com.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

(Submitted by Bryden Jones)

The Education Committee continues to be very ambitious, spurred on by our chair, the venerable Greta McGillivray (as well as her soup, bread, cookies and tea!). Our efforts have focused on three major projects.

In the forefront at this writing is the **3rd Annual Blue Mountain Watershed Festival, this year being held on Saturday, September 15.** Recent committee recruits Bobby Peckford and Kelso Colville have managed to persuade both The Five Man Electrical Band (remember "Signs"?) and The Kings (how about "Switch Into Glide"?) to play for a song (sorry about that), a meal, and a bed. There are dozens of local artists playing (for free!) and we have added other features that seem to fit into our theme of sustainability. There will be a renewable energy expo to highlight some vendors and organizations that offer ways to reduce energy footprints for citizens. Regional artists and artisans will offer their unique perspective and solutions to relating sustainability to nature, and local practitioners will demonstrate techniques and services for wellness. Again this year, children's programming will feature Elephant Thoughts and their fun approach to the understanding and appreciation of science and nature.

Speaking of Elephant Thoughts, the BMWTF has entered into a partnership with them to develop environmental science curriculum for grades 7 and 8. Writing is in progress with an opportunity for committee members to be part of a workshop in the near future, and program delivery slated for the Fall. Special thanks go to the Nature League, Don Kerr, and Douglas Nadler (with proceeds from Collingwood Earth Day 2006) for their generous donations to this project. Speaking of Earth Day, the education committee is also involved in planning for Collingwood Earth Day 2007, which will expand involvement of youth and continue to fund ecological initiatives in the Blue Mountain watershed.

Our third focus has been the co-production of a video documentary chronicling the history of the effort to preserve the Silver Creek Wetland complex, the last remaining intact coastal wetland on Georgian Bay between Tobermory and Penetanguishene . James Kinnear has captured some stunning images of the natural beauty in our watershed and has used insightful interviews to

paint a picture of the twenty-year struggle to preserve a keystone feature of our natural heritage. Allison McGillivray is working with James to edit his film, with a projected release date this Fall or Winter.

The WELL AWARE Program

(Submitted by Kerri MacDonald – Environment Network)

Well Aware encourages Ontario 's residential well owners to protect their wells and our common groundwater supplies. Well Aware is a project of Green Communities Canada. This project has received funding support from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. Technical support provided by the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario.

Well Aware home visits, conducted by trained Water Guides, help rural well owners identify priorities for action to protect their drinking water source. The visits .. which are voluntary, confidential and non-regulatory, guide well owners through a self-assessment to help identify and address potential risks to their well water.

Guided Self-Assessments

The guided self assessment offers well owners an excellent opportunity to make a few simple changes that can have a huge impact on their water quality. It gives people practical ideas on maintaining a healthy well, septic system, and minimizing other sources of contamination.

The service includes recommendations on well maintenance and upgrading, properly sealing unused wells, water conservation, yard naturalization and septic system best management.

The Water Guide can provide solutions to individual concerns and troubleshoot specific well and septic problems as well as help well owners understand when they need to call a licensed well contractor for repairs or upgrading.



3RD ANNUAL WATERSHED FESTIVAL

... a music festival to celebrate the Watershed



AND it is bigger and better than ever!! and it is still FREE

WHEN: **Saturday, September 15, 2007**
12 noon - 10 p.m.

WHERE: **Harbourview Park, Collingwood**
(enter off of First Street beside McDonald's)

WHAT: **Headliners:** The Kings AND Five Man Electrical Band
PLUS ... Dozens of local talented musicians AND
Fire Dancers ... all using multiple stages!



- BMWTF Booth
- **Elephant Thoughts Workshops & Shows for the kids!**
- Mini-Wellness Fair
- Renewable Energy Exhibit
- Well Aware Program by the Environment Network
- Cotton Candy & Food Vendors
- **RAFFLES and MORE, MORE, MORE !!**

THANK YOU to all of our **SPONSORS**



MAJOR FUND RAISER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Nature League's 3rd Annual House & Garden Tour
- Saturday, September 8th, 2007 10am -4pm



Don't miss this spectacular tour! The Nature League's House & Garden tour is widely regarded as "one of the best in southern Ontario". Centred in Collingwood, we have a wide array of wonderful homes with unique architectural features, most situated on beautifully landscaped properties.

The "Nature League" is a non-profit charitable organization that seeks ways to conserve and protect the environment in the Georgian Triangle.

Funds raised have been donated to environmental organizations such as the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation (\$6,500.00 in the past 3 years), Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Assoc. and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority. The donated monies are used to preserve and protect our wonderful natural environment.

In addition, financial awards are presented to graduating students, from both Collingwood Collegiate Institute and Jean Vanier High School, who are pursuing higher education in an environmental discipline.

Tickets for the House & Garden tour are \$15.00 and include a map and details of the homes and gardens on the tour.

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED in Collingwood at:

- ❑ MacMaster's Crossing, 21 Hurontario St.
- ❑ Garden's Nest, 137 Hurontario St.
- ❑ On the day of the event at 55 St. Lawrence St. (Sunset Point).

To learn more about the "Nature League" including membership information, contact Harry Moerschner, Secretary, (705) 445-0267

Trees Ontario Foundation **... Assistance for landowners interested** **in planting trees**

(Submitted by Robert Keen of TOF via Douglas Matthews)

The Trees Ontario Foundation (TOF) is a non-profit foundation established in 1994.

The goal of Trees Ontario Foundation is to increase tree planting on Ontario's private land from a current level of approximately 2.5 million trees to 10 million trees per year.

As the central coordinating agency that is revitalizing private land tree planting, TOF's core business includes:

- optimizing the collection and storage of tree seed to meet long-term stock demand
- distributing seed to growers who supply seedlings for private land tree planting
- assisting local agencies increase their tree planting programs and coordinating technical training and information transfer to all organizations involved with tree planting
- promoting the importance of tree planting and providing landowners with advice and contact information for local tree planting services
- soliciting sponsorship and investigating sources of long-term, sustainable funding for tree planting
- administering sponsorship dollars to reduce landowner's tree planting costs

TOF has built strong partnerships with agencies that currently support and deliver tree planting programs and we are encouraging new delivery agents in areas that currently have limited tree planting services. Local agencies such as conservation authorities, stewardship councils, the Ministry of Natural Resources, consultants, nurseries, and other non-government organizations are essential to provide the expertise and experience necessary to deliver comprehensive and successful tree planting programs to landowners.

In the spring 2007 planting year, TOF provided two cost saving incentives for landowners that are being delivered through local agencies. The

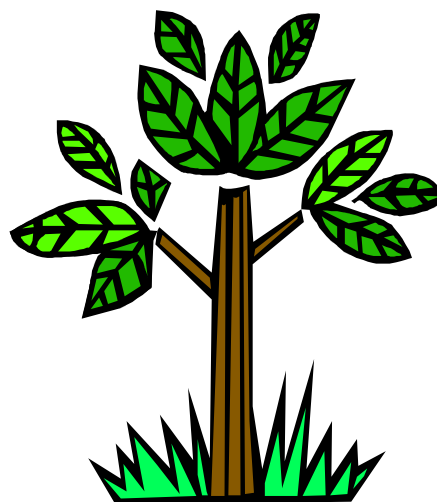
Assisted Tree Planting Incentive Program is being delivered by agencies that provide full service tree planting programs. This incentive reduces total costs to landowners by \$0.50/tree.

For landowners who are simply purchasing tree seedlings through local agencies and planting the trees themselves, the Landowner Tree Planting Incentive can reduce seedling purchase costs by \$0.10/tree. An eligibility criterion applies to each incentive and not all agencies provide assistance. TOF recommends that landowners contact their local conservation authority, community stewardship council or access the TOF website and follow "Planting Agencies" to locate tree planting service providers for your area.

If you would like additional information on tree planting or wish to speak to a TOF representative, contact them at:

www.treesontario.on.ca
email: info@treesontario.on.ca
Telephone: 416-646-1193
Suite 701, 200 Consumers Road,
Toronto, ON M2J 4R4

or the Conservation Authority that has jurisdiction in your area.



A CHALLENGE TO OTHERS TO GO “GREEN POWERED”
(Submitted by Vince Schneider, Collingwood Communications Inc.)



I saw an article on global warming in the last edition of On the Bay Magazine. The headline alone was enough to get people thinking about how they live their day-to-day lives, and has the power to get people to act. That's what happened to me. Combined with an advertising article on the Globe and Mail promoting “GREEN POWER”, and watching Al Gore's movie, “An Inconvenient Truth”, the question in my mind that wouldn't leave me now had an answer. What can I do to make a difference in the fight against Global Warming? The answer turned out to be ... become the first business in Collingwood to be “Green Powered”.

I called the company with the full-page ad in the Globe and Mail – Bullfrog Power. It turned out to be really easy to make the change and relatively inexpensive. Bullfrog Power simply replaces the energy that Collingwood Communications uses from the Hydro grid with power generated by wind and low impact hydro generators. Choosing green, carbon-free power is an easy way to do our part to help fight climate change and create a healthier environment for future generations. Our business alone will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 24 tons annually along with 92 kilograms of sulphur dioxide and 20 kilograms of nitrogen oxide.

At a time where the threshold for change in light of environmental awareness is closer than it's ever been – where communities are choosing to act, I challenge other businesses to go “Green Powered”.

ABOUT BULLFROG POWER

Founded in 2005, Bullfrog Power is a leading provider of 100% green electricity, with service available to Ontario and Alberta residents and businesses. Bullfrog Power provides Canadians with a convenient way to support locally generated renewable power. All of Bullfrog's power comes from clean, green sources like wind power and low-impact water power. And all of our generators have received Environment Canada's Environmental Choice Program EcoLogo^M certification.

Together with our customers, we're helping to reshape the landscape of electricity generation by bringing new renewable generation online in Canada. Today, thousands of Canadian homeowners and hundreds of businesses have made the decision to become “bullfrogpowered” and support the generation of clean, renewable power.

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RECOMMENDED READING & SCREENING



READINGS:

Upside of Down by Thomas Homer-Dixon: Knopf

Canada 2006, 429 pages

[Mr Homer-Dixon was the featured speaker at a BMWTF event about 5 years ago]

(Submitted by Don Kerr)

Homer-Dixon compares our current situation to driving too fast along a country road in a dense fog. Some ignore the fog and keep their foot pressed on the accelerator, but most of us feel like fairly helpless passengers on this wild ride. The sub-title of the book is Catastrophe, Creativity and the Renewal of Civilization. He spends much time describing the impending catastrophe and he has no neat prescription on how to emerge from the fog. He predicts that we are unlikely to mobilize effectively until there are crises or breakdowns, hopefully short of collapse. The key is to respond in appropriate ways. For example, Roosevelt responded to the Great Depression by rebuilding the fundamentals of US capitalism under the direction of the state, but Hitler responded to the same event by creating a horrific regime of oppression and racism.

Some of the elements of his foreboding are as follows:

- disparities in income and wealth are increasing from nation to nation and within nations [In Canada: in 2004 the average earnings of the richest 10% of families raising children was 82 times that earned by the poorest of families. In 1976, the ratio was only 31 times. (from a study by A. Yalnizyan, CCPA Monitor, Apr 2007)]
- 40% of the world's population lacks sufficient water for basic sanitation and hygiene.
- The energy appetite continues to grow everywhere while low-cost energy is being depleted; our whole society is based on cheap energy, including food production.
- Climate change is accelerating, is affecting the natural world and is subject to positive feedback; the atmospheric CO2 levels are the highest in 650,000 years.
- Since 1950, industrialized fishing has reduced the total mass of large fish in the world's oceans by 90%.

He stresses the role of energy in society. His analysis of the role of energy in the Roman civilization's collapse is very interesting. The EROI or Energy Return on Investment is crucial to understanding the collapse of Rome and the potential for contemporary collapse. Finding our way out of this problem and the climate

change situation will necessitate changing our assumptions about economic growth and the growth imperative inherent in conventional economics. An "economic-ecological system" would recognize that "there are no good substitutes for some of the most precious things that nature gives us, like biodiversity and a benign climate".

This is an important book and has been reviewed in Canadian, US and UK media.

The Weather Makers – The History and Future Impact of Climate Change by Tim Flannery

(Submitted by Bryden Jones)

Most of us suspect that climate change is happening, but is it a terrible threat to our world or an exaggerated beat up? Or is it something in between - an issue that humanity must eventually face, but not yet?

In this groundbreaking and essential new book, Tim Flannery argues passionately for the urgent need to address - NOW - the implications of a global climate change that is damaging all life on earth and endangering our very survival.

This book is unimpeachable in its authority, deftly and accessibly written in its vision for what each of us can do to avoid catastrophe. It is a global call to arms, laying out plainly if not controversially what we know, what we think might happen, and what tools we have available to us to make a difference. The Weather Makers will change your life.

SCREENINGS:

Escape from Suburbia – Beyond the American Dream (DVD)

(Submitted by Bryden Jones)

Suburbia, and all it promises, has become the American Dream. With brutal honesty and a touch of irony, The End of Suburbia explored the American Way of Life and its prospects as the planet enters the age of [Peak Oil](#).

In *ESCAPE From SUBURBIA* director Greg Greene once again takes us "through the looking glass" on a journey of discovery – a sobering yet vital and ultimately positive exploration of what the second half of the Oil Age has in store for us.

NEW LEGISLATION TO PROTECT SPECIES AT RISK

(Submitted by Don Kerr)

The Ontario Government passed Bill 184 this Spring which greatly strengthens the protection of Species at Risk. It means that Ontario now has one of the best (if not the best) species at risk laws in Canada. Note that the federal legislation on Species at Risk only applies to federal lands whereas the Ontario law covers all of Ontario.

The Ontario committee for determining endangered, threatened and species of special concern is known as COSSARO and will report to the Ministry of Natural Resources. The Minister is obliged to act to protect any species identified by COSSARO as opposed to the Federal Act where the Minister can reject the recommendation. The law includes provision for recovery and protection including habitat. The next step is to ensure that MNR has the resources to enforce the legislation. [MNR is currently under-funded according to the Environment Commissioner of Ontario.]

Of course, there is much more to the protection of biodiversity than merely dealing with species at risk. There is an Ontario Biodiversity Strategy 2005 but it will have to struggle against all the pressures for growth. The importance of this issue is illustrated by a quote from Biodiversity Journal, Vol 8, #1, 2007:

“The planet is undergoing a major biodiversity crisis on par with earlier mass extinction events on the earth’s history. It is estimated that some 16,000 species are currently threatened with extinction, including 12% of birds, 23% of mammals and 30% of amphibians. The effects of climate change are predicted to sharply increase the risk of species extinction.”

Our efforts to protect the Silver Creek Wetlands are part of the fight to reduce the rate of species extinction.

CLIMATE CHANGE

(Submitted by Don Kerr)

The authoritative body for assessing climate change data and causes and drawing conclusions is the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The latest report has around 130 authors including meteorologists and climatologists from around the world. More than 800 scientists have contributed and 2500 have been involved in peer reviews. The reports tend to be conservative by virtue of the need for consensus. To learn more about the causes and consequences of climate change, go to www.ipcc.ch/about/about.htm .

We quote some excerpts from the Guardian Weekly of Feb 9-15:

“It would be easy to be depressed by the fourth report of the UN IPCC. Six years ago, the panel concluded that it was – in cautious language – “likely” that global warming was the result of human activity. Now that conclusion has been upped to “very likely”. To skeptics who argue that natural variation in the sun’s output is the cause of climate change, the panel says mankind’s industrial emissions have had five times more effect on climate than any solar fluctuations.”

For information on the cost of man-made climate change look for www.sternreview.org.uk

For further information on the real science behind global warming go to these websites:

<http://www.realclimate.org/index.php/archives/2004/12/index/#Responses>

<http://environment.newscientist.com/channel/earth/dn11462>



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The BMWTF Financial Year starts on October 1st. Your membership is for one calendar year. You will be invited to attend our Annual General Meeting in February, receive our semi-annual newsletters and be kept informed of our activities and accomplishments.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Member	\$1,000.00 or more
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An Income Tax Receipt will be issued for donations of \$10.00 or more

WE ALWAYS NEED YOUR SUPPORT:

I am pleased to support the BMWTF in their efforts to protect the Silver Creek Watershed and its wetlands.

My cheque is enclosed in the amount of \$_____ for deposit to:

- The Silver Creek Fund
- The Education Fund and our Elephant Thoughts Partnership to compliment local school curriculum for children in Grades 7 and 8 on the importance of protecting the waterways and acquifers of the Georgian Triangle area.

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