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MODEL FOREST

Forests for Seven Generations



Black ash basket making has come to signify something particularly special to the Eastern Ontario Model Forest. With the help of our close friends at Akwesasne we've come to appreciate just how intertwined forest values are, and how basket making epitomizes the idiom that everything is connected to everything else.

For centuries, the art of basket making has been practiced at Akwesasne. From utilitarian to fancy baskets (including one fashioned for the Pope in recent times), it is an artform that today represents a multi-million dollar industry for the community. More than this, though, it represents a true coming together of community – master basket makers sharing with great pride their knowledge with younger community members... a spiritual connection forged with Mother Earth as well, with her responsibility for the trees of Creation.

Black ash basket making also offers a lesson in history. You'll hear of stories of finding black ash baskets tucked away in the attics of farm houses across eastern Ontario and many others still in use as cherished decorative pieces. And, still other stories of how basket makers pounding downstream could be identified miles away by the unique rhythmic sound of their particular pounding technique.

We've been truly fortunate in having had the opportunity to work with the community at Akwesasne to ensure that black ash persists into the future, and in having learned so much in the process. The weave captured on the front cover of this annual report serves as a reminder to us of the interconnectedness of the spiritual, cultural, environmental and economic values of the forest that together shape our sense of community and our well-being.



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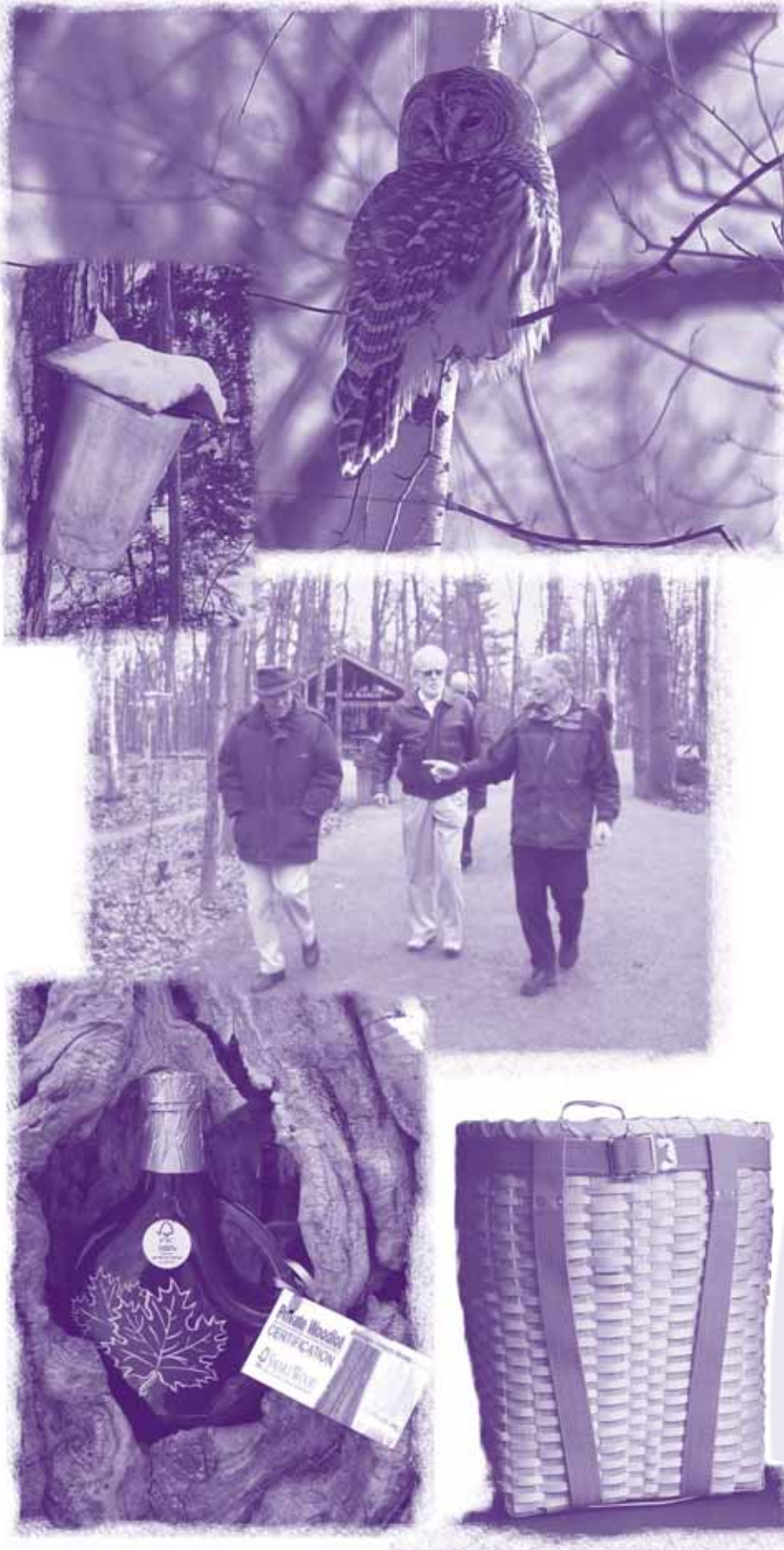
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Message From the President

A New Era

As I reflect on a year that has gone by in what seems like the wink of an eye, it strikes me that we are truly entering a new era for the Eastern Ontario Model Forest. Although the Canadian Model Forest Program has come to a close, model forests continue to thrive across Canada and around the world... with the EOMF an integral part of this global community of model forests.

Locally, the EOMF was successful in its proposal bid to the Canadian Forest Service (CFS), having been selected as one of only 11 sites across Canada to become part of the new Forest Communities Program (FCP); an impressive achievement given the competitiveness of the process (over 50 proposals were submitted). Under the FCP we have core funding of \$325,000 annually over the next 5 years, which will help us in meeting many new challenges. These new challenges range from working with local communities in exploring and facilitating the transition to a bio-based community, to advancing the innovative adoption of forest certification (with specific reference to enhancing market access), and forging closer ties with international forest-dependent communities as an ambassador for the FCP.

Although our direction has changed somewhat with the Canadian Forest Service (in terms of having a stronger socio-economic focus to our efforts), our overall direction has not; the EOMF continues to exist as a platform for collaborative community efforts to promote and ensure sustainable communities. We will have several annexes (or 'program areas' if you will), which will complement our activities under the FCP. For example, we will continue to explore important program areas like forest health and Species at Risk stewardship.

Nationally, the Canadian Model Forest Network (CMFN) is flourishing. All model forests as we knew them in the past continue to be members of the Network. The four new FCP sites have also agreed to join the Network. Funding for the CMFN continues to come from the CFS and other sources are also being actively sought out. The EOMF has a very close link to the Network in that the office for its new General Manager, Dave Winston, is with us in Kemptville. Welcome Dave!

I want to thank all our longtime and cherished partners for the patience you have shown through our transition. We hope to work with you very closely in meeting the many exciting challenges ahead. I would like to welcome our many new partners and communities as EOMF members, and look forward to a long and lasting relationship as we move forward in our endeavours together.

I cannot end this message without thanking my fellow board members for their commitment, support and wisdom over the course of the past year. The same is true of the staff group; I would be remiss in not thanking them for their dedication and devotion through these changing times.

Jim McCready

President
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General Manager's Report

Patience, Perseverance and Progress

The twelve months since our last annual spring gathering at Akwesasne has been a period of adjustment for the EOMF with considerable focus on process and administration. While waiting patiently and anticipating our acceptance into the new Forest Communities Program (FCP) of Natural Resources Canada, preparations were being made to take on that new challenge. At the same time, we also had to consider how we would persevere if we were not selected. We were extremely pleased to learn of our success in July of 2007. The next several weeks were spent adjusting our program to address feedback on our original proposal, to accommodate a reduced level of funding, and to work within a new accountability framework and approvals process for federally-funded initiatives. Perhaps our key achievement was having our submissions accepted as the benchmark for the rest of the FCP sites and being the first agreement signed. Staff members Elizabeth Holmes and Mary Humphries spent countless hours ensuring everything was properly organized, documented, and submitted in advance of deadlines. We celebrated with a special signing ceremony with Member of Parliament Gord Brown at the Christmas Forest Seminar on December 11, an event well attended by members and partners including representatives of two new FCP sites – Northeast Superior and Hautes Laurentides.

The FCP comes at a time when the forest sector crisis continues to threaten even the most well-established forest-based businesses in our region. In partnership with the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal we have made substantial progress in developing the concept for the Ontario East Wood Centre & Eco-Industrial Park. This regionally significant initiative is seen as a means of connecting the forest, the communities, the associated businesses, and the research and development sector with new opportunities in the emerging bio-economy. Substantial funding was provided by the Eastern Ontario Development Program to accelerate this work. The EOMF, with its balanced perspective, is seen as a good means of pursuing this potential while still keeping in mind issues of sustainability and an appreciation for other values.

A significant tool in addressing other values is our forest certification program which now covers 26,500 hectares of both private and community forest and continues to expand as we explore chain of custody certification for small forest product processors and the labelling of maple syrup. We were successful in being re-certified by SmartWood for another five-year period under Forest Stewardship Council system. Scott Davis coordinates this highly regarded program and regularly shares our framework and approach with groups in other regions interested in becoming certified.

While these activities are core components of the Forest Communities Program, we have also identified the need for action in some other thematic areas such as biodiversity conservation. These actions are considered 'annexes' to our core activities. In the past year we have completed a set of successful Species at Risk (SAR) stewardship projects with support from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. A major part of this effort has been to create awareness among partners and the public and to encourage engagement in SAR stewardship efforts.

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With changing programs come changes in staffing. Martha Copestake who assisted with the forest certification program for several years has taken up new challenges with the City of Ottawa. Mark Rowsell, after guiding the Stewardship Planning Atlas project for several months, has turned his attention full-time to his passion for restoration masonry work. We wish our alumni well.

The board is to be commended for its own patience and perseverance in overseeing the program through a challenging period and setting a clear and positive direction for the future. We would like to thank our partners, members and volunteers for words of support and encouragement, and for offering a helping hand whenever it was needed. We look forward to great progress in the months ahead and accomplishments that we can proudly share with the rest of the world. As our friends at Akwesasne would remind us, "knowledge is powerful only when shared."

Brian A. Barkley
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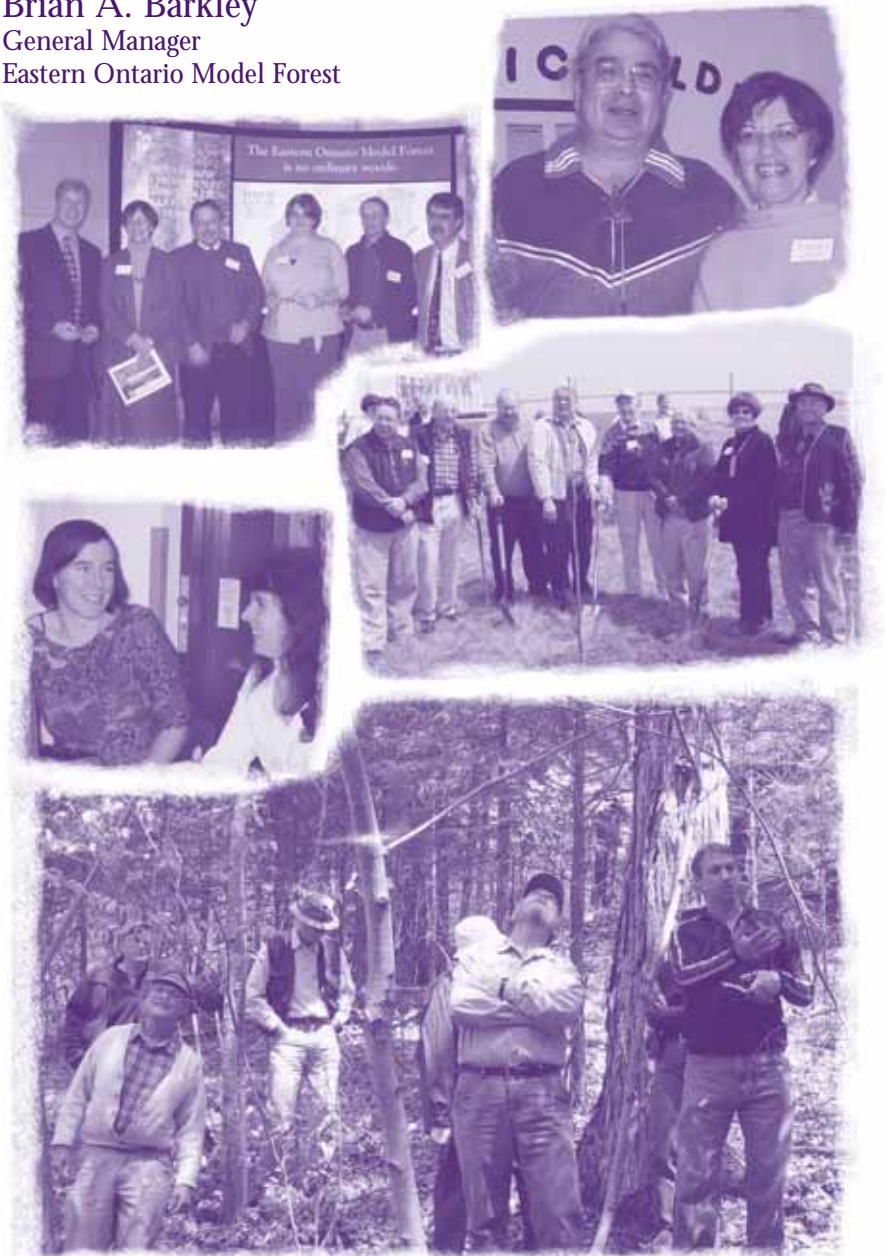
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Accomplishments in 2007–08

Overview

This truly has been a year of reflection and evolution for the EOMF. We've invested a great deal of heart and soul in reflecting on past objectives, formulating some new ones, and considering how we move forward with our programs creatively and innovatively – hallmarks of the model forest approach.

In a short time, in this newest 'evolution' of the EOMF, already we've accomplished much, as reflected in the pages that follow. These accomplishments are framed in the context of:

- I. **Transitional Activities** – activities commenced and/or completed under the Canadian Model Forest Program
- II. **Forest Communities Program (FCP) Activities** – reflecting new activities specific to the FCP
- III. **New/Emerging Program Areas (or 'Annexes')** – reflecting the programs and activities that we see as central to the EOMF vision, and supportive also of our work under the FCP

Although there is overlap in these categories in some ways, and not every project can be fit neatly into one particular category, this framework serves to help organize our activities and associated accomplishments over the past twelve months.

I. TRANSITIONAL ACTIVITIES

1.0 CARING FOR YOUR LAND WORKSHOP SERIES

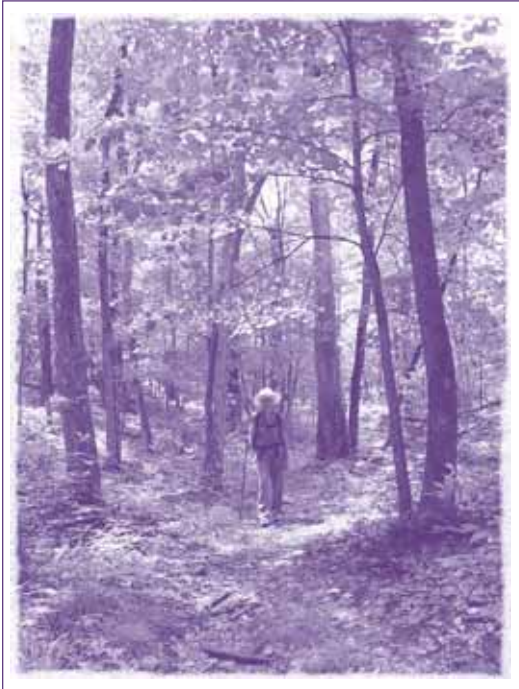
A module entitled Understanding Forest Health was added this year to the Caring for Your Land workshop series. It covers topics ranging from recognizing healthy trees and forests, to forest health stressors and the importance of management planning in responding or adapting to forest health problems. The module is available for distribution and use through the EOMF and the Grenville Land Stewardship Council.

Several modules on invasive alien species have also been created with funding assistance from Environment Canada's Invasive Alien Species Partnership Program. These modules are coming soon to the EOMF website.

1.1 STEWARDSHIP PLANNING ATLAS

The Stewardship Planning Atlas (SPA) for Natural Areas is an interactive internet-based atlas that allows users to explore and create maps to support stewardship planning (e.g. developing forest management plans under the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program).





Funding and support for the atlas was provided by GeoConnections (a program of Natural Resources Canada) along with a number of EOMF partners including the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ontario Forestry Association, the Ontario Woodlot Association, Trees Ontario, and the United Counties of Prescott-Russell. DM Solutions, meanwhile, played a pivotal role in making the technology meet the needs of the partner group, with guidance from the EOMF's Mark Rowsell. Former EOMF staff member Greg Moffatt deserves special mention as the one responsible for developing the initial proposal to GeoConnections, bringing together the partner group, and initiating the parcel data licencing negotiations.

The atlas is organized in two sections based on perspective. The 'Big Picture' perspective houses information and coarse-scale data that helps landowners to better appreciate their individual contributions to the broader landscape. The 'My Property' perspective provides rich detailed data at a fine scale (including aerial photography) allowing landowners to plan stewardship activities on their own land.

The SPA is online at www.stewardshipplanningatlas.ca. We encourage you to visit the site and explore how you can use it to assist in your stewardship planning efforts.

1.2 COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES IN URBAN FORESTRY

Intended as the first volume in a forestry and natural science series for community decision makers, the purpose of *Community Experiences in Urban Forestry* is to bring attention to some of the critical issues in our urban forest ecosystems and, more importantly, to highlight some of the many community successes in responding to these issues. Case studies representative of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence forest region speak to issues that range from climate change and the threat of invasive exotic species, to questions surrounding the lack of capacity and support for urban forestry efforts. Compelling stories of success come from various communities – big and small – highlighting innovative tools and approaches, as well as an underlying passion for our urban forest ecosystems.

The publication is part of a concerted effort to encourage and assist municipal and community decision makers in addressing forest-related issues in eastern Ontario by providing up-to-date, understandable, science-based information. For your copy of *Community Experiences in Urban Forestry* see the EOMF website at: www.eomf.on.ca/publications/publications_details_e.aspx?pubno=102

1.3 MONITORING & REPORTING ON THE STATE OF EASTERN ONTARIO'S FORESTS (SOF)

Efforts under the SOF project continued to expand the information available via the State of Eastern Ontario's Forests website www.sof.eomf.on.ca. Four new updates (news bulletins) were posted to the website, and the most commonly visited pages of the site were translated.

Building on this work, the EOMF's Forest Science Committee is currently developing an indicator 'The Value of Forests to People' that describes and measures the breadth and intensity of the emotions through which individuals and communities connect with (or value) forests. A similar effort has been launched under the Montreal Process to examine the sustainable management of forests; the EOMF sees this as an opportunity to better express and measure progress toward local community sustainability, while linking to national and international obligations (e.g., the Convention on Biological Diversity).

1.4 NATIONAL AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS INITIATIVE (NAESI) PILOT

The EOMF-based pilot under the National Agri-Environmental Standards Initiative (NAESI) – initiated in partnership with Environment Canada – is now in its final stages. The goal of the work was to develop and test a suite of tools for landscape planning, and to make recommendations for habitat-based standards for agriculture. Landscape analysis, habitat modeling, species population models, and a model of historic vegetation provided information towards achieving this goal.

The pilot was carried out in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SD&G). As the first of five pilots across Canada, the SD&G pilot was instrumental in laying the foundation (and providing technical support) for a methodology that could be transferred to and used by other regions.

II. FOREST COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (FCP) ACTIVITIES

2.0 ONTARIO EAST WOOD CENTRE & ECO-INDUSTRIAL PARK

The EOMF has been working closely with the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, the Port of Prescott, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, the Canadian Forest Service, the University of Toronto's Faculty of Forestry and others to establish a world-scale, multi-corporate, value-added wood products processing, marketing and exporting complex. Known formally as the Ontario East Wood Centre & Eco-Industrial Park, and referred to in short as the Wood Centre, great strides have been made in recent months in moving from the conceptual phase to the implementation phase. Funding from Eastern Ontario Development Program was especially helpful in accelerating the work.

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**Ontario East Wood Centre
& ECO-INDUSTRIAL PARK**

The history of the Wood Centre concept dates back to the late 1980s, when Dr. Ross Silversides, a world-renowned forester who knew the area well, approached South Grenville's Economic Development Commission with some new ideas on how sustainable development practices could be applied to the forests of eastern Ontario. The Commission listened, particularly to his ideas about value-added wood processing. By 2004, some of

the original supporters of enhancing eastern Ontario's value-added wood processing sector met with the Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Township Council. The group envisioned and proposed developing a wood-based industrial park of companies whose direct and indirect outputs might serve as raw materials for neighbouring companies.



The Wood Centre is now conceived as a world-scale, multi-corporate, value-added wood products processing, marketing and exporting complex. The hub of the eco-industrial park, a Wood Science Innovation Centre, will be a set of buildings that embraces four modules: a research, development and demonstration

(RD&D) facility; an orientation centre; an administration/support commons; and, a pilot plant area. It is expected that the Wood Centre will grow to include a wide range of enterprises generating products that, in some cases, directly or indirectly support the manufacturing of neighbouring enterprises.

The Wood Centre will run north from County Road 2 on about 20 hectares of land within the 142-hectare Edwardsburgh/ Cardinal Industrial Park adjacent to the Port of Prescott. It will also be adjacent to the GreenField ethanol plant currently under construction.

The engineering firm Totten Sims Hubicki & Associates (Kingston office) has completed pre-engineering and architectural concepts for the Wood Centre. Marketing materials have been created by TD Graham + Associates. An Implementation Team (ITeam) has connected with approximately 100 individuals and organizations that have shown an interest in the Wood Centre, as well as businesses that are just learning about it. Denzil Doyle and Dennis Senik of Doyletech Corporation have worked closely with the Wood Centre steering committee as the project has moved strongly into the implementation phase, building on the strong interest and varied value propositions that have been brought forward.

Meetings and presentations have been held with leaders of the Queen's University Sustainable Bioeconomy Centre, as well as with representatives of the National Research Council and FP Innovations, as the EOMF continues to expand its already impressive networks.

Also significant this year was the signing of a formal Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal and the EOMF to further strengthen collaboration on community economic development initiatives and sustainable forestry, such as, but not limited to, the Wood Centre.

More on the Wood Centre can be found at www.woodcentre.ca.

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2.1 SOUTHERN ONTARIO OPERATIONAL BIOMASS TRIAL

The EOMF has established a partnership to conduct an operational trial of forest biomass harvesting on the Mazinaw-Lanark Forest. Partners include the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, the Canadian Wood Fibre Centre, FP Innovations (FERIC division), Mazinaw-Lanark SFL Inc., Norampac Inc., Lavern Heideman & Sons Ltd., Shaw Lumber Ltd., Schutte Lumber and ATC Panels.

The purpose of the study is to establish technical feasibility, operational parameters and costing for recovery and use of biomass from southern Ontario silvicultural systems such as shelterwood and modified clearcuts, as well as to determine economically feasible recovery levels for forest operations for energy production. A steering committee – with representation from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, the forest industry, SFL (Sustainable Forest Licence) managers, FERIC, the Canadian Wood Fibre Centre and other research institutions – has developed and finalized detailed plans for the operational trial. The trial will be implemented once operating conditions are suitable beginning this spring. Operations are anticipated to wrap up by late fall of 2008.



2.2 BIOPRODUCTS STRATEGY FOR NORTH GRENVILLE

Interest has been expressed in rebuilding capacity for short rotation forestry in eastern Ontario as an option for supplying feedstocks expected to be in demand by an emerging bio-based economy. In the initial stages, examining questions of access to small quantities of purpose-grown biomass of known quality will be important in evaluating the feasibility of using this material as a viable source of supply in the longer term.

The Ferguson Forest Centre (FFC) during its history as a provincial tree nursery was the major centre for short rotation forestry planting stock and development work in Ontario. The College of Environmental Science and Forestry at the State University of New York (SUNY-ESF) has a successful program in short rotation willow and, through a MOU with the EOMF, is prepared to cooperate and share its technology with this region. A proposal entitled *A strategy for rebuilding capacity for short rotation forestry in eastern Ontario and beyond* was accepted for funding by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and work will commence in 2008.



2.3 SHORT ROTATION FORESTRY – DOCUMENTING THE EXPERIENCE

From 1975 to 2005, Domtar Inc. established a fast-growing plantation program in eastern Ontario to provide a portion of the wood supply for its pulp and paper mill in Cornwall, Ontario. The program focused entirely on hybrid poplar clones that were initially bred by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. In 2005, Domtar permanently closed its Cornwall mill.

With the emerging strong interest in the bio-energy sector of late, the EOMF recognized the importance of documenting the results of Domtar's twenty-eight years of experience in fast-growing plantations. Wayne Young,

former woods manager for Domtar, prepared the report entitled *Operational Harvesting Costs of Commercial Short-Rotation Hybrid Poplar Plantations—Twenty-eight Years of Experience with Domtar Inc. in Eastern Ontario* that analyzes the harvesting costs for two properties managed by Domtar.

2.4 ADVANCING FOREST CERTIFICATION IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The EOMF's forest certification program continued to move forward in leaps and bounds this year under the guidance of Scott Davis and the Certification Working Group. Following a successful audit in May of 2007 by SmartWood, the EOMF has been re-certified for another five-year period extending from January 2008 to December 2013.

A particular focus of efforts over the past year has been to facilitate a process of group chain of custody (CoC) on behalf of smaller value-added wood and paper manufacturers in eastern Ontario. Janice O'Brien, a University of Toronto Master's candidate, joined the EOMF staff group for several months to assist in developing a standardized package or 'toolkit' (including a guidebook on CoC certification) designed to help guide small- to medium-sized sawmills (SMEs) in eastern Ontario through the chain of custody process. She worked closely with Lanark Cedar, a manufacturer of fine-quality fencing and outdoor living products (arbors, furniture, etc.) based in Carleton Place, in creating and refining the toolkit, and ultimately helping the company to achieve chain of custody certification.

A MOU was signed with the County of Lanark to include the Lanark County Community Forest in the EOMF's forest certification program. These community forest properties represent an additional 4,638 hectares to the existing 22,176 hectares enrolled in the program (both community and private forests) – a significant increase. In addition to adding critical mass to the EOMF's growing network of certified forests (which includes forests owned by the United Counties of Prescott-Russell, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, and South Nation Conservation, as well as properties owned by 65 private landowners), the work has served to strengthen our partnership with Mississippi Valley Conservation and the County of Lanark.

Work is ongoing with the City of Ottawa to finalize a MOU that will include city-owned forests in the EOMF network of certified forests. In addition, there is renewed interest in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville in pursuing forest certification with assistance from the EOMF.

An important first was also achieved this year. With the EOMF's help, eastern Ontario maple syrup producers are now able to market and sell their syrup as certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).



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Monkland maple syrup producers Gary and Jean Ivens (participating members of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Certified Forest Owners) are among the first to produce FSC certified maple syrup in Canada. There are a number of regulations that must be followed in producing syrup on a commercial basis; FSC certification is voluntary and showcases the care taken in the forest – not just the grade of the syrup. Several additional maple producers will become certified in the coming months.

A number of important information tools were updated, and others developed over the course of the year. The *Eastern Ontario Model Forest Policies and Procedures Manual* was updated to incorporate new policies and procedures for certification of community forests and chain of custody certification. A *Guide to Forest Stewardship Council Certification for Community Forests in Ontario* was translated and disseminated widely.

A number of training sessions and workshops were hosted as an important part of ongoing outreach and education efforts under the forest certification program. Topics ranged from tree marking to forest soils and local geology.

2.5 BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO RISKS TO FOREST HEALTH

From our first-hand experience with the large-scale ice storm that struck in 1998, to our more recent involvement in helping partners respond to the appearance of Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) in Toronto, we realize the threats to forest health are very real and the consequences potentially devastating for communities. We are working hard to enhance the capacity within our communities to respond to these types of threats.

A particular focus for our efforts this past year has been emerald ash borer (EAB). With its presence now confirmed in Toronto and the Montérégie region of Quebec (having spread from the Windsor area), there is growing concern about its migration eastward and the risks to our forests here in eastern Ontario. Its main vector for rapid spread is human activity, primarily through the movement of firewood. The EOMF has established a working group, representing various key agencies and partners (e.g., Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, South Nation Conservation, City of Ottawa, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Parks), with the aim, first and foremost, of preventing its spread further eastward. The working group is also exploring strategies for helping landowners to manage their woodlots keeping in mind the very real possibility of EAB arriving in the future.



2.6 PILOT STUDY ON ECOLOGICAL GOODS & SERVICES (EG&S)

Ecological goods and services (EG&S) refer to benefits arising from healthy functioning ecosystems – things like climate regulation, erosion control, food production, biodiversity, water quality conservation, recreational opportunities. While landowners are increasingly expected to bear the costs of meeting heightened standards of environmental protection, and providing EG&S, it is society at large that reaps these environmental benefits.

The EOMF has initiated a pilot study to examine the arrangements and mechanisms that might best serve to facilitate landowner and public partnering in the provisioning of EG&S. Still very much at the early stages of conceptualization, a discussion paper has been developed looking at the overall structure and capacity of the EOMF, and provides a number of recommendations for moving forward with the pilot. The pilot will also build on insights from the March 2007 'Valuing EG&S: An Ontario Perspective' workshop which was hosted by the EOMF as one of five regional events held across Canada and sponsored jointly by the Canadian Model Forest Network and Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners (the proceedings of which are online at www.eomf.on.ca/publications/publications_details_e.aspx?pubno=104).

Working closely with partners including the Canadian Model Forest Network, the Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners, the Ontario Woodlot Association, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, and the University of Guelph, the intent is to build on existing EOMF programs and strengths (such as the forest certification framework) to arrive at an equitable, community-driven EG&S approach for eastern Ontario and transferable elsewhere.

2.7 COMMUNITY MENTORING – AKWESASNE PARTNERSHIP

Application of the many lessons shared with us by the Haudenosaunee people, as embodied in the Naturalized Knowledge System (NKS), remains central to our community mentoring efforts. Over the past year, we have continued to work closely with the Mohawk community at Akwesasne to foster, among our partnership networks, the coupling of naturalized knowledge and conventional western science in addressing forest issues and associated challenges. In the many presentations made to new partners and visiting delegations over the course of the year the NKS was strongly profiled, in all cases generating considerable interest and additional discussion as to its application. In a somewhat unique opportunity last May, the EOMF partnered with the community at Akwesasne and South Nation Conservation in hosting a cultural awareness session for high school students participating in the provincial Envirothon competition held in Cornwall. Most recently, a poster has been developed on the NKS for use at the Global Forum, the international gathering of model forests taking place this June.

We continue to learn ourselves, and have participated in two cultural awareness/friendship building sessions this year, one at St. Lawrence Islands National Park and a second at Akwesasne.



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2.8 COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The many changes and challenges that we faced over the past year as a model forest didn't dampen our spirit of enthusiasm in reaching out to the community through various communications and outreach activities. Our volunteers were more than forthcoming in lending a hand, and deserve a special bill of thanks for all of their contributions. We quite simply couldn't do it without them.

In the coming months, as part of our commitment under the Forest Communities Program, we will be refining our communications and outreach strategy (and associated marketing strategy). The activities described include both transitional ones (i.e., those initiated under the Canadian Model Forest Program) and new ones launched under the FCP.

Education Initiatives

As our future environmental leaders, our youth remained an important target audience for us. In partnership with the Grenville Land Stewardship Council and Limerick Forest we delivered a tree identification module at the Leeds-Grenville local Envirothon competition. At the regional Lanark County Envirothon competition we assisted the Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County in delivering a forest mensuration module. In addition, we partnered with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, South Nation Conservation and Sand Road Sugar Camp in delivering a forestry workshop themed around First Nations cultural values at the provincial Envirothon competition hosted by the City of Cornwall.

As part of the national Take Our Kids to Work Day program, we hosted three Ottawa-area high school students, who experienced a 'day in the life of a model forester'! In addition to learning about the model forest concept and forestry in Canada more generally, they also had a chance to visit a certified woodlot, where they honed their tree identification skills.

Elsewhere, Scott Davis delivered a presentation on our forest certification program at the Just Us Youth Symposium for grade 10 students organized by the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario, and hosted at the North Grenville Community Centre.

Events in the Community

The EOMF continued to maintain a strong presence in the community, participating in, hosting and coordinating a number of public outreach events.

The forest certification program was profiled at The Art of Being Green festival in Lanark, as well as at the Ontario East Municipal Conference. Board member Achille Drouin represented us at the Eastern Canadian Teacher's Tour held at the Canadian Ecology Centre in Mattawa. As both a retired teacher and woodlot owner he was able to connect in a special way with the participants (educators with a particular interest in our natural resources).

The fall months were exceptionally busy. In tandem with the Ferguson Forest Centre, we hosted the eleventh edition of the Forest Fair of Eastern



Ontario, including the ever-popular log and lumber auction. The EOMF was also well represented at the International Plowing Match (IPM) in Crosby, Ontario. In addition to staffing the EOMF display over the course of the five-day event with the help of our many devoted volunteers, we played a prominent role in delivering the guided tours of the recently-certified Croskery demonstration woodlot. A presentation on the EOMF forest certification program was also delivered as part of the Conservation Tent lecture series. Over 1,500 people participated in the demonstration woodlot tours, and close to 40,000 people explored the Conservation Tent (representing approximately 45 per cent of all IPM participants).



National Forest Week was promoted during the IPM and the Forest Fair, as well as at the Ottawa Woodworking Show, with teaching kits and posters disseminated at the three events. The EOMF was also active in assisting with content needs for the Canada Science & Technology Museum's forestry exhibit 'Beyond the Trees', which was formally launched in February of 2008.

The 2007 edition of our Christmas Forest Seminar, organized jointly with the Canadian Institute of Forestry (Ottawa Valley Section), marked our official celebration as a Forest Communities Program site, with Member of Parliament Gord Brown in attendance.



Alongside the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and other partners, we played a central role in organizing the 21st edition of the Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference. In spite of threatening winter weather, over 180 landowners participated in the day, which was themed around trees on rural lands and their potential to supply various products and ecological goods and services. Dave Chapeskie, longtime Agroforestry Specialist with OMAFRA and now retired, was recognized for his efforts in helping to organize the conference over its two-decade history.

The Forest Pest Management Forum, the Ottawa Valley Farm Show and the 'Global Vision of Forestry in the 21st Century' congress (in Toronto) were among the many other events we assisted with and participated in over the course of the year.

Information & Tools

EOMF members and partners were updated as to program status and progress with regular editions of *Forestry Forum*. The website was updated regularly with upcoming events, but with a lot of interest in the Forest Communities Program and our newly unfolding activities, we anticipate a 'revisit' of the website in the months ahead.



We initiated the set-up of a trial wiki site (an editable, interactive website), and have been exploring its use as a means of enhancing our ability not only to share information, but to actively engage members and partners in the development and implementation of projects (e.g., the development of the 'Value of Forests to People' sustainability indicator, event planning, etc.).

In light of the fact that our existing display had traveled many miles and seen considerable wear over the years – and with considerable information to share about the Forest Communities Program – we initiated the development of a new display. (It was unveiled for the first time at the 2008 edition of the Cottage Show, a new venue for the EOMF.)



2.9 AMBASSADOR FOR THE FOREST COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Given our considerable past experience in hosting international exchanges on behalf of the Canadian and International Model Forest networks, and given our close proximity to Ottawa, we have a unique opportunity to serve as an ambassador for the Forest Communities Program (FCP).

In cooperation with and on behalf of other FCP sites we have been working to foster the building of relationships with communities around the globe, sharing how model forest concepts and principles are contributing to sustainable forest communities. Only six months into the FCP already we've hosted visitors from Sweden, Finland, Russia, Armenia, and Cameroon... Europe, Asia, and Africa – not a bad start! In Cameroon, for example, an effort is underway to establish a regional network of model forests – effectively creating an African Model Forest Network. We've been able to impart some valuable experiences, having learned much through our work as a member of both the Canadian Model Forest Network and the Ontario Model Forest Network.



We have also continued to work closely with the Canadian and International Model Forest networks in facilitating international exchanges, and will continue to build and strengthen the network of communities serving as examples to international forest-dependent communities. In June of 2008 the Global Forum – a meeting of model forests from around the world – will be hosted by the Foothills Research Institute (formerly the Foothills Model Forest); we look forward to participating in the Forum, as well as hosting visitors from the Mediterranean here in eastern Ontario during the month of June.

III. NEW/EMERGING PROGRAM AREAS (OR 'ANNEXES')

3.0 STRENGTHENING MODEL FOREST ACTIVITIES NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

Much as the EOMF has been through a considerable transition over the course of the past year, so too have both the Canadian and International Model Forest networks. The Canadian Model Forest Network (CMFN) has struck out on its own as an independent non-profit corporation, distinct from, though still working closely with the Canadian Forest Service of Natural Resources Canada. The International Model Forest Network (IMFN) has also experienced a re-molding of sorts, and is now based at

CFS headquarters in Ottawa after a long history at the International Development Research Centre.

So, together we've experienced change and together we see ourselves growing ever stronger in our effort to work collaboratively to foster healthy forests and healthy communities.

Highlights that speak to our many collaborative activities over the course of the past year are captured below.

Activities in Support of the Canadian Model Forest Network

- Administrative support for the CMFN through Mary Humphries, EOMF Administrative Coordinator
- Participation in the joint FCP/CMFN meeting in Winnipeg
- Participation as a member of the informal working group struck to advance the development of a proposal to potential funding agencies examining the provisioning of Ecological Goods & Services by Canadian woodlot owners
- Participation in the Private Woodlot Owner's National Forum in Quebec City
- Participation in the launch of the Hautes Laurentides FCP site
- Participation on the CMFN board of directors (represented by Jim McCready, EOMF President)
- Participation as a member of the Communications working group



Activities in Support of the International Model Forest Network

- Hosting of international delegations/visitors from Cameroon, Russia, Sweden, Argentina and elsewhere
- Delivery of a model forest orientation session for two CUSO cooperants leaving for postings in communities in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Input to a framework capturing model forest principles and attributes
- Guidance and input to a manuscript entitled *Biosphere reserves and model forests: a study of two concepts for integrated natural resource management* developed by researchers at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
- Development of posters for the Global Forum, an international gathering of model forests to take place in June of 2008
- Structuring of field visits to the EOMF in connection with the Global Forum
- Administrative support for the IMFN through Mary Humphries, EOMF Administrative Coordinator



3.1 CONSERVING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY – SPECIES AT RISK (SAR) STEWARDSHIP

The EOMF secured funding in the fall of 2007 to undertake a suite of three Species at Risk (SAR) projects aimed at improving SAR stewardship in eastern Ontario. Funded by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources under the Species at Risk Stewardship Fund, the projects have contributed to an

enhanced awareness surrounding Species at Risk in eastern Ontario (including their importance and location on the landscape), and have elicited enhanced levels of participation in SAR stewardship efforts. Each of the projects is described below.

An Integrated Outreach and Education Program on Species at Risk in Eastern Ontario

The EOMF was fortunate to bring Heather Lunn on staff to oversee this project, a grassroots effort designed to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to SAR and to encourage engagement in SAR stewardship efforts. Given the long history of landowner rights issues and mistrust of government in general in eastern Ontario, the project has provided a unique opportunity to shape attitudes and perceptions surrounding SAR stewardship and protection activities.



The key deliverables of the project – in the form of a suite of SAR presentation modules and a plain language guidebook to SAR in eastern Ontario – have reached audiences ranging from private landowners and service clubs to school groups and stewardship interest groups. The presentation modules (including accompanying handouts) and the guidebook have been added to the suite of materials available under the Caring for Your Land workshop series developed by the EOMF and its partners (coming soon to the EOMF website).

Eastern Ontario Species at Risk Data Mining Project

Elysia Brunet and Rick Marcantonio joined the EOMF staff group in November, working as a team to oversee this project which involved collecting previously recorded SAR observations that had not been submitted to the Natural Heritage Information Centre's (NHIC) Biotics Database. Currently, NHIC's Biotics Database is the principal source for SAR information in Ontario and is used as a tool in the municipal planning process to identify sensitive features on the landscape.



Using the EOMF's network of partners, the team contacted over 56 organizations and individuals ranging from conservation authorities and municipalities to naturalist clubs and university researchers. The team recorded a total of 1,828 new observations capturing 210 different species. Of these observations, there were no records in the current NHIC database for 117 of these species within the EOMF. These results will be subject to verification and quality assessment by NHIC, before they are entered into the Biotics Database.

The team also developed guidelines for collecting and managing SAR information that was delivered to each project partner. The guidelines include: a step-by-step description of the procedures; a database template; a glossary; and, a description of critical information needed for each observation. These guidelines were developed to improve SAR data collection and management and to encourage the submission of SAR observations to the NHIC. You, too, can help by submitting your SAR observations online to the NHIC at: http://nhic.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/nhic/species/species_report.cfm.

Fine-Scale Mapping for the Identification of Stewardship Opportunities for Species at Risk in Eastern Ontario

Under the guidance of an EOMF partner-based expert steering committee, the consulting firm Spatialworks was contracted to develop a seamless digital layer of Ecological Land Classification (ELC) information and to map a series of SAR habitats derived from models developed by the EOMF partnership. Development of the spatial input layers and final seamless layer was completed following a methodology developed under the National Agri-Environmental Standards Initiative's biodiversity-themed project, and piloted in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.



The new SAR ecosite-based land cover layers developed under this project represent a significant step in bringing together a wide array of natural and anthropogenic land cover data to provide a single integrated context layer for habitat mapping and modeling.

The information from this project will support SAR stewardship efforts by:

- identifying best bets for locating species at risk
- flagging potential habitat for Environmental Impact Assessments in the municipal planning process
- supporting project-based and landscape-based recovery planning
- supporting restoration efforts by identifying potential locations of important habitats

All processes used to create the layers are documented and repeatable, facilitating future updating of the complete layer as new input layers become available (e.g., updated FRI, wetland data, agricultural classification data, ELC field data).

The subsequent uses of a seamless digital ELC layer in eastern Ontario are numerous and will aid greatly in the day-to-day planning and managing of our natural resources.

Eastern Ontario Model Forest Award Recipients



*Eastern Ontario Forest Group
Recipients
of the
Eastern Ontario Model Forest Environmental Award*

The Eastern Ontario Model Forest Environmental Award recognizes graduating students who have demonstrated a continued commitment to the environment through volunteer activity in the community.

- 2003 Stacie Down, *North Grenville District High School*
Andrew Bennett, *St. Michael Catholic High School*
- 2004 Scott Billings, *North Grenville District High School*
Chantal Quesnel, *St. Michael Catholic High School*
- 2005 Alyxander Holden, *North Grenville District High School*
Emily Bradburn, *St. Michael Catholic High School*
- 2006 Nick Barnum, *North Grenville District High School*
Alex Quesnel, *St. Michael Catholic High School*
- 2007 Jeremy Ross, *North Grenville District High School*
Jeri Shaw, *St. Michael Catholic High School*
- 2008 Tory McShane, *North Grenville District High School*
Alexandra Bradburn, *St. Michael Catholic High School*

Eastern Ontario Model Forest Award Recipients



*Eastern Ontario Forest Group
Honourary Members & Recipients
of the
Ross Silversides Forestry Award*

Honourary members and recipients of the Ross Silversides Forestry Award are identified by the Board of Directors for their outstanding contribution to forestry in eastern Ontario or as past or present residents who have made a major contribution to forestry elsewhere in the world.

1993	C. Ross Silversides, <i>Maitland, Ontario (Honourary)</i>
1994	Bess Silversides, <i>Maitland, Ontario (Honourary)</i>
1994	Ernest M. Kaientaronkwen Benedict, <i>Akwesasne</i>
1995	Teharonianeken, Chief Jake Swamp, <i>Akwesasne</i>
1996	Ewan Caldwell, <i>Rockcliffe Park, Ontario</i>
1996	Ferdinand LaRose, <i>Bourget, Ontario</i>
1996	Françoise LaBelle, <i>St. Bruno Quebec (Honourary)</i>
1998	Sandra S. Lawn, <i>Prescott, Ontario</i>
1999	William K. "Old Bill" Fullerton, <i>Manotick, Ontario</i>
2000	Jim Cayford, <i>Barrhaven, Ontario</i>
2001	George Fowler, <i>Iroquois, Ontario</i>
2001	Henry Atsienhanonne Arquette, <i>Akwesasne</i>
2002	John Kerr-Wilson, <i>Ompah, Ontario</i>
2003	Ray & Ruth Fortune, <i>Almonte, Ontario</i>
2004	Wayne D. Young, <i>Cornwall, Ontario</i>
2005	Peter M. Murray, <i>Gananoque, Ontario</i>
2006	F. Henry Lickers, <i>Akwesasne</i>
2007	Edwin H. White, <i>Marcellus, New York</i>
2007	Brian A. Barkley, <i>Elma, Ontario</i>
2008	Richard David, <i>Akwesasne</i>



*Eastern Ontario Forest Group
Recipients
of the
Heartwood Award*

The Heartwood Award is presented in recognition of an individual or group who has made an exceptional volunteer contribution to the Eastern Ontario Model Forest.

2005	Sally Hamilton, <i>Kemptville, Ontario</i>
2006	John P. Wilson, <i>Kemptville, Ontario</i>
2007	Tony Bull, <i>Ottawa, Ontario</i>
2008	Jim Gilmour, <i>Watson's Corners, Ontario</i>



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Canadian Food Inspection Agency
Canadian Forest Service
Canadian Forestry Association
Canadian Institute of Forestry
Canadian Lumbermen's Association
Canadian Model Forest Network
 Clayoquot Forest Communities Program
 Resources North Association
 Foothills Research Institute
 Prince Albert Model Forest
 Manitoba Model Forest
 Northeast Superior Forest Community
 Lake Abitibi Model Forest
 Association des intervenants forestiers des
 Hautes-Laurentides
 Lac-Saint-Jean Model Forest
 Waswanipi Cree Model Forest
 Fundy Model Forest
 Nova Forest Alliance
 Western Newfoundland Model Forest
Canadian Museum of Nature
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

Canadian Wildlife Service
Canadian Wood Fibre Centre
Carleton Place Forest Advisory Committee
Carleton Place Secondary High School
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 Association
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Eastern Ontario Certified Forest Owners
Eastern Ontario Development Program
Eastern Ontario Urban Forest Network
Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network
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 Forest Engineering Research Institute of Canada
 Forest Products Association of Canada
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 Frontenac Stewardship Council
 Fulton's Pancake House and Sugar Bush
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 Ontario Forestry Association
 Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association
 Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
 Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Ontario Ministry of the Environment
 Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
 Ontario Model Forest Network
 Ontario Nature
 Ontario Power Generation
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Queen's University Biological Station
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St. Lawrence Islands National Park
St. Lawrence Parks Commission
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St. Michael Catholic High School
St. Regis Tribal Council
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1000 Islands Forest Farm
Thousand Islands Heritage Conservancy
Thousand Islands Watershed Land Trust

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Town of Perth
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Township of Front of Yonge
Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands
Township of South Dundas
Tree Canada Foundation
Tree of Peace Society
Trees Ontario Foundation
Treeworks and Resource Management
Trent University
TSH
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
United Counties of Prescott and Russell
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University of Calgary
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VA Designs
Valley Heartland Community Futures Economic
Development Corporation
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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members
EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP
Kemptville, Ontario

We have audited the balance sheet of **EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP** as at March 31, 2008, and the statements of changes in net assets and operations for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the group's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the group as at March 31, 2008 and the results of its operations and the changes in net assets for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

WGP PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Authorized to practice public accounting by The
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Kemptville, Ontario
April 22, 2008

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BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31, 2008

ASSETS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 94,466	\$ 62,882
Funding receivable	369,816	160,084
Term deposits	158,712	318,703
Interest receivable	2,520	2,479
GST receivable	<u>9,347</u>	<u>7,470</u>
	634,861	551,618
CAPITAL (Note 1)	<u>6,969</u>	<u>7,643</u>
	<u>\$ 641,830</u>	<u>\$ 559,261</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 122,604	\$ 110,270
Due to/from CMFN	173,245	23,065
Deferred contributions (Note 2)	<u>150,301</u>	<u>232,435</u>
	446,150	365,770
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted net assets	<u>195,680</u>	<u>193,491</u>
	<u>\$ 641,830</u>	<u>\$ 559,261</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended March 31, 2008

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total 2008</u>	<u>Total 2007</u>
Balance beginning of the year	\$ 193,491	\$ 193,491	\$ 258,575
Excess of revenues over expenses	<u>2,189</u>	<u>2,189</u>	<u>(65,084)</u>
Balance, end of the year	<u>\$ 195,680</u>	<u>\$ 195,680</u>	<u>\$ 193,491</u>

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EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP			
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS			
For the year ended March 31, 2008			
	2008	2007	
REVENUES			
New initiatives	\$ 153,335	\$ 47,677	
Contributions from partners	683,877	292,409	
Federal contribution funding	295,002	475,000	
Network Communications	-	227,000	
Network Strategic Activities	-	17,400	
Habitat Biodiversity - Environment Canada & Agri-Food Canada	95,000	390,000	
Memberships	5,079	5,654	
Other income	60,655	27,172	
Interest income	10,024	16,551	
Beyond the Boundaries Transfer Extension	-	49,191	
Charitable donations	50	3,550	
Provincial	25,569	5,191	
	<u>1,328,591</u>	<u>1,556,795</u>	
EXPENDITURES			
EOFG Projects (Sch. 1)	\$ 180,114	983,187	
Supplementary Projects (Sch. 2)	957,782	394,468	
Salaries and benefits	133,112	191,436	
Directors travel and other costs	3,794	7,570	
Office and other	22,070	21,318	
Staff travel	8,539	8,336	
Meetings	14,339	7,546	
Professional fees	4,910	6,413	
Amortization	1,742	1,618	
Fund reallocation	-	(13)	
	<u>1,326,402</u>	<u>1,621,879</u>	
	2,189	(65,084)	
OTHER DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 3)			
Contributions	456,306	645,735	
Expenses	(456,306)	(645,735)	
	-	-	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES (EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES)	\$ 2,189	\$ (65,084)	

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SCHEDULE OF EASTERN ONTARIO MODEL FOREST PROJECTS				
(Schedule 1)				
For the year ended March 31, 2008				
Project	Title	2008 Budget (unaudited)	2008	2007
1.1/02	Landowner Workshop Series	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,800
1.2/02	Demo Forest Initiative	-	-	4,800
1.3/02	Web Enabled Forest Mgmt. Tool	-	-	3,005
1.4/02	Eastern Ont. Urban Forest Network	-	-	1,200
1.5/02	Non-Timber Revenue Opportunities	-	-	2,400
1.6/02	Timber Prod. Revenue Opportunities	-	-	2,400
1.7/02	Sustainable Forest Certificate Init.	-	-	59,633
1.8/02	Landowner Education	-	-	45,405
1.9/02	Recognition Program	-	-	599
1.11/03	Science Management	-	-	600
1.12/03	Biodiversity Indicators Owners	-	-	2,400
2.1/02	Sustainable Forest Mgmt. Local Gov	-	-	7,200
2.2/02	Desired Future Forest Pilot Project	-	-	5,400
2.5/02	Community/Private Former Agreement Areas	-	-	2,400
2.6/02	Criteria & Indicators/State of Forest	-	-	45,375
Habitat Biodiversity - Environment Canada & Agri-Food Canada				
2.9-1/05	Licenses	-	-	13,078
2.9-4/05	Workshops	-	-	15,800
2.9-5/05	Report & Presentation	-	-	6,450
2.9-6/06	EOFG Pilot Team	-	-	155,035
2.9-7/06	PVA Team	-	-	129,058
2.9-8/06	Quebec Pilot Team	-	-	24,547
2.9-9/06	PEI Pilot Team	-	-	24,800
2.9-10/06	Okanagan Pilot Team	-	-	27,136
2.9-11/06	Validation Contracts	-	-	7,909
2.9-12/06	Travel Expenses	-	-	21,516
		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 612,946</u>


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(Schedule 1)
For the year ended March 31, 2008

Project	Title	2008 Budget (unaudited)	2008	2007
BALANCE FORWARD				
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 612,946
3.1/02	Communication and Outreach Plan	-	-	66,683
3.1/07	Stewardship Planning Atlas	6,588	6,588	-
3.2/07	Sustainable Forest Certification	53,681	53,681	-
3.2/04	EOFG Translation	-	-	12,600
3.3/07	Landowner Education	2,328	2,328	-
3.4/07	Local Experiences in Municipal Forestry	2,574	2,574	-
3.5/07	Monitoring and Reporting on the State of the Eastern Ontario Forest	11,736	11,736	-
3.6/07	Communications and Outreach	24,586	24,586	-
3.7/07	Equity Generation	18,507	18,507	-
		<u>120,000</u>	<u>120,000</u>	<u>79,283</u>
4.0/05	Network Communication	-	-	227,000
4.1/02	Exchange SFM Beyond Boundaries	-	-	6,000
4.2/02	Web Site Use Beyond Boundaries	-	-	13,200
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>246,200</u>
5.1/02	Equity Generation	-	-	9,600
5.2/02	Akwesasne Partnership	-	-	44,000
5.3/04	Analysis and Evaluation	-	-	2,400
5.20/07	C&L Sustainable Forest Management	-	-	4,800
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,800</u>
		<u>120,000</u>	<u>120,000</u>	<u>999,229</u>

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SCHEDULE OF EASTERN ONTARIO MODEL FOREST PROJECTS
(Schedule 1)
For the year ended March 31, 2008

Project	Title	2008 Budget (unaudited)	2008	2007
BALANCE FORWARD				
		\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 999,229
FCP/07-1.1	Transitioning to Biobased community	20,000	20,000	-
FCP/07-1.2	Advancing Forest Cert in Communities	20,000	20,000	-
FCP/07-2.1	Framework for Forest Sector Analysis & Response	5,000	5,000	-
FCP/07-2.2	EG&S pilot	5,000	5,001	-
FCP/07-3.1	Comm Mentoring & Equity Dev	5,000	5,000	-
FCP/07-3.2	Capacity to communicate	10,000	10,000	-
FCP/07-3.3	FCP Ambassador	5,000	5,000	-
		<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,001</u>	<u>-</u>
		190,000	190,001	999,229
	Less: GST recoverable	-	(9,887)	(16,042)
	TOTAL EXPENSE - EOFG PROJECTS	<u>\$ 190,000</u>	<u>\$ 180,114</u>	<u>\$ 983,187</u>

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SCHEDULE OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS				
(Schedule 2)				
For the year ended March 31, 2008				
Project	Title	2008 Budget (unaudited)	2008	2007
EOFG06/18	GEO Info	\$ 22,888	\$ 22,888	\$ 28,395
EOFG07/22	Christmas Seminar	2,644	2,644	2,496
EOFG07/12	Cell Pulp and Paper	7,575	7,575	-
EOFG07/06	Species at Risk	122,722	122,722	-
EOFG07/10	NRC Sustainable Communications	7,033	7,033	-
EOFG07/28	Wood Centre Market	31,602	31,602	-
EOFG98/33	GIS Data	388	388	-
EOFG98/38	Tour Revenue	219	219	-
EOFG98/39	Woodlot Day	10,193	10,193	5,638
EOFG98/41	Forestry Fair	2,874	2,874	5,210
EOFG07/15	Invasive Alien Species Partnership program	35,826	35,826	-
EOFG07/19	Hybrid Poplar Plant	4,932	4,932	-
EOFG07/16	Environment Canada	56,082	56,082	-
EOFG06/31	Site Recovery Strategy	-	-	3,402
EOFG8/34	Irnp Marketing	5,250	5,250	-
EOFG00/03	EOFG Tech Support	-	-	3,685
EOFG03/7	Adapt Vapor Compression	-	-	1,933
EOFG06/52	Bio-Reserve	3,000	3,000	-
EOFG07/11	LCSC Tech	16,520	16,520	-
EOFG07/93	Cert Renewal fund	87,721	87,721	-
EOFG07/94	Invasive Alien Species	74,429	74,429	-
EOFG07/95	Maple Grades Concepts	884	884	-
EOFG01/8	Intern National Forest Strategy	-	-	21,462
EOFG06/17	Memory Mike W. Educ	4,536	4,536	1,000
EOFG07/56	NASEI	95,000	95,000	-
EOFG06/4	Capacity Building Sweden Model	-	-	40,680
EOFG01/23	Design Installation Tubing Recovery	-	-	5,271
EOFG07/1	GEO Connections Stewardship Plan	93,068	93,068	10,600
EOFG01/30	Capacity Woodlots	83,816	83,816	12,667
EOFG03/36	EOFG Event	689	689	115
EOFG01/49	Enhanced Aboriginal Initiative Mig.	-	-	572
EOFG01/27	Review N. America Maple Manual	-	-	4,036
EOFG04/58	Trees for Peace	17,626	17,626	13,287
EOFG02/54	EOFG Equipment	269	269	2,883
EOFG03/55	Invasive Exotics	-	-	2,381
		<u>\$ 787,786</u>	<u>\$ 787,786</u>	<u>\$ 165,713</u>

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SCHEDULE OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS				
(Schedule 2) Cont'd				
For the year ended March 31, 2008				
Project	Title	2008 Budget (unaudited)	2008	2007
BALANCE FORWARD				
		<u>\$ 787,786</u>	<u>\$ 787,786</u>	<u>\$ 165,713</u>
EOFG02/62	EOFG Workshops	-	-	-
EOFG04/84	Pilot Study - Charlotte	85	85	13,258
EOFG02/68	MF EOFG Comm. Network Travel	-	-	525
EOFG05/73	Wood Centre Engineering Implementation Team	-	-	2,860
EOFG03/71	Forest Health Workshops	103,307	103,307	34,469
EOFG03/74	Mississippi River Inform.Mgmt.Sys.	27,882	27,882	26,714
EOFG03/78	EOFG Publications	-	-	125
EOFG05/14	Cert. Home Depot	7,113	7,113	5,229
EOFG06/92	Valley Heartland Project	-	-	381
EOFG07/21	Species at Risk Outreach & Ed	-	-	25,362
EOFG05/86	Wetland Cycle	25,363	25,363	-
EOFG05/90	EOFG/LAMF UNIV	1,086	1,086	1,664
EOFG05/91	Cert. Supplementary Project	-	-	4,964
		<u>5,160</u>	<u>5,160</u>	<u>113,204</u>
		<u>169,996</u>	<u>169,996</u>	<u>228,753</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE - SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS				
		<u>\$ 957,782</u>	<u>\$ 957,782</u>	<u>\$ 394,468</u>

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES	
For the year ended March 31, 2008	
GENERAL	
The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Because a precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of financial statements for a period necessarily involves the use of estimates and approximations which have been made using careful judgment. The more significant accounting policies are as follows:	
FAIR MARKET VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS	
The group's financial instruments consist of cash, term deposits, amounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the corporation is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair market value of the current financial instruments approximate their carrying value because of the relatively short period to maturity of the instruments.	
REVENUE RECOGNITION	
The Eastern Ontario Forest Group follows the deferral method for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.	
CAPITAL ASSETS	
Eastern Ontario Forest Group capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized in the accounts on the diminishing balance basis. Capital assets purchased with project funds amounted to \$2,237 in 2008 (\$1,135 in 2007) and are recorded at cost and amortized straight line over two (2) years for computer hardware and over five (5) years for furniture and equipment.	
NATURE OF BUSINESS	
The Group was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation, without share capital on October 13, 1992, under the laws of Ontario. The organization received its charitable status from the Canada Revenue Agency on April 1, 1999. The Group is dedicated to championing the concept and practice of sustainable forestry for all its values in Eastern Ontario and beyond through the cooperative efforts of its residents and supporters. The Eastern Ontario Forest Group belongs to the Canadian Model Forest Network with over 11 sites located across Canada. The Federal Government, through the Canadian Forest Service has provided funding of 2.475 million dollars to the Eastern Ontario Forest Group over a five year period that ended 2007. The existing contribution agreement was extended six months after the 2007 year and till October 2007. The Canadian Forest Service has approved the strategic plan associated funding for up to 1.475 million dollars to support the organization for a five year period ending in 2012 under the Forest Communities Program.	
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EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP				
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS				
For the year ended March 31, 2008				
1. CAPITAL ASSETS				
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2008	Net 2007
Furniture and equipment	\$ 89,416	\$ 82,447	\$ 6,969	\$ 7,643
2. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS				
Deferred contributions represent unspent resources restricted by agreement for specific purposes received in the current period that is related to a subsequent period. Changes in the deferred contributions balance are as follows:				
	2008	2007		
Beginning balance, related to supplementary funding		\$ 232,435	\$ 288,503	
Less: Amount recognized as revenue in the year		(232,435)	(288,503)	
Add: Amount received related to the following year		<u>150,301</u>	<u>232,435</u>	
Ending balance, related to supplementary funding		\$ 150,301	\$ 232,435	
3. OTHER DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS				
Included in the statement of operations is \$456,306 (2007 - \$645,735) representing the estimated fair value of contribution of services and materials as declared by the partners. These services and materials are recorded at fair value as if the Eastern Ontario Forest Group would normally have to pay for the services donated.				
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