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The Eastern Ontario Model Forest (EOMF) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization devoted to the people and the forests of eastern Ontario. The EOMF champions the belief that we all have a stake in ensuring that the environmental, economic, cultural and social values of eastern Ontario's forests are maintained for the benefit of all, now and in the future.

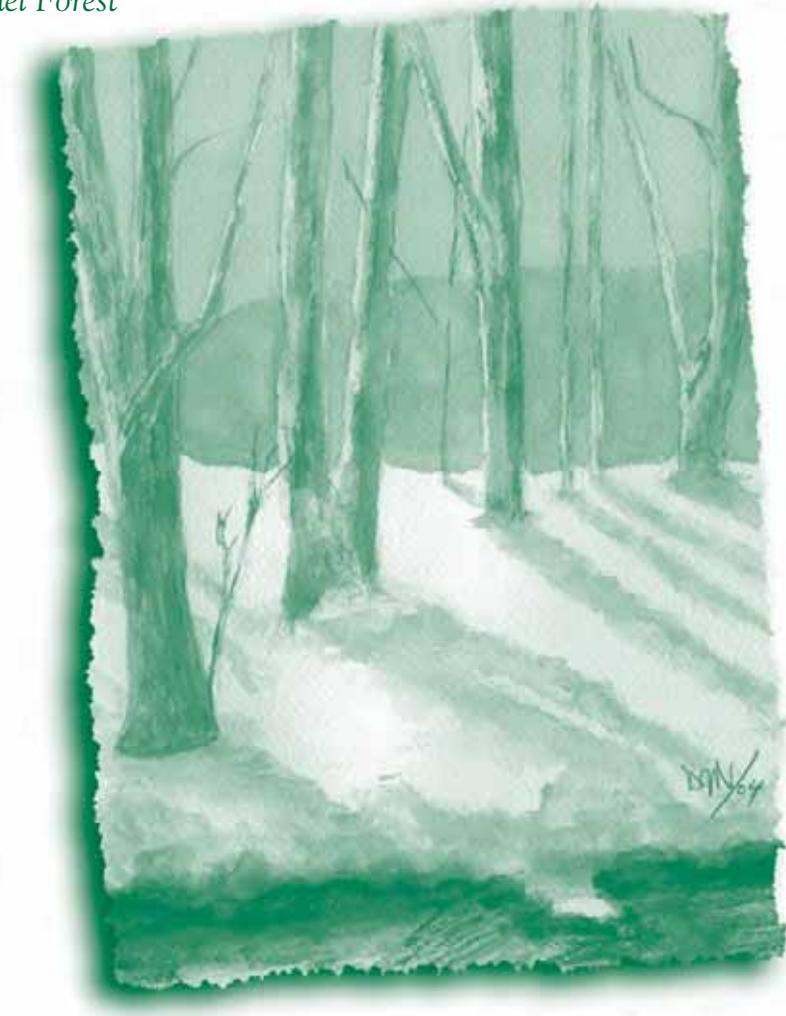
As part of the 11-member Canadian Model Forest Network, the EOMF works with government, landowners, industry, First Nations and other stakeholders to develop new ways to sustain and manage our forest resources.



Dave Neave is the past president of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest and the current interim general manager of the Canadian Model Forest Network. He has worked in conservation and natural resource management for over 40 years. Dave enjoys painting landscapes and familiar woodland scenes in watercolour as a hobby. Many of his images are inspired from his time spent exploring the natural areas of eastern Ontario.

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Message from the President*Moving Forward – Embracing New Challenges*

As I sit to reflect on this past year and the challenges we faced, my mind keeps drifting over the past 15 years and the many challenges faced by Eastern Ontario Model Forest in the beginning in 1992. We were a young organization with a dedicated president in John Kerr-Wilson, a knowledgeable and dedicated general manager in Brian Barkley, a board that was up to the challenge, and a staff that met those challenges head-on, as was the case with the ice storm in 1998. Ray Fortune and Dave Neave, the two presidents to follow John, were equally determined to steer this organization as a leader in sustainable forest management in eastern Ontario: to take it further in becoming more self-sufficient; to be a partner in the creation of a Canadian Model Forest Network; to bring forest certification to private landowners; and to strengthen our partnerships. These partnerships have made the Eastern Ontario Model Forest what it is today.

I would be remiss in not mentioning the creation of the Canadian Model Forest Network, of which the Eastern Ontario Model Forest is a key member. Our past presidents were instrumental in establishing this network, with Dave Neave taking on the responsibility most recently of serving as interim general manager. Well done, Dave.

Now, as my mind drifts back to the present, I must admit that this has been a challenging year and, yet, a rewarding year for staff and board members. Challenging in that the Phase III (2002-2007) agreement with the Canadian Forest Service has come to an end and much time was spent with our partners submitting a new proposal to the CFS under the new Forest Communities Program; rewarding, as illustrated by all of the accomplishments of model forest staff and partners, as reported between these covers presented to you.

Moving forward I foresee many challenges for the Eastern Ontario Model Forest, but I feel that we are well positioned to respond to them. These challenges will come in the form of becoming more self-sufficient, exploring options for new bioproducts using low-grade wood fibre, moving forward with affordable forest certification for private landowners, and addressing concerns surrounding source water protection, invasive species and, of course, climate change, just to name a few. The Eastern Ontario Model Forest cannot meet these challenges alone and will be working closely with partners to move many important yard sticks.

I must thank my fellow board members for their support and wisdom over the course of the past year. Thank you so much to the dedicated staff who keeps our programs moving forward. And last, but not least, thank you to our partners and the many volunteers who are the Eastern Ontario Model Forest.

Jim McCready
President
Eastern Ontario Model Forest



General Manager's Report

Celebrating a Successful End and a New Beginning

The past 12 months have been characterized by a mix of exciting challenges, changes, achievements and occasional obstacles. After 15 years, the Canadian Model Forest Network (CMFN) has now formed its own incorporated independent organization to carry on work done previously by a secretariat staff housed within the Canadian Forest Service (CFS). Supported by all model forests and the CFS, it is expected that this structure will be more effective in building partnerships and support with other agencies and government departments that could benefit from using the highly effective approach of model forests in addressing issues of sustainability on the landscape. Our model forest has devoted considerable resources in establishing the new CMFN entity and provides ongoing support:

- Director Dave Neave stepped down as our president to become the interim general manager of the CMFN.
- Our president, Jim McCready, and vice-president, Achille Drouin, represented us in CMFN board meetings and discussions.
- Mary Humphries provided important support in handling finances and other key administrative activities.
- Brian Barkley and Elizabeth Holmes played key roles on the Marketing and Alliances Team which laid the basis for key communications and equity-raising functions.

As the model forest located closest to Ottawa, we have some advantage and perhaps a greater obligation than other model forests to provide this support. We have clearly seen this over the years in our work with the International Model Forest Network Secretariat (IMFNS). The IMFNS itself has also gone through some transformation and is now based within the CFS after a number of successful years at the International Development Research Centre.

We have continued our contributions at the international level, with our partners having passionately showcased their work to visitors from Russia, Latin America and, most notably, Sweden. The capacity building initiative with Sweden, led by the EOMF, has also involved Lake Abitibi, Fundy and Prince Albert model forests in exchanging ideas and approaches with three model forest sites under development in Sweden. One very exciting achievement of this effort has been to help in the rapid development of a fourth model forest site in southern Sweden. The area around Kristianstadt has many similarities to southern Ontario and offers the potential for long-term partnership between our two areas. Our approach to international connections is helping to define how the CMFN will handle future relationships and demonstrates the power of networks, where the best of several sites can be drawn together to provide an impressive pool of expertise.

Closer to home we continued to work with our neighbours in the United States. We responded to an invitation to share our model forest experience with a group working to develop a partnership program in Florida. We now have a memorandum of understanding with the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) in Syracuse

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Forest Intern



to further our cooperation in New York State, and we continue to benefit with ongoing exchanges of information. For example, we benefited from SUNY-ESF's knowledge of bioproducts as work advanced with our partners on developing a leading-edge eco-industrial wood centre complex in the Township of Edwardsburgh/ Cardinal.

In the final year of our five-year contribution agreement under the Canadian Model Forest Program the focus has been on wrapping up a number of ongoing project areas. This has included areas of collaboration with Lake Abitibi Model Forest where, together as the Ontario Model Forest Network, we worked to develop a clearer picture of Ontario's activities in support of the National Forest Strategy. Other major accomplishments include: the completion of a new guide to sustainable sugarbush management spearheaded by Mark Richardson; continued growth of the EOMF Forest Certification Program under Scott Davis and Martha Copestake; State of the Forest reporting to several hundred subscribers by Mark Rowsell; and a highly successful series of events ranging from the premier log and lumber auction in Ontario to the one of the best-attended Christmas Forest seminars in recent years. Many activities, such as the workshop on valuing ecological goods and services supported through the Private Woodlot Strategic Initiative, have set the stage for new beginnings as agencies look for better ways to secure long-term sustainability of important forest values such as clean water, clean air and healthy ecosystems.

The blueprint for our new beginnings – entitled “Strengthening Roots in Our Communities” – was submitted last fall to the Forest Communities Program (FCP). Seeing this as an important investment in the future, we drew upon our financial reserve to develop a high quality proposal document. The creation of this strategy began nearly two years ago; it builds upon our program evaluation and has been well supported by our many partners and members including a number of new participants in les Amis de la Forêt la Blanche, l'Agence régionale de mise en valeur des forêts privées outaouaises, and the Stewardship Network of Ontario. Together, everyone has helped to shape a solid program towards our vision of forests for seven generations, characterized by “a sustainable landscape valued by all

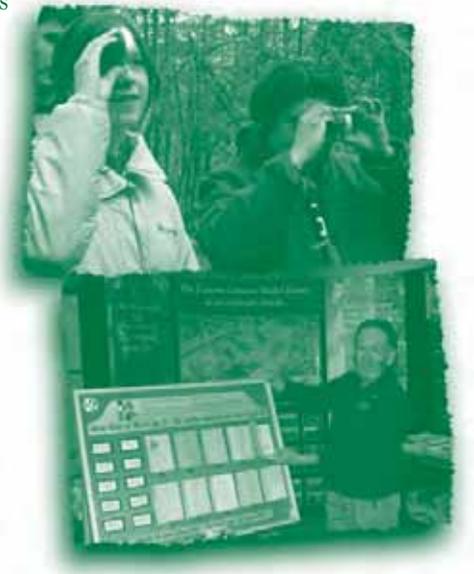
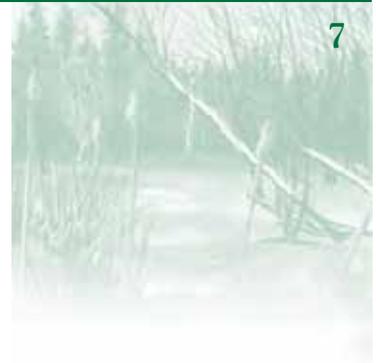


communities”. The 125 letters of support we received have been both informative and inspiring, and we are optimistic that we will be one of the sites selected under the FCP. We have been disappointed in delays in announcing the new program but appreciative of the decision by the CFS to partially extend the existing program and provide some interim financial support.

We would like to thank key members of our team including Greg Moffatt, Mark Richardson and Dave MacNaughtan, who have decided the time is right to pursue some other interests and opportunities. Thank you for your tremendous contributions and the privilege of working with you in the model forest. We also would like to thank our many partners and volunteers for their ongoing support and willingness to help out – often without being asked. Our partners at the Mohawk community of Akwesasne are a fine example of this.

It is fitting that we have our celebration of 15 years of accomplishments taking place at Akwesasne. The Mohawk people have done much to make our model forest successful and are inspiring other communities around the world to do the same through partnerships. We are grateful for their friendship. The late Ross Silversides was instrumental in forming our model forest, and encouraged patience and determination in having our communities work together. I believe that he must be very pleased with what we have all been able to accomplish together. We look forward to beginning the new leg of this important journey.

Brian A. Barkley
General Manager
Eastern Ontario Model Forest



Accomplishments in 2006-07

Rounding Out a Fifteen Year Track Record

As has been the case throughout our fifteen year history, we have continued to make great strides alongside our partners in furthering sustainable forestry efforts, both in eastern Ontario and far beyond. Our many significant accomplishments in 2006-07 are highlighted in the pages that follow.

Pull up a chair and experience for yourself the spirit of the forest that drives the many “good works” (in the words of Henry Lickers, our extraordinary friend and mentor) of our model forest.

Objective 1

Increasing the Health & Quality of Existing Woodlands

1.0 Caring for Your Land Workshop Series

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.1/02)

An updated version of the Climate Change for Woodlot Owners workshop was delivered at the Latornell Symposium in November. A first module of the Wood and Tree Quality Assessment & Evaluation workshop was completed this year. At the request of several partners, the Biodiversity Indicators for Woodlot Owners workshop was translated for delivery to Francophone audiences in the EOMF area.

The Phase II project plan for the Caring for Your Land series was completed. Additional monies are being sought to support the development and delivery of future workshops.

1.1 Demonstration Forest Initiative

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.2/02)

The inventory of the University of Guelph (Kemptonville Campus) Agroforestry Education Centre demonstration woodlot was completed this year. An associated inventory report has been developed, complete with information on tapping potential as well as thinning recommendations. The EOMF participated in the re-opening of the Agroforestry Education Centre in March of this year, and continues to participate as a member of the steering committee struck to direct the future of the Centre.

Thinning descriptions were developed for the Ferguson Forest Centre demonstration area, with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources responsible for implementing the thinning activities.

The EOMF has been a mentor in several landscape-level demonstration initiatives. The EOMF provided support in seeing through to completion the development of a landscape-level demonstration in Prince Edward County. Also, under the auspices of the Lake to Lake Demonstration Initiative, a consultation with partners on increasing the planted area (as directed by the strategic landscape plan for the area) was completed. Funds have been generated to double the planting area, which will further enhance the wildlife corridor connecting Belamy Pond and Irish Lake in Leeds County.



1.2 Online Forest Management Tool

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.3/02)

We have begun to make important steps in realizing our vision of a province-wide mapping tool for management planning. Partnering with the key players in the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP), as well as representatives from other NGOs and municipal government, we developed and submitted a proposal to the GeoConnections “Regional Atlas” funding opportunity provided through Natural Resources Canada. The funding application was successful, and \$83,800 from GeoConnections, in addition to \$24,000 in cash from other partners, was secured to develop the tool.

The tool, now known as the “Stewardship Planning Atlas”, builds on the prototype forest management tool developed with the United Counties of Prescott-Russell, and adds numerous improvements. Based on the need for a simple, accessible online application to create property maps for MFTIP applications, the tool will let landowners and forest consultants locate a property by its roll number, and then digitize property features using advanced drawing tools on top of high quality satellite photography and a rich set of base layers. The user will be able to print the map, and save the map project to a file on his or her computer.

The application will be based on open-source Web mapping technology (a first for the EOMF), and will conform to and make extensive use of the Canadian Geographic Data Infrastructure (CGDI) through distributed data sources, technology and metadata standards, and by promoting the tool through the GeoConnections Discovery Portal.

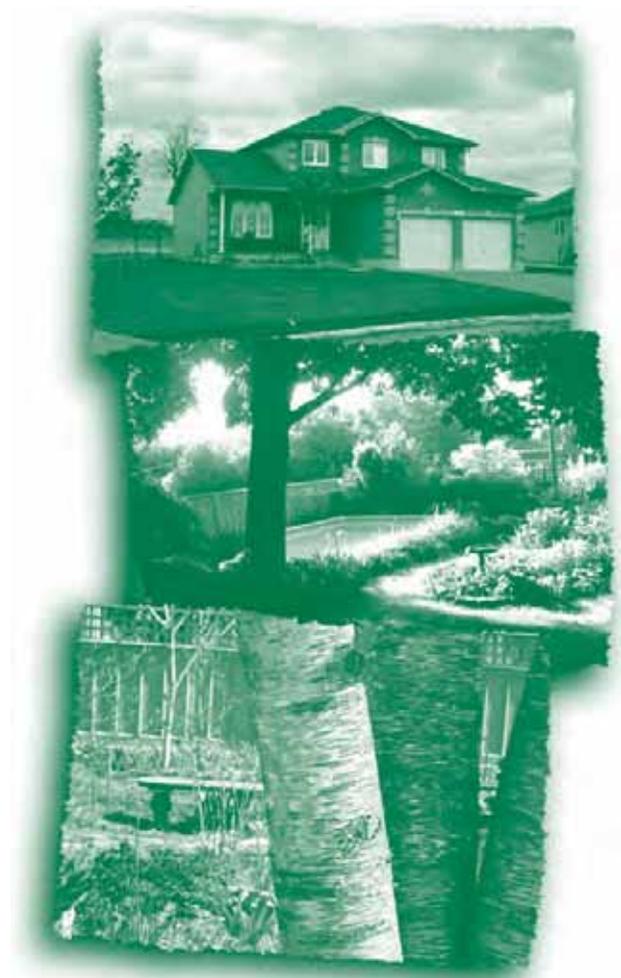
The Stewardship Planning Atlas will be province-wide in scope, and will have many uses beyond MFTIP planning, including applicability to municipal decision-makers, stewardship councils, Conservation Authorities, local interest groups, and others.

1.3 Eastern Ontario Urban Forest Network (EOUFN)

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.4/02)

Under the auspices of the National Forest Strategy, the EOUFN continued to assist with the development of a Canadian Urban Forest Strategy. The EOUFN also continued to work closely with the Ontario Professional Foresters’ Association to better define the functions of urban foresters under the Ontario Professional Foresters’ Act.

Locally, the EOUFN hosted 4 workshops on the benefits of urban trees. The EOUFN participated in the 2006 edition of the Forest Fair of Eastern Ontario, sharing urban forest messages and providing expertise relative to planting, pruning, etc. The EOUFN was also able to rally the support of partners in producing a reprint of the very popular *Guide to Planting Trees for Urban Residents*.





The EOUFN project leader attended the 7th Canadian Urban Forest Conference in Quebec City in October of 2006, representing both the EOMF and the CMFN.

Members of the EOUFN assisted in the coordination and delivery of the annual EOMF/CIF Christmas Forest Seminar held December 12th, 2007 at the University of Guelph (Kemptville Campus). The seminar was themed around urban forests, and explored questions surrounding the values of urban forests, the roles of various levels of government, the complexities of urban forest ecosystems, and the roles of community groups in urban forest management.

Members of the EOUFN also provided expertise in the development of *Community Experiences in Urban Forestry*, which is slated for release in June of this year (see Section 2.0).

1.4 Non-timber Revenue Opportunities

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.5/02)

The EOMF continued to partner with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in the development of a series of agroforestry best management practices (BMP) publications: *Agroforestry Best Management Practices Volume 1: Woodland*; and *Agroforestry Best Management Practices Volume 2: Tree Cover*. Volume 1, as the name suggests, focuses on woodland management. Included in this volume is a comprehensive description of woodland features and function that affect the management decision-making process. Volume 2 focuses on opportunities for landowners to establish trees on open land and integrate them into agricultural practices. Summer 2007 is the target date for release of the final volumes, which will be available in both English and French. The EOMF was instrumental also in assisting with translation support.



The EOMF also played the lead role in coordinating the Ontario workshop on valuing ecological goods and services (VEG&S) from the forest – part of a nation-wide series of workshops on VEG&S sponsored by the Canadian Model Forest Network and the Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners. Held in Peterborough, the workshop was attended by more than 60 people representing a broad cross-section of forest interests (landowners, scientists, academia, government and non-government organizations and agencies). The workshop report is being finalized for distribution in the coming weeks.

1.5 Timber Product Revenue Opportunities

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.6/02)

The EOMF *Code of Forestry Practice*, first published in the early 1990s, has proven one of the most popular publications generated by the model forest and its partners. It has been used extensively by academic institutions (such as Sir Sandford Fleming College and Algonquin College) in support of core course curriculum, as well as by landowners and forest practitioners. Over time it became apparent that the publication

could be further enhanced by adding new sections to address emerging concerns such as invasive species, species at risk, climate change and so on.

With input and guidance from partners, the EOMF has produced a revised Code of Forestry Practice. New sections include updated practical information pertaining to woodlands, wetlands and agricultural areas. As this is being written, the Code is being finalized for production in hard copy format.

A draft discussion paper on woodlot economics for private landowners was also initiated under the auspices of this project, but as work progressed the logic in incorporating the topic into the fore-mentioned Code became obvious. The topic of woodlot economics is also addressed in our newly-completed Wood and Tree Quality Assessment & Evaluation course-in-a-box, as well as in the series of agroforestry BMP manuals described under Section 1.4 of this report.

1.6 Sustainable Forest Certification Initiative

WORK PLAN PROJECT (WORK PLAN 1.7/02)

The list of accomplishments under the Sustainable Forest Certification Initiative continued to multiply at breakneck speed in 2006-07. Some highlights follow.

Growing the Certified Pool:

- Larose Forest, a 10,500-hectare community forest, was certified under the EOMF program through the 2006 SmartWood annual surveillance audit.
- A MOU was signed with the Stormont Dundas & Glengarry Certified Forest Owners Inc. (SD&G CFO), formally including this landowner organization in the certification program.
- The Town of Oakville became certified under the EOMF umbrella; it represents the first urban forest in Canada to be certified according to the principles and criteria of the Forest Stewardship Council of Canada (FSC).
- The Croskery woodlot – the site of the 2007 International Plowing Match – was certified.
- A MOU was signed with local forest managers offering services for participating FSC-certified forest owners.
- EOMF met with National Capital Commission staff to discuss inclusion of NCC lands in the EOMF pool; EOMF also met with the City of Ottawa to discuss the inclusion of city lands in the EOMF pool.
- An industrial MOU was signed with Smurfit-Stone to receive EOMF FSC-certified pulp.
- EOMF helped to promote chain of custody certification amongst local value-added sawmills in eastern Ontario.

Reporting requirements for the Home Depot Foundation funding agreement (\$25,000 U.S.) and the Valley Heartland Community Futures Development Corporation funding agreement (\$25,500) were completed this year. We also completed commitments under our two-year funding proposal through the Metcalf Foundation entitled “Community Benefits from Forest Certification” – a collaborative effort with FSC Canada.



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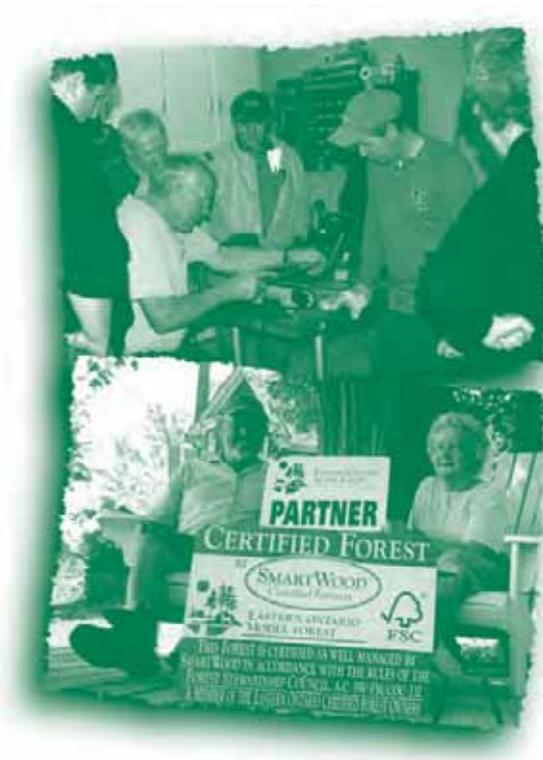


The EOMF certification coordinator also attended the SmartWood auditor training course in Mattawa.

Outreach Through Presentations and Roundtable Discussions:

We continued to build our outreach efforts through various presentations and roundtable discussions on the EOMF certification program – many at the request and invitation of like-minded conservation organizations. Some of these included:

- a presentation to Algonquin College (Pembroke Campus).
- participation in the roundtable discussion of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Standards Development Committee.
- a presentation at the annual meeting of the Ottawa Valley Section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry.
- a presentation at the annual meeting of Ontario's eastern region community forest managers.
- discussions with municipal decision makers at the Ontario East Municipal Conference in Kingston.
- discussions with landowners at the "Sawtech" trade show in Bancroft.
- participation as an exhibitor at "The Art of Being Green" festival in Lanark.
- a presentation to the operators of Camp Woolsley, encouraging the educational camp's inclusion in the certification program.
- a presentation to the planning committee for the United Counties of Prescott & Russell.
- a presentation at the annual meeting of the Ottawa Valley Section of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society.
- a presentation to the Rideau Valley Field Naturalists in Perth.
- a presentation to delegates representing the Latvian Forest Service and Latvian biosphere reserve at Mallorytown Landing.
- discussions at the National Forest Congress in Gatineau.
- participation at the FSC Canada annual meeting in Montreal.
- presentations at the certification training session for the SD&G CFO (and local forest managers) at Sand Road Sugar Camp (51 attendees).
- a presentation at the SD&G CFO annual meeting (52 attendees).
- a presentation at the annual fall meeting of the Ontario community forest managers in Newmarket (63 attendees).
- a presentation to Carleton University's masters class in natural resource management.
- discussions with woodlot owners at the 2007 edition of the Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference.
- a presentation as part of the Grenville Land Stewardship Council lecture series (26 attendees).
- a presentation to the Waterloo & Wellington Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association (21 attendees).



Workshops and Tours:

We coordinated, delivered and participated in over a dozen workshops and tours throughout the year. These included:

- a tour of certified properties involving Ontario's stewardship coordinators.
- a tour of certified properties for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Standards Development Committee.
- a "Spring into the Forest" workshop for landowners in partnership with the Leeds, Lanark, and Grenville Stewardship councils in Toledo (20 attendees).
- a tree identification workshop in Watson's Corners (36 attendees).
- a tour of certified properties involving students participating in an international TRANSFOR exchange (14 attendees).
- a wetland identification workshop in Dunrobin (22 attendees).
- a tour of certified properties involving delegates from Sweden.
- a winter tree identification workshop at the Huszarik woodlot in Almonte (35 attendees).
- the "Fuel from the Fields and Forests" workshop in Renfrew.
- the EOCFO's Annual Maple Day held at Fortune Farms and Temple's sugar bush (18 attendees).
- the EOCFO's annual general meeting in Watson's Corners (76 attendees).
- a workshop on woodlot values held in Perth in partnership with the Ontario Woodlot Association.
- a chainsaw maintenance and safety course held at the Pritchard woodlot in Pakenham.

Communications, Partnerships and Tools for Forest Owners:

- We created a new EOMF certification brochure for forest owners.
- We created a chain of custody brochure for value-added forest product manufacturers.
- We continued discussions with SmartWood and FSC Canada relative to the FSC maple standards.
- The EOMF certification program was featured in FSC Canada's monthly newsletter *Branching Out*.
- A *Guide to Forest Stewardship Council Certification for Community Forests in Ontario* was completed.
- We assisted with the establishment of the Lower Ottawa Valley (LOV) Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association.
- We helped to establish the Southern Ontario Certification Network.
- EOMF certification staff coordinated and attended meetings of the Certification Working Group, as well as board meetings of the Eastern Ontario Certified Forest Owners.
- EOMF certification staff coordinated the log and lumber auction at the 2006 edition of the Forest Fair of Eastern Ontario.



"EOMF's FSC certification bears all the hallmarks of sustainability . . . One of the interesting aspects of the EOMF style is the trust that it has been able to generate with a group of forest owners who have been suspicious of loggers and forest managers in general. EOMF has been able to help this group to understand their forest better, and in so doing has brought some wood to the certified market that would just not be available otherwise."

– TOM CLARK, SMARTWOOD



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“The Eastern Ontario Model Forest has provided many other communities across the country with tangible examples of how to be ‘a forest for seven generations’.”

– ERIC BOYSEN, MANAGER, RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTION/LAND MANAGEMENT SECTION, ONTARIO MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES



1.7 Landowner Education

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.8/02)

The EOMF Project Forester continued to provide expertise and guidance to various landowner-related initiatives and activities (see Sections 1.0, 1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 2.2).

The Project Forester also continued to support beyond-the-boundaries efforts of the EOMF, including having traveled to China to provide expertise in the planting of 200 red maple trees in Three Stones National Park in the northern city of FuShun.

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1.8 Recognition Program

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.9/02)

Through various EOMF awards, and support to other recognition programs, we continued to recognize those making significant and special contributions to sustainable forestry in eastern Ontario. The hope is to motivate others to follow by example. Ed White, former dean of the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at the State University of New York, was named a recipient of the 2007 Ross Silversides Forestry Award, alongside Brian Barkley, the EOMF's driving force and passionate leader. Tony Bull, a landowner and long-time volunteer, was named the 2007 recipient of the HeartWood Award.

A number of EOMF volunteers were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Canadian Model Forest Network at a special evening gala in Ottawa in March of this year. These individuals included: John Kerr-Wilson, Richard David, Jim Cayford, Alf Campbell, Adam Shewchuck, Sally Hamilton, Cathy Nielsen, Lynn Paibomesai, Ray Fortune, Bill Fullerton and Sandra Lawn.

The EOMF also sponsored an environmental recognition award at the Rideau-St. Lawrence Science Fair.

1.9 Science Management

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.11/03)

The Forest Science Committee (FSC) continued to guide science-related efforts of the model forest, with particular emphasis on overseeing tasks related to ongoing state of the forest monitoring and reporting. Preliminary discussions were also initiated with community forest owners regarding the role the FSC might play in supporting science needs and in helping to fill gaps (e.g., silviculture of white pine plantations, guidelines for specific species, defining high conservation value forests, ecological monitoring, etc.).

The FSC chair participated as member of newly-formed bioproducts Technical Advisory Group (coined the “TAG”), providing a science perspective to efforts surrounding the rapidly developing eco-industrial wood centre concept for the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal. Several FSC members also participated in the bioenergy forum held at Clarkson University June 21-23, 2006.

The committee convened three meetings over the course of the year.

1.10 Biodiversity Indicators for Woodland Owners (Observer Network)

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.12/03)

This project, dubbed the “Observer Network”, continued to expand and enhance the capacity for biodiversity monitoring in eastern Ontario. The success of the Observer Network is reflected in, and a result of, the many knowledgeable and skilled landowners (observers) who are willing to give of their time in gathering information on biodiversity in the EOMF.

The results of the project include a set of indicators, standards, and a methodology for observing biodiversity on private land in eastern Ontario, as well as a website that lets users document and track their observations over time.

Over the course of 2006-07, several new observers joined the Network, with 17 registered users on the Observer Network website at this time. In particular, the Eastern Ontario Certified Forest Owners have taken a proactive role as Observer Network members in order to monitor biodiversity on the certified woodlots in the EOMF, in accordance with the requirements of Forest Stewardship Council certification.

Other achievements this year included:

- consolidating all Observer Network publications on a new “Downloads” page on the website (<http://observernetwork.comf.on.ca>);
- integrating a reporting mechanism into the website to allow landowners to quickly view changes in biodiversity on their property over a time span of up to five years; and,
- publishing *Biodiversity and Your Eastern Ontario Woodlot* (EOMF Information Report 60c).



Objective 2

Increasing Forest Cover Across the Landscape

2.0 Sustainable Forest Management in Local Government Plans

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 2.1/02)

Intended as the first in a series of “Community Experiences” volumes pertaining to forestry and natural science, the EOMF this year published *Community Experiences in Urban Forestry*. This volume documents some of the innovative approaches that communities in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence forest region have taken in addressing urban forestry issues. In addition to highlighting a great many success stories (that others can emulate), the hope is that the publication will serve as a means of encouraging greater networking and collaboration amongst community decision makers.

Also under the auspices of this project, the EOMF once again attended the Ontario East Municipal Conference held in Kingston, with the objective of promoting forest certification of municipally-owned community forests. A completely new display was created for the conference highlighting the benefits of certification, along with the principles and criteria of certification under the Forest Stewardship Council.

2.1 Desired Future Forest Condition Pilot Project

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 2.2/02)

Development of local level indicators and State of the Forest Monitoring and Reporting (see Section 2.4) has provided a framework for defining the “desired future forest condition” for our forests in eastern Ontario. The establishment of sustainability thresholds or natural ranges of variation is one step in establishing community-based targets for indicators. It is only through community consultation and an iterative process of assessing various landscape condition scenarios that we can establish targets or at least a desired trend direction for indicators of a sustainable forest landscape.

This year the focus of this project was to provide support to and understand the different components of the National Agri-environmental Standards Initiative (NAESI). NAESI is developing standards/guidelines for biodiversity in an agricultural landscape, and is also conducting scenario analysis to predict how the landscape may change. In an effort to better understand and better communicate NAESI, a process flow diagram outlining each step was created. An EOMF representative attended the NAESI technical meeting in Montreal this year, and also participated in RAMAS (GIS-related) training. The EOMF continued to provide accounting support for NAESI.

2.2 Strategic Planting Initiative (SPI)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

The EOMF continued to partner with local Conservation Authorities and the Trees Ontario Foundation in furthering strategic tree planting efforts initiated under the SPI (funded by Ontario Power Generation). The primary focus in 2006-07 was the tending of trees from the previous planting season. MOUs with several partners will see another round of planting this spring.



2.3 Community & Former Agreement Forest Areas

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 2.5/02)

The EOMF continued to be called upon by partners in providing support to both regional- and provincial-level community forest owner meetings (e.g., agenda development, field tour support, etc.). Jim McCreedy, Scott Davis and Martha Copestake represented the EOMF at the spring 2006 regional meeting at Foley Mountain. Martha Copestake and Martin Streit both presented at the provincial meeting in Newmarket in October of 2006. Scott Davis represented the EOMF at the spring 2007 regional meeting held in Ottawa.

There has also been discussion at the Forest Science Committee table about opportunities for using these meetings as a venue for exchanging ideas and expertise relative to science needs expressed by community forest managers.

2.4 Monitoring & Reporting on the State of Eastern Ontario's Forests (SOF)

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 2.6/02)

It was another active year for the State of Eastern Ontario's Forests (SOF) project. A "New Web Content" page on the State of Eastern Ontario's Forests website was added to allow users to find updated information. The SOF newsletter increased its subscription numbers from 500 to over 700, with 10 issues distributed by electronic means over the course of the year. The newsletter's format was changed to match the look and feel of *Forestry Forum* (the newsletter of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest).

The State of Eastern Ontario's Forests website was again the main mode of communications for the project, attracting 17,632 unique visitors, generating 702,554 hits and prompting over 10 gigabytes of information to be downloaded. Several sections of the website were translated into French, and will be integrated over the course of the next several months. A number of new indicators were completed including volume of primary wood products produced, area of forests certified, number of maple syrup producers, and area of land with Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program plans (along with number of plans in place). Several refinements were made to the introductory chapter of the website including the addition of a section on the soils of eastern Ontario and another on the human geography of eastern Ontario. In addition, the following case studies were added to the website:

- Prescribed Burn: Town of Oakville – Iroquois Shoreline Woods Park;
- History and Success of the Agreement Forest Program in Eastern Ontario: The Evolution of the Community Forest;
- Land Cover/Land Use in Eastern Ontario; and,
- Economy of Eastern Ontario.



2.5 Habitat-Based Biodiversity Standards

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 2.9/05)

The National Agri-environmental Standards Initiative (NAESI) – a program of Environment Canada – has the aim of setting performance standards which define desired environmental outcomes for agriculture. Performance standards are being developed for several environmental theme areas including water, air, pesticides and biodiversity. The EOMF has been facilitating the pilot project in eastern Ontario under the biodiversity theme.

Assistance this year included participating in discussions, providing advice, facilitating data transfer, managing contracts, and communicating results. The EOMF also continued to provide accounting support for the project.

Objective 3

Expanding the Informed, Knowledgeable & Committed Population

3.0 Communications & Outreach Program

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 3.1/02)

The EOMF continued with many important communications and outreach activities throughout 2006-07, reaching a broad audience in eastern Ontario and far beyond. We continue to be looked to by partners as a mentor and an enabler in delivering outreach activities. Some highlights from the year follow.

Education Initiatives:

- The EOMF participated in and gave a presentation on private land forestry issues at the Eastern Canadian Teacher's Tour held at the Canadian Ecology Centre in August of 2006.
- The EOMF was called upon for its expertise as a member of the recently-established Education Alliance for a Sustainable Ontario.
- The EOMF assisted local stewardship coordinators with the delivery of local and regional Envirothon programming in the spring of 2006; in partnership with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Department of the Environment and South Nation Conservation, the EOMF will deliver a forestry training workshop for the May 2007 provincial Envirothon competition.
- The EOMF participated in and provided educational programming for the celebrations surrounding the re-opening of the University of Guelph (Kemptville Campus) Agroforestry Education Centre in March of 2007.



Outreach & Events:

- We participated as an exhibitor at the 2006 edition of the Ottawa Eco-Stewardship Fair.
- EOMF staff and volunteers participated in the Navan Fair Conservation Zone.
- The EOMF continued to facilitate National Forest Week efforts in the National Capital region.
- The 10th edition of the Forest Fair of Eastern Ontario was a great success, with over 2,000 in attendance.
- Sally Hamilton and John P. Wilson represented the EOMF at the Trenton Woodlot Conference in the fall of 2006 along with the EOMF communications coordinator.
- The 2006 edition of the Christmas Forest Seminar themed around urban forest issues proved highly popular, with a record crowd of 120 in attendance.
- The 2007 edition of the Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference was attended by more than 170 local landowners.
- The EOMF participated at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show with a joint display alongside Eco-Think and les Amis de la Forêt la Blanche.

Support to the Canadian Model Forest Network:

- The EOMF assisted the CMFN with the pavilion at the Valuing Nature Conference held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland in July of 2006.
- The EOMF assisted the CMFN in the planning and delivery of several National Forest Congress side events.

Information & Tools:

- EOMF successes were documented as part of our formal self-evaluation (see Section 5.2).
- *Forestry Forum* moved to a seasonal format, with a refurbished look.
- Sixteen press releases were issued, with considerable pick-up in local newspapers.
- A new edition of the Eastern Ontario Outdoor Recreation & Resource Map was produced in the summer of 2006.

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“The EOMF’s open and welcoming approach to working with many partners and sharing of its expertise and information has become a hallmark of its success.”

– BRUCE GARLOUGH, RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP SD&G COUNCIL



Objective 4

Increasing the Strategic Transfer of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Beyond the EOMF

4.0 Exchange of SFM Beyond the Boundaries of the EOMF

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 4.1/02)

We continued to be a forerunner in the realm of exchanging knowledge, experiences and know-how, extending our reach far beyond the boundaries of the EOMF. Some highlights follow.

4.0.1 SOUTHERN ONTARIO/QUEBEC INITIATIVES:

- EOMF maintained a presence at strategic events including the OMNR Southcentral Region Forestry Forum and The Ontario Rural Council (TORC) annual conference and associated forums/meetings of the Environmental Working Group.
- EOMF continued as a member of TORC, and is now a board member and in-coming chair of the Environmental Working Group.
- EOMF was appointed to the founding board of directors for the Stewardship Network of Ontario (SNO).
- EOMF was the Ontario co-chair of the Forest Stewardship Council of Canada initiative to harmonize the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence forest standard for Ontario and Quebec.
 - EOMF gave a presentation to the Guelph-Wellington Men's Club on model forests.
 - EOMF participated in, and hosted the field visit for the province-wide Ontario Stewardship training session.
 - A MOU was established with Forêt la Blanche in western Quebec.



4.0.2 NEW YORK/UNITED STATES INITIATIVES:

Cross-border initiatives with our neighbours to the south have included:

- the establishment of a MOU with the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry;
- exchanges of information on bioproducts strategies;
- support for a cross-border survey of the forest industry in eastern Canada and the northern U.S.;
- participation in energy forums at Clarkson University, and discussions on short rotation forestry involving other partners such as the Ferguson Forest Centre; and,
- presenting the model forest concept, at the invitation of the University of Florida, to a group working to establish a partnership for natural areas in Florida.

4.0.3 ONTARIO MODEL FOREST NETWORK (OMFN)

COLLABORATIONS:

The EOMF continued its close collaboration with Lake Abitibi Model Forest (LAMF) over the past year as the “Ontario Model Forest Network” (OMFN). This included maintaining connections with Ontario universities and other educational institutions so that model forest concepts are incorporated into areas of research and instruction. The OMFN, together with Stewardship Ontario, presented a seminar and hosted a roundtable discussion at the University of Toronto. LAMF has maintained involvement with Lakehead University.

A special area of activity has been the MOU between the OMFN and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR) to guide collaboration concerning the implementation of the National Forest Strategy in Ontario. A report on activities of various signatories was completed this year which, when considered with the OMNR internal review report, provides a clearer picture of Ontario’s broad range of activities in support of the National Forest Strategy.

The OMFN has worked together on the Swedish model forest capacity building initiative and various exchanges with Russia as well.



“In the EOMF we have a partner that shows leadership and clearly demonstrates a coherent, broad-based program and approach to working with communities and the complex interests at play on the landscape. Most recently its work on certification, and its work with indigenous peoples, has been extremely helpful to Russian and Costa Rican delegates seeking insight into Canada’s successes in these areas through the model forest program.”

– PETER BESSEAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
INTERNATIONAL MODEL FOREST NETWORK
SECRETARIAT

4.0.4 CANADIAN MODEL FOREST NETWORK/INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS:

- EOMF participated in the Canadian Model Forest Network (CMFN) meeting in Rimouski, which culminated in the formation of the new CMFN entity; EOMF also delivered a presentation on Ontario’s maple industry at the meeting.
- EOMF hosted the board meeting and annual general meeting of the CMFN in September (which took place in conjunction with the National Forest Congress; EOMF provided assistance with several side events at the Congress).
- EOMF led and assisted with the Marketing and Alliances Team for the new CMFN, establishing the communications and fundraising functions necessary to support future work.
- Under the auspices of the Private Woodlot Strategic Initiative, the EOMF participated in developing a cross-Canada series of workshops on valuing ecological goods and services; EOMF organized the Ontario workshop, and will be disseminating the proceedings in the next several weeks.
- EOMF provided administrative support to the Network Communications initiative and the new CMFN entity.
- EOMF hosted a visit by the Latin American/Caribbean Regional Model Forest Network.
- EOMF provided a briefing to a Latvian delegation studying Canadian biosphere and model forest efforts.
- EOMF hosted a visit by the North American Forestry Commission.
- EOMF participated in the North American Forest Extension Forum held in April; the Association for Natural Resource Professionals has approached the EOMF about partnering in hosting its 2007 forum in southern Ontario.
- EOMF hosted a TRANSFOR (Transatlantic Education for Globally Sustainable Forests) student exchange.
- EOMF played a lead role in assisting with the Swedish model forest capacity building exercise.





4.1 Website Use for Beyond the Boundaries Transfer of SFM

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 4.2/02)

This project includes the development, maintenance, and updating of the EOMF website, as well as a number of the associated project mini-sites. Day-to-day maintenance consists of posting news and events, adding publications to the Publications Catalogue, and cycling new featured items onto the front page of the site.

In 2006-2007, the “Projects and Initiatives” section of the site was enhanced in several ways. There are often requests after workshops and seminars for the presentation materials to be distributed, so a section was added to distribute PowerPoint slide shows and other background material to participants, and to those who weren’t able to attend the presentation.

As well, we added a section called “Information for Landowners” as a place to provide information products to the public. Suitable for shorter, brochure-like material rather than the reports and documents found in the Publication Catalogue, the Information for Landowners section contains the recently-published biodiversity extension notes series, as well as the Private Woodlot Strategic Initiative woodlot primers.

The “Mapping and Information” section was enhanced to showcase two of the EOMF’s map products: the Eastern Ontario Outdoor Recreation & Resource Map, and the Eastern Ontario Forest Stand Map. Both products are available to the public, and the site section gives a full description of the two products, as well as high-resolution samples to download.

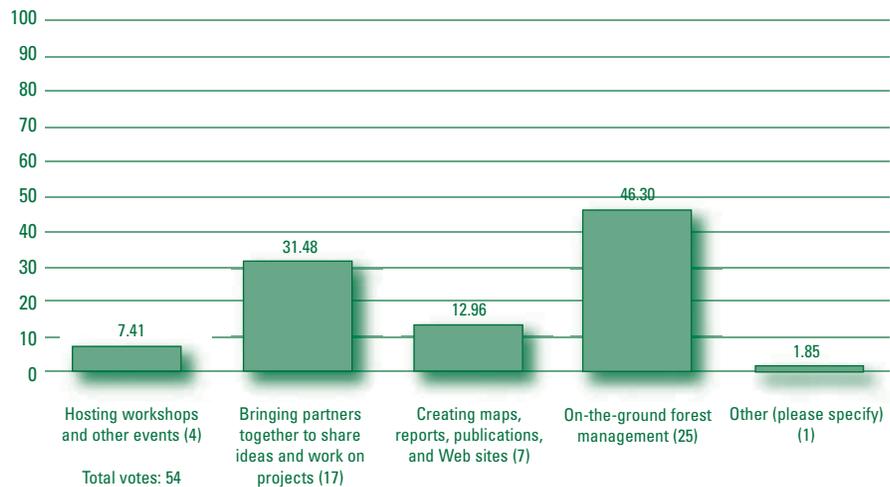
Over the past year, we found that response to our online surveys was slow. Our initial survey on knowledge of the Canadian Model Forest Network was left online for about 10 months and received only 62 responses (54 in English, eight in French). There were a combined total of 1,114 views of the survey in both languages.

We continue to gain new members through the online membership application, and we have responded to many queries through the “Contact Us” e-mail form.

Some statistics for this year:

- Unique visitors: approximately 1,000 from all over the world
- Visits: more than 13,000
- Publications downloads: more than 700
- Event postings: 95

WEB SURVEY RESULTS - What do you think is the most valuable function of the EOMF?



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Objective 5

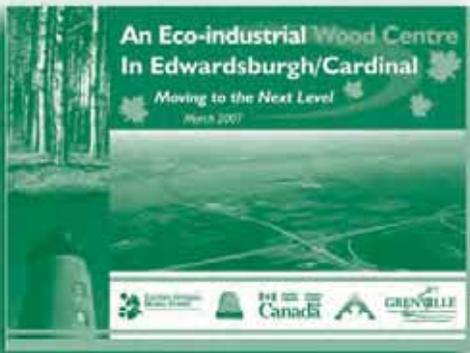
Strengthening Sustainable Forest Management Through Equity Generation, Partnership Building and Program Analysis & Evaluation

5.0 Equity Generation

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 5.1/02)

In the midst of worldwide concern about climate change, sustainable forestry and the environment, the EOMF continues to succeed in its on the ground approach to leading-edge science and collaboration with the best minds. As Henry Lickers states, “Knowledge is powerful, but only when it is shared.”

As the world undertakes a transition to a bio-based economy, the EOMF, led by the Equity Committee, with our major partner, the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, and with support from Industry Canada/FedNor’s Eastern Ontario Development Program of the Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation, we have moved vigorously to the next stage of the furthering the eco-industrial wood centre concept. The most tangible accomplishment of 2006-2007 culminated in the publishing of *An Eco-industrial Wood Centre in Edwardsburgh/Cardinal: Moving to the Next Level*, March 2007. This focus on the economic values of the forest is linked directly to the efforts of the teams working on certification of our private and community forests.



Other accomplishments included the establishment of a Task Force for Action made up of a Steering Committee and a Technical Advisory Group with responsibility for ensuring the viability and marketability of the eco-industrial wood centre. The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) brought together new and potent partners such as Dr. Tat Smith, dean of the faculty of forestry at the University of Toronto and Sandra Crocker, associate vice-principal at Queen’s University.

Two technical reports were presented at Discovery IV on February 23, 2007, along with the business case for the wood centre.

The integration of biotechnology, science, academic and business spheres was continually enhanced – capitalizing on the many academic, research and industry partners of the EOMF and, in particular, on the MOU between the EOMF and the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry as it pertains to forest products and bioenergy from wood.

The updating of 1978 forest cover information for Grenville County was not funded but continues to be recognized as an essential ingredient for success of these concepts.



The imperative of further linkages and development of certified forests and chain of custody was pursued as part of the certification work underway in partnership with the Valley Heartland Community Futures Economic Development Corporation. Emphasis on community capacity building will be critical as we move forward.

Paramount to equity generation efforts was the strengthening of partnerships with groups such as the Nature Conservancy of Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, St. Lawrence College Community Council, Queen's University School of Policy Studies, BIOCAP, Parks Canada, and the Canadian Model Forest Network.

Providing input into both the EOMF's strategic plan for 2007-2012 and volume one of the natural science series for community decision makers (*Community Experiences in Urban Forestry*) rounded out an active year.

Equity generation continues to be critical for the future and remains full of challenge and excitement.

Sandra Lawn
Project Leader
Equity Generation



5.1 Akwesasne Partnership

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 5.2/02)

The EOMF continued to work closely in partnership with the Mohawk community of Akwesasne on a number of projects and activities. Some highlights for 2006-07 follow.

- The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) Department of the Environment, the EOMF, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Cornell University and the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry continued to partner in the development of a long-term forest management plan for Akwesasne; initial input from community members was sought and a draft forest management plan outline was developed.
- Springtime tree assessments were conducted by Margaret George, along with the EOMF's Project Forester.
- Richard David participated in the 2006 EOMF Annual Spring Gathering.
- Henry Lickers assisted with a visit to the EOMF by the Latin American/ Caribbean Regional Model Forest Network.
- Richard David delivered a black ash basket making demonstration at the Forest Fair of Eastern Ontario.
- Richard David represented the EOMF at the National Forest Congress (delivering a black ash basket making demonstration).
- Richard David and Elizabeth Nanticoke represented the EOMF at the Boreal Conference 2006 in Timmins.
- Staff of the MCA Department of the Environment continued to participate on various EOMF committees (e.g., board, Forest Science Committee), and helped in guiding the development of the EOMF's strategic plan for March 2007 and beyond.
- The Department of the Environment hosted the 2006 Haudenosaunee GIS Symposium at Akwesasne; the EOMF's web developer participated in the symposium.
- Peggy Pyke assisted with planning for the forestry training workshop for the provincial Envirothon competition; she will assist with the delivery of the workshop which will take place in May of this year at Sand Road Sugar Camp.



"With the decline in government and industry in Eastern Ontario forestry programs, the EOMF is now the single greatest cohesive forestry voice in this part of the country."

– JOHN P. WILSON, R.P.F.

5.2 Program Analysis & Evaluation

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 5.3/02)

In September of 2006 we completed our formal five-year self-evaluation of the EOMF program, and submitted the associated report *Advancing the Concept & Practice of Sustainable Forest Management in Eastern Ontario and Beyond: An Evaluation of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest Program in Phase III* to the Canadian Forest Service.

Partner insights gleaned from over 125 letters of endorsement for the program beyond March 2007 proved invaluable to the self-evaluation process.



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
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- 2005 Alyxander Holden, North Grenville District High School
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- 2006 Nick Barnum, North Grenville District High School
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- 2007 Jeremy Ross, North Grenville District High School
Jeri Shaw, St. Michael Catholic High School



**Eastern Ontario Forest Group
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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, Maitland, Ontario (Honourary)
- 1994 Bess Silversides, Maitland, Ontario (Honourary)
- 1994 Ernest M. Kaientaronkwen Benedict, Akwesasne
- 1995 Teharonianeken, Chief Jake Swamp, Akwesasne
- 1996 Ewan Caldwell, Rockcliffe Park, Ontario
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- 2001 George Fowler, Iroquois, Ontario
- 2001 Henry Atsienhanonne Arquette, Akwesasne
- 2002 John Kerr-Wilson, Ompah, Ontario
- 2003 Ray & Ruth Fortune, Almonte, Ontario
- 2004 Wayne D. Young, Cornwall, Ontario
- 2005 Peter M. Murray, Gananoque, Ontario
- 2006 F. Henry Lickers, Akwesasne
- 2007 Edwin H. White, Marcellus, New York
- 2007 Brian A. Barkley, Elma, Ontario



**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, Kemptville, Ontario
- 2006 John P. Wilson, Kemptville, Ontario
- 2007 Tony Bull, Ottawa, Ontario

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 South Nation Conservation
 State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry
 Steve Rand Consulting and Forestry Services
 Stewardship Network of Ontario
 Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Certified Forest Owners Inc.
 Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Community Futures Corporation
 Stormont Soil and Crop Improvement Association
 Sugarbush Cabinet Company Ltd.
 TD Graham + Associates
 Temple's Sugar Camp Restaurant
 The Old Field Garden & Wildflower Nursery
 The Ontario Rural Council
 The Ontario Trillium Foundation
 1000 Islands Field Naturalists
 1000 Islands Forest Farm
 Thousand Islands Heritage Conservancy
 Thousand Islands Watershed Land Trust
 TMR Consulting
 Town of Carleton Place
 Town of Gananoque
 Town of Oakville
 Town of Perth
 Town of Prescott
 Town of Smiths Falls
 Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal
 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
 United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 United Counties of Prescott and Russell
 United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry
 University of Calgary
 University of Guelph
 University of Guelph (Kemptville Campus)
 University of Guelph (Alfred Campus)
 University of Ottawa
 University of Toronto Faculty of Forestry
 University of Waterloo
 Upper Canada District School Board
 Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary
 Utelligent Designs
 VA Designs
 Valley Heartland Community Futures Economic Development Corporation
 Vankleek Hill Nature Society
 Victoria Land and Water Stewardship Council
 V.J. Nordin and Associates Ltd.
 Wanakena Ranger School
 Watson's Corners Hall
 Westport and Area Outdoor Association
 Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc.
 Wetland Habitat Fund
 Wheeler's Pancake House & Sugar Camp
 Wildlife Habitat Canada
 World of Maps
 World Wildlife Fund
 Wren Resources

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AUDITOR'S 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, 2007, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets 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, 2007 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.

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Kemptville, Ontario
April 17, 2007

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BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31, 2007

ASSETS

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| CURRENT | | |
| Cash | \$ 62,882 | \$ 301,870 |
| Funding receivable | 160,084 | 27,225 |
| Term deposits | 318,703 | 313,190 |
| Interest receivable | 2,479 | 71 |
| GST receivable | <u>7,470</u> | <u>9,888</u> |
| | 551,618 | 652,244 |
| CAPITAL (Note 1) | <u>7,642</u> | <u>11,009</u> |
| | \$ 559,260 | \$ 663,253 |

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| CURRENT | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 110,269 | \$ 116,175 |
| Due to/from CMFN | 23,065 | - |
| Deferred contributions (Note 2) | <u>232,435</u> | <u>288,503</u> |
| | 365,769 | 404,678 |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Unrestricted net assets | \$ 193,491 | 230,370 |
| Net assets restricted for CFS project purposes | <u>-</u> | <u>28,205</u> |
| | <u>193,491</u> | <u>258,575</u> |
| | \$ 559,260 | \$ 663,253 |

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended March 31, 2007

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| REVENUES | | |
| New initiatives | \$ 47,677 | \$ 33,865 |
| Contributions from partners | 292,409 | 208,386 |
| Federal contribution funding | 475,000 | 500,000 |
| Network Communications | 227,000 | 270,000 |
| Network Strategic Activities | 17,400 | 44,512 |
| Habitat Biodiversity - Environment Canada & Agri-Food Canada | 390,000 | 340,000 |
| Memberships | 5,654 | 5,436 |
| Other income | 27,172 | 23,730 |
| Interest income | 16,551 | 12,515 |
| Beyond the Boundaries Transfer Extension | 49,191 | 42,506 |
| Charitable donations | 3,550 | 1,576 |
| Provincial | <u>5,191</u> | <u>52,179</u> |
| | 1,556,795 | 1,534,705 |
| EXPENDITURES | | |
| EOFG Projects (Sch. 1) | \$ 983,187 | 915,775 |
| Supplementary Projects (Sch. 2) | 394,468 | 336,935 |
| Salaries and benefits | 191,436 | 191,317 |
| Directors travel and other costs | 7,570 | 7,829 |
| Office and other | 21,318 | 23,276 |
| Staff travel | 8,336 | 9,319 |
| Meetings | 7,546 | 14,461 |
| Professional fees | 6,413 | 5,849 |
| Amortization | 1,618 | 1,739 |
| Fund reallocation | <u>(13)</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | <u>1,621,879</u> | <u>1,506,500</u> |
| | (65,084) | 28,205 |
| OTHER DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 3) | | |
| Contributions | 645,735 | 349,548 |
| Expenses | <u>(645,735)</u> | <u>(349,548)</u> |
| | - | - |
| EXCESS OF (EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES) REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES | \$ (65,084) | \$ 28,205 |

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
For the year ended March 31, 2007

| | Restricted | Unrestricted | Total 2007 | Total 2006 |
|---|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Balance beginning of the year | \$ 35,328 | \$ 223,247 | \$ 258,575 | \$ 230,370 |
| Less: Previous years balance allocated during current year (Note 4) | (35,328) | 35,328 | - | - |
| | - | 258,575 | 258,575 | 230,370 |
| Excess of (expenses over revenues) revenues over expenses | - | (65,084) | (65,084) | 28,205 |
| Balance, end of the year | \$ - | \$ 193,491 | \$ 193,491 | \$ 258,575 |

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EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP
SCHEDULE OF EASTERN ONTARIO MODEL FOREST PROJECTS
(Schedule I)
For the year ended March 31, 2007

| Project | Title | 2007 Budget (unaudited) | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1.1/02 | Landowner Workshop Series | \$ 4,800 | \$ 4,800 | \$ 5,000 |
| 1.2/02 | Demo Forest Initiative | 4,800 | 4,800 | 3,000 |
| 1.3/02 | Web Enabled Forest Mgmt.Tool | 3,005 | 3,005 | 5,000 |
| 1.4/02 | Eastern Ont.Urban Forest Network | 1,200 | 1,200 | 3,000 |
| 1.5/02 | Non-Timber Revenue Opportunities | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,000 |
| 1.6/02 | Timber Prod. Revenue Opportunities | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,000 |
| 1.7/02 | Sustainable Forest Certificate Init. | 59,633 | 59,633 | 53,000 |
| 1.8/02 | Landowner Education | 45,405 | 45,405 | 40,000 |
| 1.9/02 | Recognition Program | 599 | 599 | 2,000 |
| 1.11/03 | Science Management | 600 | 600 | 1,000 |
| 1.12/03 | Biodiversity Indicators Owners | 2,400 | 2,400 | - |
| 2.1/02 | Sustainable Forest Mgmt. Local Gov | 7,200 | 7,200 | 5,000 |
| 2.2/02 | Desired Future Forest Pilot Project | 5,400 | 5,400 | 10,000 |
| 2.5/02 | Community/Private Former Agreement Areas | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,000 |
| 2.6/02 | Criteria & Indicators/State of Forest | 45,375 | 45,375 | 38,000 |
| Habitat Biodiversity - Environment Canada & Agri-Food Canada | | | | |
| 2.9-1/05 | Licenses | 13,078 | 13,078 | 6,922 |
| 2.9-2/05 | Data/Professional Services | - | - | 240,000 |
| 2.9-3/05 | Remote Sensing | - | - | 40,000 |
| 2.9-4/05 | Workshops | 15,800 | 15,800 | 14,200 |
| 2.9-5/05 | Report & Presentation | 6,450 | 6,450 | 3,550 |
| 2.9-6/06 | EOFG Pilot Team | 155,035 | 155,035 | - |
| 2.9-7/06 | PVA Team | 129,058 | 129,058 | - |
| 2.9-8/06 | Quebec Pilot Team | 24,547 | 24,547 | - |
| 2.9-9/06 | PEI Pilot Team | 24,800 | 24,800 | - |
| 2.9-10/06 | Okanagan Pilot Team | 27,136 | 27,136 | - |
| 2.9-11/06 | Validation Contracts | 7,909 | 7,909 | - |
| 2.9-12/06 | Travel Expenses | 21,516 | 21,516 | - |
| | | \$ 612,946 | \$ 612,946 | \$ 475,672 |

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SCHEDULE OF EASTERN ONTARIO MODEL FOREST PROJECTS

(Schedule 1)

For the year ended March 31, 2007

| Project | Title | 2007 Budget (unaudited) | 2007 | 2006 |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| BALANCE FORWARD | | | | |
| | | \$ 612,946 | \$ 612,946 | \$ 475,672 |
| 3.1/2 | Communication & Outreach Plan | 66,683 | 66,683 | 56,000 |
| 3.2/04 | EOFG Translation | <u>12,600</u> | <u>12,600</u> | - |
| | | <u>79,283</u> | <u>79,283</u> | <u>56,000</u> |
| 4.0/05 | Network Communication | 227,000 | 227,000 | 270,000 |
| 4.1/02 | Exchange SFM Beyond Boundaries | 6,000 | 6,000 | 8,000 |
| 4.2/02 | Web Site Use Beyond Boundaries | <u>13,200</u> | <u>13,200</u> | <u>10,000</u> |
| | | <u>246,200</u> | <u>246,200</u> | <u>288,000</u> |
| 5.1/02 | Equity Generation | 9,600 | 9,600 | 10,000 |
| 5.2/02 | Akwesasne Partnership | 44,000 | 44,000 | 44,000 |
| 5.3/04 | Analysis and Evaluation | 2,400 | 2,400 | 13,910 |
| 5.12/06 | MCA Winnipeg Workshop | - | - | 750 |
| 5.11/05 | Integrated Landscape Mang. Kempt. | - | - | 10,000 |
| 5.18/05 | N.A. Forest Ecology Field Tour | - | - | 575 |
| 5.17/06 | MF Network Sponsorship 10th National Forest Congress | - | - | 10,000 |
| 5.16/06 | MF Network Working Group | - | - | 12,057 |
| 5.14/05 | Argentinean MF Participation in Indigenous Summit | - | - | 1,000 |
| 5.15/05 | MF Network Strategic Planning Support | - | - | 10,130 |
| 5.20/07 | C&L Sustainable Forest Management | <u>4,800</u> | <u>4,800</u> | - |
| | | <u>60,800</u> | <u>60,800</u> | <u>112,422</u> |
| | | 999,229 | 999,229 | 932,094 |
| | Less: GST recoverable | - | (16,042) | (16,319) |
| | TOTAL EXPENSE - EOPG PROJECTS | \$ 999,229 | \$ 983,187 | \$ 915,775 |

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SCHEDULE OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS

(Schedule 2)

For the year ended March 31, 2007

| Project | Title | 2007 Budget (unaudited) | 2007 | 2006 |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| EOFG96/18 | GEO Info | \$ 28,395 | \$ 28,395 | \$ 34,022 |
| EOFG97/22 | Christmas Seminar | 2,496 | 2,496 | 1,275 |
| EOFG97/25 | Sanitation & Cleaning Maple | - | - | 7,105 |
| EOFG98/33 | GIS Data | - | - | 4,183 |
| EOFG98/38 | Tour Revenue | - | - | 720 |
| EOFG98/39 | Woodlot Day | 5,638 | 5,638 | 7,148 |
| EOFG98/41 | Forestry Fair | 5,210 | 5,210 | 3,313 |
| EOFG01/44 | Filtering Maple Sap | - | - | 563 |
| EOFG06/31 | Site Recovery Strategy | 3,402 | 3,402 | 1,492 |
| EOFG00/03 | EOFG Tech Support | 3,685 | 3,685 | 7,649 |
| EOFG03/7 | Adapt Vapor Compression | 1,933 | 1,933 | 4,600 |
| EOFG01/8 | Intern National Forest Strategy | 21,462 | 21,462 | - |
| EOFG06/17 | Memory Mike W. Educ | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| EOFG06/4 | Capacity Building Sweden Model | 40,680 | 40,680 | - |
| EOFG04/50 | Agroforestry BMP | - | - | 6,489 |
| EOFG01/12 | Bog - Bog | - | - | 14,113 |
| EOFG01/21 | Network Private Woodlot Initiative | - | - | 21,131 |
| EOFG01/23 | Design Installation Tubing Recovery | 5,271 | 5,271 | 10,261 |
| EOFG0/1 | GEO Connections Stewardship Plan | 10,600 | 10,600 | - |
| EOFG01/30 | Ontario Power Generation | 12,667 | 12,667 | 26,773 |
| EOFG03/36 | EOFG Event | 115 | 115 | - |
| EOFG01/49 | Enhanced Aboriginal Initiative Mtg. | 572 | 572 | 681 |
| EOFG02/65 | EOFG Tree Marking | - | - | 2,500 |
| EOFG01/27 | Review N.America Maple Manual | 4,036 | 4,036 | 12,220 |
| EOFG04/58 | Trees for Peace | 13,287 | 13,287 | 7,540 |
| EOFG02/54 | EOFG Equipment | 2,883 | 2,883 | 12,295 |
| EOFG02/53 | National Forest Week | - | - | 503 |
| EOFG03/55 | Invasive Exotics | 2,381 | 2,381 | - |
| EOFG05/88 | Renfrew County Demo | - | - | 582 |
| | | <u>\$ 165,713</u> | <u>\$ 165,713</u> | <u>\$ 187,158</u> |

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**EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP****SCHEDULE OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS****(Schedule 2) Cont'd****For the year ended March 31, 2007**

| Project | Title | 2007 Budget (unaudited) | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| BALANCE FORWARD | | | | |
| | | \$ 165,713 | \$ 165,713 | \$ 187,158 |
| EOFG02/62 | EOFG Workshops | 13,258 | 13,258 | 7,880 |
| EOGO04/16 | Pilot Study in Laneaster | - | - | 64 |
| EOFG04/84 | Pilot Study - Charlotte | 525 | 525 | 5,286 |
| EOFG02/68 | MF EOFG Comm. Network Travel | 2,860 | 2,860 | 6,059 |
| EOFG02/70 | Best Management Practice Review | - | - | 315 |
| EOFG05/73 | Wood Centre | 34,469 | 34,469 | 9,360 |
| EOFG03/5 | Evaluation Sap Ladders | - | - | 2,000 |
| EOFG03/71 | Forest Health Workshops | 26,714 | 26,714 | 20,677 |
| EOFG03/74 | Mississippi River Inform.Mgmt.Sys. | 125 | 125 | 9,168 |
| EOFG03/78 | EOFG Publications | 5,229 | 5,229 | 1,113 |
| EOFG04/81 | Model Forest Network Display | - | - | 3,054 |
| EOFG03/82 | NRC Intern | - | - | 426 |
| EOFG03/83 | Climate Change | - | - | 1,769 |
| EOFG05/14 | Cert. Home Depot | 381 | 381 | 20,592 |
| EOFG05/15 | Forestry Conference | - | - | 1,702 |
| EOFG05/51 | Habitat Project | - | - | 5,000 |
| EOFG06/92 | Valley Heartland Project | 25,362 | 25,362 | - |
| EOFG04/66 | Crown Land | - | - | 25,000 |
| EOFG05/86 | Wetland Cycle | 1,664 | 1,664 | 7,251 |
| EOFG05/89 | EOFG/LAMF OMNR | - | - | 8,148 |
| EOFG05/90 | EOFG/LAMF UNIV | 4,964 | 4,964 | 1,730 |
| EOFG05/91 | Cert. Supplementary Project | <u>113,204</u> | <u>113,204</u> | <u>13,183</u> |
| | | <u>228,755</u> | <u>228,755</u> | <u>149,777</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSE - SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS | | \$ 394,468 | \$ 394,468 | \$ 336,935 |

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**EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP****SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES****For the year ended March 31, 2007****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 \$1,135 in 2007 (\$1,815 in 2006) and are recorded at cost and amortized straight line over two (2) years for computer hardware and over five (5) years for furniture & 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 a network of eleven Model Forests located across Canada. The Federal Government, through the Canadian Forest Service, is providing funding up to 2.5 million dollars to the Eastern Ontario Forest Group over a five year period ending in 2007. The existing contribution agreement has been extended for an additional three month period. The Canadian Forest Service is in receipt of a funding proposal for up to 2.0 million dollars to support the organization for a five year period ending in 2012 under the Forest Communities Program.

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1. CAPITAL ASSETS

| | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Accumulated Amortization</u> | <u>Net 2007</u> | <u>Net 2006</u> |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Equipment | \$ <u>87,178</u> | \$ <u>79,536</u> | \$ <u>7,642</u> | \$ <u>11,009</u> |

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:

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2006</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning balance, related to supplementary funding | \$ 288,503 | \$ 339,733 |
| Less: Amount recognized as revenue in the year | (288,503) | (339,733) |
| Add: Amount received related to the following year | <u>232,435</u> | <u>288,503</u> |
| Ending balance, related to supplementary funding | \$ <u>232,435</u> | \$ <u>288,503</u> |

3. OTHER DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS

Included in the statement of operations is \$645,735 (2006 - \$349,548) 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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4. RESTRICTED FUND - CFS PROJECTS

The ending balance of \$35,328 is a result of revenues for the year from CFS exceeding the expenditures from CFS projects during the year. The restricted balance is apportioned to the following projects:

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2006</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| 2.9-1 Licenses | \$ - | \$ 13,078 |
| 2.9-4 Workshop | - | 15,800 |
| 2.9-5 Report & Presentation | - | <u>6,450</u> |
| | \$ <u>-</u> | \$ <u>35,328</u> |

5. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

WGP Professional Corporation, Chartered Accountants is carrying on the business of W. Gordon Wells & Co. Professional Corporation, Chartered Accountants. The 2006 comparative figures were reported upon by W. Gordon Wells & Co. Professional Corporation, Chartered Accountants.

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Mixed Sources

Product group from well-managed forests, controlled sources and recycled wood or fiber

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Our vision of forests for seven generations is a mosaic of healthy forest ecosystems within a landscape of rural and urban areas throughout eastern Ontario, providing long-term economic, social, and spiritual benefits, while ensuring a healthy environment that is valued by all.



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