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Eastern Ontario Model Forest

Forests for Seven Generations

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.

> The leaf captured on the front cover of this report is that of the butternut tree, Juglans cinerea. Butternut is currently under threat across its range, including southern Ontario, as a result of the widespread and virulent fungal disease commonly known as butternut canker.

> > The Eastern Ontario Model Forest, together with its many partners and the Forest Gene Conservation Association, has established the Butternut Recovery Fund. If you are concerned about the effects of this disease and wish to help, a donation to the fund can be made through the Eastern Ontario Model Forest (see http://www.eomf.on.ca/getinvolved).

> > > For more information about how you can conserve mature butternut and promote butternut regeneration visit the Forest Gene Conservation Association at http://www.fgca.net.

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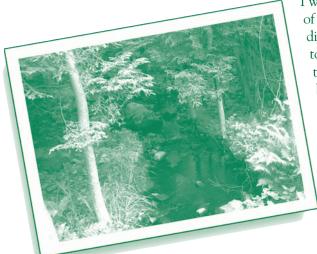


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Message from the President Creating the Future – A Labour of Love and Dedication

As we enter the fifteenth year of our program, I feel very confident in the future of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest. I would like to take this opportunity to express how grateful I am to be part of such an innovative and dynamic organization. It has reinforced my appreciation of the intricate relationship between economic stability within the community and the maintenance of the soil, forest, water and wildlife – the ingredients that sustain our lives.

While we continue to discuss new goals and funding arrangements under a new "community-based" federal direction, I realize how important it is to recognize and build on our past accomplishments. The production of this annual report is not just another obligatory requirement, nor the document simply one that will gather dust on a shelf. It is our recognition, to members and partners, of our collective achievements and next challenges. Many readers participated in the identification of the priorities of the organization through workshops during the past winter. Clearly while we all have our own ideas we recognize the importance of maintaining and strengthening existing partnerships in shaping our proposal for March of 2007 and beyond.

From my perspective, we are well positioned to demonstrate a landscape approach to conservation. We are similarly well positioned to expand certification objectives to include communities, as well as to test approaches that recognize the role of landowners in the provision of ecological goods and services. We are also well-aligned to truly expand our borders with New York State and southern Ontario. But, these are only personal views which will be tempered by your input as members, partners and supporters of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest.

> I would be remiss in not concluding by thanking the other members of our Board of Directors for keeping a common focus and strategic direction through the camaraderie in our regular meetings. Thanks to all of you, along with many other volunteers for your contributions to committees and specific programs. You have strengthened my beliefs and resolve in conservation. Equally, thank you Brian and all the members of your staff. Your enthusiasm and genuine commitment is always refreshing.

I hope that all of you who read this report will work with us throughout the coming year to create an even more innovative and rewarding future.

David J. Neave President Eastern Ontario Model Forest

General Manager's Report Delivering on the Present...Preparing for the Future

Our efforts over the past 12 months have focused on ensuring we have honoured our work plan commitments, made adjustments where necessary, while also exploring ideas that may form part of our future program.

The sustainable forest certification program continues to be of great interest and relevance to our partners. Under the EOMF SmartWood certification, South Nation Conservation has now established a capacity to deliver this on-the-ground activity on its own forests as well as for community forests owned by other partners, providing an efficient way of offering certification over a large area. Interest expressed by others will likely lead to additional areas of the EOMF having the structure needed to become certified. The goal remains to have certification available at a reasonable cost over the entire EOMF area and in selected areas beyond. Meanwhile, in a renewed partnership with the Forest Stewardship Council of Canada, we are looking at ways to enhance the value of certification to our participants by creating value chains connecting the grower of the wood with the consumer in the marketplace.

The certification effort faced a significant challenge when Domtar, a lead partner in the effort, announced that the closure of its Cornwall mill was to be permanent. Since the value of certification extends beyond satisfying the need for certified pulp, the program continues. The "Lemonade Report", an examination of the options for a new lease on life for the Cornwall facility, outlined the potential value of adding a biorefinery to the complex which would produce a value product from the woodchips without reducing the amount of paper produced, and thus creating additional revenue. The finalized report, which can be found on our Web site, was presented to both federal and provincial governments. Caught in the sweeping changes affecting Canada's forest sector - reduced markets, global competition, high operating costs and high value of the Canadian dollar - the forest industry of tomorrow will be very different from that of today. To this end, we have become active in exploring options for new bioproducts with our partners at the College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry in Syracuse, the BioProducts Business Network in Ottawa and the BIOCAP program at Queen's University. Sustainable bioenergy and other new uses of the forest will be important to existing forest-based businesses and our rural economy. Moving in this direction aligns us well with an anticipated future direction of the Canadian government to strengthen our communities.

Work continues on several fronts to better understand and shape our landscape. This involves not only looking at the present state, but also revisiting the past and understanding the ramifications of future scenarios. There is much interest in the environmental, economic, and social trends in eastern Ontario, evident by over 10,000 people visiting our State of Eastern Ontario's Forests Web site in 2005. While this successful outreach and knowledge transfer mechanism provides details about today, both our Future Forest Condition and Habitat-Based Biodiversity Standards projects are looking at shaping the future. Partnering with Environment Canada, we are back-casting potential natural vegetation, determining the quantity and quality of natural habitat required for viable



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populations of indicator species, and conducting landscape simulation into the future. This will result in standards which will provide context for state of the forest indicators, develop the science needed for significant woodlands analysis, and guide stewardship activities on the ground.

Last fall we began our planning and discussions for our future, with the current five-year program being completed by March 31, 2007. An excellent Partnership Gathering open to all who were interested was well received with over 50 participants. This dialogue confirmed the need to retain a good balance between locally important and nationally or globally relevant program activities. We will continue the dialogue through our various channels of communications. We look forward to hearing from you – our members and partners – with your ideas, feedback and advice. A room full of good minds can do great things, as we saw at our Partnership Day in December. This is the essence of our "forests for seven generations".

Brian A. Barkley General Manager Eastern Ontario Model Forest

Outlook on the Year's Accomplishments Creating Healthy Forests from the Ground Up

Much as it has been a year of looking to the future, we have embraced the responsibility of delivering a strong, well-rounded suite of activities and programs over the past year. The lion's share of this report is devoted to describing these activities and programs in some detail.



The scope of activities that we've undertaken with the help of our partners and supporters is really quite extraordinary. Here is where we see the great value in the grassroots, on-the-ground nature of our efforts. Equally noteworthy are the innovative approaches that we've adopted to address challenges as well as emerging opportunities. In the final analysis, though, it is the spirit of cooperation exemplified in all that we do that makes our work so unique, so rewarding, and so successful.

We encourage you to read this report in its entirety – perhaps not all in one sitting, but as time permits. And we hope that you'll endeavour to share our story with others who have a similar passion for our forests.

Elizabeth A. Holmes Project & Communications Facilitator Eastern Ontario 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)

We continue to partner with Ontario Stewardship on the development and delivery of the Course-in-a-Box Series, more formally known as the Caring for Your Land Series. This year updates were made to the following courses:

- Introduction to Invasive Species
- Forest Soils Choosing the Right Tree
- Understanding Woodlot Management
- Climate Change for Woodlot Owners
- Conifer Management

The series of more than 17 available courses was delivered quite extensively, with outreach extending far beyond the boundaries of the model forest.

One of the unique aspects of this workshop series is its user-friendly nature. It isn't necessary to have a natural resources "expert" present the course materials. Some familiarity with the topic in question is obviously helpful, but the course materials include detailed speaker notes, and all the necessary background information to facilitate a skillful delivery.

Arrangements to sign out courses for delivery to interested groups can be made through the Grenville Land Stewardship Council.

1.1 Demonstration Forest Initiative

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.2/02)

As part of the draft forest management plan for the Ferguson Forest Centre, stand prescriptions for the south block were developed using crop tree selection principles geared at improving forest conditions by removing ice-damaged trees. Using this document and supported by OMNR's Silvicultural Opportunities Fund, a Stand Marking Tender Package is under development.

In addition to hosting numerous field visits and tours using the network of more than 60 demonstration sites in eastern Ontario, we assisted with the update of the Fortune Farms technical trail guide. The Fortune Farms demonstration site was also the showpiece for the EOMF-hosted field visit for delegates to the North American Forest Ecology Conference.

Beyond our boundaries, we continued to partner with the Prince Edward County Stewardship Council on a landscape level project concept for the Black River Watershed. We also produced and translated a report on demonstration forest opportunities for Renfrew County in partnership with the local stewardship council and advisory committee.







1.2 Online Forest Management Tool

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.3/02)

The Online Forest Management Tool is a Web application that leads users through several stages of the management planning process. Specifically, it allows landowners to create maps, to set goals and objectives, and to conduct a complete forest inventory using online maps and tally sheets. The tool is intended to be a starting point for landowners seeking a management plan for their woodlot, whether it is for personal use, as elements in an application to the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP), or in collaboration with a professional consultant.

The development of the majority of the Online Forest Management Tool and Online Timber Exchange were completed early this fiscal year with the following features:

- User management (sign up, modify account, sign out)
- A rough, but not fully user-friendly wizard interface
- Wizard state management (tracks user progress through the tool)
- Database storage routines
- Online mapping, including online digitizing and feature editing for property map features and forest stand boundaries
- Automatic sample plot layout, at three different intervals
- Online tally sheet data entry
- Compilation calculations based on tally sheets and stand boundaries
- Map, tally sheet, and compilation sheet printing

The application was installed on the United Counties of Prescott-Russell Web server last June. Since then, we have been working to improve the interface to make it more useable, and have created a comprehensive online help system. With the need to complete the user interface, along with several technical hurdles and limited staff resources to contend with, the detailed audit scheduled for the project had to be deferred.

In the meantime, a technical poster describing the goals and objectives, features, and status of the project was displayed at the 2005 EMAN National Science Meeting in Penticton, B.C. from November 20-26, 2005, at the Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry GIS Day in Cornwall on November 16, and at the Ontario East Municipal Conference from September 14-16.

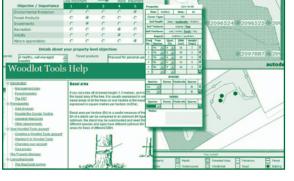
The application was also presented to Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources staff at the OMNR GIS Day on December 7 and to the Larose Forest Advisory Committee in early April.

Web link: http://www.prescott-russell.on.ca/woodlottools

1.3 Eastern Ontario Urban Forest Network (EOUFN)

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.4/02)

The Eastern Ontario Urban Forest Network's efforts over the past year have focused on communicating and linking with various communities and groups in Ontario so there is a better understanding of what is meant by urban forestry and of the benefits afforded by urban forests. At the same time, we have maintained a strong local presence by attending workshops and promoting the benefits of best management practices.



In 2005-2006 the EOUFN worked closely with the Ontario Professional Foresters Association (OPFA) to better define the functions of urban foresters under the Ontario Professional Foresters Act. This has led to more interest in urban forestry within the OPFA, and efforts are underway to establish a formalized urban forest working group as part of the association's organizational structure.

In June of 2005 the EOUFN and the Carleton Place Urban Forest Advisory Committee jointly hosted the annual general meeting of the Ottawa Valley Section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry. The discussions at this event provided this group of foresters with a better understanding of current urban forestry issues and challenges.

One of the important accomplishments of the year was producing the brochure entitled A *Guide to Planting Trees for Urban Residents*. Written and illustrated by members of the National Forest Week Working Group including Jim McCready (EOUFN), Mike Rosen (Tree Canada) and Andrea Howard (Eco-Think) – and printed by the Canadian Forest Service – this brochure has been extremely well received by our partners and the public. A second print run of 5,000 copies was recently undertaken to help address the high demand for the product.

Over the course of the year, the EOUFN also participated in a number of events hosted by local communities. Two urban forestry workshops were held in Carleton Place, with over 70 people in attendance. The EOUFN display was showcased at the Forest Fair in Kemptville in September (an event attended by over 2,000 people), as well as at the Ottawa Forests & Greenspace Advisory Committee's fall Forestry Forum and at the February 2006 edition of the Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference.

1.4 Non-timber Revenue Opportunities

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.5/02)

The Agroforestry Best Management Practices (BMP) manual is currently being repackaged for release as two complimentary documents. The final product is anticipated in the coming several weeks.

We continued to partner with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs as well as the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association this year, providing support to the development of an updated Ontario maple manual.

1.5 Timber Product Revenue Opportunities

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.6/02)

The model forest continued to facilitate discussions with former WIA (Woodlands Improvement Act) participants. In October the model forest hosted a workshop on red pine management. This served as an opportunity to further the discussion concerning actions to help ensure the long-term sustainability of these important forest areas.

Also under the auspices of this project, a revision of the extremely popular EOMF *Code of Forestry Practice* is currently underway, with the finished product expected by the fall of this year.



EOUFN PARTICIPANTS 2005-2006

City of Cornwall City of Ottawa Mississippi Mills Mohawk Community of Akwesasne National Capital Commission Town of Carleton Place Town of Gananoque Town of Perth Town of Prescott Tree Canada Foundation Village of Merrickville





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1.6 Sustainable Forest Certification Initiative

WORK PLAN PROJECT (WORK PLAN 1.7/02)

In February 2003 the EOMF received its Resource Manager certification from SmartWood. This certificate provides assurance that all participating properties in the EOMF certification program are managed in accordance with the Principles and Criteria of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and follow the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Standards for forest management.

Building on the momentum of previous years the EOMF continues to expand its private land certification program, and to engage conservation organizations in FSC certification. There has been continued interest from community-based forests as well as other established groups and industry partners. There are currently 4,823 hectares certified under the EOMF umbrella, including the recent addition of 465 hectares of certified community forests in partnership with South Nation Conservation. In another particularly exciting development, the EOMF has partnered with the Town of Oakville with the resultant certification of 3 properties (41 hectares) owned and managed by the Town.

The EOMF Policies and Procedures Manual also continues to be an excellent transferable tool and has been distributed widely to interested groups and agencies.

The Eastern Ontario Certified Forest Owners (EOCFO) group has had a busy year organizing and delivering several workshops and educational opportunities for the membership including:

- A tree marking workshop led by EOMF board member Martin Streit
- An old growth workshop in partnership with Limerick Forest and Stewardship Ontario
- A biodiversity monitoring workshop in partnership with the Grenville Land Stewardship Council and the Limerick Forest Advisory Committee
- A plantation management workshop in partnership with Lavern Heideman & Sons Ltd.

Critical to our ongoing efforts is the broad transfer of lessons learned and experiences to interested individuals and organizations, both within the EOMF area and well beyond. Some communications and knowledge transfer highlights from the past year follow:

- The EOMF hosted a tour of certified properties for Natural Resources Canada policy analysts.
- The certification coordinator assisted with the establishment of the Lower Ottawa Valley Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association.
- An EOMF certification presentation was delivered as part of the Mountain Equipment Co-op lecture series.
- A presentation was made to students in the Algonquin College Forestry Technician Program.
- The certification coordinator delivered a presentation on private land forestry and certification at the Eastern Canadian Teacher's Tour held at the Canadian Ecology Centre.
- The EOMF hosted a certification tour for Eastern Ontario Stewardship Coordinators.
- An article on an EOMF certification program participant was featured in *Canadian Home Workshop*.

- A presentation on the EOMF and our forest certification program was delivered to the Eastern Ontario Community Forest Managers.
- The certification coordinator attended the Westwind Conference Series on non-timber forest products.
- The EOMF hosted a tour of Lanark County woodlots as part of the North American Forest Ecology Conference.
- The certification coordinator showcased the forest certification initiative at the Ministry of Natural Resources Forestry Forum session.
- A presentation was made to the Upper Canada Woods Cooperative.

Under the auspices of the forest certification initiative, we also hosted a Cultural Values Workshop for forest managers in partnership with South Nation Conservation and the Mohawk Community of Akwesasne. This workshop was extremely well received by the participating forest managers, and consideration will be given to doing something similar with a broader audience.

The project continues to bring a diverse array of stakeholders together to further efforts at implementing forest certification – a valuable tool which supports forest management strategies that consider the full array of economic, environmental, social, cultural and spiritual values that our forests offer.

1.7 Certification Support

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

The EOMF Mapping & Information Group supports the Sustainable Forest Certification Initiative in several ways. Most notably, the group creates landowner maps and manages the spatial data collected by staff (e.g., property boundaries, stick nest locations, etc.). This year a new version of the forest stand map was created – again geared towards landowners with legend, keys, glossary of terms, site location inset map, and a description of what forest resource inventory data is.

In addition to creating forest resources maps for landowners to support the EOMF's forest certification initiative, the Mapping & Information Group was able to spend a bit of time in the field, using GPS (Global Positioning System) to map trails and roads in certified properties. The new road and trail layers are then added to maps and used for forest management planning.

The Mapping & Information Group also created a revised forest certification display to be used specifically with the Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry (SD&G) cluster. The set of three posters makes use of local photos and text appropriate to informing and recruiting SD&G landowners into the program.

1.8 Landowner Education

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.8/02)

This project supports the Project Forester staff position at the EOMF, and is intimately linked with the model forest's many landowner-related initiatives. Some of these include the Caring for Your Land Workshop Series (see 1.1/02), the Demonstration Forest Initiative (see 1.2/02), the timber and non-timber initiatives described under Objective 1 (see 1.5/02 and 1.6/02), and the strategic planting and extension initiatives described under Objective 2.







The Project Forester has also continued work with partners looking at the long-term sustainability of community and former agreement forest areas (see 2.5/02). In addition to these core areas of work, the Project Forester has continued to facilitate field tours and visits to the model forest focusing on various aspects of private land forestry in eastern Ontario.

1.9 Recognition Program

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.9/02)

In the spring of 2005, the EOMF launched its new Heartwood Award. The award,

which recognizes outstanding volunteer contributions to the model forest, was presented to Sally Hamilton at the 13th Annual Spring Gathering and Meeting of Members at Cooper Marsh. Peter Murray, a founding member of the EOMF, was the 2005 recipient of the Ross Silversides Forestry Award.

The EOMF Environmental Award continues to strengthen our partnerships with the two Kemptville high schools. We also presented our Award for Sustainable Use of the Natural Environment at this year's Rideau-St. Lawrence Science Fair. Recognizing and engaging youth in these and other ways continues to be an important piece of work for the Communications Committee.

We recently learned that our October 2005 nomination to the Forest Stewardship Recognition Program was successful. Leo André,

longtime owner and operator of Sand Road Sugar Camp (it is now managed by his daughter Julie), and member of the EOMF, will be honoured with the award at this year's Annual Spring Gathering.

1.10 Science Management

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.11/03)

The Forest Science Committee (FSC) carried on the important role of overseeing State of the Forest monitoring and reporting efforts, providing input and guidance to the process and content. Members of the FSC continue to review indicators and case studies as they are posted on the State of Eastern Ontario's Forests Web site.

This year the FSC undertook the development of a science policy analysis paper entitled *Science and policy issues in the Eastern Ontario Model Forest*. The analysis paper has proven extremely useful, in particular as we have begun the process of shaping a new program. A shortened manuscript will appear in the May-June edition of *The Forestry Chronicle*.

Given the current interest in the topic, the FSC is keeping a watching brief in the area of bioproducts. The possibility of convening a workshop on science needs and questions as related to bioproducts is being explored for the coming year.

The FSC continues to impart a science perspective to future program development efforts. The committee convened four meetings over the course of the year.

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1.11 Biodiversity Indicators for Woodland Owners

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.12/03)

This project is based on the knowledge that we have many interested and skilled landowners (observers) who walk and engage in recreational activities in forests, wetlands, and meadows on a regular basis, and that these individuals can gather valuable information on biodiversity in the EOMF. By developing standard observation protocols, training observers, and developing a regional database, we can build a valuable base of information.

This year, we delivered a biodiversity workshop in partnership with the Grenville Land Stewardship Council that focused on recognizing biodiversity indicators in the fall. Ten enthusiastic participants attended the workshop, held at the Limerick Forest Chalet near Bishops Mills. The group was introduced to the basics of woodland biodiversity monitoring and the process of compiling data for personal use in forest management. In addition, they learned about how the observations can be submitted to the Observer Network program for monitoring of biodiversity in eastern Ontario. The workshop also explored the link between certification and biodiversity monitoring.

As well, we completed a set of 11 biodiversity extension notes that are available for download from our Web site.

The Observer Network Web site was populated with data collected by a number of landowners in the forest certification group, and we completed an evaluation of the data collection and data input aspects of the Observer Network to highlight opportunities to improve the system.

Lastly, the EOMF supported the production of a biodiversity Course-in-a-Box in partnership with the Leeds County Stewardship Council.

Web link: http://observernetwork.eomf.on.ca

1.12 Mississippi River Water Management Plan

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

The EOMF continued to support the work of OMNR, Mississippi Valley Conservation, and Ontario Power Generation in the development of the Mississippi River Water Management Plan by providing mapping and Web development services.

The watershed overview maps and the series of maps illustrating natural resources values around water control structures on the Mississippi River were completely revised, used at the public information sessions, included in the report, and made available on the Web site.

The Web site continued to be used to distribute minutes of planning team, steering committee, and public advisory committee meetings. As well, pages were developed on the site to receive public comments on draft reports.





Web link: http://www.mississippiwaterpowerplan.com



1.13 Raisin Region Conservation Authority – ArcIMS

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

The model forest and Raisin Region Conservation Authority partnered to deliver an interactive mapping application that allows users to display and query the many map layers relating to the RRCA's Natural Heritage Strategy.

Web link: http://www.rrca.on.ca (watershed planning, NHS)

1.14 Limerick Forest – Mapping

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

The EOMF Mapping & Information Group assisted the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville and the Limerick Forest Advisory Committee (LFAC) with custom mapping of the Limerick forest properties over the year. In one case, a set of compartment maps was created and used by LFAC for old growth mapping, while in another, a set of maps showing Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI's) was developed and used in workshops relating to the development of the Limerick Forest Management Plan (2007-2027).

Objective 2

Increasing Forest Cover Across the Landscape

2.0 Sustainable Forest Management in Local Government Plans

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 2.1/02)

This project involves promoting sustainable forest management practices and principles in the municipal government realm. In the 2005-2006 year, specific deliverables for this project included preparations for a document illustrating case studies of outstanding and innovative work by municipalities in the greater eastern Ontario area on a variety of forest-related issues. While some initial effort had been made towards planning the document earlier in the year, it was subsequently set aside to take advantage of an important opportunity that later arose.

In January of 2006 we were approached by the United Counties of Prescott-Russell (UCPR) to update the methodology of the Woodland Valuation System and re-run the analysis to identify significant woodlands in UCPR for an update to the county's official plan. With new data available in eastern Ontario, and taking into account issues noted in the last version of the Woodland Valuation System, some significant updates to the methodology were included:

- SOLRIS woodland polygons were used (c. 2000) in place of the OBM woodlands layer (c. 1990).
- Wooded patches were assigned to a 'home' watershed, so that woodland patches would not be split when they straddled a watershed divide.
- Certain criteria were applied to only part of the patch (e.g., while proximity to water previously resulted in a higher score for the entire patch, a higher score is now only applied to the area within 50 m of water).
- In the final analysis, patches are valued first by score, and then by area. (So long as 30% of a watershed is wooded, patches are assigned as not significant, starting with the lowest aggregated score. In the previous version of the system,



all the patches of a given score were treated together and were classed as significant or not significant. In the new version, the patches of a given score were treated individually, and those with the same lower score but smaller area in watersheds having >30% forested area were classed as not significant.)

In concert with the Prescott-Russell work, the EOMF also coordinated a meeting in February of various organizations involved in significant woodlands work. Participants included representatives from conservation authorities, municipalities, private consultants, and NGOs. The purpose of the gathering was to discuss methods and future plans for identifying significant woodlands in eastern Ontario.

Web link: http://woodlandvaluation.eomf.on.ca

2.1 Desired Future Forest Condition Pilot Project

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 2.2/02)

The objectives of this project are to identify an "ideal" picture of what the forests of eastern Ontario could be within the context of a settled landscape (based on stakeholder input), and to develop and test scenarios that show how indicators of sustainable forestry change based on various drivers.

This year the EOMF dramatically increased its capacity to determine sustainability thresholds through a partnership with Environment Canada. The National Agri-Environmental Standards Initiative (NAESI) was developed to deliver scientifically defensible and voluntary environmental performance standards for agriculture under the themes of air, water, pesticides and biodiversity. The scientific basis for the standards is being developed by Environment Canada and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. The Canadian Wildlife Service is working in partnership with the EOMF on a pilot study regarding habitat biodiversity standards in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry.

Under the Desired Future Forest Pilot Project, EOMF staff participated in weekly steering committee meetings, helped organize and facilitate workshops and training, facilitated data and data management for the modeling stages, provided local context advice, administered contracts, and conducted accounting. EOMF staff members were also fortunate to gain technical capacity through this partnership.

2.2 Bog to Bog (B2B) Landscape Demonstration

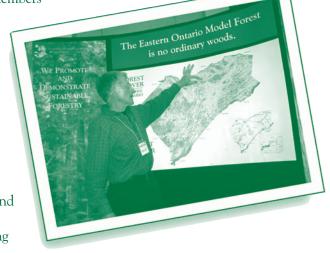
SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

Ontario Trillium Foundation funding for this project ended in February of 2005. The B2B steering committee continued to meet this year to share information and explore opportunities for building on the many accomplishments of the project.

In an exciting development last fall, an additional \$10,000 was secured from the Prescott-Russell Community Development Corporation to expand upon workshop delivery and outreach activities in Prescott-Russell. The Prescott-Russell Stewardship Council has assumed responsibility for leading these outreach efforts.









2.3 Strategic Planting Initiative (SPI)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

Over the course of the Strategic Planting Initiative more than 420,000 trees were planted across eastern Ontario. The EOMF continued to liaise this year with Trees Ontario and local Conservation Authorities who have taken on the role of expanding the effort initiated under the SPI.

2.4 Community & Former Agreement Forest Areas

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 2.5/02)

The model forest continued its dialogue with the owners of community and former agreement forest areas in eastern Ontario. In April of 2005, the model forest participated in the annual meeting of community forest managers held at Cooper Marsh Conservation Area.

This year has been an exciting one in terms of expanding our partnerships with community forest managers through the EOMF forest certification program (see 1.7/02).

2.5 Monitoring & Reporting on the State of Eastern Ontario's Forests WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 2.6/02)

The EOMF reports and monitors on the state of eastern Ontario's forests through a Web site at *http://sof.eomf.on.ca*. Using a holistic framework called local level indicators, the EOMF has compiled and continues to gather information under the following six broad categories: biodiversity, forest health, society's responsibility, global ecological cycles, economic & social benefits, and soil & water.

In 2005-2006 the focus was on the last two criteria listed above as well as further work on the introductory section of the Web site and some tidying up of the 2004-2005 target criteria. For example, indicators regarding Area of Forest Disturbed by Fire, Ground Level Ozone, Water Crossing Density by Watershed, Flow of Wood Products, and Volume of Sawlogs & Pulpwood Purchased were reported. Case studies and backgrounders were created (and updated) dealing with topics including the Eastern Chapter of the Society of Ontario Nut Growers, the History of Larose Forest, the Role of Conservation Authorities, Forest Information in a Settled Landscape (this backgrounder is always evolving), the Ferguson Forest Centre, Ontario Natural Selections, Butternut, Asian Longhorned Beetle, the Domtar Cornwall Paper Mill Shutdown, Trees & Foundation Damage, Forest Certification, and Urban Trees & Air Pollution.

Over the course of the year much work was conducted to report on indicators (7 indicators were completed, with 5 nearing completion), as well as to showcase issues and to transfer knowledge through case studies (16 case studies were completed, with another 4 nearing completion). Public outreach was a further priority. A number of speaking engagements were made at several high-profile events including the EMAN National Science Meeting in Penticton, B.C. Communications efforts were paramount as well. Eleven State of the Forest newsletters were distributed via email to 522 subscribers. A total of 303 Web pages were created (or updated), and 328 new documents were organized and shared. A search functionality and site map were also added to the Web Site. The site was host to 12,500 unique visitors, with 5.5GB of information downloaded, and 550,000 hits recorded over the course of the year.



2.6 Habitat-Based Biodiversity Standards

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 2.9/05)

Environment Canada, under a five-year memorandum of understanding with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, is leading the development of agri-environmental performance standards for agricultural areas of Canada. The effort, known as the National Agri-Environmental Standards Initiative (NAESI), falls under the Environment Chapter of Canada's Agricultural Policy Framework, as approved by Treasury Board in February 2003. NAESI will result in new environmental standards in four key theme areas by 2008: air, water, pesticides and biodiversity. The pilot for the biodiversity theme is being developed and tested in eastern Ontario in partnership with the EOMF. This is a very exciting multi-year project because it will help define thresholds for the habitat-based indicators presented in the State of Eastern Ontario's Forests initiative and will help determine the landscape changes that may occur given different scenarios, furthering our efforts under the Desired Future Forest Condition Pilot Project.

The approach to developing habitat standards for agriculture is tiered; both coarse and fine filter measures of biodiversity have been identified that address the range of generic biodiversity principles identified for the NAESI biodiversity theme. The coarse filter approach identifies the condition of a set of habitat features that broadly considers the basic habitat requirements of all species. The fine filter approach focuses on the habitat needs of specific species. Since response to agricultural stressors and landscape change differs by species, an understanding of the ecological limits (threshold response) of a variety of species with different resource requirements and life history attributes provides additional valuable information for conservation planning.

The eastern Ontario pilot investigates methods to determine how much habitat is required to conserve biodiversity (habitat quantity) along with habitat quality issues such as location, connectivity and suitability of habitat patches. The results of the analysis will identify what types of habitat of what quality need to be conserved and managed in order to ensure the long term survival of key components of biological diversity.

The EOMF worked with Environment Canada, project team members, and contractors throughout 2005-2006 to complete tasks grouped into the following broad themes:

- Landscape simulation
- Potential natural vegetation (PNV) development and parameterization
- Development of a process-based framework
- Scenario development

The EOMF will continue to work with all those involved in the project in the coming year.

2.7 CITYgreenTM Applied in City of Ottawa

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

The City of Ottawa in partnership with the Tree Canada Foundation and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities initiated a pilot project to test the application of the CITYgreenTM forest value analysis system in the City of Ottawa. CITYgreenTM







is a GIS-based software extension application designed to calculate the economic and environmental value of forested landscapes for a number of attributes including air pollution, storm water retention and carbon sequestration. One of the ongoing applications anticipated for CITYgreen[™] is the assessment of development scenarios in developing communities. This will lead to a more explicit and systematic methodology for evaluating different development concepts. The EOMF conducted the small area analysis component of this project under a contract with the City.

2.8 Land Cover and Forest Cover Maps

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

In response to public inquiries about the land use and natural makeup of eastern Ontario, and to support the introductory section of the State of Eastern Ontario's Forests Web site, two new maps were developed for distribution. The *Land Cover of Eastern Ontario* is based on MNR data derived from satellite imagery. It breaks down the landscape into twenty-one classes, and reports generalized classes with pie charts and percentages. The map also shows broad categories separately using inset maps (e.g., agriculture, wetlands, forest).

A map titled *Forest Cover of Eastern Ontario* was also produced for public distribution. This map breaks the forest into silvicultural forest types. Age class and forest type statistics are also shown on the map. Each silvicultural forest type is also shown in an inset map to better display its distribution.

2.9 Forest Resource Inventory for Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

In the early 1990's the EOMF contracted Dendron Resource Surveys Inc. to interpret and type 1991 aerial photography for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry with forest stand information based on Ministry of Natural Resources standards with core funding from the Canadian Forest Service. Through two separate funding opportunities in 2005 (FedNor and NAESI), 3,000 interpreted and typed photos were geo-referenced and digitized to create a GIS (Geographic Information System) land cover layer with forest stand information such as age and species composition. This information has been shared with local conservation authorities, First Nations, and the Ministry of Natural Resources. The data is playing an integral role in many high profile projects, including the Habitat-Based Biodiversity Standards project.

2.10 Southern Ontario Land Resource Information System (SOLRIS) SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

The Ministry of Natural Resources in partnership with Ducks Unlimited has developed a methodology to create a land cover layer using medium resolution satellite imagery and aerial photography. This method has been somewhat automated through a program called SOLRIS (Southern Ontario Land Resource Information System). This methodology has been tested and has been in the full implementation phase since October 2004. The result of this project will be a land cover layer for southern Ontario based on the ELC (Ecological Land Classification) at the community series level for the year 2000. The EOMF provided technical and administrative support to the SOLRIS project again this year. We also hired a technician to conduct some of the forest cover mapping to help the Ministry of Natural Resources meet their milestones. The project as a whole for southern Ontario is behind schedule due to a variety of reasons; however, the woodlands layer is complete for eastern Ontario, with the urban and wetlands layers expected early in the next fiscal year. Projections for a final land cover layer have been pushed back to March 2007. Acquisition of imagery for the next round of SOLRIS (2005 Year) also took place this year.

Objective 3

Expanding the Informed, Knowledgeable & Committed Population

3.0 Communications & Outreach Program

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 3.1/02)

The EOMF Communications & Outreach Program spans a number of activities and efforts aimed at increasing public awareness of, and involvement in, sustainable forest management both within and beyond the boundaries of the model forest. The following section highlights, in a thematic way, some of the EOMF's key communications and outreach achievements over the course of 2005-2006.

3.0.1 Support for Community Forestry Events

The model forest continued to be the connecting filament or "glue" in eastern Ontario in organizing community forestry events such as the Forest Fair of Eastern Ontario and the Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference. These extremely popular and well-attended events continue to generate interest and engage landowners, urban and rural residents, youth and others in new and emerging facets of sustainable forest management. Partners continue to strongly support the EOMF in this work. New partners continue to be brought on board as well. The 2005 Christmas Seminar, for example, has resulted in the forging of several new partnerships in the realm of bioproducts. And, in a similar vein, a strong relationship has been forged with the North Grenville Chamber of Commerce as a result of this past year's Forest Fair.

Early planning for National Forest Week (NFW) 2006 is underway, with the EOMF again being looked to as the facilitator in bringing partners together. NFW serves as another excellent opportunity to bolster a forestry presence in eastern Ontario. NFW has moved from the spring of the year to the fall, so we'll have a great opportunity to make an even better linkage with some of our ongoing fall events such as the Forest Fair. We've also recently learned that the Canadian Museum of Science and Technology is developing a Canadian forestry exhibit to be launched in September of 2007 during National Forest Week. We've had some initial discussions with the Museum and there is a great interest in showcasing aspects of our black ash project with Akwesasne as part of the exhibit and associated educational programming. The Museum is similarly interested in adapting elements of the "I Value True Trees" game developed by Andrea Howard (Eco-Think) with the support of the model forest.



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3.0.2 EDUCATION INITIATIVES

This year, once again, the model forest played an important role in several Envirothon events in the region in partnership with local Stewardship Councils, Conservation Authorities, and others. Envirothon brings teams of youth from area high schools together to learn about natural resources in a fun and competitive day of hands-on activities, and the model forest helped to develop and deliver programming on tree identification, forest inventory techniques, and insects and disease.

Building on the relationship forged last year with the Forestry Research Partnership, we had an opportunity this year to profile private land forestry and the efforts of both the EOMF and the Canadian Model Forest Network as part of the Eastern Canadian Teacher's Tour held at the Canadian Ecology Centre in Mattawa.

3.0.3 Communicating the Model Forest Concept & Successes Locally, Nationally and Internationally

As part of the effort to communicate EOMF successes and outcomes, a series of project fact sheets has been developed. These fact sheets have been well-received as materials in information and media kits, and have been disseminated at the many events mentioned previously as well as others including the Navan Fair Conservation Zone, the Trenton Woodlot Conference, and the Ontario East Municipal Conference.

The EOMF has continued to endorse sustainable forestry and the model forest concept on behalf of the Canadian Model Forest Network as well

as the International Model Forest Network Secretariat through various field visits and tours. Last summer, for example, we hosted a group of European students as part of a TRANSFOR field tour of Canadian forestry installations. We also hosted a field visit to eastern Ontario as part of the North American Forest Ecology Conference. Visitors from Sweden, Japan and various other countries have been hosted by the EOMF over the course of the year.

The EOMF also contributed to the Canadian Model Forest Network's mid-Phase progress report which profiles the many successes of the model forests that span the country. Similar work is underway to assist the production of a report which will celebrate the achievements of the Canadian Model Forest Network over the past 15 years.

3.0.4 A Strategic Approach...Present and Future

As recommended in the December 2004 EOMF Communications & Outreach benchmarking exercise, the Communications Committee has taken a more strategic approach to analyzing target audiences. A June 2005 target audience refinement session was held with Communications Committee members along with board and staff members. The objectives for this session were as follows:

- To identify specific target audiences in the context of the ongoing program
- To identify potential gaps in target audiences, ensuring a strong finish to Phase III, and
- To identify key target audiences to be reached in order to be well-positioned for a new program beyond March of 2007

The results are summarized in a comprehensive matrix of target audiences. This work has proven extremely useful in highlighting areas where opportunities exist to reach specific target audiences (e.g., municipalities, federal government departments).

A roster of key events has also been developed this year. The roster is updated regularly and circulated on a monthly basis to all standing committees and interested partners. It is proving to be a useful tool in tracking staffing needs and objectives for participating in various events, and in furthering our ongoing evaluation efforts.

In addition to overseeing outreach and education efforts in the coming year, the Communications Committee will continue to play an integral role in the work associated with the shaping of the EOMF program beyond March of 2007.

3.1 Environmental Education Network

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

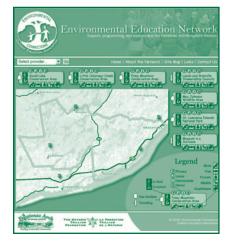
In October, 2005, the Environmental Connections Outdoor Education Association (EC) celebrated the official launch of the Frontenac Arch Biosphere / Outdoor Educator's Awareness Initiative, thanks to a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The objective of the project, now known as the Environmental Education Network, is to promote environmental education within the Biosphere Reserve in new and innovative ways. The model forest is pleased to be involved in the partnership and is contributing to the effort by providing Web development services, technical support, and graphics work.

3.2 Outdoor Recreation & Resource Map

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

With over 3,000 copies of the Eastern Ontario Outdoor Recreation & Resource map now in circulation, the EOMF is updating and reissuing the map. This is the only map of eastern Ontario that shows both the built and natural environment including forest cover, ANSI's (Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest), conservation areas, crown land, community forests, water control structures, national parks, fish species, wildlife management unit boundaries, fishing division boundaries, fire region boundaries, OBM tile index, and much more auxiliary annotation, all in a full-colour folded product. The final product is expected to be complete by the summer of 2006.









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)

The EOMF has continued the vital work of exchanging SFM knowledge and experience far beyond the boundaries of eastern Ontario. The following section highlights activities and achievements of the EOMF that extend into southern Ontario, the province of Quebec and northern New York State. It also highlights the EOMF's involvement in, and contributions to, the efforts of both the Canadian Model Forest Network (CMFN) and the International Model Forest Network Secretariat (IMFNS).

4.0.1 SOUTHERN ONTARIO, QUEBEC & NEW YORK STATE LINKAGES

Jim Cayford continued to represent the model forest as our beyond-the-boundaries liaison, having attended strategic events including the annual general meeting of The Ontario Rural Council (TORC), and the June 2005 Public Issues Forum as well as the more recent major TORC symposium sponsored by federal and provincial levels of government.

Staff members, along with board and committee members, have also played an important role in maintaining a strategic presence within and beyond the boundaries of the model forest. An example is the MNR Southcentral Region Forestry Forum – where we participated not only as a presenter, but also assisted with the formulation of the agenda and acted as the organizer of several associated field visits. The EOMF was also centrally involved in the organization of the national Forest Pest Management Forum held in Ottawa in December 2005.



Project work beyond our boundaries also continued, for example, with Renfrew County as well as Prince Edward County on demonstration forests. A further example is our work with the Forest Gene Conservation Association on butternut recovery and the Butternut Recovery Fund, which has been set up with the help of the model forest (see http://www.eomf.on.ca/getinvolved/donations_e.aspx). We've been pleased with the rapid development of a partnership with Forêt la Blanche, and look forward to pursuing education and research opportunities with the "Friends" operating this unique protected forest area near Mayo, Quebec.

We have continued the dialogue initiated at the September 2004 Forest Convergence session involving conservation interests from both sides of the Canada-U.S. border. Our June 2005 board meeting held at Wanakena

Ranger School in upper New York State provided another opportunity to explore partnership opportunities. We continue to maintain the Forest Convergence Web site as well. A presentation on the model forest program was made at the Syracuse campus of SUNY (State University of York) in February and discussions were held on various areas of collaboration including bioproducts, black ash research, private land forestry and extension and education research. These discussions were complimented by a briefing discussion with Dean Tat Smith, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto, with a commitment to explore further partnership opportunities.

Forests for Our Future

In recent months we've also convened a series of meetings to discuss future program content with partners in Sault Ste. Marie, Toronto and Peterborough.

4.0.2 ONTARIO MODEL FOREST NETWORK ACTIVITIES

As the Ontario Model Forest Network, we continued to forge ahead with efforts to strengthen work on broad policy issues. These efforts have spawned greater provincial attention, and will continue to be critical in this latter stage of our five-year program. Regular ongoing outreach efforts by the Ontario Network have resulted in strengthened partnerships with academic institutions including Lakehead University and the University of Toronto. We also met with MNR and CFS, and have launched work under a Memorandum of Understanding to develop a more precise picture of accomplishments under the National Forest Strategy within Ontario.

4.0.3 CANADIAN MODEL FOREST NETWORK ACTIVITIES

At the national level we have continued our strong support to and engagement in activities of the Canadian Model Forest Network (CMFN). Some theme-based highlights follow.

4.0.3.1 Private Woodlot Strategic Initiative

The EOMF continued to play a leadership role in the Private Woodlot Strategic Initiative (PWSI) of the CMFN, under which, together with the Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners, several elements pertaining to private woodlots are being addressed. Our President continued to serve as co-chair for the working committee, and our General Manager continued his participation as a member of the committee. We helped to organize the National Private Woodlot Conference in Vernon, B.C., and also presented at the event (the full conference proceedings are available in DVD format). Gary Nielsen, Stewardship Coordinator for Leeds County, participated as an EOMF partner at the event, sharing some of his on-the-ground, practical experiences in working with private woodlot owners in eastern Ontario.

The primers developed through the PWSI have been disseminated extensively in eastern Ontario through the EOMF, and continue to prove popular with woodlot owners.

4.0.3.2 Climate Change Strategic Initiative

The EOMF continued to participate in the Climate Change Strategic Initiative, which supported the climate change program at this year's Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference. Hosted by the EOMF – and supported by several partners including the CMFN (through the Climate Change Strategic Initiative), the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, South Nation Conservation, Raisin Region Conservation Authority, and the six Eastern Ontario Stewardship Councils – the conference proved a resounding success. Entitled "Climate Changes, Will Your Woodlot?" the conference generated considerable interest, with some 300 participants having taken part in the day's discussions. The conference featured keynote speaker David Phillips, Environment Canada Senior Climatologist, originator of the Canadian Weather Trivia calendar and recipient of the Order of Canada. Presentations and concurrent sessions throughout the day focused on issues and challenges associated with a changing climate and implications for forests both locally and globally.



4.0.3.3 Network Communications & Outreach

Communicating the successes of the CMFN is viewed as a fundamentally important part of our overall EOMF work plan. This year we continued to provide support to

CMFN communication and outreach activities including, for example, the CMFN mid-Phase progress report and the soon-to-be-released 15-year achievements report. The EOMF also hosted several field visits on behalf of the CMFN involving, for example, delegates to the North American Forest Ecology Conference, the IUFRO Working Group on Extension & Technology Transfer, and a group of NRCan/CFS policy recruits.

The EOMF helped to bolster the CMFN presence at a number of events, such as the non-timber forest products conference held at Royal Roads University in Victoria, the EMAN National Science Conference in Penticton (at which two EOMF staff members presented), and the North American Natural Resource Extension Forum (also attended by two EOMF staff members).

4.0.3.4 Aboriginal Strategic Initiative

The EOMF, especially through its partnership with the Mohawk Community of Akwesasne, continued to provide input to the Aboriginal Strategic Initiative. In January of 2006 Joanna Cook, (Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Department of the Environment) participated in the Aboriginal Youth Workshop held in Winnipeg.

4.0.3.5 Carbon Budget Modeling Strategic Initiative

The EOMF continued to participate in the Carbon Budget Modeling Strategic Initiative, providing guidance, promoting the associated workshops, and communicating the findings of the project to local partners.

4.0.3.6 Partnership Synergy Project

The EOMF continued to provide input to the Partnership Synergy Project, a multi-year research study aimed at ensuring that the experiences of the model forests across Canada are adequately documented and shared with others interested in collaborative processes. We look forward to the final conclusions, recommendations, and partnership development tools stemming from the study.

4.0.3.7 National Forest Strategy

The EOMF contributed to the mid-term progress report on the National Forest Strategy. Examples of how the model forests across the country had helped to implement the Strategy were highlighted in particular.

4.0.3.8 A Landscape Approach to Management – Collaborative Opportunites

In partnership with Environment Canada, the Policy Research Initiative of the Privy Council and the Canadian Model Forest Network, the EOMF hosted a workshop of national interest on integrated landscape management. The workshop, aimed at senior officials across various federal government departments, was extremely well attended and spawned some exciting discussions about possible collaborations.

See also the related work described under Section 2.6 dealing with the Habitat-Based Biodiversity Standards initiative.

In concert with the CMFN and four local Stewardship Councils (Lennox & Addington, Prince Edward County, Frontenac County, and Leeds County), the EOMF also hosted an evening workshop in the fall of 2005 themed around landscape approaches to private property management.

4.0.3.9 Network Strategic Planning Support

The EOMF continued to play an active role in shaping the future of the CMFN. Our President served as co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee which oversaw the development of approaches and transition strategies relative to the future of the Canadian Model Forest Network. This work will continue in the coming year under the direction of the board of the now formally-established and incorporated not-for-profit partnership organization known as the Canadian Model Forest Network.

4.0.4 INTERNATIONAL MODEL FOREST NETWORK ACTIVITIES

As at the national level, the EOMF continued to actively engage in activities of the International Model Forest Network Secretariat (IMFNS), and respond to requests as an important responsibility to the broader global community of model forests.

Our General Manager participated in the IMFNS-sponsored Global Forum in Costa Rica as a presenter, and served as a facilitator for one of the conference sessions. The discussions in Costa Rica have resulted in several ongoing dialogues relating to ecological goods and services, among other topics.

The EOMF continued to provide support to IMFNS communications and outreach activities, including, for example, the development of several project posters for the Global Forum in Costa Rica.

Centrally located, the EOMF played host to several international delegations on behalf of the IMFNS. In addition to hosting students involved in the TRANSFOR field visit to Canada, the EOMF hosted visitors from Sweden and Japan.

With funding support from the IMFNS, the EOMF initiated a project working with the Swedish Model Forests, as well as several members of the Canadian Model Forest Network, to enhance the development of the Swedish programs. This work will continue into the coming year.

4.1 Web Site Use for Beyond the Boundaries Transfer of SFM

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 4.2/02)

This project involves increasing and improving upon the services available to the public through the EOMF Web site. The site was redesigned last year, and brought online at the beginning of the 2005-2006 fiscal year.









Enhancements to the Web site this year included the addition of an online survey system which polls users with a short set of questions for the purpose of:

- Tailoring the delivery of the EOMF program to better serve all stakeholders
- Contributing public survey data to the Criteria and Indicators / State of the Forest Monitoring and Reporting project
- Setting topics for workshops and information sessions
- Evaluating the acceptance of sustainable forest management principles on the landscape

On the inaugural survey, which asks about visitors' familiarity with the model forest concept, and about what they feel is the most important aspect of the EOMF, there have been a total of 37 responses (31 in English, 6 in French).

In addition to the online survey, some other important enhancements have been made to the site, including:

- A calendar view to the list of upcoming events, showing events on a monthly calendar that can be explored by users
- A database to record the name, affiliation, and location (all given voluntarily) of users downloading documents from the publications catalogue

The EOMF Web site continues to be an important communications tool, as illustrated by the following statistics from the past year:

- 113 events advertised
- 592 publications downloaded
- About 1,000 unique visitors each month
- 13,151 visits over the year
- 3.24 GB of data transferred

Web link: http://www.eomf.on.ca

4.2 Forest Gene Conservation Association Web Site

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

With the help of intern Crispin Wood, the Forest Gene Conservation Association (FGCA) Web site was revamped this year to include a comprehensive section on butternut. The section provides information about the species, the butternut canker, what can be done to improve the outlook of butternut health in the region, and links to more information.

We also added the ability to target donations made on the EOMF Web site directly to the efforts of the Butternut Recovery team.

In conjunction with the Forest Fair of Eastern Ontario, held in Kemptville in September 2005, the model forest produced a poster, displayed prominently at the log and lumber auction, which discussed the issues around butternut and informed woodlot owners of steps they can take to help save this important native species. The poster has also been transferred to the FGCA for its use.

Web link: http://www.fgca.net



4.3 South Nation Conservation – Alfred Bog Database

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

In August of 2005, the model forest partnered with South Nation Conservation to produce an interactive compact disc featuring documents, images, maps, and other multimedia relating to the Alfred Bog.

4.4 Ontario Stewardship Web Sites

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

The model forest continues to host and administer Web sites for several eastern Ontario Stewardship Councils. This year, Ontario Stewardship unveiled a new, common-look Web portal for all of the Stewardship Councils. Those Councils in eastern Ontario that chose to keep their "independent" sites along with the new portal sites have been grouped under the easternontariostewardship.org domain.

Web links:

http://www.easternontariostewardship.org/grenville http://www.easternontariostewardship.org/ottawa http://www.easternontariostewardship.org/lanark http://www.easternontariostewardship.org/prescott-russell

4.5 Trees Ontario Foundation – Forecasting Application

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

The model forest and the Trees Ontario Foundation have begun working on an interactive Web application that will allow seed collectors to track and manage their seed collecting sites, and tree planting organizations to track and plan plantation projects from the past and into the future. In addition, the application will allow the Trees Ontario Foundation to make comparisons between seedling demand for planting and the availability and quality of seed stocks to provide those seedlings. This exciting application will be developed by the model forest in the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

4.6 Who's Doing What?

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

Since its launch late in the 2004-2005 fiscal year, the Who's Doing What? Web site, the result of a partnership between the EOMF and the Grenville Land Stewardship Council, has grown considerably. There are now 44 different organizations and over 100 projects listed in the database, and it's getting bigger all the time.

The site is an online catalogue of the many different organizations working in eastern Ontario. Organizations can add and update their own profiles, and can also add information about their past and ongoing projects. The database can be searched by free text, keywords, and even by location so that visitors to the site can keep track of "who's doing what, where".

Web link: http://www.whosdoingwhat.ca









There is nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come. – Victor Hugo –

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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)

Progress is being made on longstanding good ideas such as a full forest resource inventory, integrated landscape management, certification, and the development of sustainable economic values.

Through involvement in the SOLRIS project and other smaller initiatives, the yardsticks are moving forward in the struggle for an enhanced Forest Resource Inventory (FRI). Integrated landscape management workshops and meetings strengthened the relationship with Environment Canada and the Privy Council Office. Partnerships with a diverse range of agencies, organizations, business and government bodies continued.

The Equity Committee reached out on several occasions to support partners such as the Ferguson Forest Centre within the Strategic Plan for North Grenville. Our relationship with land trusts such as the Nature Conservancy of Canada (Ontario), the Thousand Islands Watershed Land Trust and the DIAMONDS Land Trust has been strengthened further in 2005-2006.

Knowledge sharing took the form of attendance at the MNR GIS Day, the Ottawa Rural Summit, the Ontario East Municipal Conference, consultations with officials of the Canadian Forest Service and work with the EOMF Futures Working Group.

A matrix can be defined as "an arrangement of connected things." In the Naturalized Knowledge System we believe that everything is connected to everything. An equity generation matrix was developed to clearly demonstrate how varying sources of funding and influence are connected to the objectives and special projects of the EOMF. In plain language and using table format, many potential resources, matching projects or objectives, range of funding, strategies, leads, timing, potential funding partners and prioritizing were documented. Plans for a more organized approach to funding and sponsorships were begun.

Also springing from the idea of carefully developing the economic values of the forest, the work with the Wood Centre project, various bioproduct initiatives, certification and technology transfer continued. Municipalities, researchers, the Eastern Ontario Development Corporation, academic and other valued partners all helped move this complex idea along.

It was a busy year with many initiatives continuing into the coming fiscal year.

Sandra Lawn Project Leader, Equity Generation

5.1 Akwesasne Partnership

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 5.2/02)

The community at Akwesasne has continued to support the objectives of the EOMF through involvement in activities at both the local and national level.

In April we held a fruit tree care and maintenance workshop at Akwesasne. By engaging community members in this type of hands-on workshop, we are working to ensure the survival of fruit trees in our community. In honour of the maple tree, we also held our annual maple syrup ceremony in April. This saw youth from various schools participate in a maple education day that was coupled with a tree identification walk. In April we also hosted students from Resolute Bay, N.W.T, delivering a presentation on medicinal plants at Sand Road Sugar Camp.

In May we held our annual tree and seed giveaway to promote sustainable forestry at Akwesasne. In June we carried out a comprehensive tree assessment on Hamilton Island, with the assistance of Mark Richardson, EOMF Project Forester. In response to a challenge from Mark, we are working to develop a database for Hamilton Island. Also in June we participated in the field visit to the EOMF by Pardeep Ahluwalia, Director General, Great Lakes Forestry Centre.

Over the course of recent months, we have also forged a new partnership with the Friends of the Apple Hill Forestry Centre. We continue to explore opportunities to collaborate in teaching sustainable forestry to local youth.

In September, as our responsibility to our youth, we organized different activities in honour of the apple. This involved youth from the Akwesasne Freedom School who learned about different aspects of the apple tree, from harvesting apples to making cider. We also participated in the Forest Fair of Eastern Ontario, held at the Ferguson Forest Centre, where we showcased our traditional basket making with black ash. We also hosted a group of delegates involved in the MNR's Forestry Forum.

In the fall of 2005 we partnered with the EOMF and South Nation Conservation in hosting a Cultural Values Workshop for forest managers.

Some additional project highlights include:

- Butternut re-planting efforts
- Participation in the Forest Gene Conservation Association's annual meeting, delivering a presentation on butternut from a Haudenosaunee perspective
- Naturalization of local community complexes and offices, where we've planted various fruit and nut trees
- The development of a forest curriculum for the Akwesasne Freedom School, which is being shared with other schools
- Engagement in the recently-launched Parks Canada initiative looking at species at risk



We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony with each other and all living things.

 From the Ohenten Kariwatekwa (the Words That Come Before All Else)-



Black ash preservation efforts continue as well. We have begun work on a black ash inventory with Wahta Mohawk Nation near Bala, Ontario. We have also continued our black ash seed orchard project with Tyendinaga Mohawk Community. Closer to home, we held a black ash seed dispersement workshop with youth at Akwesasne. In addition, we have developed a working relationship with South Nation Conservation and Golden Lake First Nation to further black ash preservation efforts.

> Work has also been underway looking at the potential threats posed by the emerald ash borer. We have participated in several workshops and conferences in the state of Michigan. Plans are underway to share the information gathered, and a presentation on emerald ash borer has been developed.

> We look forward to our continuing role in helping to shape the future EOMF program in the coming months.

Margaret George, Peggy Pyke-Thompson, Richard David, Henry Lickers Akwesasne Partnership Project

5.2 Program Analysis & Evaluation

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 5.3/02)

Monitoring and evaluating our performance, in terms of program design and delivery, is a critical ongoing task. Over the course of the year we have made a concerted effort to apply the Evaluation & Performance Management Framework developed at the outset of Phase III. This preparatory homework should stand us in good stead for our formal program evaluation by the Canadian Forest Service in the coming year.

It is under the auspices of this project that we have also begun the challenging and exciting endeavour of developing a strategy for the EOMF program beyond March of 2007 (the formal close of the current five-year program). In December we convened a Partnership Gathering open to all interested in providing input and guidance to the future program – the result of which was a truly phenomenal sharing of ideas, coupled with the beginnings of a strategy for the future. In the coming months we will continue to look to our members, partners and supporters for guidance in shaping the new program. The effort will continue to be guided by the Futures Working Group and the Equity Committee.

FUTURES WORKING GROUP MEMBERS 2005-2006

Jim McCready, *Chair* Brian Barkley Jim Gilmour Wade Knight Martin Streit Dave Winston



Award Recipients

Ross Silversides Forestry Award Heartwood Award Eastern Ontario Model Forest Environmental Award



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



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



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, Maitland, Ontario (Honourary) 1994 Bess Silversides, Maitland, Ontario (Honourary) 1994 Ernest M. Kaientaronkwen Benedict, Akwesasne Teharonianeken, Chief Jake Swamp, Akwesasne 1995 Ewan Caldwell, Rockcliffe Park, Ontario 1996 Ferdinand LaRose, Bourget, Ontario 1996 Françoise LaBelle, St. Bruno Quebec (Honourary) 1996 1998 Sandra S. Lawn, Prescott, Ontario William K. "Old Bill" Fullerton, Manotick, Ontario 1999 2000 Jim Cayford, Barrhaven, Ontario 2001 George Fowler, Iroquois, Ontario 2001 Henry Atsienhanonne Arquette, Akwesasne John Kerr-Wilson, Ompah, Ontario 2002 2003 Ray & Ruth Fortune, Almonte, Ontario Wayne D. Young, Cornwall, Ontario 2004 2005 Peter M. Murray, Gananoque, Ontario 2006 F. Henry Lickers, Akwesasne



The Roots of Support Our Partners and Supporters in 2005-2006

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario ALBA Wilderness School Albert Larocque Lumber Ltd. Alfred College ~ University of Guelph Alf's Forest Service **Algonquin College** Algonquin First Nation of Golden Lake Algonquin to Adirondack Conservation Association Arbex Forest Development Ltd. Autodesk Azon Canada Barbara Heck Foundation (Landon Bay Environmental Learning Centre) Barr Lumber Ltd. Bas St. Laurent Model Forest **Baxter Conservation Area BIOCAP** Canada Foundation Biological Checklist of the Kemptville Creek Drainage Basin **BioProducts Business Network Bluebird Acres** Boisés Est Canadian Biodiversity Institute Canadian Centre for Remote Sensing **Canadian Federation of Nature Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners Canadian Forest Service Canadian Forestry Association** Canadian Institute of Forestry Canadian Lumbermen's Association **Canadian Model Forest Network** Canadian Museum of Nature Canadian Museum of Science & Technology Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society **Canadian Wildlife Service Carleton Place Forest Advisory Committee Carleton Place Secondary High School Carleton Universitv Centre for Geographic Information Systems** Centre for Sustainable Watersheds Charleston Lake Environmental Association **Charleston Lake Provincial Park Chiloe Model Forest City of Brockville** City of Ottawa **Cobjon Enterprises Inc.** Commonwealth Plywood Co. Ltd. **Conservation Ontario** Cataraqui River Conservation Authority Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Mississippi Valley Conservation Raisin Region Conservation Authority **Rideau Valley Conservation Authority** South Nation Conservation Cooper Marsh Conservation Area County of Lanark **Coyncrest Farms**

Dalkeith Lumber David Black Ash Consulting **Delcan Engineers Planners** Dendron Resource Surveys Inc. D.I.A.M.O.N.D.S. Conservation Land Trust Domtar Inc. **Drentex Field Services** Drummond's Sugarbush **Ducks Unlimited** Dundas Soil & Crop Improvement Association Eastern Chapter of Society of Ontario Nut Growers (ECSONG) Eastern Counties Local, Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association Eastern Ontario Certified Forest Owners Eastern Ontario Development Corporation Eastern Ontario Urban Forest Network Ekohawk **Environment Canada Eco-Future** Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network (EMAN) Ecologistics Ltd. Ecospherics International Inc. Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Innovation Network (ELORIN) **Environmental Connections Outdoor Education Association Environmental Youth Corps** ERDAS **ESRI** Canada FedNor Ferguson Forest Centre Fisheries and Oceans Canada Foothills Model Forest Foreign Affairs & International Trade Canada Forest Gene Conservation Association Forest Engineering Research Institute of Canada (FERIC) Forest Products Association of Canada Forest Stewardship Council of Canada (FSC) Forestry Designs Forestry Research Partnership Forintek Canada Corporation Fortune Farms **Fowler Tree Farms** Friends of the Apple Hill Forestry Centre Friends of Forêt la Blanche Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve Fulton's Pancake House and Sugar Bush **Fundy Model Forest** Gananoque Forestree Advisory Committee Geomap GIS America Gesner and Associates **Glenburnie School Great Lakes Forest Alliance Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation** Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve Ltd. Halifax Global Inc. Hardy Stevenson and Associates Herb Shaw & Sons Ltd. Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy



Integrated ForesTree Services International Centre for Research in Agroforestry International Joint Commission International Model Forest Network Secretariat ~ IDRC Invista, Maitland Ontario Site **Iroquois Enterprises** Isosceles Information Solutions Inc. Kemptville College ~ University of Guelph King's Forestry Service La Cité Collégiale Lake Abitibi Model Forest Lakehead University Lanark Cedar Lanark & District Fish and Game Club Lanark & District Maple Syrup Producers' Association Lanark & Leeds Green Community Program Lanark County Board of Education Lanark County Tourism LandOwner Resource Centre Larose Forest Advisory Committee Lavern Heideman & Sons Ltd. Limerick Forest Advisory Committee L.R. McVeigh Lumber Ltd. Manitoba Model Forest McCready Tree & Forestry Consulting McGill University McGregor Model Forest Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists M.J. Umpherson Lumber Co. Ltd. Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Department of the Environment Municipality of North Grenville Mutual Association for the Protection of Lake Environments (MAPLE) National Aboriginal Forestry Association National Capital Commission National Forest Strategy Coalition National Wildlife Research Centre Natural Heritage Information Centre Natural Resources Canada Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Nature Conservancy of Canada (Ontario) **Neave Resource Management** North American Maple Syrup Council North Grenville Chamber of Commerce North Grenville District High School North Leeds Community Development Corporation Nova Forest Alliance Ontario East Economic Development Commission **Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Ontario Forest Research Institute 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 Nature**

Ontario Power Generation Ontario Professional Foresters Association Ontario Stewardship Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County Frontenac Stewardship Council Grenville Land Stewardship Council Hastings Stewardship Council Leeds County Stewardship Council Lennox & Addington Stewardship Council Northumberland Stewardship Council Ottawa Stewardship Council Prescott-Russell Stewardship Council Prince Edward Stewardship Council Renfrew County Stewardship Council Resource Stewardship S.D. & G. Victoria Land and Water Stewardship Council **Ontario Woodlot Association Opeongo Forestry Services** Ottawa Field Naturalists Ottawa Forests & Greenspace Advisory Committee Ottawa Valley Section ~ Canadian Institute of Forestry **Outaouais Fish Farm** Oxford-on-Rideau Public School Parks Canada Parks Ontario Pathfinder Maps Petawawa National Research Forest **Pinegrove Biotechnical Policy Research Initiative** Prescott-Russell Economic Development Office Prince Albert Model Forest Queen's University **Resource Efficient Agricultural Production Canada (REAP) Richard Ivey Foundation Rideau Trail Association Rideau Valley Field Naturalist Club** St. Lawrence Islands National Park St. Lawrence Parks Commission St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences St. Michael Catholic High School St. Regis Tribal Council Sand Road Sugar Camp Sandra S. Lawn & Associates Inc. Sani-International Seburn Ecological Services Shaw Lumber SmartWood South Grenville District High School Stanford University, Centre for Conservation Biology State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry Steve Rand Consulting and Forestry Services Stewardship Network of Ontario (SNO) Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Community Futures Corporation Stormont Soil and Crop Improvement Association Sugarbush Cabinet Company Ltd.



Our Partners and Supporters in 2005-2006 Continued...

TD Graham + Associates The Old Field Garden & Wildflower Nursery The Ontario Rural Council The Ontario Trillium Foundation The Watershed Nature & History Network 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 & Grenville United Counties of Prescott & Russell United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry University of Calgary University of Guelph University of Ottawa University of Toronto, Faculty of Forestry University of Waterloo Upper Canada District School Board

Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary **Urban Forest Citizen's Committee Utiligent Designs** VA Designs Vankleek Hill Nature Society V.J. Nordin and Associates Ltd. Wanakena Ranger School Waswanipi Cree Model Forest Watson's Corners Hall Western Newfoundland Model Forest 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 York University, Department of Anthropology



Financial Statements 2005-2006





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BALANCE SHEET		
<u>As at March 31, 2006</u>		
ASSETS		
	2006	<u>2005</u>
CURRENT Cash Funding receivable Term deposits Interest receivable GST receivable	\$ 301,870 27,225 313,190 71 <u>9,888</u>	\$ 135,64 230,24 312,75
CAPITAL (Note 1)	652,244 <u>11,009</u>	683,09
LIABILITIES AND NET ASS	<u>ETS</u>	
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Deferred contributions (Note 2)	\$ 116,175 	\$ 139,70 <u>339,73</u> 479,43
NET ASSETS Unrestricted net assets \$ 223,2 Net assets restricted for CFS project purposes <u>35,3</u>	47 <u>28</u>	230,3
	<u>258,575</u> <u>663,253</u>	30.3 \$709.80
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EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

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For the year ended March 31, 2006

			<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>
		\$	33,865	\$	33,412
			208,386		503,414
			500,000		500,000
			270,000		303,154
			44,512		77,985
ri-Food	Canada		340,000		-
			5,436		5,384
			23,730		16,444
			12,515		9,391
			42,506		9,067
			1,576		3,295
			52,179		29,746
			1,534,705	_	1,491,292
\$	915,775				667,953
	336,935				575,639
	191,317				181,749
	7,829				7,473
	23,276				26,746
	9,319				6,610
	14,461				14,398
	5,849				8,393
_	1,739			_	2,175
			1,506,500	_	1,491,136
			28,205	_	156
	349,548				371,124
_	(349,548)			-	(371,124
		_		_	-
		\$	28,205	\$	156
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EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP

SCHEDULE OF EASTERN ONTARIO MODEL FOREST PROJECTS

(Schedule 1)

For the year ended March 31, 2006

Project	Title	2006 Budget <u>(unaudited</u>)	<u>2006</u>	2005
1.1/02	Landowner Workshop Series	\$ 5,000		5,000	\$ -
1.2/02	Demo Forest Initiative	3,000		3,000	8,000
1.3/02	Web Enabled Forest Mgmt.Tool	5,000		5,000	5,000
1.4/02	Eastern Ont.Urban Forest Network	3,000		3,000	3,000
1.5/02	Non-Timber Revenue Opportunities	2,000		2,000	2,000
1.6/02	Timber Prod. Revenue Opportunities	2,000		2,000	2,000
1.7/02	Sustainable Forest Certificate Init.	53,000		53,000	50,000
1.8/02	Landowner Education	40,000		40,000	40,000
1.9/02	Recognition Program	2,000		2,000	2,000
1.11/03	Science Management	1,000)	1,000	
1.12/03	Biodiversity Indicators Owners				7,000
2.1/02	Sustainable Forest Mgmt. Local Gov	5,000		5,000	2,000
2.2/02	Desired Future Forest Pilot Project	10,000)	10,000	2,000
2.5/02	Community/Private Former Agreement				
	Areas	2,000		2,000	2,000
2.6/02	Criteria & Indicators/State of Forest	38,000)	38,000	48,000
Habitat B	iodiversity - Environment Canada &				
	ood Canada				
2.9-1/05	Licenses	20,000	0	6,922	-
2.9-2/05	Data/Professional Services	240,000		240,000	-
2.9-3/05	Remote Sensing	40,000		40,000	-
2.9-4/05	Workshops	30,000	0	14,200	-
2.9-5/05	Report & Presentation	10.00	0	3,550	
		511.00	0	475,672	173,000
3.1/2	Communication & Outreach Plan	56,00	0	56,000	56,000
3.2/04	EOFG Translation	-		-	8,000
5.2/04	Lor o maistaion	56.00	0	56,000	64,000
4.0/05	Network Communication	270,00	0	270,000	303,154
4.0/03	Exchange SFM Beyond Boundaries	8,00		8,000	9,000
4.4/02	Web Site Use Beyond Boundaries	10,00		10,000	11,000
4.2/02	web Site Ose Beyond Boundaries	288,00		288,000	323,154
		\$ <u>855,00</u>	0 5	<u>819,672</u>	\$ 560,154

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For the year ended March 31, 2006							
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total 2006	Total 2005			
Balance beginning of the year	\$ -	\$ 230,370	\$ 230,370	\$ 230,214			
Excess of revenues over expenses (Note	4) <u>35,328</u>	<u>(7,123</u>)	28,205	156			

\$<u>35,328</u> \$<u>223,247</u> \$<u>258,575</u> \$<u>230,370</u>

EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

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Balance, end of the year



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	SCHEDULE OF EASTERN ONTARIO (Schedule 1)			
	For the year ended M			
		2006		
		Budget		
Project	Title	(unaudited)	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
BALANC	E FORWARD	\$855,000	\$ <u>819,672</u>	560,1
5.1/02	Equity Generation	10,000	10,000	5,0
5.2/02	Akwesasne Partnership	44,000	44,000	44,0
5.3/04	Analysis and Evaluation (Note 5)	1,000	13,910	2,0
5.4/03	CIF/SAF Conference	-	-	17,5
5.5/05	Model Forest Network Meeting Ottawa	-	-	2,0
5.6/05	Model Forest Network Publications	-	-	4,5
5.7/05	MF Network Management Ottawa	-	-	25,7
5.8	EOFG/LAMF OMNR	-	-	10,
5.9/03	EOFG/LAMF Univ Tor/Lakehead	-	-	9,0
5.10/05	MF Waswanipi Meeting	-	-	1,2
5.12/06	MCA Winnipeg Workshop	750	750	
5.11/05	Integrated Landscape Mang. Kempt.	10,000	10,000	1.1
5.18/05	N.A. Forest Ecology Field Tour	575	575	-
5.17/06	MF Network Sponsorship 10th			
	National Forest Congress	10,000	10,000	1.1
5.16/06	MF Network Working Group	12,057	12,057	1.1
5.14/05	Argentinean MF Participation in		1 000	
	Indigenous Summit	1,000	1,000	-
5.15/05	MF Network Strategic Planning Support	10,130	10,130	
		99,512	112,422	120,
		954,512	932,094	681,
Less: GS	T recoverable		(16,319)	(13.
TOTAL	EXPENSE - EOFG PROJECTS	\$ 954,512	\$ <u>915,775</u>	\$ <u>667</u> .

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Forests for Our Future

EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP <u>SCHEDULE OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS</u> (Schedule 2) For the year ended March 31, 2006

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Project	Title	2006 Budget <u>(unaudited)</u>	<u>2006</u>	2005
EOFG96/18	GEO Info	\$ 34,022	\$ 34,022	\$ 43,553
EOFG97/22	Christmas Seminar	1.275	1,275	1,390
EOFG97/25	Sanitation & Cleaning Maple	7,105	7,105	-
EOFG97/26	Maple Orchard			171
EOFG98/33	GIS Data	4,183	4,183	-
EOFG98/38	Tour Revenue	720	720	709
EOFG98/39	Woodlot Day	7,148	7,148	5,883
EOFG98/41	Forestry Fair	3,313	3,313	3,344
EOFG03/1	Forest Research Information	-		990
EOFG01/44	Filtering Maple Sap	563	563	4,500
EOFG00/48	Ivey Foundation	-	-	17,938
EOFG06/31	Site Recovery Strategy	1,492	1,492	-
EOFG00/03	EOFG Tech Support	7,649	7,649	-
EOFG03/7	Adapt Vapor Compression	4,600	4,600	-
EOFG03/11	A2A Project	-	_	33,500
EOFG04/32	IDRC China WK	-	-	5,300
EOFG04/50	Agroforestry BMP	6,489	6,489	23,511
EOFG01/12	Bog - Bog	14,113	14,113	56,666
EOFG01/21	Network Private Woodlot Initiative	21,131	21,131	947
EOFG01/23	Design Installation Tubing Recovery	10.261	10,261	2,320
EOFG01/24	MF Publication Catalogue	1	-	158
EOFG04/29	CIFSAF Conference	-	-	5,300
EOFG01/28	Forest Gen Conservation Website	-		1,651
EOFG01/30	Ontario Power Generation	26,773	26,773	97,911
EOFG03/36	EOFG Event	-	2.00	890
EOFG01/49	Enhanced Aboriginal Initiative Mtg.	681	681	-
EOFG02/65	EOFG Tree Marking	2,500	2,500	
EOFG02/27	Review N.America Maple Manual	12,220	12,220	
EOFG04/58	Trees for Peace	7,540	7,540	9,738
EOFG02/54	EOFG Equipment	12,295	12,295	12,340
EOFG02/53	National Forest Week	503	503	497
EOFG03/55	Invasive Exotics	-	-	2,107
EOFG02/57	Network Promotions	-	-	398
EOFG05/88	Renfrew County Demo	582	582	904
		\$ <u>187,158</u>	\$ <u>187,158</u>	\$ <u>332,616</u>

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EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For the year ended March 31, 2006

<u>GENERAL</u>

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 managements' 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 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 \$1,815 in 2006 (\$6,231 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 through the cooperative efforts of its residents and supporters. The Eastern Ontario Forest Group belongs to a network of twelve Model Forests located across Canada. The Federal Government, through the Canadian Forest Service, is providing funding of up to 2.5 million dollars to Eastern Ontario Forest Group over a five year period ending in 2007.

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EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP SCHEDULE OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS (Schedule 2) Cont'd For the year ended March 31, 2006

Devices	Title	2006 Budget	2006	2005
Project	little	(unaudited)	2006	2005
BALANCE FC	RWARD	\$ <u>187,158</u>	\$ <u>187,158</u>	\$ <u>332,616</u>
EOFG03/6	Monitoring Impact Forest Pest	-	-	6,757
EOFG02/62	EOFG Workshops	7,880	7,880	2,171
EOFG02/64	EOFG Logo	-	-	177
EOGO04/16	Pilot Study in Lancaster	64	64	12,436
EOFG04/84	Pilot Study - Charlotte	5,286	5,286	6,689
EOFG02/68	MF EOFG Comm. Network Travel	6,059	6,059	2,263
EOFG02/70	Best Management Practice Review	315	315	1,141
EOFG05/73	Wood Centre	9,360	9,360	6,685
EOFG05/87	SDG Forest Economy Action Plan	-	-	135,000
EOFG03/5	Evaluation Sap Ladders	2,000	2,000	750
EOFG03/48A	Certification Operating Fees	-	-	681
EOFG03/71	Forest Health Workshops	20,677	20,677	24,731
EOFG03/74	Mississippi River Inform.Mgmt.Sys.	9,168	9,168	2,305
EOFG03/78	EOFG Publications	1,113	1,113	5,190
EOFG04/81	Model Forest Network Display	3,054	3,054	-
EOFG03/82	NRC Intern	426	426	9,596
EOFG03/83	Climate Change	1,769	1,769	26,451
EOFG05/14	Cert. Home Depot	20,592	20,592	-
EOFG05/15	Forestry Conference	1,702	1,702	-
EOFG05/51	Habitat Project	5,000	5,000	-
EOFG04/66	Crown Land	25,000	25,000	-
EOFG05/86	Wetland Cycle	7,251	7,251	
EOFG05/89	EOFG/LAMF OMNR	8,148	8,148	-
EOFG05/90	EOFG/LAMF UNIV	1,730	1,730	-
EOFG05/91	Cert. Supplementary Project	13,183	13,183	
		149,777	149,777	243,023
TOTAL EXPE	NSE - SUPPLEMENTARY			
PROJECTS		\$ <u>336,935</u>	\$ <u>336,935</u>	\$ <u>575,639</u>

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Sector Accumulated Net Net Cost Amortization 2006 2005 Equipment \$ 86,043 \$ 75,034 \$ 11,009 \$ 23,641 Computers 9,631 - 3,064 \$ 95,674 \$ 84,665 \$ 11,009 \$ 26,705	11 <u>EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP</u> <u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> For the year ended March 31, 2006
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>2006</u> <u>2005</u> <u>20</u>	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: 2.9-1 Licenses \$ 13,078 2.9-4 Workshop 15,800 2.9-5 Report & Presentation 6.450 § 35.328
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