



# The Emerging South Georgian Bay Ecological Corridor

For Nature. For People. For Good.



**ESCARPMENT  
CORRIDOR ALLIANCE**

South Georgian Bay's Regional Land Trust

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# Who We Are

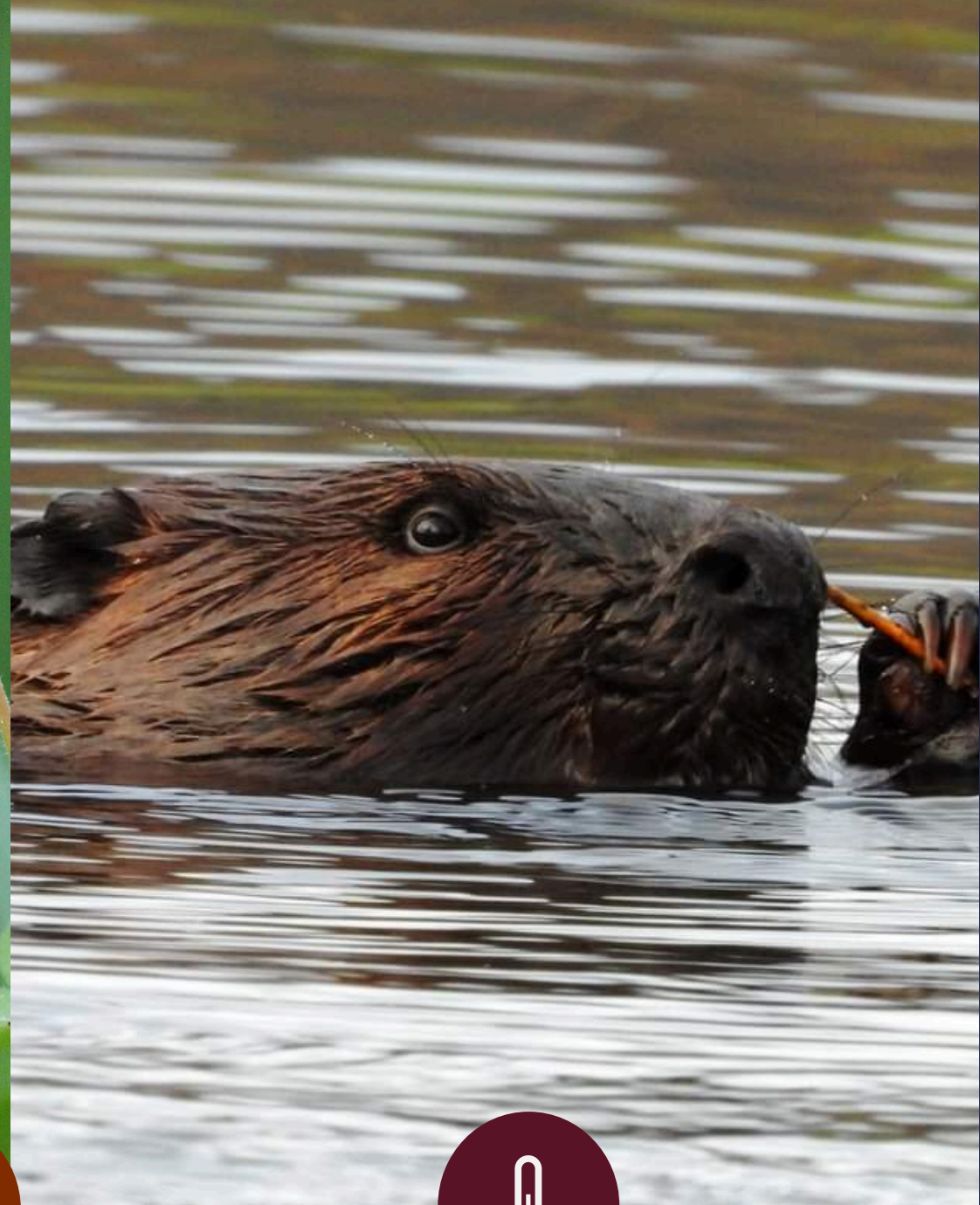


- A registered Canadian charity
- A regional conservation land trust
- Founded in 2022

# Our Mission

To create a protected and connected ecological corridor across the Niagara Escarpment of South Georgian Bay, for nature, for people, for good.





Habitat fragmentation and biodiversity loss



Human well-being impacts

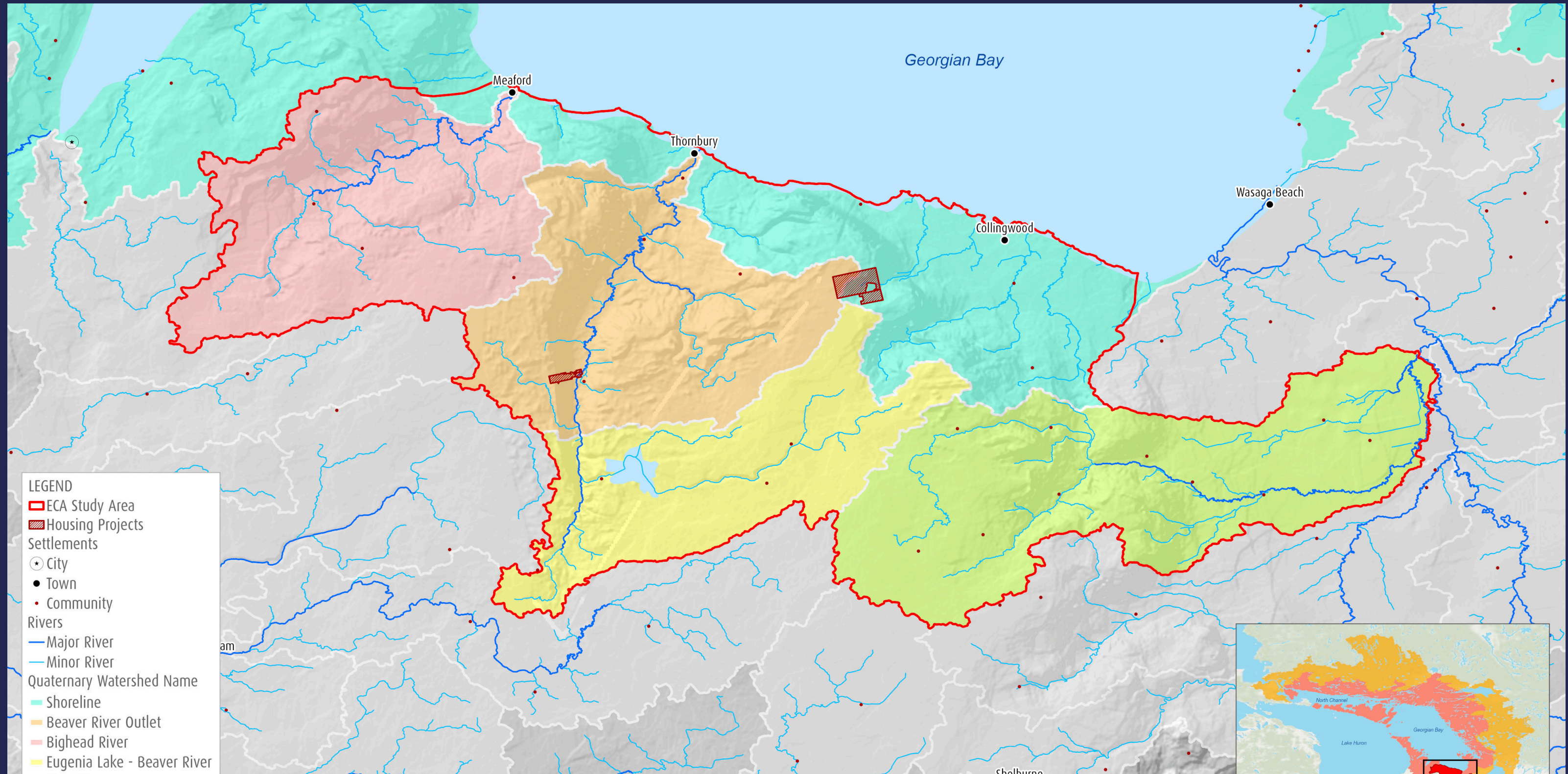


Climate change impacts

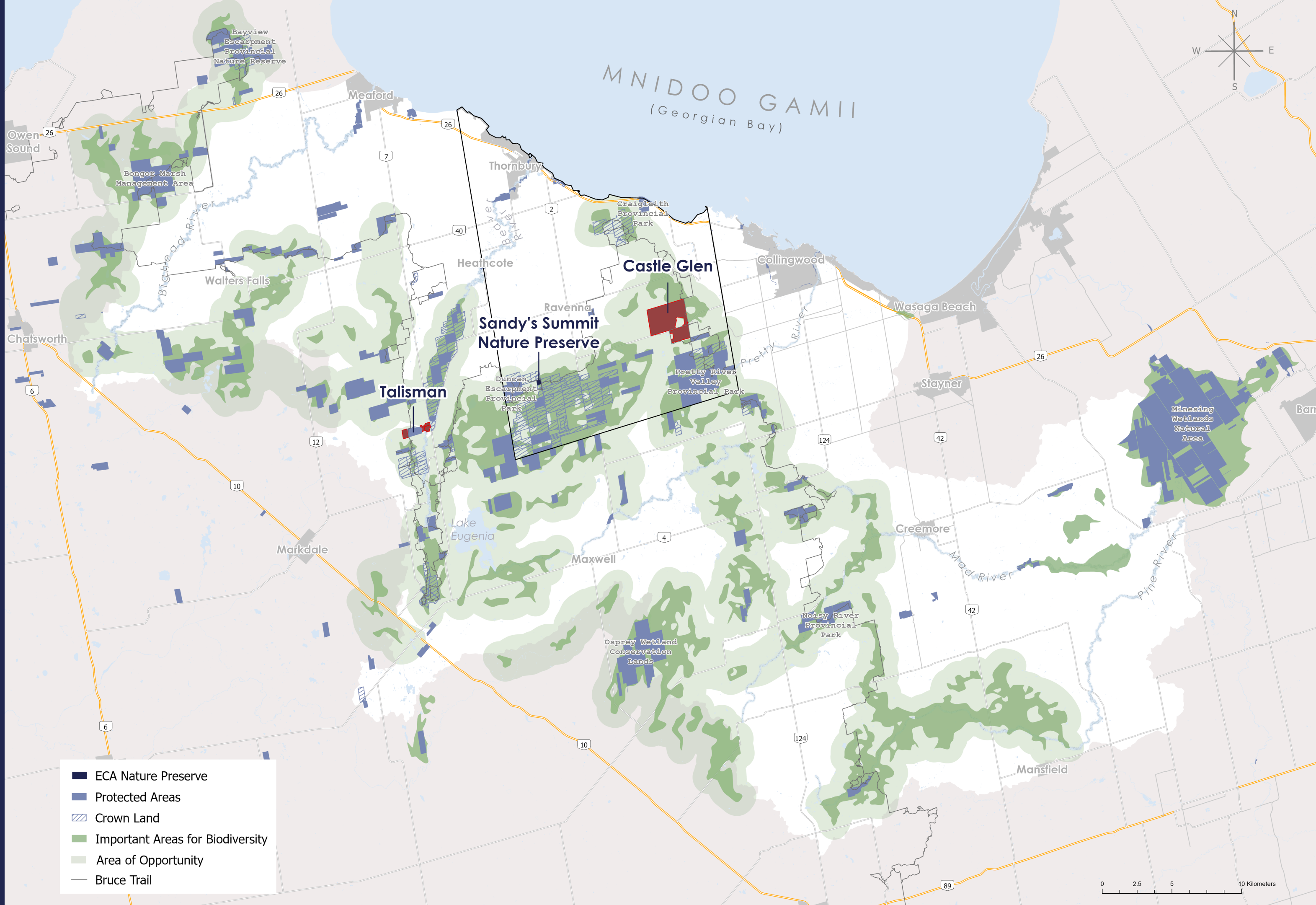
## Why We're Here Today: The Need for Connectivity



# A Watershed Approach

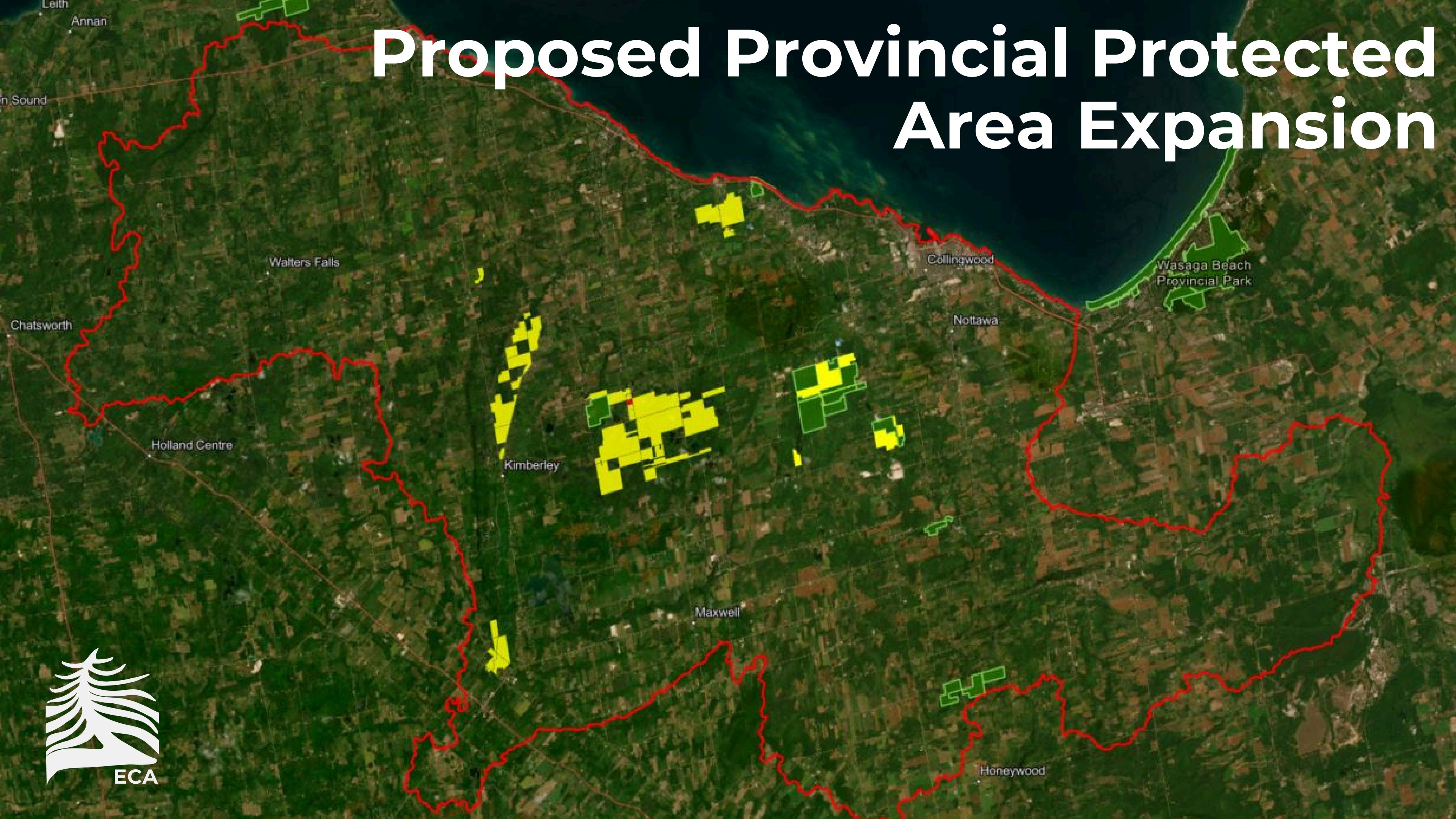


**Area  
of  
Influence**  
212,000 ha



- ECA Nature Preserve
- Protected Areas
- Crown Land
- Important Areas for Biodiversity
- Area of Opportunity
- Bruce Trail

# Proposed Provincial Protected Area Expansion



# Sandy's Summit Nature Preserve

The ECA's first land  
securement project is now  
protected!

Sandy's Summit honours a  
legacy of stewardship.





# How does an Ecological Corridor benefit the Town of The Blue Mountains?

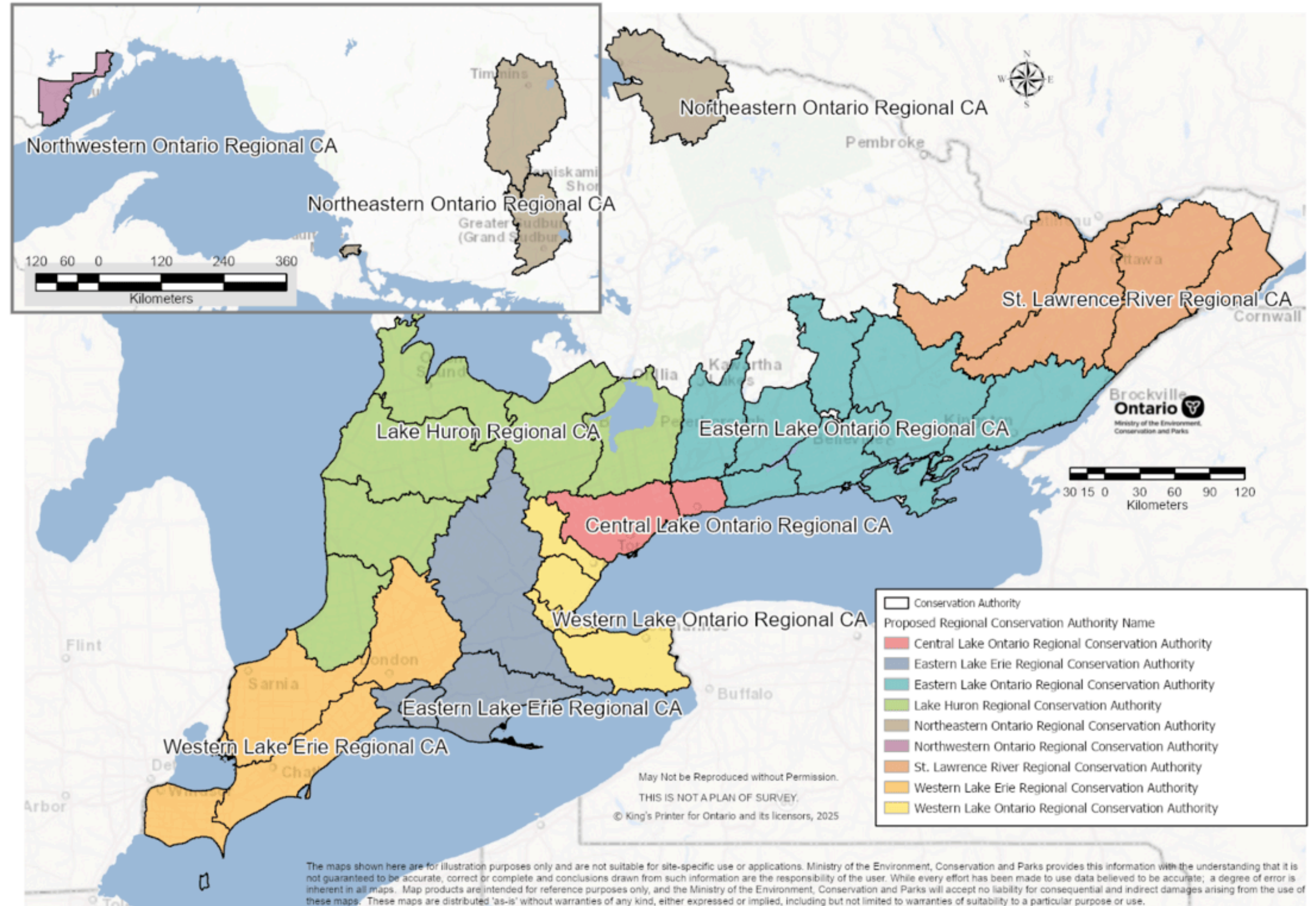
- Ecosystem services
- Nature-based recreation and tourism
- Protected conservation lands increase property values

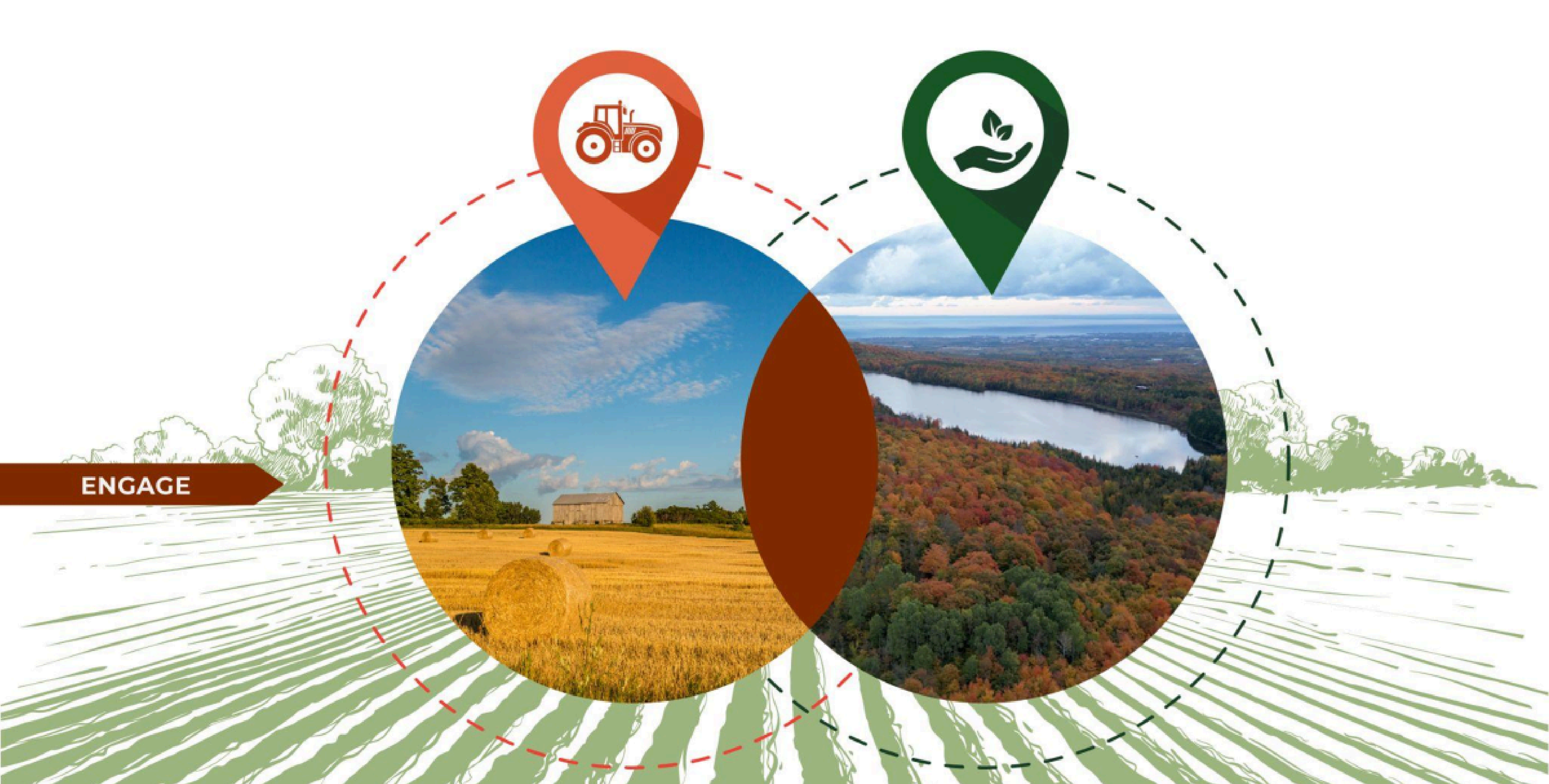


# Bill 68 and new consolidated Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority

- 23,000 square km
- 80+ municipalities

## Proposed 9 Regional Conservation Authorities





ENGAGE

EXPLORE THE INTERSECTION OF AGRICULTURE & CONSERVATION



**PARTNERSHIPS**



**EXPLORE & SUPPORT INDIGENOUS-LED CONSERVATION**

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# Collaborative Community Conservation



# TBM Strategic Plan Alignment

- **Resilient Growth:** Protecting natural systems that underpin long-term sustainability
- **Biodiversity & Climate Resilience:** Enhancing habitat connectivity and ecosystem function
- **Evidence-Based Decision Making:** Building on Natural Asset Inventory and Natural Heritage Review findings
- **Strategic Partnerships:** Leveraging external expertise and resources
- **Sustainable Tourism & Economy:** Maintaining the natural landscapes that support the Town's identity and visitor economy



# Request for Motion

“THAT Council recognizes the importance of broad ecological connectivity as a foundation of resilient growth, ecosystem services, and climate resilience;

AND THAT Council acknowledges that lands within the Town form part of an emerging ecological corridor across the South Georgian Bay region;

AND THAT Council endorses the work of the Escarpment Corridor Alliance as a collaborative partner in strengthening ecological connectivity, stewardship, nature-based recreation opportunities and long-term protection of natural systems;

AND THAT staff be directed to consider opportunities to integrate ecological connectivity objectives into relevant Town initiatives, including the Natural Asset Inventory, Natural Heritage Review, land use planning, and strategic partnerships.”





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## Questions?

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