

Ducks Unlimited Canada

Land Securement Program

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Ducks Unlimited Canada
Conserving Canada's Wetlands

Active by nature.





Our History

- private, international, non-profit, science-based conservation organization
- founded in 1938 (Canada)
- dedicated to conserving, restoring and managing wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl
- 162,000 members across Canada
- to date have conserved 12.5 million acres of habitat







Ontario Operations



- commenced operations in 1975
- over 25,000 members
- 1,400 habitat projects
- 919,802 acres conserved
- 151 Ontario fundraising committees
- 165 fundraising events annually
- over 1,600 volunteers
- in excess of \$20,000,000 raised

"The nation's most trusted and respected conservation group" – Angus Reid Group





Land Securement Program

1. Fee simple purchases
2. Registered conservation easements - purchased - donated
3. Donations



North American Waterfowl Management Plan

- all conservation initiatives delivered under auspices of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- in Ontario - Eastern Habitat Joint Venture
- waterfowl-based initiatives





DUC Land Securement Specifics

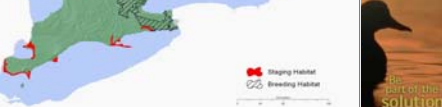
- fiscal year (April 1st – March 31st)
- have both provincial & federal funding for securement projects
(can be combined with other provincial or federal funding but total provincial or federal amounts cannot exceed 50 percent of total project costs)
- can lead and/or partner with other agencies on projects
- DUC does independent site assessment of waterfowl values
- waterfowl values determine upset limit of funding contribution
- no formal application process
- DUC approval timelines dependent upon total project costs





Priority Areas

1. Coastal wetlands along the lower Great Lakes
2. Select inland wetland complexes



Other Important Considerations



- proximity to other conservation lands
- property size
- significant wetland component
- significant pending threats
- identified in an existing securement plan

DUC Potential Project Protocol

1. Site assessment & determination of waterfowl value
2. Full narrative appraisal report (AACI-accredited appraiser)
(purchase price cannot exceed 10 percent of fair market value)
3. Proposal seeking internal authorization to proceed
4. Internal review and approval – depends on total project costs and alignment with existing DUC policies
5. Total project costs include appraisal, land value, taxes, surveys/reference plans, legal fees, environmental assessments

Partner-led Projects

• partners include MNR, CWS, NCC, ERCA, GRCA, CRCA, LSRCA, LPRCA, RVCA, RRCA, SVCA, NVCA, ABCA, SCF, LPBLT, BTC, OHT, Loyalist Township, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

1. No formal funding request application
2. DUC assessment of waterfowl values
3. Copy of appraisal for records
4. Proposed habitat restoration/enhancement/management plans
5. Other funding sources (private, provincial, federal)
6. Recreational activities to be permitted on property

Natural Areas Conservation Program

- federal land conservation initiative (announced March 2007)
- committed \$225 million in federal funding
- goal – conservation of 500,000 acres of ecologically significant lands
- funds must be matched dollar for dollar with non-federal money
- can fund up to 50 percent of total project costs (includes appraisal, purchase price, legal fees, applicable taxes (GST, OLTT), environmental investigations, severance costs, property survey and reference plan development)
- require partner funding agreement

Summary

- DUC has access to private, provincial & federal funds
- candidate sites must have waterfowl value
- waterfowl values determine upset limit of financial investment
- prefer functionally intact sites but will also consider sites that include hydrological restoration
- partnership funding agreements are registered on title
- funds can only be transferred to partner with a signed Agreement of Purchase and Sale
- applicable costs include
 - appraisal, purchase price, legal fees, taxes (GST, OLTT), environmental investigations, severance costs, property survey and reference plan development, consultant costs

Thank you!

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