

Friends of Second Marsh



Planning and Economic
Development Committee

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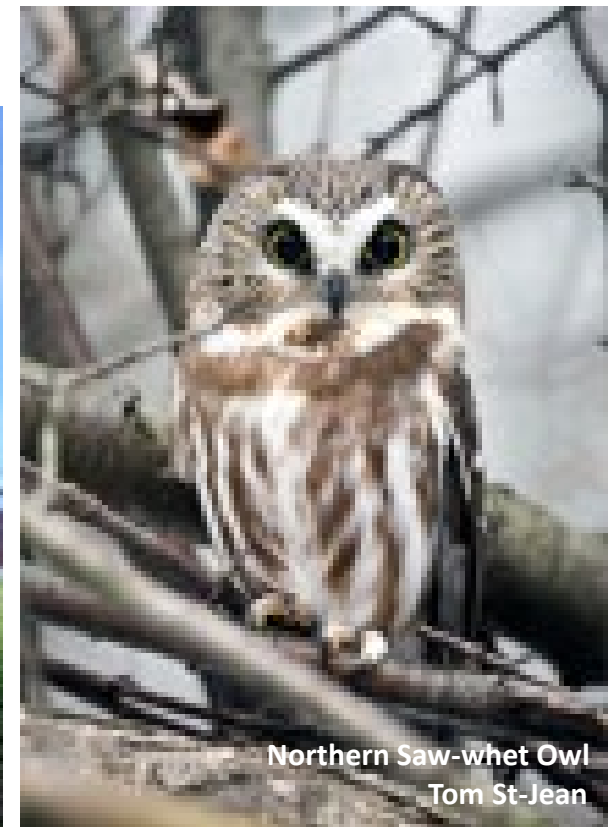
We Celebrate

- 50th Anniversary for Region
- 32nd for Friends of Second Marsh
- Jim Richards
 - founded Second Marsh Defense Association over 50 years ago
 - rebranded to become Friends of Second Marsh
 - received the Order of Canada, 2023
- Dr. J. Murray Speirs Restoration Award
- Transfer of McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve.



The Second Marsh is Designated

- Provincially Significant Wetland
- Area of Natural and Scientific Interest
- For its Cultural Heritage Value and Interest under the Ontario Heritage Act
- As part of the Greenbelt.



Northern Saw-whet Owl
Tom St-Jean



Green Frog
Tom St-Jean

Friends of Second Marsh

- We provide:
 - ✓ educational, interpretive and stewardship services
 - ✓ management of dominant introduced (invasive) species
- Volunteer board (1,740 hours last year)
- 150 volunteers
- 2 part-time staff
- A registered charity.



Let's Dephrag the Marsh!

Multi-year undertaking

- manage Invasive Phragmites in Second Marsh and McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve
- raised over \$88,000 (\$34,000 from Ontario's Great Lakes Local Action Fund).



Before and After Treatment



Left: Phragmites growth in Dogwood Pond.

Right: View of pond and McLaughlin Bay after Phragmites has been treated and mowed.

Partnerships



- FSM has partnered with Ducks Unlimited, CLOCA and the City of Oshawa
- Finalizing a 4-year Service Agreement with the City
 - This will provide support for our basic operating budget and access to an office and meeting space.

Love the Marsh!

Raise \$500,000 over 5 years

Among our priorities:

- continued community outreach and education
- upgraded signage
- a viewing platform
- a visitors' shelter
- a rest area with toilets
- McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve entrance
- continued plant stewardship.



Durham Environment and Climate Forum

- Climate Roundtable Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Action report
- Launch of the Durham Climate Dashboard
- Carbon sinks...



Ghost Road Bush Area



The Future



- Protecting nature is our best defense against the effects of biodiversity loss and climate change
- The Second Marsh and McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve area has a key role to play in both the Region's climate change and ecotourism efforts
- FSM would welcome an opportunity to work with you.

An Invitation

- Please join us for a tour of this spectacular area...

