



Community Growth and
Economic Development Committee

Friends of Second Marsh

Connecting People with Nature

November 4, 2025

Our Mission



Connecting People with Nature through:

- Education
- Interpretation
- Stewardship

- 178 hectares
- Diverse flora & fauna

- 7 km of trails.



Our Actions

- Hikes
 - World Wetlands Day
 - Spring Migration - introduction to birding
 - Nature photography
 - Fall migration
- Doors Open event
 - Visitors from Toronto, East Gwillimbury, Kingston...
- Clean Ups
 - Great Lakes Earth Day event with Rotary
 - Oshawa Mayor's.



Our Actions

- Community Engagement
 - Invitations to Speak
 - ❖ Probus
 - ❖ Rotary Clubs
 - ❖ Pickering Township Historical Society
 - Corporate
 - ❖ GM
 - ❖ OPG
 - ❖ Metrolinx
 - Ontario Shores – patients & staff
 - The Monarch Ultra documentary
 - First Nations.



Our Actions

- Stewardship
 - Non-native or invasive species
 - Phragmites
 - ***Let's Dephrag the Marsh!***
 - Volunteers
 - Reintroducing native species.



Our Actions

- Upcoming Challenges
 - ***Love the Marsh!*** fundraising campaign
 - New Viewing Platform
 - ***Love the Marsh Art*** initiative
 - Terry Gill 'Impressions of Nature' donation



- Canada Water Agency initiative
 - \$1.61M grant to CLOCA for wetland restoration - water flow & aquatic habitat between the Marsh, Farewell Creek and Lake Ontario.



Canada Water Agency



Oshawa Second Marsh is getting a climate resilience boost! We are contributing \$1.6M to support Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority to restore [#wetland](#) flow, habitat and [#WaterQuality](#). 🌿

Discover more funded projects in the [#GreatLakes](#): ow.ly/V6tw50Xh2Qt



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Our Board

- Claudio Faria – Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority
- Dimitri Stathopoulos - Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee
- Gwen Layton
- Helen Break
- Isabelle Foley – Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce
- James Kamstra
- Jennifer Bilas
- Peter Taylor
- Stephen McCoy – General Motors of Canada
- Suzanne Elston.



Our Part-time Staff

- Wioletta Walancik - Administrative & Programs Director
- Karen Arbour - Outreach and Planning Associate
- Summer Staff.



Expressions of Appreciation

- City of Oshawa
- Great Lakes Local Action Fund (GLLAF)
- OPG – Regional Biodiversity Grant Program (RBGP)
- KM Hunter Foundation
- Durham Community Foundation (DCF)
- Donors to ***Love the Marsh!*** campaign
- Members & Volunteers
- Terry Gill – the man behind the ***Love the Marsh Art*** initiative.



Links

- FSM Website www.seconddmarsh.ca
- Past newsletters <https://www.seconddmarsh.ca/publications-and-links/>
- Trail Map <https://www.seconddmarsh.ca/recreation-and-trails/>
- ***Let's Dephrag the Marsh!*** <https://www.seconddmarsh.ca/lets-de-phrag-the-marsh-project/>
- Plant Stewardship <https://www.seconddmarsh.ca/plant-stewardship/>
- ***Love the Marsh Art*** <https://www.seconddmarsh.ca/love-the-marsh-art/>
- Volunteering <https://www.seconddmarsh.ca/support-us/become-a-volunteer/>