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Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Dear Clerk Willford,

On behalf of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA), I am pleased to share our 2021 Annual Report, "Aspiring for the Next Generation Conservation." Over the past few years, we have made significant progress in rebuilding a solid organization based on 60 years of conservation. The ongoing pandemic challenged our resilience as an organization, but our transformation journey continued in 2021.

One of our most celebrated achievements in 2021 was completing the NPCA's 2021-2031 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan has clearly articulated our aspiration for the next generation of conservation. We have the energy and drive to build conservation-inspired action capacity and collaboration in the Niagara Peninsula watershed.

In 2021 we also continued to navigate and respond to legislative changes in the Conservation Authorities Act while effectively delivering on our mandate of protecting people and property from flooding, natural hazards and conserving natural resources. I want to thank Conservation Ontario and the Provincial Working Group for their collaboration and ongoing support of the conservation authorities through this transition.

Our significant challenges in the coming years will be the growth, intensification, and climate change impacts on our watershed resources. Our 41 conservation areas and greenspace will continue to be a critical asset for community health and well-being. They also support a biodiverse natural heritage system for critical Carolinian flora and fauna across the Niagara Escarpment and Greenbelt. We stay committed to strengthening our science capacity and innovative research to support evidence-based decision-making and the application of best practices. We continue to update our policies and procedures to adapt to our watershed's changing needs, and our commitment to addressing climate change is at the forefront of our watershed work.

The NPCA is fortunate to have more than 1,600 volunteers and partners that have helped us increase our conservation impact in the Niagara Peninsula watersheds. I want to thank and celebrate the achievements of staff, volunteers, and partners who make up this vibrant community of conservation champions. I also thank our Chair, Vice-Chair, and Board of Directors for their ongoing support and leadership through a challenging yet rewarding year.

The 2021 Annual Report is our story about how our programs, services, thought leadership, and community are transforming the future of conservation across our jurisdiction. We look forward to working with our municipal partners, stakeholders, and community to deliver on our promise of bringing forward the next generation of conservation.

Yours in conservation,



Chandra Sharma, MCIP RPP
Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer