



KAWARTHA LAND TRUST

**2013
ANNUAL REPORT**

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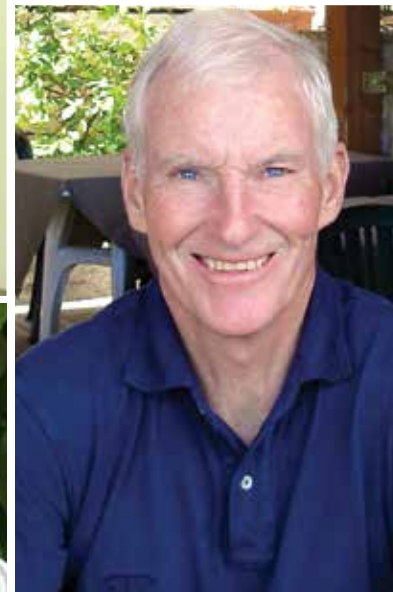
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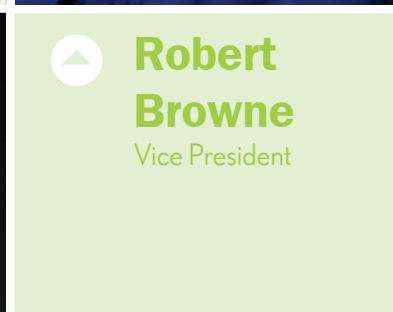
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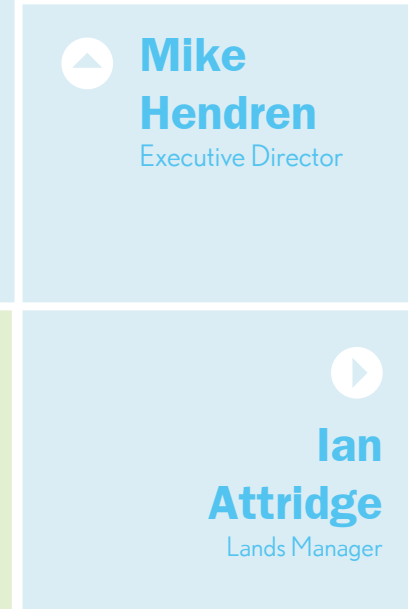


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We love being a part of this great organization where we can follow our passion & protect our beautiful Kawartha landscapes.



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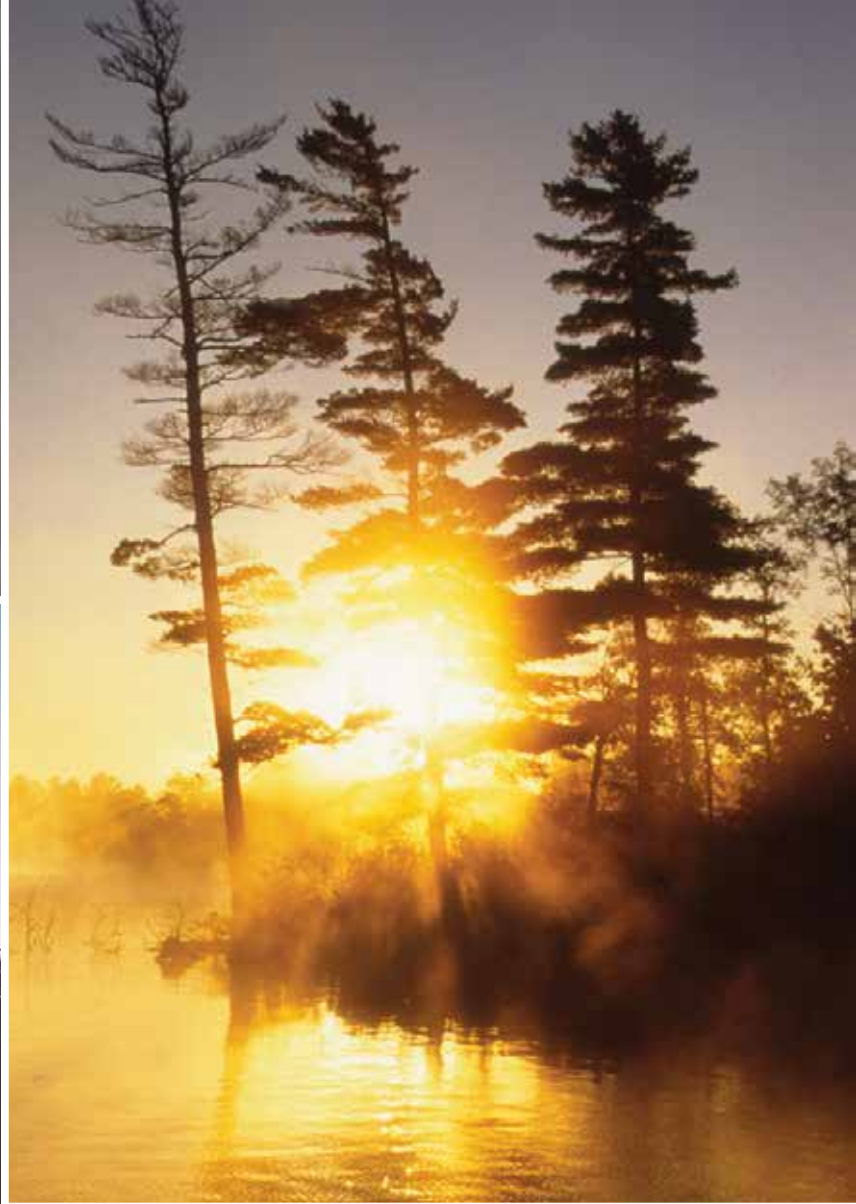


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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & YOUR CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Dear Friends,

What an incredibly exciting year 2013 has been. We've transformed our organization in so many ways!

Starting the 2013 year under the old organizational name of "Kawartha Heritage Conservancy", we set out to review our mission and identity as well as our strategic focus for the future with the help of focus groups that included a wide array of supporters, advisors, and stakeholders like you! As a result, we've committed ourselves to focus on direct protection and long-term stewardship of important natural places in the Kawartha Lakes region. We're grateful for the generous assistance of volunteers and supporters, not the least of which was BrandHealth, who developed a logo and new look to reflect our new name - Kawartha Land Trust (KLT).

As we move into our second decade, we're focused on strengthening our land protection and stewardship role and moving towards a more science-based approach to conserving natural areas and corridors across the 1.7 million acre (6,900 square kilometre) area we serve. Our leadership in the multi-partner 'Naturally Connected' strategy for the Kawarthas has set the stage for this approach.

We have also had a very busy year laying the groundwork for a number of securement initiatives for 2014 and beyond with

the addition of a spectacular 178 acre property, generously donated to us by Dr. Bruce and Mrs. Ann Falls.

The addition of a number of properties in 2010 to 2012 made us recognize a critical need to develop a Stewardship Fund to help us honour our promise to care for the gifts entrusted to us. The resulting "Kawartha Land Trust Preservation Fund" is a restricted fund dedicated to this very purpose.

Throughout the year, we've mounted a number of special events focused on fun, education, and outreach, from 'Snow Day' at South Pond Farms in February and the Hog Roast at Viamede Resort to our fall 'Thanks. Giving.' event.

None of this would have been possible without our incredible volunteers, including board and committee members, and our dedicated staff. Deepest thanks to everyone, especially our many donors.

Your monthly and special gifts are moving Kawartha Land Trust towards financial sustainability. Your support ensures that KLT's important work can continue and our impact will grow.

Thank you for your continued support - it's essential to KLT's promise to protect the land you love.

Ron Awde, Chair

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Mike Hendren, Executive Director

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PROTECTING THE LAND YOU LOVE

With the impending completion of Highway 407 and the expansion of urban areas, the exceptional natural resources and ecology of the Kawartha Region are under pressure for intensified industrial and residential development. In the eastern half of the Oak Ridges Moraine, we may only have another decade to protect our fragile lands and waterways. We have identified six focal areas as a priority for protection.

Our vision is a suite of interconnected and ecologically significant properties to provide habitat for wildlife and other benefits. Securing ecologically valuable land in the Kawartha Region is the core business of Kawartha Land Trust. Land securement – either through direct ownership by the Trust or through conservation agreements between landowners and the Trust – is a critical step towards conservation in the region.

DELIVERING OUR PROMISE ► LAND STEWARDSHIP

Land Stewardship continues to be our highest priority. By the end of 2013 we held a total of 9 properties (1653 acres) with an additional property committed through a letter of agreement. Our goal is to bring our total protected land to 5000 acres by the end of 2015.

We are working to ensure that the land you love is healthy now and for future generations. We have developed stewardship plans for each of the properties, and carried out science-based activities to ensure their long term health.

In early spring, we held a successful family tree planting day on the McKim-Garsonnin Conservation Agreement Property. On the Dance Property we repaired outbuildings and volunteers helped remove buckthorn, an invasive tree. On the Ingleton-Wells Property, with the assistance of local naturalist clubs, we did a number of field inventories to document bird, plant and butterfly species. We established hiking trails and identified the location of butternut trees, a local species at risk. In addition, a group of eager young people from the Stoney Lake cottage community helped with stewardship activities.

In June, we organized a highly successful bio-blitz next to our Emily Creek conservation land. This collaborative effort to inventory plant and animal species involved skilled individuals from Fleming College, the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, the City of Kawartha Lakes Flora project, and Peterborough and Kawartha Field Naturalist organizations. In total, some 250 plants, 21 birds, and 31 distinct dragonflies and butterflies were documented; some were new records for the area.

There were many visitors to KLT properties this year including members of the New Canadians Centre, many Cottage Association members, the Peterborough Paddling Club, Kawartha Montessori School, Unitarian Fellowship of Peterborough, plus Trent University and Fleming College professors and students.

We've also had some valuable volunteer help with mapping and researching some key areas to help us focus our priorities. Successful stewardship is definitely a team effort!



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LAND DONOR PROFILE



THE UNIQUENESS OF THE LAND BETWEEN

Written by Bill Hodgins

Photos by Ian Attridge (left) & Randall Romano (right)

On paper, it's known simply as the Falls Property. Bruce Falls admits that to the casual passerby, there's not a lot to differentiate the 178 acres from the vast tracts of land that surround it.

But Falls – with his wife Ann – have had almost half a century to scramble up and around the cliff ridges that jut from the hardwood forests, to slog through the wetlands and the beaver dams on its lowlands... they've explored its fens and ferns, its creeks and bogs. Given their credentials, it would be difficult to argue that there is a more thoroughly documented ecological setting in the Kawartha region.

It's a knowledge that deserves to be preserved. The Kawartha Land Trust will see to that.

Falls is a former zoology professor at the University of Toronto, and was one of “a plucky band of naturalists” credited with creating the Nature Conservancy of Canada back in 1962. But he will tell you his knowledge of the Kawartha region was limited when he first stumbled across the property back in 1969.

“We had a cottage on a lake inland from Georgian Bay, but we were looking for something different... some place where we could practice our interest in natural history.” Both Falls and his wife studied biology at university.

“A friend of ours encouraged us to look around, so we got in touch with a real estate agent. We were looking for a property that was not too expensive, and not too far from Toronto where we live. We hoped for something with a lot



of biodiversity.” He says it took a year or two to get the deal done, but it was exactly the kind of property they had envisioned.

Located a little more than an hour northeast of Peterborough, not far from Coe Hill, Falls says the property is fairly typical for the region. He describes it as an example of “the land between”. To the south are the limestone plains of Peterborough County. To the north, there's the exposed rock of the Canadian Shield. But the rock on his property is mostly marble, he says, and the landscape allows for some unique biodiversity. “There is a rich substrate, and that's reflected in the variety of northern and southern animal and plant life on the property.” About 400 species of plants have been documented there including some 30 species of ferns.

Falls, a past president of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, says the diversity of the landscape was a key factor in determining whether to purchase the property.

“It's close to the Crowe River and there is a stream that runs through it. And it's quite hilly. That's one of the things that attracted us to it.” Falls says wetland covers about 25 acres of the property.



“One of the reasons we liked it is that it is so diverse.” It has some history to it as well. “It's not ancient forest. It was partly farmed at one time and later was logged. We have old aerial photographs that show large open fields.”

Documents dating back to 1884 show it was farmed at one time by a family named Fitzsimmons. When the farming stopped around 1918, it passed into the hands of lumbermen. The most recent owner before the Falls, William Purdy, purchased it and planted what would be a small Christmas tree farm on part of the land. There is a small cemetery across the road from the property where some of the pioneer Fitzsimmons family is interred.

When Bruce and Ann took possession, the remnant of an old farm house was still evident. It was a log cabin but much of it had fallen in and couldn't be saved. One of his fondest memories dates back to just a few years after their purchase, when the family pitched in and built a cabin of their own. “We had three teenaged kids at the time and they all helped. That was pretty exciting. We did it essentially in one month. We still use it as our headquarters for exploring the property.”

Given their credentials, it would be difficult to argue that there is a more thoroughly documented ecological setting in the Kawartha region.

Their kids are grown now and Ann says they're not able to follow up their parents' activities on the land. After a little soul searching, they decided that the benefits of preserving the property in its natural state outweighed any notion of selling it to someone else.

“We've done a lot of inventory, and we just felt after all that's been done to document it, donating it made sense. I mean, what are you going to do? Sell it to someone who will just have it logged again? People would forget about it and all our efforts would be wasted. We just thought there must be some way to protect it.”

Falls initially contacted the Nature Conservancy of Canada, and was directed to the Kawartha Heritage Conservancy – now known as the Kawartha Land Trust. Under the agreement between the KLT and the Falls family, they can use it at any time in their lifetime, and their children have first option on any rental opportunity.

“We hope the Natural Heritage Information Centre in Peterborough, and Trent University can use the property for some of their activities.”

“It's a comfort really,” Falls says. “We were very keen to see it preserved and we think there should be more protected land in Ontario. The biodiversity should be protected. There is satisfaction in what the Land Trust is able to do.”



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KLT 2013 EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- A. New Canadians enjoying a guided walk on the Ingleton-Wells property
- B. Stoney Lake youth helping with forest management activities at Ingleton-Wells
- C. 2013 April Awakening Trail Walk
- D. Our Charity Hog Roast at Viamede Resort
- E. Development Chair, Linda Whetung, and student volunteers at "Thanks.Giving."

- F. Our first ever Snow Day
- G. A beautiful day to snowshoe and cross country ski the wooded trails
- H. Selwyn Community Cultural Mapping Open House
- I. Annual spring tree planting at the McKim-Garsonnin property
- J. South Pond Farms "Art in the Fields"

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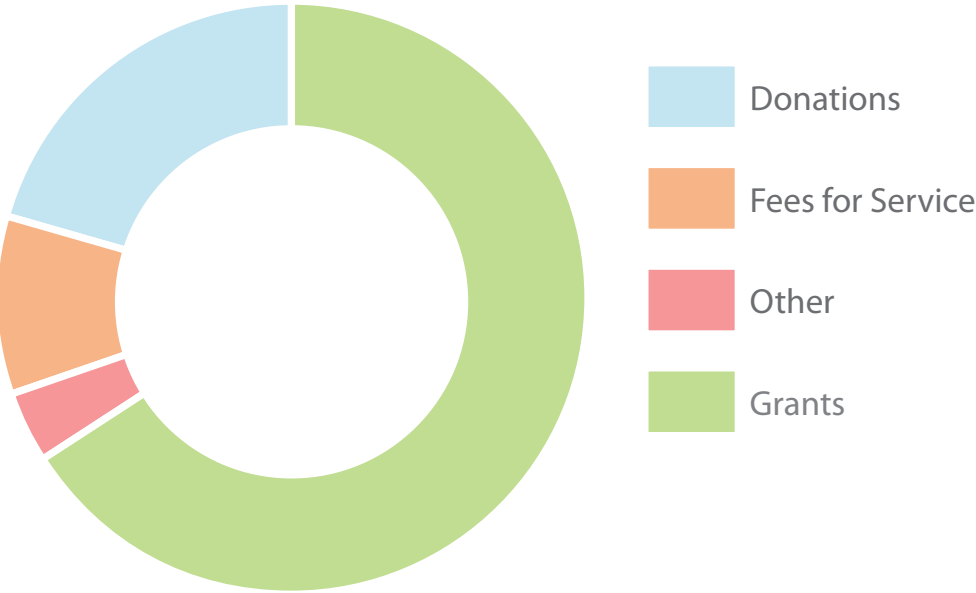
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Funds Invested in Capital Assets	Land Securement Management	Unrestricted Operating Fund	2013 Total	2012 Total
Revenues					
Grants	0	3,708	180,601	184,309	175,812
Donations of Land	187,000	0	0	187,000	0
Donations	0	0	53,441	53,441	22,772
Restricted Donations	0	3,325	0	3,325	2,540
Fees for Service	0	0	27,525	27,525	45,519
Other Income	0	4,462	6,684	11,146	3,318
	187,000	11,495	268,251	466,746	249,961
Expenses					
Marketing and Advertising	0	0	2,593	2,593	354
Amortization	4,260	0	0	4,260	4,636
Dues and Fees	0	0	2,147	2,147	1,405
Fundraising	0	0	29,684	29,684	6,248
Insurance	0	0	2,194	2,194	1,027
Land Securement and Management	0	10,171	0	10,171	9,861
Office and Meetings	0	0	9,013	9,013	24,728
Professional Fees	0	0	4,365	4,365	8,849
Program Supplies	0	0	8,837	8,837	10,057
Rent and Utilities	0	0	13,463	13,463	13,284
Salaries and Benefits	0	0	167,866	167,866	161,297
Travel	0	0	1,558	1,558	8,477
	4,260	10,171	241,720	256,151	250,223
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	182,740	1,324	26,531	210,595	-262

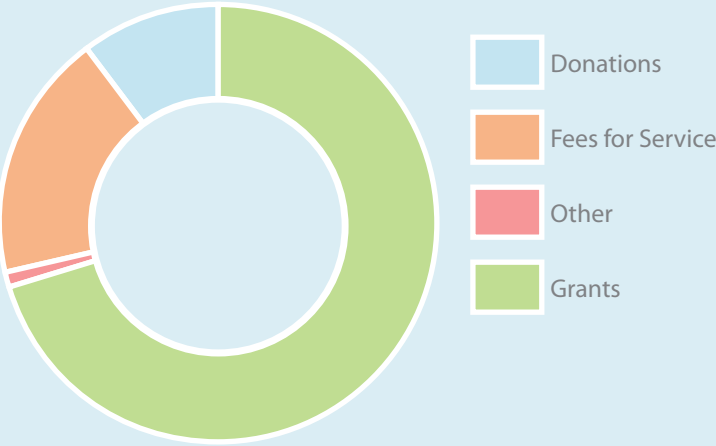
KAWARTHA LAND TRUST FINANCIAL REPORT

2013 was a year of growth for the Kawartha Land Trust. We, along with our dedicated volunteers and donors, worked hard to make sure that the land we have in trust is secure. Our first monthly giving campaign was a great success, and we set up the Land Preservation Fund to manage incoming bequests. 2013 has been our most successful fundraising year to date. We are very proud to be able to share these good results with you.



A LOOK BACK AT THE REPORT FROM 2012

Between 2012 and 2013 our revenue from individual donations doubled. We intend to continue this upward swing in 2014 and beyond as we work towards financial sustainability.



We Love our Donors!

We can't protect the forests, fields, shorelines, and wetlands of the Kawarthas without you. Your donations help to manage sensitive natural areas, acquire key properties, retain staff and do all that needs to be done to ensure the long-term conservation of land in the Kawarthas. Thank you for everything.



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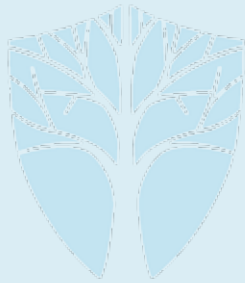
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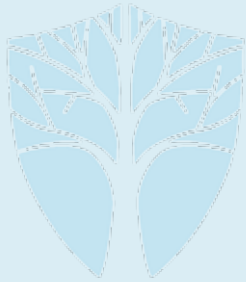
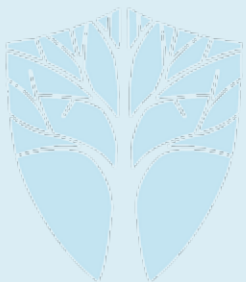
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9. Falls Property



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PROPERTIES MAP

Owned Conservation Agreement

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8. McKim-Garsonnin Conservation Agreement

7. Ingleton-Wells Property

2. Dance Nature Sanctuary



3. Elliott Conservation Agreement

4. Emily Creek Wetland

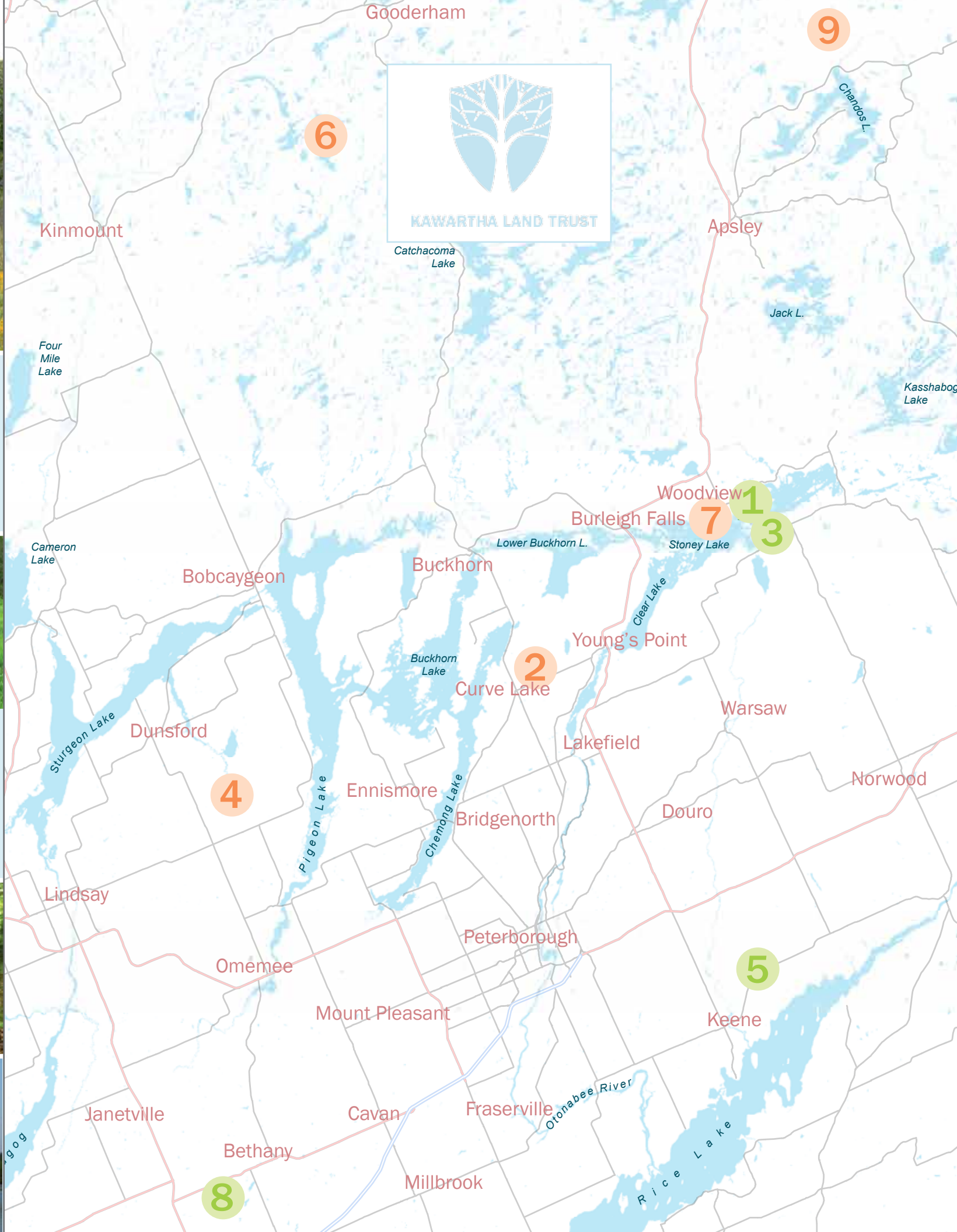


5. Glen Burn, Howson Conservation Agreement

6. Vincent Woods



1. Syndicate Island Conservation Agreement



A photograph of several orange cosmos flowers on thin stems against a clear blue sky. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The lighting is bright, creating a warm, golden glow on the petals.

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