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# EcoHealth Ontario Goal

- To develop new relationships among the human health, social and environmental sectors and build a common agenda that
  - fosters improved health and wellbeing outcomes for Ontarians
  - through the provision of better ecosystem quality, increased green space and enhanced access to nature



# EcoHealth Ontario Objectives

- **Develop shared values** among public health, medical, education, planning, and environmental sectors and new collaborative relationships between them
- **Share information** to enhance systems thinking and improve health outcomes through improved ecosystem quality and access to green spaces
- **Encourage policies and programs** to advance the protection, restoration, and enhancement of ecosystem services for the health and well-being of communities



# Partners

## Steering Committee

- **Public Health** – Ontario Public Health Association; public health units of Middlesex-London, Simcoe-Muskoka, Toronto and York Region
- **Watershed Management** – Conservation Ontario; Credit Valley and Toronto and Region conservation authorities
- **NGOs** – David Suzuki Foundation, Forests Ontario
- **Academia** – Canadian Community of Practice in Ecosystem Approaches to Health, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, York University
- **Planning** – Ontario Professional Planners Institute

## Special Advisors

- Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation
- Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE)
- Ontario EcoSchools
- Region of Peel Planning
- Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (LEAF)



## Support

- Ontario Trillium Foundation grant
- Contributions from partners

# WORKSHOP

## Sustaining Life: Biodiversity as a Foundation for Human Health and Well-Being

### Objectives

- Provide resources that connect human health and biodiversity
- Encourage networking with colleagues and diverse sectors
- Explore the use of health and well-being frames for future biodiversity campaigns and projects

# AGENDA

- Introduction to EHO and Agenda Review – Suzanne Barrett
- Participant Introductions
- Biodiversity and Health – Karen Morrison
- Case Study Brainstorming
- Use of Ecohealth in Current Projects – Aryne Sheppard
- Applications to your Work
- Sharing of Best Ideas
- Ways to Move Forward in your Sector



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