



Opportunity to Comment Peter's Woods Provincial Park



November 27, 2007

Dear Adjacent Landowners, Stakeholders and Park Visitors,

Re: Release of the Peter's Woods Preliminary Park Management Plan
Notice of Category B Project Evaluation (major boundary amendment; vegetation management)

Ontario Parks (Ministry of Natural Resources) and the Nature Conservancy of Canada invite your comments on the preliminary park management plan for Peter's Woods Provincial Park, and some specific projects proposed by the plan.

The preliminary park management plan contains proposed policies for resource stewardship, operations and development that will guide the management of Peter's Woods Provincial Park over the next 20 years. After careful consideration of the background information collected and review of comments received, this document represents our preferred policy for the park. It proposes adding the Burnley Carmel acquired lands to the park, and includes detailed policies for vegetation management, to restore prairie and oak savannah within the park.

Copies of the preliminary park management plan may be viewed at the Ontario Parks website at: www.OntarioParks.com/planning or are available from the contact(s) listed below.

An **open house** to provide you with an opportunity to meet with the planning team and discuss the preliminary park management plan and/or the park management planning process will be held:

Sunday, December 9, 2007
Centreton Community Hall
2363 County Road # 23, Centreton, Ontario
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Some policies proposed in the preliminary park management plan are being evaluated as Category B projects under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves. No significant negative environmental effects are anticipated from these projects, which are:

- a park boundary amendment (major amendment) for addition of the 317 ha Burnley Carmel property to the park, and
- vegetation management consisting of plantation restoration and planting of native prairie and savannah seeds in restoration areas to increase plant species diversity (work would begin following approval of the final park management plan, and this would be a recurring, ongoing project).

You are invited to comment on the preliminary park management plan for a period of forty-five (45) days after its release. At the same time, we invite your comments on the Category B project evaluation. The Category B project file is available for viewing from the contact(s) listed below. **Comments will be accepted until Monday, January 14, 2008.**

For further information, to submit comments or to request further notice, please contact:

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We appreciate your participation in planning for Peter's Woods Provincial Park. All comments received will be considered during preparation of the final Peter's Woods Provincial Park Management Plan. A Notice of Completion will be sent to those who submit comments on the Category B project evaluation or request to be notified when the project evaluation is finished. MNR may proceed to implement the projects without issuing a further general notice.

Comments and personal information regarding this park management planning process and associated projects are collected under the authority of the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act* and *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist MNR in making decisions and to determine further public consultation needs relating to future park development. Comments and opinions which do not constitute personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared within the MNR and may be included in documentation that is made available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless consent to disclose is obtained. However, this information may be used by the MNR to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding this Act, please contact Susan Grigg, Park Planner, Ontario Parks Southeast Zone at 613-531-5722.