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## Conservation Halton Board approves Glenorchy Master Plan

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**BURLINGTON** – At last night’s Inaugural Meeting, the Conservation Halton Board of Directors approved the Glenorchy Conservation Area Master Plan. The master plan will help guide Conservation Halton in its efforts to restore and manage this beautiful natural area. EDA Collaborative Inc. were retained as consultants for the Master planning project and presented the final plan during the Board meeting.

Not yet open to the public, Glenorchy Conservation Area (Scottish for “valley of tumbling waters”), is situated on 1000 acres of environmentally sensitive land in North Oakville. It features gently rolling hills, forest, creeks and wetlands, and contains the Sixteen Mile Creek valley with a beautiful gorge.

The master plan was developed by Conservation Halton staff with the assistance of government partners, such as the Town of Oakville and Halton Region, community organizations and individuals. Over the course of the last year, three public meetings were held to share ideas and to review draft concepts. Conservation Halton is managing the Glenorchy lands through an agreement with the Ontario Realty Corporation, who will now receive the Master Plan for approval.

“On behalf of Conservation Halton I would like to thank the members of the public and all of our partners who contributed to the Glenorchy Master Plan with their time, ideas and enthusiasm,” said Conservation Halton Board Chair Brian Penman. “There was considerable interest in Glenorchy which reflects the importance the community places on this natural jewel.”

### **About Glenorchy**

Conservation Halton has partnered with the Government of Ontario to protect 1000 acres (400 hectares) of environmentally sensitive land in north Oakville, known as the Glenorchy Conservation Area. The area is located in North Oakville and is roughly bounded by Regional Road 25, Highway 407, the Sixteen Mile creek and Dundas Street.

The partnership contributes to the government’s plan for a permanent greenbelt around the Greater Golden Horseshoe and promotes cleaner air and water, creating a legacy for future generations to enjoy. It also contributes to Conservation Halton’s mission of protecting the natural environment from lake to escarpment for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

### **About the Glenorchy Master Plan**

The vision of the master plan is to protect and enhance the significant natural features and ecological functions of the conservation area while providing opportunities for the public to gain an appreciation for this significant area, enjoy the spectacular views, and allow for limited recreational opportunities.

It will serve as the principal guiding document for the future planning, design, development and resource management of the conservation area. In the first ten years after the approval of this master plan, primarily restoration works will be undertaken. Public access will be limited during this period. Future recreational development within the conservation area will primarily consist of a trail system with interpretive nodes.

The following key actions are outlined in the implementation of this plan:

- Close and restore existing unauthorized roads and trails
- Secure the property from unauthorized and/or illegal uses such as hunting, dumping, ATV and other motorized vehicles
- Prepare a detailed restoration plan for forest, wetland/riparian and grassland/prairie habitats
- Establish the proposed trail system and associated amenities such as interpretive signage, lookouts and webcams
- Develop a Visitor Impact Management program
- Monitor and protect species at risk
- Manage for invasive species
- Encourage and seek partnerships that support cost sharing and sponsorships

For more information on Glenorchy Conservation Area and Conservation Halton's Parks Master Planning, visit [www.conservationhalton.ca/bepartoftheplan](http://www.conservationhalton.ca/bepartoftheplan).

*Conservation Halton is the community based environmental agency that protects, restores and manages the natural resources in its watershed. The organization has staff that includes ecologists, land use planners, engineers, foresters and educators along with a network of volunteers who are guided by a Board of Directors comprised of municipally elected and appointed citizens. Conservation Halton is recognized for its stewardship of creeks, forests and Niagara Escarpment lands through science based programs and services.*

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