

# CLOSE-UP ON COASTAL ACTION



Water quality, coastal processes, climate change and biodiversity are the Coastal Centre's priorities, and its actions are directed toward advocating wise stewardship by every segment of the coastal community. For a full decade, the Coastal Centre has been working to restore and protect Lake Huron's coastal environment:

## 2008

- **Beach Stewardship Guide** for Port Franks
- **Cottager's Guide to Dune Conservation** in collaboration with University of Guelph and Freshwater Future
- **Research and action** on the control of invasive Common Reed on beaches
- **Is the Coast Clear?** 5th conference; keynote speaker Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, held at CAW conference centre, Port Elgin
- **Presentation** to inaugural meeting of the Friends of Oliphant Coastal Environment
- **Presentation** to Bruce County Council

## 2007

- **Caring for Our Beaches** conference organized and held in Midland; keynote speaker former Coastal Centre vice-chair Dr. Wayne Caldwell
- **Green Ribbon Beach Program** created to recognize excellence in environmental stewardship in rural beach areas; funded by Environment Canada; based on successful Blue Flag program for urban beaches
- **Beach Stewardship Guide** for Township of Huron-Kinloss; funded by Habitat Stewardship Program, Environment Canada
- **Field Study on Common Reed Grass** (*Phragmites australis*) completed for area from Point Clark to Sauble Beach; report shared with participating municipalities; funded by Invasive Alien Species Partnership Program, Environment Canada
- **Field Guide for Control of Common Reed Grass** developed and widely distributed; funded by Invasive Alien Species Partnership Program, Environment Canada
- **Coastal Camp for Kids** summer pilot project in 3 coastal communities; funded by Ontario Power Generation
- **Climate Change and the Great Lakes Education Kit** (2nd printing) funded by Natural Resources Canada and Laurentian University; distributed to 50 elementary schools in Avon Maitland District School Board
- **Management Plan for North Sauble Beach** focusing on area between Sixth Street and Sauble River; funded by Friends of Sauble Beach
- **Guest Speaker**, Bruce Peninsula National Park Visitor Centre, Tobermory
- **Presentation** to Conservation Ontario, Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto

## 2006

- **Coast Watchers** program for citizen volunteers, recording observed changes to beach conditions; funded by TD Canada Trust, Friends of the Environment
- **Is the Coast Clear?** 4th conference; keynote speaker Steve Hounsell, President of Ontario Nature; held at Oakwood Inn Conference Centre, Grand Bend
- **Great Lakes Environment 7-part Lecture Series** presented to Bluewater Association for Lifelong Learning, Owen Sound
- **State of the Beach report** prepared for and funded by Southampton Residents Association

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## 2005

- **Beach and Dune Guidance Manual** for Providence Bay, Manitoulin Island; funded by Habitat Stewardship Program, Environment Canada
- **Recipient: State of the Lakes Conference 'Success Story Award'** for exceptional performance and dedication to improving the Great Lakes
- **Initiated monthly 'E-News' electronic newsletter**

## 2004

- **Coastal Centre Marketing & Communications Plan**, funded by Ontario Trillium Foundation
- **Report on Nearshore Water Quality**, Sarnia to Sauble Beach, using 25 years of data; prepared for and funded by Environment Canada
- **Is the Coast Clear?** 3rd conference; keynote speaker Dr. Bill Fyfe, University of Western Ontario; held at CAW Family Education & Training Centre, Port Elgin
- **Management Plan for Sauble Beach**, covering area between Main and Sixth Streets; funded by Friends of Sauble Beach

## 2003

- **Coastal Centre Board of Director Governance Plan**, funded by Ontario Trillium Foundation
- **Beach and Dune Guidance Manual** for Saugeen Shores; funded by Great Lakes Aquatic Network, Mountain Equipment Co-op, Bruce Stewardship Network and the Town of Saugeen Shores
- **Co-ordinated and hosted 'Well Aware' Workshops** to promote landowner awareness of well maintenance
- **Hosted a First Nations Roundtable** in Goderich to share information and discuss opportunities; attended by representatives of Kettle Point, Saugeen and Cape Croker First Nations
- **'Planning the Beach: Taking the Higher Ground' Workshop** in Bayfield for Lake Huron shoreline managers from 5 conservation authorities and planning department staff from Bruce, Huron and Lambton counties and the City of Sarnia

## 2002

- **Climate Change and the Great Lakes Education Kit** funded by federal Climate Change Action Fund and Ontario Power Generation
- **Is the Coast Clear?** 2nd conference; keynote speaker Dr. Bill Andrews, University of Toronto; held in Port Franks
- **Coastal Centre Strategic Plan**, funded by Ontario Trillium Foundation
- **Ecological Inventory: Izzard Road, Port Elgin**, funded by 6 landowners

## 2001

- **'Climate Change & the Goderich Waterfront' Symposium** featuring current research by Ryan Schwartz, University of Waterloo
- **Water Quality Summit**; keynote speakers Dr. Bill Fyfe, UWO, Dr. John Howard, UWO, and the Lake Ontario Keeper; held at Mackay Centre, Goderich
- **Feature Article: 'Changing Shorelines in Cottage Country'** in Huron Historical Notes

## 2000

- **'Run For The Lake' 5-km Fun Run** along Goderich waterfront; co-ordinated through local running club with local sponsorships

## 1999

- **'Climate Change Implications for Lake Huron Coastal Communities' Scoping Study**, in collaboration with Environment Canada and University of Waterloo; funded by Environment Canada
- **Is the Coast Clear?** inaugural conference; keynote speakers Dr. Gail Krantzberg, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, and Jim Bredin, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; held in Goderich

## 1998

- **Incorporated as a not-for-profit organization with charitable status**
- **Beach and Dune Ecosystems Education Kit**, funded by Shell Environmental Fund and TD Canada Trust Friends of the Environment
- **Erosion Control & Bioengineering Techniques Workshop**, Goderich