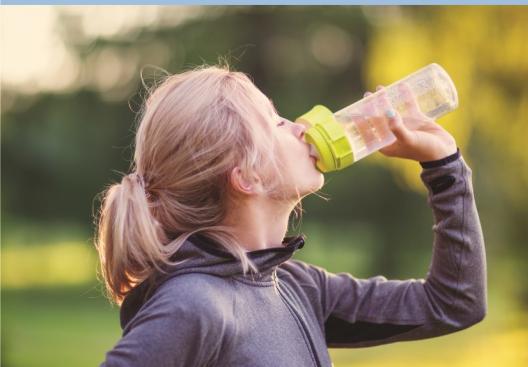


Source Water Protection

South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Region

Proposed Conservation Authority Consolidation

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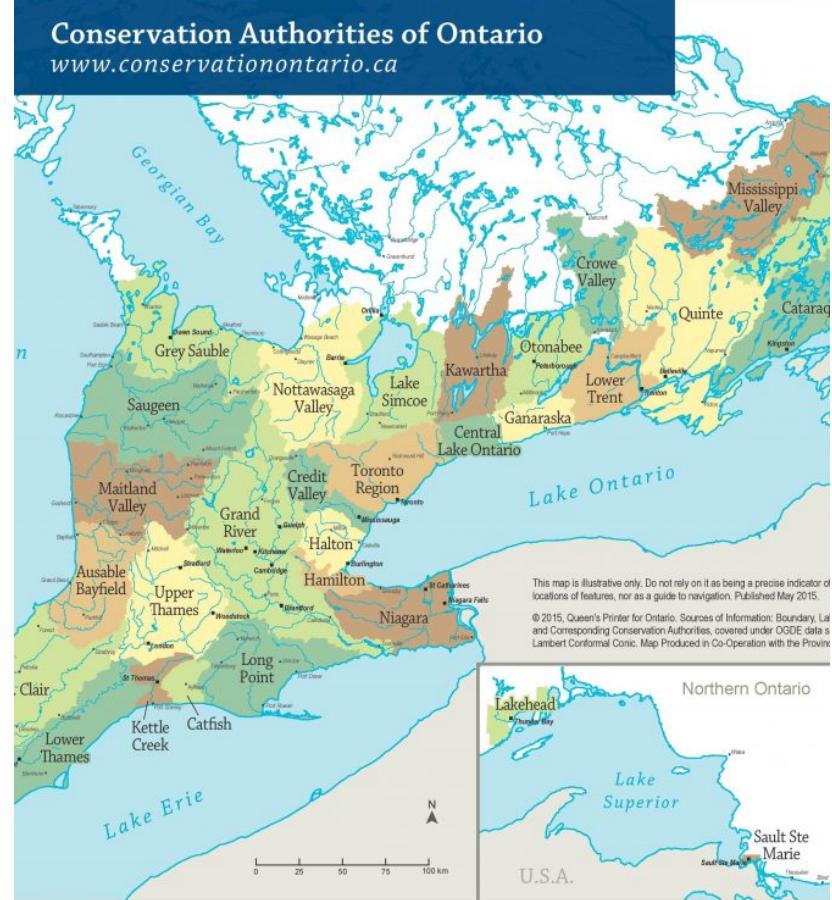
Proposed Conservation Authority consolidation

- Posted on the Environmental Registry (025-1257)
- Comments until Dec 22, 2025



Conservation Authorities

- 36, mostly in southern Ontario
- Unique to Ontario
- Exist under the Conservation Authorities Act
- Bulk of funding municipal
- Boards made up of municipal appointees



Programs and services

- Mandatory programs:
 - Hazard management (i.e. permitting, flood forecasting and warning)
 - Conservation area management
 - Source water protection
 - Lake Simcoe protection
- Others provided on behalf of a municipality in its watershed (e.g. restoration, education)

Provincial proposal

- Create a new a provincial agency, the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, to provide province-wide coordination / consistency
- Consolidate the existing 36 conservation authorities into 7 regional conservation authorities

What would / wouldn't change

Would change

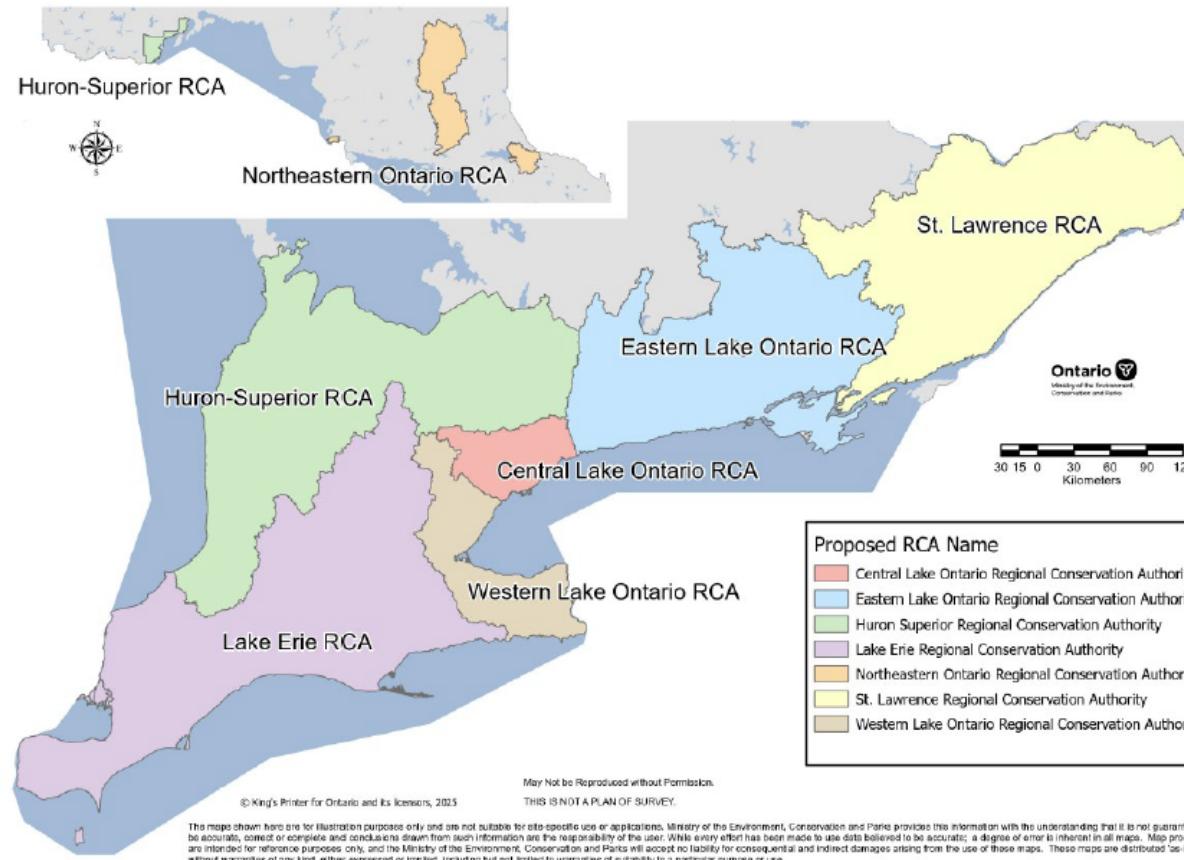
- More resources for front-line services
- Reduced administrative duplication
- Faster permit approvals
- More consistent standards and technology

Wouldn't change

- Regional conservation authorities would continue to be independent organizations
- Where conservation authorities operate
- Programs and services provided
- Governance and funding models

Proposed Regional Conservation Authorities

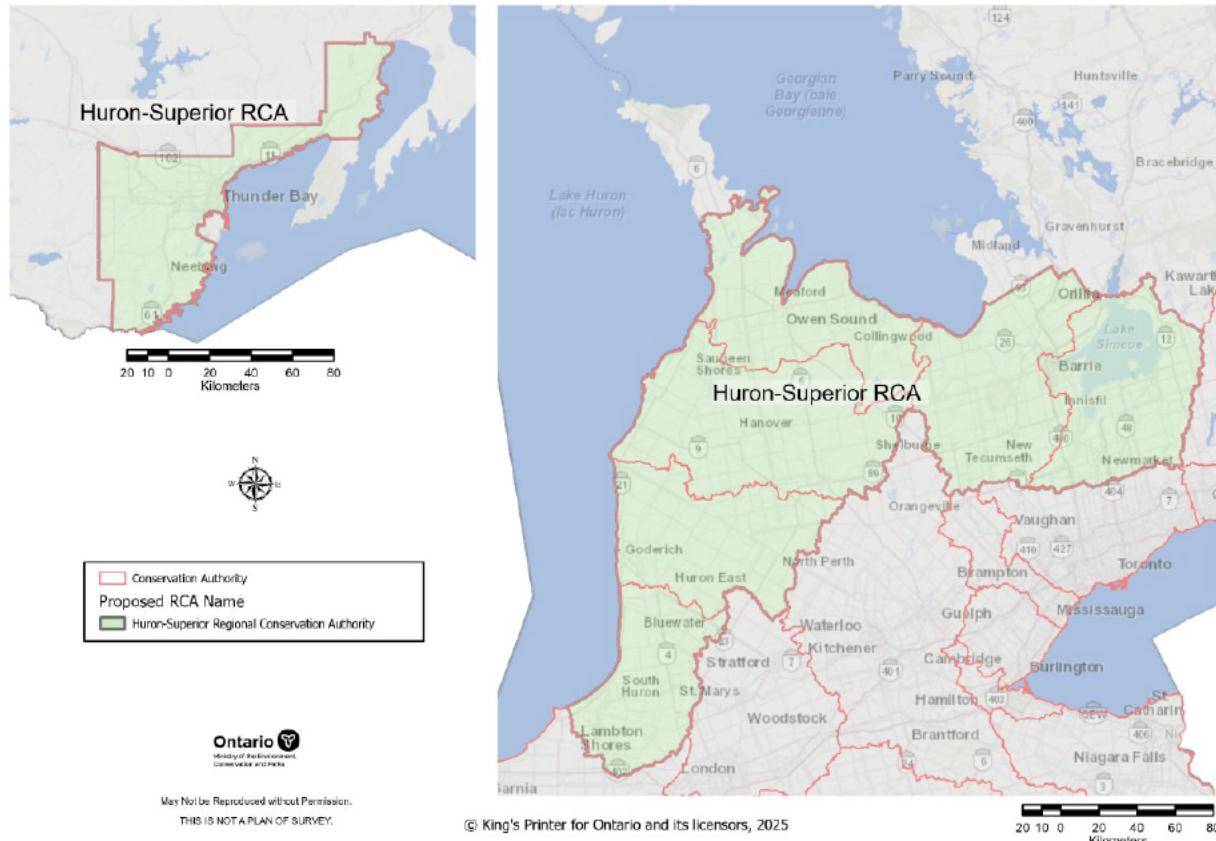
PROPOSED 7 REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES (RCA)



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Proposed Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority

HURON-SUPERIOR REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



Current conservation authorities that would make up the proposed Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority:

- Ausable Bayfield
- Maitland Valley
- Saugeen Valley
- Grey Sauble
- Nottawasaga Valley
- Lake Simcoe Region
- Lakehead Region

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Proposed Huron Superior Regional Conservation Authority Municipalities

- Barrie
- Kawartha Lakes
- Owen Sound
- Thunder Bay
- Arran-Elderslie
- Bluewater
- Brockton
- Central Huron
- Grey Highlands
- Huron East
- Kincardine
- Lambton Shores
- Meaford
- Middlesex Centre
- Morris-Turnberry
- Neebing
- North Middlesex
- North Perth
- Oliver Paipoonge
- Shuniah
- South Bruce
- South Huron
- West Grey
- West Perth
- Aurora
- Bradford West Gwillimbury
- Caledon
- Collingwood
- East Gwillimbury
- Georgina
- Goderich
- Hanover
- Innisfil
- Minto
- Mono
- New Tecumseth
- Newmarket
- Richmond Hill
- Saugeen Shores
- Shelburne
- South Bruce Peninsula
- Blue Mountains
- Wasaga Beach
- Whitchurch-Stouffville
- Adelaide Metcalfe
- Adjala-Tosoronto
- Amaranth
- Ashfield-Colborne Wawanosh
- Brock
- Chatsworth
- Clearview
- Conmee
- Dorion
- Essa
- Georgian Bluffs
- Gillies
- Howick
- Huron-Kinloss
- King
- Lucan Biddulph
- Mapleton
- Melancthon
- Mulmur
- North Huron
- O'Connor
- Oro-Medonte
- Perth East
- Perth South
- Ramara
- Scugog
- Severn
- Southgate
- Springwater
- Uxbridge
- Warwick
- Wellington North

Next steps

- Environmental Registry posting ends December 22nd
- Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to consider all feedback to inform path forward
- New Agency would lead process to consolidate conservation authorities
- Further consultation may happen on Legislative and Regulatory changes needed (incl. Clean Water Act)
- Changes not intended to be initiated until after next municipal election (October 2026)

Thank you

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