

# The Grass is Just as Green in the Valley of the Credit

Each year hundreds of Acton citizens pack their suitcases or camping equipment and head for the great outdoors and far away places little realizing that the grass is no greener than in their own back yard.

The valley of the Credit river stretching from Orangeville to Port Credit is one of the most beautiful watersheds in Ontario. Facilities are available for the most avid 'back to nature' enthusiast or the man who likes to take his family for a drive on Sunday.

### Authority Brochure

This is pointed out in a recent brochure published by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, the body which operates and maintains the watershed.

conserving the natural resources of the area.

### The Authority

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority came into being in May, 1954, created by the Ontario Government at the request of the 16 municipalities in the watershed.

This step was taken when it became evident that coordinated action in all phases of conservation, from the protection of historic buildings to water control and reforestation, was in urgent need. There are now 214,000 acres

under the Authority's jurisdiction and the following municipalities are members, along with the Provincial Government.

The Towns of Acton, Brampton, Georgetown, Oakville, Orangeville, and Port Credit; the Villages of Erin and Streetsville, and the Townships of Amaranth, Caledon, Chinguacousy, Erin, Etobicoke, Garafraza East, Mono, and Toronto.

The Authority covers parts of the Counties of Peel, Halton, Dufferin and Wellington and in all embraces a population approach-

ing 100,000.

### The Credit Valley

Rich in history and remarkably varied in character the Credit Valley is truly one of the most scenic areas in Southern Ontario. Its topography includes rolling glacial hills, the rugged Niagara Escarpment, and gently undulating farm and orchard lands.

The 317 square mile watershed is drained by the Credit River, winding 55 miles and dropping 1,350 feet to its mouth on Lake Ontario at Port Credit.

The upper part of the valley is sprinkled with picturesque small towns and villages, while the southern section is rapidly filling in with housing and industrial developments marching outward from the western edges of Metropolitan Toronto.

### Authority Advisory Boards

There are six advisory boards assisting the Authority in its work: Flood Control and Pollution, Farm Planning and Land Use, Reforestation, Parks and Recreation, Public Relations and Publicity, and Historical Records.

Each board is composed of members of the Authority and interested individuals from the general public, giving the Authority the benefit of the experience of many people in the watershed.

### Parks and Recreation

The conservation areas are the show places of the Authority, serving to educate the general public in its aims and programs. The authority operates two parks — at Terra Cotta and Belmont.

The Terra Cotta Conservation Area, situated on the Niagara Escarpment near Georgetown, has superb forest land, sparkling water and inviting areas for swimming, fishing, picnicking and nature study. There are 40 camp sites available. A nature trail winds more than a mile through forested areas.

The Belmont Conservation Area is located at the storied Forks of the Credit. The interesting stonework and picturesque dam and falls attract fishermen, photographers and artists as well as families on picnics.

In addition, along the sidewalks and near the towns and villages, there are hundreds of areas of beauty and interest, inviting exploration.

### Water Control

While it is one of Ontario's

## Halton Group Seek Overall Planning

A committee to report on the need for overall planning will be

appointed by the executive of the Halton Community Welfare Council. It was decided at a meeting of the Council in Milton last week it was suggested that a social planning committee be set up for the purpose of co-ordinating the overall planning of any new welfare services in the county, and extending present functions.

A brief presented by the Family Service Bureau suggested the setting up of a card registry of families served by local welfare agencies, and a directory of welfare services. It was pointed out by Bernard Grady, executive director of the Oakville Y.M.-Y.W.C.A., that overall planning would put an end to duplication of effort, and expenditure, and make for greater efficiency of services.

These are most valuable in trapping and retaining parts of the spring runoff, to be used for stock watering, irrigation, fire protection and recreation. To encourage the development of these ponds, the Authority will pay 50 per cent, up to \$100, of the cost for the satisfactory completion of a farm pond with a minimum capacity of 125,000 gallons.

In order to encourage reforestation on privately-owned lands, suitable for forest production, the Authority offers the following services:

1. A subsidy of \$10 per 1,000 trees, hand-planted, and \$5 per 1,000 machine-planted, provided that there are more than 1,000 trees and that Scotch pine be no more than two out of ten trees.
2. The free use of an Authority tree planter.
3. A tree planting service on private lands at a nominal cost to the owner.

Many owners lose their value by being improperly drained. Such land may be drained by either tile systems or open ditch. The latter system, however, has its disadvantages.

From this and other information to lay out a farm so that each section of land is used and managed according to its capabilities.

The Farm Planning and Use Advisory Board of the Authority is available for this assistance and will call upon various Ontario Government and private bodies to assist it. A farm planner surveys the farm, field by field, and maps his finds on an aerial photograph.

The soil series and types are identified and their boundaries marked. Erosion is estimated by the soil profile. Watercourses are mapped.

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