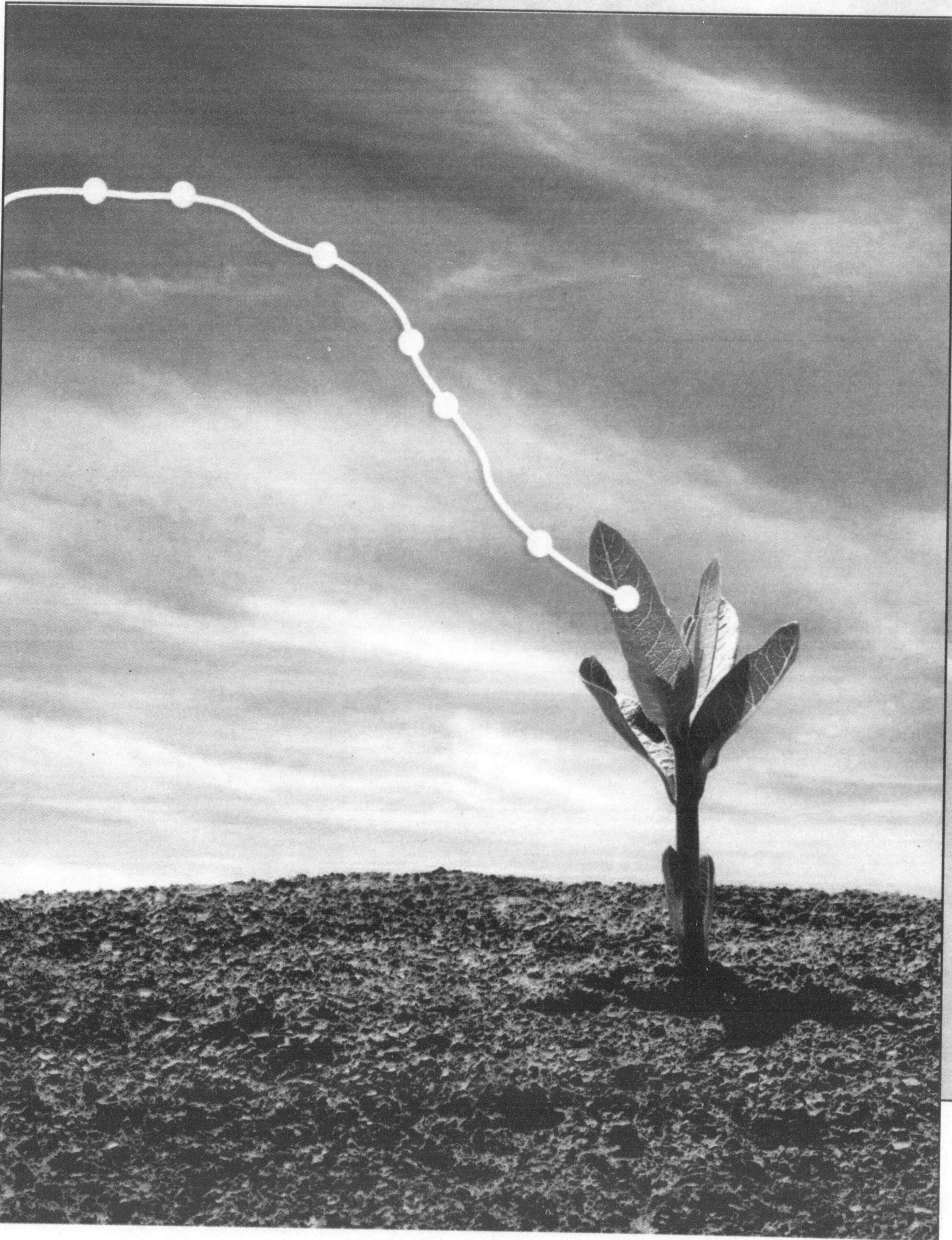


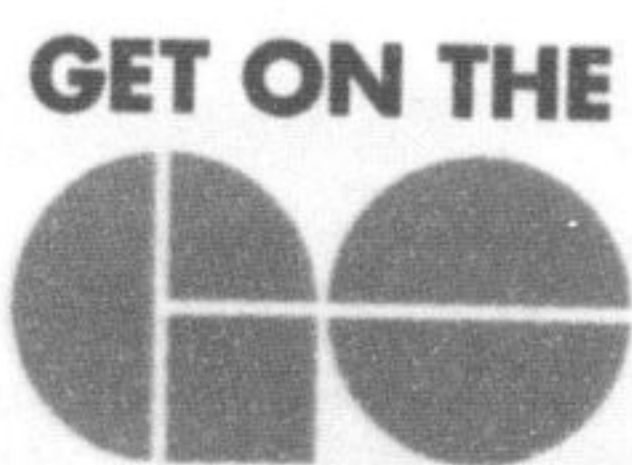
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### What is Clean Air Day?

Clean Air Day (CAD) was proclaimed by the Government of Canada to increase public awareness and action on two key environmental priorities, clean air and climate change. It is part of Canadian Environment Week, which was created to promote and to celebrate activities that care and nurture our environmental legacy.

Clean Air Day builds on a tradition of community activities that target environment, health and transportation issues during the months of May and June. In fact, the Day was declared by the Government of Canada in response to a request made by several of these community organizations. Clean Air Day, as part of Environment Week, is very much a grassroots event relying on strong partnerships with all sectors of society. Clean Air Day and Environment Week are about all of us, as individuals and as members of our communities, making choices that help create a cleaner, safer world for ourselves, our families and the next generation.

### Did You Know?

#### Air Pollution and Health

- Canadians consider air pollution to be the most serious environmental problem. They hold the view that air pollution is the most serious environmental problem.
- Studies from around the world show a strong association between air pollution and health problems.

#### Transportation and the Environment

- Individual Canadians produce about 5 tonnes per year of greenhouse gases - about 5 tonnes per year.
- Vehicles produce approximately 100 pounds (VOC) that contribute to air pollution.
- One busload of passengers can save 100 gallons of fuel and avoids over 1000 pounds of greenhouse gases.

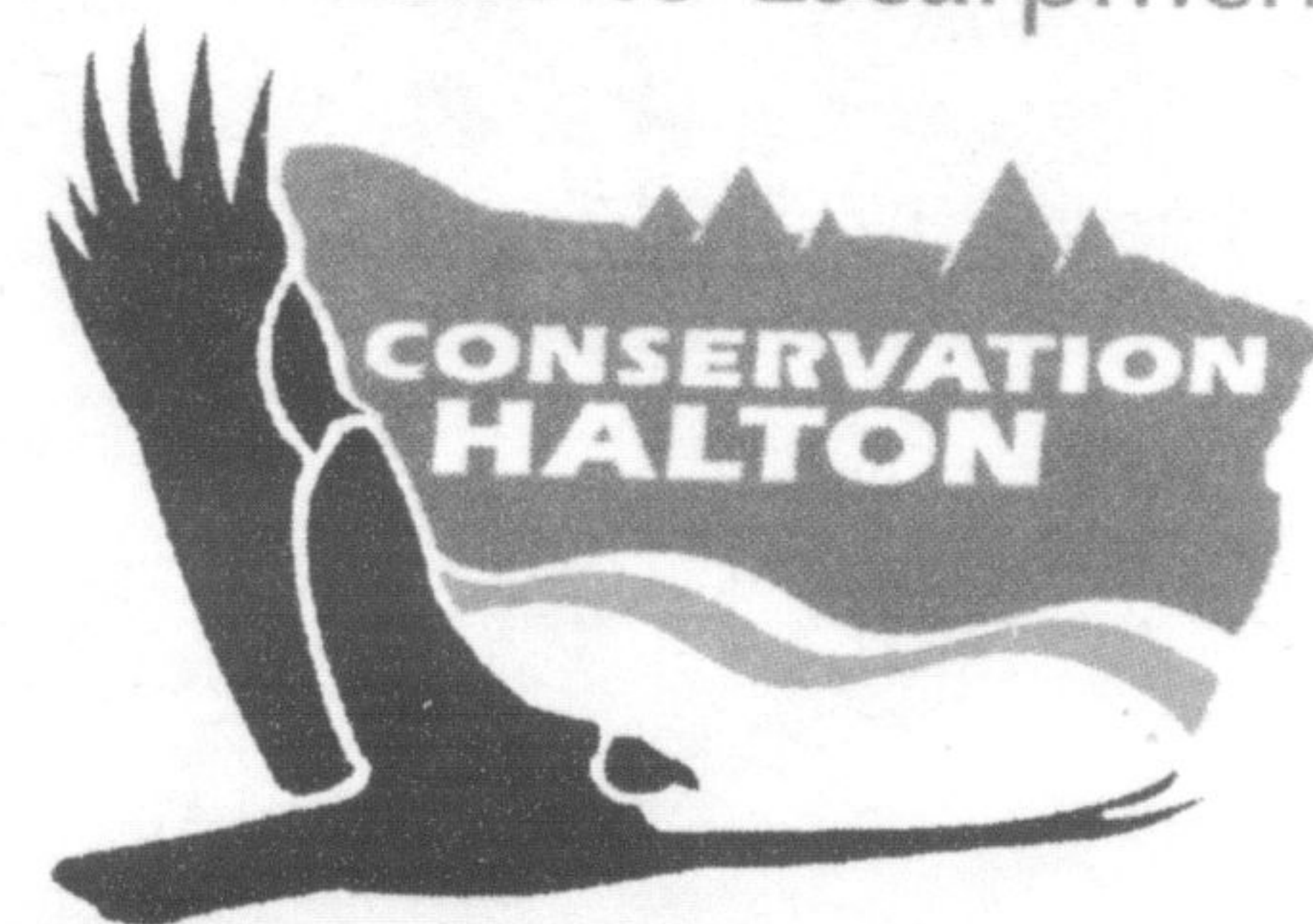
#### Air Pollution and the Economy

- According to Ontario's Ministry of the Environment, more than \$1 billion per year is lost to the economy (Ontario Medical Association).

### Actions you can take

- Save energy in your home. Turn off lights and electronics not in use and use energy-efficient light bulbs.
- Make your home more energy-efficient. The less energy you use, the less air pollution you produce.
- Recycle, since it takes less energy to recycle than to use raw materials.
- Consider trying different energy sources. When you have to heat your home, consider using a wood-burning stove.
- Avoid idling your vehicle. Idling produces air pollution and wastes fuel.
- Buy locally produced goods. This reduces the energy used in transportation.
- Compost kitchen scraps. This reduces the amount of garbage that contributes to climate change.
- Plant deciduous trees. They provide shade and reduce the need for air conditioning in the summer.
- Buy an electric stove. The National Electrical Manufacturers Association says that electric stoves are the most energy-efficient in the home.
- Use small gas-powered tools. Use snow-blowers, chainsaws, and blowers at their optimum (e.g., use a manual appliance or a battery-powered one).

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