



## Food, glorious food

Members of the Sam Sherratt School student council executive display the food the school recently collected for the Salvation Army Food Bank. From left are Jeff Shepherd, Zack Dalzell, Lindsay Old, Mason Whiting and Mack Gervais.

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## CH celebrates opening of new nature sanctuary

An opening celebration was held October 1 for a nature sanctuary recently acquired by Conservation Halton (CH).

The Cartwright Nature Sanctuary is located in nearby Dundas and has been largely untouched for 45 years.

The property forms a key part of one of the primary ecological corridors linking the Niagara Escarpment and Cootes Paradise.

The 46-acre parcel of land is part of a designated Environmentally Significant Area that connects the Royal Botanical Garden's berry tract to CH's Nicholson property, forming a core of protected natural areas totaling 120 acres.

The significant natural features of the Cartwright property have faced threats from proposed urban expansion, so when the opportunity to protect it arose, both the Hamilton Naturalists' Club (HNC) and CH took action.

In a cost sharing arrangement, CH purchased title of the property while HNC acquired a conservation easement ensuring permanent protection and a legal interest in the land.

The acquisition was completed at the end of last year.

CH and HNC will jointly manage the property.

"Our partnership with the Hamilton Naturalists' Club is a great way to protect natural areas and enhance the natural heritage features of the watershed," said Robert Edmondson, CH's watershed management director. "Neither party could afford to purchase the property alone."

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