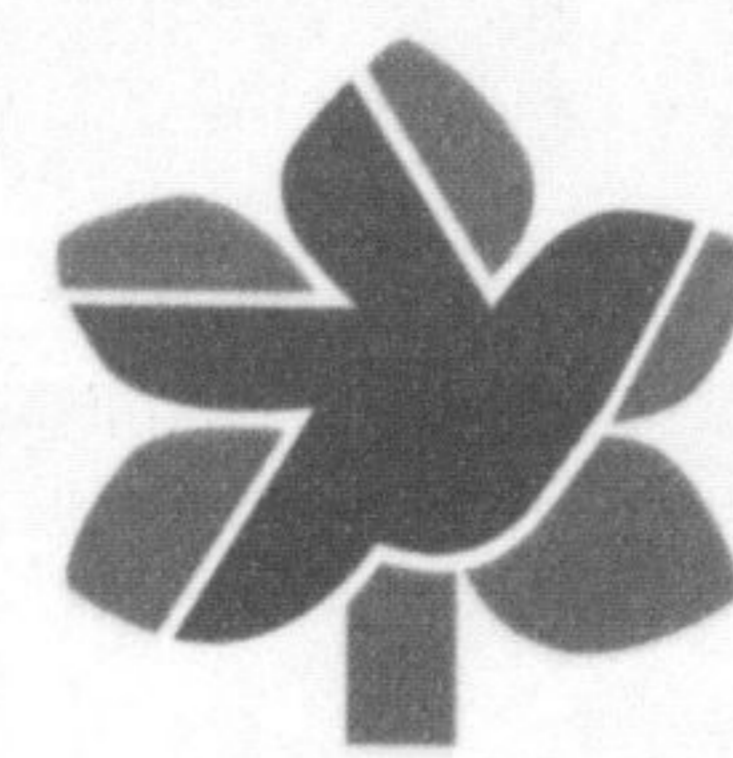




protecting paradise

"To be able to come here to Royal Botanical Gardens with its restoration programs and see how the planet should be, for everybody to understand that whoever you are, whatever your status, what you do each day actually does make a difference."

Dr. Jane Goodall, 2006



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Royal Botanical Gardens is located close to your home, but if someone asked you, "Do you know how Royal Botanical Gardens impacts your life?" What would you say?

Royal Botanical Gardens is one of the leading environmental organizations in Ontario. Just some of our responsibilities include:

- protecting and restoring 970 hectares (2,400 acres) of wetlands, forests and trails.
- educating thousands of children and families annually about nature, plants, wildlife and how people impact the environment.
- working with partners to clean our water, restore our wetlands, and protect species at risk of extinction.
- promoting understanding of how people benefit from plants and the importance of biodiversity.

Each year, Royal Botanical Gardens must raise over 60 per cent of its operating budget. **This support comes from generous people like you.** Royal Botanical Gardens impacts your life, your neighbourhood and your community. Please complete the donor card or visit www.rbg.ca, click on *Protecting paradise* and learn how you can help (click on Support RBG for full membership details and benefits).

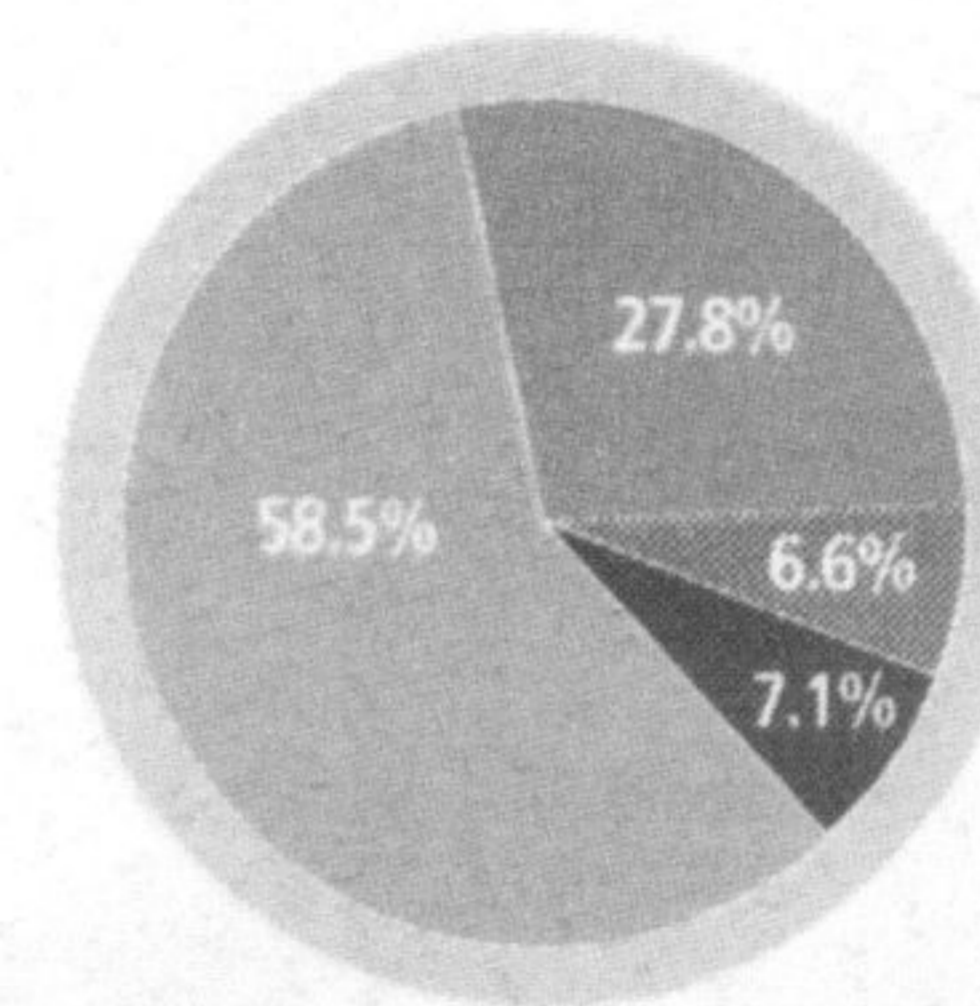
Opened: 1932

Size: 1,100 hectares (2,700 acres)

Species at risk: Over 35 species at risk can be found on Royal Botanical Gardens' properties.

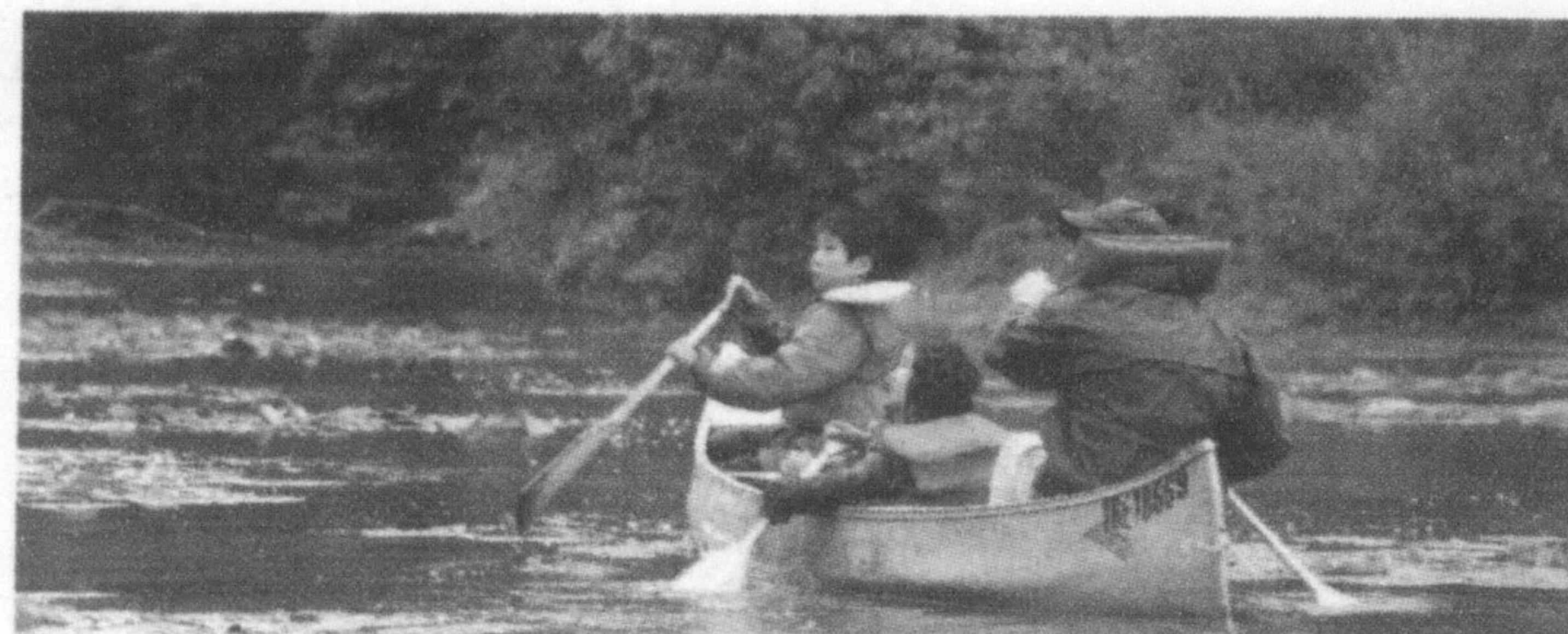
Plants: 1,108 species — 15% of native Canadian species, and over 20% of Ontario's native species.

Funding:



- Self-generated*
- Government of Ontario
- City of Hamilton
- Region of Halton

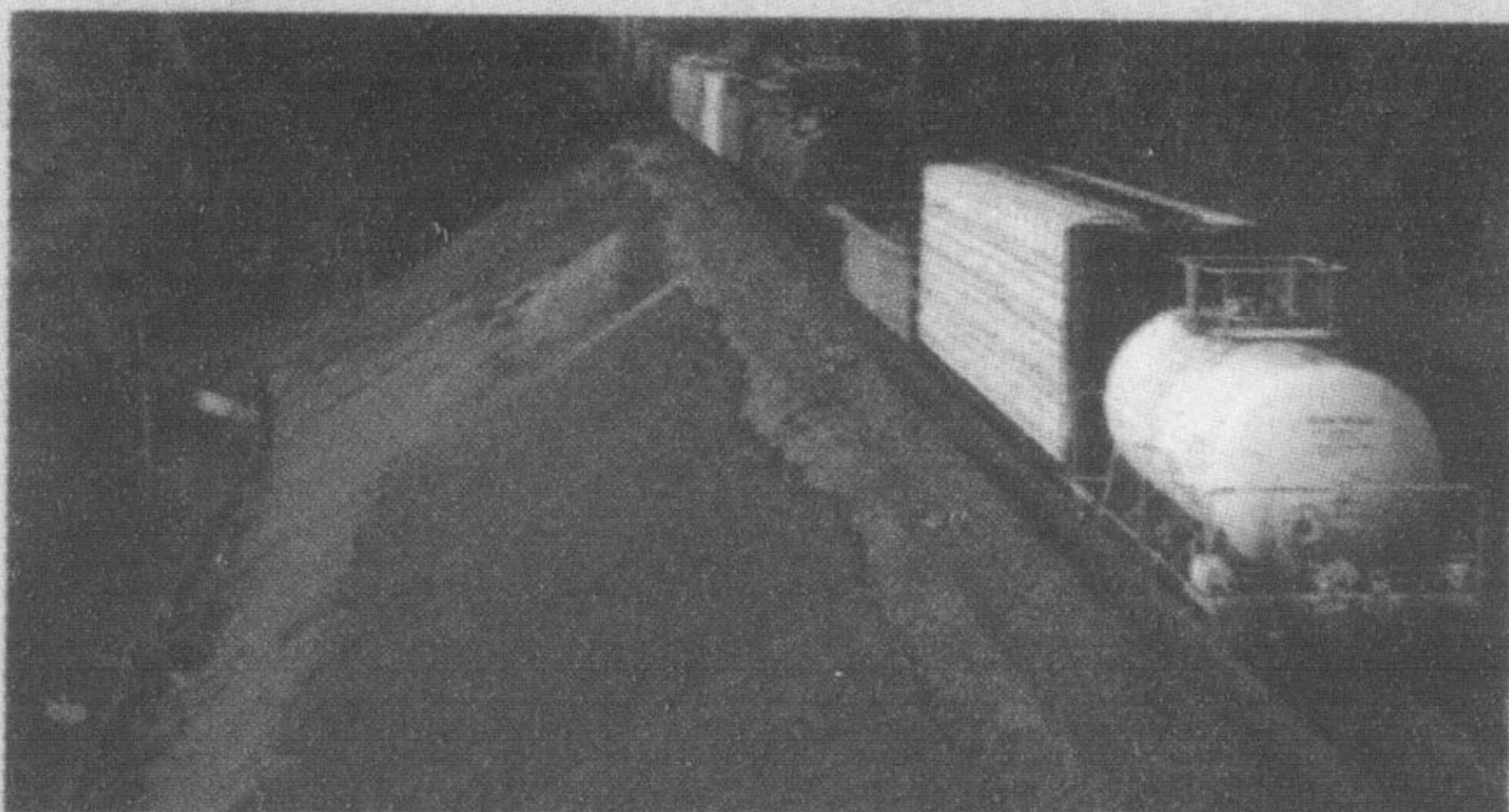
* memberships, admissions, rentals, gifts and grants



Saving savannahs

Oak savannah, a provincially rare habitat, once dominated the uplands of Cootes Paradise and Hendrie Valley sanctuaries. Re-establishing healthy savannahs is important. We are:

- Removing introduced plants that are taking over this habitat.
- Reclaiming a construction site as new oak savannah using native seeds from our properties (Sunfish Pond hillside).



Please help:

Collect seeds for propagation	\$10
Plant the seeds	\$50
Nurture the plants	\$100
Monitor and learn	\$500
Protect Paradise	\$1,000
Endow Paradise	\$5,000
Named endowment	\$50,000
Become a member	\$45-\$60

Project Paradise — a 30-year challenge

For decades Royal Botanical Gardens has been protecting and restoring wetlands and streams (including Cootes Paradise). We are:

- Reducing invasive species such as carp.
- Improving water quality by reducing excess nutrients, sediment and toxins from run off.
- Planting 1000s of wetland plants annually to re-establish marsh habitat.



Please help:

Catch a carp	\$10
Save a largemouth bass	\$50
Replant wetlands	\$100
Manage the Fishway	\$ 500
Protect Paradise	\$1,000
Endow Paradise	\$5,000
Named endowment	\$50,000
Become a member	\$45-\$60

Name: _____

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I'd like to receive monthly electronic newsletters

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Enclosed is my gift* of

\$10 \$50 \$100

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\$50,000 I prefer to give \$ _____

* A tax receipt is issued for gifts.

Please process the purchase of a one-year membership

Family \$60 Individual \$45 Grandparent/Dual \$60

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I've enclosed a cheque payable to
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