

# *A Growing Legacy*

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF  
THE EASTERN ONTARIO MODEL FOREST  
2004 – 2005



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*Forests for Seven Generations*

The Eastern Ontario Model Forest (EOMF) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization devoted to the people and the forests of eastern Ontario. The EOMF champions the belief that we all have a stake in ensuring that the economic, cultural and social values of eastern Ontario's forests are maintained for the benefit of all, now and in the future.

As part of the 11-member Canadian Model Forest Network, the EOMF works with government, landowners, industry, First Nations and other stakeholders to develop new ways to sustain and manage our forest resources.



*The photo on the cover of this year's annual report is a close-up of the end cut of a white oak log purchased by Kemprville wood-turner Alf Campbell at the 2004 Forest Fair Log Auction. Alf has converted the log into 14 bowl blanks and he will exercise his turning skills to produce his one-of-a-kind works of beauty.*

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## Of Challenges and Opportunities

### *Message from the President*

Once again, H. Humphrey's words "*Instead of worrying about the future, let us labor to create it*" seem particularly appropriate after our successful mid-term evaluation and focus sessions on the future of the Canadian Model Forest Program. During the past year there has been a growing sense of optimism within the Canadian Model Forest Network of a new program in 2007. Thanks to a very dedicated board, staff and many volunteers, we seem particularly primed to launch into new areas with a more balanced sustainable forest management approach between the economic, social and environmental disciplines. Our emerging links with interests within New York State; our partnership with the Lake Abitibi Model Forest and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to promote and deliver commitments under the National Forest Strategy; and, our coordination, mapping and economic analysis efforts to assist our founding partner, Domtar, are all examples of this model forest shaping its own future.

Annual reports allow us to reflect on our progress. Have we achieved our targets? Have we reached specific milestones with our partners? Have we moved closer to our five year goals? And, most importantly, have we made a difference on the landscape? The mid-term evaluation provides us with a strong endorsement and I certainly have experienced a quickening of the pace over the past year. In reading the annual report, I hope that you are as impressed as I am with the achievements of the board and committees. Certainly, they have demonstrated the ability to respond thoughtfully and constructively to a number of major challenges and opportunities.

As I indicated in last year's annual report, my personal goal as president is to ensure that we become more self-sufficient, and more focused and closely aligned to woodlot owners. I believe that our model forest and the Canadian Model Forest Network have made substantial progress in all of these areas. It has been my privilege to co-chair the Private Woodlot Strategic Initiative with Peter DeMarsh, president of the Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners. This initiative has focused on reaching out to non-traditional woodlot owners. And, I have personally become very involved with the Network Strategic Planning Committee's development of the prospectus for a new program in 2007. My sense from the participation in these very rewarding experiences is that the Eastern Ontario Model Forest remains a leader in sustainable forest management within a very challenging area of the country.

*David J. Neave*  
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## Reflections on Sustainable Forests – A Matter of Balance *Report of the General Manager*

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The late Dr. C. Ross Silversides, a well-respected and very wise individual who guided the creation of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest back in the early nineties, understood the importance of balance. Out of his own pocket he purchased copies of the book *Balancing Act* by Professor Hamish Kimmins and presented one to each member of the founding board of directors. His intent was to challenge and inspire this diverse group of people to think broadly and creatively as they learned to work together on the task of establishing the EOMF. Years later, all of us associated with the EOMF still find ourselves focusing on the challenge of maintaining balance. This applies to many things: local versus regional and national priorities, forest versus non-forest sectors, and urgent short term needs versus long term opportunities. But, perhaps the most important balance of all concerns the ecological, social, and economic values we associate with our forests.

The EOMF works hard to be a productive member of the Canadian Model Forest Network. Staff members contribute in many ways – assisting with re-designing the national website, and participating in outreach and communication events, to name some examples. We share in the leadership of the Private Woodlot Strategic Initiative that is gaining momentum in several regions of the country, building on the workshop held in Kemptville last year. Our president is very active at the national network level in this and other initiatives such as the National Forest Strategy and the network strategic group looking at the future of the model forest program. A network meeting held in Ottawa last November was successful in increasing and renewing interest in the model forest program at senior levels of government. There was also a clear demonstration of support from the broader community such as the Forest Products Association of Canada and the Sierra Club.

Over the past year we have worked closely with the Lake Abitibi Model Forest to improve our effectiveness at the provincial level with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. A good example is the development of a province-wide approach to connect the many on-the-ground sustainable forestry activities of our partners and others with the priorities identified in the National Forest Strategy. It is not always easy to understand the linkages and to see how these efforts address Strategy objectives. Once implemented, we will better understand our progress towards sustainable forest management in this province and identify where more attention may be needed. The National Forest Strategy is considered to be an important aspect of Canada's positioning in the global forest community.

We continue to draw attention from well beyond our boundaries and with increased awareness comes an interest by others to work with us. There have been numerous exchanges with Sweden and several other countries including South Korea, China, Germany, Japan, and France. They are eager to learn from our experience as they develop their own approaches. Our close proximity to the Ottawa headquarters of the International Model Forest Network makes the EOMF a logical destination for many visiting delegations. Closer to home we recognize the importance of the Great

Lakes-St. Lawrence forest ecosystem that we share with our neighbours to the south in the United States. Consistent with the Naturalized Knowledge System described by the Mohawk community, we know that cooperation and sharing of knowledge leads to success. Our “Forest Convergence in the Thousand Islands” workshop, organized jointly with the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at the State University of New York at Syracuse, was a useful networking exercise that established new linkages and a basis for future collaboration. One area of considerable mutual interest is habitat connectivity at the regional landscape level.

In Ontario we have made considerable progress working with the Algonquin to Adirondack Conservation Association, the Biosphere Reserve, and the Leeds County Stewardship Council to understand the local realities of habitat connectivity. With funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, we now have better understanding of the barriers and the corrective approaches needed to address them. This means that local groups can better focus their efforts and be more effective. Linking complementary efforts on both sides of the border will be a substantial achievement and ultimately is necessary to be truly successful. Effectively engaging landowners and having their support ensures that solutions put into place will last. As concern mounts over species at risk the question of balance becomes even more challenging.

Working with St. Lawrence Islands National Park and several other partner groups, an innovative approach to looking at species at risk in an area with high biodiversity is being considered. By looking at an ecosystem unit as a whole, (for example a small watershed), efforts to help the recovery of multiple species may be more effective and create flexibility to balance all the components of sustainability. The successful sustainable forest certification program may provide the right framework to properly achieve this balance as operations are carried out on the ground, generating economic returns to the landowner.

Our work in progress with the agricultural community to produce a set of agroforestry best management practices bridges the forest and farm sectors. We know from our monitoring work in “The State of Eastern Ontario’s Forest” the influence these combined sectors play on the future forest condition. We are making progress in involving those parties directly affecting the forest through either policies or physical actions. Producing tools such as the Woodland Valuation System and providing key information can help municipalities and individuals to better plan their futures. Several municipalities including the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry have expressed appreciation for being able to incorporate these products into their own official plan exercises. Improving our forest information base and using the data gathered by our volunteer Observer Network continues to add value to the ongoing effort.

In terms of planning for our own future, and as part of our responsible approach to governance, we completed a review of activities at the mid-point of our current



five-year strategy (traditionally called the “Advance”). We were able to enhance our detailed review with an external evaluation carried out by our key founding partner – the Canadian Forest Service. We also took into account the newly emerging priorities for the Canadian Forest Service. In general, progress has been excellent. One area identified as remaining relevant and needing more effort was the Future Forest Condition project. The Forest Science Committee has taken this on as a priority to develop a process allowing communities to create a vision of a desired future forest landscape condition along with the tools to help them achieve it. Another key observation was that while we had paid considerable attention to the ecological and the social pillars of sustainable forestry, we need to focus some more effort on economics – a question of balance once again.

The external evaluation has commented positively on our efforts and has identified some opportunities for improvement. We are seen to have addressed the issues identified in the previous program evaluation and continue to provide a valuable array of tools and generate excellent outcomes. The complexity of our region, and the integration of forests with many other sectors, presents a unique challenge to the EOMF. The evaluation encourages us to do an even better job of communicating our results based on indicators of our progress. The same observation apparently applies to all model forests in Canada. We recently completed a re-design of our Web site, which is recognized as a key tool in reaching well beyond our boundaries. We also conducted a detailed benchmarking of our communications efforts. Our Communications Committee has undertaken the task of further strengthening, in a strategic sense, what is already an excellent communications effort.



It is ironic that within weeks of our “Advance” Domtar Inc. announced the indefinite shut down of its pulp mill at Cornwall, citing declining markets, unfavourable exchange rates against the US dollar, and poor competitiveness of the facility. Domtar has been a strong founding partner of the EOMF and we have had great concern over the decision with its effect on staff, the forest and the many people external to the company who are dependent on the forest as a source of income. In addition to the 400 employees laid off at the Cornwall mill site, it is estimated that an additional 1,200 related jobs across the region have also been affected. Domtar has been a visible leader in implementing sustainable forestry practices on the landscape and a full participant in many projects and activities ranging from forest certification to the fall Forest Fair.

Since the announcement, key partners have come together to assess the situation and determine what actions are needed. The key thrusts have been to raise awareness and understanding of the entire issue, to maintain continuity with the landowners participating in Domtar’s forest management programs, to examine options around future uses of the mill and the market it has provided, and to consider the impacts on the overall forest landscape that extends well beyond the Cornwall area. The EOMF has worked very closely with the Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Resource Stewardship Council in facilitating these efforts. We were fortunate to have the interest and support of both FedNor and Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Community



Futures Development Corporation in providing support to pursue these themes. We have compiled some excellent information and identified several concepts that could set the stage for engaging new partners. Of particular interest is the development of a Cornwall biorefinery project which would make use of the core mill facility to produce an array of biomass-derived products in addition to traditional pulp. Strong assets of this region include the potential access to a certified woody biomass supply and close proximity to the considerable life sciences expertise of the Ottawa area (e.g., the BioProducts Network, the National Research Council). This is also consistent with the thrust by local government to establish a bioproducts sector in the local economy. The interest, creativity and enthusiasm to date have been impressive and hopefully will be sufficient to act on the opportunity to transition from “lemons into lemonade”.

It is appropriate to end by reflecting on the words of Hamish Kimmins in his book:

*“I have been persuaded that many, if not most, forest ecosystems are very resilient, and are generally capable of recovery from natural- or human-caused disturbance. However, my experiences also lead me to conclude that each ecosystem has a limit beyond which disturbance will cause the loss of some value for an unacceptable period of time.”*

Our challenge as partners rests in understanding these values and thresholds, maintaining balance and acting responsibly as we benefit from the many values found in our forests. With the excellent capacity and dedication of members, directors, partners, volunteers, interns, students, and staff, we will continue to build successfully on the progress of the current year.

On behalf of the staff group,

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## Objective 1

### *Increasing the Health & Quality of Existing Woodlands*

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#### 1.0 Landowner Workshop (Course-in-a-Box) Series

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.1/02)

The Landowner Workshop Series affectionately titled the Course-in-a-Box project was publicly launched on the Ontario Stewardship Web site earlier this year (see [www.ontariostewardship.org](http://www.ontariostewardship.org)). To date, interest in the 17 titles has been steadily growing with delivery reaching out to hundreds of landowners.

The model forest continues to play a key role in this project providing considerable in-kind support on the steering committee as well as being responsible for a number of courses under development. This year's efforts focused on developing opportunities to increase the outreach of the program in subsequent years. The Ontario Stewardship Network is seen as the primary delivery agency and, to this end, discussions have begun to involve stewardship coordinators from outside eastern Ontario. A workshop on climate change impacts on forests is nearing completion and will be field tested in the fall or winter of 2005/06. Two new courses were developed to complement two requested speaking engagements. White Cedar on the Eastern Ontario Landscape was featured at the 2005 Winter Woodlot Conference. Material from this course-in-a-box will be used to develop a landowner friendly manual on managing this valuable resource. The second course is an extension of the material delivered in Athens to the Athens Garden Society in 2004. Titled Choosing the Right Urban Tree, this course forms the second module in the series on urban tree management.

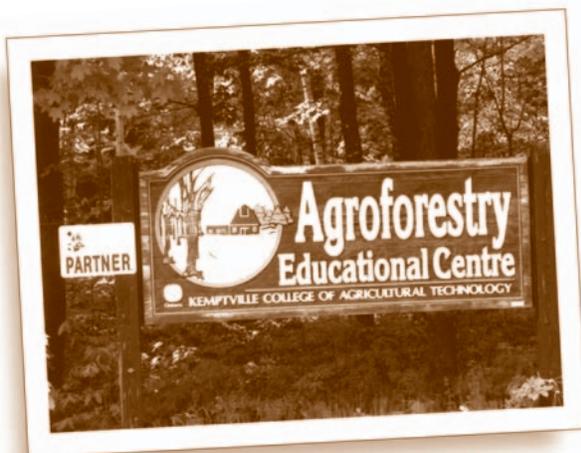
#### 1.1 Demonstration Forest Initiative

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.2/02)

The draft management plan for the Ferguson Forest Centre (FFC) was finished and presented to the steering committee at the biannual meeting in January of 2005. This plan, titled Management Options for the Nursery Forest, highlights the potential of the forest to operate sustainably and to provide a periodic supply of timber as well as recreational opportunities for residents of Kemptville and Grenville County.

The plan also identifies key steps necessary for successful implementation. The next step for this project is to develop a harvest strategy which will allow the FFC nursery to benefit from the activity. The land is owned by the province and, as a result, Crown harvest rules apply. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is currently reviewing opportunities for timber harvesting on this land.

Work on the Fortune Farms demonstration site was completed in 2004-05. New stops, signage, and a revised trail guide have been developed. This site remains one of the key sites used by the model forest to showcase maple management and responsible land stewardship.



The University of Guelph-Kemptville College Agroforestry Centre sugar bush demonstration site was the focus of considerable effort this year, with both the maple processing facility and the sugar bush infrastructure upgraded. An entire system evaluation (tree to bottle) was conducted detailing issues with respect to forest management, sugar bush infrastructure and processing facility. The old syrup pans were removed and experimented on to determine if lead-based solder could be removed and replaced with lead-free solder. The steering committee met four times throughout the year and indications are positive that the Agroforestry Centre will be upgraded to a state-of-the-art maple training facility in the near future.

A new supplementary project was started at the request of the Town of Deep River and a number of other partners in Renfrew County. The model forest was tasked with the development of a project plan titled Renfrew County Forest Demonstration Site Network: Walk This Way. This unique project takes the information learned from the EOMF's extensive experience working with demonstration sites in eastern Ontario and links it to the development of a new demonstration network which is in part geared at increasing tourism opportunities in Renfrew County. The model forest will continue to expand beyond its boundaries by working with the Renfrew partners through the next phase of the project, including the development of funding opportunities.

## 1.2 Web-Enabled Forest Management Tool

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.3/02)

The concept of the forest management tool (FMT) is to provide an online, wizard-like interface to help a landowner develop a forest management plan for his or her woodlot. The tool incorporates expert knowledge about sustainable forest management, land stewardship, and current forest practices, and provides a wealth of resources for further information.

The FMT guides the landowner step-by-step through the process of establishing goals and objectives for the woodlot and gives guidance on creating a reliable, stand-level forest inventory. It employs a server-side database to store information collected from the landowner, and makes use of advanced online mapping techniques to allow the creation of new, server-stored spatial data and editing of existing data.

The tool builds upon earlier EOMF work, including the *EOMF Code of Forestry Practice*, and *A True Picture: Taking an Inventory of Your Woodlot*, bringing much of this valuable information to the Web. Further, the tool is consistent with the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP) application process, giving the more “tech-savvy” landowners the opportunity to prepare their property maps in an online GIS environment.

The second part of the project, the online timber exchange, is a means for private woodlot owners to post the availability of timber or lumber on an online listing, opening up markets for small-scale producers of wood products, where it may have been difficult to market and sell those products previously. The public, consequently, can browse those listings and connect with those wood producers to acquire small amounts of locally-produced wood products.



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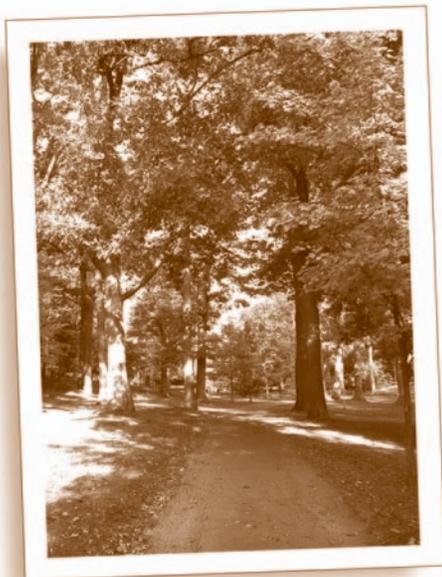
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Village of Merrickville

A request for proposals was issued in early August, and a total of 11 proposals were received by the deadline from firms specializing in Web mapping, GIS, and Web development from eastern Ontario and across Canada. In early September, Geomap GIS America, based in Longueuil, Quebec, was chosen as the winning bidder.

A formal contract was prepared and signed by the three partners in the project (EOMF, the United Counties of Prescott-Russell, and Geomap), and work on the project began in early October. The first phase of the project involved the scoping and planning of the two applications through the development of an application/database design document, and an architecture/interface design document.

Building on the design documents, the first phase of the FMT development has been completed. This entailed the development of all of the functionality behind the FMT, including preparation of the database, the online mapping functions, forest inventory processes, and the user management system. Likewise, the logic behind the online timber exchange has also been completed.

In the early part of the 2005-2006 year, the interface for the tool will be finalized, and testing among a small group of woodlot owners will occur. The full roll-out of the tool for landowners in Prescott-Russell is expected in the second or third quarter of the year. Once the tool has been available to users in Prescott-Russell for one year, we hope to expand the system to cover all of eastern Ontario.



### 1.3 Eastern Ontario Urban Forest Network (EOUFN)

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.4/02)

The Eastern Ontario Urban Forest Network (EOUFN) continues to work with communities, individuals and local agencies in promoting the importance of urban forests in eastern Ontario and beyond.

The display panel and brochure developed in 2003 were used locally at a number of events this year, including two workshops in Carleton Place which took place during National Forest Week. The display was also used by the Gananoque Forestry Advisory Committee to promote National Forest Week.

The EOUFN partnered with St. Lawrence Islands National Park in bringing together key forest health personnel to discuss the short-horned oak worm situation in the Thousand Islands with the local cottage association on June 5, 2004.

The EOUFN again played a central role in helping to coordinate a special session on the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) and the emerald ash borer (EAB) at the national Forest Pest Management Forum in Ottawa on November 18, 2004. A group of 70 forest practitioners took part in the discussions.

The EOUFN was invited to give a presentation and to write a paper on the 1998 ice storm as part of the "Fires, Storms and Insects" session at the 6th Canadian Urban Forest Conference in Kelowna, B.C. in October of 2004. The EOUFN display and information materials were showcased at this conference and were well-received by the delegates present.



An especially exciting development this year has been the establishment of a Canadian Urban Forest Network. The EOUFN, as a “founding chapter” in this network, has been used as an example for other regions (e.g., a southern British Columbia chapter was established using the EOUFN framework). The goal is to have 10 similar chapters established throughout Canada in advance of the 7th Canadian Urban Forest Conference, which is to be held in Quebec City in 2006.

Urban forestry has finally been recognized in the National Forest Strategy. The EOUFN has been spending time reviewing strategies and providing input into the Canadian Urban Forest Strategy, a component of the overarching National Forest Strategy.

Our goal for 2005-2006 is to expand the membership of the EOUFN in our local area, to further increase public awareness of the importance of urban forests, and to continue to work on the Canadian Urban Forest Strategy.

#### **1.4 Non-timber Revenue Opportunities**

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.5/02)

In 2004-05 the EOMF embarked on a new and exciting opportunity to expand our outreach and enhance our connection with the agricultural community. In partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, the Ontario Soil and Crop Institute, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the University of Guelph, Agriculture Canada (Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Association) as well as others, the model forest put together a team of seven contributing authors to develop the first three drafts of an agroforestry Best Management Practices (BMP) manual, the sixteenth title in the series of BMP manuals. This manual will be published late in 2005 or early in 2006. It focuses on agroforestry opportunities for rural Ontario and seeks to help landowners develop better ways of managing trees on the agricultural landscape.

The EOMF was also involved in the development of a draft manual of common understory plants in eastern Ontario. A preliminary draft was produced and is now being finalized. It will be part of the EOMF's series of publications geared at landowners. The content will also be suitable for development as a future course-in-a-box module.

#### **1.5 Timber Product Revenue Opportunities**

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.6/02)

The model forest continued to facilitate discussions with agreement forest owners in 2004-05, helping to organize and participating in two meetings of local stakeholders. In the fall of 2004, the EOMF's forest certification program, in partnership with Limerick Forest and the Limerick Forest Advisory Committee, completed a case study examining the feasibility of pursuing Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification in the community forests of Ontario. The case study consists of a gap analysis of the current management and administrative practices of Limerick Forest and the requirements of the “FSC Standards for Well Managed Forests in the Great Lakes / St. Lawrence Forests of Ontario and Quebec”. The gap analysis will be a

key component of a forest certification guidebook for community forests which is currently being authored by the EOMF and is expected to be completed this coming year. The gap analysis gives recommendations for enhancing Limerick's forest management strategies and processes within the principles and criteria of the FSC. The Limerick Forest Advisory Committee will use this analysis to prepare for the certification of the Limerick Forest landbase.

In addition, the model forest completed its data gathering exercise on opportunities for landowners with existing pine plantations. Discussions were held with stewardship coordinators, industry specialists, landowners, conservation authorities and the EOMF board of directors. These efforts will feed into the development of two future products for the model forest: 1) the revision of the *EOMF Code of Forestry Practice*, and 2) the development of a paper detailing the economics of plantation management.



## 1.6 Sustainable Forest Certification Initiative

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.7/02)

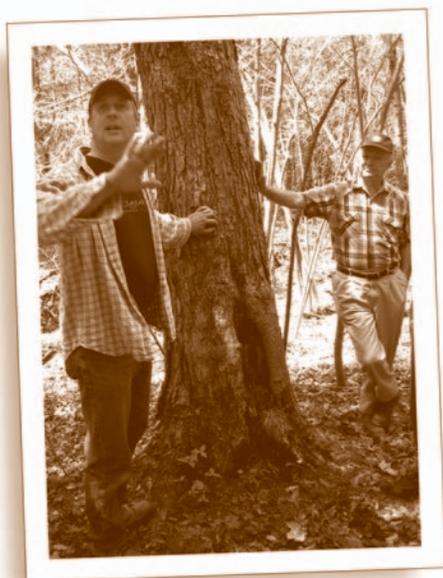
In February 2003 the EOMF received its Resource Manager certification from SmartWood. This certificate provides assurance that all properties partnering with the EOMF are managed in accordance with the principles and criteria of the Forest Stewardship Council.

Building on the momentum of the previous few years, significant activity unfolded this year on the certification front. Eight new landowners representing 1,075 acres have joined the Eastern Ontario Certified Forest Owners (EOCFO) – a landowner-driven organization consisting of 44 members

and covering over 12,500 acres. Agreements have been signed with 11 industry partners to pay a premium for certified forest products. There has been continued collaboration with other interested groups and individuals regarding forest certification and the implementation of the *EOMF Policies and Procedures Manual*, which has proven a very useful, transferable tool.

The EOCFO has had a particularly active year. Its nine-member board met every second month to discuss the progress of the project and also to plan and coordinate various functions, events and workshops. Some of these landowner-led initiatives included:

- The “Biodiversity in Woodlots” workshop held at Union Hall and the woodlot of Peter Usher and Pam White. This workshop was led by wildlife biologist Stew Hamill.
- The “Woodland and Wetlands” workshop held at Watson’s Corners Hall and the woodlot of Steve and Liz Rymal. This workshop was led by Erling Armson of Ducks Unlimited.
- The “Non Timber Forest Products” workshop held at Union Hall and the woodlot of Ray and Ruth Fortune. Several individuals contributed to this workshop, speaking on topics ranging from maple syrup and ginseng to forest plant medicines.





The EOCFO also partnered in a “Woodlots and Wealth Management” workshop that focused on forest taxation, woodlot classification, intergenerational transfers and conservation easements. This proved a great opportunity for woodlot owners to ask questions about financial planning and woodlot management.

As in past years, a considerable effort took the shape of sharing and communicating project insights with interested individuals and organizations both within and beyond the area of the EOMF. Efforts ranged from delivering presentations at various workshops and conferences, to hosting groups interested in our forest certification efforts. Some highlights follow.

- A presentation on the certification project was made to the OMNR Kemptville District Leadership Team.
- A presentation was delivered to the Canadian Forest Service in Ottawa.
- A presentation was made to students enrolled in the Algonquin College (Pembroke) forestry program.
- A presentation was delivered to the Renfrew County Forest Stewardship Council.
- The project coordinator attended the Westwind Conference series “Our Changing Forests”.
- A presentation was made at the annual meeting of the Lanark County Forestry Committee.
- The project leader attended the “Certification Watch” conference.
- A presentation was made to the Leeds County Stewardship Council.
- The project coordinator participated at the Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference.
- A presentation was delivered to the Lanark Highlands Town Council.
- A presentation was made to the Limerick Forest Advisory Committee.
- A presentation was made to the Town of Oakville on urban forestry and forest certification.

The project coordinator also participated at the Canadian Institute of Forestry annual general meeting, delivering a presentation on private land certification in the EOMF area.

Over the course of the year, we capitalized on more than 40 outreach opportunities that presented themselves.

Among other activities, the certification project coordinator also provided key assistance in organizing and overseeing the log and lumber auction at the 2004 Forest Fair of Eastern Ontario.

### **1.7 Landowner Education**

#### **WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.8/02)**

This project supports the “Project Forester” staff position at the EOMF and is linked intimately with all EOMF projects involving the private landowner (particularly those under EOMF Objective 1, as well as those under Objectives 2 and 3). The Project Forester continued to support the EOMF’s many landowner-related initiatives,

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providing expertise and support to initiatives ranging from the Landowner Workshop Series (described earlier) to the strategic planting and extension initiatives described under Objective 2. The Project Forester touches on many aspects of EOMF's program delivery.

**1.8 Science Management**

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.11/03)

“Change” was the watchword of the Forest Science Committee (FSC) in 2004-05, with Cathy Nielsen stepping down as chair of the Forest Science Committee after four years of dedicated leadership. Our sincere thanks go to Cathy for her significant contributions in marshalling the committee to advance EOMF science in priority areas. Although no longer chair, we are grateful that she has agreed to continue to lend her expertise as a member of the FSC.

With the completion of a new Forest Science Strategy in 2003-04, the FSC moved towards its implementation in 2004-05. Based upon an analysis of science gaps and priorities and consideration of the EOMF's limited resources, the Strategy established a narrower roster of activities for science staff and the FSC, focused primarily on the State of the Forest (SoF) Monitoring and Reporting Project (2.6/02) and the Desired Future Forest Condition (FFC) Pilot Project (2.2/02). The four meetings of the FSC held in Kemptville throughout 2004-05 therefore principally dealt with reviews of progress on SoF indicator and case study development, as well as conceptual development of the FFC project. These projects will remain the focal point for the FSC in 2005-06.

In addition to FSC meetings, the capability for FSC members to exchange information and to hold virtual discussions in interim periods was introduced through the creation of an FSC forum on the Web. As a new mode of communication for the FSC, the feature has perhaps not been used as much as desired, and requirements to moderate the forum places additional demands on staff. Continued use of this means of communication for the FSC will need to be evaluated in 2005-06.

Information about the world of EOMF science was opened up to a broader audience of members, partners and stakeholders this year through the monthly publication of the EOMF's State of Eastern Ontario's Forests Updates. The Update provides status reports and Web links for the SoF and related EOMF science projects (e.g., Southern Ontario Land and Resource Information System (SOLRIS) mapping), and provides information on past and upcoming FSC meetings. The Update also serves as an invitation to interested parties to share information and data related to SoF indicators, and to lend their expertise as a member of the FSC. Circulation of the Update has reached 300. The Update is complemented by an on-line SoF Forum, which includes a library of past Updates, and provides a venue for information exchange and discussion on the project for subscribers.

In 2004-05, the FSC became engaged in the Canadian Sustainability Indicators Network (CSIN), both to learn from indicator practitioners across the country and to share lessons learned from the EOMF's own experience with indicator development through the SoF project. FSC members participated in two virtual CSIN workshops in November 2004 and February 2005, in one instance walking participants through our own SoF Web site. Additional FSC outreach activities included presentations on the contributions of model forest science to sustainable development at the Canadian Institute of Forestry-Society of American Foresters (CIF-SAF) conference in Edmonton, Alberta in October 2004, and at Model Forest Day at Natural Resources Canada in November 2004.

### **1.9 Recognition Program**

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.9/02)

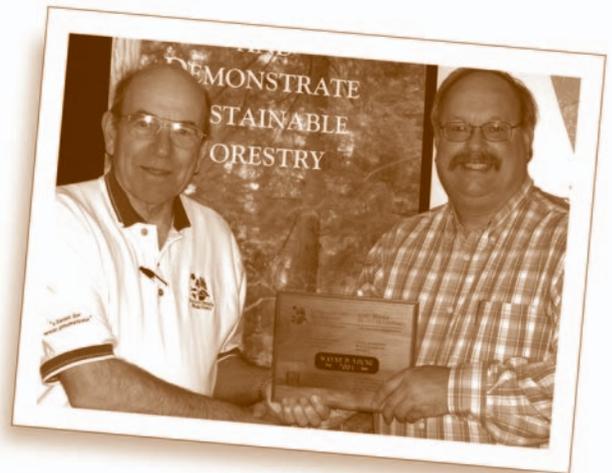
In keeping with tradition, the Ross Silversides Forestry Award was presented at the 2004 Annual Spring Gathering. Domtar's Wayne Young was the recipient of this year's award.

For the second year running, the Eastern Ontario Model Forest Award was presented to two Kemptville high school students – Scott Billings (North Grenville District High School) and Chantal Quesnel (St. Michael Catholic High School). In addition to the positive outcome of recognizing and rewarding students for their commitment to the environment, the process has strengthened the EOMF's partnership with both local high schools.

EOMF members Alf Campbell and Bert and Shirley Treichel were formally recognized as recipients of the national Forest Stewardship Recognition Award in May 2004 during National Forest Week celebrations. The EOMF was the proponent of both successful submissions.

Adding to the current suite of EOMF awards, the Communications Committee also oversaw the development of a new volunteerism award known as the Heartwood Award. The award – presented in recognition of an individual or group who has made an exceptional volunteer contribution to the model forest – will be presented for the first time at the 2005 Annual Spring Gathering.

Other activities included the development of an assortment of framed prints that will be used to thank the many volunteers and interns that contribute their time and expertise to various model forest efforts.



### 1.10 Biodiversity Indicators for Woodland Owners (Observer Network)

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 1.12/03)

The Observer Network is a group of woodland owners who participate in a biodiversity monitoring network in eastern Ontario. The network has three main goals:

- To help woodland owners become more aware of biodiversity on their land;
- To help woodland owners maintain and restore native biodiversity by providing tools to assist in:
  - choosing management programs and activities,
  - assessing the success of activities regarding biodiversity targets, and
  - monitoring changes in biodiversity in their woodlands;
- To provide a means of monitoring native woodland biodiversity across eastern Ontario.

Efforts to expand the group of participating landowners continued in 2004-05.

In May a workshop entitled “Biological Indicators in Your Woodlot” was delivered to 30 members of the Eastern Ontario Certified Forest Owners (EOCFO). Nine landowners from this group were subsequently trained in monitoring biodiversity indicators as new Observer Network participants.

In February of 2005, a presentation was made to more than 100 woodlot owners at the Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference. This was followed by the publication of an article describing the project in the Ontario Woodlot Association newsletter. This article prompted considerable interest in the Observer Network, with more than 20 requests for additional information about the project.

Other outreach efforts took the form of presentations made to various individuals and groups, including a visiting delegation from Indonesia and four visiting forestry students from France.

Two formal EOMF Information Reports were also published in 2004-05. They are as follows:

- Information Report No. 60a – *Biodiversity Indicators for Woodland Owners*, and
- Information Report No. 60b – *The Observer Network Procedure and Monitoring Manual*.

An associated PowerPoint presentation was also created.

Final review and revisions were made to the suite of 11 extension notes and compendium document *Biodiversity and Your Eastern Ontario Woodlot*. With assistance from the Forest Gene Conservation Association, the final printed copies of these information materials should be available by the fall of 2005.

In addition to the above-noted deliverables, a Web site was developed to support the Observer Network (described in more detail under Project 4.2/02).





### **1.11 Mississippi River Management Plan for Water Power SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT**

The EOMF continues to support the collaborative effort between the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Mississippi Valley Conservation, and Ontario Power Generation to develop a water management plan for the Mississippi River watershed. This support includes the mapping of natural heritage values around the various water management structures throughout the watershed, as well as the development and maintenance of the project Web site.

This year several of the large-scale structure maps were enhanced to show a greater range of administrative and natural features with an improved cartographic design. The remainder of the structure maps will be completed in the coming year.

The project Web site is intended to facilitate communication between the stakeholders involved in the project, to provide for communication with the public, and to serve as a vehicle for public consultation. Over the past year, the project scoping report, notices of public consultations, and the responses to submitted questions and comments were posted to the Web site, along with forms that allow comments to be submitted online.

Over the 2004 calendar year, over 600 unique visitors browsed the site. The project scoping report was downloaded 134 times. The Mississippi River Water Management Plan Web site can be found at [www.mississippewaterpowerplan.com](http://www.mississippewaterpowerplan.com).

### **1.12 Landcover Classification: A Pilot Study for Charlottenburgh and Lancaster Townships, Eastern Ontario – A Report for the National Agri-Environmental Health Analysis and Reporting Program (NAHARP) of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT**

As a component of the NAHARP Wildlife Habitat Availability Indicator project, the overall objective of this work was to improve the existing wildlife habitat indicator by providing more inclusive and concise information regarding landuse change over time. The “all other land” category from the agricultural census was differentiated by breaking it down into its unique components hence providing more detail. This category included woodlands, wetlands, grassed field boundaries, residential areas, etc. These areas are recognized as important wildlife habitats, but because they are collectively termed “all other land”, they are inadequately represented within the agriculture census.

To better determine habitat suitability within an agricultural landscape, these land uses were measured, analyzed and spatially displayed. To show land cover change over time, the landscape was classified into detailed land cover classes using aerial photography from three time periods (1978, 1991, and 2001). The land cover for each time period, as well as the change over time, was mapped. Landscape and class scale analyses were performed to show patterns of land use change which made it possible to infer habitat availability and quality.

### 1.13 Thousand Islands Ecosystem Community Atlas SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

Citizens, landowners, planners, and conservation organizations in the Thousand Islands region have a new resource to work with titled the *Thousand Islands Ecosystem Community Atlas*.

The atlas focuses on a 3,000 square kilometre region centred on the St. Lawrence River between Kingston and Brockville. This region is important for many reasons: it forms the Greater Park Ecosystem of St. Lawrence Islands National Park, it includes the Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve, and it is a key north-south habitat connection in the Algonquin to Adirondacks Conservation Initiative. The region is also situated within the Eastern Ontario Model Forest.

The atlas opens with an introduction to St. Lawrence Islands National Park and to its Greater Park Ecosystem (the landscape around a park that influences the wildlife and ecological systems inside the park). Municipal planning is then discussed, as are woodlands, wetlands, and natural habitat connections. Full colour maps, photos, tables, and straightforward text are used to present practical science-based information. The atlas concludes with a look at what the future might hold for the Thousand Islands ecosystem. The paper used in printing the atlas is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), indicating that it comes from well-managed forests.

Community involvement was as important as mapping technology in the two-year effort to develop this atlas, which involved over 40 people from different organizations in eastern Ontario. The *Thousand Islands Ecosystem Community Atlas* is the result of a partnership between the Ottawa Valley Chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, St. Lawrence Islands National Park, the Eastern Ontario Model Forest, and the Frontenac Arch Biosphere. Other key collaborators on the project included the Algonquin to Adirondacks Conservation Association, the Leeds County Stewardship Council, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Parks Canada, and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. All of these organizations also comprised the Eastern Ontario Natural Heritage Working Group, which published resources for municipal planning in 2003, including technical reports and mapping for all of eastern Ontario.

The results can be viewed at [www.cpaws.org/community-atlas/StLawrence.html](http://www.cpaws.org/community-atlas/StLawrence.html). The significant woodlands work showcased in the atlas is derived from the Woodland Valuation System Version 2.0 conducted by the Eastern Ontario Model Forest with technical support from the Eastern Ontario Natural Heritage Working Group (<http://woodlandvaluation.eomf.on.ca>). The geographic extent of this project was larger than eastern Ontario. The EOMF gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Government of Canada's Voluntary Sector Initiative, through the Parks Canada Agency; the Donner Canadian Foundation; the Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation; and the in-kind support of ESRI Canada.

## Objective 2

### *Increasing Forest Cover Across the Landscape*

#### **2.0 Sustainable Forest Management in Local Government Plans**

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 2.1/02)

Efforts this year in the Sustainable Forest Management in Local Government Plans project centred on transferring the Woodland Valuation System to end users in municipalities in eastern Ontario and beyond.

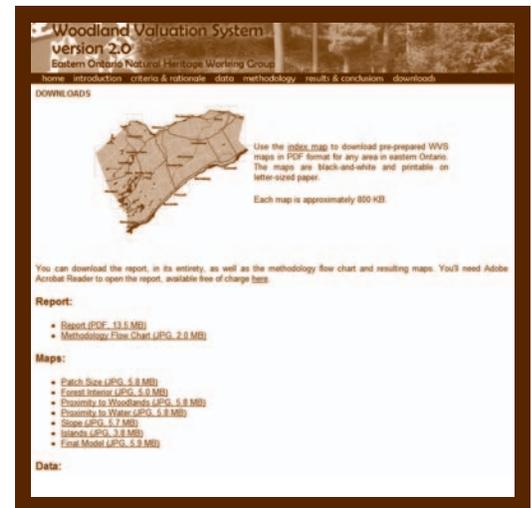
Developed last year, the Woodland Valuation System combines attributes of woodland patches (size, interior forest, distance from other patches, slope, proximity to water, and islands) to arrive at an overall rating for patch significance, and from there determines – based on the amount of forest cover by watershed – a value of significant/not significant. The project was intended as a methodology (based on the best currently available data) that could be adapted by municipalities for use in land use planning.

The Woodland Valuation System was displayed at the Ontario East Municipal Conference held in Kingston, September 15-16, 2004. A technical poster displayed at the conference illustrated the concept and methodology behind the data layer, and provided the URL to obtain more information from the project Web site.

The Web site developed last year to showcase the methodology and results of the Woodland Valuation System (<http://woodlandvaluation.comf.on.ca>) was enhanced this year to provide several new downloads:

- A Powerpoint presentation on the system
- The technical poster
- GIS data layers, in Shapefile and GRID formats for
  - The “sum of scores” layer
  - The significant/not significant final layer
- Over 180 black-and-white printable maps in PDF format, organized by OBM tile and covering all of eastern Ontario, created by Yuko Imamura, our hard-working intern from Japan.

In the 2004 calendar year, over 1,000 unique visitors browsed the Web site from over 30 countries. The PDF report was downloaded 76 times, and the site registered a total transfer of about 1.5 GB over the year.



#### **2.1 Desired Future Forest Condition Pilot Project**

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 2.2/02)

What does a sustainable forest look like? What would the eastern Ontario landscape look like if its forests were managed to achieve sustainable forest management objectives for social, economic and environmental benefits? The Desired Future Forest Condition Pilot Project (FFC) is intended to address these kinds of questions by providing a vision of a future forest landscape for eastern Ontario that reflects sustainable forest management principles.

Efforts over the past year have focused on critical conceptual development of the FFC project, including exploration of appropriate methodologies and models for the development of scenarios to describe the future landscape, defining key audiences, stakeholders and partners for the project, and identifying suitable areas within eastern Ontario to conduct a pilot. Following a literature review and an initial scoping meeting in December 2004, the Forest Science Committee (FSC) held a one-day session in Kemptville in February 2005, with invited guests from the Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve, the Leeds County Stewardship Council and St. Lawrence Islands National Park, to discuss these project parameters. Landscape scenario planning experts, Frank Schnekenburger from Spatialworks and Kathryn Lindsay from Environment Canada, provided background for this discussion through excellent presentations on possible models and methodologies that could be considered for the development of scenarios in eastern Ontario.

Emerging from the meeting, a small project team was established, including EOMF staff, a sub-set of the FSC, and colleagues from Environment Canada. This project team will be developing a proposal for the FFC project early in 2005-06. Given limited EOMF funding for this project, the intent is to use the proposal to leverage funds from other interested partners and foundations.

## **2.2 Bog to Bog (B2B) Landscape Demonstration**

### SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

In 2004-05 the Bog to Bog (B2B) project continued as planned with the development and implementation of the Phase 2 Business Plan which governs the growth of the project after initial funding is depleted.

Four new demonstration sites were developed this year bringing the total number of sites to 10. A total of 40 landowners had B2B stewardship visits in 2004-05 bringing over 2,000 new acres under fold of the B2B sphere of influence. Nine landowner workshops were also held, providing information on such diverse topics as planting the right tree, bog ecology, nut production and wetland birds to over 250 landowners.

The B2B steering committee met eight times throughout the year and support for the project remains high. The model forest played an active role on the committee and was again responsible for administrative support to the B2B project coordinator as well as the steering committee. In addition, the model forest developed the documentation for the demonstration sites.





### **2.3 Strategic Planting Initiative**

#### SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

This was the last year for planting under the Strategic Planting Initiative (SPI). In May of 2004, 125,000 seedlings were planted on 14 different sites across the model forest region. These sites were selected for their ability to connect or expand existing woodlands, to protect sensitive areas and to increase landscape diversity in the area. The total number of trees planted under this program is now over 420,000 or just under 210 hectares.

### **2.4 State of the Forest (SoF) Monitoring & Reporting**

#### WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 2.6/02)

The Eastern Ontario Model Forest continues to monitor and report on the state of eastern Ontario's forests. Through various means (reports, Web site, information sessions) the EOMF is continually raising awareness about the importance of forests in a settled landscape. Through a framework called Criteria & Indicators (C&I), the EOMF is monitoring and reporting on the following themes: (a) Biological Diversity, (b) Ecosystem Condition & Productivity, (c) Soil & Water, (d) Role in Global Ecological Cycles, (e) Economic & Social Benefits, and (f) Society's Responsibility.

In April 2004 work began on the state of the forest Web site. This would be the communications tool for conveying research findings about the state of forest in eastern Ontario. With the framework completed in June and comments received from the Forest Science Committee by July, the Web site went live in August 2004. See <http://sof.eomf.on.ca>.

To ensure quality and to promote partnerships, a monthly email update on projects and partner initiatives that relate to the state of eastern Ontario's forests was developed. This update was distributed to partners, interested individuals, and past volunteers. The ultimate goals of this update were to promote dialog through transparency, to engage partners, and to avoid duplication of efforts. Although unsolicited, it was hoped that each recipient would enjoy and benefit from the updates. The update encouraged comment and provided a platform to provide advice.

The Web site and Update have proven good investments. The Web site has a logical layout constructed around the C&I framework. This facilitates education and presentation of the concept and findings. The Update was originally designed for the members of the Forest Science Committee in an effort to encourage their involvement in the project. It was well-received and requested by a larger group including the EOMF board of directors and staff. By March 2005 the Update was being sent out to over 300 partners, interested individuals, and past volunteers. The Update was also incorporated into the EOMF newsletter through several feature articles. Plans for 2005-06 include mailing the Update to all EOMF members by means of the EOMF newsletter *Forestry Forum*.

The Web site activity is monitored regularly. A significant increase occurred when the Update was distributed more widely in December 2004. Over the course of the fiscal year 2,328 unique people viewed the site. Visitors from Canada, the United States, Italy, France, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Spain, Turkey, and Australia have browsed the Web site.

During the development of the Web site, criteria and indicator work was being conducted under two distinct themes – Biological Diversity and Ecosystem Condition & Productivity. The suite of indicators and case studies developed in 2003-04 were used and enhanced throughout the year. The Web site has two main pages within the C&I framework: indicator and case study pages. The indicator pages have several sections including: What is the Indicator?, Why is it Important?, What do the Data Show?, and Related Information (which is further broken down into documents, Web sites, references, maps, and data). Together, the completed work on indicators, case studies, and introductory information represents over 100 Web pages, 8,500 links, and 450 downloadable PDF documents.

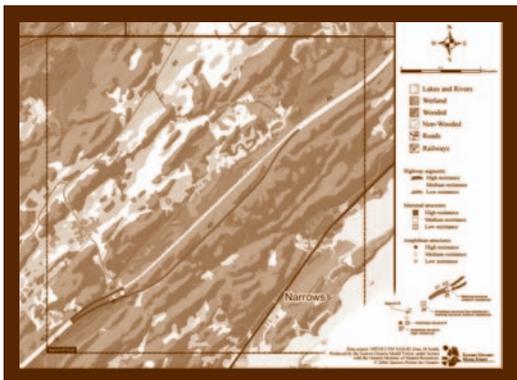
In related news, the EOMF is the co-lead with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources for the Southern Ontario Land Resource Information System (SOLRIS) in eastern Ontario. In 2004-05 partners rallied support (financial and in-kind) to get land cover mapping completed for eastern Ontario. The OMNR technicians have mapped 50 percent of the woodlands in eastern Ontario. With an expected completion date of December 2006, this final Ecological Land Classification layer will significantly improve state of the resource reporting and natural heritage planning currently conducted with 15 year-old data.

In 2005-06 the State of the Forest project will see the completion of the Biological Diversity and Ecosystem Condition & Productivity criteria, as well as research for the indicators under the Soil & Water and Social & Economic Benefits criteria.

## 2.5 Leeds Landscape Connectivity Project

### SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

The EOMF Mapping and Information Group provided GIS mapping for the Leeds Landscape Connectivity Project, an initiative supported by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The mapping portion of the project sought to identify and quantify the resistance of Highway 401 to the north-south movement of wildlife in the Algonquin to Adirondacks corridor.



Working with Don Ross, the primary author of the study, the Mapping and Information Group prepared the maps for the report, showing the resistance of each segment of highway and the suitability of culverts and overpasses for movement of small mammals, amphibians, and reptiles, and large mammals such as deer.

## 2.6 Digitizing Forest Resource Inventory in Stormont, Dundas, & Glengarry SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

Two major deliverables have been achieved through this project. The first, the collection and compilation of digital and georeferenced 1991 FRI photography from several organizations in eastern Ontario, was a major achievement in itself, and is a credit to the cooperative nature of groups in this region. Any available digital or georeferenced photography within SD&G was brought together, and the remainder of the photos within a 40 km radius of the City of Cornwall were georeferenced.



The second achievement was the creation of a seamless, GIS-ready forest resource inventory; more current than what had previously existed for the area by nearly 15 years. This FRI layer can be analyzed and mapped according to a host of different attributes, and provides not only for the ability to evaluate, model, and predict changes to the landscape resulting from the changes in the forest industry in this region, but also gives all organizations in the region an improved ability to model habitat, identify potential old-growth forest stands, target tree planting programs and conduct a host of other exercises that were either impossible, less accurate, or more difficult without this data layer.

## 2.7 Woodland Update for Raisin Region Conservation Authority SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

The Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA) was successful in securing funds from the Great Lakes Sustainability Fund to support its Natural Heritage Strategy/Remedial Action Plan work. Forest habitat was identified as one of the three top priorities. Within this priority, “obtaining better data on forests for improved understanding and decisions” was the top task. The Eastern Ontario Model Forest was called upon to update woodland cover in the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) area using a provincially-endorsed methodology called Southern Ontario Land and Resource Information System (SOLRIS). SOLRIS is a mapping program designed to accurately measure the nature and extent of southern Ontario’s natural resources. It is also a monitoring system that will be used to track changes to the natural, rural and urban landscape. SOLRIS is based on advanced remote sensing and GIS techniques. These techniques integrate OMNR’s NRVIS base resource data with recent high resolution and archived satellite imagery. Over three phases, this approach will create an inventory based on OMNR’s Ecological Land Classification (ELC).

The mapping started in August 2004 at the EOMF. Using OMNR colour infrared aerial photography (georeferenced by RRCA) in a GIS, changes in the woodlands data from NRVIS (circa 1990) were identified and edited. ELC codes based on the community series level were assigned to all interpreted woodland polygons in the GIS. The final layer represents woodlands in the RAP area that were present in 2000-2001.

## Objective 3

### *Expanding the Informed, Knowledgeable & Committed Population*

#### **3.0 Communications & Outreach**

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 3.1/02)

If “change” was the watchword for the Forest Science Committee this year, “strategic thinking” was the catchphrase for the Communications Committee. In response to feedback from the Advance, a sub-committee of the Communications Committee was formed to consider how to improve our visibility and our reach with strategic target audiences. This “strategy” sub-committee has identified the need to more precisely define our target audiences, and a session is planned for May of 2005 to carry out an in-depth analysis exercise. The sub-committee has also identified the need for a well-crafted marketing strategy for EOMF information products. The development of this marketing strategy will be a priority in the very early part of 2005-06. All of these efforts are very much part and parcel of the critical ongoing evaluation activities described under Section 5.2.



The emphasis on strategic communications and outreach activities this year did not diminish in any way our many community-based efforts at promoting sustainable forestry. In May of 2004, the model forest played a key role in coordinating National Forest Week (NFW) activities at the Canadian Museum of Nature, along with other NFW partner organizations. This included an interactive daytime children’s program and an evening lecture on species at risk.

The model forest also assumed a key role in organizing another successful Forest Fair of Eastern Ontario, which saw more than 1,000 people pass through the entrance gates. Several new interactive activities were developed for the children’s program, including a forest habitat game and a tree identification game. The model forest was also responsible for organizing and overseeing the ever-popular log and lumber auction.



We again partnered with the Canadian Institute of Forestry-Ottawa Valley Section in developing and delivering our annual Christmas Forest Seminar. The focus on international forestry proved of great interest to the group of more than 60 participants.

This year’s Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference – themed around caring for Eastern white cedar – proved popular as well. More than 250 participants were on hand to learn about topics ranging from establishment and maintenance of cedar to wildlife and non-timber values.



Some of the many other highlights from this year's Communications & Outreach program included:

- Participation in the 100th centennial celebration for St. Lawrence Islands National Park at Mallorytown Landing
- Participation in the Navan Fair conservation tent in August
- Participation at the Ottawa Wood Show, where the EOMF wood identification game generated considerable interest
- Participation at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show in March of 2005
- A bilingual tour hosted with a group of 30 students enrolled in la Cité Collégiale's technical forestry training program
- Participation in organizing and helping to deliver the Leeds-Grenville Envirothon competition held at Limerick Forest with local high school students.

We continued to share information about our projects and events, as well as those of our partners, by means of our newsletter *Forestry Forum*. We also maintained a strong visibility with local media through our continued dissemination of press releases covering exciting EOMF developments. Of note, more than 50 percent of the news clippings gathered and synthesized recently by the Canadian Model Forest Network for model forests across the country originated from the Eastern Ontario Model Forest.

As a new initiative under the Communications & Outreach program this fiscal year, we sponsored a local high school teacher to participate in the 4th Annual Eastern Canadian Teachers Tour hosted by the Forestry Research Partnership at the Canadian Ecology Centre near Mattawa, Ontario in August. The EOMF Communications Facilitator also participated in this highly practical, experiential tour.

Further to this, a revised edition of *Choosing the Right Tree* was published with the support of a number of partners, including several stewardship councils beyond the model forest area. Stemming from the popularity of this piece, an effort is underway to develop a companion document that focuses on choosing the right tree for urban settings.

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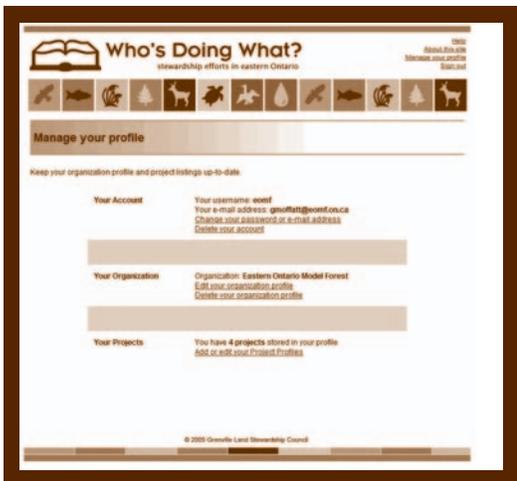
### 3.1 Who's Doing What SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT

Throughout eastern Ontario many diverse organizations and groups are engaged in an equally diverse range of projects and studies. Many of these studies we are aware of, and certainly there are many that we are not. Given that the goals of many of these organizations are similar, and also recognizing that there are limited funding opportunities and resources available, it makes sense that each organization in the region should be aware of what other organizations are doing, so that we can collaborate and concentrate our efforts in areas that best further our common goals.

The Grenville Land Stewardship Council and the Eastern Ontario Model Forest have teamed up to provide an online catalogue of organizations and their efforts. We feel that this will promote partnerships between organizations, minimize duplication of effort, focus effort on under-studied areas, allow groups to join together and collaborate to secure funding, and increase the general awareness of environmental efforts in eastern Ontario.

The Who's Doing What Web site, located at [www.whosdoingwhat.ca](http://www.whosdoingwhat.ca), was developed in the latter part of the 2004-2005 year, and was made possible through funding provided by Ontario Stewardship's Opportunity Fund. Organizations can add and maintain their own organization and project profiles through the site, and can define a spatial "area of interest" for each of their projects using an interactive, online map. The database of organizations and projects is searchable by free text, by selecting from pre-defined keywords, or spatially by clicking a point on the interactive map to answer the question "who's doing what, and where?"

A comprehensive online help system, coupled with a simple and easy-to-use interface makes it easy for organizations to maintain their information on the site. As well, the site has been developed so that it can be configured through the URL, so that an organization can place a special link on their own Web site that opens Who's Doing What to show a particular set of organizations or projects.



## Objective 4

### *Increasing the Strategic Transfer of Sustainable Forest Management Beyond the EOMF*

#### **4.0 Exchange of SFM Beyond the Boundaries**

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 4.1/02)

Sharing information and knowledge beyond the boundaries of our model forest is fundamental to our work. The following is an attempt to summarize some of our many “beyond the boundaries” activities over the course of the past year (many others are also referenced throughout this annual report).

Jim Cayford continued to represent the EOMF in southern Ontario as our “beyond the boundaries” advisor attending various events and forums including those of The Ontario Rural Council (TORC), the Huronia Woodlot Association and the Ontario chapter of C-CAIRN.



In September of 2004 the EOMF convened a “Forest Convergence in the Thousand Islands” session, bringing together conservation interests from both sides of the Canada/US border to discuss opportunities for collaboration. We have continued to foster this relationship with an ongoing dialogue. A Web site (<http://convergence.eomf.on.ca>) was also created to provide a means for sharing information about the mandates, goals and activities of the various organizations (see also the description under Section 4.3).

In August of 2004 we hosted four students from ENGREF, Nancy, France for three weeks. The students were in Canada conducting a feasibility study of model forest concept and its applicability in France. While with us, they assisted with geomatics work, and each produced a case study for our State of the Forest project. This was followed in March of 2005 with an international conference in France concerning the model forest concept. EOMF director Achille Drouin formed part of the model forest team which participated in the series of meetings and workshops in Nancy, France.



In November the EOMF participated in the joint Canadian Institute of Forestry-Society of American Foresters conference “One Forest Under Two Flags” held in Edmonton. Presentations were delivered on the EOMF certification project, and on Naturalized Knowledge Systems.

Some additional highlights under this project included:

- Participation in the annual meeting of the Forest Gene Conservation Association
- The development of a poster-map depicting EOMF “beyond the boundaries” activities

- The development of a series of abstracts for inclusion in the International Model Forest Network Secretariat 10-year anniversary publication
- The hosting of a number of individuals and groups on behalf of the International Model Forest Network Secretariat including visitors from Indonesia, India, and Sweden
- Participation in a summer study tour with a Chinese delegation interested in the concepts of “biosphere reserves” and “model forests”
- Our continued hosting of Yuko Imamura, an intern from Japan.

## 4.1 Ontario Model Forest Network Activities



We continued to work alongside the Lake Abitibi Model Forest (LAMF) as the “Ontario Model Forest Network”. Given the distinct characteristics of the two model forests, located respectively in the northern and southern portions of the province, a wide range of socio-economic and ecological values are represented. This allows for activities to be undertaken of that are of a broader provincial relevance and that engage a greater range of partners. By working together and combining talents, skills and resources, a positive synergy has resulted, increasing the impact of the model forests beyond their respective boundaries.

Over the past year two key activity areas benefited from having networking funds provided by the Canadian Model Forest Network.

### 4.1.1 Fostering EOMF/LAMF Collaboration with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

The structure of the Ontario Model Forest Network has proven successful in engaging senior levels of the Ministry in examining important issues and establishing areas for further collaboration with the Canadian Model Forest Program. An appendix to the Canada-Ontario Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Forestry includes a description of the model forest program as part of the cooperation between the federal and provincial governments. A senior director of the Ministry, who is also a member of the MOU coordinating committee, has responsibility for acting as the liaison between the committee and the model forest activities. With these parameters defined, the next step was to bring together the presidents and general managers of the two Ontario model forests with OMNR senior staff to determine specific work plan activities. Preliminary discussions in the fall of 2004 set the stage for a meeting which:

- Provided an update on current initiatives of both OMNR and the Ontario Model Forest Network, and the Canadian Model Forest Network as a whole
- Solicited input from OMNR on future directions for model forests in the next two years and beyond
- Considered project activities of mutual interest for potential collaboration such as the Northern Boreal Initiative, landscape level planning and “Green Spaces” initiatives in southern Ontario
- Examined opportunities to link activities into Canadian Forest Service areas of interest such as bio-products and other science initiatives.



It was agreed that a collaborative effort on the National Forestry Strategy implementation, monitoring and reporting was the highest priority. The approach developed by the McGregor Model Forest provided a useful example in considering a suitable approach for Ontario. Subsequent meetings and exchanges are continuing to refine how this work will be carried out and, pending acceptance of the finalized work plan, implementation could begin in early 2005-2006.

The exercise has demonstrated the relevance and value of the Ontario Model Forest Network and its ability to draw upon the resources and competencies of the broader Canadian Model Forest Network. OMNR has responded very favourably to this approach.

#### **4.1.2 Connecting Model Forests and the Academic Community**

Establishing and enhancing linkages with the academic community gives the Ontario model forests the opportunity to:

- access relevant science and expertise
- recruit new staff and provide valuable training opportunities for students
- provide topical and current information on sustainable forestry issues which can be incorporated by the academic community into their activities.

Working as the Ontario Model Forest Network the two model forests, together with the Canadian Model Forest Network Secretariat, were able to effectively represent model forest activities at the two main Ontario universities with forestry education programs in Ontario – Lakehead University and the University of Toronto. Additional interactions have also taken place with Queens, McMaster, Carleton, and the University of Ottawa.

In the fall of 2004, the Canadian Model Forest Network was represented at a careers day at the University of Toronto. A subsequent meeting with the dean of the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto developed the concept for a seminar for faculty and students in the Masters of Forest Conservation Program. A different approach was taken whereby participants were challenged to research the basic background of the Canadian Model Forest Program on the Web site and to come prepared for a discussion and with questions or comments. Instead of a traditional lecture, a very brief opening comment was provided by the two general managers and the manager of the Canadian Model Forest Program. This was followed by a dialogue with the students and faculty to express views and examine ideas relevant to them such as species at risk, the Northern Boreal Initiative, international model forests, and the economics of forestry.

Discussions with the faculty members resulted in plans to further collaborate on urban forestry and the National Forest Strategy. Other topics included collaboration on the exchange of students with European and Canadian universities, species at risk, and the transition occurring in the Canadian forest industry. In evaluating the format for the day, all agreed that it was a very successful approach.

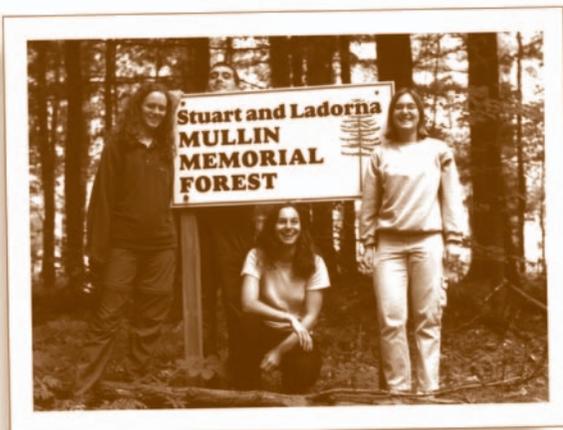
In partnership with the Canadian Model Forest Network and the Lake Abitibi Model Forest, the EOMF also participated in the Lakehead University Faculty

of Forestry lecture series in March of 2005. The joint presentation focused on issues and challenges facing Canada's model forests from both a national and local level perspective. At the local level, the presentation compared and contrasted the experiences of Ontario's sister model forests. The presentation generated considerable discussion and interest on the part of students.

## 4.2 Canadian Model Forest Network Activities

The EOMF continued in 2004-05 as an active participant in the many strategic initiatives of the Canadian Model Forest Network. Some highlights follow. Many other examples are referenced throughout the pages of this annual report.

- Our president served (and continues to serve) as co-chair the Private Woodlot Strategic Initiative with Peter DeMarsh, president of the Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners.
- The EOMF general manager also participated as a member of the steering committees for the Private Woodlot Strategic Initiative and the Partnership Synergy Project.
- Our president served (and continues to serve) as a member of the Network Strategic Planning Committee, who is responsible in 2005-06 for the development of a prospectus for a new program beyond March 2007.
- The EOMF Web Developer participated on the Network Web Site steering committee.
- The EOMF Communications Facilitator participated in the joint GM/Communicators meeting in Toronto in March 2005.
- In support of the Climate Change Strategic Initiative, we continued to explore opportunities for incorporating climate change as a theme for the 2006 Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference.
- Our president has represented the Network on the National Forest Strategy Coalition and has helped to link model forests into this effort.
- We assisted as presenters, session facilitators and session co-chairs at the joint Canadian Institute of Forestry-American Society of Foresters conference in Edmonton; we also assisted with the staffing of the Network display.
  - We helped to organize Model Forest Day at Natural Resources Canada headquarters in Ottawa in November of 2004; Richard David, Dave Neave and Wendy Ripmeester presented on behalf of the EOMF.
  - General managers met to develop collaboration on projects and to exchange information including selected best management practices such as privacy policies, communications strategies and joint workshops.
  - We engaged in a technical exchange with Foothills Model Forest on approaches to local level indicators, monitoring, and information management.
  - The EOMF worked with the Bas St. Laurent Model Forest and the CFS Laurentian Centre to coordinate the placement of exchange students from France who were in Canada to intensively study the structure of model forest programs.
- We transferred information and experiences to the Prince Edward Island Model Forest Network Partnership on our approach to sustainable forest certification.





- Cathy Nielsen supported the International Model Forest Network Secretariat by conducting a training session in China on strategic planning and evaluation.
- Achille Drouin assisted the International Model Forest Network Secretariat by participating in a conference in France exploring the establishment of a model forest in that country
- The EOMF represented a model forest perspective through Jim McCready's participation in, and presentation at, the 6th Canadian Urban Forestry Conference held in Kelowna, B.C.
- Working alongside the Lake Abitibi Model Forest as the Ontario Model Forest Network we addressed several themes of provincial interest including the National Forest Strategy, forest science research and state of the forest reporting.
- The EOMF conducted a facilitated session in October of 2004 as part of the Network-wide effort to develop plans and concepts for the future of the Canada's Model Forest Program.

Among other activities, the EOMF developed a suite of success stories in support of the Canadian Model Forest Network 15-year summary publication.

### 4.3 Web Site Use for Beyond the Boundaries Transfer of SFM WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 4.2/02)

#### The EOMF Web Site

At the time of writing this, the new and much improved EOMF Web site is nearing completion. The Web site integrates a host of new features, including:

- A new visual design
- New architecture and navigation
- An events listing that is never out of date
- A searchable and sortable listing of publications
- Publication downloads and online ordering of hard-copy publications
- A listing of EOMF projects, with links to project "mini-sites"
- A robust search page to locate events, projects, publications, and partners
- An administration "back-end" to manage all of the content of the site.

The English language side of the Web site is complete, and translation of the content is underway. The site will be rolled out early in the 2005-2006 year.



#### A Forest Convergence

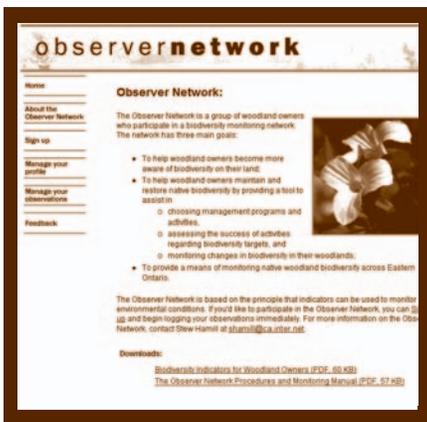
On September 21, 2004, a diverse group of people were invited to gather at the Glen House Resort near Gananoque, Ontario. They represented government agencies, parks, interest groups, universities and industry from both sides of the international border. They also represented a variety of interests and goals. Despite the diversity of the group that met that day, two commonly-shared ideas became quickly apparent:

- First, our greater goals are congruent and complimentary.
- Second, we share a common landscape.



This “Forest Convergence” provided an opportunity for organizations to make connections with their counterparts across the border, and to refresh and renew already existing ties. It gave each a chance to see what issues others were engaged in, and what their greatest challenges were.

During the lead-up to the Forest Convergence in the Thousand Islands, various organizations were invited to fill out a questionnaire describing their organization. This information was published to a Web site developed by the EOMF Mapping and Information Group (<http://convergence.eomf.on.ca>). The site uses a back-end database to support searches based on free-text or keywords, and allows organizations to add and maintain their own organization profiles within the system. There are currently 17 organizations from the US and Canada registered on the Web site.



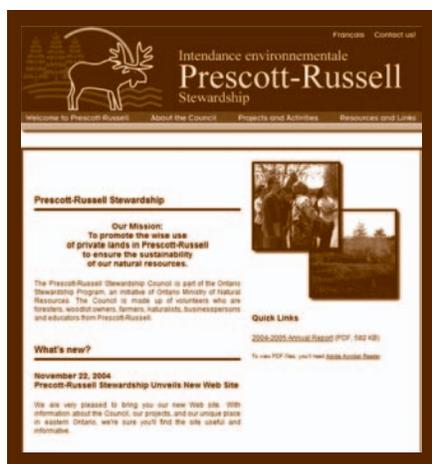
## Observer Network

As described under Project 1.12, the Observer Network is a group of eastern Ontario woodland owners who participate in a biodiversity monitoring network.

In support of the Observer Network project, the EOMF Mapping and Information Group developed a new monitoring Web site that lets members of the Observer Network report and manage their observations over the course of a year. The Observer Network Web site can be found at <http://observernetwork.eomf.on.ca>.

## Web Sites for EOMF Partners

In early 2005, the EOMF Mapping and Information Group designed and developed a new Web site for the Prescott-Russell Stewardship Council (<http://easternontariostewardship/prescott-russell>). The Council had previously been using the basic Web page provided by Ontario Stewardship, but decided to upgrade their Web presence with a custom site developed and hosted by the EOMF. The site includes information about the projects and activities of the Council, downloads of annual reports and project brochures, and a special administration page that the stewardship coordinator can use to add and edit a “what’s new” item on the front page without a need for any HTML.



The Mapping and Information Group also continued to host and support Web sites for other partners, including the Grenville Land Stewardship Council, the Ferguson Forest Centre ([www.seedlingnursery.com](http://www.seedlingnursery.com)), and the Apple Hill Forestry Centre ([www.theforestrycentre.ca](http://www.theforestrycentre.ca)).

The redesign of the Ferguson Forest Centre Web site, incidentally, has been quite successful, with hundreds of orders coming in through the site, along with some positive feedback from customers.



## Objective 5

### *Strengthening Sustainable Forest Management Through Equity Generation, Partnership Building and Program Analysis & Evaluation*

#### **5.0 Equity Generation**

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 5.1/02)

Over the course of the past year the work of equity generation in the broad financial and human sense moved steadily along with a renewed emphasis on new partnerships and a focus on the economic values of sustainably managed forests.

The project leader continued to build new relationships and strengthen existing ones. This was done in a variety of ways but always with the overall objective of sustainable forest management in mind. Miscellaneous activities included participation in meetings and conferences, and the development of funding applications.

Opportunities for building and strengthening relationships and providing exposure for the objectives of the Equity Generation Project were realized at:

- Queen’s Centre for Water and the Environment board of directors meetings
- SOLRIS conference calls and meeting
- Ontario East Municipal Conference in Kingston
- DIAMONDS Conservation Trust at Iroquois
- Public Interest Advisory Group of the International Joint Commission study of St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario Water Levels
- the Ontario Board of the Nature Conservancy of Canada
- Shared Values workshop of the IJC study board
- Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference and
- Ducks Unlimited events at the Ottawa Press Club and in Augusta Township.

Sandra Lawn led the tour for the International Energy Agency on behalf IEA Bioenergy Executive Committee member, Dr. Peter Hall of the Canadian Forest Service. The tour also included a tour of IOGEN in Ottawa, the biomass burner at Grenville Christian College, the Domtar plantation near Iroquois and the Ferguson Forest Centre.

Two projects focused directly on the economic values of sustainable forest management, as described below.

Funds were secured through the Eastern Ontario Development Fund to continue the work of Martha Copestake with an emphasis on wood fibre sources and flow. Many meetings have been held as we work to develop value-added approaches to the forests and wood fibre of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest area. New partnerships have also been formed in this field as we work closely with municipal government.

In response to the Domtar pulp mill indefinite shutdown in January 2005, funding was secured from FedNor through the cooperation of the Stormont, Dundas and

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Brian Barkley

Ray Fortune

John Kerr-Wilson

Henry Lickers

Sandra Lawn, *Project Leader - Equity Generation*



Glengarry Community Futures Development Corporation and Derrick Moodie. This new partnership has resulted in the completion of an enhanced forest resource inventory of about 50 percent of the United Counties of SD&G through a contract with Dendron Resource Surveys Inc. The report also included recommendations for the future and comprehensive reports and analyses by Laurie Gravelines, Greg Moffatt and Mark Rowsell, Cher Brethour and Teri-lyn Moore of the George Morris Centre, University of Guelph, (for Jim Hendry, SD&G Stewardship Coordinator, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources), Sandra Lawn of Sandra S. Lawn & Associates Inc. and Peter Milley of the Halifax Global consultancy. Brian Barkley provided the foreword for the final consolidation report entitled *Making Lemonade from Trees; How the Domtar Pulp Mill Shutdown Is Creating New Opportunities for Eastern Ontario*.

All in all, it was a busy year with many initiatives continuing into the coming fiscal year.

*Sandra Lawn*  
Project Leader, Equity Generation

### **5.1 Akwesasne Partnership**

WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 5.2/02)



As always, it was a busy year for the Akwesasne Partnership project.

To begin the new fiscal year, we had our Fruit Tree Pruning and Maintenance Workshop sponsored by the model forest and the Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment (ATFE) at the Mohawk Nation Cookhouse. The workshop dealt with issues including how to properly prune fruit trees and how to identify diseases and insects affecting fruit trees.

May 8th was our annual seed and tree giveaway. Thousands of seeds and trees were distributed to members of the community as a means of enhancing our ongoing regeneration efforts.

In June of 2004, with the help of EOMF Project Forester Mark Richardson, we assessed all of the trees on Hamilton Island. At the request of Robert Pyke, Manager for Technical Services, Mark also assisted us with an assessment of the trees on Stanley Island. Our assessment indicated a significant decline in most of the trees caused by bulldozers which had been used to level out an area for island cottages. A detailed inventory of the affected trees has been recommended as an important follow-up activity. The model forest will be looked to for assistance with this work.

On June 25th we hosted a medicine walk through the Adirondack Forest with children from the Akwesasne Freedom School.

The month of June also marked our open house and tree planting ceremony. A black ash tree was planted in the hopes of further growing our partnership with South Nation Conservation, the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the American

Friends Service Committee, with whom we are working to further our black ash regeneration efforts, along with the model forest.

In July, we dedicated a garden area adjacent to our office building to the elders of our community as the holders of great wisdom and knowledge of our past. Here, they are able to enjoy the many native grasses, berry plants and fruit trees that are so important to our community.

In partnership with the EOMF, the Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County and the Eastern Ontario Certified Forest Owners, we led a field tour in October which engaged participants in an exploration of the world of medicinal plants. This was part of the Non-Timber Forest Products Workshop held at Fortune Farms demonstration forest.

We also participated in the forest health wrap-up session in October at the University of Guelph-Kemptville College Agroforestry Centre in Kemptville. Wayne Ingram, OMNR's forest health technician for eastern Ontario, gave an update on forest pests, diseases and forest health in general. This workshop was very informative and the knowledge gleaned will be very helpful as we move forward with future tree assessments at Akwesasne.

On November 27th, we held a fall maple syrup workshop for the community at Sand Road Sugar Camp. The workshop featured a demonstration of modern pipeline installation and pipeline layout, First Nation crafts for the children, outdoor displays of tapping and boiling, and a medicine walk.

Although this spring proved a poor one for maple syrup production, we hosted several school tours with children to teach about tapping and the importance of maple trees in the context our maple ceremony.

We also hosted a spring medicine walk at the Sand Road Sugar Camp for Inuit exchange students visiting from Resolute Bay, N.W.T. Some of these students had never seen a tree and were amazed that we could get such sweet sap from a maple tree!

This past March, we delivered a presentation on the cultural significance of butternut at the Butternut Recovery Planning meeting in Cambridge, Ontario. At one time our people tapped the butternut tree. So, for this meeting some butternut sap was collected from Akwesasne and then shared with the participants. Interestingly, the sap from the butternut tree tends to be much sweeter than that of the sugar maple.

Some of the many additional project highlights over the course of the year included:

- The release of the second edition of the *Handbook for Black Ash Preservation, Reforestation/Regeneration*



- Participation at the EOMF's Annual Spring Gathering
- The initiation of work looking at seed growing zones and climate change implications
- Exploratory efforts looking at the cloning of butternut
- Continued work looking at community health indicators relative to the forest and forest-based activities
- Participation in a meeting concerning the Forest 20/20 Initiative; the possibility of planting 10-15 hectares at Akwesasne under this initiative is being considered
- Continued work to map the islands at Akwesasne using GIS technology.

A presentation on Naturalized Knowledge Systems (NKS) was also developed and delivered at the joint Canadian Institute of Forestry-Society of American Foresters conference in Edmonton in October 2004. The Eastern Ontario Model Forest was used as a case study in presenting how NKS can further sustainable forestry efforts. A manuscript based upon this presentation will be developed for the *Forestry Chronicle* as part of efforts in 2005-06.

As part of our ongoing model forest activities, we continued to attend the monthly meetings of the Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment, a community-based grassroots organization which aims to address the environmental problems facing the community at Akwesasne. The focus is the development of sustainable economic alternatives which ensure that the culture and environment of Akwesasne are preserved.

We also continued our participation on various model forest committees and working groups.

In support of Canadian Model Forest Network and International Model Forest Network Secretariat efforts to share the model forest concept worldwide, several delegations from abroad were hosted at Akwesasne over the course of the year.

*Margaret George, Richard David, Henry Lickers*  
Akwesasne Partnership Project

## **5.2 Program Analysis & Evaluation**

### **WORK PLAN PROJECT (CFS 5.3/02)**

We continue to focus on the importance of monitoring, evaluating and reporting on the outcomes of our many program areas. In November, we held our Phase III "Advance" at the Queen's University Biological Station. The purpose of this session, which involved the EOMF partnership along with board and staff members, was three-fold:

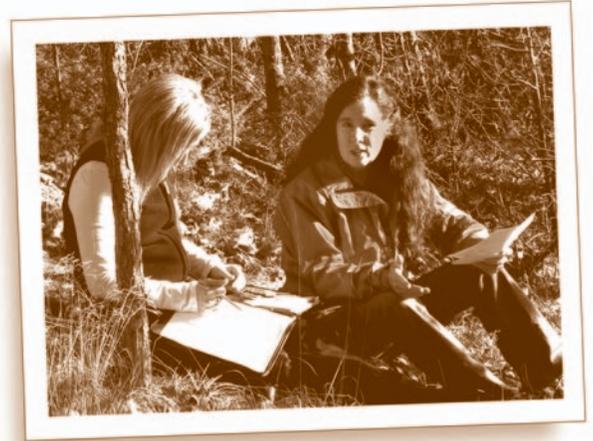
- To critically assess progress to date relative to the objectives and activities set out in our Phase III (2002-2007) proposal, with a specific focus on implementation strategies;



- To identify actions required to fulfill any outstanding Phase III commitments by March 2007, as well as any desired course corrections (ensuring a strong finish to Phase III);
- To consider future directions for the Eastern Ontario Model Forest in the long-term (i.e., beyond 2007).

Discussions at the Advance highlighted the fact that good progress has been made to date in Phase III towards our objectives. However, there is an ongoing need to strengthen the visibility of the model forest through the effective communication of our results and outcomes. This will be an area of emphasis for the model forest board of directors in the coming months, with a special session planned to review the suite of performance indicators set out in our Phase III Evaluation & Performance Management Framework.

We also hosted a round table session in October 2004 which brought EOMF partners together to consider future directions for the Canadian Model Forest Network (CMFN) as a whole. Participants were engaged in a thoughtful examination of three options put forward by the CMFN for the future of the program. The outcome was the development of a fourth option (the “Kemptonville Accord”), which was put forward as a preferred option in the final report submitted to the CMFN.



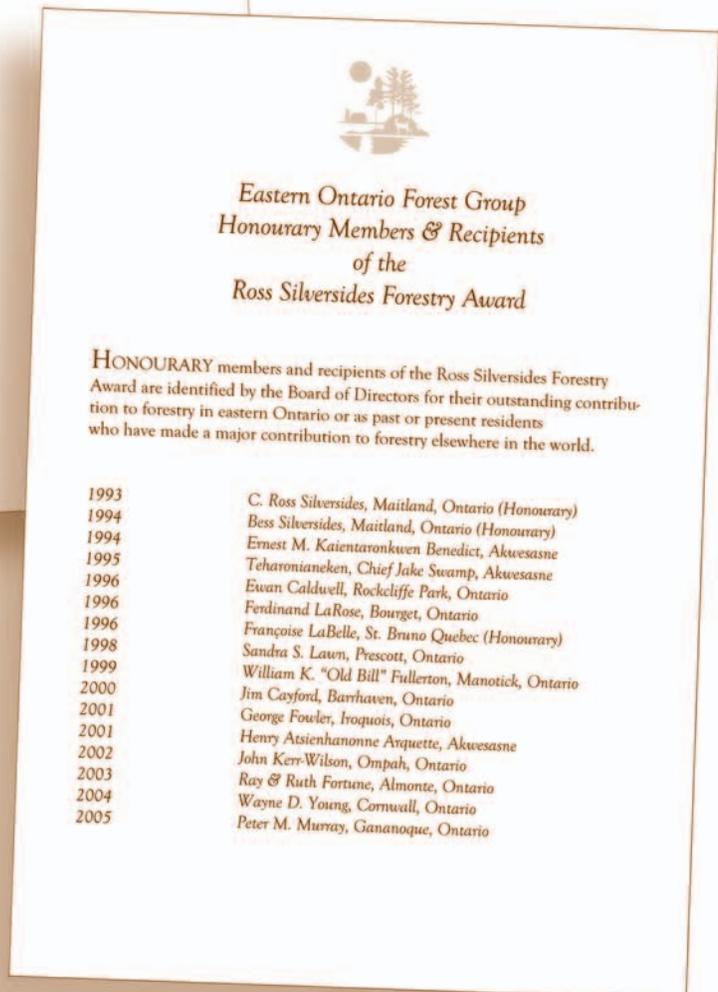
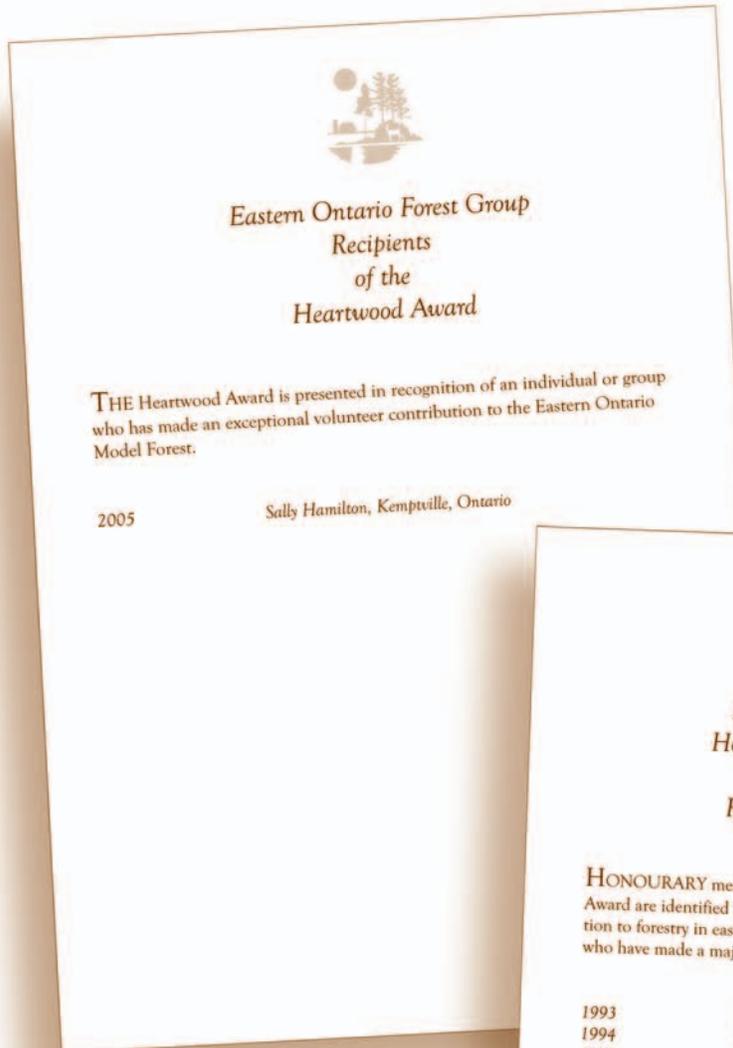
Under the auspices of this project, the EOMF Project Facilitator also participated in a training session entitled Practical Performance Measurement. This session highlighted the importance of measurement and evaluation not only for accounting purposes, but also as a process of sharing and learning.

## Award Recipients

*Ross Silversides Forestry Award*

*Heartwood Award*

*Eastern Ontario Model Forest Environmental Award*





*Eastern Ontario Forest Group  
Recipients  
of the  
Eastern Ontario Model Forest Environmental Award*

THE Eastern Ontario Model Forest Environmental Award recognizes graduating students who have demonstrated a continued commitment to the environment through volunteer activity in the community.

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| 2003 | <i>Stacie Down, North Grenville District High School<br/>Andrew Bennett, St. Michael Catholic High School</i>      |
| 2004 | <i>Scott Billings, North Grenville District High School<br/>Chantal Quesnel, St. Michael Catholic High School</i>  |
| 2005 | <i>Alyxander Holden, North Grenville District High School<br/>Emily Bradburn, St. Michael Catholic High School</i> |

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Algonquin First Nation of Golden Lake  
Algonquin to Adirondack Conservation Association  
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Canadian Lumbermen's Association  
Canadian Model Forest Network  
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Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society  
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Carleton Place Secondary High School  
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Domtar Inc.  
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Dundas Soil & Crop Improvement Association  
DuPont, Maitland Ontario Site  
Eastern Chapter of Society of Ontario Nut Growers (ECSONG)  
Eastern Counties Local, Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association  
Eastern Ontario Biodiversity Museum  
Eastern Ontario Certified Forest Owners  
Eastern Ontario Urban Forest Network  
Ekohawk  
Environment Canada  
Eco-Future  
Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network (EMAN)  
Ecologistics Ltd.  
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Environmental Youth Corps  
ERDAS  
ESRI Canada  
FedNor  
Ferguson Forest Centre  
Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Foothills Model Forest  
Foreign Affairs & International Trade Canada  
Forest Gene Conservation Association  
Forest Engineering Research Institute of Canada (FERIC)  
Forest Products Association of Canada  
Forest Stewardship Council of Canada (FSC)  
Forestry Designs  
Forestry Research Partnership  
Forintek Canada Corporation  
Fortune Farms  
Fowler Tree Farms  
Friends of the Apple Hill Forestry Centre  
Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve  
Fulton's Pancake House and Sugar Bush  
Fundy Model Forest  
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 Mutual Association for the Protection of Lake Environments (MAPLE)  
 National Aboriginal Forestry Association  
 National Capital Commission  
 National Forest Strategy Coalition  
 National Wildlife Research Centre  
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 Natural Resources Canada  
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 Nature Conservancy of Canada  
 Neave Resource Management  
 North American Maple Syrup Council  
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     Grenville Land Stewardship Council  
     Hastings Stewardship Council  
     Leeds County Stewardship Council  
     Lennox & Addington Stewardship Council  
     Northumberland Stewardship Council  
     Ottawa Stewardship Council  
     Prescott-Russell Stewardship Council  
     Prince Edward Stewardship Council  
     Renfrew County Stewardship Council  
     Resource Stewardship S.D. & G.  
     Victoria Land and Water Stewardship Council  
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 Ottawa Field Naturalists  
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 Parks Ontario  
 Pathfinder Maps  
 Petawawa National Research Forest  
 Pinegrove Biotechnical  
 Prescott-Russell Economic Development Office  
 Prince Albert Model Forest  
 Queen's University  
 Resource Efficient Agricultural Production Canada (REAP)  
 Richard Ivey Foundation  
 Rideau Trail Association  
 Rideau Valley Field Naturalist Club  
 St. Lawrence Islands National Park  
 St. Lawrence Parks Commission  
 St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences  
 St. Michael Catholic High School  
 St. Regis Tribal Council  
 Sand Road Sugar Camp  
 Sandra S. Lawn & Associates  
 Sani-International  
 Seburn Ecological Services  
 Shaw Lumber  
 SmartWood  
 Stanford University, Centre for Conservation Biology  
 State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry  
 Steve Rand Consulting and Forestry Services  
 Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Community Futures Corporation  
 Stormont Soil and Crop Improvement Association  
 Sugarbush Cabinet Company Ltd.  
 TD Graham & Associates  
 The Old Field Garden & Wildflower Nursery  
 The Ontario Rural Council  
 The Ontario Trillium Foundation  
 The Watershed Nature & History Network  
 1000 Islands Field Naturalists  
 1000 Islands Forest Farm  
 Thousand Islands Heritage Conservancy  
 TMR Consulting  
 Town of Carleton Place  
 Town of Gananoque  
 Town of Oakville  
 Town of Perth  
 Town of Prescott  
 Town of Smiths Falls  
 Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal  
 Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands  
 Township of South Dundas  
 Tree Canada Foundation  
 Tree of Peace Society  
 Trees Ontario Foundation  
 Treeworks and Resource Management  
 Trent University  
 United Counties of Leeds and Grenville  
 United Counties of Prescott & Russell  
 United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry  
 University of Calgary  
 University of Guelph  
 University of Ottawa  
 University of Toronto, Faculty of Forestry  
 University of Waterloo  
 Upper Canada District School Board  
 Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary  
 Urban Forest Citizen's Committee  
 Utiligent Designs  
 VA Designs  
 Vankleek Hill Nature Society  
 V.J. Nordin and Associates Ltd.  
 Wanakena Ranger School  
 Waswanipi Cree Model Forest  
 Watson's Corners Hall  
 Western Newfoundland Model Forest  
 Westport and Area Outdoor Association  
 Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc.  
 Wetland Habitat Fund  
 Wheeler's Pancake House & Sugar Camp  
 Wildlife Habitat Canada  
 World of Maps  
 World Wildlife Fund  
 Wren Resources  
 York University, Department of Anthropology

## Financial Statements 2004-2005



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### AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members  
**EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP**  
Kemptville, Ontario

We have audited the balance sheet of **EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP** as at March 31, 2005, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the group's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the group as at March 31, 2005 and the results of its operations and the changes in net assets for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

  
**PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION**  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Kemptville, Ontario  
April 19, 2005

Office also in PRESCOTT



<b>EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP</b>			
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>			
<b>As at March 31, 2005</b>			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Cash	\$ 135,646	\$ 173,638	
Funding receivable	230,244	129,849	
Term deposits	312,755	311,906	
GST receivable	<u>4,453</u>	<u>3,833</u>	
	683,098	619,226	
<b>CAPITAL (Note 1)</b>	<u>26,705</u>	<u>39,316</u>	
	<u>\$ 709,803</u>	<u>\$ 658,542</u>	
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 139,700	\$ 60,783	
Deferred contributions (Note 2)	<u>339,733</u>	<u>367,545</u>	
	479,433	428,328	
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Unrestricted net assets	<u>230,370</u>	<u>230,214</u>	
	<u>\$ 709,803</u>	<u>\$ 658,542</u>	

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<b>EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP</b>			
<b>STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS</b>			
<b>For the year ended March 31, 2005</b>			
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	
<b>REVENUES</b>			
New Initiatives	\$ 33,412	\$ 157,368	
Contributions from partners	503,414	319,040	
Federal contribution funding	500,000	500,000	
Network Communications	303,154	355,000	
Network Strategic Activities	77,985	195,924	
Memberships	5,384	6,451	
Other income	16,444	32,442	
Interest income	9,391	7,944	
Beyond the Boundaries Transfer Extension	9,067	-	
Charitable donations	3,295	530	
Provincial	<u>29,746</u>	<u>52,310</u>	
	1,491,292	1,627,002	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
EOMF Projects (Sch. 1)	\$ 667,953	839,496	
Supplementary Projects (Sch. 2)	575,639	528,767	
Salaries and benefits	181,749	176,799	
Directors travel and other costs	7,473	7,041	
Office and other	26,746	19,843	
Staff travel	6,610	12,624	
Meetings	14,398	12,710	
Professional fees	8,393	7,457	
Amortization	<u>2,175</u>	<u>2,585</u>	
	1,491,136	1,607,322	
	156	19,687	
<b>OTHER DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 3)</b>			
Contributions	371,124	430,324	
Expenses	<u>(371,124)</u>	<u>(430,324)</u>	
	-	-	
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$ 156</u>	<u>\$ 19,687</u>	

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<b>EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP</b>			
<b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>For the year ended March 31, 2005</b>			
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total 2005</b>	<b>Total 2004</b>
Balance beginning of the year	\$ 230,214	\$ 230,214	\$ 210,527
Excess of revenues over expenses	<u>156</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>19,687</u>
Balance, end of the year	<u>\$ 230,370</u>	<u>\$ 230,370</u>	<u>\$ 230,214</u>

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**EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP**  
**SCHEDULE OF EASTERN ONTARIO MODEL FOREST PROJECTS**

(Schedule 1)

For the year ended March 31, 2005

Project	Title	2005 Budget (unaudited)	2005	2004
1.1/02	Landowner Workshop Series	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
1.2/02	Demo Forest Initiative	8,000	8,000	3,000
1.3/02	Web Enabled Forest Mgmt.Tool	5,000	5,000	10,000
1.4/02	Eastern Ont Urban Forest Network	3,000	3,000	3,000
1.5/02	Non-Timber Revenue Opportunities	2,000	2,000	2,000
1.6/02	Timber Prod. Revenue Opportunities	2,000	2,000	2,000
1.7/02	Sustainable Forest Certificate Init.	50,000	50,000	50,000
1.8/02	Landowner Education	40,000	40,000	40,000
1.9/02	Recognition Program	2,000	2,000	2,000
1.11/03	Science Management	-	-	1,000
1.12/03	Biodiversity Indicators Owners	7,000	7,000	4,000
2.1/02	Sustainable Forest Mgmt. Local Gov	2,000	2,000	2,000
2.2/02	Desired Future Forest Pilot Project	2,000	2,000	9,000
2.5/02	Community/Private Former Agreement Areas	2,000	2,000	2,000
2.6/02	Criteria & Indicators/State of Forest	48,000	48,000	47,000
2.7/03	FAACS (afforestation) Initiative	-	-	93,434
		<u>173,000</u>	<u>173,000</u>	<u>275,434</u>
3.1/2	Communication & Outreach Plan	56,000	56,000	51,000
3.2/04	EOMF Translation	8,000	8,000	19,520
		<u>64,000</u>	<u>64,000</u>	<u>70,520</u>
4.1/02	Exchange SFM Beyond Boundaries	9,000	9,000	8,000
4.2/02	Web Site Use Beyond Boundaries	11,000	11,000	10,000
4.4/99	Network Communication	303,154	303,154	355,000
		<u>323,154</u>	<u>323,154</u>	<u>373,000</u>
		\$ 560,154	\$ 560,154	\$ 718,954

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**EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP**  
**SCHEDULE OF EASTERN ONTARIO MODEL FOREST PROJECTS**

(Schedule 1) Cont'd

For the year ended March 31, 2005

Project	Title	2005 Budget (unaudited)	2005	2004
BALANCE FORWARD		\$ 560,154	\$ 560,154	\$ 718,954
5.1/02	Equity Generation	5,000	5,000	5,000
5.2/02	Akwesasne Partnership	44,000	44,000	44,000
5.3/04	Analysis and Evaluation	2,000	2,000	-
5.4/03	CIF/SAF Conference	17,583	17,583	2,500
5.5/05	Model Forest Network Meeting Ottawa	2,000	2,000	30,970
5.6/05	Model Forest Network Publications	4,500	4,500	30,000
5.7/05	MF Network Management Ottawa	25,700	25,700	-
5.8	EOMF/LAMF OMNR	10,000	10,000	-
5.9/03	EOMF/LAMF Univ TO/Lakehead	9,000	9,000	7,500
5.10/05	MF Waswanipi Meeting	1,202	1,202	-
5.14/02	Network Strat. Oper. Committee	-	-	-
	Model Forest	-	-	12,000
		<u>120,985</u>	<u>120,985</u>	<u>131,970</u>
		681,139	681,139	850,924
	Less: GST recoverable	-	(13,186)	(11,428)
	TOTAL EXPENSE - EOMF PROJECTS	\$ 681,139	\$ 667,953	\$ 839,496

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**EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP**  
**SCHEDULE OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS**  
 (Schedule 2)  
 For the year ended March 31, 2005

Project	Title	2005 Budget (unaudited)	2005	2004
EOFG96/18	GEO Info	\$ 43,553	\$ 43,553	\$ 26,980
EOFG97/22	Christmas Seminar	1,390	1,390	1,828
EOFG97/26	Maple Orchard	171	171	-
EOFG98/33	GIS Data	-	-	23,915
EOFG98/38	Tours Revenue	709	709	255
EOFG98/39	Woodlot Day	5,883	5,883	8,750
EOFG98/41	Forestry Fair	3,344	3,344	3,932
EOFG 03/1	Forest Research Information	990	990	9,900
EOFG99/2	Maple Production - Steam	-	-	15,808
EOFG01/44	Filtering Maple Sap	4,500	4,500	-
EOFG04/32	IDRC China WK	5,300	5,300	-
EOFG03/11	A2A Project	33,500	33,500	14,500
EOFG04/50	Agroforestry BMP	23,511	23,511	-
EOFG00/48	Ivey Foundation	17,938	17,938	77,452
EOFG01/12	Bog - Bog	56,666	56,666	63,399
EOFG03/8	Int.Model Forest World Congress	-	-	7,000
EOFG01/21	Network Private Woodlot Initiative	947	947	23,525
EOFG01/23	Design Installation Tubing Recovery	2,320	2,320	4,250
EOFG01/24	MF Publication Catalogue	158	158	400
EOFG04/29	CIFSAF Conference	5,300	5,300	-
EOFG01/28	Forest Gen Conservation Website	1,651	1,651	-
EOFG01/30	Ontario Power Generation	97,911	97,911	110,955
EOFG03/34	Stackwall Construction	-	-	500
EOFG03/36	EOMF Event	890	890	3,772
EOFG01/49	Enhanced Aboriginal Initiative Mtg.	-	-	2,747
EOFG02/4	McKinnon Centre	-	-	3,000
EOFG02/27	Review N.America Maple Manual	-	-	1,242
EOFG04/58	Trees for Peace	9,738	9,738	-
EOFG02/54	EOMF Equipment	12,340	12,340	12,340
EOFG02/53	National Forest Week	497	497	298
EOFG03/55	Invasive Exotics	2,107	2,107	316
EOFG02/56	E.Ont. Certified Forest Owner	-	-	1,775
EOFG02/57	Network Promotions	398	398	-
EOFG05/88	Renfrew County Demo	904	904	-
		<u>\$ 332,616</u>	<u>\$ 332,616</u>	<u>\$ 418,839</u>

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**EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP**  
**SCHEDULE OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS**  
 (Schedule 2) Cont'd  
 For the year ended March 31, 2005

Project	Title	2005 Budget (unaudited)	2005	2004
<b>BALANCE FORWARD</b>				
		<u>\$ 332,616</u>	<u>\$ 332,616</u>	<u>\$ 418,839</u>
EOFG02/59	CIF Conference	-	-	103
EOFG03/6	Monitoring Impact Forest Pest	6,757	6,757	-
EOFG02/61	Filtering Project Lead	-	-	989
EOFG02/62	EOMF Workshops	2,171	2,171	873
EOFG02/64	EOMF Logo	177	177	114
EOGO4/16	Pilot Study in Lancaster	12,436	12,436	-
EOFG04/84	Pilot Study - Charlotte	6,689	6,689	-
EOFG02/68	MF EOMF Comm. Network Travel	2,263	2,263	3,133
EOFG02/69	FAAC Afforestation	-	-	2,740
EOFG02/70	Best Management Practice Review	1,141	1,141	5,279
EOFG05/73	Wood Centre	6,685	6,685	-
EOFG05/87	SDG Forest Economy Action Plan	135,000	135,000	-
EOFG03/5	Evaluation Sap Ladders	750	750	3,234
EOFG03/48A	Certification Operating Fees	681	681	1,103
EOFG03/71	Forest Health Workshops	24,731	24,731	21,136
EOFG03/74	Mississippi River Inform.Mgmt.Sys.	2,305	2,305	9,995
EOFG03/75	MF NFLD Meeting	-	-	4,923
EOFG03/78	EOMF Publications	5,190	5,190	-
EOFG03/77	World Forest Congress Display	-	-	25,121
EOFG03/79	World Forestry Congress	-	-	1,800
EOFG03/80	EOMF Beyond Boundaries	-	-	51
EOFG04/81	Model Forest Network Display	-	-	18,857
EOFG03/82	NRC Intern	9,596	9,596	1,977
EOFG03/83	Climate Change	26,451	26,451	8,500
		<u>243,023</u>	<u>243,023</u>	<u>109,928</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE - SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS</b>				
		<u>\$ 575,639</u>	<u>\$ 575,639</u>	<u>\$ 528,767</u>

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**EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP**  
**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**  
**For the year ended March 31, 2005**

**GENERAL**

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Because a precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of financial statements for a period necessarily involves the use of estimates and approximations which have been made using careful judgment. The more significant accounting policies are as follows:

**REVENUE RECOGNITION**

The Eastern Ontario Forest Group follows the deferral method for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

Model Forest capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized in the accounts on the diminishing balance basis. Capital assets purchased with project funds amounted to \$6,231 in 2005 (\$3,400 in 2004) and are recorded at cost and amortized straight line over two (2) years for computer hardware and over five (5) years for furniture & equipment.

**NATURE OF BUSINESS**

The Group was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation, without share capital on October 13, 1992, under the laws of Ontario. The organization received its charitable status from the Canada Revenue Agency on April 1, 1999. The Group is dedicated to championing the concept and practice of sustainable forestry for all its values in Eastern Ontario through the cooperative efforts of its residents and supporters. The Eastern Ontario Forest Group belongs to a network of twelve Model Forests located across Canada. The Federal Government, through the Canadian Forest Service, is providing funding of up to 2.5 million dollars to Eastern Ontario Forest Group over a five year period ending in 2007.

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**EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the year ended March 31, 2005**

**1. CAPITAL ASSETS**

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2005	Net 2004
Equipment	\$ 86,286	\$ 62,645	\$ 23,641	\$ 37,616
Computers	<u>9,631</u>	<u>6,567</u>	<u>3,064</u>	<u>1,700</u>
	<u>\$ 95,917</u>	<u>\$ 69,212</u>	<u>\$ 26,705</u>	<u>\$ 39,316</u>

**2. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Deferred contributions represent unspent resources restricted by agreement for specific purposes received in the current period that is related to a subsequent period. Changes in the deferred contributions balance are as follows:

	2005	2004
Beginning balance, related to supplementary funding	\$ 367,545	\$ 323,673
Less: Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(367,545)	(323,673)
Add: Amount received related to the following year	<u>339,733</u>	<u>367,545</u>
Ending balance, related to supplementary funding	<u>\$ 339,733</u>	<u>\$ 367,545</u>

**3. OTHER DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS**

Included in the statement of operations is \$371,124 (2004 - \$430,324) representing the estimated fair value of contribution of services and materials as declared by the partners. These services and materials are recorded at fair value as if the Eastern Ontario Forest Group would normally have to pay for the services donated.

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