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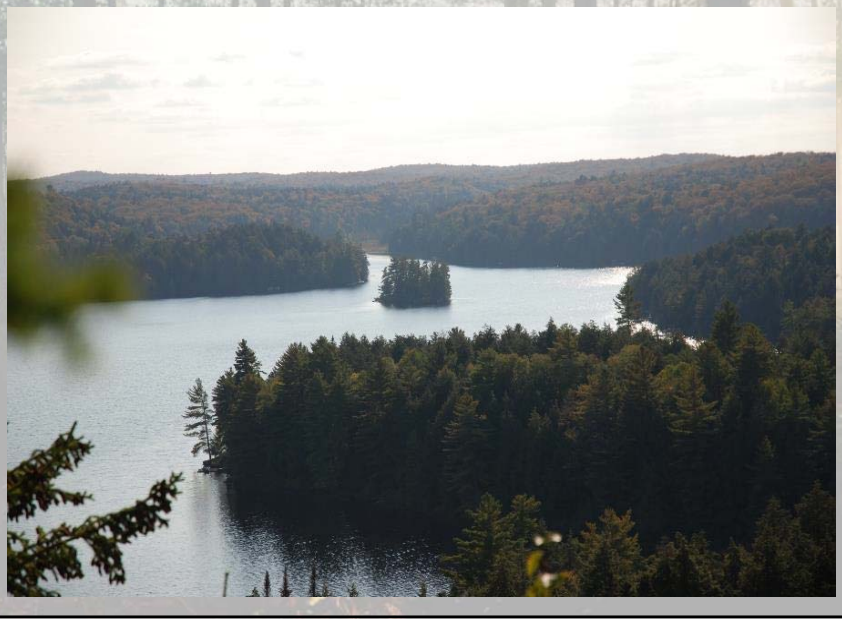

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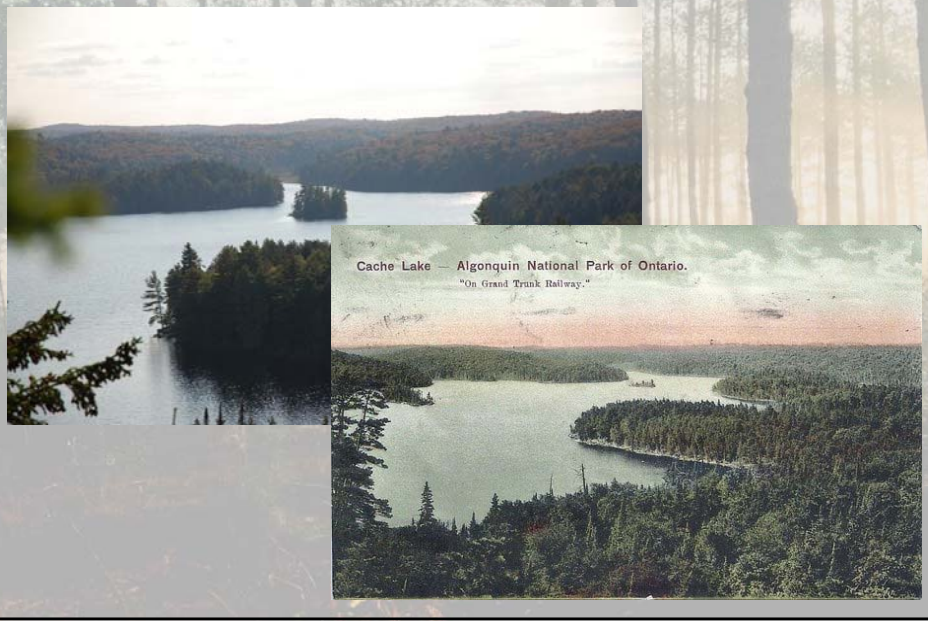

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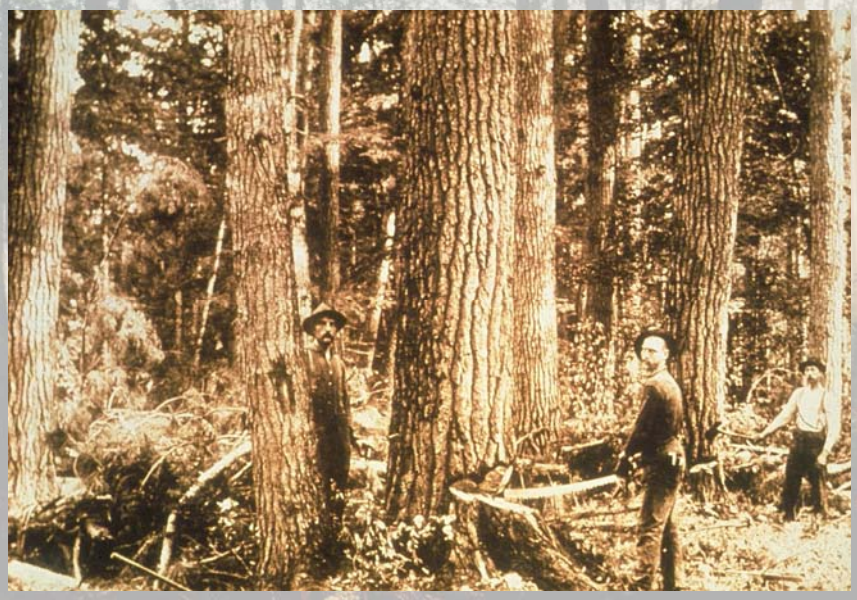

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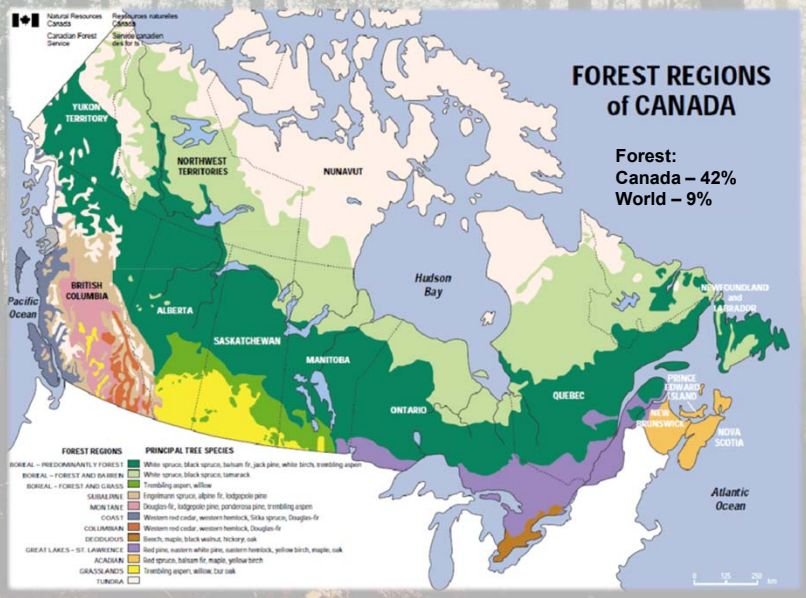

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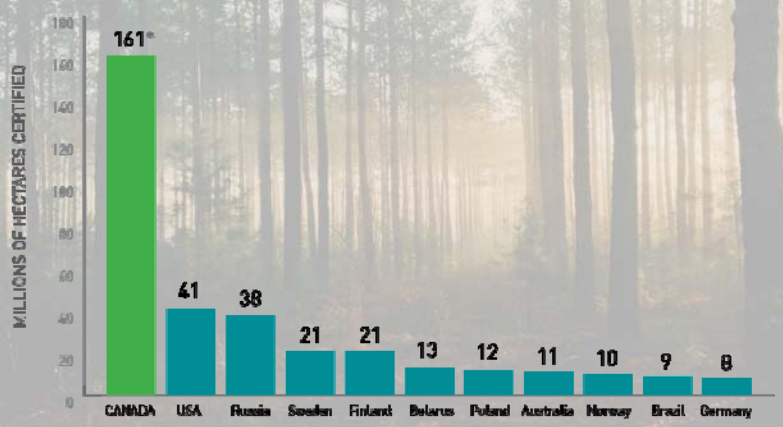


* Double counting of areas certified to more than one standard has been removed from this figure.

Sources: www.certificationcanada.org as of Dec 31/14 | www.fsc.org as of Nov28/14 | www.pefc.org as of Nov10/14

Our Forests

How well do we manage **OUR FORESTS**?

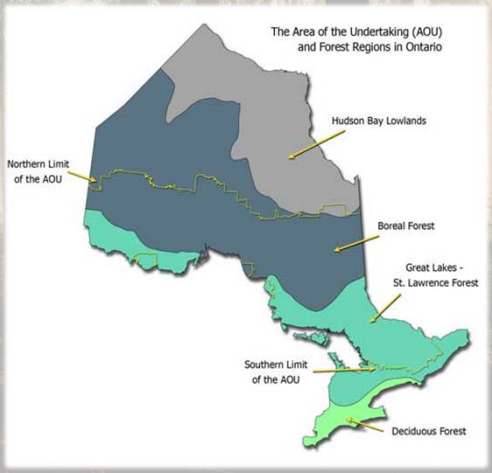
Various national and international studies rank Ontario as "**one of the best managed forest regions in the world/Canada".**

- *Yale University*
- *Forestry Innovation Investment/Indufor Oy*
- *Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement (coalition of leading industry and environmental organizations)*

Our Forests

Forest Cover

- Ontario is 107.6 M hectares in size
- 71.1 M hectares of the province is forest (66%)



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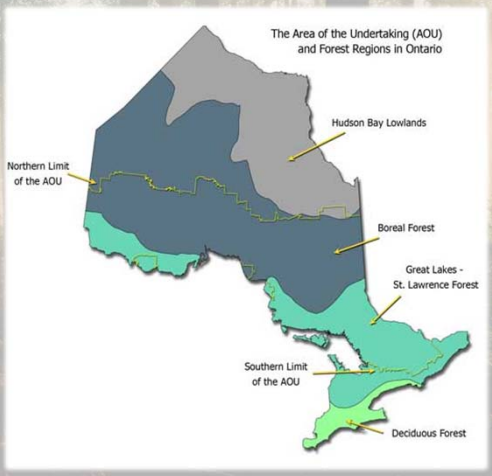
Forest Types

- Boreal Forest
- Great Lakes St Lawrence
- Deciduous Forest



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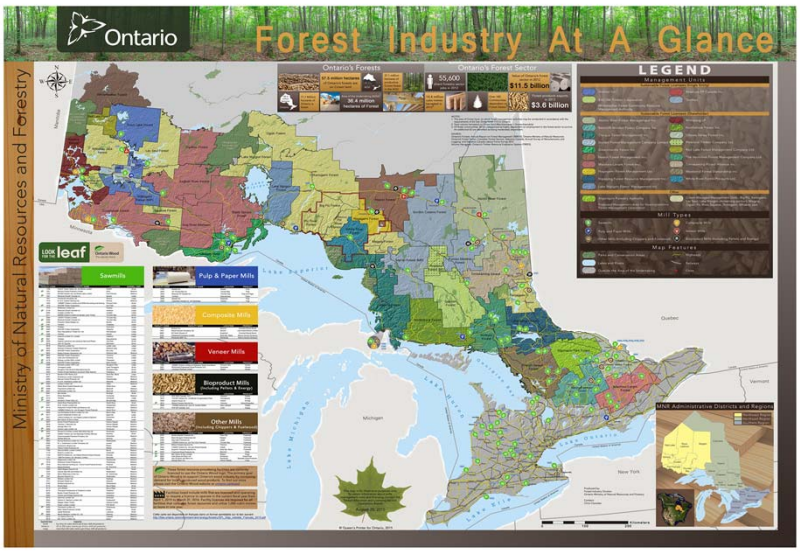

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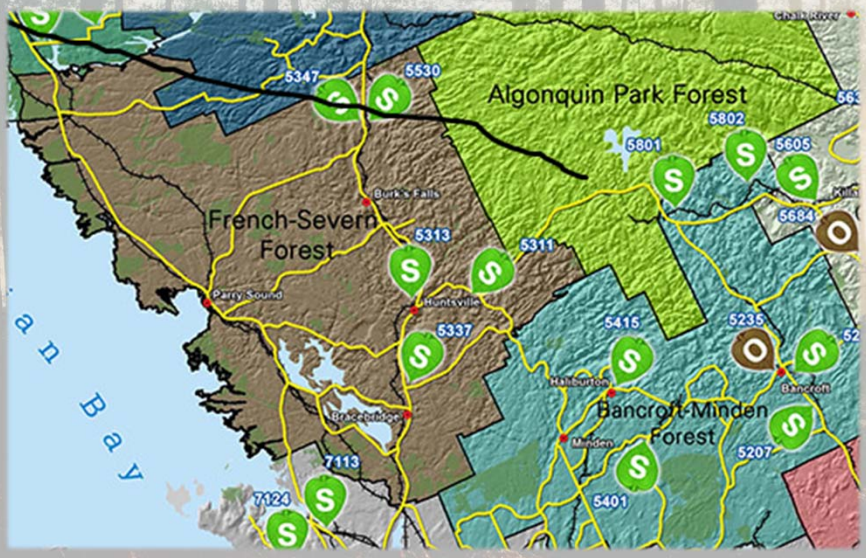

Local Management Units

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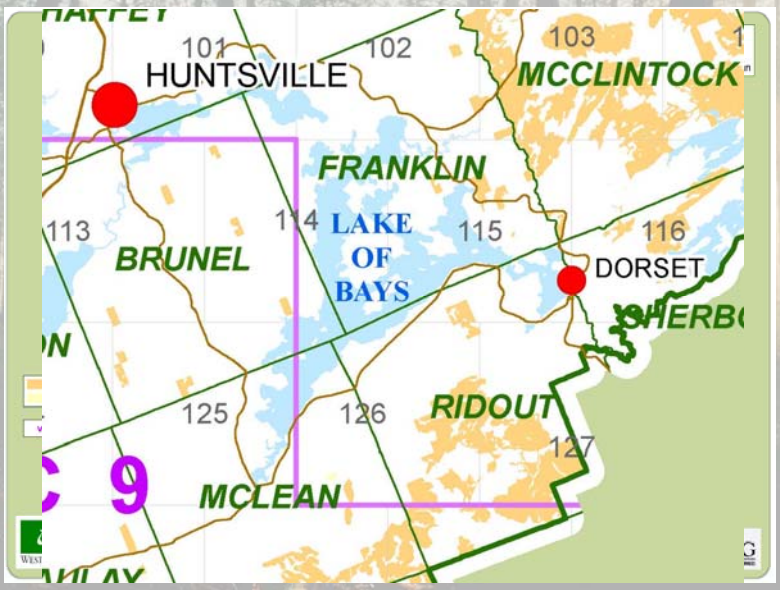

French Severn Forest

Our Forests – why the best?

- Abundance (public) of regulatory framework in place to address good forestry practices (CFSA, 1994)
  - Maintaining natural ecosystems
  - Ensuring forests are regenerated
  - Public Consultation
  - All values are considered

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Maintaining Natural Ecosystems

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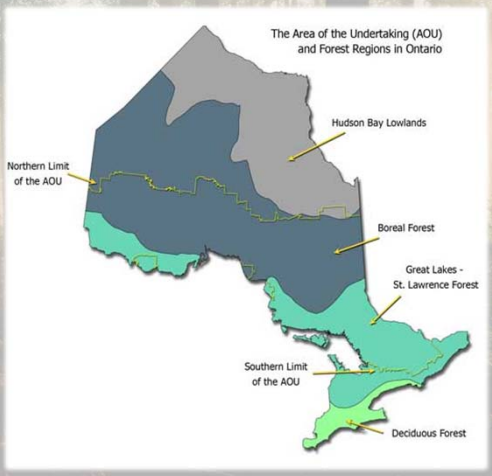

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Public Consultation

Local Citizens Committee make-up must include (where they exist):

- Local business
- Tourism industry
- Anglers and hunters
- Aboriginal communities
- Forest industry
- Naturalists and other recreationalists
- Municipalities
- Trappers
- Trade unions, woodsworkers and independent loggers
- Mineral and waterpower sectors
- Local environmental groups, local heritage groups
- Other interest groups

Our Forests – why the best?

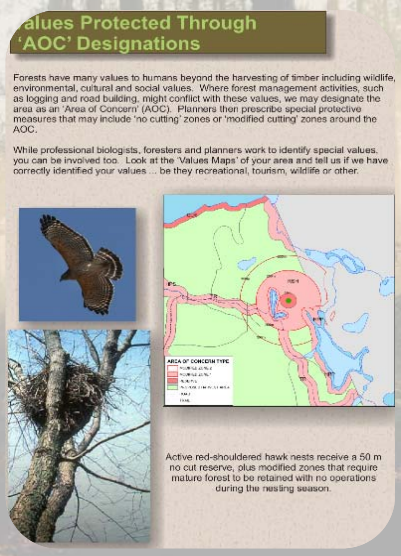
Public Consultation

- Phase I
  - Invitation to participate (year one)
  - Review of LTMD, review of proposed operations (year two)
  - Review of draft FMP, inspection of approved FMP (year three)
- Phase II
  - Review of proposed operations, review of draft planned operations (year one)
  - Inspection of approved planned operations (year two)

Our Forests – why the best?

Values Considered

Areas of Concern (AOCs)



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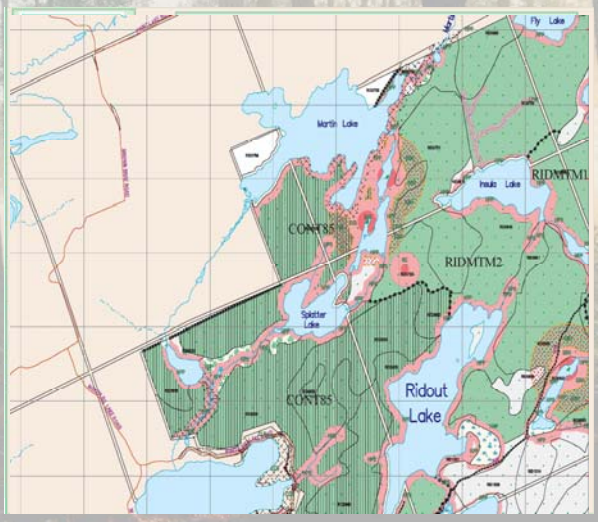

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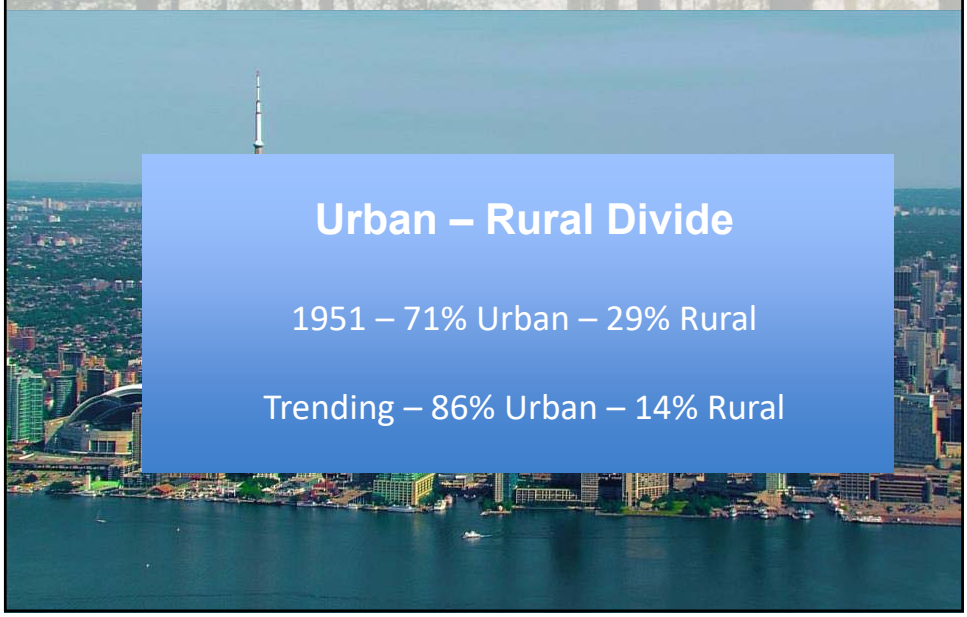
Benefits of Forest Sector

- $11.5 billion sector (annual revenues) from forest products
- Provides 180,000 jobs across Ontario (rural and urban)
- Supports economic well-being of 260 rural communities
- Billions of $ in taxes (all levels of government)
- Ecological Goods and Services - $4000 per ha per year

Our Forests - Challenges



Urban – Rural Divide

1951 – 71% Urban – 29% Rural

Trending – 86% Urban – 14% Rural

Our Forests - Challenges

Recent study asked if Ontario's forest are well managed

Findings - 62% polled unable to provide an opinion or 'did not know'

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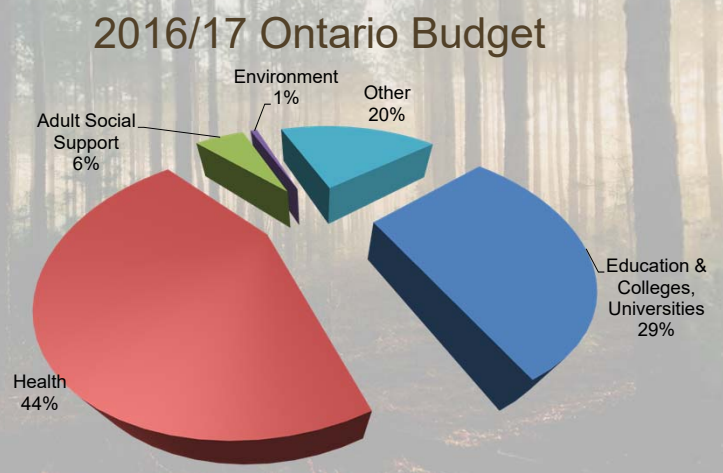

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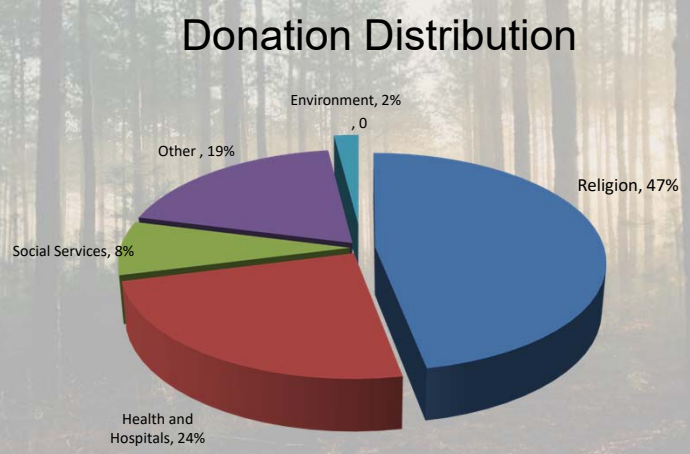

Distribution of total donation value, by selected organization type, Ontario, 2007 (source: Imagine Canada, Giving and Volunteering Canada)

Our Forests – Opportunity

"Sustainably managed forests contribute to mitigating climate change"

Intergovernmental Panel Climate Change (IPCC 2007)

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"Sustainably managed forests are key to our future"

4th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves, Lima, 2016

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CLIMATE CHANGE – Carbon Cycle

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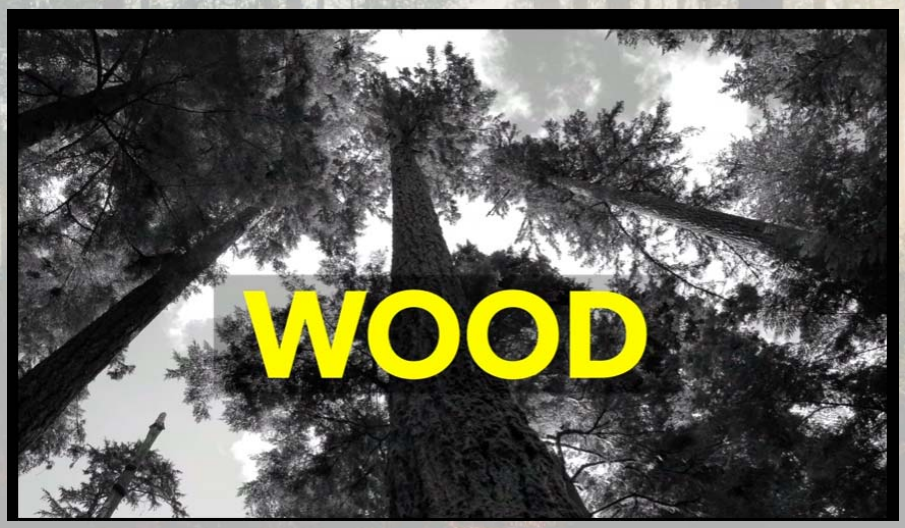

Slide by Michael Green, Ted Talk

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Our Forests – good story to tell

- It Takes A Forest - led by Forests Ontario in partnership with local, like-minded individuals and organizations
- Goal – Providing unbiased, fact-based information on Ontario's forest sector and the role of our forests as one of the province's most sustainable resources.

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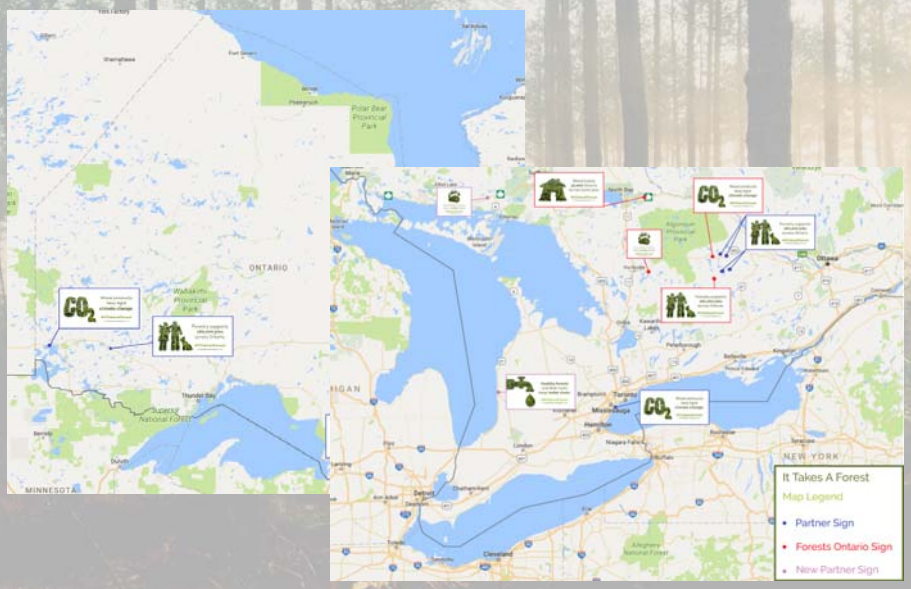

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Wood builds
30,000 Ontario
homes each year.

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Forestry supports
180,000 jobs
across Ontario.

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Ambassadors

- Provide resources and tools to share message on social media, at presentations, etc.
- Create online portal for supporters to source resources and tools

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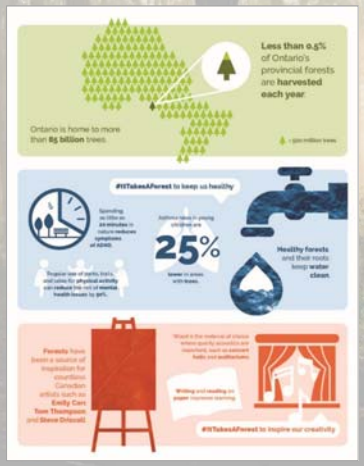

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How can you support

- Follow us on twitter (@ITTakesAForest)
- Become a member and encourage others to become a member – **Size Matters!!** (www.forestsontario.ca)
- Support a greater voice for our forests
- Conference Feb 8th, Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston

Ensure Healthy Forests for our Future!

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Contact Information

MNRF - www.ontario.ca/page/forest-management-planning

French Severn FMP Maps (2009 – 2019) - https://goo.gl/PP1Wub

Westwind Forest Stewardship - www.westwindforest.ca

Algonquin Forestry Authority – www.algonquinforestry.on.ca

Forests Ontario - www.forestsontario.ca

Invasive Species Centre - www.invasivespeciescentre.ca