

## Glenorchy Conservation Area

Conservation Halton has partnered with the Government of Ontario to protect 650 acres of environmentally sensitive land in North Oakville, and has named it Glenorchy Conservation Area. This area includes a large portion of government-owned lands known as the Oakville Land Assembly, bounded by Highway 407 to the north, Dundas Street West to the south, Bronte Road to the west, and Sixteen Mile Creek to the east. The new conservation area, which is not yet open to the public, forms an important part of the natural heritage system in Conservation Halton's watershed.



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## Summary

Conservation Halton's viewpoint on Glenorchy applauds this partnership with the provincial government which will protect and restore significant natural features in North Oakville.



Aerial shot of Glenorchy with the Sixteen Mile Creek gorge cutting through the middle

## About Glenorchy

• This important natural area is characterized by gently rolling hills, forest, creeks and wetlands. The Sixteen Mile Creek valley, with a beautiful gorge, cuts through the landscape as it winds through the lower portion of its watershed in Milton and Oakville. The new conservation area will protect these natural features and create an east-west link to the Niagara Escarpment and the Golden Horseshoe Greenbelt.

• In 2006, Conservation Halton held a contest to involve Oakville residents in naming the new conservation area. The name selected was Glenorchy, a small community that existed many years ago in North Oakville in the area that is today near Highway 407, Burnhamthorpe Road and Fourth Line. The name has Scottish origins meaning “valley of tumbling waters.”

• In 2009, Conservation Halton began developing a management and master plan, in consultation with the public, for the Glenorchy Conservation Area.

• The new Conservation Area has no public access at the present time. After completion of the management plan, details of possible access and timing will be better known.

• The primary purpose of the park will be to preserve and enhance the natural heritage features of the lands such as creeks, valleys, and woodlots, and to restore some of the open area to unique habitats such as cultural meadows. Tree cover will also be increased with extensive tree planting. This will enhance the property’s importance as a link to the Niagara Escarpment and other natural lands in the Greenbelt.

• The Glenorchy Conservation Area will likely offer passive recreational opportunities such as hiking and cross-country skiing. There may be a trail along Sixteen Mile Creek with lookouts to the valley with educational signs.

• The Government of Ontario will provide some funding to assist Conservation Halton with the management and operation of the Glenorchy Conservation Area.

• Conservation Halton will be working closely with the Town of Oakville to determine potential access points particularly in relation to the adjacent parklands that will be managed by the town.

• The partnership contributes to the Provincial Government’s plan for a permanent greenbelt around the Greater Golden Horseshoe and promotes cleaner air and water, creating a legacy for future generations to enjoy. It also contributes to Conservation Halton’s mission of protecting the natural environment from lake to escarpment for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

## Conservation Halton Natural Champion for a Healthy Watershed



Conservation Halton is the community based environmental agency that protects, restores and manages the natural resources in its watershed. Conservation Halton has staff that includes ecologists, land use planners, engineers, foresters and educators, along with a network of volunteers, who are guided by a Board of Directors that includes municipally elected and appointed citizens. Conservation Halton is recognized for its stewardship of creeks, forests and Niagara Escarpment lands through science based programs and services.

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