



# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium

## Quick Facts

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### What is the A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium?

- Three-day annual conference that originated in 1993 and is co-hosted in November by **Conservation Ontario**, the network of 36 Conservation Authorities; and the University of Guelph

**Date:**           **November 16-18, 2011**

**Location:**   **Nottawasaga Inn & Conference Centre, Alliston ON**

- Forum for practitioners, policy makers, students, researchers, and non-government organizations to discuss challenges and opportunities in the conservation movement in Ontario while sharing new tools, techniques and strategies for natural resources management
  - One of Ontario's most prestigious and well-attended annual conservation conference
  - Organized by a steering committee made up of representatives from a wide range of government and non-government (ENGO) agencies working in Ontario's environment (MOE, MNR, OMAFRA, Environment Canada, Fisheries & Oceans Canada, Soil & Water Conservation Society, Environmental Commissioner's Office, , Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, Ontario Nature, Ontario Heritage Trust, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Conservation Authorities, Conservation Ontario, Ontario Stewardship Council, Indigenous Cooperative on the Environment)
  - Chair of the Committee - Jennifer Howley, Upper Thames Conservation Authority; Symposium Coordinator – Ken Anderson, Allset Inc.
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## Theme 2011 – Water – The Future of the Source

What is the future for our water resources and how do we ensure we have enough sources for future uses, technologies and demands. Delegates will discuss the impacts and adaptation to climate change as well as the relationship of natural and built infrastructure as it relates to human health and water management.

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### Who attends the Symposium?

- approximately 1,000 delegates, speakers, sponsors and exhibitors (includes over 160 presenters)
  - delegate breakdown: Conservation Authorities (42%); Provincial ministries (16%); Private/Consulting (13%); Non Governmental Organizations (11%); Municipal (5%); Academic (5%); Federal (3%); and others (5%)
  - approximately 50 exhibitors
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### Partners

- Funding Partners: typically includes a variety of partners including government, nonprofit environmental organizations and business.
  - 2011 Partners include: RBC Blue Water Project, Trees Ontario, Fisheries & Oceans Canada, Water Canada, Ontario Stewardship (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources), Ducks Unlimited Canada, Allset Inc., Nottawasaga Inn & Conference Centre
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### Symposium Program

- 49 sessions, 16 speakers
- 9 streams
  - Watershed Management
  - Water
  - Inspiring Sustainability
  - Natural Heritage
  - Community Stewardship
  - Fish and Fish Habitat
  - Geospatial Technology
  - Environmental Communications

- Green Infrastructure
- Year of Forests

### **Other Symposium Highlights**

- Exhibitor's Gallery
- Mentoring Young Conservationists: Student Research Posters, Young Conservation Program Graduation, Moderators
- Recognizing Achievement in Ontario's Conservation Sector: The Conservation Pioneer Award, SWCS Latornell Award of Merit
- Networking and Entertainment: Wine and Cheese, Social events

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## **Arthur D. Latornell – One of Ontario's Leading Conservationists**

The Symposium is held in the memory of Arthur Douglas Latornell (1923-1991), a leading conservationist whose tireless dedication to the grass roots conservation movement in Southern Ontario fostered a legacy of environmental milestones for years. Mr. Latornell was a strong mentor to young people who were interested in the field of conservation and he was an important promoter of Conservation Authorities across Ontario.

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