

Forestry Links

Ontario Woodlot Owners Association
www.ont-woodlot-assoc.org

Ontario Forestry Association
www.oforest.ca

Ministry of Natural Resources
www.mnr.gov.on.ca

Kettle Creek Conservation Authority
www.kettlecreekconservation.on.ca

Catfish Creek Conservation Authority
www.catfishcreek.ca

Long Point Region Conservation Authority
www.lprca.on.ca

Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority
www.lowerthames-conservation.on.ca

Interested in Harvesting Your Woodlot?

Consider these steps to protect yourself and your woodlot:

- Complete an Application to Harvest, Destroy or Injure Trees.
- Consider retaining an independent forestry consultant for professional advice and/or tree marking.
- Obtain multiple quotes on your marked standing timber.
- Obtain landowner references from your prospective logging contractor.
- Clearly identify and mark the boundaries of your woodlot.
- Demand a contract that protects your interests and outlines financial agreements - consider consulting a lawyer.
- Show an interest/presence while the harvest operation is underway.
- Consult your Elgin County Tree Commissioner for advice.

Harvest Options

Injury or destruction of trees in woodlands is regulated by the By-Law. The By-Law requires an Application to Harvest, Destroy or Injure Trees to be filed with the Tree Commissioner at least 5 days prior to the intended start of harvest activities. Trees to be harvested must be marked with paint on two sides and at the base. These trees must have reached a minimum circumference as defined by the By-Law, unless they have been marked under Good Forest Management Practices as prescribed by a member of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association.



For more information or copies of the By-Law visit:
www.kettlecreekconservation.on.ca

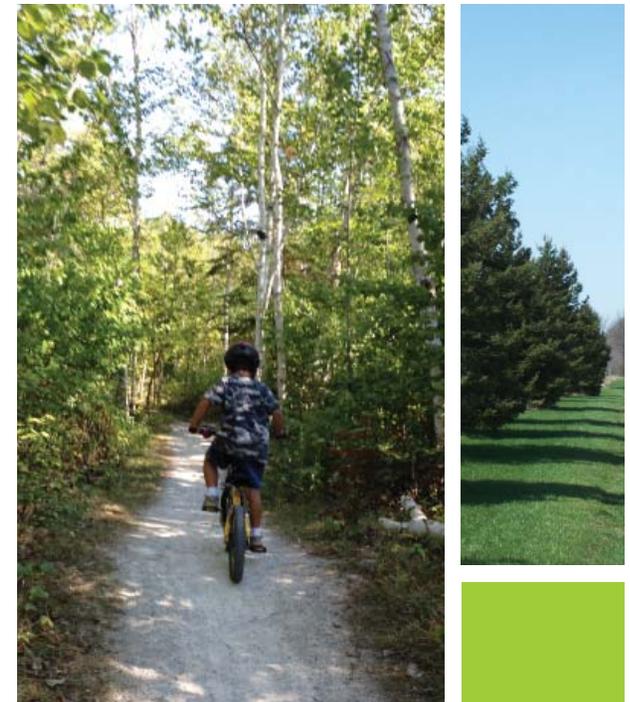
Kettle Creek Conservation Authority
c/o Elgin County Tree Commissioner

44015 Ferguson Line
St. Thomas, Ontario

Phone: 519-631-1270 ext. 231



Working Together... Forest Conservation



The Elgin Woodlands Conservation By-Law

Following an extensive public consultation process the current Elgin County Woodlands By-Law was enacted in 2005. Any landowner or contractor in the County of Elgin who is considering tree removal activities or a timber harvest needs to be aware of this By-Law.

Purpose

The By-Law was designed to preserve and improve the forests, soils, wildlife and water resources of the County of Elgin by preventing loss of forest cover and minimizing the destruction of trees. At the same time it recognizes the entitlement of woodlot landowners to use and enjoy their woodlands.

All woodlots and woodlands greater than 0.2 hectares (0.5 acres) are regulated under the By-Law. Property boundaries do not play a role in determining the size of woodlands.

The definition of woodlands is provided in the By-Law as a minimum number of native trees per hectare. In some cases, overgrown fence rows, hedgerows or treed corridors will meet this definition.



Fees

The Council of the County of Elgin recognizes that good management of woodlands provides benefits to all residents of the County. No administrative fees are associated with the filing of an Application to Harvest, Destroy or Injure Trees.

Land Clearing

An exemption process for the removal of an area of trees may be available for agricultural purposes.

Please contact the Tree Commissioner for details at 519-631-1270 ext. 231.



Why are Woodlands Important?

- Forests conserve soil and improve water and air quality.
- Well managed forests can supplement income and contribute to the local economy by providing forest products such as lumber, fuel wood, maple syrup.
- Forest tree cover can shelter crops and livestock, and increase yields by reducing wind damage and wind related stresses on pollinating insects.
- Forests provide opportunities for a variety of recreational activities.
- Woodlands provide habitat for wide range of wildlife and plant species.
- Trees convert carbon dioxide to oxygen, contributing to human health.



Did you know?

It takes decades, sometimes centuries for a woodlot to grow. The value and benefits provided by our existing woodlots cannot easily be replaced.