

WOODLOT NEWS

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Fairchild Creek

Fairchild Creek is a major tributary of the Grand River. The 401 square km Fairchild watershed originates in the Beverly Swamp (Puslinch Township). Eastward it reaches to Rockton and Lynden, westward into Brantford, and south to Onondaga. The creek itself is divided into countless tributaries. In the north there is significant recharge from ground water and wetlands with some brown trout habitat. Farther south in the clay soils the creek slows and warms.

About 20 percent of the watershed has forest cover. Problems in the watershed are urban runoff, erosion on the clay soils, and nutrient loading from agriculture and sewage treatment. Annual flow averages 3.6 cubic metres/second.

Source: *Fairchild Creek Subwatershed Characterization Study*



Ample parking is available at Creek View Acres. Watch for the farm sign

BWOA Annual General Meeting, Dec. 2

It's time for our 2023 Annual General Meeting. On December 2, 2023, please join us at the Cainsville area farm of Christine Garneau and John Bisailon, 400 Johnson Road, Brantford. Come at 9:30 a.m. for conversation, coffee and goodies. At 10:00 a.m. John and Christine will lead a tour of their 24 acre farm. Featured are specimen trees such as cucumber magnolia, their developing apple orchard and nursery business, a pine/spruce plantation, and a riparian edge on Fairchild Creek. The farm name is Creek View Acres after Fairchild Creek.

Following the tour we will meet for a beef brisket lunch in the equipment shed (rumour has it that John has toured the national barbecue circuit). After lunch our AGM will be held with updates on forest health and current timber markets, our financial statement, and an election of Directors, wrapping up at around 1:00 p.m. with door prizes. Note: please bring a folding chair if possible for the meeting. Lunch cost is by donation.

It is important that as many of our members attend as possible. Our AGM is one of your best chances for input into our programs. We hope to see you there.

Please RSVP by November 30 to allow for lunch planning. Call or text Neil at 519-865-7191 or email neil@northpine.ca.



Swamp white oak, Brant County

The Hamilton Watershed Stewardship Program's Water Quality and Habitat Improvement Program (WQHIP)

For more information about the WQHIP, please contact a Watershed Stewardship Technician. Contact Jeff Stock at 905-525-2181, ext. 196 or Cherish Gamble at 905-525-2181, ext. 181. Examples of projects that private landowners have completed with financial assistance from the WQHIP include:

- fencing out livestock from streams
- improving fish and wildlife habitat
- controlling erosion
- creating meadow, forest, prairie and wetland habitat
- supporting cover crops
- increasing biodiversity
- creating riparian buffers

Did you know
The Brant Chapter has a \$300 bursary for students in post secondary Resource management studies.

Brant Woodlot Directors

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On December 2nd we will vote for the Directors for the next year. The current Directors have a wealth of experience in many realms of local tree knowledge and experience. Please consider adding your voice to our team of Directors. Nominations will be accepted in advance or at the AGM. Meetings are twice per year or as needed in order to plan for events and expenditures.



Watch for news of a chainsaw sharpening workshop this winter near Princeton, ON