**Global Environmental Challenges**

**COP15 Challenge of Loss of Biodiversity**

**Responding in Southern Ontario and Worldwide**

**Date:** Wednesday December 7th, 2022

**Time:** 14:00 to 16:00

**Cost:** Free

**Moderator:** Joseph Anawati, Canadian Institute of Forestry

**Speakers and Agenda**

**1. An Urban Commitment to Biodiversity Conservation; the City of Mississauga Story**

**Andrew Puchalski,** Mississauga Project Leader, Woodlands

**Glen Prevost,** Eastern Ontario Model Forest FSC Program Coordinator

**2. Land Trusts: putting the power to permanently conserve land in the hands of the community**

**Calder Schweitzer**, Executive Director, Thousand Islands Watershed Land Trust

**3. Protecting the biodiversity of Ontario’s Lakes and Rivers and Adjacent Woodlands**

**Terry Rees,** Executive Director Federation of Ontario Cottagers’ Associations (FOCA);

**4. Addressing the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change through the International Model Forest Network**

**Richard Verbisky**, Head of the International Model Forest Network Secretariat, Canadian Forest Service, Natural Resources Canada