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CHAPTER 41

An Act to promote the Conservation of Certain Land*Assented to June 29th, 1988*

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1. In this Act,

Definitions

“areas of natural and scientific interest” means areas of land and water containing natural landscapes or features that have been identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources as having values related to protection, natural heritage appreciation, scientific study or education;

“conservation authority land” means land owned by a conservation authority;

“conservation land” includes wetland, areas of natural and scientific interest, land within the Niagara Escarpment Planning Area, conservation authority land and such other land owned by non-profit organizations that through their management contribute to provincial conservation and heritage program objectives;

“Minister” means the Minister of Natural Resources;

“Niagara Escarpment Planning Area” means the geographic area contained within the Niagara Escarpment Plan;

“wetland” means land,

- (a) that is seasonally or permanently covered by shallow water, or
- (b) in respect of which the water table is close to or at the surface,

so that the presence of abundant water has caused the formation of hydric soils and has favoured the dominance of either hydrophytic or water tolerant plants.

Establishment of programs

2.—(1) The Minister, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may establish programs to recognize, encourage and support the stewardship of conservation land.

Grants

(2) A program established under subsection (1) shall provide for the payment of grants in respect of such classes of conservation land as the Minister considers appropriate subject to such conditions precedent or subsequent as the Minister considers necessary.

Moneys

(3) The moneys required for the purposes of a program shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and, after the 31st day of March, 1989, out of the moneys appropriated therefor by the Legislature.

Commencement

3. This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

4. The short title of this Act is the *Conservation Land Act, 1988*.