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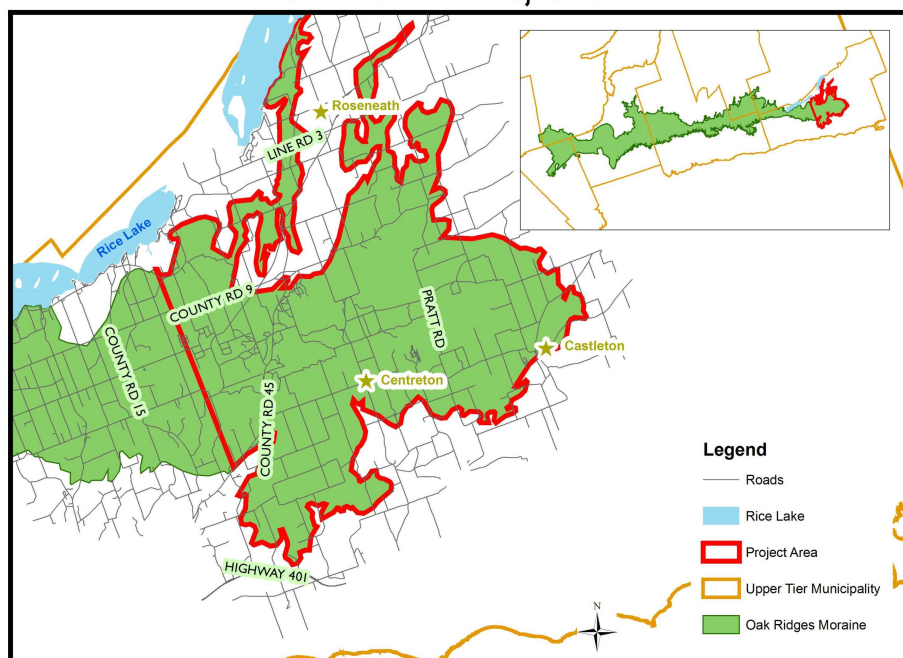
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Rice Lake Plains Landowner Stewardship Program

Funding and technical assistance is available again this year for landowners in the Rice Lake Plains Area in Northumberland County. The Rice Lake Plains Landowner Stewardship Program (Caring for the Moraine Project) is dedicated to providing private willing landowners in the Rice Lake Plains assistance with developing environmental projects on their property. Projects that may be funded include: native tree and wildlife shrub planting; improving and establishing buffer zones along water systems; fencing livestock from wetlands, woodlands and riparian areas (stream banks); alternative watering systems; grassland, tall grass prairie and savanna restoration; species at risk habitat enhancement.

The Rice Lake Plains Project Area is the most eastern section of the Oak Ridges Moraine, running east from the Alwick/Haldimand Township boundary and includes areas in and around Fenella, Roseneath, Burnley, Centreton and Castleton.

Rice Lake Plains Project Area



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Landowners can also participate in free workshops through the Caring for the Moraine Project. Upcoming workshops in the Rice Lake Plains Area include: 1) 'Managing Rural Properties' planned for April, a workshop in which rural non-farm landowners will receive the new *Rural Landowner Stewardship Guide* to learn more about the environmental features on

their property; and 2) 'Alien Invasives' planned for September, a workshop focused on understanding invasive plant and animal species in this area.

The Landowner Contact Specialist would be happy to visit your property at your request for a friendly consultation on land management and restoration opportunities that will help to improve your land value and protect its natural features. For more information on this program, to request a site visit in the Rice Lake Plains Area, or to inquire about upcoming workshops please contact Ashley Wilson – Landowner Contact Specialist, Rice Lake Plains, 613-394-3915 ext 225, ricelakeplains@ltc.on.ca. Please also visit www.moraineforlife.org for more information on upcoming events, the Oak Ridges Moraine, and the Caring for the Moraine Project.

The Rice Lake Plains Landowner Stewardship program is made available through a partnership of organizations including Alderville First Nation, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, Lower Trent Conservation, the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Northumberland County, Northumberland Land Trust, Northumberland Stewardship Council and Ontario Parks. Funding for this program is provided by the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation as well as the partners listed above. The Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation was founded in 2002 to help protect, preserve and restore the Oak Ridges Moraine, a prominent geological formation stretching 160 km across Southern Ontario and key in protecting our water resources.

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