

# Impact of the Changes to the *Conservation Authority's Act*

Regional Municipality of York

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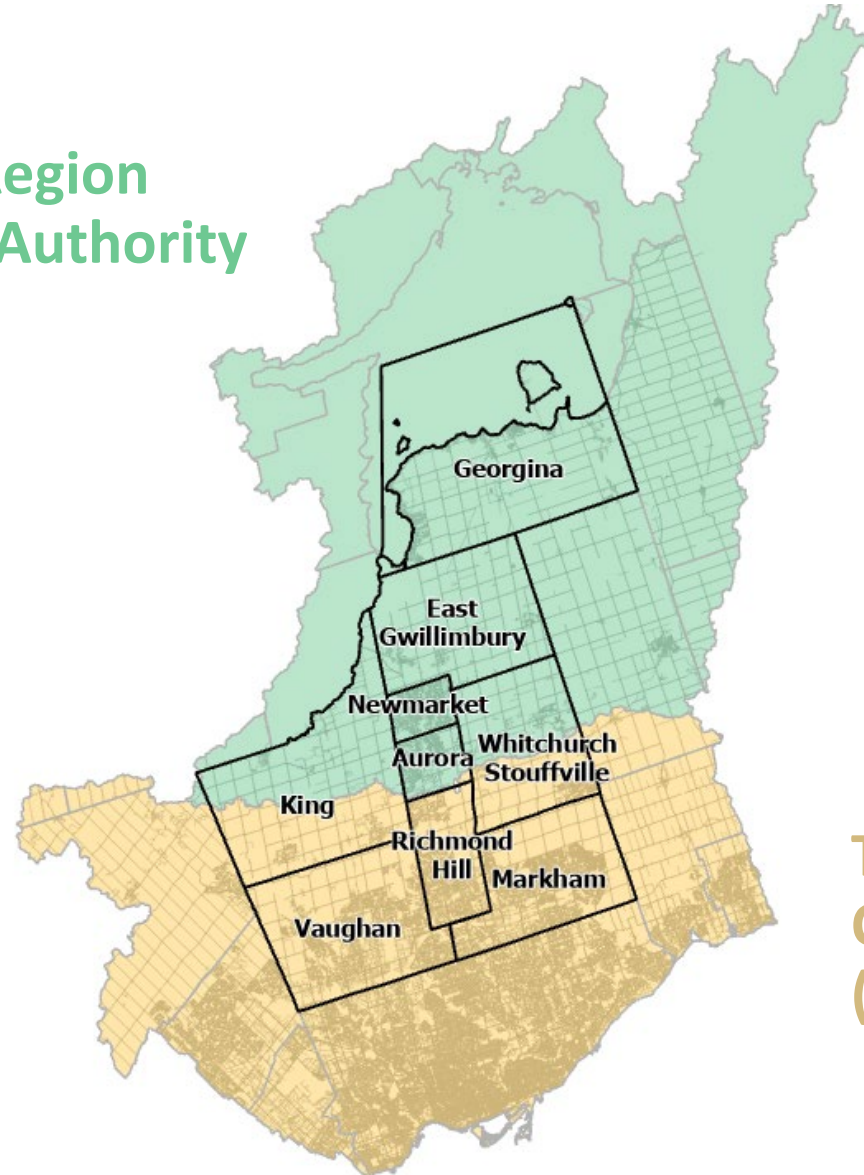
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# Conservation Authorities in York Region

Lake Simcoe Region  
Conservation Authority  
(LSRCA)



Toronto and Region  
Conservation Authority  
(TRCA)



# New for 2024:

## *Conservation Authorities Act*



Mandatory Programs and Services



Apportionment methods



Memorandums of Understanding



Continue working with York Region team for smooth transition

# Conservation Authority Programs and Services

## Further Prescribed in Ontario Regulation 686/21; Mandatory Programs and Services

(Sections 21.1, 21.1.1, and 21.1.2 of the Act)

### Category 1

Mandatory Programs and Services

Programs and services which all CAs must provide in their jurisdiction

Eligible for costs to be apportioned to participating municipalities (levy) without an agreement

### Category 2

Municipal Programs and Services

Programs and services which a CA agrees to provide on behalf of a municipality

Eligible for costs to be apportioned to participating municipality if there is an MOU or other agreement

### Category 3

Programs and Services

Programs and services that a CA determines are advisable to further the purpose of the Act

Eligible for costs to be apportioned wholly or partially to municipalities through cost apportioning agreement

# Mandatory Programs under Conservation Authorities Act (Section 21.1)

- 1) Risks of Natural Hazards
- 2) Conservation and Management of Lands Owned/Controlled
- 3) Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring, Drinking Water Source Protection Authority (*Clean Water Act 2006*)
- 4) Lake Simcoe Protection Act (unique to LSRCA)

# Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)

- 1) CAs and participating municipalities are required by the Conservation Authorities Act to enter into MOUs in order for CAs to deliver Category 2 and 3 services by **January 1, 2024**
- 2) The 2 Conservation Authorities and York Region have a collaborative and transparent budget process to identify and deliver joint priorities
- 3) MOUs allow municipally-requested services to continue to be delivered and funded through existing budget processes with participating municipalities

# Proposed 2024 Budget

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# LSRCA At-A-Glance

▶ Local conservation, restoration and watershed management organization, formed in 1951 under the Conservation Authorities Act

▶ 18 Board members appointed in 4-year cycle by 9 member municipalities

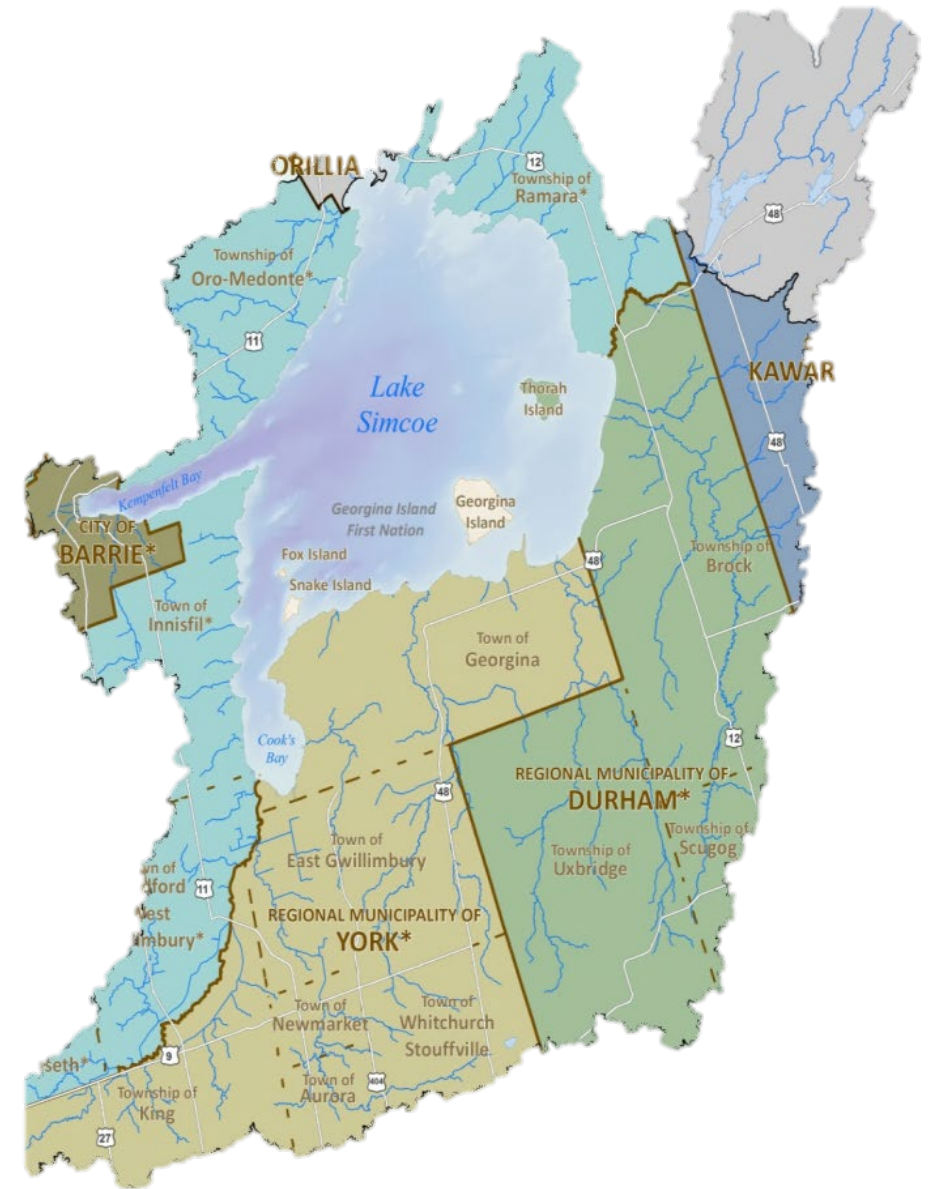
▶ One of the fastest growing areas in Ontario





# The Lake Simcoe Watershed

- ▶ Watershed is 3400 sq. km and spans 20 municipalities
- ▶ From Oak Ridges Moraine in the south to Oro Moraine in the north
- ▶ 18 major river systems that flow through the landscape to the heart of the watershed; Lake Simcoe





# New for 2024: Apportionment

▶ Total levy request increased 2% as per our Board's direction

▶ Each municipal's portion of the total levy will be reset

▶ Ensures the apportionment is consistent and fair

▶ Methods of Apportionment were approved at September Board of Directors meeting





# ***Transformation 2022-2024***

▶ Champion Watershed Health and Climate Resilience

▶ Drive Evidence-Based Decision-Making

▶ Spark a Passion and Action for Nature

▶ Advance Organizational Effectiveness and Excellence

▶ Nurture People and Talent



# 2024 Budget Highlights



Transitioning with Transparency



Renewed Vision for 2022-2024



LSRCA Spending Increase is below Inflation

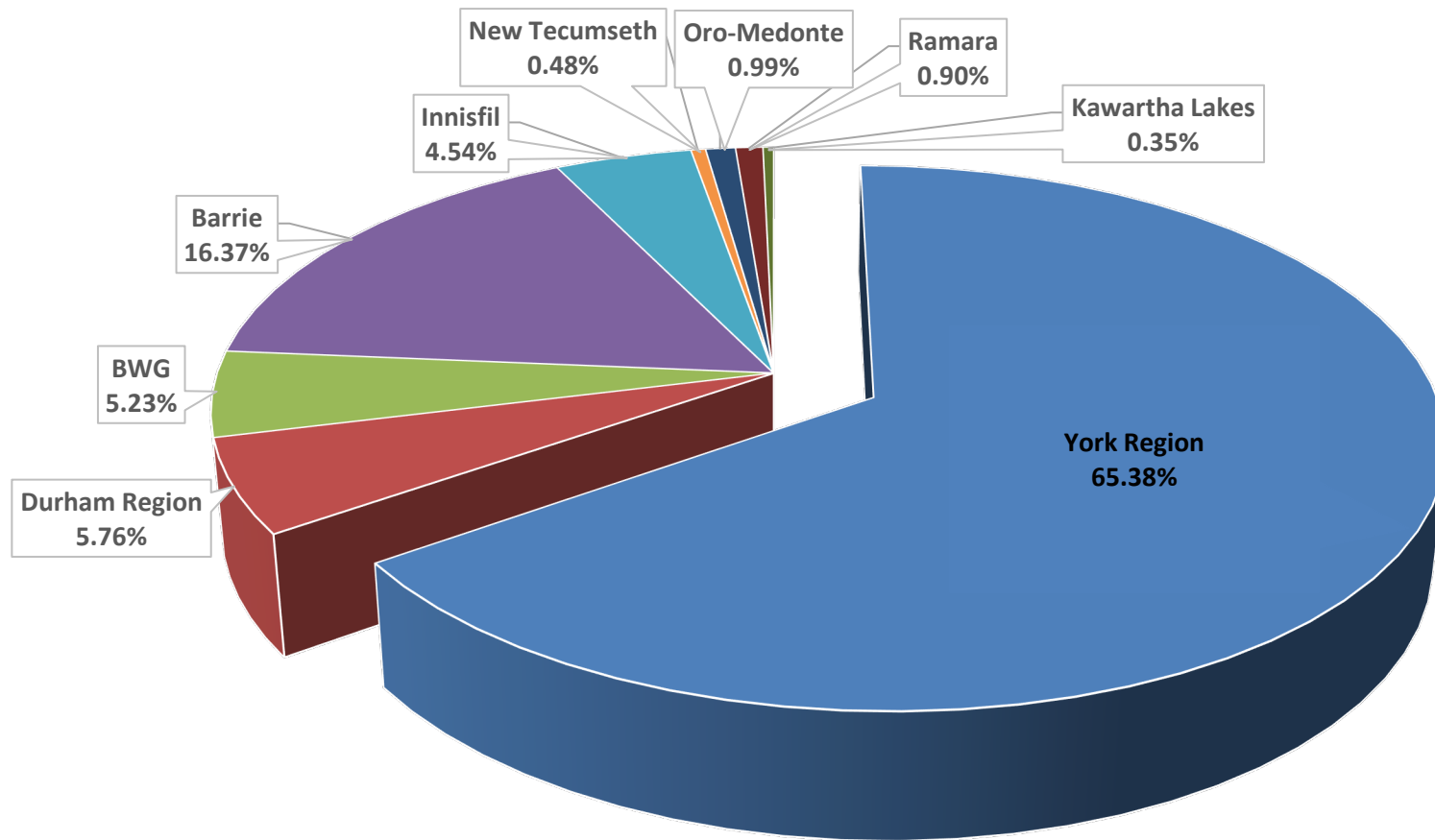


# 2024 Overall Levy – Increasing 2%

In 000's	2023 Approved Budget	2023 Restated *	2024 Preliminary (\$'s in 000's)
Region of York	5,910	6,015	6,133
Region of Durham	744	509	521
Municipality of Bradford-West Gwillimbury	502	454	465
City of Barrie	1,348	1,450	1,476
Town of Innisfil	428	400	408
Town New Tecumseth	37	45	46
Township of Oro Medonte	75	92	94
Township of Ramara	77	79	80
City of Kawartha Lakes	39	57	59
City of Orillia		66	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,166</b>	<b>9,166</b>	<b>9,349</b>
			<b>2.00%</b>

\* 2023 restated using new apportionment methodology for comparison

# York Region's Funding Share using Modified Current Value Assessment



# York Region's 2024 Investment: \$6.3M

	2023 Approved \$'s in 000's	Category 1	Category 1 LSP	Category 2	Category 3	Total 2024 Proposed \$'s in 000's
Corporate Services	2,582	2,446	173			2,619
Ecological Management	1,100	56	702	390		1,148
Education & Engagement	227				231	231
Greenspace Services	428	499				499
Planning & Development Services	355	337		26		362
Water Risk Management	648	395	178	118		691
Watershed Studies & Strategies	572	66	517			583
	<b>5,910</b>	<b>3,798</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>6,133</b>
Infrastructure Programs/Western Creek Project	820					122
<b>Total Investment by York Region</b>	<b>6,730</b>					<b>6,255</b>

Proposed York Region Funding for 2024:

Levy: \$3,194

Capital: \$3,061

Total Funding: \$6,255



# York Levy Outlook 2025-2026 (\$'s in 000's)

	2023 Approved	2024 Proposed	2025 Outlook	2026 Outlook
Corporate Services	2,582	2,619	2,671	2,725
Ecological Management	1,100	1,148	1,171	1,194
Education & Engagement	227	231	236	240
Greenspace Services	428	499	509	519
Planning & Development Services	355	362	369	377
Water Risk Management	648	691	705	719
Watershed Studies & Strategies	572	583	595	607
Sub-total	<b>5,910</b>	<b>6,133</b>	<b>6,256</b>	<b>6,381</b>
% Increase		3.75%	2.00%	2.00%
Specific to York Region: Infrastructure Programs	820	122	124	127
Budget Adjustment needed	0	0	(179)	(193)
<b>Total Levy</b>	<b>6,730</b>	<b>6,255</b>	<b>6,201</b>	<b>6,315</b>







# Moving Forward

▶ Adjusting to changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*

▶ Asset Management Financial Strategy in development

▶ Transformation 2022-2024 continues

▶ Board of Directors to finalize:

a) Draft Budget, January 2024

b) Final Budget, March 2024



A wide-angle photograph of a sunset over a large body of water. The sun is a bright orange orb on the horizon, with its light reflecting as a shimmering path on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, transitioning from a pale yellow near the horizon to a deep, dark blue at the top. The water in the foreground is dark and calm, with subtle ripples.

Questions?

