

# Maitland Valley Conservation Authority



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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry  
Policy Division  
Natural Resources Conservation Policy Branch  
Water Resources Section  
300 Water Street,  
Peterborough, Ontario  
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Attention: Alex McLeod, Policy Officer

Dear Mr. McLeod:

**Re: Conserving Our Future: Proposed Priorities for Renewal (EBR 012-7583)**

The Board of Directors for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority has reviewed the discussion paper Conserving Our Future: Proposed Priorities for Renewal. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the discussion paper.

Our comments are as follows:

1. Integrated Watershed Management Mandate: MVCA would recommend that the Ministry add a purpose statement to the Conservation Authorities Act that confirms the integrated watershed management mandate of Conservation Authorities.
2. Interministerial Support for Conservation Authority Programs: MVCA would recommend that an interministerial committee on integrated watershed management be established comprised of MOECC, OMAFRA and MNRF. Conservation Authorities are the logical delivery agent for integrated watershed management at the local level. Conservation Authorities could deliver program that help to meet Provincial Watershed Management Objectives.
3. Governance: MVCA recommends that the existing governance structure be retained. Municipalities provide the bulk of the funding for conservation authorities and therefore should continue to appoint directors to serve on conservation authority Boards.

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4. Funding Partnership: The Provincial Government should develop a new funding partnership with conservation authorities.

MVCA also supports the response developed by Conservation Ontario, dated July 28, 2016.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Art Versteeg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "V".

Art Versteeg  
Chair

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