

# Welcome

## to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Sarnia-Lambton & North Chatham-Kent Green Directory

Inside you will find information on some community, environmental/health groups and resources that are available in the region (see map inside rear cover).

This directory is a project of the Sarnia and Region Environmental Networking Exchange (SARENE). SARENE is a two-year project funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation to build and support the networking capacity of environmental organizations and initiatives in Sarnia-Lambton and north Chatham-Kent.

This directory is the result of our first year research activities. In year two, SARENE will undertake activities environmental organizations can participate in such as technology sharing, capacity building workshops, networking events, explore the potential for joint project funding, IT training and community outreach. The objective is to improve profile, communications and resource sharing via the network. The groups and organizations listed here can form a foundation of networking and capacity building infrastructure that can enrich the entire community.

SARENE is a non-advocacy project and does not take positions on substantive environmental concerns.

This directory is not comprehensive. An electronic version of this directory which will be updated regularly with new groups, resources and initiatives, both collective and individual, and a calendar of events can be found on the website at [www.sarene.ca](http://www.sarene.ca).

For more information, or to get other information listed in the online directory, or to find out about upcoming SARENE activities, please contact SARENE staff.



Sarnia and Region Environmental  
Networking Exchange

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# 1 Community and Non-Profit Groups

## A - Community Wellbeing

### **Community Round Table Environmental Committee**

Contact: Alison Mahon, Chair

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Web: [www.thegreenshare.com](http://www.thegreenshare.com)

The non-profit, grassroots committee was formed in 2007 and released its environmental action plan a year later. The group believes individuals can make a difference by reducing our individual and collective carbon footprint. Among its goals, the committee would like residents to embrace alternative transportation and decrease vehicle idling, as well as increasing tree cover and composting.

### **Girl Guides of Canada**

Contact: Jennifer Hall, Unit

Administrator, Community 2

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Girl Guides continuously evolves to reflect the interests of today's girls and women and such interests have carried on into the environmental field. Girl Guides of Wallaceburg has participated in nature walks, litter chases and public clean-ups, water education including conservation, pond and wetland studies, endangered species and urban sprawl. The Guides raised money for Bickford Oak Woods by holding a car wash and barbeque. They participate in the Yellow Fish Road Program, Pitch-in-Canada and the Blue Water Raptor Rehabilitation Program.

### **Grand Bend Community Foundation – Environment Committee**

Telephone & Fax: 519-235-2190

Web: [www.grandbendaquafest.ca](http://www.grandbendaquafest.ca)

The environment committee was formed in 2007 in response to growing environmental interest in Grand Bend and area. The committee hosts a native plant workshop each spring and Aquafest each August. Aquafest is a beachfront festival with an environmental theme to it. Also, with seed money from Community Foundations of Canada, the Grand Bend Community Foundation has established the Environment Legacy Fund. This fund will be permanently invested with a portion of the revenue used to support environmental activities in our community.

### **Did You Know?**

In Ontario we send approximately 10 million tonnes of garbage to landfills each year. An average yellow school bus weighs approximately ten tonnes, which means that we send the equivalent in weight of one million school buses to landfills annually.

Source: Recycling Council of Ontario

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## **Sarnia Environmental Activists**

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Web: [www.sarniaaea.com](http://www.sarniaaea.com)

Sarnia Environmental Activists believe that all reasonable steps must be taken to ensure that communities throughout Sarnia-Lambton act in responsible ways to avoid environmental pollution and degradation. The group feels municipal governments must be held accountable for their decisions pertaining to environmental issues.

## **Wallaceburg Social Justice Group**

Contact: Hank Bos

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The Wallaceburg Social Justice Group began in 1995, under the leadership of Sister Anne Bezaire. The Group emerged with a focus on helping people sustain themselves environmentally and economically. Issues addressed throughout the years include clean water accessibility as a basic right and its commodification, organically grown and fair trade products, and the importance of women in micro-commerce.

## **Victims of Chemical Valley (VOCV)**

399 Cromwell Street Sarnia ON N7T 3Y7

Email: [barbmillitt@sympatico.ca](mailto:barbmillitt@sympatico.ca)

The Victims of Chemical Valley is a community-based support organization serving Sarnia-Lambton and surrounding area. It is dedicated to enlighten and support workers and their families who have been affected by occupational disease and death through exposures within the workplace. As well in its advocacy work, VOCV has gained valuable experience in helping the families of those killed or injured on the job. The group says it will continue to pressure industry and government to make the necessary changes to workplace safety and occupational health legislation.

## ***B - Wildlife & Biodiversity***

### **Bluewater Center for Raptor Rehabilitation**

R.R. #2 Wyoming, ON N0N 1T0

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The Bluewater Centre for Raptor Rehabilitation rehabilitates injured and displaced birds of prey, loons and herons and releases them back to their natural habitat. It is a non-profit organization, licensed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and run by volunteers. The BCRR does not receive any government funding, instead relying on the generosity of individuals to fund efforts of caring for these birds until they are released. Birds in their care are treated at BCRR's hospital clinic where supportive care and treatments are given; veterinary care is available by a local veterinarian for surgery and consults. Large flight cages are used to condition the birds before release back to the wild.

### **Carolinian Canada Coalition**

Telephone: 519-433-7077

Web: [www.carolinian.org](http://www.carolinian.org)

Stretching from Toronto to Windsor, including many areas of Sarnia-Lambton, the Carolinian Life Zone of southwestern Ontario is among North America's most vibrant and fragile eco-regions. Carolinian Canada Coalition (CCC) brings together diverse sectors, people and governments to collaboratively steward south-western Ontario's unique habitat network, green infrastructure to support thriving wild and human communities in harmony for generations.

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## Ducks Unlimited

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Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) is a national, not-for-profit organization committed to conserving Canada's wetlands and their associated habitats for waterfowl and other wildlife. In Ontario, DUC has conserved more than 900,000 acres of wetland habitat, working in partnership with over 1700 private landowners. Local conservation efforts include: the Peers Wetland, the Klinard Marsh, the Roberta Stewart Wetland, McKellar Tract, Bickford Oak Woods, Bossu/Cornelis Floodplain Restoration, Lake St. Clair Marshes and the Natvik Habitat Restoration project.

## Dresden District Horticultural Society

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The Dresden District Horticultural Society began in 1924, initiated by the IODE, Catherine McVean Chapter. The society has 200 members and has survived as a long-standing organization thanks to membership sales, partnership funding and municipal grants. Members work each Wednesday in the town gardens from May until September, towards their goals of community beautification. Since its inception, the society has engaged young students of Dresden Area Central School in its annual flower show and works in partnership with Lambton-Kent Composite School. Among the society's greatest successes include construction of the Trillium Trail Historical Walk and the riverside arboretum.

## Lambton Wildlife Inc.

Telephone: 519-542-7914  
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Web: www.lambtonwildlife.com

Lambton Wildlife Inc. began as a birding group in 1966. It has since broadened its mandate to include the public awareness of the vital importance of the natural environment to the future of the earth. The largest wildlife group in southwestern Ontario hosts monthly meetings, produces newsletters and has a variety of annual events, including the Howard Watson Trail cleanup, native plant sales and birding courses at Lambton College.

## Return the Landscape

Telephone: 519-464-6544

Return the Landscape advocates to youth the importance of saving native plants and wildlife. The harvested plants, taken from the likes of construction sites, are replanted in small garden plots where conditions will allow the species to thrive, or they will be given to Lambton Wildlife Inc. for its annual plant sale.

### Did You Know?

In summer, for every degree C that you raise your thermostat setting above 26°C you will save 6 - 8% on your air conditioning bill. For example, if you set your thermostat at 28°C your bill will be reduced by 25%.

Source: Canadian Centre for Energy

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## **Sydenham Field Naturalists**

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**Web:www.sydenhamfieldnaturalists.ca**

The Sydenham Field Naturalists (SFN) began in 1985, responding to the need for a nature-related society in Chatham-Kent. The SFN is a non-profit, naturalist organization dedicated to public awareness and education about the preservation and restoration of natural heritage, including the diverse wildlife unique to southwestern Ontario. The SFN is involved with a variety of preservation, restoration and stewardship projects across Chatham-Kent and southern Lambton County. In 2005, the SFN worked tirelessly to purchase and preserve an 11 acre Carolinian woodlot near Wallaceburg that was about to be cleared by its owner. After extensive fundraising, a municipal interest-free loan, and donations from various partnerships and individuals, Sycamore Woods is now regarded as a significant landmark in Chatham-Kent.

## **The Friends of Pinery Park**

**Telephone: 519-243-1521**  
**Web: www.pinerypark.on.ca**

This charitable organization is dedicated to education, promotion, preservation, and support of Pinery Provincial Park. Aware of the increasing pressure on the rare ecosystems within the park's boundaries from recreational activities a group of area residents formed the Friends of Pinery Park in 1989. They recognized the need to foster and develop an appreciation and understanding of the park's fragile and unique environment. Funding for Friends' initiatives comes from sales generated through the Savanna Shores Nature Store,

located in the Pinery Visitor Center, membership fees, grants, donations and fundraising events. Some of the organization's achievements include the production of trail guides, research projects and programs, support for interpretive programming, maintenance of the Pinery Park website, educational exhibits, guest speakers, Species at Risk projects, and funding for children's programs.

## **Tallgrass Ontario**

**Telephone: 519-873-4631**  
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**Web: www.tallgrassontario.org**

Tallgrass prairies are endangered throughout North America. The historical extent of tallgrass prairie in Ontario has been extirpated to a lonely 1%, leaving many Ontario species with little habitat to survive. Tallgrass Ontario was created in 1999 to help the conservation, protection, management and restoration of tallgrass prairie and related ecological communities in Ontario. It currently operates with 3 staff and a Board of Directors. Tallgrass Ontario has written a recovery strategy for tallgrass prairie ecosystems across the province and works hard to reach the goals outlined in this strategy.

## **Did You Know?**

**Over the course of 50 years, a single tree can generate \$31,250 (U.S.) of oxygen, provide \$62,000 worth of air pollution control, recycle \$37,500 worth of water, and control \$31,500 worth of soil erosion. Source: USDA Forest Service**

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## **C - Air & Water**

### **Akii Kwe**

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Akii Kwe or “Earth Women” is a group of Anishnabe women of Bkejwanong Territory, Walpole Island First Nation, who have been working to protect water in their region for over 30 years. Akii Kwe has used water for healing and naming ceremonies, rites of passage, and particularly in women’s ceremonies. On May 21, 2008, Akii Kwe hosted a traditional aboriginal ceremony at Seager Park on the shore of St. Clair River. This grassroots campaign responded to proposed plans for an oil refinery that would be located upstream from Walpole Island. Akii Kwe aimed to subject Shell Canada to the highest level of environmental assessment.

### **Friends of the St. Clair River**

Contact: Darrell Randell, President

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Web: [www.friendsofstclair.ca](http://www.friendsofstclair.ca)

The Friends of St. Clair River (FOSCR), established in 1995, is a volunteer-based charitable organization that promotes conservation, restoration and other environmental initiatives relative to St. Clair River as a designated Area of Concern (AOC). The group assists in the development and implementation of the St. Clair River Remedial Action Plan (RAP). The goal of RAPs are to restore and protect beneficial uses in the AOCs of the Great Lakes Basin.

FOSCR consists of approximately 30 people; some are members of the St. Clair River Binational Public Advisory Council (BPAC). BPAC provides an avenue for public participation on all aspects of the planning process and advises the RAP team on key aspects of the Remedial Action Plan Preparation and Adoption.

### **The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation**

Telephone: 519-523-4478

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Web: [www.lakehuron.ca](http://www.lakehuron.ca)

The Coastal Centre is a registered charity dedicated to the conservation and wise stewardship of Lake Huron’s coastal environment. While it works throughout the lake, its traditional focus has been the area between Sarnia and Tobermory. The focus of the centre is research, education and community outreach under the themes of biodiversity, water quality, and climate change.

### **Did You Know?**

The Great Lakes provide drinking water to 8.5 million Canadians.

The Great Lakes support 25% of Canada’s agricultural capacity.

The Great Lakes are the largest system of fresh, surface water on earth, containing roughly 18% of the world’s fresh, surface water.

Source: Environment Canada

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## **WATCH (Wallaceburg Advisory Team for a Cleaner Habitat)**

Contact: Kris Lee

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Web: [www.biowatch.ca](http://www.biowatch.ca)

In 2003, WATCH began as a committee under the direction of the Wallaceburg Chamber of Commerce, in response to a chemical company's spill into St. Clair River. The advisory group has become an environmental grassroots organization that represents the citizens of Wallaceburg and surrounding areas by engaging in public discourse with Sarnia petrochemical industries on spill prevention and effluent monitoring. WATCH's primary focus is water pollution, but also promotes public awareness and education on water quality and the aquatic ecosystem. WATCH is part of the Industrial Pollution Action Team (IPAT) and monitors the Environmental Bill of Rights.

## ***D - Energy***

### **Chatham-Kent Wind Action Group**

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The Chatham-Kent Wind Action Group (CKWAG) is an organization of local citizens who share the belief that the proliferation of industrial wind projects will negatively impact the rural community. The group began in 2007, responding to city plans for the construction of 800 wind turbines across Chatham-Kent. CKWAG is dedicated to "preserving the rural character of Chatham-Kent and the quality of life of its inhabitants, both human and wildlife, by insisting on proper wind turbine setback distances."

### **Sydenham Wind Concerns**

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[www.nosydenhamwindfarm.wordpress.com](http://www.nosydenhamwindfarm.wordpress.com)

Sydenham Wind Concerns began in 2008, responding to the proposed implementation of 35 wind turbines slated for Dawn-Euphemia Township. The group argues that wind turbines are dangerous and attempts to alleviate this by holding the provincial government accountable for proper installation. The group is calling for the provincial government to conduct an independent health study to determine proper setbacks. Wind Concerns has held two major public meetings and has presented to council, requesting provincial health reports and amendments to the Green Energy Act. The group is a member of Wind Concerns Ontario.

### **Did You Know?**

**Canadians are the second highest per capita users of water in the world, averaging 335 litres per household per day!**

Source: Environment Canada

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## **D - Food and Agriculture**

### **Buy Local! Buy Fresh!**

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Kent Federation of Agriculture:

Telephone: 519-674-1595

Email: [kent@ofa.on.ca](mailto:kent@ofa.on.ca)

The Buy Local! Buy Fresh! map was first released in Chatham-Kent in 2007. The initiative aims to promote Chatham-Kent growers and producers and improve the local economy. Buy Local! Buy Fresh! is part of the umbrella organization, Food Link Chatham-Kent, which supports local committees who work to provide food security for the community. By promoting local produce and meats, the community-based initiative links consumers with their local growers and producers.

### **Canadian Organic Growers: Lambton-Kent-Essex Chapter**

Contact: Michael Tremblay

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Website: [www.cog.ca](http://www.cog.ca)

Canadian Organic Growers (COG) is a national networking organization that represents organic farmers, gardeners and consumers across the nation. From promoting various types of local agriculture, to lobbying the federal government, COG serves all of those who share their vision of food security. COG helps farmers and gardeners transition to organic practices; teaches consumers how to utilize natural foods and fibers; and represents member organizations. The Essex-Kent-Lambton

chapter publishes a “Local Organic Guide” as a resource of local organic farmers, growers and retailers within the Tri-County Region.

### **Central Lambton Gardeners**

Telephone: 519-844-2216

Email: [adamgrows1@hotmail.com](mailto:adamgrows1@hotmail.com) or  
[mhhussey@sympatico.ca](mailto:mhhussey@sympatico.ca)

The Central Lambton Gardeners is a volunteer, non-profit group, that gets together monthly to share knowledge, tips and questions and have fun. Each member volunteers to hold a meeting each month at their home, where they tour their gardens and find out what has been successful and not so successful. The group has an annual plant sale, which includes plants that they divide from gardens and also start from seed.

### **Did You Know?**

Organic food is known to contain 50% more nutrients, minerals and vitamins than produce that has been intensively farmed.

Source: [Organic Food Info.net](http://OrganicFoodInfo.net)

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## **Chatham-Kent Community Gardens Network**

Contact: Derwyn Armstrong, Coordinator  
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Chatham-Kent Community Gardens Network develops public gardens in order to teach gardening skills, promote healthy living and encourage cross-generational communication. Their mandate is to improve nutrition for children and low-income families, provide therapeutic benefit for those with physical and cognitive impairments and improve the environment. The United Way is the host organization and works with the Public Health Unit. The Network is funded entirely through grants and all food surpluses are donated to local food banks. In Wallaceburg, both the First Baptist Church and the Salvation Army have offered land for community gardens.

## **Lambton Federation of Agriculture (Environmental Committee)**

Telephone: 519-864-1161  
Website: [www.lfawebsite.org](http://www.lfawebsite.org)

The Lambton Federation of Agriculture is a non-profit group that advocates for agriculture and the environment. The organization works closely with the provincial government on issues such as clean water, food safety, stewardship, and renewable energy. The LFA produces periodic newsletters and reports on radio stations in Sarnia and Chatham, as well as posting crop reports on its website.

## **Locally Lambton**

Email: [info@locallylambton.com](mailto:info@locallylambton.com)  
Website: [locallylambton.com](http://locallylambton.com)

The Lambton Federation of Agriculture and Lambton Community Health Services have co-sponsored the production of a map that shows where food is locally grown and available for purchase. 100 mile diets are considerably better for the environment because they utilize much less energy in getting food from the farm to the plate.

## **The Wallaceburg 4-H Association**

Contact: Dawne Mudford, Coordinator  
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The 4-H Association helps local youth learn valuable skills and self-confidence through various programs that focus on personal development and leadership.

Walk on the Wild Side educates youth about nature and local conservation efforts. The group takes regular environmental tours to Bossu Wetland, Bickford Oak Woods, Sycamore Woods, and Walpole Island. Members learn about Species at Risk and engage in activities such as Earth Hour, owl prowls and building snake hibernacula. The Wallaceburg Canoe and Kayak Club participate in regular environmental efforts including bird-watching and river clean-ups including: the Sydenham and St. Clair River, Running and Otter Creek, and up north to Grand River. Youth are also educated about the proper methods of identifying and reporting raw sewage.

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## **E - Recreation**

### **Master Gardeners of Sarnia-Lambton**

Telephone: 519-849-6208 or 519-344-8728

Email: [mastergardeners@ebtech.net](mailto:mastergardeners@ebtech.net)

Web: [www.mastergardeners.sarnia.com](http://www.mastergardeners.sarnia.com)

The purpose of the Master Gardener program is to provide a source of home-gardening advice and a technical resource base in horticulture to the public while increasing the volunteers' leadership and presentation skills. Advice is intended for home or hobby horticulturists only. The group answers gardening questions in shopping malls, libraries, public gardens, does newspaper columns, offers tips and answers questions via a hotline and on radio and television. It also speaks to school children as well as adults on a wide range of gardening topics, from planting seeds to growing bonsai.

### **St. Clair River Trail Committee**

Contact: Janis Paulley

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Website: [www.stclairrivertrail.com](http://www.stclairrivertrail.com)

Fax: 519-867-2393

St. Clair River Trail Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of a multipurpose series of trails throughout St. Clair Township. The group is dedicated to the preservation of the natural environment and local habitat. This project is part of the larger Lambton Regional Trail System which connects various conservation areas among local communities. One of the organization's long-term goals is to have the trail system connect to and be part of the ongoing international development of a bikeway on both sides of the Canada-US border."

### **Wallaceburg Trails**

Contact: Delvyn Lunn, President

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Web: [www.wallaceburgtrails.com](http://www.wallaceburgtrails.com)

The Wallaceburg Trails Association is committed to their vision of "Recalling our past, living our present, planning our future," through the construction of an extensive network of on-road, off-road and water trails within Wallaceburg. The group aims to develop trails that invoke the community's history, as evident with the Mann Historical Trail. Other important milestones include the Baldoon Commemorative Trail, the Rose Trail, the Dow Chemical Trail, the Heritage Street Trail and the Sydenham Water Trail.

### **Did You Know?**

Ontario has over 64,000 km (39,800 miles) of trails.

Approximately 800,000

Ontarians use hiking trails

It is estimated that trails contribute at least \$2 billion a year to the provincial economy.

Source: Ontario Trails Council

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## **F - Environmental Events**

### **Household Hazardous Waste Days**

Telephone: 519-845-0801

Web: [www.lambtononline.ca/hazardous\\_waste](http://www.lambtononline.ca/hazardous_waste).

The County of Lambton funds six “Household Hazardous Waste Days” each year hosted by Clean Harbors Canada Inc., in St. Clair Township. The waste depots offer residents of Sarnia-Lambton an opportunity to safely dispose of household hazardous waste such as paint, oils, cleansers, pool chemicals, and pesticides, which should never be disposed of in a landfill.

### **Sarnia Artwalk**

Telephone: 519-337-2078

Email: [info@sarniaartwalk.com](mailto:info@sarniaartwalk.com)

Web: [www.sarniaartwalk.com](http://www.sarniaartwalk.com)

Artwalk is an annual arts and culture festival that has been held in early June in downtown Sarnia each year since 2002. It is funded through registrations, merchant donations, media sponsorships and a grant from city council. In 2008, the event began to promote the importance of environmental awareness and responsibility. The goal is to become waste free and have a zero net carbon footprint.

### **Sarnia Social Justice Film Festival**

Telephone: 519-542-5009

Email: [justicefilm@sympatico.ca](mailto:justicefilm@sympatico.ca)

Web: [www.justicefilmfestival.ca](http://www.justicefilmfestival.ca)

The Sarnia Justice Film Festival Committee is a group of volunteers who care about all people and the world in which we live. The committee hosts a quarterly film series. The topic of the films range from the environment to world hunger and the global economy.

### **Did You Know?**

**Synthetic detergents cause more poisonings than any other household product. Even phosphate-free, biodegradable laundry detergent contributes to water pollution.**

**Baking soda and water is a safer cleaner than diluted bleach. Use borax or soda to whiten. Borax is a good grease cutter.**

Source: [EcoCycle.org](http://EcoCycle.org)

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# 2 Government Agencies

## Provincial

### **Ausable Bayfield Conservation**

#### **Authority**

Telephone: 519-235-2610 or 1-888-286-2610

Email: [info@abca.on.ca](mailto:info@abca.on.ca)

Web: [www.abca.on.ca](http://www.abca.on.ca)

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority is located in Exeter, Ontario, but its coverage area includes portions of northern Lambton County, including Grand Bend, Port Franks and Thedford. The authority focuses on stewardship, conservation and education through partnerships with all three levels of government, First Nations communities and landowners.

### **St. Clair Region Conservation**

#### **Authority**

Contact: Rick Battson

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Web: [www.scrca.on.ca](http://www.scrca.on.ca)

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority is located in southwestern Ontario and includes the Sydenham River watershed and thirteen smaller watersheds draining directly into southern Lake Huron, the St. Clair River and northeastern Lake St. Clair.

The Conservation Authority implements programs to reduce the risk to life and property from flooding and erosion; water and land stewardship; forestry; wildlife habitat creation; and outdoor education and recreation.

## Municipal

### **Bluewater Trails**

Telephone: 519-332-0330

Web: [www.bluewatertrails.com](http://www.bluewatertrails.com)

Bluewater Trails is a committee of Sarnia City Council. It is an organization dedicated to the development of a first class trail system which will promote the health and safety of residents and visitors alike. Its vision is to implement an extensive system of trails within the City of Sarnia, with the intention of connecting to municipalities throughout Lambton County and eventually to the Trans-Canada Trail Network.

### **City of Sarnia**

Telephone: 519-332-0330

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Web: [www.sarnia.ca](http://www.sarnia.ca)

In 2008, the City of Sarnia became the first municipality in Ontario to enter into a public spaces recycling agreement. The initiative, with Nestle Canada, will see the bottler spend \$100,000 for large recycling bins for parks and arenas along with public education.

### **The City of Sarnia Environmental Advisory Committee**

Contact: Susan MacFarlane

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The mandate of the City of Sarnia Environmental Advisory Committee is to offer advice to City Council and to be a resource to city staff on issues that it is directed to study. Pesticide use is the most pressing issue that the committee has worked on since it was formed in 2002.

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## **Communities in Bloom Committee (Sarnia)**

Telephone: 519-542-9728

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Sarnia embraced this Canadian beautification program as a way to counteract the perception of Sarnia as a gritty industrial town and instead, showcase the city in a completely different way. Sarnia has won several awards since first beginning to participate in 2006.

## **Lambton County Trails**

Telephone: 519-845-0801

Web: [www.lambtononline.ca/recreation](http://www.lambtononline.ca/recreation)

The Lambton County Regional Trail System project is an on-road, shared-access route, for use by motorists and cyclists and it offers an environmentally friendly alternative transportation choice and endless recreational opportunities. The regional trail is designed to connect communities, conservation areas, and other points of interest across Sarnia-Lambton. The project is supported by the County of Lambton.

## **The Sarnia Urban Wildlife Committee**

Telephone: 519-336-5967

Web: [www.suwc.org](http://www.suwc.org)

The Sarnia Urban Wildlife Committee has been actively creating and conserving natural habitat throughout Sarnia since 1994. The committee manages and maintains several habitat sites and is constantly seeking new areas in hopes of creating a network of natural habitats. It encourages citizens to get involved directly in projects or simply by naturalizing their own yards.

## **The County of Lambton**

Telephone: 519-845-0801

Web: [www.lambtononline.ca](http://www.lambtononline.ca)

The County of Lambton Public Works Department offers an “Adopt-A-Road” program which allows interested citizens and organizations the opportunity to pick up litter along the County’s roadways. The County maintains approximately 646 kilometres of road - and each kilometre of that road is up for adoption. The program allows participants to help contribute to a cleaner and more beautiful County road system.

## **Did You Know?**

The actions of individual Canadians account for about 28% of our total national greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions - that’s almost 6 tonnes per person per year.

Source: Environment Canada

Urban air quality is a public health issue. Canada may face additional health care costs of \$11 billion to \$38 billion between 1997 and 2020 due to transportation-related emissions.

Source: Transport Canada

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## **First Nation**

### **Aamjiwnaang First Nation Environment Committee**

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Web: [www.aamjiwnaang.ca](http://www.aamjiwnaang.ca)

Aamjiwnaang is a First Nation community surrounded by Sarnia's Chemical Valley. The community is concerned about the quality of its air and water, including a high rate of asthma, a declining sex ratio in boys and mercury in the St. Clair River. It has been involved with body mapping in conjunction with the University of Windsor and is a member of the Lambton County Health Study. Aamjiwnaang is also in the midst of a Species at Risk inventory and habitat protection program. The committee is also involved in sediment sampling and air monitoring.

### **Bkejwanong Eco Keepers**

Contact: Aimee Johnson

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The Bkejwanong Eco Keepers is a youth employment program that combines aboriginal traditional knowledge with environmental work experience. The pilot stage began in the summer of 2008, as part of the Walpole Island Heritage Centre's strategic plan to create a youth Species at Risk stewardship program. The program and training exercises were designed in cooperation with focus groups of high school students who shared their environmental interests toward program development. The students work on removing invasive species and engage in reptile inventory, monarch butterfly tagging, and outreach programs at various events including a Potawatomi gathering.

### **Walpole Island Heritage Centre**

Contact: Clint Jacobs

Telephone: 519-627-1475

The Walpole Island Heritage Centre began in 1989 as the research division of the Walpole Island First Nation. The Heritage Centre deals with environmental research, heritage conservation and land claims. It combines traditional knowledge with western science within community-based initiatives that focus on protecting the environment for future generations. Through its Natural Heritage Program, the Centre promotes awareness of nationally rare plant and animal species and carries out initiatives to conserve the First Nation's unique natural heritage. Through its advocacy efforts, the Centre has influenced its own membership, other communities, private industry, and government policy makers in improving the health of local lands and waters.

### **Did You Know?**

Organic waste presently makes up about 50% of the garbage stream. The least expensive method to reduce the amount of organic waste going into a landfill is for people to use backyard composters and to mulch grass rather than picking it up.

Source: Recycling Council of Canada

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# 3 Industrial/Labour Organizations

## **Community Awareness Emergency Response (CAER)**

Telephone: 519-332-2010

Web: [www.caer.ca](http://www.caer.ca)

Community Awareness Emergency Response (CAER) was formed nearly 60 years ago by Chemical Valley companies to share firefighting equipment and expertise in times of emergency. Its funding comes from industry and the City of Sarnia.

## **Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers Inc. (OHCOW)**

Telephone: 519-337-4627

Email: [thutchinson@ohcow.on.ca](mailto:thutchinson@ohcow.on.ca)

Web: [www.ohcow.on.ca](http://www.ohcow.on.ca)

This WSIB funded and labour directed organization has as its mission the prevention of occupational illness and injury, and the promotion of the highest degree of physical, mental and social well-being for workers. Their mandate includes advocacy and action on out-of-doors environmental issues like air quality, toxics, pesticides and climate change awareness. OHCOW is a multi-disciplinary worker health, clinical and prevention, service. They partner with the community, government and labour doing research, community action, and policy advocacy on issues that impact workers.

## **Sarnia and District Labour Council-Environment Committee**

Contact: Therese Hutchinson (USW Local 14097)

Telephone: 519-542-2375

Fax: 519-542-0178

Email: [sdlc@bellnet.ca](mailto:sdlc@bellnet.ca)

The SDLC and its Environment Committee are a non-government, non-profit organization

made of local labour unions. The Labour Council is engaged in actions for healthy sustainable economy and environment in the community, and in the country and internationally via provincial and federal level labour organizations. The Labour Council has an elected executive that directs the organization on behalf of its 6,500 members, who include workers from all sectors. The Council meets monthly, community delegations are always welcome at these open meetings.

## **Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association (SLEA)**

Telephone: 519-332-2010

Web: [www.sarniaenvironment.com](http://www.sarniaenvironment.com)

The Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association is a group of companies in the Chemical Valley whose main purpose is to continue to monitor air and water quality in the area. The group also plans on being a main contributor to the new green economy. It has representation on a number of local committees, including the Lambton County Health Study, the Sourcewater Protection Committee and the Bluewater Sustainability Initiative.

## **Sarnia Lambton Industrial Educational Co-operative (IEC)**

Telephone: 519-383-1222

Web: [www.sarniasafety.com](http://www.sarniasafety.com)

The Sarnia Lambton Industrial Educational Cooperative (IEC) is a partnership between industry and education with industrial safety as its focal point. The group would like to expand into environmental training design and/or delivery in the future.

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# 4 Educational Institutions

## **Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School Green Club**

1257 Michigan Ave.  
Sarnia, ON, N7S 3Y3  
Telephone: 519-542-5505

The Green Club at Alexander Mackenzie is currently working to create a better recycling program to reduce the school's footprint. Its future goals include more community cleanup initiatives, and planting a native garden at AMSS.

## **Ecole Secondaire Saint-Francois-Xavier**

Contact: Mark Phillips  
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Email: philmark@csdecso.on.ca  
Web: <http://intranet.csdecso.on.ca/stfx/>

The school is considered an Eco-Active school and is registered with Pitch-In Canada. It takes to heart renewable energies and keeping the environment clean. Therefore, through its robotics and technology programs it has bought and is using solar panels to demonstrate that this is a viable option. The school also competes in FIRST Robotics Competitions and Lego League which promote science, technology and a vision for the future. Students, with the help of their biology teacher, Mr. Caya, have instituted a recycling pick-up twice a month to reduce garbage going to the landfill.

## **Lambton College**

Telephone: 519-542-7751  
Email: [info@lambton.on.ca](mailto:info@lambton.on.ca)  
Web: [www.lambton.on.ca](http://www.lambton.on.ca)

Lambton College has installed a green roof on its cafeteria, the first of its kind in Canada. The roof, replaced in 2008 with moss from the Gobi Desert, is expected to last between 65 and 100 years. When the moss is fully mature, it is expected to increase the insulation value to about five times the value of a conventional roof.

## **Lambton Kent Composite School Environmental Action Committee**

Contact: Sean Patchett (Teacher)  
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Lambton Kent Composite School is located at 231 St. George Street in Dresden, Ontario. The high school has established an Environmental Action Committee consisting of 10 students, including environmental ambassadors. The committee works on recycling initiatives, environmental awareness and organizes an annual community clean-up on Earth Day. The committee is currently looking for community partners to launch a battery recycling program at the high school.

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### **Sarnia Christian School**

Telephone: 519-337-7750

Email: [info@sarniachristian.com](mailto:info@sarniachristian.com)

Web: [www.sarniachristian.com](http://www.sarniachristian.com)

Sarnia Christian School is a private elementary school. It has undertaken a green audit and wants to tackle issues such as geothermal heating, new windows, water usage and more natural light over the next five years. The school is also interested in hands-on opportunities for its students, including tree planting and environmental field trips and speakers.

### **St. Patrick's Secondary School Environment Club**

281 East Street N.

Sarnia, Ontario N7T 6X8

Telephone: 519-332-3976

Web: [www.st-clair.net/schools/patrick/](http://www.st-clair.net/schools/patrick/)

The Environmental Club is a student-led, faculty-supported initiative that has been in existence at the school since 2008. Green activities include using less litter at lunch hour, participation in Earth Hour and 1000 Acts of Green, Energy Facts and Earth Week contests, participating in environmental conferences, installing a school composter, collecting batteries and naturalization of the school courtyard.

### **The Research Park, Sarnia/ Lambton Campus**

Telephone: 519-383-8303

Email: [info@researchpark.ca](mailto:info@researchpark.ca)

In 2008, The Research Park, Sarnia-Lambton Campus was awarded \$15 million in federal government funding for a new Centre of Excellence for Commercialization and Research: The Bioindustrial Innovation Centre (BIC). The purpose of the centre is to propel Canada into the role of a world leader for green processes, products and energy.

### **Did You Know?**

Just 10 seconds of idling your vehicle consumes more energy than is used to restart the vehicle and that just one drop of motor oil can render up to 25 litres of water unfit for drinking.

Source: Canadian Centre for Energy

# 5 Advisory Bodies

## **Bluewater Sustainability Initiative (BSI)**

Telephone: 519-542-7751

Web: [www.bluewatersustainabilityinitiative.ca](http://www.bluewatersustainabilityinitiative.ca)

BSI is a group of local volunteers whose primary goal is to transform Sarnia-Lambton into an environmentally sustainable community. Its objectives include providing a forum for members and community participants to identify and exchange green ideas and to expand the overall knowledge and understanding of sustainable development.

## **Sarnia Lambton Chamber**

### **Greenbelt Taskforce**

Telephone: 519-336-2400

Email: [info@sarnialambtonchamber.com](mailto:info@sarnialambtonchamber.com)

Web: [www.sarnialambtonchamber.com](http://www.sarnialambtonchamber.com)

The taskforce began in 1997 to support beautification of the highway 402 corridor through Sarnia. Its mission is to act as a catalyst with community stakeholders and undertake projects that environmentally beautify, educate and develop partnerships on behalf of Chamber of Commerce members.

## **Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP)**

Telephone: 519-332-1820 or  
1-800-972-7642

Email: [info@sarnialambton.on.ca](mailto:info@sarnialambton.on.ca)

Web: [www.sarnialambton.on.ca](http://www.sarnialambton.on.ca)

The sectors of alternative energy technologies, renewable fuels, and industrial bioproducts are strategic sectors for diversification that the Economic Partnership is working to develop. With industrial bioproducts, there is the potential to replace or supplement materials based on hydrocarbons with new applications based

on renewable sources such as corn, soybeans, and biomass. Industrial biotechnology has been identified as one of the most promising sectors of world economic growth.

## **SOBIN - Southwestern Ontario Bioproducts Innovation Network**

Contact: Matt McLean

Executive Director

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Web: [www.sobin.ca](http://www.sobin.ca)

SOBIN is a not-for-profit organization, working to advance new bioproducts and find new uses for biobased feedstock in manufacturing for the automotive, chemical and energy industries. SOBIN's mission is to strengthen the economy of Southwestern Ontario by cultivating new bioproducts, fostering energy conservation and expanding alternative sources of energy. This regional innovation network was developed through the collaborative efforts of key partnerships including academic institutions, toward the shared goal of enhancing the competitiveness of local industries, and producing new sources of economic growth.

### **Did You Know?**

Currently, Canadians take home over 55 million plastic shopping bags every week.

Source: Recycling Council of Ontario

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# 6 Green Services

## **Chatham-Kent Organic**

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Web: www.ckorganic.ca

CK Organic is a family business located in Dresden, Ontario and a member of the Canadian Organic Growers, Lambton-Kent-Essex Chapter. The business supplies consumers seeking sustainable growing solutions such as soil preparation and practices that enhances soil fertility and friendly farm equipment. The business believes that it is necessary as a public health concern to reduce those harsh chemicals that are currently being utilized in conventional farming practices. CK Organic provides natural mineral replacement solutions for farmers and gardeners.

## **Goodwill Industries**

### **– Essex Kent Lambton**

Telephone: 519-332-0440  
Web: www.goodwillekl.com

It is the mission of Goodwill Industries to improve the quality of life and employment opportunities for people in Essex, Kent and Lambton Counties. Goodwill Industries accepts gently used goods to sell at retail stores. The funds generated through their sales help to fund employment programs. In recognition of Goodwill Industries' eco-conscious initiatives, it was awarded the prestigious Suncor Sustainability Award in 2008.

## **McKenzie & Blundy Memorial Forests**

Telephone: 519-344-3131  
Email: mbfh@ebtech.net  
Web: www.mckenzieblundy.com

The McKenzie and Blundy Memorial Forests were established in 1988 in recognition of the severe depletion of tree cover in Sarnia-Lambton. The forests are located within the Wawanosh Wetlands Conservation Area off Blackwell Road and the Perch Creek Habitat Management Area on Churchill Line. A dedication service is held each September at the Wawanosh Wetlands site.

## **TD Friends of the Environment Foundation**

Contact: Yvette Scrivener  
Telephone: 519-663-1750  
Web: www.fef.ca

The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF) has provided more than \$45 million to support over 17,000 grassroots environmental projects in communities across Canada since 1990. TD FEF invests 100% of all donations in the environment because TD Bank pays all the operating costs of the Foundation. Charitable organizations can apply on-line for funding at: [www.fef.ca](http://www.fef.ca).

## **Urban Nature Centre**

Telephone: 519-464-6544

The Urban Nature Centre opened its doors on Earth Day 2009. The resource centre in downtown Sarnia provides ecologically-friendly goods and services, including field guides, nature books, teachers aids, and locally grown products. The Centre has meeting space and a small stage which can be used free of charge by environmental organizations.

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"Never doubt that a small committed group of people can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead