



# Working Both Ends of the Shovel

READY-TO-GO PROJECTS TO BOOST NATURAL GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOBS

Wetland conservation's wide-ranging impact on the environment and economy is often overlooked, but it's real and it's powerful.

## Green ROI

Two years of economic impact in Ontario (2018-2020)

**\$9.3M** in wetland projects delivered **\$5.8M** to rural contractors

People at work:

**27** person-years for the conservation sector

**60** person-years for small business

**87** person-years

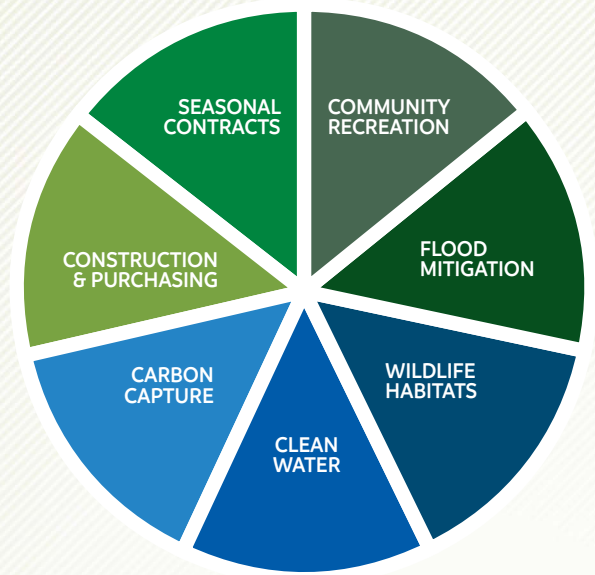
There's more:

**245** wetland conservation projects

**17,500** acres of natural green infrastructure

## Does conservation help communities? **Yes.**

From plans to permits to construction, DUC hires skilled labour and small business in rural Ontario to help us restore wetlands and other wildlife habitats—with extended community benefits.



## \$12M in ecosystem services per year

Ecosystem service values include flood mitigation, phosphorus capture, protection for species at risk and healthy outdoor spaces for communities.

## Working in Ontario since 1974

We are the only large conservation organization that works at **both ends of the shovel** to produce scientific research and on-the-ground conservation projects at every scale.

## Conserved!

More than 980,000 acres of wetlands, forests and grassland.

