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COLLABORATING WITH YOUTHS TO RESTORE CONSERVATION AREAS IN THE LONG POINT REGION WATERSHED

NORFOLK COUNTY, ON – Over the weekend, staff from Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) partnered with Port Dover Scouts to plant close to 700 trees at Lower Big Creek Conservation Area in Langton, ON. Staff also partnered with Girl Guides to plant close to 300 trees at Backus Heritage Conservation Area in Port Rowan, ON.

The reforestation efforts at the conservation areas will enhance the overall ecological health of the parks and the Long Point Region watershed. At Lower Big Creek CA, the recent removal of an obsolete barn from the property opened up valuable space and opportunity for natural habitat restoration. With the area now fully forested, staff will no longer need to maintain the former grassed areas.

LPRCA and the Scouts have a long-standing history of collaboration, working together for years to engage youth in watershed conservation and to promote stewardship of the natural environment. "If we teach kids to care for the land today, they'll grow up knowing how to protect it for tomorrow," said Paul Gagnon, LPRCA Lands and Waters Supervisor. The new collaboration with the Girl Guides marks an exciting expansion of local youth engagement efforts.

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