



Conservation in Our Challenging Times

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Ontario Nature is a Land Trust

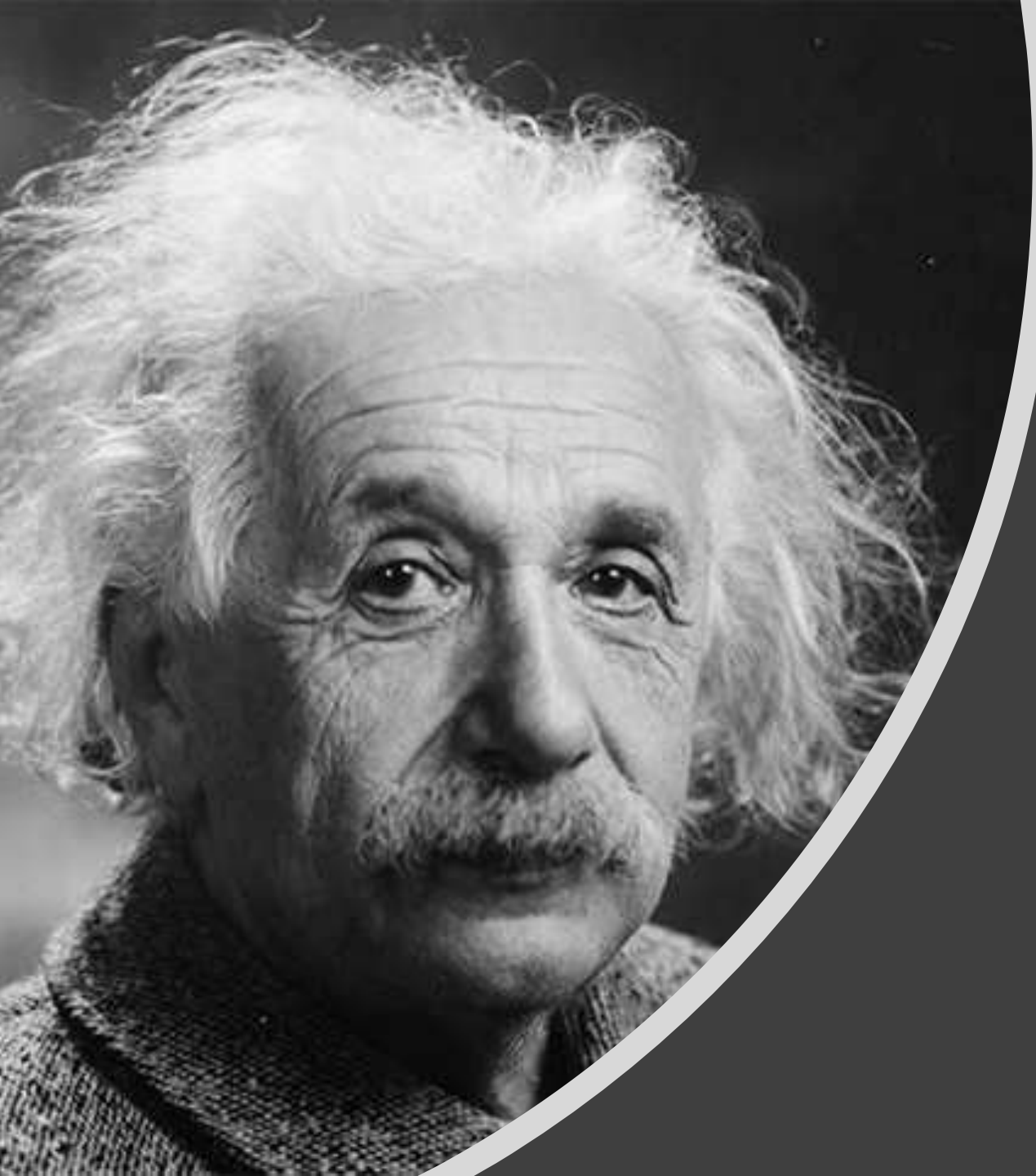


1962 “Battle of the Bulldozer” campaign led to purchase of its Dorcas Bay Nature Reserve on the Bruce Peninsula.

FON committee to promote Ontario land trusts became the Ontario Nature Trust Alliance with 14 founding members. By mid 2002, the membership had grown to 23 land trusts and incorporated as a new independent provincial body - OLTA

25 nature reserves totaling 2,939 hectares (7,262 acres) and 2 conservation easements totaling 88 hectares (218 acres)

663 hectares (1,637 acres) since 2006



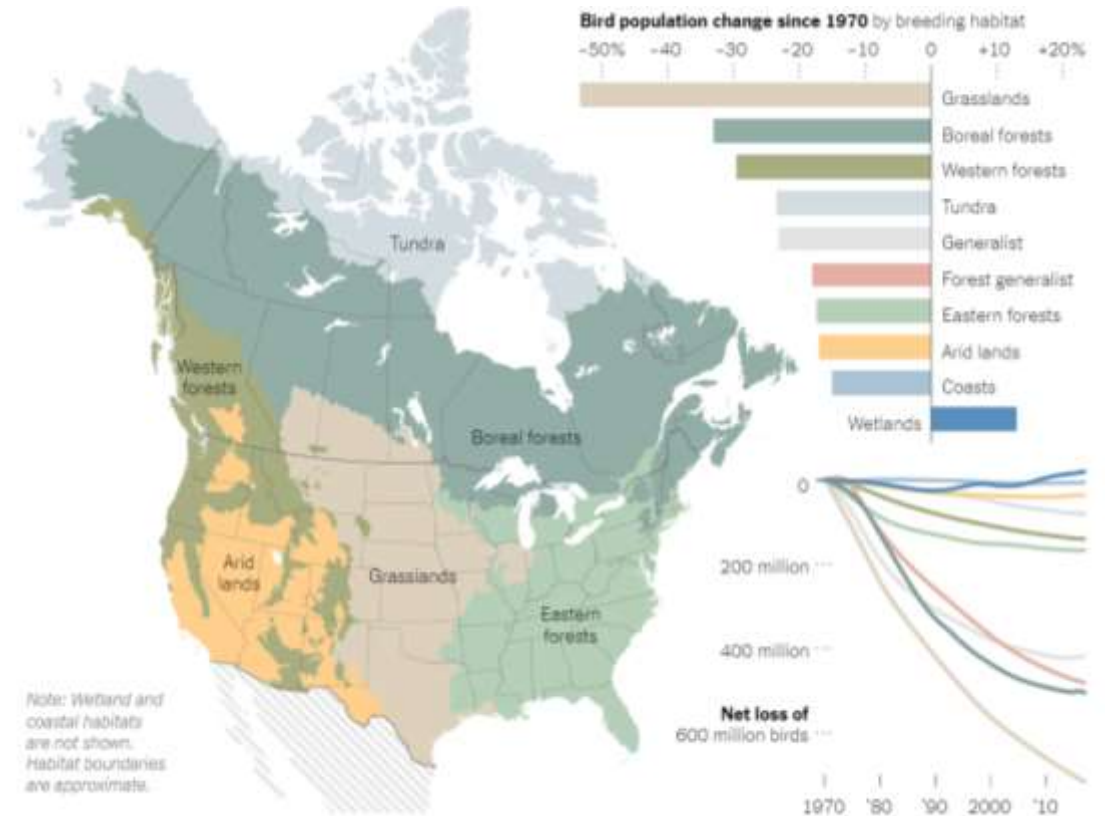
"In The Middle Of Difficulty
Lies Opportunity."

– Albert Einstein



Protecting the Places We Love

Bird populations have fallen by 29% since 1970



Conserving Ontario's Biodiversity

Land Protection

Stewardship

Stronger Policy



Challenging Political Environment



Bill 66



Endangered Species Act



Provincial Policy Statement

Section 2.5.2.2 which would allow aggregates extraction to trump protections for significant wetlands, woodlands and wildlife (including species at risk) habitat.

Flouting Policies

Toronto

Doug Ford government held talks with PC donor on removing Greenbelt land



'The file is now closed,' says municipal affairs minister after inquiry from CBC News



Mike Crawley · CBC News · Posted: Sep 09, 2019 4:00 AM ET | Last Updated: September 9



The property in Vaughan is protected under the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, forming part of Ontario's Greenbelt. (CBC)

319 comments

The Ontario government spent nearly a year in talks with a developer about a pitch to build housing in the province's Greenbelt, despite Premier Doug Ford's promise not to touch the protected area, CBC News has learned.

The discussions involved a 60-hectare property in the northeastern corner of Vaughan. The land is owned by a family whose members have donated more than \$100,000 to the Progressive Conservative party in recent years, including to Ford's 2018 leadership bid.



Policy battles will be
won in local
constituencies



November 11th is
Constituency Week

Manufactured Uncertainty

Tactic 1: Deny the problem exists and vilify your critics

Tactic 2: Deny the source of the problem

Tactic 3: Claim the problem is too costly to resolve

Boan, Malcolm, Vanier, Euler and Moola (2018). From climate to caribou: How manufactured uncertainty is affecting wildlife management. *Wildlife Society Bulletin* 42(2):366–381.



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**The Ontario PCs
Ready to Govern**

- Committed to *closing and closed the first coal-fired power plant in 2003*
- Created Ontario's Living Legacy, *protecting over 2.4 million hectares of land* in 1999 - more than the Greenbelt
- Created *155 new provincial parks* on a single day in 1983
- Introduced *rent control* in 1975
- Created *GO Transit* in 1967
- Created *OHIP* in 1966
- Created the *community college system* in 1965
- Enacted *Canada's first human rights code* in 1962

The 2021
Opportunity

Nature can't vote ...but YOU can.

