

A Watershed for Life

2014 Budget Presentation
City of Barrie
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**LSRCA** 

**An Environmental Leader** 

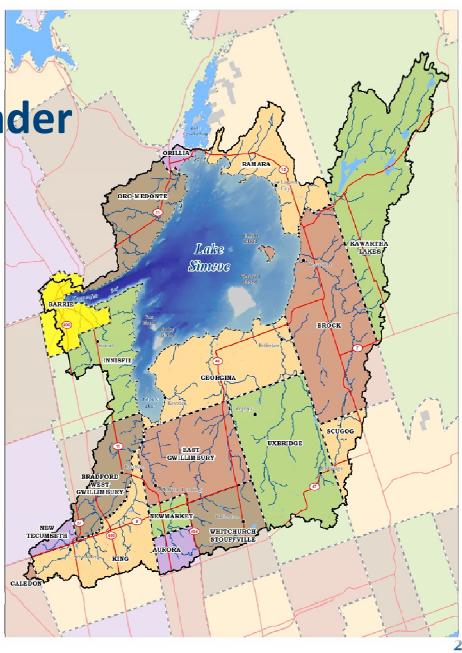
 Since 1951, LSRCA has been leading watershed protection and restoration

In 2009 - LSRCA won the coveted
 Thiess International Riverprize award –
 the Nobel prize for watershed management





 The City of Barrie has been a significant partner.



# **Growth Must Support** a Healthy Lifestyle

- Healthy lakes, rivers and green space provide opportunities for outdoor activities
- Growth must support an active, healthy lifestyle









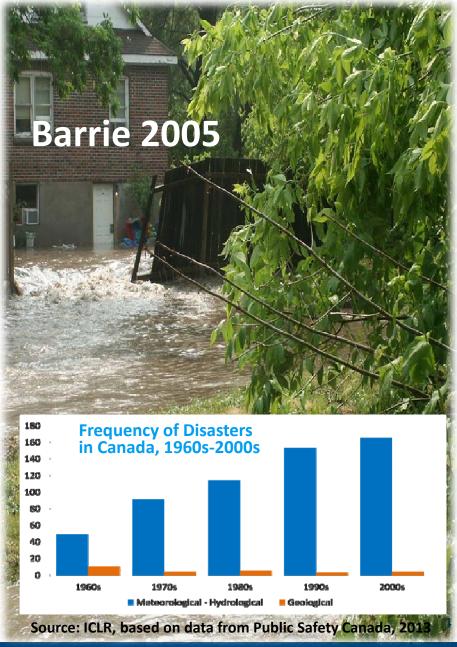
#### **Climate Change is Real**

#### Weather events are intensifying.

Natural heritage features such as wetlands help:

- Reduce risk of flooding
  - Loss of life
  - Damage to municipal infrastructure
  - Damage to personal property
- Improve water quality and quantity





#### **Growth is Here**

From 2001 to 2011 – population in Barrie increased by about 45%

- In 2007 LSRCA completed a study on phosphorus pollution – conclusions:
  - The Lake and its tributaries are already beyond capacity
  - \$163 million required to meet annual 72 tonne phosphorus target
- Provincial phosphorus target now 44 tonnes
  - The Lake and rivers in Barrie receive too much phosphorus

More growth is coming!
Places to Grow project Barrie population to be
210,000 by 2031, an additional 34% over 2011



#### We Must Manage Growth

It's About Environmental Sustainability

- New growth must be low impact
- No net increase in phosphorus pollution
- Stormwater management must be innovative and less costly
- Emergency preparedness must be ensured
- Healthy and connected communities are developed
- Key natural features such as wetlands are protected

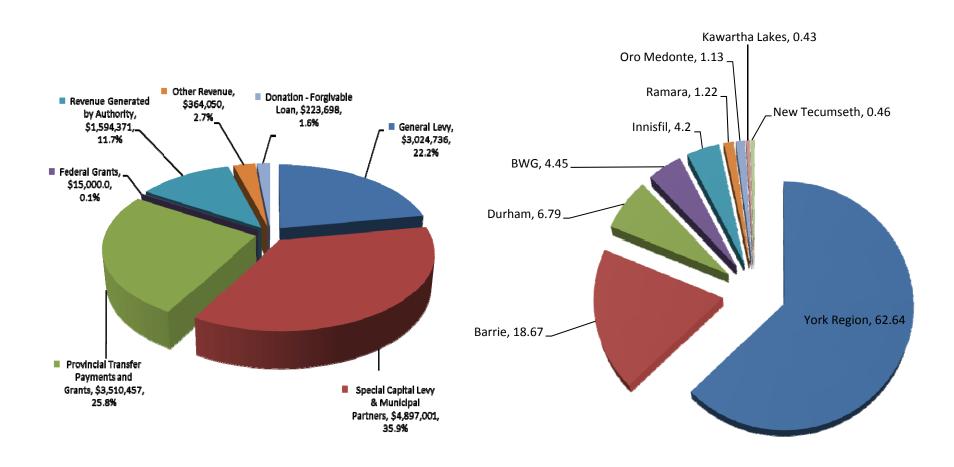
#### Demand for LSRCA services have increased in:

- Planning & Enforcement
- Education & Community Engagement
- Stewardship & Conservation Areas

**Well Managed Growth Builds Resilience** 



# LSRCA works with 9 municipal funding partners



### **Proposed 2014 Budget**

	General Levy	Special Capital / Programs	Special Operating	Totals	%
2013 Approved Base	598,676	550,742		1,149,418	
2014 Base (Inflation, COLA, etc.)	(18,768)	12,300		(6,468)	(0.5)%
Compensation Adjustment	33,804			33,804	2.9 %
Total	613,712	563,042		1,176,754	
Percentage Change	2.5%	2.2%		2.4%	
Priority Investment Request			142,660	142,660	
One-Time Investment Request			67,071	67,071	
Creeks Project Investment		75,795		75,795	
GRAND TOTAL	613,712	638,837	209,731	1,462,280	

#### **2014 Additional Requests**

Priority	Amount	
Growth Management		
Cost Shared Priorities - 5 Growth Partners		
Support for Direct Programs	131	
Scanlon facilities operation	12	
Scanlon infrastructure capital	45	
Data Security & Management	22	
Sub-Total	\$ 210	
Creeks Project	76	
Total Additional Ask	\$ 286	

#### **Additional Funding**

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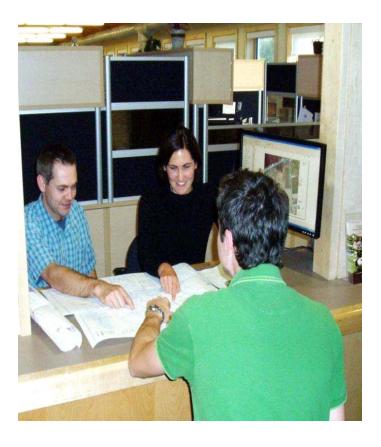


#### **Support for Direct Programs**

- Publications to keep community informed
- Community Events to support municipal partners
- New program information support RainScaping
- Human Resources Health & Safety, recruitment and training
- Funding support leveraged programs Foundation
- Financial reporting of program funding

#### **Creeks Project**

 Provides technical & financial support to watershed landowners



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### **Efficiency & Investment - Programs & Asset Maintenance**

- Delivery of growing services & programs
- Manage fiscal responsibility keep Scanlon assets in a state-of-good-repair
- Reduce exposure to liabilities
- Protect green space to support healthy outdoor activities

## Data Security & Management - After people, data is our most valuable asset

- Protection of key environmental data
- Emergency preparedness and disaster recovery services



#### It's All Connected

Ecosystems

- Forests
- Wetlands
- Water
- Soil
- Plants
- Animals

Goods & Services

- Clean Water
- Food
- Fuel
- Energy
- Habitat

Sustainability

- Economy
- Resilient Environment
- Healthy People



## Thank you

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Providing leadership for the protection and restoration of the environmental health and quality of Lake Simcoe and its watershed with our community, municipal and other government partners.