



Shout Out to Watershed Heroes! Friends of Laurier Woods

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- Laurier Woods Conservation Area is a 240 acre gem within the City of North Bay boundaries.
- It is uniquely co-owned and co-managed by NBMCA and a not-for-profit group called Friends of Laurier Woods.
- The Friends was established in 1989 and together with Nipissing Naturalists Club championed a petition with over 2000 signatures to persuade City of North Bay to accept that this land be preserved in its natural state.
- The Friends worked hand in hand with NBMCA and the City to purchase land in 1996, 2001, 2009 and most recently a 100 acre parcel in 2011 (The Friends raised \$85,000 from more than 150 local donors for this. Chris Mayne assisted with this campaign).
- Friends of Laurier Woods have raised funds to facilitate these purchases and have worked diligently to ensure not only the protection of this unique wetland complex but also 6.5 km of safe walking trails.
- They host educational hikes and events, bird watching events and facilitate passive recreation and education so that awareness and protection of Laurier Woods' key features are heightened.
- Their volunteers oversee much of the maintenance of the trails within Laurier Woods Conservation Area in cooperation with NBMCA lands staff Troy, Adam and Layne.
- Currently they are championing another fundraising campaign to raise money for 2 new boardwalks in need of replacement.
- They are dedicated, committed, passionate and enthusiastic about protecting Laurier Woods and sharing it with the community. As part of our 50th anniversary we're proud to acknowledge Friends of Laurier Woods as Watershed Heroes!

