

## Bognor Marsh – Compartment 27

Concession 4 Lot 11 N Pt Lot 10 S; Pt Lot 12 S Pt Lot 13 Concession 5; N Pt Lot 10 Lot 11, 12, 13 S; Pt Lot 14 Concession 6 E Pt Lot 10, (former Sydenham Township), Municipality of Meaford, Grey County

Portions of Bognor Marsh Management Area will be closed starting January 2, 2019 and anticipated to be reopened March 15, 2019 due to a scheduled stand improvement operation. The areas to be closed include the parking lot located at Grey Road 18 and Concession Road 4 South as well as the roadway leading to the pavilion. The attached map indicates the area that is closed.

The goal of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority's (GSC) Forest Management Program is to maintain healthy, diverse forest ecosystems which will provide many environmental, ecological, social and cultural benefits. The harvest operation, identified in our Forest Management Plan, will involve removal of trees to improve and maintain the health of the residual forest. The trees to be removed are carefully selected based on their vigour and quality. Wildlife habitat features such as stick nests, cavity trees and mast trees area retained to provide food and shelter for wildlife.

Wood from this harvest will provide lumber, renewable energy and firewood. Revenues generated by this operation support the conservation efforts of GSC and the local economy.

The forests owned and managed by Grey Sauble Conservation Authority have achieved Forest Stewardship Council (FSC® C018800) through the Eastern Ontario Model Forest's (EOMF) Forest Certification Program. The results of this stand improvement operation will be a healthy, diverse ecosystem that provides forest products, valuable wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities for the residents of our watershed.

This operation is consistent with GSC's mandate to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources.

For further information about this closure and the stand improvement operation please contact GSC at 519-376-3076.