



FOUNDATION CONNECTION

The Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation (GSCF) was established in 1993 and is a federally registered, charitable, not-for-profit organization that raises money to assist the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) fund programs and projects. The Foundation offers opportunities for the public to actively participate in conserving and enhancing the natural heritage that exists within the GSCA watershed.



Memorial Forest Ceremony 2024

2024 Accomplishments

The Earth Film Festival

The 7th annual Earth Film Festival took place at the Roxy Theatre on May 16, 2024. Highlights included screenings of "The Water Walker" and "Becoming Tom Thomson," a fundraising dinner with Chef Zach Keeshig, and an online auction. Two matinee presentations were offered for schools, followed by an evening show open to the public. This event raised \$5360, which will support local conservation projects and environmental education initiatives.

Memorial Forests

The three Memorial Forest sites are maturing and expanding with new trees that were planted by GSCA staff and GSCF volunteers in May 2024. At this time, staff also tended to the existing memorial trees and completed necessary maintenance that keeps our Memorial Forest sites beautiful places to visit and remember loved ones.

The Commemorative Ceremony was held on June 9, 2024, remembering those who had a tree planted in their honour. Please note that memorial trees must be purchased by December 31, 2025 to be included in the 2026 ceremony.

Supporting Programs and Capital Projects

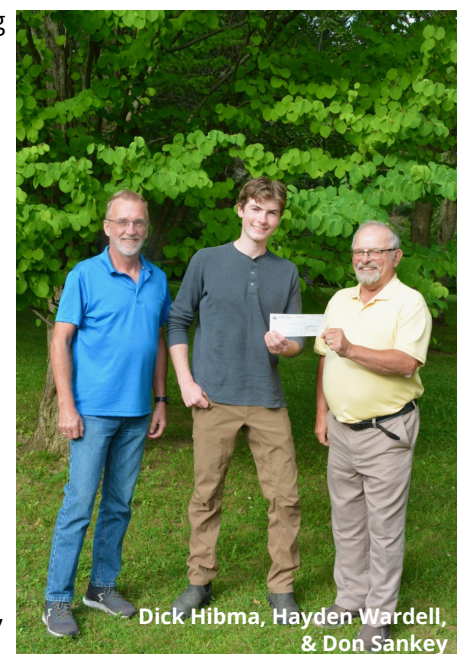
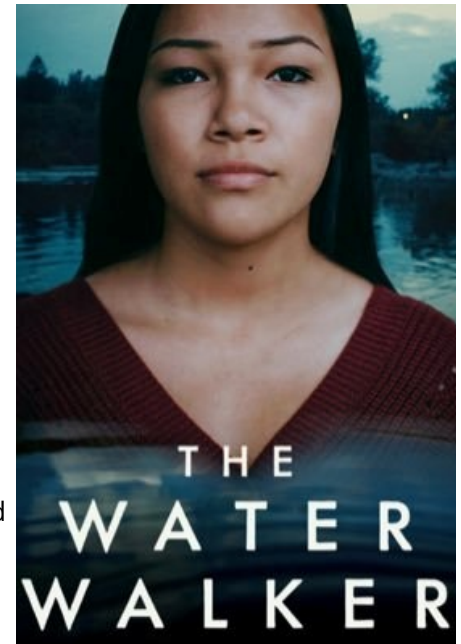
The GSCF provided funding for several programs, projects and events in 2024, including the Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival, the Bruce Grey Forest Festival, and the Benthic/BioMap Monitoring program which helps GSCA acquire water quality data that is used for the Watershed Report Card.

The Foundation also contributed essential funding that enabled GSCA to expand its Environmental Education team by adding a full-time position, allowing more programming to be delivered across Grey and Bruce Counties. This programming offers valuable learning experiences and helps participants build stronger connections with nature.

2024 Conservation Awards

The GSCF presented the \$2000 Malcolm Kirk Environmental Award to Hayden Wardell, a student from Owen Sound District Secondary School who is now pursuing the Honours Bachelor of Science in Forestry Degree Program at Lakehead University.

Conservation Awards were also presented at 6 secondary schools throughout Grey and Bruce. The \$200 award is available to students who demonstrate positive environmental and conservation ethics. The 2024 recipients were: Charley Firth (Bruce Peninsula District School), Kendall Johnston Cutting (Peninsula Shores District School), Morgan Specht (St. Mary's High School), Finnian Bies (Georgian Bay Community School), Drew Snyder (Grey Highlands Secondary School), and Genevieve Dubeau (Owen Sound District Secondary School).



Dick Hibma, Hayden Wardell, & Don Sankey



GSCA Volunteer Appreciation Event

Dates to Remember

April 22, 2025: Earth Day Hike

May 8, 2025: Earth Film Festival at the Roxy Theatre in Owen Sound

June 8, 2025: Memorial Forest Ceremony

Grey Sauble Foundation 500 Club

The Grey Sauble Foundation 500 Club is a network of business and community leaders who recognize the importance of conserving nature. GSCF 500 Club members commit to donating \$500/year or \$42/month, which includes the annual Foundation Membership fee (\$25). Twenty percent of the \$475 commitment will be directed to the Conservation Endowment Fund and eighty percent will support Conservation projects.

Help Support Conservation Projects

Please consider making donations to the Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation and help GSCA maintain and enhance our beautiful conservation areas.

You can also show your support by purchasing a GSCA Membership parking pass (\$45+ HST for residents and \$80+ HST for non-residents) and enjoy visiting GSCA properties all year.

Volunteer with the Foundation

Discover the joy of giving back to nature! We are always looking for new volunteers to help us raise funds and provide resources to support the vital work of GSCA.

Volunteering with the Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation means becoming a conservation champion and contributing to the well-being of our environment, supporting environmental education initiatives, and enhancing local nature-based recreation opportunities.

If you have experience with fundraising, event planning, or maybe you just have great ideas and a passion for nature, we invite you to join the Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation—let's make a positive impact together!

For more information about volunteer opportunities, email: foundation@greysauble.on.ca

Foundation Members

Don Sankey, Chair

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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! A donation to the Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation supports local conservation projects and increases environmental awareness in your community!

I would like to make a donation of: \$ _____ to support (please select one or more):

Conservation Endowment Fund Conservation Projects Environmental Education

Please contact me regarding a 500 Club donation

Sign me up for an annual Foundation Membership for \$25 that includes:

- An invitation to the AGM
- Notification of events
- The Foundation Connection Newsletter

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

I give permission to contact me
with information on Foundation
programs and activities, including
the Memorial Forest program.

Yes

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ *Please make cheque payable to Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation

Memberships can be renewed and donations can also be made online:

www.greysauble.on.ca/foundation/donations