



Friends of the Carp Hills

Preserving the Carp Hills for the benefit of nature and the community in perpetuity.

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The Carp Hills

- Second largest Natural Environment Area within Ottawa.
- Over 4000 hectares (10,000 acres) of wetlands and forests on Canadian Shield.
- Designated as a Provincially Significant Wetland Complex.
- Candidate Provincially Significant ANSI and Regionally Significant ANSI.
- Habitat for 10 Species at Risk.
- Roughly 20% owned by City of Ottawa and remainder privately owned.



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- Formed in 2013.
- Volunteer-run, community-based, membership and event funded.
- Federally incorporated as a non-profit.
- We looked into the future . . .
 - Increased, unmanaged use due to population growth and adjacent new development.
- Three stakeholders:
 - Landowners - private and City of Ottawa.
 - Environmentalists.
 - Users.



Our challenge: strike a balance between the desire to experience the natural beauty of the Carp Hills with protection and conservation.

Our Achievements

- Stewardship agreement with City of Ottawa.
- 440 acres near Carp acquired by Ducks Unlimited Canada.
- Two trails created and managed sustainably on city land.
- Carp Barrens Trail Study in 2019.
- Conservation programs implemented.
- Citizen science projects to engage people and document biodiversity.





You can do it!

Know what your primary objective is.

- Creates focus.
- Drives your decisions.

Develop a compelling vision.

Minimize your operating costs.

Use partnerships.

- Leverage other organizations' resources.

Listen to and involve all voices.

- Successful stewardship needs all stakeholders involved.
- Compromise may be necessary.

Know what you're protecting.

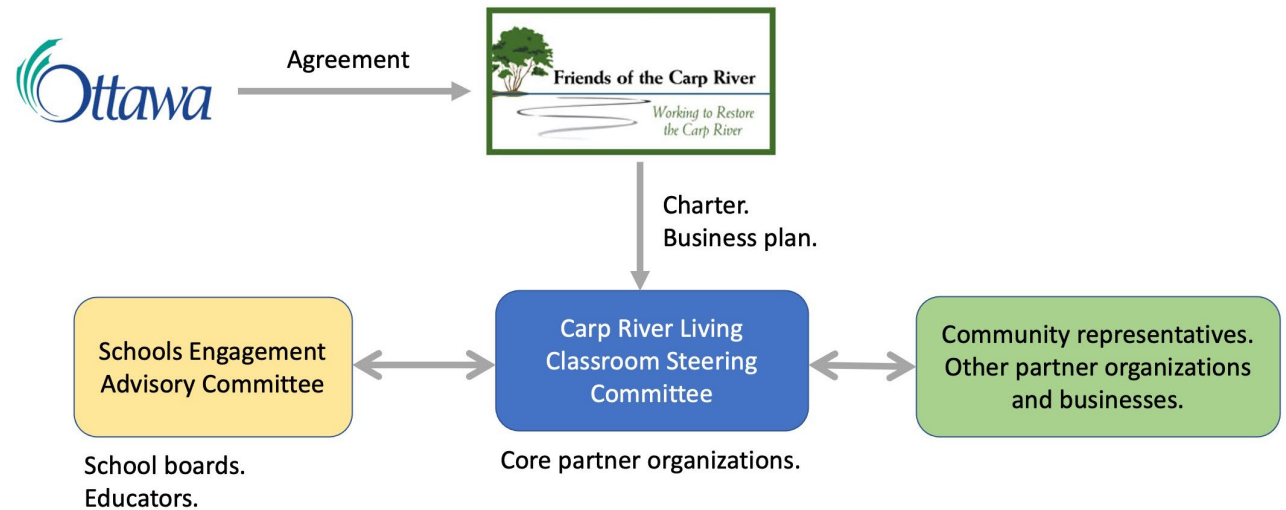


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Consider a Public, Private, Plural Partnership.



- A collaborative approach to pursuing common goals that involves the whole community.
 - **Public** - government and government agencies.
 - **Private** - B2B, retail, services, BIAs, individual corporate sponsors, individual landowners.
 - **Plural** - Non-profits, community associations, Ottawa schools and school boards, colleges, universities, conservation authorities, Ottawa Community Foundation, etc.
- Local non-profit organization can take the lead role.



A photograph of a wetland landscape. In the foreground, there are several tall, thin, bare trees with many bird nests built in their branches. The nests are made of dry grass and twigs. In the background, there is a body of water, possibly a marsh or pond, with more trees and vegetation. The sky is clear and blue. The word "Questions?" is overlaid in the center of the image in a large, white, serif font.

Questions?