

Introduction to TRCA and Regional Watershed Alliance (RWA)

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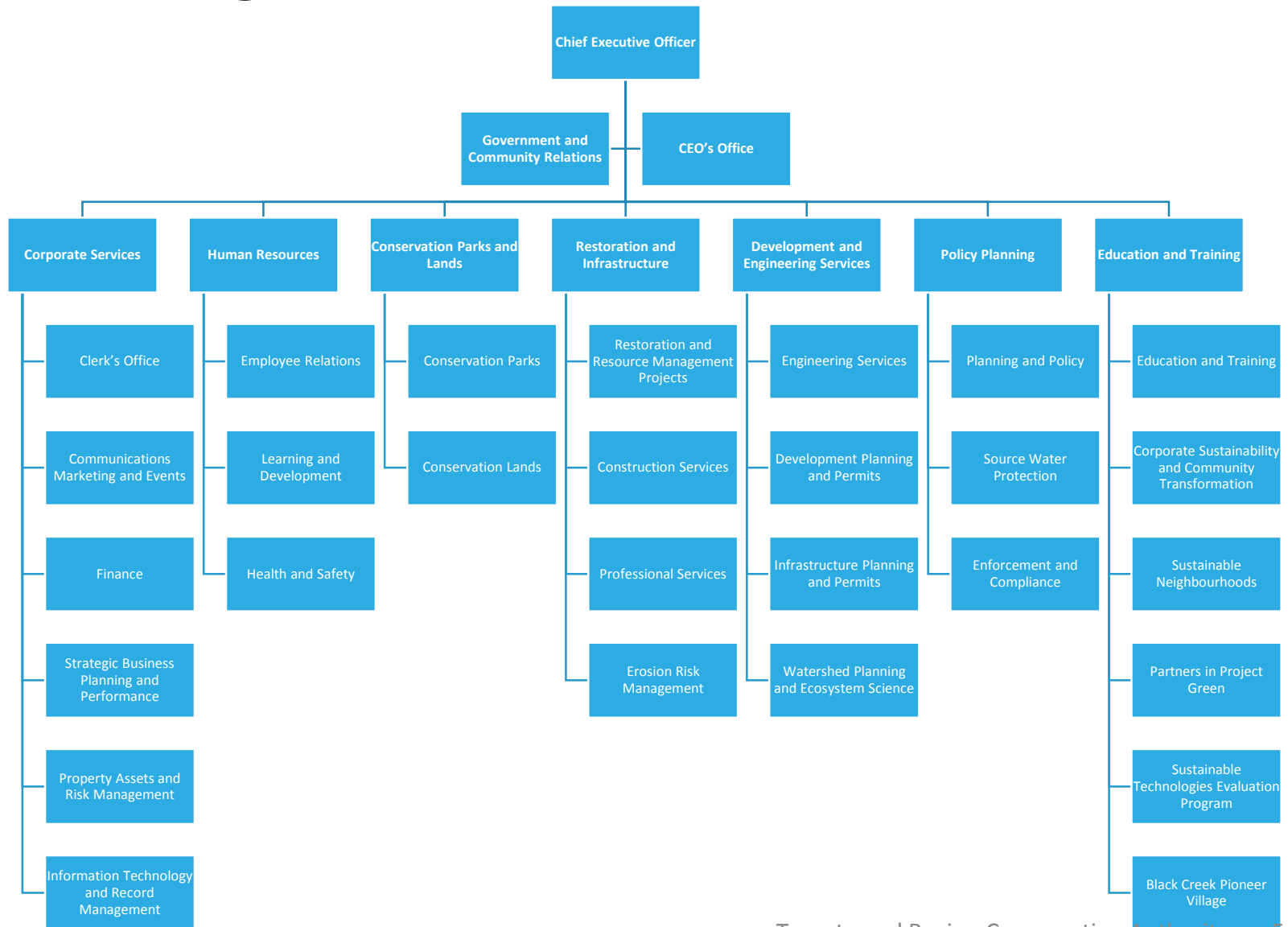
TRCA Overview

About TRCA

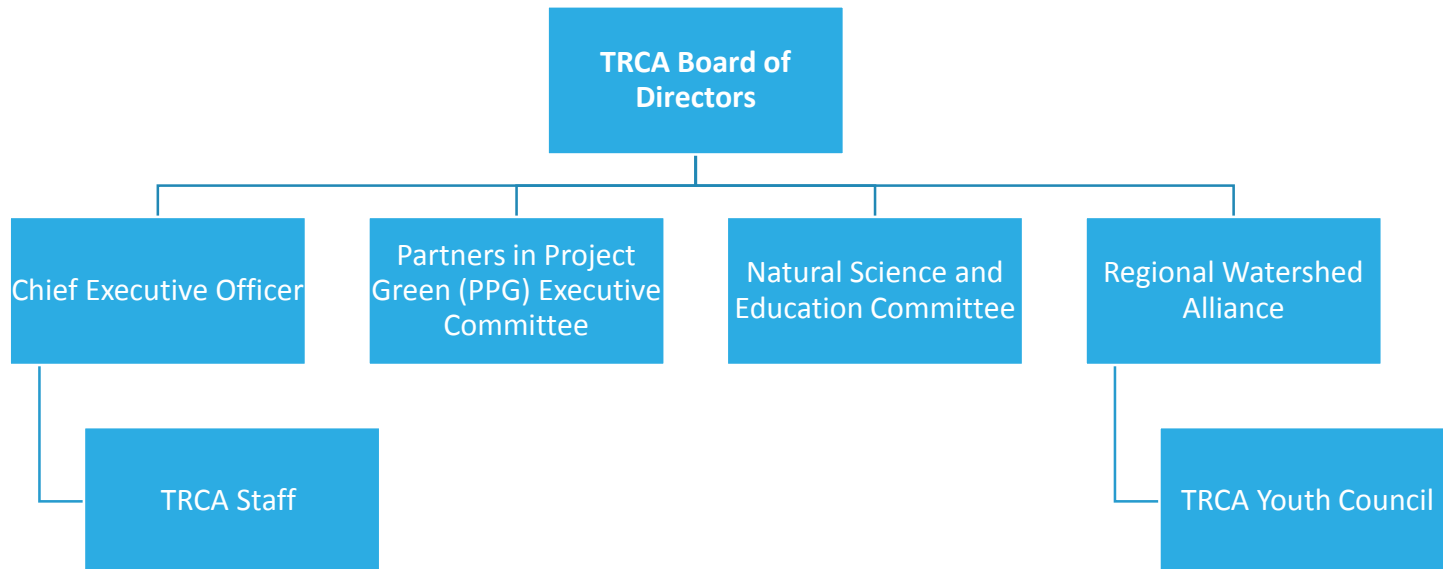
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is one of 36 Conservation Authorities in Ontario
- Conservation Authorities were created to safeguard and enhance the health and well-being of watershed communities through the protection and restoration of the natural environment and the ecological services the environment provides.



TRCA Organization Structure



TRCA Governance Structure



CEO's Office

- CEO's Office represents and guides TRCA.
- Strives to strengthen relationships between TRCA, partners, and stakeholders.
- Represents TRCA on several intergovernmental and inter-agency committees to advance TRCA's mandate.



Corporate Services

- Support fundamental business operations (i.e., marketing and communication, events, IT, and records management, and property, assets and risk management).
- Addresses standard operating procedures, opportunities for organizational improvements.
- Responsible for budget processes with municipal partners and financial management of TRCA.



Human Resources

- Responsible for the formulation, implementation and administration of strategic human resources initiatives.
- Employee relations.
- Learning and Development opportunities for staff, including mandatory training.
- Health and safety administration.



Conservation Parks and Lands

- Operate and manage TRCA's Conservation Parks, lands and campgrounds.
- Management, protection, and sustainability of parks, trails, and activities
- Integrate recreational activity with nature and learning encompassing story-telling from pre-settlement days to present day.
- Lead parks and greenspace master and management planning processes.



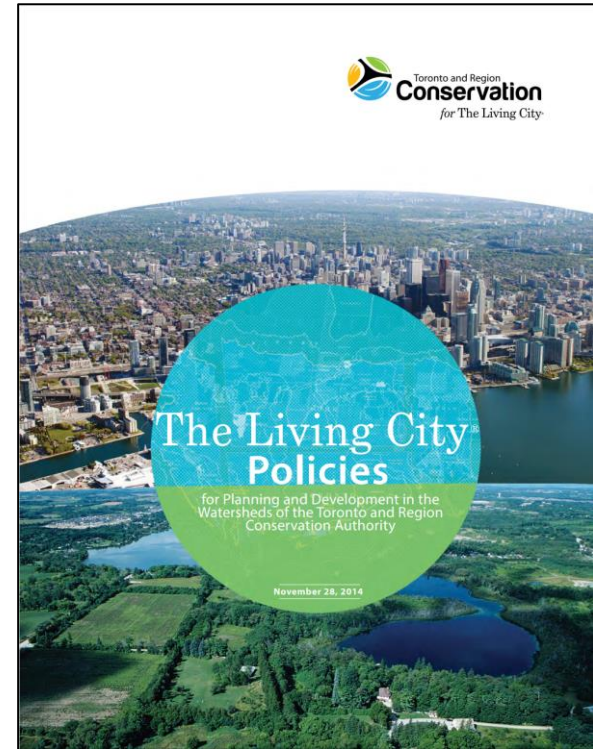
Restoration and Infrastructure

- Strategic restoration guided by Integrated Restoration Prioritization (shoreline, wetland, riparian, stream, forest etc.), including wildlife habitat management, public planting events, etc.
- Forest and invasive species management
- Trail planning, construction, management and monitoring.
- Planning and implementation of erosion control projects
- Inland and Lakefill Soil Management
- Landscape design.



Policy Planning

- Review and provide input to government legislative, policy and regulatory initiatives, including municipal Official Plans, Zoning By-laws, etc.
- Updating TRCA planning and permitting policies, guidelines, procedures and regulation mapping in accordance with the Conservation Authorities Act and associated regulations.
- Technical review and input to development and infrastructure planning and permit applications.
- Responsible for TRCA's Enforcement and Compliance Program related to TRCA regulated areas, permit compliance and TRCA landholdings.



Education and Training

- Develop and deliver curriculum linked education programs
- Provide training programming to youth (Young Conservation Professionals) and newcomers (Professional Access Into Employment).
- Develop and implement neighbourhood action plans for improved sustainability and resilience (Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program).
- Collaborate with private sector to promote adoption of sustainable business practices (Partners in Project Green).
- Coordinate and deliver environmental programs for residents and corporate groups
- Developing and running major events
- Community stewardship planting events



Regional Watershed Alliance Overview

Regional Watershed Alliance (RWA)

Background and Context

- New Citizen Governance Model proposed in TRCA's Community Engagement Strategy (2017) to support more broader, deeper and inclusive citizen engagement at TRCA.
- Watershed Committees prior to RWA:
 - Don Watershed Regeneration Council
 - Etobicoke-Mimico Watersheds Coalition
 - Humber Watershed Alliance
- RWA formally launched the RWA in 2017.



RWA Goals

The RWA collaborates with TRCA staff, municipal partners, and stakeholders to advance the following goals:

- Achieve The Living City Vision of Healthy Rivers and Shorelines, Regional Biodiversity, and Sustainable Communities across TRCA's nine watersheds/waterfront and Lake Ontario;
- Advocate on regional and local environmental policy issues;
- Act as a resource to TRCA, TRCA's municipal partners and the Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation by providing advice on matters of community interest;
- Provide a platform for alignment on cross-jurisdictional priorities;
- Garner public support on environmental priorities across TRCA's nine watersheds/waterfront and Lake Ontario;
- Mobilize community support and political support at all levels of government; and
- Maximize impact through resource and data sharing.

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