



# County Forests

## Naming and Signage

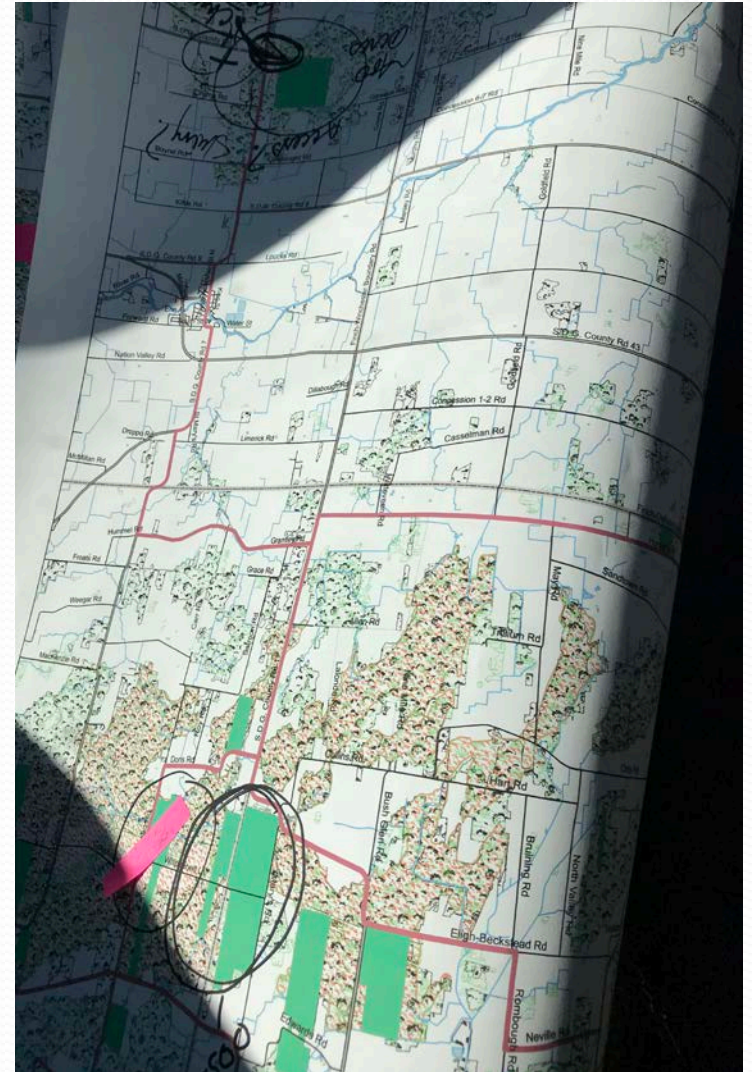


# Reason for Naming and Signage

- County forests were commonly referred to by their compartment number
  - i.e. Compartments 99, 100, 102
  - Not easy to remember, does not reflect the importance of these properties to local communities
- Many residents are not aware of the County's forests which are available for recreation, hunting, and other passive uses.

# Working Group

- Chris Critoph, RRCA
- Pat Piitz, SNC Forester
- Martin Streit, Ministry of Natural Resources Forester
- Jamie MacDonald, Councillor
- Jim Bancroft, Warden
- Terry Besner, Shauna Baggs, Stephanie Morin, and Alison McDonald (staff)





# Process

- Meeting #1:
  - Chose properties based on public access, interesting environmental features, trails, future opportunities
  - Chose criteria for naming (historical figures, unique environmental features, location and community)
- Meeting #2:
  - Finalized list of properties (following site visit)
  - Decided on sign design
  - Proposed names for each forest to Council



# Sign Design



## RIVERSIDE-WHITNEY FOREST



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# Compartments 14-19

- Good parking and sign locations
- Heritage building, potential for community and recreational use
- Beginning of the trail is beautiful and easy to walk
  - The back is quite wet – may be best suited to winter activities



Property boundaries and forestry compartments

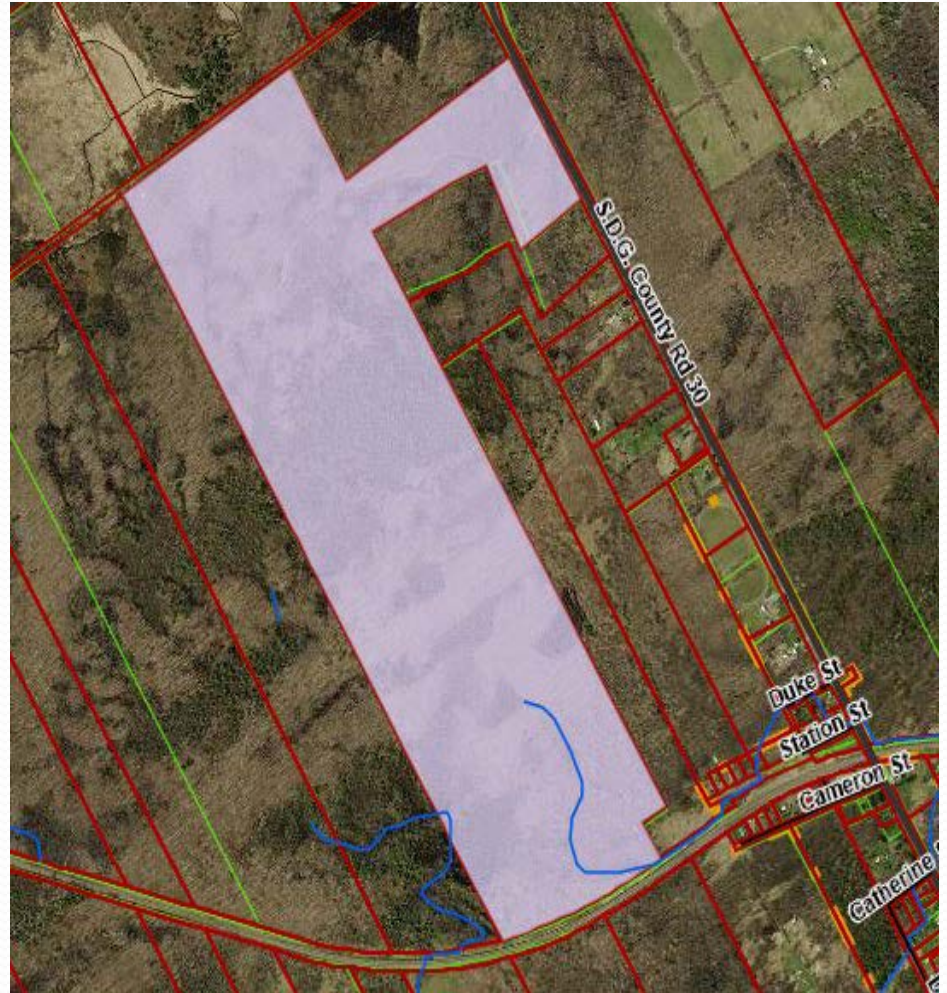


# New Name: Alvin Runnalls Forest

- The only County Forest in North Dundas
- Close to the Runnall's family farm
- Past warden and Mayor of North Dundas
- Known for work with local Conservation Authority
- Name proposed by local foresters

# Compartment 47

- Hemlock, juniper and potential for other rare species
- Hardwood forest
- Common species: Lichen, bee balm, and Common Grey Fox







# New Name: Greenfield Forest

- Located near the rural community of Greenfield
- Access off County Road 30
- Some good trails observed from the road
- Future opportunity for recreational enhancement

# Compartment 56

- Access off Red Town and Gravel Hill Roads
- Some trails located near Gravel Hill access
- Giant cottonwood trees
- Active agricultural area



# New Name: Red Town Forest



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# Compartment 99





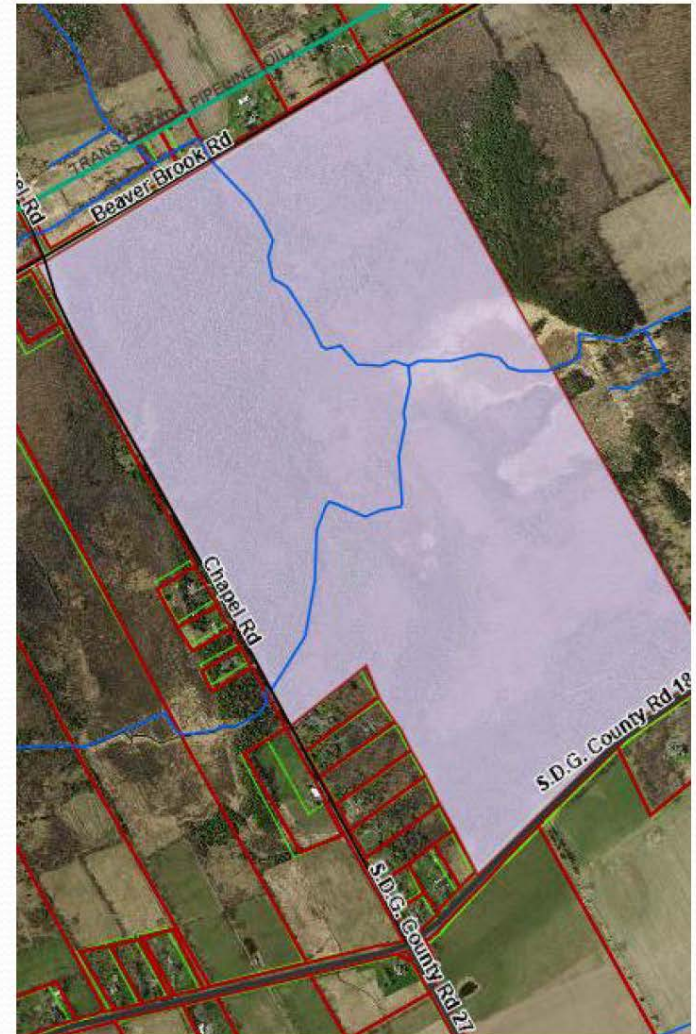
# New Name: Riverside-Whitney Forest

- Lots of historical significance
  - Sir James Whitney memorial
  - Church moved due to seaway flooding
- Will install additional signage at the Municipal hall
- Working with existing snowmobile club to facilitate summer use of the trail network



# Compartments 1-4

- Former Charlottenburgh Township
- Located near St. Raphael's
- 100 ft european Larch trees
- Trails - fantastic walking area
- Endangered species, headwater for Beaudette R., wetlands





# New Name: Sandfield MacDonald Forest

- Located near Sir John Sandfield MacDonald's family farm and birthplace
- Future opportunity for recreational enhancement
- A number of existing trail networks with multiple access points



**SANDFIELD MACDONALD  
FOREST**



# Compartments 43 and 44

- Access via a road allowance off of Frog Hollow Road
- Wetlands with mixed hardwood and hickory
- Candidate Area of Natural Scientific Interest







# New Name: Frog Hollow Forest

- Great existing access via road allowance

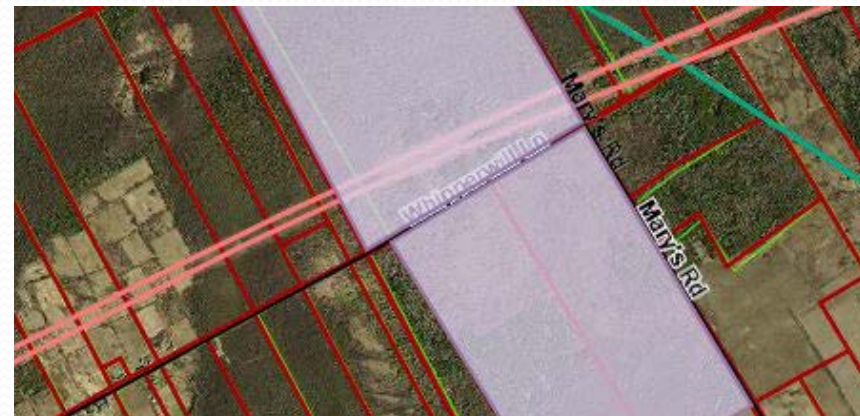


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# Compartments 36, 37, 49, 64

- One of the most beautiful County Forests
- Climate change research area
- Two good access points with trails (old logging roads)
- Forest 'landing' could be used as a parking area in the future
- Cedar stands dating back to 1896





# New Name: Whipperwill Forest



**WHIPPERWILL  
FOREST**



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# Future Work

- The County will be mapping trails and adding them to an online map for the public
- Forestry staff will inventory infrastructure on all properties to develop a capital plan for investment
- If you have any questions, comments, concerns please contact Alison McDonald, Manager of Planning
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