



MILL CREEK STEWARDSHIP RANGER PROGRAM

c/o Township of Puslinch
7404 Wellington Road 34
Guelph, ON N1H 6H9



2013 Mill Creek Rangers

November 28, 2013

Dear Mayor Lever and Councillors;

Friends of Mill Creek would like to sincerely thank the Township of Puslinch for their dedicated and continued support in helping fund the Mill Creek Stewardship Ranger Program and requests a donation of \$5,000 in 2014.

Since 2003, ten crew leaders and 43 enthusiastic high school students, many from Puslinch Township, have benefited from the Ranger Program. Without exception, participants have had nothing but praise for the in-stream rehabilitation and off-site educational projects that cultivate the students' interest and knowledge of the natural environment within our community. To see your Ranger dollars at work, the most recent Ranger Report may be found at <http://www.friendsofmillcreek.org/ranger-crew/studentranger-annual-report-2012>. Our 2013 report will be posted soon.

Of course, the Creek has also benefited. There has been a measureable reduction in summer maximum temperatures and an increase in fish populations in some of the most important reaches of the Creek, both of which are directly attributable to the efforts of FOMC and the Ranger Program. More details of how FMOC's work has benefited Mill Creek and our future plans are contained on our website www.friendsofmillcreek.org.

The Program is also extremely cost effective. Donation dollars are multiplied with in-kind contributions from the Grand River Conservation Authority, Grand River Conservation Foundation, Wellington Stewardship Council and Ministry of Natural Resources in addition to donations of labour and materials by local industry.

Success is attributable to our donors, sponsors, partners, members, and local landowners and each year the Program results continue to exceed all expectations! We are extremely proud to have received a GRCA Watershed Award in 2012. To learn more, please take a moment to watch our Watershed Award Video on our website.

Please help support the community to continue this program. With your assistance, we are looking forward to another successful year of rehabilitation and student enrichment. Your **charitable donation** can be made payable to:

Grand River Conservation Foundation

(Please note on the cheque that funds are in support of Friends of Mill Creek)

Contributions may either be mailed to Friends of Mill Creek, c/o Township of Puslinch, or provided to any of the Friends below who will be more than pleased to personally stop by. Charitable tax receipts will be issued and donors are recognized with a plaque at our annual barbeque where you will hear and see the difference your investment has made.

Sincerely,

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FRIENDS OF MILL CREEK

Statement of Operations (1)

For the twelve months ending 31 December 2013 with comparative figures for full year 2012

	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	2012 Actual
	\$	\$	\$
Revenue			
Donations	28,250.00	35,000.00	26,475.00
GRCA Foundation investment income (2)	225.00	700.00	635.00
Total revenue	28,475.00	35,700.00	27,110.00
Expenditures			
Salaries & benefits - Crew Leader/ Rangers	23,128.00	24,000.00	23,261.96
Training - Crew Leader/ Rangers	356.00	450.00	360.00
Equipment & materials - Ranger Crew	1,004.00	1,500.00	1,178.37
Vehicle rental - Crew Leader/ Rangers	5,850.00	5,500.00	5,550.00
Strategic plan/ website update		450.00	407.04
Donor plaques	903.00		762.46
Liability insurance	1,998.00	2,500.00	1,882.56
GRCA Foundation administration fees (2)	875.00	2,000.00	668.61
Total expenditures	34,114.00	36,400.00	34,071.00
Net income (loss) from operations	(5,639.00)	(700.00)	(6,961.00)

FRIENDS OF MILL CREEK
Budget 2014 (Draft 9 December 2013)

	2014 Budget	2013 Actual (1)	2012 Actual
	\$	\$	\$
Revenue			
Donations	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 28,250.00	\$ 26,475.00
GRCA Foundation investment income	\$ 650.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 635.34
Total revenue	\$ 46,650.00	\$ 28,475.00	\$ 27,110.34
Expenditures (1)			
Salaries & benefits - Crew Leader/ Rangers	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 23,128.00	\$ 23,261.96
Training - Crew Leader/ Rangers	\$ 450.00	\$ 356.00	\$ 360.00
Equipment & materials - Ranger Crew	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,004.10	\$ 1,178.37
Vehicle rental - Crew Leader/ Rangers (1)	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 5,550.00
Strategic plan/ website	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 407.04
Donor plaques	\$ 900.00	\$ 903.00	\$ 762.46
Liability insurance	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,998.00	\$ 1,882.56
GRCA Foundation administration fees (1)	\$ 700.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 668.61
Bond Tract planning and materials	\$ 2,500.00		
Total expenditures	\$ 39,900.00	\$ 34,114.10	\$ 34,071.00
Net income (loss) from operations	\$ 6,750.00	\$ (5,639.10)	\$ (6,960.66)

(1) Actual amounts as of Dec 15, 2013