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GRCA to transfer Puslinch Tract to the Township of Puslinch

On Friday, March 27, 2026, the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) Board approved the transfer of 265 acres of land known as the Puslinch Tract to the Township of Puslinch for \$1.6 million.

The Puslinch Tract is located along the south side of Highway 401, east of Wellington County Road 32, adjacent to the ON Route service station (see Figure 1).

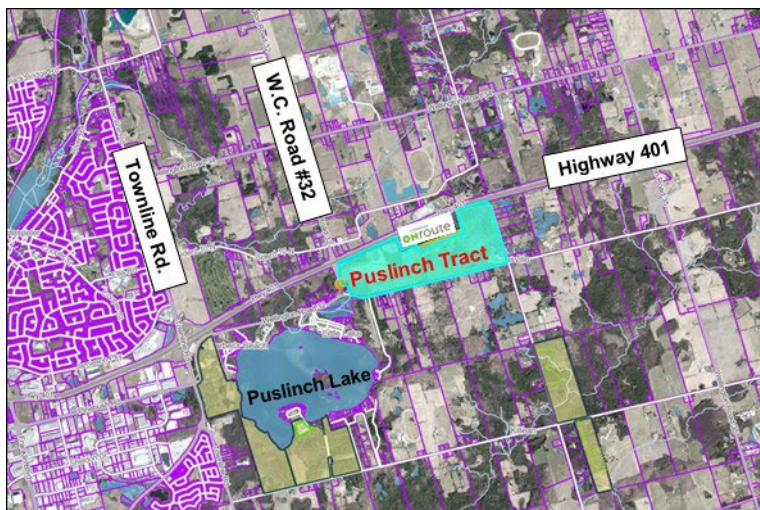


Figure 1: Lands being transferred outlined/shaded in turquoise.

The Township of Puslinch has identified a need for parkland and recreation space in its western area. This transfer will allow the Township to continue to provide recreation opportunities to the community.

“Council is very pleased to see the transfer of the Puslinch Tract move forward. This is a meaningful opportunity to enhance parkland and open space for our residents on the westside of the Township, while continuing to protect the natural features that make this property so special,” says Township of Puslinch Mayor James Seeley. “As we begin updating our Recreation and Parks Master Plan, we look forward to working with the community to shape how this natural asset can best support recreation, stewardship, and enjoyment for years to come.”

The Puslinch Tract consists of a mixture of naturalized forest plantations, deciduous and coniferous forests, meadows, ponds and several wetlands. The environmental features of the property will continue to be protected under applicable municipal planning policies and by-laws, and provincial legislation, as well as regulated by the GRCA under the Conservation Authorities Act (Ont. Reg 41/24).

“These lands will provide valuable recreation opportunities and park space for the community,” says GRCA Chair John Challinor II. “The GRCA has a long history of partnering with watershed

municipalities, and our Board's approval of this transfer reflects the strong and positive working relationship with the Township of Puslinch to support the needs of its residents."

The Township is in the process of updating its Recreation and Parks Master Plan, and through this process will engage with interest holders on the future of the Puslinch Tract.

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