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County of Dufferin
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County Holds Open Houses For Draft Twenty Year Forest Plan

Open houses will be held in early May for review of the draft management plan for the County-owned and managed forest properties known as the Dufferin County Forest. The County Forest is made up of thirteen tracts located throughout Dufferin County, the largest of which is the 1,492 acre Main Tract located north of the hamlet of Mansfield.

Warden Bill Hill had this comment, "The management plan will guide the sustainability of the Dufferin County Forest over the next twenty years, from 2015 to 2035. The planning process will give the public opportunities to provide input into what will happen in the Dufferin County Forest during that time."

Open houses to give the public a chance to view and discuss the draft management plan will be held as follows:

Friday, May 9, 2014, 3 - 8 pm
County of Dufferin Offices
(55 Zina St., Orangeville)

Saturday, May 10, 2014, 10 am - 4 pm
Dufferin County Museum & Archives
(Airport Rd. & Hwy. 89)

There will be no formal presentation during the open houses.

Following these open houses, there will be a review period for the draft plan. Any submissions regarding the draft plan should be made in writing to the County Forest Manager's office prior to July 31, 2014.

The draft plan will be available from the County Forest Manager's office and at www.dufferinmuseum.com/forest after May 1, 2014.

The results of the public review will be addressed in the development of the final plan which will be released in the fall of 2014.

“It is important that residents take advantage of this opportunity to have their say in the management of this important community resource,” said Caroline Mach, County Forest Manager.

Residents with questions regarding either the planning process or the County Forest in general should contact Caroline Mach, County Forest Manager at 705-435-1881 or 877-941-7787 or by e-mail at forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com.

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