



2025 Approved Budget

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St. Clair Region Conservation Authority

About Us

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) is one of Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities (CA) responsible for the conservation, restoration, and management of natural resources within its watershed. The St. Clair Region includes the Sydenham River watershed and smaller watersheds that drain directly into southern Lake Huron, the St. Clair River, and northeastern Lake St. Clair.

Our programs aim to 1) reduce the risk of life and property from flooding and erosion; 2) improve water quality; 3) promote habitat creation and stewardship; 4) provide outdoor recreation opportunities; 5) increase environmental awareness and literacy; and 6) monitor and protect our most vulnerable species. We achieve this in cooperation and partnership with our member municipalities, government agencies, Indigenous communities, community groups, local landowners, and businesses.

Vision Statement

The vision of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority reflects the future desired state of our region. "A healthy and sustainable natural environment in the St. Clair region."

Mission Statement

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority has as its mission, to provide leadership through coordination of watershed planning, implementation of resource management programs and promotion of conservation awareness, in cooperation with others.

2025 Budget Highlights

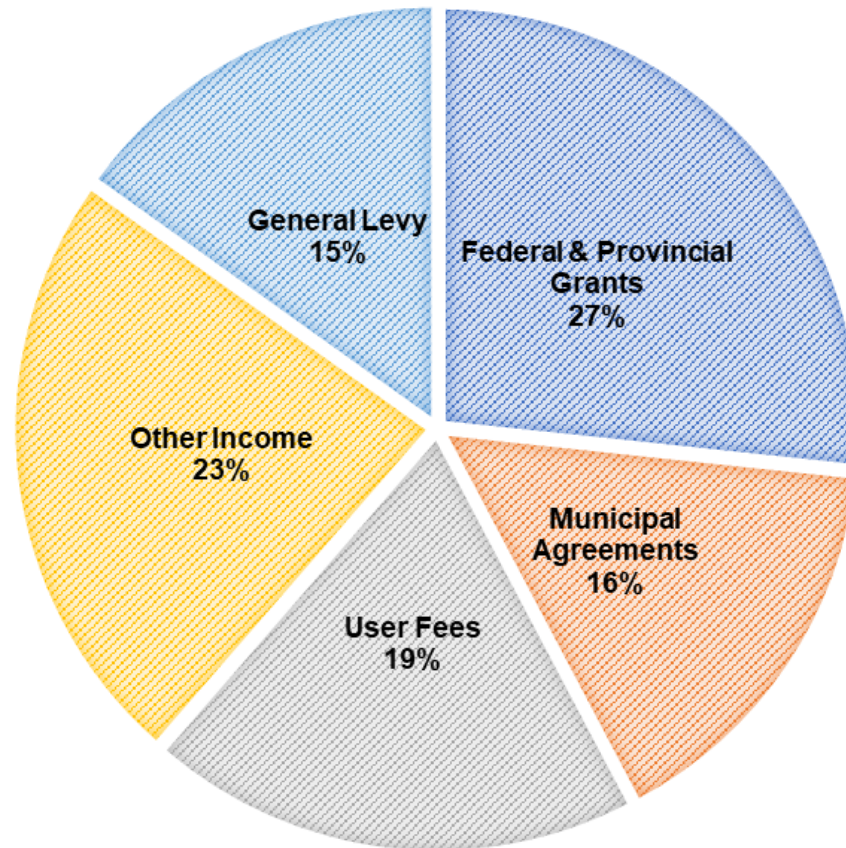
We offer the following highlights for your information:

- General Levy for 2025 is \$1,675,950 shared by the 17-member municipalities, resulting in an increase of \$64,605 or 4% from 2024 (see General Levy Assessment).
- The primary financial pressures and cost drivers in the General Levy include:
 - \$73,550 – Compensation and benefits increase, including Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), step increase within wage scales, and benefit increase.
 - \$20,000 – Compensation review.
 - \$37,000 – Server and computer replacement (Microsoft will stop supporting Windows10 in 2025).
 - \$36,000 – IT contract-out server and cybersecurity managed services.
 - \$20,000 – Drainage fee reduction due to changes in exemptions in O. Reg. 41/24.
 - \$32,227 – 2% increase to fund General Operating Expenses and Category 1 mandatory programs and services that have previously been funded through self-generated revenue or internal charges to comply with Ontario Regulation 686/21 (Approved on June 22, 2023).
 - Fee freeze on planning, development and permitting fees based on Minister's Direction.
- Mitigation measures to reduce the General Levy increase include:
 - \$90,000 – Staffing savings.
 - \$64,172 – Grant funding and self-generating revenue to fund some cost increases.
- The total budget deficit of (\$100,000) is from land management due to an unexpected early termination of agricultural lease. It will be covered by the land management reserve.
- Total Municipal Funding summarizes total funding from each municipality, including special infrastructure projects and category 2 & 3 programs.

Overall Revenues and Expenditures		
	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Expenditures		
Flood Control Operations and Maintenance	\$ 445,715	\$ 430,380
Water Erosion Control Infrastructure	\$ 4,332,000	\$ 2,813,000
Natural Hazard Technical Study	\$ 272,039	\$ 66,000
Planning & Regulations	\$ 943,545	\$ 915,377
Land Management	\$ 316,281	\$ 324,546
Conservation Area	\$ 1,985,990	\$ 1,928,680
Conservation Services	\$ 404,400	\$ 437,110
Source Water Protection & Risk Mgmt	\$ 210,216	\$ 217,685
Watershed monitoring and Stewardship Program	\$ 733,647	\$ 2,522,550
Area of Concern Mgmt	\$ 37,799	\$ 120,050
Education	\$ 216,360	\$ 146,727
Foundation	\$ 31,250	\$ 37,605
Corporate Services	\$ 1,015,847	\$ 1,112,497
IT, Equipment, and Vehicle Capital Spending	\$ 286,000	\$ 106,973
Total Expenditures	\$ 11,231,089	\$ 11,179,180
Revenues		
General Levy	\$ 1,611,345	\$ 1,675,950
Federal & Provincial Grants	\$ 3,120,487	\$ 2,954,618
Municipal Agreements (formerly Special Levy)	\$ 2,361,653	\$ 1,728,995
User Fees	\$ 2,070,854	\$ 2,118,161
Other Income	\$ 2,066,751	\$ 2,601,456
Total Revenues	\$ 11,231,089	\$ 11,079,180
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	-\$ 0	-\$ 100,000

REVENUE BY SOURCE

■ Federal & Provincial Grants ■ Municipal Agreements ■ User Fees ■ Other Income ■ General Levy



General and Category 1 Programs Revenues and Expenditures

	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Expenditures		
Flood Control Operations and Maintenance	\$ 445,715	\$ 430,380
Water Erosion Control Infrastructure	\$ 4,332,000	\$ 2,813,000
Natural Hazard Technical Study	\$ 272,039	\$ 66,000
Planning & Regulations	\$ 943,545	\$ 915,377
Land Management	\$ 208,845	\$ 211,160
Conservation Area		
Conservation Services		
Source Water Protection & Risk Mgmt		
Watershed monitoring and Stewardship Program	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000
Area of Concern Mgmt		
Education		
Foundation		
Corporate Services	\$ 1,015,847	\$ 1,112,497
IT, Equipment, and Vehicle Capital Spending	\$ 286,000	\$ 106,973
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,537,991	\$ 5,689,387
Revenues		
General Levy	\$ 1,606,300	\$ 1,675,950
Federal & Provincial Grants	\$ 2,245,038	\$ 445,038
Municipal Agreements (formerly Special Levy)	\$ 2,227,450	\$ 1,477,450
User Fees	\$ 342,168	\$ 313,000
Other Income	\$ 1,117,035	\$ 1,677,949
Total Revenues	\$ 7,537,991	\$ 5,589,387
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ -	-\$ 100,000

Category 2 Programs Revenues and Expenditures		
	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Expenditures		
Flood Control Operations and Maintenance		
Water Erosion Control Infrastructure		
Natural Hazard Technical Study		
Planning & Regulations		
Land Management		
Conservation Area	\$ 128,550	\$ 131,820
Conservation Services		
Source Water Protection & Risk Mgmt		
Watershed monitoring and Stewardship Program		
Area of Concern Mgmt		
Education		
Foundation		
Corporate Services		
IT, Equipment, and Vehicle Capital Spending		
Total Expenditures	\$ 128,550	\$ 131,820
Revenues		
General Levy	\$ 5,045	\$ -
Federal & Provincial Grants	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Agreements (formerly Special Levy)	\$ 118,905	\$ 131,820
User Fees	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 4,600	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 128,550	\$ 131,820
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ -	\$ -

Category 3 Programs Revenues and Expenditures		
	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Expenditures		
Flood Control Operations and Maintenance		
Water Erosion Control Infrastructure		
Natural Hazard Technical Study		
Planning & Regulations		
Land Management	\$ 107,436	\$ 113,386
Conservation Area	\$ 1,857,440	\$ 1,796,860
Conservation Services	\$ 404,400	\$ 437,110
Source Water Protection & Risk Mgmt	\$ 210,216	\$ 217,685
Watershed monitoring and Stewardship Program	\$ 699,647	\$ 2,488,550
Area of Concern Mgmt	\$ 37,799	\$ 120,050
Education	\$ 216,360	\$ 146,727
Foundation	\$ 31,250	\$ 37,605
Corporate Services		
IT, Equipment, and Vehicle Capital Spending		
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,564,548	\$ 5,357,973
Revenues		
General Levy	\$ -	\$ -
Federal & Provincial Grants	\$ 875,449	\$ 2,509,580
Municipal Agreements (formerly Special Levy)	\$ 15,298	\$ 119,725
User Fees	\$ 1,728,686	\$ 1,805,161
Other Income	\$ 945,115	\$ 923,507
Total Revenues	\$ 3,564,548	\$ 5,357,973
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	-\$ 0	\$ -

2025 Total Municipal Funding
Total Municipal Funding Including Special Infrastructure Projects and Category 2&3 Programs

Municipality	2025	2025 Municipal Agreement (Formerly Special Levy)					2025	2024
	Proposed General Levy	St. Clair Township Erosion Control (WECI & DMAF)	Sarnia Erosion Control Work (WECI & DMAF)	Water Control Structure (McKeough & ARDA)	Conservation Areas	Tree Planting, Stewardship & Education Programs	Total Municipal Funding	Total Municipal Funding
Adelaide Metcalfe Tp	\$ 32,761						\$32,761	\$31,457
Brooke-Alvinston Tp	\$ 29,048					\$2,000	\$31,048	\$30,216
Chatham-Kent M	\$ 219,147			\$73,630	\$31,050	\$37,154	\$360,981	\$341,575
Dawn-Euphemia Tp	\$ 43,792				\$950	\$500	\$45,242	\$43,675
Enniskillen Tp	\$ 31,468						\$31,468	\$30,929
Lambton Shores M	\$ 86,252				\$1,300	\$9,288	\$96,840	\$92,457
Middlesex Centre M	\$ 40,176				\$30,000	\$2,000	\$72,176	\$65,792
Newbury V	\$ 2,639					\$285	\$2,924	\$2,831
Oil Springs V	\$ 3,497					\$360	\$3,857	\$3,602
Petrolia T	\$ 43,765				\$1,850	\$2,500	\$48,115	\$46,028
Plympton-Wyoming T	\$ 96,664						\$96,664	\$101,592
Point Edward V	\$ 35,062					\$3,819	\$38,881	\$38,003
Sarnia C	\$ 616,273		\$1,000,000		\$22,950		\$1,639,223	\$2,513,213
Southwest Middlesex M	\$ 19,445					\$1,334	\$20,779	\$20,192
St. Clair Tp	\$ 184,751	\$400,000		\$3,820		\$31,694	\$620,265	\$464,778
Strathroy - Caradoc Tp	\$ 153,371				\$43,720	\$26,291	\$223,382	\$212,013
Warwick Tp	\$ 37,840					\$2,500	\$40,340	\$39,073
	\$ 1,675,950	\$400,000	\$1,000,000	\$77,450	\$131,820	\$119,725	\$3,404,945	\$4,077,425

Note :
WECI (Water & Erosion Control Infrastructure) Projects are considered if there is matching funds from both the Province and the benefitting Municipality and vary from year to year based on granting approval process, and Municipal matching funds.
DMAF - Diaster Mitigation and Adaption Fund - Government of Canada investment in large-scale infrastructure projects.
NDMP - National Disaster Mitigation Program - Government of Canada funding to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from flood-related events.

2025 General Levy Assessment (Draft)							
	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024	2025	2024/2025
Municipality	Current Value Assessment (modified) in Watershed	Weighted CVA Apportionment %	Current Value Assessment (modified) in Watershed	Weighted CVA Apportionment %	General Levy	General Levy	General Levy Increase
Township of Adelaide Metcalfe	\$ 503,813,181	1.9522%	\$ 508,223,583	1.9548%	\$ 31,457	\$ 32,761	\$ 1,304
Township Brooke-Alvinston	\$ 451,905,538	1.7511%	\$ 450,630,703	1.7332%	\$ 28,216	\$ 29,048	\$ 833
Municipality Chatham-Kent	\$ 3,365,638,631	13.0414%	\$ 3,399,662,227	13.0760%	\$ 210,141	\$ 219,147	\$ 9,005
Township Dawn-Euphemia	\$ 676,277,130	2.6205%	\$ 679,350,130	2.6130%	\$ 42,225	\$ 43,792	\$ 1,567
Township Enniskillen	\$ 495,352,749	1.9194%	\$ 488,174,144	1.8776%	\$ 30,929	\$ 31,468	\$ 540
Municipality Lambton Shores	\$ 1,312,821,953	5.0870%	\$ 1,338,045,346	5.1465%	\$ 81,969	\$ 86,252	\$ 4,283
Municipality Middlesex Centre	\$ 605,117,120	2.3447%	\$ 623,249,878	2.3972%	\$ 37,782	\$ 40,176	\$ 2,394
Village Newbury	\$ 40,773,695	0.1580%	\$ 40,937,045	0.1575%	\$ 2,546	\$ 2,639	\$ 93
Village Oil Springs	\$ 51,925,100	0.2012%	\$ 54,242,610	0.2086%	\$ 3,242	\$ 3,497	\$ 254
Town Petrolia	\$ 671,525,119	2.6021%	\$ 678,935,294	2.6114%	\$ 41,928	\$ 43,765	\$ 1,837
Town Plympton-Wyoming	\$ 1,474,943,070	5.7152%	\$ 1,499,561,639	5.7677%	\$ 92,092	\$ 96,664	\$ 4,572
Village Point Edward	\$ 547,493,600	2.1215%	\$ 543,921,600	2.0921%	\$ 34,184	\$ 35,062	\$ 878
City Sarnia	\$ 9,510,623,934	36.8523%	\$ 9,560,337,797	36.7715%	\$ 593,818	\$ 616,273	\$ 22,455
Municipality Southwest Middlesex	\$ 302,030,512	1.1703%	\$ 301,646,898	1.1602%	\$ 18,858	\$ 19,445	\$ 587
Township St. Clair	\$ 2,871,109,307	11.1251%	\$ 2,866,071,594	11.0237%	\$ 179,264	\$ 184,751	\$ 5,487
Township Strathroy - Caradoc	\$ 2,340,291,503	9.0683%	\$ 2,379,275,065	9.1513%	\$ 146,122	\$ 153,371	\$ 7,250
Township Warwick	\$ 585,755,456	2.2697%	\$ 587,015,516	2.2578%	\$ 36,573	\$ 37,840	\$ 1,267
	\$ 25,807,397,598	100%	\$ 25,999,281,068	100%	\$ 1,611,345	\$ 1,675,950	\$ 64,605
\$16,113 equals approx. 1% change in levy							
CVA Apportionment is based on information provided from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (2024 CVA)							



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