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The Souharissen Natural Area Declaration

Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
Waterdown, Ontario

WORKING DRAFT – May 14th, 2018

Mission Statement:

Established on the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and Wendat Nation, the Souharissen Natural Area is a joint project between Indigenous and non-Indigenous inhabitants of the land who are committed to the preservation of an ecosystem in Flamborough/Waterdown. It is a commitment to a concept of an equilibrium - or Treaty¹- between the people of Flamborough and the environment.

Rights held by the Souharissen Natural Area:

- Right to life of flora and fauna
- Right to natural restoration
- Right to be treated with respect
- Right to equilibrium (between land, people and wildlife)
- Right to protection
 - Be free of contamination
 - Not to be developed
 - Preserve land and water in their natural state

¹ While Treaties are conventionally understood as being between nations, they can also be a formal agreement between humans and plants, animals, or other beings in creation. To so-called secular ears, this may seem strange; and yet, western law acknowledges personhood rights of corporations (non-human entities), and in recent years rights have been granted to bodies of water. (Clara MacCallum Fraser, Indigenous-Municipal Relations: Beyond Consultation, 2018)

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Responsibilities accorded to residents of Waterdown/Flamborough

- To use, experience, and respect the land and wildlife
- To educate community members, including new neighbours, families and friends about the area;
 - To understand the land's significance and connection to Indigenous Peoples.
 - Raise awareness through social media, posters at schools, assemblies, volunteer hour opportunities.
 - To recognize the benefits of green space.
- To help maintain the health of the area and accessibility to it (water dying plants/trees, cut grass);
 - To use environmentally sustainable products.
 - To encourage the use of garbage cans and recycling options.

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