



Lakeshore Eco-Network

# Make the Planet Great Again!

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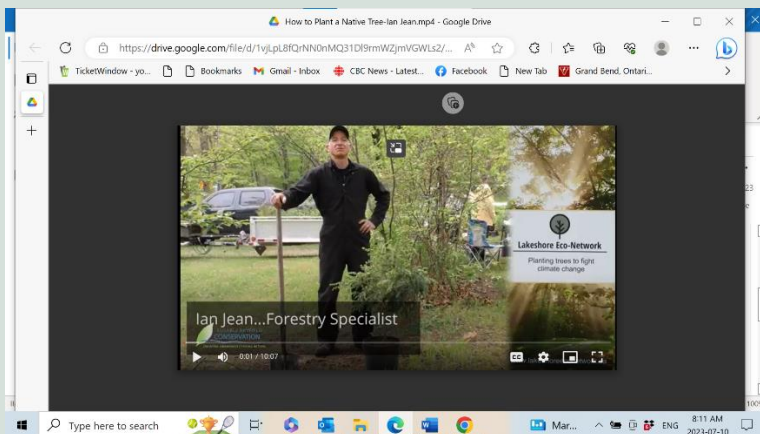
New Members Welcome!

## *Upcoming Events*

Fall Tree and Plant Sale, September 30, 2023, Lambton Heritage Museum

Annual General Meeting, October X, Grand Bend Place, Grand Bend (more info to come)

## A Star is Born



During our spring tree sale, Ian Jean, a LEN board member and Forestry Specialist with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, agreed to record a video about how to plant a tree. Check out the stellar results [here](#). Big thank you to Ian and videographer Dennis Siren!



## Cold, Wet and Very Satisfying!

LEN's first ever demo took place on Friday, April

21. Some 20 brave individuals gathered at the corner of Highway 21 and Main Street to register their frustration at policies of the Ontario government, including opening the Green Belt to development, reducing controls on urban sprawl, and reducing protections for forests and wetlands. In late June the government announced plans to further reduce protections for lakes, rivers, and streams. **Watch for upcoming demos!**

## GAIA Visits Exeter

For five weeks in June, Exeter hosted a very special visitor – GAIA, the Greek goddess of the earth, and an extraordinary artwork by Luke Jerram.

Jerram's GAIA is a giant inflatable scale model of the Earth, created with images taken from space. Trivitt Church provided a beautiful temporary home for her. More than 2000 school children and hundreds of others visited the exhibit. They came to marvel at the sight of GAIA, floating serenely and gently turning, and to listen to a soundscape of music and voices. It was an opportunity to



feel the sense of wonder that astronauts experience when they look back at their home planet from space –

the beautiful “blue marble.” It was also a timely reminder that we must all do what we can to protect our home in the universe.



Huron Waves Music Festival brought GAIA to Exeter and held several concerts in the unique setting. LEN had the opportunity to set up an outdoor display on three Saturdays during GAIA’s stay, and several other environmental groups, including Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, the Huron Track Land Trust, and Climate Momentum, joined us. Thanks to everyone who helped out!



**Lynn Tremain is grandcleansthebeach!**

## LEN receives major grant

Funded by the  
Government of Canada's  
Community Services Recovery Fund

Canada

In June, Lakeshore Eco-Network learned that we had received a grant worth more than \$20,000 from the Community Services Recovery Fund (CSRF). The CSRF is a \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to support charities and non-profits as they focus on how to adapt their organizations for pandemic recovery. The LEN grant will be used to hire a consultant to develop and implement a plan to grow the organization. The job description is [here](#).

## An Award for LEN



In April, Max attended the AGM of Lambton Wildlife and received this award on behalf of the organization. Lambton Wildlife Inc. is non-profit, volunteer, naturalist organization that was founded in 1966. Thanks to everyone who has supported LEN over the years, we're getting noticed!

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