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Landowner Found Guilty of Interference with a Watercourse

A Centre Hastings landowner involved in altering a watercourse without a permit from Lower Trent Conservation (LTC) has been convicted for breaching Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

A provincial Justice of the Peace found a property owner within the Municipality of Centre Hastings, guilty of alteration to a watercourse on October 26, 2015. A berm and dam were constructed on a small tributary to Rawdon Creek in the Moreland Lake area, and adjacent to a provincially significant wetland, between 2011 and 2012.

Any development activities in environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, watercourses or shorelines are regulated under *Ontario Regulation 163/06 (Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation)*.

Through the regulation, Lower Trent Conservation strives to ensure that development will not be impacted by flooding or erosion problems and that new development does not aggravate flooding problems upstream or downstream. Environmental impacts are also taken into consideration before issuing a permit.

“We encourage property owners and contractors to get in touch with us prior to any nearshore or in-water work so that flooding or erosion issues associated with watercourses, flood plains, wetlands, steep slopes, inland lakes/ponds, and Lake Ontario/Bay of Quinte shoreline are considered,” says Janet Noyes, Manager, Watershed Science & Services.

Anyone considering work in or near wetlands or waterways need to contact Lower Trent Conservation to discuss their proposal at 613-394-4829. For more information visit www.ltc.on.ca and click on **Planning & Permits**.

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