

## P R E F A C E

In its call to action for a new decade of regeneration, the Waterfront Regeneration Trust and its partners are re-committing us to an enormously exciting, productive and successful venture.

The Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail and Greenway have already proven to be the historic catalyst we all hoped for ten years ago.

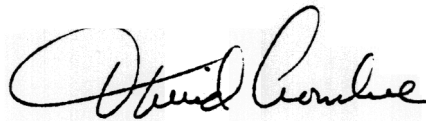
Through the implementation of a strong philosophy and organizing principles in over a hundred projects, the Trail and Greenway have become a unique and evolving story of local actions, regional benefits and continental significance. From Niagara-on-the-Lake to Gananoque, communities along the 650 km Waterfront have begun - vigorously and imaginatively - to respond to the particular challenges of their own waterfronts. They are re-investing in their natural and cultural heritage with an energy and commitment that are truly remarkable.

Now more than ever people are insisting that their waterfronts and watersheds be understood as special places when plans for restoration and rejuvenation are being developed and implemented. In doing so

they are enhancing their public assets, expanding their civic capacity and providing opportunities for private sector initiatives that will benefit not only themselves and other Canadians but also visitors from around the world.

During the next decade the creative energies of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust and the Lake Ontario Waterfront Network, made up of people and organizations from around the Lake, will be placed at the disposal of a new generation of projects. Waterfront and watershed stewardship will increasingly become a part of everyday thinking. New ideas and new partnerships will emerge to make an even greater impact on our lives.

What was a vision of hope in the last decade has become a workbench for reality in the new one. It's a great time to get involved. See you on the Trail!



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