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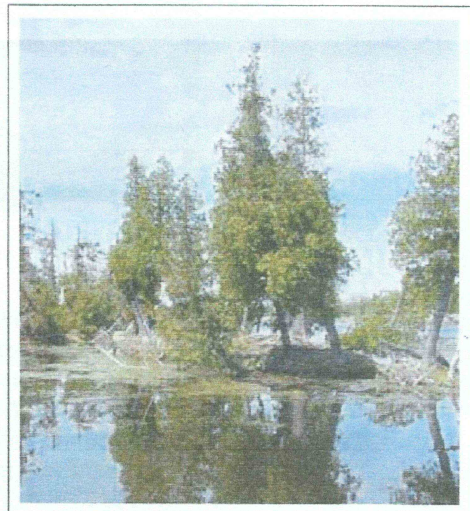
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TRUST ANNOUNCES A NEW PROJECT ON NEWBORO LAKE

The Trust has reached an agreement to acquire the 12 remaining unprotected islands in the area known as The Bog. The Bog is a Class 1 Provincially Significant Wetland, the highest possible wetland rating in Ontario, and is located in the northeast corner of the Newboro Lake. In addition to being a Class 1 wetland, this area is also designated as a Provincial fish sanctuary, an ANSI (area of natural and scientific interest) and has been identified as a key area of interest within the UN Biosphere Reserve. RWLT members have long recognized the importance of preserving lands of high ecological significance and these islands certainly meet this criterion.

As many of you may be aware almost two thirds of Southern Ontario wetlands have been lost or severely degraded, while the health of those remaining continues to be threatened. The Trust, acting on concerns expressed by its members, agrees that the remaining wetlands

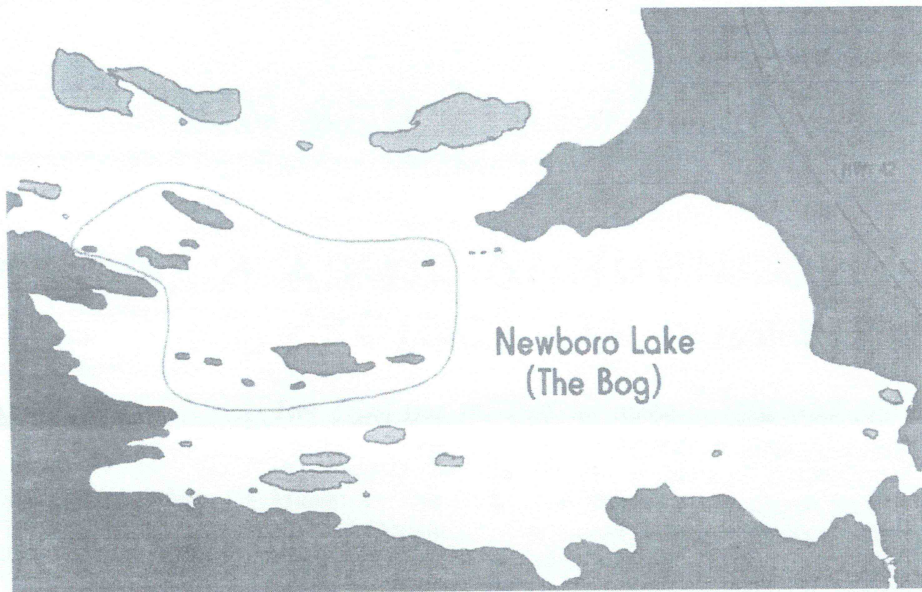


in the Rideau Corridor should be preserved.

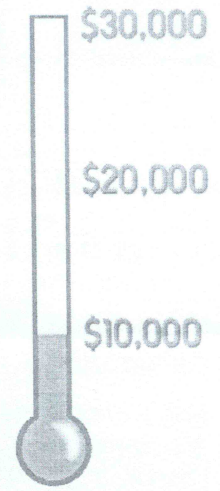
Wetlands like the Newboro Bog provide habitat for rare and endangered species, both plant and animal. The Bog is recognized as an important plant and wildlife nursery, nesting site, feeding grounds and resting place for the birds, fish and small animals that many of us have come to take for

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**Campaign to Preserve
The Islands!**



Location of the 12 islands

granted. If this site is allowed to deteriorate then many of these species will lose their foothold on existence. In addition this wetland is recognized as an important water filter for the lakes in this region. Above all it is a great place for people to explore and reconnect with nature. These are only a few of the reasons why this area is so important to preserve in perpetuity.

These 12 islands, which make up the current project, range in size from 1/2 acre to just over 3 acres and form an integral part of this wetland complex.

In order to complete the acquisition of these islands the Trust must raise \$30,000 by October 8th. The campaign is off to a good start with a \$10,000 donation from a long time supporter of The Trust. Although this donor would like to re-

main anonymous, they would like to challenge other Trust supporters to assist with the preservation of these islands. With the acquisition of these 12 islands, all 34 islands in the Bog will be safeguarded and another important step will be accomplished in preserving this internationally recognized ecological site.

How Can You Help

The volunteers of the Trust are asking for your help to preserve these islands. If you believe that it is important to protect these ecological significant islands please take a few minutes to fill in the enclosed donor reply card and return it with your special gift. We owe it to future generations.

