

## TTLT Outreach Booth Information

### Introduction Example

Thames Talbot Land Trust (TTLT) is an environmental charity that protects and restores nature within Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, and Perth counties and the City of London, in the current and traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples including Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabeg, Lenaapeewak, Attawandaron, and Wendat Peoples.

With a focus on healthy habitats for wildlife, our work also contributes to human well-being and helps address climate change. TTLT safeguards land through purchase, donation or by special agreements, and cares for the land through conservation and restoration initiatives. TTLT also hosts events and programs aimed at nurturing people's connection to nature to inspire wonder, promote well-being, and increase support for these protected areas.

Since 2000, TTLT has protected more than 863 ha (2132 ac) of land across 25 sites and counting. These include wetlands, forests, meadows, agricultural lands and the homes of more than 60 species at risk. We recognize that these lands have been cared for and remain under the care of Indigenous Peoples from time immemorial. We aim to work in the spirit and practice of reconciliation and we are honoured to take part in sustaining and nurturing nature in this region.

**Our Mission** is to protect, conserve, and restore nature within Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford and Perth counties, contributing to a stable climate, human wellbeing, and healthy habitats for all species.

**Our Vision** is to protect, conserve, and restore nature within Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford and Perth counties, contributing to a stable climate, human wellbeing, and healthy habitats for all species.

**Our Values** are Integrity | Diversity, Equity & Inclusion | Passion & Commitment | Intention | Accountability & Transparency.

## What We Do

### PROTECT

We work with landowners to protect land through donation, purchase, or special conservation agreements. Our nature reserves are meant to protect nature forever.

### RESTORE

Restoration contributes to healthy ecosystems and wildlife populations, as well as safe and positive visitor experiences at our nature reserves. Some of the ways we care for the land are:

- Non-native species management (i.e. remove species that are harmful to the ecosystem)
- Native plant restoration (i.e. adding native plants back into the landscape)
- Species at risk monitoring
- Creating wetland and meadow habitat

### NURTURE

Connection to and love of nature is important for everyone, and it is our job to provide opportunities for the community to foster that love and connection. We host 20+ events every year through a variety of programming and community outreach opportunities such as:

- Nature Education for Youth (nature and conservation education aimed at high school aged youth)
- Passport to Nature (12+ free events all year long)
- Community booth events
- General events/webinars/workshops
- Volunteer events

## Our Nature Reserves

Currently, we protect 25 nature reserves (and continue to grow). These nature reserves include habitats such as wetlands, forests, grasslands, and agricultural lands.

We have eight nature reserves open to the public. Most, but not all, have maintained trails:

- Hawk Cliff Woods (Union, ON)
- Joany's Woods (Thedford, ON)
- Five Points Forest – Dreidger Tract (Ingersoll, ON)
- Meadowlily Nature Preserve (London, ON)
- Wardsville Woods (Wardsville, ON)
- Sitler Woods (Newbury, ON)
- Tiedje Woods (Arkona, ON)
- Tanager Tract (West Elgin) > **Temporarily Closed**

## Get Involved

**EMAIL LIST:** Get updates about our community programs, events and fundraising initiatives, volunteer opportunities, and more!

**VOLUNTEER:** Volunteering with TTLT is a great way to spend some time in nature, meet like-minded people, learn and share your knowledge and experience, and have some fun along the way. Visit our website for more details.

- **Stewardship:** Get your hands dirty with hands-on conservation activities.
- **Outreach:** Engage with TTLT supporters and the general public through Communications, Event & Ambassador opportunities, Environmental Education for Youth
- **Office:** Assist in a variety of activities that help to keep TTLT running smoothly such as file organization & maintenance, data entry & analysis, website maintenance, records management, and more!

**DONATE:** If you are financially able to do so, please donate! Donations are applicable for tax deduction receipts. You can donate:

- Online via our website
- E-transfer to [donations@ttl.ca](mailto:donations@ttl.ca)
- Cheque payable to Thames Talbot Land Trust