



Quinte Field Naturalists

The Quinte Field Naturalists Association is affiliated with Ontario Nature, a non-profit organization sponsoring nature education, conservation and research.

June 16th, 2020

Dear Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks Hon. Jeff Yurek,

The Quinte Field Naturalist Organization strongly supports the proposal by South Shore Joint Initiative (SSJI) for **Conservation Reserve** designation for **Ostrander Point Crown Land Block** and **Point Petre Provincial Wildlife Area** on the South Shore of Prince Edward County.

The biodiversity on Prince Edward County's South Shore is remarkable and must be protected from development. Maintenance of natural habitat is an important component of climate change amelioration. QFN urges you to start now to protect this vital last piece of undeveloped shoreline on Lake Ontario's north shore.

The Quinte Field Naturalist Organization asks that you work with your colleagues in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to designate Ostrander Point Crown Land Block and Point Petre Provincial Wildlife Area as Ontario Conservation Reserves.

Sincerely,

George Thomson, QFN President

Cc: Minister of Natural Resources & Forestry Hon. John Yakabuski
MPP Bay of Quinte Hon. Todd Smith
South Shore Joint Initiative