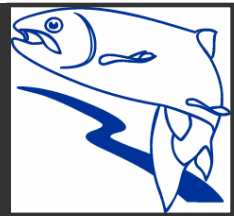


Greg Clark

Founded 1974



"Our mission is to conserve, protect and restore the Credit River watershed freshwater ecosystems for current and future generations."



Beginning in 2005, the West Credit River has been the focus of the Chapter's conservation activities through our 3 year WeCARE program (West Credit Appreciation Rehabilitation and Enhancement).

WeCARE is a multi-partner community initiative working in and with the communities of Erin, Hillsburgh and Belfountain to improve the health of the West Credit River. WeCARE focuses on excellent water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and natural features, and helps residents undertake projects that enhance and rehabilitate areas to strengthen the resilience of this valuable watershed. This project strives to go beyond traditional stream rehabilitation works: in truth it is really watershed renewal.

We CARE is supported by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Contributions by partners and active fund raising by the Chapter raised \$30,000 to help implement this dynamic 3 year program.

Chapter History

The Greg Clark Chapter began in 1974 as the Toronto Chapter, later named the Southern Ontario Chapter and finally in 1988 it was renamed to honour the famous Toronto Star reporter and author Gregory Clark. It is the oldest active TUC Chapter in Canada.



A brief look at the chapter's history:

- 1978:** The Credit River was selected as the "home" stream.
- 1980:** First stream rehabilitation work was begun upstream of Forks of the Credit.
- 1981:** Agreements with landowners has resulted in creation of the first special regulations angling section on the Credit River.
- 1982:** First stream rehabilitation work began on the agreement section. The chapter also participated in a project in the Forks of the Credit Provincial Park in partnership with C.V.C.A., O.M.N.R. and I.W.F.F.C.
- 1984:** First annual Toronto fund raising dinner/auction was held
- 1980's:** A pattern of five annual workdays was established including trout spawning surveys. Two major projects were undertaken in partnership with I.W.F.F.C.
- Early 1990's:** The Chapter began work on the Humber River between Bolton and Palgrave including instillation of an upwelling incubation box.
- 1996 & 97:** An assessment of reaches of the Credit R. was conducted. The partnerships resulting from this work became know as Upper Credit River Rehabilitation Initiative (UCRRI).
- 2000 to 2003:** Through UCRRI thousands of trees and shrubs were planted and well over a hundred structures of various kinds were installed with the objective of lowering stream temperatures throughout and enhancing the habitat for native brook trout. During the 4 years of the project more than \$55,000 was raised through Chapter fund raising efforts.
- Present:** With the completion of the **We CARE** project at the end of 2007 the chapter and CVC are now endeavouring to promote the continuation of work begun with WeCARE by the communities on the West Credit River

Future work by the Chapter will be involve activities and projects to improve water quality and quantity in the watershed. The next initiatives will be focused largely on the Orangeville area

