



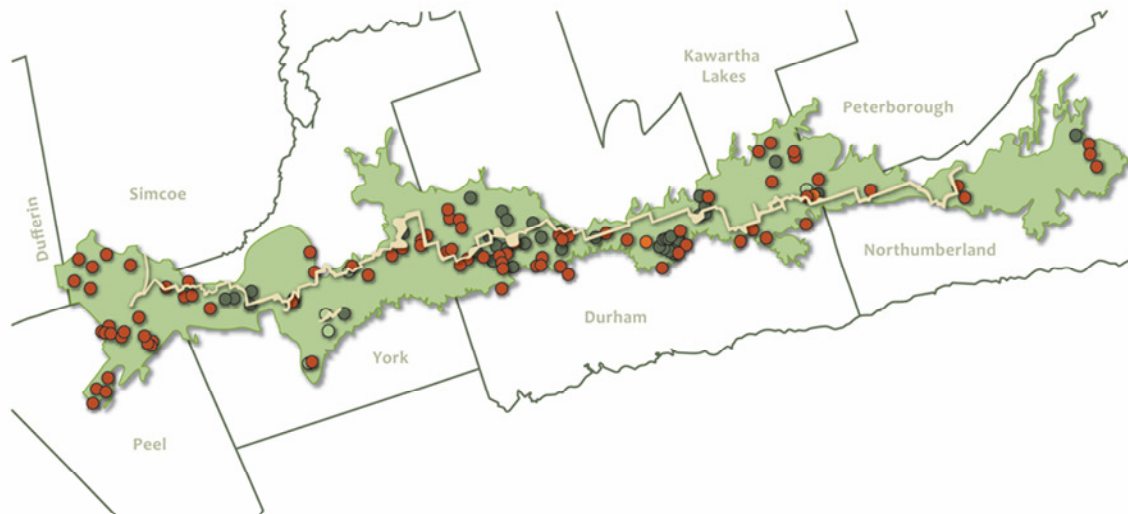
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## **Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation celebrates funding milestone** *\$46 million goes into preserving the Oak Ridges Moraine*

(Toronto, October 6, 2008) The Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation (ORMF) is thrilled to announce the allocation of grants totaling \$13 million dollars to 148 conservation projects across the Moraine. This funding has been leveraged by an additional \$33 million, making the total funding impact an astounding \$46 million.

ORMF and its partners support initiatives that preserve and restore the environmental integrity of the Oak Ridges Moraine. View the map below to see the location of some projects, and the geographic boundaries of the Moraine:



A complete and detailed list of ORMF funded projects is available upon request.

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*Stretching 160 kilometers from the Trent River to the Niagara Escarpment, the **Oak Ridges Moraine** has long been recognized for its importance as wildlife habitat and a source of groundwater. It is the starting point for 65 rivers flowing into Lake Ontario, Lake Simcoe and the Kawartha Lakes, and is the source of drinking water for over 250,000 people. <http://www.moraineforallife.org>*

*The **Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation** operates primarily by funding the work of others and offers leadership or coordination for Moraine-wide activities. The Foundation is also a convener, bringing people and interests together to identify common ground. To date, the Foundation has committed over \$13 million to 148 projects across the moraine. <http://www.moraineforallife.org/about/index.php>*