



## Media Advisory

# Joint Conservation Announcement by Canada's Finance Minister and local MP, Jim Flaherty, and American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts

### **What:**

**Joint Conservation Announcement** by Minister of Finance and Minister Responsible for the **Greater Toronto Area, Jim Flaherty** and the **American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts**.

### **Where:**

**Location:** [Thickson's Woods Nature Reserve](#) located near Whitby, Ontario

**Directions:** From Highway 401 in Whitby, Ontario, take Thickson Road south past Wentworth Street to the Waterfront Trail. Turn east (left) and travel 100 metres to a small turnaround. Enter the woods at a walkway through the fence on the south side of the Waterfront Trail.

### **When:**

Friday, October 29, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

The Honourable Jim Flaherty, Canada's Minister of Finance and Member of Parliament for Whitby-Oshawa with representatives of the American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts will make an announcement benefiting land conservation and land trusts across Canada.

The announcement is responsive to a long-standing barrier to land conservation across Canada, opening the door to greater opportunities to protect Canada's natural heritage.

Minister Flaherty and Bonnie Sutherland, Founding Director of the American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts (AFCLT), will be onsite to answer media questions following the announcement.

### **Other interview opportunities:**

- Christopher Baines, Ontario Board Member of the American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts
- Karen Cooper, Member of the Board, Canadian Land Trust Alliance
- Kristen Field, Executive Director of Magnetawan Land Trust, an organization benefitting directly from the announced news
- Ted Rousse, private landowner in Ontario, benefitting directly from the announced news

### **For more information or to schedule interviews, contact:**

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