

**HHCR Cultural Symposium
Case Study
Credit Valley Heritage Society
January 2010**

Status

Non-For-Profit Affiliate of the Ontario Historical Society
Board size: 7
Committee and Volunteers: 20
Years in Operation: 2 years
Facility: rental
Police Station, 217 Guelph Street

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Purpose

The purpose of this Society shall be to bring together those people interested in the diverse historical and natural heritage of Halton Hills to research, retain, preserve and present historical data pertaining to the region. More specifically, the aims and objectives shall be:

- 1) To undertake and promote the study of any phase of historical research for the purpose of protecting both the man made and natural heritage of Halton Hills and in particular the Barber Mill and the Credit Valley.
- 2) To collect, classify, edit and preserve information relating to Halton Hills.
- 3) To disseminate material so collected by publishing, by holding meetings for the presentation of papers and discussion and by marking (identifying) historic sites.

Vision

The Credit Valley Heritage Society has created a vision for the Barber Mill Lands. This vision is expressed through the following rational, preservation and appropriate usage options:

1. Rationale

- a) Barber Mill is a unique and valuable heritage structure of provincial and national importance.

- b) The Credit River Valley at Barber Mill is an integral part of the nature corridor for terrestrial and aquatic species. We need a use that fosters connectivity to flora and fauna.

2. Preservation

- Two or three of the old stone buildings preserved on existing footprint at present height and restored for low-impact use.
- Restoration of the Credit River Valley around stone buildings

3. Appropriate Usage Options

General: Recreational, Educational, Ecological and Cultural to highlight the value of the mill and surrounding natural environment.

Specific examples: Paper Museum, Stewardship Centre, Art Gallery. End use must be site appropriate and thereby low-impact.

Revenue

Revenue currently comes from memberships and sale of items.

Funding

Future Funding is being planned and will involve grants, fundraising events and a membership drive. Presently, we are awaiting the results of a Trillium grant application.

Major Challenges

- a) Getting skilled volunteers
- b) Raising funds
- c) Increasing membership
- d) Clarifying our goal

Current Projects

- a) Trillium Grant Proposal
- b) Business Plan to move forward with our vision
- c) Brochure
- d) Display boards for public events
- e) Website