

SUCCESS STORIES ACCROSS THE ESCARPMENT: PRESENT, PAST, FUTURE

MODERATOR: BRUCE HARBINSON

Bruce is co-founder and President of the Escarpment Corridor Alliance, dedicated to land conservation across the Niagara Escarpment and Georgian Bay for over two decades. A full-time Blue Mountains resident, he has long owned property atop the escarpment beside the Bruce Trail. With an MBA from the Schulich School of Business, Bruce built and took public a successful technology company before teaching strategy at Schulich and York's Executive Education Centre. For the past 20 years, he has led peer advisory boards, guiding nearly 100 entrepreneurs and CEOs in scaling their businesses. He now balances his coaching and strategy work with ECA leadership, enjoying family, friends, adventure travel, and outdoor pursuits like hiking and skiing.



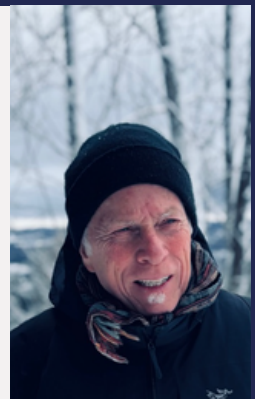
PANELIST: DR JODI HILTY

Jodi Hilty is president and chief scientist of Y2Y. Specializing in ecological corridor and large landscape research, she has more than 25 years of experience managing large landscape conservation efforts. This work focuses on applying best available information to address complex challenges through community-based, collaborative efforts, and also centers Indigenous leadership in conservation. Author or editor of four books, she also led writing of the 2020 IUCN Guidelines for Conserving Connectivity as the deputy chair of the IUCN Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group.



PANELIST: ROB LEVERTY

Rob Leverty is currently President of The Niagara Escarpment Foundation. Since 1973, Rob and his partner Annie have owned a working farm in the Beaver Valley, Grey County which is designated Escarpment Natural and Protection in the Niagara Escarpment Plan. The farm is certified organic and includes a heritage conservation easement (2020) securing a continuous wildlife corridor and protecting provincially significant surface and groundwater resources. The Bruce Trail has been routed through their farm for 52 years.



PANELIST: CARL COSAK

Carl Cosak was a full time cattle rancher for 50 years at Peace Valley Ranch Limited, now retired Trail-boss for Rawhide Adventures Inc. after 35 years and Chair of NDACT (North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce) during the 2009 to 2012 Mega Quarry fight. Live life through rose coloured glasses according to my wife. Proud Dad of 4, currently NDACT 's Community Liaison for the CEA Community Engagement Agreement reached with Strada Aggregates.

