

A Chronology of Conservation Efforts Since 1985

- Apr 1986 The Alfred Bog Committee authorizes a local real estate agent to acquire property.
- Nov 1986 Two hundred acres are acquired. Acquisition, funding / communication and management plans are completed and approved.
- Dec 1987 The Nature Conservancy of Canada is authorized to acquire the Cobi Foods property.
- Apr 1988 The acquisition of the Cobi Foods property and a financing strategy is approved (3800 acres for \$725,000).
- Sept 1988 The Minister of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources attends the official announcement at Alfred College of the purchase of the Cobi Foods property.
- Nov 1988 The Alfred Bog Committee authorizes the preparation of a life science inventory and a land owner contact program.
- Jan 1991 A report on the land owner contact is received. Certificates are awarded to land owners pledging to preserve land they own in the bog.
- Jan 1992 The Life Science Inventory by Ted Mosquin is received. The construction of a boardwalk is approved.
- Mar 1993 The Committee approves a statement of management principles. Two hundred acres are added to the protected land.
- Jul 1994 The boardwalk is put in place.
- Nov 1996 The finished Alfred Bog Management Plan is accepted.
- Nov 1997 The Alfred Bog Committee approves in principle and depending on the detail, that the land acquired to date be used to create an Ontario Parks Nature Reserve under the Legacy 2000 program. It also approves a list of jobs to be done when resources become available.
- Dec 1999 The first Official Plan for the United Counties of Prescott and Russell becomes law but local peat extractors appeal those provisions of the Plan that protect the Bog. The Ontario Municipal Board will hear the appeal this year.
- Oct 2001 Another large property (3200 acres) in the bog is acquired by The Nature Conservancy for \$2,500,000. The governments of Canada and Ontario each paid 1/3 and the remaining \$820,000 was raised privately in the next few years.
- 2004 The last appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board is settled.
- 2005 The responsibility for managing the Bog was passed to the Superintendent of Voyageur Provincial Park.
- 2006 The Alfred Bog Committee disbands after 20 years.