

Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) and OWA Data Sharing Partnership

Waterpower is Ontario's most reliable renewable energy resource and has been the backbone of Ontario's electricity supply for over a century. There are more than 220 waterpower facilities across the province. Together these facilities provide approximately 24% of Ontario's annual electricity generation and 90% of the renewable energy supply.

Waterpower is a major resource management undertaking in rural Ontario, providing many benefits to communities. Waterpower is located proximate to many FOCA communities, comprised of over 500 lake associations across Ontario, representing the interests of Ontario's 250,000 waterfront properties.

Since 2019, FOCA and the Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA) have

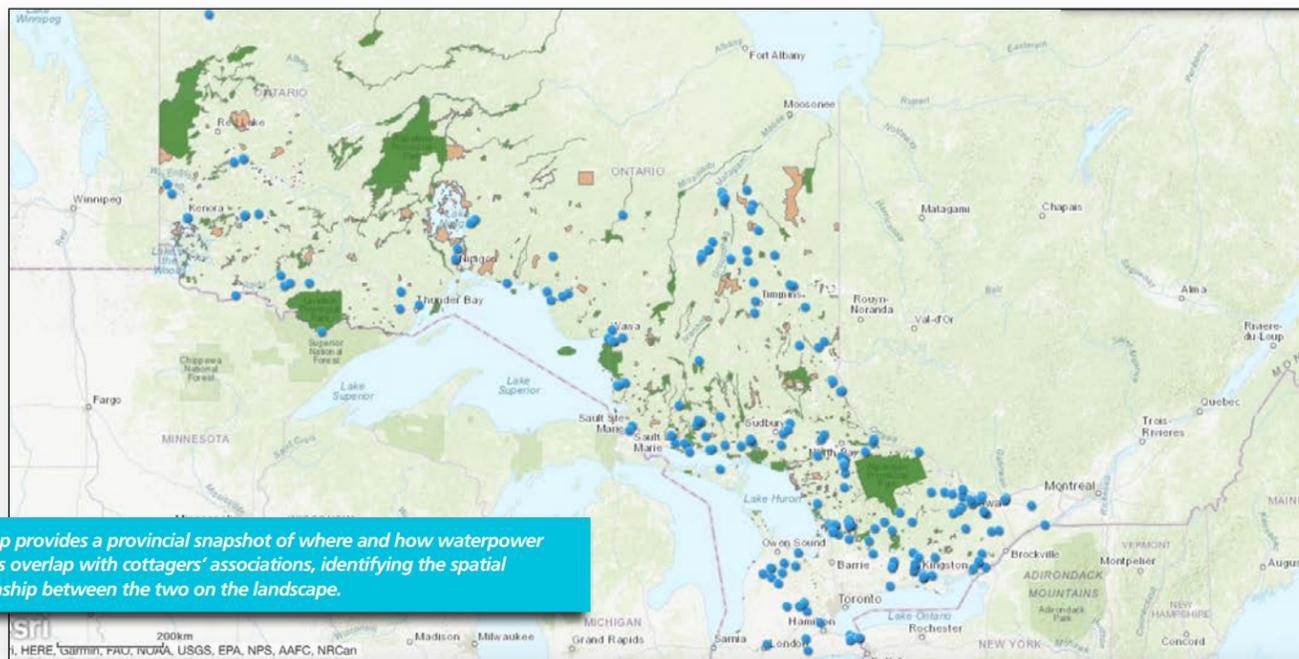
been working collaboratively with the objective of sharing and aligning data to support and provide value to our respective members. This partnership focuses on communications and identifying shared areas of interest. The collaboration has resulted in the creation of the Waterpower Reference Centre (WRC), a digital map which utilizes GIS technology to provide specific and current data layers pertaining to waterfront property owners and the waterpower industry.

We all want to have better relations and a common understanding of the challenges on both sides, especially as we face changing climatic conditions, and an evolving energy market. This project is a joint effort to understand the interactions between waterpower facilities and lake associations, so we

can build better communications and appreciate each other's interests and concerns.

The WRC contains over a dozen layers including: Ontario Cottager Associations, Existing Waterpower Generating Stations, Waterpower Potential Sites, Ontario Dam Inventory, Federal Protected Areas, Conservation Reserve Regulated and more! The map was made available to FOCA members for viewing at FOCA's annual Spring Seminar in March 2020. However, the WRC is not posted publicly – it is available exclusively to OWA Members in the association's Member's Hub.

To find out how you can become an OWA Member, please reach out to Stephanie Landers, slanders@owa.ca. For more information surrounding FOCA, please contact FOCA directly at info@foca.on.ca.



The map provides a provincial snapshot of where and how waterpower facilities overlap with cottagers' associations, identifying the spatial relationship between the two on the landscape.

OWA Membership Benefits

VISIBILITY

Stand out and get noticed as an active member through exclusive member only business and marketing opportunities.

NETWORKING

Build your network and be part of the waterpower community.

INFLUENCE

Be part of the voice for the waterpower industry and help inform public policy to maintain, enhance and build opportunity for the sector.

Be part of the trusted voice for waterpower

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Receive exclusive member only discounts on products, workshops and events, advertising and resource materials.

CREDIBILITY

Raise your organization's reputation by being recognized as an official OWA member.