



Terms of Reference

1. **Name of the Network** – Ontario Network on Ecosystem Services (ONES)
2. **Mission** – To help advance research and the exchange of knowledge and information related to ecosystem services with the goals of: (i) influencing policies and programs; and (ii) encouraging the increased awareness and provision of these services for the benefit of society.
3. **Purposes:** The network's purposes will be:
 - a. To provide a platform for people and organizations interested in ecosystem services to work collectively towards achieving the mission;
 - b. To facilitate the exchange of knowledge and information related to ecosystem services;
 - c. To raise awareness about ecosystem services and their benefits to society; and
 - d. To identify and act on needs and opportunities related to the mission of the network.
4. **Membership:** Membership is open to interested individuals and organizations. Individuals employed by an organization can choose to be an individual member with or without noting this affiliation, or can be the representative of the organization.
5. **Steering Committee:** The network will be managed by a Steering Committee.