

## **FRIENDS OF THE NAPANEE RIVER**

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*The Friends of the Napanee River* was formed in 2016 from a small group of volunteers interested in enjoying and sustaining the environment of the Napanee River Watershed.

*The Friends of the Napanee River* is a non-profit organization with an annually elected Steering Committee. Membership fees, donations, grants, sponsorships and fund raising activities provide funding for organization activities and projects.

The Steering Committee meets regularly to identify and discuss environmental issues and determine appropriate, coordinated response strategies.

The Steering Committee organizes membership meetings throughout the year to provide opportunities for learning about the watershed environment and information to promote conservation and healthy river practices.

The Steering Committee provides a mechanism to co-ordinate member participation in fun and appreciation-based activities to promote and protect the environmental qualities of the watershed, while encouraging the participation of youth in our communities.

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### **Statement of Values**

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- A “grass roots” group of volunteer members with a shared interest of advocating the environmental values of the Napanee River Watershed
- To promote member awareness of environmental issues within the watershed and preparing appropriate responses
- To provide opportunities for member participation, involvement and engagement in activities that would enhance the environmental qualities of the watershed
- To provide learning opportunities for members on a variety of topics relating to the natural and cultural environments of the watershed
- To represent the interests of the members with municipalities within the watershed
- To represent the interests of the members with other groups and government agencies and initiate/ promote a co-operative approach to issues
- Where applicable, promote any or all of the preceding through member, non-member, and youth-based fun and appreciation activities.