



## News Release

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Give Nature A Helping Hand  
**Turtles 4 Tomorrow**  
**Conservation Workshop**

A partnership event,  
Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm  
Darlington Nuclear Information Centre  
1855 Energy Drive, Courtice Ontario



Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA), in partnership with Ontario Power Generation Darlington and the Toronto Zoo Adopt a Pond, is hosting a Turtle Conservation workshop. This interactive workshop is designed to provide participants with the tools and resources to help us protect local native turtle populations and their habitats in Durham Region. This workshop is suitable for all ages, and will be held at the Darlington Nuclear Information Centre 1855 Energy Drive, Courtice Ontario from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

“Ontario’s turtle populations are in decline and many are considered Species at Risk. The loss of wetland habitat across Southern Ontario has reduced suitable nesting habitat for turtles,” says Patricia Lowe, Director of Community Engagement for CLOCA. She adds, “Many of our roads and development, have been built on historic nesting sites, leaving them few options or alternatives. Many females lay their eggs along trails and road shoulders. After they lay the eggs and leave the nest the eggs are eaten by skunks, racoons and foxes. This has impacted reproduction rates for turtles in our watershed and across the province.”

As part of the workshop, we are looking for volunteers to assist us with protecting turtle nesting populations in our watershed. We will provide locations, nesting protection structures built by community volunteers and training to assist us with our Turtles 4 Tomorrow Program. This is a great project for families, school projects, post-secondary students and community groups to participate and help us build healthier watersheds.

### **FREE Registration**

This workshop is FREE; however space is limited, so please register by Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>. To register online or for more information please visit us at [www.cloca.com](http://www.cloca.com) or contact Central Lake Ontario Conservation at (905) 579-0411 ext. 126