



FEDERATION OF
ONTARIO COTTAGERS
ASSOCIATIONS

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STRONGER LAKES. STRONGER VOICE.



Every dock, every shoreline, every early morning paddle — they all depend on something bigger.

Clean water. Responsible policy. Strong advocacy.

That's where we come in.

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations brings lake communities together to:

- Advocate for smart, balanced decisions
- Protect water quality and healthy shorelines
- Support local associations and individual property owners

One voice may be easy to ignore.
Thousands are not.

a brief history



1964 – FOCA founded to represent Ontario cottage and waterfront property owners across the province



1980s – Expanded advocacy efforts on water quality, shoreline protection, and environmental stewardship



2000s – Grew membership network to hundreds of member associations, strengthening our collective voice

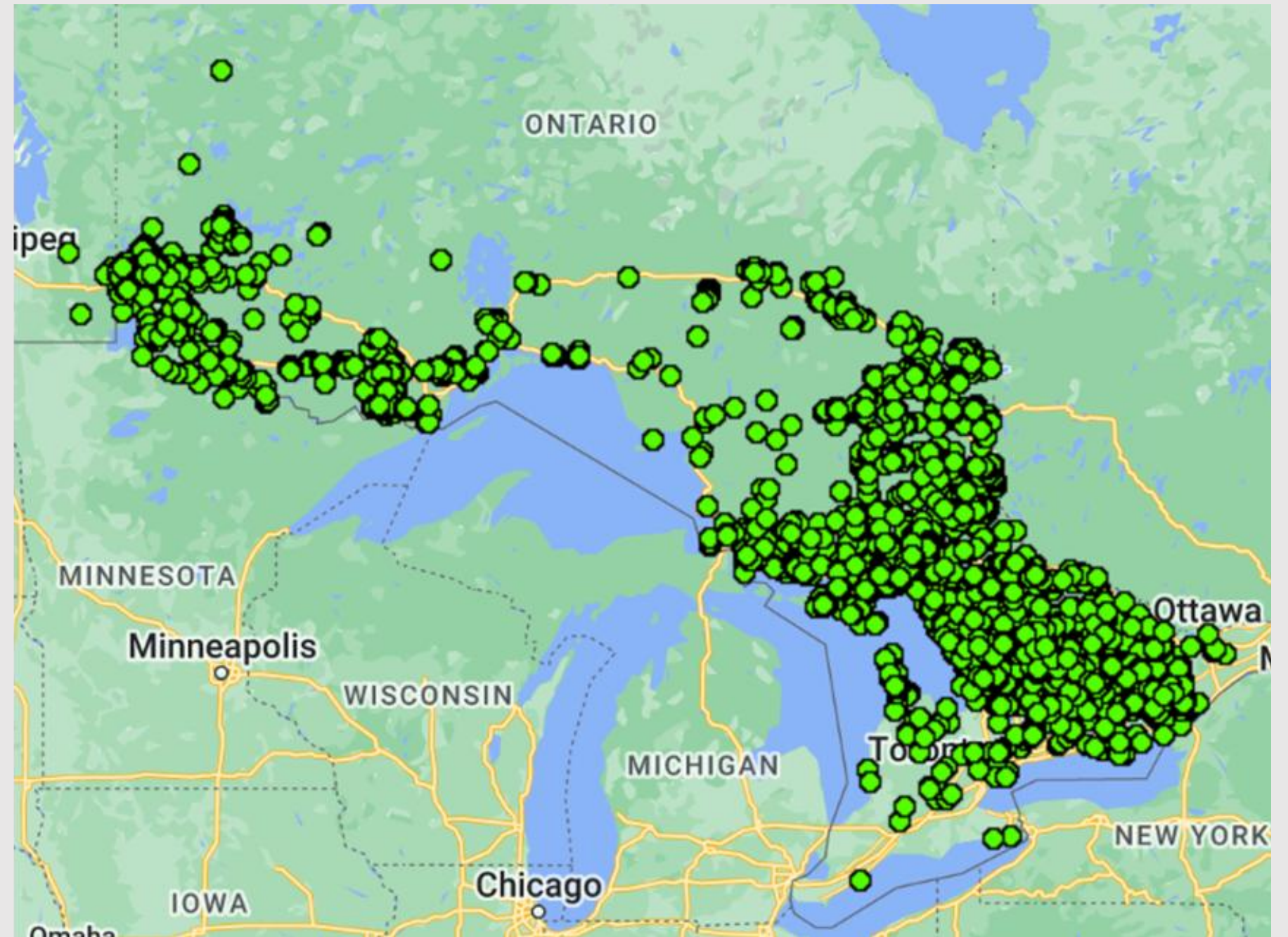


2020s – Modernized branding and programs to reflect evolving member needs and a renewed organizational vision



you are not alone

FOCA was formed by cottagers who wanted to make their communities stronger – and their cottage experience better. Today, we represent nearly 600 lake and road associations across Ontario, connecting communities that share common challenges, opportunities, and goals.



our purpose

Vision To sustain and enhance the cottage experience for generations.

Mission We empower and enable our members by being the leading provider of advocacy, resources, education, programs and services for Ontario cottagers.

Values

- Member-focused
- Collaborative
- Advocate
- Responsible Leader
- Knowledgeable
- Evidence-based



MEMBERSHIP WITH FOCA IS A STRATEGIC ASSET



Leverage your FOCA membership to demonstrate that your association is not only locally engaged but also **part of a powerful, coordinated effort** to protect Ontario's waterfront communities. It's a signal to prospective and current members that **your association is informed, connected, and working proactively** for their interests—today, and into the future.





network of support



A FOCA Guide to Lake Planning for Community Groups

Revised Edition 2.0



cottagers protect the future



strong collective voice

Tools and resources to help recruit, retain, and engage association members

Support for strong governance, volunteer leadership,
and effective association operations

Coordinated advocacy to protect waterfront property rights
and address emerging issues

Environmental stewardship programs, and lake protection resources

Access to webinars, events, education,
and support during community or issue response

Trusted information, guidance, and timely updates
on cottage owners and community impacts

Connection to a province-wide network of lake
and road associations for collaboration and shared solutions





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