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I am pleased to inform you that the government has introduced Bill 139 the *Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017* that proposes amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*. These proposed amendments highlight the completion of the multi-year review of the Act and are part of a comprehensive suite of proposed changes resulting from the review. The proposed amendments can be viewed on the Environmental Registry (www.ontario.ca/environmentalregistry) by searching for posting #013-0561.

In the coming weeks we will be posting '*Conserving our Future: A Modernized Conservation Authorities Act*' that supports the Bill by describing the changes being proposed and other policy and program changes resulting from the review. You will be able to access this document through the Environmental Registry by searching for posting #012-7583.

The proposed changes will modernize the *Conservation Authorities Act* framework by:

- Strengthening oversight and accountability
- Increasing clarity and consistency in programs and services
- Increasing clarity and consistency in regulatory requirements
- Improving collaboration and engagement
- Modernizing funding mechanisms

If you have any questions regarding the amendments or require any additional information regarding the Environmental Registry postings, please contact the Water Resources Section at mnrwaterpolicy@ontario.ca.

The proposed Bill also includes changes to other legislation related to the Ontario Municipal Board. For information on that portion of the Bill, please visit EBR posting #013-0590.

Thank you again for your interest and participation in the review.

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