



NVCA Regulatory, Planning Act & Resource Management Roles

NVCA's Area of Interest	Roles & Responsibilities: Regulatory Authority	Roles & Responsibilities: Watershed Resource Management Agency	Roles & Responsibilities: Planning Act Commenting Agency	Roles & Responsibilities: Service Agreements	Roles & Responsibilities: Delegated Provincial Responsibility
<i>Type and basis of authority</i>	<i>Approval Authority/Permit Required based on Section 28 Regulations CA Act, and Ontario regulation 172/06.</i>	Advisory based on watershed plan/policies/guidelines as approved by the NVCA Board of Directors.	Advisory based on the Planning Act. Must have regard for comments for natural hazards as the Provincial lead agency and for other natural heritage features comments are advisory	Advisory watershed technical comments/support based on individual service agreements.	CAs were delegated natural hazard responsibilities by the MNR. Representing the Provincial Planning interests for Natural Hazards as per 3.1 of the PPS when commenting on planning.
Wetlands	Approval authority for all wetlands, as per CA Act.	Advisory , NVCA's area of interest is with both locally significant and provincially significant wetlands and to provide comments and advice to member municipalities.	Advisory based on the Planning Act, must have regard for comments for natural hazards as the Provincial lead agency	NVCA-County of Simcoe and other municipalities planning support agreements. Provide plan review comments, providing advisory technical expertise and support.	NVCA approval agency under CA Act and lead commenting agency under the planning Act for wetland related hazards.
Shoreline Hazards (flooding and erosion hazards)	Approval authority as per CA Act.	Advisory , NVCA's area of interest to provide comments and advice to member municipalities.	Advisory based on the Planning Act, must have regard for comments for natural hazards as the Provincial lead agency	NVCA-County of Simcoe and other municipalities planning support agreements. Provide plan review comments, providing advisory technical expertise and support.	NVCA approval agency under CA Act and lead commenting agency under the planning Act.

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Riverine Hazards (flooding and erosion hazards)	Approval authority as per CA Act.	Advisory , NVCA's area of interest to provide comments and advice to member municipalities.	Advisory based on the Planning Act, must have regard for comments for natural hazards as the Provincial lead agency	NVCA-County of Simcoe and other municipalities planning support agreements. Provide plan review comments, providing advisory technical expertise and support.	NVCA approval agency under CA Act and lead commenting agency under the Planning Act.
Valley Lands	Approval authority as per CA Act.	Advisory , NVCA's area of interest to provide comments and advice to member municipalities.	Advisory based on the Planning Act, must have regard for comments for natural hazards as the Provincial lead agency	NVCA-County of Simcoe and other municipalities planning support agreements. Provide plan review comments, providing advisory technical expertise and support.	NVCA approval agency under CA Act and lead commenting agency under the planning Act for valley land related hazards.
Habitats of threatened and endangered species	n/a	Advisory , NVCA's area of interest to provide comments and advice to member municipalities, and MNR.	Advisory based on the Planning Act.	NVCA-County of Simcoe and other municipalities planning support agreements. Provide plan review comments, providing advisory technical expertise and support.	n/a
Fish Habitat	n/a	Advisory , NVCA's area of interest to provide comments and advice to member municipalities, and DFO.	Advisory based on the Planning Act.	MOU between Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Conservation Ontario for Cooperation for Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Protection in Ontario.	n/a

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Wildlife Habitat	n/a	Advisory , NVCA's area of interest to provide comments and advice to member municipalities, and MNR.	Advisory based on the Planning Act.	NVCA-County of Simcoe and municipal planning support agreements. CA provides plan review comments, providing advisory technical expertise and support.	n/a
Areas of Natural & Scientific Interest (ANSI)	n/a	Advisory , NVCA's area of interest to provide comments and advice to member municipalities, and MNR.	Advisory based on the Planning Act.	NVCA-County of Simcoe planning support agreement. Supports County of Simcoe Natural Heritage plan review comments, providing advisory technical expertise and support to the county.	n/a
Woodlands	n/a	Advisory , NVCA's area of interest to provide comments and advice to member municipalities, and MNR.	Advisory based on the Planning Act.	NVCA-County of Simcoe and other municipalities planning support agreements. Provide plan review comments, providing advisory technical expertise and support.	n/a

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Groundwater	n/a	Advisory , NVCA's area of interest to provide comments and advice to member municipalities, and MOE.	Advisory/ Commenting agency when dealing with the Planning Act.	MOE agreement for monitoring and technical advice on permit to take water. Municipalities planning support agreements. NVCA provide plan review comments, providing advisory technical expertise and support.	n/a
Surface water quantity and quality	Regulatory/ approval authority , where the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches or pollution or the conservation of land may be affected by development. As per CA Act.	Advisory , NVCA's area of interest to provide comments and advice to member municipalities, and MOE.	Advisory/ Commenting agency when dealing with the Planning Act.	MOE agreement for monitoring and technical advice on ECA. Municipalities planning support agreements. Provide plan review comments, providing advisory technical expertise and support.	n/a

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Stormwater Management	Regulatory/ approval authority , where the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches or pollution or the conservation of land may be affected by development. As per CA Act.	Advisory , NVCA's area of interest to provide comments and advice to member municipalities, and MOE. MOE is approval authority. CA plays advisory role, providing technical advice/support to enable ECA clearance.	Advisory based on the Planning Act, considered, must have regard for comments for natural hazards as the Provincial lead agency	Municipalities planning support agreements. Provide plan review comments, providing advisory technical expertise and support.	n/a

Definitions:

CA – Conservation Authority (in most instances, referring to NVCA)

CA Act – *Conservation Authorities Act*

DFO – Department of Fisheries and Oceans

ECA - Environmental Approval Certificate

MOE – Ministry of the Environment

MNR – Ministry of Natural Resources

NVCA – Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

PPS – Provincial Policy Statement, *Planning Act*

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