

# **Quackenbush Provincial Park Interim Management Statement**



**Ontario**

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Natural  
Resources**

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This Interim Management Statement will provide interim direction for the management of Quackenbush Provincial Park until a comprehensive Park Management Plan is prepared.

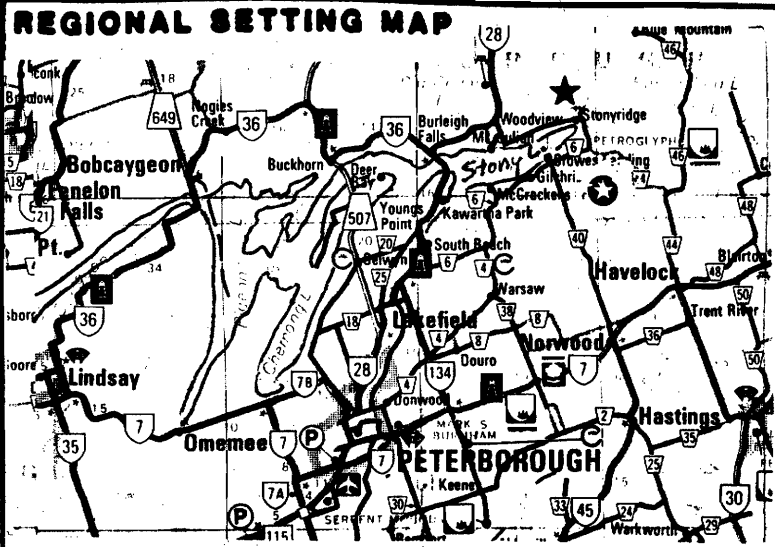
This statement will provide the basis for the subsequent preparation of the Park Management Plan.

I am pleased to approve this Interim Management Statement for Quackenbush Provincial Park.

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M. Fordyce  
Regional Director  
Central Region

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<b>NAME:</b> Quackenbush	<b>REGIONAL SETTING MAP</b>  <p style="text-align: center;">SCALE: 1:800,000  <span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%;"></span> QUACKENBUSH P.P.     <span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%;"></span> PETROGLYPHS P.P.</p>
<b>PROPOSED CLASS:</b> Historical	
<b>M.N.R. DISTRICT:</b> Lindsay	
<b>M.N.R. REGION:</b> Central	
<b>TOTAL AREA(ha):</b> 40 ha <b>LAND:</b> <b>WATER:</b>	
<b>SITE REGION:</b> 6	
<b>SITE DISTRICT:</b> 6-9	
<b>DATE in REGULATION:</b> 1985	

## TARGETS

### 1 LIFE SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

site type/landscape unit	species/communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Forest Region - on border of Huron-Ontario Section and Georgian Bay Section</li> <li>-vegetation patterns represent stages of succession including old fields, pasture and woods</li> </ul>	

### 2 EARTH SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

geological theme	feature
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Precambrian bedrock (plutonic quartz monzonite) and Paleozoic bedrock (limestone) making contact</li> <li>•precontact</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-the two bedrock units form a low northeastward facing escarpment (Black River Escarpment)</li> <li>-Dummer Moraine forms part of southern edge</li> <li>-thin overburden consists of stony, calcareous fill, spillway sands and some pockets of clay</li> </ul>

### 3 CULTURAL RESOURCE REPRESENTATION

theme	theme segment
Indigenous people	Climax Farmers

#### 4 RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

day use	car camping	wilderness/back country
D.L.U.G. - 10 tables -2400 opportunities	x	x

#### INVENTORIES

level	type	earth science	life science	cultural	recreational	other
Reconnaissance	A summary report of the Earth Science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest in Lindsay District-1983			D. Mackwood; An evaluation of the Quackenbush site, 1972  Mayer, Pihl, Poulton and Assoc.; An Archaeological Overview of the Quackenbush site and the Quackenbush Provincial Park	Lindsay District Land Use Guidelines	
Required			x (reconnaissance)	A full-scale site investigation is necessary if more information is needed on the site's previous Indian occupants		

## MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

### I Land Tenure

The park is located 40 km (25 miles) northeast of Peterborough in Lot 29, Concession 12, in the Township of Dummer, County of Peterborough. The site is divided diagonally, into two parts, by the road allowance of Peterborough County Road #44. Part #1 (see Figure 2) consists of approximately 33 ha while Part #2 is approximately 7 ha.

A 20.116 m wide Ontario Hydro easement parallels the county road, cutting across the northeast corner of the park. Present access to the main part of the park (Part #1) is provided by an informal agreement, over Mr. Quackenbush's private farmstead (Exempt #1). The last year a Land Use Permit had been issued on park land for agricultural purposes, was in 1980.

### II Land Acquisition

The park's 40 ha, acquired in 1973, surround two severed parcels (see Figure 2) that are located on either side of County Road #44. The larger severed parcel (Exempt #1), to the south of the county road is approximately 4 ha (10 acres), while the parcel to the north (Exempt #2) of the road is approximately .5 ha (one acre).

Consideration should be given to acquiring all or a portion of Mr. Quackenbush's land (Exempt #1) to provide suitable park access.

At present, there is no option to purchase Mr. Quackenbush's property. This purchase would secure the present access to the park (Part 1).

If Mr. Quackenbush's property changes ownership, park access could be restricted.

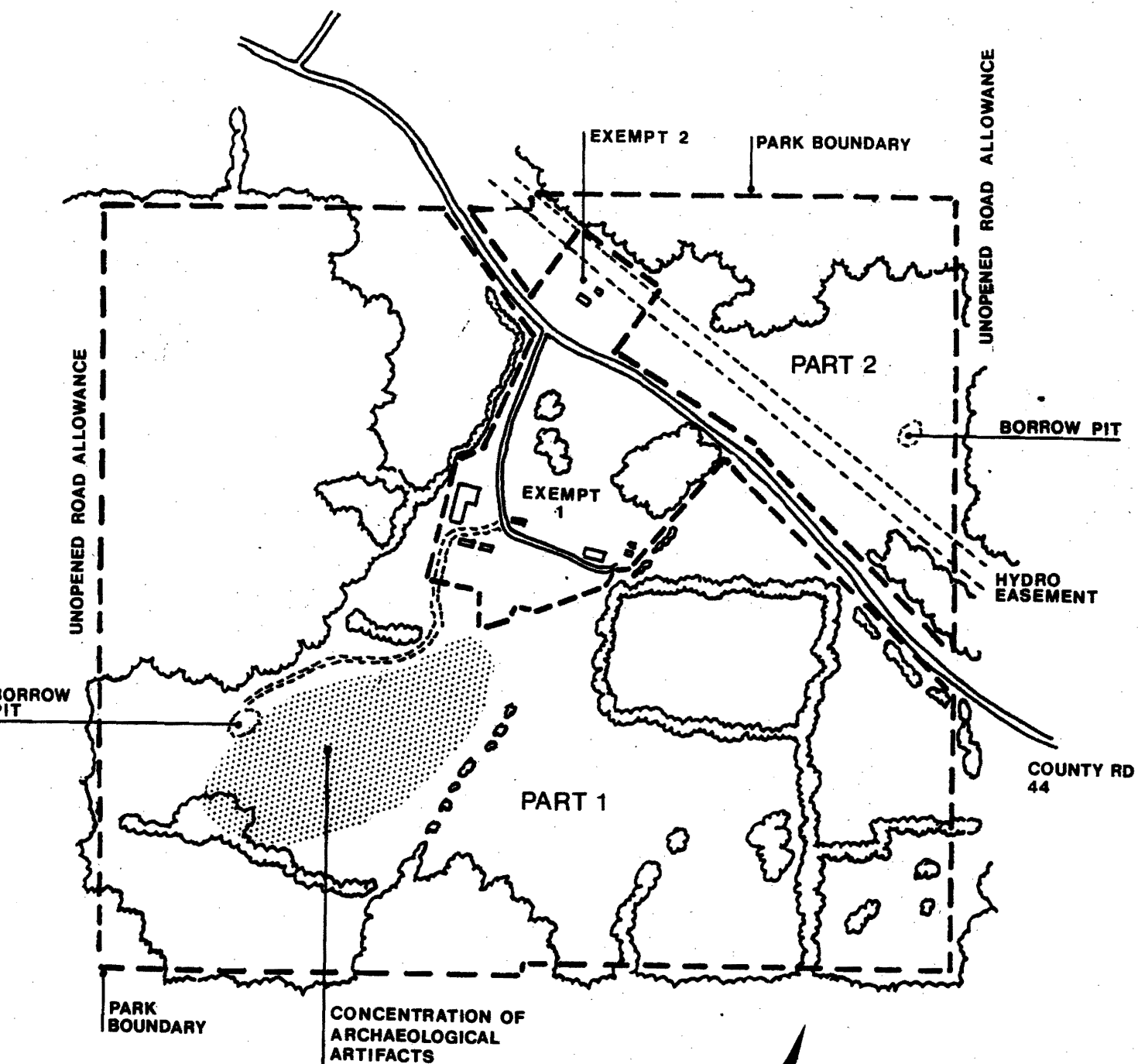
### III Existing/Proposed Development

Of the 40 ha that make up the park, approximately 6.5 ha is forested land while 33.5 ha is open land, most of which has been under cultivation in the past.

No development exists within existing park boundaries, although area "Exempt 1" contains Mr. Quackenbush's farmstead with several buildings and sheds. Area "Exempt 2" contains several buildings as well. Both parts 1 and 2 have abandoned borrow pits.

Little or no development is proposed for the park. Whatever development may be proposed in the future by a park management plan, will probably be facilities to facilitate the interpretation of the park's historical resources and some picnicking.

Future development will also be concerned with the provision of a permanent access road into the park. The ideal situation would be to secure access over Mr. Quackenbush's farm, since the topography in the area would make any other route extremely difficult and expensive.



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In the early 1970's, the original development intent for this park involved the concept of a multi-dimensional historical park complex involving Petroglyphs (6.4 km to the north), Quarry Bay and Quackenbush. A provincial park complex involving Petroglyphs, Serpent Mounds and Quackenbush deserves future consideration.

#### **IV Recreation**

Because of its size and lack of any outstanding aesthetic appeal, this site has limited recreation potential. The District Land Use Guidelines suggest the eventual provision of 10 picnic tables (2400 picnicking opportunities). Hunting is not permitted.

#### **V Natural Resources**

The overburden till is shallow, less than 3 m over the limestone bedrock. Drainage is predominantly good over the entire site.

Specimen trees can be planted although planting should occur only in areas which are known to have no archaeological potential. Any large scale planting will not be carried out until a detailed archaeological inventory is completed.

Sand extraction should stop as this activity threatens the archaeological sites.

Trapping is not permitted.

#### **VI Cultural Resources**

The most noteworthy features of this park are its cultural resources. In fact, the archaeological features here are believed to be provincially significant. These features represent the closest known Iroquoian Village (agricultural based) to the Canadian Shield (home of the Algonquin Indians).

This site is an example of the ecological adaptation of the Iroquoian Agricultural economy on the border of the Canadian Shield. The site is as far northeast as one can go and still be in the Trent Drainage System.

Five periods of excavation occurred in 1954, 1955, 1967, 1969/72 and 1973. The digs were conducted by such groups as the Royal Ontario Museum, Trent University and a local high school.

In order to protect the archaeological sites in the interim the following steps should be taken:

- 1) public access to the site is to be discouraged;
- 2) excavated areas should be back-filled in consultation with an archaeologist; and
- 3) the site should be monitored for unauthorized archaeological activity

#### **VII Marketing**

Even though Quackenbush was regulated as a provincial park in 1985, there are no plans in the near future to promote its use apart from general information provided to the public regarding public landholdings.

## **VIII Research**

A recent archaeological report done by Mayer, Pihl, Poulton and Associates recommends a thorough analysis be conducted of available archaeological artifacts and records. The recommendation is also made to carry on a full-scale investigation of the site by a professional archaeological team.

A reconnaissance biological study should be conducted.

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