

Public Lecture Series continues with a look at Protecting Water Resources and Aquatic Ecosystems

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BRANTFORD ON - Brant Land Trust is pleased to announce Jack Imhof will be the speaker for the second session of the three-part annual public lecture series *Examining Our Relationship with and Responsibilities to the Land*. This series is being presented in collaboration with the Laurier Institute for Water Science, Wilfrid Laurier University.

Jack will speak about how urbanization changes the water cycle, the implications for ecological and physical processes, and how our management of water resources tends to minimize water resource protection, resulting in degraded environments. He will also touch on how stormwater management and development planning processes risk contributing to degrading these resources.

"Development is not about fish or people, it is about a living environment for both people and fish." - Jack Imhof

Lecture Title: The Challenges with Urbanization and Protection of Water and Aquatic Environments

Date/Time: Thursday January 22, 2026 at 7:00PM

Location: Research and Academic Centre East, Room RCE 004, 150 Dalhousie St., Brantford, ON

The lecture will be presented in person and online. Admission is free. In person seating is first-come, first-seated.

To register, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/brant-land-trust-public-lecture-series-jack-imhof-tickets-1976607144177>

Jack Imhof has spent over 50 years working on river and watershed restoration - his areas of specialization are restoration ecology, watershed science and management and natural channel design. During that time Jack has also been an active fly fisher, fishing across Canada and around the world. His work has won him multiple awards for his ongoing efforts to improve the health and quality of Canada's watersheds, including the Conservation Pioneer Award at the A.D. Latorell Symposium (2012), and the title of Legend in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences by the Canadian Aquatic Resources Section of the American Fisheries Society (2022). Since retiring in 2017 as the National Biologist and Director of Conservation Ecology for Trout Unlimited Canada (now Freshwater Conservation Canada), he has been developing and teaching the FCC/TUC Watershed and Stream Rehabilitation Training Program. During his working career he was a provincial Aquatic Ecologist and Watershed Research Scientist with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and an adjunct professor at University of Guelph, University of Waterloo, Brock University and Trent University. In retirement he sits on advisory boards and continues to provide policy and science advice to various NGOs and municipalities.

Laurier Institute for Water Science (LIWS <https://researchcentres.wlu.ca/laurier-institute-for-water-science/>) is a multidisciplinary, collaborative undertaking among researchers in the Faculty of Arts, the Lazaridis School of Business and Economics and the Faculty of Science at Wilfrid Laurier University. The institute focuses on research in hydrological sciences, ecology and biogeochemical sciences, and public policy and management, encompassing the scientific, social, legal, economic and organizational dimensions of the natural environment focused on the common theme of water, ecosystem and human health.

Brant Land Trust, (<http://brantlandtrust.ca/>) is a registered non-profit charitable organization since 2010, dedicated to conserving, preserving and restoring the ecosystems, habitat and biodiversity in the County of Brant and the City of Brantford. This commitment is demonstrated through building relationships, acquiring, securing and stewarding land, restoring habitat, and doing outreach and education.

If you would like more information, or to arrange an interview, contact Rob Knechtel events@brantlandtrust.ca

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A public lecture with Jack Imhof



- Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026,
7 – 8:30 p.m.
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