



## CTC Source Protection Committee Member - Biography

Irv Harrell

Citizen-at-Large

Irv Harrell has a long history of interest and activity in political and environmental issues. A life-long resident of Oshawa, he was first elected to the Oshawa and Durham Regional Council in 1985. During his political career, two areas of interest predominated: planning and the environment. Mr. Harrell served on the Durham Region Planning Committee for 15 years as an active member. During this time, he was also a member of the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, serving as Vice Chair in 1988 and Chair from 1992 to 1995.

Retiring from politics in 2000, he purchased a 65-acre farm, which he has turned into a stewardship project. Thirty-thousand native trees have been planted on the property. The farm is used as a demonstration site by a variety of groups and agencies to encourage private land stewardship.

Also in 2000, Mr. Harrell was appointed by Oshawa Council to the Board of Directors of Oshawa Power and Utilities Corporation, where he was elected as chairman. Mr. Harrell served as Chairman from 2000 to 2010, when he retired from that position. Currently Mr. Harrell is undertaking a project at the farm to improve the natural habitat for native pollinators including bees and monarch butterflies.