In 1930 the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association of Ottawa requested an area of land to be set aside for the use of the Boy Scouts. The area became a game sanctuary. Total area of the sanctuary is 513.4 hectares. Of this, 58 hectares are privately owned, with the rest owned by the Province. The sanctuary includes 430 hectares of woodland, 76 hectares of lake and wetlands, 3.8 hectares of pipeline corridor and 3.6 hectares of developed land.