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To all Hamilton Councillors,

I understand that on April 7th, staff will present a Biodiversity Action Plan Framework to the General Issues Committee. I am writing to let you know that I support a Biodiversity Action Plan for Hamilton. Along with the Climate Crisis, we are in a global biodiversity crisis worldwide, and Hamilton is no exception. The federal government responded by setting biodiversity goals and targets that were to be achieved by the end of 2020. One of those targets is for municipalities to include biodiversity considerations into their planning practices.

The City of Hamilton has implemented some policies that support urban biodiversity, however, we are no where near where we need to be.

Not only does nature have its own intrinsic value, but it provides critical eco-systems services to humans, such as filtering air and water, safeguarding against flooding and drought--green infrastructure supporting gray infrastructure, providing nature based solutions to the climate crisis.

I urge you to be champions for biodiversity protection, enhancement and restoration and to vote on our behalf for a healthy city.

Thank you, Susan Wortman