CANADIAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION

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RE: Support for Pollinator Habitat Restoration in the City of Hamilton

To the Council of the City of Hamilton,

We are pleased to support the City of Hamilton's efforts to restore pollinator habitat in the City through the implementation of its Biodiversity Action Plan. We recognize that healthy landscapes include stewardship of public lands, restoration of degraded habitat, conservation leadership, and collaboration across organizations.

The City of Hamilton is invited to participate in the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF)'s Rights-of-Way as Habitat Program. Through the Canadian Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group and the GTHA Rights-of-Way Pollinator Habitat Community of Practice, CWF provides participants access to restoration resources, training, and peer-to-peer learning opportunities. Participants also have the opportunity to apply for funding towards native meadow restoration costs including native seed. In offering this funding, CWF depends on partners providing in-kind support through staff and volunteer hours to implement projects. Partners receive access to technical expertise through science-based guidance on creating native meadow habitat and maintenance plans. CWF also amplifies public recognition of restoration projects with promotional and educational information through CWF communication channels and provision of signage.

We commend the work of the City of Hamilton, alongside its numerous partners, on the Biodiversity Action Plan and its five-year planning for implementation. This is important work that will set the stage for a more biodiverse, climate-resilient future for Hamilton and its residents, human and non-human alike.

CWF would be pleased to present the Rights-of-Way as Habitat Program and partnership opportunities to Council.

Warm Regards,
Vicky Papuga
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your connection to wildlife