# Small Change Fund 18-Month Project Round Up

## A Fossil Free Future: Renewable Skills Training

The greatest energy transition in history is underway, and we're supporting the rapid upskilling of fossil fuel industry and Indigenous workers into emerging solar and wind energy careers.

In partnership with Iron & Earth.

#### Advancing Climate Emergency Policy in Canada

By training Climate Emergency Ambassadors and boosting public climate literacy across Canada, we're pushing for the mobilization of genuine climate emergency policies.

In partnership with the Climate Emergency Unit.

#### Agency for Water

In the Great Lakes Region of Ontario, we're supporting a Pilot Residency for Waasekom, a Turtle Clan Anishinaabe who works to raise awareness about water, climate change and Indigenous sovereign responsibilities.

In partnership with Water Watchers.

## Aligning Canada's Financial System with International Climate Commitments

Through government relations support from a Public Voice Fund grant, Environmental Defence is working to ensure Canada's government reforms financial policy and regulation to align the financial sector with climate commitments.

In partnership with Environmental Defence Canada. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

# Amplifying Climate Education for Lifelong Learners

We're giving Lifelong Learners (particularly seniors) access to resources that can educate and support them, so that they can take action on the climate crisis.

In partnership with Climate Action for Lifelong Learners.

## Anishnabe-led Moose Research Project

In Quebec, we're supporting Anishnabe-led research to protect moose populations on the unceded traditional territory of the Algonquin people in La Vérendrye Wildlife Park.

In partnership with the Anishnabe Moose Research Committee.

## Arts and Climate Change

This project uses art to make the connection between art and climate change and communicate about the crisis, as well as considers ways to reform the art industry to minimize climate impacts.

## **Beaver Champions**

We're supporting the production of a documentary film that explores the life and legacy of Anahareo and Grey Owl, two of Canada's famous pioneer conservationists, their commitment to saving the beaver from extinction and their mission to re-connect urban society with nature.

In partnership with Friends of Prince Albert National Park.

#### Belfountain Needs Your Help!

In Belfountain, Ontario, we're helping fight proposed developments in a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve that is situated in the Greenbelt and the Niagara Escarpment.

In partnership with Belfountain Community Organization.

## Bring Birth Home

This project empowers Indigenous women to regain control over their reproductive health, and secure sustainable and gainful employment in their communities.

In partnership with Association of Ontario Midwives.

## Building a Liveable Ontario

We are working to build a future where communities are vibrant, healthy, affordable, climate-resilient and surrounded by permanently protected farmland and natural areas.

In partnership with Alliance for a Liveable Ontario.

## Building Climate Momentum: Reducing GHG emissions in Stratford and Perth

This project engages the residents of Stratford and Perth County to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and is working toward the goal of a 50% reduction by 2030 and net zero by 2050.

In partnership with Climate Momentum (Stratford Perth).

# Building the Just Transition in Newfoundland and Labrador Through Community Engagement

We are supporting the development of a community-based, worker-led, government-supported Just Transition Plan for Newfoundland and Labrador.

In partnership with Climate Emergency Unit and Iron & Earth.

## Canadian Youth Climate Action Award

With this award, we were able to recognize and celebrate six youth-led climate action projects working to make a difference locally and intergenerationally.

In partnership with Pivot Green.

# Challenging False Solutions Being Advanced by the Fossil Fuel and Petrochemical Industries

This initiative challenges false solutions to climate change and plastic pollution proposed by fossil fuel and petrochemical industries by using government relation consultants to push policy towards real solutions.

In partnership with Environmental Defence Canada. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## Climate Career Portal

Through this innovative portal, we are helping fossil fuel industry and Indigenous workers find careers in the Clean Energy sector.

In partnership with Iron & Earth.

## Climate Circles: Weekly Climate Action Meetings

We brought together community members in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia to identify shared climate project actions and goals at the local level.

In partnership with Blomidon Naturalists Society.

#### Climate Justice Organizing Hub

In the third year of this project, we continue to support youth climate activists through the Hub, and provide coaching, capacity-building and convening services to climate movement groups.

## Comedy and Climate Change

We are using comedy to draw attention to the climate crisis and engage the public outside of typical climate conversations. Along with partnering with several comedy troupes, Small Change Fund is producing <u>Hot Globe</u>, an interview-parody-rant online show that exposes the real stories and bad actors behind the climate crises in Canada and worldwide.

## Content Development for Climate Solutions

To help keep climate change on the front pages, we are facilitating coverage of Canada's efforts to address climate change, including climate news, features and investigative content, and investing in audience development to ensure it gets to the people who can drive climate action.

In partnership with Energy Mix Productions, Inc.

## Electric School Bus Campaign

We are campaigning for the Ontario government to implement a province-wide switch of Ontario school buses to zero emission alternatives.

In partnership with Succession. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## Encourage Federal Action to Protect Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve

The Ontario government has removed 7,400 acres of land from the Greenbelt, primarily in the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve area. We are working to engage the federal government to step in and protect this priceless area.

In partnership with Environmental Defence Canada. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## **Environmental Justice Research Alliance**

Through this initiative we provide research and communication opportunities for students and researchers across Canada who support those working for environmental and climate justice.

# Establishing Large-Scale Protected Areas and Supporting Indigenous-Led Conservation in Manitoba

Through government relations work, this initiative aims to secure the establishment of large-scale protected areas in Manitoba, including supporting Indigenous-led conservation in the province.

In partnership with the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Manitoba Chapter. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

#### Every Day is Earth Day

We are bringing activists, youth, musicians and Indigenous knowledge-keepers together in Nova Scotia to focus their collective creative energy on the climate crisis.

In partnership with Music in Communities.

## Extending the Moratorium on Oil and Gas Drilling on Georges Bank in Nova Scotia

In 2022, East Coast Environmental Law was successful in extending the moratorium on oil and gas drilling at Georges Bank for 10 years – a significant victory for the local environment and global climate action.

In partnership with East Coast Environmental Law. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## Farms not Fridges

Great efforts are being made to prevent 27 acres of prime farmland outside Guelph, Ontario from being rezoned to industrial land and we're supporting the campaign.

In partnership with Jones Baseline Community.

## Fossil Fuel Ad-Ban Campaign

This campaign aims to limit Canadians' exposure to misleading advertising that supports the perpetuation of fossil fuel production and use.

In partnership with the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

#### Gather: Protect the Ontario Greenbelt

We are gathering to protect and celebrate the beauty of Ontario at fundraising events filled with music, art, activism and inspiring conversations about the future of our precious Greenbelt.

#### Georgian Bay Geopark Initiative

This grassroots initiative aims to establish all of Georgian Bay as a UNESCO Global Geopark in collaboration with First Nations, Metis and all communities, in order to build long term resilience and benefits for communities, peoples, the lands and water.

In partnership with Georgian Bay Geopark Network.

#### Get on the Bus

Youth transit has enormous personal and societal benefits, and we're building a network of communities investing in youth transit education and free youth passes, and providing resources, support and connections to help them launch their own youth transit programs.

#### Government of Alberta Net Zero Plan

Through strategic government relations, this initiative aims to work with the government of Alberta to establish a net-zero plan for the oil and gas sector that reduces emissions, supports workers and limits public liabilities.

In partnership with Pembina Institute. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## **Greener Toronto Fund**

To help green Canada's largest city, the Greener Toronto Fund supports the inspiring work of volunteer-led grassroots efforts across Toronto and the GTA, championing solutions to transform the city by promoting waste reduction, growing community gardens, helping neighbours retrofit their homes and more.

In partnership with Green Neighbours Network of Toronto.

# Guarding the Greenbelt: Getting Permanent Protection for Ontario's Sensitive Habitats

We continue to protect significant wetlands and green spaces across Simcoe County to enable our ecosystems to thrive and help mitigate the climate crisis.

In partnership with Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition.

## Help Toronto Save its Green Spaces from Destruction

We advocated for an ecologically sustainable approach to construction in Small's Creek Ravine, Ontario, together with a robust restoration plan.

In partnership with Smalls Creek.

#### Helping Afghan Newcomers to Settle in Canada

As tens of thousands of Afghan refugees seeks resettlement in Canada, this project provides them with meaningful, low barrier support during their first year in the country, to ensure they thrive as they become part of the social and economic fabric of Canada.

In partnership with Canadian Connections.

# Highlighting Front Line Perspectives for Climate Solutions

This project brings together front-line perspectives to enable wider action on the connections between income security, climate change and community resilience.

In partnership with Energy Mix Productions, Inc.

## Improving Nuclear Waste Policy in Canada

Aimed at strengthening and solidifying Canada's Radioactive Waste Policy, this project enlists government relations experts with the goal of ultimately protecting our lakes, rivers and the communities that depend on them.

In partnership with Ottawa Riverkeeper. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## In Memory of Bob Hunter

We are fundraising to update the signage in Bob Hunter Memorial Park, part of the Rouge National Urban Park in Ontario. The Park celebrates the life of Robert Hunter, an environmentalist, journalist and author who devoted his career to protecting biodiversity and nature.

# Investing in Ecologically Responsible Initiatives to Reduce Carbon Emissions with the Ouebec Climate Fund

This initiative's primary goal was to advance the Quebec Climate Fund in the province's 2022 budget, which promotes investing in ecologically responsible initiatives to reduce carbon emissions and provide economic, social and health related co-benefits.

In partnership with Fondation et Alumni de Polytechnique Montréal. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

#### Join the DAMN Campaign

DAMN means Demand A Moratorium Now: we're advocating for nothing less than a moratorium on gravel mining in Ontario, and a comprehensive review of industry regulations in the province.

In partnership with the Coalition to Reform Gravel Mining in Ontario.

#### Keep the Greenbelt Promise

Ontario is home to the world's largest greenbelt. This campaign strives to uphold the Greenbelt promise and protect this precious area, which was created as a safeguard to address problems by ensuring nature avoids the threat of development.

#### Kwak'wala Language Revitalization

In partnership with Chief Sonny, a Hereditary Chief and one of six remaining speakers of the Gutsamo dialect of the Kwak'wala language, we are helping reconnect Quatsino First Nation youth with their language and culture.

In partnership with Chief Sonny and Culture Foundry.

#### Low Carbon Cities in Alberta

This initiative will engage government relations experts to pursue support from the government of Alberta for their Climate Innovation Fund, a part of the Low Carbon Cities Canada network.

In partnership with Alberta Ecotrust Foundation. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## Lowering Ontario's Carbon Footprint with Natural Burials

We are asking the Ontario Government to halve the fee for natural burial grounds, making it more affordable for Ontarians to protect the environment from costly alternatives.

In partnership with Natural Burial Association. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## Making the Health Case for Climate Action

We worked with healthcare professionals to raise awareness about the risks presented by climate change and the immediate health and social benefits that result from climate actions.

In partnership with the Canadian Health Association for Sustainability & Equity.

# Mobilizing Young People with Class Privilege to Reduce Poverty and Address the Climate Crisis

This unique project aims to educate and mobilize wealthy and/or class-privileged Canadian youth, so that all can prosper without exploiting people or the planet.

In partnership with Resource Movement.

#### Modernizing the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)

With government relations support, several strengthening amendments were made to Bill S-5 in June 2022 which will now move to the House of Commons to pass the final legislation and move closer to enshrining the right to a healthy environment in Canadian federal law.

In partnership with Ecojustice Society Canada. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## Municipal #Vote16

Today's youth are at the forefront of climate change. This project's goal was to raise awareness and lower the voting age across Canadian municipalities to encourage voter participation and develop early habits of engagement.

In partnership with Unlock Democracy Canada.

# Music and Climate Change

We are supporting musicians to create art that addresses climate and ecological themes, as well as those who use their platforms to raise awareness and push for urgent action to address the ecological and climate emergency.

In partnership with Music Declares Emergency Canada.

## Net-Zero Pathways Program

As we showcase the benefits of the just transition, we are providing fossil fuel workers with career transition options from a carbon-dependent economy to a net-zero economy.

In partnership with Iron & Earth.

## Next Child in the Woods

Through Nature Immersion programs in Guelph, Ontario, we're fostering inclusive access for children to reconnect with nature and their communities and improve their health and well-being.

In partnership with The Guelph Outdoor School.

#### New Path Forward for Gravel Mining

To help curb the devastating impacts of the gravel mining industry, we are working towards a moratorium on new gravel mining applications in Ontario and advocating for measures and regulations which increase protection of water, air and nature.

Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

#### No More Open-Pit Mines on Mt. Nemo

We're trying to stop two open-pit mines being dug on Mt. Nemo, land that is part of an UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve in Ontario.

In partnership with Conserving Our Rural Ecosystems Burlington Inc.

#### No Muskoka Mega Quarry

A rezoning application for a quarry adjacent to Ontario's Muskoka River and Sage Creek wetlands has been made — areas which house species at risk — and we are working to oppose it.

In partnership with Muskoka Environmental Alliance.

## No MZO in Blair

In Cambridge, Ontario, we fought against a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) that approved the construction of a mega warehouse on ecologically and historically significant land without public input.

In partnership with Blair Village Engaged.

## No Nuclear Dump

A nuclear waste dump site is being proposed in South Bruce, Ontario and we're supporting the fight against the dump which would endanger the community's groundwater and threaten a Lake Huron tributary river.

In partnership with Protect Our Waterways No Nuclear Waste.

## Organizing Transit Users for Post Pandemic Recovery

We helped prioritize safe and accessible transit during pandemic recovery to support access to sustainable transit options in Toronto, Ontario.

In partnership with TTCriders.

#### Permanent Old Growth Protection for B.C.

We supported work to stop the chainsaws and secure short-term protection of old growth in B.C.: now we're working to ensure a new, overarching biodiversity law for the province to gain protection for the long-term.

In partnership with MakeWay Charitable Society. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

#### Plastic People

Lights, camera, change: We're helping develop a groundbreaking documentary that reveals the newest evidence of the harmful effects of microplastics in the human body.

In partnership with White Pine Pictures.

## Preserve a Waterfront Property for Nature, Forever

Our project to establish the Helen Hutchison Nature Reserve became a resounding success — now 275 metres of riverfront along the Napanee River in Ontario are forever protected.

# Preserve Critical Millcroft Green Infrastructure

In Burlington, Ontario we are fighting to preserve the Millcroft Golf Course, an early, state-of-the-art example of green infrastructure threatened by an infill development proposal.

In partnership with Millcroft Greenspace Alliance.

#### Preserving the Forks of the Credit

By opposing a planned blasting quarry, we're helping to preserve the ecological integrity of Caledon, Ontario.

In partnership with Forks of the Credit Preservation.

#### Promoting Natural Burial Grounds in Ontario

Natural burial options are the most eco-friendly deathcare solution. We're helping advocate for this sustainable choice across Ontario.

In partnership with Natural Burial Association.

## Protect Farmland and Water First: Stop the Hallman Pit

The Waterloo, Ontario region is in a position to lose approximately 150 acres of prime farmland to another open pit mine. This project aims to protect the environment and community from the impacts of the proposed Hallman pit in Shingletown, Ontario while preserving prime farmland and our drinking water.

In partnership with Citizens for Safe Ground Water.

#### Protect Little Lakes Area from Aggregate Mining

We are fighting to protect the Historic Ball's Bridge and Little Lakes Road area from a massive open pit mine that would eat up agricultural land and destroy an interconnected ecosystem of wetlands, river valley, and woodlands with a number of rare and endangered species.

In partnership with Friends of Ball's Bridge & Little Lakes.

#### Protect Opinicon Lake

We are defending the sensitive shores of Lake Opinicon by challenging a proposal to expand an existing campground to 227 trailer and cave camping sites - more than four times what current zoning rules permit.

In partnership with Protect Opinicon.

## Protect Petersburg and Put a Stop to the Sand Pit

Pits are dusty, noisy and unhealthy. We're helping to stop the Petersburg Sand Pit and save approximately 27 acres of farmland, as well as protect the water and air quality in Petersburg, Ontario.

In partnership with Stop Petersburg Sand Pit Inc.

## Protect the Garner Marsh and the Ancaster Creek Watershed

1,300 crucial acres of Ancaster, Ontario farmland, wetlands and habitat are at risk of being taken over by a warehouse complex: we're supporting the campaign to resist the development.

In partnership with Save Our Streams Hamilton.

## Protect the Greenbelt and Visionary Regional Planning in the Grand River Watershed!

The Grand River Watershed community is fighting back against Bill 23, which would open up the Greenbelt and gut Regional Planning and Regional Official Plans, and we're helping provide them with critical resources.

In partnership with Grand River Environmental Network.

# Protecting and Promoting Mental Health in the Climate Crisis

Dr. Britt Wray's research and science communication on the mental health impacts of the climate crisis, especially on youth, is world-leading, and we're working to expand its impact.

In partnership with Dr. Britt Wray.

#### Protecting and Restoring Lake Simcoe

The proposed Bradford Bypass threatens the environment of Lake Simcoe and surrounding areas, and this project is supporting legal, educational and mobilizing strategies to protect this important habitat.

In partnership with Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition.

#### **Protecting Critical Turtle Habitat**

Alongside a group of Muskoka residents, we are opposing a plan by the Town of Bracebridge, Ontario and the District of Muskoka to destroy a crucial turtle habitat by paving a roadside area that hosts numerous turtle nests, including those of endangered Blanding's Turtles.

## Protecting Northumberland County's Environment and Farmland

With a focus on preventing an environmentally and agriculturally destructive 800-home development on 196 acres of agricultural land in Alnwick-Haldimand Township, this project supports the protection of Northumberland County farmland — and its way of life.

In partnership with Northumberland Rural Coalition.

# Protecting Old Growth Forest in B.C.

We got behind important government relations work that successfully protected 2.1 million hectares of old growth forest in B.C., while engaging First Nations in the process with the provincial government.

In partnership with MakeWay Charitable Society. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## Protecting the Beaver Valley

Our efforts here are to help protect 133 acres of the Beaver Valley, a unique part of the UNESCO Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Reserve, from destructive development.

In partnership with Protecting Talisman Lands Association.

Protecting the International Elk-Kootenay River Watershed from Coal Mine Pollution in BC's Elk Valley

This initiative has made significant progress toward the ultimate goal of improving water quality in the Elk-Kootenay River System and establishing more stringent environmental protections through Coal Mining Effluent Regulations.

In partnership with Wildsight. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

#### Protecting the Niagara Escarpment Corridor

Awareness is a pillar of our work: we're helping increase community and public awareness of the Niagara Escarpment Corridor's importance, as well as the need to protect land in this region from inappropriate development.

In partnership with Escarpment Corridor Alliance.

## Protecting the Seal River Watershed as an Indigenous Protected Area

It's one off the world's largest remaining ecologically intact watersheds, and we're backing government relations work to protect the Seal River Watershed as an Indigenous Protected Area.

In partnership with Seal River Watershed Alliance. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## Protection of an Environmentally Sensitive Wetland in Bracebridge

In Bracebridge, Ontario, we're helping protect 443 acres of wetlands and environmentally sensitive lands that are at risk of being lost to development.

In partnership with South Bracebridge Environmental Protection Group.

## Renewing Federal Leadership on Water

Water is life, and we're providing resources to advocate for federal government policies that would have staggering benefits for both water health and climate mitigation through a Freshwater Action Plan and renewing the Canada Water Act.

In partnership with MakeWay Charitable Society. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## Resilient Together

In making change, the "alarmed" and "moveable middle" segments of the population are a huge, powerful block. We're supporting a research and communications initiative to learn how to connect with this group, so we can encourage climate action.

In partnership with My Climate Plan.

## Safeguarding the Right of Canadians to Have Naturalized Gardens

We successfully appealed a decision by local Bylaw Enforcement against naturalized gardens in Smiths Falls, Ontario.

#### Save 5,000 Acres of Farmland in Halton

Halton Regional Council voted 15-9 to save 5,000 acres of farmland in the Halton region, which called for zero urban boundary expansion through 2041. We'll continue working to ensure it stays saved.

In partnership with Stop Sprawl Halton.

#### Save Ontario Place

We are opposing the Ontario government's plan to clearcut 850 trees at Ontario Place and build a 13-storey private spa on the West Island.

In partnership with Ontario Place for All.

#### Save Our Greenbelt

When the Ontario Greenbelt cuts were announced in the fall of 2022 we took immediate action to unite advocates for the Greenbelt through an intense media and communications campaign.

## Save the Don Valley

We campaigned against Metrolinx's plans to park and service diesel trains in the Don Valley and are continuing to advocate for the conservation and stewardship of the area.

In partnership with Build the Park.

## Save the Oak Ridges Moraine in King Township

We supported efforts to defend the ecologically significant Oak Ridges Moraine from development.

In partnership with Kingscross Ratepayers Association.

# Save the Saugeen

We are fighting to stop the creation and expansion of two more gravel pits in the Saugeen River watershed in West Grey, Ontario as it's an important ecological and recreational area.

In partnership with Saugeen Preservation Society.

## Save the West Credit River

By advocating for measures to mitigate the harmful impacts from a new wastewater treatment plant, we're striving to protect this pristine cold-water ecosystem and the Brook Trout that live there.

In partnership with Belfountain Community Organization.

## Saving Our Urban Forest and Wetland (Stop the Chop!)

We are working to uphold Kingston City Council's decision to turn down a plan to clearcut 1,800 trees, excavate 400,000 tons of soil, partially fill and cap a Provincially Significant Wetland and build a 1,650 unit residential/commercial development adjacent to the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

In partnership with No Clearcuts Kingston.

# Seizing Policy and Legislative Opportunities to Achieve Meaningful Changes to the CEPA

With the help of government relations experts, this initiative successfully secured commitments to CEPA (Canadian Environmental Protection Act) reform, reducing toxic exposure to protect the environment and our health.

In partnership with MakeWay Charitable Society. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

# Sharpen the Ask: Aligning Natural Asset Management and Federal Priorities

This project is honing in on a strategy to engage the federal government in supporting and utilizing Natural Asset Management to meet climate mitigation and conservation objectives.

In partnership with Natural Assets Initiative. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

# Sharpen the Ask: Building the Just Transition in Newfoundland and Labrador Through Community Engagement and Government Relations

With help from Earnscliffe Strategies, we are launching a targeted campaign directed at the Newfoundland and Labrador government to encourage diversification of the economy and a just transition.

In partnership with Climate Emergency Unit. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

# Sharpen the Ask: Matching Policy and Program Development Around the National Adaptation Strategy with What is Needed on the Ground

We are working with Earnscliffe Strategies to ensure implementation and funding of the National Adaptation Strategy matches the climate change considerations and capacity of those on the ground across Atlantic Canada.

In partnership with CLIMAtlantic Inc. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## Sprawling Lie

We ran a unique communications campaign to bring Ontario the truth behind the lie about how urban sprawl can help solve housing affordability — an expensive, sprawling lie.

In partnership with several Ontario grassroots groups, including Stop Sprawl HamOnt, Stop Sprawl Halton and GASP.

# Stick it to Highways

We opposed Ontario's plans to build two new highways north of Toronto, paving over thousands of acres of Greenbelt land and destroying priceless nature and farmland, and encouraged residents to donate their licence plate sticker refund towards the fight.

#### Stop Development of Burlington's Green Space

We are opposing residential development on the Millcroft Golf Course in Burlington, Ontario as it threatens existing wildlife habitat, a flood management system and environmental open space.

In partnership with Millcroft Against Bad Development.

## Stop Sprawl in Hamilton

Our work continues to ensure that the Hamilton City Council's 2021 decision to save 3,300 acres of prime farmland is upheld, and development beyond the city's urban boundary does not move forward.

In partnership with Stop Sprawl HamOnt.

# Stop Sprawl in Peel Region

Although the Peel Planning and Growth Committee elected to move forward with the urban boundary expansion, the community is still fighting — with our help — to protect this land from urban sprawl, advocate for smart growth and support environmentally-friendly and walkable communities.

In partnership with Stop Sprawl Peel.

#### Stop Sprawl Orillia

Sprawl is threatening 939 acres of prime agricultural land and wetlands in Orillia, and we're helping stop it in its tracks.

In partnership with Green Orillia.

#### Stop Sprawl York Region

Our challenge in the large York Region of Ontario is to help uphold the region's urban boundary, and instead focus on urban intensification for more sustainable communities and protection of the environment.

In partnership with Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition.

## Stop the Bradford Bypass

Although the federal government refuses to revisit the decision to move forward with the Bradford Bypass, this won't be the end of the opposition, and we will continue to support work to stop this destructive highway.

In partnership with Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition and Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition.

# Supporting the Climate and Affordability Task Force Members' Federal Policy Engagement

Through government relations work, this project aims to address the cost of living crisis, while providing climate benefits such as decreasing energy use/emissions or boosting climate resilience.

In partnership with the McConnell Foundation. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## Supporting The Canadian Library

We were honoured to support this powerful initiative to cover thousands of books in Indigenous fabric for an art installation in honour of missing and murdered Indigenous women and children across Canada.

In partnership with The Canadian Library.

## Sustainable, Attainable Housing Community for Owen Sound

A solution to Canada's housing affordability crisis, this project aims to build a sustainable, attainable community-led housing project as a model for the future — one that addresses the converging crises of climate change and affordability.

In partnership with Glassworks Cooperative.

## Toronto's Dirty Little Secret

We are supporting the production of a feature length documentary discussing Toronto, Ontario's history of waste mismanagement, while exploring potential solutions to this problem.

In partnership with Todd Harris.

## **Transit Champions**

Fixing urban transit for people needs training and strategies, so we supported training programs for local organizers, who used their experience to encourage their communities to fight for better, more affordable transit in Toronto.

In partnership with TTCriders.

# Upholding the Federal Government to Take Concrete Action to Reach Ambitious Conservation Commitments

This government relations initiative aims to make sure the federal government keeps its ambitious conservation targets, to protect at least 30% of land and ocean by 2030, with a milestone target of protecting 25% by 2025.

In partnership with Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society. Supported through our Public Voice Fund.

## Water for Life

The philosophy is as clear as water: We believe that Water is for Life, not profit. We continue to promote the protection, restoration and conservation of groundwater in the Grand River Watershed of Ontario.

In partnership with Water Watchers.

## Your Land, Your legacy

Through this project, we helped retiring farmers navigate the complicated process of donating their land in trust. By doing so, we ensured these farmers could leave a legacy, as well as secured this precious resource for future generations of farmers – and their communities.

In partnership with Foodlands Cooperative of B.C.