

## YOUR ACTION REPORT

### Your Gifts At Work Protecting Properties— And Species—You Love!

#### Spectacular And Precious New Properties Protected!

With your vital and vibrant support, we protected new properties this year, bringing our grand total to date to 59. Thank you! And we are hoping, with your amazing support today, to secure one more property before the end of the year! One property we protected this year is an Indigenous site, Beeton Forest. We are proud to collaborate with local First Nations and local stewardship group on the care and stewardship of this land. And, we protected a 100-acre property in Simcoe that contains the footprint of a historic barn complex, allowing us to honour the stories and cultural heritage of our farmers.

#### Did You Hear The Buzz? New Bumblebees (And More!) In Our Midst!

Your gifts support our research and monitoring projects, including our BioBlitz events! This year, we had more activity than ever before with 45 events and a total of 1800 hours committed! And this year, one of our experts identified a new bumblebee in our midst! There was some delightful debate about whether it was an American Bumblebee or Yellow Banded Bumblebee, but both are listed as at-risk species. This year, we



also added new species at risk sightings of the Olive-Sided Flycatcher, Canada Warbler and Golden Winged Warbler for a total of 30 species at risk! With your support in 2020, we hope to get a better glimpse of all these species—and more!

#### And Did You Catch This Amazing Quote?

*“Land Trusts like the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust are a creative approach to conserving Ontario’s biodiversity, especially as our natural areas and species are further pressured by climate change. By acquiring natural heritage lands and by thoughtful stewardship, Land Trusts can help Ontario both adapt to and mitigate climate change. Land Trusts can be local solutions to the global problems of biodiversity loss and climate change.”*

– **Dianne Saxe**,  
Former  
Environmental  
Commissioner  
of Ontario



## OUR 2020 VISION

### Here's How Your Gift Today Will Be Put Into Action: NOW!

#### **Senior Nature Champions: You Can Make Our Vision A Reality!**

As you know, we deeply believe in the importance of nature for our mind, body and soul. And over the past few years, we've had a dream of launching a special nature program to engage our older neighbours with an active and outdoor lifestyle. Our seniors have brilliant stories and knowledge to share—and getting out with others can give them more energy, and combat isolation. Our plans include Nordic pole walking events, forest bathing and safe hiking in nature. With a little bit of extra support from donors like you, we can make this possible!

#### **Local Action on The Climate Crisis**

With your support in 2020, we will continue to take local action to protect more land and homes for our wild

neighbours, encourage action from our leaders, and inspire individual actions. Your support will help us to host more workshops and to connect with neighbours about how to take action in their own lives. We will work with you to enhance our protected



properties, so they can continue to protect your watersheds, restore lost habitats and care for the forests. These actions are vital in helping us all to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

#### **Partners in Protection: Working with Indigenous Communities**

It is our privilege and our responsibility to honour the traditions and heritage of our First Nations. We want to learn from local Indigenous communities about their stories and knowledge, so that we can apply them to our stewardship plans. A simple example is our commitment to keeping single file paths as the way to travel through the forest. We are eager to learn more about Indigenous knowledge as it applies to our forests.

#### **What Will We Find This Year?**

What we love most about the Moraine and Greenbelt areas is that we are still making discoveries! There are new forests to walk in, new species to identify—there is adventure around every corner! Please, make your gift today and take action for nature close to you! Thank you!

