



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

SUMMARY

MAY 7, 2021

1. **C-143-2021**
Correspondence received May 3, 2021 from the GO Implementation Office, Niagara Region respecting NRT OnDemand Metrics
2. **C-144-2021**
Correspondence received May 3, 2021 from the Niagara SPCA and Humane Society respecting Monthly Statistics for April, 2021
3. **C-145-2021**
Correspondence dated May 5, 2021 from the Town of Lincoln respecting a motion passed regarding Climate Change Adaptation Plan and Crisis
4. **C-146-2021**
Correspondence dated April 30, 2021 from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority respecting NrCan Growing Canada's Forests 2 Billion Trees Funding Initiative – Request for Information
5. **C-147-2021**
Correspondence dated April 28, 2021 from the Township of West Lincoln to Mr. Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, and requesting support to amend the Beds of Navigable Waters Act

Overall NRT OnDemand Service Metrics

Data as of:
Friday, April 30, 2021

Number of Rides

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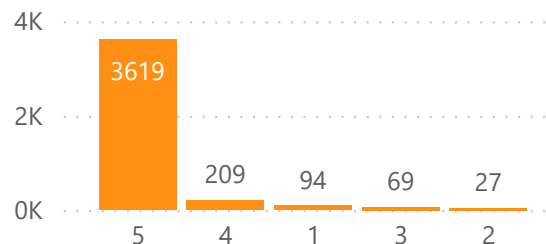
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WAV Trips

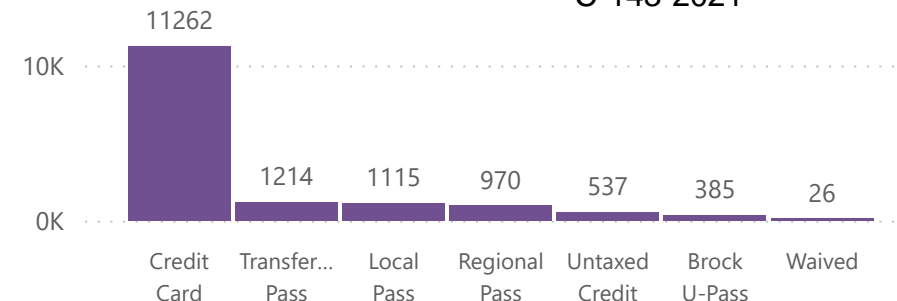
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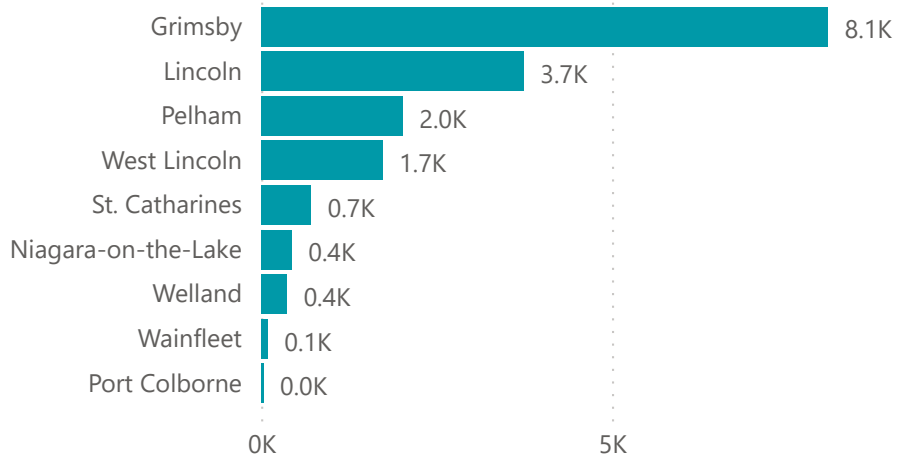


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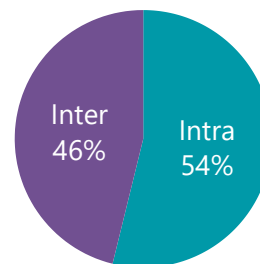
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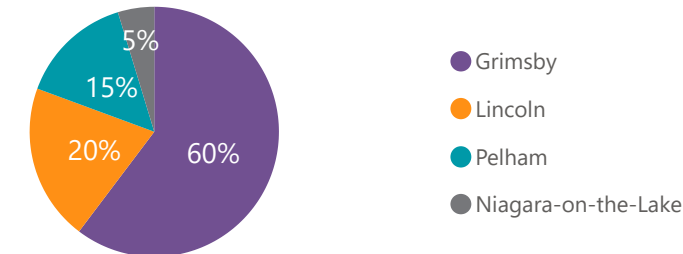
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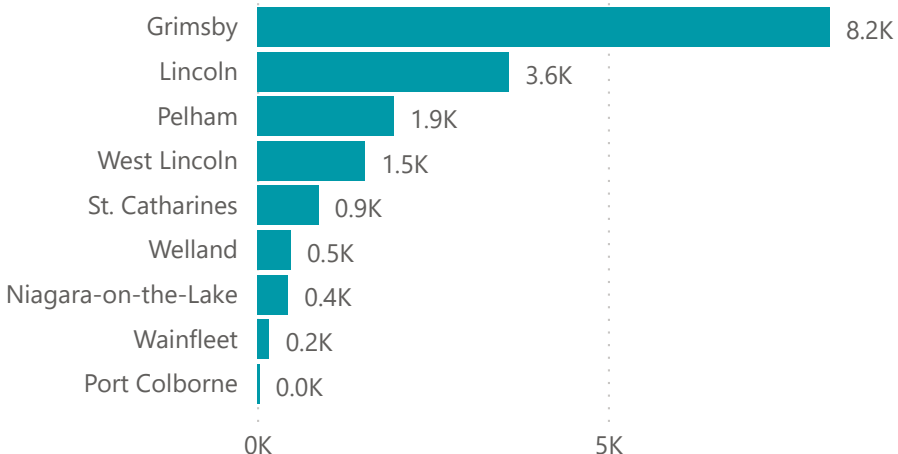
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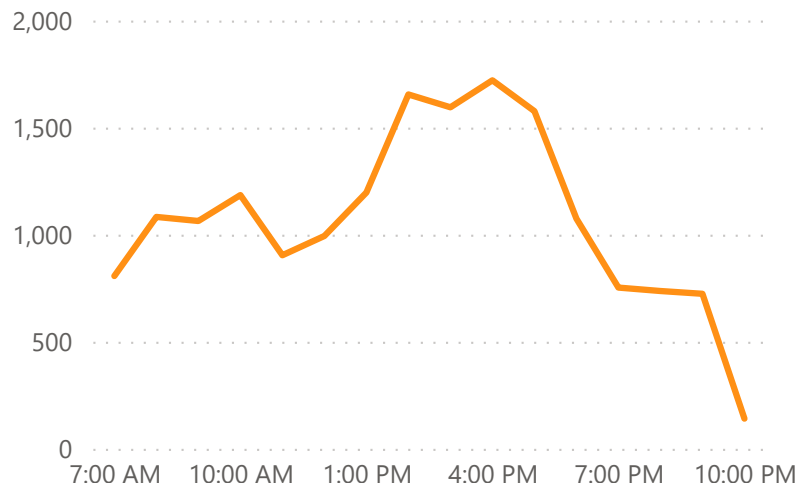
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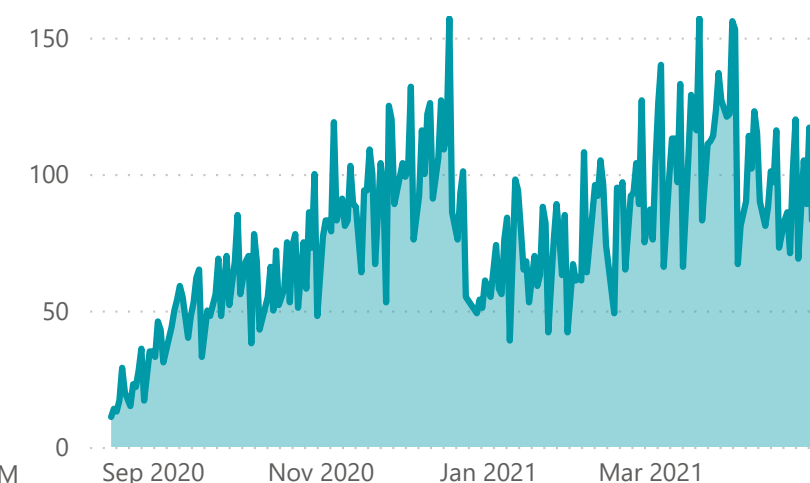
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Ride Time of Day



Ridership



Overall NRT OnDemand Service Metrics

Data as of:
Friday, April 30, 2021

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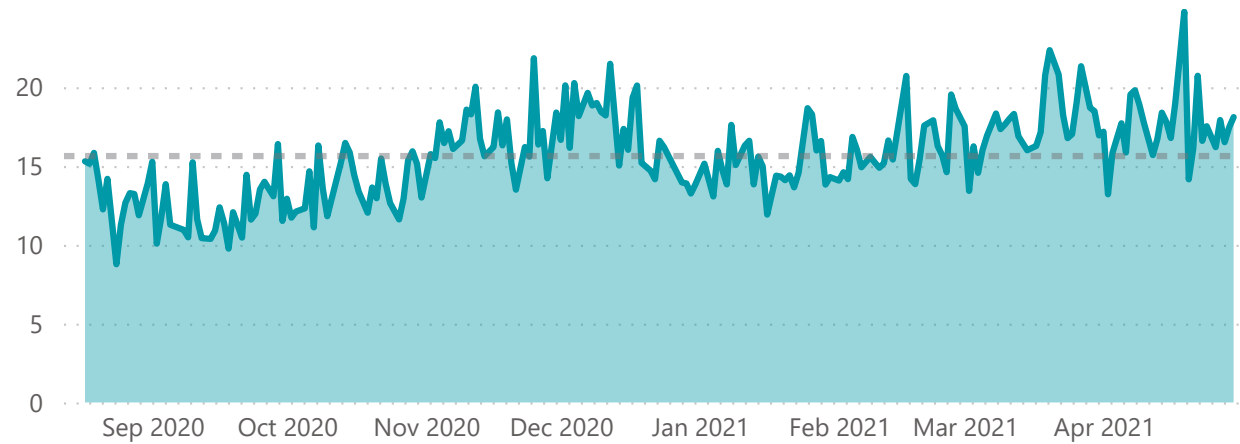
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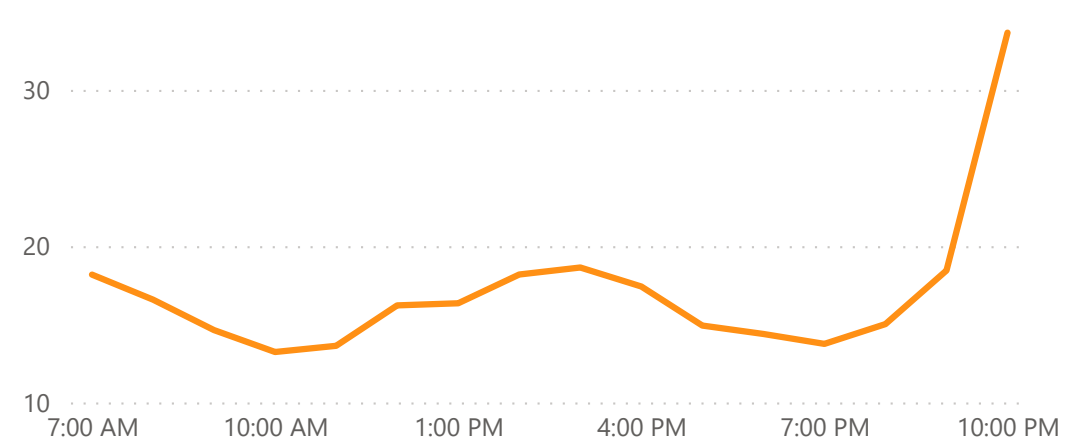
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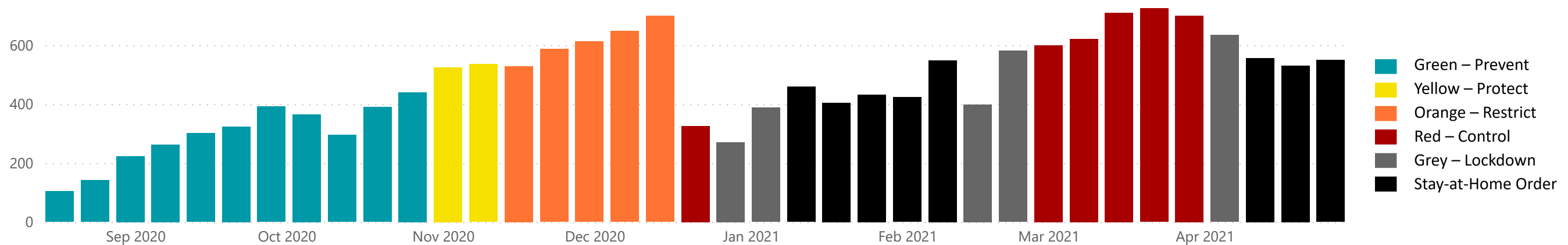
Average Wait Time



Average Wait Time vs. Time of Day



Ridership vs. Covid Reopening Stages



NRT OnDemand Service Metrics

Grimsby
Origin and/or Destination Municipality

Friday, April 30, 2021

Data as of

Number of Rides

10,658

Number of Trips

9,598

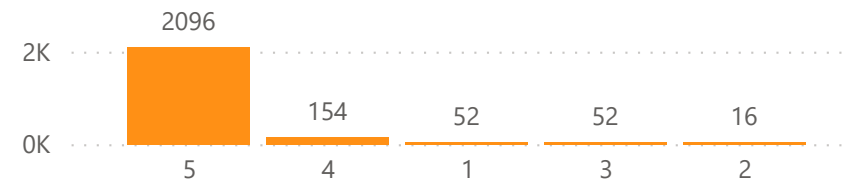
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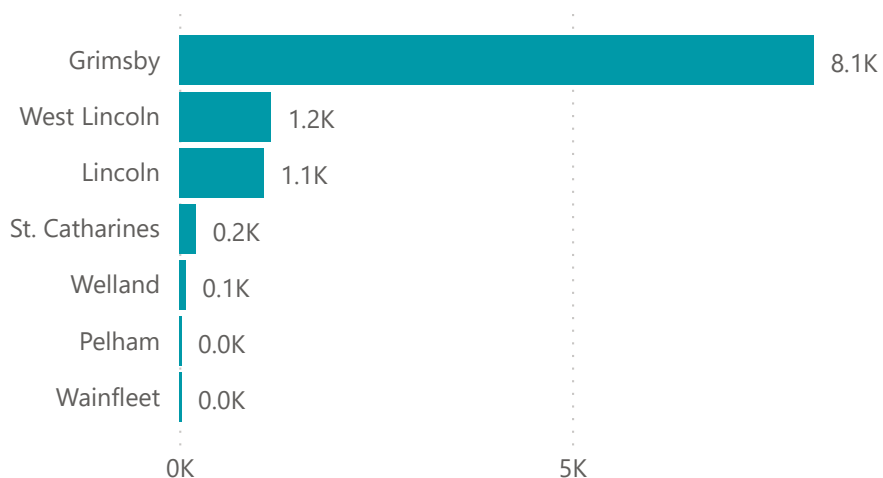
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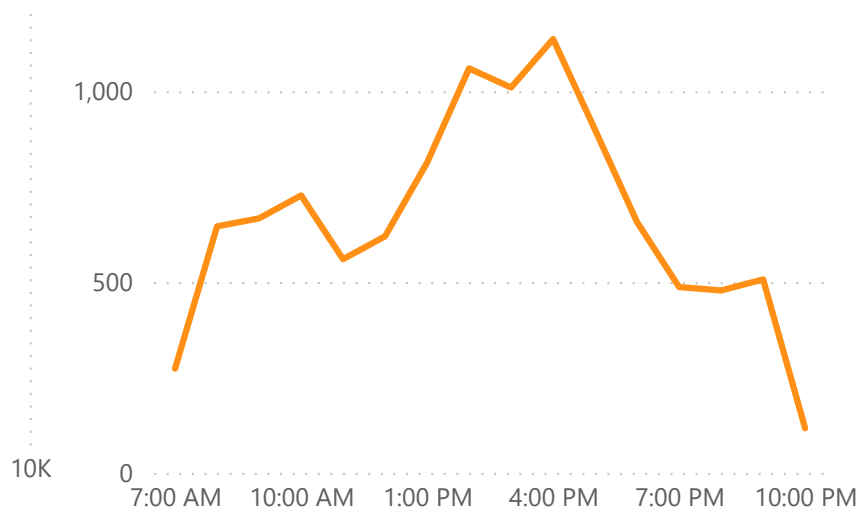
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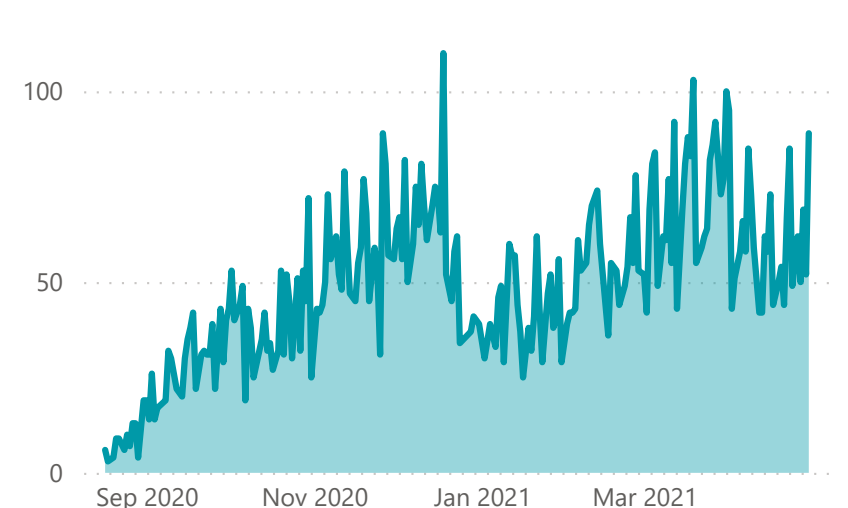
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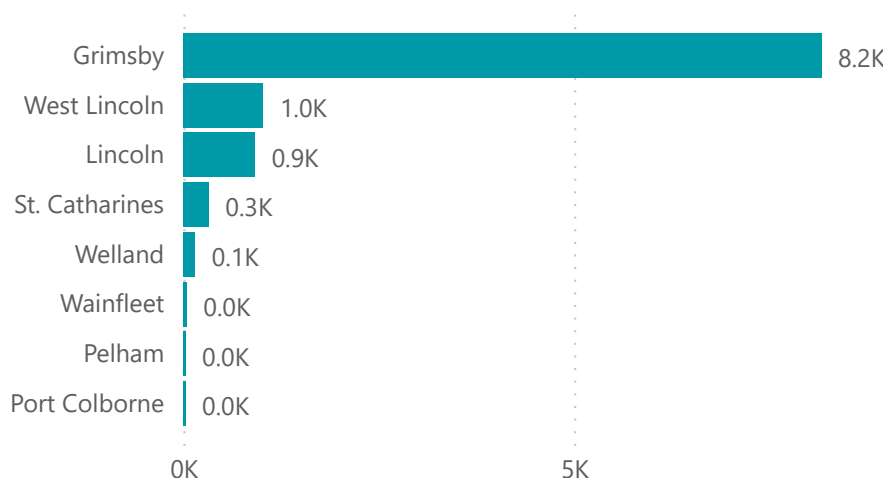
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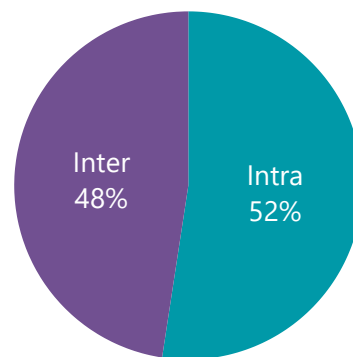
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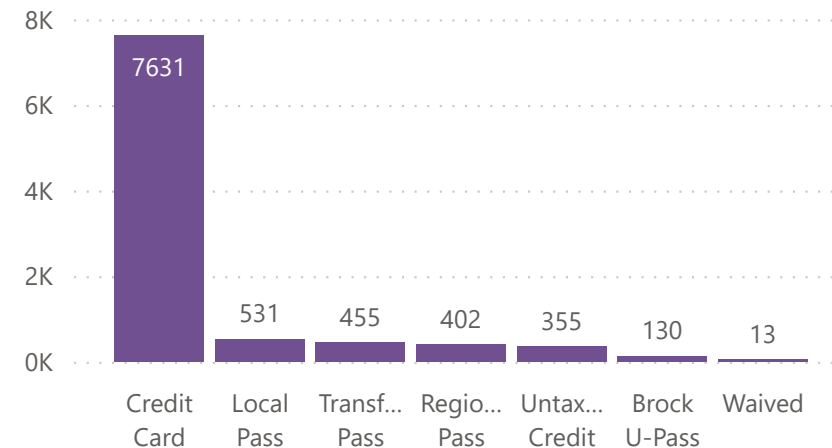
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Inter vs. Intra-Municipal Rides



Payment Type



NRT OnDemand Service Metrics

Lincoln
Origin and/or Destination Municipality

Friday, April 30, 2021
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Number of Rides

5,449

Number of Trips

4,954

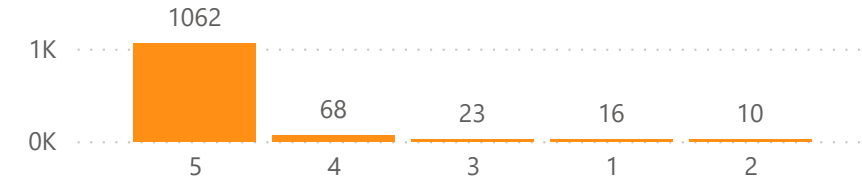
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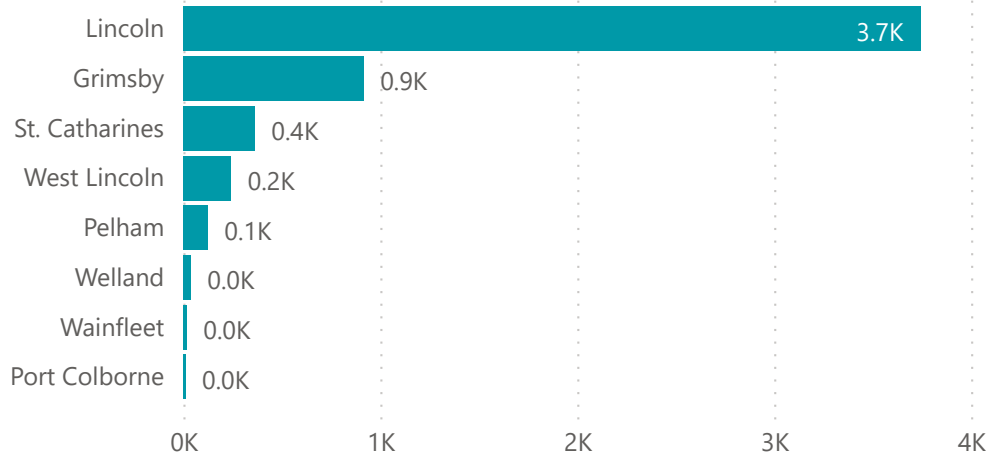
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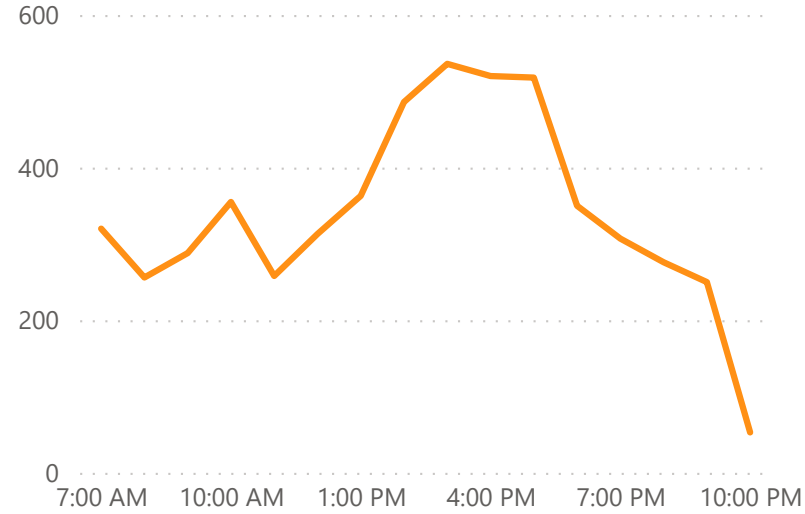
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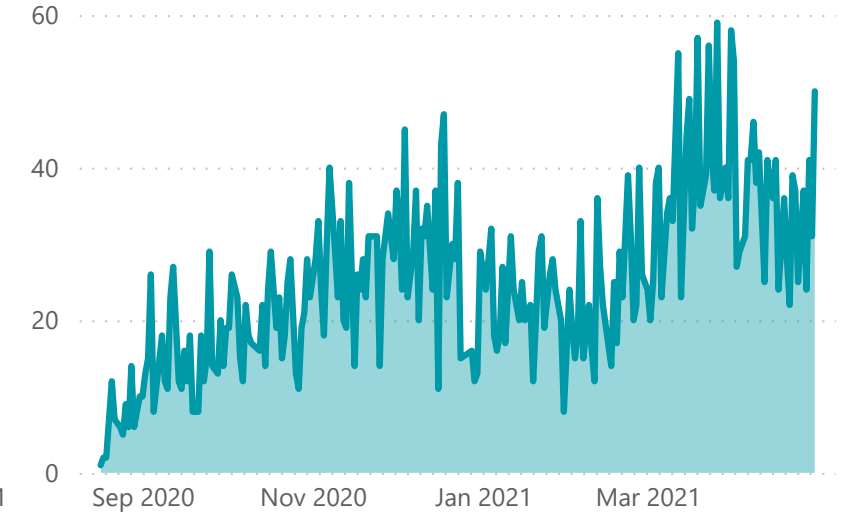
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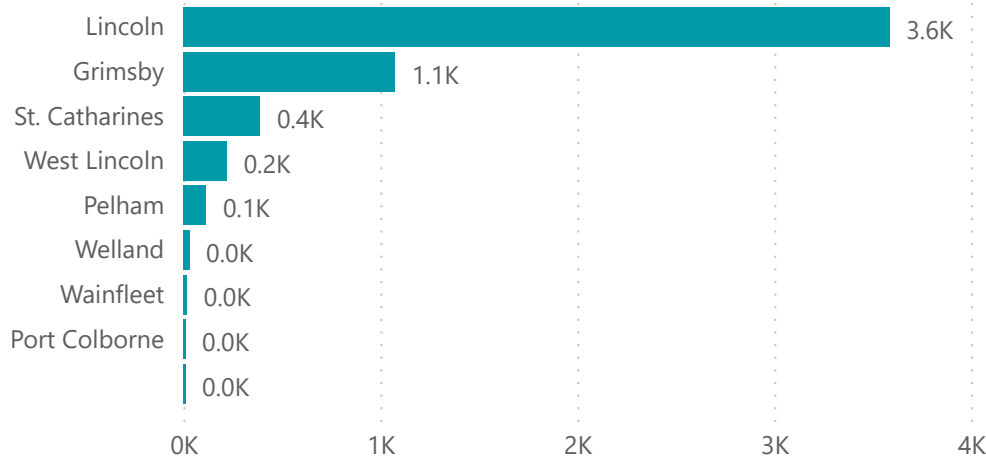
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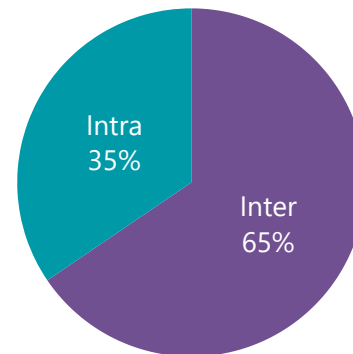
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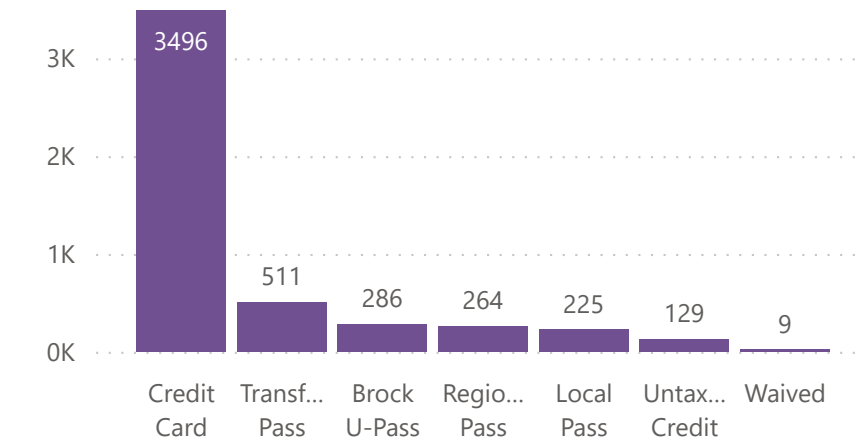
Rides by Destination Municipality



Inter vs. Intra-Municipal Rides



Payment Type



NRT OnDemand Service Metrics

Pelham
Origin and/or Destination Municipality

Friday, April 30, 2021

Data as of

Number of Rides

2,603

Number of Trips

2,466

WAV Trips

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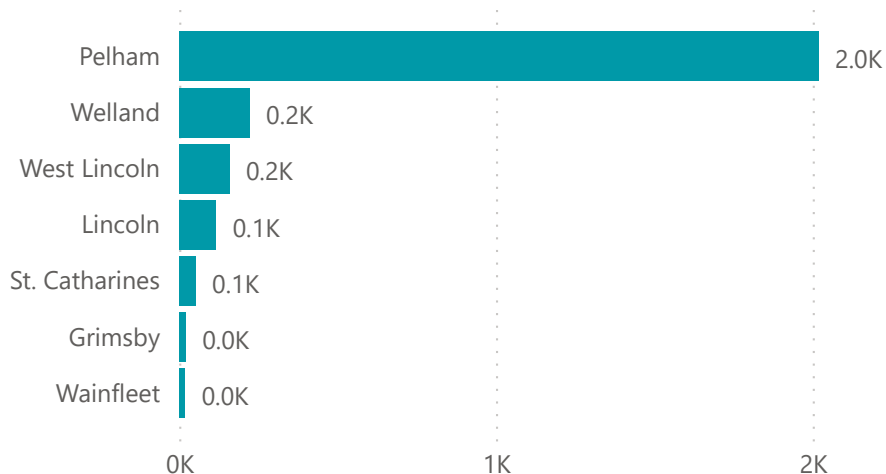
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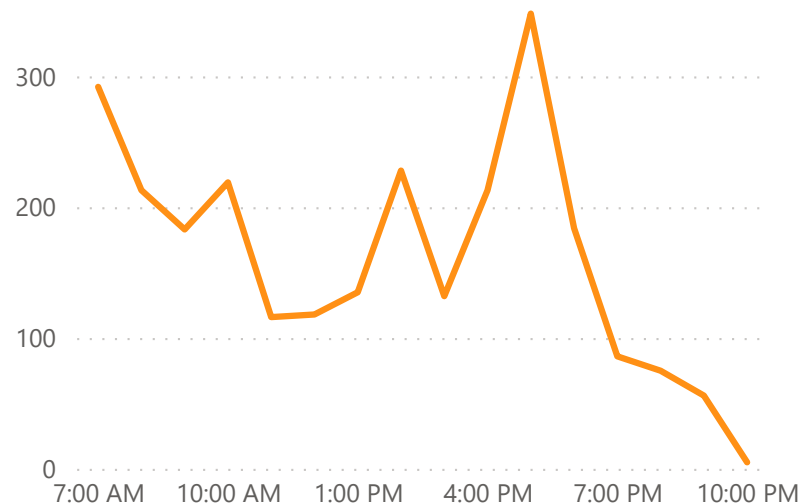
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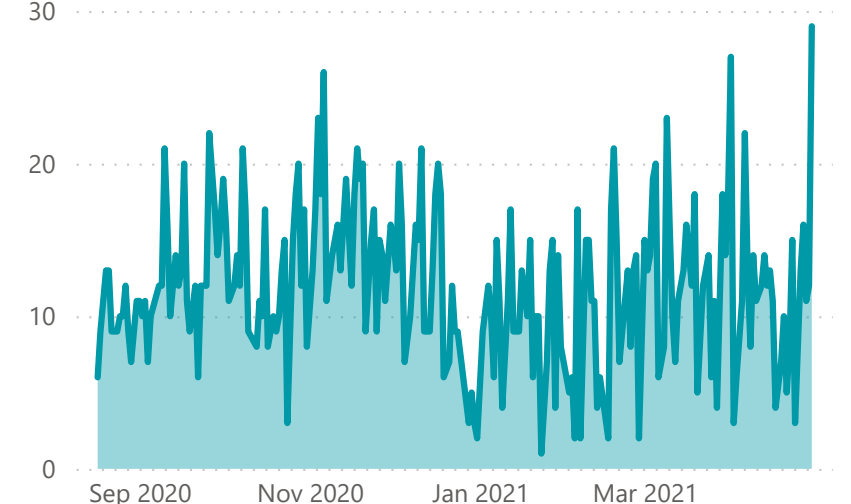
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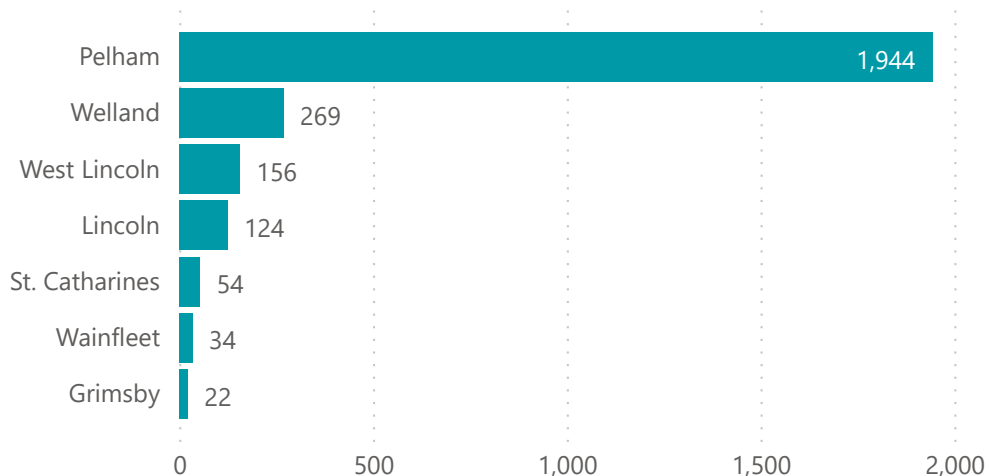
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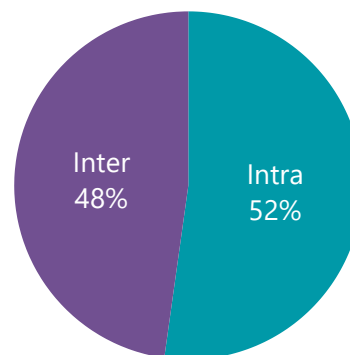
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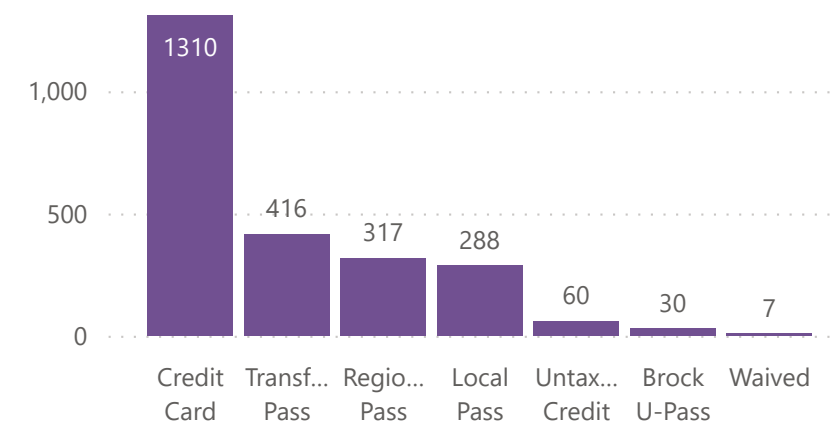
Rides by Destination Municipality



Inter vs. Intra-Municipal Rides



Payment Type



NRT OnDemand Service Metrics

Wainfleet
Origin and/or Destination Municipality

Friday, April 30, 2021
Data as of

Number of Rides

264

Number of Trips

245

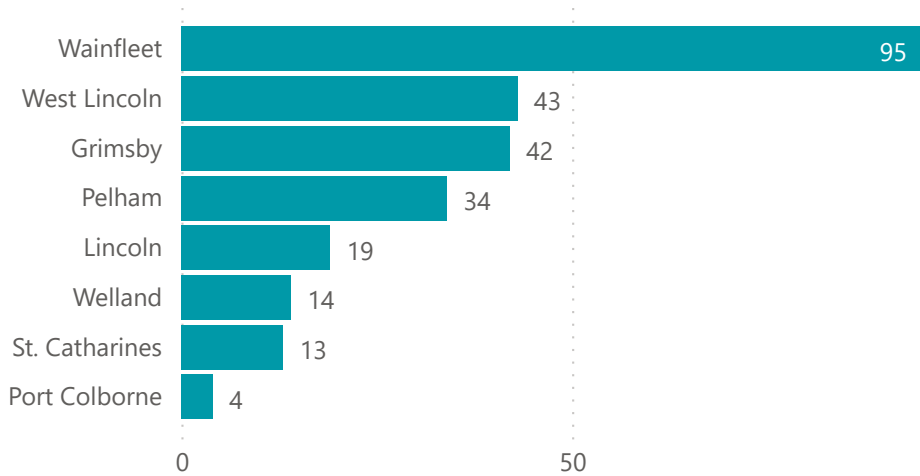
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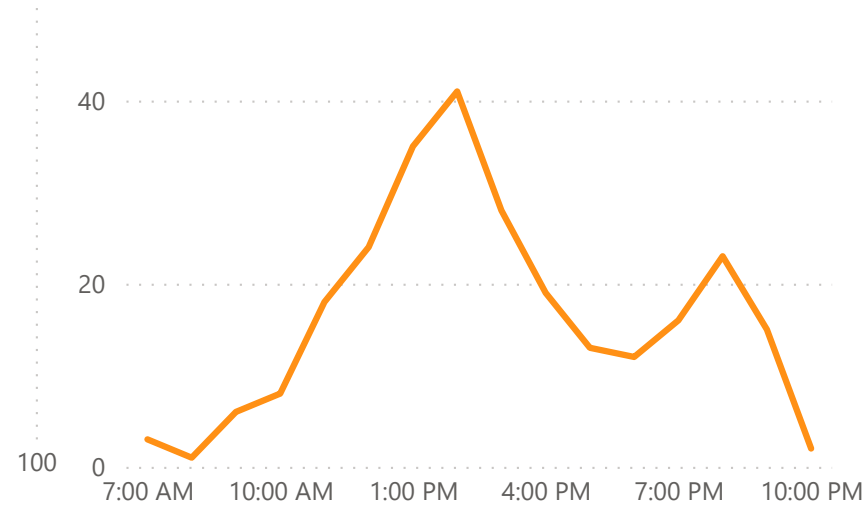
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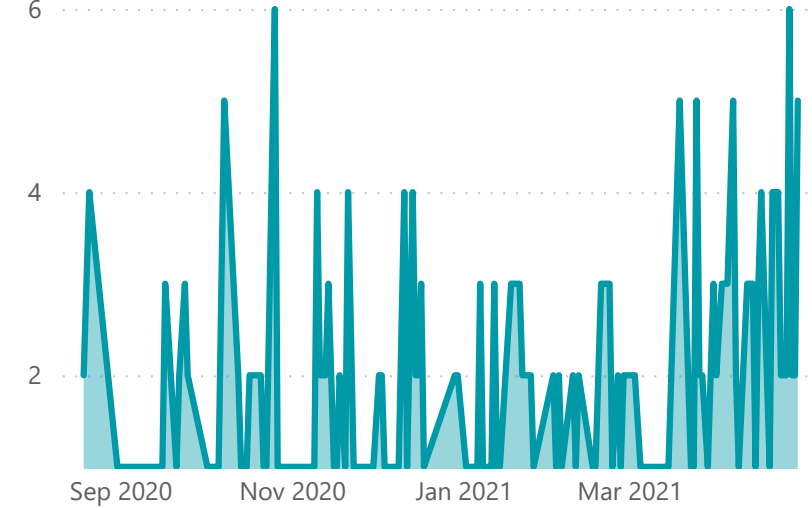
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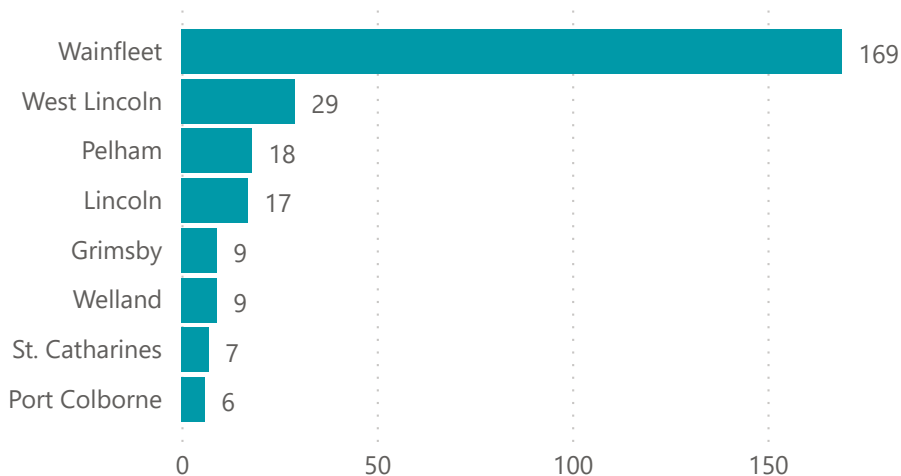
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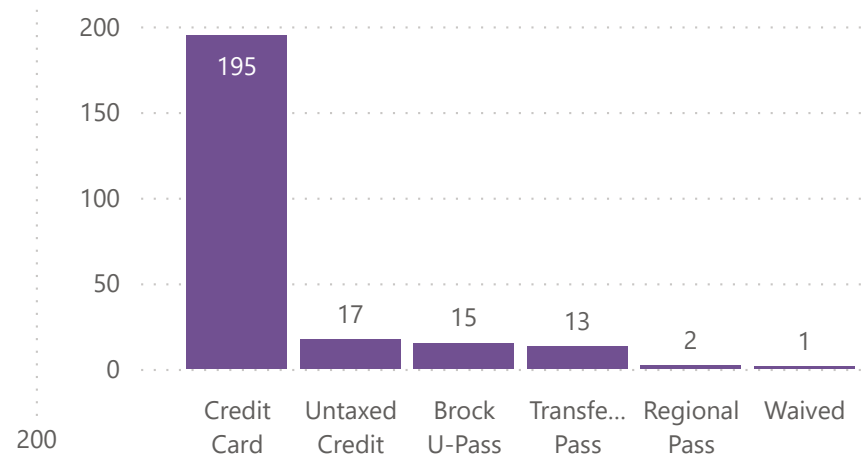
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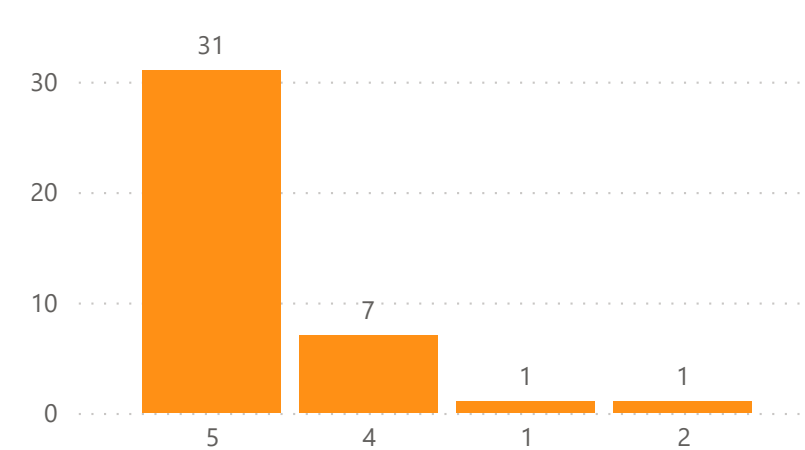
Rides by Destination Municipality



Payment Type



Trip Rating



NRT OnDemand Service Metrics

West Lincoln
Origin and/or Destination Municipality

Friday, April 30, 2021
Data as of

Number of Rides

3,257

Number of Trips

3,019

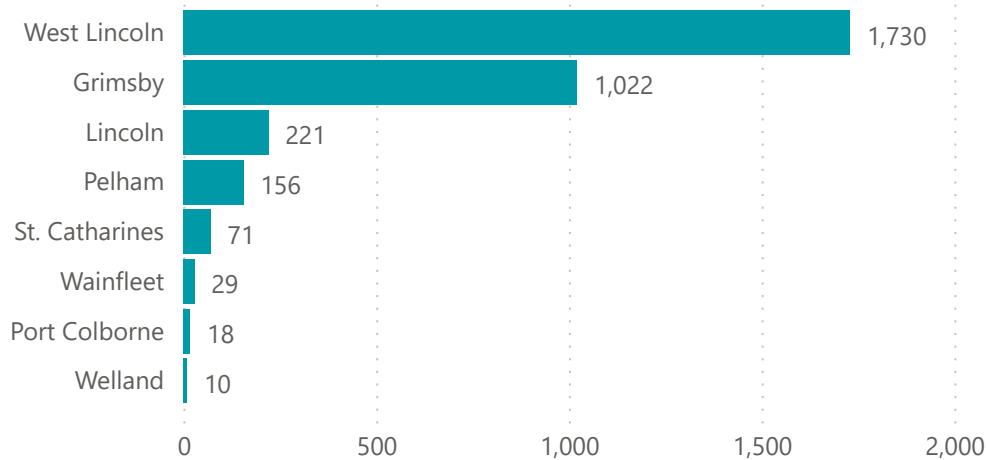
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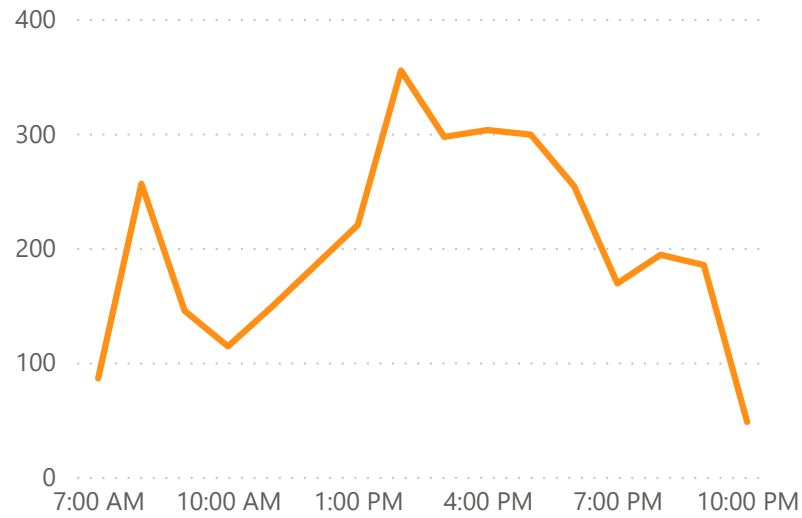
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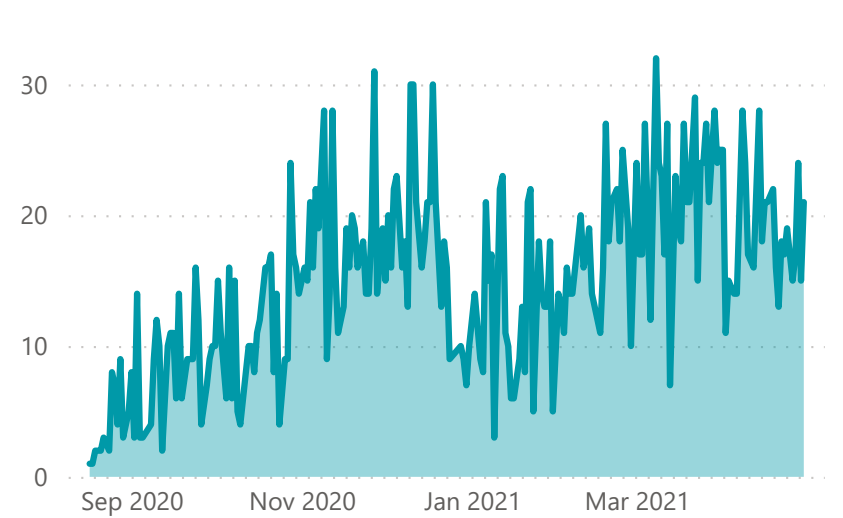
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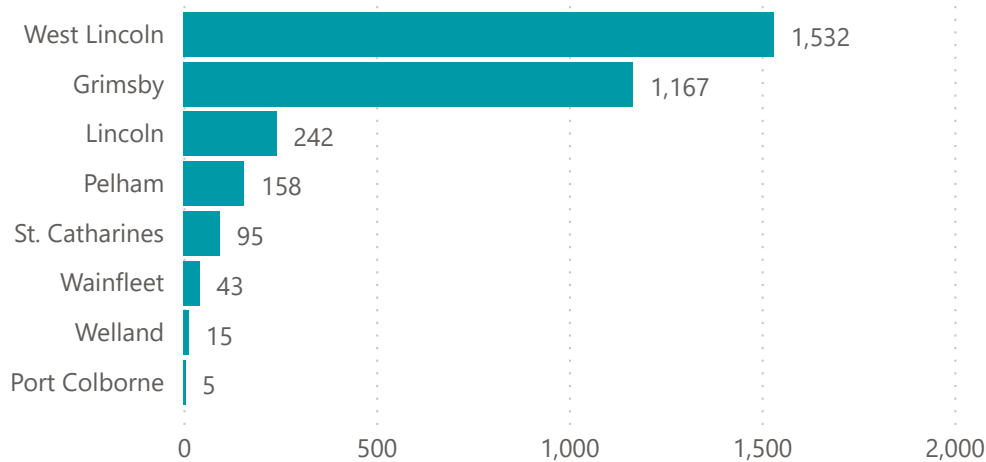
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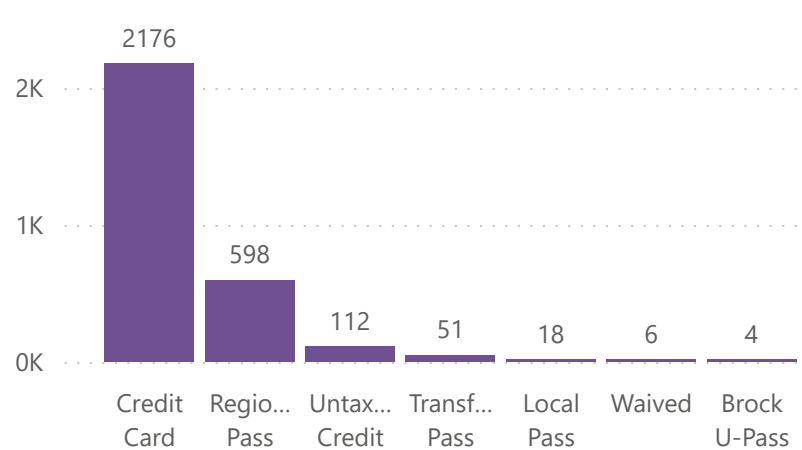
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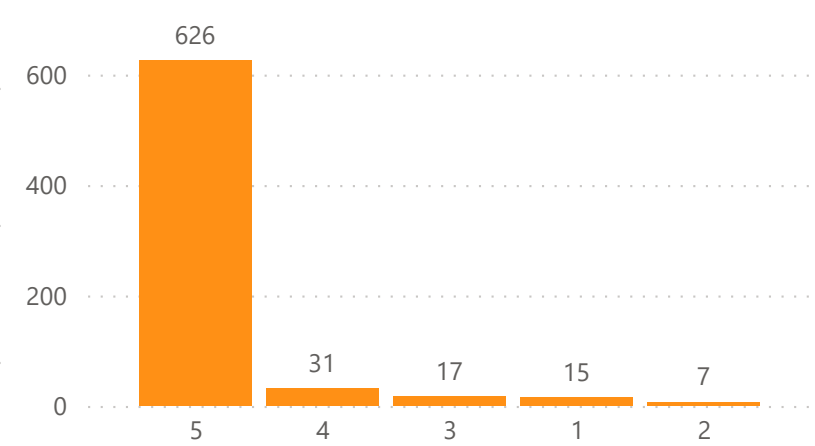
Rides by Destination Municipality



Payment Type



Trip Rating



4800 SOUTH SERVICE RD
BEAMSVILLE, ON L0R 1B1
905-563-8205

May 5, 2021

Sent via email:
Local Area Municipalities

Re: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution regarding Climate Change Adaptation Plan and Crisis

Please be advised that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Special Council Meeting held on April 19, 2021 passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor J.D. Pachereva; Seconded by: Councillor Greg Reimer;

WHEREAS climate change is already having an impact on global economies, communities, and the built and natural environments; and

WHEREAS climate change remains the most significant global threat to the quality of life and security – for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS the most recent report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has indicated that within 10 years, to keep the global average temperature increase to 1.5 degree C and maintain a climate compatible with human civilization, there must be a reduction in carbon emissions of about 45% from 2010 levels, reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2050; and

WHEREAS bold and collective action at global, national and community levels is required to effect change, build resilience, mitigate future threats and ensure a prosperous future for generations to come; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln understands that climate action and a low carbon transition also represents an opportunity for economic stimulation and job development opportunities in a new low carbon economy; and

WHEREAS on July 22, 2019 Council of the Town of Lincoln passed a resolution supporting the development of a Corporate Climate Adaptation Plan; and

WHEREAS on March 29, 2021 Council adopted the Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Lincoln immediately declare a Climate Crisis and for the purposes of recognizing the urgent need to take action to mitigate the effects of climate change and to deepen the Town's commitment to protecting its economy, ecosystems, and community from climate change; and

1. THAT the Town of Lincoln, officially declare a climate crisis for the purposes of joining a national and international movement consisting of a growing list of 509 municipalities in Canada and 1918 municipalities in 34 countries; and
2. THAT our CAO and staff be directed to work with other Local Area Municipalities and across Ontario to make our climate change initiatives permanent; and
3. THAT Council acknowledges that the climate change crisis poses a real serious threat and comprehensive changes and investments will be required to adapt to the impacts of climate change, mitigate climate risk, and prepare for our climate future.

CARRIED

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dk

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Local Area Municipalities



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April 30th, 2021

Chief Administrative Officers
NPCA Member Municipality

RE: Nrcan Growing Canada's Forests 2 Billion Trees Funding Initiative - Request for Information

Dear Partners Municipality CAOs:

Thank you for your valuable time in joining the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) briefing meeting hosted on Friday April 23rd, 2021 regarding the above initiative. We truly want to communicate to the federal government a strong local partnership aspiring to collaborate towards a large-scale tree planting program.

To capitalize on this exciting opportunity, NPCA is seeking your support to submit an initial Request for Information (RFI) by May 27th specific to the NPCA jurisdiction across our fifteen partner municipalities. Your support would go a long way toward strengthening our collaborative submission, enhancing our tree canopy/forest cover, and engaging residents in this significant climate change initiative. At this time specific values of In-kind and cash commitments will not be required but a letter of support is critical to show strong local partnership capacity this early stage.

As requested, we are pleased to provide supporting documentation for your consideration. Included with this package you will find:

- A) A sample template Letter of Support to submit back to NPCA preferably by May 21st.
- B) An updated background presentation from Friday April 23rd, as well as the RFI guide and the associated form for more detail as to the request.
- C) A sample resolution that can be modified, as appropriate, for your Council consideration.

Additionally, we are requesting to designate a staff person to work with NPCA's restoration team to help identify restoration initiatives, restoration land availability, potential growers, and projected plantings.

Thank you for the support you have demonstrated thus far to bringing a significant federal investment to our jurisdiction. Please have your designated staff contact Geoff Verkade, Senior Manager Integrated Watershed Planning and Information Management at either gverkade@npca.ca or extension 244.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chandra Sharma", written over a horizontal line.

Chandra Sharma MCIP RPP
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

cc.

Geoff Verkade, Senior Manager, Integrated Watershed Planning & Information Management (NPCA)

/Encl.

NPCA - 2 Billion Trees - Municipal CAO's circulation.pptx

NPCA - 2 Billion Trees Letter of Support.docx

NPCA – 2 Billion Trees Sample Municipal Support Resolution.docx

2 Billion Trees - NRCAN - Future Participants Respondent Guide.pdf

[Date]

RE: Letter of Support for NPCA Growing Canada's Forest Program 2 Billion Trees

To whom it may concern

[Name of Municipality] is pleased to support the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) application to the Growing Canada's Forests program under the 2 Billion Trees initiative.

We recognize the value of creating resilient forests here in Niagara. We are part of the Carolinian zone, the most diverse and fragile ecoregion in Canada. The opportunity to implement nature-based climate solutions towards enhancing our unique forest and urban tree canopy is significant. This initiative will help strengthen our existing commitments to enhance natural areas and address climate impacts in our municipality.

We are committed to working with the NPCA in the coming months to identify suitable land within our municipality where we can restore and expand tree cover. We also intend to cost-share planting projects to scale our planting efforts with Federal funding support.

With more than 60 years of expertise, the NPCA is ideally positioned to successfully implement this project. Their emphasis on evidence-based conservation will ensure we leverage forestry best practices tailored to our unique geography. Meanwhile, their collaborative approach means efforts will be strategic and well-coordinated with the region's many stakeholders and partners.

As one of those partners, we look forward to working alongside the NPCA to plant, grow and maintain forests within our jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

[name]

[title]



2 Billion Trees - NrCan Climate Change Funding RFI Response

NPCA & NIAGARA MUNICIPALITIES MEETING

April 23, 2021

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Purpose

To begin a conversation about a Niagara Watershed specific response to the federal governments 2 Billion Trees- Growing Canada's Forests request for information (RFI)

Topics:

Opportunity

Background/Context

Enablers (Conditions of Success)

Strength and Capacity (Science, Tools and Current Program)

Proposed 10 y program

Collaboration, Coordination, Communication

Opportunity

IMPACT on the ground and in the community

CAPACITY to build a region-wide collaborative restoration partnership

OUTCOMES – Climate, Habitat, Water, Public Realm, Green Infrastructure...and more

ENGAGEMENT – Community, Agri, Business

ECONOMIC – Planting Industry boost, Green jobs



GROWING CANADA'S FORESTS

**FUTURE PARTICIPANTS
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**


**2BILLION
TREES**

Natural Resources Canada is looking to engage those interested in growing Canada's forests as a nature-based solution to support national climate change actions.

This RFI is for organizations:

- interested in implementing or contributing to large-scale multi-year tree planting projects
- looking for opportunities to collaborate

They want to understand your vision and capacity. They are encouraging to share how your organization can participate by submitting a RFI by May 27th, 2021.







**FUTURE PARTICIPANTS
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**2BILLION
TREES**

Eligible Activities and Costs

- Salaries and benefits, and employee recruitment and training;
 - Professional, technical, and capacity building services;
 - Community and landowner engagement;
 - Translation, production, printing, publication and distribution, and media services;
 - Contractors, such as for tree planting and silviculture;
 - Materials and supplies, such as seeds and trees for planting;
 - Transportation; Facilities; Machinery and equipment;
 - Travel expenses including accommodation, and venue expenses;
 - Honoraria and ceremonial costs where Indigenous recipients or Indigenous partners are involved;
 - Overhead expenditures provided they are directly related and essential to the conduct of the project, up to 15% of eligible; and expenditures
 - GST, PST, or HST, net of any tax rebate to which the recipient is entitled.
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Enablers - Demonstrate:


- Target # of Trees
 - Land Available
 - Seedling Availability
 - Capacity to implement/Scale -up
 - Science
 - Climate Change Benefits - Quantification
 - Funding Partners - Matching Funding In-Kind and Cash
 - Delivery Partners
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Current Capacity

1. Science

- Natural environments systems data and analysis
- Water quality connection
- Natural resources management subject matter experts
- Adaptive integrated watershed management approach
- Carbon sequestration quantification

2. Tools and Partnerships

- NPCA Restoration Program
 - NPCA Land Securement Strategy
 - Existing eNGO partnerships to leverage
 - Municipal (public lands) and Partnerships
 - Other Agencies
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Science



Natural Capital



41 Conservation Areas,
Shorthills Provincial
Park, Niagara Parkway

Important Bird and
Biodiversity Areas
(IBBA), Migration
Hotspot

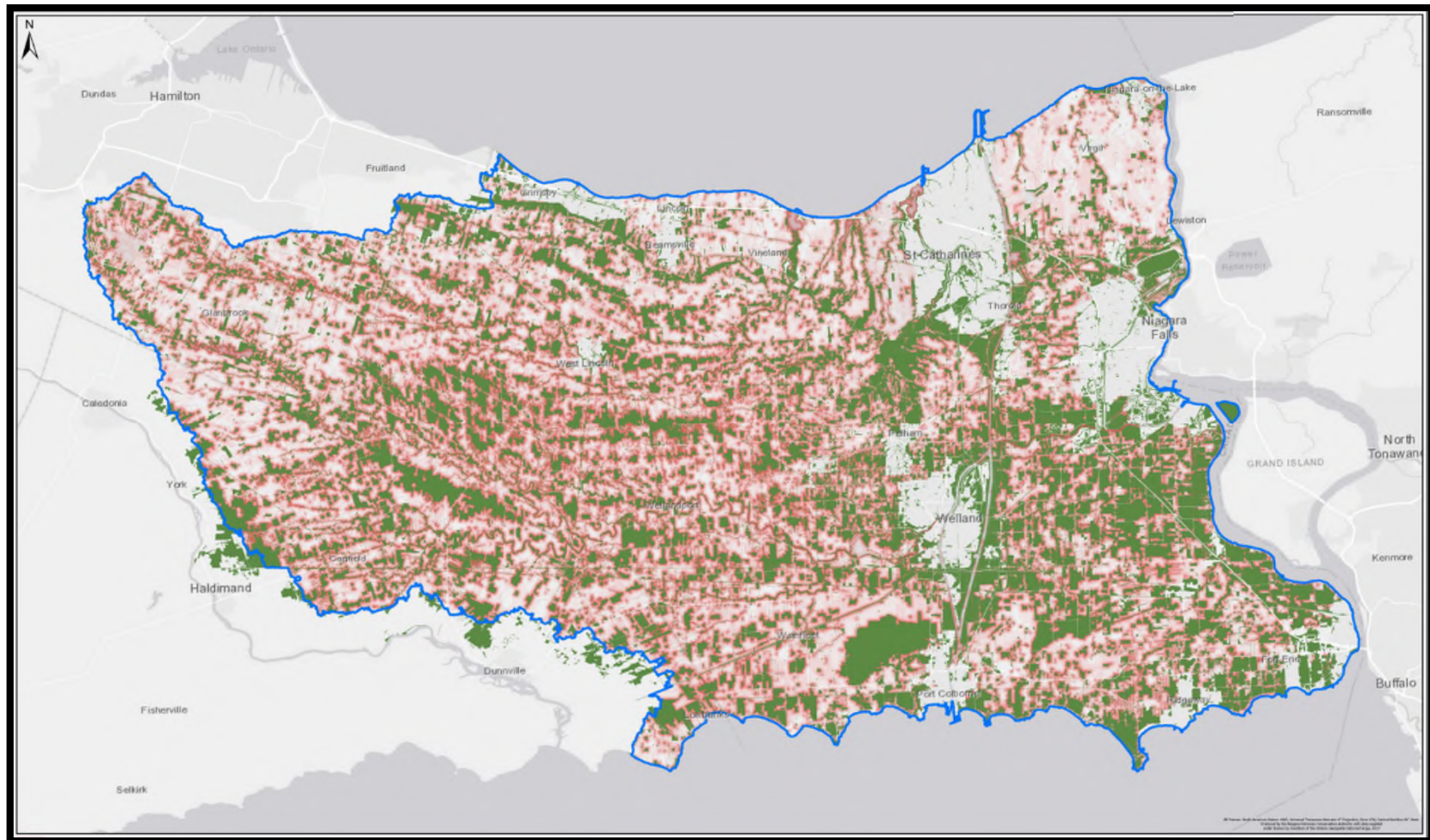
UNESCO Biosphere
Reserve For Niagara
Escarpment

2 Great Lakes + Niagara
River + Niagara Falls

31 different Community Type:

- 240 vegetation types, 14 rare
- Wetlands (swamps, bog, marsh)
- Alvars, dunes, beach coastal ecosystems
- Carolinian Forest & Unique Slough Forest
- Grassland/meadow
- Agriculture (Prime Agricultural Land; 2/3 of Ontario's tender fruit orchards)
- High Density of Freshwater creeks/streams

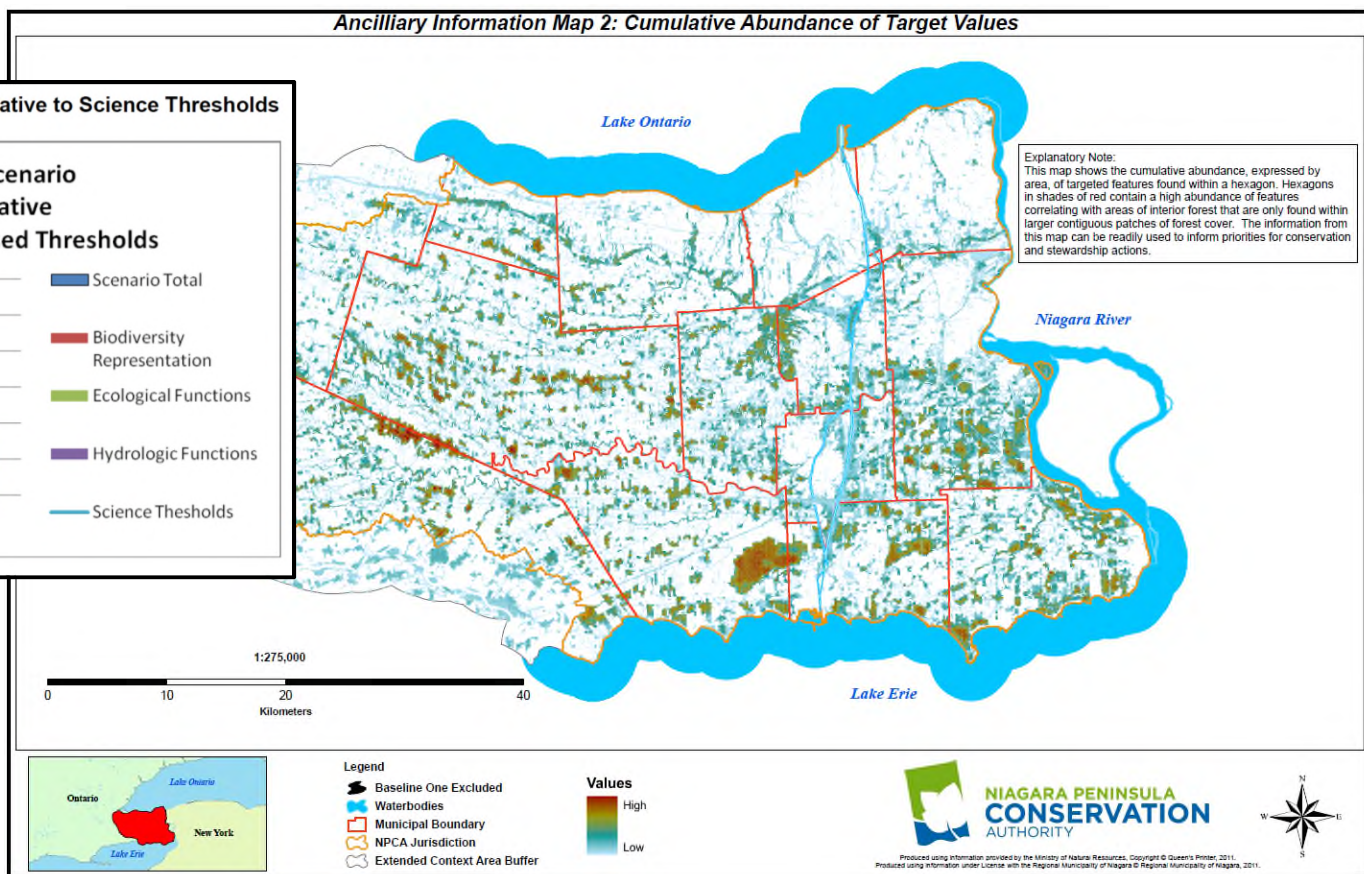
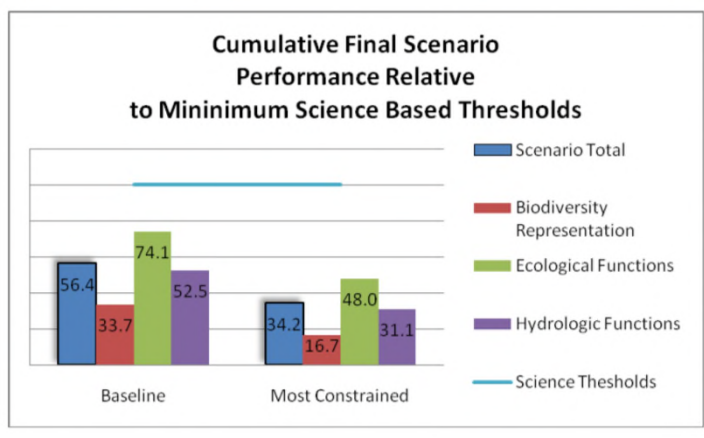
Map – Restoration Potential



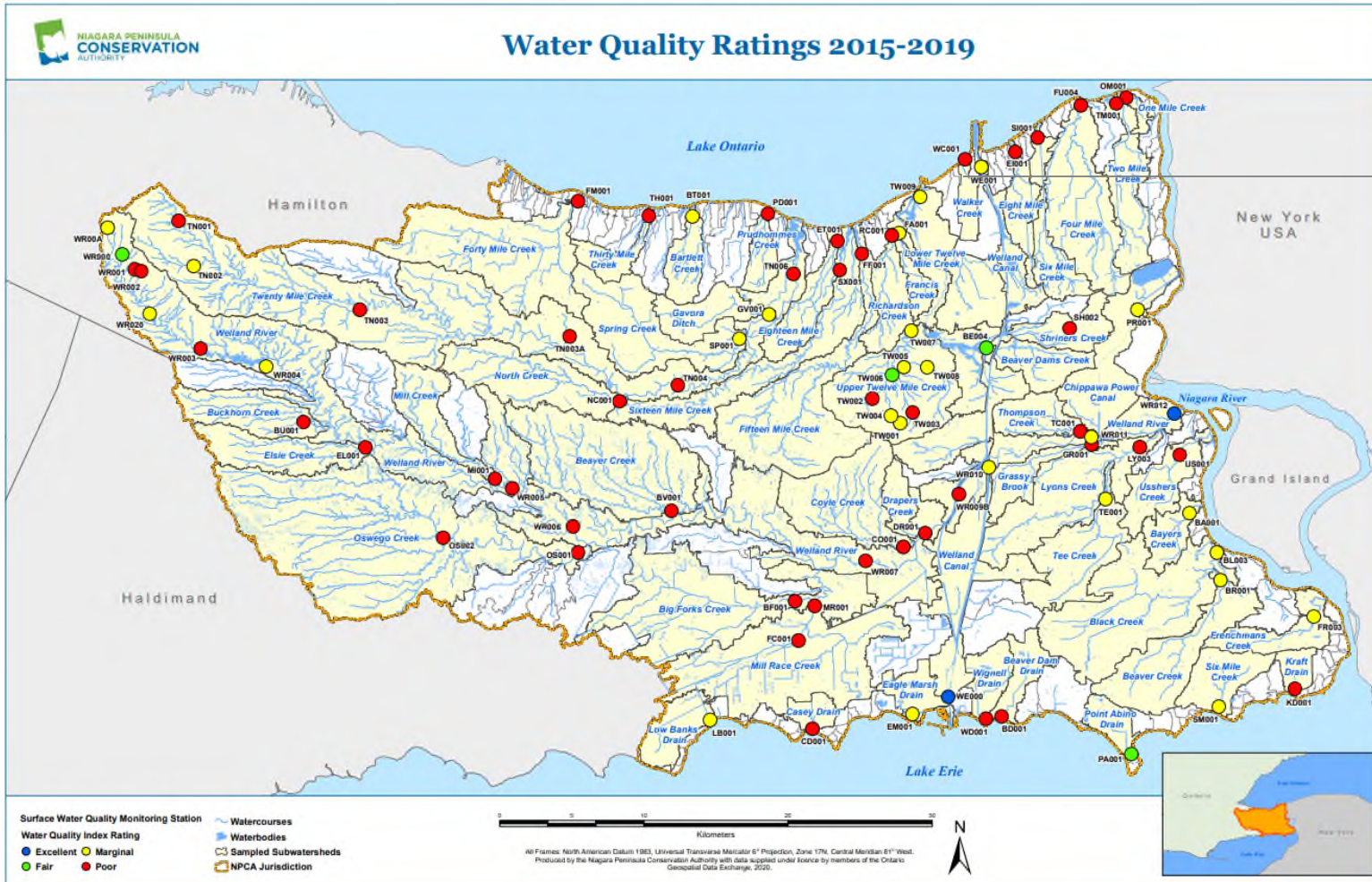
Systematic Conservation Planning Assessment

Fundamental 'State of the Watershed' Baseline Information

Figure 1 : Final Scenario Performance Relative to Science Thresholds

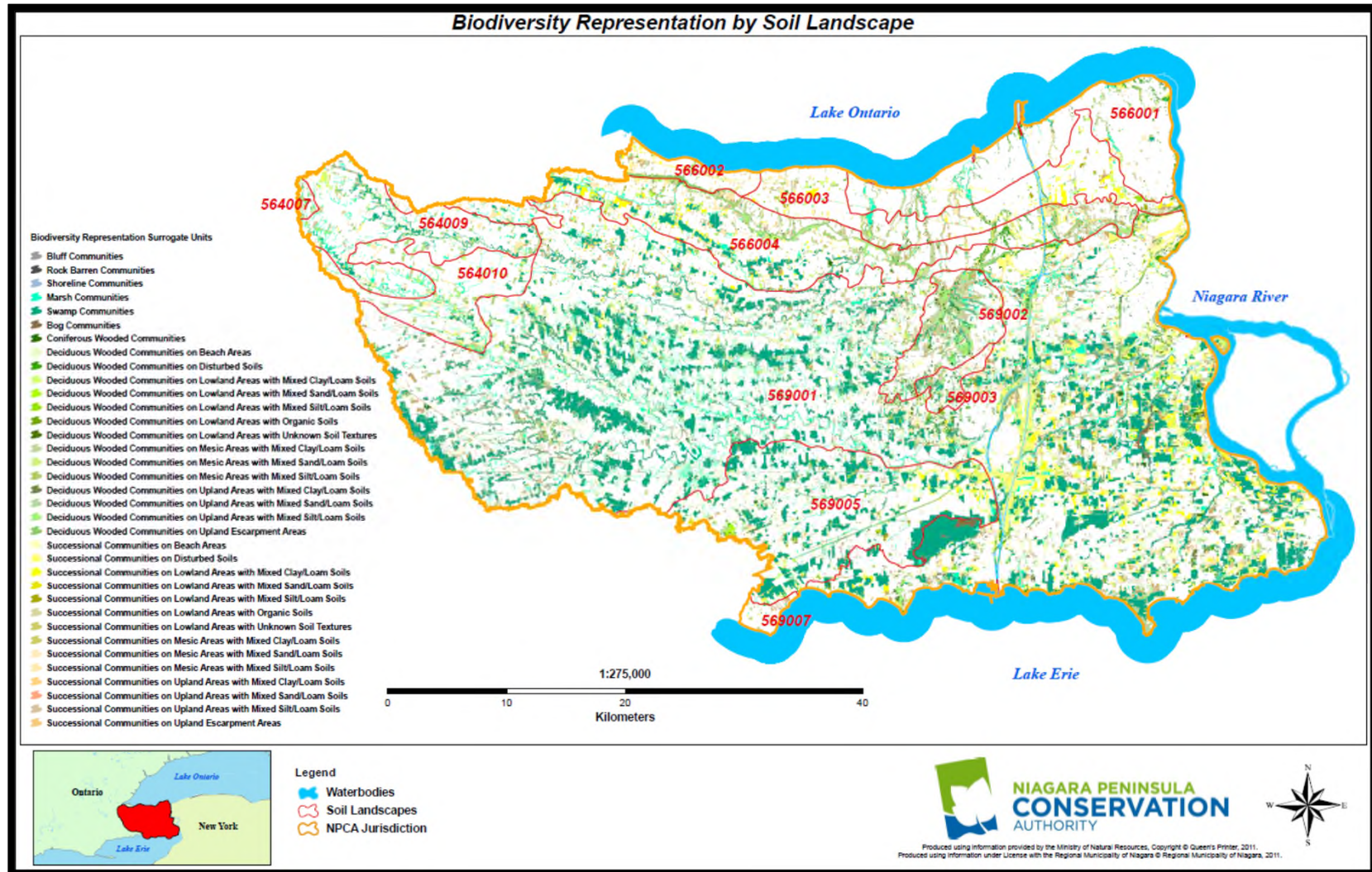


Map - Surface Water Quality



‘What we do on the land is reflected in the water.’

Map – Biodiversity Representation



Tools



NPCA & Partners



Land Restoration

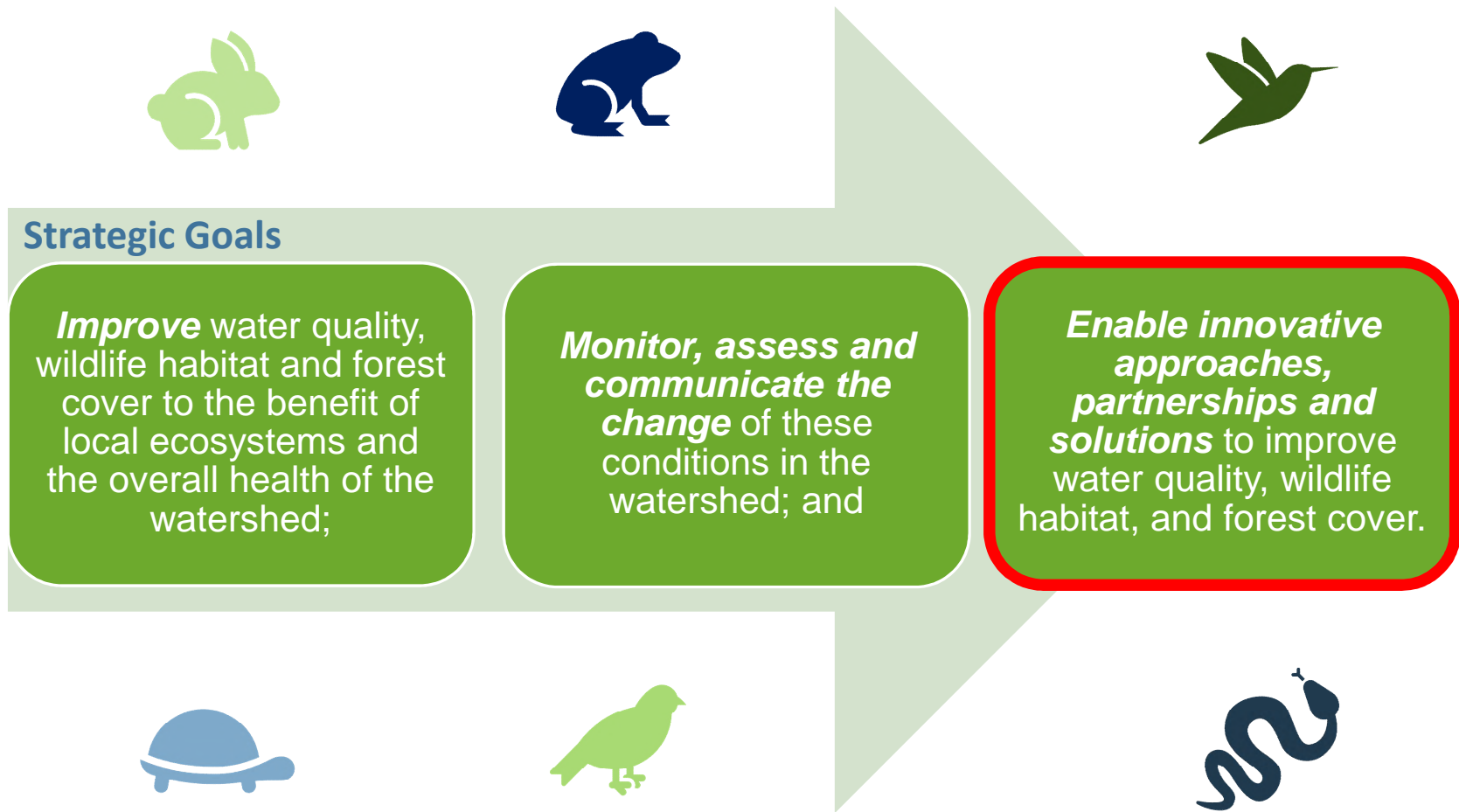
Land Securement

eNGO Partnerships

Municipal (public lands) and
Partnerships

Other Agencies (NEC, NPC)

NPCA Restoration Services



Restoration Grant Program



Wetland Habitat Restoration



Livestock Restriction & Crossings



Conservation Farm Practices



Tree Planting/
Woodland Restoration



Instream/Riparian
Habitat Restoration



Upland Habitat Restoration



Nutrient Management



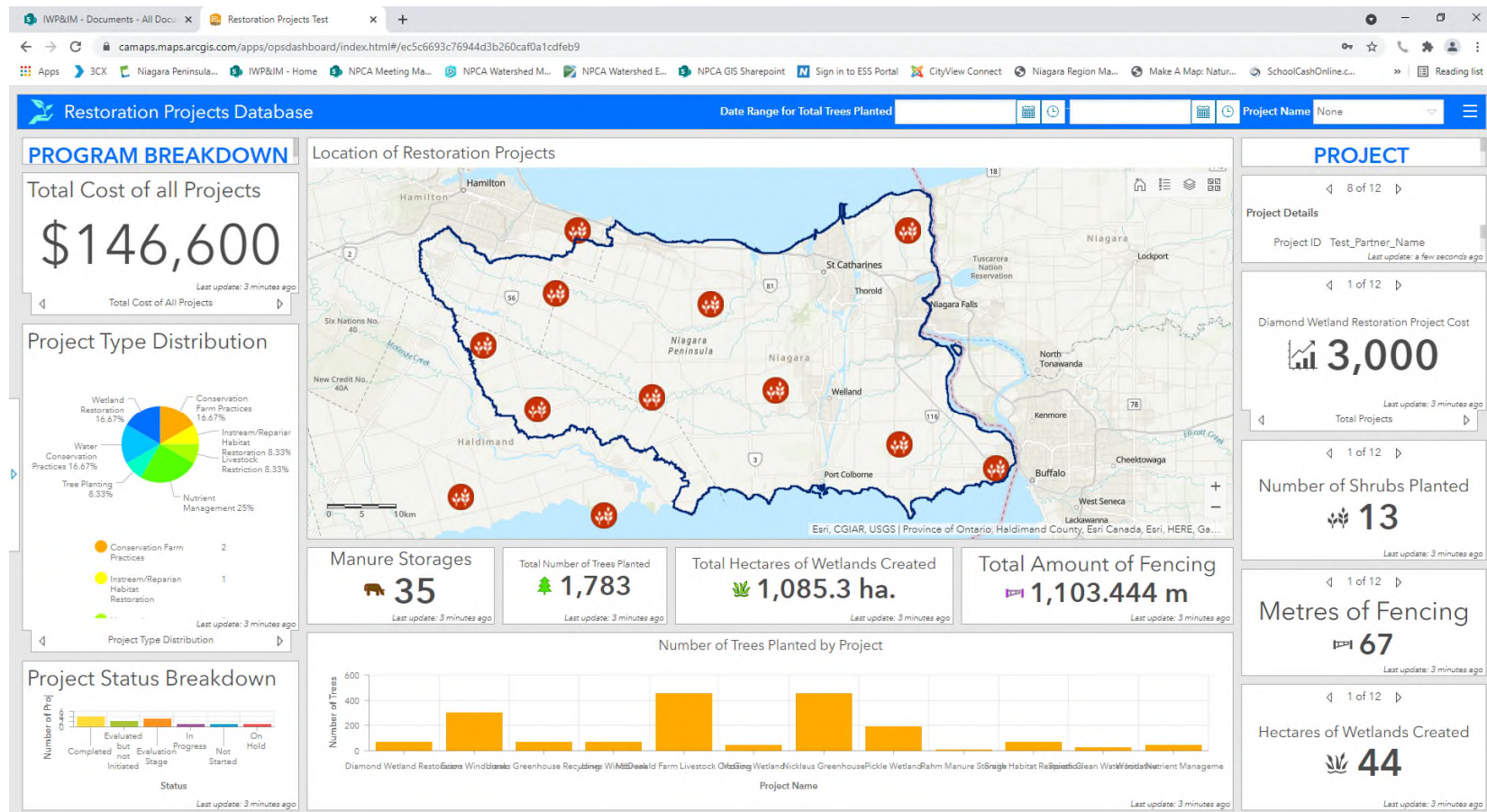
Water Conservation Practices



Cover Crops



Restoration Tracking



RFI Concept



Proposed 10y
Restoration
/Planting
Program
Opportunity

Distributed Across 12 Niagara Municipalities
(Hamilton & Haldimand Geography of NPCA)

Private and Public lands

Community Plantings

Residential –Homeowner

Climate Change Mitigation and Quantification

Strategic Establishment of Green Infrastructure

Managed Forestry Services- EAB replacement

Agricultural Best Practices Programming

RFI Gap Analysis

1. NPCA can facilitate science and practical implementation:

Data and Analysis expertise

Expertise with Systematic Conservation Planning and Watershed Management

Tree planting experience and expertise (Restoration Specialists, Ecologists and Professional Forester)

Climate Change quantification – standardized carbon sequestration reporting

Large Volunteer base

Large Communications and Marketing Reach

2. Limiting factors to overcome with partnered approach:

Matching funding, diversification of restoration incomes

Land supply – need to educate, campaign, private, public, acquisition

Keys to Success

Collaboration

- No one agency can do this alone.
- Stronger together

Coordination

- Scientifically – consensus on environmental status and issues, shared and open data driven evidence-based narrative.
- Operationally – leverage resources, logistical alignment, mobilize action.

Communication

- Education to understand and empower implementation.
- Convert information into knowledge, and action.
- Essential when many moving parts will be required.

Letters of Support for RFI detailing:

- High level commitment to collaborate and partner to upscale tree planting...matching funding, land supply, communications etc.
- Specific details at proposal stage

Complementary Information for RFI or RFP consideration, any:

- Restoration initiatives over past 5 year for further background
- Public lands candidate sites available to naturalize/restore
- Existing partnerships with greenhouses/grower with potential to scale locally
- Projected restoration matching in-kind or cash for restoration over next 10 years

Request

**Letters of Support
Needed by May 21st**

**Partners to designate
staff lead to work with
NPCA staff**

**NPCA to Submit RFI by
May 27th deadline**

**Outreach and advocacy
through local MPs.**

**CAO's Desired Update
Frequency**

**Continue info gathering
for preparation of full
proposal**

Next Steps





QUESTIONS?





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1. Purpose of the Request for Information (RFI)

In 2020, the Government of Canada committed to planting two billion additional trees over the next 10 years as part of a broader approach to nature-based climate solutions. To identify and determine the interest of organizations in Canada in implementing or contributing to large-scale single or multi-year tree planting projects, its [Growing Canada's Forests \(GCF\) program](#) is accepting Requests for Information (RFI). We want to understand your vision and capacity as we finalize the design of the GCF program.

This document guides you through the process of contributing information to the GCF program through a RFI. A number of criteria (e.g. the types of eligible organizations) that will be put in place to fund potential projects in the future are described. In your response, we are asking you to identify which criteria would apply to your organization or to the project(s) you have in mind.

If you do not have a project in mind, but would consider applying to a funding opportunity in the future, your feedback is also welcome on the criteria and information set out in this RFI. In these cases, we ask that you complete as much of the RFI as possible and provide responses to the questions contained within the response form.

This RFI is also intended to identify potential linkages within the supply chain and facilitate collaboration by sharing contact information with provinces and territories and other organizations. If you agree to this in your response form, you may be contacted by NRCan for further information.

Participation in this RFI is encouraged, but is not a condition or prerequisite for participation in any subsequent Request for Proposals.

Please use our Growing Canada's Forests: Future Participants Respondent form to provide a response to this RFI. Even if you have multiple projects in mind, please submit only one response per organization and include additional information as necessary. Tombstone information can be submitted as one piece with multiple projects as annexes.

Please note that this RFI is part of an engagement process and **will not result** in funding proposed projects. It is not a Request for Proposals (RFP) and no funding agreement will be entered into based on any response/submission to this process. As a result, the Government of Canada will not accept any liability, financial or otherwise, nor should respondents undertake any work chargeable to Canada. Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) does not consider this RFI to constitute a commitment to issue an RFP for the GCF program.

2. Eligibility requirements

2.1. Eligibility for large-scale projects

Eligible participants considered for implementing or contributing to single-year or multi-year large-scale tree planting projects would be:

- a provincial or territorial government or one of their agencies;
- a municipal or local government or one of their agencies, or a regional municipal organization;
- a not-for-profit organization (legally incorporated and registered in Canada), such as a registered charitable organization, volunteer organization, community, professional, industry or other association, land conservation organization, or non-government organizations;
- a for-profit organization;
- an Indigenous organization¹ (for profit and not-for-profit) or community.

2.2. Eligible activities and costs

Eligible activities would consist of activities directly related to tree planting, managing trees and forests, and monitoring the health and growth of planted trees. Eligible activities would not cover any such costs where the planting, management and monitoring is legally required following commercial activity or as a condition for impact assessment approval.

Eligible expenditures are those necessary to support the tree planting supply chain and must be directly related to the implementation and conduct of a project. Eligible expenditures for program funding will consist of:

- Salaries and benefits, and employee recruitment and training;
- Professional, technical, and capacity building services;
- Community and landowner engagement;
- Translation, production, printing, publication and distribution, and media services;
- Contractors, such as for tree planting and silviculture;
- Materials and supplies, such as seeds and trees for planting;
- Transportation;
- Facilities;
- Machinery and equipment;
- Travel expenses including accommodation, and venue expenses;
- Honoraria and ceremonial costs where Indigenous recipients or Indigenous partners are involved;
- Overhead expenditures provided they are directly related and essential to the conduct of the project, up to 15% of eligible expenditures; and

¹ Indigenous nations entities (as self-defined and representing nation-based collectives - could be linked by cultural or linguistic background, geographical area or historical treaty lines), nation member communities or member organizations on behalf of nation entities, Section 35 rights-bearing Métis entities, national and regional Indigenous organizations, self-governing Indigenous governments, Indigenous owned or operated businesses, other Indigenous organizations.

- GST, PST or HST, net of any tax rebate to which the recipient is entitled.

2.3 Cost sharing

Recognizing that the Government of Canada will ultimately be looking to enter into cost-sharing² agreements, consideration should be given to how your organization would finance a proposed project. While subject to change, the maximum NRCan contribution for eligible project costs are 50% of eligible expenditures. Indigenous organizations will be encouraged at a later stage to contact NRCan for further information on cost sharing.

3. Information for Completing the Future Participants RFI form

Where applicable to your organization type and if the information is known, we encourage you to provide details in our Growing Canada's Forests: Future Participants Respondent form to the best of your knowledge. This information will not be retained in the context of any subsequent Requests for Proposals. The information will be used to better understand your organizations' interest and capacity to participate in the GCF program. The main sections of the form are:

- Respondent contact information
- Organization overview
- Project information and overview
- Forecasted project costs and funding sources
- Collaboration
- General questions for project delivery consideration
- Diversity and inclusion
- Authorization
- Project submission and NRCan contact information

A description of each section is included below to assist you in completing your RFI. The numbered segments within each section correspond with the numbering on the RFI form.

It is recommended that you save your work often, prior to submitting your response form to the GCF program.

Respondent contact information

1. **Legal Name of Respondent:** The legal name is the official name of the Organization or Business at registration or incorporation. This may be different from the organization's operating name (e.g. Legal Name 123456 Northern Ltd, operating publically as ABC Moving Services).
2. **Project Name:** Provide a short, clear and concise name describing your proposed project. You can include some details on the nature of your project. For example, *Planting a Greenbelt around Cityville*.

² In this document, the terms "cost-shared" and "cost-sharing" refer not to official cost-sharing agreements, but to situations where the Government of Canada will fund a portion of a project through a contribution agreement and the recipient will be required to also provide a portion of the funding.

3. **Primary Contact Name:** Enter the person authorized to represent the business or organization. This person will be the main point of contact regarding your RFI submission.
4. **Phone Number (Primary Contact):** Be sure to include the area code of the primary contact's phone number.
5. **Email Address (Primary Contact):** Include the direct email address for the primary contact and not a generic email address for the organization.
6. **Organization Type:** This information is important to determine if the respondent would be meeting the eligible recipient type.
 - **Provincial and Territorial governments** and their agencies.
 - **Municipal or local governments** and their agencies, includes local forms of government with elected authorities (e.g. mayor and council).
 - **Indigenous Governments or Organizations**, includes Indigenous nations entities (as self-defined and representing nation-based collectives - could be linked by cultural or linguistic background, geographical area or historical treaty lines), nation member communities or member organizations on behalf of nation entities, Section 35 rights-bearing Métis entities, national and regional Indigenous organizations, self-governing Indigenous governments, Indigenous owned or operated businesses, other Indigenous organizations.
 - **For-Profit** includes businesses such as incorporated companies, corporations or co-operatives.
 - **Non-Profit** includes organizations such as tree planting charities, community associations and organizations, and industry or sector associations.
7. **Brief Description of Organization and its Mandate:** This information will be used in part to determine if the respondent has the mandate and capacity to undertake a project of this nature.

Organization overview

8. **Type of participation:** Check the box that best describes how your organization is interested in participating in cost-shared tree planting projects. Check all boxes that apply and briefly provide more details in the space below if required.
9. **Years of experience:** Enter the number of years your organization has in the areas selected in question 8.
10. **Quantitative estimates of achievements:** Describe, to the best of your ability, a quantitative estimate of your past activities. This could be number of trees planted, hectares planted, number of seedlings produced or tree planting projects managed. Be sure to describe the measure used for the estimate. For example, planted 1 million seedlings in Alberta or produced an average of 60 million seedlings for reforestation in the past three years.
11. **Enabling your project:** Identify and describe the top three factors that would enable or facilitate your participation in the GCF program and describe how your organization would address these factors. For example, securing funding to expand your operations, securing a source of seedlings/trees, finding access to land, finding labour, monitoring the trees for survivability. Be sure to describe how your organization would address these elements to ensure project success.

Project information

12. **Project Location (Community):** Provide the name of the province(s)/territory(ies) and the region or city where the proposed project would take place. For projects in multiple areas, identify all locations.
13. **Potential Start Date:** The date the first activity of the proposed project is expected to get underway. Costs incurred before the start of the project or signing of the contribution agreement may not be reimbursed.
14. **Expected End Date:** The date all project activities are expected to be completed.
15. **Location types:** Please identify the location types for your projects. You may select more than one if you have multiple location types.
16. **Estimate of number of incremental trees:** Fill out the table providing the number of trees you estimate planting per year for your proposed project to the nearest thousand. If you have multiple locations per year, please provide the total number of trees. When not anticipating to planting any trees in any given year, please leave blank.
17. **Approach for securing trees:** Indicate your short-term and long-term plan for accessing seedlings and trees for your proposed project. Be sure to highlight any partnerships and collaborations with regard to increasing nursery capacity.
18. **Estimate the land area required to plant the incremental trees:** Provide an estimate of the land area required to plant the number of trees you have estimated in question 16. Provide the answer in hectares. Free online area conversion calculators can assist if required.
19. **Approach for securing land:** Indicate your short-term and long-term plan for accessing land to plant the incremental trees indicated in question 18. This includes agreements in principal with landowners on providing land for tree planting incremental trees or partnerships with other organizations.
20. **Indigenous lands or traditional territory:** Indicate if, to the best of your knowledge, your proposed project will take place within or adjacent to Indigenous lands or traditional territory, including lands governed by a modern treaty. If you do not know, simple check the "Do not know" box, but understand that this information will be required in any subsequent agreement.
21. **Project Overview:** Describe the project in a few paragraphs. Please provide brief answers to all the sections. Be as concise as possible with your responses; however, do not leave out important information in order to be brief. Answer all sections as best as you can with information available to you. Incomplete answers will not necessarily result in the rejection of your application.
 - a. **Proposed approach:** Describe the key activities your organization would like to carry out in the context of implementing one or more tree planting projects. If applicable, include how you will ensure the right trees are planted in the right location, and post-planting activities such as monitoring for tree health and survival as well as reporting on project outcomes.
 - b. **Readiness & Capacity Building:** Describe your organization's experience and readiness as it relates to your proposed contribution to the GCF program. Describe any capacity building needs or potential gaps in your ability to participate.

- c. **GHG emission reductions & Co-benefits:** Describe how your proposed project will contribute to maximizing greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions or increasing carbon sequestration, and how your proposed project will lead to measurable biodiversity and human well-being co-benefits. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Improvement or creation of a community park
 - ii. Extension of a green belt around a city
 - iii. Forest health restored, or increased forest area, for habitat
 - iv. Increase biodiversity to increase forest resilience to climate change
 - v. Creating green jobs for a local community or youth
 - vi. Engagement and creation of jobs with Indigenous youth

Forecasted project costs and funding sources

22. **Cost of proposed project:** Provide details on the types of costs for your proposed project. [Section 2.2](#) provides types of costs that are eligible under the GCF program.
23. **Financing your project:** Recognizing that the Government of Canada will ultimately be looking to enter into cost-sharing agreements, describe how your organization would finance a proposed project. Has your organization considered using multiple sources of funding to finance project costs? If yes, please describe any funding partnerships or different funding mechanisms your organization is considering. If you are not considering using different sources of funding, please explain why.

Collaboration

24. **Collaboration:** Is your organization seeking collaborators and partners to develop a tree planting project or to build capacity to undertake a tree planting project? If yes, please describe the nature of the collaboration or partnership you are seeking. This could be a financial arrangement, in-kind contributions, access to land or any type of collaboration that allows you to implement your proposed project. Please be sure to describe the nature of this collaboration.

General questions for project delivery consideration

25. Regardless of whether or not you have a project(s) in mind as part of your response to this RFI, we would welcome feedback on the following questions. Please keep in mind, responses will help inform and identify the most appropriate program delivery scenarios of a future funded Request for Proposals (RFPs) with respect to implementing or contributing to large-scale single or multi-year projects.
 - a) The questions within this RFI would generally reflect the types of questions being included in a formal funding RFP. In your view are there elements missing that should be considered to ensure projects are well assessed and represent good value for money for the Government of Canada? If so, what additions would you suggest.
 - b) Are there questions within this RFI, if transposed into a funding RFP, that would create barriers to participation and prevent the program from reaching its goal with respect to large-scale single or multi-year projects? If so, please elaborate on those barriers.
 - c) Are there specific criteria, in your experience as an organization involved in large-scale tree planting projects that should be weighted more heavily than others for the sake of achieving the goals of the GCF program? If so, which ones would those be and why?

- d) Monitoring results of tree plantings will be a significant undertaking. Are there best practices (whether tools, systems or processes) that you would like to identify. If so, could you please provide details about where this best practice exists, what its benefits are, and how it works.
- e) Are there tools/mechanisms that you, as an organization participating in a future large-scale project, would like to see to enable collaboration between various funding recipients? If so, what would those tools/mechanisms be or look like, and are there any best practices that you are aware of and would like to identify?

Diversity and Inclusion

Building a sustainable, inclusive, and dynamic economy helps all Canadians prosper. Recognizing that systemic barriers remain in achieving the full participation of underrepresented, disadvantaged, or equity-seeking groups (including, but not limited to, women, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, members of visible minority/racialized groups), the information collected in this section helps the Government of Canada identify the potential impacts of its policies, programs and services on diverse groups of people.

The information you provide in this section is protected under the *Privacy Act*. As such, the GCF program will only use it for the purposes of assisting the program better design how to solicit this kind of information in future Requests for Proposals, and for no other purposes.

4. Submitting your response

Please follow the following steps to submit your RFI. To ensure the health and safety of our workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, we encourage response forms to be sent via email. However, should this not be possible, please contact the email address below for a mailing address.

1. Download our Growing Canada's Forests: Future Participants Respondent form and save as a separate file.
2. Fill in the form.
 - Please make sure your response is not scanned since data will be extracted from the electronic version for processing by NRCan.
3. Print, sign, scan and save as a separate file the Authorization page.
 - Alternatively, you can digitally sign the form and send as one file.
4. Email your Request for Information form as well as your signed Authorization page to nrcan.2btrees-2garbres.nrcan@canada.ca by **Thursday, May 27, 2021, 5:00 p.m. EDT**
5. In the email subject line use the following format to assist with the processing your submission: 2021 RFI – [Province / Territory] – [Organization Name]
 - Replace the information in the square brackets with the appropriate province/territory and organization name for your project (e.g.: 2021 RFI – MB – ABC Enterprises)

5. Confidentiality & Authorization

This last page of the RFI response form describes how the use and distribution of information collected through this RFI will comply with both the *Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. This section is to be completed by a representative duly authorized to make the declarations and submit the response to NRCan.

Pursuant to the *Privacy Act*, the program will keep confidential any personal information it may collect and will not disclose or transmit said information without your written consent.

Pursuant to the *Access to Information Act*, the GCF program will protect from disclosure any information of a financial, commercial, scientific or technical nature it collects from you so long as you treat said information as confidential in your own establishment.

If you choose to send the information or other confidential information to the program by e-mail, the GCF program will respond by email. Similarly, if your correspondence is through regular mail, the program's response will be in like manner. However, in all cases, the program will use e-mail correspondence to you for all non-confidential matters.

In this section, you may also express your interest in having NRCan share your basic contact information with other interested participants for facilitating collaboration. By checking the box for this purpose, you acknowledge and agree that the Government of Canada will not accept any liability for any business relationships, including joint ventures or partnerships that would result therefrom. Leaving the box unchecked will not adversely affect the assessment of your RFI.

6. For more information

For any questions surrounding this RFI process, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at nrcan.2btrees-2garbres.nrcan@canada.ca.

Sample Resolution for Municipal Partners – 2 Billion Trees Initiative

WHEREAS *the federal government has announced the “Growing Canada’s Forests” program as part of its 2 Billion Trees initiative, making substantial matching funding available to support reforestation efforts across the country;*

WHEREAS *this is a timely opportunity to attract federal investment towards implementing nature-based climate solutions in our communities through a strong and coordinated multi-partner approach across the Niagara Peninsula watershed;*

WHEREAS *the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) is convening partners and collaborators towards a 10-year planning program for a Request for Information submission in application to Growing Canada’s Forest Funding Program due May 27th 2021;*

WHEREAS *the NPCA has a well-established track record of reforestation with private and public landowners, non-governmental organizations, nature clubs, academic institutions and community groups, has the scientific know-how to identify land and tree species with the biggest ecological and climate benefits, and has partnerships in place to mobilize volunteers to plant and monitor trees;*

AND WHEREAS *the proposed opportunity aligns with the Municipal objectives, has the potential to provide multiscale benefits;*

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT *the Council endorse the attached letter in support of NPCA’s Request for Information submission in application to Growing Canada’s Forests 2 Billion Trees initiative; and*

AND FURTHER THAT *staff continue to collaborate with NPCA and other partners in identifying planting opportunities and programs aligned with municipal priorities to be included in the full funding application should the Request for Information submission as an expression of interest be successful.*

CLERKS DEPARTMENT

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April 28, 2021

Mr. Sam Oosterhoff, MPP
Room 328
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Toronto, ON
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Via email: sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org

Dear Mr. Oosterhoff:

Re: Request for Support to Amend the Beds of Navigable Waters Act

At the Township of West Lincoln Council Meeting on April 26, 2021 the following resolution was adopted requesting that the Province amend the beds of Navigable Waters Act.

Resolution:

That, Report No. PD-49-2021, relating to the "Recommendation Report, Request to Amend the Beds of Navigable Waters Act", dated April 12th, 2021, BE RECEIVED; and,

That, Council for the Township of West Lincoln hereby requests Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, on our behalf, and for the benefit of all lower and upper tier municipalities who may be affected by the Beds of Navigable Waters Act, to amend the Act such that the affected lower and upper tier municipality is also required to be served with notice when an application for natural severance is filed with the Courts; and,

That, Township Legal Counsel be notified of this resolution and that the Mayor and staff be authorized to discuss this matter with MPP Oosterhoff, as required; and,

That, support of all municipalities in Ontario be sought through AMO and with direct request for support from all local Niagara Region municipalities.

For more information relating to this matter, please refer to Staff Report PD-049-2021 [Recommendation Report-Request to Amend the Beds of Navigable Waters Act](#) dated April 12th, 2021.

Please accept this for your consideration and any necessary action and we will ensure all letters of support are sent to your office in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Scime".

Joanne Scime, Clerk

cc. Tom Richardson, Sullivan Mahoney
Area Municipalities