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Dear Mrs. McGrath:

Subject: OFAH/Mario Cortellucci Hunting & Fishing Heritage Centre – Final Report to OWF

The OFAH is dedicated to getting youth outside to engage with their natural surroundings, to encourage the conservation of Ontario's fish and wildlife, their habitats, and the ecosystems that support them, as well as to ensure sustainable benefits for all Ontarians.

The redevelopment of McNamara Park has faced several delays related to construction, permits, and weather. This project will now be completed by June 2019.

As part of the redevelopment, the OFAH | Mario Cortellucci Hunting & Fishing Centre used its 2017 Ontario Wildlife Foundation funding to allow visitors to enjoy free access to fishing areas, interpretive trails, pollinator gardens and picnic areas, as well as nature-based playgrounds and an outdoor classroom (*figures 1-10*).

The interpretive areas, picnic areas, nature-based playgrounds, and outdoor classroom have all been installed. The fishing areas will be completed once the river recedes this spring. The pollinator garden has been prepared and will be planted by local horticulturalists in May. The open areas will be re-seeded throughout 2019 to establish a full groundcover.

Heritage Centre staff have been informally using the property since December with local students for nature-based field trips and the public has already started to use the area for leisure. The formal grand opening is scheduled for May 23, 2019. Through this funding, the Heritage Centre will be able to provide improved nature-based programming to over 3,000 students annually, while also providing a nature-inspired riverside setting for the general public.

Please let me know if you require further information or have other questions about the OWF's important contribution to the McNamara Park redevelopment project.

Yours in Conservation,

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FIGURE 1. HERITAGE PARK REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AS OF MARCH 29, 2018.



FIGURE 2. McNAMARA PARK ENTRANCE AND ACCESSIBILITY PARKING



FIGURE 3. MAIN PARK SIGN



FIGURE 4. PARK SUPPORTERS SIGN



FIGURE 5. POLLINATOR GARDEN



FIGURE 6. PICNIC AREA



FIGURE 7. OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



FIGURE 8. OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND



FIGURE 9. STREAMBANK RESTORATION



FIGURE 10. INTERPRETIVE FISHING SIGNS