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Diane McGrath Liaison, Ontario Wildlife Foundation Box1598 Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7S4

Dear Ms. McGrath:

Subject: ALUS Peterborough Final Report to OWF for 2023 Grant

On behalf of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) and our 100,000 members, subscribers, and supporters, and our 700 member clubs, I am pleased to provide the final report on our most recent Ontario Wildlife Foundation grant.

With the support of the Ontario Wildlife Foundation, ALUS Peterborough was able to establish five new projects in 2024 (\$9,795), provide trees for two existing ALUS Peterborough projects and support ALUS Peterborough administration fees.

The funding allocated to the establishment of 2024 projects helped convert 27.5 acres of marginal farmland into wildlife habitat, including three tree planting projects (9,546 trees planted), one grassland project, and one delayed hay project. Each of these projects has created important habitat for a variety of Ontario's wildlife, including nesting habitat for species at risk birds and wildlife corridors across farmland.

Tree replacement funding was used to replant 500 trees on a previously established project that experienced high rates of mortality. These replacement trees will give this project a second chance at success. OWF also funded the purchase of 725 trees for a multiyear tree planting project.

Ontario Wildlife Foundation funding made it possible for ALUS Peterborough staff to travel to project sites, engage with its Program Advisory Committee, access the ALUS database, and cover overhead administration costs.

Please let me know if you require further information or have questions about OWFs important contribution to ALUS Peterborough.

Yours in Conservation.

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