



**Harinder Malhi, MPP
Brampton-Springdale**

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Ontario Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund

Government Support for local projects that help protect and restore the Great Lakes

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Residents, environmentalists, and community groups gathered on Sunday (May 15) for an announcement important to Brampton residents – not only for today, but for generations to come. The Living City Foundation is one of the recipients of funding from the Provincial Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund for their work around the GTA including their project in Brampton-Springdale that will help protect wildlife habitat and species.

MPP Harinder Malhi was joined by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), at Heart Lake Conservation Area to share information about the project and the funding support they will receive. The announcement was made at the Aboriginal Medicine Wheel Garden site in the park, where a turtle nesting habitat structure will be installed.

Each year, the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund (GLGCF) provides financial support for grassroots efforts to improve and protect the health of our Great Lakes watershed. MPP Malhi announced that this year, there are two projects in the riding of Brampton-Springdale that will be receiving funding. The Living City Foundation, the fundraising and charitable arm of the TRCA, will receive \$11,500 from the GLGCF. The second recipient of funds for a proposed project is Evergreen.

The Living City Foundation project proposes to ensure long term sustainability of the wetlands and the long term survival of depleted or stressed species by creating nesting structures for turtles and snakes. By adding turtle beaches and snake habitat features, they will help protect nesting areas from terrestrial predators that have flourished in urban areas. They will also enhance the quality of wetland vegetation by introducing native species and practicing control methods of invasive vegetation.

“This announcement is important for today, but most importantly for future generations. I am proud of the work being done in Brampton-Springdale by Toronto and Region Conservation Area; and pleased that they are supported by a grant from the Provincial Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund. My thanks also go to the local residents and community groups, who are working with the TRCA to ensure the local wildlife populations are protected in Brampton and in the Province of Ontario.”

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"This project is a wonderful example of how residents, citizen scientists, community groups along with the Province of Ontario and local government, and Toronto & Region Conservation have worked together to achieve a common goal - protecting local wildlife populations. As the fundraising and charitable arm of the TRCA, The Living City Foundation sincerely appreciates the support from the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund and the positive impact this investment will have."

- Scott Fortnum, Executive Director, The Living City Foundation

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