

The seeds of our future are taking root right now, for better or worse. This page shares better, forward-thinking ideas and celebrates significant environmental achievements that can help us lead the way in creating the Niagara Escarpment as a healthy, sustainable example of a thriving World Biosphere Reserve. Send us your recommendations for good achievements!



GRANTS FOR ESCARPMENT BIOSPHERE CONSERVANCY

Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy will be able to work on **more trails and land conservation** thanks to recent grant awards. TD Friends of the Environment Foundation has granted them money for trails on the Bruce and Manitoulin Island, and Terra Tundra Foundation has granted \$15,000 toward land conservation.

BIRD-FRIENDLY CERTIFIED HAY

With the goal of helping the threatened grassland bird species Boblink and Eastern Meadowlark, Credit Valley Conservation is developing a Bird-Friendly Certified Hay program. The program will encourage the growth of a new crop, hay that is certified as being friendly to grassland birds. This should increase the amount of farmed **cropland that is harvested in a way that protects nesting birds**. This may mean delaying cutting until July 15, or upon notification by the conservation authority. It is hoped that the certified hay would fetch a premium price. For more information, call Mark Eastman, 905.670.1615 x 430 or see www.creditvalleyca.ca/grasslandrecovery.