

FORESIGHT

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!

North shore Manitoulin Island, Wikwemikong.
PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS.

SAVING BEES

The Government of Ontario plans to implement strategies to **improve the health and number of bees and other pollinators.**

The first step is to reduce the number of acres treated with neonicotinoid insecticide by 80 per cent by 2017. If approved, new rules will apply on July 1, 2015.

NEW BIRD SANCTUARY

Hamilton Naturalists' Club is leasing a **16-hectare meadow near Vineland Swamp in Stoney Creek, for a new nature preserve.**

The land is next to a quarry and has been leased for 24 years from Waterford Sand and Gravel Ltd.

HAMILTON'S ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

The City of Hamilton is the first city in Ontario to recognize its **citizens' right to live in a healthy environment.**

A municipal declaration protects clean water, fresh air, safe food and decisions affecting health.