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### **Greenlands Securement Program Funding Pilot Results and Program Update**

#### **GREENLANDS SECUREMENT PROGRAM BACKGROUND**

##### **Greenlands Securement Program**

The Greenlands Securement Program (the “Program”) is a Council-approved land acquisition funding program which allows The Regional Municipality of Peel (the “Region”) to engage in long-term sustainability planning by improving the community’s health and well-being through preservation, protection and enhancement of the natural environment in Peel.

##### **Council Resolutions Approving Contributions Towards Land Securement**

Pursuant to Resolution 2005-1394, Regional Council established the Greenlands Securement Reserve and Land Securement Capital Project to help support the greenland securement strategies of the Conservation Authorities. An initial \$500,000 was transferred from the Region’s Conservation Reserve into the Region’s newly created Greenlands Securement Reserve. Annual contributions by the Region of \$500,000 continued until 2011, which is when the annual contribution was raised to \$750,000 through the Regional budgeting process, as approved in Resolution 2010-810. Since 2005 to 2021, the total of all the annual budget contributions equals \$11.25 million. Since the Program’s inception to April 2021, twenty-nine (29) properties have been secured resulting in the protection of 533 hectares (1317.07 acres) of conservation lands. A total of \$4 million has been funded by the Region for these projects with Program partners leveraging an estimated additional contribution of \$10 million (amount includes \$3,434,250 in donation value).

##### **Formal Agreements Outline Roles and Responsibilities**

The Region has formal Greenlands Securement Agreements in place with Conservation partners that include; Credit Valley Conservation, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, Bruce Trail Conservancy, City of Brampton, Town of Caledon and is in the process of finalizing an agreement with the City of Mississauga (collectively, “Partner(s)”). Program Partners are eligible to receive funding in accordance with their agreements and the Program Implementation Guidelines (the “Guidelines”).

##### **Implementation Guidelines Guide Project Review and Approvals**

The Program is guided by the Guidelines approved by Regional Council Resolution 2018-604 in June 28, 2018. The Guidelines outline roles and responsibilities of all Partners and requirements for the processing of funding applications including setting out funding eligibility criteria, eligible costs, project evaluation and approval requirements and processes. The Guidelines are in place to ensure that due diligence is followed by all staff when implementing the Program. Funding for an acquisition project is determined in accordance with the Greenlands Securement Program Appraisal Procedures, Standards and Practices. Appraisal review is in place to ensure that project acquisitions are appraised and funded at fair market value in accordance with the Implementation Guidelines.

##### **Regional Cost Share Revised in 2018 Through Funding Pilot Project**

The Region generally contributes up to 50 percent (50%) toward the funding of securement projects, with the intention that funds will leverage or match other provincial, federal, or private

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funding sources. In June 2018, through Resolution 2018-604, Regional Council approved a pilot project to increase the Regional funding cost share for the Program to 70 percent (70%) for a time limited period of three years (until June 28, 2021) or until such time as the Greenlands Securement Reserve is reduced to two million dollars, whichever occurs first.

#### **Regional Council and CAO Delegated Approval Bodies**

In accordance with Program Guidelines funding approval is granted by Regional Council for all requests greater than \$250,000. Council Resolution 2018-604 and Resolution 2016-497 delegated approval to the CAO for funding requests less than or equal to \$250,000.