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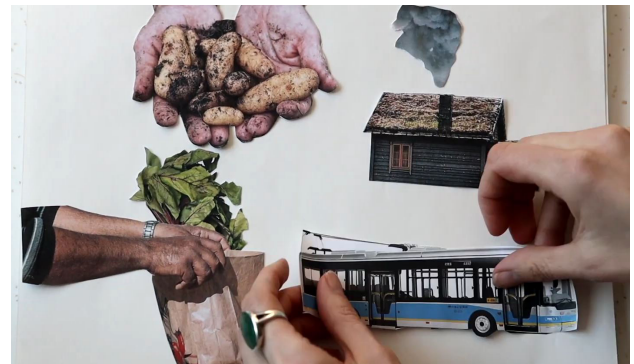
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BC species StoryMap launches

Across BC, wildlife are in peril as industrial projects continue to chomp away at remaining habitat needed for the survival of species at risk. Taking action to protect wildlife can be challenging and overwhelming, and it isn't easy to know where to start. Still, industries benefit when projects happen without public knowledge or proper consultation. **Your support has made it possible to create a tool that lifts the veil on destructive plans and the corporations responsible.**

Our new ArcGis StoryMap lays out newly proposed industrial projects set to impact species at risk critical habitat. Now, you can zoom into areas of interest to investigate activities in your region. You can find out the type of harmful activity, company responsible, species they're impacting, and size and location of the project. You can explore the StoryMap by visiting: bit.ly/BCSpeciesStoryMap

We're living through the sixth mass extinction. We can no longer let industry get away with silently causing irreversible extinction. **Thanks to your support, this tool gives local communities power to find and stop harmful projects before they begin.**



"Road to Resilience"

Our Manitoba office joined forces with local allies as part of the **Climate Action Team** to publish the **Road to Resilience**, a community climate strategy for Manitoba. And it's all thanks to your support. **This policy roadmap provides a concrete, realistic pathway to a zero-emissions Manitoba by 2050.** Check it out at ClimateActionMB.ca

When the government couldn't get it done, your community showed up. In light of the provincial government's devastatingly inadequate climate plan, forming the Climate Action Team was an act of necessity. This coalition composed of local non-profits was set with the arduous task of planning for the climate reality when the government refused.

The first edition of the **Road to Resilience** outlines how Manitoba can power, shelter, move and feed people without fossil fuels. It addresses the human impacts of climate change and the essential role wilderness and nature will play in a resilient climate future. We think it's the most ambitious climate strategy ever written for Manitoba, and it happened thanks to you.



Catchacoma logging moratorium

Your support has made it possible to work on the ground with ecologists and the local community to protect a rare old-growth eastern hemlock stand in the Kawarthas known as Catchacoma Forest. This collaboration over the last year and a half, along with your advocacy efforts, has **succeeded in getting a one-year moratorium on planned logging!** While we celebrate this win, you and I know these forests need permanent protection.

This nationally significant ancient forest and the wetlands and wildlife habitat it shelters need at least a five-year halt on logging to apply for permanent protection. With you backing us, we will push for a longer moratorium in upcoming meetings with the ministries of natural resources and environment, conservation and parks. Ontario needs to do better on protecting remaining old-growth for biodiversity, the climate and people.

Our goal is to see all logging in Catchacoma Forest stopped — and you and I will keep fighting until it is.



Battle for the woods

As the days grow longer and alarmingly hotter, the fight for the last old-growth forests hasn't cooled off at all. **Thanks to you, we responded to the needs of this moment and pushed hard to help make this crisis one the BC government cannot ignore.** Your support allowed us to pitch in on giant billboards, videos shared worldwide and full-page newspaper ads. It makes it possible to get out in the woods with First Nations leaders, media and other allies and get in front of decision makers with a call for change.

In early May, our mapping analysis made headlines as we revealed old-growth logging has actually increased over the past year — **highlighting the problem with the provincial government's 'talk-and-log' approach.**

As the province heads into what's poised to be a long battle this summer and fall, we'll continue to fill a key role in this space. We'll move people to concrete action and push for the change old-growth forests so desperately need.



Your commitment to protect nature and ensure a wild Canada drives each of our campaigns. Since the Wilderness Committee is funded almost entirely by individual donors like you, your gifts have a huge impact. Thank you!

You inspire us with your stories and your passion, like this story from a recent donor:

Old-growth trees and ancient forests are...

"A place for wildlife to harbour as cities and towns become more hardened with concrete and glass and not nearly enough trees and green space. A thinning army battling climate change on our behalf. A place of respite for the soul away from crowded cities, concrete and glass. Seed stock for the future. A reminder of what has been and what should be again."

We'd love to hear **your** perspective, at wildernesscommittee.org/AncientForestSurvey

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