

Chatham to Lakeshore Line Project Biodiversity Initiative

Purpose of the Biodiversity Initiative

Hydro One plays a vital role in energizing life in southwest Ontario. As we build new infrastructure to support the energy needs of the region, we are guided by our objective to manage our project activities in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner. As part of the Chatham to Lakeshore Line Project, Hydro One will fund habitat creation and enhancement projects through the Biodiversity Initiative to offset net habitat loss from the new transmission line.

Letter of Interest Intent

Hydro One is putting out an invitation for Letter of Interest submissions. This is an opportunity for interested parties to submit proposals for habitat creation and enhancement projects, and receive funding for these initiatives from Hydro One. Opportunities located within the tertiary watersheds traversed by the Chatham to Lakeshore Project (Sydenham River/St. Clair River Watershed and Lower Thames River Watershed) will be prioritized.

The minimum requirements/criteria for the Letter of Interest submissions are as follows:

- Must involve creation or enhancement of habitat
- Must be located on secured lands, i.e., where the habitat lands are secured in perpetuity
- Feasible under budget, sustainable to manage long-term, and appropriate for site conditions
- Requirement of Hydro One Support to proceed

Opportunities will be evaluated and ranked based on:

- Ecological/habitat value created
- Value-add (non-ecological) factors
- Cost

Letter of Interest Submission Information

A Letter of Interest form is to be submitted with all submissions. The Letter of Interest template can be found on the Project website, located at hydroone.com/chatham-to-lakeshore.

All submissions are to be sent via email to Sierra Camilleri, Environmental Planner at Sierra.Camilleri@HydroOne.com.

The open call for Letter of Interest submissions will begin on Tuesday, October 24th. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, December 15th**. Successful submissions will be announced in early 2024.