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Attention: Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Grant Review Team

Re: Letter of Support for Stewardship Grey Bruce OTF Grow Grant Application

I am writing on behalf of The County of Bruce in support of Stewardship Grey Bruce and their application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for Grow Grant Funding for the Soil and Water Stewardship Program.

The County appreciates the work of Stewardship Grey Bruce (SGB) as a local non-profit organization concerned with natural resource management. Their work in delivering and supporting programming that foster an appreciation for natural resources and projects that directly benefit the environment is to be commended.

The Soil and Water Stewardship Program connects educational opportunities and project-based cost-share funding to attract farmers who usually do not participate in stewardship programming. It inspires them to adopt stewardship behaviors, i.e. recognize that short-term achievements can result in long-term stewardship outcomes. This program ultimately improves water quality, wetland coverage, soil health and tree cover throughout Grey and Bruce counties, via the farmers' improved ability to complete such projects, receive education, build their social networks, become environmental stewards. Its impact furthers as the program indirectly encourages grant recipients to innovate, display stewardship behaviour, and take on social media ambassador opportunities.

The County of Bruce will seek to actively support this Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow Grant Application and the initiatives of Stewardship Grey Bruce that will protect and improve our corner of the Great Lakes by offering our in-kind support in communicating their initiatives to our networks and communities.

Regards,

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