

TURTLE HABITAT PROTECTION GUIDELINES

The environmentally sustainable path forward for the City of Kitchener

1. Integrate sustainability into the City of Kitchener Business Strategy
2. Align financial incentive and environmental performance
3. Encourage long term investment
4. Involve stakeholders



**Integrate sustainability into the City of Kitchener
Business Strategy**

- ▶ **City of Kitchener could add inclusions for turtle protection by integrating turtle protection into our official plans. In addition, Road Ecologists and Wildlife Ecologists could be built into tenders for road construction and development.**



Images: Wildlife Crossings create connectivity between fragmented habitats.



Align financial incentive and environmental performance

Gateman-Milloy and Activa Turtle Stewardship Responsibility Trust



Encourage long term investment

- ▶ The City of Kitchener, Gateman-Milloy and Activa could support local recovery efforts for the Blanding Turtles and ongoing stewardship to other turtle species in the Huron Natural Area and surrounding lands.

Involve stakeholders

- ▶ **The citizens of Kitchener, customers of Gateman-Milloy and Activa and their employees will benefit if the cities and companies consider their long-term impact and create market-based incentives for more ecologically sustainable practices .**





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