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## **Press Release**

### **Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Receives \$71,100 Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation**

**Haliburton, December 13, 2019:** The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) is excited to announce their success in receiving a Seed grant of \$71,100 from Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) earlier this year. The grant will be used to develop and test a new, more effective way of mapping wetlands in the area.

“I would like to congratulate Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for being awarded a \$71,100 grant to explore new and sustainable ways to continue their tremendous efforts in conserving and restoring our local wetlands,” said MPP Scott. “This grant will enhance Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and its positive contribution to Haliburton County.”

HHLT is interested in identifying valuable wetland complexes in order to target conservation efforts. Wetlands provide critical ecoservices consisting of maintaining water quality, recharging groundwater reserves, providing wildlife habitat and mitigating the effects of climate change through flood attenuation and carbon sequestration. The effects of climate change recently impacted the County of Haliburton with severe flooding events in 2013, 2017 and 2019. Accurate wetland mapping is essential for landscape analysis and conservation planning. HHLT will be developing and testing a new wetland mapping technique.

“We are looking forward to using this new and improved mapping to identify ecologically sensitive wetlands so that our conservation and restorative efforts can be better planned and more sustainable,” said Mary-Lou Gerstl, Chair HHLT.

This new mapping will benefit HHLT and has the potential to be applicable at the municipal and provincial levels. To learn more about the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and for more information about this project and upcoming workshops, please visit [www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca).

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations. OTF awarded \$108 million to 629 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario. [www.otf.ca](http://www.otf.ca)

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