



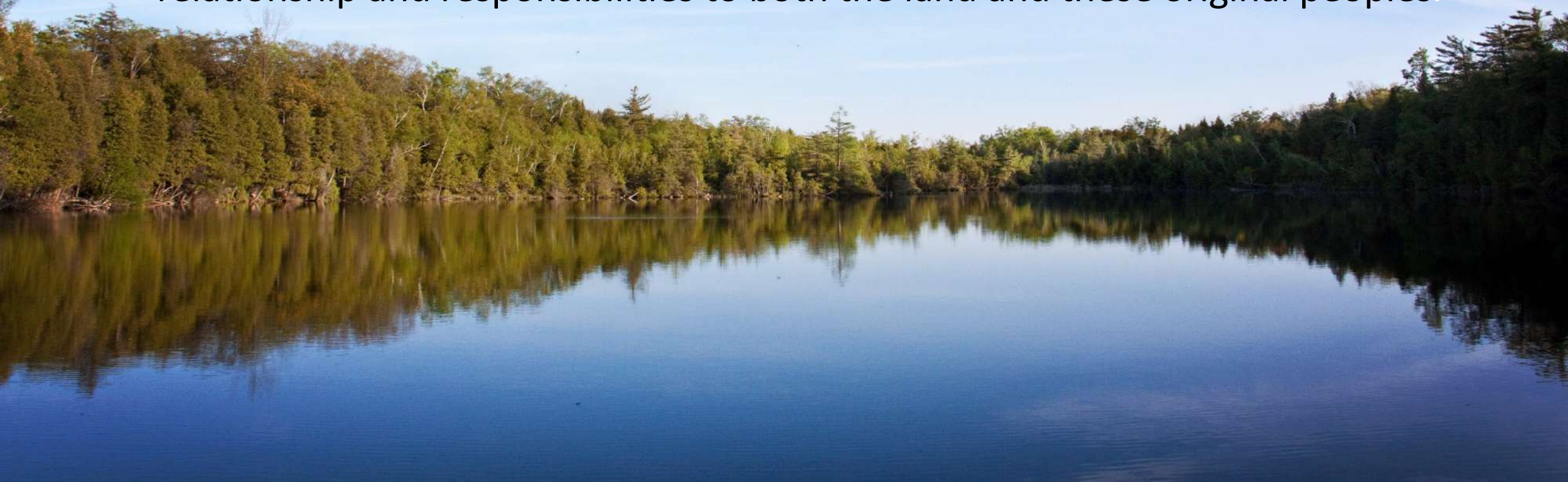
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READY**

Ready to weather any storm

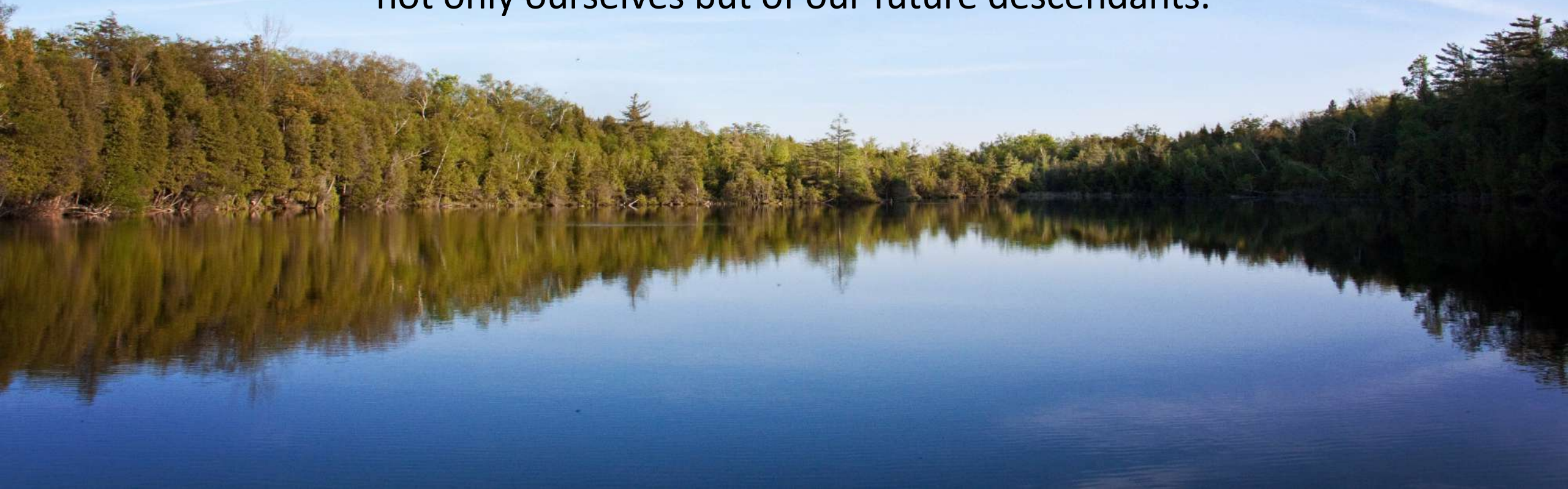
OakvilleReady here to support our community

As a community, we have the responsibility to honour, care for and respect all the Creation gives to provide us with life. This includes the land, water, air, fire, animals, plants and our ancestors.

The Anishinabek Peoples have utilized this land for millennia and we would like to acknowledge their direct descendants, the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation, as the rightful caretakers and titleholders of this land upon which we live, work and conduct ourselves. We acknowledge our treaty relationship and responsibilities to both the land and these original peoples.



We also recognize that this land is rich in pre-contact history and customs, which includes the Anishinabek and Haudenosaunee and since European contact, has and continues to become home for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. And it is in the spirit and intent of the Dish With One Spoon, wampum agreement whereby we will collectively care for and respect the land, water, animals and each other in the interests of peace and friendship and for the benefit of not only ourselves but of our future descendants.



# What is Oakville Ready?

Funded by the Oakville Community Foundation to establish 6 faith-based organizations to act as neighbourhood hubs in instances of extreme weather – flooding, high winds, power outage and fires.



## Neighbours helping Neighbours

- engage diverse community stakeholders to increase their personal resiliency,
- Increase community capacity and resiliency
- to understand how community can work together during extreme weather events.



# Why do we need OakvilleReady?

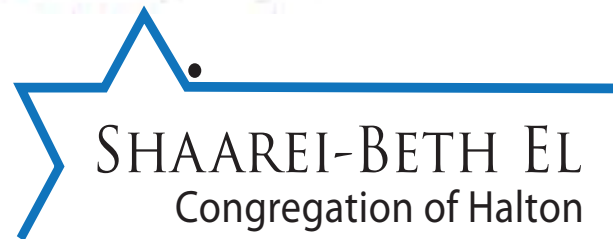


Rise in the frequency of emergencies including extreme weather, fires, floods, power outages, freezing rain, etc.

After an event, the first 1 – 4 hours are an important time to help the community

Community resilience through building strong connections with FBOs and residents

# The Hubs:



Additional  
Supports:



# In light of physical distancing..

The OakvilleReady team has worked to:

- provide technical support for FBOs
- provide resources for wellness checks
- Resources on oakvilleready.ca and @oakvilleready
- [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca) or dial 311



# Technology for this Call



- ❖ Use the Chat box
- ❖ Look for the Hand-up feature in the chat box to ask questions
- ❖ You can privately message the host, simply choose the Halton Environmental Network or OakvilleReady. We are here to answer questions



# Guidelines For the Zoom Call

- ❖ Respect confidentiality
- ❖ Keep yourself on MUTE
- ❖ Use the Chat box – to communicate
- ❖ Take care of yourself
- ❖ Share the air and chat box space
- ❖ Question ideas, not people
- ❖ Call people in, not out
- ❖ If you need additional Covid-19 support dial 311



# Native Pollinator Gardens

Plant for bees and other wanna-bees

# Why plant native species in our homes?



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Garden with a purpose

# Why Native Flowers?



# Why Native Flowers?

- Pollinators in the area will be adapted to them
- Need less care and water
- Find flowers with different bloom times



Chokecherry (Early bloom)



Purple Coneflower (Mid)



New England Aster (Late bloom)

# What is a pollinator?



Can you name some pollinators?



# Why have a pollinator garden?



- [http://pollinator.org/list\\_of\\_pollinated\\_food.htm](http://pollinator.org/list_of_pollinated_food.htm)

# Some Solitary bees in Ontario



Carpenter bee (*Ceratina calcarata*)



Wood nesting bee (*Augochlora pura*)



Mason bee (*Hoplitis sps.*)

# Provide Food and Shelter



# All Seasons



# Edible bushes

## Service berry (Amelanchier sps.)

- Early bloomers
- Fruit is ripe by the summer
- Sweet berries, rich in iron and copper
- Host bush for butterfly larvae like

tiger butterflies, viceroy,  
admirals



# Edible bushes

## Elderberry (Sambuca sps)

- Berries mature between mid-August to mid-September
- Can propagate through suckers
- Berries should not be eaten raw



# Edible bushes

## Nannyberry (*Viburnum letargo*)

- showy white flowers in spring followed by a rich burgundy fall color and blue berries in winter
- 15 feet tall, but can be kept smaller by pruning
- Great host plant for pollinators and source of berries through the winter



# Grasses and Sedges

- Provide shelter and high protein source
- Low maintenance
- Little Blue Stem
- 3-foot-tall bunchgrass grows a foot in diameter
- Blue-green and rust in fall
- Perennial



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# Flowers

## Butterfly and Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepsia* spp)

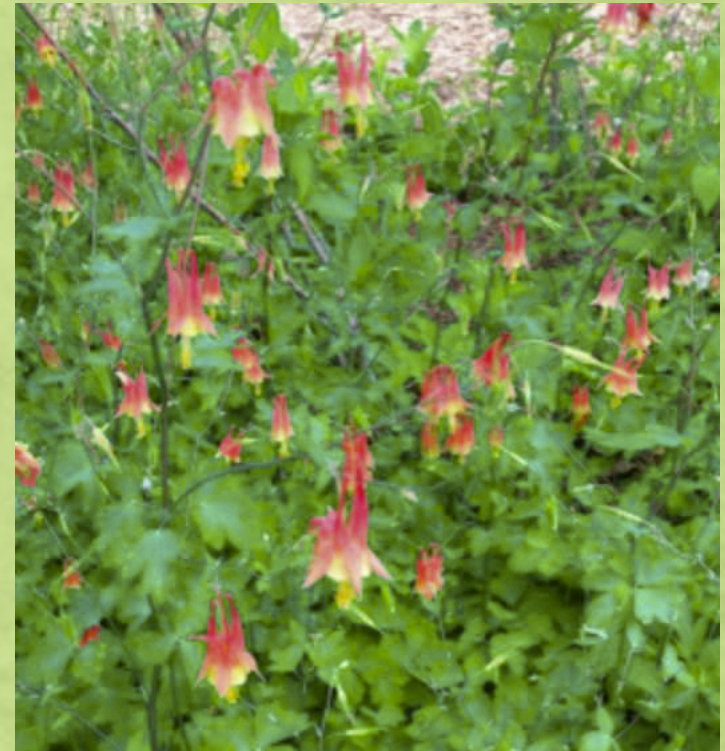
- Host plant for monarch butterflies and other important species
- Perennial flower from 0.5 to 6 feet depending on the species
- 3 species in Ontario



# Flowers

## Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)

- 1-3 feet tall
- Flowers in May-June
- Nectar source for butterflies and hummingbirds



# Flowers

## Blackeyed susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

- Blooming times can vary from July to October
- Host specie for Bordered patch and Gorgone checkerspot larvae
- 1-3 feet tall



Oakvillegreen's plant sale

[www.Oakvillegreen.org](http://www.Oakvillegreen.org)

# How to take care of your garden?



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Remember you are creating a habitat, not only a garden.



# How to create an attractive and useful native garden?

- Plant native flowers that bloom from early spring to late fall
- Don't use pesticides
- Include larval host plants
- Provide enough shelter
- Leave things as Nature would leave them for the winter

- Water Wise Pollinator gardens

[http://www.extension.org/pages/62623/water-wise-pollinator-gardens#.VIUJDDHF\\_kU](http://www.extension.org/pages/62623/water-wise-pollinator-gardens#.VIUJDDHF_kU)

- A guide to Creating a Pollinator Pad

<http://www.gardenontario.org>

- Pollinators Guide. David Suzuki Foundation

<http://www.davidsuzuki.org>

- Fletcher Wildlife Garden

<http://www.fletcherwildlifegarden.wordpress.com>

Canada Wildlife Federation

<http://cwf-fcf.org>

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to create resilience.

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# Upcoming Calls



Do you have an idea for a community call? Please reach out to us.





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# Thank You!

Feel free to reach out to Trisha or Lisa:

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