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OWA Receives \$1.2M from Nature Smart Climate Solutions Program

In August the Honourable Anthony Rota, Member of Parliament for Nipissing-Timiskaming, revealed the details of a \$1.2 million investment over five years to support the Ontario Woodlot Association. The project is called Enhancing Carbon Capture and Biodiversity in Ontario's Privately Owned Forests using Best Management Practices Informed by High Resolution Inventory.

"Investments to conserve, restore and enhance these vital ecosystems in northern Ontario and increase their resilience will support progress toward the Government of Canada's targets to address climate change," says Rota. "They also contribute to Canada's efforts to transition to a net-zero economy by 2050, help stem biodiversity loss and create jobs in the green economy."

Executive Director of the Ontario Woodlot Association John Pineau explains, "The Nature Smart Climate Solutions funding will allow us to develop state-of-the-art forest inventories that inform the application of best management practices that enhance carbon storage for many landowners, including our members."

President of Ontario Woodlot Association Paul Robertson says "Climate change has become a key area of concern for Ontario Woodlot Association members. The funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada's Nature Smart Climate Solutions Program allows us to work toward both mitigating and adapting at local, regional, and provincial scales."

The Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund (NSCSF) is a \$631-million, 10-year fund to support projects that restore and enhance wetlands, peatlands and grasslands that store and capture carbon.