



BUILDING A NEW LEADERSHIP MODEL FOR THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT BIOSPHERE RESERVE

This communication is intended to update Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Reserve (NEBR) participants on the work underway to develop a new leadership model, and to invite all interested individuals and groups to a face-to-face workshop at the end of July.

We Need Your Help!

You are invited to a workshop at the end of July where Terrapin/Good Roots will present its research and findings, and seek input from all NEBR network participants on a transitory leadership model. The intent is to host a follow-up face-to-face workshop in late summer/early fall to seek consensus on a new community-based leadership model for the NEBR and begin work on an implementation plan.

To broaden the research and findings to-date, and to help inform the agenda for the July workshop, you are being asked to complete a short survey. [Click on this link to complete the survey.](#)

Background

A May 2018 workshop—attended by 32 individuals representing 28 NEBR partner organizations—saw the renewal of a project started in 2015 to develop a more collaborative and community-driven leadership model for the NEBR that is better equipped to co-ordinate and execute on-the-ground conservation and economic development efforts across the Niagara Escarpment.

The project is being generously funded through a grant from the The Greenbelt Foundation, with matching funding from the Niagara Escarpment Foundation (NEF), which is also an NEBR-participant organization. With support from the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC), in early 2019 the NEF hired a consulting team with expertise in the not-for-profit sector and social financing. The consulting team is a partnership between Terrapin Social Finance and Good Roots Consulting:

- Terrapin Social Finance, founded in 2014 by Stephen Woeller and Dr. Trace MacKay, is a social finance advisory firm based in Lion's Head, Ontario. The firm's focus is on research, program development and program evaluation with the goal of improving social and economic outcomes and organizational sustainability for their clients. More information can be found at www.terrapinsf.ca.
- Good Roots Consulting, led by Principal Meredith Davis, is a research, strategy and evaluation consulting firm dedicated to supporting non-profits, governments and other social purpose organizations to strengthen their impact with minimal organizational resources. More information can be found at www.goodroots.ca.

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