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## Good Afternoon,

Kathleen

Please see below for information from Natural Resources and Renewables related to the 2 Billion Trees Program Launch. Thanks!

Nova Scotia's Thriving Forests is supporting our province's contribution to national efforts to tackle climate change, mitigate biodiversity loss and secure healthy forest ecosystems for future generations of Canadians.

Through funding provided by the Government of Canada's 2 Billion Trees program, and the Province of Nova Scotia, Clean Foundation is working with the provincial government to develop and deliver tree planting initiatives across the province, with the goal of planting 21 million trees. This will happen by working with interested proponents to develop and fund up to 100% of planting projects, connecting them with service suppliers and supporting a local seed stock inventory.

This program is open to Provincial government, municipal and local governments, not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, indigenous organizations and communities, and individuals such as private landowners are all welcome and encouraged to share their expression of interest.

All projects must be planting incremental trees, meaning above and beyond any current legally required tree planting activities, and not be part of business-as-usual commercial forestry activities. Examples of successful projects may include (but not limited to): Reforesting an area after a wildfire, reforesting an urban area that has fallen to disease, afforestation on retired agricultural land, restoration of legacy forest landings or forest roads, urban planting projects, initiatives to improve biodiversity and habitat resilience, reforesting an area where disturbances impact a critical habitat, infill planting or underplanting to increase biodiversity of an area.

In addition to searching for landowners and organizations who want to have trees planted on their land, we also are searching for suppliers of seed stock, materials, and personnel. Based on successful recipients and project needs we will match projects to suppliers. If your project has a specific supplier that you wish to work with, we ask you to share that information.

Expressions of interest are open and available on our website: <u>Nova Scotia's Thriving Forests - Clean Foundation</u> Expressions of interest are reviewed and assessed as they are received. To ensure your project is assessed for the first phase of planting, please submit before 11:59 PM on August 15, 2023. If you would like to stay up to date on this deadline and others – please visit our webpage and join our mailing

list: https://cleanfoundation.ca/thriving-forests/.

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