



# Studies and Reports Support Vision

## City Of Kingston Master Waterfront Plan

- The 2016 City Council approved a plan to create a connected ribbon of greenspace along the waterfront, identifying 138 projects to complete over 30 years ranked by priority.
- The proposal for Lemoine Point Farm was ranked 30th out of 138.
- The project envisions connecting the existing Lemoine Point Conservation Area waterfront walkway to a point east on Front Road.

# Why we need to conserve the Farm

## Preserve shoreline

- The Farm has over 1 km of waterfront, the place where the land meets the water.
- This area is the most ecologically important and usually supports the greatest diversity of animal and plant life.
- The waterfront draws people for spiritual and physical refreshment.
- Called “the ribbon of life” for good reason.



# Why Conserve the Farm?

## Save agricultural land

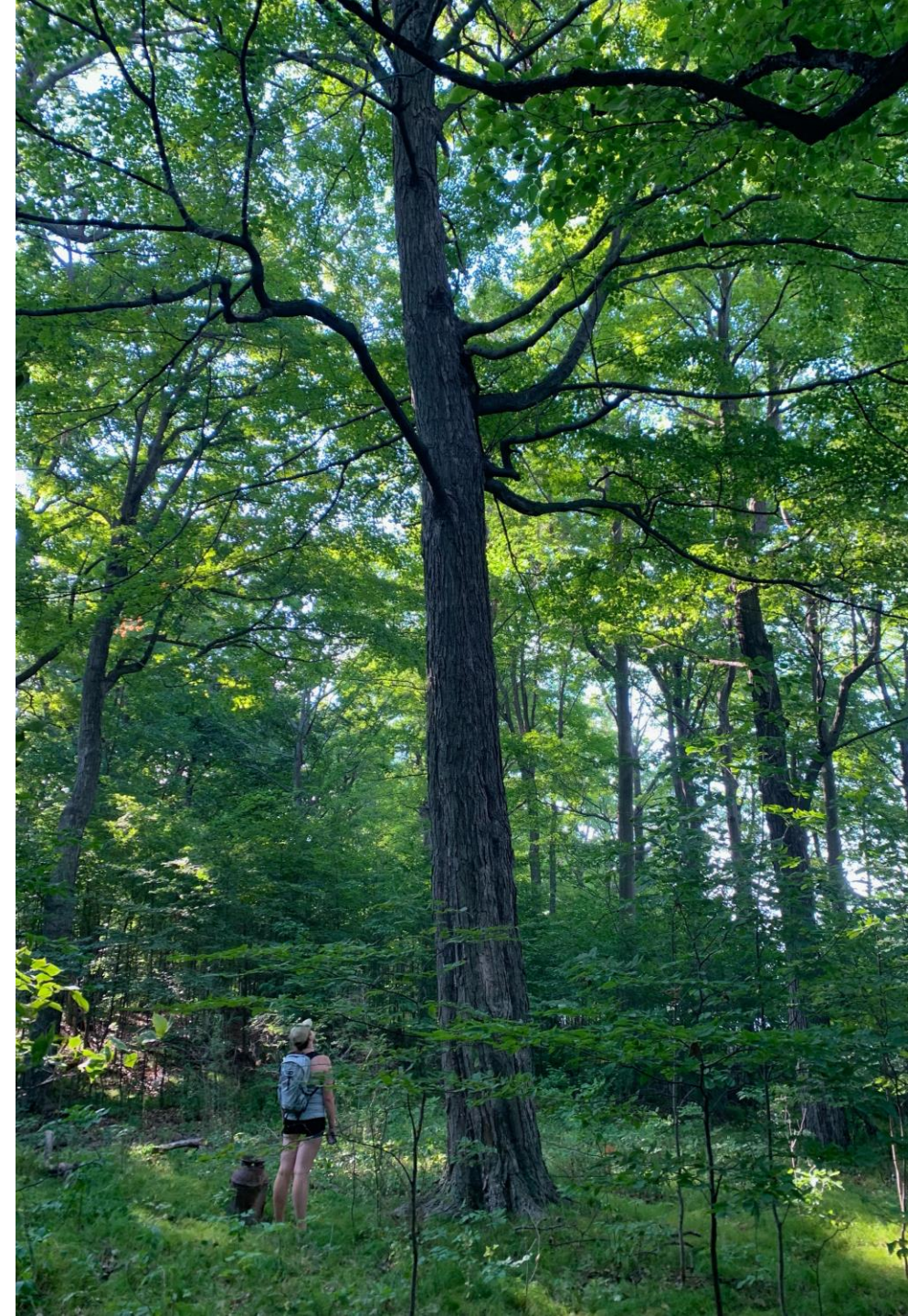
- The Farm has been a small-scale farming operation for decades.
- Continuing to grow food on the Farm will contribute to food security in Kingston.
- We need to produce as much food as we can close to where we live.



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## Connect existing conserved lands

- The Farm is “book-ended” by two adjacent open-space waterfront areas, the 337-acre Lemoine Point Conservation Area to the north and the 19-acre city-owned Weatherall waterfront fields to the east.
- Adding the 82 acres of the Farm will create 438 acres of conserved land within the City of Kingston.
- Models for the importance of large-naturalized parks within urban areas:
  - High Park, Toronto = 398 acres
  - Stanley Park, Vancouver = 1,001 acres
  - Central Park, New York City = 843 acres





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## Protect Biodiversity and Species At Risk

- Support biodiversity by providing habitat for common species and species that scientists have identified as most vulnerable to extinction.
- Twenty-three species of conservation concern have already been identified in the Lemoine Point area.
- The Farm habitats need to be protected.
- Several at-risk bird species rely on an ever-shrinking availability of grasslands to survive. The farm has for years provided acres of farmed grasslands that have allowed these species, including the bobolink and the meadowlark, to flourish.





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## **Mitigate Climate Change Impacts**

- Temperatures are rising. Extreme weather events are becoming more common.
- We need to conserve natural areas within the city to protect us from the harshest consequences of climate change.