

In late summer 2002 women of Atlantic Canada, Great Lakes Basin, and Atlantic New England came together within their regions to dream their land and waters and myriad life forms into a vision for the future. Through the moons of four seasons each group grounded in its bioregion for reflection, singing, experiences with land, and recording a portion of this CD. Our hearts were nourished by women's expression of their love of land via songwriting, poetry, visual arts, and intention...creativity in solidarity with earth and the generations to come which will continue beyond the limits of this CD. Women in the project have committed all proceeds from this CD to education, advocacy, action toward the preservation and restoration of our lands and waters.

O Beautiful Gaia Proceeds Year 1

Atlantic New England Women

Ipswich River Watershed Association - \$7000 www.ipswichriver.org

-The Ipswich River Watershed Association, concerned about the welfare of the Ipswich River and its watershed, works to make the river clean and healthy for the benefit and enjoyment of people, for the fish, and for all other species who live there.

Mt. Grace Land Trust - \$7,000 www.mountgrace.org

-works to protect the rich mosaic of forested and agricultural lands, healthy streams and ponds, biodiversity, and scenic and historic properties in north-central and western Massachusetts.

Great Lakes Basin ~ US Women

The Greening of Detroit - \$2500

North Oakland Headwaters Land conservancy- \$500

Sustainable Detroit - \$500

Michigan Nature Association - \$3500

Great Lakes Basin ~ Canadian Women

Naturalized Habitat Network of Essex County/Windsor- \$2500 www.backyardhabitat.org
-a non-profit community program that encourages and empowers local citizens to create their own naturalized gardens emphasizing native plants which will attract native birds, butterflies, frogs, etc.

Citizens Environment Alliance - \$2500 www.citizensenvironmentalalliance.org

- this organization strives to protect, restore and enhance the quality of the local environment in the Detroit-St. Clair River corridors, the western basin of Lake Erie and the adjacent lands of these water bodies.

Nature Conservancy of Canada - \$2500

-this is a national organization that has recently purchased two parcels of land in Essex County

Cedar Creek - a 160 acre parcel of land east of Harrow near this waterway. It includes significant biodiversity features.

Oxley Poison Sumac Swamp - the last thicket swamp in Essex County southeast of Harrow. There are 400 species of plants alone in this natural area, thirteen of provincial concern, as well as animal species at risk.

Friends of Oakwood Bush - \$2500

-this is a grassroots non-profit organization which convinced Windsor City Council to purchase and preserve Oakwood Bush as a natural parkland. It is a 43 hectare remnant of the original Carolinian forest Oakwood Bush contains over 500 species of birds, mammals, reptiles, butterflies and plants.

Atlantic Canada ~ Prince Edward Island Women

Macphail Woods Ecological Forestry Project - \$5000 www.macphailwoods.org

-the Macphail Woods Ecological Forestry Project combines protection of the natural area along the streams with wildlife enhancement, forest stewardship, watershed protection, environmental education and ecological research. Located in Orwell, Prince Edward Island Canada

Island Nature Trust - \$5000 www.peisland.com/nature/

-a non-government, not-for-profit organization dedicated to protection and management of Natural Areas on Prince Edward Island. We acquire lands to be held in trust for future generations, manage these lands as an example of appropriate and sustained use, and help private owners voluntarily protect their lands.

Atlantic Canada ~ Nova Scotia Women

NS Nature Trust "Plants on the Edge" - \$5000 www.nsnt.ca

-Over the next two years, Plants on the Edge will reach out and raise awareness among landowners, local communities, recreational lakeshore users and the general public about the need to protect coastal plain lakeshore and wetland habitats. They will focus their attention on seventeen species at risk including the Pink Coreopsis.

Ecology Action Centre: - \$5000 (Wilderness Committee Protected Wilderness Areas) - www.ecologyaction.ca

-EAC has been campaigning for five years to get new protected wilderness areas designated in Nova Scotia. They are poised to make a major breakthrough that they hope will ultimately lead to the environmental NGOs and the forest products companies - - jointly identifying protected wilderness areas on crown land.

2nd / 3rd Year Funds O Beautiful Gaia Sales

Atlantic Canada PEI \$7500

\$500 to New Brunswick, FRENCH FORT COVE RESTORATION

\$3500 FARMERS HELPING FARMERS - Muchui Womens Group (Kenya) www.farmershelpingfarmers.ca

\$3500 MACPHAIL WOODS FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT at Orwell (PEI) www.macphailwoods.org

Atlantic New England (\$9000) plus \$2500

\$4500 to CRYSTAL SPRING EARTH LEARNING CENTER <http://home.comcast.net/~cryspr/index.html>

\$3500 to Wangari Mathaai's GREENBELT MOVEMENT in Kenya <http://www.greenbeltmovement.org/>

\$1000 to SAVE THE BAY (Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island, <http://www.savebay.org/>)

\$2500 to Packard Manse, for land conservation

Atlantic Canada NS \$7500

\$5,000 to the NS NATURE TRUST. : "Plants on the Edge: Stewardship of Endangered Atlantic Coastal Plain Flora in SW NS". For more information check their website: www.nmnt.ca.

\$500 to a NEWFOUNDLAND PROJECT.

\$500 to FIVE BRIDGES WILDERNESS HERITAGE TRUST. to protect, study and restore the 12000 hectares of Crown Land on the Chebcuto Peninsula and to become a model of local community management of a wilderness area. For more information check their website : www.fivebridgetrust.ca.

\$500 to H.E.A.T. (HELPING THE EARTH BY ACTING TOGETHER). H.E.A.T. is a keen and enthusiastic group of youth who have a passion for the natural environment and care about taking action to protect the earth. For more information check their website: <http://takeoff.to/heat>.

\$500 to HOPE FOR WILDLIFE SOCIETY. This a project to rehabilitate and release back into the wild all orphaned white-tailed deer found in the Province of Nova Scotia. For more information check their website: www.hopeforwildlife.net.

\$500 to TATAMAGOUCHE CENTER - SOCIAL JUSTICE YOUTH CAMP. The camp is offered to bring youth together from across Atlantic Canada for a unique program in activist training and strategies leading towards social and ecological transformation. For more information check their website: www.tatacentre.ca.

Great Lakes Basin –US

\$2000 to SEVEN PONDS NATURE CENTER ~ Donation to be used specifically for education (school field trips, travelling naturalist programs, summer field schools) and stewardship of the 438 acres or Seven Ponds and Jonathon Woods (maintenance, alien plant removal, trails)

\$1734 to MICHIGAN NATURE ASSOCIATION ~ Donation would go to continue paying for the 40 acre addition to the Big Valley Sanctuary near Fenton. This is the parcel we funded before and continues the protection of a prairie fen and upland woods sanctuary that will total 135 acres.

\$ 500 to PONTIAC AGRICULTURAL NETWORK ~ his is a new organization which will use our money as seed money for their first garden to be located at the Women's Survival Center in Pontiac. They will involve local youth in the project, to be patterned after the Detroit Agricultural Network.

\$ 500 to DETROIT AGRICULTURAL NETWORK ~ Donation would go to The Garden Resource Program (for purchase of seeds and flats); DAN is a partner of The Garden Resource Collaborative of four organizations (Greening of Detroit, Earthworks Capuchin Soup Kitchen, MSU Extension) that are all involved in urban agriculture in Detroit.

Great Lakes Basin –CAD

\$2500 TO BACKYARD HABITAT – SEEDS OF HOPE Seeds of Hope has the potential to revolutionize the way that native seeds are collected, cultivated and distributed across our region.

\$2500 TO CITIZENS ENVIRONMENT ALLIANCE to strive to protect, restore and enhance the quality of the local environment in the Detroit-St. Clair River corridors, the western basin of Lake Erie and in the Windsor-Essex-Kent Region of the Great Lakes Basin.

\$2500 TO CANADA SOUTH LAND TRUST is dedicated to preserve natural areas in the City of Windsor, Essex County, Pelee Island, and the Municipality of Chatham/Kent for future generations.