

SMART & CARING COMMUNITY FUNDS

As we approach our country's 150th birthday in 2017, Governor General David Johnston has challenged Canadians to imagine our country as it could be – a "smart and caring nation" that holds promise for everyone.

In Niagara, we are joining community foundations from across Canada and rising to the challenge by creating sector-specific Smart & Caring Community Funds. Local champions have come forward to help us promote the future impact that these funds will have in Niagara.

"Join me in imagining our country as it could be...a smart and caring nation, where all Canadians can succeed, contribute and develop their talents to their fullest potential"

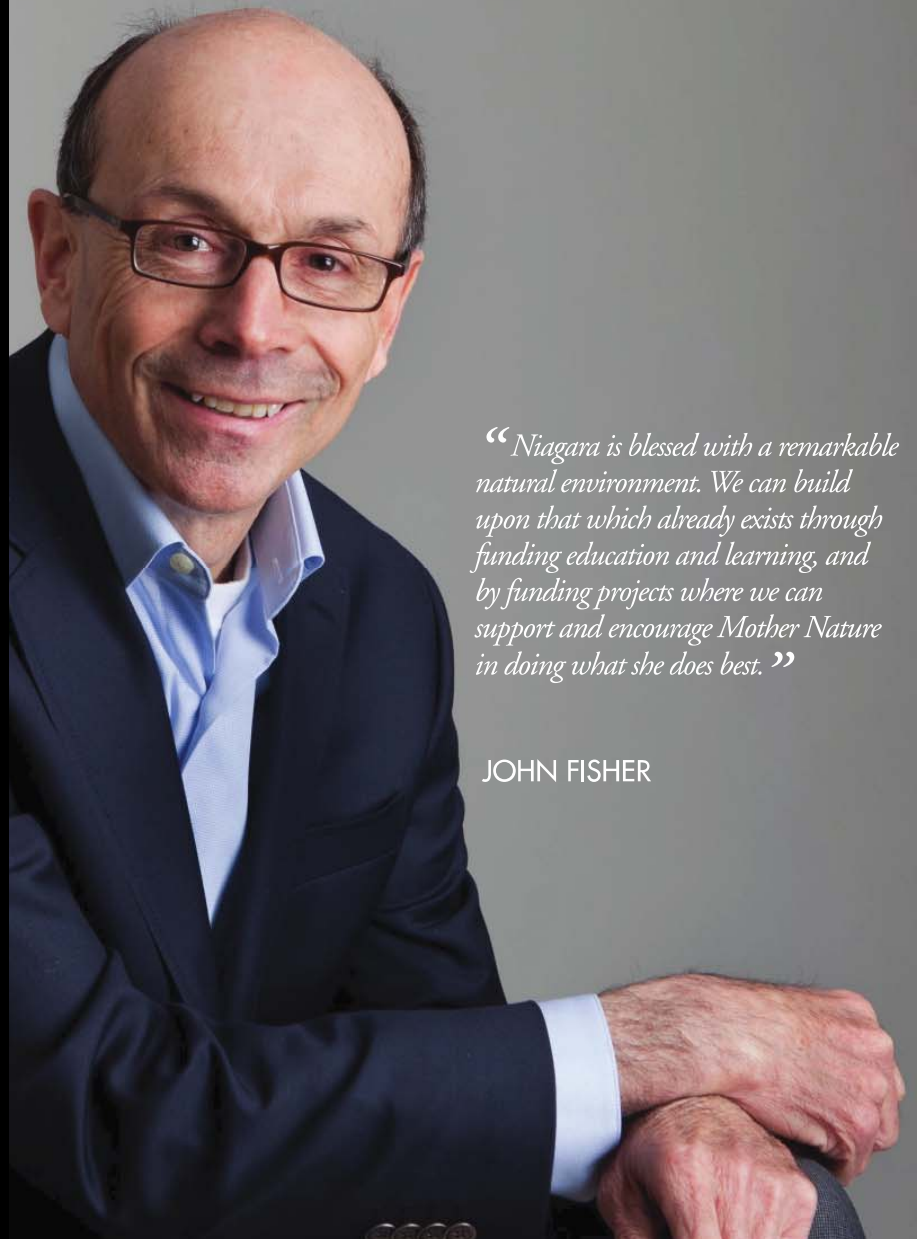
DAVID JOHNSTON
GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA



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ENVIRONMENTAL LEGACY FUND FOR NIAGARA

John Fisher and his team at Walker Industries are committed to the community, environment and tomorrow's generations. Their Earth 1st program was developed to take Walker to a higher level of environmental performance by empowering employees to make a difference at work and at home. One initiative undertaken on behalf of the Niagara Community Foundation by Walker employees included working with their suppliers and customers to launch the Environmental Legacy Fund for Niagara.



"Niagara is blessed with a remarkable natural environment. We can build upon that which already exists through funding education and learning, and by funding projects where we can support and encourage Mother Nature in doing what she does best."

JOHN FISHER

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VISION

The vision for this Fund is to support projects which bring partners together to create a collaborative approach to meet the environmental challenges facing Niagara.

This list is a selection of more than \$415,000 in environmental grants awarded since 2001.

GRANTS

BERT MILLER NATURE CLUB	\$3,000
This project involved doing an inventory of parts of the Lake Erie shoreline which lie in the Region of Niagara and identified the occurrence and distribution of species at risk and their habitats.	
PARK IN THE CITY COMMITTEE (City of Niagara Falls)	\$5,000
Local groups established and expanded a vegetative buffer along the existing stream/tributary that passes through Patrick Cummings Park, with the goal to reduce harmful erosion and silting of the stream.	
FRIENDS OF MALCOMSON ECO-PARK (City of St. Catharines)	\$3,000
This project involved removing invasive species of plants and replaced them with native Carolinian trees and shrubs, in the forest and at their pond and amphibian wetland sites.	
COMMUNITY LIVING WELLAND PELHAM	\$3,135
Funded the planting of 125 large caliper urban trees and maintenance of 15 large caliper native potted trees grown from local seed in areas of schools and other non-profit community organizations that have land management support.	
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD NIAGARA	\$9,000
Provided students the opportunity to apply innovative technology to the exploration of ecosystems at Woodend, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, in an effort to support healthy land and water conservation.	
FRIENDS OF FORT ERIE'S CREEKS	\$3,500
The Friends worked with the Town of Fort Erie to restore the wetland habitat and floodplain of the Beaver Creek area. The project also included the creation of an innovative fish habitat structure to improve habitat for grass pickerel, a species of concern under the provincial Species at Risk Act.	
HEARTLAND FOREST NATURE EXPERIENCE	\$6,000
Construction of four learning stations to showcase Heartland's Forest Discovery Program: a working dam, a turtle diorama, vernal pools diorama and a fish aquarium.	
NIAGARA COLLEGE	\$9,500
A series of projects that restored the Wetland Ridge lagoons on the Niagara-on-the-Lake campus through shoreline development and enhancement, resulting in increased species diversity and abundance contributing to thriving wetland ecosystem.	
NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION	\$6,500
Sand Dune Restoration at Morgan's Point Conservation Area.	
RED ROOF RETREAT	\$5,000
Towards the construction of an accessible walkway to access all parts of "Green Space".	
FRIENDS OF CHARLES DALEY PARK (Town of Lincoln)	\$5,000
To support the construction of a board walk at Charles Daley Park along the shoreline of Lake Ontario and Fifteen Mile Creek	
TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN	\$6,500
In partnership with students from Smithville Christian High School, to plant trees along South Creek Trail and in three of the Township's parks in Smithville. The students were involved in the project design, planning and implementation.	

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