



January 31, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: Municipal Protected Areas Project Webinar – 10 am February 20, 2025

I am contacting you on behalf of BC Nature / Land Trust Alliance of BC to inform you of the Municipal Protected Areas Project (MPAP) and to invite you and the appropriate staff to participate in a webinar on the MPAP being held on February 20, 2025.

The Municipal Protected Areas Project (MPAP) is inspired by Canada's commitment at the 2022 United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP15) to conserve 30% of our lands and waters by 2030 (the 30 x 30 Commitment). Municipal and local governments' protected areas are home to rich cultural and biological diversity and are integral to achieving Canada's biodiversity commitments, including the 30 x 30 Commitment.

Details on the Webinar:

BC NATURE: MPAP gives local governments the tools and resources to register their local protected areas on the Canadian database for protected lands. We will outline the requirements for candidate sites, how the registration process works, and how we can complete this work for you at no cost for your community. The MPAP is an opportunity to validate and recognize your community's conservation policies and strategic plans.

LTABC: MPAP is also promoting increased conservation efforts. The Alliance will discuss municipal support for provincial tax incentives for landowners in your community who wish to conserve ecologically sensitive properties

We invite you and the appropriate staff to attend a 1 hour webinar on MPAP being held at 10 am on February 20, 2025 to discover more. We will outline the requirements for candidate sites, how the registration process works, and how we can complete this work at no cost for your community.

JOIN THE MUNICIPAL PROTECTED AREAS PROGRAM WEBINAR (1 hour)

10 am on February 20, 2025

Register at: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/9LWNK01AT228XTSDzj_ssQ

If you require more information beforehand, please contact us at manager@bcnature.ca

Sincerely,

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