G2G Rail Trail Inc.

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To the Commonwell L.E.A.F. Initiative Selection Committee,

On behalf of Goderich to Guelph Rail Trail Inc. (G2G Rail Trail), I am pleased to express our support for the Friends of the Village of Blyth and their proposed Butterfly Garden Revitalization Project in celebration of Blyth's 150th Anniversary in 2027.

The project aims to restore two existing butterfly gardens located along the Greenway Trail and G2G Rail Trail corridor in Blyth. Through professional landscape design and the introduction of native plant species, this initiative will enhance local biodiversity, create valuable habitat for pollinators, and revitalize an important community green space.

As a 132-kilometre recreational trail connecting Goderich to Guelph, the G2G Rail Trail is committed to promoting environmental stewardship, healthy communities, and meaningful connections between people and the natural environment.

The proposed garden restoration aligns closely with these objectives. By improving habitat for butterflies, bees, birds, and other pollinators, while incorporating opportunities for environmental education through future interpretive signage, the project will provide lasting ecological and educational benefits. Its location along the trail corridor will also create an inviting space for trail users, residents, and visitors to pause, explore, and appreciate the area's natural environment.

This volunteer-led initiative represents a meaningful investment in Blyth's natural spaces and will contribute to a lasting legacy as the community celebrates its 150th anniversary.

G2G Rail Trail is pleased to support this initiative and encourages the Commonwell L.E.A.F. Initiative to give favourable consideration to the Friends of the Village of Blyth's funding application.

Sincerely,

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