

KCCU DONATES \$5,000 TO KINGSTON COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND

For immediate release - Kingston Community Credit Union donates \$5,000 to support the Kingston Community Climate Action Fund.

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Yesterday, Kingston Community Credit Union CEO, Jon Dessau, presented Kingston Mayor Bryan Paterson and Shawn Krall, Dr. Kaitlyn Patterson and Maureen Buchanan of All Our Relations Land Trust with a \$5,000 donation toward the Kingston Community Climate Action Fund (KCCAF).

The City of Kingston developed the Kingston Community Climate Action Fund to support local charities and not-forprofit organizations and their initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) and/or air emissions, increase energy conservation or efficiency, reduce, or divert organic waste, or to assist with Climate Change adaptation and technology innovation.

KCCU partnered with the City of Kingston in 2020 with a commitment to support the KCCAF and local registered charities and not-for-profits as they work to reduce community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. KCCU has supported the promotion and fundraising of the fund since its inception and agreed to match donations made at their branches up to \$5,000 each year.

"Kingston Community Credit Union has a long-standing commitment to the health and betterment of our community. Climate Change is our biggest emerging risk, and we are proud to partner with the Kingston Community Climate Action Fund for a fourth year to support these worthy initiatives through this donation," said Jon Dessau.

All Our Relations Land Trust project was selected as the focus of the Kingston Community Climate Action Fund in 2024. The project will allow All Our Relations Land Trust to curb greenhouse gas emissions by installing solar panels and a new rainwater collection structure.

The project, located on a 2.86-acre pasture along Hwy 15 in Kingston, aims to offer crucial power and water resources to sustain the Indigenous food sovereignty garden, medicine gardens, a pollinator garden, and small forests. These endeavors are thoughtfully managed by All Our Relations Land Trust, in partnership with urban Indigenous community members, allies, and affiliated organizations like Little Forests Kingston.

With the community's support, the Kingston Community Climate Action fund successfully raised \$27,179 to aid the All Our Relations Land Trust Project.

To learn more about the fund click here.

About Kingston Community Credit Union:

KCCU, a member-owned, democratically operated financial co-operative is open to those who work or reside in the greater Kingston area, KCCU strongly believes in building co-operative relationships with their members and community. For over 65 years, KCCU has made a positive impact on our local community with charitable giving, volunteerism, and financial education. They have a proud tradition of co-operative business ethics and continue to demonstrate their values: Co-operation, Integrity, Community, Sharing, Financial Strength, Education, and Respect for All. As part of the credit union philosophy of People Helping People, KCCU is committed to building, strengthening, and enhancing the lives of those in our community.

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