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Objectifs	Actions Proposés
1.1 Protect the ecological integrity of the terrestrial, aquatic, and wetland ecosystems.	1.1.1 Utilizing pre-selected criteria, the trust will acquire, either through donation or purchase, properties of interest for the conservation of the natural environment 1.1.2 Only once a thorough ecological evaluation has been conducted will the trust proceed with land acquisition for heritage conservation by respecting the parameters of the <i>Ecological Donation Program</i> .

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Selection Criteria

Hydrography	- Identification of Wetlands and bodies of water (and shores), rivers, streams of interest, major watersheds (ecosystem services), fish habitats
Wildlife habitats of interest	- Habitat of species with a large range, recognized wildlife habitat (heronries)
Threatened wildlife	- Threatened or vulnerable species and their habitats
Forest environment	- Mature forests, rare forests, significant forests
Open environment	- Meadows, fields, pastures, wasteland
Other	- Species of particular interest for the territory and the community as well as their habitats. Cultural, social and/or historical significance.

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1.2 Restore or improve certain natural environments and increase biodiversity.	1.2.1 Based on the findings of an acquired land's ecological evaluation, the fiduciary will oversee the restoration of lands that have degraded while still favoring the ecosystem's natural recovery. -1.2.2 Whenever the natural system has in fact degraded, one needs to restore the ecosystem's function and value (biodiversity, habitats)

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1.3 Initiate a conservation plan, research, and ecological evaluation.	<p>1.3.1 Starting in 2022, the trust will have in place an ongoing inventory and a conservation plan of all its real estate holdings. This plan will also distinguish between the different levels of conservation wellness of its real estate holdings.</p> <p>1.3.2 The Conservation Plan will also describe the state and evolution of its protected and registered ecosystems as well as list the protection steps required for conservation.</p> <p>1.3.3 Other research may be undertaken on the other elements of the protected ecosystems within the inventory, as well as provide indicators on areas where wildlife habitats are threatened and in need of protection.</p>

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1.4 Evolution and reinforcement of environmental protection regulations	1.4.1 The trust will play a role of instigator in the reinforcement of issues of environmental protection as outlined in municipal regulations. WILD will also propose planning measures of land restorations and subsequent regulatory clauses.

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1.5 Acquire, administer, and grow a financial capital to meet and respect its obligations	<p>1.5.1 Starting for the fiscal year of 2022, Wentworth Municipal Council has committed to reserve an amount in its annual budget</p> <p>1.5.2 Subsequently, to ensure the maintenance of acquired land for perpetuity, the trust will acquire a reserve fund to deal with any unpredictable expenses. Ideally, the trust would only use the investment's accrued interest towards that end.</p> <p>1.5.3 WILD is also committed to keeping its administrative costs to 10% of the annual budget.</p>

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1.6 Engage in fundraising activities to ensure auxiliary financing while still respecting charity status requirements	1.6.1 WILD will plan fund-raising campaigns and property value fund matching initiatives. 1.6.2 WILD will organize fund-raising activities such as social, educational, recreational and sporting events. 1.6.3 The trust will also submit funding applications with various environmental funding organizations. 1.6.4 In order to assure the quality maintenance of its various trails, WILD will initiate a membership system.