

Welcome!

This is where it begins. The Alton Village Association (AVA) established the first community Butterflyway (habitat) garden in the Alton Village Square in 2022, inspired by the work of local volunteers and designation of the Town of Caledon as a Butterflyway community by the David Suzuki Foundation.

Our mission is to build, maintain and promote a network of community gardens, starting with the Alton Village Square, that will meet the purposes of the Alton Village Association *“To work collectively to protect and enhance the quality of life, the environment and the character of the community of Alton, its residents and businesses”* and to support projects within the community that are in line with the targets and objectives of the David Suzuki Foundation *Butterflyway* and the *Resilient Caledon Climate Change Action Plan*.

This booklet was designed to be an interactive guide to the Alton Village Square and help you to build your own native Butterflyway garden to bring bees and butterflies back to our community.

“Il faut cultiver notre jardin” means accepting that life has to be nourished and that we do that best through shaping our own lives, our communities, and the environments we inhabit.

~ Sue Stuart-Smith, The Well-Gardened Mind, The Restorative Power of Nature