

**Overview:**

In 2019 the Township was approached by Peterborough GreenUp to partner on an innovative program for the Hamlet of Warsaw called Sustainable Urban Neighbourhoods (SUN). The Township provided \$5000.00 of funding towards the project and two new water gardens were able to be created with community participation at the Warsaw Community Centre and at the Municipal Office. This program will be wrapping up at the end of May 2020 and Peterborough GreenUp have approached us regarding creating a third water garden on municipal property at the Back Dam Park on Rock Road.

**Conclusion:**

This is an opportunity for the Township to enhance the Back Dam Park and complement the existing pollinator waystation garden that the Otonabee Conservation Authority had created in 2019. Copies of the Planning Plan and Site Condition Information is attached to this report. Staff have met with GreenUp to review the plans, have no concerns and welcome the opportunity to have this innovative garden as part of the Park. To move forward with this project, GreenUp is requesting that the Township enter into a Planting Agreement which outlines both parties responsibilities regarding the project.

**Recommendation:**

That the C.A.O.-2020-10, dated March 10, 2020 regarding a Request from Peterborough GreenUp regarding the SUN Program be received and that Council pass the By-law to enter into a Planting Agreement at the appropriate time in the meeting.

**Financial Impact:** GreenUp has funding to cover the cost of the installation of the garden. A maintenance plan will be provided to the Township at the end of the project.

**Strategic Plan Applicability:**

This recommendation is consistent with the adopted Strategic Plan under the Environmental Goal wherein we have committed *"to preserve and enhance the natural heritage features and resources of the Township."*

**Sustainability Plan Applicability:**

This recommendation is consistent with the Natural Assets theme of the adopted Sustainability Plan wherein we have committed to *"preserve, enhance, and restore our natural assets to maintain ecological health"*.