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Good day Haruka

I am contacting you at the recommendation of Councillor Lovelace. We are proposing a project for the first Seniors Exercise Loop in NS, to be located in French Village. We are applying for funding through the Healthy Communities program which is focused on populations that have been disproportionately affected by COVID. Councillor Lovelace suggested that the Committee may welcome a presentation on this initiative.

We would be pleased to present.

Louisa Horne  
French Village Conservation Woodland Project  
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# FRENCH VILLAGE CONSERVATION WOODLAND



## 5 Principles of Green Burial



1. No embalming
2. Direct earth burial
3. Ecological conservation and restoration

4. Communal memorialization
5. Optimum land use



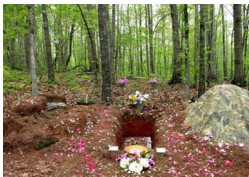
## Who wants Green Burial?

1. Environmentalists - who want their remains to have a purpose - and a low carbon footprint
2. Traditionalists - who embrace the ways of our ancestors and want to revive those simple approaches
3. DIYers - do-it-yourself people who want to be personally engaged in burial and reclaim practices
4. Cost conscious people - who want a simple, local solution



## Our Team

Ray Mattholie, Bay resident with a long-time passion for green burial



Louisa Horne, Halifax based entrepreneur, end-of-life doula and green burial advocate

Trudy Stephenson, Bay resident, end-of-life doula and green burial enthusiast.

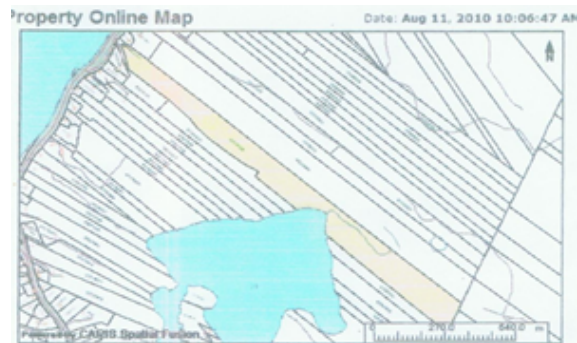
We seek to establish the French Village Conservation Woodland on property owned by St. Paul's Church – a site that can offer a wide range of outdoor experiences within the city of Halifax, operated by a not-for-profit organization that we are creating.

One intended specific activity on the site is green burial and our goal is to have the first urban certified green burial conservation site in Canada – and this requires a designated conservation site (i.e., land with a conservation easement from the NS Department of Lands and Forestry, and certified for conservation green burial by the Green Burial Society of Canada).

The land behind St. Paul's Anglican Church in French Village has conservation value. Yellow birch trees, possibly rare lichens, and habitat for moose all contribute to the value of this beautiful site. We believe the site lends itself to many experiences of nature with green burial being only one of the possibilities. Unlike traditional cemeteries, we see a destination where people would want to spend time enjoying nature, close to home.

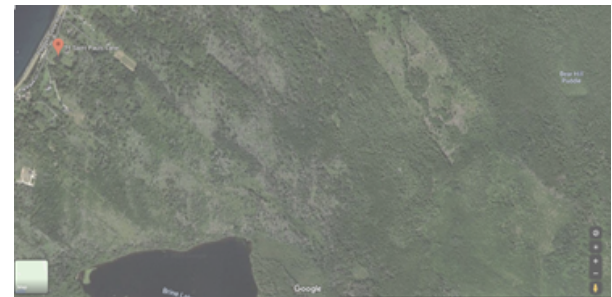
Green burial is a growing global movement and interest in this environmentally sensitive approach to disposition of one's body in a way that has a useful purpose is rapidly increasing.

We look forward to presenting the concept to you. We are confident that we have the team to implement this initiative and we are enthusiastic about collaborating with community groups on an ongoing basis as part of the effort to ensure appropriate planning and use of the conservation site.



The site is a 27 acre, long narrow piece of land that extends back approximately 2 kilometres from the heritage church building with its traditional cemetery and includes a corner of beautiful Brine Lake. It has a variety of trees and lakeshore areas and we believe it is of high conservation value.

We have had initial reviews of the site with Dr. David Patriquin and Mike Lancaster. David was impressed with the yellow birch trees that add value to the property's conservation potential. Mike noted evidence of wildlife - their habitat protection is a valuable aspect of conservation opportunity. A variety of plants, including possibly some rare lichens, are other important features.



*The French Village Conservation Woodland gives nature lovers and those who love St. Margaret's Bay an opportunity to experience nature, close to home, including the option for cost effective green burial, a first in Canada!*

The land has many potential uses – imagine walking trails, play areas, picnic space, seniors' exercise paths, outdoor theatre and art space – maybe even a labyrinth and a forest school – and the heritage church building could serve as a community space and interpretation centre as well as an event location!

