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Credit Valley Conservation is encouraging farmers to delay cutting their hay to protect ground-nesting birds.

FARMERS URGED TO GROW BIRD-FRIENDLY HAY

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Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) is asking farmers to delay cutting hay in order to protect ground-nesting birds.

With few natural grasslands in the Credit River Watershed, birds such as the bobolink and eastern meadowlark use farmer's fields for breeding and nesting. Farmers typically cut hay in late May or June, which coincides with the

nesting periods.

The CVC is asking farmers taking part in the program to delay cutting their hay until July 15.

Farmers can certify their hay as bird-friendly by registering some or all of their hay at birdfriendly-hay.ca before May 1. Through CVC's 'Delay the Hay' program, it will connect the registered growers with purchasers looking to buy bird-friendly hay. It will also connect landowners with tenant farmers

looking to grow bird-friendly hay.

The CVC already has 300 acres registered and its goal is to have 400 acres registered by May.

"Every acre enrolled helps protect at-risk grassland birds," said Mark Eastman, senior co-ordinator, agriculture outreach at CVC. "By enrolling, farmers have the opportunity to grow a niche and marketable product that demonstrates their commitment to the environment."

Farmers or landowners interested in learning more about the program can contact Eastman at stewardship@cvc.ca or at 416-294-7335, or visit birdfriendlyhay.ca

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My father passed away more than a year ago, and my uncle is the estate trustee. My siblings and I have questions about my uncle's handling of the estate. For example, my uncle sold property of my father's but has not provided any information on the proceeds from the sales. We want to know what our uncle has done with the money. How do we get answers from him?

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The estate trustee is legally obligated to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries. As a beneficiary, you are entitled to require the estate trustee to account. The process is called passing accounts and requires that the estate trustee provide an accounting of the assets and liabilities of the estate, as well as transactions undertaken by the estate trustee. The passing of accounts also identifies any compensation taken by the estate trustee for administering the estate. Once the estate trustee prepares the accounts, a judge decides whether to accept them. Passing accounts may be initiated by the estate trustee, or by beneficiaries. Where an estate trustee initiates the process, beneficiaries may serve notice that they object to the accounts being passed. Passing accounts also applies to persons acting under a power of attorney or guardianship. Where a court finds that the estate trustee engaged in misconduct, neglect or default, a judge may award damages for which the estate trustee is personally liable.

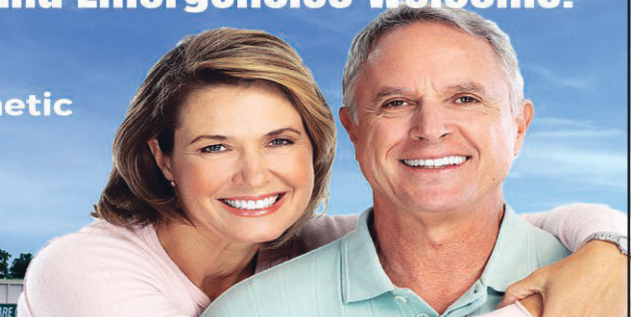
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