



Requests for Donations and Discounts

We are proud to support local and regional community partners and charitable groups as much as possible. Due to the large number of donation and discount requests we receive, to be approved they must align with the GRCA's Strategic Priorities:

- Protecting Life and Minimizing Property Damage from Flooding and Erosion
- Improving the Health of the Grand River Watershed
- Connecting People to the Environment through Outdoor Experiences
- Managing Land Holdings in a Responsible and Sustainable Way

How to Request a Donation or Discount

Requests for donations or discounts must be accompanied by a Letter of Intent, outlining the scope of the event or initiative. Thirty days' notice is required to process requests. Requests that are approved will be awarded with a confirmation letter, outlining the terms of use for the discount or donation, and approval from the Manager of Conservation Areas. If a discount is provided, user groups must enter the Conservation Area together as a group, and present their confirmation letter to the attending conservation area staff.

Please submit a letter of intent to grca@grandriver.ca. A response will be provided to applicants within 14 business days.

The Letter of Intent may include:

- The formal name of the organization requesting the donation
- How the donation or discount will be awarded and used
- How many people will be in attendance (or how many people will be receiving item granted for donation)
- Contact information (telephone number and email address)
- The date(s) of the event(s) in which the donation will be distributed
- Any additional information that would illustrate how your organization or event reflects our strategic priorities

We may provide discounts or donations for:

- Grand River Conservation Foundation requests
- Community Partners
- Organizations wishing to purchase 5+ Grand River Parks Membership cards
- User group discounts (e.g. Happy Hoofers, KW50plus Campers, Guelph Wellington Seniors, etc.)
- Charitable groups (e.g. Community Living, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boy Scouts, etc.)

We do not provide discounts or donations for:

- Silent auction items or raffle prizes

- Sponsorship/purchase of tables at fundraising events, conferences, seminars or golf tournaments
 - Groups operating outside of the Grand River Watershed
 - Staff requests of donations or discounts for individual pursuits (i.e. stag and does, birthday parties, fairs or carnivals)
 - Multi-year projects or commitments
 - Religious organizations, with the exception of secular activities open to those of all faiths, such as operating a shelter or a group program, or unless the organization is engaged in a significant project benefiting the entire community
 - Political or advocacy groups
 - School groups
 - Endowment or capital campaigns
 - Travel-related events, including student trips or tours
 - Sports teams or leagues
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