



## Maintaining Farm Structures for **SPECIES AT RISK ON FARMLANDS**

Over the years, many animals have adapted to live alongside humans and our structures. Some species at-risk rely on farm structures like barns, garages and outbuildings for reproduction and survival. For instance, Barn Swallows often nest in the rafters of farm buildings, making these structures a critical part of their survival and habitat. If these valuable farm structures are removed, key nesting habitat for Barn Swallows is reduced, and populations may suffer.

By working with farmers, this project hopes to balance the maintenance of farm structures to benefit people and wildlife for years to come. Striving towards no net loss of human-made habitat, this work will benefit threatened species like the Barn Swallow, which continues to see declines in the region.



### OBJECTIVES

Some ideas being explored include:

- Creating an incentive program for farmers
- Launching a human-built habitat improvement program
- Updating Environmental Farm Plans and sustainable agricultural practices to include best management practices for farm buildings for species at risk

**We want to hear from you!**



Do you have an idea or thought about how wildlife could be protected on farms? Do you own a farm and are interested in learning more?

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