

Onkwe'tà:ke lakotokénhstha

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KEPO Bat House installation

(Kahnawake – 14, Onerahtókha/April 2022)

The Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO) would like to inform the community of the installation of five (5) Bat Houses on common lands on Monday, April 18, 2022.

Selected sites are on the North Wall, Tekakwitha Island, McGregor's Farm, Parcel E at the end of the OCR, and the former Kahnawà:ke Survival School campus. KEPO staff will be wearing high-visibility vests, and vehicles will be properly identified.

Kahnawà:ke is home to several bat species, including the little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*), which has recently been classified as an endangered species due to the deadly fungal infection known as white-nose syndrome.

Bats play a key role in the ecosystem by controlling insect populations and, in some cases, are highly efficient pollinator species. These houses will allow KEPO to better understand the local bat population and how they can best work to conserve them in the future.

For more information, please contact KEPO at **450-635-0600** or <u>environmentprotection@mck.ca</u>.