



Hello from Kelly at Think Turtle Conservation Initiative!

Really need help on this one! We are looking for some people in the Bancroft area able to help monitor a snapping turtle nest during at least the first three weeks of September. The timing is such that it should hatch out during that time hopefully early in the month. The nest is currently protected by a nest protector. Unfortunately due to the location mom (turtle in photo) picked to nest if the exit hole were to be removed or nest protector removed the hatchlings would have no choice but to cross the road. In addition to this are the predators they run the risk of encountering on route to their intended body of water.

It is hoped a few people in the Bancroft area would be able to split up the chore of checking on the nest as it nears the end of the incubation period. This would not be a time consuming task, it would just involve checking on the nest when you are in town to see if there is any sign of the hatchlings emerging. If enough people are checking on the nest we should be able to intercept hatchling activity fairly quickly. Should the hatchlings show up when you check on nest all that is required is to put in a quick phone call or text to Think Turtle 647-606-9537. I or someone else will drive over and then stay with the nest to ensure all the hatchlings are accounted for and then safely released into their intended body of water.

The turtle nest is very conveniently situated in the heart of Bancroft (in town) making it pretty easy to check on as so many of us frequently go into town or drive through it. I and the finder will of course be keeping an eye on the nest but that will not be enough to ensure the hatchlings are intercepted emerging from the nest. The more eyes on this one the better. The hatchlings would not do well if left to sit in the hot sun for hours prior to being detected. Assistance would be greatly appreciated with this one to avoid having to remove the exit hole and leave the nest to come what may.

If you would be able to help monitor this nest could you please get in touch either preferably by cell or text 647-606-9537 or via Facebook, e-mail thinkturtle@yahoo.com. If per chance I do not answer the phone please leave a message I will get back to you.