



Trees for Halton Hills Newsletter

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We're Tree Huggers!

Our Vision – A low carbon, green Halton Hills community which is known for its beautiful natural landscapes, extraordinary urban forest and fresh, clean air. Residents in our community are engaged, make a positive difference and help shape a healthy environment.

Hey - We Created an Arboretum!

At Joseph Gibbons Park in Georgetown, dozens of newly planted native trees and shrubs are becoming established with regular watering and care, name plaques are being installed and an interpretive sign is in production!

This year, Trees for Halton Hills volunteers created a new native tree and shrub Arboretum; partnering with the Town of Halton Hills (which assigned the park land) and the Canadian Government Healthy Communities program (which funded the project). This special park now features trees that evolved in this climatic region and that are crucial in maintaining its rich and unique biodiversity. We hope residents will admire, learn about and be inspired to plant native trees on their own properties.



*21 Native Trees &
11 Shrub Varieties*



Professional landscape contractors brought in and planted the young trees. Supplier was Beech Nursery West. Watering was essential throughout the summer. The LLD Moth quickly found its way to the site and we spent hours seeking out and squishing the voracious caterpillars. (Yuck!)



Basswood, Bur Oak, Shagbark Hickory, Cucumber Magnolia, PawPaw, Serviceberry, White Pine, White Elm, Pagoda Dogwood, Black Cherry, Tulip Tree, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Redbud, Sycamore....

Volunteers planted smaller trees and shrubs.



Mother's Day – Give Mom a tree for lifetime memories.

Buoyed by the success of our Harvest and Christmas tree sales, in the spring we purchased young White Pine, White Spruce and Eastern White Cedar from Credit Valley Conservation and NVK Nurseries to decorate for online Mother's Day sales. (Covid continued to hamper in person sales opportunities.) Retail prices ranged from \$25-\$35 with free delivery in town.

*Fun chance for
inspired tree
decorating!*



Ann's back porch was the workshop.



Happy Customers!

*We can always
find a spot for a tree!*

Extra trees, following Mother's Day sales, and a few dozen that we successfully overwintered, were planted in Cedarvale Park and the Arboretum. In just a few months, our group has supplied hundreds more trees for planting in Halton Hills.



*In our inaugural
year!*

Trees for Halton Hills incorporated as a non-profit, secured start-up funding and developed a work plan that even Covid could not derail. We introduced ourselves to the community with planting, a professional website, 3 successful retail campaigns and a lively social media presence.

AND we imagined and successfully pitched for \$25,000 in Canadian government funding and then created a new native tree Arboretum in a Georgetown park. The official opening is scheduled for early October.

That's not all. With our CVC and Town partners, we'll involve more residents in community planting events on October 2 and 16. With New Horizons for Seniors funding, project lead Amy Sykes will inspire older adults to put trees in the ground all over Halton Hills.

AND... We'll Launch the 65,000 Tree Challenge! Stay Tuned!