

## Environment Committee Recap/Overview for 2021

1. Planting and seasonal maintenance at Black Walnut Way (Patricia Ave N).
2. Planting and seasonal maintenance at Trout Lily Lane (Pontiac St-west).
3. Seasonal maintenance and repairs at Pollinator Garden (corner of Carleton Ave and Pontiac St).
4. Prepare, plant (120 trees/shrubs), and seasonal maintenance of new Native Tiny Forest (Pontiac St-east).
5. Prepare, plant (50 trees/shrubs to date), and seasonal maintenance of new food producing and Carolinian Forest (de-paved Pontiac St-north end of Champlain Park).
6. Selective clearing of invasive species along trail network (Dog Strangling Vine, Japanese Knotwood, Garlic Mustard, and evil Buckthorn)
7. Champlain Woods trail maintenance (trimming, wood chip spreading, garbage collection, encampment reporting/removals).
8. National Tree Day-planting of trees by kids and teachers from St. Georges Public School.
9. Tree Caretaker Network is fostering the next generation of trees for planting in the neighbourhood.
10. Planning underway for the completion of planting in the Food/Carolinian Forest, and the area immediately to the north of the site.

### Stats and Highlights:

-Dozens of volunteers (from within our community and from other parts of the city) contributed to our planting site preparation, planting, and care/maintenance activities throughout the season. The "Pit Crew" alone had 30 active participants at varying times throughout the season.

-Dozens of students logged volunteer hours for school credit with the Enviro Team throughout the season.

-A trial 'partnership' was successfully established and run with Hydro Ottawa for the provision of wood chips from power line trimming work done within and surrounding Champlain Park in summer/fall 2021. This activity saw the diversion of approximately 250 cu yds of wood chips to our planting sites, and for use along the trail network. Hydro Ottawa is keen to continue working with us.

-Approximately 25 species of native and Carolinian trees/shrubs were planted by the Enviro Team in 2021.

-Approximately 52 cu yds of soil was added to help develop the terraces on Pontiac St - Food/Carolinian Forest site; 2 cu yds to the Native Tiny Forest; and another 2 cu yds added to the 52 cu yds already in place at the Pollinator Garden.

-Monarch Butterflies, among many other pollinators, were regularly seen around the Pollinator Garden.

-SOUL (Society for Organic Urban Landcare) Certificate of Recognition: Greener Greenspaces 2021

Special thanks for vision, leadership, and just plain getting dirty in 2021:

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