



TREES FOR GUELPH

"a project for improving Guelph's urban environment"

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2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Summary

This was our 30th anniversary year and we are pleased to report that in spite of Covid 19, Trees for Guelph had a productive and successful 2020. Although we cancelled our Spring Planting Program, once we were able to enact effective protocols, Trees for Guelph launched a series of fall planting events. Our volunteers and school children planted 1,750 trees, shrubs and wildflower plugs at 16 planting events!

This Executive Summary provides a brief overview:

MISSION: *To enhance Guelph's environment through tree planting and related projects, education and community leadership.* TREES FOR GUELPH is a not-for-profit organization with charitable status. Founded in 1990, TFG has facilitated the planting of over 150,000 trees in the City of Guelph. Our volunteer Board of Directors offers environmental, educational, forestry, landscape architecture, administration and accounting expertise. Our project coordinator, Moritz Sanio, has over 30 years experience working with communities in planting, naturalization and site maintenance.

VOLUNTEERS: Our volunteer planters include members of the community, industry and students. This year we engaged seven Guelph schools and several community groups. Nearly 1,000 volunteers participated including students from both the elementary and the high school levels. Each student was provided instruction on the benefits of trees and how to plant them. Many continue to be connected to their plantings through supplemental watering and other stewardship activities.

SITES: In 2020 we conducted planting programmes at 12 different sites. Planting sites included school grounds and public green spaces in coordination with City of Guelph staff and on school grounds. We also coordinated planting events on the Johnson & Johnson site in celebration of their 100th anniversary in Canada.

PLANTS: We plant hardy, native species. We also develop naturalized landscapes that provide environmental benefits and have low maintenance requirements. This year, our volunteers planted native wildflower plugs at many of our sites to increase biodiversity.

PARTNERS: Without our partners and financial supporters all this exciting work would not happen. The City of Guelph's support is fundamental to the success of TREES FOR GUELPH and we are a participant in the City's Urban Forest Management initiative. The Modern Bride, Johnson & Johnson, Rotary Club of Guelph South, Pollination Guelph, Copernicus Education Products, Home Depot, Rona, Grand River Conservation Authority, Upper Grand District School Board and Wellington Catholic District School Board have all played major roles in the continuing support of our programs.

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COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY

FALL 2020



All ages at work



Planting Demonstration



The supplies are ready.