



TREES FOR GUELPH

"a project for improving Guelph's urban environment"

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2022 Planting Report Executive Summary

We are pleased to report that Trees for Guelph had the best Planting season ever! Trees for Guelph surpassed a wide range of annual "records" including the most trees and shrubs planted, the most volunteers, the greatest number of schools engaged, the most community planting days and total planting events. Obviously, everyone was eager, once again, to plant collectively in the green spaces of Guelph.

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 175,000 trees in the City of Guelph. This year we planted in the spring and fall. The three fall community planting events were an expansion of our normal spring activities. Volunteers planted over 350 potted trees and shrubs on City open spaces at Kortright Hills, Grange Park and Marksam Park.

VOLUNTEERS: Our volunteer planters include members of the community, industry and students. This year we engaged **25 Guelph schools** and several community groups. Over **7,500 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 2022 we conducted planting programmes over **30 different sites**. Planting sites included school grounds and public green spaces in coordination with City of Guelph staff, on school grounds and commercial sites.

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, Copernicus Education Products, TD Friends of the Environment, Royal City Brewing, Rotary Club of Guelph and Guelph South, Pollination Guelph, RWDI, 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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