



## TREES FOR GUELPH

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE      Thursday April 6, 2023**

2022 was our best planting season ever.

We engaged with 25 Guelph schools. Over **7,500 volunteers** participated. Conducted planting programmes at more **30 different sites** in Guelph. More than **7000** woody plants went into the ground.



As the 2022 planting program ended and all the numbers were tallied up, James Taylor made the decision to transition into the role of past president. Lisa Mactaggart is honoured to represent Trees for Guelph as the president. Many thanks to James for his leadership and time building Trees for Guelph into the vibrant not-for-profit organization it is.

Planting season 2023 will be our 33<sup>rd</sup> season. There are lots of opportunities for planters of all ages to dig holes, plant, mulch, and water baby trees, shrubs, and wildflowers.

There will be three Saturday community planting days this spring rain or shine or snow (hopefully **NOT**)

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 between 9:00am and 2:00pm.

Earth Day Tree Planting and Environmental Fair with Guelph Rotary and the City of Guelph

<https://rotaryguelph.ca/SitePage/earth-day-planting-hanlon-creek-forest/welcome> for more information

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Hanlon Business Park, 9:30am to 12:30pm

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Howitt Park, 9:30am to 12:30am

<https://treesforguelph.ca/> for all the details, including maps.

We launch a brand-new program: the Take Root Initiative.

This collaboration between Trees for Guelph, Forest Ontario, and the City of Guelph is a community-powered initiative, providing residents access to low- or no-cost native trees for their homes and neighbourhoods. Find all the details here: <https://treestakeroot.ca/guelph>

School-day planting sessions start April 17<sup>th</sup>. Trees for Guelph will be facilitating planting and education sessions with elementary and high school students every week-day until the end of May.

Watch for three more community planting days in the fall. 2023 is going to be our most successful season yet!

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 One Canopy Strategy. 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, Guelph Building Supply, Rona, Stantec, Grand River Conservation Authority, Waldorf School, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Upper Grand District School Board and Wellington Catholic District School Board have all played major roles in the continuing support of our programs.

Thank you for your generosity.

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