



Credit Cascades

June 2010

June 23 Workshop: Marketing Green Streets to Homeowners

Please join us for this engaging workshop on strategies municipalities can use to implement Low Impact Development (LID) in urban residential areas. This event will feature a keynote by the Senior Planning and Development Specialist for Seattle Public Utilities, Bob Spencer, who will share the City of Seattle's strategies for overcoming LID implementation barriers. The workshop will also bring together expertise on the latest sustainable landscape marketing research from the

region, LID landscape design, and local LID case study projects. The panel format will allow participants to bring their LID implementation challenges into the discussion. The workshop takes place Wednesday, June 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Mississauga Convention Centre. Registration is free and open to anyone in the watershed, but space is limited. Visit www.creditvalleyca.ca for details.

Landowner Grants Available for Source Water Protection

Credit Valley Conservation, as part of the CTC Source Protection Region has secured funding through the Ministry of the Environment's Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) to assist eligible landowners with projects that protect municipal water sources. Conservation Authority staff, in partnership with municipal partners, will be conducting meetings and targeted mail-outs to landowners within eligible funding areas.

\$501,000 has been allocated as grant money that will go directly to landowners located within a "two year time of travel" area near municipal drinking water wells who complete approved projects on their property by December 31, 2010. Eligible projects include well and septic upgrades, decommissioning and connections, runoff and erosion control, and pollution prevention reviews for businesses.

Please encourage eligible landowners within the Credit River Watershed to contact: Karen Buckle, Program Assistant Outreach, (800) 668-5557 ext. 440 or email kbuckle@creditvalleyca.ca to discuss their project, eligibility and receive direction on the application and approval process.

Urban Outreach Programs and Partners Help Make our Cities Greener

Our Urban Outreach Programs promote environmental landscaping, protection and restoration in urban areas through education and targeted site assistance. Six "Your Green Yard" residential workshops and presentations will be delivered this spring. These neighbourhood-based educational events focus on local natural history, native plant gardening, environmental yard maintenance, and greening outdoor building projects. "Greening Corporate/Institutional Grounds" now has four corporate participants and a growing list of new sites on the horizon. We will be aiding with two corporate plantings this spring. We also have three public plantings - two in Brampton and one in Mississauga. We are developing educational tools for the landscape industry, nurseries and developers that will be of use watershed-wide. With our many partners - Peel, Brampton, Mississauga, TRCA, MBOT, Evergreen, landowners and others - we are helping to make our cities greener!

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Going Green in Orangeville

Enhanced stewardship efforts in the upper reaches of the Credit River Watershed were launched this spring with two planting projects at the headwaters of Mill Creek in Orangeville. Over 750 trees and shrubs were planted to stabilize creek banks, combat climate change, and improve fish habitat by providing shade cover. Seven organizations contributed to the two planting events including the Orangeville

Sustainability Action Team (OSAT) and 40 students from Orangeville District Secondary School. Next for enhanced headwaters stewardship is an ecological landscaping workshop, "Your Green Yard", scheduled for June 16 at 7:00 pm at the Orangeville Senior's Centre. Residents of Orangeville and area can register at stewardship@creditvalleyca.ca or 1-800-668-5557 ext. 221.

Reducing Your Environmental Footprint in the Fletcher's Creek Watershed

On May 20, 2010 Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) and the Ontario Centre for Environmental Advancement (OCETA) hosted a pollution prevention workshop titled "Reducing Environmental Footprint in the Fletcher's Creek Watershed". More than 150 stakeholders shared information on pollution prevention opportunities and activities within the watershed, including:

- The impacts that community businesses, institutions and the public can have on ecosystem health of Fletcher's Creek.
- Pollution Prevention (P2) opportunities and best storm water management practices for Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Sectors within the watershed.
- The business case for pollution prevention. How small and medium-sized manufacturers can save money and reduce hazardous waste, wastewater effluents and smog-causing pollutants at the source.

Students Unveil a Stream of Dreams



Mayor Hazel McCallion, Councillor Frank Dale and School Board officials were on-hand to celebrate as students and teachers at Sts. Peter & Paul School in Mississauga unveiled their completed Stream of Dreams fence mural on May 6. Stream of Dreams is an educational program that teaches communities about their watersheds, rivers and streams through art. Participants learn about their local stream, its importance and the things they can do to protect it. Students then create their own Dreamfish shapes from plywood, beautifully painting them to express visions for healthy streams and rivers.



Canoe the Credit Raises \$18,000 for CYC

CVC hosted the third annual Canoe the Credit on Saturday May 15. This event raised more than \$18,000 in support of Conservation Youth Corps, a program that gives local teens opportunities to participate in environmental activities such as tree planting and river cleanups. A big thank you to sponsors, volunteers and participants. Congratulations to the Peel Regional Police, winners of this year's Team Challenge event.

More than \$1 Million Invested in On-Farm Water Quality Protection

Farmers in Peel Region have completed nearly 50 on-farm environmental improvement projects worth over \$1.15 million with the assistance of the Peel Rural Water Quality Program (PRWQP). More than \$231,000 of financial support has been provided to Peel Region farmers over the last five years through this program. The PRWQP is administered by Credit Valley Conservation and Toronto and Region Conservation in cooperation with Peel Region and the Peel Agricultural Advisory Working Group.



Terra Cotta re-opens

Hundreds of well-wishers came together to celebrate the grand re-opening of Terra Cotta Conservation Area this spring. Visitors to Terra Cotta today can enjoy all-season trails ranging from easy trails for the whole family to challenging hikes. The redevelopment includes a revitalized Welcome Centre, which serves as the home base for recreational activities. The renewed Watershed Learning Centre is the new home for workshops and other programs that help build ecological literacy.

Caring for the Credit Workshop Offers Tips for Healthy Country Living

Rural landowners gathered this past March at Whole Village Farm in Caledon to learn how to enhance and protect their land, water and wildlife. Using CVC's "Your Guide to Caring for the Credit" – a handbook for countryside living – and by sharing their experiences and local concerns, participants learned how to take action to make their home and landscape healthy for their family, community and the environment. The next Caring for the Credit workshop is being held at Terra Cotta Conservation Area, Watershed Learning Centre on Thursday, June 24 at 7:00 pm. Rural landowners in the Credit River Watershed with two acres or more can register at stewardship@creditvalleyca.ca or 1-800-668-5557 ext. 221.

Students Learn It's Easy to Be Green

More than 1,160 students are participating in CVC's "Save the Leopard Frog" school program this spring, including students from IQRA Islamic School, Fletcher's Creek Sr. PS, Cherrytree PS, and others. This award-winning CVC program introduces students to the natural world in their own backyard through classroom activities and field tours. More schools are already booked to participate in the fall.

Two million reasons to celebrate

On May 20, conservation partners working to bring Atlantic salmon back to Lake Ontario stocked the ceremonial 2-millionth salmon in the Credit River at Belfountain Conservation Area. Natural Resources Minister Linda Jeffery was on-hand to help mark the occasion. This initiative is led by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, in partnership with program sponsors LCBO and Banrock Station Wines. CVC and other Conservation Authorities are proud to be partners in this important work.



Equine Environmental Stewardship Workshop Held in Caledon

Approximately 50 equine facility owners recently attended a two part equine environmental stewardship workshop in Caledon. The workshop was organized by the Healthy Lands for Healthy Horses Steering Committee, of which Credit Valley Conservation is a part. Topics included: nutrient/manure management, pasture management, on-farm naturalization projects and environmental funding opportunities. Financial support for the workshop was provided by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association's Nutrient Management - Beneficial Management Practice Demonstration Grant.

Upcoming CVC Board of Directors Meetings

1255 Old Derry Road, Mississauga
(9:15 am)

- July 9
- September 10
- October 15

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