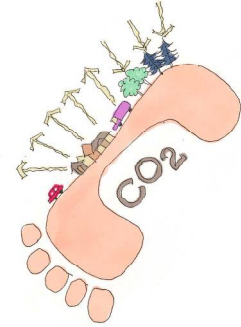




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EXTRA! EXTRA!

EDEN MILLS CARBON FOOTPRINT IS SHRINKING

After careful calculations based on our 2009 household survey and our 4 years of tree planting, we have confirmed that our community carbon footprint has decreased and we are making real progress towards carbon neutrality.

2007 – Community Carbon Emissions	4621 tonnes CO ₂
2007 – Eden Mills Existing Forest Sequestration	2608 tonnes CO ₂
2007 – Net Community Footprint	2013 tonnes CO₂
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2009 – Community Carbon Emissions Reduction	277 tonnes CO ₂
2011 – New Tree Planting Sequestration	342 tonnes CO ₂
2011 – Net Community Footprint	1392 tonnes CO₂

When we began this project, each Eden Mills household needed to reduce its emissions by 12 tonnes in order to reach “neutrality.” This figure has now been reduced to 8.4 tonnes!

Every single effort we have made as individuals to conserve energy, to replace inefficient energy systems in our homes and to plant trees has demonstrated that we can make a difference...and fairly quickly.

This year with more solar PV panel installations in the Village, with several new efficient furnaces, with efforts to reduce transportation costs and with other household changes the 2011 survey will surely show another decrease in our footprint.

We can do it!! We are doing it!! Congratulations to all!!

We plan to celebrate our progress at a community event next fall. We’ll walk you through the numbers above. We’ll also talk about new ideas and learn from each other’s experience.

You don’t have to wait for the bi-annual survey. Measure your footprint every year, with automatic calculations on line: <http://www.goingcarbonneutral.ca/docs2/CO2Calculator.xls> The next community-wide survey will take place in January, and will cover 2011 carbon emissions. Wait for news!

GOING CARBON NEUTRAL INFLUENCE EXPANDS

On Saturday June 18, two neighbourhoods in Toronto will be launching “going carbon neutral” projects under the auspices of a Toronto organization called “Project Neutral”. More than 20 neighbourhoods applied to be the first city neighbourhoods to aim for carbon neutrality. **Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral is credited, along with Ashton-Hayes, with inspiring this significant initiative.** Charles Simon and Linda Sword will attend both launches to bring greetings from the Village.

This week two representatives of Grand Bend visited Eden Mills to learn more about “going carbon neutral” as they discuss initiating a similar project in their community.

www.goingcarbonneutral.ca