



A project of the Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association Inc.

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Fifth annual Earth Day 2012 Saturday, April 21

Brought to you by the Eden Mills Youth Groups

In April 2008, the Eden Mills Youth Group organized the Village's first Earth Day Celebrations. That year, for the first time, Wellington Green Legacy had offered the Village more than 2000 trees to plant in recognition of our intention to "go carbon neutral." **Since that first Earth Day 4 years ago, we have planted 7258 trees, and as many as 22 species.**



Since 2008, these annual Village plantings have reduced our carbon footprint by at least 6%. As the young trees we have planted become hungry teenagers in a few more years, they will begin to eat up even more CO₂. AND, the Village will become ever more beautiful.

In the first year of our Earth Day Celebrations, the **Weather Network** came to catch us in action. As you know, and as you have probably heard from friends and relations from across Canada, the Weather Network has used the Eden Mills short clips constantly since then. Our tree planting has also enhanced the reputation of Wellington Green Legacy.

On top of our own planting, Libby and Glenn Little have inspired and assisted the Upper Grand District School Board to involve more than 8000 students in the Board to participate in different stages of tree planting every year, for Green Legacy's nursery. Wellington Green Legacy has opened a second nursery to increase the number of trees available.

Eden Mills Earth Day Celebrations are a great spring event which brings us out together, whatever the temperature (and there have been some bracing April Saturdays over the past 4 years!) We are especially lucky, once again, to have **Brian Husband** in our midst. A professor at the University of Guelph, he specializes in biology and has just completed a study of the Millpond's bio-diversity. He will not only lead us on an early morning bird-watching hike, but he will also lead, with one of the Village's great teachers, **Pam Bresnahan**, the nature hike in the afternoon.

None of our Earth Days could have happened without the energy and enthusiasm of the **Youth Group** (grades 7 – 12). If you haven't seen them dig holes, haul mulch and water, and whisper to the newly planted trees, it's time you did! There will be a large planting at the Reimer Farm this year, and everyone can help



The **Guardians of Eden**, our junior Youth Group (6 – 12), are also involved this year. They will help plant in the morning and participate in the afternoon games and activities.

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Earth day SCHEDULE Saturday, April 21

****All Activities start at the park****

7:30 am - **Early morning birding**

Brian Husband will be there to guide you. Bring binoculars if you have some. You may even see Chris and Janet Wilson's high-rise goose!



9:30 AM - **Official kick-off**

Kit Bresnahan, founder of the Youth Group and cheerleader for all things natural, will welcome everyone and launch the day's activities.

9:40 to 12:00 - **Tree Planting/Village Clean-up**

You will be able to pick up the trees you ordered from the driveway at Barb Marshall and Joe Paller's house opposite the Park.

Order trees from Bill Allen at bill.allen@wragroup.ca (see attached order form)

If you will be helping with Village clean-up, or joining the planting at the Reimer Farm, please bring gloves, water bottle and a shovel (if you have one.)

12 NOON - 1 pm **Picnic lunch at the park**

Bring along a family picnic, a blanket or fold-up chairs, and join your neighbours to catch up on the winter news.

1 pm - 3 pm

- **GAMES FOR YOUTH AGES 4 AND UP**
- **NATURE Hike** (all ages)
- **CANOEING** (all ages)
- **Kite making with Elizabeth Cunningham** (Ages 6- 12 years)



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2012 EARTH DAY TREE ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Indicate the number of trees you wish in each species:

Eastern White Cedar _____

Sugar Maple _____

Eastern White Pine _____

White Spruce _____

Tamarack _____

Red Oak _____

Red Dogwood _____

The number of sugar maples is limited. Trees will be allocated on the basis of first-received forms. Also we may have to limit the number of trees allocated to each resident.

Please e-mail order form to Bill Allen
bill.allen@wragroup.ca

For information, please contact Kit Bresnahan 519-856-1188/
kitbresnahan1@gmail.com



Please Return by April 16, 2012

Trees will be available on Eden Mills Earth Day,
Saturday morning 9:00 am, April 21st
Pick-up at Marshall/Paller driveway across from the Park.