



A project of the Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association Inc.

Newsletter # 56 December 2013

Fifth Household Emissions Survey 2013

Volunteers will be distributing survey guides starting as early as Saturday, December 14

After two years, it is time to measure our household emissions footprints again.

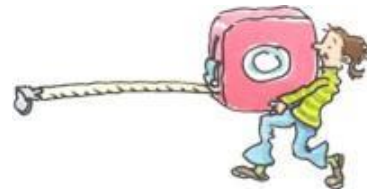
Starting from next Saturday, December 14, one of your neighbours will be calling or visiting you to deliver this year's survey guide, to determine your interest in participating, and to answer any questions you may have.

This visit will prepare you for the survey itself, which will be sent to you for completion in January, 2014, once your 2013 final totals on fossil fuel use (household energy, gas for vehicles, air travel) are available to you. The period we are interested in measuring is January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

This year we will be using, once again, an internet-based survey form, which is friendlier than the "Survey Monkey" form we used two years ago. The volunteers who visit you will be able to tell you how it works. For those who do not wish to use the internet version, your neighbour/volunteer will be able to bring you a hard copy in January.

Once again, students from the University of Guelph's Environmental Sciences Department will be tabulating results and keeping your personal information confidential. The students have also worked with Charles Simon and Lee Wisener to simplify the survey itself to save you time.

One of the key tenets of the Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral project is meaningful measurement of progress. Your participation makes a real difference! You may also find it helpful in your own planning for **reducing your fuel costs in the future.**



It is an exciting time, because we calculated, on the basis of the 2011 survey, that Eden Mills' **collective carbon footprint had decreased by 22% since 2007.** With all the new furnaces and solar panels and other household changes we have seen in the Village over the past years, it will be very interesting to see the most recent results. On top of that, our **tree planting reduced our footprint by another 6%**, so we have every reason to be proud!

Please welcome your neighbour, who will not need much of your time. Almost 100% of the surveys submitted were fully and correctly completed in 2011, proving how diligent Village residents are! For those who have not completed the survey in the past, we will be ready to help you in any way.

We are trying to add an additional volunteer on some of the streets with more homes. If you would like to assist us, please let us know. Some of the volunteers may come as a team of two. It is not at all difficult. We will provide all the information you require.

...see page 2 for the current list of names of the survey volunteer(s) for your street
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Following is the volunteer list confirmed to date. Please get back to me if I have entered your name in error.

2103 SURVEY VOLUNTEERS!
(to be expanded)

Ash Street - # 1 – 21.....Les Zawadzki
Ash Street - # 24-48.....Brian Skerrett
Ash Street - # 40 – 96.....Kathie Lamie
Barden Street - # 145 - 192.....Jack Darmon
Barden Street - # 216-228.....Charles Simon
Barden Street - # 193 – 216.....Linda Hendry
Edgewood RoadLibby Little
Lowrie Lane.....Bob Turner (need one additional)
Memorial.....Marilyn Baxter (need one additional)
Park.....Phil Chapman (tentative, could use
additional)
York and Chapel.....Dave Campbell (need one additional)
Wilson.....Amber Richmond (need one additional)
Small Streets--2nd Line, Stevenson,
Cedar, Glen River Path.....Anita Beaudette

There will likely be changes/additions to this list. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please call Brian Skerrett at 856-0128