



A project of the Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association Inc.

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Seventh annual Earth Day 2014 Saturday, April 26

Did the past winter ice storm leave some gaps in your natural surroundings? Do you have the perfect spot for some new trees? In Eden Mills we are fortunate to have young trees, in 12 species, provided by Wellington Green Legacy and ready for planting in just 3 weeks.

Eden Mills Earth Day Celebrations are a great spring event which brings us out of our winter dens and into the outdoors together, whatever the temperature (and there have been some bracing April Saturdays over the past 7 years!)

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 7 years ago, Eden Mills plantings have topped 33,000 trees (including a major planting at the farm of Louise MacCallum and Michael Barnstijn), 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.

Earth Day Schedule for 2014:

7:30 am –

Early morning birding

Brian Husband, our Eden Mills naturalist and University of Guelph professor, will be meet you at the Hall, a good place to start for water birds. Bring binoculars if you have some.



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Brian says: "This is a great time to bird watch as we can witness the dramatic turnover of species in the Eramosa Valley as spring migrants return and winter birds head further north to breed. In a couple hours, we'll typically see between 20 and 30 species.



Some years we've managed to see spring migrants such as Ruby-Crowned Kinglets (see photo on previous page), Wood ducks, Yellow-Rumped Warblers, Hooded Mergansers (see photo to the left), Song Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird and Hermit Thrush, some of the remaining winter birds, such as Tree Sparrow and Pine Siskin, along with many of the permanent residents of this area, such as Blue Jay, Robin, Mourning Dove and Cardinal."

9:00 AM –

TREE PICK-UP AND VILLAGE SPRING 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.

Please complete Tree Order Form
on next page

(Word Version attached)

Please e-mail order form to Bill Allen

bill.allen@wragroup.ca

Or drop off at 4949 Wellington Rd. 29

Please Return Orders by Tuesday, April 22.

**Trees will be available on Eden Mills Earth Day,
Saturday morning 9:00am, April 26th**

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2014 EARTH DAY TREE ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Indicate the number of trees you wish in each species:

White Ash _____

Sugar Maple _____

White Pine _____

White Spruce _____

Tamarack _____

Bur Oak _____

White Cedar _____

Black Cherry _____

Elderberry _____

American Elm _____

Wild Raspberry _____

Gray Dogwood _____

The number for some species 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 Return Orders by April 22, 2014