



A project of the Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association Inc.



EDEN MILLS 9TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY REPORT

❖ BIRD WATCHING HIKE

Guided by Eden Mills' own expert, Brian Husband, twelve early-bird birders sighted (or heard) **28 species this year**. The species marked with an asterisk were not seen last year.

American Crow
American Goldfinch
American Robin
Black-capped Chickadee
Blue Jay
Broad-winged Hawk*
Brown-headed Cowbird
Canada Goose
Chipping Sparrow
Common Grackle
Dark-eyed Junco*
European Starling
Hairy Woodpecker*
House Wren*
Killdeer
Mallard Duck
Mourning Dove
Northern Cardinal

Northern Flicker
Osprey*
Red-bellied Woodpecker (auditory)*
Red-breasted Nuthatch*
Red-winged Blackbird
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Swamp Sparrow*
Tree Swallow
Turkey Vulture
Yellow-Rumped Warbler*



Note from Brian: Note: The yellow-rumped warbler seen here was the first warbler of the year for me personally and was the first report of this spring migrant for Wellington County this year!!

Thank you Brian!

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❖ TREE PLANTING

We distributed 710 trees from Wellington Green Legacy we had lined up in Joe and Barb's driveway. Since we first starting tree planting in the village on Earth Day we have planted 8,140 trees.

In Bill Allen's photo to the right you will see two of the Earth Day ringleaders - Kit Bresnahan and Barb Marshall. Just below are more tree nurturers: Sharon Blom, Inger Knudson, Kit B., Bill Allen & Brian Skerrett.



Thank you to:

- ✦ Bill Allen for coordinating the tree orders
- ✦ Joe and Barb for watching over the future forest
- ✦ All who participated and planted
- ✦ Wellington Green Legacy



❖ WILD FLOWER HIKE



Brian Husband led us along the radial trail just west of 2nd Line where adjusted our focus to find the shy, delicate-but-sturdy spring wild flowers. We were not disappointed and identified 28 flowers/plants.

Photo: Bloodroot

Photo: Trout Lily



Anemone
Bloodroot *
Blue Cohosh *
Broad-leafed Toothwort*
Canadian Yew
Coltsfoot *
Columbine
Currant
Dutchman's Breeches
Hepatica*
Herb Robert (*)
Iron wood
Leatherwood *

May Apple
Meadow Rue*
Narrow-leaved Sedge*
Pagoda Dogwood
Plantain Sedge *
Solomon's Seal
Trillium - red*
Trillium - white*
Trout Lily *
Violet*
Wild Ginger *
Wild Leek
Woodland Avens (*)
Woodland strawberry
Yellow Birch

***Those marked with asterisks were in flower or showed flower buds.**

Again, huge thanks to Brian Husband for sharing the magic and marveling with us! And to Helen Kubiw for preparing the tiny perfect handbooks of names and photos of birds and flowers!



Could it have possibly been a more beautiful day??



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❖ EDIBLE FOREST GARDEN

The Village Permaculture team had the perfect day for loading and lugging top soil and straw as they prepared a large new bed for more perennial vegetables. Village volunteers were joined by RBC employees participating in the Bank's Day of Service Program (See the blue shirts in the photos). RBC promotes volunteerism and encourages us to help communities prosper. The project has to be minimum 3 hours outside of bank/work hours, minimum 6 people and 50% RBC employees. All told, volunteers ranged in age from 2 to well over 70.



Here's the report from Glenn Little:

"We prepared some new garden beds and planted some new trees and shrubs making our garden even larger! RBC provided funds for the soil and trees and Hersey Bins donated cardboard to mulch the new beds and Wellington County's Green Legacy donated the compost for the base layer of the gardens. It was a beautiful spring day and with everyone's hard work we got more done than we thought we would and everyone had a fun time in the process.

As far as what was planted last year, almost everything made it through the winter, apple trees, raspberries, rhubarb, serviceberries, currants, nut trees and most of the perennial veggies are starting to come up again."

Everyone should visit the garden - It's in the park right behind the Park Street houses near Edgewood Camp. If you want to get involved, contact Glenn at glenn.e.little@gmail.com.



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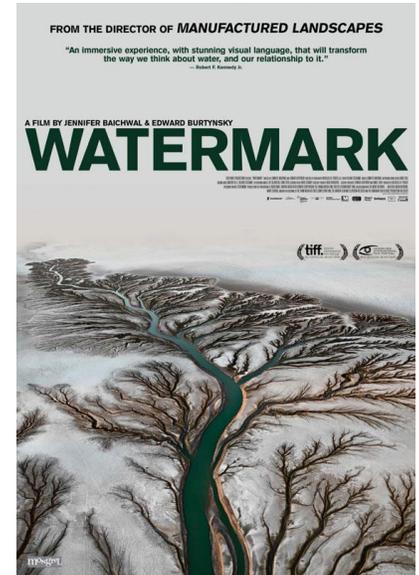
❖ WATERMARK SCREENING

Earth Day 2017 concluded with an evening at the Hall. Ruth and Tom Bowes hosted a delicious wine and cheese reception sponsored by their real estate company Trillium West. A screening of the Ed Burtynsky feature documentary WATERMARK followed. Sobering and spectacular at the same time. The world must learn to value and protect our water!

The evening was a fund-raiser for the Hall energy retro-fit. We netted almost \$1000!

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the evening such (apparently) light work! Thanks also to Michael Barnstijn and Louise MacCallum for the loan of the film.

And special thanks to Tom and Ruth Bowes.



❖ COMMUNITY HALL WELCOMES SPRING WITH SOLAR PANEL ARRAY!

Over the past two weeks you will have seen crews on the roof of the Community Hall – that is, when it is not raining...We are finally installing a 10 Kw solar array on the roof. The project is funded by a loan from Wellington and Waterloo Futures Fund. The power we generate will pay off the loan. At the same time, two more households have now added themselves to the list of proud Eden Mills solar farmers!

Note: The Hall panels harvest both morning and afternoon sun. Watch for more insights!

