

REPORT TO HCCA MEETING: 12 APRIL 2021

ENVIRONMENT

Thanks to the initiative of project leads and team members activities are proceeding as anticipated in the forecast tabled at the February HCCA meeting, with minor adjustments to the timing of events. The first two attachments are as supplied to the councillor's office and subject to subsequent editing.

Attachment 1. Input to Councillor's April (Earth Day) Report.

Attachment 2. Input to flyer for distribution at Junk That Funk event at HCRPCC, 24 April.

Attachment 3. Report on Get Growing Hunt Club.

Attachment 4. Butterflyway Project

ATTACHMENT 1

Hunt Club Community Association

Once again, this year HCCA is offering multiple opportunities to help make our green community, which includes McCarthy Woods and the Southern Nature Corridor to the Rideau River, even greener.

Do you need a rain barrel? Place a pre-paid order at rainbarrel.ca/huntclub/ for delivery to your home by the end of April.

On 1 May from 10 am to 12 noon come out to help Spring Cleaning the Capital at Paul Landry Park or Uplands Park.

In May Get Growing Hunt Club will be helping residents grow their own food by giving out seeds and seedlings.

From May to September, we partner with Ecology Ottawa at various sites to make free tree saplings available to homeowners.

Full details are at www.hunt-club.ca/projects/environment/ and will be available at the 24 April Earth Day Junk That Funk electronics recycling event at Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre.

ATTACHMENT 2



Thank you for bringing in your end-of-life electronics, keeping it out of landfill.

Here are details on some environmental initiatives from the Hunt Club Community Association you may find helpful or to which you could contribute. More at www.hunt-club.ca/environment/.

Saturday 1 May: Spring Park Clean-up. Wear your masks and gloves to help clear our pathways of carelessly dropped litter and the bushes from blown in detritus. From 10 am to 2 pm, garbage bags can be left at the city sign at Uplands Park or Paul Landry Park. Everyone welcome. <https://hunt-club.ca/event/spring-park-cleanup/>.

Sunday 16 May: Get Growing Hunt Club. Sign up to reserve your free vegetable seed kit (one seedling; one package of seeds). Supplies are limited, Hunt Club residents only please. On Sat. May 15, Get Growing kits will be available for Shearwater and Ashgrove residents, right in your community. Register online. <https://hunt-club.ca/project/getgrowing/>.

Saturday 24 April, 22 May & 28 Sept: Tree Ottawa: In partnership with Tree Ottawa, free trees available for private residences in our area. Pick up at Riverside United Church on Riverside Drive 1-3 pm. Reservations required at <https://2020-ecologyottawa.nationbuilder.com/treecampaign/>.

Until 15 August: Youth Environmental Champions. Nominate a young person, age 13 – 18 for contributions to helping the environment. See the nomination form at <https://hunt-club.ca/project/champions/>.

Ongoing: Hunt Club Creek Monitoring. The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority surveys the environmental health of the creek every six years. Community volunteers monitor the creek in between surveys. Next full survey is in 2025. Find out more at <https://hunt-club.ca/project/stream-watch>.

Ongoing: Enjoy Our Environment. McCarthy Woods, the Southern Nature Corridor, the Rideau River Trail off Kimberwick Crescent, or Sawmill Creek — you are never far from an area where you can appreciate nature.

Ongoing: Lost shopping carts. Help local businesses by reporting their “lost” shopping carts.

ATTACHMENT 3

Get Growing Hunt Club (GGHC)
Submitted by Barb Shea, team lead.

The GGHC project is on track.

A webinar on Starting Seeds with Science was hosted on March 16th. We have had uniformly positive feedback from participants.

The date for distribution of Get Growing Hunt Club seed kits is Sunday May 16th the following Sunday May 23rd is being kept as a rain date. On Sat. May 15, GetGrowing kits will be available for Shearwater and Ashgrove residents only, provided directly to their communities. Hunt Club residents may register online <https://hunt-club.ca/project/getgrowing/>

We are planning for a central distribution place this year. More details will be forthcoming in the time leading up. The team has created a blueprint for the project and a roadmap for the delivery of seed kits (one seedling/one package of seeds and an information/educational pamphlet). The key elements of the project, namely, sourcing the product, determining how to distribute (safety first-COVID wise), knowledge and communications (social media, website pages, FB posts, Twitter, registration, printing of brochures and poster), outreach (e.g. into OCH, local schools) and recruiting volunteers beyond the core GGHC team are all in hand and on schedule. Many thanks to each member of the GGHC team: Lorraine Busby, Kate Cathrae (liaison with RPCA), Jason Dubue, Kat Gracie, Christine Johnson, Erin McCracken (liaison with Councillor Brockington's office) Tania Mushka and Piero Narducci.

ATTACHMENT 4

Butterflyway Project

Submitted by: Zivana Pavic

About the Project

The [Butterflyway Project](#) is the David Suzuki Foundation's award-winning project led by volunteers (Butterfly Rangers), and helped by residents in local communities. Its objective is to create healthy habitats and pollinator patches for local bees and butterflies, and contribute to healthy and vibrant communities across Canada.

There are 3 Butterflyway Rangers (that we are aware of) in the Hunt Club Community. We will start with smaller patches this year and then gradually build in subsequent years. Planting of pollinator-friendly wild flowers may start in May and continue through the early summer and fall.

Locations for pollinator patches may include areas in Uplands Park, Paul Landry Park (both on Uplands Drive), McCarthy Park (Paul Anka Drive, next to the Hunt Club Community Centre), and the community garden.

Current Status

- Developed the content for the web page - now posted on the HCCA website.
- Organized the webinar on butterfly gardening (March 23) - recording is available.
- Compiled a list of online resources for volunteers and interested residents.
- Spoke with Councillor Riley regarding the permissions for planting in city-owned areas and about potential assistance with costs.
- Sent a follow-up letter to the city to inform them about the project and intended planting locations.
- Developed cost estimates (3-year horizon and ongoing).

Pending

- Sourcing of seedlings and exploring potential partnerships. (April)
- Letter to Mayor Watson regarding the *Mayors' Monarch Pledge - Pollinator Week*, June 21-27. (by April 20)
- Call to Hunt Club residents for volunteers and for donations of native plants. (Early May)
- Purchase of seedlings from the Fletcher Wildlife Garden (June).