

## Environment Report (Mireille Trent)

- **Community Environmental Projects Grants Program (CEPGP).** This City of Ottawa program provides funding for small-scale community projects that promote environmental sustainability. The deadline is April 10, 2026. The HCCA will submit two applications which propose the following activities:
  - invasive species removal in Paul Landry Park;
  - small pollinator gardens in key locations (e.g. Archer Square);
  - “poets’ wildflower garden” at the entrance to McCarthy Woods; and
  - textile and clothing “Repair Café” event in Hunt Club (TBC).
- **Greenbelt Forum.** Several HCCA members attended a forum on the future of the NCC Greenbelt, organized by the Ottawa chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society. It turns out that, in some locations, the southern boundary of the Hunt Club community is within 500 metres of the NCC’s Greenbelt. As a result, the HCCA will be invited to participate in the NCC’s consultations on a new Greenbelt Master Plan (due to be completed by the end of 2027).
- **Adopting Hunt Club Creek.** The Rideau Valley Conservation Area (RVCA)’s City Stream Watch program is a community-based partnership that works with volunteers to monitor and promote the health of urban creeks. Volunteers can participate in stream surveys, garbage clean-ups, and invasive species removals. The program runs on a six-year cycle and the HCCA is now in the process of applying for the renewal of its partnership. We look forward to working with “citizen scientists” from across the Hunt Club community on this project.
- **Get Growing Hunt Club (GGHC).** Barb Shea reported as follows:
  - The first meeting of GGHC was held with Barb Shea, Piero Narducci, Cathy Bourignon, Lamis Wiebe, Jason Dubue, Christine Johnson, and Emily Corber.
  - GGHC will be held on **Saturday, May 16** (12:30-2:30 pm) at the Community Centre. On the day, Melissa MacIsaac will lead a fundraiser. She will sell ice cream from the Merry Dairy.
  - Lee Valley Tools has donated \$500 worth of seeds for the event, and GGHC recently received a \$100 donation from Nick and Jessie Wilson of Nick of Time Realty.
  - If all budget funds are not used on the event day, the team would like to use them towards the Fire Station garden (all produce is donated to food cupboards). *[The HCCA Board agreed].*
  - Noella Bussieres-Butler will give an education session on how to start a vegetable garden (to be held on April 25, at the Community Centre).