



End-of-year Newsletter

A look at what we accomplished in 2024 and what is in store for 2025

With your help, we accomplished a lot in 2024!

- 19 public events
- 3,000 volunteers and over 10,000 hours of volunteer time
- 8,830 trees and shrubs
- 625 wildflowers
- 3.7 hectares or 9.1 acres of wildlife habitat enhancement
- 500 square metres of invasive species (buckthorn and dog-strangling-vine) management

In April, we celebrated Earth Week at our signature annual event at Bruce's Mill Conservation Park in Stouffville. This was our first time planting in the Town of Stouffville and we will be back in 2025 to plant another 4,500 trees and shrubs!

In May, we planted at Monarch Park and then throughout the summer, we hosted a small group consisting mostly of high school students who mulched and weeded at a number of our past planting sites. We have been working hard to maintain a pollinator garden at Monarch Park and will be working on an expansion in 2025.

In September, we added some more wildflowers at Monarch Park and then hosted a tree planting event at Austin Drive Park. In fact, this was our third planting at Austin Drive Park, having previously planted in different parts of the park in 1991 and in 2018. You can see some of the original cedars that were planted in 1991 near the

centre of the park.

Finally, we ended the year in the Rouge National Urban Park where we planted in the headwaters of Duffins Creek. Photos from all of our events can be found on our [Facebook](#) page.

How can you help?

1. Spread the word and bring others with you to our events.
2. Take the Planting Coach training and help us teach new volunteers how to plant trees. Contact us for more information.
3. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and tag us on your posts.
4. Donate to 10,000 Trees

10,000 Trees is a volunteer-run charity organization and do not have any paid staff. All donations go directly to purchasing trees and equipment for our events.

2025 Schedule

We are currently planning for a number of events in the Rouge. We expect to open registration for our Bruce's Mill event in February or March 2025. Please check our website for more updates.

- April 26 and 27 - Bruce's Mill Conservation Park (Major event)
- May - Unionville or Markham Planting (Mini event)
- June - Monarch Park wildflowers (Mini event)
- Summer - mulching, weeding and maintenance at various parks in Markham
- Fall - Rouge National Urban Park Planting (Major event)
- Fall - Unionville or Markham Planting (Mini event)
- Fall - Monarch Park wildflowers (Mini event)

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