



**SUPPORTING OUR  
COMMUNITY IN NATURE**





# Your support connects Mississaugans to nature and advances reconciliation

From public programs to school field trips to conservation initiatives to supporting Indigenous-led events and programs, our work would not be possible without the generous support of the Mississauga City Council and City staff

Thank you for trusting us to help our community live in harmony with nature





**150 acres of forest, meadow,  
ravine, creek habitats**

**3.5 km of trails**

**1.5 km of Credit River shoreline**

**One of the most diverse  
ecosystems in the Credit River  
watershed**



**Challenges**

**Caring for the land**

**Population growth pressures**



# CONSERVATION INITIATIVES



**1,300**

*Wildflowers  
planted  
around  
Riverwood*



**1,050**

*Volunteers  
engaged in  
conservation  
work*



**535**

*Trees and shrubs  
planted around  
Riverwood*



# Corporate and Community Engagement

- 35 groups engaged in conservation work, including 19 corporate groups
- Corporate groups all made donations to cover prep time and support additional programming (approx. \$30,000 in donations raised)





# DISCOVERY PROGRAMS



**210**

*Discovery  
programs  
delivered*



**6,011**

*In-person  
Discovery  
participants*





# A Variety of Inclusive Programming

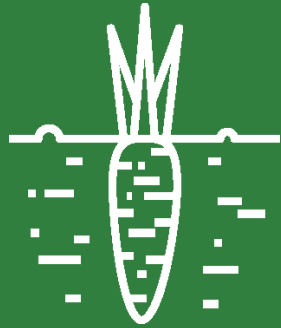
- Public programs include birding, nature trivia nights, night-time nature walks, and astronomy nights
- Programs held in partnership with the Newcomer Centre of Peel, including on-site nature walks for ESL individuals and youth
- Sauga Connections for Older Adults monthly virtual presentations
- Piloted forest bathing programs delivered Mandarin and Cantonese

**“Great group of presenters who are knowledgeable, friendly, and enthusiastic, and the same can be said for the volunteers. The Riverwood Conservancy’s programs are a real gem.”**

***- Discovery Program Participant***

# GARDENS AND GARDENING PROGRAMS





**300 lbs**

*Produce donated  
to The Compass  
Food Bank*



**1,700**

*Hours of  
volunteer  
service provided*



**2,792 ft<sup>2</sup>**

*New garden space  
created around  
Riverwood*



## Gardens Highlights

- Emphasis on nurturing native plants in our gardens
- Diversifying garden types: pollinator, vegetable, ornamental
- Introduction of Gardening Naturally program for students in Grades 3 and 5





## Year of the Garden

- The Canadian Garden Council and Communities in Bloom proclaimed 2022 as Year of the Garden
- City held a National Garden Day Event on June 18 at Riverwood featuring guided tours by Conservancy staff



# OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS





## Nurturing the next generation

- 1,260 elementary students from September to December 2022
- 1,488 special education and therapeutic horticulture participants in 2022
- 1,007 secondary student participants in 2022





# SUPPORTING THE CITY'S RECONCILIATION EFFORTS





## Jingtamok: The Riverwood Indigenous Social

- Annual public gathering celebrating Indigenous culture
- Organized by Indigenous community members and supported by our staff and volunteers
- Builds relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, supports the goals of truth and reconciliation
- Funded by the Community Foundation of Mississauga





## Gwayakochigaye

- Three-week, Elder-led, credit course in partnership with Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board
- For high school students who identify as Indigenous
- Land-based learning opportunities with Two-Eyed Seeing approach
- Supported by our staff



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## Indigenous Webinars

- While COVID-19 restrictions prevented in-person events, we worked with various speakers to deliver webinars focused on Indigenous history and culture
- Webinar topics included wampum and paper treaties, storytelling and drumming, and traditional uses of local plant species





## **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 2022**

### **Tipachimowin: Finding Your Voice, Finding Your Story**

- Around a ceremonial circle on Chappell Lawn, guests and speakers shared impactful stories and teachings about the history of residential schools to honour and support survivors and their families
- Organized by The Indigenous Network and supported by staff and volunteers from The Riverwood Conservancy

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**We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you!**

