

*Working in partnership toward the greening of Chatham-Kent*



# SUMMER EDITION

The Greening Partnership is an agreement between The Municipality of Chatham-Kent, the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA) and St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA), to green our municipality through tree plantings, tallgrass prairie, and wetland restoration.

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## WHAT'S NEW?

### River bank behind Chatham Office

As part of the RBC Blue Water grant, Jenkins Landscaping hydro-seeded the river bank behind the Chatham Administration Office to establish a riparian buffer along the Thames River.

### Clean up with Stewardship Rangers

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Stewardship Rangers assisted LTVCA staff with trail work and park clean-up at Rowsom and Big "O" Conservation Areas.



LTVCA Stewardship staff and MNRF Stewardship Rangers after clean-up and trail maintenance at Big "O" CA.

### KFA Round the County Agri Tour

The Agricultural Specialist and Land Stewardship Technician were out showcasing the Curran wetland site this year for the Kent Federation of Agriculture's Round the County Agri-Tour which took place on Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Argft4d Youth Group

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, the Argft4d youth group was out with LTVCA Stewardship staff, planting plugs at a recent wetland project.

### Wetlands To Date

This summer nine wetlands were constructed in Chatham-Kent. These projects have been funded by Great Lakes Guardian Fund, The National Wetland Conservation Fund and GDF SUEZ.



Wetland Construction on Lagoon Rd in Chatham-Kent on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

### Greening Partnership Environmental Award



On September 8th, Don Pearson, General Manager of LTVCA and Greg Van Every, Environmental Technical Assistant of LTVCA presented Union Gas the Environmental Award.

Union Gas has been a significant stewardship leader in the community for the past 10 years contributing over \$130,000. Union Gas has been an ongoing supporter of the LTVCA, investing in the future of our youth and the environment in the Lower Thames watershed. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the future!

### McGeachy Pond Conservation Area

McGeachy Pond Conservation Area has finally been updated with a new and improved sign to become more recognizable and part of the new Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority brand.

### Species at Risk (SAR) Fund

The Species at Risk (SAR) Fund for the CK Municipal Drain Improvement Project is providing \$41,000 for a one-year position to work alongside the Drainage Department. Interviews have been completed and the candidate will be starting early fall. The focus will be on continuing to establish wetland and riparian vegetation to improve water quality and habitat for a variety of aquatic and terrestrial SAR in the area.

### C.M. Wilson Conservation Authority



Lindsay Bennett, LTVCA's Land Stewardship Technician sampled fish at C.M. Wilson on September 3rd, 2015 with the Lake Erie Management Unit Staff.

The Lake Erie Management Unit of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry were out with the Land Stewardship Technician and the Environmental Project Coordinator on September 3rd sampling fish to better determine the health of the pond.

### Milkweed Project at McGregor Diversion Channel

Two thousand Milkweed seedlings were made available to the LTVCA and the community as part of the Milkweed Project organized by Gary Eagleson. The plugs have been planted to create monarch-friendly breeding spaces across the municipality.



LTVCA staff and Gary Eagleson planting milkweed plugs along the shoreline at the McGregor Diversion Channel (Photo by : Diana Martin, The Daily News)

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**LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL 2015**

1. Working with CK Horticultural Society on "Tree of the Year" which will provide large stock trees to residents
2. Update on Stewardship Showcase– Rondeau Bay Bus Tour
3. Big news about Grant Applications
4. Species at Risk Biologist to begin
5. Sneak Peak of the Heritage Trees Movie
6. CK Health Unit Plantings
7. Start of Enbridge 140 acre restoration at Clear Creek

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