

City of Kitchener: Building Public Support for Nature-Based Solutions

Photos & Videos

[Program overview video](#)



[Video: Preparing for climate change: Strengthening Kitchener's stormwater management](#)



Nature-based stormwater infrastructure as public space



[Video: Montgomery Creek Restoration at Wilson Park](#)



Montgomery Creek restoration and seating area in Wilson Park



Improving water quality, reducing erosion, protecting critical infrastructure, and enhancing how people experience the creek and park



Adding green infrastructure during road reconstructions



A rain garden designed to help stormwater infiltrate in a neighbourhood cul-de-sac.



Learning and Adaptation in Practice



Engaging residents at Montgomery Creek to share context, listen, and inform next steps following early project challenges.



Reusing removed trees as ecological and community features



- 1. Habitat log integrated into the seating area
- 2. Stepping logs for nature play
- 3. Raptor perch and in-stream habitat features

Incorporating removed trees into the restored landscape to honour community concerns while enhancing habitat and public space



Engagement Shaping Better Design

Community conversations in Meadowlane Park



Pop-up events helped residents of all ages understand stormwater challenges and share their priorities to inform project decisions



Expanding participation through multiple formats



A mix of workshops and visual styles supported participation from different audiences and learning styles



Everyday Community Use & Connection

Nature-based infrastructure as community space



The restored Montgomery Creek corridor now functions as a gathering place and active neighbourhood connection, supporting walking, sitting, and informal use alongside stormwater and ecological functions.



Community planting and celebration at project completion



An important early learning from these projects was the role of natural infrastructure as a setting for everyday social and nature connection



Partnership-Based Education & Participation



Partner Reep Green Solutions offers green infrastructure walks, webinars, healthy yard consultations, and native plant sales to help people take rain-smart actions at home, work, and school.

Additional Information

Visit www.Kitchener.ca/Stormwater for additional information and

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