



Greening Canada's School Grounds

WHY WE DO IT:

Students with access to green spaces have an enhanced learning experience and improved outcomes in science, math and language arts¹. As well, access to green space in a student's learning environment is associated with improved mental well-being and overall health².

By supporting school greening projects, we enhance the learning experience for students and strengthen their relationship with nature.

¹ Children and Nature Network. "Tools & Resources" https://www.childrenandnature.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/CNN_2016GSY_AcadOut_d7-3.pdf

² McCormick, R. (2017). "Does access to green space impact the mental well-being of children: a systematic review" <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0882596317301859>



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WHAT WE DO: Since 1992, Tree Canada and its sponsors have greened more than **660 schoolyards** across the country. With the support of our sponsors, we can turn barren schoolyards into living outdoor classrooms, create arboreturns for hands-on learning and reconnect students back to their natural world.

Funding up to \$3,500 is available to eligible projects to cover the cost of purchasing and planting trees and shrubs, site preparation, tree maintenance, planting materials and developing education materials.

WHO WE SUPPORT: We support project based on educational institution property such as elementary schools, primary schools, high schools, universities, colleges and training centers across Canada.

HOW DOES IT WORK: The call for grant applications opens in October the year prior to project implementation and applications are accepted until the end of November of the same year. Once the application submission closes, Tree Canada evaluates all applications received and by March all applicants are informed of whether their project proposal has been successful in receiving a grant or not. In some cases, some projects may be put on a waiting list and may be contacted if a new funding opportunity arises. Granted projects are to be completed the following spring or fall.

HOW WE OFFER SUPPORT: Tree Canada offers logistical support for each project from our national office and on-the-ground support from a Tree Canada community adviser, a specialist who is able to provide guidance, support and recommendations on the project.

SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENT: We understand that it may be difficult to confirm details of celebration events and recognition activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing restrictions. Depending on future provincial and local health guidelines, we ask that recipients describe how would they intend to promote their project and thank Tree Canada and the sponsor, should it become possible to hold events in the future. In your descriptions, please include details of the event and how the sponsor will be recognized.

WHERE WE DO IT: Tree Canada supports greening projects wherever learning takes place. From elementary schools in Newfoundland to vocational learning centers in British Columbia. We are here to green any and all educational institutions across Canada.

TREE CANADA IN ACTION:

ÉCOLE DES SEPT-SOMMETS, ROSSLAND, BC

In 2018, Tree Canada and École des Sept-Sommets planted 167 trees and shrubs in a barren corner of their schoolyard to transform it into a green space supporting an array of life. Students are now able to observe and enjoy the biodiversity in this new area of their schoolyard.

GOVERNOR SEMPLE SCHOOL, WINNIPEG, MB

In 2018, Governor Semple School and Tree Canada planted 11 evergreen trees in their schoolyard providing a wind barrier during the colder months. These newly planted trees now allow students to get the outdoor time they need all year-round.

FLEMING COLLEGE, LINDSAY, ON

In 2018, Tree Canada and Fleming College planted 25 native trees and shrubs were planted in their new Arboretum. Used as a resource for students, the arboretum now provides students with a unique hands-on learning opportunity.

*Together we can
improve the learning
environments of
Canadian students
for the better.*



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Tree Canada is the only national non-profit organization dedicated to planting and nurturing trees in rural and urban environments. Through our programs, research and engagement efforts, we have helped restore tree cover in areas hit by natural disasters, guided communities in managing their urban forests, supported over 700 schoolyard greening projects and organized urban forest conferences. To date, with our community partners and sponsors, we have planted more than 83 million trees.

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