

2020 Year End Report

Thank you for giving Mother Nature a voice and a helping hand!

Scientists and the Insurance Bureau of Canada agree. **Forest and wetland restoration is urgently needed** to reduce pollution, climate change, and flooding impacts; and to protect watershed, ecosystem, and human health. The United Nations calls 2021 to 2030 the **"Decade of Ecosystem Restoration"** and **"challenges everyone to massively scale-up restoration efforts that breathe new life into our degraded ecosystems"**.

By helping FRW, you are contributing to our award-winning environmental education, protection and restoration programs. To overcome the growing global threats of climatic extremes, environmental degradation and biodiversity loss, we must all think globally and act locally.

With your support in 2020, the following was accomplished:



12,043	Native trees, shrubs and flowers planted and nurtured
130	Student, community and corporate planting volunteers
175,000 L	Mulching and watering of trees
75 - 80%	Tree survival rate
36 kg	Native tree and wildflower seeds planted
15,000m ²	Public land restored to native habitat
160,000 kg	Estimated kg of CO ₂ absorbed by planted trees each year
3 million	Estimated runoff / flooding reduction in litres
20	Nature walks to inspire ecological understanding and ethics
30	Bags of invasive species and garbage removed
830	Students involved through virtual plantings and nature walks

2021 FRW Wish List

1. A healthier and happier 2021 for Humankind and Mother Nature
2. Scaled-up forest and wetland restoration worldwide and in Rouge National Park
3. Establishment of the Rouge National Park Advisory Committee with FRW as a member

Yours in conservation,

Jim & Thiuyah
Friends of the Rouge Watershed

Quotes to Inspire

"We are the first generation to feel the effect of climate change and the last generation who can do something about it." – Barack Obama

"You say that you love your children above everything else. And yet you are stealing their future."
– Greta Thunberg

"The World's Forests are a shared stolen treasure that we must put back for our children's future."
– Archbishop Desmond Tutu

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."
– Chinese Proverb

FRW Partners in Conservation



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Bill Crothers Secondary School • Delphi Secondary Alternative School • Dunbarton High School
 Equinox Holistic Alternative School • Hillside Outdoor Education School • Holy Trinity School
 Lucy Maud Montgomery Public School • Roden Public School
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