



HOW TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY GREENING WITHOUT HAVING YOUR OWN LAND

Hintonburg Community Association – www.hintonburg.com/greening

Many of us in Hintonburg don't have our own yards and yet we may want to support the greening of our neighbourhood. The good news is that there are lots of things we can do!

Here are a few suggestions of how YOU can help support community greening in Hintonburg...

1. Help green public lands throughout the neighbourhood

The HCA (Hintonburg Community Association) and its partner organization HEDC (Hintonburg Economic and Development Committee) maintain a number of public gardens throughout Hintonburg. More volunteers are welcome! If you'd like to volunteer or have an idea of a public space that could become a pollinator/native species garden, reach out to us at info@hintonburg.com and put "garden team" in the subject header. Here are a few inspiring stories about native/pollinator gardens throughout Ottawa: [Churchill Alternative PS in Westboro](#), [Sunnyside Library](#), [City Hall](#), and the [Canadian Museum of Nature](#).

2. Approach a neighbour and offer to help them with their land

Sometimes neighbours are interested in having their yards turned into garden space or having a tree/shrub planted but they can't do it on their own. If you know a neighbour who has space and might appreciate some help maintaining a garden or planting a tree/shrub, consider approaching them and offering. Hintonburg doesn't currently have a formal garden sharing program like [Westboro Beach CA](#) but setting up your own arrangement is a great way to expand

biodiversity in the neighbourhood. You could even offer through local Facebook buy-nothing groups! Just slightly further afield, [Fletcher Wildlife Garden](#) and the [Canadensis native plant gardens](#) are often looking for volunteers.

3. Suggest ideas to the HCA Environment Committee and join our working group

We welcome enthusiastic volunteers who would like to contribute to the greening of the neighbourhood. If you have a greening idea to share or want to find out how you can help our current initiatives, email us at info@hintonburg.com and put "environment committee" in the subject header.

The options are endless, such as developing tree diversity as has been done in [Champlain Park](#) and along [Bronson Avenue](#) or working to control invasive species in our neighbourhood like the [dog-strangling vine](#), [common buckthorn](#) and [Norway maple](#).

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