



2021 Year in Review

For more than 30 years, your generous contributions have helped us support the creation of a more vibrant planet

Thank you to every one of our donors. Because of you, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF) was able to support **551** environmental projects across Canada in 2021. Your contributions helped plant trees, protect and restore green spaces, enhance parks, grow community gardens and foster an authentic love and respect for our natural world through exciting learning opportunities for people of all ages.

This report spotlights some of the organizations across Canada that are making positive impacts through TD FEF grants. For more than 30 years, we've helped support communities in thousands of ways that would not have been possible without you.

Read on to discover the ways our grantees have been working toward a greener tomorrow in 2021.

**TD Friends of the
Environment Foundation**

Green by the Numbers

Together, we accomplished a lot in 2021

TD FEF is proud to support the vibrant planet goals of [The TD Ready Commitment](#), the TD corporate citizenship strategy aimed at helping create a more inclusive and sustainable tomorrow. We're committed to helping protect and enrich our shared environment so that people, communities and economies have an opportunity to thrive. If you donated to TD FEF, volunteered your time and talents, or raised funds, you helped make an impact.

Here's how:



\$3 million+

Total amount donated to TD FEF by TD employees and customers



\$2

Most common monthly donation amount to TD FEF



551

Number of local environmental projects supported by TD FEF across Canada



100

Percentage of TD FEF's administration costs covered by TD



\$1 million+

Additional support provided by TD to support TD FEF grants and programs like TD Tree Days



100

Percentage of donations given to local initiatives: every dollar goes directly to fund local environmental projects

Supporting Initiatives in Indigenous Communities



As part of TD's journey towards Truth and Reconciliation, we are committed to building ongoing relationships with Indigenous Peoples and communities. TD FEF supports initiatives, led by community, that focus on ways of teaching and learning that are rooted in a deep respect for the land and that celebrate the varied history and culture, both past and present, of Indigenous Peoples. Here are just a few examples of projects where TD FEF supported work in Indigenous communities.

Yale First Nation (British Columbia)

Planned and developed two community gardens and orchards at Stullawheets IR8 & Lukseetsissum IR9, promoting a healthier community and sharing knowledge from Elders.

The Spirit Horse Centre (Manitoba)

Ran multiple three-day land-based programs for youth, guided by staff and an Elder, where youth have access to wilderness and survival skills education, environmental sustainability workshops, equine therapy, and self-esteem and positive cultural awareness activities.

Abegweit First Nation and Abegweit Conservation Society (Prince Edward Island)

Provided the Plamu'k na Kitapina'q (Salmon Are Our Friends) Program for local schools, where children learn about fish habitat, biodiversity, and ecology, while also integrating Lnu'k (Mi'kmaq) traditional ecological knowledge, social studies, language arts, math and art.

Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (Ontario)

Involved students in trail creation at a local elementary school. Students named the trail Anishinaabensag Miikaanens (Little Anishinabek Trail) and participated in clearing the trail, which is used for outdoor education.



TD Tree Days

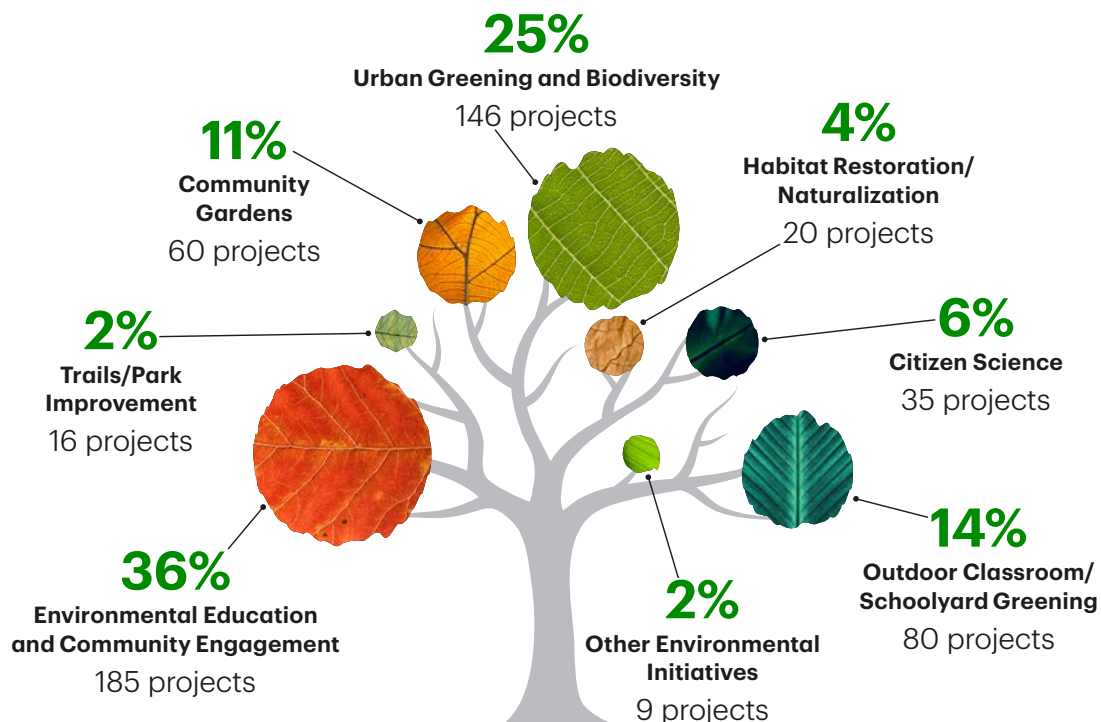
TD is proud to continue to support organizations across Canada with tree-planting projects that restore, maintain and create green spaces where people can enjoy the many benefits of nature. TD FEF awarded over \$475,000 in funding through TD Tree Days grants to provide backing for restoration projects in communities across Canada! While in-person TD Tree Days events were not held in 2021 due to the ongoing impacts of the pandemic, TD created the [2021 TD Tree Days Activity Guide](#) to help people discover fun, new ways to get outside and connect with nature. The activities were supplied by TD FEF-supported organizations that work year-round to help create a more vibrant planet for their local communities.

Greening Where You Live in 2021

Your donations truly make a difference! You've helped support **551** grassroots projects focused on creating greener and more sustainable communities across Canada. Here's how your donations have been disbursed to help make an impact.

Types of projects funded

A variety of local environmental improvements were made possible through your support of TD FEF.



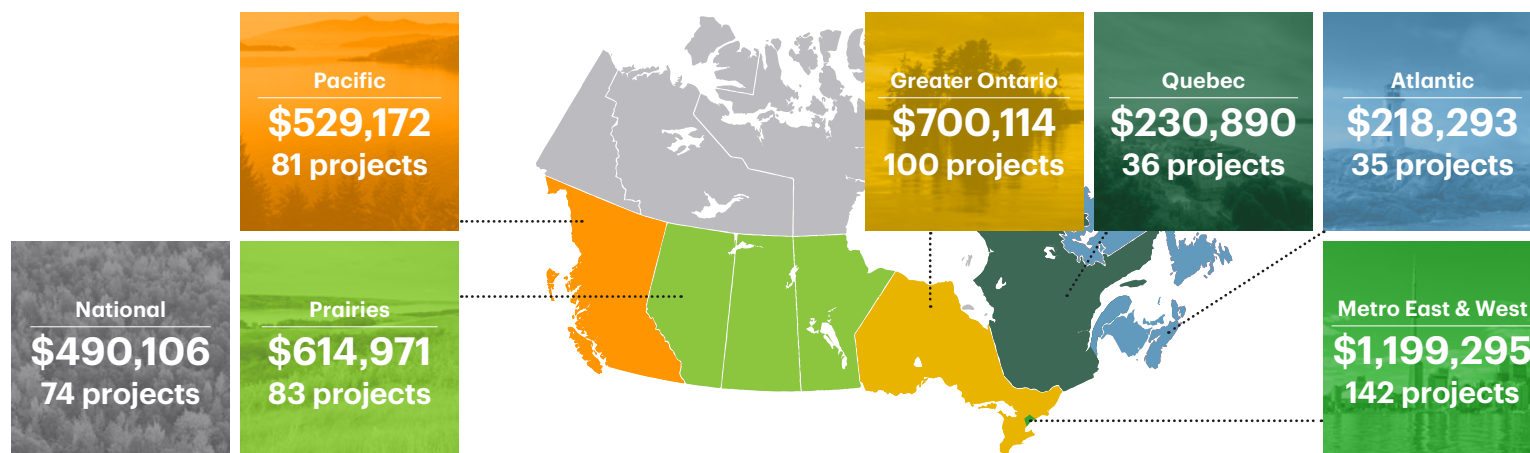
Total grants

\$3,982,841

551 Projects

Grants by region

Total amount rounded to the nearest whole dollar.



Your Donations at Work:[†]

Environmental Education



Your donations helped fund
185
educational initiatives with
\$1,445,124
in grants

Finding nature play close to home

The Child and Nature Alliance of Canada

Greater Ontario Region

Led by youth workers from their own communities, 50 kids from two underserved Ottawa neighbourhoods took their learning outdoors. The children took part in Play in Parks: seven weeks of free, nature-based programs in local green spaces.

“The program was so important in helping the children reconnect with nature, step away from their screens, get physical activity into their day and build friendships in the community.”

– Natalia, Program Lead, Social Enterprise Development, The Child and Nature Alliance of Canada

Discovering the cultural significance of plants

Habitat Acquisition Trust

Pacific Region



A WSÁNEĆ ethnobotany practitioner and knowledge keeper led an ethnobotany workshop in Oak Haven Park in Central Saanich on unceded WSÁNEĆ territory. The result: 26 participants learned about the medical and cultural significance of native plants found in the park.

Growing and Saving Organic Seeds

FarmFolk CityFolk

Pacific Region

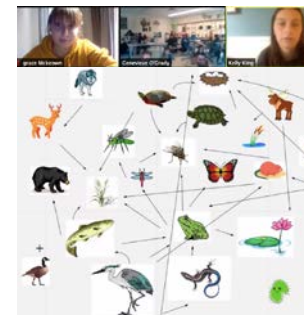
Across British Columbia, 133 gardeners received organic watermelon, tomato and kale seeds to plant. Through these seed trials, these gardeners learned more about breeding and saving seeds that work well in BC. Podcasts, webinars and blog posts helped share the results virtually with 20,000 others.



Accessing Indigenous knowledge and storytelling

TRACKS Youth Program

Greater Ontario Region



More than 2,000 young people learned more about being environmental stewards through virtual classes that braided Indigenous and western science concepts. Topics included biodiversity, turtles and manoomin (wild rice), as well as readings of works by authors from Indigenous communities.

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Your Donations at Work:†

Parks & Green Spaces



Your donations helped fund
182
green spaces with
\$1,254,283
in grants

Helping wetlands

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
Metro Region

Through the Girls Can Too: Women Protecting Wetlands program, 69 girls and women in high school worked with mentors to restore 500 square metres of shoreline and wetland habitat, build two boardwalks, plant 100 shrubs and 800 native pollinator plants and more.

“This is my fifth year in the program. It’s hard work but it’s important and rewarding, especially for young women.”

– Grade 11 participant, Girls Can Too: Women Protecting Wetlands program

Hands-on biodiversity help

Clean Annapolis River Project

Atlantic Region

Participating residents of Annapolis Royal built bughouses and created “seed bombs” to distribute native seeds, and built, installed and maintained bird nesting boxes in local green spaces. Participants also received a free stewardship package packed with resources like a pollinator seed mix and how-to information.



Removing invasive species

Henteleff Park Foundation

Prairies Region

Funding for this Winnipeg park helped ensure there was adequate staff to plant and care for 378 new native trees and shrubs. Workers also tended to past plantings, maintained trails and removed invasive species to help this community green space thrive.

Planting trees to protect water

Town of Riverview

Atlantic Region



Working with the Town of Riverview, Fundy Biosphere Region staff were joined by 22 community volunteers to plant 1,000 native trees in a deforested area near the Turtle Creek Reservoir, the primary source of drinking water for Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview. These native trees will provide erosion control and protect water quality in the reservoir.

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Your Donations at Work:†

Community Gardens



Your donations helped fund
60
gardens with
\$440,220
in grants

Growing great produce

Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve

Greater Ontario Region

Located in front of the area's public library and food bank, a new community garden is now home to rain barrels, compost bins and 10 raised beds. Gardeners grew 300 pounds of produce, and donated more than 60 pounds of it to a local food bank.

"This community garden gave me a new experience in my community. So many people came together to make this project a success. I am grateful and proud to be a part of it."

– Community garden participant, Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve

Adding variety to community gardens

Faith and the Common Good

Metro Region



Volunteers from five diverse faith communities with a track record for vibrant community gardens added native plants to their Toronto-area gardens. The new additions provide valuable education about pollinators while building community and engagement.

Finding connection through plants

University of Calgary, Office of Sustainability

Prairie Region

Four campus volunteers created a map and interpretative signage for the university's Edible Gardens, which provide food for students. In addition, 15 students worked with Indigenous Elders to begin an Indigenous Sacred Garden Project to help preserve traditional medicinal plants and knowledge.

Building community through container gardens

La Maison d'Aurore

Quebec Region

In this urban gardening project in Montreal, more than 30 residents and volunteers started seedlings indoors and transplanted them to 200+ containers, soon harvesting delicious fresh produce to share with friends and family. Eleven workshops and five events helped build bridges to community for 450 people.

"I have been participating in the collective garden for three years and year after year it is always a renewed pleasure. Both working the land and contact with other gardeners are precious for the heart and the body, particularly in this trying year."

– Louise, participant, community garden participant, La Maison d'Aurore

Your Donations at Work:†

Citizen Science



Your donations
helped fund
35
initiatives with
\$239,035
in grants

Training as citizen scientists

EcoSpark

Metro Region

The EcoSpark Science in the City program trained over 750 youth and adults as citizen scientists. They learned how to contribute to and access environmental monitoring through digital resources such as iNaturalist, PlantWatch, eButterfly and BumbleBeeWatch.

“Awesome initiative! Would love to see this initiative grow and educate even more people on pollinators and native plants. The more people start gardening native species, the better for our community as a whole.”

– Community participant, EcoSpark

Lending a helping hand to turtles

Vansittart Woods Environmental Education Center

Greater Ontario Region

More than 500 elementary and secondary students were engaged in recovery efforts for the snapping turtle and other turtle species at risk through education and monitoring efforts. Students also created suitable nesting sites, reducing threats from road mortality and nest predation.



Cataloguing new species

Fondation forêt Boucher

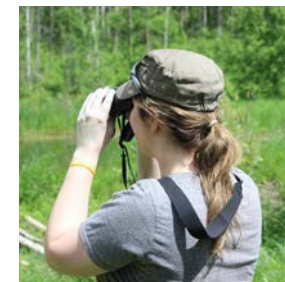
Quebec Region

Volunteers identified 543 species in the forest during their bioblitz including more than 220 species that were recorded in Gatineau's Boucher Forest for the first time. Another 50 people participated in nature hikes, helping them to discover the rich biodiversity of the region.

Tracking bats and loons

Edmonton and Area Land Trust

Prairies Region



In summer 2021, 40 trained volunteers surveyed five lakes for loons and 14 bat boxes for bats, including the little brown bat. The results confirmed healthy populations of both bats and loons as well as other waterfowl. During the program, citizen scientists also discovered a previously unknown bat colony at Pipestone Creek, south of Edmonton.

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Your Donations at Work:[†]

Schools



Your donations helped fund
80
educational initiatives with
\$551,692
in grants

Inclusive garden

Écoles Victor-Doré and Joseph Charbonneau

Quebec Region

Staff and students at two schools updated their garden areas to make them more accessible to students with disabilities. The gardens feature plants chosen for visual appeal and scent, new fruit trees and pollinator-friendly plants, and plants that help filter out pollution.

“Our daughter asked us to come back to ‘her’ garden in the evening. She was very proud to tell us that she was the one who planted the tomatoes!”

– Parent of a garden participant who uses a wheelchair, Ecoles Victor-Doré and Joseph Charbonneau

Appreciating Indigenous culture

Waterloo Collegiate Institute Envirothon Team

Metro Region



The Indigenous Medicinal Garden and Environmental Legacy Classroom at Waterloo Collegiate was designed by a community of teachers, students, Indigenous artists, gardeners, and knowledge keepers who live on regional First Nations territories. It's now a welcoming place that can help provide opportunities to learn more about Indigenous cultures, ways of knowing and enduring traditions.

Greening a bare schoolyard

École Francois-de-Laval

Quebec Region

A schoolyard decimated by the loss of more than 40 ash trees due to the invasive emerald ash borer has been given a green makeover with the planting of 50 trees and 175 shrubs. Now, students enjoy an outdoor courtyard and classroom and the community gained an improved green space for local residents to use in the evenings and on weekends.

Promoting pollinator habitat

Farm Roots Mini School

Pacific Region

Students transformed a 90-square-metre area infested with invasive plants into a habitat garden with 100 native pollinator shrubs. As well, the children grew native perennial pollinator-friendly herbs, installed bird nesting boxes and created mason bee habitat.



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