

2025 Year in Review

In the pages ahead, we highlight some of these projects and share how TD FEF grants continue to help local and national organizations strengthen environmental stewardship in the communities they serve.



Thank you for your generous contributions to TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF). In 2025, your donations supported **546** grassroots environmental projects across Canada. With your help, communities and organizations planted trees and protected and restored green spaces. Local people rolled up their sleeves to help grow community gardens and enhance local parks. And people at all ages and stages had the opportunity to nurture their curiosity and respect for the outdoors.

The year also marks a significant milestone: TD FEF celebrated **35 years** of supporting community-led environmental initiatives. Since 1990, TD FEF has funded more than 30,000 local projects across Canada, including those that help enhance and protect natural spaces. None of this progress would have been possible without your contributions.

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Milestones Worth Celebrating

In 2025, we marked 35 years of TD FEF and 15 years of TD Tree Days



Tap to watch the video celebrating 35 years of TD FEF's impact.

What makes these anniversaries meaningful is that they represent decades of support from Canadians—through their time, energy, passion, and donations—for community-led local environmental projects. For over 35 years, TD FEF has helped communities bring thousands of local initiatives to life, enabling volunteers, community groups and organizations to help restore habitats, strengthen ecosystems, and create greener spaces. Together, this collective effort has made tangible impacts in communities across the country. To reflect on this journey, we created a [35th anniversary video](#) that highlights the people, projects and milestones that have helped shape TD FEF's impact over the years.



TD FEF Turns 35!

30,000+

Total number of environmental projects across Canada supported by TD FEF since 1990.

About \$8,000

Average TD FEF grant amount in 2025, helping drive real change with relatively small amounts of money.

\$121 million

Total funding provided by TD FEF to local environmental projects since 1990.

100%

With TD Bank Group covering all administrative costs, every dollar donated goes to the organizations carrying out the work on the ground.



Former chair: Dr. Roberta Bondar

After her return from space, the renowned scientist and speaker shared a sense of awe with audiences when she spoke about caring for the planet.

TD Tree Days Turns 15!

585,000+

Number of native trees and shrubs across North America planted since 2010 at TD Tree Days tree-planting events.

60,000+

Number of volunteers engaged at TD Tree Days community planting events since 2010.

30,000

Trees planted at TD Tree Days events in 2025.

80

Number of community organizations involved in TD Tree Days events in 2025.

By the Numbers

What we accomplished together in 2025

Here's how
your support
translated
into action.



\$3+ million

Total amount donated to
TD FEF by TD customers
and colleagues



\$2

Most common monthly
donation amount to TD FEF



546

Number of environmental
projects across Canada
supported in 2025 by TD FEF



\$1.2+ 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

Contributing to Communities

In 2025, your donations to the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF) helped fund **546** initiatives across Canada. These projects mean that communities from coast to coast can help take care of green spaces, waterways and wildlife, grow fresh food and learn more about our natural world. Here's an overview of what your support made possible last year.

Types of Projects Funded

Your support of TD FEF funded a range of local and national environmental initiatives.



Total grants

\$4,461,170

546 Projects

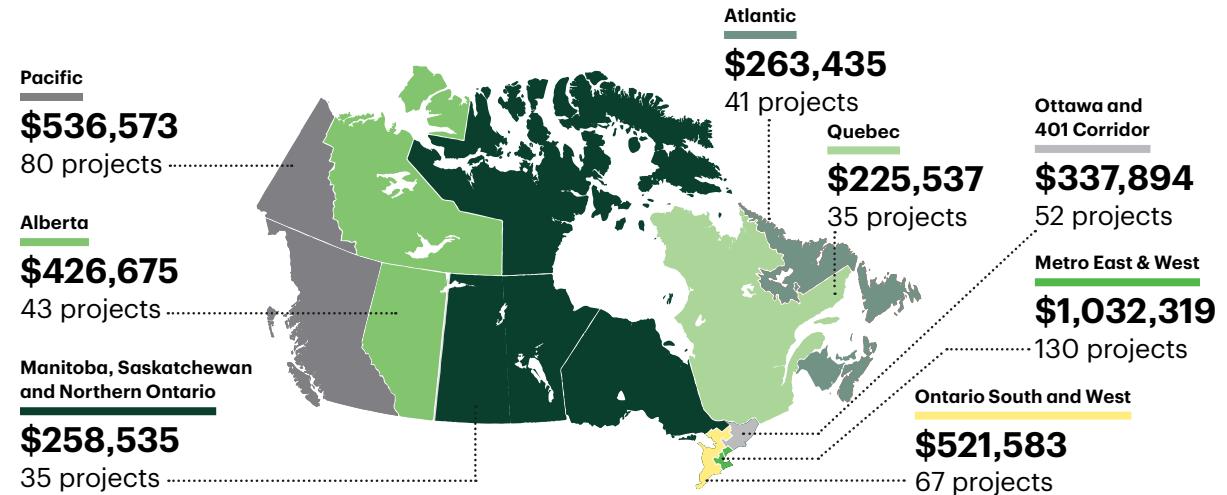
Grants by Region

Total grant amount rounded to the nearest dollar.

National or Multi-Region

\$858,619

63 projects



Your donations at Work:

Environmental Education



Your donations helped fund **181** projects with **\$1,349,705** in grants.



Salmon Stewardship

SkeenaWild Conservation Trust

Pacific Region

SkeenaWild's environmental education program directly engaged over five thousand community members of all ages. Participants took part in salmon protection workshops, camps and community events aimed at encouraging the protection of the Skeena Watershed, a globally significant and diverse salmon habitat in northwestern British Columbia. They also conducted water-quality testing in local streams, planted trees in riparian zones, and more.



Energy Festival for Kids

Relay Education

Alberta Region

With the support of TD FEF, 289 elementary students participated in Kids' World of Energy Festivals at their schools in Yellowknife, N.T. Through interactive stations set up in their school gyms, children learned about renewable energy and energy conservation, boosting their knowledge about the environmental impacts of smart energy use.



Identifying Wildlife

Heartland Forest Nature Experience

Metro East and West Region

Community members had the opportunity to increase their understanding of amphibians and reptiles at a Niagara Falls-area nature preserve. They monitored salamander populations by checking boards used for habitat, learned from experts on how to identify frog calls, and participated in workshops on identifying three local snake species.

Learning by Doing

University of Ottawa

Ottawa and 401 Corridor Region

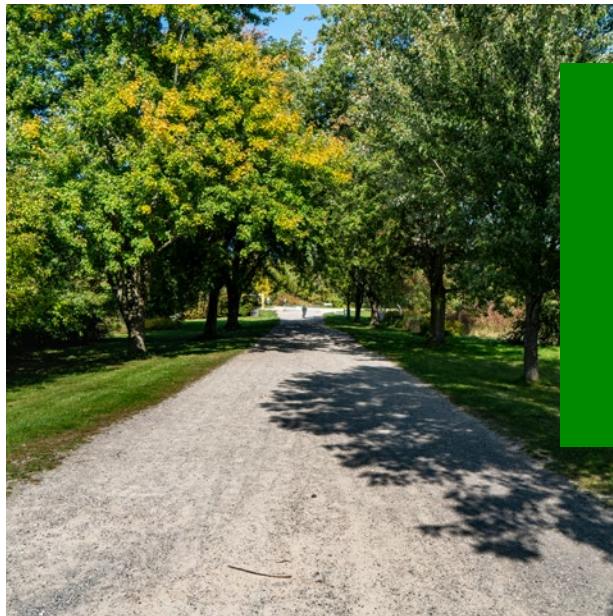
Youth from underserved communities received hands-on experience with science and engineering programs hosted by the University of Ottawa's Engineering Outreach department. Students participated in green engineering workshops, built a smart plant watering system at a GoEngGirl event for girls, and participated in STEM-themed summer camps focused on science, technology, engineering and math.

"I was so happy to see buy-in from students I wouldn't have expected to be engaged in a workshop like this. It was wonderful seeing how they let their creativity and interests guide them."

—Participating teacher

Your donations at Work:

Parks & Green Spaces



Your donations helped fund **160** urban greening, habitat and trail projects with **\$1,637,288** in grants.

An Inclusive Trail

University of Guelph

Metro East and West Region

Funding improved accessibility at the Arboretum, a 400-acre natural area with woodlands, wetlands, meadows, plant collections and gardens adjacent to the University of Guelph campus. A 1.1-km crushed stone trail now connects accessible parking to forest walkways, forming a 2.5-km loop that can be used by people using wheelchairs and strollers.

"I was recovering from a leg injury and I was still able to access the Arboretum and go on walks, even in the winter. It's accessible and it's safe."

-Sam D., university staff member

Improving Trails

Winter River-Tracadie Bay

Watershed Association

Atlantic Region

The Suffolk Ecological Education Trail on Prince Edward Island made upgrades to enhance habitat and help promote local environmental knowledge. These included 10 educational signs, two bat boxes, four bird boxes, two insect hotels, two amphibian coverboards, two pollinator gardens, a rain garden and 175 native shrubs and trees, all of which will be used to encourage community connection and appreciation for the natural world.



Restoring a Lake Shoreline

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Northern Ontario Region

Fifty-two local elementary students and community volunteers assisted in restoring the shoreline at Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area in Thunder Bay. They planted 1,031 native perennial plants and shrubs, which can help address concerns about water quality in the lake by naturally improving filtration of runoff water.

Park Tree-Planting

Township of Perth East

Ontario South and West Region

Greenwood Park in Perth East gained 126 trees, both saplings and mature plantings, planted by 17 community residents. In addition to acting as a natural windbreak and property boundary around some newly acquired land, the trees will provide shade for park users and habitat for wildlife.



Your donations at Work: Parks & Green Spaces (continued)



Removing Invasive Species

Okanagan Similkameen Stewardship Society
Pacific Region

Multiple events at Thomson Marsh Park helped to engage the community in habitat restoration. Thirty-five volunteers planted more than 500 native trees, shrubs and wildflowers, and removed 144 kilograms of invasive species. An invasive plant walk and beginner birdwatcher session at the park also deepened residents' knowledge of local species.

Creating a Nut Orchard

Fondation Trois-Rivières durable
Quebec Region

The team from the Trois-Rivières Durable Foundation, along with its group of volunteers, planted 50 hazel trees and 12 walnut trees to help support local wildlife in a community park. To enhance wildlife habitat, community volunteers also planted a micro-forest of 160 native trees and shrubs in a second local park.



New Field Guides

Algonquin to Adirondacks Collaborative
Ottawa and 401 Corridor Region

Organizers produced and distributed more than 400 field guides to help residents and visitors learn more about the ecological corridor connecting Algonquin Park and Adirondack Park. Funding also covered the installation of interpretive signs and the recruitment of Trail Champions who connect people to the trail and assist with wayfinding.

30,000 Trees and Shrubs Planted

Edmonton and Area Land Trust
Alberta Region

A conservation group successfully completed its largest-ever tree-planting project with trees and shrubs native to the area and sourced from a local environmental charity. At six events, 70 volunteers planted the trees along the North Saskatchewan River near Edmonton, an important step in helping return the property to native forest.



Your donations at Work:

Community Gardens



Your donations helped fund
98
gardens with
\$769,267
in grants.



Growing Fresh Produce

The Depot Community Food Centre
Quebec Region

Through in-class gardening workshops linked to their science curriculum, nearly 300 students at elementary and high schools in Montreal experienced accessible, hands-on learning about food systems through The Depot's Ça Pousse! program. They worked together to start plants from seed, care for their school gardens, and grow vegetables to share.

Sharing Herbs and Vegetables

Passamaquoddy Recognition Group
Atlantic Region



Installing two hydroponic growing tables at a local school in St. Andrews, N.B., encouraged 18 high school students to grow fresh greens, herbs, cucumbers and tomatoes year-round. As part of system maintenance, the students were introduced to modern agriculture methods while respecting traditional practices. The produce was given to the Peskotomuhkati community pantry for community members to enjoy.

Gardening with Newcomers

DIVERSEcity
Pacific Region

More than 400 newcomer refugees and immigrants speaking 11 different languages learned how to grow produce in the Canadian climate, with the help of the DIVERSEcity's Hazelnut Meadows Community Garden in Surrey. Workshops covered organic gardening, soil health and cooking with the healthy produce they grew.

"The community garden has transformed my life since moving to Canada from Iraq. The garden introduced me to kind, like-minded people. Conversations over shared tips, tools and harvests turned strangers into friends."

—Ayhan A., participant



Fresh Food for an Indigenous Community

Magnetawan First Nation
Ontario South and West Region

Community members in a First Nation community near Georgian Bay built six new raised gardens close to Elders' homes so they could be more easily accessed. Residents also installed a new butterfly garden to attract pollinators and expanded three existing gardens to grow more fresh produce, which was delivered by youth and community members to local families. At the community's request, additional herb gardens were planted to support medicinal and ceremonial uses.

Your donations at Work:
Citizen Science



Your donations helped fund
35
initiatives with
\$226,154
in grants.

Gathering Scientific Data
Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation
Atlantic Region

In Nova Scotia, a group of 58 students and community members learned how to conduct scientific surveys to gather population and habitat data for snapping turtles, Eastern painted turtles and Eastern ribbon snakes, which provided useful information for conservation and helped enhance the effectiveness of community stewardship efforts.

I greatly enjoyed supporting Coastal Action's work studying snapping turtles and Eastern painted turtles over the last year. The overall experience was intriguing and well planned. It has taught me a lot about the species, built my appreciation for them, and increased my desire to protect them in the future. I would recommend this volunteer experience to everyone!

—Sandy H., volunteer

Surveying Species at Risk

Manitoba Naturalists Society

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Northern Ontario Region

More than 80 volunteers in over 25 Manitoba communities took part in seven citizen science blitzes to collect data on chimney swifts in their communities, learning about at-risk birds and their habitats in the process. Additional outreach events helped residents better understand how to protect chimney swift habitat.



Cataloguing Mushrooms

Friends of Elk Island Society

Alberta Region

Seventy volunteers evaluated 14 sites in the Beaver Hills biosphere near Edmonton, including six in Elk Island National Park, where they identified, sampled and catalogued 300 fungal specimens belonging to 150 separate species. The organization also acquired a dehydrator to preserve mushroom samples for scientific study, further increasing their knowledge of the region's biodiversity. Two hundred specimens have been sent for DNA barcoding to confirm their identification and contribute to the global database of fungal DNA sequence data.



Monitoring Moose

Huron-Wendat Nation Council

Quebec Region

The Wendat Nation Council set up Station Aoskway (which means "moose" in the Wendat language) in order to carry out two important monitoring initiatives for the moose populations of Onyionhwentsiio', the Wendat customary territory. The teeth of moose harvested by Wendat were collected to gain more information about the age structure of the populations, and a count of winter ticks was also conducted. The winter tick is a parasite that affects moose, and this monitoring helps document the evolution of its range in the context of climate change. Wendat hunters could meet with a wildlife technician at Station Aoskway to contribute to these monitoring efforts.

Your donations at Work:

Schools



Your donations helped fund **63** initiatives with **\$397,558** in grants.

Nature Play for Young Learners

Howard Robertson Public School

Ontario South and West Region

With the revitalization of an outdoor learning space at their school, kindergarten students have a place to nurture their curiosity about the natural world. The area is equipped with a mud kitchen, seating areas and nature tables filled with pinecones and stones, all helping to promote joyful nature-based learning.

"The outdoor play area has supported learning by encouraging creativity, building resilience and fostering a sense of curiosity about the world around them. The students look forward to using it, and it has quickly become a valued part of their school day."

-Kindergarten teacher



Honouring Indigenous Knowledge

John Abbott College

Quebec Region

Three hundred Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and community members at a college in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue created the Kahnikonri:lo green space ("of good mind" in the Kanien'kéha language). Together, they planted 600 trees and created a garden that celebrates Indigenous traditions and is used for cultural ceremony and teachings, land stewardship and as an outdoor classroom.

Gardening at School

Bowcroft School

Alberta Region

Updates to an elementary school's Learning Garden means 350 elementary school students received more opportunities to learn about the natural world while growing more than 23 kilograms of fresh produce. Programming included a bee workshop, making seed bombs, a lunchtime gardening club, and tending plantings in the pollinator, edible, and Indigenous gardens.



Nurturing Land Stewardship

Agriculture in the Classroom

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Northern Ontario Region

More than 16,000 Saskatchewan students at rural, urban and First Nations schools grew fruits, vegetables, and microgreens, while learning how soil, water, and responsible stewardship sustain our food system. The School Garden program helped young people see themselves as caretakers of the land, fostering lasting connections to environmental sustainability and food production.