



# UPDATE

Photo by Wendy Hansuld, Friends of Medway Creek

## HABITAT PROTECTION, RESTORATION & STEWARDSHIP

### MEDWAY VALLEY HERITAGE FOREST ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT AREA

City of London - Habitat Protection, Restoration & Stewardship Initiatives

1. Species at Risk (SAR) False Rue-anemone Protection and Goutweed Invasive-species Mitigation Project presented at the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's AGM in 2014 and 2015 with Dillon Consulting and UTRCA is successful in protecting SAR. The invasive species control, monitoring and restoration continues through 2017.
2. Federal grant for butternut inventory, health assessment and archive project, through the Habitat Stewardship Program - SAR Funding.
3. Invasive species including Phragmites, Japanese Knotweed, Buckthorn, Scots Pine, Goutweed, and Periwinkle are monitored and managed annually.
4. Tree-Azin Emerald Ash Borer, bi-annual injection Program, 74 Ash trees injected in 2012, 51 surviving Ash trees were injected in 2014 and 2016 – London is a leader in protecting Ash trees in natural areas.
5. Three groups have adopted portions of the ESA through City's Adopt an ESA program and are all active stewards of the ESA.
6. Public Buckthorn Busting education events held in 2013, 2014, and 2015.
7. Community tree and shrub planting and fish demonstration event held in spring 2016 sponsored by the City and Friends of Medway Creek Adopt an ESA.
8. A City-wide Invasive Plant Species Management Strategy is being developed with support from the Ontario Invasive Plant Council.
9. Turtle habitat nesting areas created in north with Scott Gillingwater of UTRCA as advisor. Habitat will be weeded by Adopt an ESA groups / Friends of Medway Creek going forward to protect sunny habitat required.
10. Natural Heritage Inventory and Evaluation Conservation Master Plan Phase 1 report is available online.
11. The wooden staircase near the Metamora access was repaired; new boardwalks installed and ecological restoration of the slope is planned for fall 2016.
12. The City of London was recognized by Ontario Nature with the 2015 Lee Symmes Municipal Award for its commitment to protecting Environmentally Significant Areas.

For more information on habitat protection, restoration and stewardship initiatives and opportunities, please contact the City of London Environmental & Parks Planning Section.

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