



Photo by Keith Zerebecki, Friends of Medway Creek

UPDATE

HABITAT PROTECTION, RESTORATION & STEWARDSHIP

MEDWAY VALLEY HERITAGE FOREST ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT AREA

City of London - Habitat Protection, Restoration & Stewardship Initiatives 2017-2018

1. The City, Dillon Consulting and UTRCA recognized for their innovative invasive species management, habitat protection and contributions to the Federal Recovery Strategy for the False Rue-anemone (*Enemion biternatum*) in Canada (2016).
2. The Draft Conservation Master Plan Phase 2 MVHF ESA (South) identifies that all Top and High (and some Moderate and Low) priority restoration work is underway, completed and/or under a monitoring program.
3. Phragmites, Japanese Knotweed, Buckthorn, Scots Pine, Goutweed, Garlic Mustard, Purple Loosestrife and Periwinkle are monitored and managed annually.
4. 2017 London Community Foundation funded additional invasive species control and native tree planting in MVHF ESA south.
5. Tree-Azin Emerald Ash Borer program, 51 Ash trees injected in 2012, 2014, 2016 and planned for 2018. London is a leader in protecting Ash trees in natural areas.
6. Butternut Habitat Stewardship Protection SAR Federal Grant and study underway.
7. Three groups have adopted portions of the ESA through City's Adopt an ESA program.
8. The Friends of Medway Creek (FOMC) proposal for interpretive ESA signs and benches were winners in the Medway Decides City funded program.
9. City and FOMC community tree planting, fish demonstrations held in 2016, 2017.
10. London is first in Ontario to draft a City-wide Invasive Plant Management Strategy with support from the Ontario Invasive Plant Council.
11. The City's London Phragmites Working Group is developing London's Phragmites Management Strategy the largest initiative in the Great Lakes Basin, with Ontario's Phragmites expert Dr. Janice Gilbert.
12. City is an identified leader among Ontario municipalities and other levels of government in the management of invasive species in protected natural areas since 2007.

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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