

2017 Annual Report





2017 has been another amazing year for LEAF!

Together we accomplished some great things!



We sold 60 Native Garden Kits and 67 Bee and Edible Shrub Bundles (new this year!)

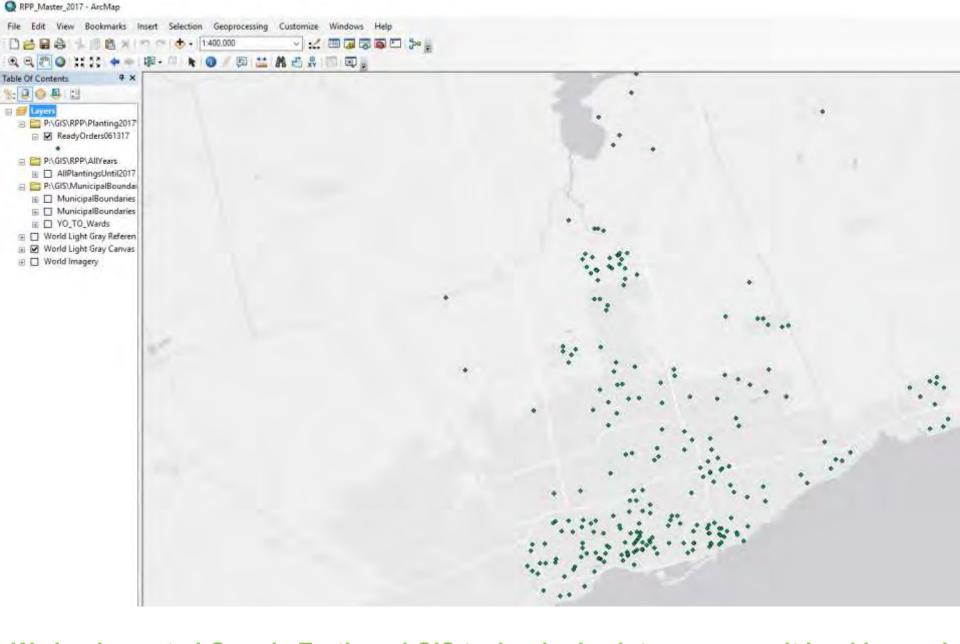




We conducted 121 follow up visits to check on the health of 183 trees and 195 shrubs planted in past years!

We completed our first consult and planting day in Oakville this fall!





We implemented Google Earth and GIS technologies into our consult booking and planting schedule processes to help us make more efficient driving routes!



We updated our DIY video workshop series!





Our outreach volunteers attended over 55 events with our educational display and spoke to over 2019 individuals





We held another successful Leslieville Tree Festival that attracted over 500 participants





We planted 100 native trees and shrubs and cared for past plantings at community events in Aurora and Richmond Hill.



We delivered 14 workshops about Emerald Ash Borer and other priority invasive species to schools across York Region



We ran 23 Junior Urban Forest Rangers pilot project engaging 469 City of Toronto day campers in outdoor education and tree care. We watered and mulch 83 trees in Riverdale Park East with the kids.

We hosted 14 Tree Tours with over 339 participants in Mississauga, Toronto and York Region.



We launched the #BeesLoveTrees Campaign and hosted 10 Pop-Up booths around Toronto and York Region including 2 events at TTC Station Demonstration Gardens.









We hosted two tree drawing workshops with talented artist Alan Li



We trained 40 individuals as Tree Tenders through two courses held in Toronto and Mississauga.



We continued to support the Bloordale Adopt-a-Street-Tree program and helped the Junction start up a new initiative. Over 155 commercial street trees have been adopted by over 122 store owners and residents. Some moderate support was also provided to the Danforth project.

Over 30 volunteer Garden Steward volunteers care for our 6 Urban Forest Demonstration Gardens located outside TTC stations and at Artscape Wychwood Barns.

Stewards participated in 2 garden workshops with expert leaders and contributed more than 500 hours of volunteer time.





We held our second annual summer garden party in the LEAF Learning Garden. Staff, volunteers and partners enjoyed a lovely evening celebrating our accomplishments together!





We trained and mentored 12 amazing young women through our Young Urban Forest Leaders program. Together they helped establish Adopt-a-Park-Tree Programs at Etienne Brule Park, Stephenson Park and Berczy Park.





We held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Pizza Party, this year in partnership with Not Far From The Tree and EcoSpark.



We continued to participate as a Steering Committee member of the Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition and served as chair of the Urban Forest Subcommittee



A Green Infrastructure Guide for Small Cities, Towns and Rural Communities



Main activities in 2018 focused on workshops and resulting publications

- 1. A Green Infrastructure Guide for Small Cities, Towns and Rural Communities
- 2. Communicating the Benefits of the Urban Forest in a Municipal Context
- Urban Forests and Asset Management Planning – A Primer
- 4. Green Infrastructure Road Map

(last 3 publications coming soon!)

THANK YOU

to our volunteers, program participants, donors, and supporting partners, for a wonderful year!

























