



# WELCOME

A Vital Conversation  
about the  
**ENVIRONMENT** and  
Our **COMMUNITY**





## What is a Vital Conversation?

Vital Conversations are a community check-in conducted by community foundations across Canada to understand the vitality of our communities and identify trends in a range of areas critical to quality of life. Vital Conversations are coordinated nationally by Community Foundations of Canada. We acknowledge funding from Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd. for their financial contribute to this work.



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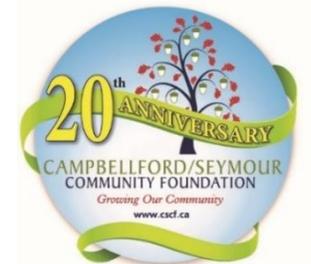
We begin by recognizing that our work takes place on Treaty 20, the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations.

We acknowledge that Williams Treaties First Nations are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters in perpetuity, and that they continue to maintain this responsibility to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come.



# Objectives

- To learn about the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation's environmental leadership
- To hear from Municipal staff about their best practices and emerging opportunities
- To explore environmental stewardship and sustainable community strengths in our community and ideas that may guide and shape the Community Foundation's Strategic Plan (2022)
- To share your thoughts with other community members and help to co-create potential solutions and/or inspire calls to action





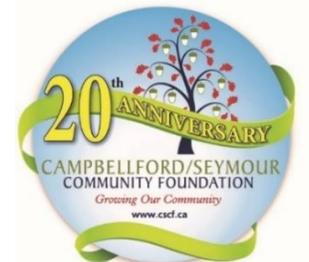
## Group Agreements

Agreements help us to create a safe and inclusive space that will enhance our vital conversation. These are co-created guidelines to help us feel comfortable with each other in an atmosphere of safety, respect and trust.

Here's one example:

What's shared in the room stays in the room.

What's another example?





## Municipality of Trent Hills Best Practices and Emerging Opportunities

- ♻️ Reducing our greenhouse gas emissions
- ♻️ Reducing the use of fossil fuels
- ♻️ Lowering our energy consumption



Come for a visit. Stay for a lifestyle.



## Pollinator Gardens and more.....



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## Charging Station and Bee City Designation

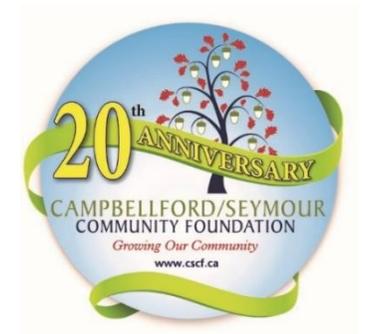


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# Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation

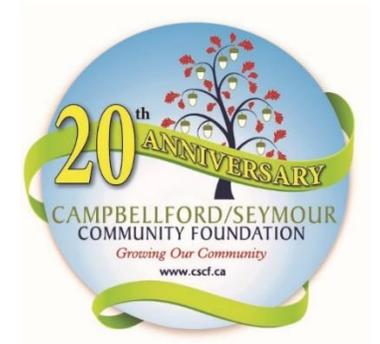
- 🌱 Environmental leadership
- 🌱 Stewardship and sustainable living
- 🌱 Past and current activities of our Environmental Committee
- 🌱 Opportunities going forward - grants and our Environmental Fund





## Youth Advisory Council

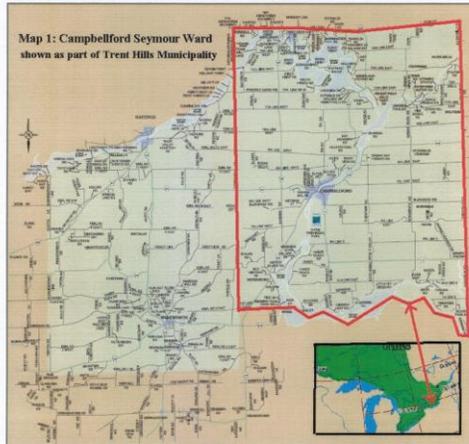
### Earth Day Clean-up and Reducing Pesticide Use





## Environment Committee – Stewardship

### 2008 Environmental Scan - 2009 Community Garden



The Environmental Scan created in 2008 inspired the Environmental Committee to create a Community Garden to provide fresh vegetables to community members and our local food bank.





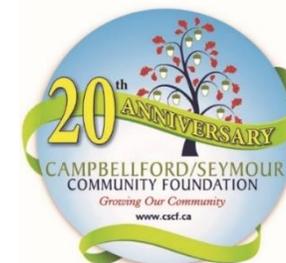
## Environment Committee Current Activities

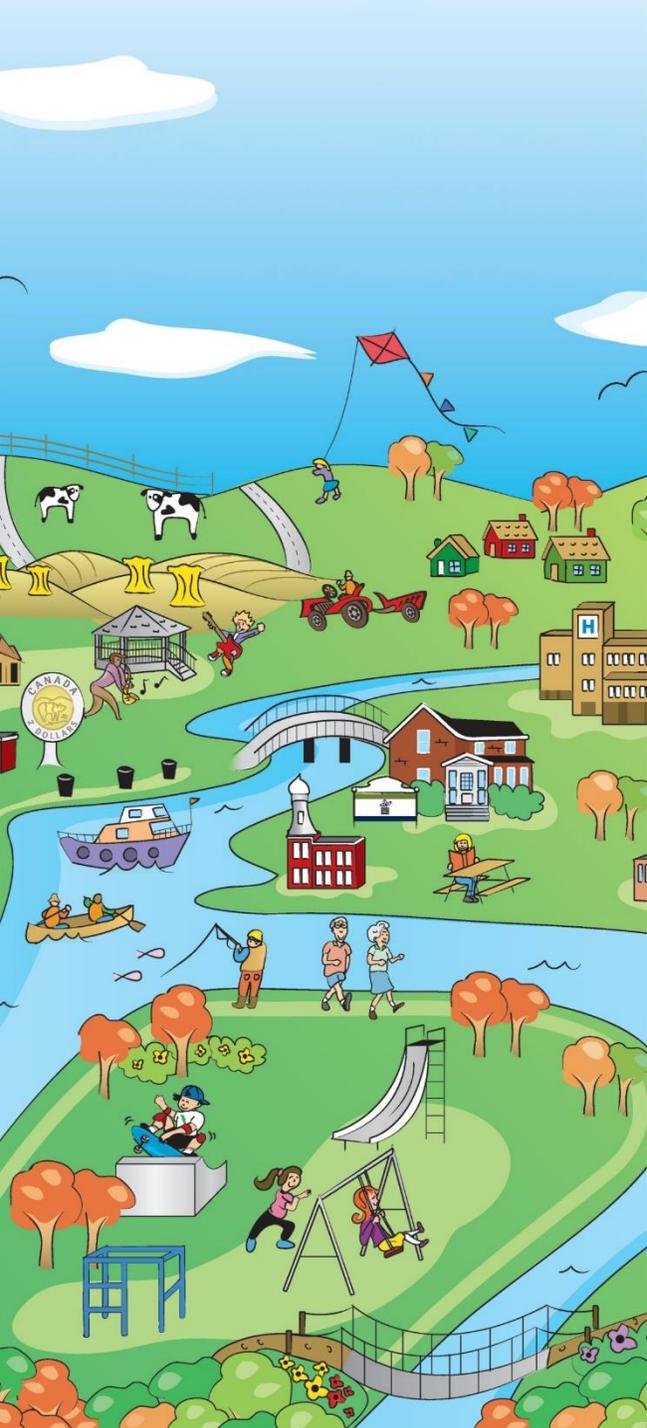
### Activities and Environmental Research and Engagement



Environmental Community  
Research and Engagement

*To engage people and support groups  
active in environmental stewardship  
and sustainable community living. To  
build capacity for a collective impact  
approach that connects, and advances  
collaboration across groups and  
activities.*

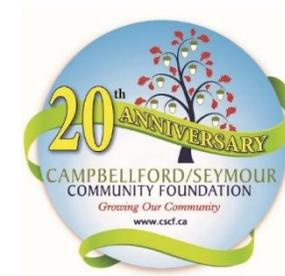




# Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation

## 2003 – 2021 Environmental Grants

- 32 grant projects
- Total Environmental grant funding = **\$374,247.12**
- Highlighting 3 interesting projects:
  - \$25,000 to **Campbellford Memorial Hospital**
  - \$11,000 to **local schools**
  - \$ 4,908 to **Bike Action Trent Hills, in partnership**





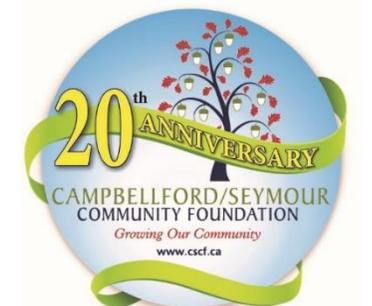
## Environmental Grant Projects

**Kent School – Campbellford Memorial Hospital  
- Bike Action Trent Hills**



# Our Environmental Fund

- Created in 2007 by **Members of the CSCF Environment Committee** with initial \$500 gift
- To provide **grants for environmental projects**
- Fund has **grown** with donations to **\$16,134.61**
- We welcome donations to this fund to support environmental projects in our community





## Questions and Discussion





## Definition Of Terms

🌱 **Environmental Stewardship (2009 Committee Action Plan)** The protection or maintenance of biodiversity and unique ecosystem communities as well as the restoration of degraded ecosystems or threatened species. Environmental information, education and awareness are fundamental to protecting and maintaining healthy ecosystems.



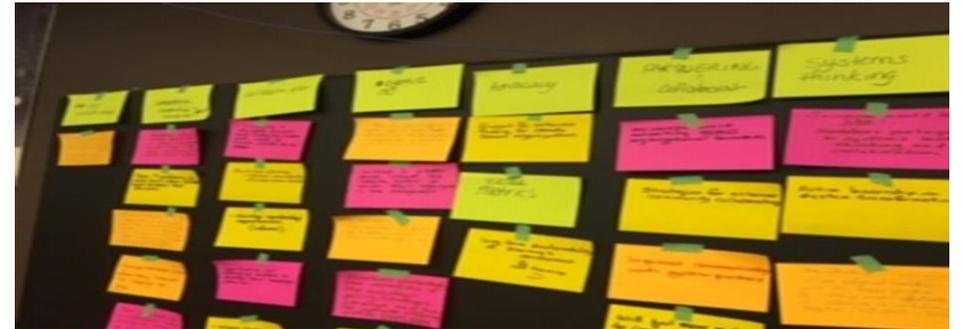
🌱 **Sustainable Community (2009 Action Plan):** A balance between the negative and positive impacts of a viable local economy as well as respect for cultural, social and environmental diversity. Key areas of interest include integrated community sustainability planning, sustainable agriculture specifically the marketing of local foods and products, the maintenance and enhancement of recreational opportunities and energy efficiency.

🌱 **Capacity Building (2009 Action Plan):** The enhancement of funds, resources and expertise to promote and support work of the Environment Committee



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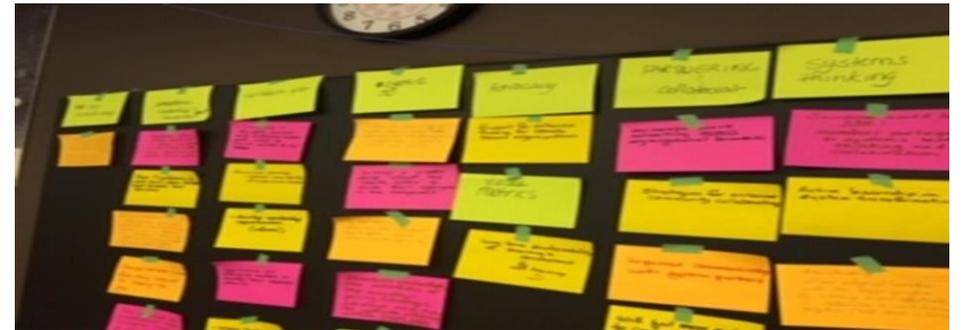
**What are the existing strengths of the community to support, protect and/or enhance environmental stewardship and sustainable communities?**





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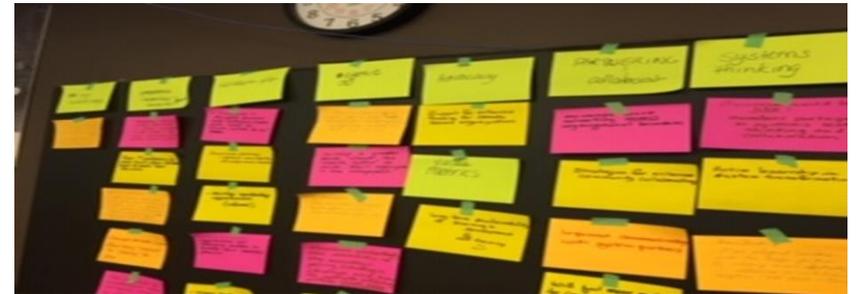
**What are the gaps in the community that limit support for environmental stewardship and sustainable communities?**





## Free List on Stickies

**What are sustainable individual and/or neighbourhood actions that can be supported and advanced?**





## Question Burst Scenarios

- 🍇 In groups of 2 or 3 people review the scenario for the “Questions Burst” exercise. You will have 4 minutes to collectively generate as many questions as possible about the scenario.
- 🍇 Follow two rules: Don’t answer any of the questions and don’t explain why you’re asking the questions.
- 🍇 Go for as many questions as you can in four fast minutes. Have one person as a scribe and have them write all the questions down verbatim, word for word as they hear them.



## Scenario

You have been invited to a county economic development meeting to speak to how the Trent Hills area has become so well known for sustainable lifestyles and activities that are advancing a green community movement.

For example: Being a bee city community, having a growing local food sector, zero waste businesses, community gardens, biking infrastructure, an environmental film festival, partnerships and collaboration between environment and conservation groups and cultural/community groups.

This is an exploratory first meeting to share the Trent Hills journey with the county. What questions arise for you as you approach this meeting?

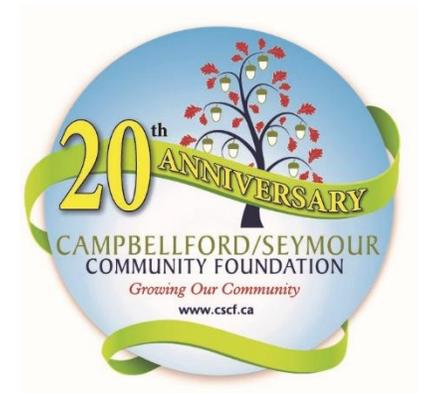
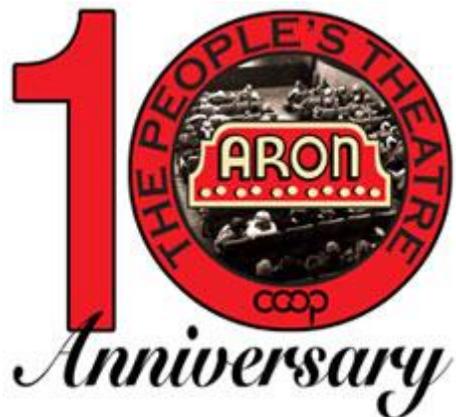


# Earth Day Movie- 2022

Mark it in your Calendar  
**YOU ARE INVITED!**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>**

In Celebration of  
**CSCF's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
and

**Aron Theatre's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**





# Thank You for Attending

**We invite you to return  
For a “Thank You Movie”  
King Richard - 7:00 pm**

**Notes: Bring a friend  
Need to show proof of Vaccination to Attend  
The Concession will be open....**

