

Trees for Rural Roads Applications Due Soon

Clarington/Port Hope - The weather has finally warmed up and it is time to think about tree planting. Trees for Rural Roads applications are due by March 31, 2015.

The Trees for Rural Roads Program offers trees free of charge to Clarington and Port Hope rural residents to be planted along municipal roadways that border private land. Participants have their choice of a number of native tree species.

The program, is delivered in partnership with Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA), Central Lake Ontario Region Conservation Authority (CLOCA), Municipality of Clarington and Municipality of Port Hope.

The benefits of the program not only include increased tree canopy cover and wildlife habitat, but also climate change mitigation, local history preservation and community engagement through volunteerism. In essence, the Trees for Rural Roads program benefits the local environment, community and economy.

To date, more than 2,800 trees have been planted along municipal roadways in Clarington and Port Hope, with the help of 90 rural households who volunteered their property and efforts to the program. The program receives funding through Maple Leaves Forever for native maples at a rate of 25 per cent of the purchase price of the tree stock.

For more information on the Trees for Rural Roads Program, visit <http://heritage.clarington.net/programs/treesrural.php>

