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Dear Trees Ontario Supporter, Welcome to the summer 2010 edition of TreeMail.

Help us Save our Environment. One Tree at a Time.

Trees Ontario is thrilled to announce that this year's planting season was a thriving success! With the help of its donors and enthusiastic landowners, we supported the planting of 2.3 million tree seedlings. Our long-term goal is to support the planting of 10 million trees per year by 2015. We can only accomplish this through your generous support.

When you donate to Trees Ontario you are also supporting work that helps to rebuild the entire infrastructure of tree planting across the province – from seed forecasting and collection, training and mentoring new technical staff, to providing tree planting subsidy programs to Ontario landowners.

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Giving Options



Trees Ontario would like to wish its readers, donors, partners and supporters a pleasant and happy summer! We encourage you to enjoy nature, the outdoors, and the trees during these sunny months.

Remember, Trees Ontario offers [seedling gifts](#) for special occasions at any time of the year, so if you missed the planting season, you still have a chance to help support our 2011 planting season.

Giving to Trees Ontario using our [online donation](#) form is quick and extremely easy. By giving just \$25.00, you are helping us to incrementally reach our future planting goals. To contribute in a more consistent manner and become a Friends of Trees Ontario, consider becoming a [monthly donor](#).

Thank you for your continued support. Together we will save the environment, one tree at a time.

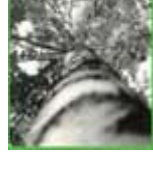
Trees Ontario Recent Partnerships

Trees Ontario Helps Commemorate 2010 G8 Summit

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's Summits Management Office, Trees Ontario, planting partners, and the Town of Huntsville recently planted eight young maple trees, representing and honoring each of the G8 leaders from this year's summit. These eight maple trees are in addition to the 6,000 pine trees planted earlier in the year. Click here to read more about the [partnership](#).



Trees Ontario Recognizes Environmental Student Champion: Jamie Mowbray



Branksome Hall Grade 11 student, Jamie Mowbray, soon transformed what began as a simple school assignment into an inspirational green initiative. By compiling her southern Ontario nature shots, and selling them as a calendar, she contributed over \$1600 to Trees Ontario's tree planting efforts. A very special thank you goes out to Jamie for her dedication and support! Click here to read [Jamie's story](#).

Trees Ontario and GRCA Conduct Memorial Planting

Trees Ontario and the Grand River Conservation Authority have completed the planting of a tree planting site recognizing the life and past woodlots owned by Mr. Ken Sebben. Click [here](#) to read more.



Take Part

Upcoming Events and Workshops



Trees Ontario, Evergreen and Forest Gene Conservation Association are partnering to conduct Certified Seed Collector workshops this summer. Consider taking part in a workshop near you. [Take Part.](#)

Trees Ontario will be attending numerous planting activities and events across Ontario this summer and fall, including the International Ploughing Match and a series of fall landowner workshops in October. Stay tuned to our online [events calendar](#) for more information on upcoming events.

Trees Ontario Grows its Partnerships with OPG

Trees Ontario, LEAF and Ontario Power Generation partnered at the 2010 Green Living Show this past April. Show attendees had the opportunity to share their nature story on camera. [Click here](#) to watch our nature's corner videos and to learn more about OPG's Biodiversity program.



Stay tuned to the Trees Ontario website for more information about the partnership and fall events being planned together.

Learn More

Operational Updates - Trees Ontario Supports the Planting of 10 million trees since 2004



With the spring 2010 tree planting season now complete, Trees Ontario is recognizing the significance of the planting of 10 million trees under its [programs](#) since 2004. This milestone was achieved thanks to the participation of [65 tree planting agency partners](#) province-wide, who have delivered Trees Ontario's programs on the ground and in the field with over 2,000 landowners. Funding for tree planting programs has been made possible from the generous support of government, sponsors and donors.

During the 2010 planting season Trees Ontario supported the planting of over 2 million trees on over 350 sites. We continue to aim higher – our long-term goal is to plant 10 million trees per year by 2015. [Learn more.](#)

London Countryside Enriched Thanks to Trees Ontario Green Leader

Mossley landowner and Green Leader, Dianne Lawrence has lived through the misfortune of watching a generation of elm trees wither away from disease to become a barren field. As a result, she prepared an ambitious "retirement project" and decided to restore the beautiful woodlot that once covered her property. Thanks to the support provided by Trees Ontario, the Ontario government's [50 Million Tree Program](#), and the Upper Thames Conservation Authority, over 4600 seedlings are now bestowing a green legacy for her 11-year-old grandson, Sean. [Learn more.](#)

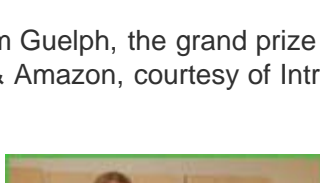


Canadian Geographic Article Features Trees Ontario

Canadian Geographic's Annual Environmental Issue (June 2010) features an insightful 8-page article, "50 Millions Trees" on Trees Ontario, the tree planting infrastructure in the province, landowners, partnerships on the Ontario government's 50 Million Tree program. [Click to read](#) Fraser Lo's article.

Help us Grow x 2 Contest Winners

Congratulations to **Natalie Doerr** from Guelph, the grand prize winner of the Help us Grow x2 contest - a trip for two to the Andes & Amazon, courtesy of Intrepid Travel!
[Read more about contest winners.](#)

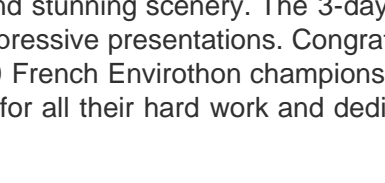


Ontario Forestry Association Update

The 2010 Ontario Envirothon season was a roaring success! Throughout April, regions across the province held workshops and regional competitions. The top teams from each region were given an opportunity to participate in the Provincial Championship. From May 5th-8th, 18 teams from across the province gathered at Tim Horton's Onondaga Farms. The first day was filled with workshops and a legacy project to restore the natural beauty of Onondaga Farms. Testing day proved to be a challenge, as students were faced with some of the worst weather in Envirothon history, but they proved their determination. The final day consisted of presentations, challenging teams to demonstrate their groundwater knowledge. The results were close, but first place went to University of Toronto Schools. They will represent Ontario at the Canon Envirothon in August in Fresno, California.

The French Envirothon took place from May 18th-20th at Camp Iawah near Godfrey. 10 French schools representing different regions of the province took part in the exciting event, taking advantage of the beautiful weather and stunning scenery. The 3-day event consisted of workshops, challenging tests, and impressive presentations. Congratulations to Ecole Secondaire Catholique de Plantagenet - the 2010 French Envirothon champions. Thank you to all participants, regional coordinators and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication.

To read more about the Ontario Envirothon, click [here](#).



Did You Know? - Seed Forecasting



The spring 2010 planting season has wrapped up, but the tree seed collection season is just around the corner. To ensure that we have a robust supply of native tree seedlings to plant for many years to come, Trees Ontario and partners have designed an online [Seed Forecasting program](#). It offers information and direction regarding seed availability, location, type and quantity. The database draws information from many sources including the Forest Gene Conservation Association, the Ontario Tree Seed Plant and the Ontario Forestry Association (OFA). You too can help Trees Ontario identify native tree seed availability. If you're interested in becoming involved with seed forecasting and collection consider taking part in an [upcoming course](#).

