

Harrison School seeks help to dig Habitat Garden Saturday

Students at Harrison Public School soon won't have far to go to study the environment.

The school is currently in the process of creating a Habitat Garden. The project is converting a 20,000 square foot playground area at the south end of the school into a native plant ecosystem and wildlife habitat.

"Urbanization is really taking its toll on the environment," said Angela O'Drowsky, a Grade 1/2 teacher who is helping to co-ordinate the project. "We're lucky because there are a lot of natural areas around Georgetown but we thought by incorporating it into the playground (students) could study how the ecology works together and how they're a part of it. Now they can do it without leaving the school."

Harrison received \$2,700 from the Shell Environmental Fund (SEF) toward the project. The school also received \$500 each from Habitat 2000 and from Consumers Gas' Evergreen Foundation.

Local businesses have also contributed materials, including Leaver Mushrooms, J.C. Duff Ltd, Great Lakes Landscape Contractors, Georgetown Home Hardware, Windy Ridge Farms, the Town of

Halton Hills and Leathertown Lumber.

The ground is currently being prepared for the garden and volunteers and members of the Halton Naturalist Club will be planting large trees and shrubs Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. On May 18, students will join in the project by planting small shrubs and plants.

The students have been involved in almost every stage of the naturalization. Grade 4 students have attended workshops with Teresa Rigg of the Halton Hills Naturalist Club to plan gardens. Grade 5 students will assist Georgetown District High School students in the final assembly of a bridge being built by the high school tech students.

The effort going into the project has not gone unnoticed. The school recently received a Blue Planet Award—a joint recognition from Halton Region and both Halton school boards. As well the school has been recognized twice in Earth Day Canada's national newsletter.

The school will officially open the Habitat Garden on May 21, with the students, staff, local dignitaries and project sponsors taking part.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

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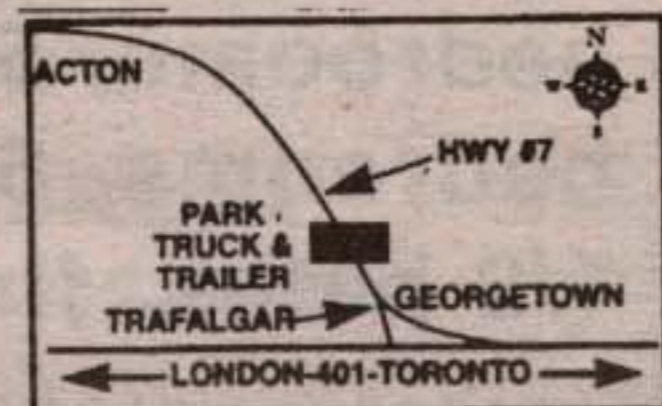
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