

# Planting Maples

By Deborah Hudson

Over the last 200 years, 80 percent of the original forest cover in southern Ontario was removed for farming, forestry and urban development. In 1871 the Ontario government passed legislation to encourage landowners to plant trees from their woodlots along the roads, in part for flood control and as "snow fences". The municipalities were to pay farmers and landowners 25 cents per tree for the trees



planted along the roads. Most of the trees planted were native maples.

Alva Grimmon ran the post office and general store at Black River Bridge as the community was called. (Today the old post office/general store is now the site of the store at Vick-

ies' Veggies. ) Alva's wife, Lavinnia (Breakenridge) Grimmon planted maple trees along Morrison's Point Road

under the government program in the late 1800's.

Morrison's Point has always been a special place to walk because the maples have provided shade from the hot sun, shelter from the wind and habitat for animals. In recent years some of the old maples have come down because of age, disease and wind etc. but it is encouraging to see that young trees have been planted to take their place.

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To get started, we're looking for:

1) people interested in becoming part of the LLOTs Collective to help organize and work on the project;

2) suitable items to be donated to the lending library; and

3) people who are interested in becoming members of LLOTs. Membership will be an annual fee of \$25. This is to help pay for the cost of insurance needed to create the library.

LLOTs is a community, non-profit project. Funds will be used only to sustain it. Note that no one will be turned away from borrowing from LLOTs for lack of funds.

Please come out to the Emporium in Milford on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to learn about this project and see if you would like to get involved. If you can't make the date but are interested, please get in touch with me, Christine, at: [pec.foodnotbombs@gmail.com](mailto:pec.foodnotbombs@gmail.com) or call 613-476-9141.

Special thanks to fellow organizer of this initiative, Erin Johnston, who is donating space in the Emporium to make LLOTs possible.

Note that this is not a County of Prince Edward Public Library project, but the Milford branch of the library will eventually have a music instrument lending library, which will be a great and complementary project to the PEC Lending Library of Things.



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