

The seeds of our future are taking root right now, for better or worse. This page shares better, forward-thinking ideas and celebrates significant environmental achievements that can help us lead the way in creating the Niagara Escarpment as a healthy, sustainable example of a thriving World Biosphere Reserve.

Blue Mountains Wins Sustainable Communities Award

The Blue Mountains won a Canada-wide Sustainable Communities Award for **the remediation of a brownfield property, now the site of The Blue Mountains LEED- certified new town hall.** The awards recognize municipal projects that serve as best- practice models of sustainability for other Canadian communities.

Belfountain Residents Protect Niagara Escarpment Land

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) recently presented 36 conservation awards for 2010, acknowledging significant contributions to managing natural resources in the Credit Valley Watershed. Two couples were honoured for donating property in the Niagara Escarpment. **David Kendall and Grecia Mayers have donated five acres, while Lorraine Baddeley and Robert Weeks donated two acres,** that together secure 300 metres of Bruce Trail. Their donations “help protect natural heritage, habitat for wildlife and preserve water quality,” notes the CVC.

Orangeville’s Baby Tree Program

The Town of Orangeville’s Baby Tree Program is enhancing their urban forest. **To celebrate babies’ births, families can make donations for trees to be planted** in a public place. Since 2009, at least 30 babies have been honoured with signage and 60 trees and shrubs have been planted. For more information: planning@orangeville.ca.

Return of World Biosphere Reserve Road Signs

After a two-year hiatus, Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment is **resuming its Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve road sign campaign,** with the support of the Niagara Escarpment Commission. To get a road sign, contact president@niagaraescarpment.org.

Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy Reaches 100 Reserves

The donation of the Gallagher reserve with the rare Pitcher’s Thistle, on Manitoulin Island’s south shore, brings the **total reserves protected by Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) to 100.** For more about the EBC, see page 7.

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