

Carlington Hampton News



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*Grey sedges at
Soft Landings*

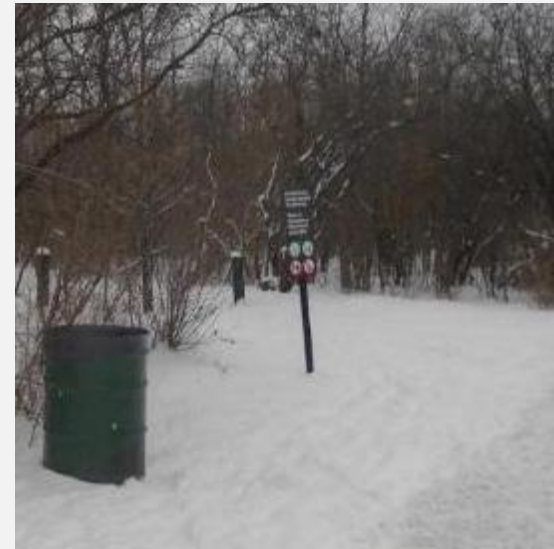


Winter Updates at a glance



January

- ❄ Met with our National Capital Commission (NCC) and City partners to discuss 2025 plans and objectives for Hampton and Carlington
- ❄ Met with the City's waste department and contractors to arrange for new bins and bin locations at Carlington



New bin at Experimental Farm path entry at Morisset



February

- ❄ Applied for grants to fund projects in Hampton and Carlington
- ❄ With a network of other community groups, advocated for easier city processes for residents and groups to re-naturalize areas, including in the right-of-way



Work on the city's new pumping station in Carlington has begun and the yard is now closed to foot traffic.

March

- ❄ Met with a buckthorn management control group, and helped refine the 2025 plan for continuing buckthorn removal in Carlington
- ❄ Worked with City's water department on a plan to transplant staghorn sumac to Hampton Park as a result of the Carlington pumping station reconstruction.



"Sedges have edges, rushes are round, grasses have nodes from the top to the ground."



Ivory sedge at Soft Landings in Hampton Park.

Carlington and Hampton have many species of native sedges. They are some of the earliest plants to green up and provide important habitat for insect species, including pollinators. Many sedges are found along the edges of paths, where they can be easily admired but can just as easily be damaged by feet, bicycle tires, and paws.

Be good to the Woods!

- ☑ Stay on the paths and don't make new ones.
- ☑ Go through puddles, not around them, to avoid trampling new vegetation.
- ☑ Keep dogs on leash and pick up their waste. Try not to let them pee on young plants and trees.
- ☑ Leave natural debris like sticks, leaves, and logs as habitat for the critters who live here.



Hampton Clean Up, Saturday April 12 Anytime between 9 am and noon

Rain date, April 13. No RSVP needed

Meet at the wading pool for bags, buckets, gloves, and litter grabbers, or bring your own. Dress for the weather. Many areas will be wet and muddy.

Use 645 Parkview for search directions.

Join us for some woodsy chat! Volunteers will be at the wading pool all morning to answer questions and provide more info on projects & volunteer opportunities. Friends also has a few of Brigitte's beautiful clay pots left and they'll be on display for purchase.






A **Carlington clean up** hasn't been scheduled...yet!

The good news is that the huge pile of tires and other trash that's been in the west Carlington Woods for years will be cleaned up this spring. Check out what it looked like earlier this year: [youtube.com/watch?v=0p0TOzD4Wmk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0p0TOzD4Wmk). The NCC will send a clean-up crew once weather permits.









Volunteer opportunities coming this year

Carlington

-  Clean ups (April/May)
-  Buckthorn clearing at Clyde Avenue South (May)
-  Watering / mulching/ weeding at the Staircase Garden and Clyde Bee & Butterfly Patch (May)
-  Staghorn sumac to be moved from the reservoir area to Hampton for transplant (June)
-  Dog strangling vine removal (June)

Hampton

-  Invasive Japanese knotweed and periwinkle removal (April/May)
-  Mulching / watering /weeding 2023 and 2024 planted trees/shrubs (April/May)
-  Native wildflower planting (June)
-  Staghorn sumac to be planted at Buell (June)
-  Dog strangling vine removal (June)
-  2nd “Soft Landings” project (summer)

Notices will be sent as events are scheduled. Volunteer with the group, or for invasive removal, receive training you so that you can do it whenever your schedule permits. We sign for student volunteer hours.

Contacts & Resources

The **Bumble Bee Flower Finder** helps you discover and grow native plants for bumble bees from the Eastern United States. Many of the same species are found in our region, too.

Find flowers or get plans for wildlife gardening, ecological landscaping, and bee watching.
bumblebeeflowerfinder.info/



Common eastern bumblebee on pussywillow

The Xerces Society is tracking firefly populations to help conserve them. Contribute your observations at the **Firefly Atlas**: www.fireflyatlas.org/

Tip! Carlington has less light pollution than Hampton and you can often observe fireflies there in early summer. This video's not great, but you'll see a few bum flashes!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzGgUEUmQZc>

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