

Carlington Hampton News



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Barred owl gets its dinner.

Photos by J. Ramsay

Nature News

New trees & shrubs for Hampton!

The National Capital Commission (NCC), Forêt Capital Forest, and the Friends of Hampton Park will be planting 100 trees and 100 shrubs at Hampton Park this spring. The trees and shrubs are being provided by the NCC in advance of Hampton's 100th birthday in 2027 (see next slide).

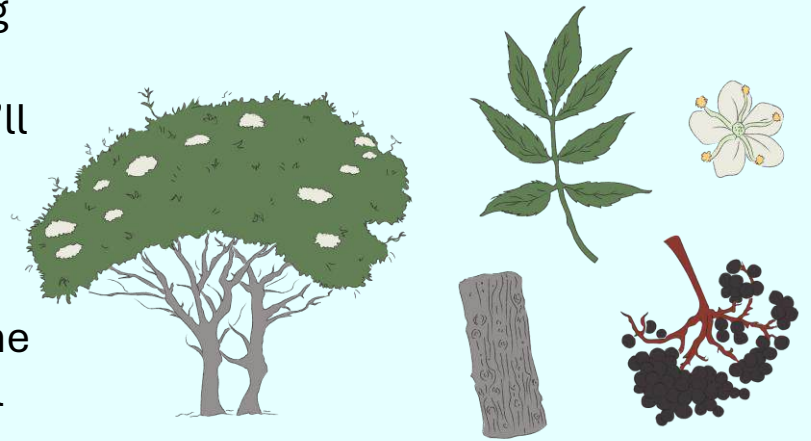


Although we don't know yet exactly which species will be planted (final selections will be based on availability), all of the shrubs and trees will be native species, and there are likely to be a few species that were part of the Wood's ecosystem in the past and will be re-introduced.

The NCC's archaeological team will also be on site. They've identified the Hampton Park Woods as having high pre-contact potential, meaning that there could be evidence of an ancient Indigenous trail network. It'll be exciting to see archaeology in action!

If you'd like to be part of the planting, mark Saturday May 9 on your calendar. No experience necessary! The exact times, and a rain date if the weather is poor, will be sent out closer to the planting date.

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Drawings by Canterbury High School digital media students. Top, red oak. Bottom, American elderberry.

Hampton Park turns 100 in 2027

In 1926, the NCC's predecessor, the Federal District Commission, bought Hampton Park from local residents, the Brennan Brothers. It cost \$25,000, a small fortune back then, and the final payment was made in 1927.

A steering committee met in March to brainstorm ideas and we now have a lengthy lists of potential events, both in-park and online. We have split the ideas among four themes: Community, History, Art, and Nature Education.

We hope to have at least one event take place every season. Over the coming year, we'll meet regularly and talk to park users about what they'd like to see or learn about.

Got your own ideas? Be part of the planning team! CarlingtonHampton@gmail.com.

REPORT OF
- THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COMMISSION -
for the fiscal year
ended
March 31st, 1928.

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| Unexpended balance, approved estimates | |
| Champlain bridge, | 429.89 |
| Confederation Park | 29,452.57 |
| Day's arena | 9,612.59 |
| Lady Day Drive | 227.78 |
| Hampton Park | 15,000.00 |
| Aldeau River Park | 5,000.00 |
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| | \$69,703.13 |

HAMPTON PARK.

Part payment on purchase
of property

\$ 10,000.00

*Images from the Federal District
Commission's 1928 Annual Report.*

2026 Plans for Restoration Work in Carlington Woods

A **Buckthorn Shoot Removal Blitz** is scheduled for June 14 (rain date June 21) in the Clyde Crescent as part of the critical period cutting method of buckthorn control. Clyde Crescent is the name we've given the semi-circle of land we've been working in along Clyde Avenue South.

Last September, our blitz brought out 15 people, for various lengths of time, to take off the new shoots from buckthorn previously cut. With luck, some older stumps won't have any shoots this spring, but we also cut many more trees last fall. So, there is still lots to do!

Since we have cut down almost all of the adult female common buckthorn in the Clyde Crescent (yay!), we plan to leave the remaining large adult male specimens and focus on clearing the seedlings and junior buckthorn before replanting with native grasses, perennials, shrubs, and trees in the fall. We'll use various methods for clearing: Hand pulling the very small plants, undercutting somewhat larger ones, digging or extracting with the weed puller for the 1-2" stems.

Nora will mail out a weekly schedule for those who like to come out for a few hours regularly, but we will plan a few more "blitz" days, as they seem like good opportunities for those who have limited time to volunteer.

The Clyde Bee & Butterfly Patch could use some more weeding, planting and general tidying up this spring, as well!

Please write to Nora at cccpollinator@gmail.com to put your name on the volunteer roster for Carlington Woods.

Volunteer Opportunities & Events

1. Saturday, April 18, 1:30 to 2:45 pm. **Invasive Species Plant Workshop** at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre. A panel of local experts, including the Friends of Carlington Woods, will share their experiences and knowledge on controlling invasive species.
2. Saturday, May 9, times TBD. **Planting Day in Hampton!** 100 trees and 100 shrubs will be planted in advance of Hampton's 100th birthday. See slide 2 for details.
3. Sunday June 14 (rain date June 21) **Carlington Buckthorn Blitz**. See slide 4 for details.
4. Saturday, June 20, 10 am to 2 pm. **Pollinator Appreciation Day** at the Fletcher Wildlife Garden. This year's theme is "Start with a Tree". Speak with experts, buy a tree, or win one in their lottery! For information: <https://wildpollinators-pollinisateurssauvages.ca/activity/pollinator-appreciation-day-2026/>

We sign for volunteer student hours!

Contacts & Resources

Worth a watch!

The Extraordinary Caterpillar. This fascinating documentary explains how caterpillars are a vital part of our ecosystems.

Pictured: Black swallowtail caterpillar feeding on dill.



<https://www.tvo.org/video/documentaries/the-extraordinary-caterpillar>

Impacts of dogs on wildlife. As our neighbourhoods grow, more people and their dogs are visiting the Hampton Park and Carlington Woods. We always welcome our furry friends, but dogs can also be a source of conflict with wildlife. Learn how you can protect our natural areas, while still enjoying all that they have to offer! <https://carphills.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Impacts-of-dogs-on-wildlife-10-Aug-16.pdf>

Shared Photo Albums

Share your photos of Hampton or Carlington! If you want to contribute your photos to either or both albums, email CarlingtonHampton@gmail.com and we'll send you the link(s).



Happy Spring!



Top L-R Hermit thrush, Golden crowned kinglet. Middle: Eastern phoebe. Bottom L-R Downy woodpecker, Red winged blackbird. All photos L. Kearnan