



MEDIA RELEASE

GreenUP launches the new SUN program and announces the two local neighbourhoods selected to participate

Peterborough, ON (October 27, 2017) GreenUP is thrilled to launch a new program in the Peterborough community, Sustainable Urban Neighbourhoods (SUN), which is modelled after the Toronto Region Conservation Authority's SNAP program (Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan). On Friday, local MPP Jeff Leal and Ontario Trillium Foundation volunteer Roy Wood met with GreenUP representatives to hear more about how a three-year \$499,800 Grow grant, made in 2016, is making a difference.

"I am extremely pleased that the Ontario Trillium Foundation is providing almost \$500,000 over the next 36 months to develop and implement neighbourhood-based action plans to support healthy living and a sustainable environment." – Jeff Leal, MPP for Peterborough

The SUN program is connecting and working with residents, and community partners in two neighbourhoods to create, offer, and implement a menu of sustainable urban landscaping options that meet the needs of each neighbourhood.

The two Peterborough neighbourhoods that have been selected to participate in SUN are the Curtis Creek neighbourhood located in North, East City, in Ashburnham Ward, and the Kawartha Heights neighbourhood, in Monaghan Ward. Thank you to many of our partners, such as the City of Peterborough, Otonabee Conservation, Sustainable Peterborough, and Nourish, who have assisted in the collaborative process that has led to the selection of these two neighbourhoods. Neighbourhood boundary maps are available at www.greenup.on.ca

SUN is funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation's grant and will provide unique opportunities for residents to share their perspective, help guide the neighbourhood projects, and connect residents through hands-on planting projects. Landscaping options made possible through the SUN program may include the creation of pollinator gardens, food gardens, and rain gardens, tree planting, and the revitalization of green space.

Peterborough residents are encouraged to visit www.greenup.on.ca to complete a short survey and share their perspectives about needs and opportunities in their neighbourhood. Residents living both inside and outside the selected neighbourhoods are encouraged to contribute.

As an agency of the Government of Ontario, the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is one of Canada's largest granting foundations. With a budget of over \$136 million, OTF awards grants to some 1,000 projects every year to build healthy and vibrant Ontario communities. www.otf.ca

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