



UPDATE

HABITAT PROTECTION, RESTORATION & STEWARDSHIP

MEDWAY VALLEY HERITAGE FOREST ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT AREA

City of London - Habitat Protection, Restoration & Stewardship Initiatives - Information Sheet

1. SAR False Rue-anemone Protection and Goutweed Invasive-species Mitigation Project - [Ontario Invasive Plant Council / Society for Ecological Restoration AGM presentation by Linda McDougall, City Ecologist/Dillon Consulting in 2014 – project continues in 2015.](#)
2. Phragmites, Knotweed invasive species management done in 2014 & Buckthorn, Phragmites, Knotweed, management confirmed for 2015.
3. Tree-Azin Emerald Ash Borer, Bi-annual Injection Program, 74 Ash trees injected in 2012, 51 surviving Ash trees were injected in 2014, next round in 2016 – London is a leader in protecting Ash trees in natural areas.
4. Two boardwalks, a bridge & ecological restoration work completed in 2014 in north portion of Environmentally Significant Area (ESA).
5. Three groups have adopted portions of the ESA through City's [Adopt an ESA program](#), and are active stewards of the ESA.
6. [Public Buckthorn Busting](#) events held in 2013 (video), 2014 and planned for 2015.
7. New and effective ESA signage with QR code links to maps & observation reports installed in 2014 at the ESA access points.
8. Turtle habitat nesting areas created in north in 2014 with Scott Gillingwater of UTRCA as advisor. Habitat will be weeded by Adopt an ESA groups / [Friends of Medway Creek](#) going forward to protect the sunny habitat required.
9. [Natural Heritage Inventory and Evaluation for Conservation Master Plan](#). Draft Phase 1 Report is available online. Dillon's Biologist Jen Petruniak MSc. presented the study findings, provided a Q&A session for EEPAC in January 2015, and January 2014 & July 2013 at Community Meetings.

For more information on habitat protection, restoration and stewardship initiatives and opportunities, please contact the City of London Environmental & Parks Planning Section.

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