

CVC is working hard on the backyard

When it comes to climate change and the state of the environment, everyone thinks globally.

But do they know what is being done locally to help improve the environment?

Join Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Oct. 1 for its annual Stewardship Forum to learn how collectively they are working to protect the local resources for the future. The event takes place at University of Toronto Mississauga Campus from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Each year, we host this event to shed light on key projects and issues in our watershed, said CVC's Deputy CAO and Director of Watershed Transformation Mike Puddister. Our goal is to inform and inspire the community to get involved locally. The work that we all do at the local level helps to reduce the effects of climate change globally.

This year's event will feature a keynote address by Nobel Laureate and Amaranth Mayor Don MacIver, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 with former U.S. Vice-President Al Gore for his work on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. MacIver was a senior scientist with Environment Canada for many years and co-chaired the World Meteorological Climate Conference in 2007.

This year's theme, Working Hard in Our Backyard: Nurturing Nature, will highlight important environmental issues in the Credit River watershed. Participants learn about the work currently underway, how they can get involved and what the future could look like with the right tools and leadership. Sessions will address a variety of topics including water quality, natural heritage, invasive species and local climate change projects. This event is an opportunity to network with like-minded residents.

The event will conclude with a free lunch and special presentation, The Case for Optimism on Climate Change, by CVC's Andrew Kett. He is one of more than 10,000 volunteers in 135 countries personally trained by Gore in climate science, communications and telling the story of climate change to inspire community action.

The Stewardship Forum starts at 8:30 a.m. with registration and refreshments, followed by welcome remarks and the keynote address at 9 a.m. This event takes place annually and brings together members of the community, environmental groups and students. It is an opportunity for individuals to participate in hands-on learning and networking.

To learn more or to register, visit workinghardinourbackyard.eventbrite.ca

Participants are asked to register by Sept. 26th. Space is limited.