



YORKLANDS GREEN HUB
Opening green doors to the future.

Welcome to the Yorklands community update!

Yorklands Community Update: June 13, 2025.

🍓 🟡 Summer is coming soon and we've got some updates for you:

🪨 Stone Wall Walk - June 14 - Guided walk of the Yorklands site focused on the historic stone wall

👥 Call for Volunteers - We have a bunch of exciting positions open, make sure to check them out!

🌱 Call for Noticing Nature Facilitator - A great opportunity for folks with a background in outdoor education, community arts, or youth programming!

🚒 Call to Action - Bill 17 passed on Tuesday. Learn how you can get involved.

🏗️ Update - Trestle bridge demolition

We wish you a bountiful strawberry harvest!

The Yorklands Team

ALONG A STONE WALL

a guided walk of the Yorklands site
Presented by Greg Stojanovski

SATURDAY

June 14, 2025

1:00 - 2:30 PM

785 York Road, Guelph

(#4 bus drops you right
at our front gates)

Rain Date: Sunday June 15



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👉 Last day to sign up! Join presenter Greg Stojanovski for a walk "Along a Stone Wall" to learn more about one of the most beautiful and storied features of the

Yorklands site!

Register now: <https://alongastonewall.eventbrite.ca>

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

G U E L P H G R E E N R E A D S



**FOLLOW THE HASHTAG #GUELPHGREENREADS
AND JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF READERS THIS
SUMMER!**

#GuelphGreenReads: National Forest Week Book Club Featuring The Nature of Our Cities

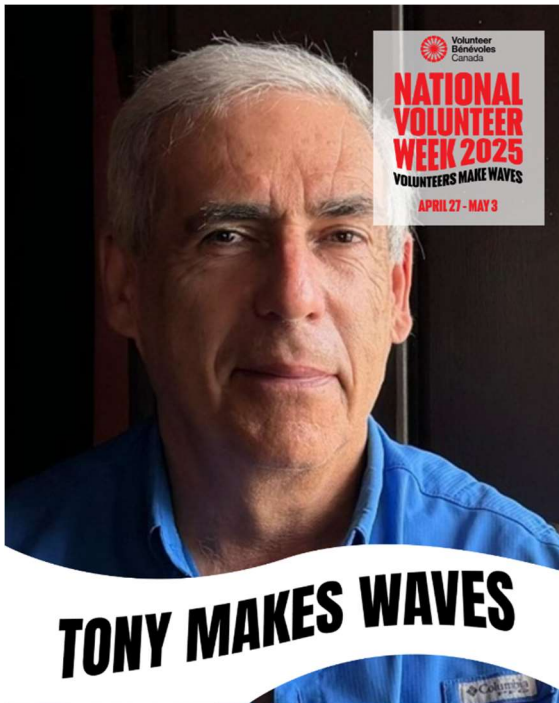
Yorklands Green Hub is proud to partner on #GuelphGreenReads, a city-wide book club celebrating National Forest Week with *The Nature of Our Cities* by Dr. Nadina Galle. This thought-provoking book explores how “Internet of Nature” technologies can help reconnect urban environments with the natural world. The Guelph Public Library is supporting local readers by offering a special book club kit that includes 10 copies of the book and a guided discussion resource—perfect for groups looking to dive deeper into green conversations this summer.

Visit the library’s website to request your kit and join the movement to reimagine nature in our cities!

Guelph Public

Library: <https://catalog.guelphpl.ca/polaris/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.5&pos=1&cn=1127001>

Bookshelf: https://www.bookshelf.ca/item/UhelvOrckPmj-aH_rgQmBg



We've decided National Volunteer Week is too short to celebrate all the wonderful people that make our work possible. Every week we'll be introducing you to some exceptional YGH volunteers in each bi-weekly e-blast, beginning with our new Board Members! This week we're pleased to introduce you to our new Board Member, Tony!

"I am a professor emeritus in the Dept of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Guelph with a life long interest in ecological issues, about which I taught for many years. I have published books dealing with such topics as the historical development of the Canadian food system, industrial decline in small Ontario communities, and the 150 year evolution of what I call the "industrial diet" and its role in undermining nutritional health across the globe. More recently I have launched a podcast called Edible Ocean that deals with the dramatic changes in marine ecologies and issues related to the global seafood industry."



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Join our team and make a difference in
our community!

🍀 We're Looking for Volunteers!

Want to get more involved with Yorklands Green Hub? We're currently seeking volunteers to support our numerous events, as well as help behind the scenes as our Events Coordinator or on our Environmental Education Advisory Committee. Whether you love connecting with the community or organizing communications or events, we'd love to hear from you! Interested?

Email us at info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca to learn more or apply here:
<https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/volunteer-form/>.



 Join Our Team: Lead Art & Nature Sessions for Youth

Yorklands Green Hub is now accepting applications for Noticing Nature facilitators!

We're looking for creative and experienced individuals to lead this unique 2-hour outdoor program that inspires children and youth to connect with nature through guided ecological discovery and artistic expression.

Sessions take place at the beautiful Yorklands site and blend observation, creativity, and environmental awareness.

If you have a background in outdoor education, community arts, or youth engagement—and a passion for nurturing the next generation of nature stewards—we encourage you to apply. Learn more and fill out the facilitator application form on

our website.

<https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/noticing-nature-contact-form/>



UPDATE: The historic trestle bridge on the former Ontario Reformatory lands is set to be demolished.

<https://www.guelphtoday.com/local-news/province-seeking-demolition-crew-for-historic-trestle-bridge-10786551>

Stay tuned for further updates as we learn more.

BREAKING

Ontario strips local governments' power to protect residents from pollution

Bill 17 was undemocratically rammed through without time for public input or debate. It blocks the ability of local governments to prevent fossil fuel pollution in buildings.

Ontario's Bill 17 which was expedited without debate and passed on Tuesday, throws cities under the bus in favour of big developers and fossil fuel giant Enbridge Gas.

This is a direct attack on communities trying to tackle pollution by making homes more green. Many cities are using local policies to ensure new homes are less polluting, more resilient, and cheaper to heat and cool. These efforts are being undermined so that big developers and Enbridge Gas can keep raking in profits, at the expense of our climate, safety, and wallets.

Let's fight back to defend local climate action. Tell Doug Ford and his ministers to BACK OFF: safecities.earth/Bill17



REMEMBER! BECOME A MEMBER

Our members enjoy exclusive rewards, support green initiatives, and help expand our community efforts. Join us as we work together to build a brighter and greener future for all.

VISIT:
<https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/become-member/>

By now you've heard about the launch of our new membership model, designed to offer enhanced benefits and flexibility to our valued members!

As we continue our mission to promote environmental sustainability and community engagement, we believe that this new model will better serve the diverse needs and interests of our members. As current memberships expire, we will be gradually transitioning all members to the new membership model. Rest assured, we will

provide ample communication and support throughout this process to ensure a seamless transition for all members.

We invite you to explore our new membership tiers and consider renewing your membership at your preferred level. Your continued support enables us to drive positive change in our community and beyond.

For more information about the new membership model or to renew your membership, contact Kim Wakeford at yghmembershipsecretary@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

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