

Surrey's Natural Areas Partnership (SNAP) empowers youth with practical career experience in environmental education and conservation.

Teams help to restore and enhance natural areas, care for shade trees, and educate the community about the urban forest. Together in partnership with Green Timbers Heritage Society, Sunnyside Acres Heritage Society, White Rock and Surrey Naturalists Society and the City of Surrey, SNAP improves our parks and communities.



Fall SNAP Field and Outreach team members planting native species at Sunrise Ridge Park.

Both the Field and Outreach teams have had a busy November planting many trees, shrubs, and seedlings. Over 2000 seedlings, 125 trees, and nearly 2000 other native plants were put in the ground this month by SNAP staff. Team members were able to work safely and efficiently during challenging weather events, and consistently maintained high spirits and effort.

SNAP Teams and their November Work Achievements

The **Urban Forest Outreach Team** raises awareness within the community of the benefits of urban forests, promotes the adoption of stewardship behaviour in relation to urban forests, and fosters a sense of community connection with Surrey parks.

The crew continues to engage the community through in-person and virtual events. This month, they've assisted with volunteer planting events, engaging community members of all ages! Their latest monthly update about Newton Pond Park is available and can be found [here!](#)

The **Field Team** restores, maintains and enhances Surrey's natural areas and parks. They remove invasive plants, maintain previous years' restoration planting sites, clean up garbage and enhance tree wells of City-owned trees. Their hard work contributes to the longevity and vitality of our city's thriving urban forest.

This month, the team was able to return to familiar sites to complete their restoration work. Sites that were removed of invasive species have been planted with native species which will provide food and habitat for local biodiversity.



Drew, Urban Forest Outreach Team, lending a hand at a community planting event.



Field Team installing nest boxes at Newton Pond Park.

