

# May Highlights



**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 City of Surrey 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.



*The 2021 summer SNAP team at the Surrey Operations Centre*

With the help of our partners, the teams received extensive training which included plant and bird identification, nature interpretation, and invasive plant removal techniques. Our non-profit partners and City of Surrey staff make this high-quality training and orientation possible.



# SNAP Teams and their May 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.

This summer, the team is developing digital content to virtually engage with the community through webinars and social media, as well as interacting with people throughout various Surrey parks. They are focussing their efforts at Newton Pond Park to raise awareness about the park's biodiversity.

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.

To date, the team has removed over 25 m<sup>3</sup> invasive plants from numerous greenspaces in Surrey.

The team also enhanced 1190 m<sup>2</sup> of tree wells at Holland Park by weeding and mulching the bases of specimen trees.



*SNAP Urban Forest Outreach Team taking pictures of birds at Newton Pond Park*



*SNAP Field Team after removing invasive species at Green Timbers Urban Forest*