

Greater Sudbury has a wealth of environmental groups.

Find out more about some of the great work being done locally

Addressing some top local priorities

An overview of what's being done

Buying, preserving, & growing local food.

- Connecting people to local food and food skills
- Supporting local farmers
- Advocating for local food & agriculture

Protecting natural areas

- Identifying and securing valued green spaces
- Continuing to regreen Greater Sudbury
- Connecting people to nature

Reducing the impact of development on watershed health

- Education on best practices protecting water quality
- Advocating for watershed health, watershed studies and low impact development
- Empowering citizens to make a difference at home

Sustainable Transportation

- Public education and events on cycling skills and sharing the road
- Advocacy for complete streets, cycling infrastructure, and better transit service
- Improving access to affordable bikes

Read on to find out more about some of the current work of local green groups

Local Food & Agriculture

Greater Sudbury Food Policy Council

- A new advocate for local food policies & a network for local food groups
- Following issues on Market Square, and backyard chickens
- Community Food Assessment

The Foodshed Project

- Grow-A-Row

Eat Local Sudbury

- Membership drive & fundraiser
- 3-year Trillium grant: multi-farmer CSA, season extension equipment for local farmers

Sudbury District Health Unit

- Advocate for a healthy community
- Staff support for Greater Sudbury Food Policy Council & work with Good Food Box program
- Report on food deserts

Social Planning Council

- support Seedy Sunday, community gardens, Good Food Box program
- addressing poverty – connection with environmental issues

FarmOn Alliance & Northeastern Ontario New Farmer Network

- Outreach, skill-building and networking for new farmers
- Funding for FarmOn Alliance has now ended, Funding for Northeastern Ontario Farmer Network being sought for a project to support new farmers

Natural Environment & Water Quality

Sudbury Naturalists Club

- monthly meetings, presentations & discussions

Wolf Lake Coalition

- video, arts camp this summer, research projects

Green Space Advisory Panel

- Input to Official Plan Review
- Gap analysis for parks and green spaces completed
- Next steps: connectivity analysis, implementation of acquisition strategy, interim report of progress to date

VETAC

- continued greening and schoolyard greening work;
- following the 5-year action plan in the Biodiversity Action Plan. This year 100,000 trees and shrubs (~40spp), and more understory transplants will be planted

Friends of the Roxborough Greenbelt

- Continue planting along Junction Creek, efforts to stabilize creek bank, & other stewardship and neighbourhood activities

Connect the Creek

- Completed 2.5 kms of remaining 7 kms
- Talking with CANS and obtaining their support
- Updating city council on progress

Natural Environment & Water Quality

Junction Creek Stewardship Committee

- enhanced wetland near Nickeldale dam in progress
- Involve public and schools in tree planting, creek clean-ups, creek bank stabilization with willow fascines, Adopt-a-Creek & presentations
- Monthly water sampling. Species at risk turtle research this summer
- Redesign of the website, cookbook sale
- JCSC trout festival June 2nd; rain barrel sale

Conservation Sudbury

- Official Plan review submission
- drinking water source protection –address private drinking water sources in future
- watershed report card for Ramsey Lake
- Climate Change Consortium –Friends and Neighbours pilot project
- Friends of Lake Laurentian –long term approach for Laurentian Conservation Area. Getting people out.

Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance

- brochure completed, new website soon
- Official Plan submission soon
- focus on Storm water Management
- advocate for watershed studies
- educational event this spring

Ramsey Lake Stewardship Committee

- Advocacy and outreach on development in the watershed; 2000 leaflets to be hand delivered
- Other stewardship of Ramsey Lake

Vermillion River Stewardship

- Trillium funding for extensive water sampling and water quality study
- Addressing 5 peaking hydroelectric proposals on Vermillion
- Blue-green Algae on Ella Lake

N.B. There are many other water steward groups

Sustainable Transportation

Rainbow Routes Association

- Trail building; partnering on Elgin Greenway
- on-going hike club
- Bike exchanges and bike safety events this spring
- Commuter Challenge June 2-8; Share the Road August 8

Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel

- Input on Official Plan Review
- Presented to Operations Committee to advocate to allow strollers on busses
- Bus ads re sustainable mobility

Sudbury Cyclists Union

- Advocacy for cycling infrastructure
- Education on safe cycling, sharing the road, and complete streets. CAN presentations, Sudbury Sports Live Magazine: articles. Developing handout.
- Inventory of bike racks in Greater Sudbury, and fun rides and BBQ's this summer

Friends of Sudbury Transit

- Follow up meeting with transit staff on recommendations of small changes to make – many recommended changes made.
- Partnerships on advocacy to advocate for better transit service, especially on Sundays

Sustainable Energy

SUN Co-operative

- A non-profit solar energy co-operative incorporating this month
- Will be asking for members and first investors this spring.
- Letter of intent from Vale to host the project. - Social enterprise

Environmental Networks

reThink Green

- 2 year Trillium grant recently confirmed
- new visioning, new direction
- Earth Day Festival April 27
- Incubator for Youth Social Entrepreneurs
- Sustainable Sudbury Network being launched
- workshops

Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury

- Rain Garden and Rain Barrel project. On-going advocacy on water quality
- Stairway park project
- On-going Official Plan Review outreach. Official Plan Review public event coming up
- summer shoreline watch project
- Joint budget submission
- AGM May 27

Get connected

- Find these groups and others at greenconnectsudbury.ca
- Get informed on local green events, issues, and actions with the Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury e-newsletter. Contact clsudbury@live.com.