

**GREENSPACE
ALLIANCE
OF
CANADA'S CAPITAL**



**Dedicated to Preserving
Greenspace
Throughout the National
Capital Area
Since 1997**

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The Greenspace Alliance of Canada's capital works with community organizations and individuals to preserve and enhance natural areas in the National Capital area, including public and private green spaces, wetlands and waterways.

Concerned residents formed the Alliance in October 1997. We engage with all levels of government and other stakeholders.

We believe that urban greenness is essential for a community's quality of life, contributing to our personal, social, economic, cultural and spiritual well-being. It also connects us with the natural and cultural history of our region.

What the Alliance does:

- Provides reliable information and sound advice to municipal, provincial and federal governments from a community-based perspective regarding environmental and development planning and policies. When necessary, we appeal environmentally detrimental planning decisions to the Ontario Municipal Board or support progressive policies on appeal to the OMB.
- Comments on planning and zoning amendments related to natural and open space concerns, including municipal Official Plans as well as plans initiated by the National Capital Commission.
- Maintains a website and e-mail listserv for the dissemination of public information and on-line discussions.
- Creates media and public awareness on pressing environmental and related issues.
- Engages in alliances with environmental and community organizations, including Ecology Ottawa, the Federation of Citizens' Associations, the Ottawa Field-Naturalists Club, the Community Association Forum on Environmental Sustainability, and the Healthy Transportation Coalition.

Photo : Large-flowered Trillium by Lorne Peterson

Some Recent Activities of the Alliance:

- Participated as the major community group in the Urban Boundary appeals of the 2009 Ottawa Official Plan.
- Organized an Emerald Ash Borer Working Group and lobbied City Hall to save as many trees as possible.
- Played a leading role in the Greenbelt Coalition's involvement in the NCC's Greenbelt Master Plan Review.
- Participated in all stages of the 2013 Ottawa Official Plan.
- Provided comments to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on land use planning, the role of the Ontario Municipal Board and the development charges regime.
- Asked the Ontario Minister of the Environment to review the plan to widen a road through the Greenbelt's Stony Swamp, a Provincially Significant Wetland.
- Put four propositions to all candidates in the October 2014 municipal election in Ottawa which were endorsed by 16 local environmental organizations and 150 individuals covering every Ward.

How you can get involved:

- Subscribe to our mailing list
- Become a member
- Make a donation
- Attend our monthly meetings
- Participate in our discussions

Become a Member!

Annual Membership Dues:

- Groups or Individuals \$15.00
- Students, unwaged \$5.00
- Associate (supporting) \$30.00

Please print a Membership Application Form off our website and mail it with your cheque to:

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