

Greenspace Alliance candidate endorsements, 2026 municipal election

Ward 1 Orleans-East Cumberland: Barbara Daniela Gandolfo

Ward 2 Orleans West-Innes: Jenna Jessup

Ward 3 Barrhaven West: No endorsement

Ward 4 Kanata North: Cathy Curry

Ward 5 West Carleton-March: Clarke Kelly

Ward 6 Stittsville (2): Kevin Hua, Chelsea Walton

Ward 7 Bay Ward: Theresa Kavanagh

Ward 8 College Ward: Laine Johnson

Ward 9 Knoxdale-Merivale: Sean Devine

Ward 10 Gloucester-Southgate: Jessica Bradley

Ward 11 Beacon Hill-Cyrville: Kathryne Milburn

Ward 12 Rideau-Vanier: No endorsement

Ward 13 Rideau-Rockcliffe: Rawlson King

Ward 14 Somerset: No endorsement

Ward 15 Kitchissippi: Joanne Chianello

Ward 16 River Ward: Riley Brockington

Ward 17 Capital: Shawn Menard

Ward 18 Alta Vista: Marty Carr

Ward 19 Orleans-South Navan: Catherine Kitts

Ward 20 Osgoode: Isabelle Skalski

Ward 21 Rideau-Jock: no endorsement

Ward 22 Riverside South-Findlay Creek: Muyiwa Ojo

Ward 23 Kanata South: Erin Coffin

Ward 24 Barrhaven East: Yoosaf Melparamba

GA endorsements 2026 – details and rationale

Endorsed incumbents:

On the basis of their record in the past term, the GA endorses the following incumbents:

Kanata North: Cathy Curry
Clarke Kelly: West Carleton
Bay: Theresa Kavanagh
College: Laine Johnson
Knoxdale-Merivale: Sean Devine
Gloucester-Southgate: Jessica Bradley
Rideau-Rockcliffe: Rawlson King
Alta Vista: Marty Carr
Orleans-South Navan: Catherine Kitts
Osgoode: Isabelle Skalski
River: Riley Brockington
Capital: Shawn Ménard

Incumbents on the fence:

On the basis of their record in the past term, the GA takes no position on these incumbents, nor does it endorse any other candidate in these wards.

Rideau-Vanier: Stephanie Plante
Somerset: Ariel Troster
Rideau-Jock: David Brown
Barrhaven-West: David Hill

Incumbents not endorsed:

Based on their record in the past term, the GA does not endorse incumbents in these wards. It endorses instead the following candidates on the basis of their campaign.

Orleans- East Cumberland:

Barbara Daniela Gandolfo

Stronger Climate Resilience

Heat risks are increasing in urban centres and roads and highways are flooding during increased rainfall. Our most valuable infrastructure was built for a climate that no longer exists. Delays in strengthening our resilience will only increase the future financial burden on taxpayers, while climate adaptation can deliver strong value for money and strengthen our foundations for sustainable growth.

An integrated approach of nature based solutions - expanding our urban forests to mitigate extreme heat, reduce runoff and decrease flood risks - together with investment in climate adapted infrastructure - like heat resistant asphalt and porous pavements - will continue to protect our quality of life as climate risks intensify.

- Responsible renewable energy and storage
- Clear local standards for energy projects
- Forty percent tree canopy by 2050
- Biodiversity Action Plan

Orleans-West Innis:

[Jenna Jessop](#)

Beacon Hill- Cyrville

[Cathryne Milburn](#)

Support the creation of an environmentally friendly city.

- Require 40% tree canopy coverage within the community.
- Require projects to meet clear environmental standards including reducing emissions, minimizing waste, diverting waste, and prioritizing sustainable materials.
- Support the expansion of the Zero-Emission Bus Program at a sustainable rate.
- Accelerate the transition to a greener municipal fleet by increasing the use of electric and low-emission vehicles for all vehicles.
- Improve access to hazardous waste depots.
- Ensure reasonable salt use in transit stations.
- Support the City of Ottawa's goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Kanata South

[Erin Coffin](#)

My environmental approach for Kanata South focuses on protecting local green space, preparing neighbourhood infrastructure for extreme weather, and ensuring growth happens responsibly within existing urban boundaries. I will support the prioritization of practical measures such as strengthening the tree canopy, improving stormwater and drainage systems, supporting reliable transit and safer walking/cycling routes, reducing emissions through energy-efficient municipal operations, and improving waste diversion with clearer standards and better public education. I am committed to focusing on: measurable targets, transparent reporting, and ensuring every environmental action is tied to clear timelines, costs and results so Kanata South can protect what matters and prepare for the future.

Barrhaven East:

[Yoosaf Melparamba](#) (Facebook) [YouTube Introduction](#)

Flood Resilience and the Jock River Corridor

Barrhaven's growth must be safe, transparent, and respectful of the land and water systems that support it.

- A full public review of flood and stormwater plans near the Jock River and surrounding areas.
- Stronger scrutiny of fill, grading, and development decisions that affect downstream risk.
- Flood resilience upgrades that help existing neighbourhoods, not just new subdivisions.
- Stronger buffers, conservation, and naturalized areas along the corridor.

- A simple, resident-friendly map explaining flood zones, stormwater infrastructure, and risk areas.
- Development decisions that treat floodplain mapping as a safety boundary, not a bureaucratic obstacle.

Parks, Green Space, and Gathering Places

Strong neighbourhoods need more than roads and services. They need places where people can meet, walk, play, breathe, and spend time together.

- Better gathering spaces for families and neighbourhood events across the ward.
- More opportunities for casual sports and outdoor recreation — badminton, volleyball, pickleball, and open-play spaces.
- Indoor soccer facilities and community hockey nights, for year-round access regardless of weather.
- Recognition and award programs for up-and-coming local sports talent, connecting promising young athletes to coaching and leagues.
- Park upgrades that families can actually feel — more frequent garbage pickup, regular police patrols, permanent restroom facilities instead of just portables, and better lighting.
- Regular maintenance and improvement of Berrigan Skatepark, better facilities on-site, and support for bringing local skate talent in for display events.
- Safe walking and cycling connections between parks, schools, and transit stops.
- Urban tree canopy expansion — a Ward 24 urban tree canopy target, street tree planting along corridors like Strandherd and Prince of Wales, and greening of school grounds, parks, and transit stops.

Riverside South-Findlay Creek

[Muyiwa Ojo](#)

In the only two open seats in the city, the GA endorses the following candidates:

Stittsville: (2 endorsements)

[Chelsea Walton](#)

Protecting Nature & Greenspace

Protecting the wetlands, trails, parks, and natural spaces that make Stittsville such a special place to live.

[Kevin Hua](#)

Protecting our Wetlands and Tree Canopy

Leverage municipal planning powers to create protections for our wetlands so they aren't solely dependent on the province for protection and to preserve more of our existing tree canopy that protects us from the summer heat.

Kitchissippi:

[Joanne Chianello](#)

We all want Kitchissippi to be a clean, green and comfortable place to live — today and for decades to come. Trees and green spaces aren't just nice to have. They help keep neighbourhoods cooler, support our health and give us places to get outside and connect with nature and each other. But our “green” is under some threat. While we have great neighbourhood parks, and some beloved forests and waterfront under the National Capital Commission, the tree canopy in Kitchissippi is well under the city's own targets. Some neighbourhoods need more new trees than others.

And in case we need any reminders of the effects of climate change, the extreme storms we experienced this summer that devastated so many of our neighbouring wards — as well as many homes here in Kitchissippi – are a clarion call that we need to invest in making our neighbourhoods and infrastructure more resilient. As I said in Build Better Neighbourhoods, we need to plan for the infrastructure capacity we will need as our community grows. We also need to plan for a changing climate — heavier rain, hotter summers and more extreme weather.

Cities don't control climate policy overall, but there is a lot we can do. We can expand our electric bus fleet and make it easier to walk or cycle. We can protect and add trees and green space, make our parks more welcoming and, where we can, help residents prepare their homes and properties for storms

I was reminded of that while door-knocking in a pocket of townhomes. One resident had installed a permeable driveway to help manage stormwater. Another told me they wanted to buy an electric vehicle but couldn't because their neighbourhood didn't have the charging capacity to support it. Those two conversations captured something important: residents are willing to make changes, but we need to keep up with them.

But a cleaner and greener Kitchissippi isn't a defensive posture. It's not just about withstanding what's coming at us. More environmentally resilient neighbourhoods are also more fun. They're about getting outside and enjoying what makes this place special.

[Protect and grow our urban nature](#)

[Build a Climate Ready Future](#)