



**– MAY 2013 –**

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## **ONGOING INITIATIVES**

### **1. Trip to the Detroit Wildlife Reserve**

The tour of the Detroit Wildlife Reserve will happen in the morning on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>. Invitations to attend the tour have been sent out to environmental groups, City of Windsor staff, City and County Councillors as well as the media. Please confirm with Averil if you would like to attend the tour. There are currently 16 people registered for the tour. A bus will be rented from Transit Windsor for the trip.

### **2. Green Speaker Series: Dan Burden – Walkable and Livable Communities Institute**

On Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> WECEC will continue their Green Speaker Series and host Dan Burden, Co-Founder and Director of Innovation and Inspiration at the [Walkable and Livable Communities Institute](#). Dan will discuss how creating more walkable streets can contribute to healthier, more vibrant communities with thriving economies. Findings from this workshop and walking audit can be applied throughout the City of Windsor.

The event will take place at the Walkerville Brewery (525 Argyle Road). Currently there are 65 people registered for this event.

The below schedule may be subject to change:

- 11:00 a.m. Welcome and introductions – overview of policy work to date to support active communities/complete streets
- 11:15 a.m. Educational Presentation: Street and Community Design for Active, Healthy Living at All Ages  
Best Practices: Design Treatments, Tools and Capacity-Building
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Break (Lunch will be provided)
- 1:30 p.m. Walking Audit of Wyandotte and Walkerville BIA districts
- 2:30 p.m. Visioning and Next Steps
- 3:30 p.m. Closing Thoughts and Q&A
- 4:00 p.m. Conclude

### **3. Water Quality Subcommittee**

The subcommittee has recruited two ERCA volunteers to continue work on our educational campaigns. One ERCA volunteer has created a lesson plan for blue green algae educational video “Overload”. This lesson plan will be introduced to teachers so that they can incorporate it into their lessons..

Another ERCA volunteer has begun researching phosphorous content in detergents, fertilizers, soaps etc. as part of the background information for a phosphorous education campaign. This campaign would build on the blue green algae video by educating residents about how to read product labels such as fertilizer and laundry soap and compare the phosphorous content for various products. The group has talked of getting permission to use phosphorous free lawn signs on city parks as well as handing them out to homeowners to encourage and educate others. Another short video about how to read labels and make informed decisions would be of great benefit to this upcoming campaign.

**4. Pat on the Back Awards**

Fifteen applications for the “Pat on the Back Awards” were received this year. An ad-hoc subcommittee met to review the applications and selected six final applicants who will present their project at the Pat on the Back award ceremony Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Ojibway Nature Centre. After all presentations are made, the subcommittee will determine the four award winners who will receive \$500 each for their environmental project.

The six final applicants are:

- 1) Together we flourish – building a community garden
- 2) St. Anne's legacy project – an outdoor classroom and student area
- 3) Sandwich secondary – expansion of their native plant area
- 4) St. Jean Baptist – building a vegetable garden
- 5) Riverside – constructing a path to provide access to their native plant garden
- 6) St. Jules – improving outdoor green space

**5. WECEC Budget – Summary**

<b>2013 Budget</b>			
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Status</b>
2013 Budget	\$8,300.00		
Website domain renewal		\$76.27	Spent
Website hosting fee		\$500.00	
Pat on the Back		\$2,500.00	Spent
Earth Day		\$40.00	Spent
Dan Burden		\$1,000.00	Spent
David Suzuki		\$1,000.00	Spent
Green Speaker 3		\$800.00	
WQ video		\$500.00	
Wildlife tour		\$796.09	
Promotional Items		\$348.00	Spent
Conservation Campaign		\$596.00	Spent
June meeting at Ojibway		\$122.50	Spent
Totals	\$8,300.00	\$8,278.86	
<b>TOTAL REMAINING</b>		<b>\$21.14</b>	