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## SPONSOR A YOUTH - EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR JUNCTION CREEK PROGRAM

The Junction Creek Stewardship Committee (JCSC) is pleased to offer its first ever **Empowering Youth for Junction Creek** program this July and is seeking community support to help make it a great success.

The JCSC is a grass roots not-for-profit that has been leading community-oriented restoration of the Junction Creek watershed since 1999 (see page 2 for more details). The JCSC engages local youth through educational programs, student research, placement and volunteer opportunities, and summer youth employment. This year, the stewardship committee is exploring new ways to connect youth with nature and empower them in environmental stewardship and conservation in a Covid-safe way.

The *Empowering Youth for Junction Creek* program is free for youth ages 13-18 and offers hands-on learning, group discussions, mentorship and involvement in community programs. The month-long collaborative project will introduce a group of 12-20 local youth to various community experts, leaders, and Knowledge-Keepers while participating in stewardship activities in Greater Sudbury's central urban watershed known as Junction Creek. Participants will connect with nature in new ways and gain the tools and knowledge to become the next generation of leaders in environmental stewardship. See enclosed poster for more information.

**Please help us offer the best experience possible for participating youth by sponsoring a youth for \$100.** Your contribution will provide a youth in the program with a Conservation Kit filled with resources to kick-start their journey towards environmental stewardship and conservation. A charitable receipt for tax purposes can be provided, and your support will be recognized in our event communications, social media, Junction Creek newsletter and Annual Report. If you would like to contribute towards the program in other ways, we are also accepting in-kind and monetary donations.

Thank you in advance, we hope that we can count on your support in introducing and inspiring youth in the restoration and beauty of Junction Creek!

Sincerely,

Miranda Virtanen  
Executive Director, Junction Creek Stewardship Committee

Enclosed: *Empowering Youth for Junction Creek* poster





# Junction Creek

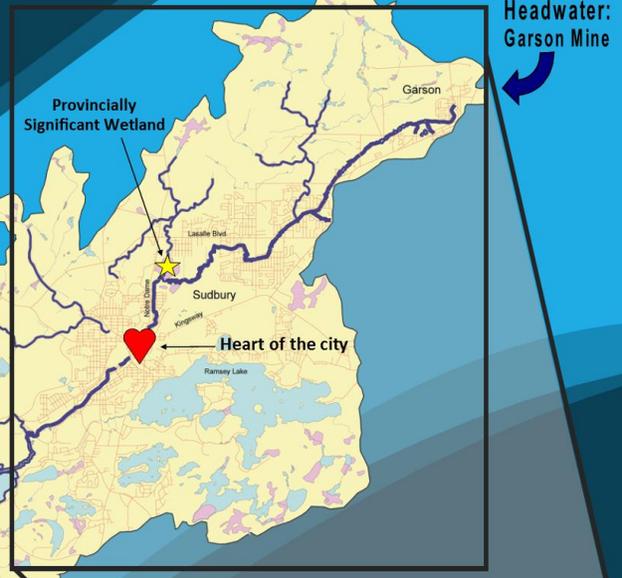
## The Urban Waterway of Greater Sudbury

### A valued natural asset:

- Flood management & drinking water
- Recreation & eco-tourism
- Historical significance
- Natural heritage
- Species at risk

10 Wards

52 km



Target area: **Upper Reach**

Drains into the Vermillion River, then onwards to the Great Lakes.



80,225 kg of garbage removed



38,533 trees & shrubs planted



28,700 brook trout re-introduced

### MONITORING & RESEARCH

- Annual Brook Trout release
- Monthly water sampling
- Water quality monitoring: fish & benthos studies
- Wetland evaluations, biodiversity projects, and species at risk studies

### RESTORATION ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS

- Litter monitoring, garbage clean-ups and inventory
- Native tree and shrub planting
- Shoreline stabilization and habitat restoration
- Construction of water retention ponds
- Invasive species management

### COMMUNITY EDUCATION, AWARENESS & ENGAGEMENT

28,565 students and volunteers

- Bilingual school programs, community workshops and educational material
- Connecting the community with nature (guided walks, citizen science events, etc.)
- Encourage active lifestyles and recreation through the exploration of the Junction Creek Waterway Park Trail
- Engage community partners and volunteers in restoration and research programs

### JUNCTION CREEK STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (JCSC)

- Non-for-profit organization, incorporated in 2008
- Actively involved in the restoration of Junction Creek since 1999
- 1 to 2 full-time staff, up to 5 seasonal staff, and 11 volunteer Board of Directors
- Develop projects and apply for funding
- Collaborate with community partners and coordinate volunteers
- A source for data, resources and expertise on the Junction Creek watershed



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With the **vast size** and **importance** of Junction Creek, it requires a dedicated team to continuously monitor and collect data to make effective restoration decisions and execute multi-year projects. **The JCSC is essential for the health and longevity of Junction Creek.**

Charitable donations can be made by cheque or through PayPal Giving Fund

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