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SPONSOR A YOUTH - EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR JUNCTION CREEK PROGRAM

The Junction Creek Stewardship Committee (JCSC) is pleased to offer the **Empowering Youth for Junction Creek program again this summer 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 will be delivering the *Empowering Youth for Junction Creek* program in 3 neighborhoods (Garson, Flour Mill/ Downtown, and Lively) to help connect youth with nature and empower them in environmental stewardship and conservation. The program is free for youth ages 13-18 and consists of weekly sessions in July and August to offer hands-on learning, group discussions, mentorship, and involvement in community programs. The collaborative project will introduce a group of up to 60 local youth to various community experts, leaders, and Knowledge-Keepers while participating in stewardship activities in N'Swakamok/ Greater Sudbury's central urban watershed known as Junction Creek. Participants will gain the tools and knowledge to become the next generation of leaders in environmental stewardship. See page 3 for a summary of the 2021 program and the enclosed poster for the 2022 program.

Please help us offer the best experience possible for participating youth by sponsoring a youth for \$100. Your contribution will provide youth in the program with take-home 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 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

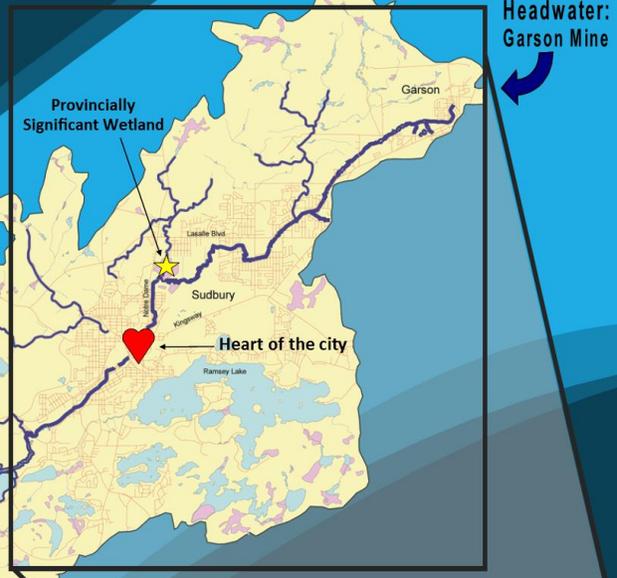
The Urban Waterway of Greater Sudbury

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**

MONITORING & RESEARCH

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



28,700 brook trout re-introduced

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

38,533 trees & shrubs planted

80,225 kg of garbage removed

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

COMMUNITY EDUCATION, AWARENESS & ENGAGEMENT

- 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

28,565 students and volunteers

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.**



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EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR JUNCTION CREEK 2021 PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

The Junction Creek Stewardship Committee coordinated a free, month-long program in July 2021 to provide accessible nature-based programming to youth aged 13-18 in N'Swakamok/ Greater Sudbury.



25 youth participants



90 species
reported
in BioBlitz



23 kg of garbage removed



Free Conservation Kits for each youth,
thanks to local supporters!

33 sessions with 19 experts & Knowledge Holders

Field Journal Creation

Virtual Book Talk with the Greater Sudbury Library

Hope in a changing landscape with Franco Mariotti

Virtual Lattes & Learning Tea Time with Bonn

Inside, outside: who am I in nature? Reflection Workshop

Creek Clean-Up

Virtual Plastic-Free & Zero-Waste Trivia Night

Turtle Talk with Miranda from JCSC

Mini BioBlitz

Virtual Youth Invasive vs. Native Species Conference
with Derissa from Invasive Species Centre, Jenny from
Northern Wildflowers

Book Borrowing at the Greater Sudbury Library

Sustainable Craft with the Greater Sudbury Library

"Story of Plastic" Documentary Screening

Wildflower and Native Species Hike with Jenny from
Northern Wildflowers

Learning with the Water Rangers Water Testing Kits

Research and Monitoring: What Makes a Healthy
Aquatic Ecosystem with Brandon from JCSC and Adam
from Microplastics Project

Studying Bats in Ontario with Kaleigh from Willis Bat Lab

Water Sampling and Bug Search Program with Brandon
from JCSC

Backyard Case Study

Lake Laurentian Hike with Maggie and Jane from
Fridays for Future Sudbury

Gotta catch 'em all: insect hike with Sydney from JCSC

Art for Junction Creek with Will Morin

Can I eat this forest? with Carrie from Sudbury Shared
Harvest

Alien invasion! Invasive species hike with Alex from
JCSC

Mushroom Palooza with Brittany from Ugly Barn Farms

Photography and Journaling

Art and Connection to Water (Nibi) with Page



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