

Surrey's Natural Areas Partnership (SNAP) empowers youth with practical career experience in environmental education and conservation.

Teams help to restore and enhance natural areas, care for shade trees, and educate the community about the urban forest. Together in partnership with Green Timbers Heritage Society, Sunnyside Acres Heritage Society, White Rock and Surrey Naturalists Society and the City of Surrey, SNAP improves our parks and communities.



The fall SNAP team at the Surrey Nature Centre

The fall team is underway and ready for another season full of restoration plantings and promoting environmental stewardship to help enhance Surrey's urban forest. With the help of our partners, the team received extensive training which included plant and bird identification, nature interpretation, and invasive plant removal and planting techniques. Our non-profit partners and City of Surrey staff make this high-quality training and orientation possible.

SNAP Teams and their September Work Achievements

The **Urban Forest Outreach Team** raises awareness within the community of the benefits of urban forests, promotes the adoption of stewardship behaviour in relation to urban forests, and fosters a sense of community connection with Surrey parks.

This fall, the team will engage with volunteers from Surrey's Youth Stewardship Squad (SYSS) through invasive plant removal, planting, and online webinar events. In addition, they will provide [monthly updates](#) about Newton Pond Park to raise awareness about the park's biodiversity.



Drew, Urban Forest Outreach Team Member, learning how to use iNaturalist from Chantelle, City of Surrey staff

The **Field Team** restores, maintains and enhances Surrey's natural areas and parks. They remove invasive plants, maintain previous years' restoration planting sites, clean up garbage and enhance tree wells of City-owned trees. Their hard work contributes to the longevity and vitality of our city's thriving urban forest.

To date, the team has planted 665 native trees and shrubs, and removed over 23 m³ invasive plants from numerous greenspaces in Surrey.



The Field Team planting native trees and shrubs at Newton Pond Park



The Green Timbers
Heritage Society

