

## SCHOOLYARD REGREENING SUPPORT IN 2022

Since 2005, the Sudbury Horticultural Society has been a proud supporter of schoolyard greening efforts through VETAC's Ugliest Schoolyard Contest. In 2022 we are donating plants and \$600 which will be used this fall by two schools who were chosen as contest winners.

Our most important contribution this fall will be the provision of volunteers to work on-site planting with students and teachers in their new gardens.

**Redwood Acres Public School** in Hanmer will be planting perennials in raised planters in several locations throughout the schoolyard, and planting vines and perennials around an unused softball backstop to create a living wall that will offer a new shaded green space for students. Soil and mulch for these gardens will be donated by Fisher Wavy Industries.

**Chelmsford Valley District Composite School** is now home to students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 from that area of Greater Sudbury. VETAC will work with the School Board to create new drainage ditches to alleviate flooding problems in the schoolyard used by elementary grade students, and plant five large silver maple trees in raised planters to create an outdoor classroom.

Our Society will work with students and teachers in the fall to create a bog garden near the new drainage ditches to help absorb rainwater and create a natural green space that will add additional greenery to the outdoor classroom. We will be planting joe pye weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*), marsh marigold (*Caltha palustris*), swamp milk weed (*Asclepias incarnata*), anise hysopp (*Agastache foeniculum*), great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitia*), Siberian Iris (*Iris siberica*), winterberry (*Ilex verticillate*), ostrich fern (*Matteuccia strathiopteris*), morning star sedge (*Carex grayi*), and other water-tolerant native plants.

### JOIN THE TEAM

We invite you to join us for this fun-filled educational experience for students at one (or both) of these schools in early September. If you would like to join our volunteer team and participate in these important educational events, please contact [president@sudburyhorticulturalsociety.ca](mailto:president@sudburyhorticulturalsociety.ca) to have your name added. You will be contacted in late August with more details about the date and time when the work will be done at the schools.



### OUTSTANDING GARDEN RECOGNITION

Sudbury Horticultural Society would like to recognize noteworthy gardens throughout greater Sudbury, as part of its celebration of the YEAR OF THE GARDEN. If you are aware of a garden that deserves recognition, please provide the name and address of the gardener, as well as phone number and/or email address, so that a certificate can be presented to them on behalf of the society.

Recommendations should be sent to [president@sudburyhorticulturalsociety.ca](mailto:president@sudburyhorticulturalsociety.ca) for consideration.

**HELP US TO SHOW OUR APPECIATION FOR THE CITY BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS OF LOCAL GARDENERS!**