

NORTH GRENVILLE IN BLOOM
2023 PROFILE BOOK
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North Grenville Land Acknowledgement

The Municipality of North Grenville acknowledges that the Municipality operates on the un-ceded, and unsurrendered territory of the Anishnabek. We honour the historic relationship of the Haudenosaunee and Huron-Wendat peoples to this land.

We recognize all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit who now call North Grenville their home. We respect and support the need for cultivating a strong relationship with all Indigenous peoples and we look forward to continuing this conversation and fostering the path towards reconciliation.

Phonetic Spelling

Anishnabek (Ah nish naw beck)

Haudenosaunee (hoe denno show nay)

Huron-Wendat (huron when-dat)



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A Message from the Mayor

Dear friends and judges,

On behalf of the Council, it is my great pleasure to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all those who are joining us in participating in the 2023 Communities in Bloom event, and to the judges themselves who are travelling to our wonderful community. We are thrilled to be a part of this wonderful project to showcase the beauty, spirit, and civic pride that defines our beloved Municipality.

Communities in Bloom is not just a friendly competition between local communities; it is a celebration of community engagement, environmental stewardship, and the power of collaboration. Each year, it brings together individuals, organizations, and municipalities from across the nation who share a common goal: to create and nurture vibrant, sustainable, and livable communities. In North Grenville, we have embraced this vision wholeheartedly, and we are excited to share our love of home, beauty, and green spaces that extend to every corner of our Municipality.

From the serene trails that wind through the forests of the Ferguson Forest Centre or on the Kemptville Campus; to the lovingly maintained public gardens such as the Giving Garden on highway 43 or the newly opened Community Garden on the Kemptville Campus; to our many parks, our commitment to preserving and enhancing our natural environment is evident. Our residents, community organizations, and dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that North Grenville remains a place of special beauty.

Everyone is invited to take part in North Grenville's submission to CiB by submitting photos to be used on the North Grenville website, for the creation of our profile book, and by taking part in touring the beautiful landscapes and green spaces within the community to help support the initiative.

The goal of Communities in Bloom is to foster civic pride, and to this end, I encourage everyone to look beyond our picturesque natural wonders; visit the hamlets and townships that form North Grenville, a municipality rich in history and culture. The downtown core of Kemptville boasts a delightful mix of boutique shops, artisanal eateries, and friendly faces eager to share stories of our past and present; hamlets like Oxford Mills, Bishop's Mills, and Burritt's Rapids of which each has a unique village charm that beckons you to pause and enjoy their special spaces. Go explore our historical landmarks, engage with the burgeoning arts scene, visit the Farmers' Market, or even just enjoy a leisurely paddle along the Rideau Canal (or the South Branch/Kemptville Creek...), a UNESCO World Heritage Site that winds its way through our communities, connecting us like a ribbon tied around a present to ourselves.

May this event serve as a catalyst for new friendships, lasting partnerships, and a renewed sense of inspiration as we all strive to make our communities even better places to live, work, and play. Thank you for being a part of the 2023 Communities in Bloom event. Let us embrace this opportunity to celebrate, connect, and grow together.

Warm regards,



Mayor Nancy Peckford
North Grenville



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Vision:

North Grenville is a caring, vibrant, and cohesive community, where growth is sustainability managed to enhance the quality of urban and rural life for all. The Community's 10-Year Strategic Plan reflected the insights of almost 2,000 public participants, advisory committee members, community groups, Council, and municipal staff who engaged in the process.

The plan is based on a foundation of five **Strategic Pillars**:

About North Grenville:

The Municipality of North Grenville is a fast-growing municipality, with over 18,000 residents, located directly adjacent to the southern border of the City of Ottawa along Highway 416.

- Population: 18,000 +
- Land Area (square kilometres): 351.9km²
- Public Outdoor Recreation Space: 12.92km²
- Bike Paths and Lanes: 20.6km
- Trails: 47.5km
- City Capital and Operating Budget to Support Festivals and Events: 9.77%
- Total Number of Dwelling units: 6,440
- Housing Starts: 179
- Issued Building Permits: 470
- Number of Businesses in North Grenville: 2,009
- Source: World Council on City Data Report 2022



Balanced and Environmentally Sustainable Growth



A Strong, Connected, and Vibrant Community



Diverse and Resilient Economic Development



Efficient Governance and Service Delivery



A Caring Community

History of North Grenville, Celebrating 25 Years

The Corporation of the Municipality of North Grenville was established January 1, 1998 through the amalgamation of the Township of Kemptville, South Gower Township, and Oxford-on-Rideau Township.

First Nations peoples lived in the Ottawa Valley by the Rideau River for thousands of years prior to European settlers arriving to this area in the 1780s, and on the lands of what is now known as North Grenville. The Rideau River has a rich history of First Nations peoples trading up and down the river.

When European settlers came to claim the lands under the British Crown, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (UCLG) were established in 1850. Through the establishment of the UCLG, the early Hamlets of North Grenville were incorporated, and named to distinguish themselves.

Oxford-On-Rideau (now known as Oxford Station) was incorporated in 1850, with Kemptville being a part of this township until its incorporation in 1857. Oxford Station was once a stop for the Bytown (now Ottawa) and Prescott Railway system, with the train stopping in Oxford Station, bringing farmers hardware and supplies, and picking up cheese and eggs to deliver to Ottawa. South Gower Township was incorporated in 1834, but was settled much earlier, includes Heckston and Peltons Corners hamlets.

Peltons Corners was once a main through-way for stagecoaches.

Bishops Mills was settled in 1840 by Chauncey and Ira Bishop, and is a rural village. The Bishops Mills cemetery houses the remains of the villages earliest pioneers, and dates back to 1862.

Burritts Rapids is the oldest settlement along the Rideau Canal in North Grenville, and once bustled with the construction of the Rideau Canal from 1827- 1831.

Heckston was once an overnight stop on the long stagecoach trip from Prescott to Ottawa.

Oxford Mills houses the original general store, and the original iron vault (now The Brigadoon restaurant), the historic Maplewood School (now the Community Hall) and the original stone Town Hall.

Tidiness and Community Appearance

Municipal

By-Law Enforcement

The Municipality of North Grenville is very committed to keeping a tidy and welcoming environment for all visitors and residents. Multiple By-Laws have been enacted to maintain the Municipality, enforced by three By-Law Officers, and one Manager of By-Law Services.

- Property Standards By-Law (32-98A)
 - Prescribes standards for maintenance and occupancy of property within the Municipality
- Yards By-Law (46-07)
 - Requires the owners of private property to maintain their lands in a safe and clean manner
- Smoking By-Law (57-15)
 - Prohibits the smoking of tobacco in buildings and vehicles owned or leased by the Municipality of North Grenville within nine (9) metres of the entrance or exit of those buildings and within 20 metres of a playground, sporting field or sporting spectator area
- Parks By-Law (113-16)
 - To regulate and promote the responsible enjoyment and use of parks and facilities
- Care of Roads (9-16)
 - Care of roads within the Municipality of North Grenville



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Street Cleaning

Every year, the Municipality keeps its streets clean and tidy through its annual street sweeping of urban and subdivision streets. Street sweeping is essential to maintaining public streets by removing debris, dirt, leaves, and other materials from road surfaces, sidewalks, and curbs. The annual street sweep ensures the Municipality maintains its commitment to a well-maintained and aesthetically pleasing community for residents and visitors to enjoy.

North Grenville Fire Service (NGFS)

Following accidents, or natural disasters, the NGFS assists with sweeping debris off the road after accidents, and spraying down the roads, along with removing other various natural debris.

Parks, Trails, and Public Space Maintenance

- Regular cleaning and maintenance: the Municipality schedules routine litter removal, debris clearing, grass cutting, and pruning of trees and shrubs for Municipal property.

- Waste management: trash bins, recycling containers, and waste collection services are in public spaces to promote proper waste disposal and management.
- Landscape care: the Municipality mows, waters, fertilizes, and provides weed control to Municipal parks and land.
- Playground and equipment maintenance: playgrounds and recreational equipment in public spaces are inspected, maintained and replaced by the Municipality to ensure it meets safety standards.
- Seasonal care: depending on the season, the Municipality provides ice and snow removal in the winters, and leaf collection and fall cleanup take place in autumn.

Grants

- The Municipality provides Façade and Signage Grants to assist businesses with maintaining a high-quality appearance



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Residential/Business and Institutions

Adopt a Tree/Bench/Park/Trail

The Adopt-A-Park/Trail Program is a cooperative program designed to encourage organizations, businesses, and individuals to volunteer and assist the Municipality in the enhancement of local parks and trails through provision of in-kind labour for clean-ups, monitoring/reporting hazards, and/or to contribute financially toward improvements/enhancements.

Environmentally conscious volunteers may donate their time to help create a cleaner community and enhance the environment by collecting debris along trails. Minor monetary contributions would be utilized to enhance the area surrounding the trail such as through the addition of wayfinding/interpretive signage, picnic tables etc. Major monetary contributions would be utilized for replacement, rehabilitation, or construction of park infrastructure or portions of the trail system where missing linkages have been identified.

For those adopting a section of the trail system or park, the Municipality would provide a certificate of appreciation and erect and maintain signs recognizing the contribution of Adopt-a-Park/Trail participants at the approaches of designated areas.

PITCH-IN Canada

Many north grenville residents take part in Pitch-In Week at the Municipality. PITCH-IN CANADA is a national, community-based organization comprised of eco-action and community volunteers who believe that maintaining a quality environment and encouraging civic pride is everyone's responsibility. PITCH-IN CANADA encourages voluntary action to keep communities clean, beautiful and to restore and maintain a healthy environment.

Kemptville Campus

The Kemptville Campus has a mission to renew the lands and buildings of the former Kemptville Agricultural College and turn them into a thriving education and community centre. The campus covers almost 630 acres of land, including forests, wetlands, farmland, and a “village” of buildings, soccer fields, and other recreational facilities. The Campus’ work is guided by the pillars of education and learning; health and wellness; and economic development – all within an overarching framework of climate change resilience.

Kemptville Horticultural Society (KHS)

The Kemptville Horticultural Society oversees the Public Planting and Maintenance of Rotary Park and Ferguson Forest’s Giving Garden

Local Community Associations

Historically, local Community Associations (including the Burritt’s Rapids Community Association, Kemptville District Community Association, Bishop’s Mills Community Association, and Oxford Mills Community Association) have called upon volunteers to assist with maintaining their community halls (some historic halls). The maintenance calls included basic repairs, painting, weeding, planting, landscaping, and other maintenance calls.

Ferguson Forest Centre, Kemptville Disc Golf Club, and Kemptville Winter Trail

All three organizations come together to maintain their shared space. For example, in the winter seasons, the Kemptville Winter Trail (KeWi), a sanctioned cross country ski club, grooms the trails in the winter, maintains their fire-pit structure, clubhouse, and storage building. The Kemptville Disc Golf Club maintains their disc golf course, and their nets are used for the sport. Ferguson Forest assists with maintaining trails and receptacles in the area.

- Local Golf Courses
 - Hire staff or contactors to perform maintenance activities
- Private Cemeteries
 - Hire staff or contactors to perform maintenance activities



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Environmental Action

From tree planting and urban forestry to community gardens and waste management programs, the Municipality (residents and businesses included) is dedicated to Environmental Sustainability and creating a greener future and green economy.



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Municipal

By-Law Enforcement

- Garbage and Recycling Collection By-Law (7-21)
 - Regulates the management, collection, removal and disposal of recyclables, source separated organics and waste material in the Municipality of North Grenville.

Water-Use Reduction

- Consumers are billed based on the amount of water they consume (with the use of water meters), which incentivizes residents and businesses to use less water.
- A third party comes to the Municipality annually for leak detection on the water distribution system. This aids in preventing water from being lost/wasted before it reaches the consumer.
- In water billing inserts, the Municipality includes water saving tips. Tips include how to check if your toilet is leaking, and more.
- Public Education: Using less water is not only good for the water supply but has other benefits too. When we use less water, we also use less energy (from the water pumps turning on less), less chemical (less sodium hypochlorite required) which has its own environmental cost (the production of the chemical, the shipping, the plastic containers it is packaged in), and a reduced load on the wastewater plant.
- The Municipality must have a source water protection plan to protect the groundwater from contamination. The RVCA does most of this work on our behalf. Source water protection plans focus on safeguarding the natural areas, such as lakes, rivers, and underground aquifers where our water comes from. The plans identify potential threats and risks to these water sources, including pollution, industrial activities, or urban development. Strategies and policies are implemented to prevent or minimize these risks to ensure our drinking water remains clean and safe.

Municipality of North Grenville Declared a Blue Community

A Blue Community recognizes the importance of protecting its water supply to ensure clean, safe water for generations to come. As a Blue Community, the Municipality of North Grenville recognizes water as a fundamental right, which entitles everyone to access clean and safe water.

The Municipality of North Grenville installed water filling stations in the arena lobby in 2016 and will continue to promote local well or municipal tap water. Moving forward, the municipality will remove bottled water from vending machines and when possible, encourage events within the Municipality to use potable water.

Events such as Kemptville Live already provide a water filling station for festival participants to use free of charge.

As part of the Revitalization of the Riverside Park project, a water filling station will be installed for residents to access for free while recreating at the park.

Waste Management

- The Municipality contracts Emterra Group/Emterra Environmental for Waste Management and Recycling Services. Emterra Group promotes sustainability and environmental support in waste disposal by:
 - Recycling Initiatives: Emterra Group's recycling facilities recover valuable materials from various waste streams, and helps divert waste from landfills, and conserves natural resources and reduces greenhouse gas emissions associated with manufacturing new products from raw materials.
 - Material Recovery Facilities: These facilities use advanced technologies and sorting systems to maximize the recovery of recyclables where they are sorted, processed, and prepared for reuse.
 - Composting: Through Emterra's composting program, individuals and companies are encouraged to divert food scraps, yard waste, and other organic waste from landfills. Benefits to composting include reducing methane gas emissions and enriching soil quality.

Oxford Mills Waste Transfer Station

- Waste Sorting and Recycling: The transfer station has designated areas for residents to sort and separate their waste into various categories. Proper waste sorting promotes recycling and reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills.
- Energy Efficiency Measures: The Transfer Station, much like the Municipal Office, adopts energy efficiency measures such as energy-efficient lighting, and optimizing energy consumption.
- Environmental Monitoring: There are networks of wells, surface water locations, and neighbouring residential wells that are monitored in accordance with a set plan by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. The Transfer station reports the results back annually.
- Agreements: The Municipality has agreements with organizations to manage the materials that are diverted from landfill. Management of these materials is Provincially regulated and organizations that accept our diverted materials must process the materials that comply with the provincial regulations.



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Bi-Weekly Garbage Pick-up and Bag Tags

The Municipality incentivizes residents and businesses to be more conscious of their waste generation and disposal habits by maintaining bi-weekly garbage pickup, and bag-tags required for garbage pickup. This has prompted individuals to form conscious purchasing decisions, and increased awareness of waste generation, and to opt for alternative disposal options and methods.

Active Transportation Infrastructure

North Grenville promotes active transportation options such as walking and cycling and invests in bike lanes and trails to encourage residents to choose sustainable transportation methods.

Tree Planting and Urban Forestry

North Grenville engages in preservation of green spaces to enhance biodiversity and improve air quality.

Environmental Action Advisory Committee (EAAC)

The EAAC provides information to residents on environmentally sustainable practices and offers advice to the North Grenville Municipal Council on initiatives to promote a green economy, and researches and gathers information on best environmental practices for communities, with a focus on changes to be made at the Municipal level.

Residential

Recycling and Waste Management

- Residents sort their waste and compost organic materials

Water Conservation

- Many residents make use of rain barrels (sold at the Municipal Office and Waste Transfer Station) to water their gardens
- Many homes opt for water saving fixtures

Kemptville Farmers' Market

- Kemptville Farmers' Market runs from May to October on Sundays, and supports the Environment by promoting waste reduction, supports local farmers, and aids in preserving farmland, and reduces food miles.
- Supporting local farmers by purchasing fresh, locally grown food is an environmentally conscious choice that contributes to a more sustainable food system.



Community Clean-Up Events.

- Pitch-In Canada* previously mentioned

Business and Institutions

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- Native plants and habitats:
 - The first meeting of the North Grenville Habitat Gardeners was held on July 13 in the Kemptville Campus Greenhouses, led by Philip Fry. The group is planning to plant a naturalized, pollinator-friendly area of the campus near the greenhouses. The Campus is pleased to support this initiative that will help support our fragile pollinator population and provide educational opportunities for schoolchildren and members of the public.

- Climate Change Resilience:
 - The Campus has a mandate to champion climate change resilience in all it does. What we grow and how we grow is a big part of that commitment. To think through their role and develop a plan, the Campus has been networking with other organizations involved in the local food, agriculture, and horticultural communities. Campus staff visited the new Climate Change Arboretum in Glen Elbe in May-- this is a great partnership between the Thousand Islands Watershed Land Trust and the Leeds-Grenville Stewardship Council. The Campus will host their volunteers on a reciprocal visit in late July. There is much we can learn from each other!
- Kemptville Campus Greenhouses
 - The Campus' long-serving Greenhouse Manager, Claude Smith, continues to engage volunteers and the broader community in growing activities in the AJ Logsdail Greenhouses. She spends the spring and fall on campus working with local growers and others who enjoy the community space.
 - The Greenhouse was host to Kemptville Seedy Sunday on March 5-- a raging success!
 - Claude and other guest speakers have offered workshops this spring to local schoolchildren interested in learning about plants.
 - The Kemptville Horticultural Society hosted a successful Spring Plant Sale on May 13.
 - The Campus' old poly greenhouse sadly collapsed following a heavy snowfall this winter. It is expected to be replaced this upcoming winter. That will provide additional growing space for local farmers, flower wholesalers, or other small businesses looking to extend their growing season.
 - There is currently a vacancy in the main greenhouse for anyone interested in taking up residence there! You can read more here: <https://www.kemptvillecampus.ca/opportunities>

Ferguson Forest Centre

According to the Ferguson Forest Centre, "The Ferguson Forest Centre is a non-profit corporation operating a social enterprise tree nursery and managing recreational and conservation lands in the Municipality of North Grenville." The Ferguson Forest Centre's mission is to operate the tree nursery and utilize its profits to:

- promote awareness of, and interest in, forestry (in particular, afforestation and sustainable forest management)
- maintain, enhance and promote the responsible use and stewardship of the recreation and conservation lands managed by the Ferguson Forest Centre for the benefit of the residents of North Grenville"
- Afforestation: The act or process of establishing a forest or stand of trees especially on land not previously forested. Afforestation has been one of the most talked-about methods of dealing with global warming.
- Sustainable Forest Management: Sustainable Forest management maintains and enhances the long-term health of forest ecosystems for the benefit of all living things while providing environmental, economic, social, and cultural opportunities for present and future generations. <http://biomassnorth.org/>

"Simply put, we cannot survive on this planet without forests. In a sense, they breathe for the Earth, absorbing carbon dioxide from our atmosphere, and producing the oxygen we require in return. And by storing that carbon, forests help to regulate the global climate, absorbing nearly 40 percent of the fossil-fuel emissions we humans produce. <https://www.rainforest-alliance.org/>"

Ferguson Forest Centre. (n.d.). About. Retrieved July 18, 2023, from <https://www.fergusonforestcentre.ca/about#>

Friends of the Ferguson Forest:

The Friends of the Ferguson Forest Centre is an organization comprised of a volunteer board of directors, public members, and community volunteers & sponsors.

The Friends of the Ferguson Forest Centre supports the preservation and enhancement of the Ferguson Forest Centre, its Tree Nursery and the public lands it manages. The Friends provide a strong community voice, educational programming, and opportunities for community involvement.

Indigenous and First Nations History

North Grenville has a rich Indigenous and First Nations history. Before European settlement, the Ottawa Valley region was inhabited by Indigenous peoples, primarily the Algonquin Nation, for thousands of years.

European colonization and the establishment of settlements in the 19th century significantly impacted the Indigenous communities in the region, causing displacement, loss of land, and the imposition of new systems disrupted Indigenous ways of life.

It is important to acknowledge and respect the Indigenous and First Nations history and ongoing presence in North Grenville.



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Heritage Conservation

Municipal

The Municipality has played a crucial role in heritage conservation to preserve and protect the cultural and historical assets within the municipality through Heritage Designation, Heritage Planning Policies, Heritage Conservation Guidelines, and Public Education. The Municipality also collaborates with the North Grenville Historical Society to enforce knowledge-sharing, public programming, and resource sharing to enhance heritage conservation efforts. Development control and review is conducted to ensure that new construction, renovations, or alterations to heritage properties are in line with heritage conservation objectives.

The following properties have been designated under Part 4 of the Ontario Heritage Act as being architecturally and/or historically significant, by the Municipality.

- Acton's Corners School S.S. No. 6
 - This school was the second to be built on this land; the first school on the property was constructed in 1858. The original school building was then torn down in 1905, and Acton's Corners School was then constructed in the same year shortly after.
- Alphaeus Patterson Bakery
 - This building was first cited as a bakery in the Land Registry Abstracts on May 7, 1888.
 - The bakery is centred around its original wood fired brick oven, which has served the community for over 120 years.
- Arcand Homestead
 - Despite the lands of Lot 3 Concession 8 being held by the Crown until 1872, the Arcand ("Arcaw") family settled on the land as early as 1853, and perhaps earlier. Initially a log house was constructed on the property, prior to the current dwelling.
 - During renovations of the present residence in the 1990s, a newspaper from 1892 was found between the log walls and the interior strapping on the ground floor.

- Armouries
 - Constructed in 1914, the Armouries were designed and built as a military drill hall during the First World War.
 - Much of the building was forced to be re-constructed after being damaged by a fire in 1933.
- Bishops Mills Temperance Hall
 - Constructed in 1878 as a temperance hall by the Independent Order of Good Templars; these halls were erected across Ontario towards the end of the 19th century to combat the perceived problem of excessive drinking.
- Burritt’s Rapids Dam
 - The remains of the dam across the Rideau River at Burritt’s Rapids are designated as historic with architectural value. Towards the end of the 19th century, the dam provided waterpower for a cloth mill, grist mill, shingle mill, and sawmill.
- Centennial Residence, 8 Mary Street
 - Constructed around 1867, 8 Mary Street is a one-and-a-half story L-shaped clapboard house with flat corner boards and flat trip.
- Former Carnegie Library
 - The first library in Kemptville was established in 1870.
- Former North Grenville District High School
 - It has cultural heritage value for its physical/design values, its historical/associative values, and its contextual values.
- Frenche’s General Store
 - Constructed as a general store in 1862.
- Lyman Clothier House
 - A deed is the earliest documentation mentioning the dwelling, indicating that it was constructed in 1842 at the latest.
- Maplewood Public School S.S. No. 8
 - Constructed in 1875, formerly known as the Public-School S.S. No. 8, Maplewood Hall is a one Storey stone building located in Oxford Mills.
- Old Kemptville Town Hall
 - Constructed in the 19th century.



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- Oxford-on-Rideau Township Hall
 - Constructed in 1875 and designated a national historic site of Canada in 1984, the Hall served as the seat of government until 1998.
- Richey Waugh's General Store
 - Constructed between 1842 and 1846.
- S.S. No. 3 (1847)
- S.S. No. 3 (1881)
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
 - Constructed sometime around 1880.
 - Originally called the Central Presbyterian Church.
- St. John the Evangelist Church
- The Leslie Block
 - The building dates to 1862, and construction purposes for the building were unknown. Documents from the 19th century indicate it had two commercial enterprises on the ground floor, with residential quarters on the second floor.



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Residential

Indigenous Advisory Circle

The Indigenous Advisory Circle was formed in 2023, and its purpose is to provide advice and recommendations to the Municipality of North Grenville on Indigenous issues and concern and to promote and support reconciliation between the Municipality and Indigenous peoples.

Heritage Advisory Committee

The Heritage Advisory Committee advises the Council on heritage matters including architectural, material culture, historical, and natural heritage. This is accomplished through conservation and restoration initiatives, education and heritage designation of built environments.

The Committee, working alongside staff and the North Grenville Historical Society, may advise and recommend, provide knowledge and expertise, facilitate the work of the organizing body and act as a liaison between politicians, organizational staff, members of the public and other stakeholders about matters of architectural or historical significance.

North Grenville Sites of Remembrance - Roy Brown

Dedicated community member and volunteer, Roy Brown, conducted a special project devoting many hours of research to identify and preserve information on North Grenville's Military Heroes. The Sites of Remembrance online memorial is the result of Roy's hard work.

The project is a collection of buildings and places within our community that honour and pay tribute to those that served in the Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Canadian Air Force, Royal Canadian Naval Reserve and the Military Nursing Sisters, many of whom lost their lives in service of the King, the Queen and our country. Below is the list of the collection of Sites of Remembrance buildings and places in North Grenville:

- Holy Cross Catholic Church
- Kemptville Cenotaph
- North Grenville Historical Society
- North Grenville Municipal Centre
- Pte. Blake Williamson Memorial Hall
- Royal Canadian Legion – Kemptville Branch 212
- St. James Anglican Church
- St. John's United Church
- St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
- Veterans Way
- Veterans Way Memorial Park
- Veterans' Commemorative Park

Heritage Homes

Many homeowners who reside in heritage homes make conscious efforts to preserve their heritage homes, many of which are from the 19th century, and around 120 years old, if not more.



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Business and Institutions

North Grenville Historical Society

“The North Grenville Historical Society is a group of dedicated volunteers whose first objective is to arouse and stimulate public interest in the heritage and history of the people and places of the North Grenville area; including the historical townships of Oxford-on-Rideau and South Gower, the historical town of Kemptville; and the hamlets of Pelton’s Corners, Heckston, Oxford Mills, Burritt’s Rapids, Oxford Station and Bishop’s Mills.

“We also advance education by improving the public’s understanding and awareness of the history of North Grenville by hosting events, supporting programs, producing educational materials and scholarly articles and operating the North Grenville Archives, which is owned by the Society. The purposes of the Archives are to collect, classify and preserve information and artifacts relating to North Grenville and to maintain this material as a resource centre accessible to members and the general public. Our constitution makes it clear that the Society is to be ‘carried on without purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or gains to the organization shall be used in promoting its objectives.’”

North Grenville Historical Society. (n.d.). Home. North Grenville Historical Society. <https://www.northgrenvillehistoricalsociety.ca/>

In 2023, the North Grenville Historical Society has rolled out a project called ‘North Grenville Walking Tours’ that will be available for residents to listen to seven (7) minutes’ worth of historical information as they walk around and visit North Grenville’s historical sights. The North Grenville Historical Society is dedicated to spreading knowledge of local heritage, built and natural, among the community. The Walking Tours are offered in both English and French.

North Grenville Times

Dr. David Shanahan, local historian and North Grenville Times co-owner, has written many articles about the history of North Grenville to spread awareness and education. Some of his articles include Bridge Over Troubled Waters Part 1&2, Lost Lands of the Algonquin, Always Something New in History, The Founding of a Town, and so many more.



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Tree Management/Urban Forestry & Trails



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Municipal

North Grenville is comprised of many trails that are covered by an abundance of trees and shrubs natural to eastern Ontario. Below is a list of Municipally run trails:

- Creekside Nature Trail – 0.7 km
- Libby Island Trail – 0.5 km
- Multi-use Pathway – 1.7 km
- Rail Trail – 3.5 km
- Recreation Trail – 0.4 km
- Settler's Trail – 3.6 km
- South Gower Fitness Trail – 1.0 km
- Tip to Tip Trail – 2.2 km
- Waterfront Trail – 1.3 Km

The Municipality takes various measures to protect the natural forestry and ensure conservation and sustainability of green spaces:

- Collaboration with Conservation Organizations: Limerick Forest, Kemptville Campus, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and Ferguson Forest Centre
- Green Space Planning and Zoning: green space planning and zoning has been incorporated in development plans
- Stormwater Management: proper practices help reduce erosion and pollution, which can negatively impact forested areas

Residential

North Grenville Residents support Urban Forestry and Trails by:

- Adopting Trees/Trails
- Tree Planting and Care
- Trail Stewardship: many residents volunteer to help maintain and clean up local trails.

Business and Institutions

Ferguson Forest Centre (FFC)

Ferguson Forest Centre Arboretum: The Ferguson Centre Arboretum is located on 25 acres (10 hectares) of the Ferguson Forest Centre, with future plans of the Arboretum to include over 45 species of trees and shrubs native to eastern Ontario, and with themed areas, benches and picnic tables. Currently, the Arboretum has a park-like environment ideal for public use and enjoyment, with maintained lawn areas, naturalized and tree planted areas, with stone dust paths and linkages to the FFC trails.

- Ferguson Forest Trees
 - Ash, Green
 - Beech, Blue
 - Butternut
 - Basswood
 - Birch, White
 - Chestnut, American
 - Catalpa
 - Cherry, Black
 - Cedar, Red
 - Cedar, White
 - Crabapple
 - Fir, Balsam
 - Hemlock
 - Hackberry
 - Hickory, Shagbark
 - Kentucky Coffeetree
 - Locust, Honey
 - Mountain Ash
 - Maple, Hard (sugar)
 - Maple, Red
 - Maple, Silver
 - Oak, Bur
 - Oak, Red
 - Oak, White
 - Ohio Buckeye
 - Pine, Jack
 - Pine, Red
 - Pine, White
 - Spruce (Colorado, Norway, White)
 - Tamarack
 - Walnut, Black
 - Willow, Peachleaf
 - Willow, Weeping



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Ferguson Forest Trails:

- Alf Campbell Trail – 3.9 km
- Beech Trail – 1.1 km
- Chickadee Trail – 1.4 km
- Kinderwood Trail – 0.3 km
- Link Trail – 1.6 km
- Maple Trail – 1.5 km
- Patchell's Path – 0.5 km
- Turtle Trail – 1.4 km



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Kemptville Campus

Urban Forestry:

- The campus suffered tree damage during the ice storm of April 2023-- which made it all the timelier that they were able to do some tree planting later that month. On April 25, staff and volunteers planted Yellow Birch, Highbush Cranberry, White Cedar, Red Osier Dogwood, Silver Maple, Norway Spruce, Staghorn Sumac, Peachleaf Willow, and Black Elderberry trees on campus.
- A variety of larger “caliper” trees were planted around the campus on May 12.
- The Campus has also partnered with On the Bend Sugar Shack to renew the maple syrup operation on campus. Maple sap from 1162 taps in the 18-acre Peter Wensink Maple Forest is processed at our Agroforestry Centre on Bedell Road.
- More generally, the campus has 200 acres of FSC-certified sustainable forests and a professional forest manager, Jim Hendry, who oversees our forest management plan.

Kemptville Campus Trails:

- Barnside Trail – 0.7 km
- Dickinson Trail – 1.5 km
- Discovery Trail – 0.8 km
- Pebble Dr. & Curtis Ave. Trail – 1.0km
- Poplar Grove Trail – 0.9 km
- Sugar Bush Trail – 1.6 km

Limerick Forest Trails

North Grenville is lucky to host two public sites of the Limerick Forest. One near the hamlet of Oxford Station and one between Oxford Mills and our neighbours in Merrickville.

In total, Limerick Forest is a 6092-hectare community forest that is owned and managed by the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (UCLG). We are grateful for the efforts of UCLG staff and the Friends of Limerick Forest, a group of volunteers that do hands on projects to enhance and maintain the forest for all.

- Chalet Loop – South Tract – 3.0 km
- Chalet Loop Cross Country Ski Trail – South Tract – 4.0 km
- Huckleberry Trail – North Tract – 6.4 km
- Jack Henry Snowshoe Trail – South Tract – 1.0 km



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Landscape

Municipal

Examples of landscapes that can be found in North Grenville:

- Rural Countryside: rolling farmlands, open fields, and farmsteads
- Woodlands and Forests
- Waterways and Rivers: Rideau River, Kemptville Creek
- Historic Villages: Downtown Kemptville
- Parks and Green Spaces: Riverside Park, Anniversary Park, Crozier Park, etc
- Wetlands and Marshes
- Trails and Natural Reserves
- Cemeteries
- Gardens and Nurseries
- Conservation Areas

Residential

- Golf Course Communities – eQuinelle is an example
- Waterfront properties – Down the Rideau River on River Road

Business and Institutions

eQuinelle Golf Course

eQuinelle has a beautifully manicured Golf Course/Landscape in Kemptville.

Rideau Glen Golf Course

The Rideau Glen Golf Course is another beautifully manicured Golf Course/Landscape in Kemptville.

Kemptville Campus

Renewing the landscaping beds

- The Campus hired Premier Turf this spring to rebuild and renew the garden beds around campus. Their work will emphasize native plants and help to bring the campus back to its former glory -- there have already been plenty of compliments and even a few wedding requests coming in for the location!
- The lawns, sports fields, and trails are maintained with care by the Campus' partners at the Municipality of North Grenville's Parks, Recreation and Culture Department.

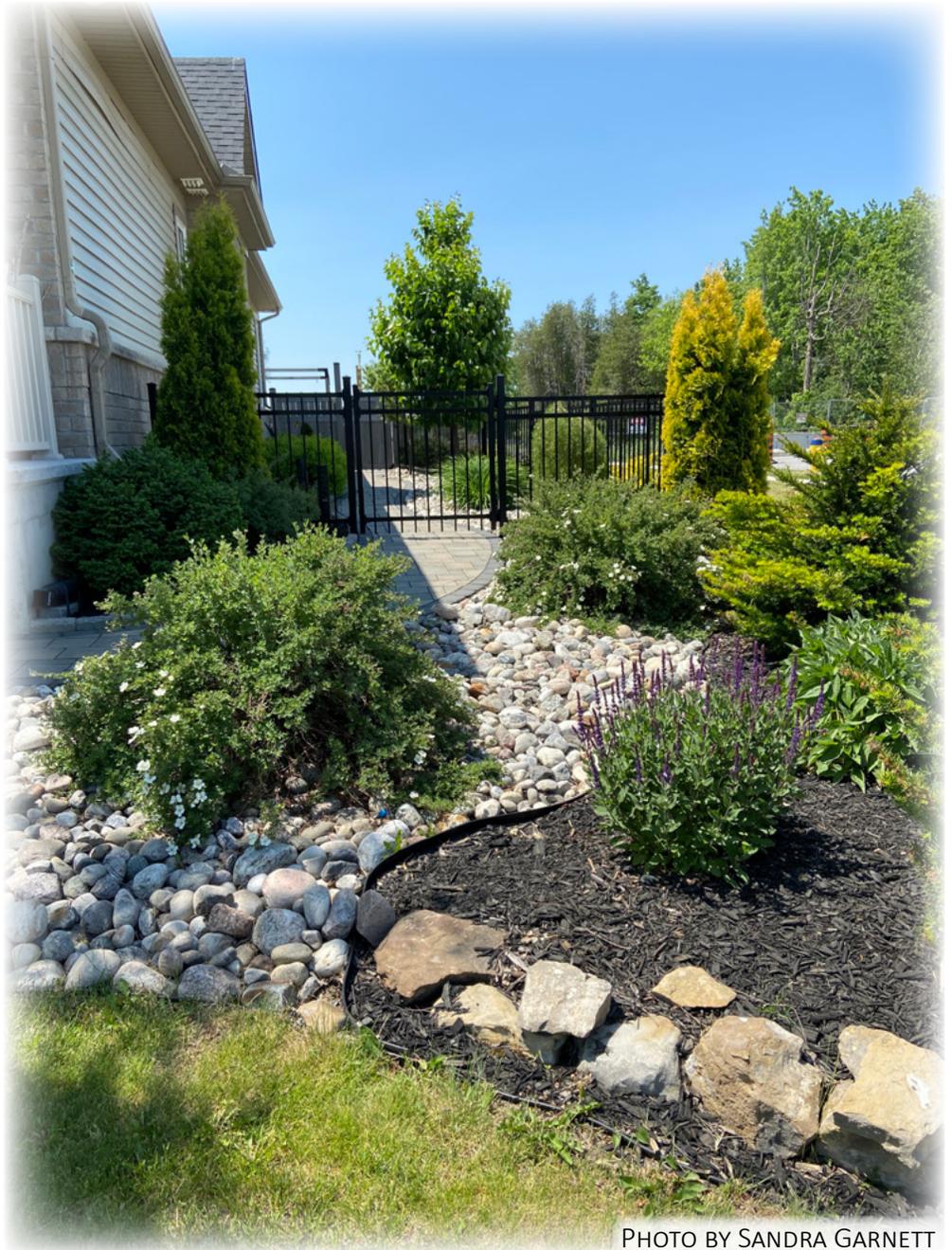


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Plants and Floral Displays

Municipal

The Municipality maintains floral displays at the following locations:

- North Grenville Fire Station #1
- eQuinelle Park
- North Grenville Public Library
- North Grenville Municipal Centre
- Armories
- Canada Post Office
- Rotary Park
- Hanging flower baskets Downtown Kemptville

Waste Transfer Station

- Municipal staff member, Don Langford, repurposed several bathtubs outside the Waste Transfer Station and planted flowers in the tubs



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Residential

Residents were invited to nominate neighbours and friends for our 'Garden of the Week' held in July, to showcase their dedicated work. Four separate gardeners were nominated, and their gardens were showcased online on the North Grenville in Bloom Facebook page.

So many North Grenville residents have beautiful floral displays – we wish we could share them all! The judges tour will highlight and display several community member's gardens and floral displays.

Business and Institutions

Kemptville Horticultural Society (KHS)

- Annual Plant Sale (May)
- Kemptville Community Garden – hands on participation
- Hey Day; annual garage sale that benefits the Kemptville District Hospital – KHS manages the plant sale table (June)
- Kemptville's Rotary Park – Public Planting and Maintenance
- Ferguson Forest Giving Garden – Public Planting and Maintenance
- Flower Shows in May and September

Wilding Acres

- Flower farming offering handcrafted market bouquets from locally grown, seasonal blooms

JDW Custom Farming

- Hobby farm with an extensive lavender field, and members of the Ontario Lavender Association and the Purple Road
- Products by JDW Custom Farming include:
 - Fresh farm chicken and duck eggs, pickled eggs, lavender and chamomile herbal tea, lavender, coconut and goji berry herbal tea, music garlic, seasonal fruits and vegetables, forestry services, and lavender sachets.



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Saunders Country Critters and Garden Centre

- Grows over 1,000 varieties of plants including annuals, perennials, herbs and vegetables, and is open every year following the weekend closest to May 1st.

Beth Donovan Hospice

- Beth Donovan Hospice has held vegetable planting workshops for their hospice groups with the assistance of volunteers.

Kemptville Campus Community Garden

- The Kemptville Campus has a community garden for produce for those looking for more land to plant on, and for novices looking to learn from experienced green thumbs.

Rideau Woodland Ramble

- The Rideau Woodland Ramble is an exquisite plant exhibit with multiple gardens interconnected by trails, wildlife, and many different plants.

North Grenville Giving Garden

- The North Grenville Giving Garden is maintained by the Kemptville Horticultural Society and grows fresh produce.

Local Businesses with Beautiful Floral Displays

- Brigadoon Restaurant
- Countryside Antiques
- Cranberry Hill Animal Hospital
- eQuinelle Golf Club
 - The Hanna family has built a beautiful floral display and extended their garden onto eQuinelle property
- Get Cronk'd
- Green Gables Vines Winery
- LD's Creations
 - Creates beautiful garden sculptures from repurposed household items.
- McDougall Brown – Insurance and Financial
- The Flower Shop



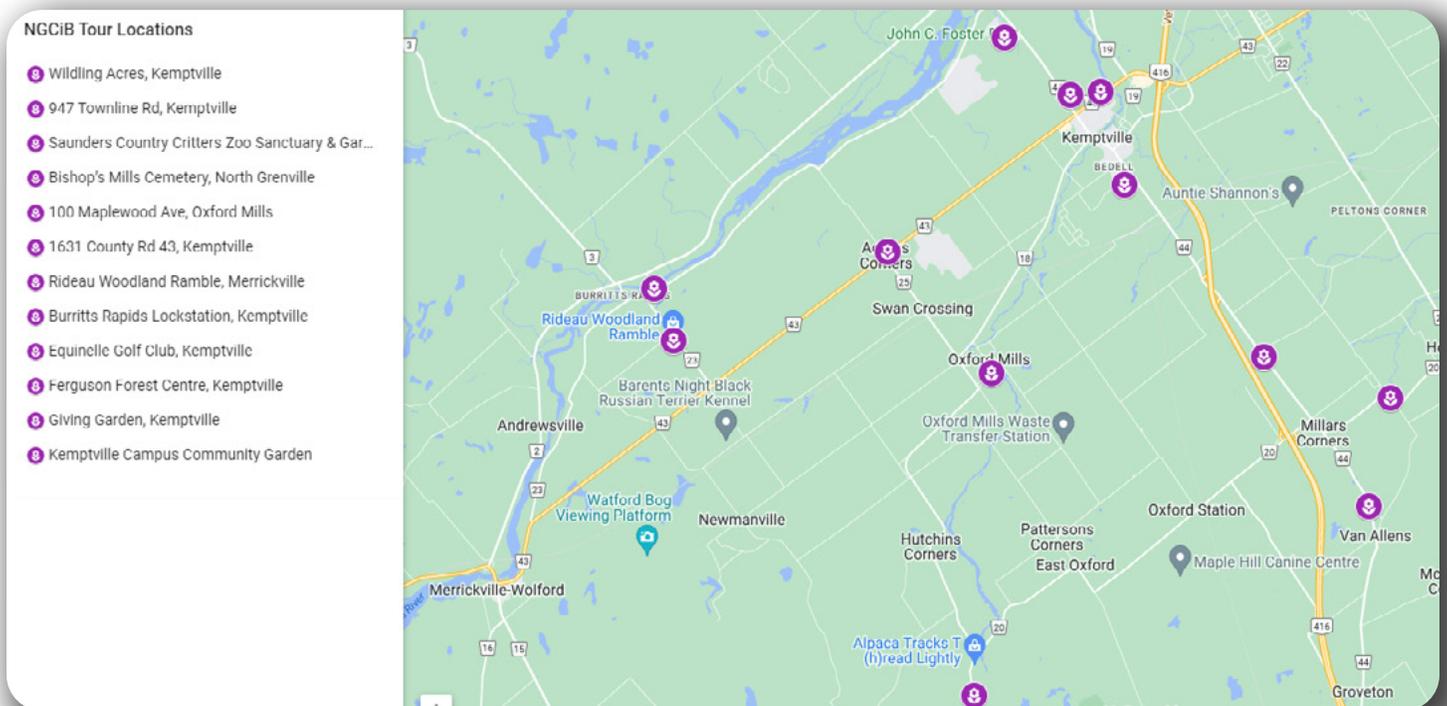
Our most sincere apologies to those we've missed – please reach out so we can include you in next year's Profile Book Submission and showcase your beautiful displays.

**All photos used in this profile book were submitted by residents for our 2023 North Grenville in Bloom Photo Contest.*

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

-Coretta Scott King

Tour Map



Visit the [Communities in Bloom Project Page](#) online to view the Interactive Tour Map.



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