



Park Builders Program



TD Park Builders Program encourages community engagement and animation of vital community green space in Toronto's Neighbourhood Improvement Areas and low-income communities.

The program does this by assisting the work of existing volunteer Friends of the Park groups and community agencies in new immigrant and Neighbourhood Improvement Areas as well as facilitating the development of new Friends of the Park groups.

Well-used parks are a vital element for a strong community. When residents get involved, parks and neighbourhoods continue to thrive. The TD Park Builders Program will help communities to turn their green spaces into vital neighbourhood hubs. Park People will assist new park groups to partner with city staff, local organizations and other partners to green and naturalize their park and improve park conditions.

1. Types of Projects Supported by the Program:

a. Programming:

- i. Park Stewardship Events such as tree planting, gardening, mulching, bulb planting, community clean ups, etc.
- ii. Community Events in the park such as movie nights, pumpkin parades, harvest festivals, winter festivals, farmers markets, food festivals and community meetings.

b. Small Capital Projects (must be supported by the landowner such as the City of Toronto or TRCA):

- i. Equipment such as tools for a community garden or an adopt-a-tree program or hoses for a natural ice rink.
- ii. Plants such as trees, shrubs, native plants etc.
- iii. Capital funding such as a composter.

2. Size of Projects: The TD Park Builders program will collaborate on initiatives ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 for park programming and small capital projects.

3. Eligible Spaces: The projects must be in publicly-owned accessible open space in the City of Toronto. This could include city parks, Conservation Authority land and public housing land. School property is not eligible.

4. Eligible Groups: Park groups or community groups based in low-income neighbourhoods. This includes officially designated Neighbourhood Improvement Areas as well as low income and diverse communities that can demonstrate a need.

5. Status of Groups: Groups are required to pursue partnerships with local charities for participation in the program.

“ As Canada turns 150, TD is thrilled to be collaborating with Park People to help turn everyday green spaces into places that bring neighbourhoods together – places where people can find common ground for generations to come. ”

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