

Cornerstone Parks Shared Impact

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Canada's large urban parks **impact people
as well as the planet**

79,672 m²

Invasive species removed
plus active land management
(prescribed burns, animal
grazing, and more)*

46,494 +

Native species planted
trees, shrubs and plants,
plus wildflower
meadows*

61,483 +

Volunteer hours committed
to caring for the land
through park stewardship*

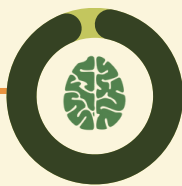
*Across participating Cornerstone Parks from 2021–2025



What's good for parks

– improving biodiversity through stewardship activities such
as removing invasive species and planting native species –

is also good for people.



97%

of volunteers say park
stewardship **contributes to
their mental well-being**



90%

of volunteers say park
stewardship **contributes
to their physical health**



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Canada's large urban parks **offer huge value to their cities, too!**

80%

of cities said their parks operation budget was insufficient*

78%

of cities said insufficient budgets meant inadequate staffing levels*

92%

of cities agreed that parks departments are facing increased pressure to address issues beyond "traditional" parks issues*

*Across 35 Canadian cities surveyed in 2024

Cornerstone Parks and their stewardship volunteers provide:



Economic Value



City staffing support



**Health
& community care**

\$1,091,323

As coordinated by Cornerstone Parks, 61,483 volunteer hours provide \$1,091,323 in labour to city parks departments (calculated at Canada's federal minimum wage) as well as critical health and well-being services to community members.

