



## News Highlights

We have created a great learning tool called Treepedia and are currently recruiting volunteers. See [page 3](#) for more.

Check out our TreeCaching Trails at the Sheridan College Davis and Trafalgar campuses, and UTM [page 3](#).

Attend our Annual General Meeting. See details on [page 3](#).

Climate's Sake participated in many events geared toward engaging local communities to be stewards of their natural environments. See details on [page 2](#).

## Upcoming Events

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015:** Riparian Rangers Planting Day at Wildwood Park with TRCA

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015:** EcoTrails workshop at the Mill Pond in Dorchester with Carolinian Canada

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015:** Planting Day at Erindale Park with CVC

**May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014:** P4C Tree Re-measuring Day in Port Colborne, Fort Erie, and St. Catharines

**May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015:** Peel Planet Day at Claireville Conservation Area

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015:** EcoTrails Workshop with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

**June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015:** Presentation at McMaster University for Trailhead Ontario Conference

**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015:** P4C Planting Day at Palermo Public School

**June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015:** ACER AGM at Humber Arboretum

### Look for:

**September, 2015:** Etienne Brule Wendats Celebration, marking the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his expedition.

For more details about listed events and to see more upcoming events, see our calendar at [www.climatesake.ca](http://www.climatesake.ca)



## Donate now!

Donations can be made online from our website:

[www.climatesake.ca](http://www.climatesake.ca)

Support our environmental-monitoring programs and environmental education for youth and adults. Your donations help individuals take ecological action against climate change.

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## Events and Activities

### Go Wild – Grow Wild

In April, Carolinian Canada hosted their first Expo for nature lovers in London, Ontario called "Go Wild – Grow Wild." As a launching partner, we participated by exhibiting at a booth and by giving a presentation about TreeCaching. Visitors of the Expo had the opportunity to try out TreeCaching by scanning QR codes that we had hidden around the various exhibitor booths and on trees around the venue. Families had fun trying to find the codes ("it was like a scavenger hunt!") and learning about trees in the process. We look forward to bringing TreeCaching to Carolinean Canada in the near future!



### Native Tree and Shrub Monitoring

Native Tree and Shrub Monitoring: A Monitoring and Maintenance Guide for Newly Planted Sites is a guide that is the result of a collaboration between TRCA and ACER. Coming soon!



### One Million Trees Celebration

On April 25th, the City of Mississauga hosted a tree-planting event for Earth Day called "One Million Trees Mississauga Celebration." Climate's Sake was there to teach planters how to measure the newly planted trees using standardized protocols. The data collected is available on our website.

### Peel Envirothon

Envirothon is a team competition that gets students outdoors to learn about the natural environment. As the forestry experts, we had a blast teaching tomorrow's Peel green leaders how to identify and measure trees to track the impacts of climate change.

### Humber Trail Expansion

This February the TreeCaching Trail at Humber Arboretum was expanded using a grant from the Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTO). The trail launch took place at Humber Arboretum on February 3<sup>rd</sup> when RTO members took a walk on the new TreeCaching Trail after their executive meeting. Species found on the trail include Blue Beech, Shagbark Hickory, and Basswood. So check out our newly expanded trail at Humber Arboretum!

### MEC Eco Fair

ACER was able to attend the very first Mississauga Executive Centre Eco Fair on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was a great opportunity to share information about our TreeCaching program and learn what other members of our community are doing for the planet.



## Volunteers wanted!

Volunteers are welcome to help at our planting and monitoring events this spring and summer.

We have a variety of volunteer opportunities in the field and in our office. We will be re-measuring existing

Planting for Change and Go Global plots during the summer. You can also volunteer your time and expertise at our office in the areas of communications, marketing, business planning, data management and general administration/office management. We sincerely value the time and effort contributed by our volunteers. If interested, please contact us by phone (905) 891-6004 or email [office@acer-acre.ca](mailto:office@acer-acre.ca).



## Treepedia

Treepedia is a database containing information about tree species that can be used to learn how to identify those species. Our database currently contains 56 species to share. One way of developing our database is using our temporary TreeCaching event tags marked with QR codes. Once scanned, these QR codes lead to webpages about specific species. Treepedia can be used as a resource to learn how to identify trees, test your knowledge and get outside while taking a fun, healthy and educational walk!



## TreeCaching Trails

TreeCaching is a self-guided nature walk using QR code technology. This year ACER created TreeCaching Trails at two Sheridan College campuses (Davis and Trafalgar) and the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) campus. These trails were created by interns from Sheridan College (Yapa and Raman) and UTM (Nimesha) who interned with ACER this year. These trails contain 20-25 trees with tags attached to them that have QR codes on them. These QR codes can be scanned using a free QR code reader app that can be downloaded on any smartphone. Once scanned, the QR code leads to a webpage that provides information about the tree species such as species name, characteristics used to identify the species, and how much carbon is stored by a tree. Can you find and scan them all and identify the trees? Let us know what you think about this initiative. Your feedback is important to us! We can also help you establish your own tree trail.

## Annual General Meeting

Find out the latest news about our organization – what we have been doing and our plans for the future by attending our:

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

**June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 2pm**

Centre for Urban Ecology, Humber Arboretum, 205 Humber College Blvd,  
Toronto, ON.

**Free parking**

**Refreshments will be provided**

**Please RSVP: (905) 891-6004 or [office@acer-acre.ca](mailto:office@acer-acre.ca)**



Our AGM will include the opportunity to tour our ongoing projects at the Humber Arboretum and conduct our business meeting.

New members are welcome!

# Thanks for another great season!

Thank you to all the volunteers, partners, teachers, students and interns that contributed to our programs. We had a great time working with you.

We would like to thank all of our partners for their support in expanding our Planting for Change program in the Niagara region and into Thunder Bay. Special thanks to Greening Niagara for co-hosting our HIRA workshop.

Special recognition goes to Jane Hanlon, Linda Casselman, Isabella Sulpizio, Emily Thorne, Katrina Estacio and Arin Bakht who provided their time and expertise.

We would like to welcome our Sheridan College (Davis campus) interns, Christine and Hamsa, who will be with us for the summer. Special thanks to our Sheridan interns from last summer, Yapa and Raman, who set up TreeCaching Trails at two Sheridan campuses.



## OUR PROGRAMS

### Planting for Change (P4C)

Schools create a planting site and join the growing ACER climate change schoolyard network.

### Go Global Forests (GGF)

A network of one-hectare forest sites to collect long-term monitoring data and tracking the effects of environmental changes.

### TreeCaching Trails (TCT)

Self-guided nature walks using QR coded tags, which can be scanned using a smart phone. This program allows people to learn about tree ID.

### Tracking for Success (T4S)

A partnership to measure survival rates of trees for other organizations to add value to their planting initiatives.

### Measuring Our Resources (MOR)

Schools inventory their current trees and join the growing ACER schoolyard network.

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