

Eganville and Area Horticultural Society Pollinator Project



In support of the OHA's Canada 150 initiative, the Eganville society built a pollinator garden anchored by three pear trees we planted in 2015. The garden consists of native plants and shrubs to be planted over a 2-year period. Stepping stones inside the garden will permit easy access. A member contributed aged logs with drilled holes for a natural bee habitat. The Planting Chairperson took on this project and organized a committee of volunteers. Prior to this, she did the necessary research to ensure the garden was done properly, and located appropriate plants from local nurseries (chokecherry and nine bark shrubs, serviceberry trees, cosmos, coneflower, beebalm, sedum, thyme, asters). Volunteers laid 5+ layers of wet newspapers over the area and the soil was

dumped on top, and spread evenly over the area. Mulch was spread on top (before plants were added due to limited availability of the donated mulch). There is no edging, logs or any type of a border. This reduces future maintenance work, and remains more natural looking.

This will be an educational garden. It is located beside the Bonnechere River in an area frequented by walkers, and across the street from the Geo-Heritage Trail (which is part of Eganville's famous Fossil Hunt events). As the garden matures, the Society will provide reports on what it observes.