



London Environmental Network

2023 Impact Report



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Thank you for making
London more green
and resilient!

Our Commitment to the Land and Reconciliation

As any organization operating on stolen land, but especially as one focused on protecting and restoring the environment, we recognize the importance of acknowledging the land's history and caretakers.

We acknowledge that the London Environmental Network (LEN) works within the traditional territories of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Chonnonton Nations, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum.

This land was originally occupied for its majestic forests and flowing rivers. Settlers cut down forests and damned rivers, altering the natural environment and disconnecting people from the environment and their culture. The local river which is known now as the Thames River originally went by the names Deshkan Ziibi or Asskunessiipi both which roughly translate to Antler River. This river supports life - plants, animals and humans - who all use nibi (water) to thrive. As we protect the nibi, we protect life and at the Network we want to see the local people, animals and plants thrive in a green and resilient community.

This land continues to be home to diverse Indigenous Peoples whom we recognize as contemporary stewards of the land and vital contributors of our society. We would also like to recognize the three First Nations communities downriver Deshkan Ziibi (Thames River/Antler River): Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames and Munsee-Delaware Nation. We strive to work with these communities to continue to listen, learn and restore the natural area back to its original beauty, support environmental initiatives and help our communities become climate resilient.

The London Environmental Network recognizes the inequities connected to colonization and commits to working towards creating a community and city that is resilient, vibrant and just.

To support this commitment, we have been working on projects with local Indigenous partners, like the [Clean Energy in Remote and Rural Communities project](#) in partnership with Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Treaties, Lands and Environment Department ([page 12](#)). Looking ahead, we will be completing a thorough Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity, and Indigenization (EDII) strategy for the organization which will identify further areas to decolonize our programming and operations.



The London Environmental Network is located
at 944 Western Counties Rd, London, ON

A Letter from our Interim Executive Director and Board Chair

To our community,

2023 was another big year for The London Environmental Network (LEN). In terms of impact, growth, and change! Throughout the year, our team of staff, Board, and volunteers have remained steadfast in our vision to make London a green and resilient city for all.

Our strategic priorities for the current period are (1) demonstrate environmental leadership, (2) strengthen the environmental sector, and (3) improve organizational capacity. I'm happy to share that we've made progress on all of these fronts in 2023 through solutions-based and collaborative programming. Our major successes in these areas were:

- Welcoming **9** new GEL members and **1** new LEN member to the network
- Partnering with Green Communities Canada to **develop a pathway** for London to become a Living City ([Thriving Communities](#), page 19)
- Completing over **350** home energy assessments ([Greener Homes London](#), page 10)
- Receiving a Community Services Recovery Fund grant to **upgrade** our communications and fundraising strategies over the next 12 months
- Connecting with over **8,000** Londoners at events and outreach booths ([Events](#), page 23)
- Distributing **\$82,000** to support environmental projects and rebates across the community

Without a doubt, the biggest challenge ahead is climate change. 2023 saw an increase climate-change related extreme heat warnings ([here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)) and rainfall and flooding ([here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)). However, we also know the solutions. As you will see throughout our impact report, there isn't just one solution. There are hundreds - from planting rain gardens to installing solar panels to buying local to advocating for policy change, and more. With a diversity of tactics, and an increasing number of individuals and organizations taking action, we can make a big impact.



A Letter from our Interim Executive Director and Board Chair

As a network, we are proud to be implementing programs that empower community members to take action too. Some great examples of this are:

- Providing sustainability support for **24** non-profit-owned multi-unit residential buildings, and securing a further **\$209,000** from a combined London Community Foundation Vitality grant and community donations to implement green building retrofits for 2 partners over the next 2 years (Nonprofit Resiliency Project, page 13)
- Completing a near **net-zero** home retrofit with Chippewas of the Thames First Nation and a subsequent case study to support COTTFN's community energy goals (Clean Energy in Remote & Rural Communities, page 12)

In order to make London one of the greenest and most resilient cities in Canada, **everyone must be equipped with the tools to take climate action.** This means making climate-smart activities easy, accessible, and affordable for every Londoner. It means securing enough government funding and policy support to transform cities into truly sustainable communities. It means holding corporations accountable for their impacts and offering new pathways for conducting business responsibly and in harmony with the environment.

This coming year, LEN will continue to work hard to secure resources and opportunities for our organization and membership to scale up local environmental action. Some exciting things to look forward to in 2024 are our 4th Green Leader Awards, Green Project Support for Green Economy Leaders, and enhancing LEN's capacity-building events and services for our nonprofit members.

Of course, we can't get there without your support. **Thank you to all of our current and past supporters, donors, members, staff, volunteers and collaborators of LEN. We look forward to building on these relationships in 2024.** And if you are interested in supporting LEN with your skills, time, financial support, or other collaborative ideas - we want to hear from you! Connect with us through our contact information below or visiting our website at londonenvironment.net.

Thank you,



Leah Derikx (she/her)
Interim Executive Director



Anne Marie Cooper
Board Chair



What we Do

The London Environmental Network is a registered environmental charity. Through our various programs and public education, we work towards making London a more sustainable city. We also connect 42 environmental organizations as a network, all contributing to our shared goal of climate resilience.

Our Vision:

London is known as one of the greenest and most resilient cities in Canada.

Our Mission:

We build participation, collaboration, and capacity in our community to co-create positive environmental change.

Our Programs:

Greener Homes London

Provides residents with the guidance, tools and resources to assist them with reducing their environmental impact at home.

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Clean Energy in Remote and Rural Communities

A pilot project to increase energy efficiency and eliminate the use of propane in one home. In partnership with Chippewas of the Thames First Nation.

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Nonprofit Resiliency Project

A project to implement sustainable retrofits to housing non-profits.

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Green Economy London

Supporting businesses to set and achieve sustainability goals using a collaborative, practical, and community-based approach.

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Thriving Communities

Various projects to increase green spaces and use natural processes to sequester carbon, manage stormwater, and promote biodiversity.

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Environmental Action Incubator

An opportunity for organizations to complete to an environmental project.

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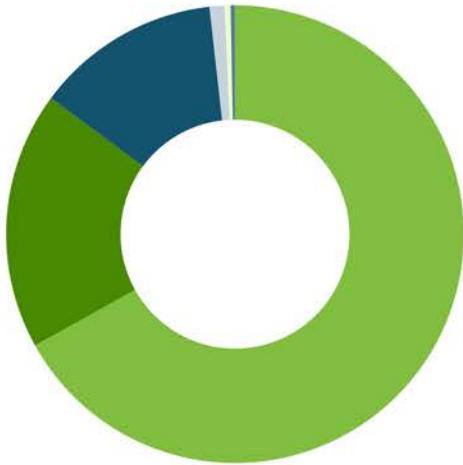
Network Supports

Resources, networking, funding provided to members of the London Environmental Network

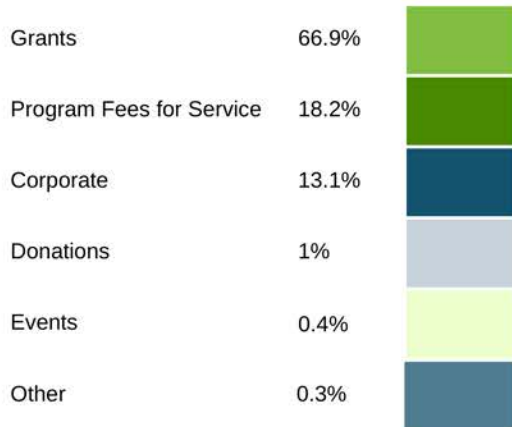
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Our Year in Review



Revenue Type



Local Expenses



Connecting with the Climate Emergency Action Plan

Find these logos throughout our report as we identify target areas of the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

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1 Engaging, Inspiring, and Learning from People
- 

6 Implementing Natural and Engineered Climate Solutions and Carbon Capture
- 

2 Taking Action Now (Household Action)
- 

7 Demonstrating Leadership in Municipal Processes and Collaboration
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3 Transforming Building and Development
- 

8 Adapting and Making London More Resilient
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4 Transforming Transportation and Mobility
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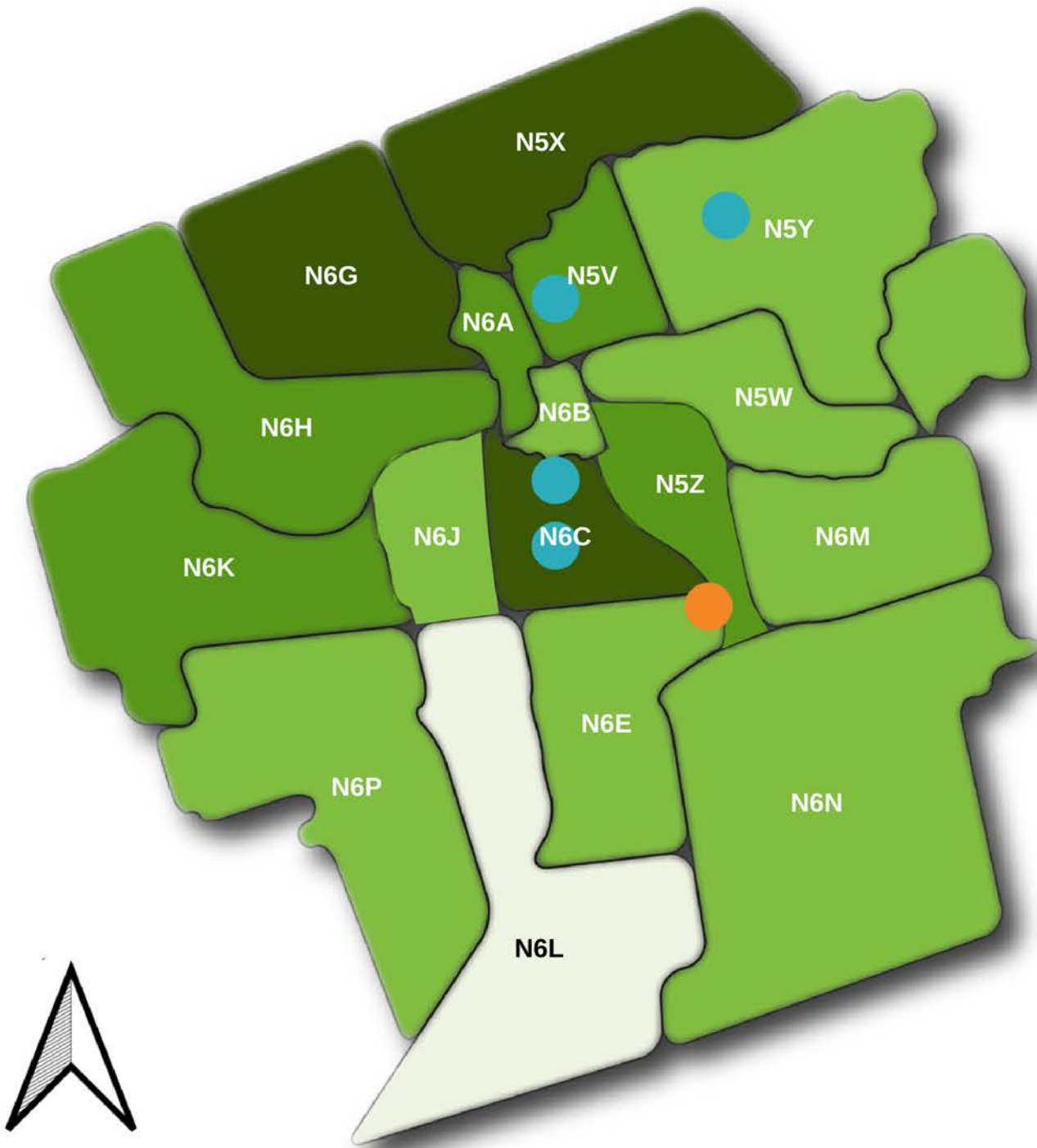
9 Advancing Knowledge, Research, and Innovation
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5 Transforming Consumption and Waste as Part of the Circular Economy
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10 Measuring Monitoring and Providing Feedback

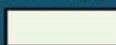
Impact Map

We are grateful for the opportunity to connect with so many residents across the city in 2023, check out where we've made an impact below!



 Rain Garden  Depave Paradise

Energy Assessments:

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 1-10

 11-20

 22-35

Team Appreciation

The London Environmental Network would not exist without a strong team of staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors who are dedicated to making London a green and resilient city. Thank you to our entire team for your hard work in 2023!

Staff

Alix Robinson
Allison Morgan
Andrée Kiernan
Cole Taylor
Erna Leclair
Jamie Dardarian
Jasmine McRorie
Joanna MacLeod

Kaitlin Creighton
Leah Derikx
Liyuan Shi
Mackenzie McKim
Marianne Griffith
Nicole Karsch
Riley Buist

Board of Directors

Executive Committee

Ann-Marie Cooper (Chair)
Myles Swift (Vice-Chair)
Talyer Reiners (Secretary)
Miguel Belcina (Treasurer)
Sonja Teichert (Past Chair)

Committee Members

Ali Croke
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Sarah Beyea
Jamie Skimming
Jay Stanford
Michael Fabro
Glenn Kernaghan
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Jolene McLaughlin
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Owen Dong
Peter Nicholas
Eddy McKenzie

Annie-Legate Wolfe
Carol Dyck
Heather Bennett
Kevin Kaiser
Julie Forrester
Sarah Brooks
Peter Moddle
Jennifer Mills
Heenal Rajani
Dean Sheppard (Special Advisor)
Bianca Rocha (Pillar Nonprofit Leader)



Greener Homes London provides residents with the guidance, tools and resources to reduce environmental impacts at home.

As a residential-focused program, Greener Homes London shares tips about eco-friendly practices to implement at home and provides information about the advantages of sustainable upgrades such as optimizing energy and reducing household carbon footprints.

The program also offers consultation services about available rebates, loans, and incentive programs that provide financial assistance for the implementation of sustainable upgrades.

Impact Highlights:

- In 2022, the London Environmental Network (LEN) became a home energy assessment (“EnerGuide Audit”) service organization and continued to provide this service in 2023. By working together with a team of registered energy advisors, we were able to complete over 350 assessments in 2023.
- 13 homeowners participated in the London Green Retrofit Rebate Program, a new program administered by the LEN. Participants received a rebate of \$1,000 to support the implementation of sustainable upgrades. Projects included 8 air sealing and insulation improvements and 5 air-source heat pumps.
- 2 equity-deserving London homes participated in the Residential Attic Insulation & Air Sealing Program, where the homes received insulation and air sealing upgrades. With these improvements, the homes saw increases in energy efficiency, improved comfortability, and lower utility costs.

+350

2023 Assessments

13

Green Retrofit Rebate
Participants

2

Equity-deserving homes
served





“

The energy advisors at the London Environmental Network are professional and punctual with great communication. They submitted the required paperwork for the government grants very quickly. I am satisfied with my choice of the London Environmental Network to organize my home energy assessment.

- Geron, EnerGuide Audit Client

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Greener Homes London is grateful for the many opportunities to collaborate in 2023, especially with the City of London, NRGwise Consulting, and local contractors including NetZero Insulation Inc.



Clean Energy in Rural and Remote Communities

In 2022, we partnered with Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN) Treaties, Lands and Environment Department to deliver the Clean Energy in Remote and Rural Communities: Deshkan Ziibiing Retrofit Pilot.

This pilot program involved retrofitting a propane-reliant home on COTTFN to near net-zero by replacing all gas burning appliances and heaters with electric models, improving the building envelope, and adding a solar array.

The emissions of the building were reduced by 94%, saving the homeowner \$2,225 per year.



During the retrofit, we had 10 local residents complete a learning series alongside our contractors to gain education and skills in green building principles.

Propane and electricity bill consumption data were analyzed for three years pre-retrofit and one year post-retrofit

We are excited to share the final results and use this pilot project as an effective demonstration for near net-zero retrofits in COTTFN and other communities - stay tuned!

Retrofits Completed:

- Energide Assessment
- Air-sealing and Insulation
- Exterior Insulation
- New Energy STAR Windows
- New Energy STAR Doors
- Heat Recovery Ventilator
- Electric Water Heater
- Air Source Heat Pump
- Solar Panels
- Energy STAR Appliances

Thank you to our in-kind sponsors:



While this project took place in COTTFN, it connects with the following CEAP work plans:



Nonprofit Resiliency Project



The Nonprofit Resiliency Project (NRP) was launched to support nonprofit organizations that are at risk of being left behind in Canada's transition to an electrified economy. These organizations - which are low-income and provide housing accommodations for vulnerable groups and communities - face barriers to fully participating in this transition, especially when it comes to accessing retrofit funding for unique building types.



Partnered Organizations

The objective of NRP is to implement sustainable upgrades across community partners multi-unit residential buildings (MURBs) in order to transform them into more efficient, comfortable and resilient spaces.



Buildings

Community partners receive building walkthroughs, customized sustainability reports which outline how buildings are currently operating, community engagement and professional development opportunities, as well as financial support to go towards retrofit implementation.



Building Walkthroughs

In 2024, remaining building walkthroughs and customized sustainability reports will be completed and the retrofit implementation phase will begin.





Nonprofit Resiliency Project

Our Community Partners:



One community partner has requested to remain anonymous



The London Environmental Network has allowed us the opportunity to access the Nonprofit Resiliency Project seamlessly and smoothly. We received support in understanding how to reduce our carbon footprint, and were given helpful resources and reports to refer back to. Great opportunity for collaboration and change!"

-Yasmine Brahimi, Program Manager – MLA and Reintegration at St. Leonard's Community Centre



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Sustainability Reports



6

Engagement Events

\$9,135.97

Raised through our giving campaign, Retrofits for All



Green Economy London (GEL) is the London Environmental Network's business sustainability program. Using a collaborative, cost-effective and practical approach, we work with small to medium-sized businesses, non-profits, larger companies, and community organizations to set and achieve sustainability targets. We help organizations to reduce emissions, improve efficiency, gain credibility, achieve cost savings, and engage and inspire staff and customers. GEL is one of nine Hubs that are part of the nation-wide network, Green Economy Canada.

Together, we're demonstrating a more sustainable economy is possible.



* Waste Reduction & Diversion: Let's Talk Science (Bronze - 20% reduction), Environmental Stewardship: MTE (Platinum - 10+ projects), BlueStone (Platinum - 10+ projects), Convertus (Platinum - 10+ projects)

Our Members:



1. Educational services - 1.5%
2. Construction - 6.2%
3. Manufacturing - 3.1%
4. Arts, entertainment and recreation - 12.3%
5. Retail trade - 23.1%
6. Public administration - 1.5%
7. Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting - 6.2%
8. Health care and social assistance - 1.5%
9. Other services (except public administration) - 13.8%
10. Accommodation and food services - 16.9%
11. Professional, scientific and technical services - 4.6%
12. Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services - 1.5%
13. Real estate and rental and leasing - 4.6%
14. Finance and insurance - 1.5%
15. Information and cultural industries - 1.5%



Green Economy London Members:

- Antler Press - *new in 2023*
- Apple Hill Lavender
- Big Bike Giveaway
- BlueStone Properties
- Burning Kiln Winery
- Carmina Design Co.
- Charlotteville Brewing
- Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
- Citi Plaza London Inc. - *new in 2023*
- Convertus
- Cornerstone Architecture
- Dalton White Farms
- Delhi & District Chamber of Commerce
- Dispenser Amenities
- Dough EV - *new in 2023*
- Ecodemy Education
- Fance Farmerettes
- Generations Marketplace and Learning Centre
- German Solar Corporation
- Goodwill Industries Inc.
- Graphenstone
- GreenTech Painting
- Heeman's
- Homegrown Hideaway
- Hounds of Erie Winery
- Jokey North America Inc.
- Jülide's Specialty Ice Cream - *new in 2023*
- Junction Climbing Centre - *new in 2023*
- Kingfisher Cafe
- Lerner's LLP - *new in 2023*
- Let's Talk Science
- Libro Credit Union
- LOLA Bees - *new in 2023*
- London Brewing Co-op
- London Chamber of Commerce
- London Community Foundation
- London & District Construction Association
- London Food Bank
- London St. Thomas Association of Realtors
- Long Point Biosphere Region
- Long Point Eco-Adventures
- McCabe Promotional
- Meuse Brewing Company
- Michael + Clark Construction
- MTE Consultants
- Museum London
- M.W Drafting
- N'Amerind Friendship Centre
- New Leaf
- On the Move Organics
- Pillar Nonprofit Network
- Play Away Indoor Park
- RBC Place London
- ReForest London
- Reimagine Co.
- Sayza Hot Yoga
- Step Sciences
- The Church Key Bistro-Pub
- City of London
- The Gibbled Goose
- The Ice Box
- The Root Cellar
- Trudell Medical International
- Western Fair District
- Women's Interval Home of Sarnia-Lambton - *new in 2023*



Green Economy London's support has been instrumental in advancing our sustainability initiatives. From providing valuable information and resources to conducting thorough building audits and organizing insightful webinars, Green Economy London has been a trusted partner every step of the way. Their expertise and guidance have been invaluable in navigating GHG reporting requirements and implementing green projects. Their team has consistently demonstrated a genuine commitment to our success, always being available to offer assistance and support whenever needed. We look forward to continuing our partnership for years to come.

- Ilona Kovats, BlueStone Properties



Green Project Support

Green Project Support provides financial incentives for Green Economy Leaders to implement sustainability projects across four key areas: waste, water, greenhouse gas emissions and environmental stewardship. In 2022 Green Economy London allocated \$16,250 distributed amongst 6 members. This year's recipients include:



ReForest London

To help reach their net-zero goals, ReForest London installed low-flow bathroom fixtures and additional insulation and framing to improve energy efficiency in the Bruce Pavillion.



LOLA Bees

LOLA Bees will be completing energy efficiency upgrades to their front entryway and building.



On the Move Organics

On the Move Organics will be purchasing an on-site rapid composter to reintegrate food waste in a regenerative way.



Junction Climbing

To reduce energy consumption and improve cooling in the summer months, Junction Climbing will be installing retractable window coverings.



BlueStone Properties

To improve waste diversion at the Dufferin Corporate Centre, BlueStone Properties introduced an on-site organics program.



ReImagine Co.

ReImagine Co. will be upgrading to a new energy-efficient HVAC system.

Stay tuned for updates as these projects are implemented throughout 2024!

Other Projects:

In 2023, with the support of Green Economy London, the members completed 14 sustainability projects.



Green House Gas Emission
Reduction Projects



Waste Reduction Projects



Environmental Stewardship
Projects

Events Recap

In 2023, Green Economy London attended and hosted 14 events, engaging with over 1,600 community members. These events include:

- 'Leverage the Benefits of Energy and Gas Incentives' webinar with guest speakers from Save On Energy and Enbridge Gas
- 'Building with Nature: An Introduction to Mass Timber in Construction' webinar
- Talk Climate to Me with Project Neutral
- Workplace Green Up
- Three community clean-ups; Green Economy London Member Clean-up, Trojan Technologies Community Clean-up, London Clean & Green



Workplace Green Up

Workplace Green Up is an employee engagement program that aims to foster sustainability within the work culture of Green Economy London members. This initiative offers a range of impactful sustainability activities, focusing on four key target areas: waste reduction and diversion, water conservation, environmental stewardship, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

Employees are encouraged to integrate these activities into their daily work habits and at home, earning points over four weeks for each completed task. Through Workplace Green Up, members contribute to reducing their environmental impact and promoting a greener, more sustainable workplace.



Thank you to all of our members who participated in this year's Workplace Green Up, we look forward to doing it again in 2024!

Workplace Green Up | [Business London Magazine \(page 3\)](#)

Trojan Technologies Community Clean-up

Green Economy London and Trojan Technologies joined forces to clean up Ivey Park and Mitchell A Baran Park. Together, over 50 bags were filled and it's estimated that over 1,000 lbs of garbage and other waste materials were collected.

The estimated combined weight is 828.1 lbs and that's not including the other items that weren't bagged like the chair, table, or suitcases. It's safe to say that your team collected over 1,000 lbs of garbage that would have otherwise been left in the environment.



Thriving Communities

Depave Paradise:

**300**
Plants Installed

**21**
Native Plant Species

**20**
Volunteers

**120m²**
Concrete Removed

The Thriving Communities (previously Green Infrastructure) program focuses on increasing equitable green infrastructure projects throughout our city. These initiatives increase green spaces, assist with stormwater management, reduce the heat island effect, and create vibrant habitats for all native species.

Depave Paradise

The London Environmental Network (LEN) partnered with Green Communities Canada to implement a Depave Paradise project at a local public school. This initiative removed over 100 square meters of underutilized concrete; transforming non-permeable concrete into a thriving outdoor classroom. This outdoor classroom is mulched and encompassed by armor stone for seating and retaining walls. A large pollinator garden surrounds this area willed with native grasses, sedges, flowering plants and bushes.

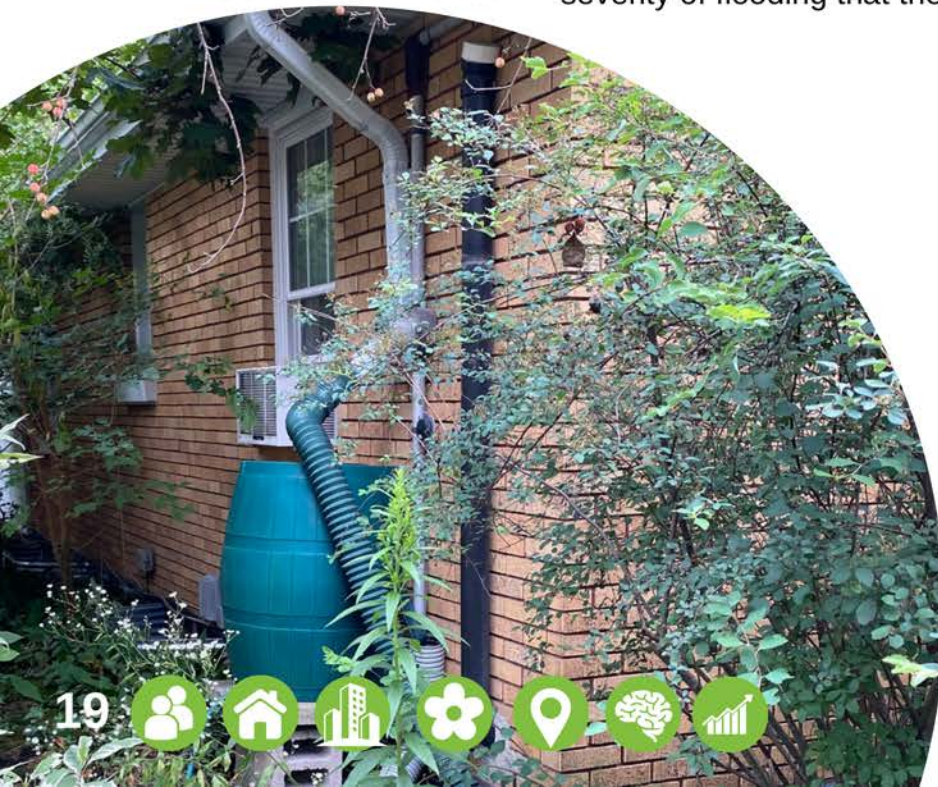


Residential Rain Garden

With support from the City of London, the LEN supported four London homeowners with the implementation of a rain garden on their property. Participants were selected based on a series of factors including severity of flooding that their property was experiencing.

Participants were provided with ongoing support, tools, and resources to improve their stormwater management practices. The LEN hosted a workshop in partnership with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) where participants received free resources such as a homeowner educational manual and booklet, a rain gauge and support with the creation of a site design plan.

Participants also received on-site assistance with implementation tasks such as digging and planting. These participants were granted \$1,500.00 to assist with creation of their rain gardens.



Thriving Communities



“ We've already experienced a relief from flooding after torrential downpours, but looking forward to not having a flooded backyard in the spring, plus have it look beautiful all spring, summer and fall ”

-2023 Rain Garden Participant

17

Applicants

5

Applicants Selected

4

Rain Gardens Installed

2

Additional Rain Garden Installs Supported

\$1,680.38

Average Rain Garden Cost

Partners

We would like to acknowledge Green Communities Canada for their support with the Depave Paradise initiative. Additionally, we would like to thank the City of London for their ongoing support with our programs, specifically the Residential Rain Garden Program. Without their support, these programs would not have been possible. We would also like to thank ReForest London as well as UTRCA for supporting and assisting the Residential Rain Garden Program.

Upcoming 2024 Initiatives:

We are partnering with Green Communities Canada to implement a new project, the Living Cities Project. This will be transforming a minimum of 250m² of underused land into a lush green infrastructure initiative within equitably deserving locations of London.



We are excited to run the Residential Rain Garden Program for the third year in a row. We will be assisting 5 new eligible homeowners in the design and installation of a rain garden on their property. This program continues to help with London's stormwater management, and contributes to London's Climate Emergency Action Plan.



Environmental Action Incubator



The Environmental Action Incubator Program supports six community projects per year that demonstrate a positive impact on the local environment. Each group receives funding and promotional support to bring their project to life.



We had such a great experience being part of the Environmental Action Incubator this year, and with their help this year, our project will continue on for many years

-2023 Environmental Action Incubator Participant



Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre Food For All Launch

Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre Food For All Launch has allowed them to process donated food that is soon to perish into things such as prepared meals, soups, smoothies, and juices; thus prolonging its shelf life, and in turn further distribute it to those that need it.

Growing Chefs! Ontario Garden Bed Upgrade

Growing Chefs! installed cold frame covers for their newly built garden beds, including a wheelchair accessible table-top garden. This allowed them to extend their growing season, providing learning opportunities year-round.

LOLA Bees Pollinator Pals! Native Plant Learning Garden

LOLA Bees launched an in-person environmental education program including hands-on beekeeping, learning about native plants and pollinators, and planting a demonstration pollinator garden in the Old East Village.

Sustainable Growers of London Community Gardening and Potluck

Sustainable Growers of London celebrated a new group of Londoners passionate about growing their own food. To recognize the success of this new group, they hosted a community potluck so members can share produce from their gardens and celebrate the season.

The PATCH Net Zero Compost Pick Up and Delivery

The PATCH saw the purchase of a bicycle to be used to pick up and deliver vegetables they grow to Indwell, Ark Aid, Sanctuary London as well pick up compost from these partners and deliver to The Wormery for compost. It was their goal to discontinue the use of their Dodge Grand Caravan and increase green transportation.

Western Fair District Carolinian Forest Education Series

Western Fair District launched a series of informational story boards around the District to educate people about our Carolinian forest and how it not only helps reduce emissions but how it sustains us and adds value to our economy.

Partners

Over the past four years, this program was supported by the City of London's Community Grants Program. We are actively seeking funding to continue and expand on this successful program!



[Watch our project videos](#)



Network Members

Our network is made up of **42 community groups and nonprofits** working in London's environmental sector with the collective goal to see London be more sustainable. We wouldn't be able to do our work without this amazing network of environmental leaders!

“Keep up the great work. LEN is doing a great job and we appreciate being part of this network”
- Antler River Rally

“LEN is a wonderful cultivator for collaboration”
-The PATCH

“The UTRCA values all of LEN's programs/initiatives. We appreciate your work to help connect volunteers with member organizations”
- Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

Member Successes:

- LOLA Bees wins Meridian's Inaugural Eco-Upgrade Contest Grant
- Thames Talbot Land Trust open two new hiking trails at Hawk Cliff Woods
- Thames Valley Trail Association celebrated 50th Anniversary
- Urban Roots celebrated the installation of two new heated greenhouses, allowing for more locally grown food.



Events shared on online calendar



Events

Outreach

We attended more outreach opportunities than ever before this year with 33 outreach booths engaging with 3,055 individuals. Thank you to the awesome groups who gave us the opportunity to connect across the city, some highlights are:

- 12 Member Events
- 5 Westmount Farmers Markets
- 2 Covent Garden Markets
- 4 Summer Festivals (Home County Music & Art Festival, Gathering on the Green, Wortley Pride, London Pride Parade)

3,276

Event Attendees

66

Event, Speaking and Outreach Opportunities

6

Green in the City Events

Green Drinks

Green Drinks is a casual networking event to chat with like-minded neighbours, learn about awesome local organizations, and connect with other people interested in growing a healthier, more sustainable city. Thank you to our amazing venues this year! We hosted our 3 events with Reimagine Co, Anderson Craft Ales and YOU Made It Cafe!

Earthfest 2023

2023 saw the return of Earthfest, an event of celebration through art, music, games and exploration. This year it was held in the heart of downtown London at Citi Plaza, Central Library and Dundas Place, with hundreds of partners, volunteers and exhibitors. 2,000+ Attendees!

Save the Date! Earthfest is returning on Saturday April 20th, 2024

Volunteer Appreciation Event

In collaboration with ReForest London and Thames Talbot Land Trust, we hosted a Volunteer Appreciation event to celebrate all the amazing volunteers who help us do what we do. Volunteer appreciation certificates were presented to: **Kevin Kaisar, Sarah Brooks, Jennifer Mills and Owen Dong**

Green in the City

Green in the City is an annual event series organized in partnership with the City of London and the London Public Library. The series aims to explore sustainability topics through a local lens by highlighting leaders in various sectors. We hosted 4 events in the spring and 2 in the fall, with themes related to the Green Bin Program launch, extreme weather events, home energy efficiency, and sustainable living. 15 different network members participated in these events, engaging with Londoners across the city. We wrapped up the Spring 2023 series with keynote speaker, Chris St. Clair, legendary Canadian television presenter and former host of The Weather Network.



Special Projects and Collaborations



Responsible Pest Management

The London Environmental Network launched the Responsible Pest Management Micropilot Program in partnership with Bird Friendly London. The goal of this program is to raise awareness of the negative effects that rodenticides have on wildlife and the environment by providing educational resources and tools to homeowners and businesses to pursue alternative and more responsible methods of rodent pest management. This program connects to the City of London's **Climate Emergency Action Plan through Area of Focus 8 - Adapting and Making London More Resilient.**

Rodenticides can lead to the secondary position of birds of prey. Preventing this safeguards raptors and maintains the crucial balance of natural predatory-prey ecosystems. Through the program, 4 businesses and 4 households in London are now implementing responsible pest management practices.

EcoLeaders Program

In 2022 we launched EcoLeaders, a new program connecting local youth in London that are passionate about the environment and sustainability with volunteering, training and hands-on learning opportunities throughout the school year. We concluded the program in a collaborative setting to offer participants a totally free day of various hands-on activities and workshops such as a cooking class using herbs and vegetables they harvested themselves inside a local greenhouse, heard presentations and learned how to garden indoors.



London Cares Curb Hunger Campaign

The London Cares Curb Hunger Campaign, in partnership with the London Food Bank spreads awareness of the need for fresh food, non-perishable food, and financial donations for the community. The London Environmental Network and Green Economy London were proud to partner on the 27th annual campaign, focusing on fresh food, locally grown or rescued from grocery stores, food security, and impact on climate change.



London Clean & Green

The London Environmental Network and Green Economy London partnered with the City of London for London Clean & Green, a community and business partnership that promotes litter prevention, community clean-ups, and helping to organize environmental projects in London. Throughout April, community members and the local business community participated in the 20 Minute Makeover and community-wide clean-ups around London.



Green Leader Awards



2024

Green Leader Awards
Hosted by London Environmental Network

Looking ahead to early 2024, the London Environmental Network (LEN) and Green Economy London (GEL) are proud to present the next Green Leader Awards, recognizing business and community leaders working to make London a greener and more resilient city for all.

On **April 10th 2024** we will gather at RBC Place London with members of the LEN and GEL, along with the local business community and general public.



[Find out more](#)

We're thrilled to announce the 2024 Green Leader Awards award categories and nominees!

Green Leader Awards *Recognizing businesses in the Green Economy London program*

Emissions Reduction of the Year *Finalists: German Solar, The Ice Box*

Rookie of the Year *Finalists: Junction Climbing, LOLA Bees*

Environmental Steward of the Year *Finalists: MTE Consultants, Western Fair District*

Circularity Award *Finalists: Bluestone Properties, Play Away Indoor Park, Western Fair*

Green Project Implementation Award *Finalists: Bluestone Properties, The Ice Box, MTE Consultants, Play Away Indoor Park*

Environmental Network Awards: *Recognizing nonprofits and individuals within London*

Outstanding Member Award *Finalists: Antler River Rally, Bird Friendly London, Middlesex London Food Policy Council, The PATCH*

Community Impact Award *Finalists: Glen Cairn Resource Centre, Growing Chefs, LOLA Bees*

Community Choice Award *Finalists: Emily Febrey, Michelle Stranges*



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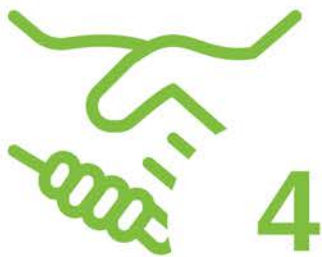
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