



On-Site Design Consultation

Hands-On Help with Your School Ground Greening Project



Evergreen and the OCDSB recommend that *all schools* greening their grounds have an *on-site design consultation* to better develop and maintain successful projects. A short consultation on-site at your school will provide you with support and guidance in the following areas:

Team Building

Who should be on your team?
What are their roles and responsibilities?

Project Scope and Vision

Are you adopting a *Start Small and Do It Well!* approach to ensure success? What is the size and complexity of your project?

Design and Implementation

We discuss OCDSB landscape standards, site issues (e.g. snow storage and drainage), analyze play and use patterns, and help you develop meaningful and sustainable design concepts.

Project Maintenance and Sustainability

Who will care for your project? We will help you develop a maintenance schedule and a long-term stewardship plan.

Renovation and Rejuvenation

Identify practical ways for helping teams rethink and redesign tired or neglected projects.

Horticultural Issues

We assist in selecting the right tree for the right place, identify existing trees and discuss any health and safety issues. We will review plant lists to avoid toxic or problem plants.

Contracted vs Volunteer Work

Some greening features need to be installed by licensed, insured contractors. Other parts of your project may be installed by volunteers. We help determine which is the right way to go.

Funding

Discuss local and national grants, ways of fundraising and receiving donations to support your greening efforts.

Approval Process

Your greening project must be reviewed and approved by the Board. The school's Principal must submit an 800 Form, and we can help get you to YES!

These topics plus more are explored in more detail in the annual Evergreen Workshop Series.

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