

## No Room for a Tree?

Consider donating a tree to your favourite public space or garden. We have started a list of places and contacts that are accepting tree donations. Feel free to reach out to them... and don't forget to take a picture of you and your tree in it's new home.

### 1. The Conservation Park at The Gardens at HCP

The Conservation Park is 100 acres of natural habitat with a covenant protecting the wetland and walking trails. The Viaduct Flats wetland area supports many avian species and is a major migratory waterfowl stop.

Restoration work is ongoing by a dedicated group of volunteers. They continue to remove invasive species and re-introduce native plants in accordance with our restoration plan.

Currently, we are working on areas where we can plant more Garry Oak (*Quercus garryana*), an iconic tree here in Saanich known for its important role with First Nations people, drought tolerance, which is even more important now with the progression of global climate change, and its long-life span. We also have areas to support planting more Oregon Ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*) and Pacific Dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*).

We plant trees from October-March, making sure to provide tree protection and watering during the summer months until the tree is established.

If you are interested in supporting the tree planting program, please contact Linda Petite, Head Gardener at (250) 479-6136 or [headgardener@hcp.ca](mailto:headgardener@hcp.ca)

### 2. Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary

Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary also has an ongoing Garry Oak reforestation program, and would be delighted to receive a donation as part of our Centenary initiative. Please contact the Executive Director, Cara Gibson, at [cgibson@swanlake.bc.ca](mailto:cgibson@swanlake.bc.ca), for more information.

### 3. Government House

A project will soon be underway to provide shade to the outdoor area near the tearoom located adjacent to the lower parking lot. If you are interested in supporting this project, please contact Carol Dancer at [dancercarol00@gmail.com](mailto:dancercarol00@gmail.com)



#### [4. St. Ann's Academy](#)

Please contact Cortney Baldwin from the Society of Friends of St. Ann's Academy at [sfsaa.vic@gmail.com](mailto:sfsaa.vic@gmail.com) if you would like to donate a tree to this lovely national historic site.

#### [5. Colquitz Middle School Orchard](#)

The Colquitz Middle School has ambitious plans for their Orchard and Rain Garden Expansion project (for more information on their Edible Garden project [see this link](#)). They would be delighted to accept a donation of a fruit tree or native tree. Please contact Laura-Lyn Helton at [llhelton@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:llhelton@sd61.bc.ca) for more information.

**\*If you know of a public space or garden that is willing to accept tree donations let us know! [100trees@vichortsociety.org](mailto:100trees@vichortsociety.org)**