

A Landscaping Update

So far, so good. That's the general feeling from last Friday's venture to Altona Forest. A group of enthusiastic, shovel-toting members of the department spent the day in Pickering digging, lifting, packing and loading a shipment of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants for the first stage in gathering plant material for the Ramsay Wright naturalistic garden. (If you haven't heard of this, please ask any member of the Landscape Committee for details.)

Upon our return from the forest, we were greeted with 12 large holes, a small amount of top soil and a large pile of bricks that came out of the ground! Not what we expected. In spite of that, we planted the trees and, using the soil we brought back from the forest, planted the smaller material around the base of the trees. We'll have to wait until next spring to see how successful the transplanting was. It will be a long wait, but we have high hopes for success. In the meantime, we, the Landscape Committee, would like to express our appreciation to everyone who came out on Friday to help at the forest and later in the day at the department. Many thanks to Michelle Baril, Paul Clute, Mike Dennison, Tony Lang, Katherine Murray, Penny Lee, Lisa Onwubuke, Vi Ramlogen, Andy Rubaszek, Sandy Speller, Warren Topey, Jerry Topham and Norm White. It would have been impossible without your efforts.

Overall we were very pleased with the amount of material we were able to rescue from Altona Forest. However, there is still a great deal more that is needed. A list of plants that are appropriate for our Maple/Beech forest model was put in the last issue of ZOONEWS. If you missed it and would like more information, or if you can make a contribution, please contact Jim Hodgins in Rm 541 at -5246. Arrangements have been made for another larger shipment of top soil to be delivered to the garden site, so there will be a good home for the plants you can give us.

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