



Halton Environmental Network (HEN) is thrilled to host a special planting event at the Oakville Food Forest. This event will take place on *Saturday, October 5th*, from *10:00 AM to 12:00 PM* at Kingsford Gardens, located at 2480 Sherwood Drive in Oakville.

About the Oakville Food Forest

Since 2021, HEN has been working to revitalize an underused former fruit orchard at Kingsford Gardens. We have undertaken efforts to revitalize this area through invasive species removal, soil health improvement, and planting edible trees and shrubs. Through a number of community volunteer events, we have planted serviceberries, haskap berries, currants, apple and pear trees, and more.

Our goal is to transform the space into a self-sustaining, food-producing forest, composed of edible plants on different forest levels, including trees, shrubs, roots, vines, and more. We plan to create a thriving community space that can be used to educate the community on how to care for edible shrubs and trees, and to provide citizens with a climate-resilient food source. Produce from the food forest is donated to local food security organizations.

The Oakville Food Forest is still at an early stage of development, with most of the trees and shrubs having been planted in the last three years. We look forward to continuing to watch it grow.

Event Details:

Join us as we come together to learn about permaculture and food sustainability, while we continue to plant new trees and shrubs to keep growing the food forest! This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the growth and sustainability of our local environment while connecting with like-minded individuals who share a passion for the environment.

Date: Saturday, October 5th **Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Kingsford Gardens, 2480 Sherwood Drive, Oakville, ON

Activities: In addition to a chance to get involved and plant fruit producing trees & shrubs, look forward to refreshments, kids activities, prizes, and an informative guided tour of the Oakville Food Forest with permaculture insights from an industry professional.