A Year of Growth Tempered with Consolidation

Howling wind and heavy snow blankets Riverwood. A dedicated volunteer loads the bird feeder outside my office and hungry birds swarm to it, thanking us in their tender way. As I watch, I reflect on the staff, volunteers and friends at TRC and all that was accomplished in 2010.

Highlights include reaching new audiences (two and four-legged and winged amongst them), as we continued to deliver and hone programs in nature and environmental education, stewardship, gardening and volunteerism, and make a difference to the quality of Mississauga life.

TRC fostered an appreciation and understanding of natural areas, the reasons to protect and restore them, and demonstrated how lessons learned at Riverwood can strengthen one’s own neighbourhood or school. Collectively, TRC reached over 12,000 guests in 247 school and public programs setting new participation and program records.

The City of Mississauga began construction of the MacEwan Terrace Garden in April. This provided an opportunity to add a Special Needs Garden, an accessible space designed for all to enjoy. The TRC board of directors rose to the capital funding challenge this posed, and together with our Friends of Riverwood, continue to raise funds for this unprecedented resource of inquiry and discovery. The garden is expected to open fall 2011.

A new Carolinian Garden broke ground on the north side of Chappell House. Over a period of many days volunteers sweated, pulled and cleared invasive plants to re-naturalize the area, and planted the first of 1,000 native plants. The garden will become a teaching node for the public and for schools.

TRC’s five-year planning document is nearly complete. Committee members identified their main objectives for the next half-decade, and staff and volunteers estimated financial resources needed to implement these objectives. This information will form a comprehensive picture of our long-term plans and recommendations for City investment in Riverwood infrastructure required to support the citizens of Mississauga.

In its third year partnering with ErinOakKids, TRC delivered a two-week summer camp for physically and developmentally challenged children – 23 Riverwood Explorers campers increased their physical endurance, hand-to-eye coordination and experienced nature and the environment.

The eclectic Chappell House gardens accented by two-dozen containers were ablaze with texture, colour, shape and scent through the seasons. The gardens were designed, planted and maintained using best management practices by volunteers. TRC continued to deliver therapeutic programs to Community Living Mississauga, and 37 wedding groups had pictures of their special day taken at Riverwood.

Thank you to the many volunteers who contributed to a record-breaking 15,500 hours including: our board of directors, high school students performing community service hours and Mississauga companies who restored wildlife habitat, planted native trees, maintained trails and cleaned Riverwood’s wetland and creeks. TRC is deeply appreciative to the myriad Friends of Riverwood detailed in this report who contributed the financial and in-kind resources which allowed TRC to stabilize its operations and fulfill its mission.

Thank you to the dedicated staff of Robin Haley-Gilllin, Madeha Khalid, Francesca Morrison, Candra Schank, Rita Schulze, Dave Taylor and our new office manager, Brian Packham.

Thank you for supporting YOUR Riverwood Conservancy. We look forward to an equally successful 2011.

Douglas Markoff, Executive Director

NAME THE SPECIAL NEEDS GARDEN

The Special Needs Garden is coming to Riverwood in 2011 and we need your help to select the right name for it. Of the 75 suggestions we received, five stand out. E-mail your pick from the below list or make new suggestions to: Marketing@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org.

1. Inspiration Gardens
2. Pathways
3. Friendship Garden
4. The “I Can” Garden
5. Riverwood Sensory Garden
Education Naturally—10,000 Students and Going Strong

In 2010, Education Naturally, our elementary program, celebrated its 10,000th student, but this milestone was only one indicator of the success this program has achieved. Bookings are almost to the point where a waiting list will have to be developed, not only for the spring and fall, but for the once hard to fill shoulder seasons. Our teacher, Rita Schulze, continues to make great strides in drawing in new schools and providing a high quality program that garners repeat business.

Our Exploration Naturally program is close to fledging (to use a birding term). Candra Schank has worked diligently to reach out to high school teachers, and as she began her second school year in September, bookings were growing. Her path to success mirrors the path Education Naturally followed—one of slow and steady growth at first and word of mouth is helping to swell Exploration’s numbers.

Both of our teaching staff and education coordinator, Lisa Robinson of Visual Arts Mississauga worked to develop a program. Together they created Art Naturally, a program for both elementary and secondary programs that has proven to be a very successful partnership.

Discovery@Riverwood, funded by Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), has proven to be a very successful adult and family education program. Over 100 programs were delivered last year, attracting 6,000 visitors to Riverwood. Two experienced birders, Luc Fazio and Dan Salisbury, led a number of walks for bird watchers. Randy Attwood of Earthshine and the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (Mississauga) brought out scores of people to view the night sky. We partnered with Mike Erison, recreation programmer for the City of Mississauga to deliver a number of educational and heart-healthy walks. There were talks about gardening, making containers, stewardship programs, wildlife, forests and fish.

Overall, it has been a very busy year. Our goal in 2011 is to continue to grow these programs. We could not do it without our many volunteers, and the support of the community.

Dave Taylor, Education Program Director/Consultant

Volunteers Count!

Our volunteers count! In 2010, The Riverwood Conservancy (TRC) was fortunate to have a total of 540 volunteers, contributing over 15,500 hours of assistance at TRC. This amazing number of hours reflects a 20% increase over 2009, and comprises of 4,475 hours in the classroom, 3,193 hours on the trails with stewardship, 2,803 hours in the gardens, 2,108 hours at special events, and 2,783 hours helping in the office or on the board and committees.

The Volunteer Committee worked hard over the year to ensure the Volunteer Program ran smoothly and provided guidance to the volunteer coordinator. Some of the priorities for 2010 were to update the Volunteer Handbook, creating a staff/volunteer organizational chart, creating an orientation binder for board of directors, developing a risk management plan and continuing to provide meaningful recognition events. All goals were met.

In June 2010, we once again hosted a Garden Tea Party. With over 65 volunteers attending, the day was a success. Live music by a quartet in the Great Room, combined with beautiful weather outside, and goodies baked by the committee, made volunteers feel appreciated. In December, we held our annual Volunteer Celebration where, once again, volunteers mixed and mingled and enjoyed a beautiful ambiance. Award winners for 2010 were: Mary Jean Kucerak (Riverwood Stewardship Award), Margaret Adamson (Douglas Campbell Gardening Award), Kathy Lytle (Shirley Daniels Education Award), Steve Hemphill (Charlie Brown Distinctive Service Award), Trishia KJange (Philip Stuart Volunteer of Distinction Award) and Pat McLaren (Philip Stuart Volunteer of Distinction Award). The committee thanks all nominators for their submissions.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Volunteer Committee members: Julie Alty, Raeshri Bhoknoman, Susan Bond, Patricia Colantonio, Monika Krezewska, Vigen Ngo and Margaret Worth. Their wisdom and support continue to improve the volunteer program at TRC.

Robin Haley-Gillin, Volunteer Coordinator

Have You Heard? Things Are a Buzz at The Riverwood Conservancy.

This was a busy year for Madeha and the marketing team with an updated website containing new images and current programs at Riverwood. TRC joined Facebook among other social media and successfully connected with ‘friends’ from all over Canada.

Photography@Riverwood program took off in its second year boasting 37 bookings in 2010, with sights of Rolls Royce vehicles and other limousines gliding up to the stately Chappell House carrying happy bridal parties.

Photographers were in abundance as part of collaboration with Visual Arts Mississauga in their 3rd Annual Juried Show of Photography & New Media held in December 2010, which focused on art and photos covering Riverwood as a category.

The MacEwan Terrace Garden is developing a general buzz and Mississuagans are looking forward to its opening in late spring 2011. The Special Needs Garden has also received a lot of attention by successfully raising over $20,000 to date for the new facility. Our biggest problem is coming up with the right name for such a garden, which will be unique in the GTA. We hope the muse strikes before too long!

There is still much to be done as everyone in Mississauga does not yet know of The Riverwood Conservancy, but we must thank our promoters at Booster, City of Mississauga, Region of Peel, the Mississauga News, Rogers TV, and SNAP, which do much to send our message far and wide.

As a final point, Madeha and the team must be on the right track as we had 6,000 people attend the Discovery@Riverwood programs this year. The Riverwood Conservancy is now on Facebook – join us. If you are interested in helping out on the marketing committee, please e-mail: Marketing@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org.

Alan Lytle, Chair, Marketing Committee
Gardening Reflections in 2010

What an exciting and productive year 2010 proved to be in the gardens at Riverwood. The gardening program was once again blessed with a dedicated group of volunteers, who under the excellent leadership of Janice Ekcland, Martha Kantorczyk and Kathy Lytle, worked extremely hard to plant and maintain the many flower beds around the Chappell House, and at the front entry. This year, special thanks goes to Fran Krayewski, who kindly agreed to aid Philip Stuart in caring for the rose garden.

Gardens Committee members had much to keep them busy this year. Sandra Spudic, Shirley Daniels and Kathy Lytle, with the expert help of Nina Barabas, worked extremely hard to prepare a site and planting plan for a Carolinian and Woodland Teaching Garden on the north side of the Chappell House. Under some major time restraints, a grant application to the Evergreen Foundation was submitted, and we were delighted to hear The Riverwood Conservancy had been awarded $5,000 to help fund the project. Friends of Riverwood contributed a further $5,000 to see this restoration project reach fruition.

An expression of gratitude also goes to the Stewardship Committee who, aided by many TRC and corporate volunteers did a stellar job of clearing non-native invasive species, and installed 250 metres of deer exclusion fencing. Planting of Carolinian plant species began in the fall and will continue in 2011.

The highly anticipated start of the MacEwan Terrace Garden project began in the spring. It was exciting to see the progression achieved through soil remediation, construction of terraces, pathways and the storage bunker beside the barn. Also, members of the Gardens Committee were delighted to hear that funding for a Special Needs Garden had been received from a number of sources. Much research, consultation and planning resulted in a set of plans being drawn up by Rod MacDonald of The Landplan Collaborative, who very kindly and generously gave of his time and expertise. It is so pleasing to see the construction of the garden now well underway.

My sincere thanks to the members of the Gardens Committee who rise up so graciously to many a challenge, and to the gardening volunteers and city staff who help keep the gardens so well tended throughout the year.

Linda Morris, Chair, Gardens Committee

More Community Involvement at Riverwood

It was a busy time in 2010 for stewardship at Riverwood. Thanks to our volunteer coordinator, Robin Haley-Gillin, and stewardship coordinator, Francesca Morrison, 2010 experienced a 47% increase over 2009 in stewardship days, a 179% increase in volunteer hours and a 20% increase in volunteer hours by our summer students.

Many volunteer groups took part in the creation of the Carolinian Woodland and Teaching Garden including: Baxter Pharmaceuticals, Fritolay/PepsiCo, Loblaws, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Supply Chain Management, along with others. They installed deer fencing, prepared the area, and planted 22 large trees. This will be an ongoing project in 2011, with nearly 1,000 native wildflowers to be planted as well.

Congratulations to Mary Jean Kucerak, recipient of the annual Riverwood Stewardship Award, who spearheaded the development of the Plant Propagation Program; 2011 will be the second year for this program. We look forward to collecting seed from mayapples and jack-in-the-pulpits, amongst others. In time, these can be transplanted to appropriate locations throughout Riverwood, including the Carolinian Woodland and Teaching Garden.

In addition, Sean Lemon, a former student volunteer at Riverwood and currently at McMaster University, carried out a major study of the trail system at Riverwood. His findings revealed out of the 12.7 km of trails throughout Riverwood, almost two-thirds are unsanctioned. This study is influential in developing trail management at Riverwood.

Demonstrating other accomplishments in 2010, volunteers from Scotts Canada helped build eight new bird feeders, and with the participation of many volunteers, the local birds are getting fed over the winter - along with our free-loading squirrels.

Moving forward in 2011. The Riverwood Conservancy and its stewardship component will continue to grow as we plan for an increase in corporate volunteers and stewardship events. A major role for these volunteers will be implementing the Invasive Species Action Plan for Riverwood, which contains the highest biodiversity of plants and animals in the Credit River watershed.

Howard Hall, Chair, Stewardship Committee
Fund Development at Riverwood

No matter how meritorious your programs, they still require dollars to operate. In 2010, TRC implemented our strategic fundraising plan and met its fund development targets. TRC fulfilled our charitable roles at Riverwood thanks to Friends of Riverwood, a diverse array of people, companies and foundations, members and volunteers, who collectively contributed the funding essential to supporting our operations.

TRC sustained Education Naturally and replaced the annual $75,000 funding that it had received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Funding sources included revenue-generating service agreements with the Peel District School Board and Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, private benefactors and program fees. A Trillium grant received in 2009 continued to support the high school field science and marketing programs.

The Earth: A Celebration fundraiser netted $24,427 to support general TRC operations. Thanks to the 185 guests who attended and sponsorships from ScotiaMcLeod, NewhouseRusin, Monarch Wealth Deposit Group Inc. and the Ron and Elaine Starr Family Foundation, and to Sheridan Nurseries who continued their support by donating 25 table centerpieces.

Other revenue sources contributed to stabilize our operations. The City of Mississauga provided critical financial support through the Corporate Grant program, for which we are deeply grateful. These funds were complemented by funding from Scotiabank, Credit Valley Conservation, Scotts Canada, Frank Fowler Foundation, HRSDC (Service Canada), Evergreen Foundation and the Pendle Fund at the Community Foundation of Mississauga. TRC received considerable in-kind support from many Friends of Riverwood including: Springbank Greenhouse, Vanhoof&Blokker, University of Toronto at Mississauga and York University.

Across Canada, 2010 continued to challenge charities to raise necessary operating funds. TRC successfully rose to this challenge and was thankful to the value the community places on our programs, the partnerships we forged, the professionalism of our staff, volunteers and directors, and the tenacity, patience and dedication of Fund Development Committee members: Alan Lytle, Steve Hemphill, Graham Fox, Art MacDonald, Douglas Markoff and our newest members John Tinker (replacing Steve), Diane Stafford and Christopher Worth.

Douglas Markoff, Executive Director

Celebrating our 10,000+ children attending our Education Naturally programs

A Year of Celebrations and Milestones

It was a very busy year for the Special Events Committee. We kicked off the beginning of 2010 with a highly successful evening for the Scotiabank and ScotiaMcLeod executives, which took place in February. This was in appreciation of their very generous donations and sponsorships that go to support The Riverwood Conservancy’s many initiatives.

Our next event was the 9th annual major fundraiser, Earth: A Celebration, held on April 30, 2010, at the Oasis Convention Centre in Mississauga. Members, friends and guests from the corporate world enjoyed a wonderful evening, mixing and mingling with celebrity horticulturists Denis Flanagan, Frank Kerslaw, Liz Primeau, and Paul Zamtitt, as well as MP Bonnie Crombie. Mayor Hazel McCallion was a surprise visitor; she spoke about how pleased she was with Riverwood’s progress.

Both our silent and live auctions were very well received, as were our Monarch butterfly mystery bags. All this was possible with the generous donations and support from many local merchants, sponsors and businesses, and our own members and board of directors. Once again, many thanks for the donation of the “Naming Rights in Perpetuity” for a very beautiful Daylily produced by Jack Kent, owner of The Potting Shed in Dunville. It was the highlight of the live auction and netted TRC over $2,500.

In June we held a picnic on the Chappell grounds to celebrate our 10,000+ milestone of children attending our Education Naturally programs. Approximately 55 students from two local school boards were invited with their teachers. It was a beautiful warm day, and judging by the children’s faces, they thoroughly enjoyed the festivities.

Another high spot to mention was an evening party held in July for our members on the patio of Chappell House - it was a success as Mayor McCallion came and joined in the festivities.

Finally, we participated in Doors Open Mississauga on a beautiful sunny day in September. Guided tours of MacEwan, Chappell, the trails, a plant sale run by the Mississauga Master Gardeners and a barbecue catered by Chef’s Catering with the Sway Jazz Trio playing in the background made for a memorable day.

My sincere thanks to the members of the committee: Shirley Daniels, Alan Lytle, Candra Schank, Christa Adler, Cynthia Potopsingh, Douglas Markoff, Edward Davies, Kevin Delany, Madeha Khalid, Mary Sao Cabral, Rina Lawley, Robin Haley-Gillin, Systske van der Veen, and the board of directors without whom these events would not have happened.

Shirley Daniels, Chair, Special Events Committee
2010: The Wild Year

Wildlife continues to prosper at Riverwood. Our intrepid birders Luc Fazio and Dan Salisbury recorded another sighting of a bald eagle soaring over Riverwood. To date a little over 170 bird species have been recorded; this is up about a dozen from last year. In the summer, two separate Cooper's Hawk nests saw nine young raised to fledging. This is a remarkable achievement considering that more often than not the younger hatchlings do not survive. The fact that all young survived is indicative of a healthy songbird and small mammal population here at Riverwood.

In the fall, a Barred Owl was seen on a regular basis. Barred owls, for some reason, are a rare sight in the Greater Toronto Area, west of the Humber River. This was the first recorded sighting in this area in the last 15 years. As well, *Scotts Wild Bird TREK* continues to attract large numbers of songbirds.

The partnership between University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) and Riverwood continues to bear fruit—especially our ongoing deer study. Comparing the work done in the fall and winter of 2010, to the same time period last year, it is evident that our deer numbers for the greater Riverwood-Erindale Park-UTM ecosystem are up. One observer reported seeing almost 40 deer. However, the good news for Riverwood's gardens is it appears that less than a quarter of that number actually spends much time in this portion of their range.

Fox and coyote sightings were rare last year, but beavers and mink are regularly seen along the Credit River. However, there were enough reports of these predators to suggest they are still occasionally using Riverwood as habitat.

Missing this year are any sightings of Wild Turkey. Ron Starr told me the turkeys he saw last year south of Riverwood were also missing in action. Were the turkeys victims of predators or cars? Their fate remains a bit of a mystery. I suspect they will reappear as new flocks move south in the watershed.

Our new garden development has certainly brought changes to the MacEwan Terrace. Our citizen science observers (both in-class and as part of our ongoing stewardship programs) will watch for the return of the toads with bated breath this year, as they are the species most impacted by the construction. The good news is so far there have been few, if any, other indications that the construction has disrupted the natural rhythm of Riverwood.

For those of us who were here eight years ago when the construction of the parking lot and the main road was going on, it seemed inconceivable that life would return to MacEwan Terrace, but it did – life found a way.

Dave Taylor, Education Program Director/Consultant

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A Year of Development and Strength

On behalf of the board of directors, I am very pleased to express our appreciation to all of our volunteers, our outstanding staff, our generous donors and funders, and our valuable community partners for their significant contributions and positive accomplishments.

The successes achieved at The Riverwood Conservancy throughout 2010 have resulted in the augmentation in our core services in education, stewardship and gardening. Also, there has been a growing range of volunteer contributions and achieving further financial stability.

Our significant partnerships have continued to be strengthened, and we have enhanced the breadth and depth of our services. We are very appreciative of:

**City of Mississauga** at levels from the council to the front-line staff who support our daily work

**Credit Valley Conservation Authority** who has strongly supported our popular and expanding *Discovery*@Riverwood series and our stewardship endeavours

**Peel District School Board and Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board**, who have made long-term commitments to our *Education Naturally* program

**Scotts Canada** for their on-going support to *Education Naturally*, our birding and stewardship programs

**Scotiabank** and **ScotiaMcLeod**, whose major two-year commitment to TRC has enabled us to enhance our educational programming

Several individual donors, such as Fred Ketchen, and some anonymous donors who have made significant contributions to our programs

**The Ontario Trillium Foundation** for continuing support for our *Exploration Naturally* program aimed at secondary school students

Of course our volunteers throughout all aspects of our programs and operations have given outstanding service, which has made many of our organizational accomplishments possible. We set a new record for total volunteer hours of reaching over 15,500. We are now serving thousands of children and families from Mississauga and neighbouring communities, expanding their knowledge of nature, gardening and natural heritage, and giving them a greater appreciation of Riverwood’s natural beauty. Our gardens outlining the Chappell Estate, including our new native garden and the new MacEwan Terrace Garden (being built by the **City** with the generous support of **Scotts Canada** and many other donors) are making Riverwood even more appealing for our many visitors.

The board of directors is developing a manageable long-term plan for future growth of our programs and services. We plan to finalize this in the spring of 2011.

As chair, I am grateful for the contributions made by all of our directors, including the leadership they have provided in fund development, planning and financial management, and other complementary roles. The board’s strong sense of vision will stand TRC in good stead as we move forward to serve the residents of Mississauga and enhance the sustainable beauty of this magnificent natural oasis.

John Huether, Chair of the Board of Directors
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Note:
Volunteers contribute many hours each year in carrying out the organization’s activities. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, most contributed materials are not recognized in the financial statements. However, during the year, the organization received contributed materials for which the fair market value was reasonably determined and these donations have been reflected as expenditures at the determined value.

The condensed financial statements are extracted from the financial statements examined by our auditors, NewhouseRusin Professional Corporation. A complete set of financial statements, together with the report of our auditors, is available on request from Douglas Markoff, Executive Director, The Riverwood Conservancy, 4300 Riverwood Park Lane Mississauga, ON L5C 257.