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Ecoprojects Community Fund: Citizens and organizations invited to submit their projects by February 29th

Vaudreuil-Dorion, January 9, 2024 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to present the third edition of the Ecoprojects Community Fund. Citizens, non-profit organizations and public institutions in Vaudreuil-Dorion have until February 29th to submit an environmental project they would like to see implemented and one that is likely to benefit the community. Successful initiatives will be awarded up to \$5,000 to help make them a reality.

The Ecoprojects Community Fund is part of the 2020 > 2025 Strategic Plan entitled *Habité par ma ville*, which promotes citizen participation. The fund serves to encourage initiatives aimed at enhancing the environment and its protection in association with the target areas outlined in the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's Environmental Policy, namely the protection of water resources, urban agriculture, residual materials, adaptation to climate change, as well as biodiversity and natural environments.

In 2023, four organizations were granted financial assistance for the realization of their projects thanks to this fund: L'Atelier paysan (Pollinator Garden), La Fondation de l'école de la Cité-des-Jeunes (*Mon campus, mon boisé*), CPE Les Petits Mousses (*Forêt nourricière des Petits Mousses*) and École Brind'Amour (*Le jardin communautaire*). "The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion has chosen to encourage citizen participation. The Ecoprojects Community Fund is a direct result of this vision. We invite citizens or citizen groups to submit their project as of now," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

Following are a few examples of projects that could be submitted under the Ecoprojects Community Fund:

- Development of pollinator gardens, urban forests, forest gardens and tree-planting programs across a network of connected plots of land;
- Workshops on environmental themes (e.g. residual materials, zero waste, etc.);
- Clean-up projects;
- Financing of an environmental educational program (e.g. cycling enthusiasts, Scol'ERE carbon exchange program);
- Organization of an environmental conference or event;
- Purchase of a community composter;
- Organization of workshops dedicated to the self-repair of broken appliances to encourage zero waste in the community;
- Purchase of zero-waste equipment for a public institution or non-profit organization;

- Implementation of a bike-sharing system;
- Installations that reduce environmental pollution (e.g. rain gardens).

Full details of the Ecoprojects Community Fund, as well as the corresponding forms, are available in the Environment section of the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca.