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Community tree-planting day at Le 405 park

Vaudreuil-Dorion, November 1, 2022 – Students from Cité-des-Jeunes high school, accompanied by volunteers from the GRAME organization, are taking part in the planting of a hundred trees at Le 405 park today. This reforestation activity is part of the project aimed at planting 10,000 trees throughout the territory of Vaudreuil-Dorion.

Ten different species of trees (coniferous and deciduous) will be planted in the area near the Quinchien River, covering an area of 2,800 m². GRAME (*Groupe de recommandations et d'actions pour un meilleur environnement*) has expertise in environmental education and awareness projects. With the help of its many volunteers, GRAME is pleased to help the students carry out this reforestation initiative in the park, located near their school.

“The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion will be planting more than 10,000 trees of all sizes this fall. The students and GRAME are giving us a much appreciated helping hand today. But this initiative goes well beyond the field work, it aims above all to raise awareness among our youth of the important role that trees play in our quality of life,” said Louis Fradette, Division Head - Maintenance of Green Spaces and Recreational Areas.

Greening with the goal of fighting heat islands

The Environment Section conducted an experiment last July to observe the impact of the urban canopy on surface temperatures during heat waves. Several locations on the territory were chosen to compare sites with mature woodlands to neighbourhoods with young trees and no woodlands. The experiment showed that average surface temperatures could vary by as much as 15°C between two areas (e.g., between an industrial park and an agricultural area) and by as much as 6°C between a wooded residential area and a newer area where trees are not yet mature.

Although carried out on a small scale, this study shows the importance of continuing efforts to increase the forest cover on the territory. The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion adds between 600 and 800 trees in public places, parks and street rights-of-way every year. This year, a total of nearly 11,000 trees will be planted in various locations throughout the territory. The City also encourages its citizens to do the same on their property by taking advantage of its tree-planting grants: *Verdissons Vaudreuil-Dorion* (Let's make our city greener) and *Une naissance, un arbre* (One Birth, One Tree).