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Ecoprojects Community Fund: three organisations to receive financial support from the *Ville de Vaudreuil-Dorion* to carry out their projects

Vaudreuil-Dorion, April 8, 2026 – At the public meeting held last night, the *Ville de Vaudreuil-Dorion*'s council awarded grants to three organisations under the Écoprojets Community Fund. The projects eligible for financial support are *Racines et petites pousses, un parcours nature intergénérationnel* run by the Centre prénatal et jeunes familles (\$5,250), the community vegetable garden run by the Carrefour jeunesse-emploi Vaudreuil-Soulanges (\$3,091.45) and the collective orchard run by L'Atelier paysan (\$7,500).

These three projects were selected by an evaluation committee following the City's call for proposals earlier this year, which was aimed at residents, non-profit organisations and public institutions wishing to carry out an environmental initiative within the Vaudreuil-Dorion area. They will be implemented by the end of 2026.

“The projects selected this year are a concrete illustration of our community's commitment to taking sustainable and forward-looking action. The City is proud to support these initiatives, which help to make our area greener, strengthen the bond between residents and build an increasingly resilient living environment,” said Mayor Paul Dumoulin.

Projects selected in 2026

Racines et petites pousses: un parcours nature intergénérationnel is an educational and environmental project aimed at young children aged 12 months to 5 years and the adults accompanying them. It will offer three series of five nature-based workshops in a woodland setting, encouraging exploration through the five senses to strengthen the connection with nature, promote well-being and enhance knowledge of local biodiversity. This will be followed by seed-sowing workshops at the **Centre prénatal et jeunes familles**, leading to planting in urban garden containers to encourage urban agriculture, eco-citizen engagement and respect for living things.

Designed with sustainable land use in mind, the **community vegetable garden project** run by **Carrefour jeunesse-emploi Vaudreuil-Soulanges** aims to transform an underused space, such as a car park, into a green, community-building space that provides food, thereby making a tangible contribution to the greening and revitalisation of the area. This new community space will promote biodiversity through the diverse planting of vegetables, flowers, native plants and honey plants, thereby creating a living ecosystem that attracts pollinators, enriches the soil and contributes to the urban environmental balance. The vegetable garden will become a community hub open to families, older people, young people, schools, nurseries, community organisations and residents from across the region. It will provide a space for

intergenerational and intercultural exchange where horticultural knowledge, traditions, seeds and life experiences can be shared.

The **community orchard** project aims to establish a permanent food-producing landscape consisting of trees, fruit-bearing shrubs, and honey-producing perennials on the **L'Atelier Paysan** site. Through collective planting, hands-on training sessions open to the public, and community activities, it will promote food self-sufficiency, biodiversity, and the transfer of knowledge in urban ecological agriculture.

About the Ecoprojets Community Fund

The Ecoprojets Community Fund aims to encourage initiatives that promote the environment and its protection, in line with the eight themes of the Ville de Vaudreuil-Dorion's Environmental Policy and Strategy: biodiversity, urban agriculture, urban forestry, land use planning, infrastructure, waste management, financial resilience, and public safety.