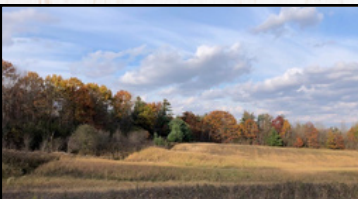


2023 in numbers:

- Connected with **15** farmers
- Completed **2** stream projects that align with farm needs
- **440** trees and shrubs planted on farms
- **2** cover crop projects installed in **24** hectares
- **1** invasive species removal project
- Provided financial assistance for 3 farms investing **\$20,000**



2023 cover crop project



CELEBRATING 2023 ACTIVITIES

In 2023, Conservation Halton continued to strengthen relationships in the Agricultural community. Staff attended four agricultural events: the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association winter AGM and summer barbeque, a Halton Region Federation of Agriculture networking brunch, and the Burlington Rural Forum.

Honouring significant restoration efforts, CH offered a Watershed Stewardship Award to an agricultural property.



HSCIA members tour the fields during the summer barbeque

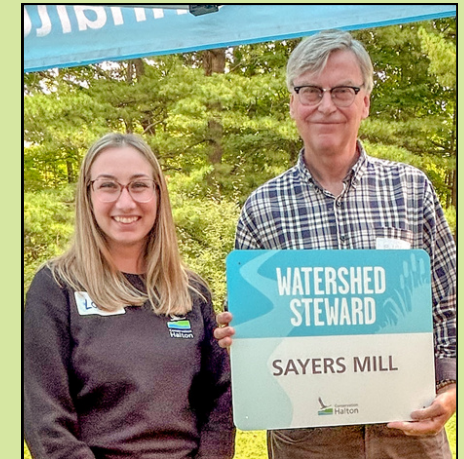
FARM FEATURE: SAYERS MILL

When the Grierson family first moved to their Rockwood farm, they knew they wanted to improve the health of the environment and the section of Sixteen Mile Creek on their farm after decades of neglect. Since 2010, they worked diligently to remove garbage, restrict livestock access to creek and wetland, improve creek crossings, rebuild banks trampled by horses, and plant thousands of trees. Recently in 2021, Conservation Halton assisted with a large-scale restoration project to remove the remnants of the old mill dam from the creek that was impeding fish passage. Now, fish can move freely after 140 years! For their years of effort and care, Conservation Halton was pleased to present the Grierson family with a 2023 Watershed Steward Award.

UPCOMING IN 2024

We look forward to further meaningful engagement with the agricultural community this year with plans underway including:

- 24 financial assistance grant applications received from the agricultural community in fall 2023. These will be reviewed and scored by the Project Technical Advisory Committee in February, resulting in grants to farmers
- Agricultural-focused workshops for farmers
- Conservation Halton staff learning more about agricultural via Holland College's Agriculture and Watershed Micro-credential.



Conservation Halton staff presenting award to Bill Grierson