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Vaudreuil-Dorion to hold a clean-up and Bioblitz in April for Earth Day

Vaudreuil-Dorion, April 10, 2024 - To mark Earth Day this year, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to announce that two environmental activities will be held on its territory. On April 20th, residents are invited to participate in a clean-up operation in partnership with *l'Organisation Bleue*, to be carried out at *Parc de Dorion-Gardens* and in the adjacent wooded area, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The City will also be providing a second opportunity to help the environment, this one as part of the City Nature Challenge. Those interested will be able to participate in a Bioblitz at Harwood Nature Park on April 27th starting at 9 a.m.

Clean-up operation

Organisation Bleue, the organization behind the clean-up operation at *Parc de l'Île-Bray* last August as part of the Artefact Festival, will be back in Vaudreuil-Dorion to give a beauty lift to *Parc de Dorion-Gardens* and *Boisé Charlot*. To take part in the clean-up, simply fill out the appropriate form available on the City's website in the Environmental Activities section. All necessary equipment (gloves, bags and grabber tools) will be provided on site during the event. However, for children who want to help, please make sure to bring a pair of gloves suitable for their size. Participants are invited to bring their own water bottle.

On April 18th at 7 p.m., *Organisation Bleue* will also offer a webinar entitled *Comprendre la pollution plastique et devenir vecteur de changement*. This will be an opportunity to obtain more information on the main issues regarding plastic pollution in Quebec, and on the clean-up operation scheduled for April 20th. The link to register for the webinar is also available online.

City Nature Challenge

From April 26th to 29th 2024, the Greater Montreal Area (MMC) will participate in a global Bioblitz called the "City Nature Challenge." Over the course of four days, people from more than 400 cities around the world will try to document as many species of wildlife as possible using the free iNaturalist app.

The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is joining the movement by organizing a Bioblitz at Harwood Nature Park on April 27th starting at 9 a.m. Through this free activity requiring no registration, citizens will be able to help establish the biodiversity profile in Vaudreuil-Dorion, all while advancing conservation in urban areas.

During guided hikes (departures at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.), participants will benefit from the expertise of the *Éco-Pivot* organization as well as that of Pierre Molina, president of *Environnement Faucon*, to identify the species observed. *Éco-Pivot* is an organization whose mission is to provide support towards the development of ecological corridors in urban settings, whether with citizen groups, institutions or municipal authorities. Pierre Molina, who is a resident of Vaudreuil-Dorion, holds a bachelor's degree in biological sciences and a master's degree in biology specializing in ornithology, from the Université de Montréal. He has several years of experience in wildlife management, particularly with birds of prey.

Make sure to download the iNaturalist mobile application on your mobile phone ahead of the Bioblitz event. No prior knowledge or experience is necessary to take part in this activity.

Full details of the events are available on the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca. For more information, citizens are invited to contact the Environment Department at environnement@ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca or at 450-455-3371, option 1.