



THE YORK REGIONAL FOREST
A GROWING LEGACY
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2025 York Region Forest100 Calendar

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Acknowledgement



We acknowledge that York Region is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous peoples including the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Métis peoples and the treaty territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations. Today this area is home to many diverse Indigenous Peoples, and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture and stewardship of this land. We also acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community.

Destiny Rae Wheatley

Dagwaagin Gaganoonidiwag (English: Autumn Conversations), 2023.

Multimedia on canvas

Commissioned to commemorate the York Regional Forest 100th Anniversary

About Destiny Rae Wheatley

Destiny is an Anishinaabe Artist and Band Member of Shawanaga First Nation Reserve in Georgian Bay, Ontario, who carries the Spirit Name "Autumn Woman." Her artistic journey has been deeply influenced by her Ojibway and Caribbean heritage, guiding her to explore the world through diverse multimedia arts. This has enabled her to share her great love of the natural world while embracing her deep spiritual roots. She is dedicated to using art as a means of meaningful communication, reaching diverse audiences and inspiring them through various artistic forms. Destiny's work is a unique blend of her cultural background, expressed through media like painting, sculpture and the spoken word.

In celebration of the Forest's centennial anniversary, let's look back at the origin of the York Regional Forest at Hollidge Tract, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. From its humble beginnings as blow sands to its transformation into a thriving woodland, the Forest's evolution is a testament to dedicated individuals who nurtured and protected its legacy throughout the years for all to enjoy now and in the future.

1924

Plantation of red and jack pine on blowsand, Vivian Forest, Whitchurch Township, 1935. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

1935



1951



▲ Pine reforestation holding down blowsand, Whitchurch Township, 1951. Archives of Ontario.

1963



▲ Students planting seedlings on Arbour Day, Vivian Forest, Whitchurch Township, 1963. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

1974



◀ Regional Chair Garfield Wright and Deputy Minister of Ministry and Natural Resources Dr. J. K. Reynolds unveil the 50th anniversary commemorative plaque with members of Council, Hollidge Tract, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, 1974. York Region Archives.

2010



▲ Walking on the accessible trail at the opening ceremony at Hollidge Tract, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, 2010. York Region.

2015



▲ Bill Fisch Forest Stewardship and Education Centre, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, 2015. York Region.





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1. Barb Lant, *Brownhill Tract* 2. Hongbing Ge, *Peggy's Wood* 3. Kevin Folz, *Porritt Tract* 4. Murray James-Bosch, *Bendor and Graves Tract* 5. James Hallworth, *Happy Valley Tract* 6. Hongbing Ge, *Peggy's Wood*

December 2024

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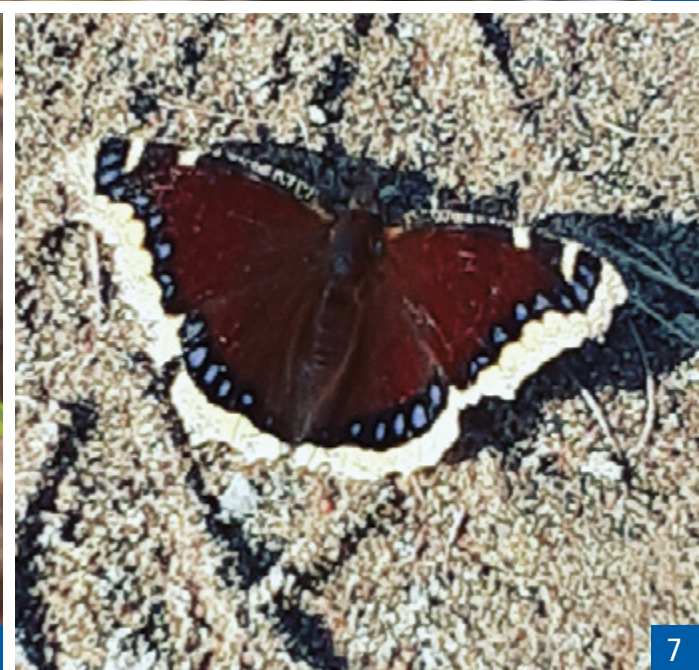
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7. Catherine Rossi, *Hollidge Tract*

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1. Robert Alsop, North Tract 2. Victor Zong, North Tract 3. Gregory Milwid, Hall Tract 4. Rory LeBlanc, Scout Tract 5. Alain Vallieres, Metro Road Tract 6. Corrine Arthur, Happy Valley Tract

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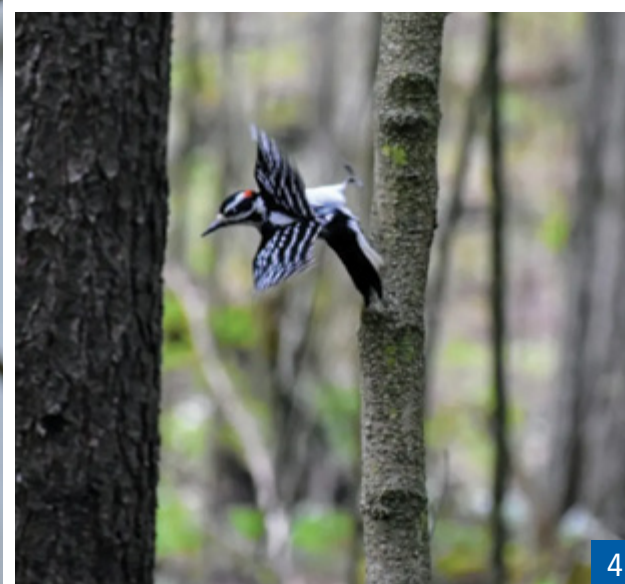
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1. Mike Vance, *Hollidge Tract* 2. Amanda Brittin, *Bendor and Graves Tract* 3. Michael Burns, *Davis Drive Tract* 4. Gerald Pottage, *Bendor and Graves Tract* 5. Jill McWhinnie, *Robinson Tract* 6. Hanh Tran, *Clarke Tract*

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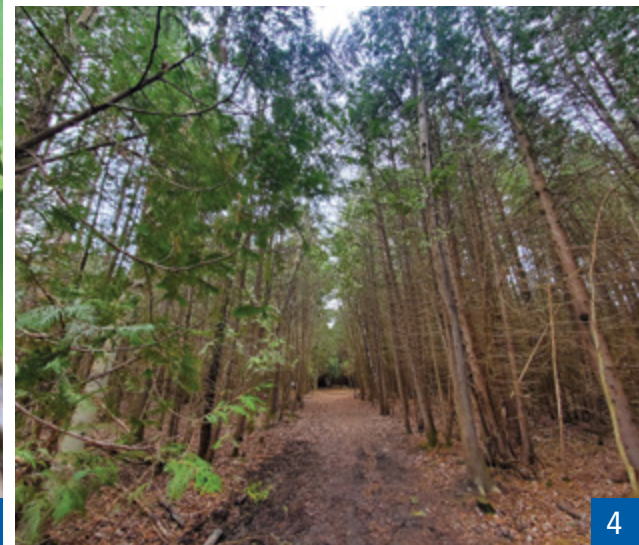
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1. Maria Zaytseva, *Eldred King Woodlands* 2. Annie Brown, *Eldred King Woodlands* 3. Sophie Yu, *Happy Valley Tract* 4. Celia Ho, *Metro Road Tract* 5. Dabera Yu, *Eldred King Woodlands* 6. Dorota Percec, *Bendor and Graves Tract*

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1. Adrienn Szkok, *Bendor and Graves Tract* 2. Kelyann Bollard, *Scout Tract* 3. Robert Alsop, *North Tract* 4. Maria Zaytseva, *Eldred King Woodlands* 5. Edina Toth, *Dainty Tract* 6. Paul Padvaiskas, *Porritt Tract*

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1. Elaine Chang, Porritt Tract 2. Kelyann Bollard, Scout Tract 3. John Walker, Scout Tract 4. Areg B, Bendor and Graves Tract 5. Ninette Morton, Bendor and Graves Tract 6. Ryan Vickers, Peggy's Wood

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1. Peter Zhang, Scout Tract 2. Ann-Marie Pritchett, Metro Road Tract 3. Yuen Ki Sun, Eldred King Woodlands 4. Hamid Toliat, Porritt Tract 5. Jacques Trepanier, North Tract 6. Robert Alsop, Bendor and Graves Tract

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November 2025

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The York Regional Forest you know and love today has flourished for over 100 years.

In 2024, to commemorate the centennial anniversary, York Region organized a year-long celebration packed with activities and events for people of all backgrounds and ages.

Throughout the year, residents were invited to join festivities as we honoured the splendour of nature and celebrated a legacy of conservation and our shared commitment to preserving the Forest for generations to come.

As part of the 100th Anniversary of the York Regional Forest celebrations, the Forest100 Photo Contest was held throughout 2024, giving residents the opportunity to snap their best photos of the Forest for a chance to be featured in the calendar.

A huge thank you to all the Forest100 Photo Contest participants! Your stunning photos truly captured the essence of what we aimed to celebrate through this contest.

Visit york.ca/Forest100 to see all the ways we celebrated.

Cover photo: Maria Zaytseva, *Eldred King Woodlands*