

Climate Solutions Park





**Human activities directly cause the climate emergency,
and that is why we must work together to stop it.**

Dr. Jose Etcheverry



Context

As the climate emergency continues to develop in magnitude and severity, it is imperative to build highly accessible places to showcase climate solutions and offer pragmatic new educational opportunities aimed at empowering local community members and, through our online education partners, as many concerned citizens worldwide as possible.

The primary goal in building climate solutions parks is to develop a new network of local communities that can be connected and work together worldwide to stop the climate emergency.

*for additional details, please see Appendix 1

About

By building climate solutions parks, we create new spaces where local people can come together to implement solutions that improve their quality of life while helping eliminate the sources that fuel the climate emergency. For example, by growing clean, local food, we help eliminate hunger at the community level; if we do that without burning fossil fuels, we can then create a knowledge base that can be readily applied to build local homes and other community-oriented solutions that are also essential to solve poverty.

Our climate solution parks are being built in key physical locations and as online communities to become an inspirational, interactive and innovative network working to awaken hearts, minds and actions toward climate solutions.

By the year 2025 we aim to be working with:

10,000

Climate Solution Students

500

Climate Solution Partners

178

Countries





Our Mission

To build local spaces where climate solutions can be implemented and scaled exponentially.

Our Vision

Create a worldwide network of local people working together to solve the climate emergency using practical and replicable strategies that inspire and empower others to do more and faster.

Hope doesn't come from words.
Hope only comes from actions.

Greta Thunberg

Our Canadian CSP locations are designed to ensure that we can offer easily accessible local training and educational opportunities.

Locations

In 2019 we started building our first Climate Solutions Park (CSP). Throughout 2022 we have focused on developing three new CSP locations in Canada using work-integrated learning approaches that harness local community partners from the private sector, academia, non-governmental organizations and leading politicians to ensure local benefits are tangible and worldwide replicability is feasible.

Our current Canadian CSP locations are located at:

- 70 Canuck Avenue in Toronto's Downsview Park
- 144 Fox Street in Penetanguishene's Ecology Garden
- 63 Leslie St in Campbell Bay, Pontiac, Quebec.





CSP 1:
Downsview Park
Toronto, ON

A historical site where planes have been built for decades, and that has evolved into a protected federal urban park where people can arrive by subway and public transportation to enjoy outdoor activities and soon learn about climate solutions.



CSP 2:
Ecology Garden
Penetanguishene, ON

Located in one of the world's most beautiful freshwater lakes, our Penetanguishene location is the perfect place to learn about how to implement renewable energy systems and how to grow clean food and native plants.



CSP 3:
Campbell Bay
Pontiac, QC

Our first Quebec location is located on the shores of the Ottawa River in an area with rich forests and farmlands. It is strategically located near the nation's capital, and it is a great place to develop climate solutions based on renewable energy and sustainable agricultural strategies.

Next Steps

1 Expand partnerships & develop new sponsorships for development

During 2023, we plan to build solar-powered Peace and Redemption Markets to ensure that local companies and First Nations Communities can showcase their products in our CSPs.

The Peace and Redemption Market at CSPM 1 is being designed as a legacy project to celebrate the World Congress of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences that will bring more than 10,000 scholars to Toronto's York University Keele Campus (from May 27 to June 2 of 2023). This market will allow local companies and community organizations to showcase their eco-products and climate solutions.

In addition, during 2023, working in close collaboration with our First Nation Partners, we will offer new outdoor educational and training opportunities so inner-city youth, international students and First Nations members can come together in eco-gastronomy and eco-tourism activities designed to teach how to develop local economic activities safely enjoy outdoor living, canoeing/ kayaking, sailing, hiking and other outdoor activities while enjoying safe, natural settings purposefully curated to acquire ancestral knowledge using self-empowerment and community approaches.





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Develop a new outdoor training opportunity with our First Nations Partners

Since COVID started, the need for direct contact with nature has never been greater. We now know that investing time in nature is essential for mental and physical well-being. Our goal is to provide new new training opportunities that allow people of all abilities to learn how to safely enjoy time outdoors using solutions that allow them to protect nature and enhance their quality of life.

3

Expand our online offerings

For 2022-2023 we will also expand our CSP online educational asynchronous offerings with our existing international and local partners. Our online goal is to develop resources that can inform the development of practical workshops and college/university courses focused on the Earth Charter the UNSDGs, renewable energy, electric mobility, sustainable agriculture, affordable housing, and First Nations Ancestral Knowledge.

4

Continue developing new climate solutions

We are systematically developing solutions and also working with colleagues worldwide that are also busy developing new strategies, innovative products and effective approaches to ensure that the climate emergency can become a historical footnote.





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Change is never easy, and it often creates discord, but when people come together for the good of humanity and the Earth, we can accomplish great things.

David Suzuki



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Appendix 1

Declaration on the Creation of Canada's First Climate Solutions Park

On July 5th, 2022, a group of concerned citizens, public educators, members of the private sector, NGO leaders and political leaders came together at the Toronto Black Farmers and Growers Collective to hold a community dialogue focused on the most important issue that we collectively face: the climate crisis.

The message that emerged from the dialogue is clear: we need to create Climate Solutions Parks where ethics, health, economics, education, community-focused research, and applied sustainability are all woven together to inspire all.

Canada's first Climate Solutions Park will be implemented at the Downsview Park federal lands that have been leased to the Toronto Black Farmers and Growers Collective. It will be a physical space consciously designed to inspire and empower people from all walks of life about replicable climate solutions that favour local communities. It will also provide conscious life-affirming experiences which awaken purpose, ecological responsibility, and peace. This new collaborative space will provide access to practical opportunities designed for bringing people safely to nature and to the life cycles that nurture all communities.

The aim of the Climate Solutions Park (CSP-1) is to create an inspirational sustainable modular experiential learning facility which is people-oriented and that can be replicable in as many communities as possible around Canada and the world.

Our CSP-1 facility will be located in 70 Canuck Avenue in Toronto, Canada and will include regenerative agriculture and gardening; value-added food production; sustainable building construction; renewable energies; electric mobility; eco-tourism opportunities, Indigenous Knowledge; and environmental education, including arts-based learning. CSP-1 is being designed to be a beacon of peace and sustainability aimed at inspiring all that visit it in person and on-line.

