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LEARN YOUR TREES AT ENNISKILLEN CONSERVATION AREA

A free workshop designed to help community volunteers identify trees is being held on Saturday, March 31 between 10 am and 3 pm at the Enniskillen Outdoor Education Centre in Clarington. Workshop participants will learn how to identify local trees using buds, twigs, leaves and bark as a first step towards participating in community-based monitoring of tree health and biodiversity in the area.

"In the past, we found that the biggest barrier for volunteers to accurately monitor trees using protocols developed by Environment Canada was correctly identifying the trees themselves," says Joyce Chau, from Citizens' Environment Watch (CEW). "In response, we've developed this program to overcome this obstacle. That way we know the data recorded is reliable."

With both indoor and outdoor components, participants should dress appropriately for the weather. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Space at this workshop, presented by the Monitoring the Moraine Project Partners (CEW, Save the Oak Ridges Moraine Coalition, Centre for Community Mapping), Durham Land Stewardship Council, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority and Sir Sanford Fleming College, is limited. Register now to avoid disappointment.

(To get to the Enniskillen Outdoor Education Centre, exit 401 at Waverly Rd. Travel North on Regional Rd. #57. Turn left at Concession Rd and follow the signs).

For more information or to register, visit www.monitoringthemoraine.org , email sherry@citizensenvironmentwatch.org or call 647-258-3280.