



# Event Agenda

\*all times are in EST

**1:00 – 1:30 PM Welcome & Introduction**

**1:30 – 2:00 PM Placemaking with Depave Paradise  
(Green Venture & Local Partners)**

**2:00 PM- 2:30 PM Participatory Planning Tools for  
Depave Projects (Montreal Urban Ecology Centre)**

**2:30 – 3:00 PM Panel Discussion - Diverse Support for  
Depave Paradise (GreenUP & Local Partners)**

**3:00 – 3:20 PM Break**

**3:20 – 3:50 PM Workshop 1: Site Maintenance Planning  
(Environment Network)**

**3:50 – 4:00 PM Break**

**4:00 – 4:30 PM Workshop 2: Depave Plant Selection  
(Oakville Green)**



# Presenter Information



## Placemaking with Depave Paradise

Helena is the Water and Green Infrastructure Programs Coordinator at Green Venture. She currently leads the Depave Paradise program in Hamilton, Ontario, and is thrilled with to work with so many people passionate about the wellbeing of their communities and environments. The

Barton Depave program, which visualized under-utilized and deteriorating City-owned boulevards as welcoming, stewarded greenspaces, was conceptualized in 2018 in partnership with the Barton Village BIA, Adele Pierre Landscape Architect, the City of Hamilton and several community partners. Three boulevards have been depaved over the last two years, and more projects are on track to be completed in 2022. To discuss these projects, Helena will be joined by Landscape Architect Adele Pierre, Barton Village BIA Executive Director Jessica Myers, and City of Hamilton Ward 3 City Councilor Nrinder Nann.

## Participatory Planning Tools for Depave Projects



Vincent Ouellet Jobin is an aquatic ecologist with a Masters in biology at the Université du Québec à Montréal. Strong from his experiences with urban lakes in Seattle and on the Saint-Lawrence River ecosystem, he joined the team at the Montreal Urban Ecology Center (MUEC) in April 2021 as project manager. He firmly believes in a vision of ecology that integrates citizens in the fights against climate change, for more sustainable water management, and the improvement of our cities and communities. In 2017, the Montreal Urban Ecology Center (MUEC) was inspired by Depave Paradise to create Sous les pavés, a Quebec-based Depave project that incorporates the MUEC's approach to participatory planning. Since its inception, Sous les pavés has successfully depaved 15 sites throughout the province. The second phase of the project, from 2021 to 2023, aims to green 18 additional spaces. For our presentation, we will talk about why, when, and how to invite citizens in the planning component of the depave process. Additionally, we will share case studies of activities from our partners and the living spaces that then came to life. This presentation will provide you with the resources and tools necessary to integrate participatory planning into your own depave projects.



## Panel Discussion - Diverse Support for Depave Paradise

For more than 25 years, GreenUP has been Peterborough region's leading organization focused on climate action, environmental education, and community resilience. A non-profit charitable organization, our mission is to inspire and empower environmentally healthy and sustainable action. Since 2014, GreenUP has led nine Depave Paradise projects, totalling more than 1,500m<sup>2</sup>! GreenUP's panel discussion, facilitated by Neighbourhood and Residential Program Coordinator, Hayley Goodchild, will explore the diverse community support their projects have received, and offer an opportunity to hear how and why these projects were successful.



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## Workshop 1: Site Maintenance Planning

Depave sites create a permanent landscape transformation, installing native plants where there was once asphalt or concrete. But who takes care of these newly established gardens? A well-considered maintenance plan established during the planning process can ensure the long-term success of these greenspaces. This workshop will outline key considerations necessary to plan for the monitoring and maintenance of your depave site long after the project is completed. Kerri Macdonald will share her knowledge and expertise from coordinating depave projects in Collingwood, and Tiny Township for Environment Network.



Kerri was born and raised in Collingwood Ontario. Once she had completed high school her journey took her out to the west coast where she studied Environmental Science at Langara College. She then continued her education in Calgary, Alberta and took a one year post degree program in Water Pollution at Mount Royal College. In 2003, she started working for the Environment Network on a Job Creation Program rehabilitating streams. Once this field work ended, she then moved into the office and became the Program Coordinator for Environment Network. Kerri has been involved with the Depave Paradise program since their first site in 2013.



## Workshop 2: Depave Plant Selection

Selecting the right plants for your site is crucial for the success of the recovered green space in the long term. Depave sites represent a great opportunity to incorporate landscape designs that not only look good year-round and can be enjoyed by the community but are beneficial to the local environment by providing habitat to native wildlife. Beatriz Gomez from Oakvillegreen will share her experience with plant selection, soil preparation, best practices for planting, mulching, maintenance, and more.

Beatriz Gomez-Canizo has dedicated her professional life to natural resources conservation. With studies in Biotechnology Engineering, postgrads in Natural Resources Management and Education and a Masters in Water Management. She has over 18 years of experience in the non-profit sector with international experience managing projects in sustainability, water management, community development, environmental education and public awareness. Beatriz Gomez is part of Oakvillegreen Conservation Association, where she manages outreach and stewardship programs like the OCA Ready for Rain, local Depave Paradise projects and OCA Youth Stewards.