

# YCAC Action Projects 2024/2025

## Action Project Final Reports

- Projects funded: 26
- Final reports submitted: 20
  - Approved: 17
  - Pending: 3
    - Didn't spend their full budget so still have some receipts to submit
- Missing: 6
  - Extended to fall 2025: 2
    - Will touch base in Sept and complete before Dec
  - Overdue: 4
    - 2x mat leave
    - 1x admin error on LSF's part
    - 1x school tragedy (Walkerton District)

## YCAC Projects Posted on Our Canada Project

- Alexandra Community School - <https://ourcanadaproject.ca/place/creating-an-eco-team-for-our-school/>
- Bruce Peninsula District School - <https://ourcanadaproject.ca/place/lsf-funding-action-plans/>
- East Ridge Community School - <https://ourcanadaproject.ca/place/recycling-and-apple-trees/>
- Elgin Market Public School - <https://ourcanadaproject.ca/place/emp-sustainable-future/>
- Hepworth Central Public School - <https://ourcanadaproject.ca/place/compost-for-our-future/>
- Hillcrest Elementary School - <https://ourcanadaproject.ca/place/birds-of-a-feather/>
- Holy Family Catholic School - <https://ourcanadaproject.ca/place/mobile-garden/>
- Kikendaasogamig Elementary School - <https://ourcanadaproject.ca/place/kikendaasogamig-elementary-school-recycling-program/>
- Notre Dame Catholic School - <https://ourcanadaproject.ca/fr/place/creating-spaces-for-our-pollinator-friends/>
- Ripley-Huron Community School - <https://ourcanadaproject.ca/place/compost-project/>
- St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic School - <https://ourcanadaproject.ca/place/school-wide-recycling-and-cultivating-sustainability/>
- École catholique St-Dominique-Savio - <https://ourcanadaproject.ca/fr/place/le-jardin-de-pollinisateurs/>
- Spruce Ridge Community School - <https://ourcanadaproject.ca/place/medicine-wheel-pollinator-garden/>

**Kikendaasogamig Elementary School's project was longlisted for the 2025 [Empowering Youth For Climate Action Awards](#)!**



## **Common Project Themes:**

- Waste reduction (e.g. composting & recycling)
- Pollinator gardens & biodiversity
- Edible gardens
- The SDGs
- Awareness-raising and education
- Wellbeing

## **Reach & Impacts**

This year's YCAC Action Projects\* resulted in:

- 582 students reached directly
- 7,204 students reached indirectly
- 266 teachers reached
- 5,676 parents/community members reached
- 1,116 kg of waste diverted from landfill
  - including 741kg of organic material
- 1,028kg of compost produced
- 20 trees planted
- 104 plants/shrubs planted
  - 72 were native species
  - 32 were non-native (often edible)
- 46 animal habitats (e.g. bird/bat houses, insect hotels) installed
- 13 climate/sustainability events held at school
- 500 items upcycled/repurposed

*\*based on 20 final reports received so far*

Students and teachers were surveyed before and after the Youth Forums and Action Projects, and the results showed an increase in climate change teaching and learning, climate change knowledge and awareness, and climate action. 99.74% of YCAC teachers confirmed that the program resulted in their students engaging in more climate action behaviours at least a little, with 75% reporting “quite a bit” or “a great deal” of behaviour change, and 100% confirmed their students’ climate awareness had increased, with 79% reporting “quite a bit” or “a great deal” of awareness increase.

A newly added survey question found that 96% of YCAC teachers observed that the program resulted in a decrease in their students’ levels of eco-anxiety at least a little, with 40% reporting “quite a bit” or “a great deal” of eco-anxiety reduction.

Finally, 100% of YCAC teachers confirmed that they would not have been able to complete their Action Project and realize these impacts without the funding.