

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Dave's Story

Dave Tourchin's appreciation for the environment arose from canoeing in Algonquin Provincial Park and enjoying conservation areas and trails around Halton.

Connecting with nature soon grew into a concern for its preservation. Dave worked on reducing his footprint through waste reduction, recycling better, and conserving energy. In 2008, he bought a Toyota Prius hybrid, and later went vegetarian.

One day while out for a walk, Dave noticed a mess of litter against a park fence and decided to stop and clean it up. He has since cleaned up over 800 full bags of litter around Burlington and beyond! He has volunteered with local groups like BurlingtonGreen and Field & Stream Rescue Team, helping with clean-ups, plantings, and invasive species removals.

Dave also connected with events in need of recycling volunteers: Sound of Music Festival (SOMF), Canada's Largest Ribfest, and events greened by BurlingtonGreen and HEN. He became a recycling supervisor for many Eco-teams, and Chair of SOMF's Eco-team in 2019. Dave expanded his efforts to helping about 25 events per year.

In 2018, he contributed 2 short films to Halton Green Screens' Amateur Eco-Film Festival ([Our Plastic Legacy](#), and [Instead of Nothing](#)).

Dave was honoured to receive a SOMF Outstanding Volunteer Award (2016, 2017), an Ontario 150 Award (2017), and a Paul Harris Fellow Award (2019) from the Rotary Club of Burlington Lakeshore, for his local environmental contributions.

Dave credits volunteering as, "one of the best choices in my life. It has allowed me to meet many great people and feel connected to the community."

Thank you Dave!



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