



# Shout Out to Watershed Heroes!

## Hariett Madigan

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Hariett Madigan's passion for the environment is only surpassed by her passion for inspiring a loving, kind, caring community.

Hariett has collaborated with NBMCA on multiple stewardship projects and special events from the establishment of the Chippewa Creek EcoPath, to planting, weeding and cleanups. Hariett always brings along with her numerous volunteers she has inspired through several organizations she has founded and nurtured for the social, economic and environmental well being of the North Bay and area.

In 1997 she cofounded the North Bay Heritage Gardeners program, a volunteer organization (averaging 250 volunteers/year for 24 years) who maintain 53 botanical garden beds at the North Bay waterfront. She founded Nipissing Botanical Gardens, (now Trees 4 Nipissing), and led a project to create a tree nursery in the heart of our city – her first of many partnerships with NBMCA as these nurseries are located on land owned by NBMCA. Clean Green Beautiful North Bay is another volunteer organization she founded and chairs with the help of other community leaders including NBMCA who sit on the steering committee. This project exists to bring the beauty of the North Bay waterfront throughout North Bay, and a stewardship culture to the community. Clean Green Beautiful encourages and supports volunteer community and neighbourhood clean-up, including the shorelines of our local watercourses. It is also working with community groups and agencies in the planting of several community orchards throughout North Bay.

As a social entrepreneur, Hariett founded Women (to the power of 10) Living Fit Inside Out, to bring together mature women to socially connect, create a better quality of life, individually and collectively. This group have actively supported and participated in many tree planting and stewardship initiatives. Earth in a Nest is another social enterprise that she recently created to help businesses, their clients and employees, envision how their individual behaviors can contribute to the global good and how they can be a force for positive change and sustainability. Earth in a Nest identifies eco-age friendly community business following the principles outlined by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

In Hariett's words: "We all have an unlimited capacity for caring, compassion, and positive social connection. I believe that, when we manifest these values in the presence of each other and tell our stories, it not only makes us better human beings, it makes the world a better place. That is our common ground."

NBMCA is proud to recognize Hariett Madigan's commitment and dedication to our watershed by acknowledging her as a Watershed Hero.

