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Barrie receives conservation award for stormwater pond improvement project

(Barrie, ON) – The City of Barrie received a Healthy Water Award at the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)'s Conservation Awards, which were celebrated at a ceremony on October 11. The Healthy Water Award is presented to individuals and groups who have completed a project that improves, supports or protects the water quality in the Lake Simcoe watershed.

The award-winning project was a retrofit and upgrade of the Sunnidale Stormwater Management Facility, which is located on the south side of Sunnidale Road between Livingstone Street and Anne Street.

The specific improvements at the pond included:

- installation of a storage and infiltration system beneath the existing pond, which means less flooding, less erosion, a reduction in phosphorus, and a better environment for fish in Kidd's Creek
- new trees and shrubs planted, as well as seeding with native to the area seed mixes
- regrading of the pond's banks back to its original shape
- naturalizing the pond to help attract pollinators

This project began last summer and was complete in September 2022.

For more information on this project, visit the Stormwater & Creek section at barrie.ca/ConstructionProjects.

Each year, the LSRCA celebrates "Watershed Heroes" who conserve and protect Lake Simcoe. For more information about this year's award winners, visit srca.on.ca/conservationawards.

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