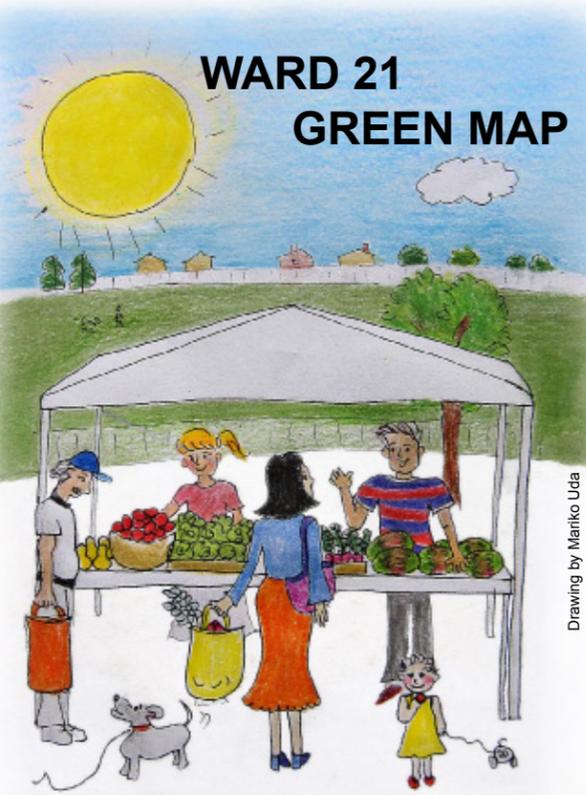


# WARD 21 GREEN MAP



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## ABOUT GREEN NEIGHBOURS 21

Green Neighbours 21 (GN21) is a grassroots, action-oriented group of people who live primarily in Ward 21. Our goal is to engage people to work together to address climate change and related environmental issues by encouraging greener living and speaking out for government action. GN21 holds monthly meetings and organizes special events, including an annual eco-fair.

Visit [www.gn21.ca](http://www.gn21.ca) to receive our newsletter, attend our meetings and events, volunteer to help out with an event or project, and to read our fact sheets and blogs. New members are always welcome!

## WHY A GREEN MAP?

Through the sharing of this map, we hope to:

1. educate newcomers as well as long-time residents about the green features of the ward;
2. document and celebrate Ward 21 as one of the greenest wards in the City of Toronto;
3. find out what we are missing or want more of in our community (e.g. a vegetarian restaurant, or a plant nursery?);
4. raise awareness of the unique natural features of our ward (e.g. lost rivers)

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Things I love about my community:



Things I would love to see in my community:

If you know of a green community feature we missed, please let us know and we can incorporate it into future versions of this map! E-mail us at [greenneighbours@yahoo.ca](mailto:greenneighbours@yahoo.ca).

## HOUSES WITH GREEN FEATURES

The homes on this map represent a small sample of the homes in Ward 21 whose owners have taken small and large measures towards green living. In some cases, homeowners were aided by various government programs and nonprofit organizations, including two based in Ward 21. WISE (West Toronto Initiative for Solar Energy) facilitated group purchasing of 31 solar PV and 66 solar hot water installations between 2006-2008. Green Together, a project of Green Neighbours 21 from 2009-2010, sought to help participants examine, and in some cases modify, their home energy use. Listed below are the features of each home on this map:

1. solar hot water; clothesline instead of dryer
2. solar hot water; solar panels (PV)
3. solar hot water; solar panels (PV); first trees picked by Not Far From The Tree\* (cherry trees)
4. front lawn fruit and vegetable garden; rain barrels; composting; clothesline instead of dryer
5. solar hot water; solar panels (PV)
6. rain barrels; solar panels (PV); front and backyard vegetable gardens; composting
7. solar hot water; rain barrel
8. solar hot water; solar panels (PV)
9. solar panels (PV); drought-resistant garden instead of lawn
10. solar panels (PV); double-paned argon-filled windows; spray-foam insulation; on-demand hot water; energy efficient appliances; low-flow toilets
11. solar panels (PV)
12. solar hot water
13. solar hot water; on-demand hot water
14. solar hot water; rain barrel; garden irrigation using roof rainwater; power bars to reduce phantom loads; Bullfrog-powered

\*Not Far From The Tree is an organization founded in Ward 21 that matches homeowners who have unpicked fruit trees in their yards with volunteer pickers - this ensures that urban fruit does not go to waste.

## OTHER BUILDINGS WITH GREEN FEATURES

1. Humewood House - 48 solar panels (PV)
2. Heath and Tweedsmuir Condos - this 30-storey condominium is a LEED Certification Candidate, under the LEED Canada for New Construction and Major Renovations rating system
3. Heath and Tweedsmuir Condos - same as above
4. The Rushton - this 9-storey condominium is a LEED Certification Candidate, under the LEED Canada for New Construction and Major Renovations rating system
5. Starbucks Coffee - the first Starbucks in Canada to receive LEED certification; certified in 2010 under the U.S. LEED for Commercial Interiors rating system

## ECOSCHOOLS

EcoSchools is an Ontario certification program that encourages environmental awareness among staff and students as well as the greening of school operations through recycling, energy conservation, and more.

1. West Preparatory Jr. Public School
2. Forest Hill Collegiate Institute
3. Cedarvale Community School
4. Humewood Community School
5. St. Alphonsus Catholic School
6. McMurrich Jr. Public School
7. Winona Drive Sr. Public School
8. Hillcrest Community School - first Toronto District School Board school to have solar panels (PV) on roof

## SHOPS & DINING

1. Qi Natural Food - health food store with eco-friendly products
2. Freshii - healthy food restaurant that uses biodegradable packaging
3. Buy and Sell - secondhand articles and antiques
4. Caravan Found Objects - vintage clothing store
5. Ecoexistence - dedicated to selling eco-friendly products
6. Gypsy Found Objects - vintage clothing store
7. Twice as Nice - secondhand children's articles
8. Salvation Army Thrift Store - secondhand articles
9. Bicycles at St. Clair - bike store and repair shop
10. Goodwill Toronto - secondhand clothing and housewares
11. Evergreen Natural Foods - health food store with eco-friendly products

## OTHER GREEN BUSINESSES

(some businesses reachable by phone and online only)

1. Borden Communications + Design - assists companies in greening their operations
2. Orchard People - fruit tree planting, tree care, consultation, and education
3. Hillcrest Centre for Health - natural health clinic and dispensary with eco-friendly interiors and practices
4. Organics Live - organic grocery home delivery company founded in Ward 21; packing centre is in St. Michael's and All Angels Church
5. The Garden Manicurist - eco-friendly garden services

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

1. Forest Hill Public Library - borrow instead of buying
2. Skills for Change - welcoming space for community events, including regular Repair Cafés
3. St. Michael's and All Angels Church - location of many Green Neighbours 21 meetings
4. Artscape Wychwood Barns - see below
5. Wychwood Public Library - borrow instead of buying

## COMMUNITY GARDENS

1. Ben Nobleman Community Orchard - planted in 2009; contains 14 fruit trees and a pollinator garden; maintained by Growing for Green, a group of local volunteers
2. Cedarvale Park Children's Garden - started in 2000; tended to by volunteers of all ages
3. Hillcrest Community Garden - created in 2001; contains a Medicine Wheel Garden developed by Sagatay, a local Native men's program
4. Garrison Creek Park Community Garden - created in 2008; features over 50 raised beds
5. Frankel Lambert Community Garden - started in 2009; features in-ground plots, raised beds, and fruit trees

## GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Eglinton West Subway Station - green roof over southbound platform
2. Green P Parking Bioswale - vegetated area that receives stormwater runoff from the parking lot; a natural way to slow, reduce, and treat stormwater

## GREEN TRANSPORTATION

1. St. Clair West Subway Bike Shelter - built in 2010, this structure was Toronto's first subway bike shelter. See legend for bikeways (on and off street)

## CARSHARING SERVICES

1. AutoShare
2. Zipcar
3. car2go

## ARTSCAPE WYCHWOOD BARNS - THE HEART OF OUR GREEN COMMUNITY

In 1913, the Wychwood Barns was constructed to serve as a maintenance facility for Toronto streetcars. After undergoing significant transformation from 2007-2008, it has become an important community hub in Ward 21. The structure itself is LEED Gold Certified, under the LEED Canada for New Construction and Major Renovations rating system.

The Barns houses organizations, programs, and rentable space for community development, education, and the arts. Two organizations within are especially geared towards environmental issues. LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests) is dedicated to urban forest stewardship and education, and has a learning garden in Wychwood Barns Park. The Stop Community Food Centre offers a greenhouse, the outdoor Global Roots Garden, YIMBY (a garden-sharing program), a Farmers' Market every Saturday morning, and much more.



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