

Design Consultation and Board Approvals Process

What is the Design Consultation?

The one-hour consultation on the school ground with Board and Evergreen staff will provide your team with support and guidance in the following areas:

- EcoSchools certification
- Team building
- Project scope—“Start small and do it well!”
- Design and implementation
- Educational programming
- Project maintenance and sustainability
- Renovation and rejuvenation
- Horticulture and tree stewardship
- Board support
- Funding

Questions about the school ground greening process and TDSB and Evergreen resources?

Call Jenn Vetter at 416.801.6886.

School ground greening projects must receive Board approval before proceeding with implementation.

Consultations are held on Tuesdays. Spaces are limited. Book early to avoid disappointment. Once the spaces are filled we will be booking for next year. *The attendance of the principal is required for the consultation.*

If you are planting trees and/or applying for Evergreen funding, review the *EcoSchools School Ground Greening: Designing for Shade and Energy Conservation* guide before the Design Consultation itself. Download the guide from ecoschools.ca >*guides and other publications.*

► What to have ready when we visit your school

- Goals of the project (e.g., increase shade, establish a food garden)
- Approval from the principal
- A team with teacher, student, and if possible parent representation
- One spokesperson chosen to communicate on behalf of the project committee during the consultation itself
- Educational goals: a plan for involving students in the planning, design, and stewardship of the project
- Information on student- and community-use patterns on the school ground gathered by the project committee
- A rough sketch of the proposed design ideas (e.g., circles representing trees on a small map of your school grounds—check with the caretaker for a copy of the map)
- A maintenance/stewardship plan for caring for the project

When you have gathered this information, please complete and submit the Request for Design Consultation form that appears on the next page. Remember to include your rough sketch!