

HIGH PARK STEWARDS

2021 field events

WELCOME BACK!

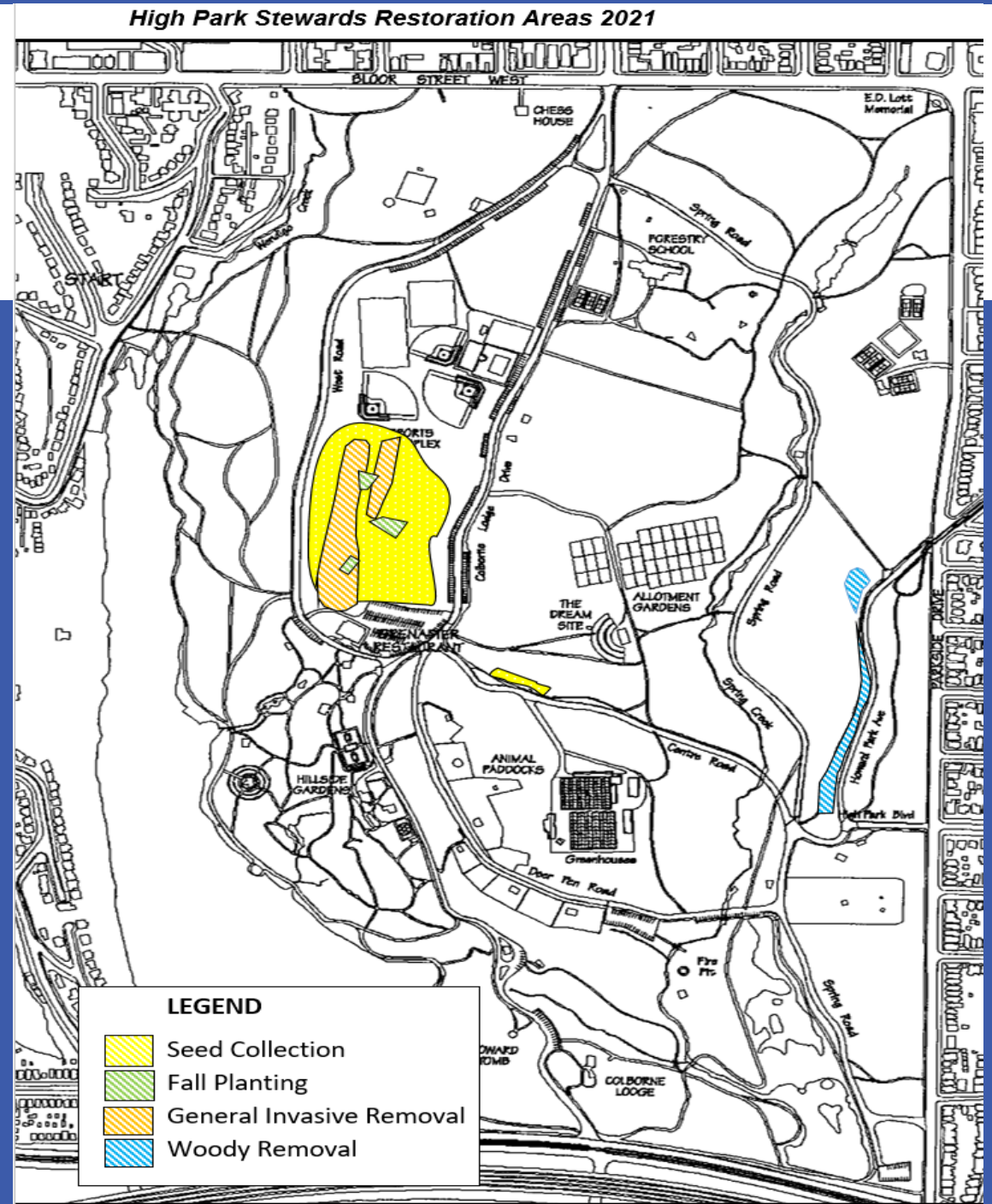


After all Forestry volunteer events were cancelled in early 2021 in response to COVID-19 resurgences, High Park Stewards field events began again on **July 25**. Once again there were health & safety measures in place guided by Toronto Public Health including smaller groups sizes and physical distancing. Fortunately over the course of the season, group sizes were able to increase gradually from 8 people to 15 people per event. In total, there were **82** participants over **8** High Park Stewards field events in 2021!

Together Stewards contributed to **164** field hours.

RESTORATION AREA MAP

Between planting events, seed collecting and invasive species management, in 2021 the High Park Stewards covered over 41,000 m²!



PLANTING

Three plantings occurred in late summer and fall.

Over the course of these three plantings; **1730** native plants were planted in over **420 m²** in the Tablelands.

Species Most Commonly Planted:

Shrubs: New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*) & Bush Honeysuckle (*Diervilla lonicera*)

Grass/Sedge: Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)

Forbs: Grey Goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*) & Upland White Goldenrod (*Solidago ptarmicoides*)



INVASIVE SPECIES



Multiple invasive species were targeted over three invasive management events. Some of the targeted species were:

- Japanese Hedge Parsley
- European Buckthorn
- Glossy Buckthorn
- Tartarian Honeysuckle
- Manitoba Maple
- Euonymus

High Park Stewards helped manage Invasive Species in approximately **5,850 m²**!

SEED COLLECTION



Thirteen native species of seeds were collected for propagation at the High Park Native Plant Nursery.

Some collected species include:

- Big Bluestem
- Little Bluestem
- Indian Grass
- Canada Wild Rye
- Wild Bergamot
- Bush Honeysuckle
- Showy Tick Trefoil
- Pale-leaved Sunflower
- Round Headed Bush Clover
- Hoary Vervain

These seeds will be grown to support next year's plantings!

THANK YOU!



Thank you to all High Park Stewards both in and out of the field. Your perseverance and enthusiasm for the restoration of High Park's Environmentally Significant Areas is inspiring!

We hope to see you all next year!