



# Making Progress on Projects

It's spring as I write this, and like many people in the central part of the Niagara Escarpment area and beyond, I have been dealing with the massive tree damage from the ice storm. In addition, in my case, tackling the wood from several huge trees that had been dangerously close to houses. I hired one of our advertisers, Maple Hill Tree Services, to drop the trees safely in late winter before birds and animals began nesting. So the big yard around my little house was completely littered with twigs, branches and tree trunks. It seemed an impossible job to clean it up. Yet I started raking and piling and sorting firewood from brush, spending half an hour here, a full day there, morning, noon and night, going slowly and steadily, and...I'm making good progress. My garden beds are now clear so that the plants can grow unhindered. Large areas of lawn will be able to be mowed. I'm getting it done.

It's easy to be overwhelmed by a large task, to be frozen into helplessness, an inability to do anything. Yet I think a lot of people are realizing what the settlers and early farmers of these lands must have known: that steady persistence can achieve almost anything. The key is to start where you're standing, to use the rake to pull twigs into a heap near you. A project of any kind can be tackled in this modest, methodical way. Start somewhere, with something, and keep at it whenever you can. You may be surprised and satisfied by your progress.



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## What to See This Summer

This issue looks at the progress one community group has made on its ambitious project: restoring and preserving the remains of old industrial activity on the Escarpment near Limehouse. The

Limehouse Kiln Society has restored one stone structure and stabilized another important one. Patti Post explores the once-bustling lime kiln industry and Credit Valley Conservation shared educational photos and images.

Sandra J. Howe takes us on a paddle down Beaver River in Grey County, giving useful tips for a summer excursion and showing us some of the wonderful wildlife that is drawn to the water.

Caledon's ecovillage Whole Village is a mystery no more, as Brenda Dolling and Jon Gagnon answer questions about living on this 191-acre community farm.

It's not every issue that can have a safe explosion on the cover, so when Chris Mills sent in his photos of re-enactments of the battles of 1814, I pounced on his capture of fire at Fort Erie. His feature on the most violent year of the War of 1812 wraps up our multi-year look at this war, and shares commemorations you can witness the rest of this year.

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