

WESTMINSTER PONDS CENTRE

Future Home of London's
FIRST and ONLY
Environment & Sustainability
Centre



WESTMINSTER PONDS CENTRE IS A CATALYST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

Sustainable communities create better quality of life for residents and future generations. Greater sustainability means healthier people, a more resilient environment, and a stronger economy. Led by ReForest London, Westminster Ponds Centre (WPC) will inspire and lead environmental change in our community.

WHAT IS WPC?

The Westminster Ponds Centre will be a hub promoting environmental excellence, sustainability, health and wellbeing across our region by co-creating resources, services and impactful programming.



Directly supporting and amplifying existing successful sustainability initiatives



Catalyzing new collaborative services and supports to achieve greater levels of impact



Hands-on workshops & activities



Sustainability education and skills development



Climate change action at the local and regional level



Nature-based programming for children, mental health and wellbeing

Environmental sustainability is the foundation of a truly thriving community, especially in the face of human-driven environmental degradation and climate change.

As a gateway to environmental learning and innovation, WPC will be an invaluable new resource and a primary driver of our community sustainability journey.

WHY NOW?

The need for greater community sustainability is urgent.

We are facing a multitude of environmental issues on local, regional and global levels.

Our daily lives and environment are already being impacted by the choices of past and current generations.

There is no dedicated community space in London where people can discover, explore and develop environmental sustainability.

WPC will fulfill this long-standing gap offering a new and unique resource, while inspiring environmentally conscious behaviour.

Some of the issues WPC programming will address include:

- Sustainable communities & economies 
- Green building 
- Renewable energy 
- Climate change 
- Nature-based mental health 
- Urban green spaces 

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COMMUNITY IMPACT



A healthy environment is the foundation of a thriving community.

WPC is for everyone who cares about the environment and wants to make a difference in their community.

By helping to create a greener, healthier, and more sustainable community, WPC will benefit all Londoners and surrounding areas, with thousands of visitors, clients and program participants projected each year.



Children & Youth

Programming for school groups, families and the next generation



All Londoners

Wide-ranging new opportunities to experience and value nature, the environment and sustainability



Changemakers

A hub and a campus for collaboration, interaction and innovation



Community Stakeholders

Catalyzing and supporting community collaborations among a wide array of organizations whose missions include some aspect of sustainability

WHERE IS WPC?

Westminster Ponds Centre is centrally located at 944 Western Counties Rd, behind Parkwood Hospital and nestled next to London's largest and most significant environmental area, Westminster Ponds.



On the traditional territory of First Nation peoples, our 14-acre site holds a rich history of built and cultural heritage, with several existing buildings on-site. Formerly a veterans' recuperative village built following World War II, the site has a powerful legacy of serving Veterans and mental health.

Bruce, Huron, and Perth, the last three remaining veterans' dormitories (4100 ft² each), will be restored for programming and facilities for partners and tenants.

The Wellington Pavilion, the former Community Centre (8400 ft²), will be a community destination and the centrepiece of the site.



WHEN WILL WPC OPEN?

Organizations and activities are already active on site and our first **WPC programming is underway.**



We are starting small, but we have started! As we have a multi-building site, renovations and upgrades will be completed incrementally, all leading to the ultimate restoration and repurposing of all four buildings and the landscape connecting them.

Some already executed or planned works include:

- Geothermal heating and cooling systems
- Restoration of historic gatehouse to original condition
- Creation of community volunteer training facility
- Accessibility and infrastructure upgrades; interior and exterior.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

An investment in Westminster Ponds Centre goes beyond the development of a single space or program.



By investing in WPC you are helping to build a collaborative hub of community partners who will change how and why we live in London.

Your commitment to environmental sustainability will contribute to a powerful new community-based centre that will help improve Londoners' quality of life and ensure a sustainable future for the city and region.

We are seeking funding from corporate and individual donors.

I invite you to contact me for more information or to explore how you might help create this transformative Environment and Sustainability Centre. Together, we can forge a safer, healthier and more sustainable future for our community.

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