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# MCK thanks KEPO for Tree Planting events

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(Kahnawake – 23, Kenténha/October 2019) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to commend the Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO) Unit for their dedication to reduce climate change by organizing a three-day Tree Planting event in September.

Thanks to their efforts, approximately 650 trees were planted on Tekakwitha Island and along sections of the Recreation Path. Additionally, several hundred trees were also distributed to community members in the days following the official Tree Planting event, for a grand total of over 1000 trees.

Trees provide many benefits to us every day by removing carbon dioxide from the air, storing carbon in the trees and soil, and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere.

"This recent event was a perfect example of what the Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office stands for," said Ratsénhaienhs Clinton Phillips, who holds the Environment portfolio for the MCK. "Through KEPO's leadership, an incredible number of Kahnawa'kehró:non, especially young people, directly participated in the battle against climate change. It was certainly noticed and very much appreciated!"

"None of this could have happened without the help of all the sponsors, contributors, and volunteers who took time out of their busy lives to take part," he concluded.

Click here to view a complete list of those who participated.