

Dear firstname,

As wildfires rage through British Columbia, a group of dedicated ecologists, scientists and students on Salt Spring are taking action to safeguard our communities from wildfire.



Transition Salt Spring's [Climate Adaptation Research Lab \(CARL\)](#) and students from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) rolled up their sleeves this past weekend to restore the forest understory and plant native species on Hwmet'utsum (Mt. Maxwell).

The students are learning about the role native plants play in wildfire protection. Their efforts are helping to rebuild the forest understory to create a more fire-resistant forest and help reduce the risk of wildfire on the island.



The participation of Gulf Islands Secondary



School students in the restoration work provides them with valuable hands-on learning experiences as they grapple with climate change in their own backyards.

The project is also developing strategies and techniques that can be shared with all Islanders to protect their homes from the risk of fire.

[Learn more about the restoration project in the Mt. Maxwell watershed.>>](#)



REDUCING FIRE & DROUGHT RISK

with Forest Ecologist Erik Piikkila

WEBINAR ON ZOOM:
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FIELD TRIP TO DUCK CREEK:
Sunday, June 4th, 2 pm - 4 pm



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[Register HERE.](#)

AND

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Join us on June 1st for an enlightening Q&A session with forest ecologist Erik Piikkila. Learn how forests contribute to reducing fire risks and ensuring clean drinking water. Find out how to distinguish between healthy and unhealthy forests as a landowner and community member.

Join us for a field trip to **[Duck Creek Park on Sunday, June 4, from 2 pm to 4 pm.](#)** There, Erik will provide real-life examples, bringing your new knowledge to life.

These events are perfect for those interested in safeguarding their homes from wildfires, preserving clean drinking water, and enhancing forest ecosystems.

Don't miss this chance to learn from a knowledgeable forest ecologist and make a positive impact on our local island forests.

[Register now for one or both of these events!](#)

INVASIVE PLANT DROP-OFF DAY

Sunday, May 28th or

Sunday, June 4th

10 am - 3 pm at Fulford Hall

One of the first things you can do on your property to reduce the risk of fire is



to remove invasive plants and replace them with native ones.

If you missed the invasive plant drop-off on May 13th don't worry, the Native Plant Stewardship Group has two more **drop-off events at Fulford Hall coming up on May 28th and June 4th!**

Drop off your Daphne, English holly, English ivy, gorse, Himalayan blackberry, and Scotch broom. Let's make room for our island to bloom with native plants!

Please note: We can't accept soft-stemmed plants like lamium, periwinkle, or St. John's wort. They're best solarized, not chipped. Let's also keep the drop-offs root, soil, and rock-free to protect the chipper.

This event is made possible by the Firesmart Program, Transition Salt Spring Native Plant Stewardship group, and the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.



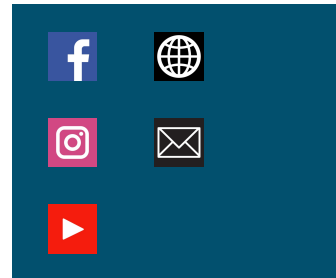
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