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Ford/CAW JWEC members are active on
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Such as:

CAW Local 200 Computers for Kids

(Was developed by Ford and Nemark workers with support from CAW Local 200) Their objective is to collect computers of no further use to business and private individuals. They give them a second life in the hands of students who might otherwise not have an opportunity to use a computer or learn necessary computer skills that will be so essential later in their lives.

Detroit River Canadian Clean Up Committee

We participate on the Detroit River Canadian Clean-up (DRCC) committee. Being an industry that uses the Detroit River in its process, we are proud to state that we have returned water to the river, cleaner than when it was extracted. This was due to our award winning ozone process. We've gone from an 'Area of Concern' to an environmental partner. The DRCC Outreach committee heightens awareness and encourages positive participation in our community.

**The LaSalle Strawberry Festival Environment
Committee**

Originally started by a group of volunteers to promote the local strawberry growers and get folks ready to pick berries the following week or so, the Festival has grown into one of the longest running, free festivals in the area with over 30,000 visitors each year. Last year, 2009, an Environment Committee was created to start off a "Greenest Vendor" award to recognize the efforts of one of the vendors, who had taken the Environment into account with their products, their processes and their general actions.

Canadian Heritage River Committee

Salary and hourly employees participated on the successful Detroit River Heritage River Committee. As a result of attaining Heritage River status, the Windsor and Detroit area is the first international Heritage River designation in North America.

Essex Region Children's Water Festival

The Children's Water Festival was developed through the assistance of an established Ontario Children's Water Festival program. Working in concert with the Essex Region Conservation Authority and the Kitchener Water Fest staff, a committee was assembled that successfully sought funding to hire an implementation specialist. Through the successful efforts of the committee, we have completed our 7th Annual Water Festival at Heritage Village. Each year over 4,000 elementary students are provided an opportunity for up-to-date information, some history and hands-on activities in order to educate our youth regarding the conservation and preservation of our precious water resource.

In 2007 the Essex Regional Children's Water Festival was the very proud recipient of the Essex Regional Conservation Authority's Conservation Award for Organization Educational efforts.

CAW WREC Youth Environment Network

The CAW WREC YEN has been educating High School Students on the importance of Environment Stewardship through hands on activities, including songbird and hawk identification and banding, habitat restoration, invasive species among other topics since 1994. Previous winners of the Essex Regional Conservation Authority's Conservation Award for Organization Education, they encourage students to use their talents to pursue environmental passions and quite possibly careers in environmental areas.

Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

The Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) is a group of environmental-related organizations that meet monthly to ensure the ongoing health and stability of our local environment.

What We Do:

- Protect and enhance the quality of the environment for residents in Windsor and Essex County
- Provide advice and guidance to City and County Councils on policies and procedures

The Windsor/Essex Labour Day Festival Recycling Committee

Members of the CAW Local 200 Environment and the CAW/Ford JWEC committees teamed up with a local Cub Scout troop to ensure the festival 'did the right thing' in regards to recycling pop cans, plastic bottles and at the same time helped a not-for-profit organization with some much needed funding through the sale of the aluminum cans.

The Save Ojibway Committee

The Ojibway Prairie Complex in Windsor, Ontario is a rare five park system that holds some of Canada's and the globe's most endangered ecosystems.

The Ojibway Prairie Provincial Nature Reserve is unique to Canada as it is one of the largest remnants of Tallgrass Prairie in Canada. Tallgrass Prairie is one of the most endangered plant communities on earth.

Four Big Box stores are being proposed in a 47 acre development that will total 500 000 sq ft. with a 2 300 vehicle parking lot.

The committee is opposing this development through the help of naturalist experts, education of the general public and grass roots environmentalists.

The Windsor/Essex Earth Day Committee

Members of our committees have been major players by being part of the steering committee for this eco-fair that is FREE and open to the public. It features approximately 45-50 environmental organizations providing information about their mandates and products. Also included is entertainment for the children, food, and fun education for all! Everyone can plant a tree at Malden Park as well!

CAW Windsor Regional Environment Council

Locals from Essex, Kent and Lambton counties come together through their Local Environmental Standing committees to help "Save our Environment, and Save our Jobs". The Council represented (at one time) over 45,000 members. With this united front they have the credibility and talents to make good things happen for their environment, their workplaces and their communities where they live.

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demonstrations and talks such as:**

- **Earth Day in the Schools program**

Putting on Environmental programs in the local separate and public schools that have highlighted such topics as: Climate Change, Buy Local campaign, among others, and presenting them with a worker's perspective.

- **Environmental talks at the Windsor Public Library**

These talks and presentations have varied from what the committees are doing locally to 'give back' to their community to 'What does CAW Local 200 Computers for Kids' do? Among other topics.

- **World Water Day at Devonshire Mall**

By joining with Walkerton Clean Water Centre and Essex Regional Conservation Authority, committee members have presented hands-on demonstrations on the water cycle and "a drop in the bucket" demo, highlighting how much of earth's available water is actually drinkable.

- **Yellow Fish Road program**

By joining with Trout Unlimited Canada's nation-wide environmental education program through Essex Regional Conservation Authority, Committee members were able to help Canadians understand that storm drains are the doorways to our rivers, lakes and streams. Preventing pollutants from entering our storm drains is critical to protecting and improving water quality and aquatic habitat. CAW/ Ford JWEC members took this action a step further and encouraged their workplaces to adopt the "Yellow fish road" ideals by originally painting yellow fish with DO NOT DUMP signs near storm sewer drains. Then they went to the next step to designing and casting a "Yellow fish road" sewer grate.

- **The Windsor Jewish Community Centre's Holocaust Committee and the CAW Local 200 Human Right's Committee annual Student's Social Justice Forum**

Showing socially conscious grade eight students through hands-on demonstrations the correlation between Human Rights and Environmental rights through their most recent presentation: "Clean, Safe Drinking Water is a Human Right" presentation.

Among others

Members of the CAW Local 200 Environment Committee as well as Ford/CAW JWEC members have many community partners.

We've joined forces with many community partners and organizations through out the years to create a synergetic alliance that utilizes the talents and energy of both or all groups involved.

Organizations such as :

- **Little River Enhancement Group**
(‘Lil REG’, a United Nations award winning environment group)
- **Essex Regional Conservation Authority**
- **Wildlife Habitat Council**
- **Scouts Canada**
- **Salvation Army**
- **Greater Essex County Separate and Public School Boards**
- **Local Watershed committees**
- **Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority**
- **The Shriners**
- **Girl Guides of Canada**
- **Lions Clubs**
- **Windsor Worker's Action Centre**
- **Council of Canadians**
- **ShopEco**
- **Ten Thousand Villages**
- **Run, Walk or Roll Fight Cancer campaign**

Among others

Members of the CAW Local 200 Environment Committee have, through their involvement with the CAW Windsor Regional Environment Council and the CAW National Union, have been a part of many campaigns such as:

- *The Unrelated bone marrow registry*
- *CAW Fight Cancer campaign*
- *Green Jobs campaign*
- *Green Corridor*
- *Extended producer Responsibility*

Among many others

For more information on the CAW Windsor Regional Environment Council go to:

www.cawwrec.org