



Research

Greater Sudbury's ecological recovery has been the source of much research by universities and colleges. Research has focused not only on plants, but also on insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Results have been profiled at scientific conferences the world over.

Scientific research will remain an important component of the ecological recovery of Greater Sudbury. Research results will continue to be used to refine specific interventions and operations when appropriate. Research will also be required early on to identify baselines, plant community targets, and protocols for long-term monitoring of ecological recovery.

Every year, several university students undertake research projects on local ecosystems. These projects are important and their findings should be communicated more broadly to the public. The City will host an annual Biodiversity Forum to allow these students, and their professors, to showcase their findings to the Greater Sudbury community. The Forum will also allow local naturalist groups, agencies and others to share their projects, findings, and concerns.

Results from research and other information on local biodiversity will also be shared through an electronic newsletter, an electronic journal and a biodiversity website hosted by the City. Data and information on local biodiversity will require some means of storage and retrieval to ensure their lasting contribution to our understanding of ecological recovery. An information strategy will be developed over the next two years.

