Low-bush blueberry in fall

Blueberries

Based on some climate change scenarios, Canadian Forest Service modeling predicts that wild blueberry bushes in Greater Sudbury will be far fewer in the coming decades.

But that won’t be for a while yet. In the meantime, blueberries remain important to the local economy and to people’s enjoyment of the area. We need to make sure there’s plenty of blueberry ‘opportunities’ for as long as possible. In a few decades, the climate should allow high-bush blueberries to grow. These are taller bushes and have larger berries.

The best blueberry site conditions are provided by nutrient-poor, acidic, sandy soils. The City's Regreening Program, with the guidance of VETAC, will continue to avoid planting and liming in areas dominated by significant patches of low-bush blueberries. This will ensure the soils supporting the blueberry patches remain acidic enough to help limit competition by other plant species.