

Trading Pavement for Paradise:

Transformation and Renewal at St. Cuthbert's, Oakville

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Work has started on transforming the old children's playground at St. Cuthbert's Church in Oakville into a paradise garden. The project involves removing the children's playground equipment and de-paving the area. The photographs show the Grade 10 volunteers and a couple of parents starting the process of clearing the site.

The proposed plan will be multi-purpose and will have trees, plants, flowers in planters, and seats. The garden will be a place of quiet, for meditation, BBQs, and gatherings for both adults and children. The project is being led by Halton Environmental Network and has been partially funded by a grant from TD Bank. The funding will pay for the removal of the asphalt surface. St.



Cuthbert's relies on volunteers in order to create and landscape the garden.

These are the hardworking volunteers who are helping remove the old children's playground. From left to right are Andrew, Bob, Albert and Hadi, they are grade 10 students who attend Appleby College, White Oaks and Oakville Trafalgar. So far they have dismantled the

climbing frame, broken up and removed the sand pit, taken down the wire mesh fence, cleared out all the old branches and leaves, and started to remove the gravel and store it for future use in the new garden.

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