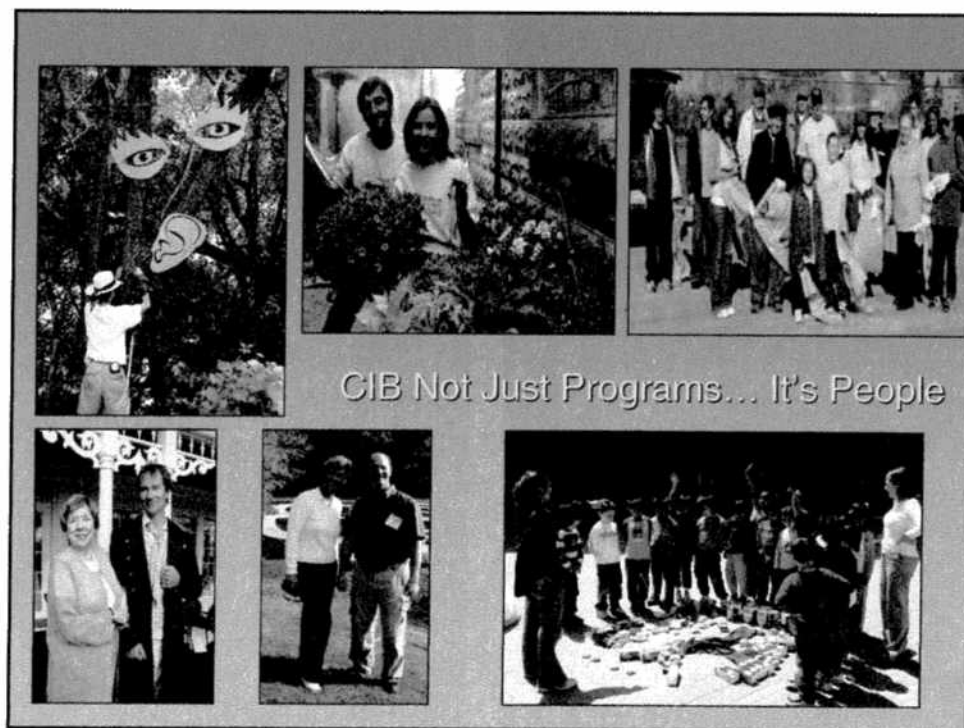
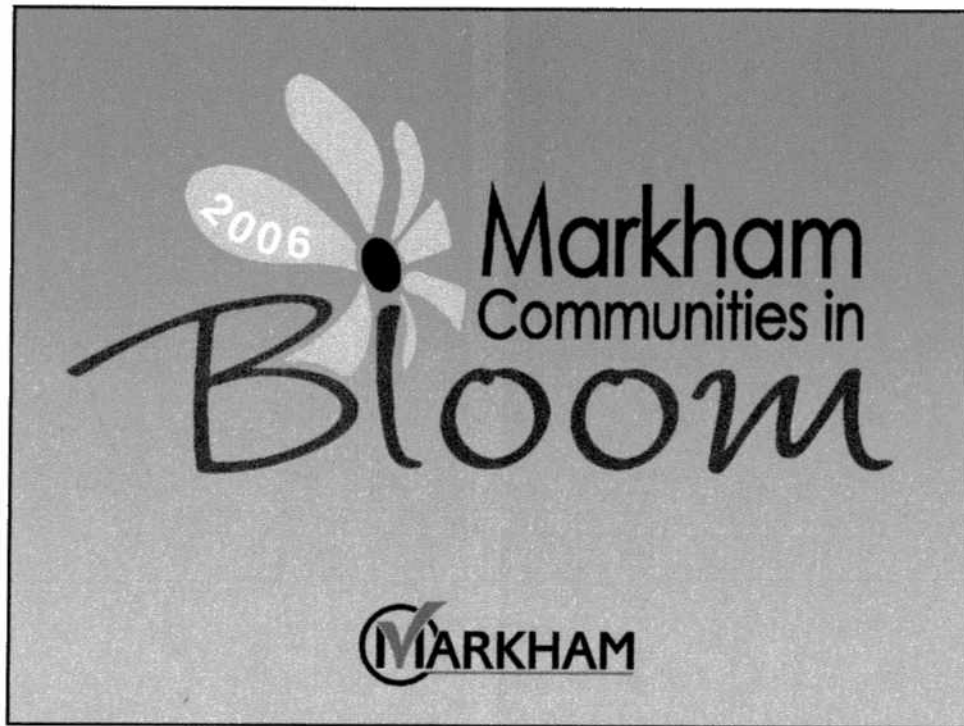
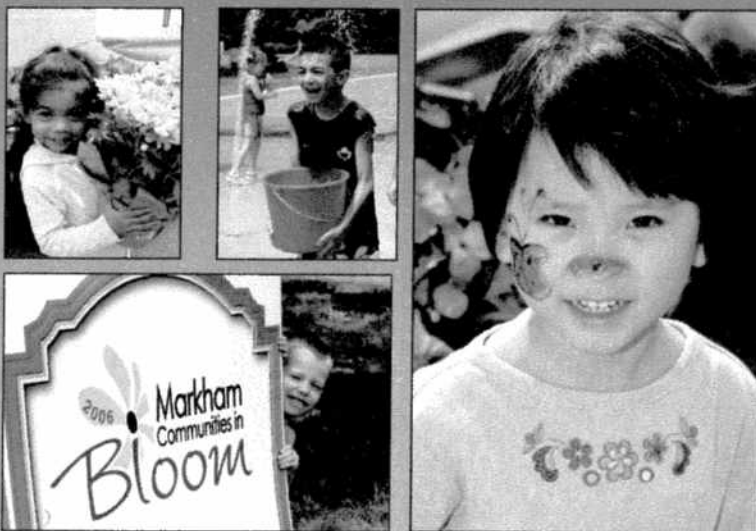




CIB – Participation that crosses all demographics...



CIB – Participation that crosses all demographics.



Community Outreach

• Number of Corporate Sponsors	50 +
• Committee Volunteers	13
• Adopt a Park	41
• Plantings	22
• Colour Your Corner	14
• Pitch In /Clean Ups	80+
• Commemorative Trees & Benches	11
• Garden Recognition Program	200+
• Schools	36+
• Places of Worship/Service Clubs/RatePayers	80+
• Events Attended	25



Program Highlights

- Environmental Leadership
- MECO
- Mission Green
- Heritage Conservation
- Growth Management
- Parks and Open Spaces



Judges Tour Highlights

- Angus Glen Community Centre
- Angus Glen Golf Club Grounds Tour
- Twilight Tour of Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery
- Civic Centre
- Flyover -- Town of Markham
- Heintzman House
- Town of Markham Libraries
- Millennium Park, Bishops Cross, Beaupre Park
- Main Street Unionville and Varley
- Jarvie Garden
- Business Breakfast at Hilton Suites
- IBM Canada Ltd. Software Lab and MDE Tour
- Markham Community Garden
- Historic Markham Village and Heritage Estates
- Centennial Skatepark
- First Markham Place Tour and Ding Tai Fung

Special Events

A Cool Evening in Unionville



Off to the Competition



CIB National Conference



September 19 to 23

Town of Markham Representatives

Steve Matunin – Manager, Horticulture

Jeff McMann – Manager, Forestry

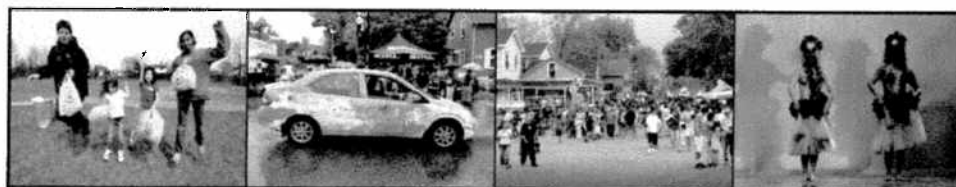
This Year's Symposium

Ornamental Horticulture

**Maintenance of Multifunctional
Sportsfields**

Urban Centre Revitalization

Naturalization

			
Evaluation Grid			
	2005	2006	
1. Tidiness	106/125	111.5/125	
2. Environmental Awareness	113/125	117 /125	
3. Community Involvement	107/125	112/125	
4. Natural and Cultural Heritage Conservation	111/125	115.5/125	
5. Tree/Urban Forest Management	112/125	113/125	
6. Landscaped Areas	102/125	107.5/125	
7. Floral Displays	103/125	103.5/125	
8. Turf and Groundcovers	108/125	107/125	
Total marks	862/1000	887/1000	
			

CIB Areas for Improvement

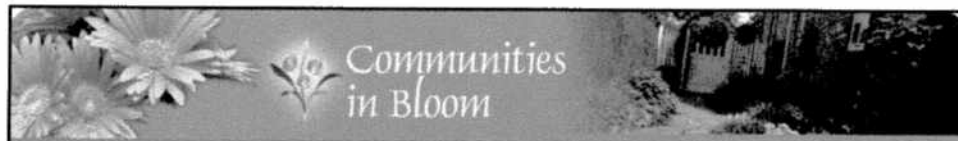
- Work with other partners in GTA to eliminate practice of shipping waste to Michigan
- Use more perennials on civic centre grounds
- More green roofs
- "Taking work home" (encouraging conservation at home) should be adapted by other large businesses in the town
- Backyard clotheslines
- Consider using plantings related to the "era" and incorporate native plantings. Integrate floral displays with specific character for each neighbourhood



CIB Strengths

- Tidiness is in view all over Markham. Hats off to all those litter busters
- Top marks for Environmental accomplishments
- Markham District Energy an outstanding example of economies of scale.
- Range of people, groups active, volunteerism is impressive as is the recognition the Town provides
- Carman's community garden
- Championing new urbanism
- Markham Heritage Estates
- Preservation and appreciation for heritage and culture: Excellent work in formulating policies, creating heritage districts and properties, Heritage Tax Reduction program
- Impressed by historical societies, committees
- Celebration of Cultures, Diversity and respect for different traditions



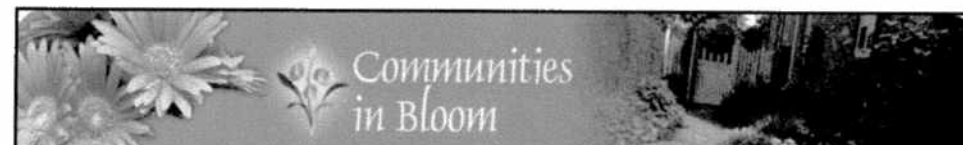


Communities
in Bloom

"Friends"

- Non-competitive
- Registered in the National Edition
- No official judges visit or tour
- No community profile book required
- Must continue local initiatives
- Can be a "friend" for up to 3 years
- Benefit of maintaining 5 bloom status and ability to re-enter competition at any time
- Continued momentum and developing local programs that benefit Markham

Markham
Communities in
Bloom



Communities
in Bloom

"Continuation of Markham's various programs in the CIB program will help the town's growth as a vibrant community while maintaining a small town feel. Markham will require a dedicated resource and budget to keep the momentum going even beyond the framework of Communities in Bloom."

CIB Judges: Ken O'Brien ; Ed Laurence

 **MARKHAM**

