



GREEN JOBS INITIATIVE

# Success Story

Old Pool Area - After

## Green Jobs Rejuvenate Newfoundland Community

**T**OWN OF POUCH COVE, NEWFOUNDLAND has a lot to be proud of.

Its residents are the first in North America to see the sun rise every morning. Its peaceful community, settled along the northern tip of the Avalon Peninsula in Newfoundland and Labrador, has stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean. And, thanks to Brianna Hynes and her fellow student co-workers, its residents can now enjoy a renaturalized Stiles Cove Park.

The CPRA Green Jobs Initiative, which is funded in part by the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Skills Strategy program, gave the Town of Pouch Cove the opportunity to hire Brianna as a green engineering student. In her role, the Process Engineering student at Memorial University developed a modernization and beautification plan for parks and fields around the town – including Stiles Cove Park – which needed revitalization.



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“There was a pool area that was abandoned years ago, with old playground equipment left behind and a lot of trees that have been overgrown and a bridge that had lost its structural integrity,” Brianna explains. “That (park) was the main priority for this job.”

Brianna led the student team who got to work clearing out overgrown trees to create more open spaces for families to enjoy the park, and remove the old bridge structure.

She also planned where more trees should be planted, which locations would require sod, and designed a new bridge for the location.

“I learned a lot about using computer programs, and even coming up with ideas for landscaping that I’ve never dealt with before,” Brianna says. “That was a new experience for me as well.”

She says she wanted to apply for the job because she wanted to gain experience working for a municipality, and was excited to learn that the green engineering student position would allow her to work with the naturalization of parks and fields in Pouch Cove.

She adds that the experience exceeded her expectations.

“I was able to explore a different field that I hadn’t been exposed to before,” Brianna says. “And I was given a lot

of flexibility and responsibility in order to come up with whatever plans I wanted for each of the areas here. Having all that responsibility and freedom to go wherever I wanted with my ideas was pretty cool.”

Susan Arns, the town clerk and program coordinator with the Town of Pouch Cove, says being able to hire Brianna and four other students through the Green Jobs Initiative made a significant impact on the community.

“Brianna was the engineering student who kind of spearheaded the community development programs,” Susan says. “I gave her my list of what I wanted to do, and she made (the plans) blossom. She gave the students ideas, and she got the kids working. They did so many little community development ideas that just made the community prettier, more beautiful, more functional, and just overall made the community better.”

Susan adds that the CPRA funding is very valuable to smaller communities like Pouch Cove, and allows these towns to reach their goals.

“The ability to have funding for engineering students gives us the opportunity to get base-level projects (completed),” she says. “To have students be able to do that, and do it properly, is amazing.” 🍁