

# ***Parks, Forestry and Recreation Greening Initiatives***



***“We are responsible for our common grounds – the urban forest that enfolds us, the parks and public spaces that enliven us, the activities and skills that give our children their first thrills and triumphs.”***



## Our Common Grounds Strategic Plan:

- 15-year Parks, Forestry & Recreation Strategic Plan to take us to 2020
- One of the three key pillars of the strategic plan is:
  - *Environmental Stewardship*



*Greening Initiatives*



## PFR Strategic Plan Key Targets:

- Expand tree canopy from 17% to 30-40% by 2050
- Increase stewardship of natural areas from 5 to 100% protected & restored
- 80% satisfaction level of park users





## **Climate Change & Clean Air Action Plan Targets**

- Implement “green building design” standards in PFR capital projects
- Reduce energy and water consumption through building retrofits and conservation measures
- Use “green” technologies in the construction of new facilities and renovation projects
- Increase waste diversion rates in PFR facilities
- Reduce storm water runoff in our parks and apply water conservation measures to our irrigation systems



## Climate Change & Clean Air Action Plan Targets (cont'd)

- Double the existing tree canopy to 34 percent by 2050
- Replace older small powered equipment (two-stroke engines) with new “greener” models
- Work with Transportation Services to Complete the bikeway system by 2012
- Develop a Divisional Emergency Management Plan





## **Parks, Forestry and Recreation “Green” Partnerships**

**PFR mobilizing to achieve the Climate Change and Clean Air Action Plan (CCAC):**

- **Formation of a Divisional “Green Team”**
- **Participate on Executive Environment Team**
- **Partner with A,B,C,D’s to implement Climate Change Action Plan**
- **Participate on Corporate Adaptation Strategy Steering Committee**
- **Chair the Inter-Divisional Tree Committee**
- **Partner with the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation**
- **Partner with Trees Across Toronto**
- **Partner with Community Advisory Committees & Environment Groups across the city.**
- **Partner with Clean and Beautiful Secretariat and Transportation Services on the Orphan Spaces Program**