



Parks, Forestry and Recreation

➤ Manages and Maintains:

- 7,393 hectares of Parkland, 839 Sports Fields & 225 km of Trails
- 3,105 ha. of Turf maintained using IHPC (pesticide-free) practices
- 8 Greenhouses & 3 Conservatories
- 17 Children's Learning Gardens
- 47 Allotment & Community Gardens
- 40 ha. of Horticultural Displays annually
- Grow 1.3 Million Flowers & Plants annually

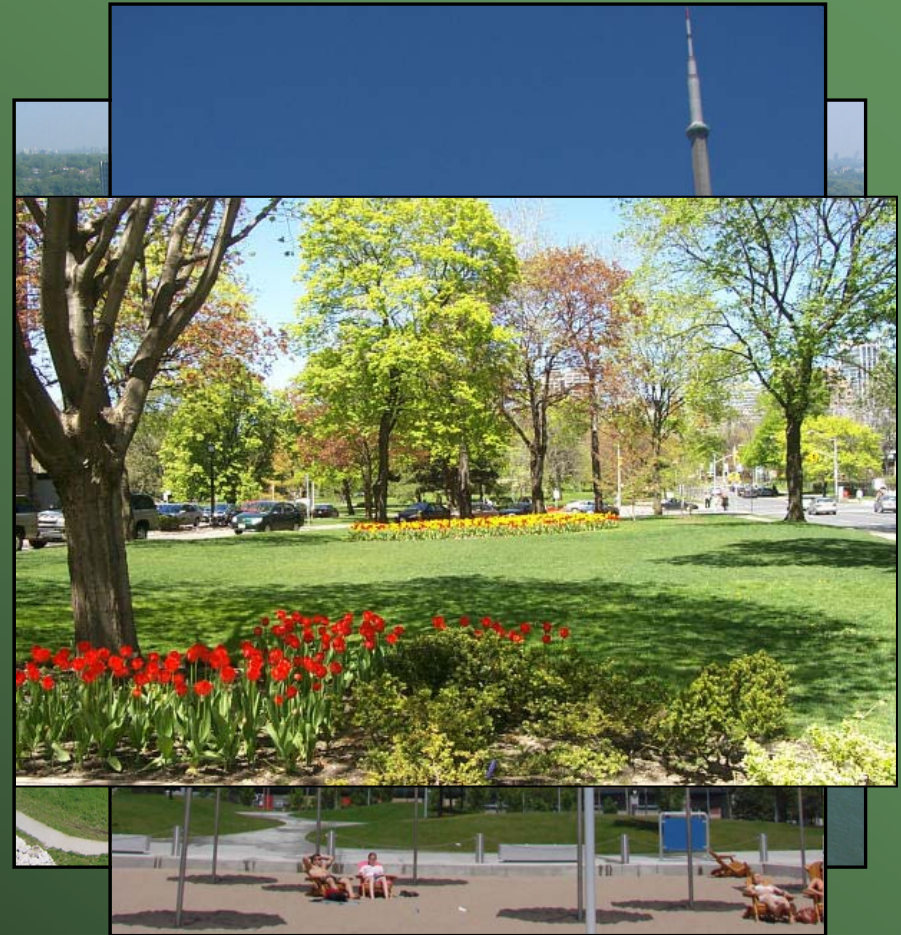


Greening Initiatives



Expansion of Parks System:

- **New parks in 2007:** HtO, Measurement & Ireland Parks, Pt. Union Waterfront, Village Securities
- **New parks in 2008:** Mimico Linear Waterfront Park, Transition Sports Field, Circulating Channel, Pedestrian / Cycling Bridge, Spadina Head of Slip & Leslie Street Greening (Phase 2)
- **Parkland Acquisition Plan** to increase parkland based on Parkland Acquisition Strategy





Waste Diversion:

- **In 2007, achieved a 46% waste diversion rate in City Parks (up from 43% in 2006)**
- **Targeting a Waste Diversion Rate of 50% by 2010**

Water Conservation in Parks:

- **30% of Park irrigation systems computer controlled for weather conditions**
- **Splashpads timer controlled**
- **New Don River Park to recycle splashpad water for park irrigation**
- **Drinking Fountains retrofitted (user control or automatic stop devices)**
- **Park Master Plans to include water-efficient irrigation needs (e.g. Centennial park master plan)**

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- **Green Fleet**
 - 3 new Hybrid Aerial Tower trucks & 5 Smart cars in 2008
 - 10 Hybrid trucks and cars in 2009
- **Bike Trails**
 - 1.2 km of Bike Trails planned for 2008
 - New signage along Humber River & Don river Bike Trails
- **Geothermal pilot project**
 - Geothermal heating / cooling system for a new development complex to be installed in a City Park and TDSB site
- **Park lighting**
 - Over 6000 park lights replaced with energy efficient bulbs





Community Horticultural Greening Initiatives:

- Project Sunflower
- B.U.L.B.S. (Better Urban Landscape with Bulbs) – 90,000 bulbs planted over 2 years.
- Take the Garden to the Neighbourhood Park Program
- Urban Farm
- Communities in Bloom – 2007 award winner
- Orphan Spaces – total of 65 citywide (in collaboration with Transportation Services)
- Green Parking Lots – Lake Shore & Toronto Botanical Gardens



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2007 PARKS GREENING STRATEGIES

- People, Dogs and Parks Strategy
- Waste Diversion Strategy
- Parks Renaissance Strategy Directions Report
- New City-wide Alternate Rate for Parkland By-law



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