

## Glen Stewart Ravine Project Update

The City of Toronto and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority are working together on the implementation of the Glen Stewart Ravine Management Plan. For more information on the plan and the process towards the Glen Stewart Ravine Management Plan, a website was created by Schollen and Company (consultants working on the plan). This was prepared for the public input process as part of the plan in 2008. <http://www.schollenandcompany.com/glenstewart.zip/>

Glen Stewart Ravine is one of the City's twelve Discovery Walks. It is also located within an area designated by the City's Official Plan as an Environmentally Significant Area. The ravine is characterised by mature oak forest and a ground water fed creek, Ames Creek.

Construction planned for this fall (starting August 29<sup>th</sup>) includes:

- replacing failing retaining walls
- replacing one staircase, (leading to Balsam Avenue)
- replacing two pedestrian bridges
- trail improvements including surfacing, trail demarcation and a boardwalk

Currently, the path becomes wet and mucky from the seepage flowing through the ravine slopes about 100 metres into the ravine, (from the Glen Manor Drive West entrance). An elevated boardwalk will be constructed to improve user safety and allow unimpeded flow of seepage water from the slopes to Ames Creek. In this way natural hydrological function of the ravine will be less obstructed while accommodating safer user access. The intent of this project is:

- 1) To provide the infrastructure for Toronto residents and visitors to enjoy the natural surroundings of the ravine setting.
- 2) To protect the natural resources which characterize Glen Stewart Ravine, including trees and understory shrub and herb species that provide forage and refuge for many species of migratory birds each year.

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# Glen Stewart Ravine Map

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## Glen Stewart Ravine



### Legend

-  Ravine entrance points
-  Ames Creek and tributaries
-  Ravine tree canopy





Glen Stewart Ravine existing retaining walls, an example of one site where new retaining structures are proposed.



Existing Balsam stairway to be replaced.



Detail of the wood supports in very poor condition.



Existing condition of pedestrian bridges to be replaced.



Existing seepage from the ravine slope crossing the path at all times of year.