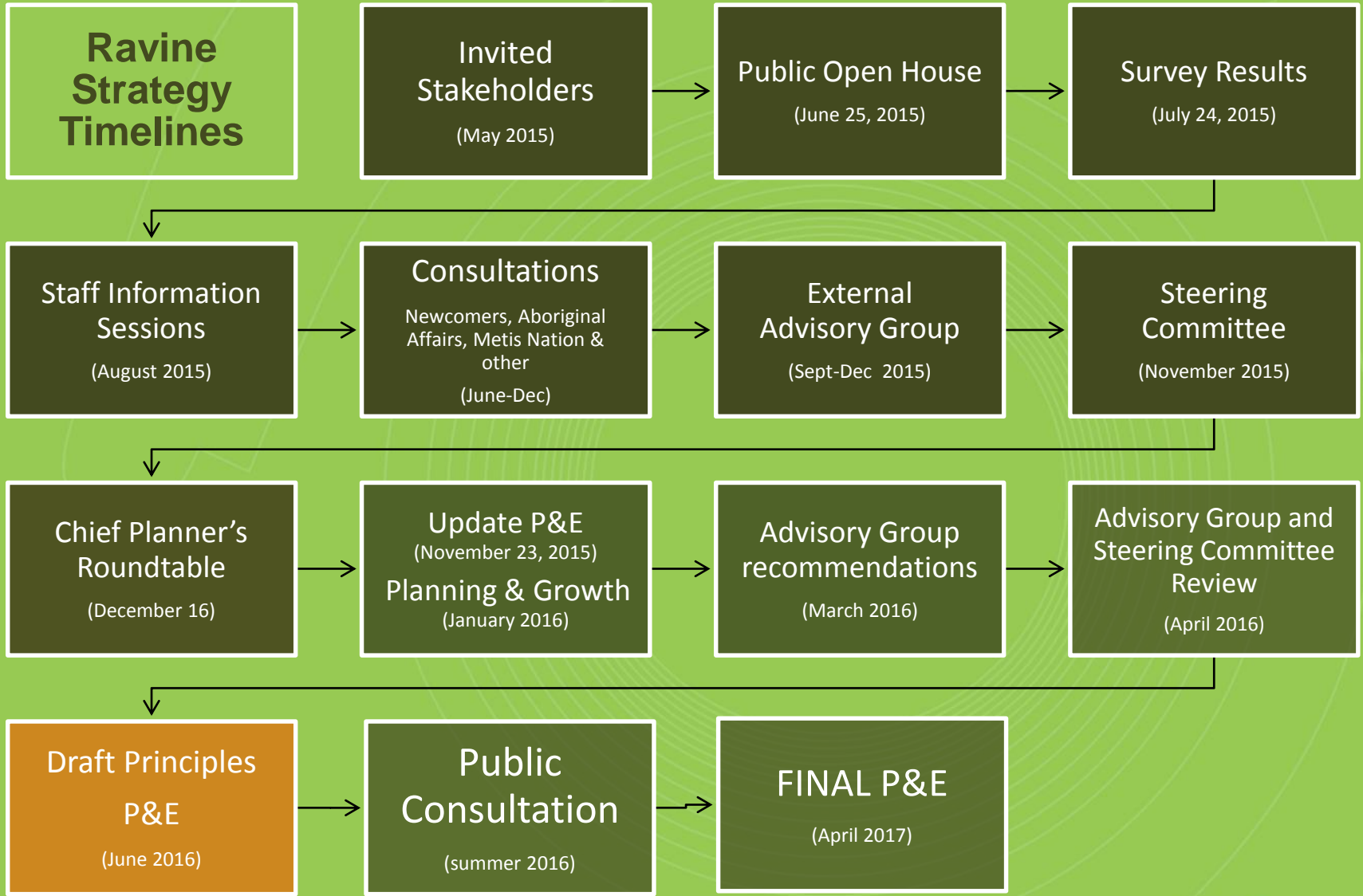


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# Toronto's Ravine Strategy: Draft Principles and Actions

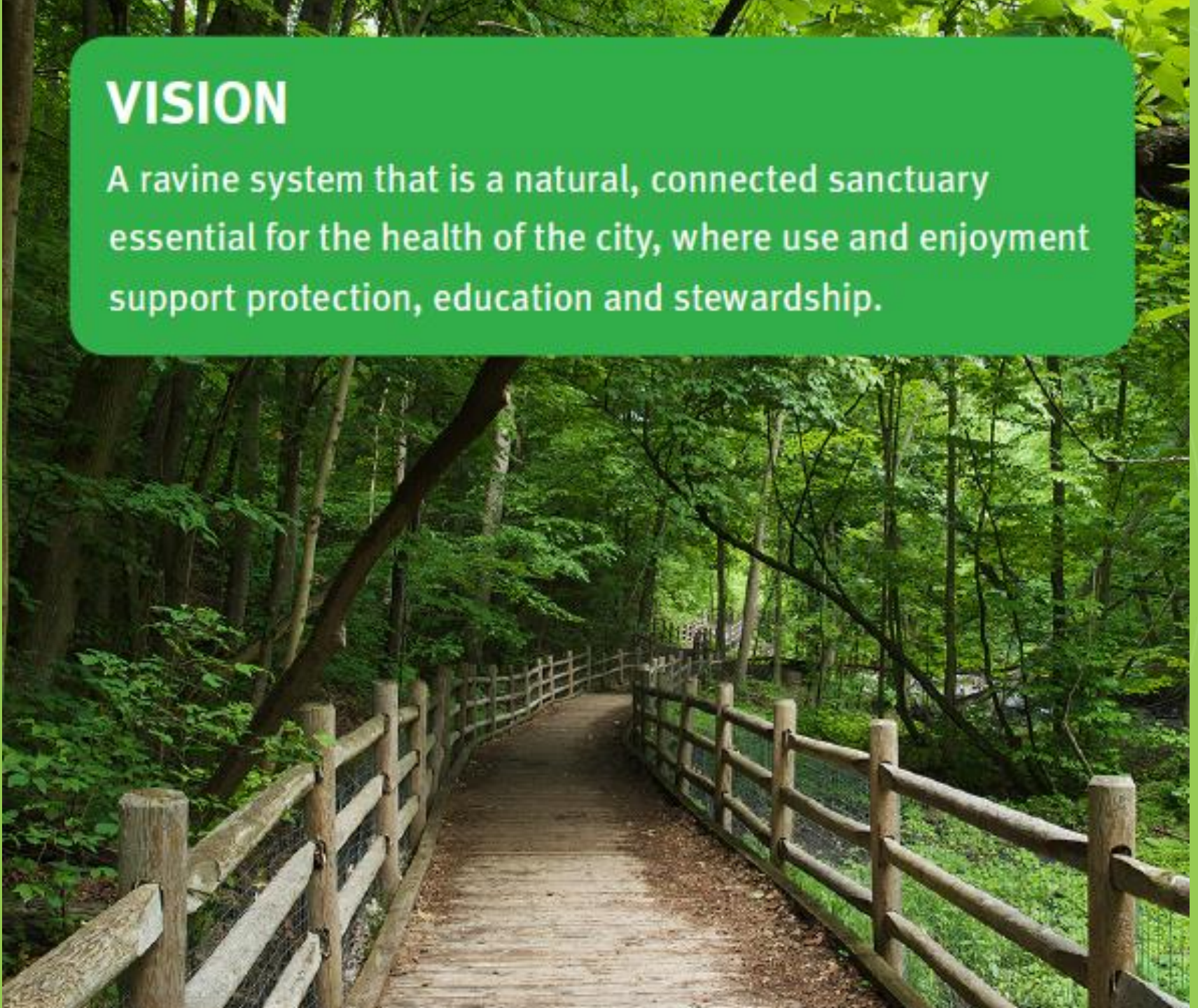
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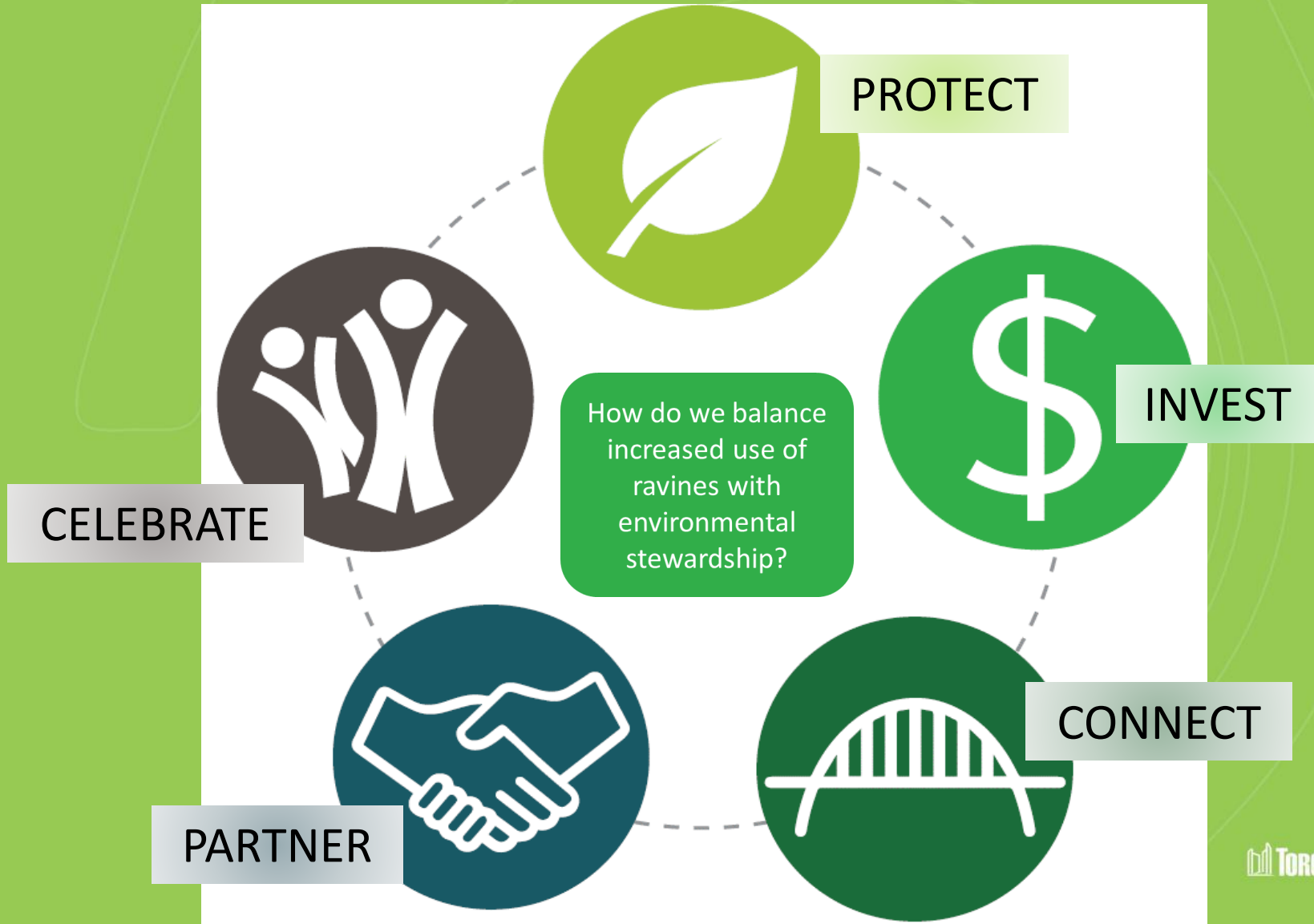


# VISION

A ravine system that is a natural, connected sanctuary essential for the health of the city, where use and enjoyment support protection, education and stewardship.



# DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

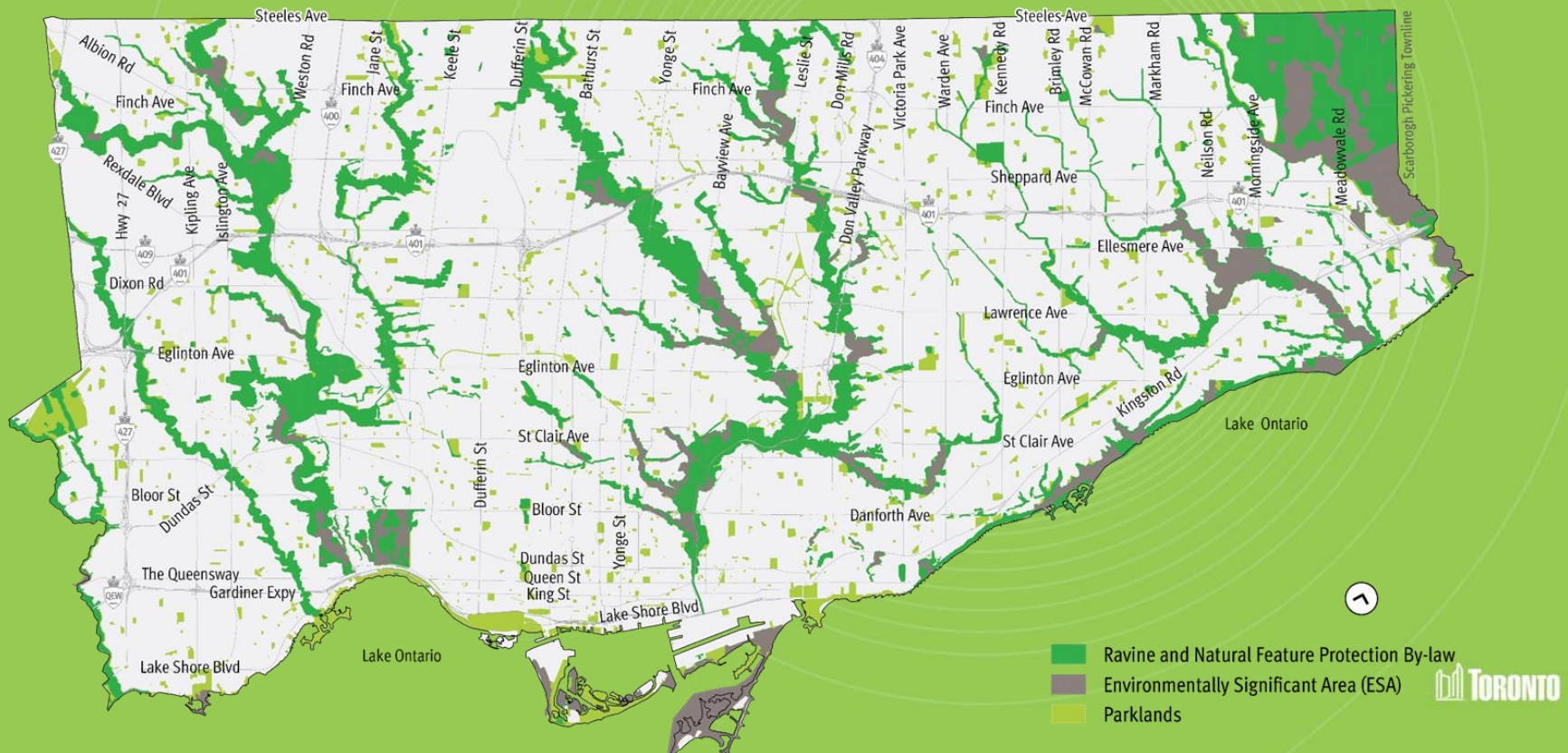






# PROTECT

All actions related to ravines should be guided by the overarching goal of protecting these spaces by maintaining and improving ecological health.





# How will we Protect Ravines?

1. Implement management plans for Environmentally Significant Areas
2. Streamline capital projects and ongoing maintenance
3. Develop criteria for permitting activities, events and installations in ravines







# How will we Protect Ravines?



4. Undertake a climate change impact assessment
5. Expand educational partnerships
6. Improve coordination between city divisions



# INVEST

## Toronto Ravines: Intersection of Nature and City

### INTERFACE

- Access
- Way Finding
- Integration Into City

### EXPERIENCE + QUALITY

- Stewardship
- Design Quality
- Art
- Beauty
- Education
- Interpretation
- Culture

### PARKS + GREEN SPACES

- Spaces + Facilities for Human Use and Enjoyment
- Managed by PFR

### INFRASTRUCTURE

- Rail + Hydro
- Trails
- Bridges
- Roads
- Water, Sewer, Oil + Gas Pipelines

### FOUNDATION

- Natural Environment Terrestrial + Aquatic Habitat
- Stable
- Resilient
- Ecologically Diverse

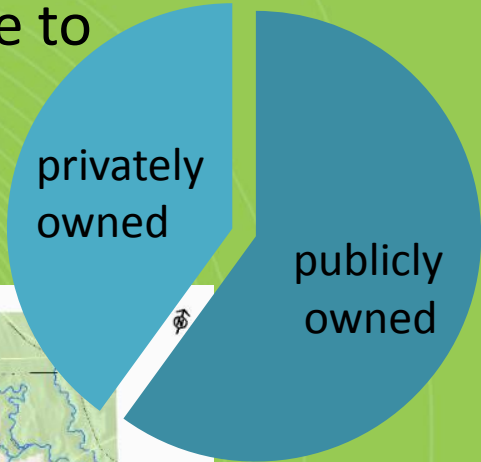
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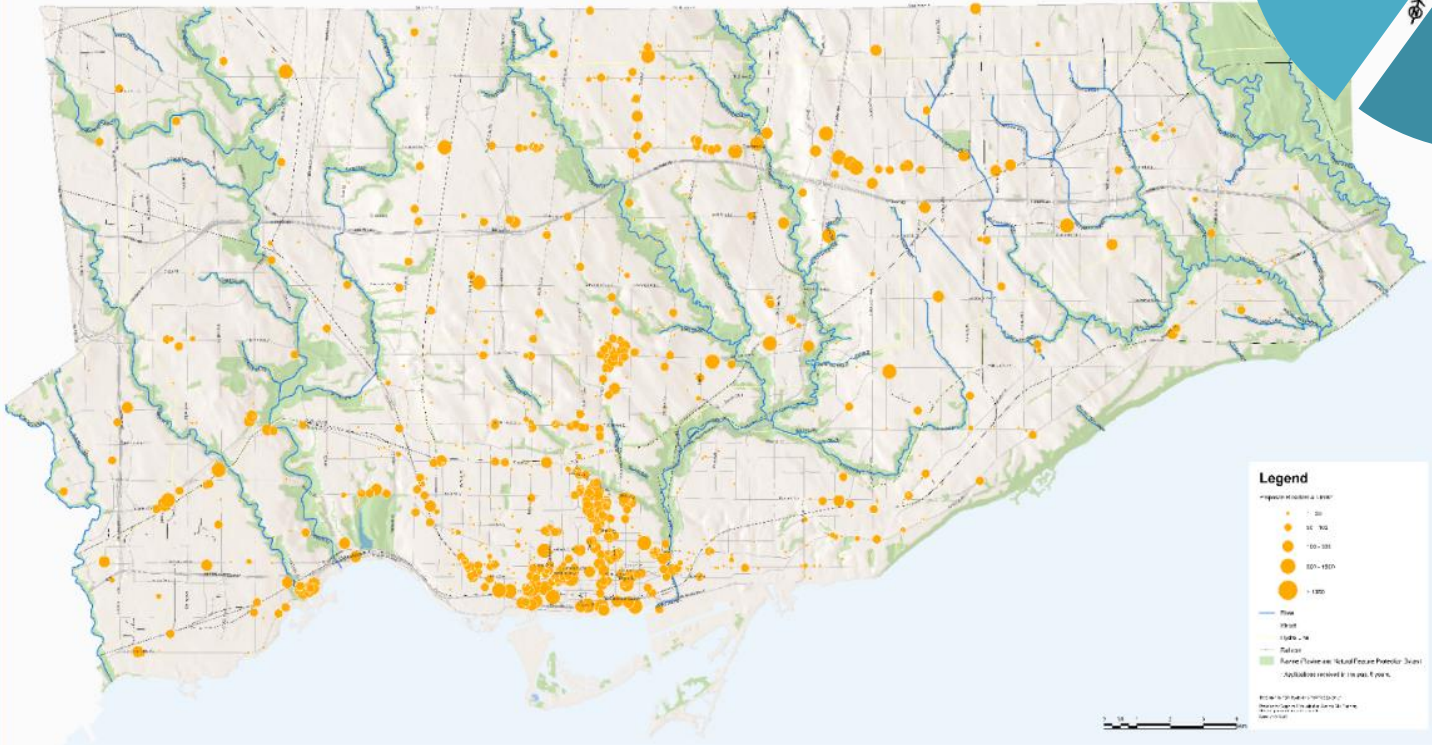


# Investment Actions

7. Leverage planned investment in infrastructure to make improvements in ravines
8. Develop a valley lands acquisition strategy



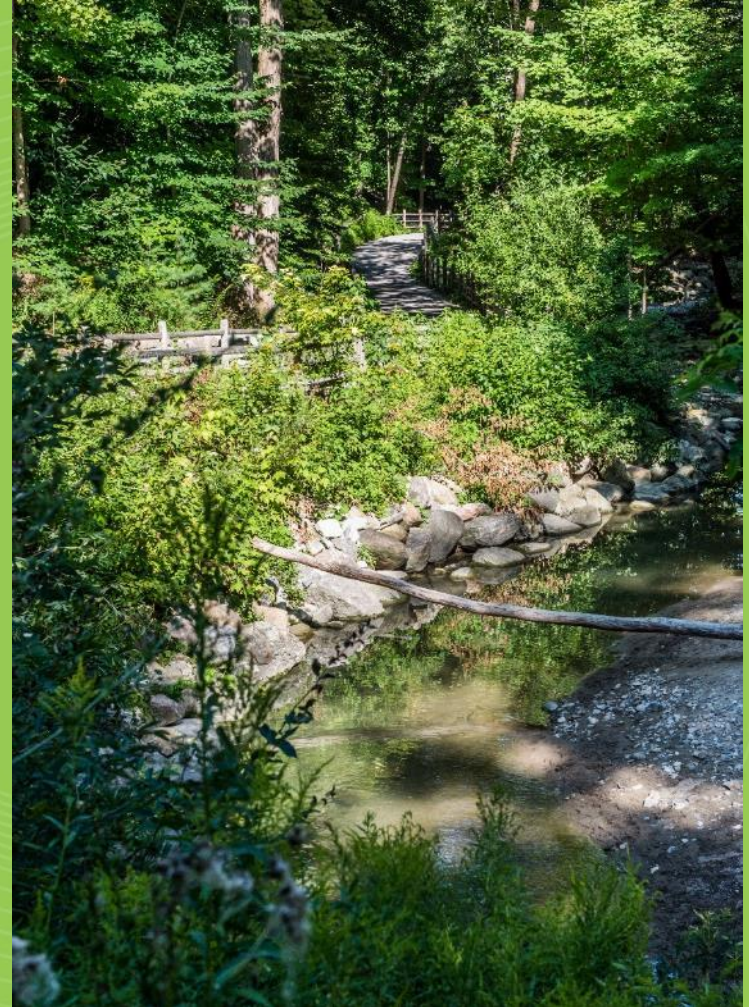
**RAVINE STRATEGY**  
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# Investment Actions

9. Develop a ravine plan that prioritizes areas where improved access will be required
10. Develop “gateways” “hubs”, and “portals” into and through the system to accommodate future demand







# CONNECT

Toronto's ravines provide great opportunities for people to connect with nature and the city's rich history.

We must ensure that people and have physical opportunities to connect with these spaces in a safe and sustainable manner.



# Making Connections

11. Evaluate the Toronto Parks & Trails Wayfinding Strategy pilot in the Lower Don Valley and make recommendations on how to implement wayfinding throughout Toronto's ravine system.







# Making Connections

12. Develop an implementation plan to address gaps in existing trails and access points

13. Honour and share stories of special and historic spaces within our ravines, in collaboration with Aboriginal communities, City of Toronto Economic Development, Heritage Services and the City Manager's Office.





# PARTNER

The City must work in partnership with the community, the TRCA, neighbouring municipalities, other levels of government, property owners, utility providers and other stakeholders.







# Partnership Opportunities

14. Explore partnerships to expand resources for the Community Stewardship Program.
15. Initiate discussions, including a one-day summit with the province, the TRCA and other municipalities to establish best practices for all river valleys that connect to Toronto's ravine system.





# Partnership Opportunities

16. Establish a Ravine Advisory Group to provide advice on implementation and communication of the Strategy.
17. Establish a framework to support engagement of volunteer groups, such as “Friends of” groups, in ravine stewardship.







# Partnership Opportunities

18. Partner with and leverage private philanthropic support to invest in specific ravine enhancement projects.





# CELEBRATE

No other city in the world has a ravine system like Toronto.

We must celebrate these spaces and encourage recognition of and respect for this magnificent system





# Celebrations

19. Develop a campaign and events such as “Ravine Day”
20. Communicate good stewardship practices and outreach plans to particular population groups including park users, property owners adjacent to ravines, pet owners and underserved communities.
21. Promote the ravines as a natural asset and a key part of Toronto’s identity





# Next Steps: Public Consultation



Pop-up Consultations  
June – July 2016



# Venues for Pop-ups

## ETOBICOKE



Community Environment Day  
at Albion Centre



Junction Farmers Market

## NORTH YORK



Eid Market at Flemingdon Park



Northwood Park

## TORONTO & EAST YORK



Community Environment Day  
at East York Memorial Arena



Trinity Bellwoods Farmers  
Market

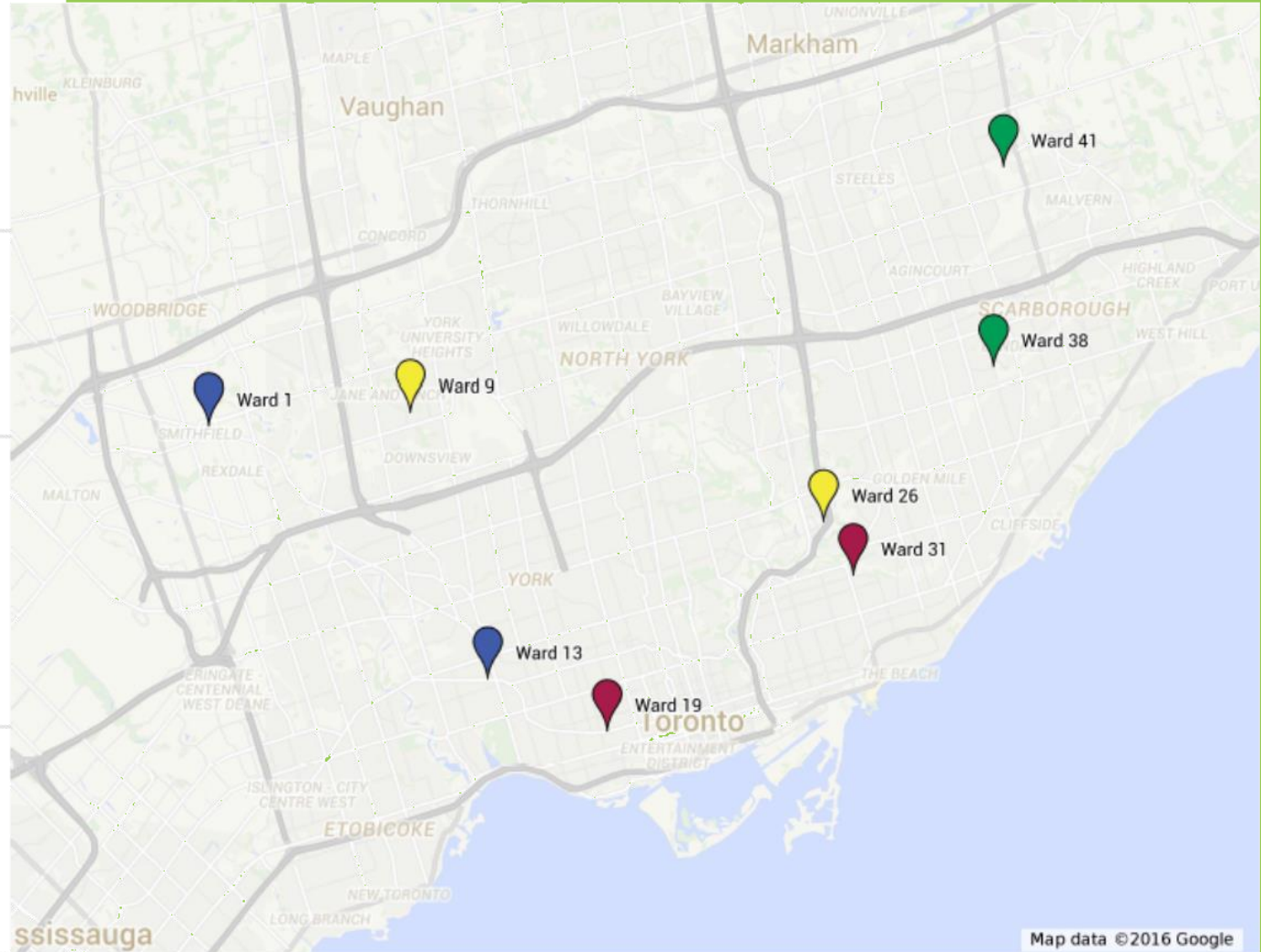
## SCARBOROUGH



Community Environment Day  
at Nashdene Yard



Thompson Memorial Park



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# Questions?

