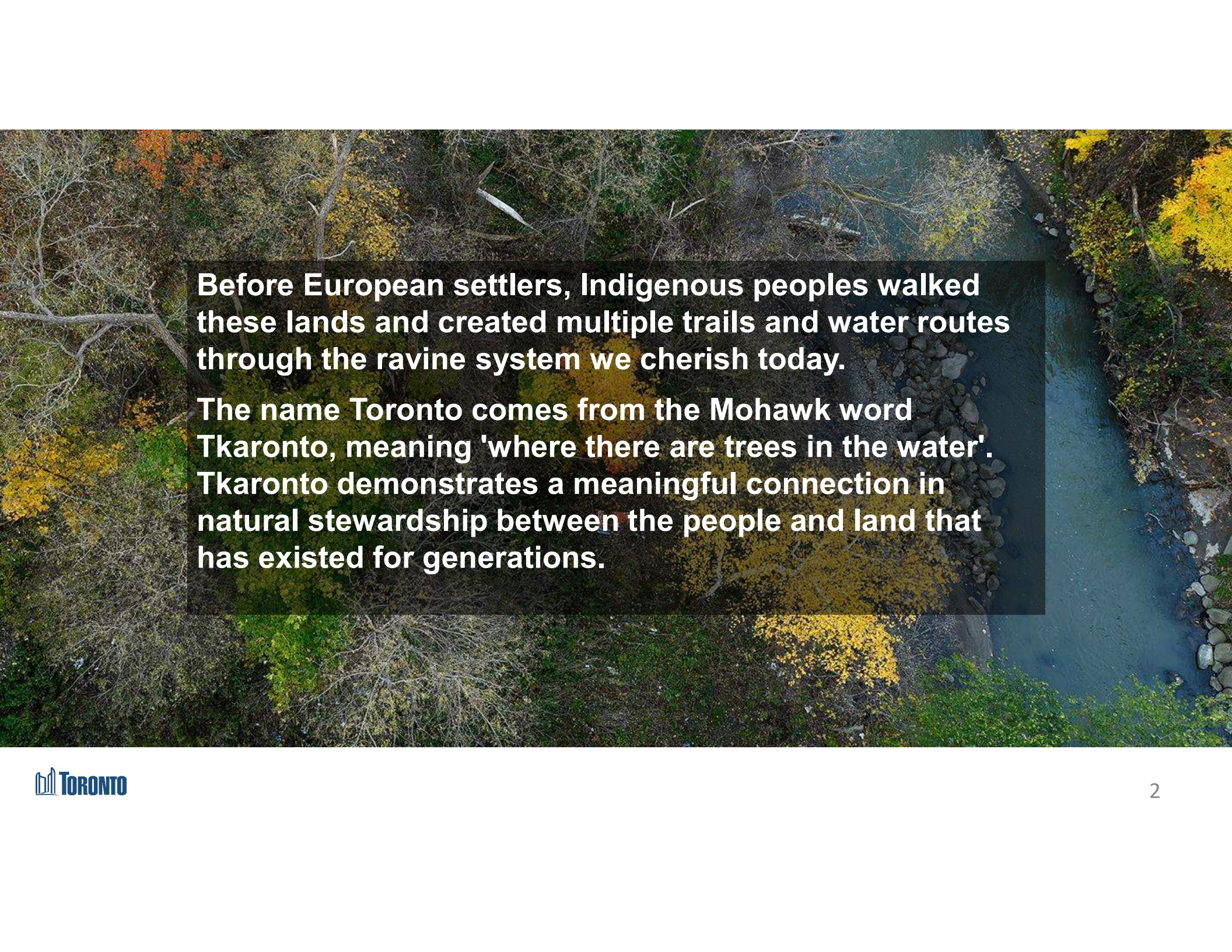




# **Toronto Ravine Strategy Implementation Report**



An aerial photograph of a river winding through a dense forest. The trees are in various stages of autumn, with some showing bright yellow and orange leaves, while others are bare or have green foliage. The river is dark and calm, reflecting the surrounding trees. The overall scene is a natural, serene landscape.

**Before European settlers, Indigenous peoples walked these lands and created multiple trails and water routes through the ravine system we cherish today.**

**The name Toronto comes from the Mohawk word Tkaronto, meaning 'where there are trees in the water'. Tkaronto demonstrates a meaningful connection in natural stewardship between the people and land that has existed for generations.**









**17%** of Toronto's total land area is protected under the Ravine and Natural Feature Protection By-law

**60%** of ravines are public land

**40%** are private land

**30,000** private addresses

**87%** of Toronto's Environmentally Significant Areas are found in ravines

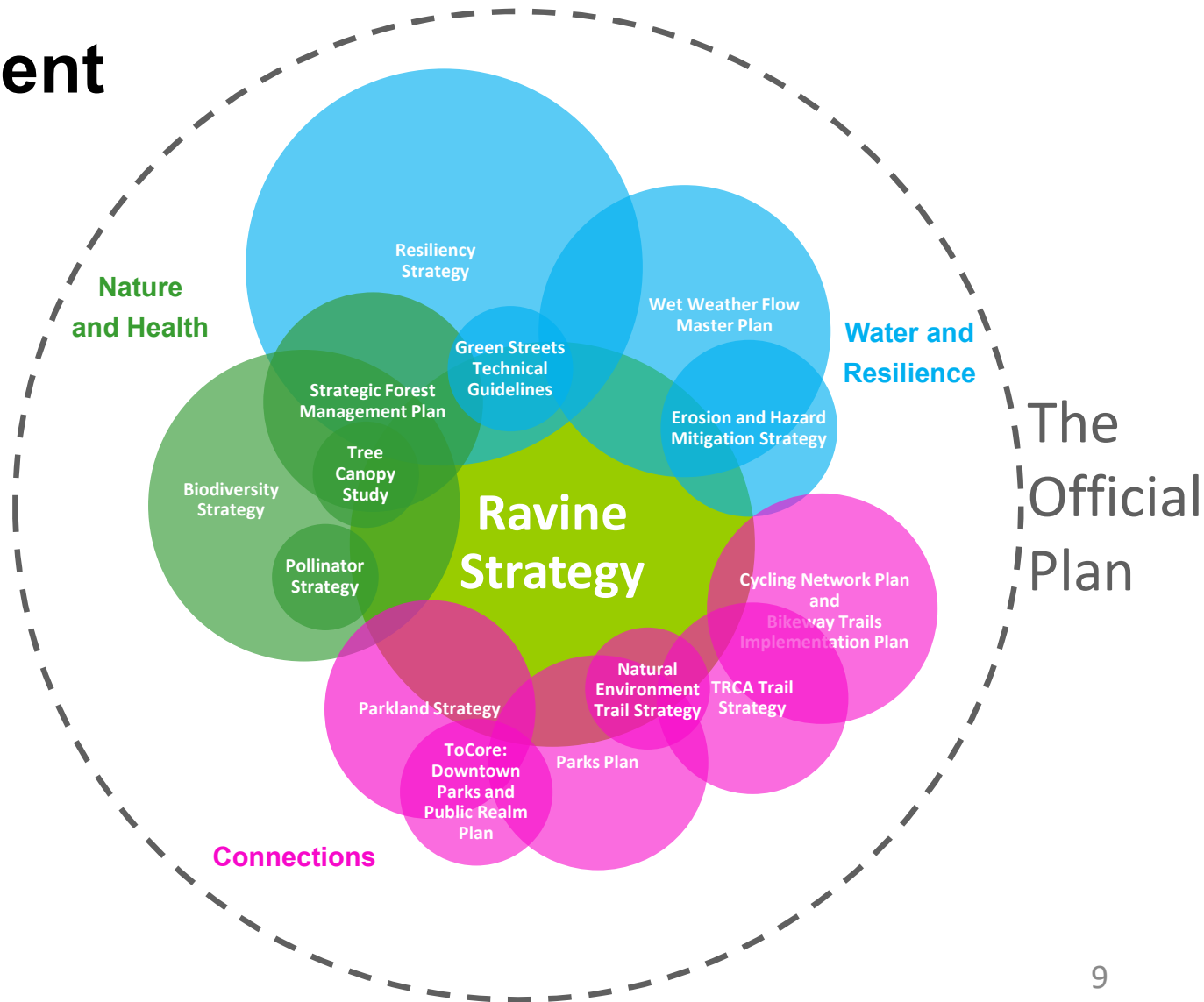
# Working Together to Protect and Enhance Ravines

Multiple City Divisions, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and other partner organizations have been working for decades to address ravine system challenges:



# Strategy Alignment

The Ravine Strategy implements the Official Plan and supports and aligns with other Divisional strategies and plans:



# Implementation Plan

Current investment 2020-2029:

\$460.3 million across the ravine system





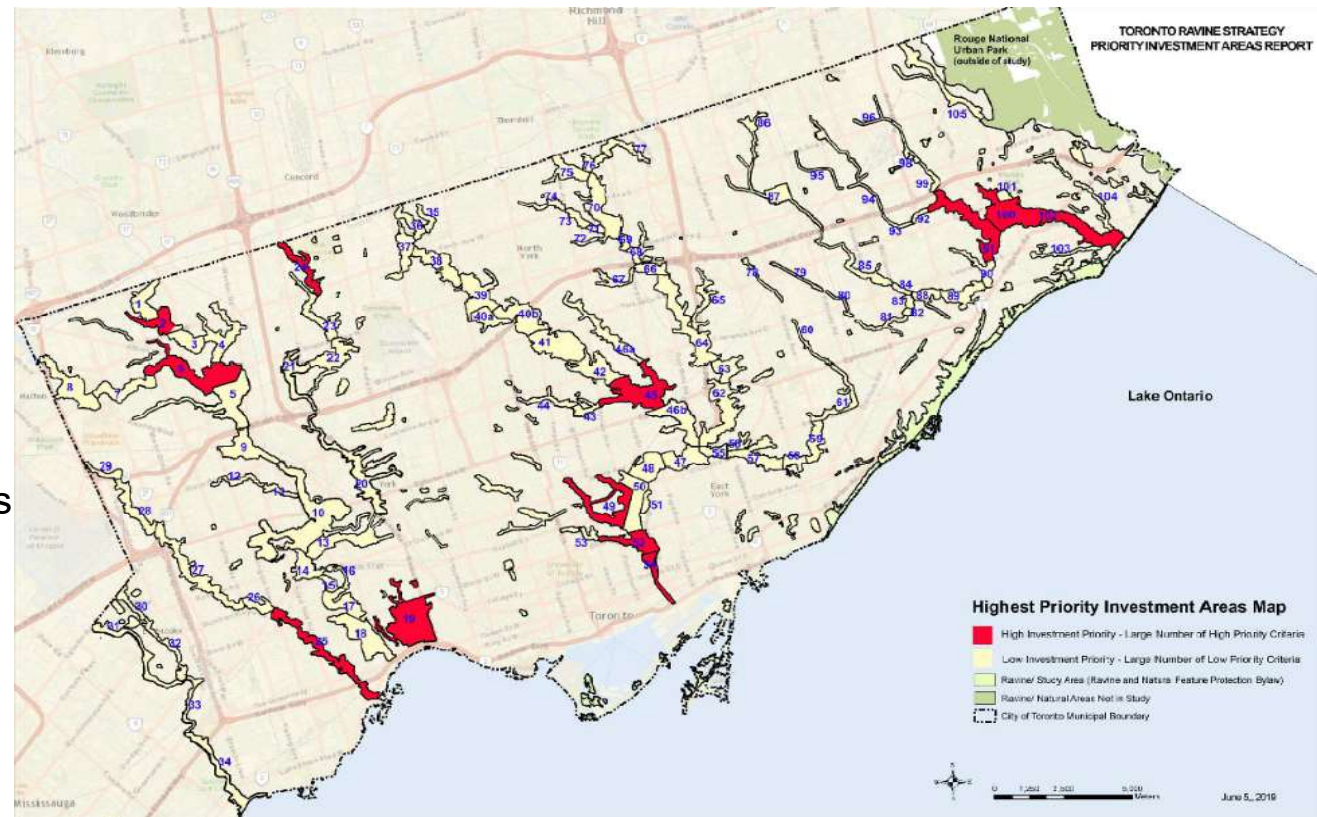
# Priority Investment Areas (PIAs)

## Prioritization Framework:

- Planned capital work to maintain and upgrade infrastructure
- High existing ecological value
- Adjacent population growth
- High level of existing use
- Surrounding areas of need (e.g. NIAs)
- Little access to other greenspaces

## Investment Need: \$104.9 million

1. To Enhance Access
2. To Protect and Restore Ecological Features
3. To Increase Resiliency





# Establish a Ravine Campaign

## A multi-faceted Ravine Campaign will

- rally support across the community,
- build energy,
- raise awareness and
- generate additional funds to protect, maintain and improve Toronto's ravine system.

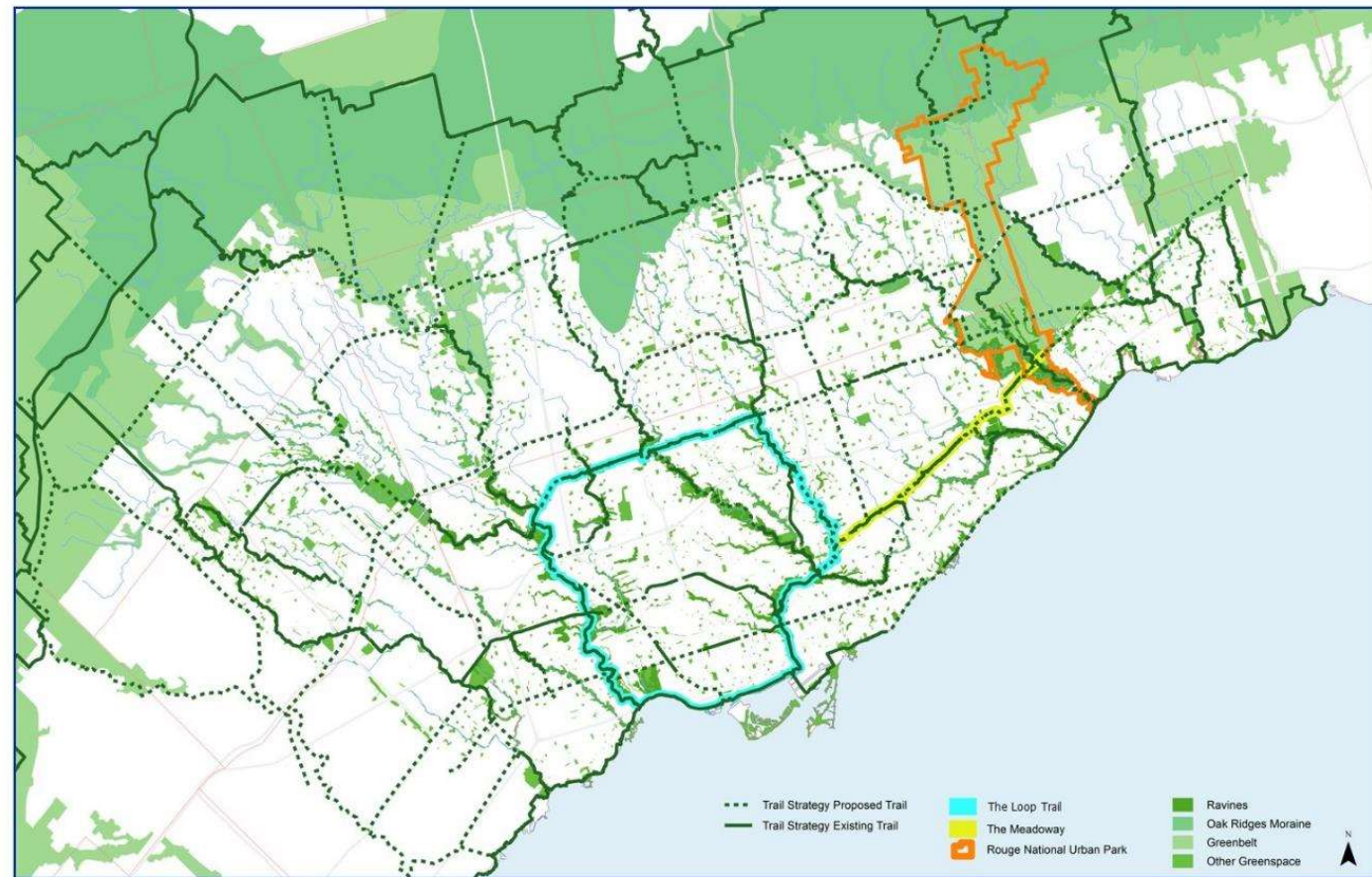
## A Ravine Campaign Leadership Table will

- serve as the external cheerleaders,
- make connections, and
- act as a sounding board for bold projects in support of the Ravine Strategy.



# The Loop Trail

- Create a continuous, off-road, multi-use loop trail
- Knit together:
  - 5 Ravine Priority Investment Areas,
  - 22 Neighbourhood Improvement Areas,
  - the Humber and Don ravine systems, the waterfront and neighbourhoods along the Finch corridor





# InTO the Ravines: Nature at your doorstep

- A grant and engagement program that will help mobilize and reach new communities to build a sense of connection and care for Toronto's ravines.
- \$200,000 program:
  - \$100,000 from existing PFR resources
  - \$100,000 in matching funds to be secured through funding partner(s)



# Immediate Investments



## Invasive Species Management

Current investment: \$2.63 million annually

Additional investment: \$2.05 million annually, phased in over four years

## Ravine Litter Pick-Up

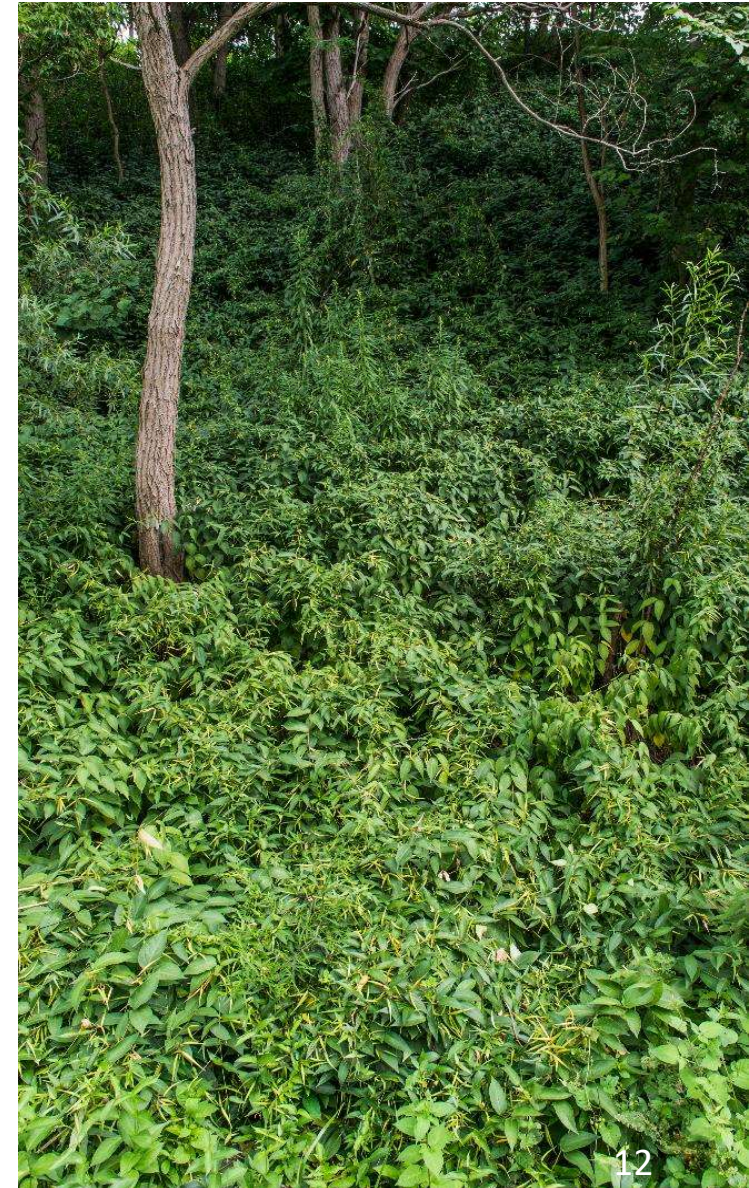
Current investment: \$0.95 million annually for watercourse clearing  
No comprehensive program for litter in ravines

Additional investment: \$0.657 million annually

## Total new and enhanced Operating:

**\$2.7 million annually**

phased in over four years starting in 2021





# Ravine Coordination

- Establish a Ravine Unit within PFR
- Integrate design and delivery of capital programs in ravines across Divisions
- Establish and support three interdivisional working groups

## Capital Planning & Design Coordination



## Ecosystem Services



## Partnerships, Outreach, & Education



# Staff Report Recommendations

1. Adopt the key next steps to implement the Ravine Strategy.
2. Direct PFR to submit budget requests as part of 2021 budget for litter clean-up and invasive species management.
3. Direct PFR, Toronto Water, Transportation Services, City Planning and Engineering and Construction Services, in consultation with the TRCA, to report back as part of 2021 budget with proposed capital plan to address the \$104.9 million required to advance investment in the initial ten Priority Investment Areas.
4. Direct PFR to advance a Ravine Campaign in consultation with ravine leadership advisors and seek authority as needed.
5. Authorizes entering into an agreement with Evergreen on the Loop Trail.
6. Approve the creation of the 'InTO the Ravines: Nature at your doorstep' grant and activation program.
7. Direct PFR, in partnership with other Divisions, to seek funding from other levels of government.
8. Direct PFR to report every five years on advancement of the Ravine Strategy.



