



Increasing Engagement in Ravines through Partnerships

Ravine Strategy, 2017

Implementation report, 2020

- A common vision and framework to manage the multiple pressures while ensuring that the foundation of a healthy, resilient ravine system that connects people with nature
- 20 actions based on 5 guiding principles:



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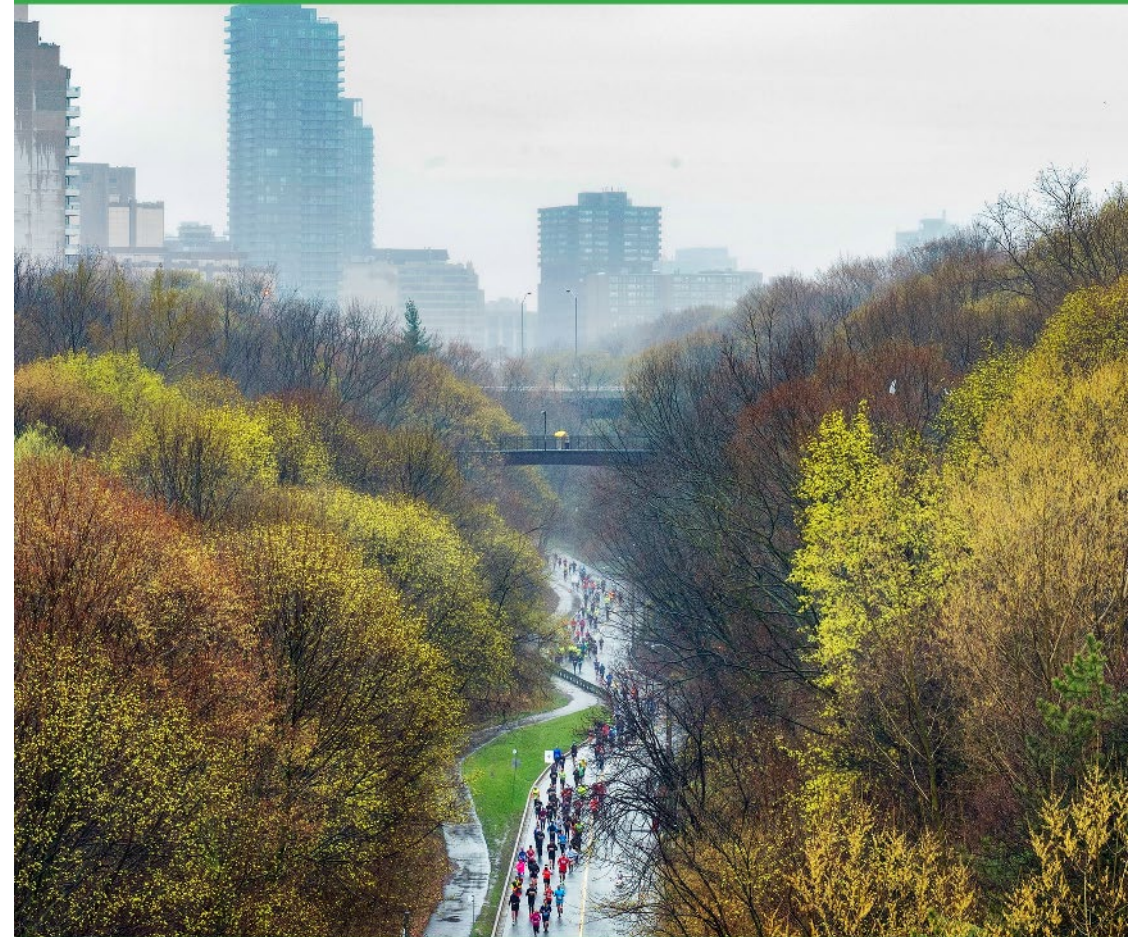


Partner



Celebrate

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RAVINE
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Steps to increase engagement

- Expansion of the student internship program in 2021, building off a successful pilot in 2020
- Collaboration across divisions to explore Indigenous businesses opportunities
- Stewardship pilot for unsupervised volunteers with Toronto Nature Stewards
- \$6.2 million from other levels of government that will improve access and active use of ravine trail system



Student Internships

2020:

- Ravine Youth Team with TRCA
 - 6 students participated as paid crew members for 5 weeks in July and August

2021:

- Expanded Ravine Youth Team
 - 12 paid positions, including crew members and crew leaders for 9-11 weeks in June to August
- Ravine Youth Training Program with LEAF
 - Free training and mentorship program for 20 youth participants

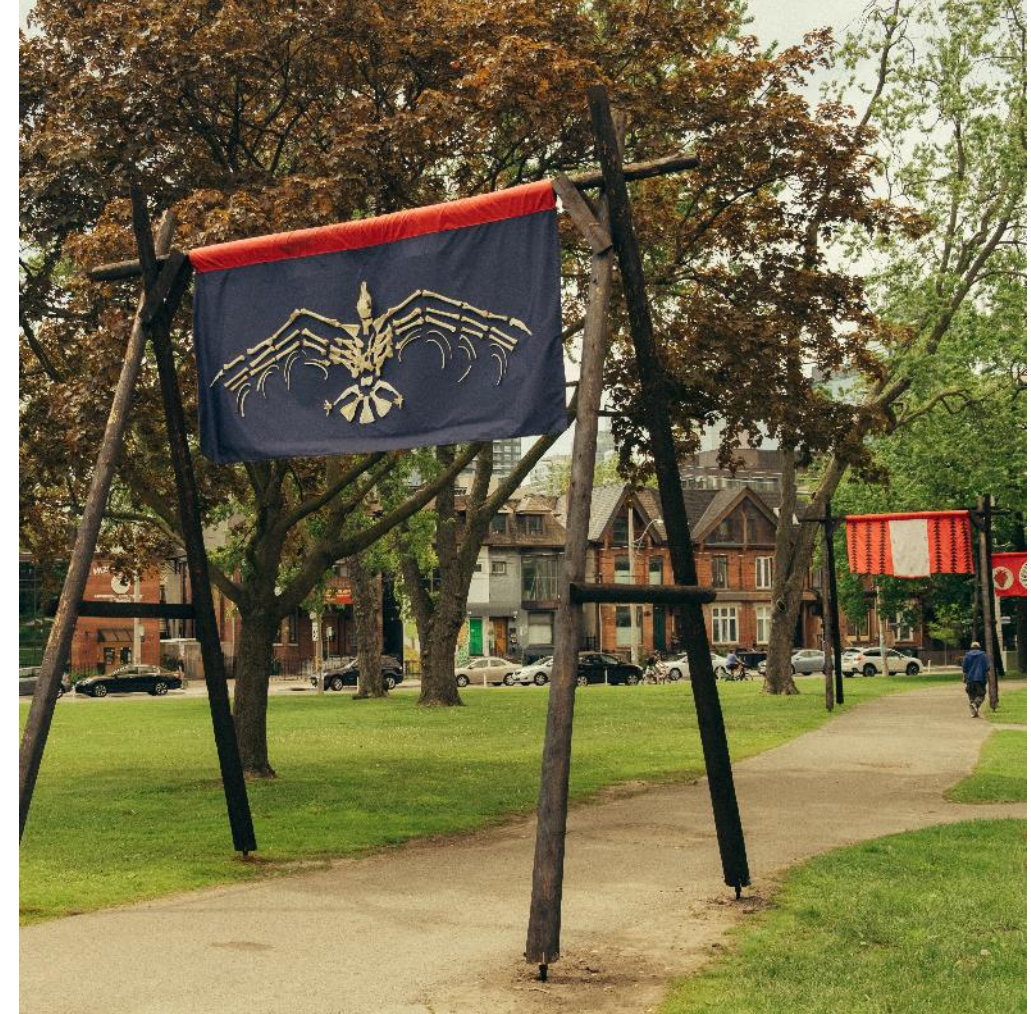


Indigenous Business Opportunities

Putting reconciliation into action begins by providing access to space, land and water.

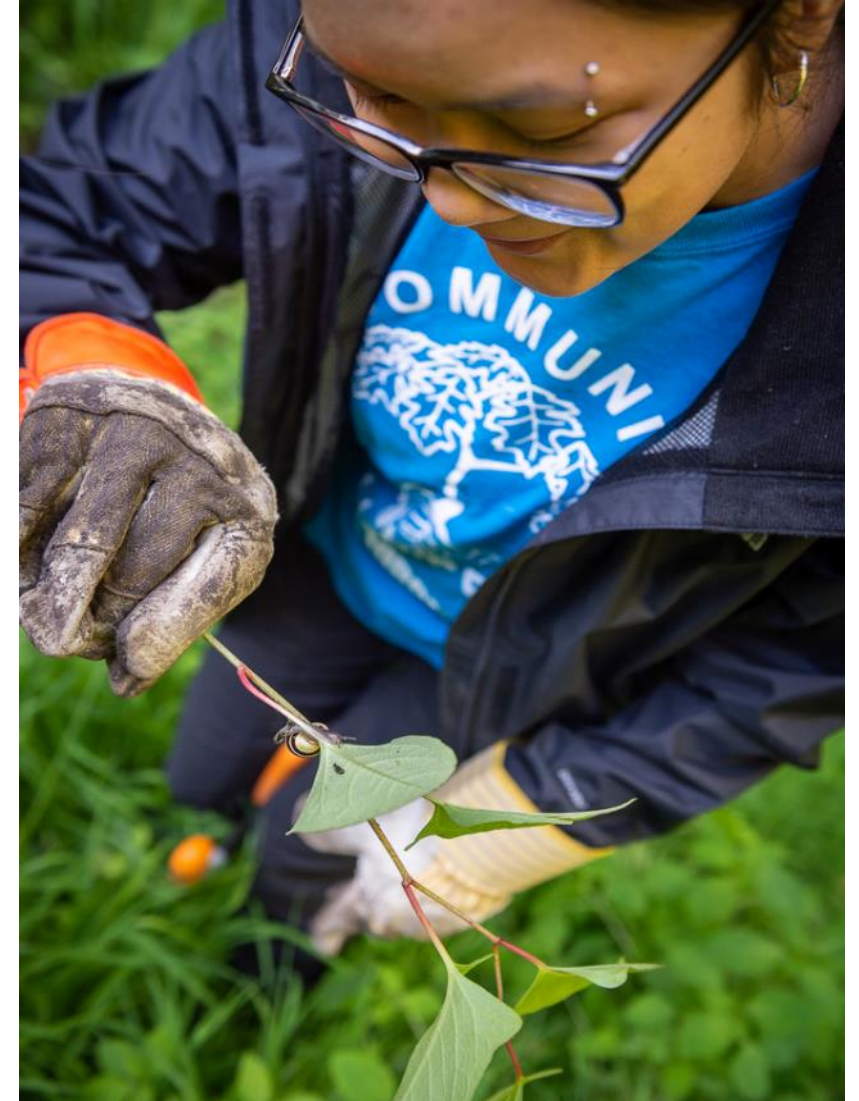
PFR, IAO and EDC have worked collaboratively and have received input from the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee.

- Opportunities include:
 - Engaging with external businesses for professional services, resource production and teaching/education
 - Grant funding, including ravine-based art projects
 - Internship and pre-apprenticeship programs
- Next steps:
 - Commence meaningful engagement with the broad Indigenous community for input on opportunities and connection with existing and upcoming mechanisms for the development of Indigenous businesses



Framework for Unsupervised Volunteers

- There is a demand to offer alternative model for additional opportunities for volunteer stewardship
- PFR is leading the development of a framework for unsupervised volunteer stewardship in Toronto's ravines
- It is a coordinated approach with diverse stakeholders to ensure the model is equitable, effective, and safe for the participants and the natural environment
- This work will be informed by a 2021 Pilot of the Toronto Nature Stewards' "Manual for Stewardship in Public Ravines and Natural Areas"



Investing together in ravines

- 2021 investment in ravines:
\$82.5 million:
 - \$12.4 million 2021 Operating Budget for PFR
 - \$70.1 million 2021 Capital Budget across City divisions and the TRCA
- Federal-Provincial Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) application:
 - \$6.2 million for 8 projects in 2021

