

Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests

To whom it may concern,

LEAF is pleased to confirm support of the Ravine Strategy implementation and our continued partnership on the Young Ravine Leaders program.

The Young Ravine Leaders program is designed to provide an in-depth exploration of Toronto's ravines, community stewardship and career development. The program seeks to support Toronto youth from Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIAs) and/or underrepresented groups within ravine ecology, urban forestry and environmental stewardship including (but not limited to) women, non-binary people, Indigenous peoples, newcomers, 2SLGBTQ+ persons and racialized individuals.

We have worked in collaboration with Toronto's Ravine Strategy to coordinate and implement this program, and successfully completed our first cohort last year. We are looking forward to continuing this partnership this year and hosting another cohort of participants.

We encourage the City of Toronto to join us in supporting the Ravine Strategy implementation.

Sincerely,

Brian Millward, Acting Community Programs Manager