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Agenda

6:30 Open House

7:00 Welcome

& Introductions

7:10 Overview Presentation

7:25 Facilitated Discussion

8:20 Wrap Up & Next Steps

8:30 Adjourn





Ravines





Ravines

17% of Toronto's total area is ravine (11,000 ha of Toronto's total area of 63,200 ha)

Ravine land ownership is 60% public and 40% private with 30,000 private addresses

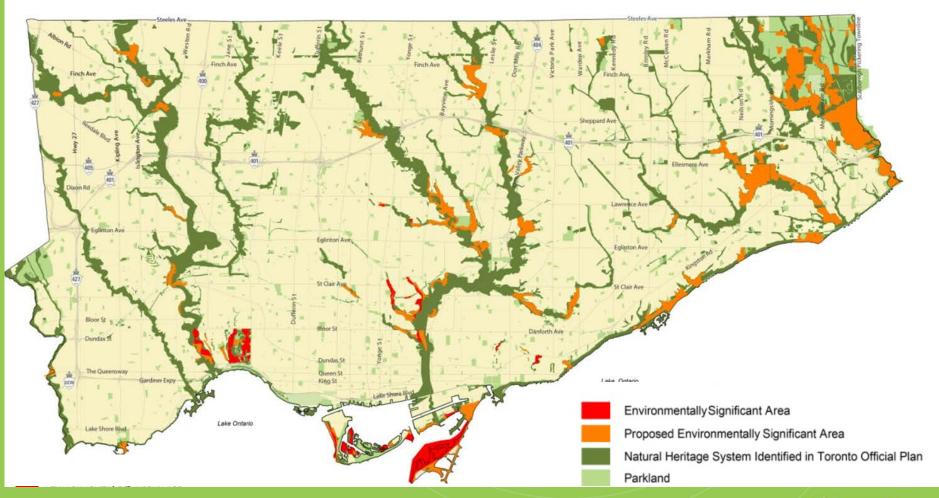
Ravines cut through residential, commercial and industrial neighbourhoods

They include watercourses, parks & trails, roads, railways, golf courses, institutions (hospitals, schools), cemeteries, hydro corridors, former landfills and much more





Environmentally Significant Areas





Biodiversity

















Ravines are home to most of Toronto's biodiversity.

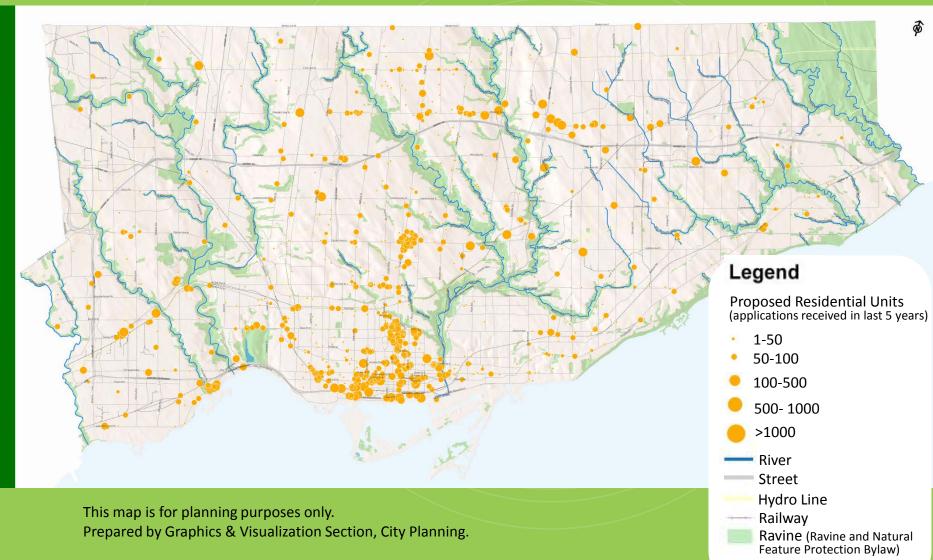
Did you know in the Toronto area there are:

404 species of birds
110 species of butterflies
92 species of fish
38 species of mammals
364 species of bees
200 species of spiders; and
24 species of reptiles and amphibians





Intensification



Ravine Strategy – Place Making

Interface

 Access • Wayfinding • Integration into City Structure • Park Users • Nature

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

Ravine Stakeholders

- Public
- Organizations
 - Community, NGO's, Recreation, Nature, Culture, Educational
- Institutions
 - Schools, Colleges, Universities, Hospitals
- Landowners
 - Private, Residential, Commercial, Industrial
- Utilities
- Government



Ravine Strategy





The strategy will:
guide the future use, management,
enhancement and protection of
Toronto's ravines
include a common vision and set of
principles to guide Toronto's
policies, investments and
stewardship for ravines

Discussion





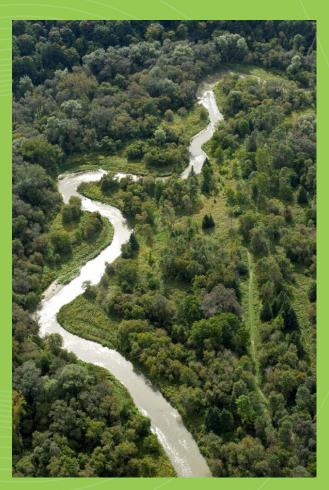
Discussion Questions

A: What are the key issues in realizing your vision for ravines in Toronto?

B: What are the key opportunities in realizing your vision for ravines in Toronto?

C: What should the guiding principles be for the Ravine Strategy?

D: What should the priorities be for the Ravine Strategy?





Next Steps

- A. The online survey will remain open until July 24 at http://bit.ly/1HKumNO.
- B. Information and updates, including a high-level summary of the feedback received from this consultation and the survey, will be posted on the Ravine Strategy Web Page at http://bit.ly/RavineStrategy on an ongoing basis.
- C. A Ravine Strategy Advisory Group made up of internal and external stakeholders will be developed with representation from the following sectors:
 - Natural heritage / environment
 - Culture
 - Parks
 - Recreation
 - Landscape architecture
 - Research
 - Private landowners
- D. A presentation is scheduled to be provided to the Parks and Environment Committee on November 23, 2015.
- E. A report to City Council with the strategy is targeted for early 2016.



Thank you!

