

Kennedy Park-Ionview

LOCAL PARKS PLAN

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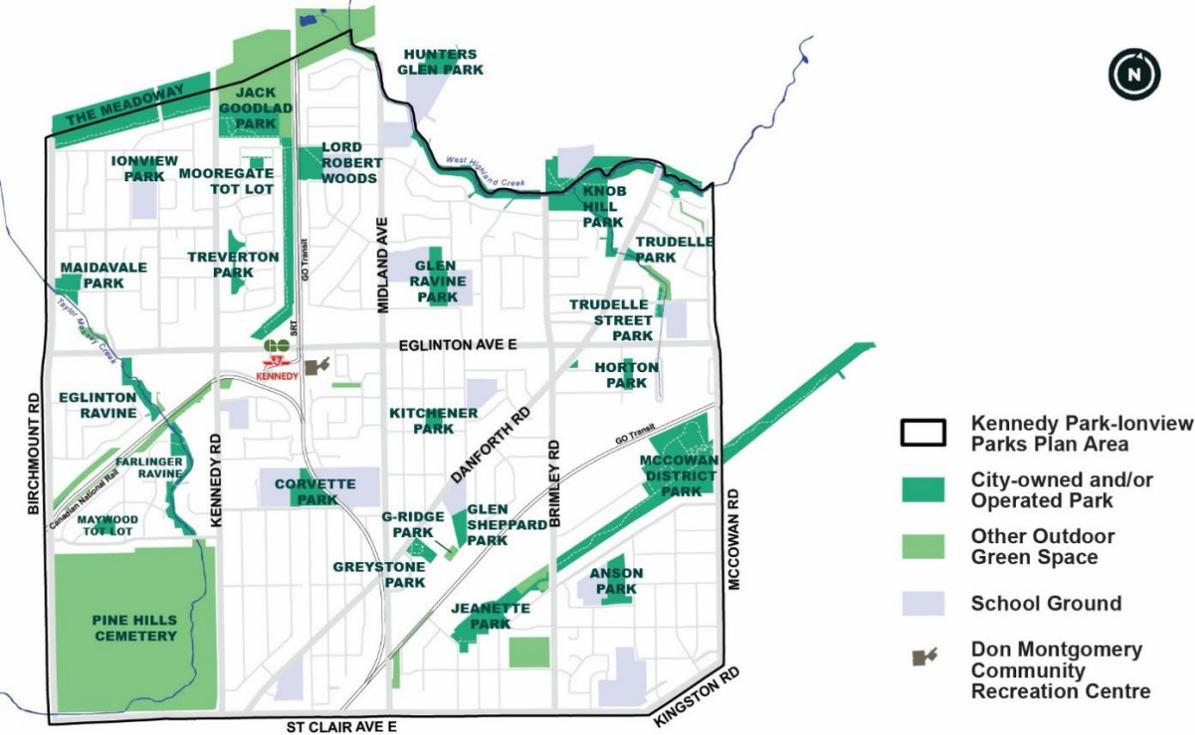
Introduction

What is a Local Parks Plan?

A Local Parks Plan is a document that helps guide park investments over the next 10+ years in a Parkland Priority Area, as identified through analysis undertaken in the City of Toronto’s [Parkland Strategy](#). This document sets the long-term vision for the area’s park system, informs the creation of new parks and opportunities to improve existing parks, and highlights specific priority projects. The recommendations in this document can help to inform the Parks & Recreation capital budgeting process, parks operations and maintenance priorities, the development review process, and other opportunities for park investment (such as grant or collaboration opportunities) as they arise.

The Kennedy Park–Ionview Parks Plan Area (Figure 1) is in Scarborough and was shaped by Parkland Priority Areas, the boundaries of Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIAs) – Ionview, Kennedy Park and Eglinton East, and is generally between other major study areas such as Golden Mile, The Scarborough Junction Triangle, and Eglinton GO Area.

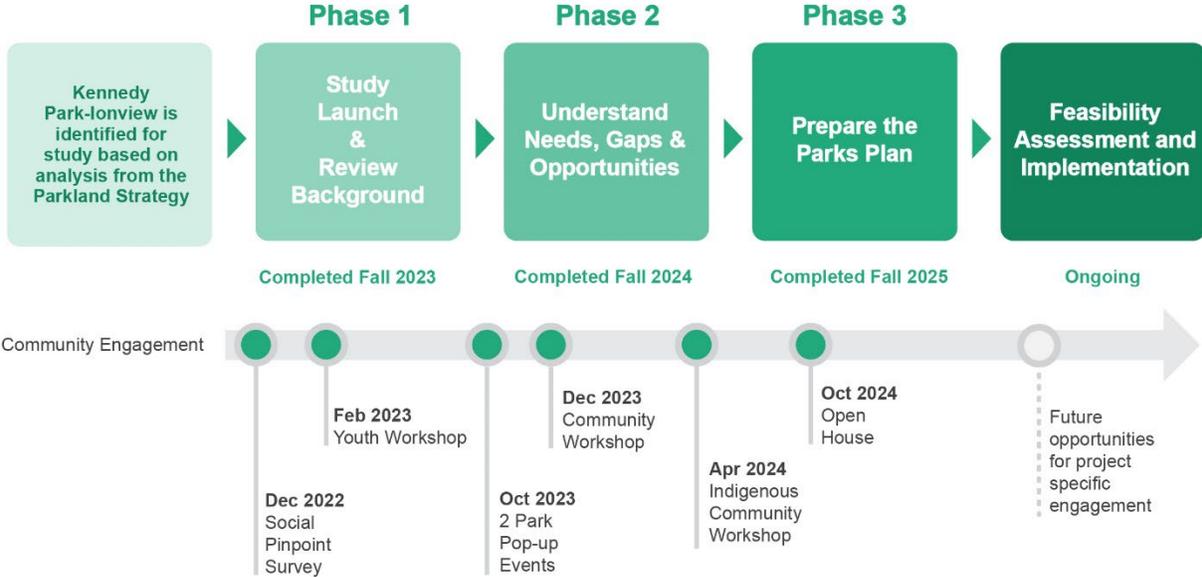
Figure 1: Map of the Kennedy Park-Ionview Local Parks Plan



Developing the Local Parks Plan

Developing a Local Parks Plan begins with a study of the existing characteristics of the Parkland Priority Area. An [Existing Conditions Background Report](#), see Appendix A, was created to summarize the parks, outdoor spaces, planning context, demographics and history of the Kennedy Park-Ionview neighbourhoods. The background review informed the level of community engagement required to get adequate feedback about the opportunities for park improvements. Over 800 people were engaged through seven different community engagement events. Feedback and information about who we engaged from these events was compiled and analyzed to inform this Local Parks Plan. Figure 2 illustrates the study process timeline and community engagement activities that took place. More detailed accounts of the engagements are available in Appendix B.

Figure 2: The study process timeline and community engagement



Plan Overview

The Kennedy Park Ionview Parks Plan captures a concentration of Areas of Parkland Need reflecting areas of low parkland provision, anticipated impacts of growth and measures of low-income located within central Scarborough. The Plan area also considers Neighbourhood Improvement Area boundaries, and Eglinton Avenue East as a major east-west corridor.

Ongoing transit infrastructure improvements (especially in and around TTC Subway and GO Train Kennedy Station) will bring more visitors into the area and more residential and mixed-use development, increasing demand for high quality parks and usage of the park spaces. The new developments along Eglinton Ave E will bring the opportunity to expand the parkland network through parkland dedication. The Kennedy Park-Ionview Local Parks Plan Area provides guidance for the potential implementation of these new parks and for the expansion and improvement of the existing parks that contain aging infrastructure.

Kennedy Park-Ionview Local Parks Plan area also intersects major rail corridors, ravines and trail systems, including the Meadoway Trail, West Highland Creek and Taylor Creek. The improvement and expansion of parkland serving the Plan area will provide the opportunity to strength and better connect the local parks system to the broader ravine, trail and path networks.

The opportunities identified in this Local Parks Plan range from minor additions to parks (e.g. installing park signage) to major and more complex improvements (i.e. new park facilities or park expansions). Among the individual improvements and investments identified across the Plan Area, key sites were highlighted for prioritization giving the location, significance to the community, and anticipated impact. Parks that should be prioritized for improvements include Jack Goodlad Park, Corvette Park, Don Montgomery Community Centre, and Greystone Park.

How to read this Local Parks Plan

The Kennedy Park-Ionview Local Parks Plan consists of three main parts to help guide these and other park improvements:

1. Vision

The vision was developed with the help of community members and summarizes their aspiration for the parks system in the Kennedy Park-Ionview neighbourhoods. Staff should refer to this vision to guide and inspire projects they are working on in this area.

2. Objectives

Eleven objectives, informed by common themes raised in community engagement activities, should be prioritized when designing and improving parks in the area.

3. Local Park ideas and opportunities

More specific potential park opportunities were developed through site walks, community engagement, and background analysis. The listed opportunities will be further refined through technical analysis and conceptual design and will be aligned with available funding in a priority order. These opportunities will be monitored through engagement with other City staff, school boards, and other property owners for complementary initiatives and partnership opportunities.

This Local Parks Plan should be read in parallel and implemented in alignment with other key City-wide strategies and plans such as the [Parkland Strategy](#), the [Ravine Strategy](#), and the [Parks and Recreation Facilities Plan](#).

Vision

The area of Kennedy Park-Ionview is evolving from its suburban roots into a mobility hub with robust public transit, cycling infrastructure, and increased walkability. The transformation of the area will benefit from seamless access to the local parks system and connections to broader City-wide ravine, trail and cycling networks.

The parks network is varied, familiar, safe, and welcoming to a diverse population inclusive of people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Places such as Jack Goodlad Park and Corvette Park offer local communities clean, beautiful, and well-maintained outdoor spaces that bring people together year-round, fostering social connection and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Visitors to Knob Hill Park and McCowan Park, can relax and experience nature through sustainable design and improved ravine access.

It is easy, comfortable, and convenient to travel to, from and within the park network and to other community destinations. Park amenities, recreational facilities and programs reflect the needs and interests of the local community. Improvements are always informed by community engagement and will reflect Indigenous ways of knowing and being, as well as the distinct culture and character of the Kennedy-Park Ionview community.

Objectives

This section describes eleven objectives for consideration when planning and designing for new or improved parks in the area. These objectives summarize frequently mentioned feedback received through the KPI Local Parkland Study community engagements:

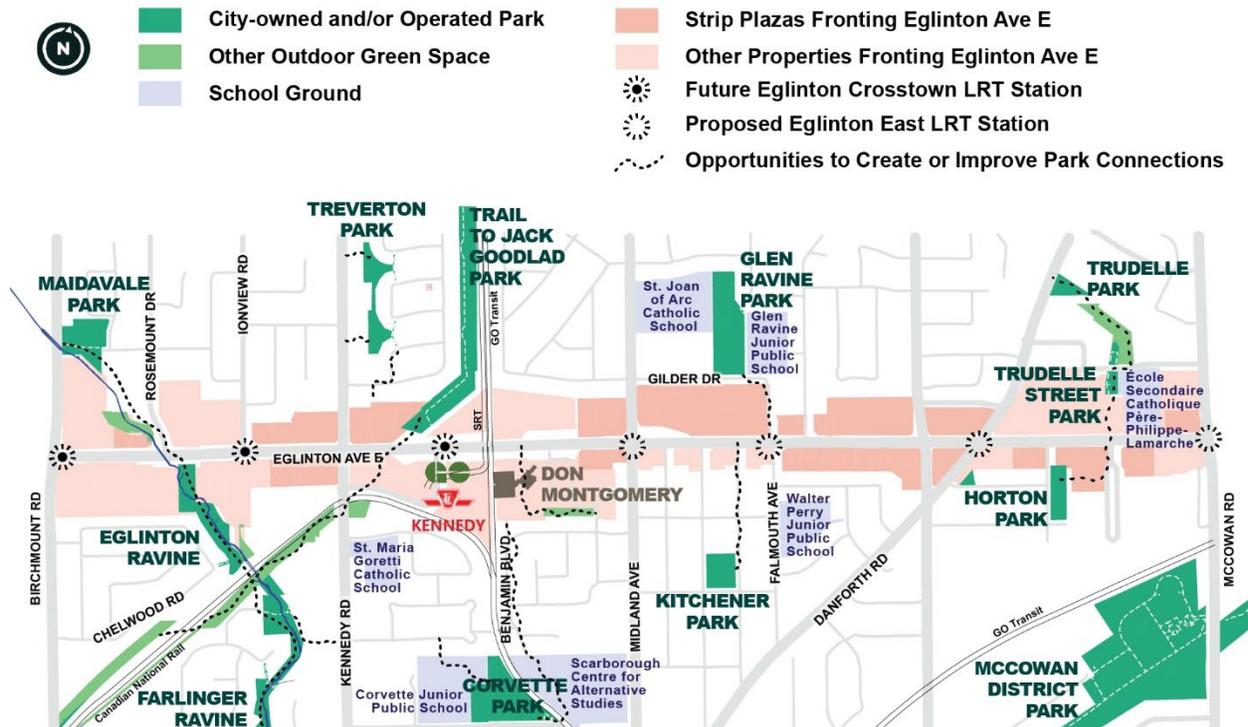
1. Make parks more accessible from Eglinton Ave E
2. Prioritize spaces for Indigenous gathering and ceremony
3. Inspire park users to reflect on wildlife, the land, and people
4. Install more signage to promote the use of and improve the journey through the local parks system
5. Enhance connections to City-wide trail systems and cycling networks
6. Effectively illuminate parks, trails, and pathways
7. Provide ample shade and seating options
8. Create vibrant and beautiful park spaces
9. Make parks functional and inviting year-round
10. Improve recreation provision based on community needs
11. Improve park entrances and edges

Make parks more accessible from Eglinton Ave E

Eglinton Ave E is a major Avenue in Toronto that will continue to change over the coming years. Eglinton Crosstown, Eglinton East LRT, Kennedy TTC Subway Station, Eglinton GO Train Station, and public realm planning initiatives will all contribute to the transformation of the avenue from a car-centric arterial to an urbanized main street. Eglinton Ave bisects the KPI Local Parkland Study Area and is the major gateway into the neighbourhoods to the north and south. The avenue presently contains several strip plazas that serve as key community focal points and may be subject to redevelopment in the future. As the area develops and grows, making sure that parks are easier to access from Eglinton Ave E is key to improving the park experience within the area for both residents and visitors. To improve park access and visibility from major streets like Eglinton Ave E, the parks network will:

- Create physical pedestrian friendly connections such as multi-use paths, bike lanes, mid-block connections, and sidewalks from Eglinton Ave E into existing parks or other streets that lead to other parks in the area.
- Prioritize parkland dedications and acquisitions with frontage along Eglinton Ave E or with mid-block connections that provide sightlines into the park.

Figure 3: Conceptual park connection opportunities to and from Eglinton Ave E



Prioritize spaces for Indigenous gathering and ceremony

[Reconciliation Action Plan](#) strategic action #15 highlights the City's commitment to support indigenous placekeeping. Indigenous community members have expressed that space to gather, connect, teach, and host sacred fires and sweats (in a sweat lodge) are important. Specific ideas for indigenous gathering and ceremony that arise during the engagement and design process for new and improved parks in the area will be prioritized. Such spaces are essential for well-being, healing, and honouring indigenous ways of life and world views. For example, the Medicine Wheel in park spaces pays respect to Indigenous views on the dimensions of health and the cycle of life.

Figure 4: Dr. Lillian McGregor Park gathering space with paver mosaic of the Medicine Wheel



Inspire park users to reflect on wildlife, the land, and people

To provide positive and enjoyable experiences, parks can be filled with engaging features such as murals, art, or informational signage about the land, plants, wildlife and cultural and ecological history. To help undo the erasure of indigenous people on this territory, educational opportunities should be considered to inspire members of the public to reflect on the treaties, history and cultural significance of the land and peoples. Design and programming improvements can make indigenous languages visible and tell stories about indigenous ways of knowing and being, indigenous figures or histories of natural spaces, to align with the actions outlined in [Ravine Strategy](#) about making connections.

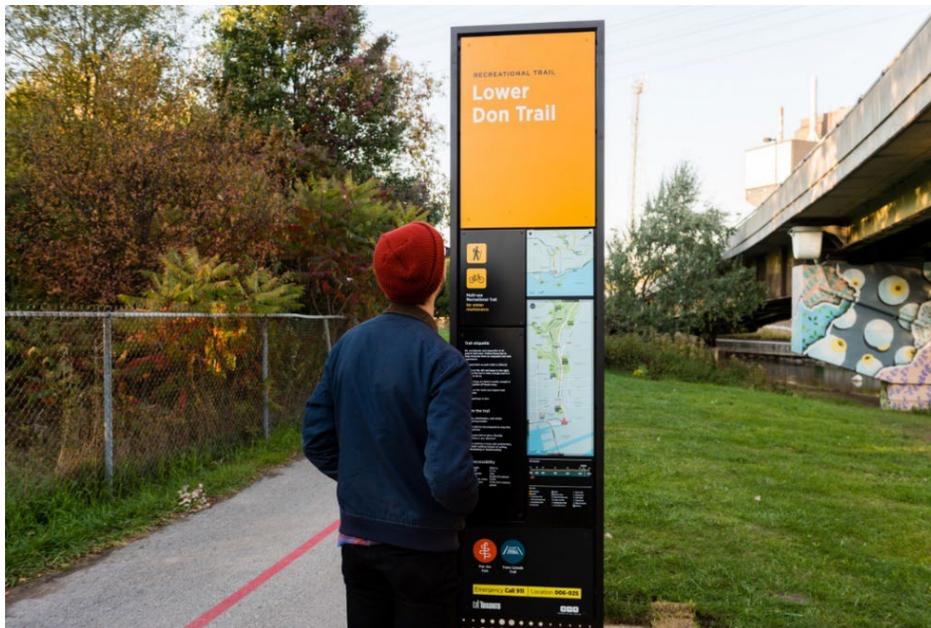
Figure 5: The Three Sisters Story Panel at the Nathan Philip Square Spirit Garden



Install more signage to promote the use of and improve the journey through the local parks system

The Kennedy Park-Ionview Parks Plan Area covers a large 969 ha area of Scarborough and contains 24 City parks. Some parks and amenities are known amongst immediately surrounding residents but would benefit and appeal to residents and visitors from the larger community. For example, the outdoor pool in Knob Hill Park is tucked deep into the park but could be accessed by many more pool users. McCowan District Park is a recently improved park and is a bus ride away from Kennedy Station. The ravine spaces along Taylor Creek and West Highland Creek could potentially be connected through a signage and information system in alignment with the [Ravine Strategy](#). The discovery, exploration, and use of parks across neighbourhoods can be encouraged through the installation of signage and information panels that help visitors identify park locations and what types of activities can be done within them. Future signage should be implemented in alignment with the City's [Wayfinding Systems](#).

Figure 6: Signage designed to orient visitors through the Lower Don Trail System



Enhance connections to City-wide trail systems and cycling networks

Within the Kennedy Park-Ionview Local Parks Plan Area, the intersections of the local park system with the Hydro Corridor, West Highland Creek, Taylor Creek, and railways are a distinctive characteristic. These ravine spaces, trail and path networks, and the railway infrastructure present opportunities for building connections to unify the local parks system and extend their connections to broader City-wide trails such as [The Meadoway](#) and bike paths identified in the [Cycling Network Plan](#).

Figure 7: The Meadoway Trail between Kennedy Rd and Birchmount Rd (Just west of Jack Goodlad Park)



Effectively illuminate parks, trails, and pathways

Lighting in parks can enhance the user experience through improved safety and visibility, expanding usability of the park into the late afternoon and evening, and improving the overall appeal of a park and the neighbourhood. It is known that not all trails, paths and park spaces are suitable for lighting because of the adverse impacts it would have to plants, animals, and people. Some areas may not benefit from lighting because of the reduction in visibility by the major contrast between lit and unlit areas in uneven landscapes. As new parks are designed or existing parks and trails are being improved, consider optimal locations for lighting to support afternoon and evening use of parks. The [Best Practices for Effective Lighting](#) and the [Toronto Trail Design](#) guidelines give examples of what residents, architects, urban designers and planners can do to provide well designed, energy efficient lighting that is cost-effective and has low impact on the environment.

Figure 8: Rendering of proposed park design showing lighting features for future park at 25 Borough Dr



Provide ample shade and seating

Shaded seating areas are commonly requested park amenities that help to foster social gathering and encourage people to stay outdoors longer. Though nearly every park in the Kennedy Park-Ionview Parks Plan Area offers at least one bench or picnic table, there is desire for the installation of multiple seating areas with shade provided by trees or a shade structure. Shaded seating areas beside park facilities such as basketball courts and playgrounds help provide players, sport spectators, and parents with relief during sunny days.

Figure 9: Seating and shade structure at Trudelle Park (also known as Pringdale's Dream Park)



Create beautiful and vibrant park spaces

To animate parks and give them more character and visual appeal, improvements can incorporate natural landscaping features, materials and plant selections such as rocks, seating, walking paths, and eye-catching and thoughtful floral plantings while ensuring the protection of natural heritage areas. The landscaping should be designed to be effectively and easily maintained to ensure that the park can be kept in excellent physical condition.

Over the last couple of years, there have been several volunteer stewardship events in the KPI Study Area. These include events where hundreds of volunteers helped with clean-up, invasive species removal and tree planting in Farlinger Ravine, Jack Goodlad Park, and McCowan District Park. To foster community engagement, Parks and Recreation will continue to support and encourage [Tree Planting & Stewardship Events](#) where participants can help care for and create natural areas that benefit all.

Figure 10: Knob Hills Park Pollinator Garden (left) and New naturalized Area in Jack Goodlad Park (right)



Make parks functional and inviting year-round

The utility of a park can be maximized by ensuring there are ways for visitors to enjoy park amenities and facilities in the colder months and offer ways to keep cool in the warmer months. Some ways to achieve this include designing facilities to be multi-purpose spaces. For example, the skating trail at McCowan District Park converts into a roller blading or walking trail in the summer (Figure 10). It is also key to provide, where possible, enhanced winter and trail maintenance so that park users feel safe during the wintertime (i.e. concern over slippery and icy surfaces). Impacts from developments should also factor in sun, shadow, and daylight exposure on amenities to extend their comfortable use across seasons. For example, some amenities such as playgrounds may benefit from access to natural daylight so that they are not covered in shade during the colder months.

Year-round utility may also be considered on a system-wide basis. Some parks may be better suited for warmer weather activities, and less accessible in colder months. Considering where amenities and facilities are located within and between parks will further strengthen the local park network.

Figure 11: McCowan District Park Skate Trail, used for ice skating in the winter (left) and used for roller blading or walking in the summer (right)



Improve recreation provision based on community needs

Recreation provision will reflect the community needs, based in the identified growth and changes in Kennedy-Park Ionview area.

The Toronto [Parks and Recreation Facilities Plan](#) sets out a 20-year plan to build and renew of major facilities City-wide. Based on principles of equity, sustainability, innovation and quality, the Facilities Plan guides decision-make and investments to fill gaps, address aging infrastructure and respond to population growth and emerging recreation needs.

The planned conversion of several baseball diamonds in Corvette Park to a cricket pitch, reflects how ongoing community engagement helps inform implementation of the City's facilities planning at the local level. Through the development of this Local Area Parks Plan, the Kennedy Park-Ionview community has envisioned access to a variety of recreational facilities and programming in their local area.

Basketball is one of the most popular outdoor recreational activities in Toronto and especially in the Kennedy Park-Ionview Local Parks Plan Area. There are several existing basketball courts that vary in condition and improvements are needed. Additional seating and lighting could be added to enhance the space and repainting or repaving surfaces can restore the courts. These are the parks with basketball courts:

- Greystone Park
- Jack Goodlad Park
- Trudelle Street Park
- Knob Hill Park

There are also many basketball courts on school properties where opportunities should be considered to work in partnership with the school boards to formalize public access or enhancements to them, especially for school yards that are contiguous with parkland. These are schools in the Local Parks Plan Area that have basketball courts:

- Corvette Junior Public School
- Glen Ravine Junior Public School
- Ionview Public School
- Knob Hill Park
- Lord Roberts Junior Public School
- Norman Cook Junior Public School
- St. Maria Gorretti Catholic School

Figure 12: Trudelle Street Park (top) and Greystone Park (bottom) basketball courts



Improve park entrances and edges

There is an overall opportunity in the Kennedy Park-Ionview Parks Plan Area to improve the entrances to local parks and their borders with streets and sidewalks. Parks with well-designed entrances, borders and edges are welcoming and easy to locate and access. Some improvement opportunities include:

- Strategic acquisitions of park-adjacent properties to widen narrow park entrances or create larger park frontage along public streets and sidewalks
- Removal or upgrades of existing deteriorating or damaged fencing
- Use of natural features, hedges and shrubs, or fencing that does not obstruct views to create boundaries between parkland and other properties

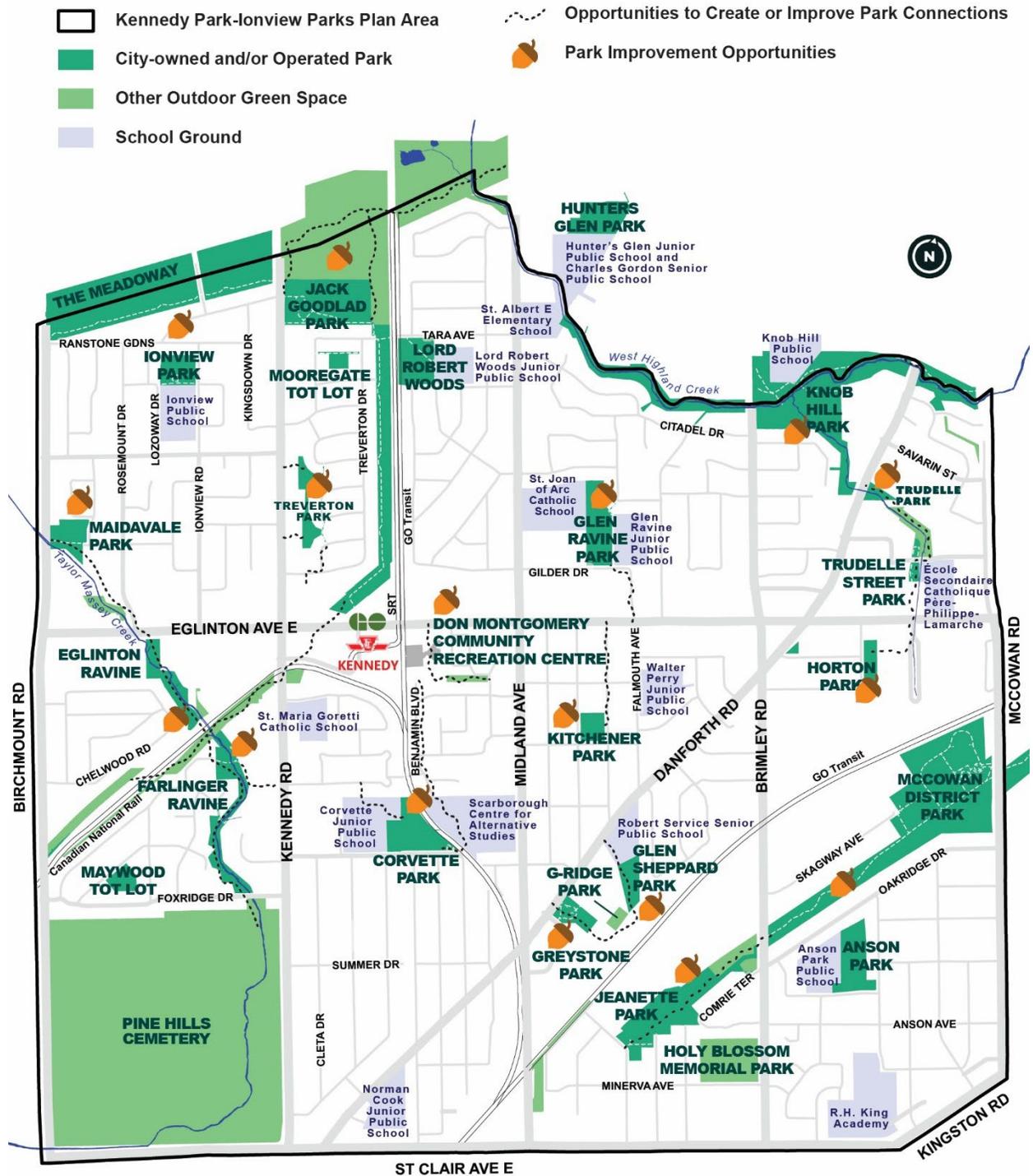
Figure 13: Narrow access point into Hunters Glen Park from Marcos Blvd



Local park ideas and opportunities

This section covers potential park specific improvements. These ideas were generated largely through the input provided through the KPI Local Parkland Study community engagements and through background work by the Study Team. Each local park improvement in this section will require further park-specific engagement with residents and collaboration and alignment with other City divisions, organizations, and key projects/plan/strategies to refine the feasibility, scope, cost, and timing as they advance towards implementation.

Figure 14: Overview of park opportunities



Jack Goodlad Park

Description

Jack Goodlad Park is located at Kennedy Rd, south of the Hydro Corridor (also known as The Meadoway). At 5.1 hectares, it is one of the largest parks in the KPI Parks Plan Area. It is a favourite, well-used park amongst the community that is a key destination along The Meadoway and a connection south to Kennedy Station at Eglinton Ave E. The key features of the park include baseball, basketball, and washroom facilities, along with a multi-use trail system that extends beyond the park itself.

Opportunities for improvements

- **Create** or improve connections to The Meadoway where possible
- **Add** speed calming signage at the corners along the existing multi-use trail
- **Protect and expand** the naturalized area within the park
- **Revitalize or enhance** the
 - Club house and washrooms
 - Parking lot
 - Basketball courts
 - Splash Pad
 - Playground
- **Study** the use of the bocce courts and consider repurposing it for another use if appropriate
- **Consider adding** additional facilities and amenities to the park such as a:
 - Dog off-leash area
 - Outdoor fitness area
 - Multi-use court for tennis and pickle ball
 - Seating with shade provided by trees or shade structures
- **Animate** the unused space on Tara Avenue adjacent to Lord Robert Woods and at the foot of the bridge to Jack Goodlad Park to increase the prominence of this park entrance

Alignment and coordination

- City of Toronto – Parks & Recreation Division
 - [Parks & Recreation Facilities Plan](#)
 - [Washroom Enhancement Program](#)
 - [Playground Enhancement Program](#)
 - [City-wide Approach to Dog Off-Leash Areas](#)
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and Hydro One Networks Inc.
 - [The Meadoway](#)
- City of Toronto – Transportation Services Division
 - [Cycling Network Plan](#)

Figure 15: Map of Jack Goodlad Park opportunities



Ionview Park

Description

Ionview Parks is a small 1.3 ha park located along Ionview Rd and is adjacent to Ionview Public School. One of its key features is a uniquely designed play space with climbing structures and inclusive interactive play components featuring braille and sign language. This park primarily serves the abutting public school and surrounding residential neighbourhood.

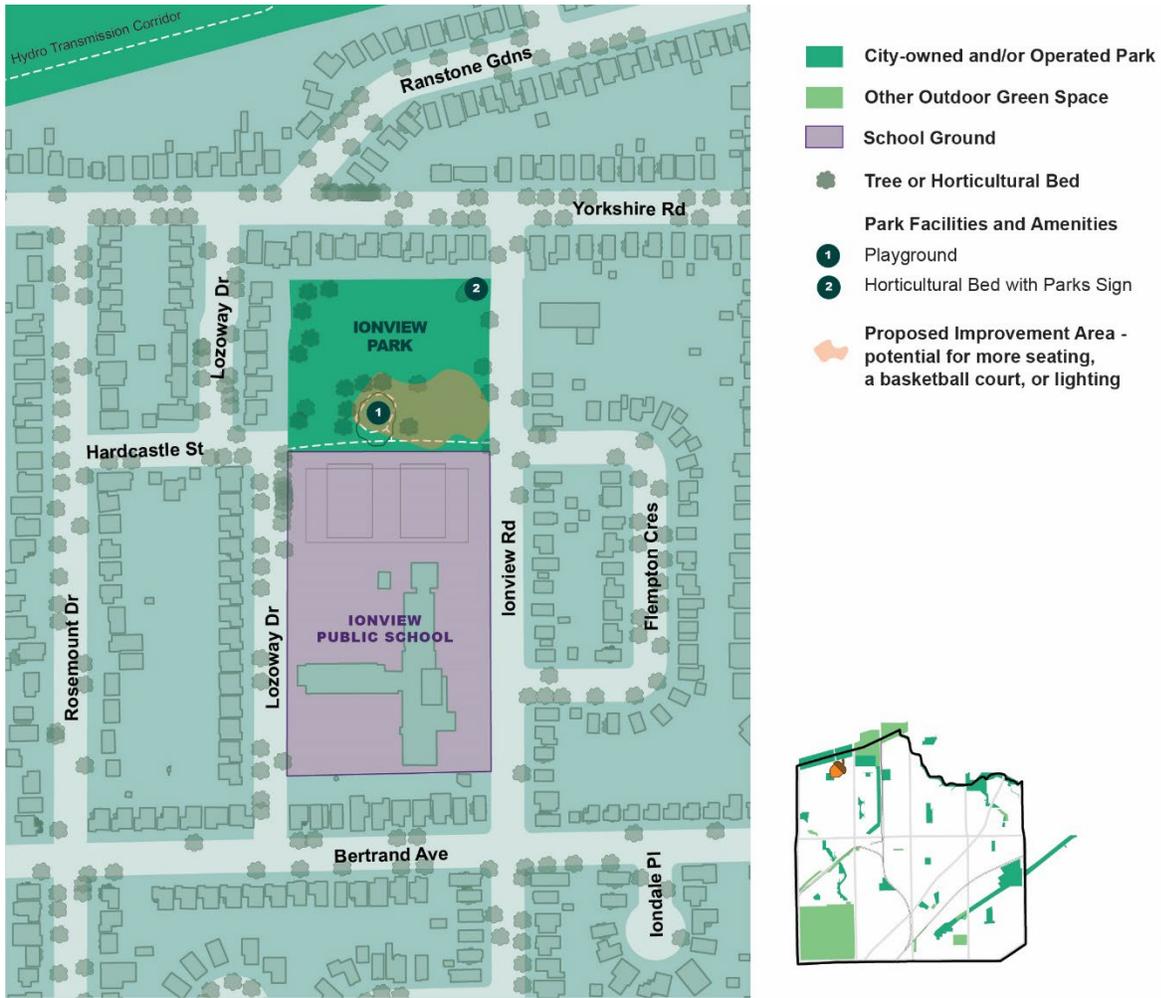
Opportunities for improvements

- **Install** lighting to allow for evening use of the park
- **Add** a basketball court
- **Expand** on the existing horticultural bed to create a manicured garden area with thoughtful floral plantings to add visual interest to this park
- **Install** more seating in the park

Alignment and coordination

- City of Toronto – Parks & Recreation Division
 - [Parks & Recreation Facilities Plan](#)
- Toronto District School Board (TDSB) – Ionview Public School

Figure 16: Map of Ionview Park opportunities



Treverton Park

Description

Treverton Park is a small 1.2 ha space located at Kennedy Rd. and Treverton Dr. behind the Kenway Plaza (i.e. the No Frills and Dollar Tree). It provides a green transition space between the apartment complexes on Kennedy Rd and the single-family homes to the east. This park is not directly fronting a major street, but it is a locally known space. It contains a play space, seating, and a small baseball diamond.

Opportunities for improvements

- **Explore** improvements to fencing and access to properties along Kennedy Rd. to enhance physical and visual connections into the park
- **Improve** walkway entrances on public streets and include park signage for greater visibility
- **Add** a north-south pathway to improve connectivity between the playground and Sedgewick Cres
- **Add** a fenced off-leash area
- **Study** the use of the baseball diamond and consider removing or repurposing it for another use
- **Maintain** the connection to the Kenway Plaza from Treverton Dr.

Alignment and coordination

- City of Toronto – Parks & Recreation Division
 - [Parks & Recreation Facilities Plan](#)
 - [City-wide Approach to Dog Off-Leash Areas](#)
- City of Toronto – City Planning
 - [Kennedy Station Public Realm Master Plan](#)

Figure 17: Map of Treverton Park opportunities



Don Montgomery Community Recreation Centre

Description

The Don Montgomery Community Recreation Centre (CRC) is a key recreational facility that includes one of 50 indoor arenas owned by the City, a seniors centre, and an enhanced youth space. This community recreation centre is directly beside Kennedy Station (TTC Subway and GO Train) which is currently undergoing improvements, including the Scarborough Subway Extension, and will become a major mobility hub over the next several years. Don Montgomery Recreation Centre will continue to be a key destination in this hub. The majority of the property constitutes parking lots and the CRC building. A small area of green space is located at the southeastern end of the property. The overall site is located in a Parkland Priority Area.

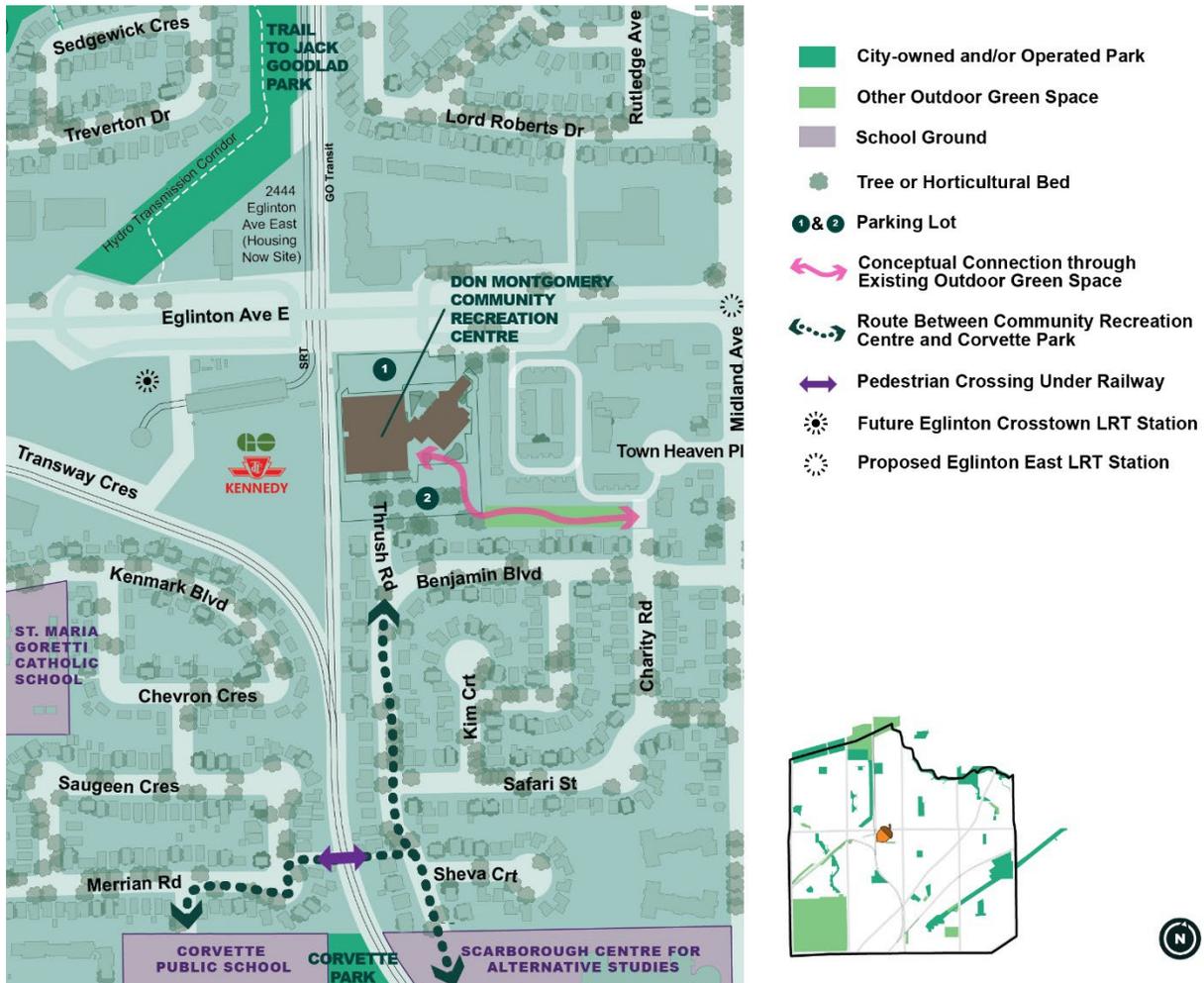
Opportunities for improvements

- **Provide access** into the linear open green space located behind the community centre through to Town Haven PI and assess the possibility of using this as an outdoor space for the community centre
- **Expand** the existing outdoor green space should the community centre be redeveloped or other acquisition opportunities arise, to support outdoor recreation programming
- **Design** for good pedestrian circulation throughout the site to ensure that visitors can safely access the recreation centre, including pedestrian access from Benjamin Blvd and Town Haven PI
- **Install** wayfinding signage to help visitors navigate to the Don Montgomery Community Centre building grounds and the surrounding parks and open space network

Alignment and coordination

- City of Toronto – Parks & Recreation Division
 - [Parks & Recreation Facilities Plan](#)
 - [Ice Facilities Strategy](#)
 - [Feasibility Work on Adapting the Scarborough RT to a Linear Park](#)
- City of Toronto – City Planning Division
 - [Kennedy Station Public Realm Master Plan](#)
- City of Toronto – [Wayfinding Systems](#)
- Metrolinx – Kennedy GO
- TTC – Kennedy Station, Scarborough Subway Extension

Figure 18: Map of Don Montgomery Community Recreation Centre opportunities



Corvette Park

Description

Corvette Park is a medium sized (2.5 hectare), well-used park that serves the entire Kennedy Park neighbourhood, adjacent to the GO Transit railway. It is the closest park to the Don Montgomery Community Recreation Centre and falls in between 2 school properties. It currently includes a splash pad, play space, and baseball diamonds.

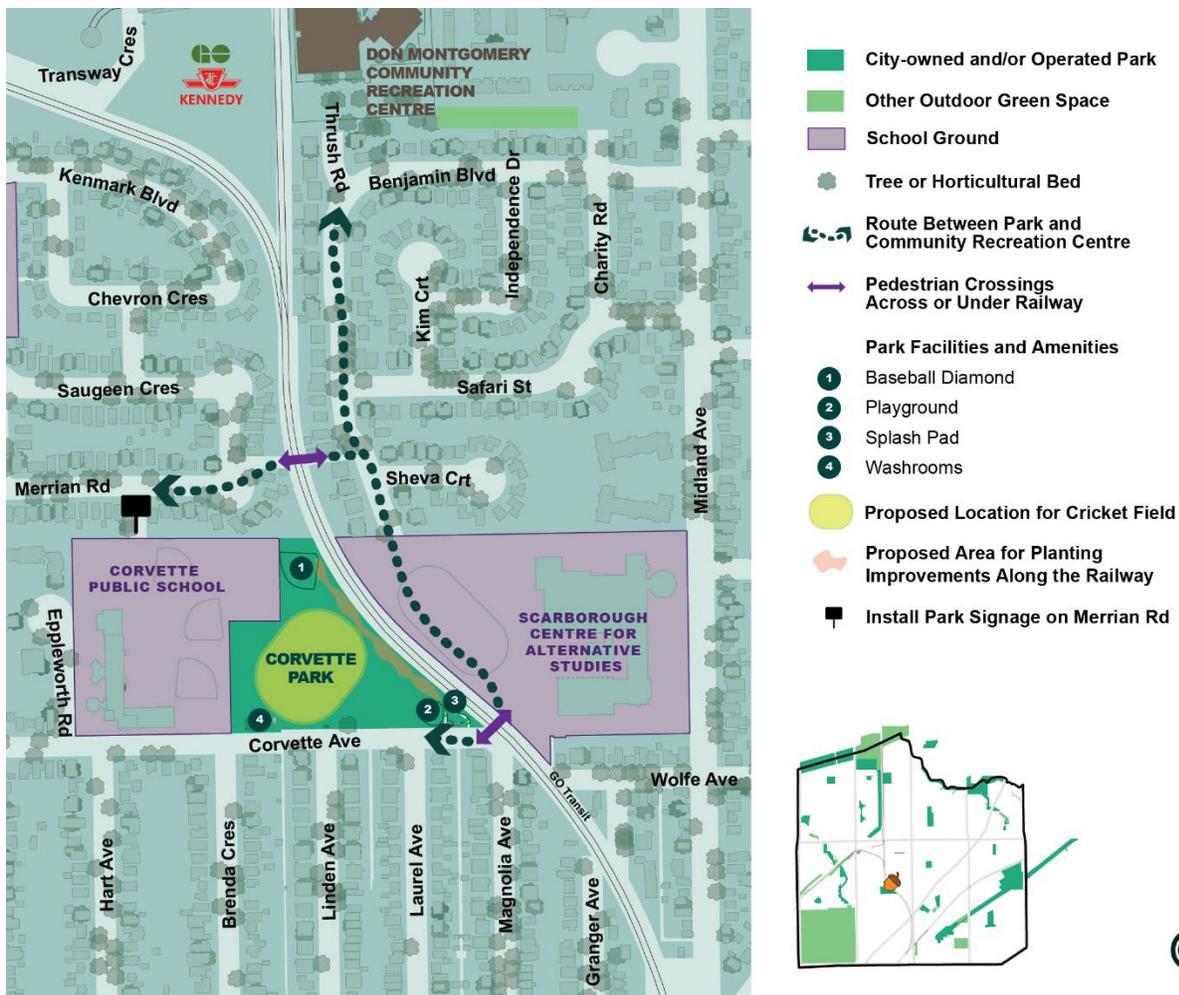
Opportunities for improvements

- **Add** a cricket pitch including supporting amenities such as lighting and seating ([underway with completion planned in 2026](#))
- **Install** additional seating options around the park such as benches and picnic tables with shade
- **Upgrade** and winterize washrooms if feasible
- **Improve** the edges/borders of the park, for example through the addition of plantings to create a lush natural screen between the park and the railway
- **Install** directional signage for Corvette Park on Merrian Rd.
- **Explore** a formalized pathway from Marian Rd. between the school property and the park, to improve access to the north
- **Improve** access to Don Montgomery Community Recreation Centre
 - **Consider** restoration opportunities to the GO Transit railway underpass between Benjamin Blvd. and Merian Rd. by adding lighting and artwork and improving entry points to make the space more vibrant
 - **Upgrade** the at-grade pedestrian crossing across the GO Transit Railway between Corvette Park and the school property
- **Enhance** the playground and splash pad area by adding play components for all ages

Alignment and coordination

- City of Toronto – Parks & Recreation Division
 - [Parks & Recreation Facilities Plan](#)
 - [Cricket Strategy](#)
 - Washroom Enhancement Program
 - [Playground Enhancement Program](#)
- City of Toronto – Transportation Services
- Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
 - Corvette Junior Public School
 - Scarborough School for Alternative Studies
- Metrolinx – GO Transit Railway

Figure 19: Map of Corvette Park opportunities



Kitchener Park

Description

Kitchener Park is a small (0.8 ha) park south of Eglinton Ave E and east of Midland Ave. It serves the surrounding local community composed largely of single-family homes. The park contains a playground and baseball diamond.

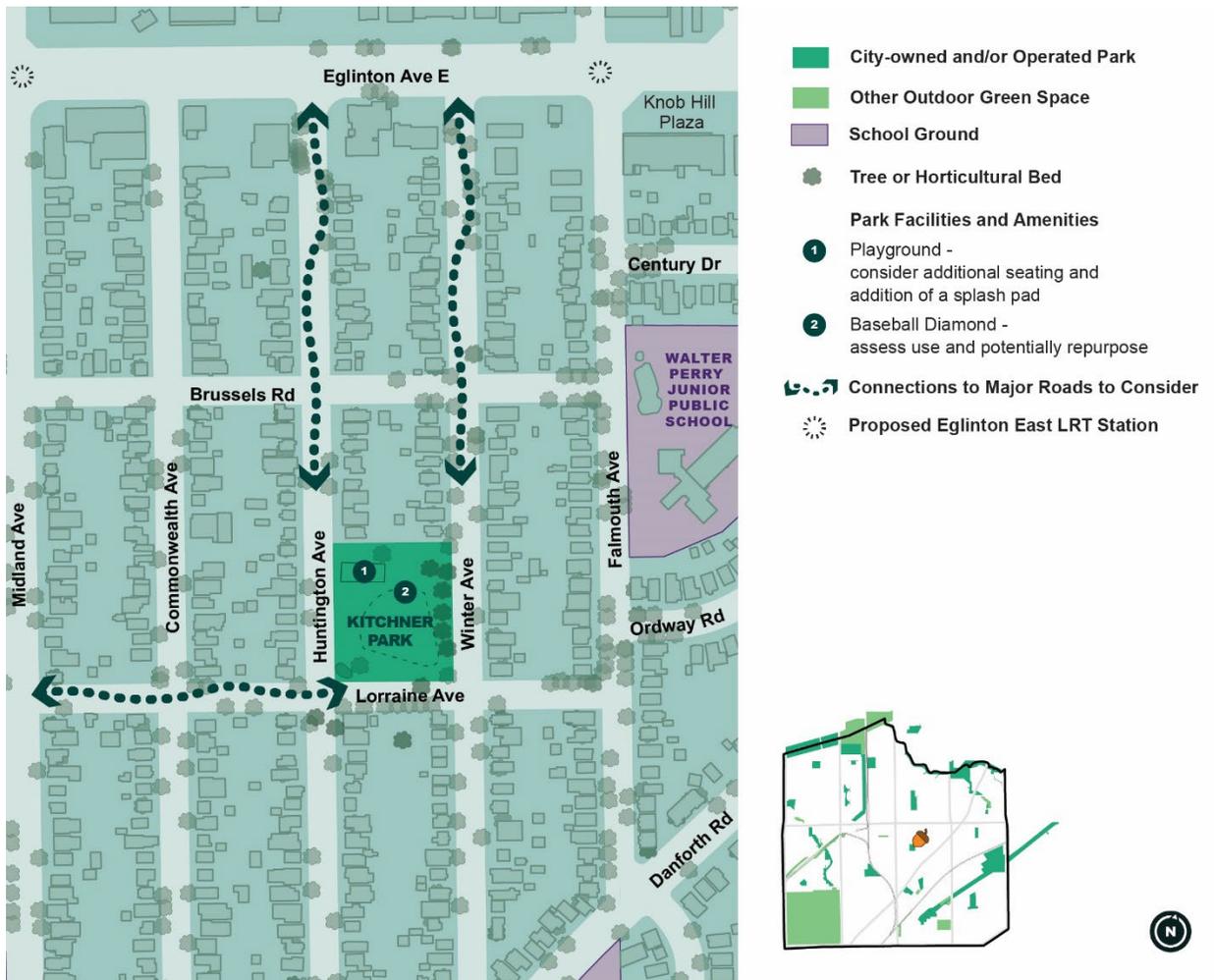
Opportunities for improvements

- **Prioritize** pedestrian access to the park from Eglinton Ave E should the surrounding area and properties north along Eglinton Ave E be redeveloped
- **Add** a splash pad to complement the playground
- **Install** a pathway across the north side of the park between Winter Ave. and Huntington Ave. to improve access to the playground
- **Study** the use of the baseball diamond and consider removing or repurposing it for another use
- **Add** more seating in the park

Alignment and coordination

- City of Toronto – Parks & Recreation Division
 - [Parks & Recreation Facilities Plan](#)
- City of Toronto - Development Review
- City of Toronto – City Planning Division
 - [Kennedy Station Public Realm Master Plan](#)
- City of Toronto – Transportation Services

Figure 20: Map of Kitchener Park opportunities



Glen Ravine Park

Description

Glen Ravine Park is a medium sized (2.4 ha) park space between two schools, Glen Ravine Junior Public School and St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, at Eglinton Ave E and Midland Ave. This park mainly serves athletic recreation uses, it contains an outdoor exercise fitness area and regularly permitted sports fields. The park is across the street from a Toronto Community Housing apartment complex with a day care. This park is within close proximity to the TTC Subway and GO Train Kennedy Station and the proposed Eglinton East Light Rail Transit stop at Gilder Dr./Falmouth Ave.

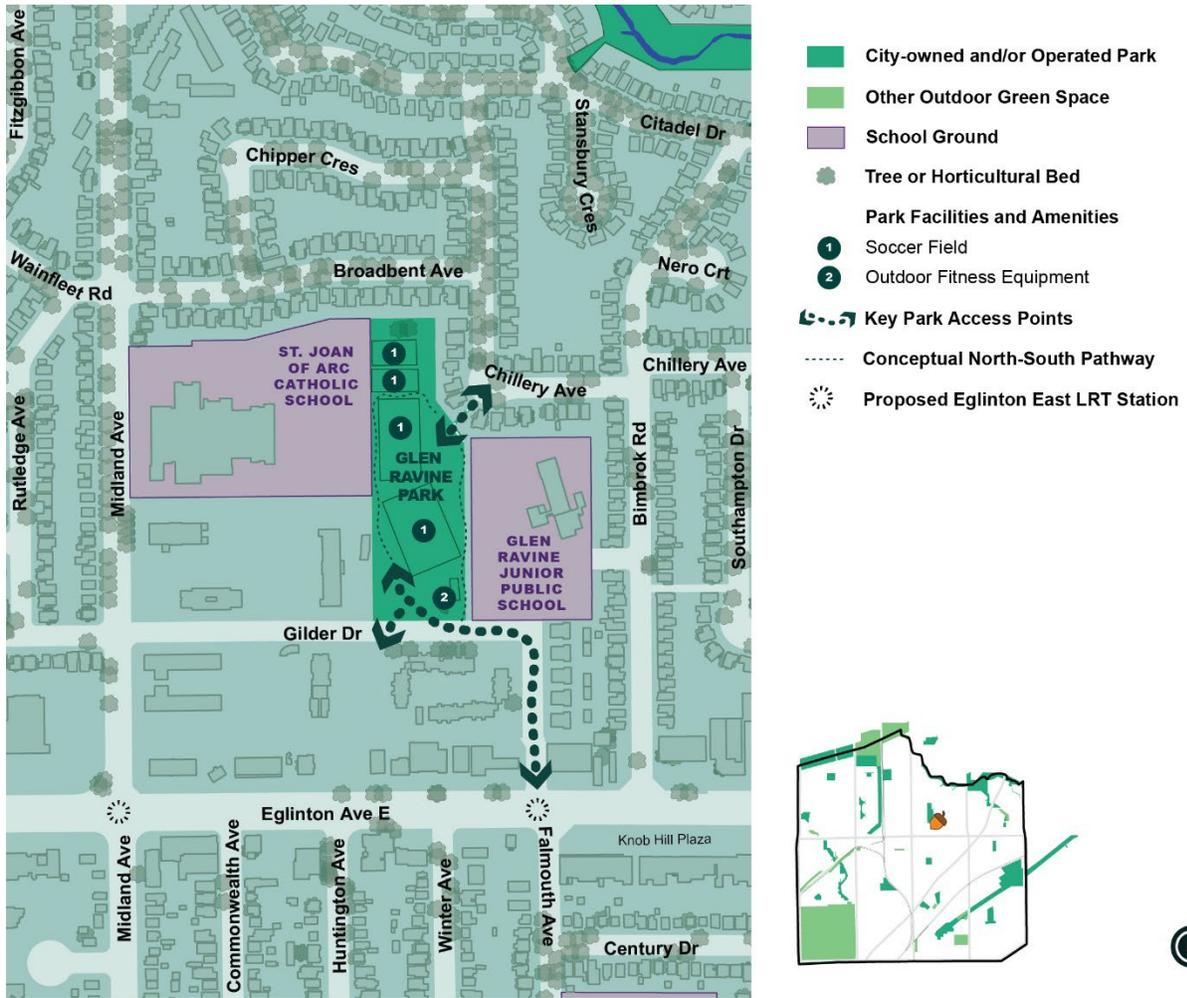
Opportunities for improvements

- **Explore** opportunities to enhance the sports fields
- **Install** a north-south pathway to improve connectivity between Gilder Dr. and Chillery Ave.
- **Prioritize** pedestrian access to the park from Eglinton Ave E should the surrounding area and properties south of the park along Eglinton Ave E be redeveloped
- **Expand** the walkway entrance from Chillery Ave.
- **Install** park signage at the entrance from Chillery Ave.

Alignment and coordination

- City of Toronto - Development Review
- City of Toronto – City Planning Division
 - [Kennedy Station Public Realm Master Plan](#)
- Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) – Eglinton East Light Rail Transit Project
- Toronto District School Board (TDSB) – Glen Ravine Junior Public School
- Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) – St. Joan of Arc Catholic School

Figure 21: Glen Ravine Park opportunities



Taylor Massey Creek: Maidavale Park, Eglinton Ravine, Farlinger Ravine

Description

Maidavale Park (1.5 ha), Eglinton Ravine Park (1.7 ha), and Farlinger Ravine Park (2.9 ha), together make up a stretch of unconnected medium sized parks that are within the Taylor Creek Watershed, running north to south between the Ionview and Kennedy Park neighbourhoods. These areas of Natural Heritage extend over/under private property and other key urban infrastructure such as the Canadian National Railway, Eglinton Ave E, a sanitary trunk sewer system, and storm water outfalls. There are varying levels of access and park facilities amenities through this natural system. Maidavale Park has a play space, a baseball diamond, and is adjacent to the TCHC building at 1021 Birchmount Rd which has its own basketball facility. Eglinton Ravine Park is largely left in a natural state and Farlinger Ravine has more formal paths and bridges over Taylor Creek.

Opportunities for improvements

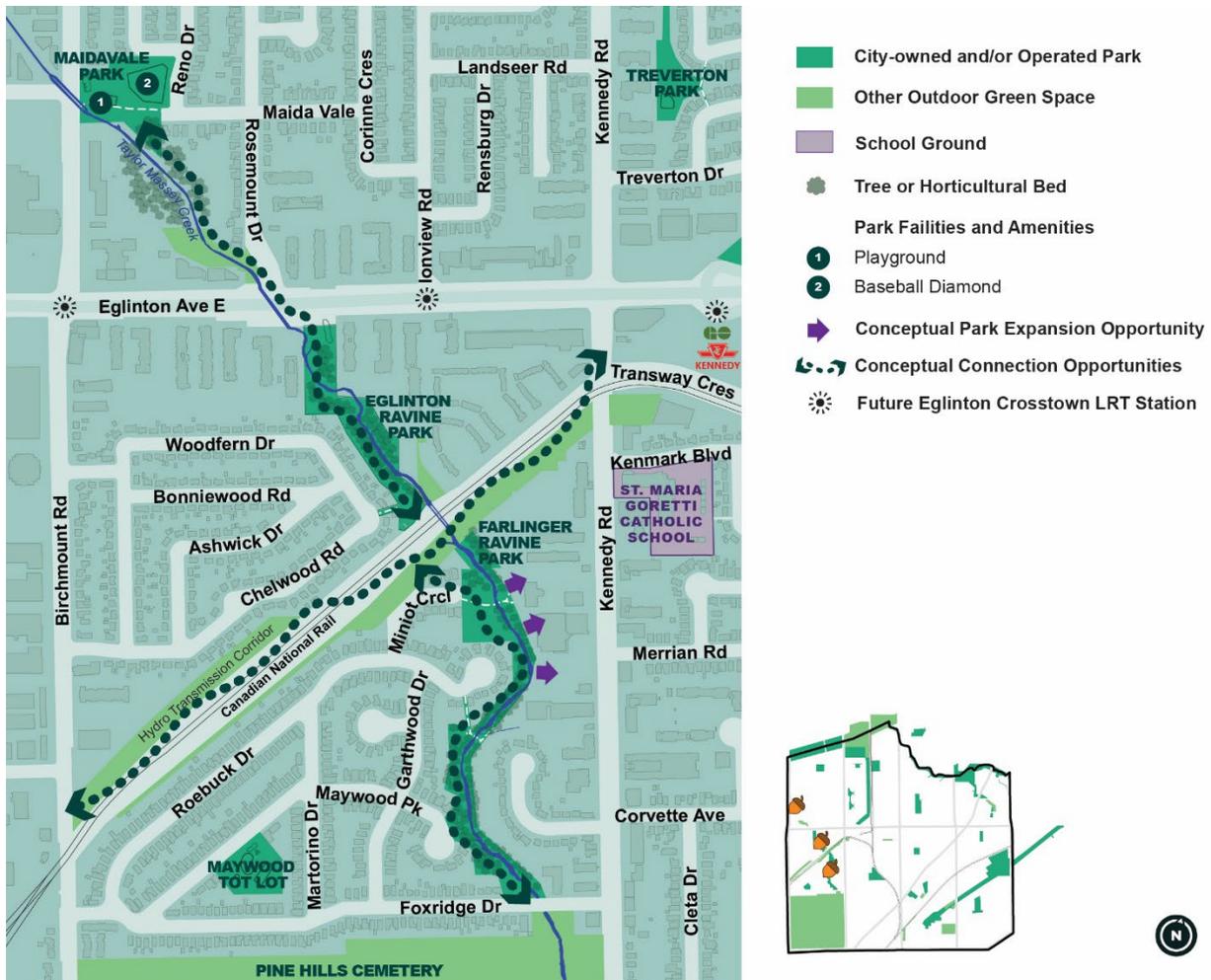
- **Protect and preserve** this natural heritage area by including more native plantings, informational signage about the land, leaving the space largely natural to supporting animal habitats, and continuing to support ravine clean-up days to keep these areas free of litter
- **Create** a pathway from Chelwood Rd through to Eglinton Ave E, including a walking trail by the creek and bridge over Taylor Massey Creek
- **Connect** Eglinton and Farlinger Ravine Parks through the railway and Hydro Corridor with a wayfinding system or improvements to pathways and crossings, including a formal access point into the railway path from Kennedy Rd.
- **Connect** Miniot Crcl. to Pine Hills Cemetery by creating a pathway through Farlinger Ravine Park
- **Expand** Farlinger Ravine Park through on-site parkland dedication and maintain east-west pedestrian access should the adjacent properties fronting Kennedy Rd be redeveloped
- **Evaluate** adding fencing or natural screening around the playground area in Maidavale Park to protect children from Birchmount Rd.
- **Create** a pathway from Maidavale Park to Eglinton Ave E through to the ravine system south if the area surrounding the park were to be redeveloped and/or incorporate sidewalks on adjacent streets to improve safe access to the park

- **Study** the use of the baseball diamond at Maidavale Park and consider further opportunities for the space

Alignment and coordination

- City of Toronto - Environment, Climate & Forestry Division
 - Urban Forestry, [Toronto Ravine Strategy](#)
 - [Taylor Massey Creek Subwatershed Master Plan](#)
- City of Toronto – Development Review Division
- City of Toronto – City Planning Division - [Kennedy Station Public Realm Master Plan](#)
- City of Toronto – Transportation Services Division - [Cycling Network Plan](#)
- City of Toronto – Toronto Water
- City of Toronto – [Wayfinding Systems](#)
- Canadian National Railway Company
- Pine Hills Cemetery
- [The West Scarborough Rail Path Concept](#)

Figure 22: Map of opportunities along Taylor Massey Creek



The Gordonridge Parks and Open Space Network

Description

The Gordonridge Park and Open Space Network describes the string of parks and open spaces at Danforth Rd. and Gordonridge Pl. These include Greystone Park, the TCHC building grounds including G-ridge Park, Glen Sheppard Park, and Robert Service Senior Public-School yard. These spaces surround an apartment complex and Canadiana Court, which includes a day care and indoor pool. The main opportunity for improvement in this area is to better connect these spaces to make navigating them a more seamless experience. These parks are also within an area that scores high on Toronto Public Health's Heat Vulnerability Index, highlighting the significance of improving this park.

Opportunities for improvements

Greystone Park:

- **Upgrade** basketball courts
- **Upgrade** splash pad, consider relocating it closer to the playground
- **Explore** improving the condition of the north-east park edge
- **Consider** expanding the Community Orchard into the Park

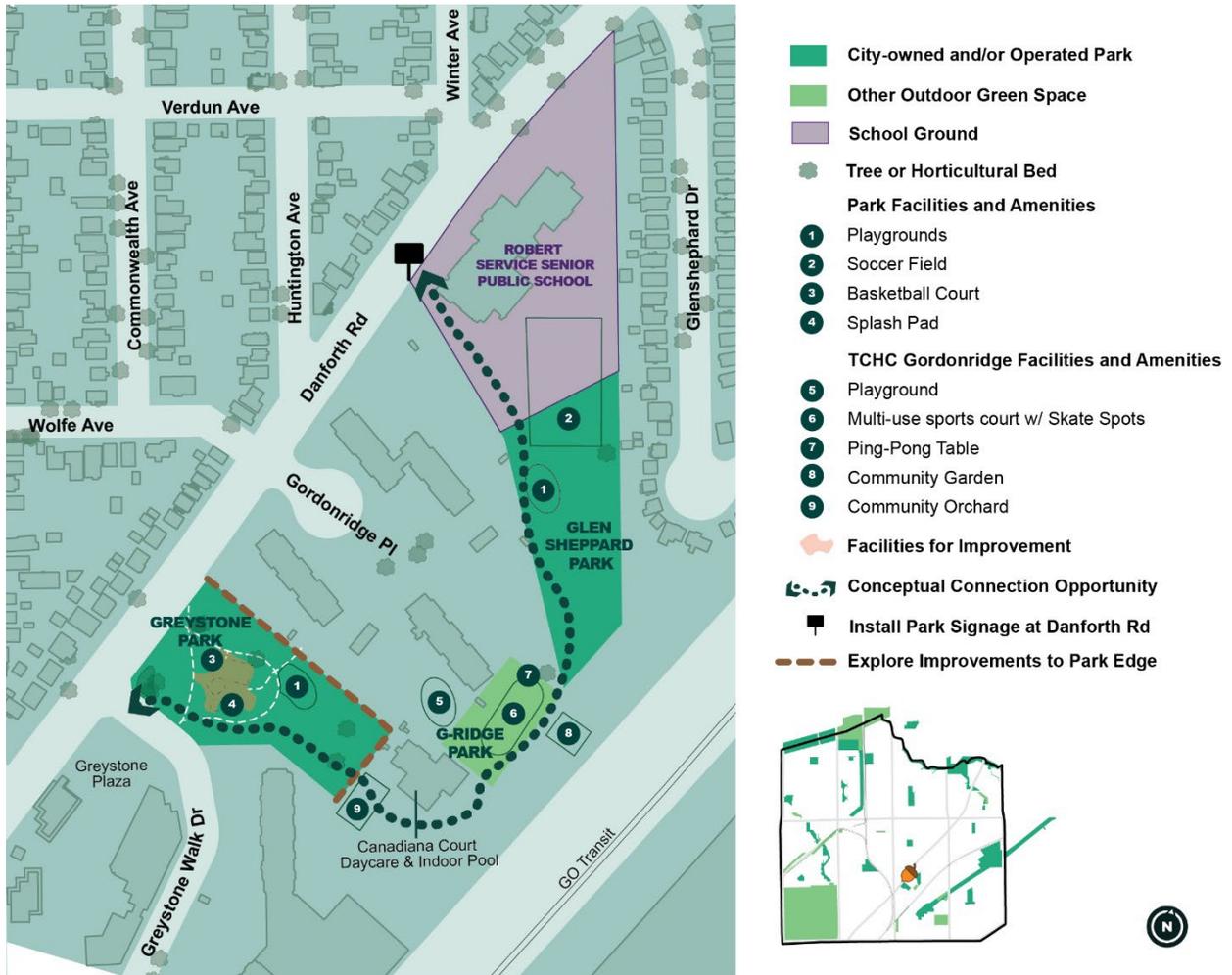
Glen Shepard Park:

- **Explore** a formalized pathway from Danforth Rd. through the school property to Glen Shepard Park
- **Install** park signage for Glen Sheppard Park along Danforth Rd.

Alignment and coordination

- City of Toronto – Parks & Recreation Division
 - [Parks & Recreation Facilities Plan](#)
- Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) – 40 Gordonridge Pl.
- City of Toronto – Energy, Climate & Forestry Division - Urban Forestry
- Toronto District School Board (TDSB) – Robert Service Senior Public School
- Canadiana Court Childcare Centre

Figure 23: Map of park opportunities at Gordonridge PI and Danforth Rd



Jeanette Park

Description

Jeanette Park is a large (4.4 ha) park located south of the railway between Jeanette St and Brimley Rd. It is part of a semi-connected linear parks network that extends east to McCowan District Park at Bellamy Rd. It contains a play space but most of the park consists of meadowlands with a mown pathway network. The surrounding meadowlands contiguous with Jeanette Park are owned by the Toronto Economic Development Corporation. These meadowlands are classified as an area of protection based on the results of TRCA's Nature-Based Climate Solutions Siting Tool, where the existing natural features and elements should be preserved to support its ongoing contributions to the ecosystem.

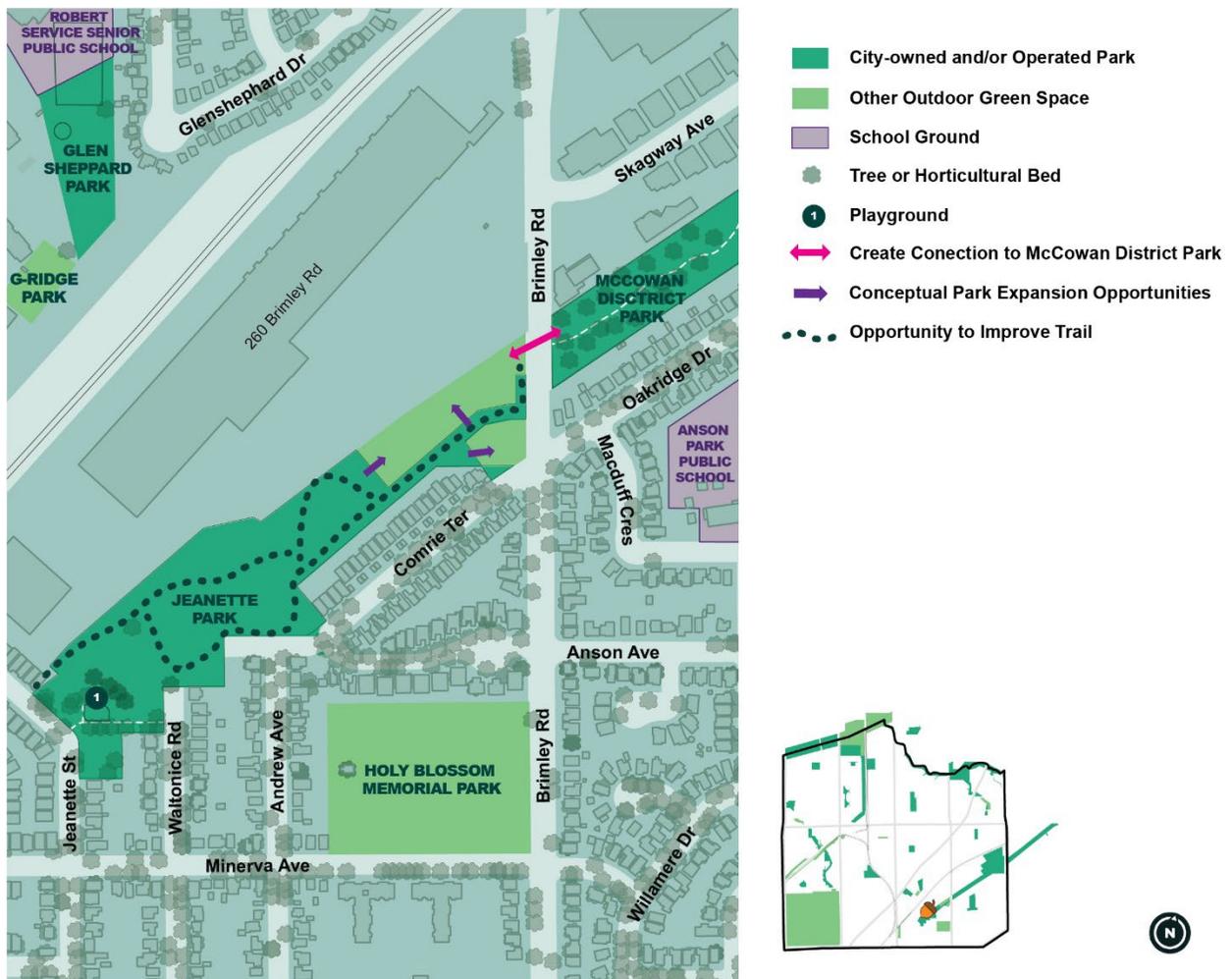
Opportunities for improvements

- **Expand** the park into the existing surrounding natural area
- **Expand** Jeanette Park via on-site parkland dedication should the surrounding area be redeveloped
- **Protect** the existing natural features within the park by leaving it largely in its natural state (i.e. a park for nature and passive recreation)
- **Enhance** the trails
 - Explore effective and environmentally friendly lighting options
 - Consider trail enhancements such as paving to distinguish areas for people to enjoy versus areas that should remain naturalized
- **Connect** Jeanette Park to McCowan District Park both physically and visually
 - Expand the trail network to meet Brimley Rd
 - Provide a new pedestrian crossing on Brimley Rd between Skagway Ave and Oakridge Dr
 - Install signage for Jeanette Park, visible from Brimley Rd

Alignment and coordination

- City of Toronto – Development Review Division
- City of Toronto – Energy, Climate & Forestry Division - Urban Forestry
- City of Toronto – [Wayfinding Systems](#)
- City of Toronto – Transportation Services
 - Cycling Network Plan
- CreateTO

Figure 24: Map of Jeanette Park opportunities



McCowan District Park

Description

McCowan District Park is the largest park in the Parks Plan Area (20.5 ha) located at Brimley Rd and Oakridge Dr. It extends beyond the Parks Plan Area and is part of a semi-connected linear parks network that starts at Bellamy Rd and extends west to Jeanette Street via Jeanette Park. It recently went through a revitalization and is now known for its ice skate trail and multi-use path. It also contains an additional outdoor ice rink, splash pad, play space, and sports fields. The park contains natural heritage areas and thick canopy coverage along the multi-use path.

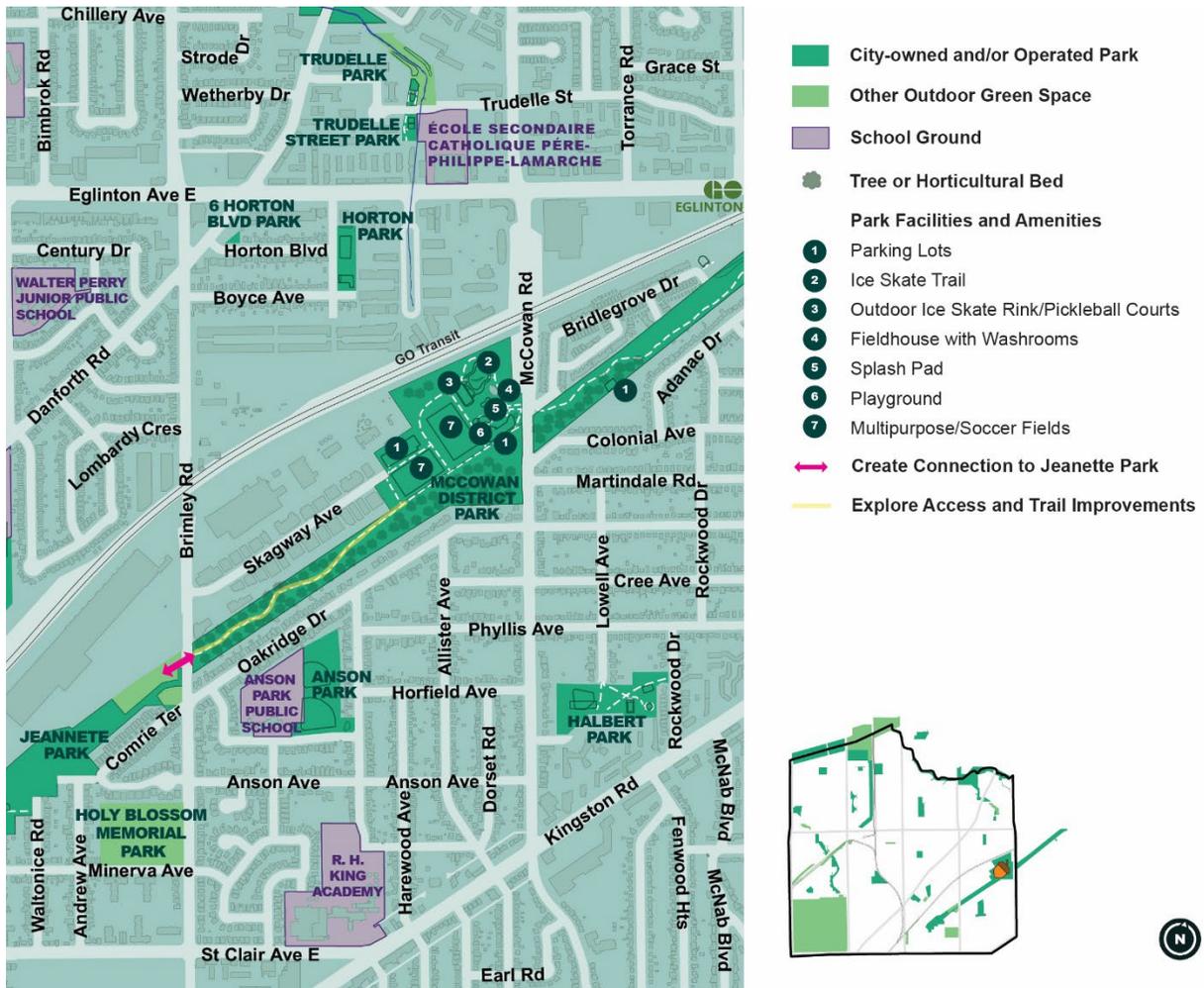
Opportunities for improvement

- **Explore** ways to create additional entry points into the multi-use path
- **Connect** McCowan District Park to Jeanette Park both physically and visually (see Jeanette Park section of this plan)
- **Explore** the possibility of effectively lighting pathways with consideration to the impacts of light pollution to the natural environment
- **Install** a basketball court

Alignment and coordination

- City of Toronto – Parks & Recreation
 - Parks & Recreation Facilities Plan
- City of Toronto – Energy, Climate & Forestry Division
 - Urban Forestry
- City of Toronto – Transportation Services
 - Cycling Network Plan

Figure 25: Map of McCowan District Park Opportunities



Knob Hill Park

Description

Knob Hill Park is a large (16.6 ha park) located along West Highland Creek between Brimley Road and Danforth Rd. The park is a Natural Heritage Area, is within the ravine system, and has a unique geography that follows the natural topography of West Highland Creek, and spans across major streets. It contains an outdoor pool, wading pool, basketball courts, ball hockey pad, playgrounds, parking lot, and a network of pathways that leads to Pringdale Ravine and into the ravine network beyond. This park shares borders with Knob Hill Public School and to a higher density area with apartment complexes and newer condominium. This park is also within an area that scores high on Toronto Public Health's Heat Vulnerability Index, highlighting the significance of improving this park.

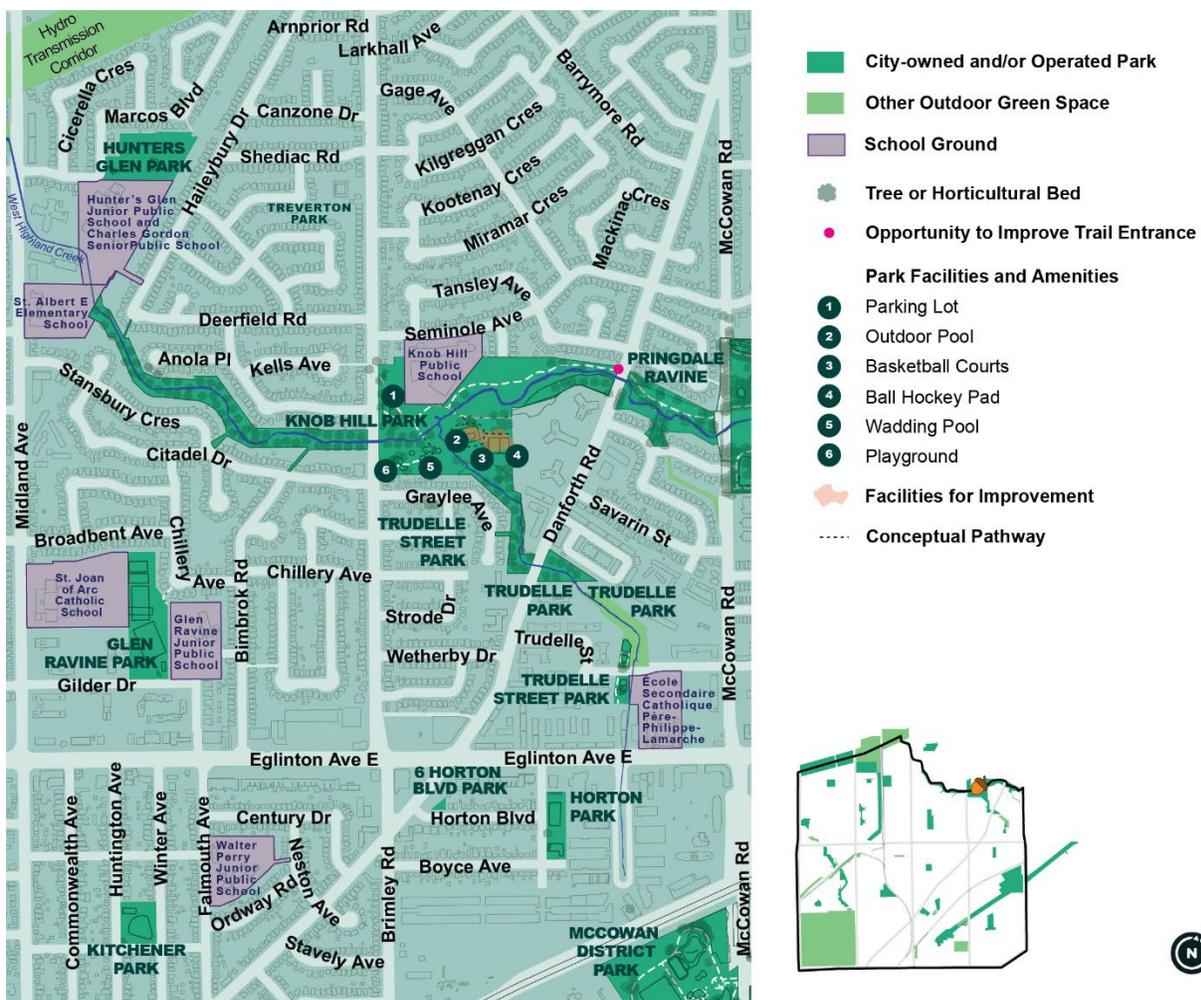
Opportunities for improvements

- **Improve** trail entrance conditions along Danforth Rd by making the path entrances more visible through signage and through the regular upkeep of the pathway
- **Upgrade** the basketball courts
- **Study** the use of the ball hockey area and consider best use and future opportunities for the space
- **Protect and enhance** the natural areas, for example through signage or improved pathways to make it clear which areas park users should walk in
- **Enhance** direct pathway access to the outdoor pool and basketball courts to ensure accessibility as well as paved pathways between the pool and playground area
- **Explore** the possibility of effectively lighting pathways with consideration of the impacts of light pollution to the natural environment
- **Improve** the amenities supporting the outdoor pool and consider future pool revitalization
 - Add lockers
 - Improve the washrooms
 - Place additional signage within the park to promote awareness of pool
 - Increase pool depth and size if feasible

Alignment and coordination

- City of Toronto – Parks & Recreation Division
 - Parks & Recreation Facilities Plan
- City of Toronto – Energy, Climate & Forestry Division
 - Urban Forestry
- City of Toronto – Toronto Water Division
- City of Toronto – [Wayfinding Systems](#)

Figure 26: Map of Knob Hill Park opportunities



Trudelle Park

Description

Trudelle Park is a small (0.5 ha) ravine park located at Danforth Rd. and Trudelle St. It is a largely unprogrammed greenspace. The land is separated into two parts by privately owned outdoor green space: one end fronts Danforth Rd while the other end fronts Trudelle St. The programmed park portion on Trudelle St. contains a splash pad and play space and is also locally known as 'Pringdale's Dream Park', as it was designed by students from the former Pringdale Gardens Junior Public School. This park is also within an area that scores high on Toronto Public Health's Heat Vulnerability Index, highlighting the significance of improving and expanding this park.

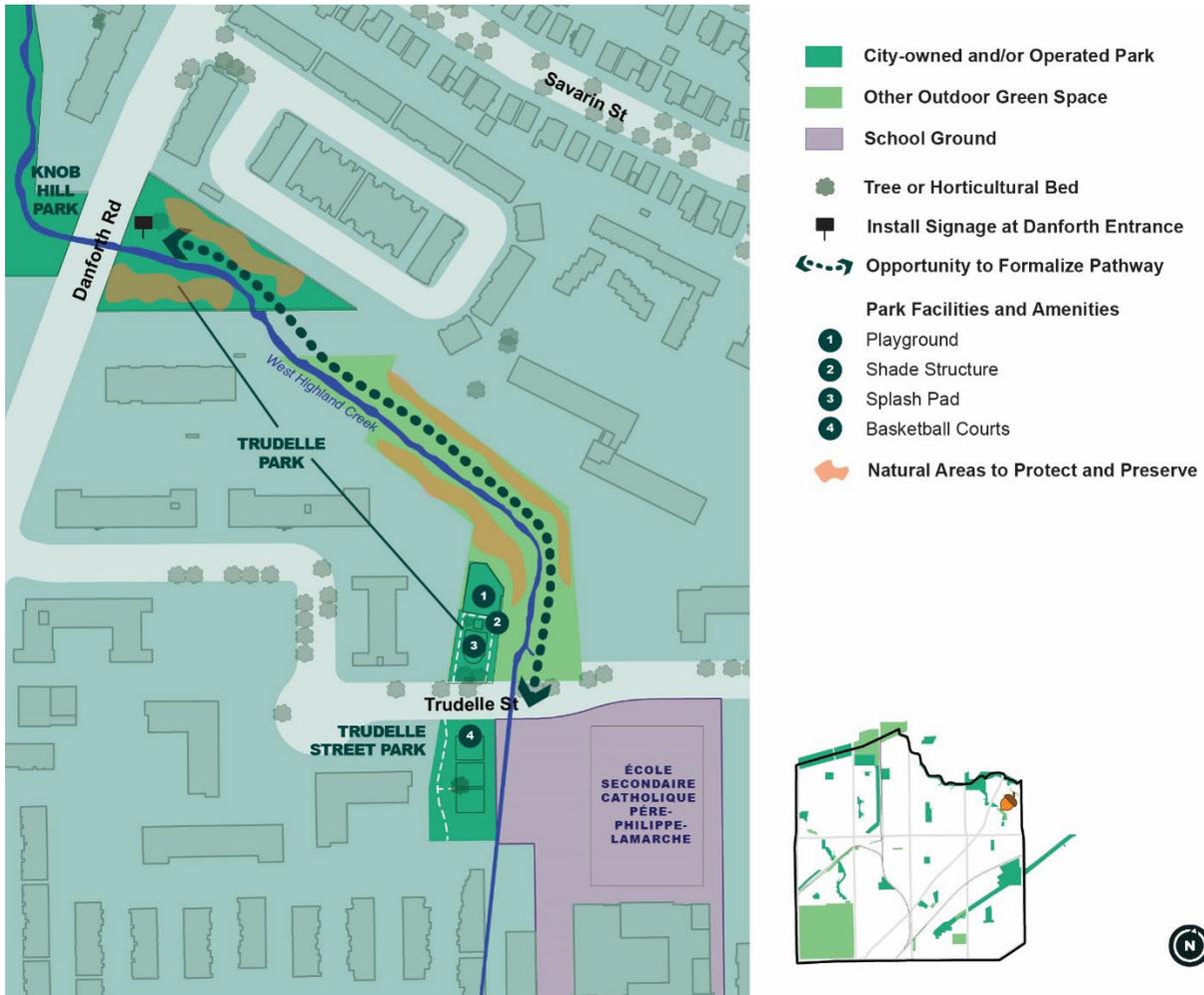
Opportunities for improvements

- **Formalize** a walking path between Trudelle Street and Danforth Rd. along West Highland Creek
- **Reassess** the park name and prepare replacement park signage accordingly
- **Install** park signage at the Danforth Rd entrance
- **Protect and preserve** this natural heritage area by including more native plantings, leaving the space largely natural to supporting animal habitats, and support any future opportunities for ravine clean-up days to keep these areas free of litter.

Alignment and coordination

- City of Toronto – Parks & Recreation Division
 - [Commemorative Naming Framework](#)
- City of Toronto – Energy, Climate & Forestry Division
 - Urban Forestry
- City of Toronto – Toronto Water Division

Figure 27: Map of Trudelle Park opportunities



Horton Park

Description

Horton Park is located near Eglinton Ave E. and Oswego Rd and is surrounded by current and future development activity. It is a small (0.7 ha) park that is programmed with a sports field and playground. This park falls between the Eglinton GO and the Kennedy Station Public Realm Master Plan Study Areas but is not covered by these plans. This park is also within an area that scores high on Toronto Public Health's Heat Vulnerability Index, highlighting the significance of improving and expanding this park.

Opportunities for improvement

- **Assess** the use of the sports field and consider the best use and future opportunities for the space
- **Enhance** the playground
- **Expand** Horton Park should the surrounding area and properties be redeveloped, to create a larger park that has better utility for residents and prominence and frontage along Eglinton Ave E.
- **Include** a sidewalk on the Oswego Rd edge of the park to improve pedestrian safety
- **Connect** Horton Park to other nearby local parks by creating/improving access east through to Barbados Blvd and north to Eglinton Ave E to Trudelle Park and Knob Hill Park

Alignment and coordination

- City of Toronto - Development Review Division
- City of Toronto – Parks & Recreation Division
 - Parks & Recreation Facilities Plan
- City of Toronto – Transportation Services Division

Figure 28: Map of Horton Park opportunities



Implementation

How this Local Parks Plan gets actioned

This plan is intended to guide investments and planning decisions in the Kennedy Park-Ionview area for the long term. The feasibility assessments, technical analysis, prioritization and implementation of the opportunities laid out in this plan have already begun and are ongoing. This plan gets implemented in many ways through:

- The annual Parks & Recreation Capital and Operating Budget preparation
- Coordination with other City divisions and agencies on their projects related to parks and the public realm
- Implementation of the Parks & Recreation Facilities Plan
- Grant opportunities
- Community Benefits provided for through development
- The creation of new parks or park expansions through the development review process or City-initiated acquisitions and transfers

Over the life of the plan, Parks and Recreation staff will advance the listed ideas through these various channels. The ability to advance an opportunity, the timing of when it will happen, and the scope of work involved will be guided by available funding, evolving opportunities, and additional feedback the City receives when doing project-specific engagement.

Collaboration

Certain improvements require collaboration across City divisions and agencies to deliver as well as with external partners such as school boards. For example, suggestions for improvements to park adjacent spaces along sidewalks and roads require collaboration with Transportation Services. Parks and Recreation will work closely with key collaborators listed throughout this plan on the feasibility assessment and implementation of identified opportunities.

Priorities

Many opportunities were identified through the Local Parks Planning Study process, and while all identified opportunities are important, priorities were considered based on whether the opportunity:

- Addresses a parkland deficiency
- Addresses a clear facility gap or
- Is an effective way of addressing a key community need identified through engagement or other prior studies

Top five priority actions

Staff have identified the following priority actions to be undertaken over the next five years:

1. Work with the City Planning Division and Development Review Division to **identify opportunities to improve connections and wayfinding along Eglinton Avenue E.** through the development review process
2. Undertake a **comprehensive assessment of the connection opportunities in the Local Parks Plan Area**, including the feasibility of accomplishing specific park access improvements and trail and wayfinding opportunities, preparation of cost estimates, and identification of available funding sources for implementation. Prioritize and collaborate on creating connections to and from Corvette Park, Jack Goodlad Park, Knob Hill Park, McCowan Park to Jeannette Park, and Eglinton and Farlinger Ravine Parks
3. Prepare a **Park Improvement Plan for Corvette Park** that identifies additional improvements that will complement the new Cricket Field (see Corvette Park section of this plan)
4. **Support capital project planning for Jack Goodlad Park** by providing input and sharing opportunities identified in this Local Parks Plan ([Park Improvement Plan underway with completion planned for 2026](#), see also the Jack Goodlad Park section of this plan)
5. **Align and advance the delivery of needed recreation facilities** within the Local Parks Plan Area through the [Parks and Recreation Facilities Plan](#), including **the replacement and/or expansion of basketball courts** in Greystone Park, Jack Goodlad Park, and Knob Hill Park

Meeting the objectives of this plan

Tables 1 and 2 below identify for each ward, parks that have specific opportunities identified for them, whether they meet one or more of the eleven objectives outlined in this Local Parks Plan, and if they are a priority over the next five years. These tables are not an exhaustive list of all the parks in the area, and other park opportunities may arise over time. The timelines for delivering on an identified park opportunity will be refined through the annual capital budget process and are subject to change.

Table 1: Parks with opportunities that meet Parks Plan objectives in Scarborough Southwest (Ward 20)

Kennedy Park-Ionview Local Parks Plan Objectives		Don Montgomery CRC	Corvette Park	Kitchener Park	Eglinton and Farlinger ravines Parks	Greystone Park	Glen Sheppard Park	Jeanette Park	McCowan District Park	Horton Park
1	Make parks more accessible from Eglinton Ave E	✓		✓						✓
2	Prioritize spaces for indigenous gathering and ceremony	Specific opportunities that arise through engagement will be prioritized.								
3	Inspire park users to reflect on wildlife, the land, and people				✓					
4	Install more signage to promote the use of and journey through the parks system	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
5	Enhance connections to City-wide trail systems and cycling networks	✓			✓			✓	✓	
6	Effectively illuminate parks, trails, and pathways		✓					✓		
7	Provide ample shade and seating		✓	✓						
8	Create beautiful and vibrant park spaces		✓		✓			✓		
9	Make parks functional and inviting year-round		✓							
10	Improve recreation provision based on community needs		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
11	Improve park entrances and edges	✓	✓			✓			✓	

Note: Content in blue are priorities over the next 5 years.

Table 2: Parks with opportunities that meet Parks Plan objectives in Scarborough Centre (Ward 21)

Kennedy Park-Ionview Local Parks Plan Objectives		Jack Goodlad Park	Ionview Park	Treverton Park	Glen Ravine Park	Maidavale Park	Knob Hill Park	Trudelle Park
1	Make parks more accessible from Eglinton Ave E				✓	✓		
2	Prioritize spaces for indigenous gathering and ceremony	Specific opportunities that arise through engagement will be prioritized.						
3	Inspire park users to reflect on wildlife, the land, and people						✓	
4	Install more signage to promote the use of and journey through the parks system	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
5	Enhance connections to City-wide trail systems and cycling networks	✓						
6	Effectively illuminate parks, trails, and pathways		✓				✓	
7	Provide ample shade and seating	✓	✓					
8	Create beautiful and vibrant park spaces	✓	✓					✓
9	Make parks functional and inviting year-round	✓						
10	Improve recreation provision based on community needs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
11	Improve park entrances and edges			✓				

Note: Content in **blue** are priorities over the next 5 years.

Appendix

Appendix A: Existing Conditions and Background Report

A report summarizing the existing conditions of the parks and open space system serving the Kennedy Park-Ionview community is available. It includes an inventory of parks and open spaces, park facilities and amenities in the area. It also provides general information about the history, demographics, development, and transit network.

Download the [Existing Conditions Background Report](#).

Appendix B: Engagement summaries

October 2024: Open House

On October 24, an open house took place at The Hub – Mid Scarborough to share information about the proposed recommendations for the future of parks in the neighbourhood and collect feedback.

Download the [Open House Summary](#).

April 2024: Indigenous Community Workshop

On April 24, a community workshop was held at Don Montgomery Community Recreation Centre where Indigenous community members and those who work with a group that serves Indigenous communities were invited to share their experiences and ideas on parks.

Download the [Indigenous Workshop Engagement Summary](#).

December 2023: Community Workshop

On December 5, a community workshop was held. Community members were invited to share their ideas and local knowledge at this workshop.

Download the [Workshop Engagement Summary](#).

October 2023: Community Pop-up Events

On October 1, the project team held pop-up events outside of Don Montgomery Community Recreation Centre and Jack Goodlad Park, where more than 65 community members learned about the Study and shared their ideas.

Download the [Pop-up Summary](#).

February 2023: Youth Workshop

On February 9, a youth workshop took place at Don Montgomery Community Recreation Centre. The goal of the workshop was to understand how young people use parks and open spaces in the area in order to help inform future opportunities to create inclusive park spaces and to connect, improve, and expand parkland. Approximately 20 young people participated in the workshop.

Download the [Youth Workshop Engagement Summary](#).

December 2022: Interactive Map Activity

A Social Pinpoint activity was made available from October 30 to December 3. The activity involved an interactive map that allowed participants to drop pins and leave comments on precise locations within the Study Area. The project team collected feedback about what is and isn't working, as well as opportunities and suggestions for improvements. In total, 540 people participated in the activity.

Download the [Interactive Map Activity Summary](#).