

Rouge Park Vision

Rouge Park will be a special place of outstanding natural features and diverse cultural heritage in an urban-rural setting, protected and flourishing as an ecosystem in perpetuity. Human activities will exist in harmony with the natural values of the park. The Park will be a sanctuary for nature and the human spirit.

Rouge Park Goal

To protect, restore and enhance the natural, scenic and cultural values of the Park in an ecosystem context, and to promote public responsibility, understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of this heritage.



2003

Annual Progress Report

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Interpretation & Communications Committee



Finance Committee



Heritage Committee



Policy & Administration Committee



Special subcommittees as needed

Message from the Chair

An important achievement for Rouge Park in 2003 was the passing of an Amendment to its Official Plan by the Town of Markham. This Official Plan Amendment (OPA) will implement those portions of the Rouge North Management Plan that are planning matters covered by the Planning Act. The most important of these include the Rouge Park Boundary and the zoning of the Little Rouge Corridor.

Our staff and key Rouge Park Alliance members worked closely with Markham to ensure that the spirit of the Rouge North Management Plan was preserved in the process. We have a strong implementation plan in place which provides a base on which to continue building this special park.

We are very pleased that the Markham OPA continues to maintain the Little Rouge corridor in agricultural zoning, protecting one of the best examples of a healthy stream in the Greater Toronto Area. This will provide Rouge Park with a natural connection from the Oak Ridges Moraine to Lake Ontario in the long term.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Mayor Cousens, Markham councillors and staff for their vision and leadership in approving an unprecedented planning concept and making it a reality.

Markham's Rouge North OPA had just been completed when another Rouge Park Alliance partner, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), began an important process with us to develop a plan for the entire Rouge River watershed. In 1990, the natural features and processes were studied by TRCA and findings compiled in the document A Comprehensive Basin Management Strategy for the Rouge Watershed. The watershed plan will be the outcome of a two-year process, steered by a Task Force of government, private sector, not-for-profit sector and watershed residents. Rouge Park was pleased to see this process begin in 2003 and we look forward to working with TRCA as we assess the natural environment and human legacy of the watershed which is home to our Park.

For 2004, we also welcomed a number of new faces to the Alliance:

- Councillor Elio Di Iorio, Town of Richmond Hill
- Brad Duguid, MPP, Scarborough Centre
- Andre Flys, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.
- Paul Freeman, Senior Planner, Town of Richmond Hill
- Regional Councillor Rick Johnson, City of Pickering
- Mayor Sue Sherban, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
- Councillor Clyde Smith, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

At the same time, a number of Alliance members will not be joining us, and on behalf of the Rouge Park Alliance and staff, I wish to thank them for their contributions and commitment to Rouge Park:

- Regional Councillor David Barrow, Town of Richmond Hill
- Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
- Councillor Peter Dobrich, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
- Steve Gilchrist, MPP, Scarborough East
- Regional Councillor Mark Holland, Durham Region
- Rob Messervey, Aurora District Manager, OMNR
- Councillor Ron Moeser, City of Toronto
- Mike Price, GM, Water and Wastewater, City of Toronto
- Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, York Region
- Councillor David Ryan, City of Pickering

During my eight years as Chair, I have seen great things develop and worked with many dedicated and enthusiastic people. Rouge Park staff, community groups, volunteers, government and agency staff and Alliance members all play important roles and represent a wide array of interests, skills and backgrounds. The one thing we all share in common is the belief that Rouge Park is important and special. I would like to extend thanks to all of our supporters; with your help we will continue to strive towards our vision of a Rouge Park that is truly "a sanctuary for nature and the human spirit."

Ron M. Christie
Chair,
Rouge Park Alliance



Message from the General Manager

The year 2003 was a year of consolidation and progress for Rouge Park. The inclusion of the *Rouge North Management Plan* in Markham's Official Plan was an important product of a long period of consultation and plan development. The refinement of the "ecological criteria" approach to habitat development and stream protection which is detailed in our *Rouge North Implementation Manual* is attracting wide interest. It is my hope that it will become broadly applied across Ontario and beyond as the standard for defining ecological protection along watercourses in urbanizing areas.

Our land securement and ecological restoration projects were very successful in 2003, with a broad range of stream, wetland and terrestrial enhancement efforts being funded. As well, we continued to strengthen our interpretation and communications initiatives, with new signage and improved, safer trails in the Park, and valuable new content in our *Connections* newsletter and at www.rougepark.com. The Honourable David Crombie led an impressive list of recipients at our Rouge Park Awards ceremony. The success of our Internet site also led to Rouge Park hosting groups of travelling researchers and park managers from China and Brazil in 2003. Presentations and site visits helped us to exchange experiences and challenges, and develop friendships with ecological parks abroad.

Closer to home, Rouge Park, working with its partners at the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, was able to reuse waste topsoil from development sites to create more diverse habitat conditions on lands in the Little Rouge corridor. A master planning process for the Little Rouge, initiated in 2003, will consider how to best implement the *Rouge North Management Plan's* restoration, ecological protection and public use objectives. Also exciting is the initiation of the Rouge Watershed Plan process. I was pleased to be asked to co-direct this important review of planning needs in the entire watershed, being undertaken jointly with the Conservation Authority.

Of course, even as we study, restore, enhance and protect the lands currently in Rouge Park, we are always eager to expand the Park. In 2004 we acquired a 10-hectare property containing, and adjacent to, healthy interior forest habitat in Toronto.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Rouge Park staff, both permanent and seasonal, for the high standards of innovation and professionalism each brings to the team. As well, the enthusiasm and support brought to Rouge Park by Alliance members and their staffs are truly inspiring, and bode well for continuing success in the years ahead.

Lewis Yeager,
General Manager



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Interpretation and Communications

Meeting our objectives

Management objective

Communicating with the public

Our web site at www.rougepark.com has continued to be an effective mechanism for bringing our message to the public. This year we added an electronic version of all Rouge Park Alliance meeting minutes and agendas as well as the ability for users to search all resolutions made by the Rouge Park Alliance since it was formed in 1996. This will help not only the general public, but also our Alliance members and staff to have quick, easy reference on the position of the Alliance for a number of issues.

Providing communications support for other Rouge Park programmes, we assisted with the promotion of the new Backyard Naturalization pilot project in Markham by adding a section to our web site. We also coordinated the public involvement aspects of the new Rouge Watershed Plan process with three open houses in the fall and the beginnings of the selection process for citizen representatives on the plan's Task Force.

Recognizing our supporters

We were very pleased to have the Honourable David Crombie at our Rouge Park Awards ceremony as the recipient of the 2003 award. Mr. Crombie was an early advocate of the creation of a park to protect the Rouge River valley and continues to be an urban environmental advocate. Other award winners were:

Education Awards

- Chris Evans of the Rouge Valley Foundation, Toronto
- Toronto District School Board's Hillside Outdoor Education School and West Rouge Jr Public School
- Tazmeen Jajbhay, a teacher formerly with Bayview Secondary School in Richmond Hill

Heritage Awards

- Rob Johnson of Friends of the Rouge Watershed
- Rob Messervey, former Aurora District Manager, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
- Toronto Zoo
- Tupper Wheatley of Milne Park Conservation Association, Markham

Private land stewards recognized as Rouge River Keepers

- Cedar Brae Golf & Country Club, Toronto
- L'Arche Daybreak, Richmond Hill
- Sim Pijselman, resident, Whitchurch-Stouffville

Public use and recreation

In 2003 we completed a major part of the data-gathering required to map and monitor our trails better. We worked with Toronto Parks and Recreation staff to realign a number of sections of trail to lower the impacts on the natural environment and improve public safety and enjoyment of our 12 kilometres of official trails in Toronto. We continue to work with parks and communications staff of all our Alliance partners to improve signage and public use aspects throughout the park and watershed.

Since Rouge Park exists not just for the public in the Greater Toronto Area, but for people from all over the world, we have been working to increase our outreach to tourism organizations. Through a special project with seasonal staff, we researched, contacted and provided information to a number of national and international travel guides to help raise Rouge Park's profile to those visiting Southern Ontario from abroad.

We also contributed to the Toronto-based Green Tourism Association's *Other Map of Toronto* which is a guide and visual map reference for environmentally-friendly businesses, accommodations, activities and natural areas for public use in the city.



Interpretation & Communications

Meeting our objectives

Interpretation objective

Interpreting Rouge Park

Our interpretation efforts in 2003 have been linked to a number of initiatives already mentioned. We were pleased to see a pilot project from the Town of Richmond Hill started, providing signage at road crossings for all named watercourses. Richmond Hill's leadership has inspired our other partners to start the process for identifying their watercourses at roadway crossings and helping residents and others to identify with these important natural features of our communities.



Whitchurch-Stouffville Councillor, Mark Carroll, led the way for a tributary of the Rouge River in his municipality to receive an official, historical, name. We celebrated the newly named "Willowgrove Creek" on the first ever Canadian Rivers Day in June 2003.

The success of our web site resulted in a couple of interpretive opportunities this year. In early spring a group organizing a delegation of Chinese scientists, engineers, land use planners and government officials had learned of Rouge Park from our web site and wanted to visit the Park and learn more about us on their tour of Canada. We were honoured to meet with the Chinese delegation, and introduce some of our Alliance members and staff.

We learned about their issues with natural resource management in southwestern China and exchanged ideas. It was a learning experience for all and a chance for us to showcase the achievements that Rouge Park has made over the past eight years.



In the summer, we were also fortunate to meet with a delegation of Brazilian researchers and government officials who had an active interest in the land use planning aspects of our unique park. The experiences and challenges of protecting our natural areas cross not only oceans and continents, but also cultures, and Rouge Park has proven to be an excellent way for us to make connections and discuss common ground.



Natural and Cultural Heritage

Meeting our objectives

Cultural heritage objective

Archaeological Survey of the Little Rouge Corridor

To continue building our inventory of archaeological resources in the Rouge River watershed, we conducted surveys on the lands identified for transfer from the Province of Ontario along Little Rouge Creek in Markham. Research was conducted for lands east of Ninth Line and west of Eleventh Concession, north of Steeles Avenue and south of Major MacKenzie Drive, to investigate and the post-European settlement uses and history the area.

This research and field work indicates a long history of human occupation. Prehistoric aboriginal groups used the study area as hunting and gathering areas. Evidence ranging from pipe fragments to cutting tools confirms the presence of a Late Iroquoian village circa AD 1400-1550.

In addition to the prehistoric artefacts, the area also contains much evidence of Euro-Canadian occupation. A large proportion of the sites yielded artefact assemblages from mid-19th century agricultural/domestic landscape uses, including items such as Depression glass shards to cast iron remnants, rivets and a copper bell.

Management objective

Building our base of volunteers

Since 1996, Rouge Park has provided funding to organizations working in the Rouge River watershed to preserve and restore its natural and cultural heritage. The regular funding programme application requirements may be difficult for small organizations, such as community groups which are just getting started. A less onerous process has the potential to increase the number of groups implementing projects, especially in York Region. This year, Rouge Park created the Small Grants Programme to provide a shorter process for projects requiring funds up to \$1500. Even smaller projects have great potential for public education and increasing Rouge Park's profile, as the Park grows so should the volunteer base from which we receive applications.

Since Rouge Park was created, volunteer groups and individuals have been an important part of protecting, restoring and enhancing our natural environment. In 2003, a new group called Citizen Scientists became active in the Rouge; their focus is on water quality monitoring.

Rouge Park staff worked with Citizen Scientists to coordinate the necessary resources for them to begin their work. We look forward to their future participation in helping to maintain the health of the Rouge River system.

Fund raising

In 2004, we obtained additional funding for ecological restoration and natural heritage initiatives from: the Ministry of Natural Resources Ecological Land and Acquisition Capitol Projects Program, and the Community Fisheries and Wildlife Program, as well as from York Environmental Stewardship, Hydro One Inc., and Human Resources Development Canada, among other sources. In total, almost \$67,000 in additional project funding resulted.

Ecological Restoration Planning

A property in Markham, purchased in 2002 for its value in linking Rouge Park's northern and southern areas, as well as its excellent ecological restoration potential, was set as the planting site for the well-established volunteer group 10,000 Trees for the Rouge Valley. Completion of ecological restoration on this site will expand the existing forested area enough to allow for interior forest habitat conditions. In 2003, funding was secured and a professional, well-researched plan was developed for the site with support from all of the partners involved in the purchase of the property.



Natural and Cultural Heritage

Natural Heritage objective

A number of specific **Natural and Cultural Heritage Programme objectives** help us to meet our overall Natural Heritage objective.

1.0 Protect Natural Areas

Target

Encourage municipalities and/or regional governments to identify specific areas for protection, in consultation with agencies, within 2 years of *Rouge North Management Plan*.

Action

*Debris cleanup - 41 bags

2.0 Restore Woodlands

Target

Minimum of 50% woodland cover within area of Rouge Park south of Steeles Avenue. This percentage may also include future meadow targets which will be determined through mapping surveys. Rouge Park also supports the target of minimum 25% woodland cover for York Region as identified in the Region of York Official Plan and the 30% forest cover guideline recommended for Remedial Action Plan Areas of Concern.

Action

Tree planting - upland - 28 hectares
Tree planting - corridor linkage - 4 projects
Meadow and prairie plantings - 2 hectares

3.0 Restore Wooded Riparian Cover

Target

Recommend a 30 m natural wooded riparian area each side of the stream, if possible. Plant 75 km of linear wooded riparian vegetation over the next 5 years.

Action

Tree planting - riparian - 3.5 km (2 km in areas identified as restoration sites in the *Rouge River Fisheries Management Plan*)

4.0 Restore Wetlands

Target

10% of the Rouge River watershed to be wetlands

Action

Wetland creation - 10 hectares (8 hectares in areas

identified as historical wetlands)

5.0 Restore Water Quality

Target

Support and work toward Provincial Water Quality objectives (targets recommended in the PWQ guidelines). Reduce water temperatures to indicator species requirements. Bypass 10 online ponds over next 5 years.

Action

*Debris cleanup - 41 bags

6.0 Restore Fish and Wildlife Habitat

Target

Add structure to areas that would otherwise take years to establish wildlife habitat. Remove 29 barriers to fish passage over the next 5 years. Remove a minimum of 2 major barriers (barrier to all fish species) or 5 minor barriers (barrier to warm water fish species) per year. Naturalize 10 km of channelized or altered watercourses over the next 5 years. Construct 5 km fish habitat structures over next 5 years. Reduce water temperatures to indicator species' requirements targets recommended by subcommittee (based on 1997 restoration). To maintain good habitat for deer, birds, insects, and other wildlife which thrive on early successional habitat, consider 10% - 20% meadow within Rouge Park, south of Steeles Avenue.

Action

Barrier Removal - 1 minor
Stream Channel Improvements - 3 km (all in areas identified as restoration sites in the *Rouge River Fisheries Management Plan*)
Nesting structures - > 200
*Debris cleanup - 41 bags



Natural and Cultural Heritage

Natural Heritage objective: Heritage Programme Objectives cont'd...

7.0 Restore Native Species Diversity

Target

Remove 10 km² of exotic plant species over the next 5 years. Generate public interest and excitement by supporting the reintroduction of extirpated flora and fauna species.

Action

Invasive species removal - 2210 m²
Reintroduction of Species at Risk - Peregrine Falcon



8.0 Promote Science & Technology Research and Monitoring

Target

Provide annual checklist to describe completed actions, and projects, measure fulfilment of targets. Support the monitoring of Species of Concern every 5 years. Measure biodiversity and habitat health every 5 years - establish forest and marsh bird, amphibian and reptile monitoring stations (to continue the inventory work done in the *Ecological Survey of the Rouge Valley Park*).

Action

· *Forest Inventory conclusions*
Monitoring of the Little Rouge Forest ESA was expanded northwards from the 2002 inventory work. Butternut (*Juglans comerea*), a tree species recently added to the Species at Risk list, was identified within the area of this year's work which will continue into 2004.

· *Invasive Species Monitoring*

One of the most serious threats to biodiversity is the spread of invasive species, exotic species of flora or fauna which displace native ones. Rouge Park's primary goal in our efforts to mitigate invasive species is the protection of rare species found in ecologically sensitive areas. We focus vegetative invasive species monitoring in areas designated as Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest and Provincially Significant Wetlands.

Our general finding was that the rare plants found in these areas are not currently experiencing severe invasive plant threats. However, almost all of the sites surveyed contained a few scattered invasive species, and all sites were found to have invasive species in greater numbers nearby. These results indicate that the presence of invasive species in these areas is less intensive and would require less mitigation now than in the future. We have the opportunity to act now to prevent the loss of the native wildlife, the most important part of what makes Rouge Park ecologically significant.

· *Watershed Monitoring and the Terrestrial Natural Heritage Strategy*

In 2003, two sites covering 150 hectares within the watershed were monitored and evaluated with the Terrestrial Natural Heritage Strategy approach. Both sites are located along Highway 407. It is important to monitor these areas to determine the expressway's current impacts on the natural environment, and to help us predict and mitigate potential future impacts from infrastructure encroachments.

This approach considers the site within the context of the region and regional pressures. As natural cover comes increasing development pressures, it becomes more important to consider issues of urbanization in a larger context by extrapolating changes at the species- and site-level to changes at a regional and landscape level. In this way, the loss of a species from a particular site has far-reaching implications for the overall distribution of that species at a regional level.

Natural and Cultural Heritage

Natural Heritage objective: Heritage Programme Objectives cont'd...

8.0 Promote Science & Technology Research and Monitoring, continued...

Action

· *Rouge Park Terrestrial Restoration Monitoring Programme*

In 2003 we developed a more direct method of monitoring the progress of our ecological rehabilitation work in the Rouge River watershed through the creation of a Terrestrial Restoration Site Monitoring Programme. This programme was designed to compare current conditions with the planting plan for individual sites originally revegetated by volunteers. Assessment criteria include number, species, variety and size of trees planted, which are evaluated to determine success rates of the planting projects. Another key component to this programme is the review of the sites for any potential concerns of invasive species such as Crack Willow and Asian Longhorn Beetle. We will continue to monitor our rehabilitation efforts so that we can learn how to improve our practices in restoration and pass on that knowledge to the ecological rehabilitation community.

· *Rouge Park Bird Count*

A good indicator of our success with ecological restoration is the bird population in the Park. In January 2004, we held the first annual Christmas Bird Count in Rouge Park. These counts have a long tradition in North America, starting over 100 years ago. By collecting and organizing a large amount of data from all over the continent, the counts provide an overall view of a significant bird population.

Volunteers with the 2004 Rouge Park count recorded 57 species and over 13,000 individual birds. Highlights were sightings of the provincially vulnerable Red-shouldered Hawk, and indicator of mature deciduous and mixed forests, and the Horned Grebe, a sensitive wetland species whose status is not yet well understood. These findings tell us that the bird population in Rouge Park is diverse, and that species formerly thought to be absent from the area are actually inhabiting the natural areas preserved in the Park.

In the future, we will also conduct a breeding bird survey for Rouge Park. We expect the results from this survey to provide us with more insight and additional baseline data to gauge the success of our ecological restoration activities in the Park.

Natural and Cultural Heritage Programme Objectives

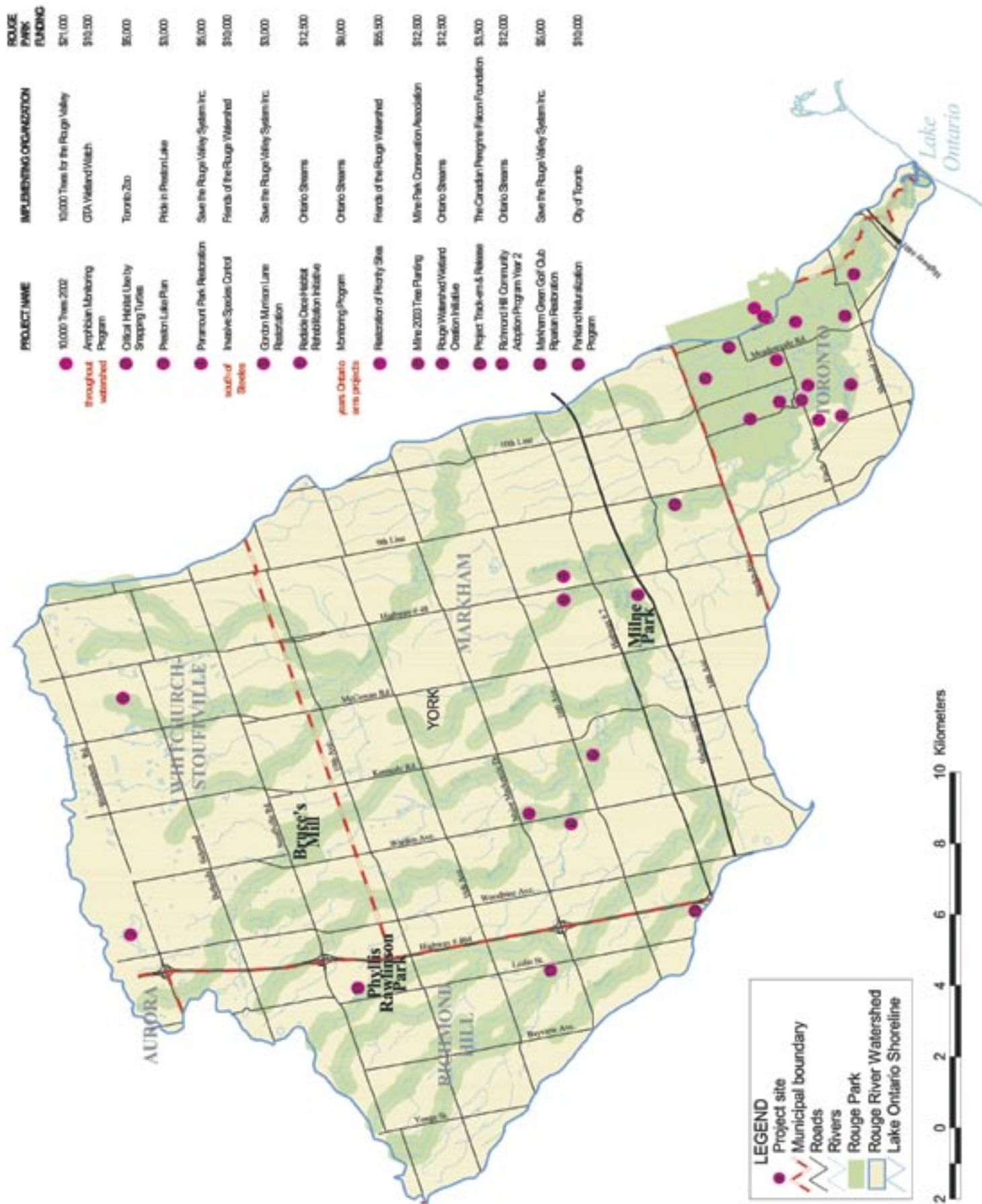
2003 Summary

- Number of volunteers: 5039
- Volunteer hours: 14,843
- Rouge Park funding contribution: \$188,000
- Cash contributions from external groups: \$512,640
- In-kind contributions from external groups: \$195,767
- Total number of projects implemented this year: 16

For every \$1 of Rouge Park Alliance funds, \$4 of additional funding and in-kind contributions were received.

This year, \$896,407 worth of projects were implemented in the Rouge River watershed.





Stewardship: Rouge River Keepers

In our private land stewardship initiatives this year, staff brought our message to the public throughout the Rouge River watershed in a variety of ways, including outreach education events. A new area for outreach this year was to equestrian establishments in the watershed, which often are overlooked when farms are the focus. We continued our outreach to the many golf courses in the watershed, and we partnered with York Environmental Stewardship to host a conservation seminar for property owners with woodlots.

In Whitchurch-Stouffville, our stewardship staff formed a successful partnership with the residents' group *Pride in Preston Lake*. Staff, along with local residents, who live along the shores of this kettle lake on the Oak Ridges Moraine, organized funding and support from a number of other government and not-for-profit organizations to complete numerous projects in 2003, including:

- installation of 10 small bird boxes and 2 Wood Duck boxes
- planting of over 400 native wild flowers and over 300 native trees and shrubs to help with shoreline naturalization

Preston Lake,
Whitchurch-Stouffville



A Barclay, 2003

- conducting West Nile Virus and safe septic practice seminars.

With the help of a grant from Human Resources Development Canada, a coordinator was hired to direct the process for creating a management plan for Preston Lake. For these accomplishments, and others in past years, the group was recognized as Rouge River Keepers in 2002.

L'Arche Daybreak,
Richmond Hill



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In Richmond Hill, we worked with a private property owner whose lands include commercial and institutional uses to achieve enhanced pond and stream renaturalization. L'Arche Daybreak is part of an international organization which provides services for people with developmental disabilities. Their workshops and offices are located on one of the few green space areas in central Richmond Hill. Their progress in 2003 built on past successes in making their grounds more environmentally friendly. We were pleased to recognize their good work by awarding them with Rouge River Keepers recognition this year.

In Markham, we distributed 600 information kits about a new Backyard Naturalization programme, through mail-outs, community groups, workshops and events. In this 2003 pilot project, 60 residents began implementing naturalization on their urban properties; voluntary agreements to naturalize their yards were created with another 60 residents. We saw an excellent turnout at public workshops for people throughout Markham who were interested in learning more about incorporating components of naturalization into their urban properties.

Financial Statement

Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2003, with comparative figures for 2002

	2003	2002 (Unaudited)
Assets		
Due from Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	\$ 566,813	\$ 376,530
Accounts receivable:		
- Federal EcoAction program	1,320	9,000
- Project sponsor	-	11,250
- Municipal – Town of Markham	25,000	-
	\$ 593,133	\$ 396,780
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accrued liabilities	\$ 4,800	\$ -
Project holdbacks	29,580	17,130
Deferred revenue	312,659	355,704
	347,038	372,834
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	246,095	23,946
Lease commitments	\$ 593,133	\$ 396,780

Note: This financial information is not complete; it has been extracted from the complete set of audited financial statements which includes the independent auditor's report, notes and supplementary financial information. Please see www.rougepark.com for full details of the audited financial statement.

Statement of Expenditures and Revenue Year ended December 31, 2003, with comparative figures for 2002

	2003 Budget (unaudited)	2003	2002 (unaudited)
Expenditures			
Programs	\$ 402,500	\$ 375,714	\$ 348,641
Planning	-	53,983	53,730
Projects	305,500	230,253	261,819
	708,000	659,950	664,190
Revenue			
WRT/TRCA	523,200	438,787	461,935
Habitat improvement initiative	-	223,145	-
Provincial	23,000	53,983	54,623
Municipal	119,200	119,200	113,904
Federal	17,600	4,480	28,728
Donations and sundry	25,000	42,504	7,896
	708,000	882,099	667,086
Excess of revenue over expenditures	-	222,149	2,896
Net assets, beginning of year	23,946	23,946	21,050
Net assets, end of year	\$ 23,946	\$ 246,095	\$ 23,946