

Rouge Park Objectives

Natural Heritage

To protect, restore and enhance the natural ecosystem of the Park by ensuring the health and diversity of its native species, habitats, landscapes, and ecological processes.

Cultural Heritage

To identify, protect and conserve the cultural heritage features of the Park for their inherent value and depiction of the long term human use and occupancy of the area.

Land Use

To ensure protection of the ecological integrity and cultural values of the Park through innovative planning, management, and land use in the Park and its environs.

Management

To manage the Park to ensure the achievement of all park objectives and to provide for ongoing public involvement in park planning and management.

Interpretation

To promote knowledge and understanding of the natural and cultural values of the Park, their protection and management requirements, and their significance, sensitivities and interrelationships.

Recreation

To provide opportunities for appropriate recreational enjoyment consistent with all other park objectives.

(Source:
Rouge Park Management Plan, 1994:7)

Proposals that fulfill multiple objectives will be considered a high priority.

General Information for Applicants

Projects will be evaluated and prioritized on the basis of their consistency with the goal, objectives, policies and principles of the *Rouge Park Management Plan, Natural Heritage Actions for the 21st Century Plan* Natural and Cultural Heritage Programme objectives and targets listed below.

For more information, copies of the *Rouge Park and Rouge River Watershed Action Plan* are available. Copies of the *Rouge Park Management Plan (1994)* may be obtained through the park office. The entire documents are also available on our web site at www.rougepark.com

Eligible costs:

Projects that request a lower proportion of the total project cost from Rouge Park may be placed in higher priority. However, the weighting of financial factors is not as high as the weighting of environmental, cultural and social benefits anticipated by the proposed project.

Rouge Park encourages all applicants to seek partnership funding. For projects with a total cost exceeding \$20,000, Rouge Park may fund up to 50% of the total project cost. For projects under \$20,000, funding levels will be decided on a project-by-project basis.

For all projects, materials and rentals are considered priority items for Rouge Park funding, whereas administration and labour costs will be considered on a project-by-project basis.

Government and agency permanent staff time will not be eligible for Rouge Park funds. For further information contact the Manager, Ecological Restoration for a copy of the *Quality Standards Cost Control Report*

All phases of a project should be identified in the application. Rouge Park funding may be specific to one phase only. Funding of future phases is not guaranteed.