

Parks, Forestry & Environment





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A guiding document to address the future needs of parkland programs, facilities, and services and inform future provisions, asset management and capital budgets.





Strategic Priorities

1. Growing and Connecting Parkland
2. Sustainable and Inclusive Design and Management
3. Expand, Protect and Restore Natural Areas
4. Efficient Provisioning for Facilities
5. Enhancing Park Experiences





Key Recommendations

- Redevelop the grounds of the Living Arts Centre
- Increase access to parkland through delivery of trails and unprogrammed park space within greenlands
- Develop a marina and new waterfront parkland in Port Credit
- Prioritize parkland acquisition in areas with the highest needs (adjacent to or within 'Equity Opportunity Areas', Strategic Growth Areas)
- Update the City's design standards to maximize opportunities for multi-use facilities
- Develop approaches to remove barriers and enable marginalized and equity-deserving groups access to more spaces within parks.





Key Recommendations

- Identify priority areas to expand, protect and restore natural areas and the urban forest.
- Raise awareness of conservation, biodiversity, and the role of parkland in addressing climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- Add six new neighbourhood scale leash-free zones in addition to one proposed facility.
- Provide four new public multi-use tennis and pickleball court locations
- Construct six new spray pads.
- Provide four more outdoor ice skating facilities with a preference for refrigerated systems where appropriate and feasible.





Key Recommendations

- Develop a permitting system to approve non-motorized watersport rentals.
- Install Electric Vehicle chargers at select Destination Parks.
- Review the feasibility of expanded park animation, including music performances (additional locations for concerts in parks), food trucks, buskers, and public art.
- Ensure each service area has at least one park that can host larger events.

