



Friday, April 13, 2007

The Regional Municipality of York and Rouge Park to host tree-planting ceremony

Event to commemorate partnership to restore recently expanded Rouge Park

NEWMARKET – The Regional Municipality of York and Rouge Park have entered into a greening partnership to reforest Rouge Park. In honour of this partnership, a tree-planting ceremony will take place with Grade 7 students from Unionville Montessori School.

When: Monday, April 16th
11 a.m.

Where: Rouge Park
East side of Markham Bypass near 9th Line intersection (see attached map)
Town of Markham

Attending:

- The Honourable Michael Chan, MPP, Minister of Revenue
- Brad Duguid, MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Bill Fisch, York Region Chairman and CEO
- Frank Scarpitti, Mayor, Town of Markham
- Gord Weeden, Chair, Rouge Park Alliance

Background:

- Earlier this year, the Government of Ontario dedicated an additional 600 hectares (1,500 acres) of land to expand Rouge Park
- Rouge Park comprises nearly 4,700 hectares (11,600 acres) of the 730,000-hectare (1.8 million-acre) provincial Greenbelt
- Rouge Park is home to a variety of landscapes, including forests, meadows, wetlands and river valleys, and provides a major reservoir for biodiversity in the Greater Toronto Area.
- York Region has partnered with many environmental stakeholder groups, under the auspices of its Greening Strategy, to protect and expand green spaces.

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