



16th Avenue Environmental Improvements Initiative

Goal Statement

To improve the natural system around 16th Avenue and to leave a positive legacy so that the state of the Rouge River Watershed is in a better condition than it was prior to construction.

Guiding Principles

1. To take a strategic ecosystem approach to selecting projects (i.e., what is the cumulative benefit?)
2. To leave a natural legacy in the community that was affected
3. To invest in “natural capital”
4. To provide a (net) benefit to the Rouge watershed

Objectives

1. To meet the Minister of the Environment’s Conditions to “prepare and implement an aquatic habitat improvement plan”
2. To increase stream baseflow
3. To improve runoff quality and quantity control
4. To enhance aquatic health/fish habitat (i.e., for brook trout and redbreasted dace)
5. To provide riparian cover
6. To identify and protect recharge areas and discharge areas

Approach

1. To take advantage of opportunities on public and private land
2. To obtain a written agreement from land owners on privately owned land
3. To consult with municipalities to ensure that all projects can be integrated and protected in future planned development
4. To get the most value for money by seeking other sources of funding (matching funding)
5. To seek opportunities to implement projects in regulated areas
6. To avoid projects that are the financial responsibility of another initiative
7. To ensure relevant policies and guidelines are considered
8. To take advantage of and build on existing data/studies completed by others
9. To work within the context of the Rouge North Management Plan and Rouge Park North vision and objectives