

Rouge National Urban Park Management Plan

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Rouge Park = Rouge National Urban Park

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- The City of Markham has been engaged in the planning process for ‘Rouge’ parkland for almost a quarter of century (24 years)
- Markham led preparation of the Rouge North Management Plan in consultation with Rouge Park Alliance partners
- Since April 2011, with the Federal Announcement that the Rouge Park would become the Rouge National Urban Park, the City has been working with Parks Canada on advancing the creation of this national park; to date, the City has participated in the land assembly process
- The report before Committee today, and the presentation by Parks Canada is to provide information of what this new National Park will be and how it will evolve of the next 10 years

Rouge Park Management Plan

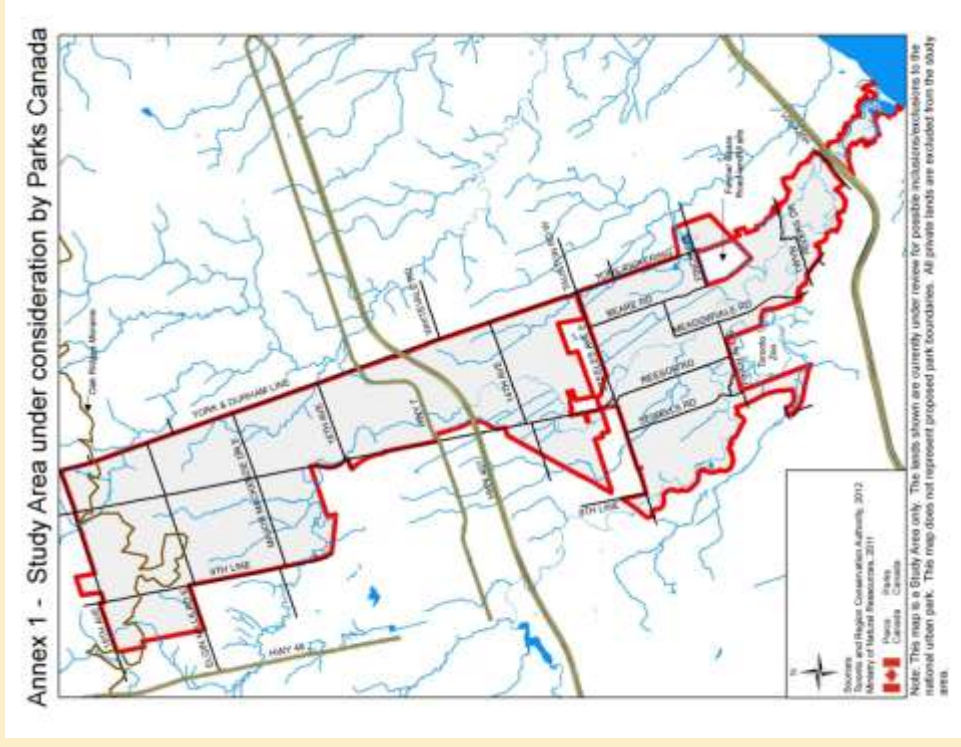
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- In June 2014, Parks Canada released the Rouge National Urban Park Management Plan accompanied with Bill C-40 ‘An Act respecting the Rouge National Urban Park’ to implement the Plan
- Parks Canada is now actively engaged in a public consultation program
- The staff report today provides information and comments on the Management Plan

The Rouge National Urban Park

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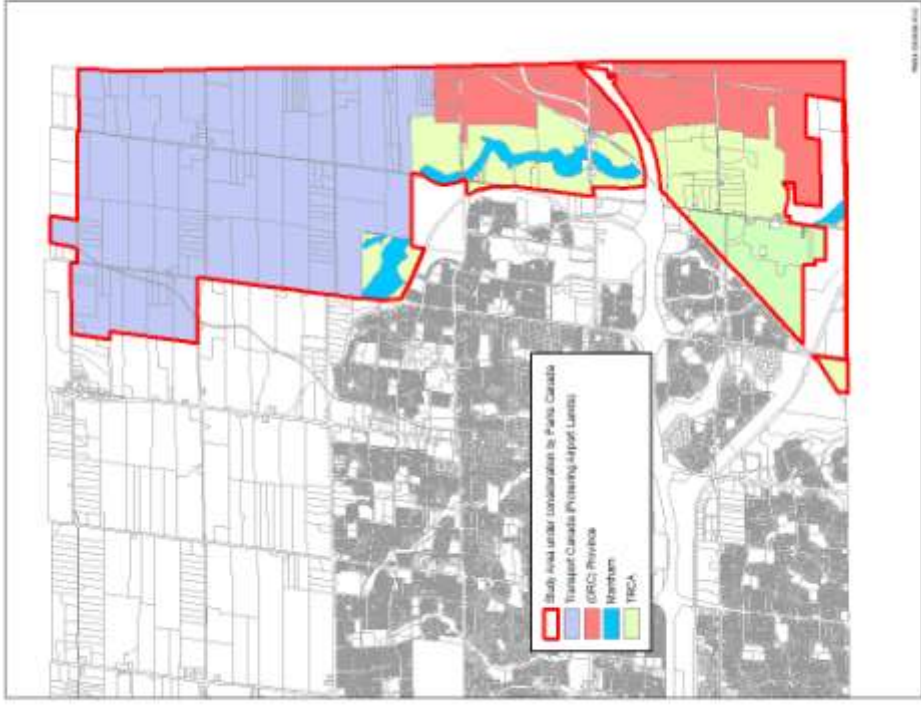
- Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP) will be approximately 5,027 ha
- Creation of the park is through land transfers from:
 - Province of Ontario
 - TRCA
 - City of Toronto
 - City of Pickering
 - City of Markham
 - internal transfer from Transport Canada to Parks Canada



The Rouge National Urban Park in Markham

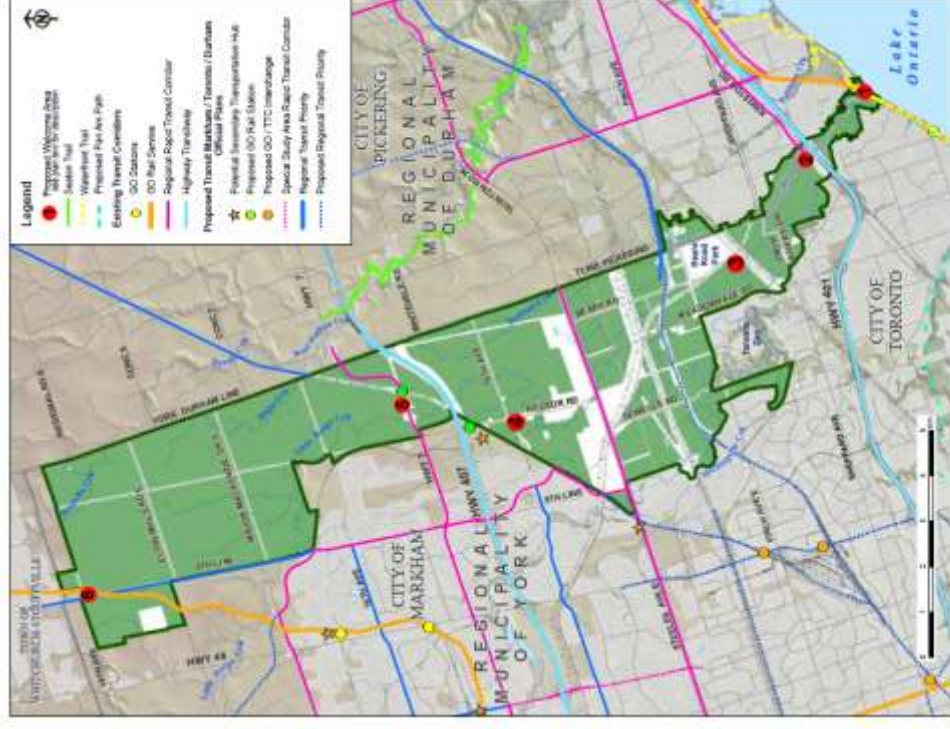
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- Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP) in Markham will be approximately 3,428 ha (68% of the total park)
- Markham's land transfer is 115 ha or 2.3% of the total park



Park Access and Welcome Centres

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MAP 4: Park Access and Welcome Areas

Matters of Interest to Markham

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- Ecological protection and enhancement
- Agricultural protection and farming initiatives
- Cultural heritage protection
- Long term leases
- Recognize and affiliate other municipal natural areas
- Group picnic area and group camping areas in Markham
- Continuous trail connections
- Third party agreements to address municipal services and infrastructure
- Markham Museum as National Park Museum of Record
- Governance structure which includes municipal participation

Staff comments on RNUP

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1. The Management Plan contains creative and innovative initiatives and targets intended to deliver significant park infrastructure over the next ten years
2. The major comment from staff - need to include more implementation and process details regarding the delivery of the major components of the park, particularly the large scale infrastructure such as welcome centres and trail development in order to ensure meaningful and appropriate municipal and public engagement

Parks Canada Key Staff

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- Parks Canada staff are here today to provide Committee with a presentation on the new proposed national park

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