



Milne Dam Conservation Park Master Plan

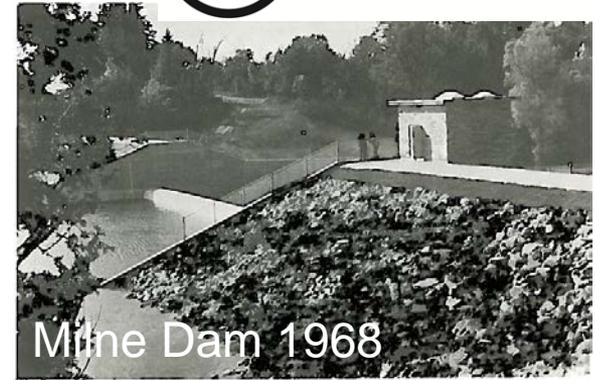
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1. Context
2. Master Plan Process
3. Value
4. Actions for 2017



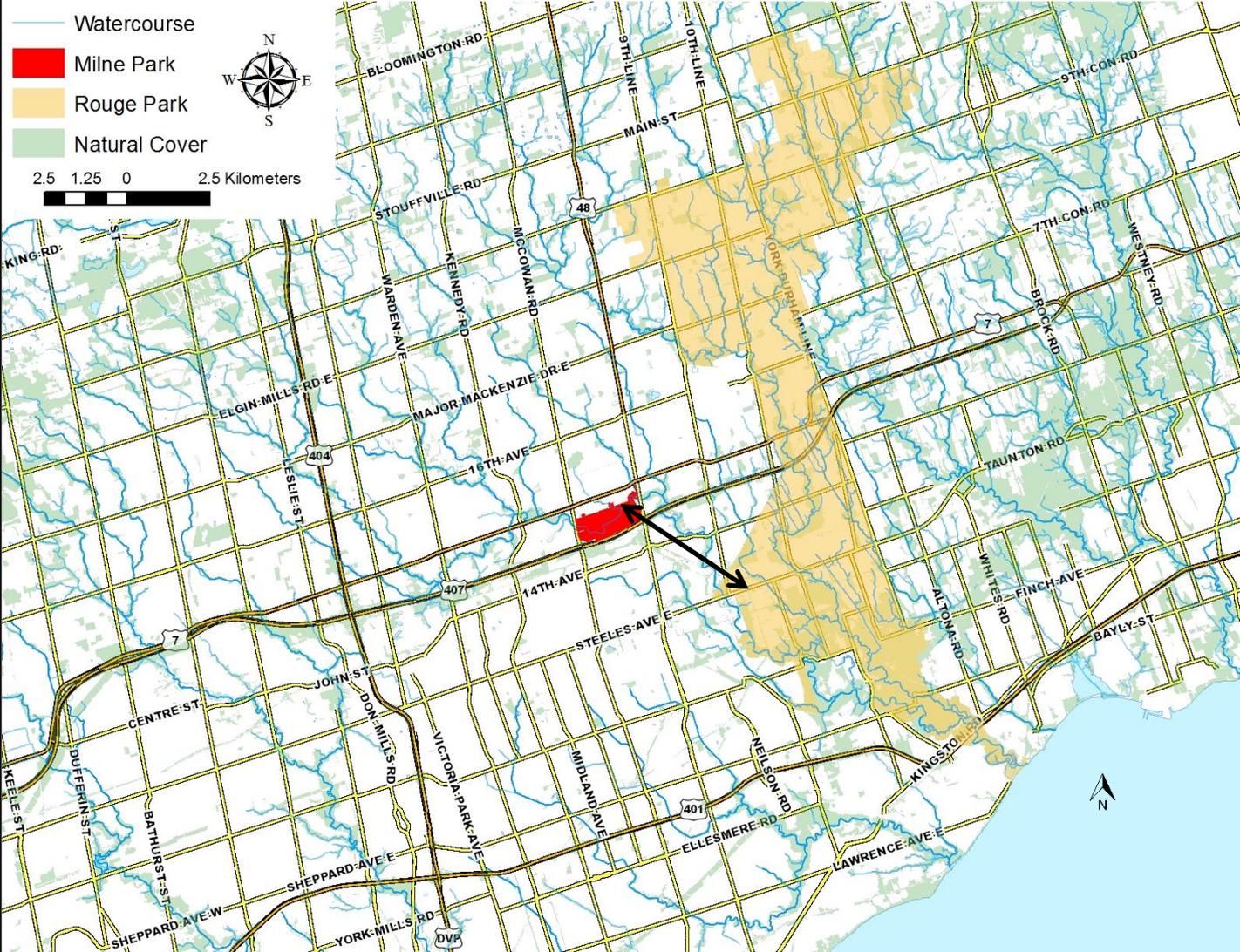
Ownership and Management





Regional Context

- 123 ha
- Rouge River Watershed
- Regional Municipality of York
- City of Markham





A Few Fun Facts



Milne Dam Celebrations





Master Plan Process



Phase 1: Scoping and Background Studies

- Year 1 – 2
- Background report draft
- Project work plan
- Advisory Committees initiation



Phase 2: Component Development

- Year 2 – 3
- Vision, goals and objectives
- Management zones
- Public use, trail, asset management and natural areas management plans
- Management recommendations



Phase 3: Plan Finalization

- Year 3 – 4
- Implementation schedule and budget
- Endorsements
- Publication



Community Engagement



Information
Mail Outs

Surveys

Major Events

Public Advisory
Committee

Social Media

Community
Presentations

Public Open
Houses

Public
Walks and
Tours



- Vision statement
- Management zones
- Public use framework and plan
- Natural areas management plan
- Asset management plan
- Budget and financing strategy
- Action plan





Public Use Framework





What's the value?



- United vision for park
- Stronger strategic alignments
- Updated management directives
- Increased community engagement and stewardship



What are we doing in 2017?



- Conduct initial assessments and mapping
 - Flood control systems
 - Public use demographics
 - Trail network
 - Property securement
 - Cultural heritage features
 - Natural habitat system
- Complete preliminary gap analysis and identify opportunities
- Prepare detailed project work plan
- \$36,900



Your Role and Contacts



- Ask questions
 - Share your knowledge
 - Communicate with your constituents
 - Be creative
- **TRCA**
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City of Markham Considerations – Milne Master Plan

- 4 year funding commitment for the Master Plan
 - 2017 – City contributes \$27,000
 - 2018 to 2020 – estimate from TRCA of \$ 401,000 for City share
- Further discussion required on budget estimates and the cost sharing formula
- No funding source for implementing the recommendations from either City of Markham or TRCA
- Staff will need to report back on next steps and funding requirements.



BUILDING MARKHAM'S
FUTURE TOGETHER



Questions ?

