

2022 Youth Council

Overview and Accomplishments

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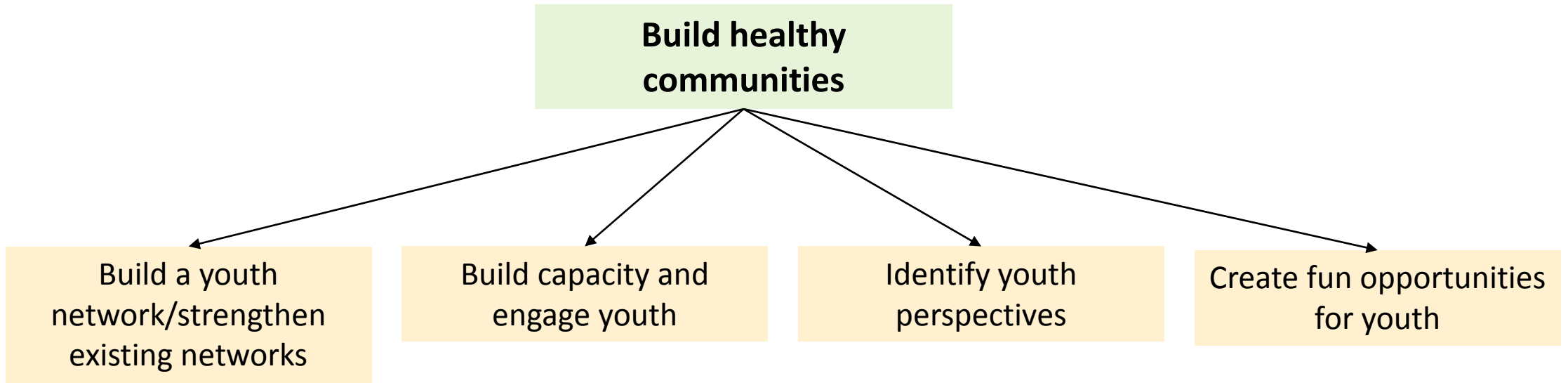
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Agenda

- Overview – Program Goals and Objectives
- Current Membership Interests and Demographics
- 2022-2023 Highlights
 - Youth Council Events
 - Outreach



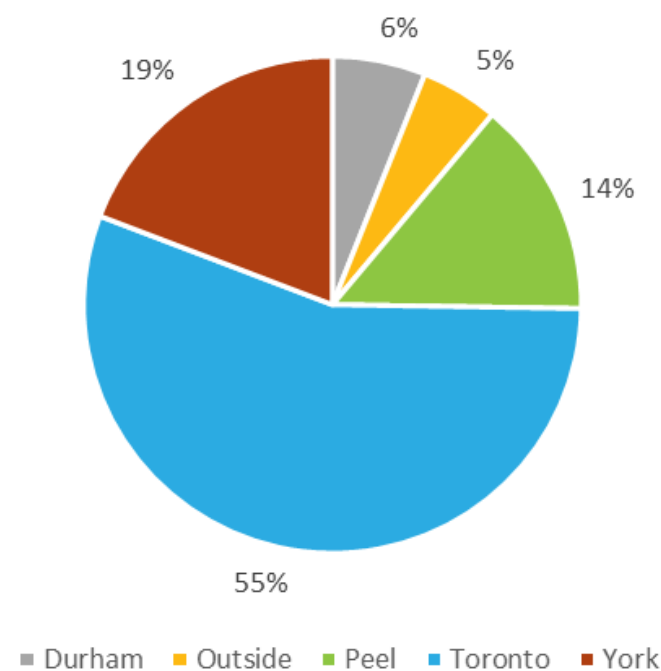
TRCA Youth Council Program Framework



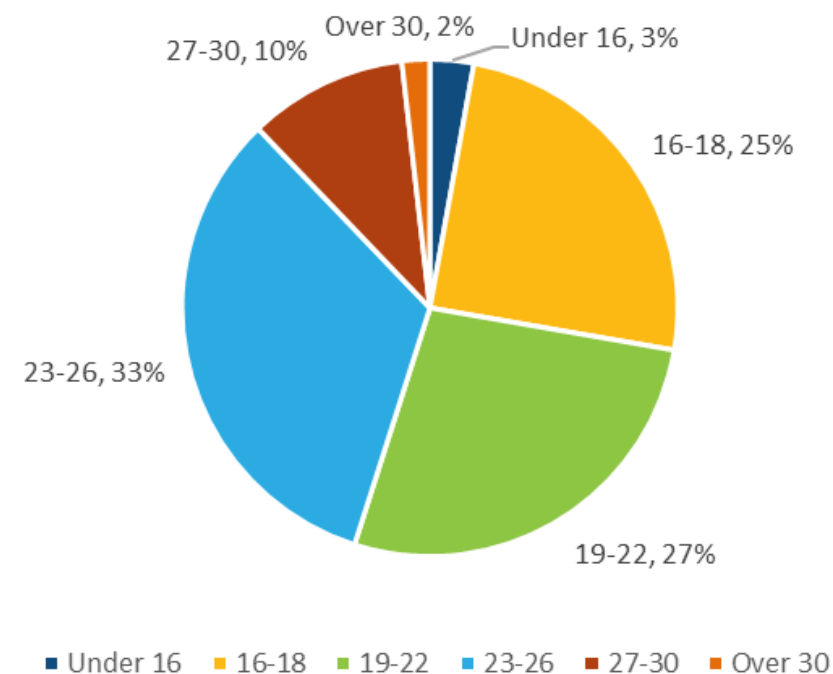
Current Membership

- Youth is defined as 16-30 years old
- Must reside or attend school in TRCA's jurisdiction
- Two ways for youth to participate
 - General member – Intake is open year-round, passive engagement
 - Executive – Application-based volunteer position, responsible for determining program activities for their one-year terms
- 396 current members including both current and previous Executives
- 69% Female, 29 % Male, 2% Other

Current Membership: Demographics



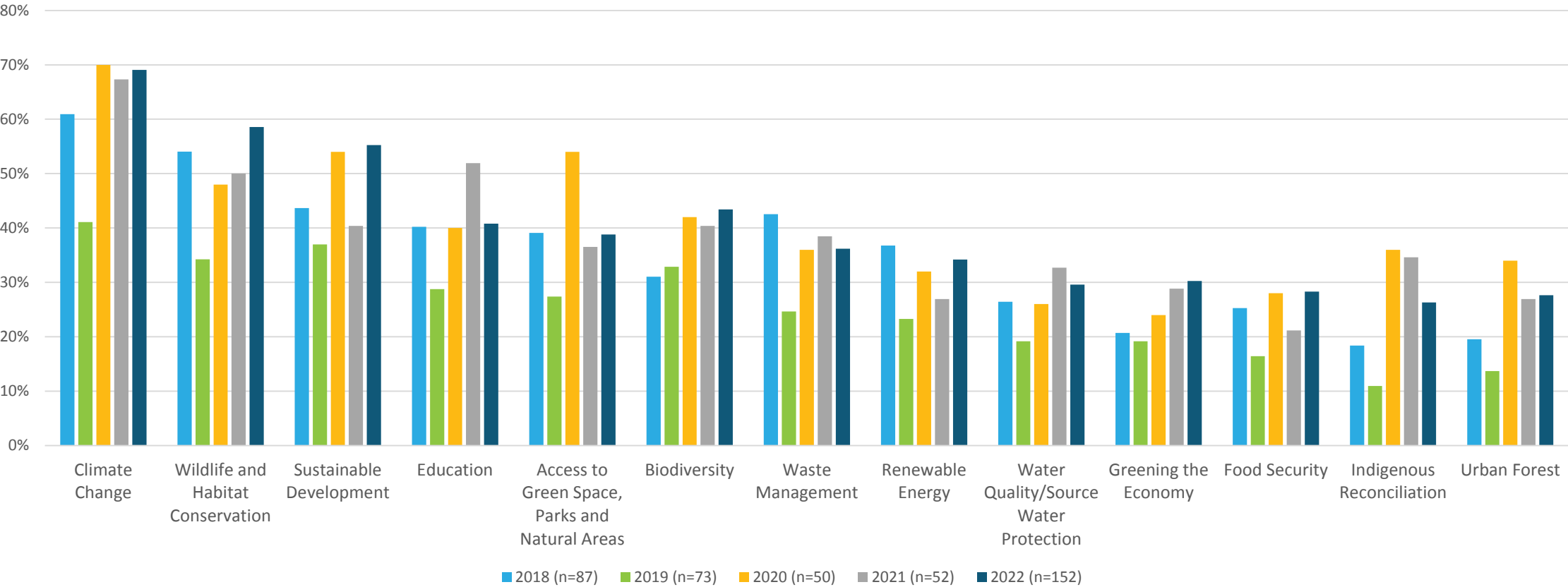
Location of Members
n.b. some members may live outside jurisdiction but attend school within the jurisdiction



Age Composition of Youth Council Membership
n.b. this is the age of members at time of signing up

Current Membership: Interests

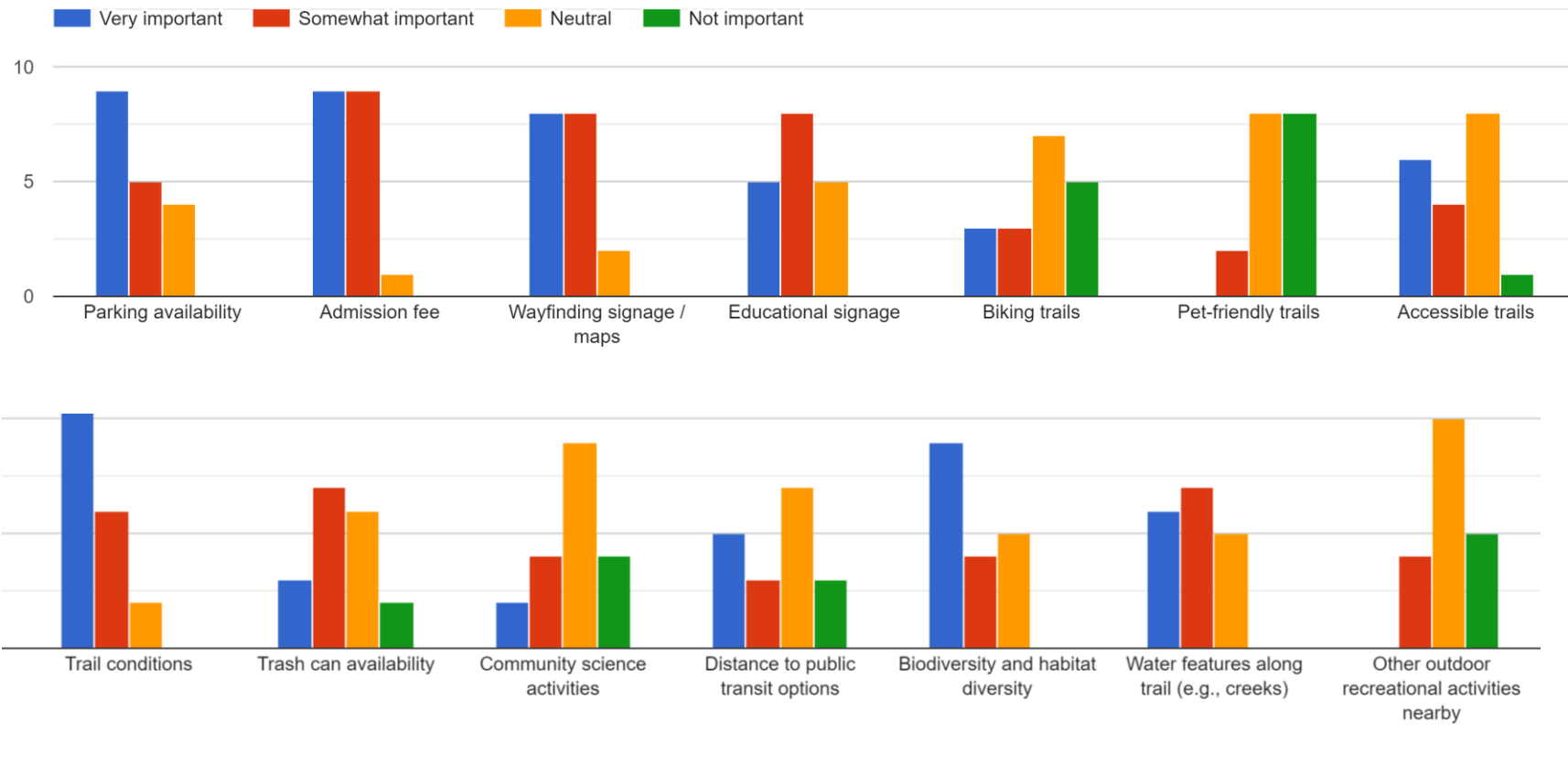
Top 12 Interests Identified by Year



Youth Council Trail Survey

How important are the following aspects to you when deciding whether or not to visit a trail (at a green space, conservation area, or park)?

n = 18



Highlights from 2022

2022-2023 Activities

Outreach

- TRCA Bike the Creek (June 2022)
- Presentation at Ontario Science Centre *Into Nature's Wild* screening (June 2022)
- *Brampton Environmental Alliance presentation (June 2022)
- Peel Climate Action Leadership Retreat at Albion Hills (October 2022)
- *Participation in the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail External Advisory Group (June to December 2022)
- *Social media promotion and 10 newsletters in 2022

* Denotes a virtual event

Events

- *Developing Your Environmental Career Webinar (February 2022)
- *#DiscoverTRCA Summer Challenge (July to September 2022)
- Toronto Island Environmental and Flood History Tour (August 2022)
- Youth Council Executive Retreat at Kortright Centre for Conservation (September 2022)
- Meadoway Planting and Hike Event (October 2022)
- Traditional Craft Workshop with Diane Montreuil (November 2022)
- *Youth Council Town Hall Webinar featuring Anil Wijesooriya (November 2022)
- *Infrastructure Planning Webinar featuring Beth Willison and Shirin Varzgani (January 2023)
- *Virtual KAIROS Blanket Exercise (February 2023)

Virtual Events in 2022



A Bit About Beth & Shirin

- Our backgrounds
- How we came to IPP
- Why we are still here after many, many years!



In-Person Events in 2022



Outreach and Presentations



Social Media Recruitment

- Kasturi, Lillian, Akash, and Erinn provided testimonials



Other Accomplishments

Multiple collaborations with TRCA staff within these divisions:

- Restoration and Infrastructure, Erosion Risk Management, Aquatic Monitoring and Management, Conservation Parks and Lands, and Community Learning

Individual highlights:

- Akash Kar – Started MES in Sustainability Management at University of Waterloo
- Kasturi Bhatt – Started Bachelor's in Life Sciences at University of Toronto
- Supporting two students applying for university currently
- Past Youth Council Executive (Matthew Zuniga) recently joined TRCA's Peel Education team

Let's collaborate!

- Always open to partnerships and collaboration
- Contact youthcouncil@trca.ca or victoria.kramkowski@trca.ca



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