



# 2025 Update - Phase 2

# Agenda

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# Highlights by Section





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**Bermondsey-Western Gateway**  
East Don Trail to Pharmacy Avenue

**Restoration**

- 10 ha of established meadow

**Active Transportation**

- East Don Trail to Eglinton: City of Toronto delivering in 2026

2

**Massey Wilds**  
Pharmacy Avenue to Kennedy Road

**Restoration**

- 20 ha of established meadow

**Active Transportation**

- Trail complete

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**Lawrence Avenue Community Hub**  
Kennedy Road to Thomson Memorial Park

**Restoration**

- 11 ha of newly established meadow

**Active Transportation**

- Trail construction underway
- Public realm improvements in 2026

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**Scarborough Centre Butterfly Trail**  
Thomson Memorial Park to Scarborough Golf Club Road

**Restoration**

- 25 ha of established meadow

**Active Transportation**

- Trail complete
- Public realm improvements in 2026

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**The Ravines**  
Scarborough Golf Club Road to Neilson Road

**Restoration**

- 16 ha of newly established meadow

**Active Transportation**

- Trail complete
- Public realm improvements complete

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**Eastern Entrance**  
Neilson Road to Conlins Road

**Restoration**

- 8 ha of newly established meadow

**Active Transportation**

- Phase 1 :Trail complete
- Phase 2: conceptual design and data collection underway
- Phase 3: Design and Construction in City Capital Budget (2026-2028)

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**The Rouge Gateway**  
Conlins Road to Rouge Park

**Restoration**

- 9 ha of established meadow

**Active Transportation**

- Trail complete

# Meadow Revitalization



The Meadoway  
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## MEADOW RESTORATION

This area has been planted with native wildflowers and grasses. Patience is critical for the success of any meadow. You can expect to see beautiful wildflowers in the summer and fall each year. Meadows are a vital component of our natural landscape as they provide food and shelter particularly for birds and butterflies. Maintenance mowing will occur every 3-4 years.



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# Highlights

- **Adaptive management and monitoring** of 151 ha of native meadow and mown buffer areas
- **Collaborative research** with the University of Waterloo, University of Toronto Scarborough, and Trent University on plant-pollinator relationships and meadow site preparation methods
- **[Updated Meadowway Restoration Manual](#)**, A Blueprint for Naturalizing Infrastructure Corridors



**Before (Section 1)**



After (Section 1)



**Before (Section 5)**



After (Section 5)



# Active Transportation

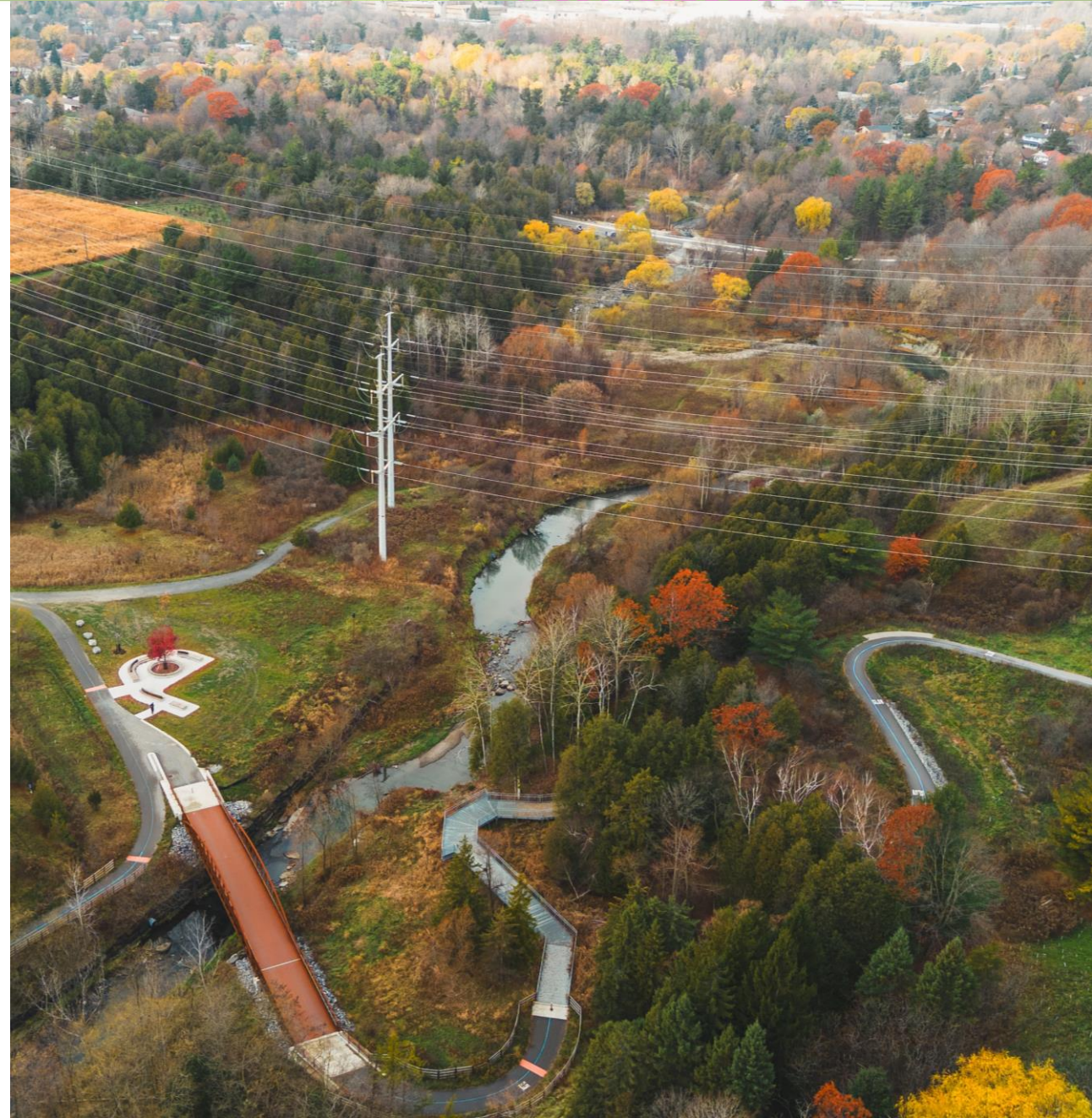
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# Highlights

## Trail Advancement that levers WFF investment through Federal and City of Toronto Funding

- 650 m segment of multi-use trail completed at Military Trail east Morningside Avenue which opened in 2024
- 1 km of multi-use trail started construction in 2025 from Arsandco Park east to Marcos Blvd. A portion of this trail from Midland east to Marcos Blvd opened in 2025 with the remaining connection to be complete in Spring 2026
- Planning for **public realm enhancements and wayfinding** were advanced with pilot furnishings and a gathering area implemented near Highland Creek in 2025



## Section 6 Phase 1



## Section 3 Phase 1



# Public Realm



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# Outreach and Education



# Highlights

- **Over 3,000 students and teachers** were educated through hands-on activities, field trips and conservation
- The Meadoway **Ambassador Program** grew from 11 to 33 volunteers and became a key component of community engagement
- Targeted programming for **ESL learners and newcomers** supported more than 320 participants during Phase 2
- Public engagement was further expanded through a diverse range of seasonal community outreach events. During this period, TRCA hosted **13 community events**





# Communication



# Highlights

- The Meadoway was featured in **42 digital publications**, **29 site tours** were undertaken for a variety of stakeholders and **35 presentations** were made at conference and other forums
- TRCA **advanced its fundraising strategy** for The Meadoway with the guidance of a fundraising consultant. A Strategic Impact Business Case was created to guide the program's launch in late 2025, outlining a tiered partnership model, final ready-to-pitch sponsorship assets, financial projections, revenue targets for 2026, and key performance indicators



# Leveraged Funds



# Highlights

**In addition to the \$6.332 million grant from the Weston Family Foundation for Phase 2, \$6.917 million has been secured from the following sources:**

- \$5.6 million Natural Infrastructure Fund, through the City of Toronto: for advancement of two priority trail segments (2023-2025)
- \$1.05 million Parks Canada: for enhancements to the connection and amenities near Rouge National Urban Park (2023-2025)
- \$0.231 million Nature Based Climate Solutions grant (2023) supporting meadow restoration
- \$0.025 million Canada Summer Jobs Grant (2024) supporting meadow restoration
- \$0.011 million Canada Summer Jobs Grant (2025)
- Several other contributions have been leveraged from the City of Toronto totaling \$6.545 million and include support for programming, wayfinding, signalized road crossings, public realm enhancements and trail design and construction.
- The Garden Club of Toronto also contributed \$0.45 million in 2025 towards the Meadoway Entrance Garden

**Total value of Phase 2 deliverables: \$20.224 million**

# Looking Ahead



# 2026 horizon

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- Meadow restoration and education and outreach activities to proceed as outlined in the Phase 3 funding agreement with the Weston Family Foundation. New deliverables include a grazing research pilot and enhanced seed collection program
- Opening of the new multi-use trail east of Kennedy (Arsandco Park to Marco Blvd)
- Detailed design of a trail connection from Pan Am Drive to Conlins Road, in partnership with University of Toronto Scarborough Campus and City of Toronto
- Technical studies and the launch of a design competition for the trail connection and bridge over Ellesmere Ravine
- Public realm furnishings will continue to be rolled out west to Midland Avenue to Scarborough Golf Club Road providing rest nodes for users
- City of Toronto to roll out wayfinding at Highland Creek at the intersection of the Pan Am Pathway and other trails
- TRCA to hire a fundraising manager on a two-year contract to implement recommendations of the fundraising strategy
- Master Service Agreement to be executed with the City of Toronto to define long-term maintenance and management responsibilities in the corridor

# The Meadoway

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