

## Attachment 1: Notable TRCA Media Coverage: April – June 2020

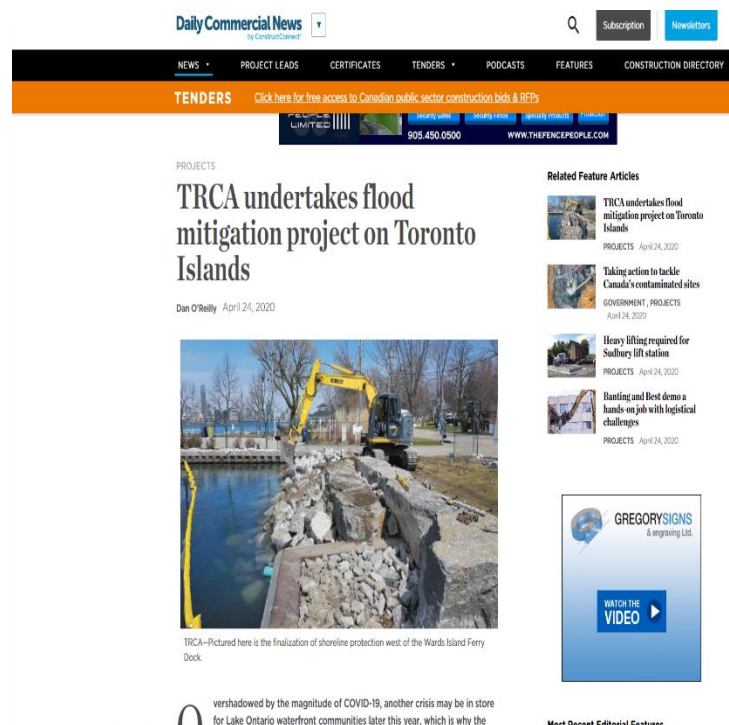
During the second quarter of 2020, TRCA media coverage focused on the following (select examples of media coverage):

### April 2020

## Daily Commercial News by ConstructConnect®

**ConstructConnect, April 24, 2020**

Full article: <https://canada.constructconnect.com/dcn/news/projects/2020/04/trca-undertakes-flood-mitigation-project-on-toronto-islands>



### TRCA undertakes flood mitigation project on Toronto Islands

Overshadowed by the magnitude of COVID-19, another crisis may be in store for Lake Ontario waterfront communities later this year, which is why the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has been undertaking a series of proactive flood control measures on the Toronto Islands.

Defined as an essential service under provincial legislation, the flood and erosion mitigation project requires transporting equipment, materials and work crews to the islands, which are a popular day-trip destination attracting thousands of visitors,

especially during the summer months.

## Hydrogen Fuel News

Hydrogen Power & Clean Energy Community

**Hydrogen Fuel News, April 6, 2020**

Full article: <http://www.hydrogenfuelnews.com/canadian-conservation-authorities-hold-green-energy-blockchain-pilot/8539640/>

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April 6, 2020  By ANGIE BERGENSON

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May 2020



**Richmond Hill Liberal, May 7, 2020**

Full article: <https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9971357--it-is-infuriating-oak-ridges-residents-say-trail-goers-ignore-covid-19-rules/>

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NEWS May 07, 2020 by [Sheila Wang](#) Richmond Hill Liberal



A COVID-19 warning sign is posted at the Toronto Region Conservation Authority's Oak Ridges Corridor Trail tract at Old Colony Road. - Steve Somerville/Torstar

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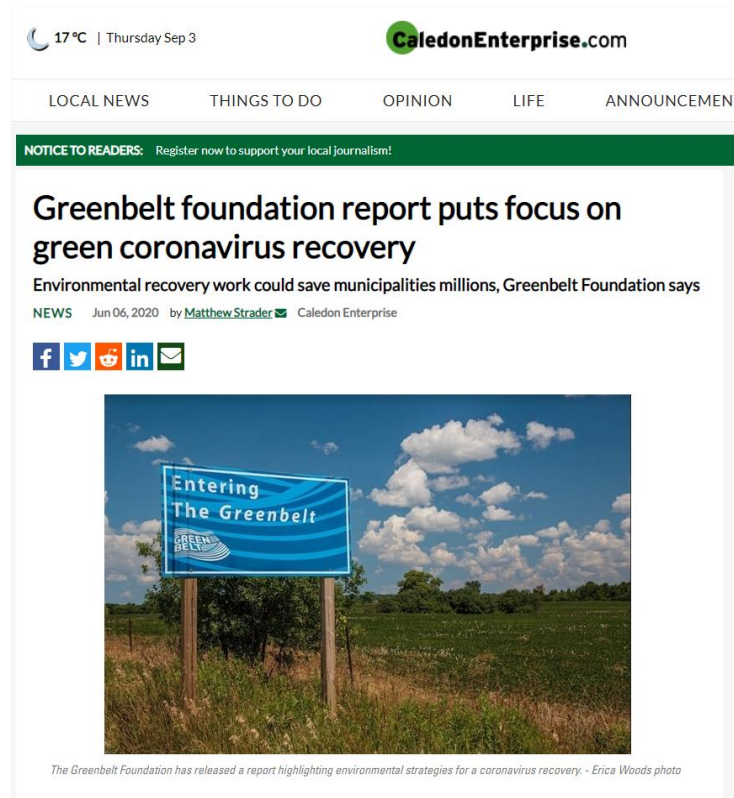
Lockett lives just north of Stouffville Road and Yonge Street, where she said illegally parked cars, and crowds gathering in groups "far larger" than five packed the neighbourhood over the weekend.

June 2020



**Caledon Enterprise, June 6, 2020**

Full article: <https://www.caledonenterprise.com/news-story/10013644-greenbelt-foundation-report-puts-focus-on-green-coronavirus-recovery/>



## **Greenbelt foundation report puts focus on green coronavirus recovery**

### **Environmental recovery work could save municipalities millions, Greenbelt Foundation says**

While COVID-19 puts unprecedented strain on our economy, the Greenbelt Foundation said a new report it just released outlines a strategy to address infrastructure needs and build climate resilience, while helping the economy recover.

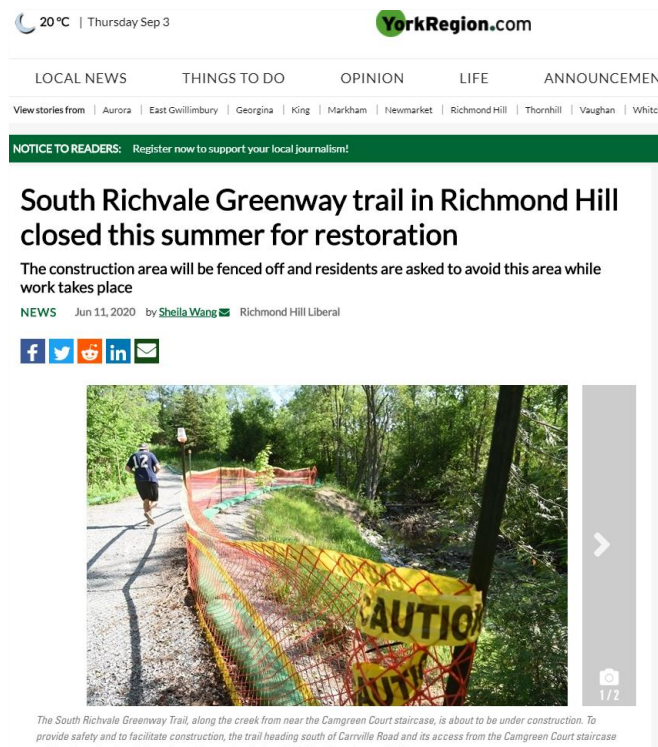
“Canada’s built, or ‘grey,’

infrastructure requires an estimated investment of \$5.3 billion per year in order to keep pace with the effects of climate change,” said foundation spokesperson Vanessa Nim.

The report, titled Investing in the Future: The Economic Case for Natural Infrastructure in Ontario, illustrates how by investing in natural areas, municipalities can save money, reduce reliance on expensive built infrastructure, mitigate the effects of extreme weather and create much-needed jobs. The Greenbelt Foundation worked on this report with three conservation authorities to determine the return-on-investment of ecological restoration efforts in their jurisdictions: the Brock Lands, Saltfleet Conservation Area and Lake Scugog.

**Richmond Hill Liberal, June 11, 2020**

Full article: <https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/10014729-south-richvale-greenway-trail-in-richmond-hill-closed-this-summer-for-restoration/>



### **South Richvale Greenway trail in Richmond Hill closed this summer for restoration**

**The construction area will be fenced off and residents are asked to avoid this area while work takes place**


For a second summer, trail-goers will not be able to visit South Richvale Greenway in Richmond Hill, as it is scheduled to be closed from June 15 to October to allow for restoration works.

The trail, heading south of Carrville Road and its access from Camgreen Court staircase, will be closed to the public until work is complete, according to a June 4 city notice.

The city has been working with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) on the remedial works along Patterson Creek — a tributary of the Don River — in order to provide long-term protection to at-risk municipal land and infrastructure.




Full article: <https://www.cambridgetimes.ca/opinion-story/10022775-shawn-micallef-exploding-garages-human-torches-and-forbidden-playing-fields-what-past-landscape-mistakes-in-toronto-have-to-say-about-today-s-rush-to-reopen-under-covid/>



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## **Shawn Micallef: Exploding garages, human torches and forbidden playing fields: What past landscape mistakes in Toronto have to say about today's rush to reopen under COVID**

**OPINION** Jun 15, 2020 by **Shawn Micallef**  
Contributing Columnist



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Just south of where Alliance Avenue and Humber Boulevard

connect is open space that is a cross between a vacant lot and a park. Footpaths lead to Lavender Creek, a watercourse mostly buried, but here free and almost natural. Nearby it empties into Black Creek, channelized in concrete.

Full article: <https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/10036839-richmond-hill-proclaims-aug-22-as-flight-of-the-monarch-day/>

## **Richmond Hill proclaims Aug. 22 as Flight of the Monarch Day**

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**NEWS** Jun 23, 2020 by [Sheila Wang](#)  **Richmond Hill Liberal**



  
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*A monarch butterfly is placed upon a garden plant after being released into the wild. Aug. 17, 2018 - Steve*

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It's that time of the year for monarch butterfly sightings in your own neighbourhood in Richmond Hill.

Just before the showy orange-and-black butterflies embark on their epic journey south, Richmond Hill has declared Aug. 22 as Flight of the Monarch Day.

Council unanimously passed the motion put forward by Coun. David West at the June 10 electronic meeting, with an amendment to set aside \$10,000 to purchase monarch-friendly plants.

Regional Coun. Carmine Perrelli, who made the amendment, said the plants will be provided to 200 residents to help expand monarch habitats.

Full article: <https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/10021124-should-the-carruthers-creek-headwaters-be-developed-/>

## Should the Carruthers Creek headwaters be developed?

**Pickering and Ajax do not see eye-to-eye on developing 4,000 acres of land in northeast Pickering**

**NEWS** Jun 16, 2020 by [Kristen Calis](#) ✓

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*Tim Gray, executive director of Environmental Defense, believes the Carruthers Creek headwaters should be left alone. The City of Pickering supports developing the land while the Town of Ajax is against it. June, 15, 2020 - Susie*

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PICKERING — Thoughts on what should happen to the Carruthers Creek headwaters couldn't be any different between two neighbouring municipalities.

Pickering sees the area in the northeast part of the city as having great potential for development, while Ajax believes building on the land would be detrimental environmentally and financially.

Advocacy group Environmental Defence is asking the public to speak up against development.

The last time the Region of Durham reviewed its Official Plan, a developer made a concerted effort to urbanize the lands. The proposal went to the Ontario Municipal Board, which ruled that they could not be developed

unless a full watershed study of Carruthers Creek was completed.



Full article: <https://www.canadianarchitect.com/csla-announces-the-recipients-of-the-2020-awards-of-excellence/>

## CSLA Announces the Recipients of the 2020 Awards of Excellence



By Canadian Architect — On Jun 1, 2020



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The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) has announced the recipients of its 2020 Awards of Excellence. This year, 13 projects that illustrate how landscape architects are reshaping communities by defining work, living and play places received a national award.


A national jury of landscape architects selected winners from a total of 68 submissions.

Criteria applied by the jurors included demonstration of a deep understanding of the craft of landscape architecture and attention to composition and detail; excellence in leadership, project management, breadth of work, new directions or new technology; promotion of the discipline amongst related professions, clients and the general public; and exemplary environmental and/or social awareness.




Full article: <https://www.amny.com/new-york/new-yorks-high-line-network-adds-15-new-members-to-revitalizing-group/>

## New York's High Line Network adds 15 new members to revitalizing group

Joe Pantorno June 30, 2020



High Line Park in New York City. (REUTERS/Lucas Jackson)

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Ranging from New York to California, to Mexico to Canada, the High Line Network has increased from 11 members in its inaugural year to 39 with these newest additions. Their goal is to transform underutilized and abandoned infrastructure into new urban landscapes that value public spaces.

**The Meadoway- Toronto, ON, Canada:** A hydro corridor in Scarborough transformed into a vibrant 16-kilometer stretch of urban greenspace and meadowlands that will become one of Canada's

largest linear urban parks.