

TRANSFORMING EXISTING NEIGHBOURHOODS INTO GREENER, HEALTHIER PLACES TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY

SNAP - An Action Plan for Change

The Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP)

is part of a pilot program to help established communities become more environmentally friendly and prepare for climate change. The SNAP brings together residents, businesses, community groups and government agencies to develop a science-based action plan for change that fits the needs of the neighbourhood. In partnership with the City of Markham, York Region, and local residents and businesses, Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) is leading a SNAP for the "Bayview Glen" Neighbourhood in Markham, Ontario.

What will SNAP include?

The Bayview Glen SNAP will build on Markham's *Greenprint Sustainability Plan*, help to prepare the neighbourhood for climate change, and transform it to be a greener, healthier place to live work and play. The Bayview Glen neighbourhood was chosen because of upcoming flood remediation works that Markham is undertaking in response to the *West Thornhill Stormwater Flood Remediation Class Environmental Assessment Study*.

The Bayview Glen SNAP will find the best ways to:

- Address rain water and waste water servicing issues to reduce flooding risk and protect the East Don River,
- Keep the urban forest healthy, and improve the biodiversity of plants and animals native to this area,
- Conserve energy to reduce carbon footprint and green house gas emissions, and
- Conserve drinking water to reduce pressure on the current water system and preserve this vital resource for the years to come.



Bayview Glen SNAP Study Area



About the Bayview Glen Community

The Bayview Glen neighbourhood is located within the community of Thornhill in the City of Markham, York Region. Bound by Bayview Ave, Steeles Ave and the CN rail line to the north and east, the neighbourhood is home to a population of about 2,100. It's a beautiful, mature neighbourhood of mostly detached homes, parks and parkettes, Bayview Glen Public School, places of worship and some commercial lands. A reach of the Upper East Don River flows through the neighbourhood, lined with a mix of natural areas and private residential lots.

Creating the SNAP

The SNAP is created through a three-part process that includes data collection, engaging residents and businesses and evaluating options, to create a final local plan.

Phase 1

Review the current conditions



Identify areas for action → Immediate actions!

Phase 2

Integrated options



Evaluate and compare

Phase 3

Action Plan & Business Case → Ways to overcome barriers

To learn more about the SNAP projects or to discuss partnership opportunities contact:

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Partners Wanted!

Community support and strong partnerships are key ingredients in the success of the Bayview Glen SNAP. We would welcome the opportunity to work with local groups, individuals and businesses on the development and implementation of the plan. On- the-ground demonstration projects such as rainwater harvesting, tree plantings, or energy and water conservation measures will also be a part of the SNAP's outreach component. We would welcome the opportunity to work with local partners on these or other projects that showcase environmental change in the community.



Do you live or work in this neighbourhood?

Get Involved! We want to get local residents and businesses involved in developing the Bayview Glen SNAP. We will be holding community meetings, events, and fun local activities. Come out and meet your neighbours! Check our website regularly for information on upcoming activities and initiatives.

