

APPENDIX 7. Individual comment sheets

DON GREENWAY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1: What functions should the Greenway perform, in addition to flood conveyance?	Question 2: How important are these functions? Place a check mark in the appropriate box		
	High	Medium	Low
Uses by wildlife?			
Ecological regeneration is primary core strategy			
Should have lacustrine marsh on north and south sides of Ship Channel (must reserve space and assemble the properties; see map on file for lot numbers).			
Broad water swales with gently sloping sides can form aquatic linkages throughout the area			
Big green "S" will connect the hinterland at the Oak Ridges Moraine, to the Don Watershed ecosystem, to the Don Greenway, to the Don Greenway, to Lake Ontario Park, to the Base of the Spit, to the top of the Leslie St Spit. This is an opportunity that far exceeds Stanley Park, Central Park or the Boston Common			
Deer can come down to the lake for a drink of water			
Species list to be assembled: fish, mammals, plants, birds, invertebrates, with help from Toronto Field Naturalists			
See Chester Springs Marsh for an example of ecological design and species list			
Uses by people?			
Greenway should be road free, with gateways at the Lower Don, Portland at Cherry St, and Leslie St			
Economic development zones on west and east of Greenway			
Filmport should have its own exit off the Don Valley Parkway southbound. Other traffic needs can be met through a reconfiguration of the Cheery Street-Lakeshore intersection. The Don Roadway can be closed.			
Environmental functions?			
Must deal with toxic soils – should bioremediate; do not cap. Capping is not adequate because of the costs to the City and to the ecosystem at a later date.			
Other functions?			
Question 3: Based on these functions and priorities, what kind of place should the Greenway be? What it should look like/feel like?			

Question 4: What other advice do you have regarding the Greenway?

Public input at focused (guided) public meetings, where options (eg A, B, C, or D) are presented.

Give credit where credit is due – some people have “been in the trenches” for a decade or more. People with a “black belt in environmentalism” need to be recognized, and separated from beginners and intermediates to get away from the bureaucratic response that “if we do that for you, we have to do it for everybody.”

Jane Jacobs quote: “administrators always take over from the doers”.

Success triangle has (A) citizens (B) politicians (C) staff-bureaucrats.

Quote: “The human imagination leaps to form the whole (Gestalt) to complete the scene in order to make sense of it....To fill the gaps is essential if the scene is to have meaning” pg 158 on “Passion for Form” in “The Courage to Create” by Rollo May.

We need both revitalization (economic development) and regeneration (environmental health) at the water’s edge. It’s not either/or!

Your name: Dalton Shipway

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Uses by wildlife?			
The fundamental function is that it is "all about nature".....a safe and supportive corridor and habitat for various species of all types who choose to use the area.	√		
Safe space for a diversity of wildlife, where green space is connected and ensuring that they are the prime focus. ---provide habitats for resident and breeding wildlife, ---trees	√ √ √		
Uses by people?			
No time need be spent thinking of special attractions. It's HUMAN NATURE TO BE IN NATURE. Manicured space should be non-existent.	√		
Environmental functions?			
It is crucial that the Don River and Lake Ontario be connected and that the Don River be given the space it needs to expand---be what it is suppose to be.	√		
There should be a wetland/marshland as part of this. ---masses of functional habitats, ---no dogs as they will run through wetlands and destroy ---avoid open expanses of mown grass to minimize Canada geese ---no need for energy use ---minimal to no maintenance ---no lighting needed as this is not what is found in nature and is unnecessary for insects and animals whose habitat this will be	√		
Other functions?			
Not a place for sport facilities of any sort. This is a space for nature, wildlife and the river.	√		

Question 3: Based on these functions and priorities, what kind of place should the Greenway be? What it should look like/feel like?

The Greenway should be a place of 'passive' recreation---a place to "BE"
HIGH PRIORITY

Question 4: What other advice do you have regarding the Greenway?

The key to success of the Don Greenway project is that any adjacent development must support the goals of clean water, breathable air and clean soil in which to grow food. With this always in the forefront, any notion of development adjacent to the Greenway must be totally sustainable. For example, any development would be built to LEED standards and be self-sustaining in energy production and waste treatment.

Sustainable development is not just a catch-phrase. It is a real tool through which our community can affect positive change not only for our lives, but for future generations.

Solving the Climate Crisis is humankind's biggest challenge. Every possible means must be taken to reduce our impact on the planet. The Don Greenway project is just such a project. Governments must lead the way and set a positive example for industry and people to show how sustainable development can be properly done.

EXTREMELY HIGH PRIORITY

Question 5: Do you know of good examples of greenways in other places? If so, where?

- Kortright Centre's Marshland area (the boardwalk in attached picture can probably only be suitable if the area was bigger)
- Spadina Quay Wetland on a much larger scale (picture attached)
- Stanley Park, Vancouver

Your name: Sharon Howarth

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Uses by wildlife?			
Ensure that the green spaces are part of a web and not an isolated entity.	√		
Uses by people?			
Human use should be a secondary focus to wildlife and nature, and the Greenway should strike a stronger preference for nature which is struggling for its “survival” in many of the nearby neighbourhoods. My preference for sports fields with respect to their location is that they be within the “peopled” portion of the waterfront plan. I agree that they should cater to local not regional needs.	√		
Environmental functions?			
Other functions?			

Question 3: Based on these functions and priorities, what kind of place should the Greenway be? What it should look like/feel like?
It should be a great piece of “protected” wilderness in the City.
Question 4: What other advice do you have regarding the Greenway?
It may be questionable to develop communities in a flood plain. It is important to ensure that if there is development that it be a workable off-grid development whose energy use is based on renewables and whose emissions and effluents are of better quality than the receiving air, water and soil. The development should improve our city’s environment from any further degradation.

Your name: Karen Buck

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Uses by wildlife?			
A migratory corridor for birds & butterflies with native plants for food & shelter	√		
Uses by people?			
Passive recreational only. A walking path with benches for relaxation. Perhaps something like the Music Garden	√		
Environmental functions?			
Other functions?			
Question 3: Based on these functions and priorities, what kind of place should the Greenway be? What it should look like/feel like?			
It should be a quiet place for walking and relaxing. Something like the music garden – a winding path with native flowers, shrubs and trees. No bikes, roller blades, skateboards or dogs off leash – a welcoming space for birds and butterflies.			
Question 4: What other advice do you have regarding the Greenway?			
Question 5: Do you know of good examples of greenways in other places? If so, where?			

Your name: Margaret McRae

These are my own responses. The Toronto Field Naturalists will send in an additional response form.

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There should be a high priority given to providing protected habitat for a broad spectrum of wildlife: mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, birds; and trees, plants and fungi. Grass should be allowed to grow long to discourage Canadian Goose populations.			
Uses by people?			
Low impact, recreational use which should NOT include playing fields, buildings, structures. Crushed gravel paths for walking and bicycling should be kept to a minimum, and they should be designed to steer people away from natural areas. Small signs should help people understand the significance of the natural environment they are enjoying.			
Environmental functions?			
Habitat...as wild as possible...along with flood control function. Natural species should be encouraged. Norway maples extirpated.			
Other functions?			
NO!			
Question 3: Based on these functions and priorities, what kind of place should the Greenway be? What it should look like/feel like?			
It should be primarily natural habitat for wildlife and a natural corridor for the movement of wildlife between the Oak Ridges Moraine and the waterfront. It should look "green"; it should natural rather than urban.			
Question 4: What other advice do you have regarding the Greenway?			
Keep it as wild as possible! Naturalization of the shoreline should be a key objective and have the highest priority.			
Question 5: Do you know of good examples of greenways in other places? If so, where?			
Not really. One assumes that there are some major American city and I have read that some of the newly-built cities in China have incorporated large natural areas.			

Your name: Toronto naturalists re Don Greenway

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Migratory Functions (Birds)		√	
Wildlife corridor – have to understand	√		
???? is a critical landscape			
Wildlife habitat – land base & mammals	√		
Uses by people?			
Co existence with industry	√		
Primary passive	√		
Active – locally based recreation		√	
Regional Sports Facility			√
Interpretative			
Soft ????? @ship		√	
Trail (walking & bikes)			
Environmental functions?			
Storm water quality control	√		
Other functions?			
Balance the active/passive; people/wildlife	√		
Question 3: Based on these functions and priorities, what kind of place should the Greenway be? What it should look like/feel like?			
Floodway with shrubs, trees with localized ?????? for recreational area			
Question 4: What other advice do you have regarding the Greenway?			
Maximize use as a laboratory (back drop) for film studios Maintain shipping use in ship canal & build fish habitats, structure in ship canal Low maintenance requirements Maximize the integrity of the 'Natural Place'			
Question 5: Do you know of good examples of greenways in other places? If so, where?			
Redesign ?????? Sunnybrook Farms part of the Don Valley. KVVA's Summary best provided a T of R for moving forward			

Your name: WJ Snodgrass - Scrib

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Allow for the safe movement of existing species Provides a food source for existing species	√		
Uses by people?			
Safe movement of people Full size sports fields/active recreation Spillways shouldn't sterilize land	√ √		
Environmental functions?			
Manages storm-water Links to other environmental features Improve on quality Abate noise and dust	√ √ √		
Other functions?			
Connects other elements of the urban green infrastructure	√		
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Wow places Dark place (don't light sport fields)			
Question 4: What other advice do you have regarding the Greenway?			
Audobon for Parks It's a web of connective features – don't be literal about it Don't over program and under design it			
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Your name: Jeff Evenson

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Migratory Habitats plant small species: piping plovers Fisheries – aquatic transition terrestrial small insects generalists species of birds			
Uses by people?			
Engage/not exploration/enjoy habitat/walking/hiking/bike For sports/pick up sports (M) Human species – org sport. Integration (not exclusionary) Mixed use Create a great space Demonstration Restoration – nature and people as a model policy Create a great space Not contradictory – baseball/soccer/cricket Contribute to healthy communities – fitness Golf course – no golf Educational Public space - gathering events Feeling of not being in city Strolling in the evening			
Environmental functions?			
Energize in river/storm water Plant communities/ flood protection/nature works Sports people also environmentalists Flood proofing comp in naturalization Interaction in water Low – maintenance – low energy			
Other functions?			
Residential –off line waste Alternate energy source Get energy sources (solar) Not separate – neighborhoods Use of buildings – basketball in fabric Fit frontier – Balance and imbalance – what works with ecological perspective – if all natural does it achieve the objectives – to integrity what can fit. Branch toward low maintenance naturalized river mouth ????? in a city.			

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All be it to evolve in a natural way. 'Not in City' ????
Small scale intimacy high quality vs. quantity
Historical recall (fidelity) – half close eyes experience what native people experience –
contracted out of centre (going forward) ed component.
'Distance' million miles away

Question 4: What other advice do you have regarding the Greenway?

Showcase ??????????
Demonstration. Hydrology & Natural ????
commitment to ???? watershed
Greenway catalyst for ????
Really can do – not ____ _____

Question 5: Do you know of good examples of greenways in other places? If so, where?

Music Garden
??? Change Park North
7th Hole of Don Valley Golf Course – sense of trees
Below Science Centre
Highland Great Valley
Ravine Bayview South of York Mills