

**GREENING
THE HILL**
Our Community
Our Future

Environment Strategy Achievements

2023

Our Environment Strategy, *Greening the Hill: Our Community, Our Future*, outlines our vision and plan to become a more environmentally sustainable community. Here are some key highlights from 2023:



Planning for sustainable transportation



Council approved the Transportation Master Plan, which will guide the future of the City's walking, cycling, off-road trails and road networks to support growth. It also includes updated transportation and mobility policies to support how people get around the city.



Taking advantage of grant funding

Richmond Hill secured \$3.18 million in funding from the Federal Active Transportation Fund for the David Dunlap Observatory Pedestrian/Cyclist Bridge and Recreation Trail project. The City also received nearly \$465,000 in grant funding from various agencies to help offset the costs of projects that help restore and enhance our environment.



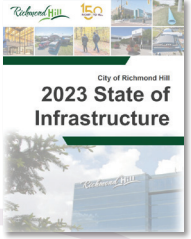
Protecting our feathered friends

Richmond Hill was recognized as a Bird Friendly City by Nature Canada for taking action to reduce threats to birds, restoring and enhancing their habitats and engaging the community in education, awareness, and citizen science to monitor and protect local bird populations.





Managing our assets



Did you know that Richmond Hill maintains more than \$9.2 billion worth of assets? The City's inaugural 2023 State of Infrastructure Report reveals that assets are in good condition for reliable community services, which includes 1,040 km of bicycle lanes, cycle tracks, sidewalks, walkways, multi-use paths and trails. It also includes 73,000+ street and park trees and 889 hectares of natural areas, valued at more than \$233 million.



Cleaning the Hill

A record-setting 12,000 volunteers picked up litter from 145 streets and pathways, and more than 100 parks and open spaces during Clean Up, Green Up Weeks. The City's efforts were recognized by the Municipal Waste Association with a Silver Award for Promotion and Education in the Special Events category.



12,000
Community volunteers



145
Streets cleaned



100+
Parks cleaned



Improving home energy efficiency



The City launched an education campaign to promote home energy improvements that can reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions and save residents money. Richmond Hill held 8 educational webinars, released a home energy improvement survey, offered free personalized guidance from a home energy expert and provided energy efficiency education at community events.

Working together to protect, enhance and restore our local environment

Community Stewardship Program



1,615
Community volunteers



9,204
Trees planted



5.6 ha
Area restored

Healthy Yards Program



1,305
Trees distributed



3,760
Wildflowers distributed



300
Rain barrels distributed



285
Composters distributed

Fill it up Water Trailer



35
Events attended



20,000
Reusable bottles filled