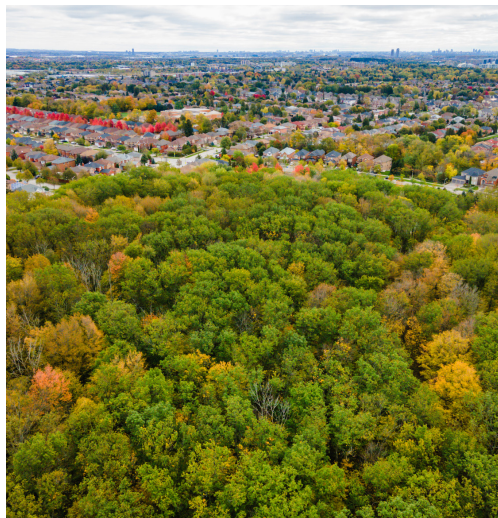


Our Environment Strategy, *Greening the Hill: Our Community, Our Future*, outlines our vision and plan to become a more environmentally sustainable community. Here are some key highlights from 2024:

LEADERSHIP

- Received the 2024 Ontario Nature Municipal Award for the community's success in protecting and growing our tree canopy.
- Became Canada's first Urban Economy Forum "Frontrunner City", helping advocate for sustainable development worldwide.
- Began converting the Connor Building into the City's first net-zero facility.



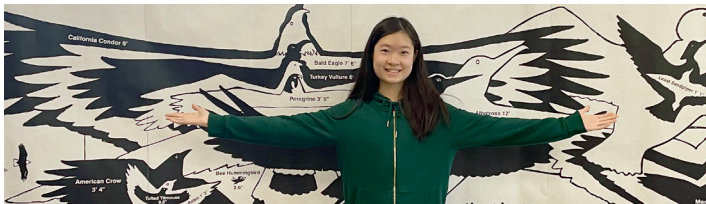
PARTNERSHIPS

- Expanded our urban sustainability potential by partnering with Urban Economy Forum and UN University Institute of Water, Environment, and Health.
- Engaged residents and developers about energy efficiency and other sustainability features with municipal, utility and institutional partners.
- Introduced more electric vehicle charging options in our community through a new partnership with Jolt Canada.



COMMUNITY

- Supported residents in using citizen science to make Richmond Hill a more bird-friendly city.
- Worked with community members to establish two new food-producing collective gardens.
- Held community events to celebrate and raise awareness about our natural environment.



INNOVATION

- Created new rain gardens at Minthorn Park and Dorothy Price Park, which will help control runoff during heavy storms while supporting pollinators and wildlife.
- Converted an ornamental garden at Patterson Park into a butterfly habitat garden, which will reduce water use while supporting pollinators.
- Completed installment of 10 Level 2 EV chargers at the Operations Centre to support 10 new electric fleet vehicles.

Working together to protect, enhance and restore our local environment

Community Stewardship Program



1,749
Community
volunteers



9,173
Trees
planted



6.7 ha
Area
restored

Healthy Yards Program



1,188
Trees
distributed



3,520
Wildflowers
distributed



300
Rain barrels
distributed



200
Composters
distributed

City Tree Care Program



2,727
Trees
planted