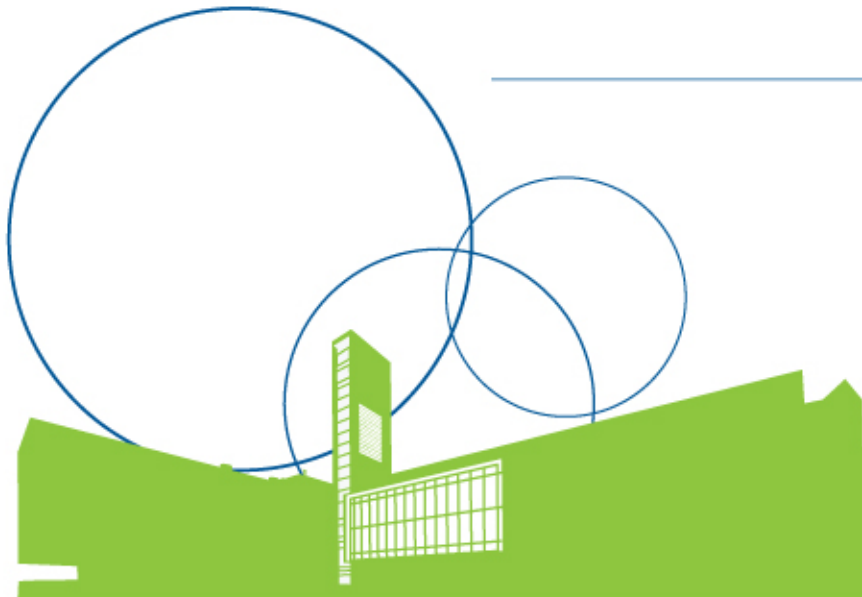


Natural Heritage Network Study – Phases 2 - 4

Community Meeting
13th November 2013
City of Vaughan



NHN PROJECT GOAL

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VAUGHAN NHN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOOLS

Visit the NHN project website

https://www.vaughan.ca/projects/policy_planning_projects/natural_heritage/Pages/default.aspx

Phase 1

- presentations
- final report

Phases 2 - 4

- newsletter
- maps
- online survey



Have More to Say?

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Let us know what **YOU** think about the Natural Heritage Network by filling out an **online survey**:

<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/VNHS/>

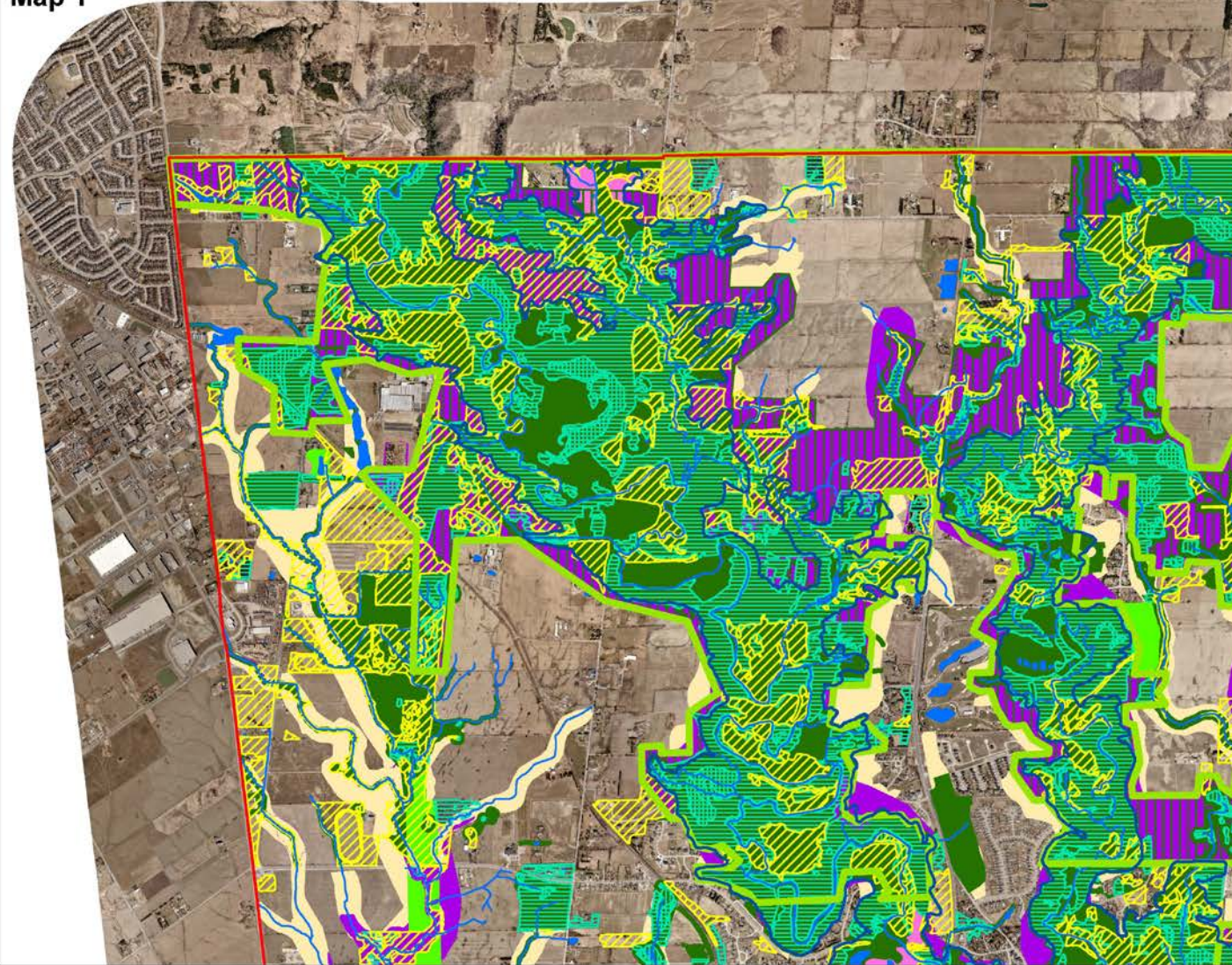
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NHN PHASE 1 – NATURAL FEATURES MAPPING

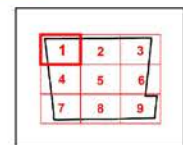
Map 1



Vaughan NHN Study

Legend

- Greenbelt NHS
- Greenbelt Boundary
- Vaughan NHN**
- Core Features
- Enhancement Areas
- Built-Up Valley Lands
- ORM Boundary
- ORM Natural Core
- ORM Natural Linkage
- York Greenlands
- Crest of Slope
- Forest
- Wetland
- Meadowlands
- Open Space
- Waterbodies
- Watercourse
- Vaughan Boundary



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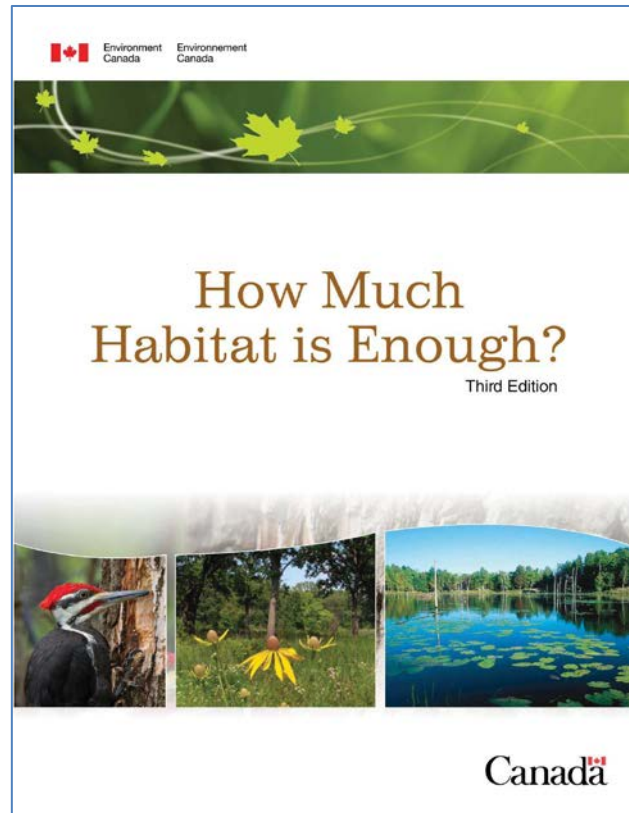


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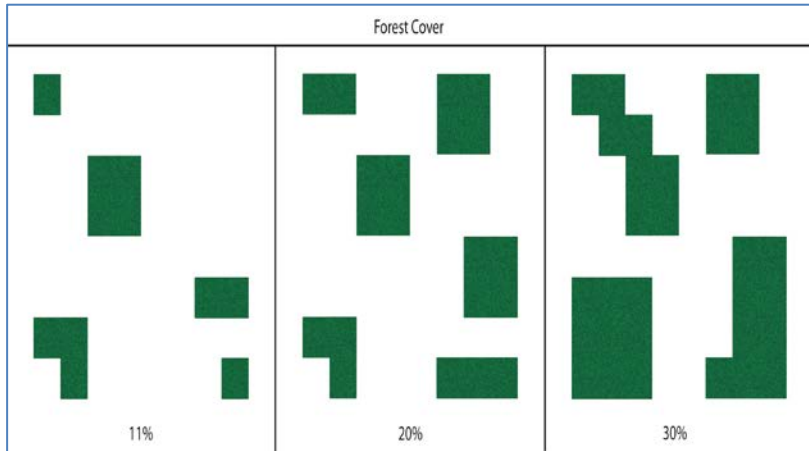
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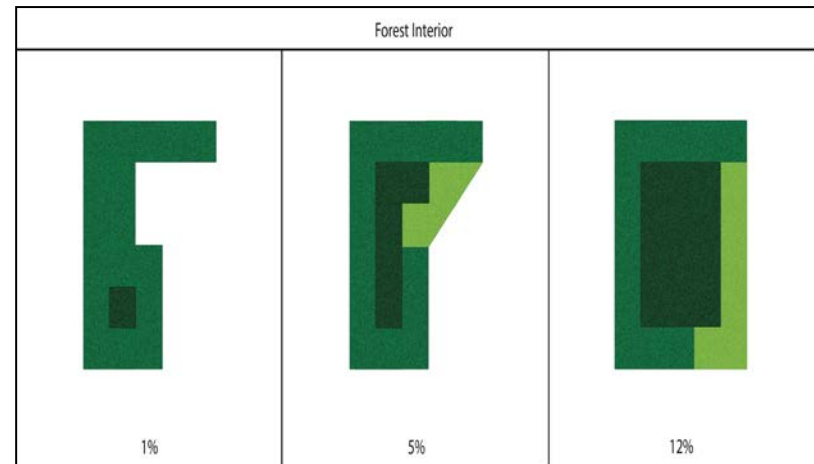
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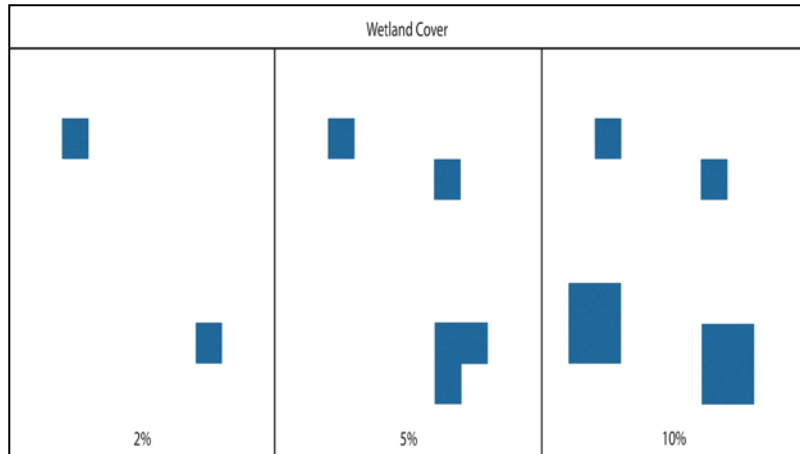


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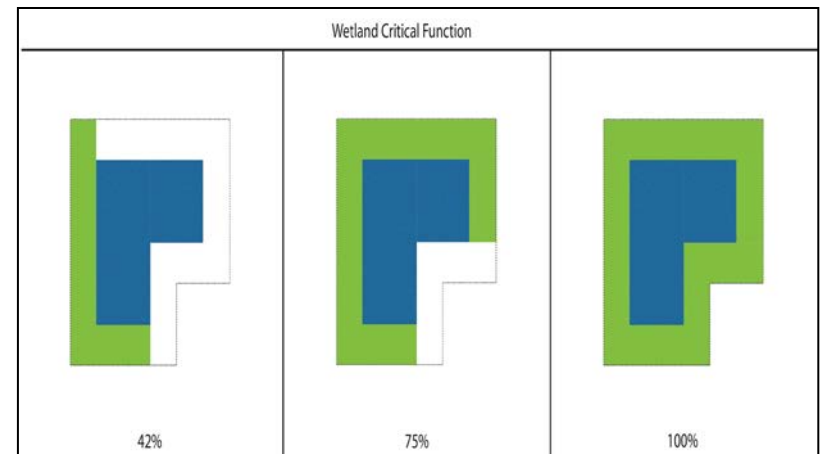


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Wetland Cover

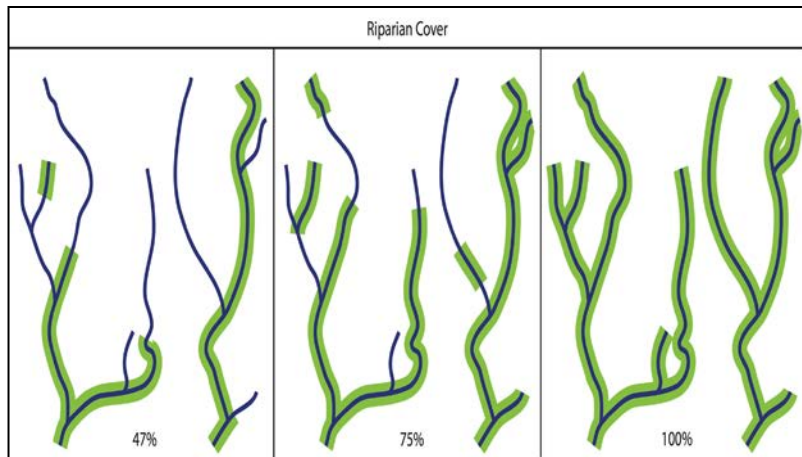


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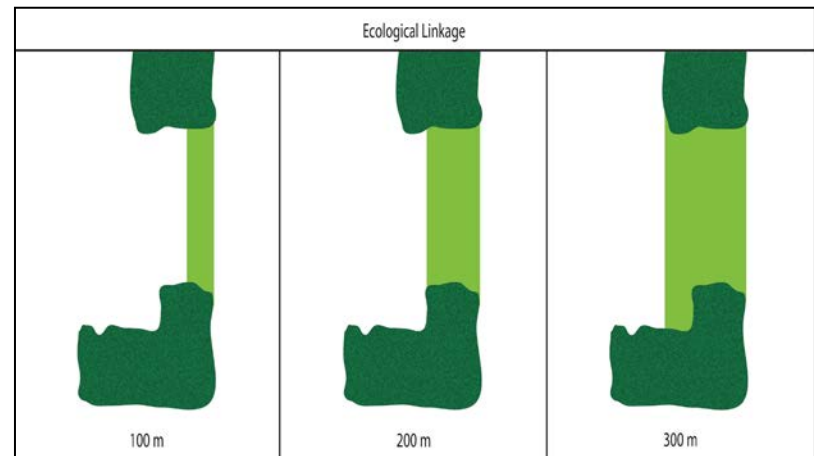


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Riparian Cover



Ecological Linkage



OTHER PUBLIC ISSUES & CONCERNS IN REGARD TO EVALUATING THE NHN

- creating trails that allow public access for passive recreation and active lifestyles
- restoring areas of woodland and removing invasive species such as buckthorn
- managing Emerald Ash Borer (insect attacking Ash trees)
- managing potential risks to the public such as hazardous trees
- managing wildlife in the City such as coyote, raccoon, skunk, etc.
- Other?



CITY OF VAUGHAN NHN PHASE 2-4



**THANK
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