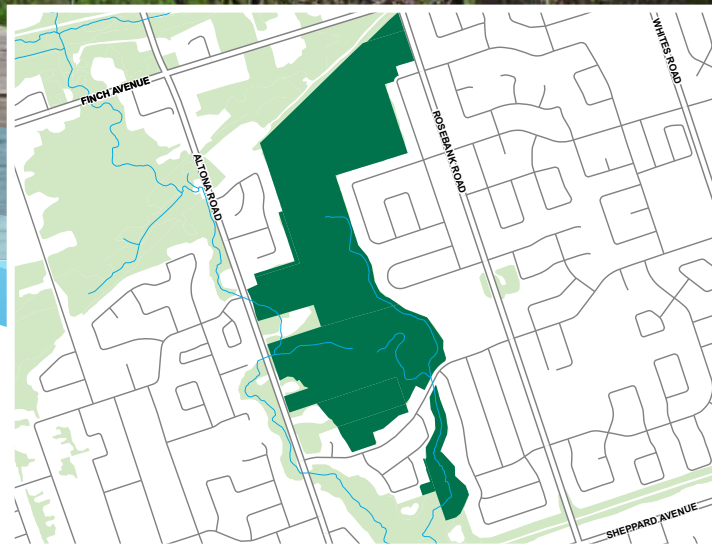


Altona Forest

PICKERING



Altona Forest contributes to the region's greenspace network and is an important part of the Rouge-Duffins Wildlife Restoration Corridor.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Altona Forest is a 55.8-hectare property owned and managed by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) located along the eastern edge of Petticoat Creek in the City of Pickering, Durham Region.
- The southwestern section of the forest contains the J. Murray Speirs Ecological Reserve, a natural reserve donated to TRCA by renowned naturalist and educator Dr. J. Murray Speirs.
- The 4.2-kilometre hiking trail system within Altona Forest takes users through cedar and hardwood forests, wetlands and meadows.

ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES

- Altona Forest is situated in a transitional zone between the Deciduous Forest Region (Carolinian), and the mixed deciduous and coniferous cover of the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Forest Region.
- The Property consists of mature forest with old growth characteristics and numerous early to mid-successional vegetation communities, such as old fields and wet meadows.
- Altona Forest is a critical component in the Rouge-Duffins Wildlife Restoration Corridor, which is the interregional corridor between the Rouge, Petticoat and Duffins watersheds.
- Significant species have been documented in the Forest, including orchids, hawks, deer and owls. Diverse plant communities include over 300 species creating many diverse habitats, for birds, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles. Due to its ecological significance, Altona Forest was designated an Environmentally Significant Area by TRCA in 1982.



Bird Watching



Cross Country Skiing



Hiking



Snowshoeing

PLANNING DOCUMENTS

- Altona Forest Environmental Management Plan (1996)



Toronto and Region
Conservation
Authority