Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

Humber River Watershed Plan
Engagement Summary 2

November 2023 - August 2025

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SUMMARY

The development of a new Humber River Watershed Plan (HRWP) was initiated in 2022 by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) in partnership with a Steering Committee consisting of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) and our partner municipalities (City of Toronto, Region of Peel, Region of York, County of Simcoe, County of Dufferin, City of Brampton, Town of Caledon, City of Vaughan, City of Richmond Hill, Town of Aurora, Township of King, Township of Adjala-Torsorontio, and Town of Mono).

Watershed planning provides a systematic and comprehensive framework for ensuring healthy watersheds. Watershed planning helps to characterize current watershed conditions, provide insight into the potential future conditions of the watershed based on potential future land use and climate scenarios, and identify measures to protect, restore, and enhance the health of the watershed to ensure long-term sustainability and resiliency. Watershed plans do not make land use and infrastructure planning decisions. Rather, they are intended to help municipalities make informed decisions on where and how to grow in a way that minimizes and/or mitigates impacts to watershed health. Watershed plans also help inform other TRCA and municipal initiatives including ecosystem restoration and management, land management and acquisition, best practices for rural land use, low impact development and green infrastructure implementation, and climate adaptation.

The development of the HRWP is a multi-year process and includes the following stages: Stage 1 – Preparation and Scoping (2022), Stage 2 – Watershed Characterization (2022-2023), Stage 3 – Future Management Scenarios (2024-2025), and Stage 4 – Implementation Planning/Development of the HRWP (2025-2026).

Engagement with First Nations and Indigenous Communities as well as broader engagement with partners, watershed stakeholders, residents, and the public is an important part of the watershed planning process. Effective and meaningful engagement leads to improved watershed planning outcomes. It helps facilitate community buy-in and strengthen support from First Nations and Indigenous communities as well as from key watershed stakeholders, residents, and the public. This helps to garner broader support from policy-makers and to facilitate effective implementation by relevant partners. Since the development of watershed plans is a multi-year, collaborative initiative, regular engagement is vital to the successful development and eventual implementation of a watershed plan.

The objectives for engagement throughout this watershed planning process are:

- To build relationships with First Nations and Indigenous communities within the watershed as well as to build partnerships with key watershed stakeholders, residents, and the public and identify opportunities for collaboration, coordination, and strategic resource-sharing to improve watershed health.
- To build community awareness on the importance of healthy watersheds and identify opportunities for improved community stewardship of the Humber River watershed.
- To achieve broader endorsement of watershed plan goals, objectives, and management actions to increase the likelihood of effective implementation.

Regular project updates at key milestones (and for any engagement activities) will be posted on the project webpage and on social media throughout the watershed planning process. The updates, and opportunities for input, will be provided through notifications to First Nations and Indigenous communities, local and regional municipal Councillors whose wards have boundaries within the watershed, TRCA's Board of Directors, TRCA's Youth Council Executive, Regional Watershed Alliance, the HRWP webpage subscribers list, and to the watershed stakeholders, residents, and other members of the public on the project stakeholder list.

Engagement notifications/project updates will also be circulated to HRWP Steering Committee members for distribution within their organizations/through their channels, as appropriate, to ensure maximum public exposure, and to various TRCA teams for distribution through their mailing lists/newsletters and at events. Questions, comments, and information requests can also be submitted to the project team throughout the watershed planning process via the project email (**Humber@trca.ca**).

This engagement summary document provides an overview of engagement activities conducted for the HRWP between November 2023 and August 2025 (to the end of the Future Management Scenarios stage of the watershed planning process). It includes an engagement overview, outlines some of the key engagement/outreach events that took place during this stage and provides details about the Spring 2025 engagement (including the results of the online engagement survey).

1.0 ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Engagement is an important part of the watershed planning process and is taking place throughout the development of the HRWP with watershed stakeholders, residents, and members of the public. Watershed stakeholders on the project contact list include federal and provincial agencies, the Building Industry and Land Development Association and other developers in the watershed, community/resident groups (including Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program contacts, youth groups, environmental advisory groups/committees/alliances, rotary clubs, ratepayers/homeowners associations, and residents councils), major private landowners (including universities/colleges/schools and golf clubs), urban agricultural tenants, non-governmental organizations, and Indigenous community groups. Notifications, updates, and opportunities for input are circulated to local and regional municipal Councillors whose wards have boundaries within the watershed, TRCA's Board of Directors, TRCA's Youth Council Executive, Regional Watershed Alliance, the HRWP webpage subscribers list, and the watershed stakeholders, residents, and other members of the public on the project stakeholder list as well as to HRWP Steering Committee members and various TRCA teams for distribution through their channels.

Engagement is also taking place throughout the watershed planning process with First Nations and Indigenous communities with Treaty rights and/or traditional territory within the watershed (including MCFN (as a member of the HRWP Steering Committee), Williams Treaties First Nations, Huron-Wendat Nation, Six Nations of the Grand River, and Métis Nation of Ontario). The aim of this engagement is to begin to build a long-term relationship and engage meaningfully with each First Nation and Indigenous community as we develop the HRWP to receive input and feedback on concerns/priorities for the watershed. Throughout the watershed planning process for the HRWP, First Nations and Indigenous communities have been kept informed of major milestones and have been provided with opportunities to provide comments and input, and to engage in discussions. For example, in April 2025, letters were circulated to First Nations and Indigenous communities to provide a HRWP progress update, share the results of the Future Management Scenarios stage, and inquire about their interest in providing input as the management framework is developed (including an invitation to meet). Engagement with First Nations and Indigenous communities will continue as the draft and final watershed plan is developed and during implementation of the HRWP (after the watershed plan is approved).

This engagement summary document provides an overview of engagement activities conducted for the HRWP between November 2023 and August 2025 (to the end of the Future Management Scenarios stage). It includes the following:

- an engagement overview including engagement record of key activities, correspondence, and regular project updates
- an overview of some of the key engagement/outreach events that took place during this stage
- details about the Spring 2025 engagement including the results of the online engagement survey seeking input on the management framework for the watershed plan

A detailed record of engagement for the period from November 2023 to August 2025 is listed in **Appendix A: Engagement Summary Record**. This **Engagement Summary 2** document will be posted on the project webpage once completed.

2.0 KEY ENGAGEMENT / OUTREACH EVENTS

2.1 TRCA Workshop at MCFN Community Centre (May 23, 2024)

At the request of the MCFN Steering Committee representative for the HRWP, TRCA staff held a workshop at MCFN's Community Centre on May 23, 2024 to provide information about TRCA to the MCFN community (including some context about TRCA, what type of work TRCA conducts, and how TRCA might be able to collaborate with MCFN on future projects).

A number of TRCA teams provided information and resources including the Watershed Planning and Reporting Team (regarding watershed planning and watershed plans including the HRWP) as well as the Ecosystem and Climate Science, Human Resources, Aquatic Monitoring and Management, Terrestrial Inventories and Monitoring, Remedial Action Plan, Community Outreach and Education, Archaeology, and Restoration and Resource Management Teams. TRCA was able to engage with approximately 25 community members at the workshop.

2.2 Celebrate the Humber (June 15, 2024)

TRCA's Watershed Planning and Reporting Team hosted an 'Exploring Your Watershed' booth at TRCA's Celebrate the Humber event at Étienne Brule Park in the City of Toronto on June 15, 2024. The main purpose of the booth was to provide information to participants about the watershed planning process, the Humber River watershed, and the development of the HRWP, to share the results of the watershed characterization stage, and to seek input about the key issues of concern in the watershed.

The booth included the following information and materials:

- four large panels including 'What is a Watershed' infographic, large Humber River watershed map, list of fish species in the watershed, and temperature stripes banner
- a flyer providing some details about the development of the HRWP and a link to the project webpage and subscribers page
- subscribers list (for interested participants to subscribe to the project webpage)
- HRWP Characterization Report and accompanying factsheet highlighting the key messages from the watershed characterization stage
- activity sheets (including Wonders of Water, Rain to Runoff, and Frog Watch activity sheets and a Humber River watershed word search)

- colouring and button making activity for participants to create a ‘Watershed Guardian’ button
- watershed explorer game to learn about some of the plant and animal species that call a watershed home
- watershed enviro-scape (to demonstrate how water flows within a watershed and provide information about the sources of pollution)
- fish lure giveaways

In addition, a survey was available for participants to provide feedback about the key issues of concern in the watershed. Participants who completed the survey were most concerned about urbanization/land use change and water quality, followed by loss/degradation of ecosystems/habitat and loss of natural cover/connectivity, and lastly stormwater management and trails access/recreational opportunities.

Approximately 50 people were directly engaged at the ‘Exploring Your Watershed’ booth in June 2024.

2.3 Community Watershed Circle (November 17, 2024)

TRCA Watershed Planning and Reporting staff participated in a community watershed circle "In Flow for Black Creek & the Humber River" that was organized and hosted by Our Future First and Turtle Island Carers of Fire on November 17, 2024 from 12:30 to 3:00 pm in the City of Toronto. The watershed circle site was outdoors adjacent to the Humber River in the Eglinton Avenue West/Scarlett Road area. This site is part of the grounds hosting the Ceremonial Wiigiwaam which is maintained by the Turtle Island Carers of Fire with support from Edge of the Bush and the City of Toronto through the Reconciliation Action Plan 2022-2032.

The watershed circle was a small, community-based dialogue centred on Indigenous teachings and values about the land and water. In the spirit of reconciliation, the gathering was opened with a ceremony, song, and teachings related to what it means to be in good relationship with the land and water including cultural ways of showing gratitude to the waters. Then, participants introduced themselves and shared their thoughts, perspectives, and stories about the land and water. Dialogue was focused on discussing how the health of the watershed impacts our well-being and what actions are needed to improve the health of the Humber River watershed and local ecosystems. The watershed circle ended with the sharing of a meal. Using graphic cards inspired by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), participants reflected on social, environmental, cultural, and economic issues, both before and after the watershed circle, and voted on ‘What could improve in the community’ and ‘What could be amplified in the community’.

There were 16 participants including First Nations and Indigenous community members (including ENAGB Indigenous Youth Agency members), watershed residents, and active community members. TRCA provided partial funding for the community circle to support and encourage this dialogue-based and small group workshop engagement with the urban Indigenous communities/First Nations and community members within the Humber River watershed. Before the watershed circle began, TRCA staff shared information about the development of the HRWP and encouraged participants to reach out with any input/questions.

The discussion provided valuable insight into the priority actions needed to improve watershed health and will be used to help inform the development of the management framework for the watershed plan. The majority of participants noted that action was needed under the following themes:

- **Social:** including need to promote health, healing, and wellbeing for all.
- **Environmental:** including need to grow seeds, food, and soil through regenerative agriculture.
- **Cultural:** including need to engage actively to protect communities and nature, and to reconnect to nature and embrace low-impact lifestyles.
- **Economic:** including need to commit to responsible production, consumption, and trade.

2.4 Welcoming Winter Community Event Day (November 30, 2024)

Welcoming Winter is a TRCA event that was hosted at Albion Hills Conservation Park within the Humber River watershed on November 30, 2024. This event celebrated the change in season and included a guided hike, fat bike tutorial, nature crafts (e.g., creation of natural bird feeder), and interactive nature stations. HRWP information and materials were provided at one of the booths at the event (including the HRWP Characterization Factsheet, a Humber River word search activity sheet, and QR codes with direct links to the HRWP webpage and subscriber page). Approximately 100 participants attended the event and had access to the HRWP materials.

2.5 Celebrate the Humber (June 14, 2025)

TRCA's Watershed Planning and Reporting Team hosted an 'Exploring Your Watershed' booth at TRCA's Celebrate the Humber event at Étienne Brule Park in the City of Toronto on June 14, 2025. The main purpose of the booth was to provide information to participants about the watershed planning process, the Humber River watershed, and the development of the HRWP, to share the results of the future management scenarios stage, and to seek input on the management framework for the watershed plan.

The booth included the following information and materials to help disseminate and collection information:

- two large panels including a 'What is a Watershed' infographic and large Humber River watershed map
- a flyer providing some details about the development of the HRWP and a link to the project webpage and subscribers page
- subscribers list (for interested participants to subscribe to the project webpage)
- HRWP Characterization and Future Management Scenarios Analysis Reports and accompanying factsheets highlighting the key messages from the watershed characterization and scenario analysis stages
- activity sheets (including Wonders of Water activity sheet and Humber River watershed word search)

- colouring and button making activity for participants to create a 'Watershed Guardian or Champion' button
- watershed enviro-scape (to demonstrate how water flows within a watershed and provide information about the sources of pollution)
- Hoot for Healthy Watersheds bookmark giveaways

In addition, participants were encouraged to complete the online engagement survey to provide their input on the management framework for the watershed plan (either on their phones or using the iPad available at the booth). **Section 3.3** provides the results of the engagement survey. 3.13.1

Approximately 75 people were directly engaged at the 'Exploring Your Watershed' booth in June 2025.

3.0 SPRING 2025 ENGAGEMENT

As noted above, the engagement during the Future Management Scenarios stage of the watershed planning process for the HRWP took place in Spring 2025 (April, May, and June). The intent of this engagement was to provide a progress update on the development of the HRWP, share the results of the Future Management Scenarios stage, seek input from watershed stakeholders and the public on the management framework for the watershed plan (including the objectives, indicators, and priority actions needed to address the key watershed issues), and provide information on next steps. The Spring 2025 engagement marked the end of the Future Management Scenarios stage of the watershed planning process.

The following subsections outline the engagement activities that took place as part of the Spring 2025 engagement campaign.

3.1 Engagement Notifications

Engagement notifications were circulated via email in late April/early May 2025 (with reminder notifications emailed in late May to the HRWP webpage subscriber list and to watershed stakeholders) and directed recipients to the HRWP project webpage which contained a variety of information, resources, and engagement materials, including the following:

- **online engagement survey** for respondents to provide input on what should be included in the management framework
- **project specific email** for submission of general comments/questions (Humber@trca.ca)
- **Future Management Scenarios Analysis Report** and an accompanying one-page **Factsheet** highlighting key findings from scenario analysis
- **Spring 2025 engagement presentation** highlighting the key findings from scenario analysis and next steps

- **online interactive HRWP and map viewer** with various mapping layers
- **updated FAQ document**

Engagement notifications were circulated directly to the following:

- local and regional municipal Councillors whose wards have boundaries within the watershed
- TRCA's Board of Directors
- TRCA's Youth Council Executive
- Regional Watershed Alliance
- HRWP webpage subscriber list (via newsletter to 565 subscribers)
- watershed stakeholders (194 stakeholders)
- TRCA teams for distribution through their mailing lists/newsletters/events (including Communications, Marketing and Events, Community Outreach and Education, Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program (SNAP), Professional Access into Employment (PAIE), Partners in Project Green (PPG), and Nature Schools/Educational Centres)

The engagement notification and additional marketing materials (including HRWP flyer, postcard, and social media images) were also circulated to HRWP Steering Committee members for distribution within their organizations/through their channels (including social media feeds), as appropriate, to ensure maximum public exposure. Details of the Spring 2025 engagement were also included in TRCA's external digital newsletter.

Letters were also sent via email to First Nations and Indigenous communities to provide a progress update related to the development of the HRWP, announce the release of the Future Management Scenarios Analysis Report (and accompanying Factsheet), and provide details of the stakeholder/public engagement (including links to the project webpage, public engagement survey, and online interactive HRWP/map viewer). Information about the Implementation Planning stage was also provided and the First Nations/Indigenous communities were asked about their interest in providing input and/or meeting as we develop the management framework and priority actions to address the key watershed issues. Discussions/engagement with First Nations/Indigenous communities will continue as development of the watershed plan continues.

3.2 Social Media Campaign

TRCA undertook a social media campaign as part of the Spring 2025 engagement which included three rounds of posts on three social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn (see **Appendix B: Social Media Posts**). The first post in early May shared the key messages from scenario analysis (via link to the Factsheet) and encouraged input on the management framework (via direct link to the engagement survey). The second post in late May provided a one-week reminder before the survey closure and tagged our partner

municipalities to encourage re-posting. The final post in early June thanked participants for sharing their thoughts on the management framework for the watershed plan, noted that the Engagement Summary (including survey results) would be available on the project webpage once completed, and provided a direct link to the project webpage for updates (including information on the next engagement to obtain input on the draft watershed plan)**.** The following outlines the engagement metrics from the three TRCA social media platforms:

Facebook

- Post 1: 30 likes, 3 comments, 14 shares
- Post 2: 4 likes, 2 comments, 6 shares
- Post 3: 4 likes, 1 comment, 1 share

Instagram

- Story 1: 973 views, 3 likes, 31 profile activities (25 profile visits, 4 link clicks, 2 follows)
- Story 2: 767 views, 1 like, 1 share, 8 profile activities (8 profile visits, 0 link clicks, 0 follows)
- Story 3: 725 views, 3 likes, 12 profile activities (11 profile visits, 1 follow)

LinkedIn

- Post 1: 30 likes, 9 reposts
- Post 2: 11 likes, 2 reposts
- Post 3: 17 likes, 1 comment

Some additional paid social media advertisements were posted on Facebook and Instagram to boost views and help reach members of the public in the Humber River watershed. These paid advertisements resulted in 94,601 impressions or views, 938 clicks ($0.37 per click), and 539 link clicks.

3.3 Engagement Survey

On April 25, 2025, an engagement survey (developed using the SurveyMonkey platform) was launched from the project webpage to solicit input from watershed stakeholders, residents, and the public on the management framework for the watershed plan, including the objectives, indicators, and priority actions needed to address the key watershed issues. Links to the survey were circulated broadly as part of the engagement notifications (see **Section 3.1**). The survey remained open for approximately seven weeks (from April 25 to June 15, 2025 – extended from the initial closing date of May 31, 2025 to be accessible to participants at the Celebrate the Humber event on June 14, 2025).

The survey was the key method used to obtain input from watershed stakeholders, residents, and the public on the management framework for the HRWP. A total of 160 respondents completed the engagement survey. The following subsections outline the survey questions and results.

3.3.1 Watershed Plan Objectives and Indicators Section

Question 1: Do you live or work in the Humber River watershed, or do you have connections to the land and water? If you're unsure of the watershed boundaries, you can explore this map.

Figure 1 presents the results of the responses to this question (160 total respondents). Most respondents (86.9%) responded 'yes' (that they live or work in the watershed or have connections to the land and water), while 12.5% responded 'no', and 0.6% responded 'unsure'.

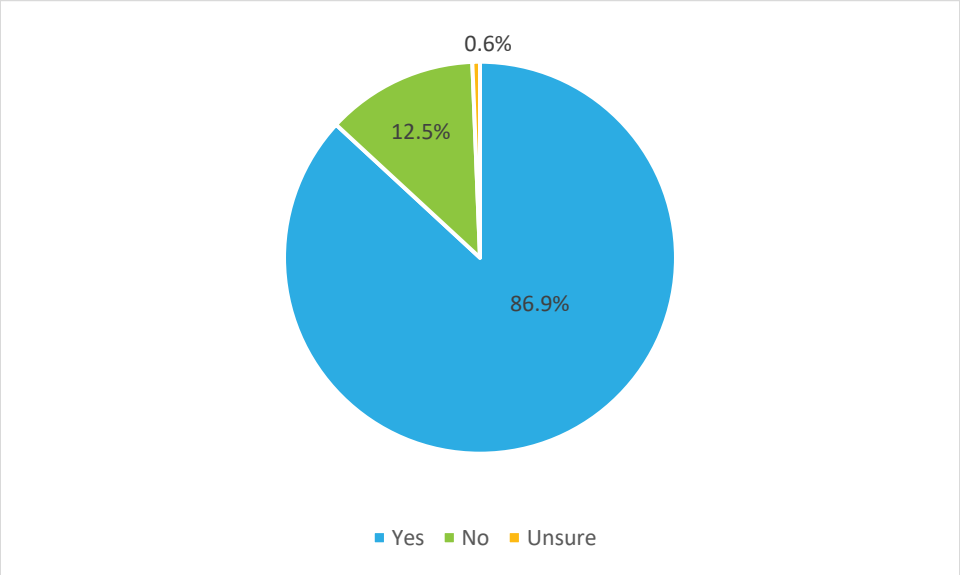

Figure 1 – Responses to 'Do you live or work in the Humber River watershed, or do you have connections to the land and water?' (n=160)

Question 2: How important is it that each topic listed below is included as part of the objectives in the watershed plan? Rank on a scale of: not important, slightly important, moderately important, important, very important.

Respondents were asked to indicate how important it is that each topic listed is included as part of the objectives in the watershed plan on a scale from not important (1) to very important (5). **Figure 2** presents the results from 160 total respondents. The average score for each topic was calculated with higher scores indicating more agreement among respondents that the topic is very important and lower scores indicating that generally respondents thought the topic was less important.

Respondents agreed that all topics listed were 'Important' to 'Very Important' to include in the watershed plan. The most important topics highlighted were water quality (average score of 4.66 out of 5), ecosystems/habitats/connectivity (average score of 4.57), and natural cover (average score of 4.53). Topics that scored the lowest (although still in the 'Important' range) included education/outreach opportunities (average score of 3.93) and climate change (average score of 3.94).

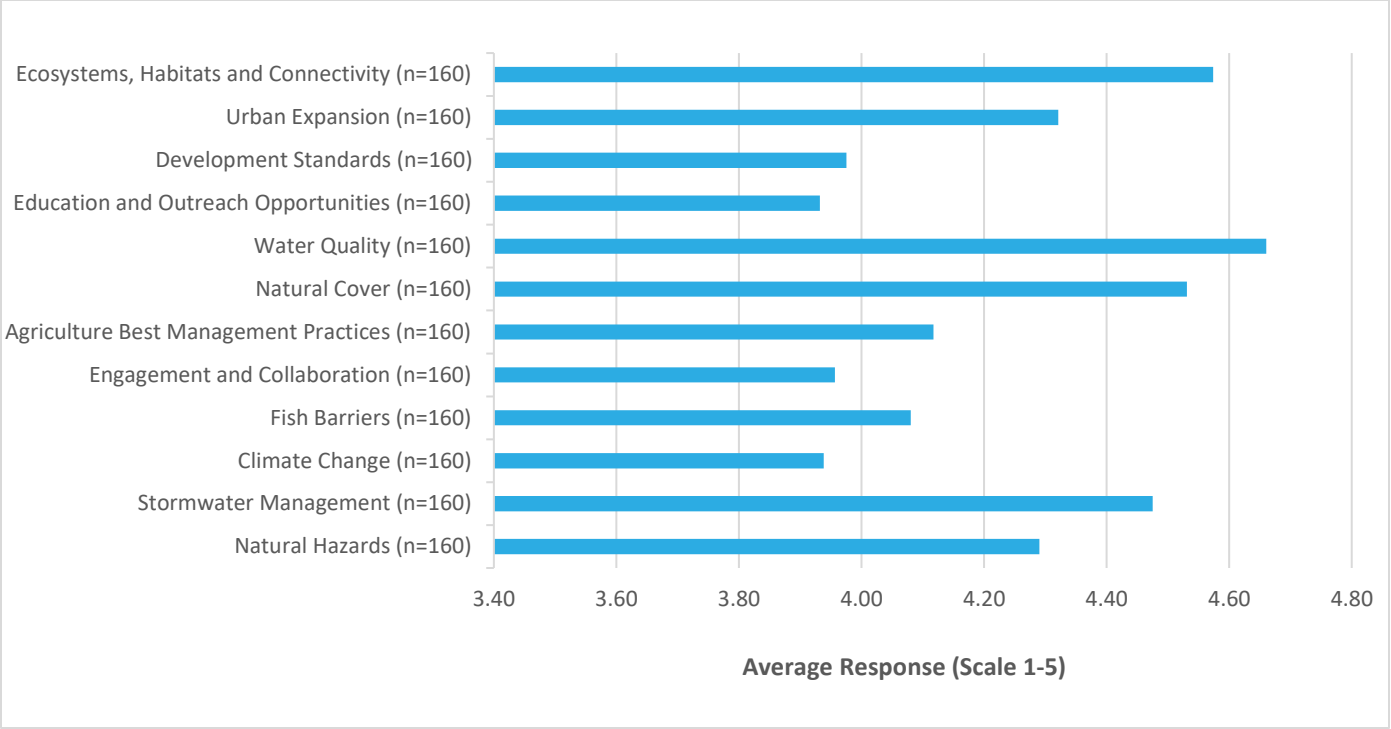

Figure 2 – Average Score for Responses to 'How important is it that each topic listed below is included as part of the objectives in the watershed plan?' (n=160)

Question 3: Is there anything missing from the list above that should be included as part of the objectives in the watershed plan? Please identify.

For the open-ended questions, comments were reviewed and erroneous comments stating "no" or "n/a" and identifying features (e.g., email addresses) were removed. Responses were reviewed and common themes were identified. Multiple scans of the comments were completed to ensure themes were consistently interpreted. Since this was a qualitative analysis, some interpretation of the intention of each comment was necessary.

Table 1 provides a summary of the themes that emerged from the responses as topics that should be included as part of the objectives in the watershed plan, the number of times that theme was mentioned in a comment, as well as the percentage of people surveyed (64 comments were received in total). A list of all comments received for this question can be found in **Appendix C: Open-Ended Survey Responses.**

The most common theme emerging in the responses (by approximately 50% of respondents) was related to 'environmental protection and ecosystem health'. This theme included references to natural habitats, pollution, invasive species, beavers, fish passage, and shoreline erosion, etc. 'Recreation, accessibility, and public use' also emerged as a common theme (by approximately 36% of respondents) including the importance of access to nature and trail networks, and the need for paddle-friendly policies and to balance recreation with conservation.

Table 1 – Summary of Qualitative Analysis of the Question 'Is there anything missing from the list above that should be included as part of the objectives in the watershed plan?' (n=64)

Theme	Count	% of people surveyed (n=64)
Environmental Protection & Ecosystem Health Focus: *Natural habitats, pollution, invasive species, beavers, fish passage, and shoreline erosion.*	32	50.0%
Recreation, Accessibility & Public Use Focus: *Access to nature, trail networks, paddle-friendly policies, and balancing recreation with conservation.*	23	35.9%
Climate Resilience & Water Resources/Stormwater Management Focus: *Flooding, stormwater, source protection, and adaptive infrastructure planning.*	16	25.0%
Governance, Funding & Policy Alignment Focus: *Funding strategies, inter-agency collaboration, development regulation, and legislation like Bill 5.*	15	23.4%
Education, Awareness & Outreach Focus: *Education, volunteer engagement, community mobilization, and knowledge-sharing.*	12	18.8%
Indigenous Rights, Collaboration & Leadership *Focus: Indigenous stewardship, cultural recognition, and co-management.*	7	10.9%
Community Wellbeing, Equity & Mental Health Focus: Q*uality of life, mental health, housing, and equitable access to green space.*	7	10.9%

Question 4: The management framework for the watershed plan will include indicators to track implementation progress. Indicators can use number targets (e.g., increase wetland cover by 5%) or words/statements (e.g., increase wetland cover in the watershed) to track progress. How important is it that each objective has a specific number to achieve (i.e., a target), rather than just a statement (e.g., increase, maintain, etc.)?

Respondents were asked to indicate how important quantitative metrics are for tracking implementation of the watershed plan on a scale from not important (1) to very important (5). **Figure 3** presents the results with total scores provided as percentages (159 total respondents). The majority of respondents (approximately 45% and 38%) thought that it was 'Very Important' and 'Important', respectively, that each objective has a specific number to achieve (rather than just a statement). The average score was 4.14, indicating that respondents generally agreed that quantitative metrics are in the 'Very Important' range.

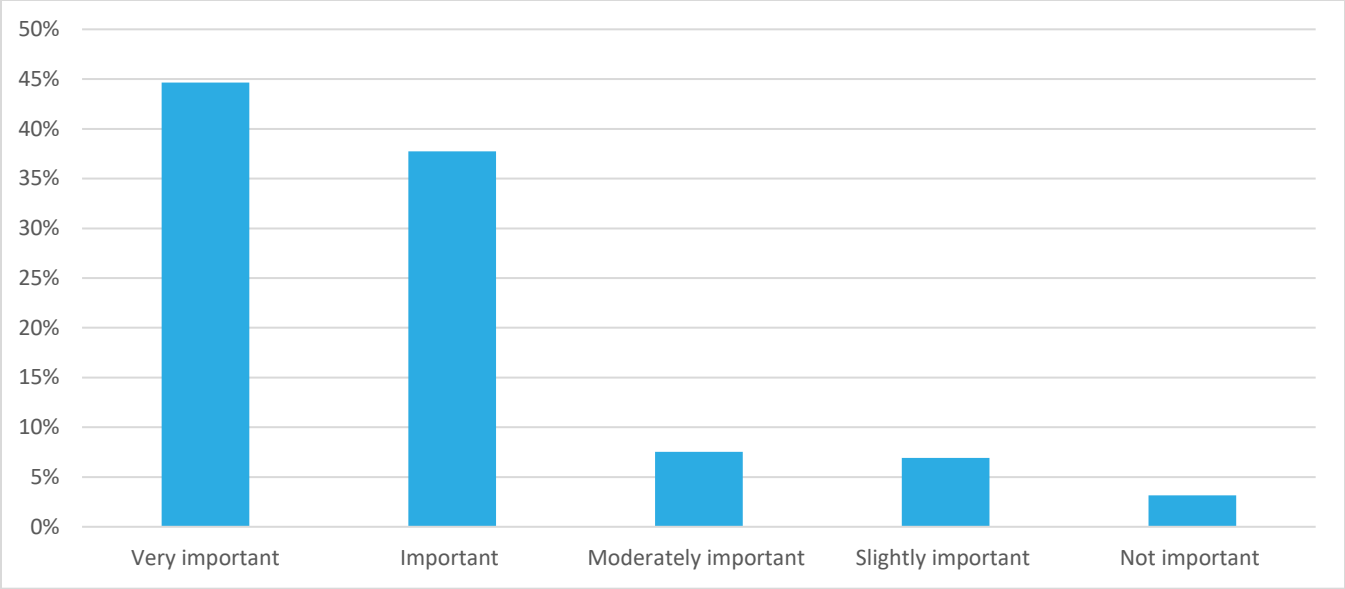

Figure 3 – Summary of Responses to 'How important is it that each objective has a specific number to achieve rather than just a statement?' (n= 159)

Question 5: Are there any specific indicators or ways of tracking implementation progress you would like to see included in the watershed plan? Please identify.

Responses to this open-ended question were analyzed qualitatively using the same methodology outlined for Question 3 above. **Table 2** provides a summary of the themes that emerged from the responses identifying indicators or ways of tracking watershed plan implementation progress, the number of times that theme was mentioned in a comment, as well as the percentage of people surveyed (65 comments were received in total). A list of all comments received for this question can be found in **Appendix C: Open-Ended Survey Responses**.

Approximately 62% of respondents identified that 'ecological and environmental health' indicators were the most important to track. These included tracking biodiversity, water/soil quality, invasive species, habitat protection, native vegetation, and ecological health. The two next most popular indicators (including 'transparency, data access, and dashboards' and 'measurement strategy and indicator design' indicators) were considered important indicators by approximately 26% and 20% of the respondents, respectively.

Table 2 – Summary of Qualitative Analysis of the Question 'Are there any specific indicators or ways of tracking implementation progress you would like to see included in the watershed plan?' (n= 65)

Theme	Count	% of people surveyed (n=65)
Ecological & Environmental Health Focus: *Tracking biodiversity, water/soil quality, invasive species, habitat protection, native vegetation, and ecological health.*	40	61.5%
Transparency, Data Access & Dashboards Focus*: Providing public-facing tools, dashboards, and real-time updates for accessible and transparent tracking of watershed indicators.*	17	26.2%

Theme	Count	% of people surveyed (n=65)
Measurement Strategy & Indicator Design Focus: *Establishing meaningful, science-based indicators using baselines, deadlines, and measurable targets that reflect real impact.*	13	20.0%
Public Engagement, Outreach & Communication Focus: *Improving community involvement, education, volunteerism, and transparency in the watershed planning process.*	12	18.5%
Flooding, Stormwater & Resilience Tracking Focus: *Monitoring flooding frequency, stormwater control, infrastructure stress, and the adaptive capacity of the watershed.*	12	18.5%
Recreation, Trail Use & Human Interaction Focus: *Measuring access, usage trends, trail connectivity, and human interaction with watershed features.*	10	15.4%
Policy, Regulation & Institutional Accountability Focus: *Ensuring regulatory enforcement, blocking harmful development, and holding institutions accountable for environmental impact.*	7	10.8%
Cultural & Indigenous Knowledge Integration Focus: *Incorporating Indigenous-led stewardship and holistic land management practices into indicator development and tracking.*	3	4.6%

3.3.2 Watershed Plan Management Actions Section

Question 6: Please help select the most important actions needed to address the key issues facing this watershed.

Respondents were asked to select the most important actions needed to address the key issues facing the watershed on a scale from not important (1) to very important (5). **Figure 4** presents the results from 138 total respondents. The average score for each action was calculated with higher scores indicating more agreement among respondents that the action is very important and lower scores indicating that generally respondents thought the topic was less important.

Respondents agreed that all the actions listed were 'Important' to 'Very Important' to address the key watershed issues. The most important actions highlighted were increasing natural cover/protecting existing natural cover (average score of 4.36 out of 5) and reducing urban expansion (score of 4.30). Actions that scored the lowest (although still in the 'Important' range) included encouraging private land stewardship (average score of 3.54) and increasing engagement/collaboration with First Nations (average score of 3.54).

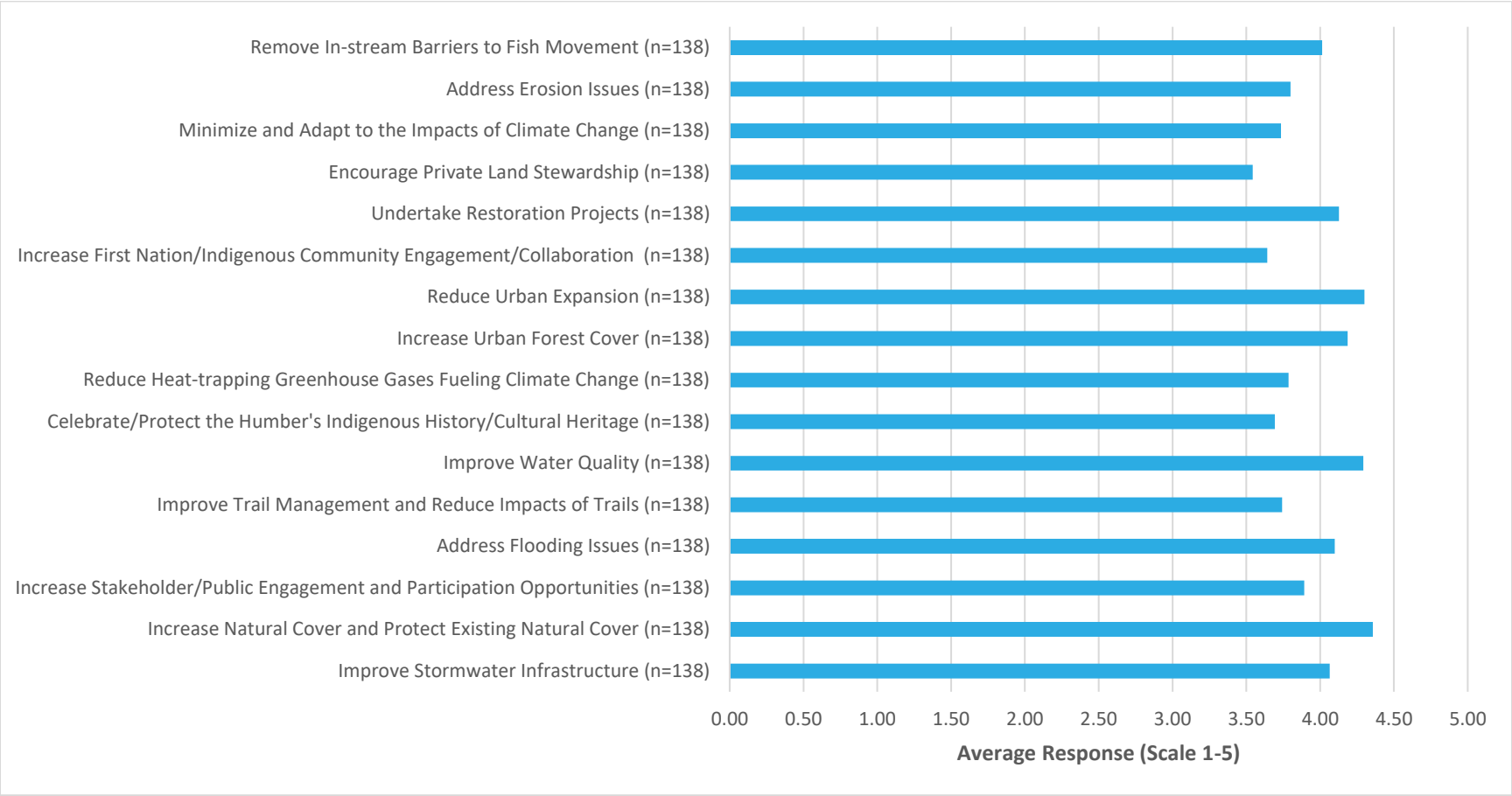

Figure 4 – Average Score for Responses to 'Please help select the most important actions needed to address the key issues facing this watershed' (n=138)

Question 7: What actions are missing from the above list? Please identify.

Responses to this open-ended question were analyzed qualitatively using the same methodology outlined for Question 3. **Table 3** provides a summary of the themes that emerged from the responses identifying the actions most needed to address the key watershed issues missing from those identified in Question 6, the number of times that theme was mentioned in a comment, as well as the percentage of people surveyed (39 comments were received in total). A list of all comments received for this question can be found in **Appendix C: Open-Ended Survey Responses**.

Approximately 33% of respondents identified that actions under the 'public education/engagement and Indigenous engagement' theme are most needed. This theme included actions needed to increase public awareness, nature education programs, and meaningful Indigenous-led engagement. The next most sited theme (by approximately 31% of respondents) included the need for 'watershed pollution and contamination management' actions. This theme included actions needed to address runoff, chemical pollution, stormwater impacts, plastic waste, proper disposal education, and pollution source tracking.

Table 3 – Summary of Qualitative Analysis of the Question 'What actions are missing from the above list?' (n=39)

Theme	Count	% of people surveyed (n=39)
Public Education/Engagement & Indigenous Engagement Focus: *Need for actions related to better public awareness, nature education programs, and meaningful Indigenous-led engagement.*	13	33.3%
Watershed Pollution & Contamination Management Focus: *Need for actions to address runoff, chemical pollution, stormwater impacts, plastic waste, proper disposal education, and pollution source tracking.*	12	30.8%
Land Use Planning & Urban Development Focus: *Need for actions to reduce urban sprawl, protect green space and natural heritage, align local planning with ecological priorities, and address policy conflicts.*	9	23.1%
Invasive Species & Biodiversity Protection Focus: *Need for actions related to removing invasive species like Japanese knotweed and phragmites, establishing wildlife corridors, and educating the public on biodiversity.*	6	15.4%
Access, Trails, & Active Mobility Focus: *Need for expanded trail systems, inclusive accessibility, and trails that support mobility and recreation across communities.*	6	15.4%
Government Accountability & Governance Focus: *Need for greater transparency, inter-agency cooperation, reduced red tape for homeowners, and support for Indigenous-led governance.*	6	15.4%
Flooding & Stormwater Management Focus: *Need for naturalized flood protection, stormwater infrastructure upgrades, improved drainage, and protection of vulnerable areas.*	6	15.4%
Enforcement & Regulation	6	15.4%

Theme	Count	% of people surveyed (n=39)
Focus: *Need for increased enforcement for fishing, additional fire pits, and general monitoring of compliance with environmental protections.*		
Recreation & Water Use Management Focus: *Need for advanced advocacy to reduce motorized watercraft, enhance human-powered recreation (canoe, kayak, etc.), and create inclusive recreational opportunities.*	6	15.4%

Question 8: What actions have you taken to combat climate change (including more precipitation events, greater intensity, warmer temperatures, etc.) and/or improve the natural environment?

Responses to this open-ended question were analyzed qualitatively using the same methodology outlined for Question 3**. Table 4** provides a summary of the themes that emerged from the responses identifying actions taken to combat climate change and/or improve the natural environment, the number of times that theme was mentioned in a comment, as well as the percentage of people surveyed (66 comments were received in total). A list of all comments received for this question can be found in **Appendix C: Open-Ended Survey Responses**.

The most common action identified by approximately 59% of respondents was 'plantings' which included planting native trees and shrubs and replacing lawns with biodiverse, natural landscapes like pollinators and rain gardens. The next most sited action (by approximately 47% of respondents) included 'lifestyle changes and low impact living' including adopting habits that reduce environmental footprints such as change in diet, seasonal/local eating, and avoiding heating/cooling overuse.

Table 4 – Summary of Qualitative Analysis of the Question 'What actions have you taken to combat climate change and/or improve the natural environment?' (n=66)

Theme	Count	% of people surveyed (n=66)
Plantings Focus: *Planting native trees and shrubs, and replacing lawns with biodiverse, natural landscapes like pollinators or rain gardens.*	39	59.1%
Lifestyle Changes & Low-impact Living Focus: *Adopting habits that reduce environmental footprints, such change in diet, seasonal/local eating, and avoiding heating/cooling overuse.*	31	47.0%
Sustainable Transportation Focus: *Reducing reliance on personal vehicles by walking, cycling, taking transit, or carpooling.*	25	37.9%
Advocacy, Education & Political Engagement Focus: *Raising awareness, teaching others, advocating for policies, and engaging in local or regional political processes for climate action.*	24	36.4%
Volunteering, Stewardship & Community Involvement Focus: *Engaging in community environmental efforts such as stewardship groups, clean-up events, and local green initiatives.*	22	33.3%

Theme	Count	% of people surveyed (n=66)
Home Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Focus: *Improving home energy systems to reduce emissions including installing heat pumps, better insulation, solar panels, and efficient windows.*	21	31.8%
Waste Reduction & Conscious Consumption Focus: *Minimizing waste through recycling, composting, reusing, choosing sustainable materials, and reducing unnecessary purchases.*	20	30.3%
Stormwater Management & Green Infrastructure Focus: *Using tools like rain barrels, permeable paving, downspout disconnection, and rain gardens to reduce runoff and manage heavy precipitation.*	18	27.3%
Litter Cleanup Focus: *Participating in or initiating clean-up efforts around rivers, parks, neighbourhoods, and natural spaces.*	12	18.2%

Question 9: What climate actions would you like to see more of in the Humber River watershed?

Responses to this open-ended question were analyzed qualitatively using the same methodology outlined for Question 3. **Table 5**Table 5Table 4Table 3 provides a summary of the themes that emerged from the responses identifying climate actions respondents would like to see more of in the watershed, the number of times that theme was mentioned in a comment, as well as the percentage of people surveyed (64 comments were received in total). A list of all comments received for this question can be found in **Appendix C: Open-Ended Survey Responses**.

The most common theme identified by approximately 56% of respondents was ‘ecosystem restoration, naturalization of urban spaces, and tree planting’ and respondents wanted to see more climate actions including reforestation, planting of native species, expansion of natural cover and naturalization of urban spaces, wetland protection, invasive species removal, and enhancements to ecological connectivity. The next most sited theme (by approximately 42% of respondents) was policy, planning and land use regulation’ and respondents wanted to see more climate actions in the form of advocating for limits on urban development near natural areas, stronger planning policies, preserving green buffers, and ensuring planning aligns with climate objectives.

Table 5 – Summary of Qualitative Analysis of the Question ‘What climate actions would you like to see more of in the Humber River watershed?’ (n=64)

Theme	Count	% of people surveyed (n=64)
Ecosystem Restoration, Naturalization of Urban Spaces & Tree Planting Focus: R*eforestation, planting native species, expanding natural cover and naturalization of urban spaces, wetland protection, invasive species removal, and enhancing ecological connectivity. Emphasis on keeping natural areas "wild" rather than manicured, support for meadows, mixed habitats, and a move away from overly groomed paths and lawns.*	36	56.3%
Policy, Planning & Land Use Regulation	27	42.2%

Theme	Count	% of people surveyed (n=64)
Focus: *Advocating for limits on urban development near natural areas, stronger planning policies, preserving green buffers, and ensuring planning aligns with climate objectives.*		
Community Engagement, Volunteer Opportunities, Education & Citizen Stewardship Focus: *Increased public education, community involvement opportunities, and stewardship through signage, QR codes, events (cleanups, tree planting days, contests for kids and events that connect people directly to the land), partnerships with schools, citizen science, trail-based learning, and awareness campaigns.*	23	35.9%
Illegal Dumping, Pollution Control & Accountability Focus: *Focus on offenders dumping pollution or trash (companies and individuals) and calls for stronger enforcement and penalties against offenders.*	16	25.0%
Green Infrastructure & Low Impact Development Focus: *Support for permeable surfaces, natural drainage (swales, ponds), green roofs, and other green design elements to manage runoff and mimic natural hydrology.*	13	20.3%
Sustainable Transportation, Fossil Fuel Reduction & Renewable Energy Focus: *Reducing car dependency, improving public transit, expanding EV infrastructure, banning or limiting motorized boats and personal watercraft, more energy-efficient housing.*	12	18.8%
Water Quality & Stormwater Management Focus: *Improved sewage systems, stormwater runoff reduction, use of retention areas, and water quality maintenance in ponds and waterways.*	9	14.1%

Question 10: Do you have any other general comments or feedback about the Humber River Watershed Plan?

Responses to this open-ended question were analyzed qualitatively using the same methodology outlined for Question 3. **Table 6**Table 5Table 4Table 3 provides a summary of the themes that emerged from the responses identifying any other comments/feedback about the watershed plan, the number of times that theme was mentioned in a comment, as well as the percentage of people surveyed (46 comments were received in total). A list of all comments received for this question can be found in **Appendix C: Open-Ended Survey Responses**.

The most common theme identified by approximately 44% of respondents was ‘environmental protection and flood management’ including calls for stronger protection and restoration of natural areas, the need to address flooding, maintain ecological health, and support stormwater management and habitat connectivity. The next most sited theme (by approximately 33% of respondents) was ‘public engagement and education’ including calls for increased public education, transparency, school curriculum integration, and opportunities for residents to get involved through advisory panels, patrols, events, and grassroots efforts.

Table 6 – Summary of Qualitative Analysis of the Question 'Do you have any other general comments or feedback about the Humber River Watershed Plan?' (n=46)

Theme	Count	% of people surveyed (n=46)
Environmental Protection & Flood Management Focus: *Calls for stronger protection and restoration of natural areas and the need to address flooding, maintain ecological health, and support stormwater management and habitat connectivity.*	20	43.5%
Public Engagement & Education Focus: *Calls for increased public education, transparency, school curriculum integration, and opportunities for residents to get involved through advisory panels, patrols, events, and grassroots efforts.*	15	32.6%
Policy & Governance Focus: *Comments related to broader governmental actions, integration of watershed planning into land use policy, and interactions with provincial or municipal decision-making.*	14	30.4%
Accountability & Enforcement Focus: *Criticism of the lack of follow-through on past plans and enforcement of existing regulations, and calls for better monitoring of violations and the need to ensure plans lead to real change.*	13	28.3%
Recreation & Land Use Focus: *Suggestions and concerns around public access to natural spaces, recreational use of the river (motorized vs. non-motorized), trail use, and land acquisition for future growth.*	10	21.7%
General Praise Focus: *General support, gratitude, and well-wishes for TRCA's work and efforts on the watershed plan.*	8	17.4%
Indigenous Relations Focus: *Comments reflecting perspectives on Indigenous involvement in planning, with differing opinions on the level and nature of engagement.*	2	4.3%

3.3.3 Optional Demographic Questions Section

Question 11: Please provide the first three digits of your postal code.

Respondents were asked to identify the first three digits of their postal code to provide geographic information to the project team for future analysis. Of the 122 respondents, 61.3% have a postal code starting with M (indicating that they live in the Metropolitan Toronto area) and 38.7% have a postal code starting with L indicating that they live in Central Ontario (see **Figure 5** for results).

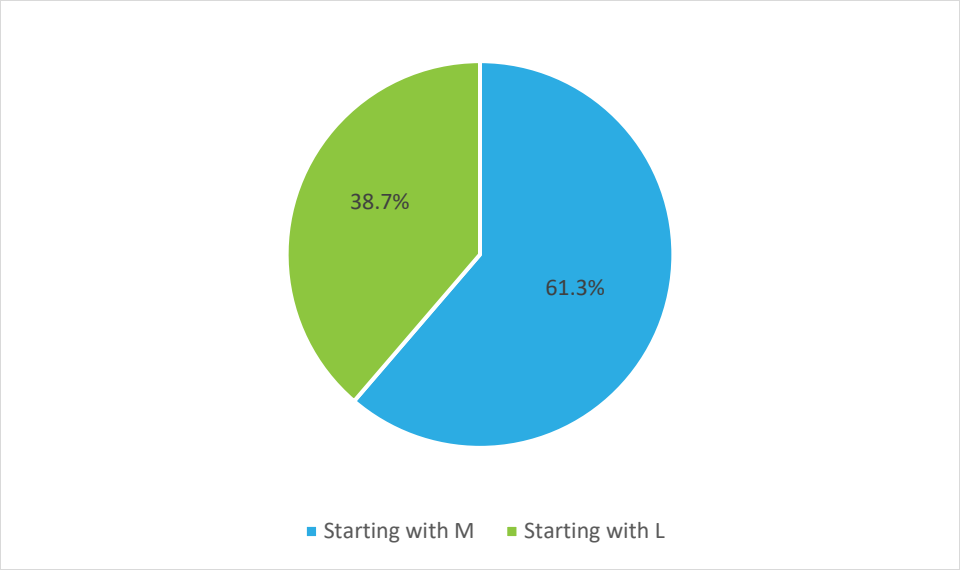

Figure 5 – Percentage of Respondents with Postal Codes Starting with M or L (n=122)

Question 12: What age category best describes you?

Respondents were asked what age category best describes them. Of the 131 respondents, 74.4% of respondents noted that they are over 40 years of age. The largest percentage of respondents (22.6%) fall between the ages of 61 and 70, and only 0.8% of respondents were under 21 (see **Figure 6** for results).

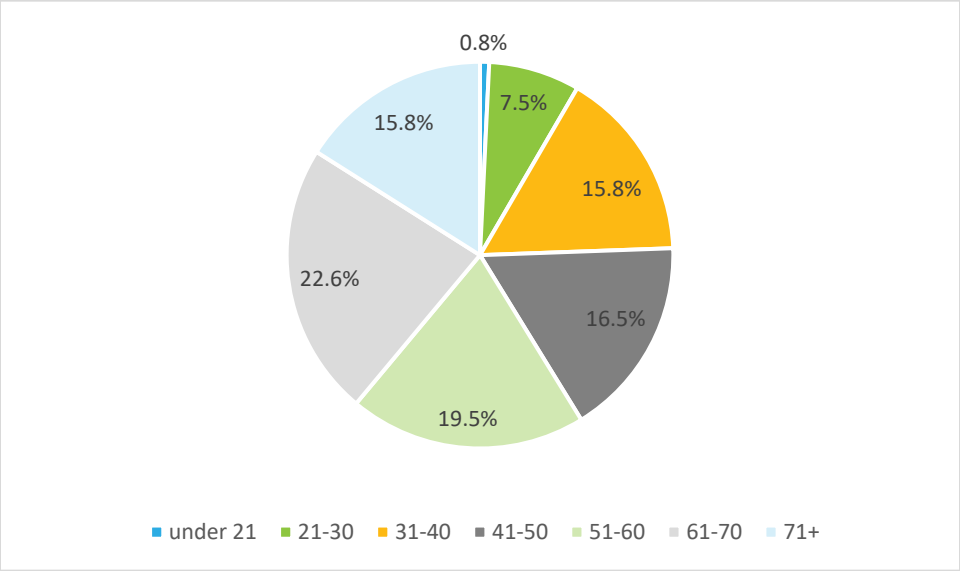

Figure 6 – Percentage of Respondents in Various Age Categories (n=131)

Question 13: Do you identify as an ethnic minority?

Respondents were asked if they identify as an ethnic minority. Of the 130 respondents, 68.5% responded 'No', 21.5% responded 'Yes', and 10.0% preferred not to answer (see **Figure 7** for results).

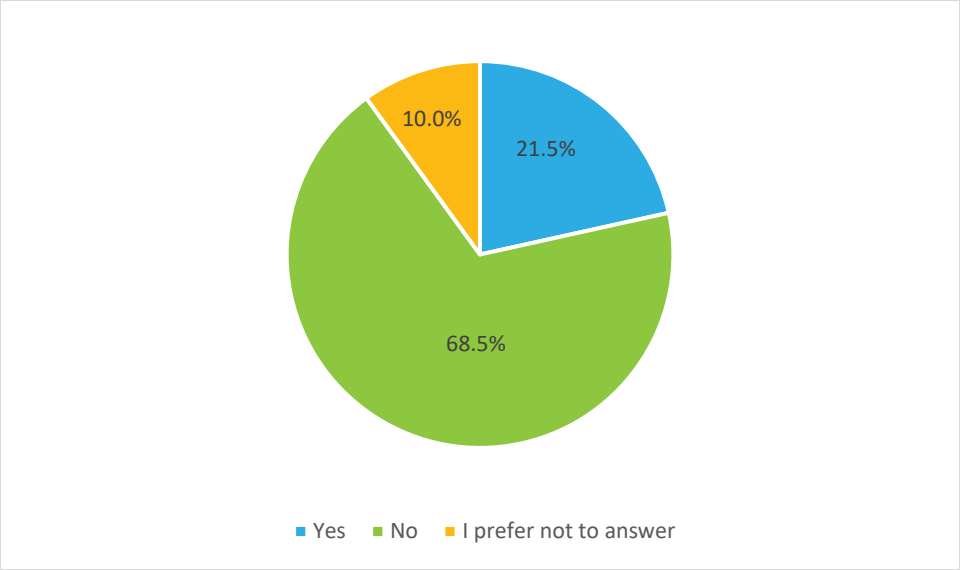

Figure 7 – Percentage of Respondents that Identify as an Ethnic Minority (n=130)

Question 14: Do you identify as First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit?

Respondents were asked if they identify as First Nations, Métis and/or Inuit. Of the 129 respondents, 85.3% responded 'No', 10.9% preferred not to answer, and 3.9% responded 'Yes' (see **Figure 8**).

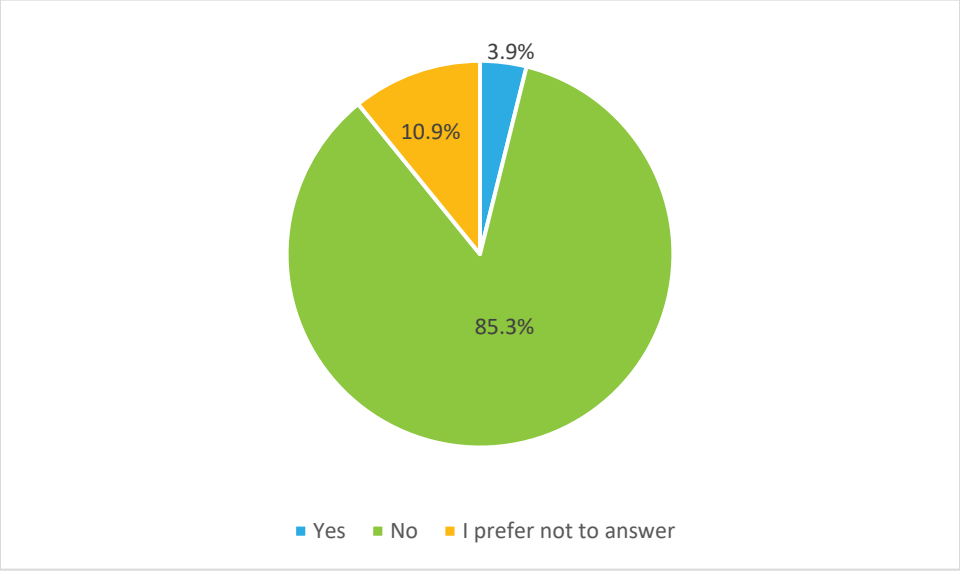

Figure 8 – Percentage of respondents that identify as First Nations, Metis and or/Inuit (n=129)

3.4 Online Interactive Humber River Watershed Plan

TRCA developed an online interactive HRWP to provide an alternate way for watershed stakeholders, residents, and members of the public to view and explore the HRWP as it is developed. The online HRWP is available on

the project webpage via TRCA's Watershed Planning Hub. The StoryMap provides general information about watershed planning, the development of the HRWP, engagement taking place during plan development, and the Humber River watershed (including an interactive map highlighting some of the key locations in the watershed). It also provides a summary of the findings from characterization (existing conditions) and scenario analysis (potential future conditions) as well as information on next steps in the watershed planning process.

The map viewer is a mapping tool which provides an opportunity to navigate through various mapping layers developed for the HRWP and supporting technical documents. It includes the watershed base map (2020 land use) with satellite imagery, watershed and subwatershed boundaries, municipal boundaries, and roads for easy location reference. It also includes various layers from the maps in the Watershed Characterization and Future Management Scenarios Analysis Reports (including the Water Resource System areas and features, natural heritage, Flood Vulnerable Clusters, potential future land use scenarios, existing land use (2020), Greenbelt Plan designations (2023), etc.). HRWP data can be accessed on TRCA's Open Data Portal and additional data will be added to the Portal as it becomes available.

4.0 CONCLUSION

Engagement is an important part of the watershed planning process and will continue throughout the development of the HRWP with First Nations and Indigenous communities as well as with watershed stakeholders, residents, and members of the public, and through notifications/updates to local and regional municipal Councillors, TRCA's Board of Directors, TRCA's Youth Council Executive, and Regional Watershed Alliance members.

This engagement summary document provides an overview of engagement activities conducted for the HRWP between November 2023 and August 2025 (to the end of the Future Management Scenarios stage), including the results of the Spring 2025 engagement survey. It will be posted on the project webpage once completed.

In Spring 2025, the project team initiated engagement to seek input on the management framework for the watershed plan from watershed stakeholders, residents, and members of the public. A variety of engagement methods were utilized to ensure the greatest degree of engagement possible. The most popular method of engagement was through the online engagement survey, which was open for approximately seven weeks.

Feedback from the Spring 2025 engagement activities has been documented and analyzed in this document. Respondents provided valuable input on the management framework, including the objectives, indicators, and priority actions needed to address the key watershed issues. Some interesting trends were noted particularly in the open-ended survey questions and the comments received. Some of the key objectives that survey respondents identified as most important to include in the watershed plan included those related to water quality, environmental protection/ecosystem health (including the need to protect/enhance natural cover/habitats), and the need for recreation and public accessibility to nature/trail networks. In terms of indicators needed to track watershed plan implementation progress, survey respondents felt that it will be most important to include indicators to track ecological/environmental health and promote transparency and data access as well as dashboards tracking the indicators. In addition, they noted that it will be important to establish

meaningful and science-based indicators using baselines, deadlines, and measurable targets that reflect real impact and to keep up with public engagement/outreach/communication efforts.

Survey respondents also identified that the most important actions needed to address the key watershed issues included increasing natural cover/protecting existing natural cover, reducing urban expansion, increasing public education, awareness and engagement (including meaningful Indigenous-led engagement), managing pollution and contamination, and ensuring sustainable land use planning practices. Finally, the climate actions that survey respondents would like to see more of in the watershed plan included ecosystem restoration, naturalization of urban spaces and tree planting, stronger planning policies to ensure limits on urban development near natural areas, allow for green buffers, and align planning with climate objectives, and community engagement, volunteer opportunities, education and citizen stewardship.

While some of these issues may fall outside of the policy scope for watershed plans, it will be important to acknowledge and address these additional issues of concern and priorities as the management framework for the watershed plan is developed.

As part of the **Implementation Planning Stage** (**Stage 4 – 2025-2026**), the project team will develop a realistic management framework for the watershed plan including priority actions to protect, enhance, and restore watershed health. The management framework will be informed by the watershed characterization and scenario analysis results, and engagement input received (including from the results of the Spring 2025 engagement). The overall goal will be to ensure a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable and resilient Humber River watershed in the future.

The next engagement opportunity for the HRWP will take place in 2026 to obtain input on the draft watershed plan.

APPENDIX A: ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY RECORD

The following table presents a record of engagement for the HRWP for the period from November 2023 to August 2025 (the end of the Future Management Scenarios Stage).

In addition to the engagement outlined in the table below, ongoing correspondence and meetings have taken place with HRWP Steering Committee members (including municipal staff) to provide updates on watershed plan progress, to obtain input, and to discuss alignment with municipal priorities. On-going meetings, discussions, and correspondence with First Nations and Indigenous communities have also taken place. TRCA also provided periodic updates on the development and implementation of watershed plans (including the HRWP) during regular Senior Leadership Team meetings with our municipal partners. In addition, TRCA received and fulfilled numerous requests for Humber River watershed data (associated with the analyses undertaken as part of the Humber River Watershed Characterization and Future Management Scenarios stages) from partner municipalities as well as from consultants to inform various planning processes (including the local subwatershed studies/plans being undertaken in the Town of Caledon).

Date	Engagement Activity
October 31, 2023	Email correspondence with Nature Conservancy of Canada noting that the Program Director responsible for the Humber River was copied on TRCA's October 2023 progress update notification and providing best wishes for a successful initiative (response provided November 7, 2023).
November 6, 2023	Email correspondence with a landowner thanking the project team for the October 2023 project update and requesting help fixing fencing on their property (responses provided November 7, 23, and 24 with confirmation that the fence is not located on TRCA lands).
November 16, 2023	Meeting with Town of Caledon staff to discuss subwatershed planning/local subwatershed study, and the analyses completed/data available from the watershed plans to inform this Town-led work.
November 23, 2023	HRWP materials provided to Partners in Project Green for circulation/display at Pollution Probe's 2023 Conference and Gala.
December 5, 2023	Email correspondence with a student regarding request to provide information about who is responsible for the HRWP to help support a science project (response provided December 8, 2023 with some HRWP information and the link to the project webpage).
December 6, 2023	Meeting with a consultant to discuss feedback on the HRWP Engagement Strategy and TRCA's approach to fostering meaningful engagement with First Nations and Indigenous communities as part of watershed plan development. Included follow-up meetings in January and April 2024.
December 21, 2023	Email correspondence with a resident with concerns about tree removal near Kingsmill Park (response provided January 25, 2024 confirming that the tree removals were not undertaken by TRCA and suggesting that the resident contact the City of Toronto with their concerns).
February 8, 2024	Meeting with MCFN to discuss engagement with them (and the community) as TRCA continues to develop and implement watershed plans, and to discuss incorporation of input from MCFN (including identification of priority actions) for the HRWP.

Date	Engagement Activity
April 10, 2024	Meeting with MCFN to discuss engagement as TRCA continues to develop and implement watershed plans (including engagement for the HRWP, Etobicoke Creek Watershed Plan, Conservation Authority Act Strategies, and planning for the May 23, 2024 workshop at the MCFN Community Centre).
April 10, 2024	Email correspondence with a resident requesting information about water flow and levels in the Humber River (response provided April 26, 2024 noting that TRCA's Engineering Services would reach out with additional information about water flow/levels, and with some information about the HRWP including the link to the project webpage).
April 16, 2024	Meeting with Town of Caledon staff to discuss TRCA's approach to incorporating climate change and climate data into the HRWP (characterization and scenario analysis stages) and to provide an update on HRWP progress.
May 17, 2024	Meeting and presentation to Caledon staff to provide an overview of the available data, major findings, and recommendations of the Etobicoke Creek Watershed Plan, to provide an update on the HRWP, and to discuss how the watershed plan information/data can inform technical studies and secondary plans/local subwatershed studies.
May 23, 2024	TRCA workshop at MCFN's Community Centre to provide information about TRCA to the MCFN community (including some context about TRCA, and information/resources from the Watershed Planning and Reporting Team regarding watershed planning and watershed plans including the HRWP). See **Section 2.1** for more details.
May 24, 2024	Presentation to the Building Industry and Land Development Association on integrated watershed planning including an update on the status and next steps for the ECWP and HRWP. An overview of the process for implementation tracking and reporting for watershed plans was also provided.
June 15, 2024	Participation at Celebrate the Humber (Étienne Brule Park) – 'Exploring Your Watershed' booth to provide information to participants about the watershed planning process, the Humber River watershed, and the development of the HRWP, to share the results of watershed characterization, and to seek input about the key issues of concern in the watershed (via a Mentimetre survey available at the event). See **Section 2.2** for more details.
June 25, 2024	Meeting and presentation to Caledon consultants supporting the development of local subwatershed studies in the Caledon headwaters (and to Caledon staff) to provide an overview of the available data, major findings, and recommendations of the Etobicoke Creek Watershed Plan and to provide an update on the HRWP. Discussion about how the ECWP/HRWP information and data can help inform technical studies and secondary plans/local subwatershed studies.
July 15, 2024	Presentation to the Ravine Youth Team (and Q&A) as part of their career exploration day to provide information on potential environmental career paths, and an overview of integrated watershed planning at TRCA (and a HRWP update), TRCA's Watershed and Ecosystems Reporting Hub, Toronto and Region Remedial Action Plan, and TRCA's Regional Target Natural Heritage System.
July 16, 2024	Meeting with City of Toronto Growing Green Streets team to discuss alignments with HRWP prioritization analyses.
July 25, 2024	Meeting with City of Vaughan staff to discuss data for HRWP prioritization analyses.
August 16, 2024	Meeting and presentation to Town of Caledon staff and the Town's consultants involved in various local subwatershed studies to provide information about how climate change and

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	climate data was incorporated into the HRWP analyses (watershed scale modelling and technical impact assessment for the characterization and scenario analyses) as well as the HRWP data that is available for use by consultants.
September 11, 2024	Email correspondence with a resident with request for information about responsibilities for dam maintenance/management and overall water/river management (response provided November 28, 2024 with information on TRCA's overall role which includes flood risk management, some information on the HRWP, and confirmation about ownership of the dam in question).
October 9, 2024	Presentation at Latornell Conference focused on collaborative efforts for watershed planning and assessing the impacts of climate change, land use change, and upstream retention practices on water quality for the HRWP. An overview of TRCA's integrated watershed planning process, the HRWP, the water quality scenario analysis assessment/key findings, and next steps for implementation planning was provided.
October 16, 2024	Meeting with City of Toronto stormwater management staff to provide an overview of integrated watershed planning at TRCA (with key messages from the Etobicoke Creek Watershed Plan, updates for the HRWP and Rouge River Watershed Plan, and next steps for implementation), and information about the nature based climate solutions siting tool and the proposed process for prioritizing areas for additional stormwater management capacity for the HRWP.
October 30, 2024	HRWP Steering Committee Meeting 5.
November 5, 2024	Meeting with MCFN to discuss continued opportunities for engagement with the MCFN community for watershed plans (including for the HRWP and input on the management framework, the new Rouge River Watershed Plan, and implementation of the Etobicoke Creek Watershed Plan), and for the Conservation Authority Act Strategies.
November 17, 2024	Participation in a community watershed circle "In Flow for Black Creek & the Humber River" organized/hosted by Our Future First and Turtle Island Carers of Fire at an outdoor site adjacent to the Humber River in the City of Toronto. This was a small, community-based dialogue centred on Indigenous teachings and values about the land and water. Input was obtained through dialogue and story-telling about how the health of the watershed impacts our wellbeing and the actions needed to improve watershed health in the Humber River. See **Section 2.3** for more details.
November 26, 2024	Data sharing workshop with York Region and TRCA (including overview of data coming out of watershed plans including the HRWP).
November 30, 2024	Participation at Welcoming Winter Community Event Day – a community/public engagement event hosted by TRCA at Albion Hills Conservation Park within the Humber River watershed to celebrate the change in season. HRWP information and materials were provided at one of the interactive nature booths (including the HRWP Characterization Factsheet, a Humber River word search activity sheet, and QR codes with direct links to the HRWP webpage and subscriber page). See **Section 2.4** for more details.
December 3, 2024	Email correspondence with a local academic institution about a potential partnership opportunity with TRCA related to supporting natural bird species, citizen science, and climate change resiliency, and offering key learning opportunities for students (response provided December 17, 2024, noting that TRCA's Restoration and Resource Management team would reach out to discuss TRCA's nest box program).

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January 13, 2025	Meeting with MCFN to discuss preparation of a land and water acknowledgement for the HRWP (and Rouge River Watershed Plan).
January 15, 2025	Meeting with York Region staff to provide an update for the HRWP, discuss York Region representation from Public Works on the HRWP Steering Committee (and the Implementation Steering Committee), and to discuss watershed planning and watershed plan implementation and alignment with York Region initiatives/priorities.
January 24, 2025	Email correspondence with a business requesting information about the Humber River watershed for a land appraisal (response provided in January by TRCA's Development Planning and Permits team and on February 25 and 26, 2025).
February 2025	HRWP progress update provided to Town of Mono CAO by TRCA's Government and Community Relations team.
February 13, 2025	Email correspondence with a resident related to concerns about the Humber River fisheries and aquatic ecosystem (due to impacts from Highway 413) and fisheries recommendations/management ideas (response provided February 28, 2025).
February 20, 2025	Meeting and presentation for City of Vaughan staff to provide an overview of the integrated watershed planning process at TRCA, an update on the HRWP including key findings from characterization/scenario analysis/next step, and information on the implementation/tracking/reporting plan, to discuss the City of Vaughan's 2025 Official Plan and alignments with the HRWP, to review the retention targets incorporated into the HRWP scenario analyses, and to review next steps.
February 24, 2025	Email correspondence with a consultant with request for information/data on natural heritage features, species at risk, and other site-specific environmental information for the Humber River watershed for a Highway 401 rehabilitation project (response provided by TRCA's Infrastructure Planning and Permits team).
February 25, 2025	Meeting with Six Nations of the Grand River to discuss the approved Etobicoke Creek Watershed Plan and its implementation (and how Indigenous perspectives and natural heritage were incorporated into the watershed plan). TRCA also provided an update on progress for the HRWP including upcoming opportunities to provide input for the draft HRWP (and the management actions/priorities), and the proposed approach to watershed plan implementation tracking and reporting.
March 18, 2025	Meeting with York Region staff to discuss groundwater and surface water monitoring program collaboration opportunities.
April 7, 2025	Email correspondence with a student with request for information about vegetation communities in the Humber River to support her studies (response provided April 8, 2025 with link to the Ecological Land Classification vegetation data through TRCA's Open Data Portal and information on the attributes of the dataset).
April 25, 2025	Project webpage updates including release of the Humber River Future Management Scenarios Analysis Report, the accompanying Factsheet (with key findings from scenario analysis), and the Spring 2025 engagement information/materials (including the online engagement survey to solicit input on the HRWP management framework, online interactive HRWP and map viewer, Spring 2025 engagement presentation, and updated FAQ document). The engagement survey remained open until June 15, 2025 (extended from May 31, 2025) to ensure input from participants at the Celebrate the Humber event on June 14, 2025.
April 28, 2025	Email to the HRWP Steering Committee to provide final details about the Spring 2025 engagement (including link to the project webpage with all engagement information),

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	information about the social media campaign, and promotional materials. Steering Committee members were encouraged to distribute the engagement notification and promotional materials through their networks, as appropriate, to help spread the word about the engagement.
April 29, 2025	Letter to First Nations and Indigenous communities (sent via email) to provide a HRWP progress update, notification of release of the Future Management Scenarios Analysis Report (and accompanying Factsheet with key findings), and details about the Spring 2025 public/stakeholder engagement (including link to the project webpage with all the engagement information, the engagement survey, and online interactive HRWP and map viewer). First Nations and Indigenous communities were also asked if they were interested in providing input as the management framework is developed (including on priority actions needed to address key watershed issues). An offer to meet was extended to discuss the HRWP, obtain any input for the management framework, and discuss further opportunities for collaboration. Follow-up meetings and discussions to continue with First Nations and Indigenous communities throughout the development of the HRWP (including reaching out for input on the draft watershed plan).
April 29, 2025	Email to HRWP Stakeholders List (194 - including Urban Agricultural Conventional Tenants, Peel Agricultural Advisory Working Group, and York Federation of Agriculture) to provide a HRWP progress update, notification of release of the Future Management Scenarios Analysis Report (and accompanying Factsheet with key findings), details about the Spring 2025 public/stakeholder engagement (including link to project webpage with all engagement information including the engagement survey, online interactive HRWP/map viewer, and Spring 2025 engagement presentation), and next steps. Stakeholders were encouraged to provide their input (via the engagement survey or by emailing Humber@trca.ca) and to visit the project webpage to learn more, subscribe for updates, and view all the available materials/resources.
April 29, 2025	Email to City of Mississauga staff to provide a HRWP progress update, notification of release of the Future Management Scenarios Analysis Report (and accompanying Factsheet with key findings), details about the Spring 2025 public/stakeholder engagement (including link to project webpage with all engagement information including the engagement survey), and next steps.
April 30, 2025	Email to various TRCA teams (including Communications, Marketing and Events, Community Outreach and Education, Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program (SNAP), Professional Access into Employment (PAIE), Partners in Project Green (PPG), and Nature Schools/Education Centres) to provide notification of release of the Future Management Scenarios Analysis Report (and accompanying Factsheet with key findings) and details about the Spring 2025 public/stakeholder engagement (including an engagement notification, promotional materials, and direct link to the engagement survey). The teams were asked to share the engagement information/survey with their members/contacts through mailing lists/newsletter/presentations and at events.
May 2025	HRWP progress update, notification of release of the Future Management Scenarios Analysis Report, and details of Spring 2025 engagement were included in TRCA's external newsletter. Direct link to the engagement survey was provided for input on the management framework.
May 2, 2025	Email/newsletter to HRWP Webpage Subscribers (565) to provide a HRWP progress update, notification of release of the Future Management Scenarios Analysis Report (and accompanying Factsheet with key findings), details about the Spring 2025 public/stakeholder

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	engagement (including link to project webpage with all engagement information including the engagement survey, online interactive HRWP, and Spring 2025 engagement presentation), and next steps. Webpage subscribers were encouraged to provide their input (via the engagement survey or by emailing Humber@trca.ca) and to visit the project webpage to learn more, subscribe for updates, and view all the available materials/resources.
May 2, 2025	Email to local and regional municipal Councillors within the Humber River watershed to provide a HRWP progress update, notification of release of the Future Management Scenarios Analysis Report (and accompanying Factsheet with key findings), details about the Spring 2025 public/stakeholder engagement (including link to project webpage with all engagement information including the engagement survey), and next steps. Councillors were asked to share the HRWP progress update and spread the word about the Spring 2025 engagement through their networks, as appropriate, using the engagement notification and promotional materials provided.
May 5, 2025	Email to TRCA's Board of Directors (within the Humber River watershed) and Regional Watershed Alliance to provide a HRWP progress update, notification of release of the Future Management Scenarios Analysis Report (and accompanying Factsheet with key findings), details about the Spring 2025 public/stakeholder engagement (including link to project webpage with all engagement information including the engagement survey), and next steps. Board of Directors and Regional Watershed Alliance members were asked to share the HRWP progress update and spread the word about the Spring 2025 engagement through their networks, as appropriate, using the engagement notification and promotional materials provided.
May 5 and May 7, 2025	Email correspondence with Oak Ridges Trail Association President who noted that they will share the project webpage and engagement survey link in an email message to their membership, and will repost on their LinkedIn and Facebook page (response provided on May 6 and 9, 2025).
May 9, 2025	Email to TRCA Youth Council Executive members to provide a HRWP progress update, notification of release of the Future Management Scenarios Analysis Report (and accompanying Factsheet with key findings), details about the Spring 2025 public/stakeholder engagement (including link to project webpage with all engagement information including the engagement survey), and next steps. The Youth Council Executive members were asked to share the HRWP progress update and spread the word about the Spring 2025 engagement through their youth networks, as appropriate, using the engagement notification and promotional materials provided.
May 15, 2025	Presentation to Peel Agricultural Advisory Committee Working Group to provide an overview of the integrated watershed planning process at TRCA, an update on the HRWP (including key findings from characterization and scenario analysis and next steps), and to provide information about the Spring 2025 engagement (and encourage input via the engagement survey).
May 23, 2025	Email to HRWP Stakeholders List with reminder to provide input for the management framework via the online engagement survey by May 31, 2025 and to visit the project webpage for more information, to subscribe for updates, and to view all the available materials/resources.
May 26, 2025	Email to HRWP Webpage Subscribers with reminder to provide input for the management framework via the online engagement survey by May 31, 2025 and to visit the project webpage for more information, to subscribe for updates, and to view all the available materials/resources.

Date	Engagement Activity
May 29, 2025	Meeting with new Peel Region HRWP Steering Committee member to provide an overview of the watershed planning process and the role of the Steering Committee, a progress update for the HRWP, and an overview of key findings to date and next steps.
May 30, 2025	Correspondence with Councillor Crisanti's office and City of Toronto staff regarding concerns raised by a resident related to erosion and loss of newly planted trees along the Humber River in Pine Point Park and the need for a more proactive and permanent solution to reinforce the riverbank at this location, ensure plantings are viable, and to avoid impacts to the walking path. Discussions/meetings about these concerns are ongoing between TRCA, City of Toronto, and Councillor Crisanti's office. TRCA provided information about TRCA's monitoring, inspection, and observations at the site, TRCA's Erosion Risk Management Program, and engagement taking place for the HRWP. TRCA also provided suggestions for both interim and long-term solutions for this site as well as immediate safety measures to be put in place on site.
June 2, 2025	Presentation to the Greater Golden Horseshoe Integrated Watershed Management Working Group to provide an overview of integrated watershed planning at TRCA, key watershed planning activities (including a HRWP update and incorporation of priorities for restoration, green infrastructure, and low impact development practices), and the process for implementation, tracking, reporting, and engagement.
June 14, 2025	Participation at Celebrate the Humber (Étienne Brule Park) – 'Exploring Your Watershed' booth to provide information to participants about the watershed planning process, the Humber River watershed, and the development of the HRWP, to share the results of the future management scenarios stage, and to seek input on the management framework for the watershed plan (via the Spring 2025 engagement survey). See **Section 2.5** for more details.
June 16, 2025	Meeting with Town of Caledon stormwater management staff to discuss flow gauges in the Town of Caledon as well as the future land use scenarios analysis completed for the HRWP.
July 15, 2025	Email correspondence with resident/Regional Watershed Alliance member about water quality testing in Topham Pond in the Humber River watershed (as a result of recent fish die-off) and concerns about removal of trees in this area (responses provided on July 16 and 21, 2025).
Ongoing	Ongoing correspondence and meetings with HRWP Steering Committee members (including municipal staff) and with First Nations and Indigenous communities throughout the development of the HRWP.

APPENDIX B: SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
May 3 ·

We want your input to help shape the future of the Humber River watershed!

We've just released the Future Management Scenarios Analysis Report, which explores how a range of potential future land use and climate change scenarios might impact watershed health.

Now, as we move forward in developing the Humber River Watershed Plan, we need your feedback on the next stage. Your input will help inform the management framework and priority actions for the plan.

Read the key takeaways from the report: https://bit.ly/3YnYHz6

Take the survey (closes on May 31, 2025): https://bit.ly/4iInG7e

Your voice matters as we shape the future of the Humber River watershed. We want to hear from you!

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
May 24 ·

Just 1 week left!

Help shape the future of the Humber River watershed.

We're developing a management framework and priority actions for the Humber River Watershed Plan —and we want your input!

Take the survey by May 31, 2025: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MYY3XRD

Speak up for your watershed today!
Region of Peel York Region (The Regional Municipality of York) City of Brampton – Your Local Government City of Richmond Hill City of Toronto City of Vaughan Dufferin County County of Simcoe Town of Aurora Town of Caledon King Township Town Of Mono Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

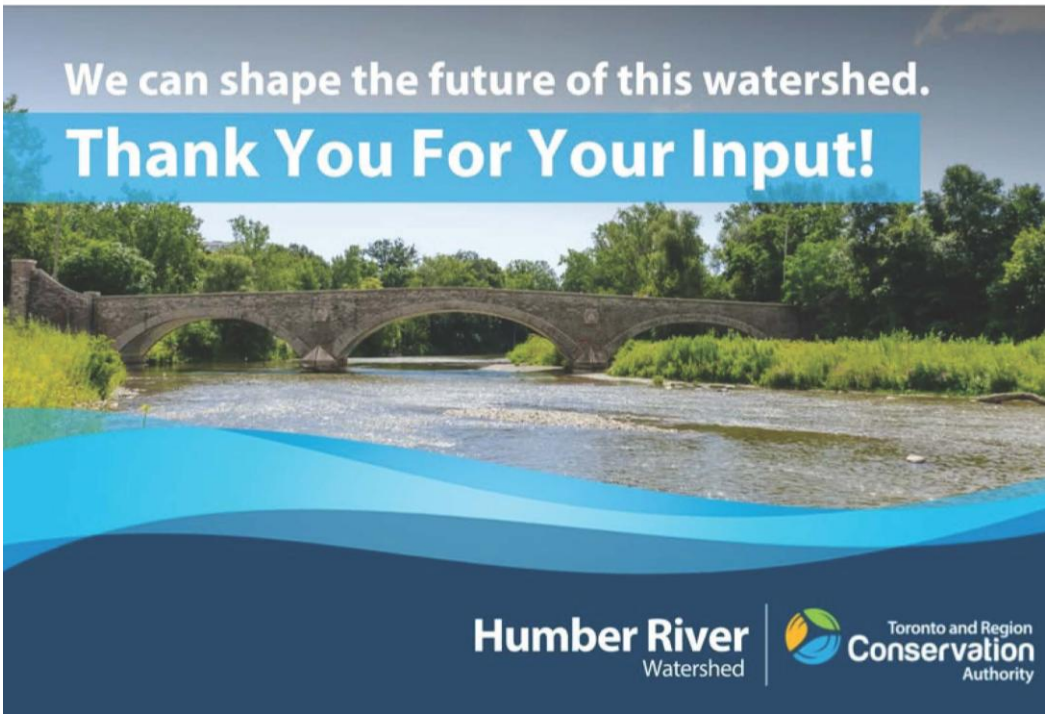
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
June 1 ·

Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts to help us develop the management framework for the Humber River Watershed Plan.

Check our webpage soon for the Engagement Summary and survey results!

Coming soon! We will be developing and seeking input on the draft watershed plan as part of the Implementation Planning Stage (2025-2026).

Stay connected for updates: https://trca.ca/humber



APPENDIX C: OPEN-ENDED SURVEY RESPONSES

Q3: Is there anything missing from the list above *(in Question 2)* that should be included as part of the objectives in the watershed plan? Please identify.

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1	More visual aids to visitors to parks and green spaces, identifying the natural & cultural features that need to be protected (e.g., as the Credit Valley Trail is doing) and enlisting the support of everyone, and raising awareness of the infrastructure the TRCA and municipal organizations contribute.	1	1			1		
2	Consideration of impact of the use of natural areas for recreation. Flooding as a positive feature (e.g., creation or restoration of wetlands to slow run-off and erosion).	1	1	1				
3	Inclusivity and accessibility.		1					1
4	I would like to see the impact of different regional controls on flooding. Also, a separate category for stormwater retrofit/enhancement measures vs controls for new development.	1		1	1			
5	I would expand on the education and outreach opportunities to include finding ways to best harness the power of collective efforts of the people living in the watershed (i.e., how to mobilize residents to partake in the area's conservation and adaptation).					1		
6	Water quantity and source water protection. Excess soil reuse and natural heritage/water resource system areas.	1		1				

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7	I think you've covered the major items.							
8	The impact on mental health. I regard this as paramount. Without diverse ecosystems and lots of green and water spaces, I would not thrive. I need nature to decompress, energize and reconnect and my kids have a thirst for more whenever we are exploring our community. In turn that leads to educational exploration at home, in the library, watching YouTube. It sparks so many interesting conversations within my growing family. In the summer of 2024, I believe, citizens could receive and utilize a prescription for nature. Complimentary Ontario parks pass. We need more of that!!!					1		1
9	That TRCA understands the importance of the Humber River and respects the river. I do not want to see something similar to the destruction of the beach at Humber Bay Park East which was both good bird habitat and also a good place for people. That some minor erosion after 50 years so TRCA takes the nuclear option of destruction is shameful and disrespectful of the land.	1	1	1				
10	Creation of new trails. Public access to Lake Seneca, Lake Mary. Opening up Claireville with washrooms. Solve the problem with the dam gates at the reservoir (Claireville), put water back into the reservoir at least for summer recreation. Have input to Parks Canada regarding the "review" of the historical designation of the Toronto Carrying Place Trail.		1	1			1	
11	Reduce or ban all motorized boats and jet skis on the Humber River. Return the river to paddle only.	1	1					
12	Nature steward, planting native species, keeping wildlife safe.	1				1		
13	We need to control clean waterways, wetlands, vegetation surrounding the waterways, and allow wildlife safe passage along these waterway systems.	1						

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14	How will funding dollars needed to achieve the objectives be procured, will there be funding available to community organizations to help meet objectives?				1	1		
15	Save our green habitats!	1						
16	Collaborate with and follow the lead of beavers as wetland keystone species; make sure that beavers are protected and are able to thrive. Significant road salt reduction. Engage the public through frequent volunteer planting and restoration events.	1		1		1		
17	Ownership given back to the anishnabe as caretakers of the land and water.						1	
18	Just an emphasis on collaboration and co-management with Indigenous caretakers and communities.						1	
19	Cultural and ceremonial space for Indigenous peoples to honor the land and water.						1	
20	Not sure if your OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES include working with other organizations that provide support to enhance the watershed plan. For example: Butterflyway Project to plant native species in certain areas to provide ground support in areas that might be impacted by erosion.					1		
21	The mouth of the Humber and the connection to Lake are critically important and are being ignored. For paddlers the stormwater runoff from the hard surfaces attached to the bridge is washing sand, rocks into the safe passage linking behind the breakwall and forcing paddlers to travel out into the lake to get back in behind the breakwall 300 metres further east.	1	1	1				
22	The urban expansion question and fish barrier questions, I didn't understand if very important = more urban expansion and more fish barriers? I do not want urban expansion to take land from the Humber watershed. As for fish barriers, is impeding the passage of fish better for the environment of the watershed? I'm guessing to an	1			1			

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	extent it can prevent invasive species from the lake affecting fish migration and spawn. Wish the survey was a bit more descriptive about how each point is explored/considered.							
23	Dam/weir removal so species can have access to spawning areas upstream. 1 lamprey barrier on lowest section of river.	1						
24	This list covers an excellent range of topics in watershed management.							
25	Urban expansion question isn't clear to me.							
26	To reduce impact on the Humber River, such as reviewing and reducing or removing current activities that impact the health of the river such as the boat club.	1	1					
27	Not contaminated streams that are part of the natural ecosystem and parks.	1						
28	I noticed in the City of Vaughan that a lot of money seems to be spent on improving water runoff after storms but seems to have little impact in preventing flooding. There must be a better plan on how we use our resources. Flooding is a concern in my area but trying to resolve a flooding problem in one area only moves it to another area. There does not seem to be a complete plan to ensure flood water moves through the full cycle through its journey back into the Humber River.			1	1			
29	More areas for stimulating and growing fish habitat!	1						
30	Accessible green spaces.		1					
31	Quality of life for local population - access to green space, consider impacts on affordable housing, support of transportation/mobility.		1					1
32	Housing and resonance costs to run businesses. Canada is a huge country.				1			

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33	Professional studies with input.				1			
34	I believe it would be truly beneficial and could plant thousands of seeds in the heads of elementary and high school students to introduce Environmental Studies, the truth of how Water is wasted especially the powerful corporations where profit is what is the most important goal, people are secondary no matter the impact on communities. To respect, educate, wake up, be informed, and get involved. WATER is our precious resource and should be protected and managed especially through the many Indigenous communities across Canada, their wisdom is Truth. Climate Change is real. Snap out of it folks and look around, not just in Canada!!			1		1	1	
35	Preservation of keeping the watershed as natural as possible allowing for the enjoyment of the residents while balancing the habitats that it serves.	1	1					1
36	Balancing the different objectives. Urban densification.							1
37	Ensuring all wildlife are well protected in their natural habitats and not forced elsewhere due to poor decision-making that results in "improvements" that are actually negatively impacting the wildlife all along the Humber River.	1						
38	Not sure if you have included it, but many people use the water for recreational boating purposes. These purposes do not always align (e.g., flatwater users (rowers, canoes, kayaks, SUPs, dragon-boaters, sailors) versus motorized users (e.g., jet skis, motorboats, cabin cruisers, etc.). Flatwater users have less of an impact on the shoreline and tend to be quieter in their use - less shoreline erosion, less disturbance of habitat in water and on land (birds, frogs, turtles, etc.) than motorized users. I advocate for an objective that enhances flatwater uses of the Humber River and phases out motorized uses over time.	1	1					

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39	Pedestrian infrastructure: robust trail network through the watershed. This will be a value in itself and also help connect people to the watershed and motivate them to help protect it.		1					1
40	A modest wood pedestrian bridge across the Humber halfway between the Old Mill Bridge and Dundas would greatly enhance enjoyment of walking along the river. As a Senior who would like to continue walking the Humber, this would be very much appreciated. One could walk north on one side and south on the other without having to go all the way up to Dundas and deal with the hill and the traffic.		1					
41	Accessibility of the watershed by the public through the creation of more multipurpose trails along the Humber.		1					
42	How recreational use of the watershed by people and pets are impacting the natural habitat.	1	1					
43	Full public accessibility to all public spaces within the watershed to encourage public engagement, education, and appreciation of value, issues, and risks.		1			1		
44	Recreation opportunities such as canoeing and kayaking on the Humber River.		1					1
45	Reporting water quality in more specific areas like north of Bolton.	1		1				
46	Pollution? Waste and littering might be one?	1				1		
47	The TRCA has to clean up after itself when conducting studies on the river. I live by the Humber marshes and notice many remnants of TRCA activities (metal poles, plastic boxes etc.) that have obviously been forgotten about. Either the objects are washed up on shore, broken or almost fully submerged. It looks really ugly, but I do not want to remove them (if they are in fact still active) and in most cases am unable to. Boat traffic within the watershed should also be reconsidered. The marina near	1	1		1			

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	Etienne Brule park allows large motor boats and jet skis into an otherwise very peaceful and protected area. I have seen boats travelling much faster than the limit (the area is a no wake zone) which is both dangerous to other boaters, as well as destructive for the wildlife.							
48	All essentials are considered, all stakeholders must take strong participation to ensure project success across leves and other stakeholders.				1	1	1	
49	More stewardship groups.					1		
50	We must put environment first when we develop policies.	1			1			
51	Halting developments that challenge the health of the watershed	1			1			
52	I believe you've covered the key issues.							
53	Coordinated efforts to stop bill 5.			1	1			
54	Invasive species removal.	1		1				
55	Set back from rivers. Preservation, protection, and possible creation of wetlands. Create over and underpasses to link new and existing areas. Wildlife collisions. Reintroduction of beavers?? Or other animals for better and cheaper water course management.	1		1	1			
56	Ensure land developers cover the cost of ALL infrastructure affected by their actions, including natural waterways.	1			1			
57	Ensuring responsible recreational usage (people who own boats, use kayaks, canoes, SUPs etc. in terms of pollution - boat fuel, littering, ecosystem disruption etc.).		1					

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58	Promotion of safe and eco-friendly recreational use of green spaces; salt use management.		1	1				
59	Accumulative effect of Industrialization, retail and urbanization, particularly as it moves up the River and impinges on the River's sources.	1						
60	Pleasure craft and jet skis on the river are an environment nightmare, shoreline erosion and animal habitat. Yet the TRCA rents property to a Yacht Club. How can this be justified when compared to the TRCA's own mission statement?		1		1			
61	Best practices of other watershed plans in Ontario. Use of chemicals whether it is fertilizer or road salt.	1		1	1			
62	Shore erosion & habitat disruption from high-speed watercraft on the Humber River.	1	1					
63	Notch weirs that prevent the flow of fish up the river (e.g., the one in Raymore Park). The fish ladder there requires too much maintenance.	1		1				
64	Sovereign Indigenous led management (versus merely consulting with Indigenous people).						1	
	TOTAL	**32**	**23**	**16**	**15**	**12**	**7**	**7**
	PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE SURVEYED (N=64)	**50.0**	**35.9**	**25.0**	**23.4**	**18.8**	**10.9**	**10.9**

Q5: Are there any specific indicators or ways of tracking implementation progress you would like to see included in the watershed plan? Please identify.

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1	Water quality. Species inventory. Spread of invasive species. Amount of litter.	1					1		
2	I am unsure of any specific approach, but am interested in more attention being paid to tracking the human and recreational uses of existing trails.						1		
3	I would like to see areas of impact for flooding, not just flow values. Flood hazards should be tied to the number of residents impacted or predicted cost of damage, not just peak flows which may or may not increase flood risk.	1				1			
4	Numbers are important, but they can't be hollow targets - they must be based in science and be qualified in a way that mandates effectiveness. E.g. increase wetland cover by 5% through healthy, resilient, biodiverse and well-connected wetlands. Not just any wetland that may or may not be degraded.	1		1					
5	Tracking by a target number is important but it is dependent on what the starting number is. Knowing the baseline is needed to establish a realistic, obtainable target. Also, it is important where the target is being established, e.g., protection/enhancement is happening in a low scoring, vulnerable area verses an area with a high level of achievement of the indicator already.			1					
6	By percentage is great but it may be useful by acres or square feet the land that is being prioritized for: storm water management, habitat rehabilitation, ecosystem protection, etc.			1					

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7	Seeing is believing. I want to see an increase of ecosystems, species and life. But I do think there needs to be some association of numerical basis to protect what we have instead of misinterpretations and bullying tactics by people led by greed.	1	1					1	
8	Increased biodiversity. Decreased flooding (as in new wetlands have mitigated some of the flood events).	1				1			
9	More public input. I have the feeling that this survey is only reaching a limited number of people who are on a TRCA info list of some sort. Open house/info sessions.		1		1				
10	RE question 4 above: It is not always easy or appropriate to quantify the progress for every implementation strategy. I would like to see as many numerical/ measurable targets as possible but they are not always available.			1					
11	Water quality; Indigenous participation; habitat improvement; reduction in volume of stormwater introduced to water resource system; reduction in greenhouse gas emissions; retention/increase in area of natural & agricultural lands; well-being of watershed wildlife populations.	1				1			1
12	Transparency and public input in granting and renewing long term leases to businesses operating in the park system like the Toronto Humber Yacht Club. Holding businesses in the park accountable for violating the terms of their lease.		1		1		1	1	
13	Make it simple and easy to understand and follow.		1		1				
14	I believe there needs to be clear and concise information exchange between all involved. Allowing easy access to information by all.		1		1				
15	Number of community members and organizations engaged is an important indicator to ensure initiatives developed to meet the		1		1				

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	objectives are sustainable for the long term. Number of in-kind volunteer hours contributed by local organizations and businesses to show that they are giving back to the natural environment in their community in which their economic success depends.								
16	Natural areas conserved, water quality, gas emissions, biodiversity inventory.	1							
17	Numbers of wildlife present (amphibians, reptiles, fish, mammals, birds, insects), amount and duration of blue green algae, chloride in the water from road salt, fish kill and other wildlife death.	1							
18	It would be helpful to have short social media post updates and perhaps also community workshops so that those of us who live in the watershed might be able to contribute to supporting the ecosystem.	1			1				
19	Survey neighbourhoods about flooding, engage with community during Earth Day events to gain understanding of impact the watershed plan has in multiple years, etc.	1			1	1			
20	Number of basements flooding.					1			
21	Achieved/not achieved.		1	1					
22	Would be interesting to see tracking progress in terms of effects/results. For example, how the changes may impact the abundance of species around the watershed (# of turtles, fish, birds, etc. or at least abundance impact of endangered species). How changes impact communities, turnout to the walking paths/playgrounds. Air quality/water quality of the watershed compared to more polluted city areas.	1	1				1		
23	Tracking implementation should include a deadline in addition to quantified goals. I would like to see this broken down into further details		1	1					

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	on meeting short term quantified goals with deadlines to ensure we are on track as months/years progress.								
24	Qualitative data regarding impacts including changes in community knowledge, skills, and behaviour.		1	1					
25	Tracking species at risk populations? No idea to be honest.	1							
26	Flood frequency indicators - increasing or decreasing frequency measured against rainfall amounts - smaller rain events resulting in more frequent flooding.			1		1			
27	In addition to simply measuring increases in the area of wetlands or forest, assessing the improvements of ecological health, biodiversity, water quality, and sustaining and increasing species-at-risk within the watershed need to be incorporated in tracking implementation progress.	1	1						
28	You could include local residents who are interested in helping to monitor the indicators and report back to you.				1				
29	Counting numbers of bees, butterflies, birds etc., in an area before and after development.	1							
30	Water quality, habitat protection, and restoration.	1							
31	A possible portable water (least contaminated versus somehow not at risk for health). In case of emergency, the rivers should be drinkable with a minor treatment. Putting on my emergency management hat.	1							
32	Check water levels at each phase of water runoff after major storm in areas of flooding concern. Flood zones are already identified by TRCA.	1				1			

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33	Under natural hazard, would be interesting to compare the impact of a previous flood to a similar storm event and see if the city was able to adapt.					1		1	
34	General updates.				1				
35	Access pathways, interconnected nature ways for wildlife to move freely, planting and managing of native species.	1					1		
36	Actual measurable impact of your policies.		1	1				1	
37	Number of instream barriers mitigated or metres of aquatic habitat connected.	1							
38	The credentials and experience of all involved are to be an authentic track record, respect above all for the cause, work and research and forethought of the generations when we are gone, dedication, and reliability are vital also.		1	1					1
39	Impact of salt runoff from winter road and sidewalk clearing. People impact - example how residents are impacted by the changes - healthier air, loss of parking, better access to and increased usage of new parkland/paths/recreational opportunities etc.	1					1		
40	Like TRCA does in Toronto's ravines, figure out a way to track the number of flat-water users versus motorized users, then target a specific number by which to decrease motorized users over time and increase flat-water users of the river.	1					1		
41	Length of contiguous natural cover / walking trail: as far as possible, connect the full watershed, or long sections of it, rather than a patchwork of trails or natural cover separated by private or inaccessible areas.	1					1		
42	Number targets would be useful and transparent.		1	1					

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43	Health markers mentioned in the TRCA presentation as recorded in the lower Humber watershed - it is a proxy of everything going on upstream.	1							
44	Water quality improvement and aquatic life indicators. Resiliency modelling for flood controls for extreme weather events.	1				1			
45	Funding and connecting with university research groups specific to watershed issues.	1			1				
46	Some sort of website that we can check status on would be nice.		1		1				
47	Updates at parks like Albion.				1		1		
48	Make sure Bill 5 is knocked down. Is there a public data dashboard? Each dashboard tracks KPIs that may include: water quality over time, natural cover takes over this many acres and that over time, number of indigenous species and its change over time, amount of carbon in the air over time and a corresponding heat map (it'll be a super effective visual of how the ravines and the temperature under tree cover is slightly cooler).	1	1					1	
49	Water quality should be monitored as often as possible. Sewage overflow and contamination from the treatment plant should be closely observed. The amount of macropollutants (plastic bottles etc.) should be monitored.	1				1			
50	Species richness, soil quality.	1							
51	Impact on existing nature, protecting nature.	1							
52	Specific areas becoming untouchable by development.			1				1	
53	Status of specific projects.		1	1					

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54	How safe is the water to drink and swim in would be a good indicator. I know it's not, but goals right?!	1							
55	The pond at the end of my street gets a black sludge on it that gravitates to the edge of the pond. Is there a way of decreasing the amount and a tracking the amount by water sample photo analysis.	1							
56	Quality of water indicators.	1							
57	Increase in native plants/shrubs/tree. Invasive species prevalence. Kms of connected trails or parkland. Number of animal over and underpasses to connect areas.	1					1		
58	Block all development within 2 km of Humber River waterway.	1						1	
59	Water quality indicators, biodiversity monitoring.	1							
60	Water and soil quality indicators highlighting key pollutants expected within monitoring zones or which have been previously flagged as problematic.	1							
61	Base flow, water temperature, chemical pollution, invasive and/or predatory species with ranking of the damage to the ecosystem, both by habitat destruction and species loss/replacement.	1				1			
62	Tracking of various at risk species for any change, water quality, erosion, stormwater discharge, biodiversity, presence of macroinvertebrates, sediment levels.	1				1			
63	Forest cover area and %, forest age class cover area and %, native tree species cover area and %.	1							
64	Water quality, tree cover, wildlife counts.	1							

Number	Comment	Ecological & Environmental Health	Transparency, Data Access & Dashboards	Measurement Strategy & Indicator Design	Public Engagement, Outreach & Communication	Flooding, Stormwater & Resilience Tracking	Recreation, Trail Use & Human Interaction	Policy, Regulation & Institutional Accountability	Cultural & Indigenous Knowledge Integration
65	Look at where Indigenous people are managing the land at Eglinton. The whole forest has changed, in a holistic, ongoing way (versus a one-off project based approach).								1
	Total	**40**	**17**	**13**	**12**	**12**	**10**	**7**	**3**
	Percentage of people surveyed (N=65)	**61.5**	**26.2**	**20.0**	**18.5**	**18.5**	**15.4**	**10.8**	**4.6**

Q7: What actions are missing from the above list? Please identify.

Number	Comment	Public Education/Engagement & Indigenous Engagement	Watershed Pollution & Contamination Management	Land Use Planning & Urban Development	Invasive Species & Biodiversity Protection	Access, Trails, & Active Mobility	Government Accountability & Governance	Flooding & Stormwater Management	Enforcement & Regulation	Recreation & Water Use Management
1	Invasive species control.				1					
2	Risk assessment of potential accidents at industrial activities and facilities in the watershed that may release harmful contaminants (like the toxic run-off from a fire into Mimico Creek a few years ago).		1	1						
3	A description of trail management.			1		1				
4	Work on projects to help reduce flooding in flood vulnerable clusters, like the Jane/Wilson FVC. These areas have a high risk from flooding and the measures included in this study do not provide any significant flood relief for these areas.			1				1		
5	Is reducing urban expansion within the authority of the CA verses the ability of the CA to implement LID practices to increase pervious cover in CA led projects and partnerships? This point should be broken into two different response categories. Reducing urban expansion should be reframed to focus on reducing the loss of natural heritage cover and agricultural lands.			1						
6	Getting involved. I think there is a gap between agency and public. I would love an opportunity to take my family outdoors and learn something neat. (I actually paid for a toddler and parent nature class, privately and I wish there were more).	1								
7	Increase contiguous natural areas to the river/watershed. Plan development away from the river. Place height restrictions of buildings near the river so as not to create a canyon around the river valley. Any development in watershed should have permeable pavement and other reductions in hardscape/storm water management to reduce the severity of flooding in the river		1	1				1	1	

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8	Monitoring the increased number of storm water management ponds as urbanization expands into green spaces.			1				1		
9	Stop fire pits in the park.								1	
10	Wildlife corridors. Educating the public about wildlife.	1								
11	Looks good to me - thank you for this work.									
12	Provide webinars and workshops to educate all about the proper way to dispose of home chemicals, etc.	1	1							
13	Linkage to Lake.	1								1
14	The amount of building going on north of the city adding to silt and excessive run off is inappropriate to a healthy river.		1	1				1		
15	Helpful advocacy to retain and improve planning policies at the provincial and municipal levels to support the goals, objectives, and actions in the HRWP. There have been recent changes in planning policy (plus additional proposed changes) that I understand significantly erode protections and efforts to sustain and enhance the ecological health of watersheds, and the meaningful engagement of Indigenous Peoples and many other key public stakeholders. Sound, wise, high-level policy is vital to sustaining and improving the watershed.	1		1	1		1			
16	Bring awareness to communities not to throw litter into the river or along the banks. Signage might help.	1	1							
17	Increase accessibility for strollers, wheelchair, walkers.					1				

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18	In considering trails and access, also consider trails as connectors for walking and cycling mobility between urban areas (i.e., trails aren't just recreation value, they are helping people get around).					1				
19	Nothing about how these actions are going to be monitored.						1			
20	Better runoff management.		1					1		
21	Actions of the government and Corporations should be much more transparent and accountable. Consequences should be applied to fit their ignorance.						1		1	
22	Reducing red tape for homeowners and appointing a staff person (for a small fee is fine) to help them navigate all the complexities of dealing with multiple departments and the TRCA when, for example, undertaking a landscaping project. Residents are more likely to comply if they aren't overwhelmed and city staff are helpful and solution oriented, and there is less siloing between departments, rather than rigidly obstructionist and following checklists without seeing the bigger picture. For example, when a homeowner is doing a project with the goal of reducing erosion. Also, the city needs to consider what plans (e.g., reduction of urban expansion) are at odds with the provincial government's goals meaning they may be nullified. Bigger picture, pursuit of recognition by the Supreme Court of Canada of constitutional powers for cities and/or constitutional amendments. Partnering with and supporting Indigenous peoples in bringing challenges to government actions that undermine their role as land stewards could also help.	1		1			1			
23	Reduce use of motorized watercraft and increase the use of flat-water users (rowing, canoe, kayak, SUPs, etc.).		1							1
24	Expand and improve the trail network, including street connections where natural areas are disconnected, and including helpful wayfinding.	1				1				

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25	Increase people's understanding of the importance of the Humber River by improving their experience of the River. A modest wood pedestrian bridge across the River south of Magwood Park would attract more walkers and increase their appreciation of the River's beauty and importance.	1				1				
26	More rigorous tracking and fining of illegal fishing!! FisherMEN stand in the shallow river by Old Mill bridge in numbers, especially in spring and fall, as well as illegal night fishing by King's Mill park.				1				1	
27	Could expand "Increase opportunities for engagement and participation by watershed stakeholders and the public" to also include opportunities for recreation on the river.	1								1
28	Programs to reduce or collect plastic pollution from the river, as well as removing the Toronto harbour yacht club.	1	1							1
29	Organizing demand better, accountability from government and corporations.						1			
30	Removing and stopping new invasives. Example Japanese knotweed is more prevalent now in GTA gardens and might enter the Humber system. It would be great to see a controlled spray and for nearby homes in September when the plant will absorb chemicals. While I hate chemicals, Japanese knotweed requires it.				1					
31	See previous									
32	Enhance shoreline protection especially for beachfront areas, improve drainage designs to use more natural features as opposed to concrete structures now in place.				1			1		
33	The menace growth and presence of plastics, micro- plastics and 'forever' substances.		1							

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34	Protect Smythe Park.					1				
35	Water craft usage.		1						1	1
36	Address/remove invasive species such as phragmites, adopt/educate on Clean Drain Dry boating practices, incent companies to adopt green buildings and rooftops in urban areas.	1	1		1				1	1
37	Reduce TRCA deleterious actions or concurrence with such actions (e.g., removal of restored forest cover next to Humber Treatment Plant).						1			
38	Tracking sources of pollution in the Humber.		1							
39	Do not merely 'include' us as Indigenous people. We are increasingly taking up our responsibilities under our own laws and principles. Learn from that, and where we are doing this, support this collaboratively.	1								
	Total	**13**	**12**	**9**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**
	Percentage of people surveyed (N=39)	**33.3**	**30.8**	**23.1**	**15.4**	**15.4**	**15.4**	**15.4**	**15.4**	**15.4**

Q8: What actions have you taken to combat climate change (including more precipitation events, greater intensity, warmer temperatures, etc.) and/or improve the natural environment?

Number	Comment	Plantings	Lifestyle Changes & Low-impact Living	Sustainable Transportation	Advocacy, Education & Political Engagement	Volunteering, Stewardship & Community Involvement	Home Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy	Waste Reduction & Conscious Consumption	Stormwater Management & Green Infrastructure	Litter Cleanup
1	Planted several native trees in small space - Miyawaki method, native plants, removed lawn.	1								
2	I volunteer twice weekly with Toronto Nature Stewards in Raymore Park removing invasives & litter. I helped found Etobicoke Climate Action. I don't own a car, but walk, cycle or take transit.		1	1	1	1				1
3	Living a more environmental lifestyle, less waste, using public transit, engaging in planting and clean-up events.	1	1	1		1		1		1
4	I strive to live as sustainably as I can by reducing my emissions, my waste, and my use of resources. I am looking into creating a rain garden and a native pollinator garden on my property. I hope to convince my landlords to get solar panels installed. I am trying to educate my neighbors and mobilize them to be better nature stewards and to understand this is in their own best interest.		1		1	1	1	1	1	
5	Green infrastructure, climate change policies and programs. Stewardship activities to increase natural cover in rural and urban areas, and to protect farmland and water quality. Land securement. Terms of Reference for Climate Change adaptation and mitigation for new developments.				1	1			1	
6	Reducing my energy consumption by making improvements to my home.						1			
7	We recycle and compost and carpool as much as possible. Planted a tree in our yard. Caring for our yard. Turn lights off when finished using them. Upgraded toilets. Conscientious of packaging. Creating awareness for my kids.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
8	Stop placing water down drain during major rain events, disconnect downspout, maintain permeable ground, increase vegetation to absorb some of the stormwater. Clean up at least some garbage each time I am out. Advocate as part of my group 'Revitalise the Humber'.	1	1		1	1		1	1	1

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9	Planted shrubs and flowers.	1								
10	Planting or replacement of impervious surfaces. Use of native and pollinator plants at home. Donations to climate advocacy/innovation groups.	1			1				1	
11	Entirely vegan diet, purchase organic foods whenever possible, use whole or minimally-processed foods, and produce in season, no motorized vehicle, garden solely with native species, political engagement (correspondence with political representatives to demand action against climate catastrophe), donations to environmental organizations (e.g., EcoJustice), active membership in local environmental/stewardship groups, reduce energy use, eliminate plastic textiles from wardrobe and linen closet (e.g., polyester & other synthetic fibers in clothing), repurpose items that are no longer needed (e.g., find new use for item, or donate it to charity), prioritize thrift stores and sites such as Freecycle over purchase of new items.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
12	I have removed garbage in and along the river for the past 30 years.									1
13	Joined my local nature group.				1	1				
14	I'm a TRCA SNAP Community Champion. We have converted a large swath of our property into native pollinator/rain gardens (from grass) and planted 128 trees since moving in. We buy and use reusable products as much as possible over disposable, walk wherever we can instead of drive, and use cleaning concentrates/the refillery for products. My husband is an environmental engineer and I work from home (for a Bcorp) so I'm not commuting. Our cars are fuel efficient. We've upgraded all of our heating and cooling systems/insulation/windows to ensure we minimize our HVAC system usage.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
15	Educating community (Humber, University of Guelph Humber and Rexdale and GTA) through curriculum connected nature focused outdoor education programs, enhancing our connection and relationship with the Indigenous community of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation whose treaty lands we share. Work with local organizations to support nature and culture	1			1	1				

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	programming within Rexdale. Invasive species removal and naturalization in collaboration with the City of Toronto.									
16	Working toward reintroducing native plant species in my private property.	1								
17	Native plant garden, hybrid car but mostly cycling, solar panels, heat pump, and energy efficient windows.	1	1	1			1	1		
18	Certainly increasing space used for green space. Vancouver certainly has some interesting usage in the city area.								1	
19	I have planted native plants in my own garden, helped to plant some at a high school nearby, at a senior's home, and at my place of work. I also try to purchase natural products in my home and only wash my car at a carwash station.	1				1		1		
20	I explore the Humber in non-motorized watercraft.			1						
21	Plant more native plants, educate communities, cleanup garbage.	1			1		1			1
22	Using less electricity, voting and political engagement, drive less walk more, attempt to use less heat and air conditioning.			1	1		1			
23	Created buffer zones on our property along the river, reforested multiple areas on our property.	1							1	
24	I've been planting more native species, and endeavouring to re-wild garden and lawn areas around my home. I've participated in a citizen-led climate action group that seeks to work in partnership with the King Township municipality and other citizen-based organizations. Promoting electrification to reduce GHG emissions has been an important focus. Advocating for and supporting efforts to protect healthy mature trees across King Township and to enhance the canopy cover through plantings is another important activity in which I participate. I'm also active in sharing information with others and opportunities to learn more about climate action and how to support and increase biodiversity.	1	1		1	1	1		1	

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25	Pick up garbage in and along the river.									1
26	I've planted trees and pollinator gardens.	1								
27	I use my car as little as possible.			1						
28	No littering, recycle, glass containers.		1					1		
29	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy conservation, use of public transit and zero-emission transport, buying locally produced products to shorten supply chains, community advocacy for green space.			1	1	1	1	1		
30	Planting more trees.	1								
31	Vegetarianism, cycling as primary mode of transit, small/slow living practices.		1	1						
32	Decreasing my environment footprint. Switching from propane to heat pump. Planting trees on my country property every year. Careful not use harsh chemicals such as in cleaners etc.	1	1				1	1		
33	My backyard is full of native species plants and has a three-layer system that requires little to no watering from me to grow.	1							1	
34	House and transportation energy and GHG efficiency (including using transit), investing in reforestation, purchase GHG offsets, advocating for government policies.	1		1	1		1			
35	Planting more.	1								
36	Continue to live conscious of litter and my impact by not flying and planting trees. Educating some new Canadians about not putting garbage in rivers and teaching about the love of nature.	1	1	1	1	1		1		
37	Plant trees, rain barrels.	1							1	
38	Recycle, reuse, donate what I don't need or use, green bin my food waste, and respect the land no matter where I happen to live. Plastics, rubber products, furniture especially beds need more solutions for their reuse, repurpose, or		1		1			1		

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	resell options. Garbage and the laziness and ignorance towards recycling in Toronto is obvious to me on many levels not just the government/corporations but individual people/homes. Green garbage bags should be prohibited, period!									
39	I pick up litter in the neighbourhood.									1
40	Semi-permeable paving, retaining walls and natural plantings, reuse, teaching my child the importance of our environment	1	1		1	1		1	1	
41	Toronto Total Shoreline Cleanup.					1				1
42	We have encouraged the City to plant two trees on our corner property and they are thriving.	1								
43	Walk and use public transit more and drive less. Improved insulation and heat loss in my home to burn less natural gas.			1			1			
44	Tree planting, reducing runoff from my property by trying to control and use rainwater, installing a heat pump for cooling on hot days and about half of winter heating (reducing carbon emissions).	1	1				1	1	1	
45	Private property tree planting which competes with both growing vegetables and the potential use of solar power. Clear urban priorities would be helpful.	1	1		1		1			
46	Joined a stewardship program, increased transit vs driving, planted trees on my property, and I have been subscribing to Bullfrog Power for 15+ years.	1	1	1		1	1			
47	Avoid driving where possible, energy efficiency upgrades on home.			1			1			
48	Thrift (not buying new), using the car less and walking more, not buying too much food, and utilizing all ingredients/being more creative with it.		1	1				1		
49	I constantly remove trash from my property and surrounding areas of the park. I canoe within the Humber marshes often. I drive an electric car and my house has solar panels and geothermal to reduce its electrical load on the grid.		1	1			1			1

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50	I have planted 13 trees and a car hedge in my property. I use mass transit and carpool when I can.	1		1						
51	Plant native plants, rain barrel/conservation. No pesticides.	1	1						1	
52	Planted trees and native plants. Avoided using fertilizer and weed killers.	1	1							
53	Increased the density of trees on our property, advocated for urban canopy cover awards, initiated a climate plan communication campaign in my municipality, spoken on these issues multiple times to diverse groups of people, volunteered regularly in a climate action group, marched for climate and signed petitions, used social media to advocate for climate and environmental action, retrofitted my home and switched to a heat pump to reduce emissions, travelled by transit or bike or foot (over vehicle) whenever possible, cultivated a bird/friendly home for over two decades such that people stop to watch the wildlife when they walk by.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
54	I have 3 water barrels which I use to water my flower baskets and my vegetable and herb gardens. Let my grass go brown in August instead of watering it.		1						1	
55	No car, take small plastics bags to store for fruit, go to refill stations for laundry detergent and dish soap.		1	1				1		
56	Planting native plants and removing lawn, rain barrel, new windows, heat pump, EV.	1	1	1			1		1	
57	Planted native trees and shrubs with TRCA. Supported local agriculture by volunteering at allotment gardens. Improved my homes carbon footprint by investing in upgrades to windows, doors, and heat source.	1	1			1	1			
58	Bike when possible instead of using a car.			1						
59	Ride motorcycles and heat with wood collected off my own property.		1	1						
60	Clean up when possible, education.				1					1

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61	I have restored my urban lot to a "bush lot" with a variety of native trees and understory. I continue to work on First Nations' presence. I continue to lobby and assist in monitoring chemical pollutants in both surface and ground water. I continue to raise public awareness of the Humber as a Heritage River.	1	1		1	1		1	1	
62	Tree planting and clean ups.	1								1
63	Storm drain clearing, litter pick up, educate others, turtle protection, and protests.				1	1			1	1
64	More public transit use or walk, shop local, eat more plant-based foods, involved in tree planting events.	1	1	1						
65	I have planted trees around and in my property. I removed lawns in favour of ground cover. I have a permeable driveway.	1							1	
66	Planted thousands of plants and removed invasive growth (grape, DSV Buckthorn) and more across a 7-acre area between 2013 and 2025. Teaching people how to manage sites with Indigenous agriculture in ways that will be taken up across the region in order to heal the soil and identify which diverse foods and other plants will come to replace plastics, concrete and carbon-based materials.	1	1		1	1		1		
	Totals	**39**	**31**	**25**	**24**	**22**	**21**	**20**	**18**	**12**
	Percentage of people surveyed (N=66)	**59.1**	**47.0**	**37.9**	**36.4**	**33.3**	**31.8**	**30.3**	**27.3**	**18.2**

Q9: What climate actions would you like to see more of in the Humber River watershed?

Number	Comment	Ecosystem Restoration, Naturalization of Urban Spaces & Tree Planting	Policy, Planning & Land Use Regulation	Community Engagement, Volunteer Opportunities, Education & Citizen Stewardship	Illegal Dumping, Pollution Control & Accountability	Green Infrastructure & Low Impact Development	Sustainable Transportation, Fossil Fuel Reduction & Renewable Energy	Water Quality & Stormwater Management
1	Can we find ways to model a circular economy? Have visual display of changing water levels to remind people of the power of the river (I consult River App to see the volume increase many-fold after rainfalls). More signage about natural life, fish varieties, native vs. invasives species, (with QR codes offering more detailed info online). Signage about volunteer opportunities. Guidelines for school field trips, including schools within walking distance.			1	1			1
2	While I understand the importance of reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, I don't quite see how this enters into the management plan. I'd like to see less use of fossil-fuels, particularly for personal transport, more energy-efficient housing, less consumption overall.						1	
3	Compelling caretaking and educational initiatives that are not only open to the public but advertised on-trails and nearby transit stations in advance.			1				
4	I would like TRCA to work with educating municipalities on the benefits of LIDs, tree cover and green roofs. We frequently try to include LIDs with native plants and trees in our designs only to have them rejected by municipalities because of concerns about maintenance.	1	1	1		1		
5	Robust public transportation that is eco-friendly. Fewer cars and no new highways. Development standards that minimize damage to habitats, green cover, and mandate green buildings, including in residential areas. More EV infrastructure, and more urban forest cover connectivity.	1	1			1	1	
6	More community involvement. Family volunteer events - like planting a tree, some sort of labour of love. Some sort of contest for the kids and the winner receives a pass to the park.	1		1				
7	Reduced stormwater events with better planning, and if more development exists, ensuring that it doesn't increase the stormwater runoff. Mitigating the storm runoff from the current development. Ending sewage being dumped into the river, such as from Combined Sewers in Toronto and no doubt communities further upstream.		1		1			1
8	More tree planting on river banks.	1						
9	Reforestation and replacement of impervious surfaces with vegetation.	1				1		
10	Political support for district energy projects that provide residents with access to the most efficient "green" energy systems available, e.g. long-lasting geo-exchange systems that serve multiple households. Reducing the heat-trapping greenhouse gases that fuel climate catastrophe must be a top priority for the protection of all watersheds. Organizational support, economic incentives, and subsidies should promote community-based collaborative energy initiatives rather than making individual home-owners responsible for purchasing, and then		1	1			1	

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	disposing of, short-lived air-source heat pumps that are not as efficient as geo-exchange systems.							
11	Reduce motorboats and jetskis.		1				1	
12	Keeping it clean.			1	1			
13	Tree cover.	1						
14	This is a very vague question and too difficult to answer concretely as the watershed is massive and climate actions should be targeted on a local community level to address and support the needs and realties of those communities.			1				
15	Land restoration efforts (reintroducing native species, removing invasive species).	1	1					
16	Planting, land conservation, education, wildlife tracking and protection, invasive plant removal	1	1	1				
17	More penalties for companies that dump toxins into the river and watershed.		1		1			
18	Reduction of urban usage.			1	1			
19	I would like to see more community events that give the people living in Ontario guidance with flooding and ways of preventing it.			1				1
20	More urban planting, outreach about storm water run off.	1		1				1
21	Stop big corporations from negatively affecting the watersheds!!!		1		1			
22	Reduce impacts of trails.		1		1			
23	High priorities I'd like to see are the preservation of trees, and natural heritage systems, wise land use planning that greatly minimizes expansion of urban settlement on to farmland or into sensitive natural heritage features. In addition, retaining a minimum of 30m buffers within settlement and urban areas and enhancing riparian zones with helpful native plantings and re-wilding efforts are very important for improving the health of the watershed and helping to mitigate and adapt to climate change.	1	1	1		1		
24	Tree-planting, connecting vegetative cover.	1						
25	Do not allow motorized commercial activity on the river. Do not allow jet skis in the river (past the pedestrian bridge).		1				1	
26	Removing harmful private enterprises from the watershed when it is possible for municipalities to do so (e.g., the yacht club on the river south of Bloor). Increasing unmanicured greenspace along the river at the expense of excess lawn areas. Promoting a mix of habitats (e.g., meadows) rather than focusing solely on forested spaces.	1	1		1	1		
27	Plant more trees along the river.	1						
28	More naturalization and, if possible, expansion of natural areas	1						

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29	Stop building homes close to natural lands around the Humber River.		1		1			
30	Clean up the river and streams filled with dead trees and debris to increase water flow.	1			1			1
31	More native plants, less concrete or asphalt pathways.	1				1		
32	I don't think the watershed plan should seek to increase climate actions in general, just make sure the plan is consistent with climate objectives. For example making sure the watershed plan supports walking, biking and transit linkages between neighborhoods.		1				1	
33	Make sure people are not littering or fishing the rivers with nets. Don't travel by air or buy products from across the sea.			1	1		1	
34	Plant trees and/or more natural shade. Use lighter coloured shingles or roofing materials.	1				1		
35	Cold water protection.	1	1					1
36	Run off containment areas along the river banks.	1						1
37	Actions speak louder than words. Excuses, lack of momentum, interest, indifference, funds or backroom deals are truly unacceptable. Stand up and show your backbone, involvement, and determination to everyone. There is no ' I' in Team.			1	1			
38	Preserving and increasing green space.	1						
39	Reduce use of motorized watercraft and increase the use of flat-water users (rowing, canoe, kayaks, SUPs, etc.). This will reduce the shoreline erosion caused by motorized crafts' wake.		1				1	
40	Increased natural cover, encouragement of nature appreciation through a robust trail system.	1		1				
41	The collection of illustrated boards which explain the Indigenous history of the Humber are very informative. They heighten our awareness of the importance of the Humber River over the centuries, over the millennia. They caution us to keep climate change in mind so that future generations will take care of our shared land.			1				
42	More trees and plants that help absorb greenhouse gases.	1						
43	Reducing aimless urban sprawl and creating sensible population growth, reducing impervious surfaces.	1	1			1		
44	More effective/appropriate fish ladders at flood control dams.	1	1					
45	Less motorized boat traffic, including yachts and jet skis, which disrupts natural fauna, and adds environmental pollutants like carbon monoxide and oil.		1		1		1	
46	More tree canopy cover.	1				1		
47	Accountability for the TRCA, removal of the Toronto Humber Yacht Club/banning motorized boats, cleaning plastic pollution.		1		1		1	
48	More natural areas, not every section needs to me a 6' wide gravel path.	1						

Number	Comment	Ecosystem Restoration, Naturalization of Urban Spaces & Tree Planting	Policy, Planning & Land Use Regulation	Community Engagement, Volunteer Opportunities, Education & Citizen Stewardship	Illegal Dumping, Pollution Control & Accountability	Green Infrastructure & Low Impact Development	Sustainable Transportation, Fossil Fuel Reduction & Renewable Energy	Water Quality & Stormwater Management
49	Clean up - massive fines for people/companies that dump/ remove plant life etc., manage their invasive species.	1	1	1	1			
50	Biomass increase - protection of old growth.	1						
51	More use of permeable materials in driveways and parking lots especially in new developments. Use of water retention from roofs in public buildings and use it, non-drinking water use.		1			1		
52	Planting trees or shrubs along banks to prevent erosion.	1						
53	Halt on building with 100 m of river/tributaries/ wetlands. More native plants and removal of invasive species and non-native plants and trees. More events like the CVC runs to engage the public in butterfly monitoring or bats, alternatives to pesticides, working with local land owners, etc.	1	1	1	1	1		
54	Increase tree planting and wetland restoration.	1						
55	Stop all development within 2 km of Humber River waterway.		1					
56	Clean up events, better water quality management.			1				1
57	Natural drainage features, swales, ponds, grass barriers, deliberate use of trees, shrubs and ground cover, and other green engineering approaches to reduce stream bank erosion.	1				1		
58	A substantial increase in and protection of wetlands. A stronger public awareness of the false perception of grey infrastructure as "green". A decisive approach to "greening" that is not "engineered" or "fixed".	1	1	1		1		
59	Maintain the ponds in Smythe Park.	1						1
60	A 9.9 Horsepower limit on the river except for emergency craft. Please end the current bombardment from yachts and jet skis to animals, paddle power crafts, and residences trying to live along the rivers banks.		1				1	
61	More public education on what they can do.			1				
62	Increasing tree cover and reducing fossil fuel use.	1					1	
63	More trees to provide wildlife corridors. Public service announcements/PSAs regarding the need to cherish the Humber and its biodiversity.	1		1				
64	Partnerships with school boards and universities to support how people address climate issues through citizen science, citizen stewardship and ongoing, perennial (versus project based) community learning and care of the land.			1				
	Totals	36	27	23	16	13	12	9
	Percentage of people surveyed (N=64)	56.3	42.2	35.9	25.0	20.3	18.8	14.1

Q10: Do you have any other general comments or feedback about the Humber River Watershed Plan?

Number	Comment	Environmental Protection & Flood Management	Public Engagement & Education	Policy & Governance	Accountability & Enforcement	Recreation & Land Use	General Praise	Indigenous Relations
1	Keep up the good work. I loved visiting the new TRCA building on Black Creek!						1	
2	I wonder how TRCA will be able to act in the presence of provincial actions that seem to take no account of environmental protection. Can the monetary and societal impacts of failing to protect the watershed be made concrete in a way that will impact provincial decisions.	1		1	1			
3	A higher focus on improvements for nature and recreation in the Black Creek Watershed, including the opening of the Village at Black Creek to the general public (imitating other successful public spaces in Toronto).	1				1		
4	The Black Creek watershed seems to have several areas that are vulnerable to floods (specifically the Jane/Wilson area). TRCA should complete a study to evaluate options for flood remediation measures in the area.	1						
5	I am looking forward to seeing the final report and hope to see additional analysis on flooding during extreme events and the opportunities to reduce flooding though stormwater management retrofit projects and channel modification	1						
6	Ensure natural heritage restoration areas and targets are being established in appropriate areas. For example, prime agricultural lands should not be the focus for achieving natural cover targets.	1			1			
7	I want to get involved. I'm very concerned with bill 5 and the quarry pits that are currently out of hand, here, in Caledon. Money should not enable anyone to destroy what nature created - I'm thinking of the Charleston side road gravel pit.	1	1	1	1			
8	While making a plan is fantastic, ensuring that it happens and that poor practices of those in TRCA Humber River lands ends. For example, Toronto Humber Yacht Club/THYC (101 Humber Valley Road, Etobicoke) has hardscaped without the required permit from TRCA, cut down trees, a visible oil sheen on the water surface following heavy rains by their fuel pump, constructed 60 gazebos along the shore has degraded the riparian zone, displacing native species and disrupting natural habitats, etc. Yet TRCA sits idly by despite the public advocating to individuals with the TRCA.	1		1	1	1		
9	How are Science/Geography curricula in the GTHA updated on what TRCA is doing?		1					
10	Good luck! A lot of work to do.						1	

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11	The Humber River watershed boasts a rich natural heritage, characterized by a well-integrated network of natural areas, including forests and meadows, which serve as habitats and movement corridors for diverse wildlife and flora. Furthermore, urban forests play a crucial role in sustaining the health of this natural heritage within the watershed. A resilient natural heritage system, capable of withstanding adverse changes and recovering from disturbances, is vital for the well-being of both ecosystems and human populations. It is imperative that sufficient resources are allocated to the protection and preservation of this Heritage River.	1		1	1	1		
12	Install a Ranger or citizen patrols or even a cop now and then to stop illegal fishing with nets and to stop people from starting fires and living in the park.	1			1			
13	Hopefully there will be more consultation and resident advisory panels.		1					
14	Will there be subwatershed plans specific to different areas within the watershed? I dislike large scale plans as they are too general and often times they are just fluff with no real details on how to implement change or funding mechanisms available to help organizations increase capacity to support change.			1		1		
15	The watershed concept should be taught in every school. The public should be engaged to participate regularly in watershed days when everyone.		1					
16	Thank you TRCA for all you do. I am glad you are putting all this effort into helping our watersheds. Much appreciated! Keep up the awesome work!!!						1	
17	Please send me a copy.		1					
18	The river needs to flow through the city freely which will improve water quality and allow better access to spawning fish.	1						
19	It is encouraging to see this watershed plan move forward. I recommend contacting the Ontario Headwaters Institute that is promoting a Watershed Charter to be adopted by municipalities across Ontario. The central goal is to formally integrate land use planning with watershed planning. It appears to be very positive.			1		1		
20	Rally the public to help with plantings on a massive scale. Many people would respond to an opportunity to help.		1					
21	Be sure to hold developers accountable.				1			

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22	I think that, on the whole, the Humber River Watershed Plan addresses the majority of important issues in the watershed. It is imperative to get relevant groups alongside and reduce the possibility for municipalities to undermine the actions (e.g., by ensuring they do not allow development to contravene acts that protect ravines as has happened in the past).		1	1	1	1		
23	This is the first time I have been made aware that there actually is a plan.		1					
24	Hire diver to get trash out of the water and do not use heavy machinery.	1			1			
25	I believe recognizing the full history of the area (including Indigenous history) is important but prioritize engagement equally for all people living in and impacted by the watershed planning. I don't believe that those with Indigenous status should get an exceptional voice in planning in as highly populated areas as the Humber watershed.		1					1
26	We must look at the world as a whole and consider what impact we can have to teach those more ignorant and stop the big polluters and ocean liners filled with products we don't need - flights back and forth Asia, South Asia, Europe, etc.	1	1		1			
27	Natural resources are much more than a Commodity!	1						
28	A cultural and structural change to how city staff and Councillors treat city residents and a requirement that they consider the "bigger picture" when responding to proposed property projects that may impact the environment. For example, Councillor requiring city staff to reject all parking applications even when all the reasons for objection (e.g., run-off) are addressed in the proposal and the application is to install a space for a car with an electric vehicle charger. Also making credible claims (e.g., avoiding having a goal that the need for EV charging can be solved by a few public chargers).		1	1	1			
29	Increase and support use by flat-water users and reduce/decrease use by motorized water craft users.					1		
30	Thank you for your work.						1	
31	Collections of informative boards could be designed and installed to provide teaching/learning opportunities for River walkers. These boards could focus on the importance of the Humber River and the realities of climate change and proactive plans to protect the River.		1	1				
32	It will be great if the plan can be shared with the public throughout the main steps and important decisions points.		1					

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33	Appreciate that you are doing your absolute best to protect and preserve our rivers.						1	
34	This form was very well done.						1	
35	I love the Humber River. Please protect it! Thank you for your work.	1					1	
36	How do you plan to manage the Humber River if the new pit in Caledonia goes through?	1		1				
37	With grassroots education we can groom the next generation to actually care about the watershed.		1					
38	Identify where streams have been blocked by development and are unable to empty into the watercourse. We have what used to be a creek running from Lake Wilcox across to the canal and emptying out under Yonge St. It has been blocked and is down to a slow trickle which leaves stagnant water in the summer - a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes.	1				1		
39	While you state land use is not part of the survey, you may want to purchase land here and there for the benefit of the watershed. It can be a charity or go fund me situation. The TRCA rarely adds new land to its holdings and I think that is a mistake. As the population grows so too should the land it manages.	1		1		1		
40	Engage local residents to patrol and maintain the trails.		1		1			
41	I would like to see a greater effort at integrating wildlife and salt management into the plan	1		1				
42	The River is unique and precious and MUST NOT be taken for granted as it has been for two centuries, with a snowballing effect in this century. We are in danger of losing it.	1		1				
43	Love it.						1	
44	The THYC is a blight on the Toronto section of the Humber River. This is a very popular fish spawning ground, migratory bird nesting area, as well as a turtle hatching area. The waters have Beaver, Muskrat, and we are starting to see Otters return. There is no need for racing jet, skis or blasting music from yachts going down the river to get to the lake. There are two clubs on the lake at the river's mouth that the patrons could join. It is frustrating for me to have to endure the noise, the mess, and the disruption to my daily life because of a yacht club that a society I believe in holds title to.	1				1		
45	TRCA produces plans regularly. Usually very little change happens as a result. There needs to be more accountability regarding whether or not plans have been successfully implemented.			1	1			

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46	This is the TRCA Humber River Watershed Plan. It is not, nor will it ever be, an Indigenous plan. TRCA may 'include' us in its plan, but we will also 'include' TRCA in our plan, on the basis of principles the TRCA is unable to address. That is coming in the next few years, and we will need these two plans to meet in reciprocal and mutually beneficial ways. These 2 plans can work together well on that basis.							1
	Total	**20**	**15**	**14**	**13**	**10**	**8**	**2**
	Percentage of people surveyed (N=46)	**43.5**	**32.6**	**30.4**	**28.3**	**21.7**	**17.4**	**4.3**

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