

As a recommended condition of planning approvals, TRCA staff will request that all lands within a development deemed part of the Natural System be dedicated into public ownership, including any natural feature, any natural hazard, the buffer, and any areas of potential natural cover.

TRCA advocates that fee simple public ownership of the Natural System provides the best protection for the long term. Acquisition of Natural System lands should be a partnership decision between the municipality, landowner, and TRCA. However, recognizing that fee simple acquisition may not always be feasible, TRCA staff will rely on the Greenlands Acquisition Project (2011 – 2015)* when considering public ownership or other mechanisms to protect the Natural System.

Nonetheless, TRCA will continue to identify lands for acquisition within the Natural System through the planning process.

The following information will be generally required when land is dedicated to TRCA through the planning process:

- Fencing of the property limit of all new urban development adjacent to the Natural System.
- Any archaeological assessments/reports/studies previously completed for the subject lands.
- Any Phase 1 and Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment/reports/studies previously completed for the subject lands. If Phase 1 or Phase 2 studies have not been completed for the lands to be acquired, TRCA may request completion of its own investigation in this regard.
- A hazardous tree inventory and removal/trimming plan must be prepared by the vendor to ensure that all trees in danger of falling from the lands to be acquired by TRCA onto the adjacent retained (i.e. residential) property have been felled and/or removed to the satisfaction of TRCA staff prior to completion of the land transfer. The cost of this work is the responsibility of the vendor.

Authority Board approval is required prior to the close of a transfer of lands to TRCA.

*As updated from time to time.