



Claremont Conservation Park - Infrastructure



EXPECTED IMPACT

Claremont Conservation Park remains a safe, reliable, and accessible destination as surrounding communities grow and programming demand increases. By strengthening core systems now, this investment protects a valued regional asset that supports community well-being, climate resilience, and long-term quality of life in an increasingly urbanized region.

BENEFITING STAKEHOLDERS

- Durham Region residents
- Community organizations
- School Boards
- Visitors

BUDGET & FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost: \$6.7M

- Claremont Field Centre: 1.3M
- Site Infrastructure: \$5.2M
- Maintenance Shop & Sheds: \$0.2M

Possible Funding Sources:

- Durham Region
- Province of Ontario
- Government of Canada
- Municipal Contributions

OWNERSHIP

- TRCA

OVERVIEW

Claremont Conservation Park is a cherished place where nature, learning, and community come together. Its Field Centre, maintenance facilities, and site infrastructure quietly support everything visitors value: safe access to meaningful environmental experiences. Strategic reinvestment at this moment presents a timely opportunity to renew and strengthen these essential foundations, ensuring the park continues to operate smoothly, safely, and sustainably. By proactively upgrading key facilities and systems, TRCA can reinforce Claremont Conservation Park as a resilient, well-served destination that reflects a shared commitment to stewardship, service excellence, and care for public lands.

OBJECTIVES

Stabilize and protect critical infrastructure at increasing risk of failure by addressing aging building systems and site utilities. Safeguard public and staff safety through necessary repairs to structural, electrical, mechanical, and service systems that underpin daily park operations and visitation. Restore operational reliability by ensuring the Field Centre and Maintenance Shop can fully support TRCA programs, stewardship activities, and on-site maintenance needs.



KEY PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES TO DATE

Field Centre



High Priority

Repairs and upgrades to the roof, substructure, services (plumbing, electrical, HVAC), shell (exterior structure), and equipment.

Site Infrastructure



High Priority

Upgrades to the park's critical infrastructure, including septic system, transformers and other essential equipment.

Maintenance Shop



High Priority

Updates to the services (electrical, plumbing), shell (structural repairs to exterior), and interior space.

Work to Date:

- Front gate and driveway paving in 2024
- New water treatment system in 2025
- Electric vehicle charging station in 2026

RISKS IF UNFUNDED

Financial / Economic: Failing infrastructure can lead to substantial financial consequences, including lost revenue opportunities, increased maintenance costs, potential insurance and liability implications. Deferring infrastructure investments often leads to more severe problems that may require costly emergency repairs. These unplanned expenses strain operating budgets, divert funds from planned initiatives, and reduce the ability to invest in future improvements or service expansion.

Deferred Action Risk: Deteriorating infrastructure may become a risk to staff and visitor safety, increasing liability.

Social: Quality and comfort of visitor experiences, reduced accessibility and even health and safety considerations arise without required investment. Lost opportunity to strengthen a regional cultural, environmental and education asset. Reputational implications for TRCA.



KEY DATES

- **Possible Start:** TBD
- **Duration:** Project specific, multi-year possibilities

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