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Federal Government announces funding for Rouge National Urban Park

The Government of Canada announced in Budget 2012 its commitment to preserving Canada's natural beauty and taking action on the creation of Canada's first national urban park in the Rouge Valley in Ontario.

On May 25, 2012, during a meeting with Aboriginal and community partners, and a broad range of stakeholders, the Honourable Peter Kent, Canada's Environment Minister and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, and the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance and Minister responsible for the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), announced Budget 2012 funding towards the establishment of Rouge National Urban Park

Accordingly, $143.7 million was provided over 10 years for park development and interim operations, and $7.6 million per year thereafter was provided for its continuing operations.

Further details regarding this exciting announcement are offered on our website. Please visit www.parkscanada.gc.ca/rouge.



Proposed Study Area

Parks Canada is pleased to share the proposed Study Area for Rouge National Urban Park, which fulfills the original vision for a contiguous network of lands reaching from Lake Ontario in the south all the way north to the Oak Ridges Moraine

The proposed Study Area for Rouge National Urban Park contains areas that include those in the proposal set out in the Rouge Park Alliance governance report. The area also respects the goals and principles that have been established through this past year of discussions with stakeholders. A detailed map of the proposed Study Area is now available on our website.

Transition Advisory Committee

Building on the legacy of community involvement and multi-jurisdictional cooperation, Parks Canada will create a Transition Advisory Committee, which will provide advice and input on the establishment process and interim management of the park. The Transition Advisory Committee will ensure the diversity of interests is reflected. Appointments will be made this summer by the Honourable Peter Kent, Canada's Minister of the Environment and the Minister responsible for Parks Canada.





Get Involved

With federal funding now in place, Parks Canada can now officially move forward with the establishment process and will launch the public involvement phase beginning in late June. All Canadians, especially those located in the GTA, should get involved, provide their input and be a part of making history with this Canadian first. Information and a schedule of activities regarding the public involvement phase will soon be posted on our website.

For more information:

To find out more or to be added to our mailing list for future newsletter updates, please contact us at rouge@pc.gc.ca

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There is more than 10,000 years of human history in the Rouge Valley?



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