



Westminster Ponds / Pond Mills Environmentally Significant Area Master Plan Update 2005

Overview

October 24th 2012 Community Meeting



Process

A 21-member Local Advisory Committee (LAC), representing 12 agencies and groups, worked with City of London and UTRCA.

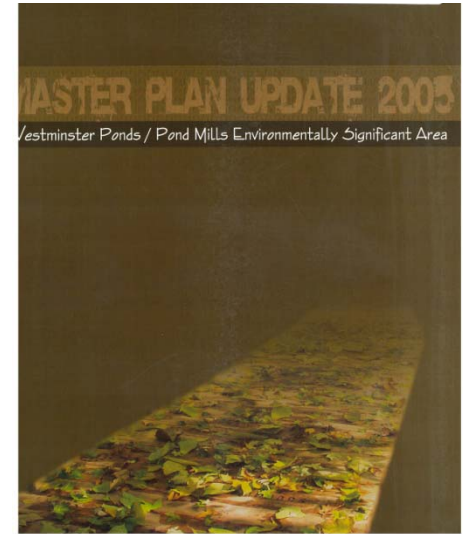
Mission statement

The City of London, the UTRCA, and community partners will preserve the ecological integrity of Westminster Ponds / Pond Mills Environmentally Significant Area while providing compatible educational and recreational opportunities.



Master Plan Update 2005

- vegetation communities inventoried
- 17 maps created
- 86 recommendations developed to guide decision-making over next 10 years
- Recommendations ranged from the need for:
 - additional property acquisitions, to
 - naturalization work, to
 - encroachment deterrents, to
 - reduction of the number of trails



About 75% of the recommendations have been completed or started.



Significance

- Largest publically owned natural area in London (about 203 ha or 502 ac). Additional lands are in private ownership.
- Significant for its size, rich variety of natural habitats, rolling topography and unique kettle ponds.
- 5 ponds
- 200 vegetation communities
- 757 species of vascular plants
- 30 plants rare nationally or provincially
- 200 species of birds
- 19 species of fish
- 14 species of amphibians
- 9 species of reptiles



Map 14 – Buffer and Naturalization





Map 16 – Trail Recommendations (Conceptual)





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Brochure Map

