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Joining in at a corporate tree planting in York Region was Jo-Lynn Hoffmann, Chair of the Vaughan Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committee. There are many other ways to help our local environment in the next 25 years.

# Saving our streams helps all of us

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EcoPark, part of the future Bartley Smith Greenway, is dedicated in Vaughan.

### PROTECT TRIBUTARIES

Unlike 15 years ago, trout are swimming up the Don, Humber and Rouge rivers. But will they be there 25 years from now?

Part of the answer is to protect coldwater river tributaries, stable shady streams where fish spawn. They are getting rarer in the region.

Examples of endangered coldwater streams include Carlton Creek — which flows into the Rouge in Markham and contains the endangered redbreast dace — and Purpleville Creek, which enters the East Humber at the Kortright Centre for Conservation in Vaughan. "I'm really worried about how much longer it can stay that way," said Luciano Martin of the volunteer restoration group Action to Restore a Clean Humber.

### SAVE SMALL STREAMS

Much of the base flow of water in our rivers starts as rivulets of rain or melted snow collecting in small

streams.

These streams are home to frogs and other wildlife. Many do not flow all year.

But many small streams are vulnerable to development. The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, which establishes the norm for such things, doesn't consider a stream worthy of protection if it does not drain 309 acres (125 hectares) of land. The Markham Conservation Committee is urging the authority to change this position.

### REDUCE AIR POLLUTION

May 3, 2001, was the earliest smog advisory day ever declared for the region. How much worse or better our air gets might depend on how eager we are to accept public transit into our lives or alternative fuel in our cars.

### REDUCE PESTICIDE USE

Pesticide use by the region and its municipalities is dropping rapidly. Depending on the court decision on a total ban in Hudson, Quebec, and perhaps our own changing attitudes in the next quarter-century, the natural lawn may be our lawn of tomorrow.



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