

# Fishway a 'fair trade' for damage to streams

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deal's price is too high. "Why did they (the government agencies and the Toronto Region Conservation Authority) settle?" she asked.

But Mark Heaton, a ministry fish and wildlife biologist, said a \$500,000-fishway along the west wall of Milne Dam was a fair trade for Cornell's streams, all of which were degraded by past practices.

"They've been straightened, ditched, and in some cases plowed," he said.

The streams, some intermittent, are primarily home to baitfish such as minnows and creek chub.

Mr. Heaton said the fishway is a

"big-scale" benefit to Rouge River watershed that will let fish move through Markham, using a fishway at Toogood Pond and reaching headwaters of major tributaries, Bruce and Berczy creeks.

Migratory fish could reach also Bruce's Mill Conservation Area in Whitchurch-Stouffville and upper reaches of the river in Richmond Hill, he said.

"They'll be able to go right up to Elgin Mills and Bayview."

Although rainbow trout have been stocked in the upper Rouge and fish were brought around the Milne barrier in past years to reach upstream spawning areas, the fishway is considered "critical for rehabilitating a self-sus-

taining watershed and Lake Ontario waterfront fishery," says a project plan prepared by the ministry in 2000.

Northern pike and smallmouth bass are among eight species known to exist downstream of the reservoir, which the plan said, "illustrates that the barrier has negatively affected the diversity and productivity of the fish community within the watershed."

The Town of Markham first endorsed a fish ladder for Milne in 1994.

The following year, Mr. Heaton asked the Rouge Alliance — a municipal partnership that governs Rouge Park — to pay for it.

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**Application for a Sale Licence**

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Unit 4, Markham

Any resident of the municipality may make a written submission as to whether the issuance of the licence is in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents. Submissions must be received no later than August 17, 2002. Please include your name, address and telephone number. If a petition is submitted to the Commission, please identify the designated contact person.

**Note:**  
The AGCO gives the applicant details of any objections.

Submissions to be sent to:  
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