

York purchases 800 acres in 2008

York Region got a little greener last year. It was a banner year for land preservation, according to a regional report.

Nearly 800 acres, or nine properties, were acquired by the region, which will protect it from development.

Most of the purchases were made in conjunction with agencies such as the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and Oak Ridges Moraine Trust.

The region's greening strategy was put in place in 2001 and it aims to ensure 25 per cent of York Region's land is forest cover.

Funding will come from York's annual

\$1.35 million commitment.

Local municipalities partner on implementation programs and other related projects.

Along with Trees Ontario and the TRCA, 14,000 trees were planted at two sites in Rouge Park.

More than 65,000 trees and shrubs were planted on 40 public and private lands.

About half of those were in the York Regional Forest's Hall, Nobleton, North and Eldred King tracts.

About 570 acres of forest — a number bested in 2008 — need to be acquired each year to make this happen by 2026.

— David Fleischer

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• Tours from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
• Main presentation at 6:45 p.m.

Where: Markham Stouffville Hospital Auditorium
381 Church Street, Markham

Who: Everyone who wants to learn more about colorectal cancer

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Anna Fu, Gastroenterologist

Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Patrick Whelan, Chief of Surgery

Contact: Please call 905-472-7531 to register for a tour

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