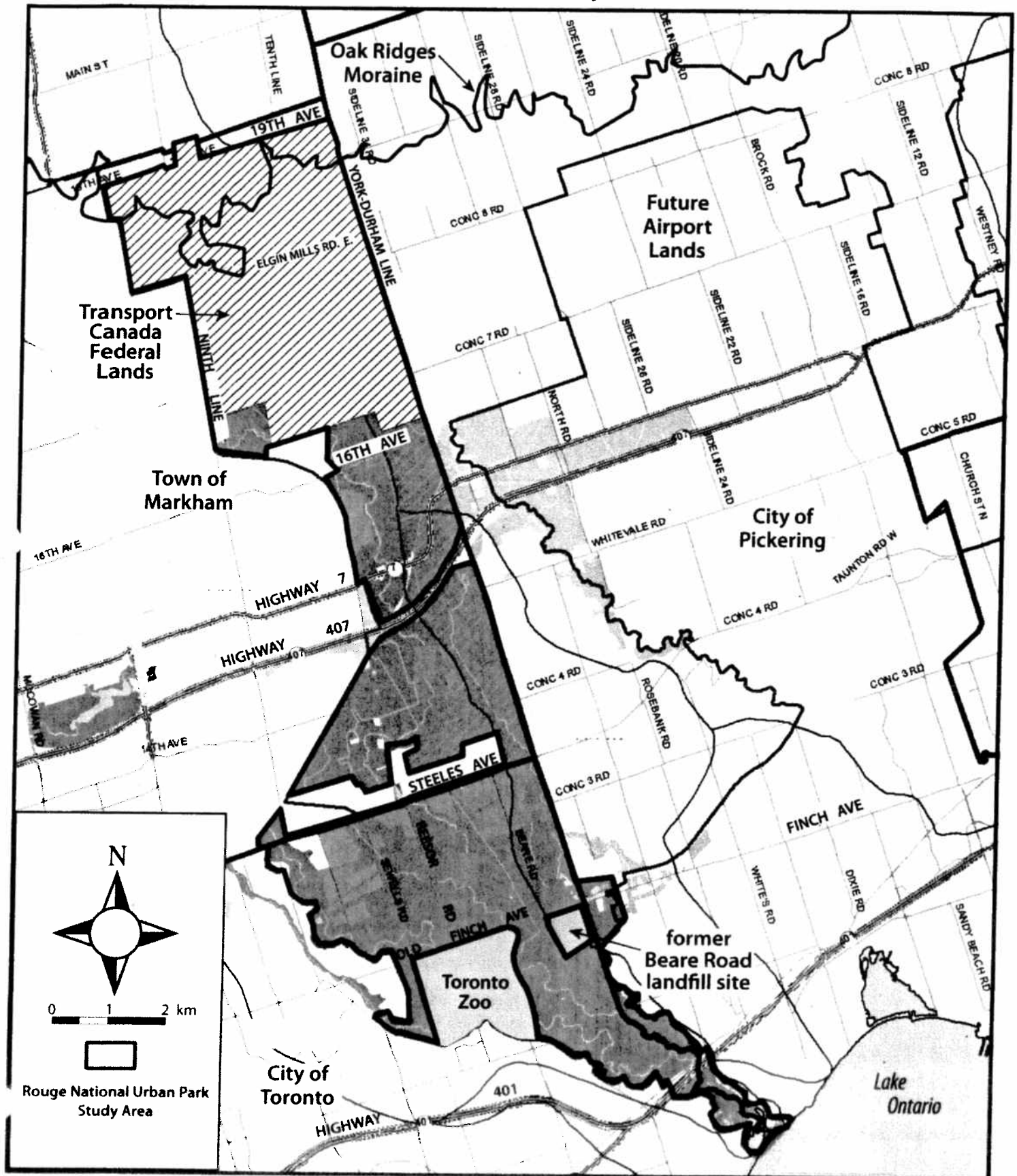


# Figure 1

Parks Canada - Rouge National Urban Park Study Area

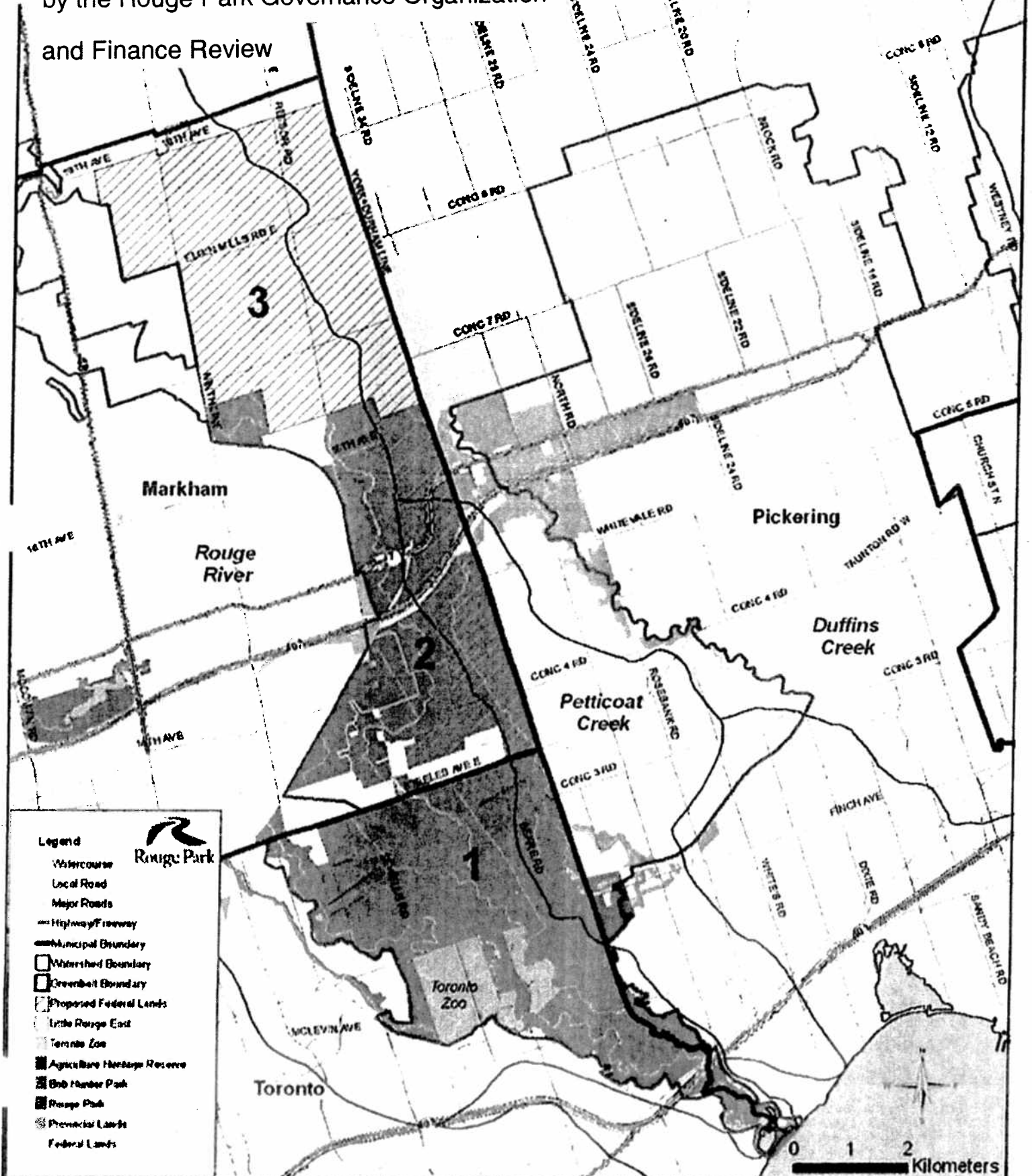


Note: This map is of a Study Area only. The lands shown are currently under review for possible inclusions/exclusions to the national urban park. This map does not represent proposed park boundaries

# Figure 2

Park boundary recommended  
by the Rouge Park Governance Organization  
and Finance Review










Rouge Park Toronto	2383
Little Rouge Corridor	708
Bob Hunter Park	197
Little Rouge East	653
Proposed Federal Lands	1961
<b>Total Current</b>	<b>5902 ha</b>



# Figure 3

## Greater Rouge Park

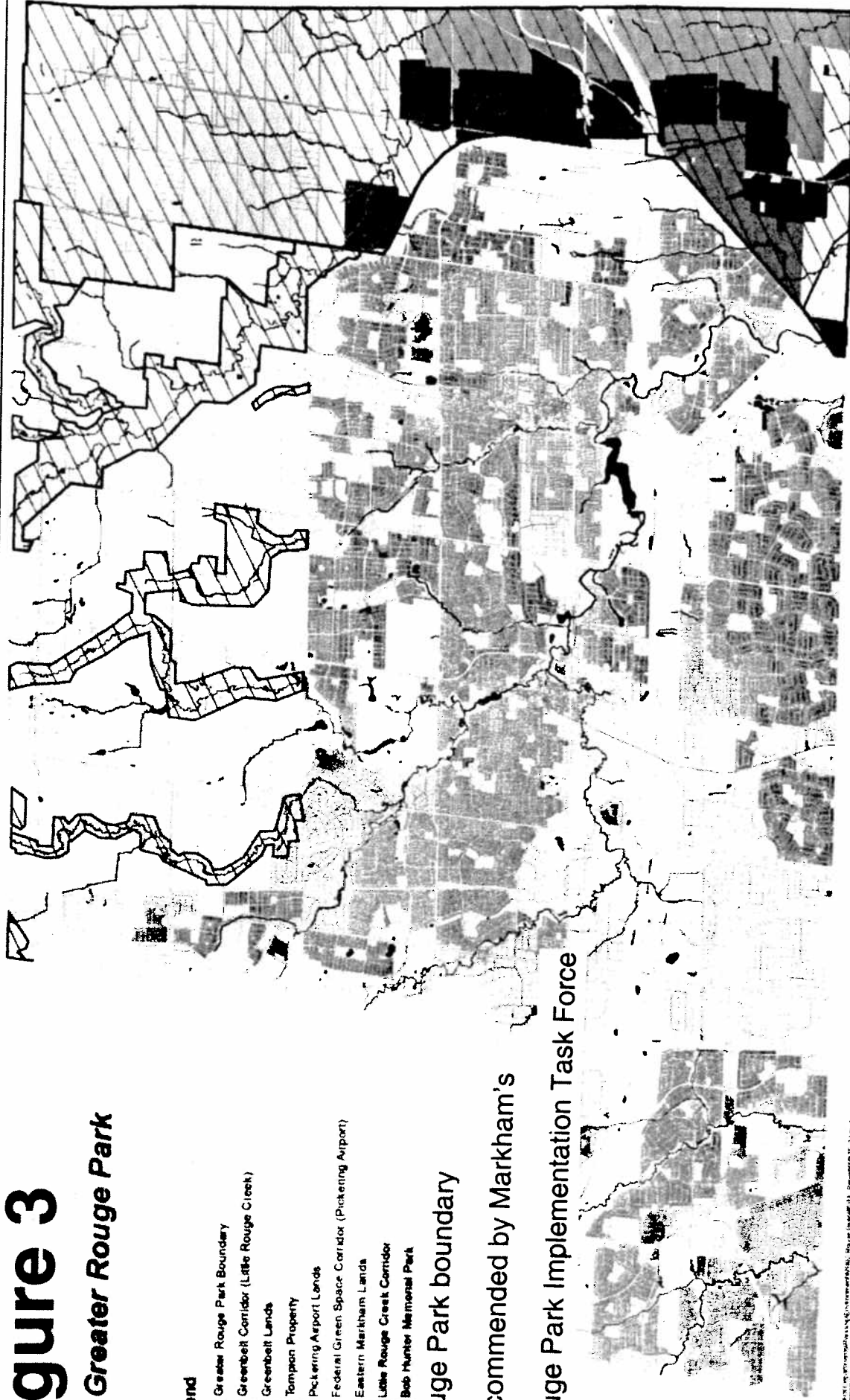
### Legend

-  Greater Rouge Park Boundary
-  Greenbelt Corridor (Little Rouge Creek)
-  Greenbelt Lands
-  Tompion Property
-  Picketing Airport Lands
-  Federal Green Space Corridor (Picketing Airport)
-  Eastern Markham Lands
-  Little Rouge Creek Corridor
-  Bob Hunter Memorial Park

Rouge Park boundary

Recommended by Markham's

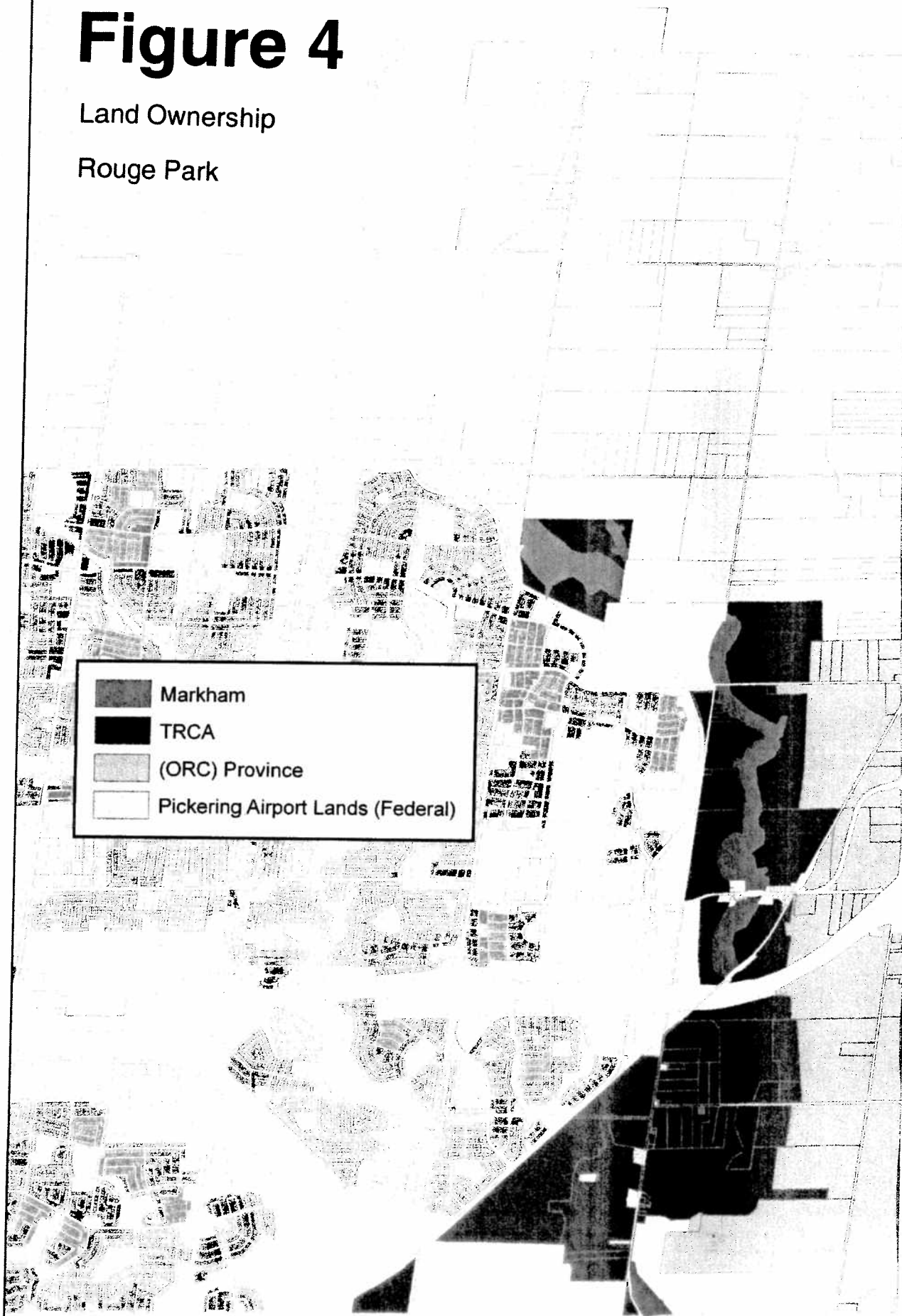
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# Figure 4

Land Ownership

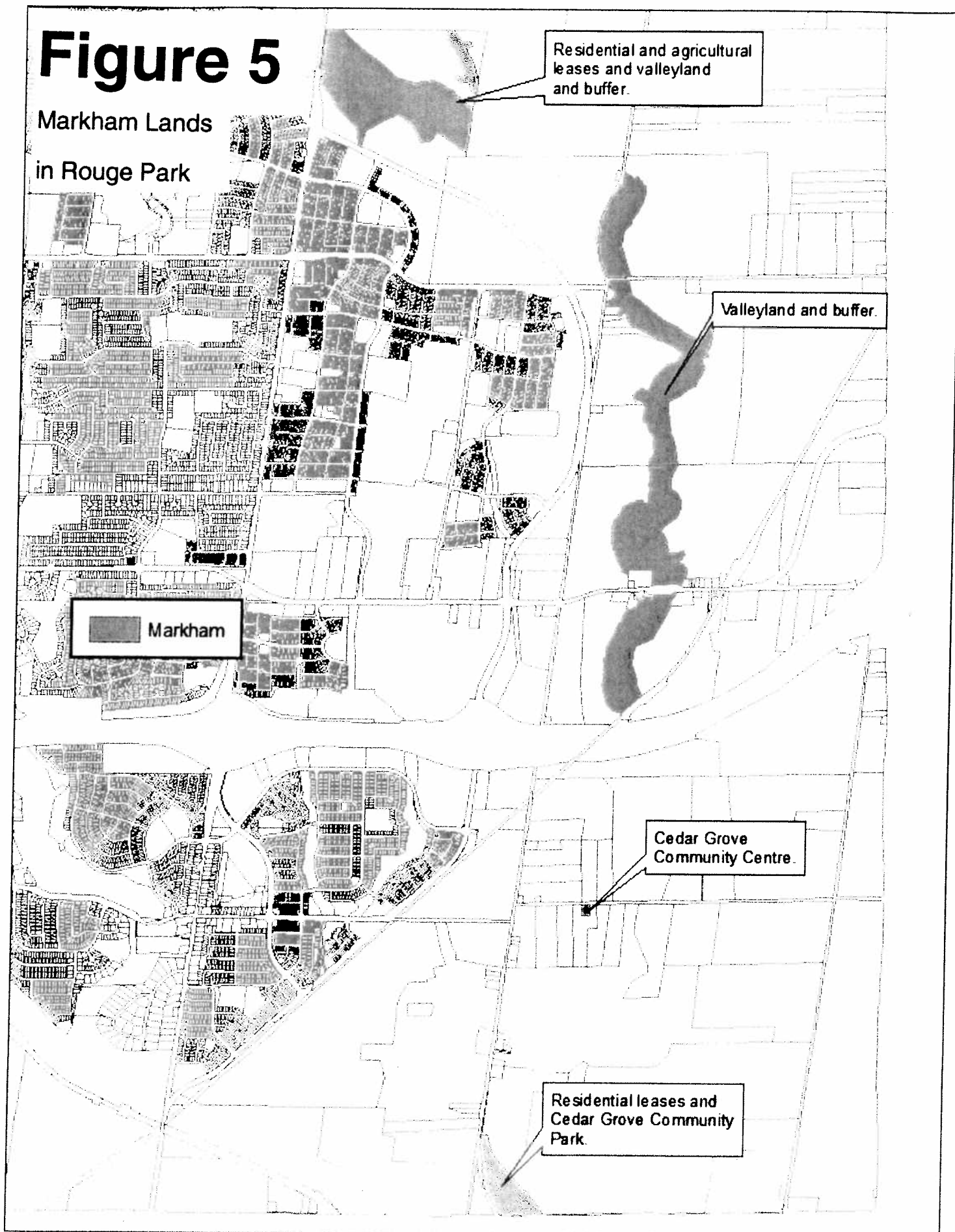
Rouge Park





# Figure 5

## Markham Lands in Rouge Park





February 21, 2012

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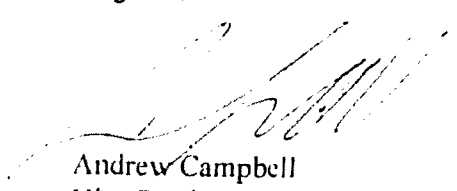
I am pleased to send you the final draft of the *Statement of Intent* to be approved by the Participants of the Landholders Table. As you know, the purpose of this document is to express commitment by the Participants to work together towards a recommendation on the park boundaries and to take the necessary steps to establish Rouge National Urban Park.

This collaboration would not be feasible without the support you have demonstrated and the strategic input provided by all in the drafting of this document. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members for their ongoing participation at the Landholders Table. Your collaboration is invaluable to the realization of a true Canadian first.

Please confirm the ratification of the *Statement of Intent* by your respective approval authority to Catherine Grenier at [catherine.grenier@pc.gc.ca](mailto:catherine.grenier@pc.gc.ca) or (418) 649-8192. We aim to have this process completed by all participants by early May 2012.

I look forward to our ongoing collaboration on this project.

Regards,



Andrew Campbell  
Vice President  
External Relations and Visitor Experience  
Parks Canada

cc. Alan Wells

## **Statement of Intent**

### **Towards Cooperation and Collaboration in the Establishment of a National Urban Park in the Rouge Valley**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1. The purpose of this *Statement of Intent* is to express commitment by the Participants to work together towards a recommendation on the park boundaries and to take the necessary steps that would be required to establish Rouge National Urban Park, subject to the approvals process specific to each participant.

#### **2. Participants**

- Government of Canada (represented by the Parks Canada Agency)
- Province of Ontario (represented by the Ministry of Infrastructure)
- City of Toronto
- Town of Markham
- City of Pickering
- The Regional Municipality of York
- The Regional Municipality of Durham
- Toronto Region Conservation Authority

- 2.1. The Participants reached a shared understanding and wish to express their mutual commitment and intentions as presented in the following document.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The federal, provincial and municipal governments involved and the Toronto Region Conservation Authority have supported Rouge Park and the Rouge Park Alliance since its inception in 1994 and have provided financial resources, in recognition of the important resources associated with the Rouge Valley, its unique ecosystem, its rich historic and cultural significance and the significant benefits it provides to the vitalities of communities and their residents.
- 3.2. The Rouge Park Alliance is a voluntary partnership of various levels of government and agencies whose mandate is to oversee and coordinate the implementation of the Rouge Park Management Plans and be an advocate for the protection, enhancement, and restoration of the Rouge River watershed.
- 3.3. In 2010, the Rouge Park Alliance recommended the Rouge Park be granted federal designation to contribute to better management of the park lands and resources and provide enhanced, accessible visitor experiences and learning opportunities to the more than seven million residents of the Greater Toronto Area, visitors to the region, as well as all Canadians. In 2010, each of the member organizations of the Rouge Park Alliance endorsed the recommendation to seek federal designation for Rouge Park.

- 3.4. The June 2011 Speech from the Throne set the direction for the Government of Canada to work with the provincial and municipal governments, Aboriginal partners, and community stakeholders towards establishing a national urban park in the Rouge Valley.
- 3.5. In January 2012, The Province of Ontario has expressed its desire to effect an orderly transition of the operations, administration and management of Rouge Park in recognition of the effort to establish Rouge National Urban Park.
- 3.6. Rouge Park is located in an urban setting and requires flexibility to be responsive and provide latitude to accommodate the relationship to adjacent urban land uses and population and infrastructure requirements.
- 3.7. Participants share an interest in advancing a Rouge National Urban Park and are committed to working together and with Aboriginal partners, and community stakeholders through a consultative and collaborative process to establish Rouge National Urban Park under the stewardship of Parks Canada.

#### **4. Scope of Cooperation**

- 4.1. Participants agree to work cooperatively to address issues of mutual interest, as outlined below, and other related matters that may emerge through the park establishment process:
  - Identification of lands recommended to be included in or excluded from Rouge National Urban Park;
  - Rouge National Urban Park Concept;
  - Recommend processes and conditions of any land transfer to Parks Canada subject to obtaining all necessary approvals;
  - Public communications;
  - Transition measures as identified further in section 6;
  - Relationship to adjacent land uses (including the Toronto Zoo and Beare Road Landfill) and agricultural uses;
  - Roles and recognition of the Participants under the new governance model; and
  - Infrastructure and its future management.

#### **5. Preliminary park concept**

- 5.1. A national urban park is a new concept, which requires an innovative conservation and management approach that is reflective of its near-urban context and provides the flexibility to manage a working landscape. This concept will be developed and guided by consultations with a broad range of partners and stakeholders, including the Participants.
- 5.2. Aligned with Parks Canada's mandate, the national urban park concept will include conservation of natural and cultural heritage resources, opportunities for reaching and increasing appreciation amongst an urban population, a wide range of visitor experience possibilities and the integration and promotion of sustainable agriculture.
- 5.3. Boundaries will be defined based on an agreement with the Participants. To guide the work and facilitate identification of considerations and issues by the Participants, Parks Canada has presented a map of the Study Area (*Annex 1*) that is under consideration for a potential national urban park.



## **6. Establishment Process**

- 6.1. A Landholders Table was created in Fall 2011 by Parks Canada to bring the Participants together to come to an agreement on park boundaries (lands to be included or excluded) and the strategies and processes for the transfer of lands to Parks Canada subject to obtaining the necessary approvals by each Participant.
- 6.2. In parallel to this process, Parks Canada is also engaging a broad group of partners and stakeholders, which includes the Participants, to consult on the vision and concept for the park. Agreements that will come out of the Landholders table will be shared for input as part of a broader public consultation process on the establishment of Rouge National Urban Park.
- 6.3. The Landholders Table will develop an approach to coordinate various due diligence processes and the Crown's duty of consultations, if any, and accommodation, if appropriate.
- 6.4. Transition measures will be developed to allow for interim governance of the park during the establishment process and until a permanent governance structure is created and the lands have been duly transferred to the managing authority. Interim Management Guidelines will also be developed to guide management until a Governing Framework is adopted. Roles of Participants as part of the transition process as well as part of the permanent governance model for the national urban park will be determined.

## **7. Timing**

- 7.1. Participants intend to work towards a land transfer agreement following presentation by the Federal Government of a national urban park concept and confirmation of funding and proposed boundaries, to the satisfaction of the parties to the agreement.
- 7.2. Participants will work towards a target land transfer agreement in place by Fall 2012.

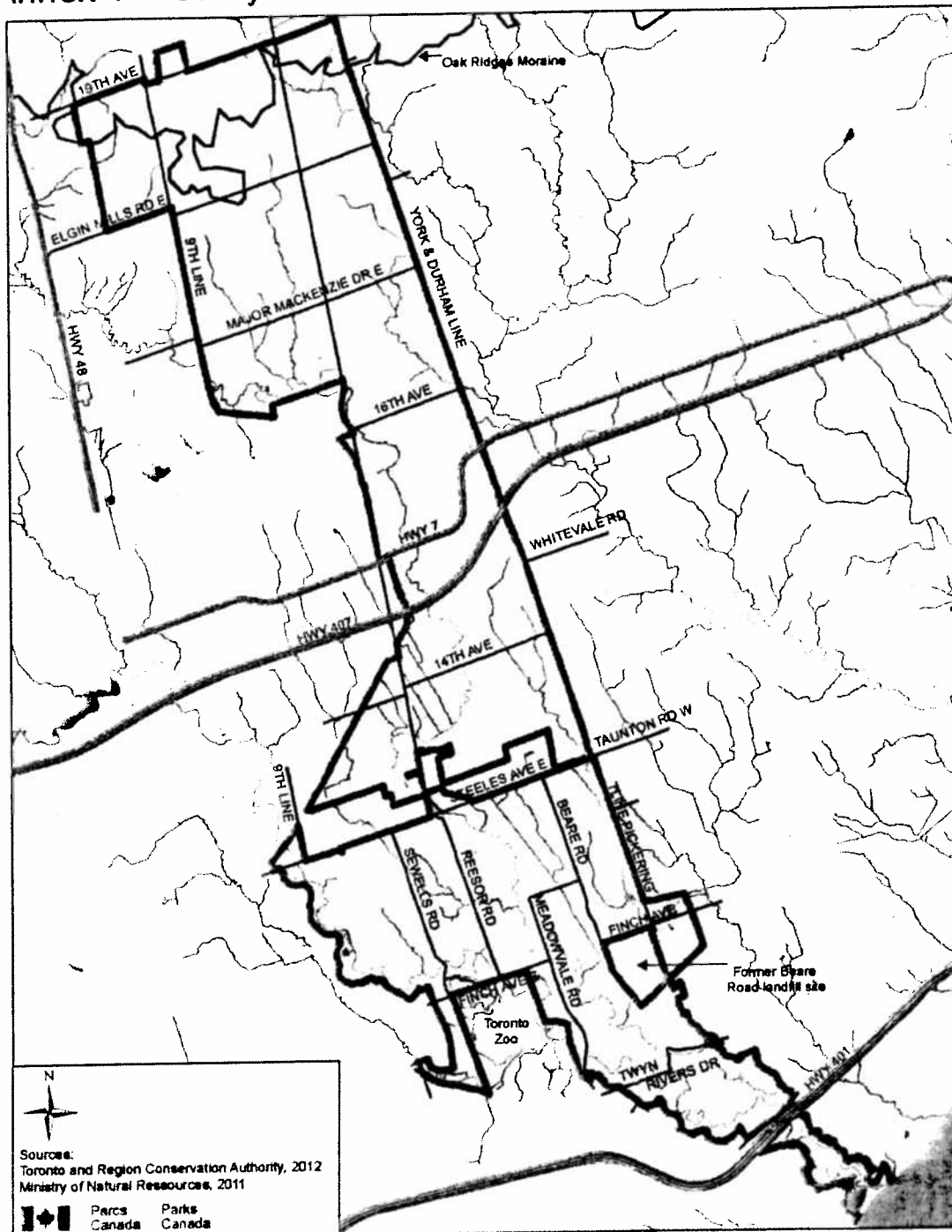
## **8. Legal Effect**

This *Statement of Intent* is an expression of the mutual intentions of the Participants and is not legally binding on them.

## **9. Appendices**

1. Map of the Study Area under consideration by Parks Canada
2. Members of the Landholders Table

## Annex 1 - Study Area under consideration by Parks Canada



## Annex 2

**Members of the Landholders Table**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Title</b>
Parks Canada	Andrew Campbell (Chair)	VP External Relations and Visitor Experience
Parks Canada	Catherine Grenier	Dir. Rouge National Urban Park Initiative
Parks Canada	Dianne Pralow (Secretary)	Sr. Realty Advisor
Province of Ontario (Ministry of Infrastructure)	Bruce Singbush	Director, Real Estate Policy
Province of Ontario (Ministry of Infrastructure)	Victoria Vidal-Ribas	Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Real Estate Asset Management Division
Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)	Brian Denney	Chief Administrative Officer
City of Toronto	John Livey	Deputy City Manager
City of Pickering	Thomas Melymuk	Director, Office of Sustainability
Town of Markham	Andy Taylor	Chief Administrative Officer
Region of York	Bruce McGregor	Chief Administrative Officer
Region of Durham	Nester Chornobay	Dir. Strategic Planning
Rouge Park Alliance	Alan Wells	Chair

## APPENDIX "B"

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF  
MARKHAM

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Apr 13, 2010  
REPORT NO. 18 - GENERAL COMMITTEE (April 12, 2010)

**(3) GOVERNANCE, ORGANIZATION AND FINANCE REVIEW OF THE ROUGE PARK  
ALLIANCE (10.0)**

Report   Maps   1

- 1) That the staff report entitled Governance, Organization and Finance Review of the Rouge Park Alliance dated April 13, 2010 be received; and,
- 2) That Council support in principle the recommendations of the Governance, Organization and Finance Review for the future management of the Rouge Park as a National Park, subject to satisfactory agreement upon a new Founding Deal conditions as set out in this report; and,
- 3) That staff continue to monitor and participate in future discussions regarding a new Founding Deal or any alternative interim and long term Rouge Park arrangements and that staff report back to Committee/Council on progress of the Founding Deal negotiations; and,
- 4) That applicable Rouge Park Implementation Task Force (RPITF) recommendations be integral to all discussion of a new Founding Deal; and,
- 5) That this staff report be forwarded to the Rouge Park Alliance; and,
- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution; and,
- 7) That Council recognize Deputy Mayor J. Heath, Alan Wells, Chair, Rouge Park Alliance and staff for their efforts on this matter, including:
  - Karen Boniface, Technical Coordinator
  - Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor
  - Lilli Duoba, Senior Project Coordinator (Rouge River & Environment)
  - John Livey, Chief Administrative Officer
  - Joel Lustig, Treasurer
  - Learie Miller, Senior Planner, Environmental Policy
  - Bob Nicholson, Manager, Business & Technical Services

**APPENDIX C**
**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF  
MARKHAM**

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Dec 13, 2011  
REPORT NO. 69 - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (November 29, 2011)**

**(2) TRANSPORT CANADA - PICKERING AIRPORT LANDS (MARKHAM) PROPOSED  
DEMOLITION OF VACANT HERITAGE STRUCTURES (16.11)**

Report Figure 1 App A App B App C App D

- 1) That the report entitled "Transport Canada- Pickering Airport Lands (Markham), Proposed Demolition of Vacant Heritage Structures", dated November 29, 2011, be received; and,
- 2) That Transport Canada be advised that since a final determination has not been made relative to the issue of a national Rouge Park for these lands and the potential park boundaries within Markham, the demolition of any built heritage resource in the area is premature; and,
- 3) That Parks Canada be requested to work with Transport Canada to investigate opportunities to delay any demolition of these vacant heritage buildings at this time; and,
- 4) That as recommended by Heritage Markham, nine identified built heritage resources be approved for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as properties of cultural heritage value or interest, and:
  - a. That the Clerk's Department be authorized to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act;
  - b. That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Clerk be authorized to place a designation by-law before Council for adoption;
  - c. That if there are any objections in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Clerk be directed to refer the proposed designation to the Ontario Conservation Review Board; and,
- 5) That Council delegates authority to the CAO and the Town Solicitor to participate in discussions related to leasing of the buildings, if necessary and negotiate lease arrangements to protect/stabilize the untenanted buildings in the short term until a long term solution can be achieved, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute leases and any other documents required to give effect to these recommendations in a form satisfactory to the CAO; and,
- 6) That the Mayor be authorized to write a letter to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Environment, the Minister of Transportation, and local MPs to request a moratorium regarding Transport Canada's proposal to demolish nine built heritage resources given the discussions underway with Parks Canada for a national Rouge Park which may include these resources, and Markham's desire to preserve these heritage resources; and,
- 7) That staff prepare a comprehensive inventory of all buildings in the east end of Markham on

Federal lands, including a map indicating the properties and Pickering Airport flight paths, as soon as possible; and further,

- 8) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED