

Mayor John Tory
City of Toronto
Toronto Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear Mr Mayor:

We are writing to express our deep concern over the accelerating degradation of the Yellow Cree/Vale of Avoca park ravine.

The Yellow Creek ravine is used as a storm sewer collector, channeling storm sewer outflows from much of midtown Toronto into the Don River through what used to be a peaceful stream. Over the last twenty years, increasing storm water flows have overcome the stream's capacity. The result has been an accelerating erosion of ravine banks, imperiling properties bordering the ravine. In addition, washouts have made bridges unusable and streamside paths unsafe.

We have attached a brief describing the current state of the ravine. The photos illustrate the need for action. In addition to the effects of erosion, inadequate parks maintenance has resulted in deterioration of ravine access and paths.

The Vale of Avoca ravine is an important park resource for residents of midtown Toronto. We appeal to you and to the Toronto Conservation Authority to allocate resources to erosion control, bridge repair, and path and access maintenance. Climate change will only make the storm water surges worse. We urgently request City action.

Sincerely,



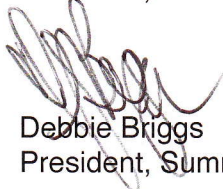
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