# Vaughan Greenspace Strategic Plan Student Poster Lookbook

June 2025



Vision statement for the Greenspace Strategic Plan:

Our greenspaces are an essential asset to the City that supports our economic prosperity, the celebration of culture, and the physical and mental health and wellbeing of our residents. We are responsible for our greenspace system to provide ecological habitats, support climate and function as green infrastructure.

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### Context

To engage youth on the Greenspace Strategic Plan, high school students were identified as a key demographic to gather feedback from, as older youth and teens are traditionally underrepresented in planning and engagement projects.

A design activity prompted students to create a poster that would encourage youth to visit their favourite park or greenspace. Students were encouraged to create a slogan and highlight key features that would attract other youth to visit the greenspace they selected. In addition, students provided valuable insights through a workbook activity, which focused on the importance of greenspaces, and explored barriers and opportunities from their perspective.

This lookbook showcases the incredible park poster designs received by the City of Vaughan during Phase 2 of the Greenspace Strategic Plan project. Insightful quotes from the workbook activity are included throughout.

Thank you to all of the students who contributed their time and ideas to this project!

## Emily Carr Secondary School

#### By the Numbers



8 local high schools



160 completed workbooks



126 park posters

"Parks and green spaces are very important to me because [they are] a place that we can go out to have fun and it is also fun for any age. It doesn't matter if you are a 6 year old or a 60 year old, there is something to do for every age."

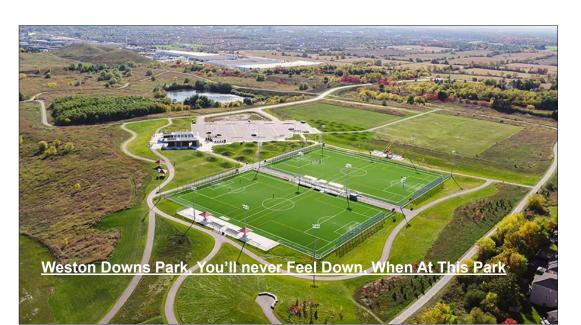






Sonoma Heights is a community park in Vaughai Ontario. With a huge skateboard area, baseball fields, waterpark and a huge playground, Sonoma Heights is everything you could need in a park.







### Woodbridge Highlands Park

Woodbridge Highlands Park is suitable for walking. There are some beautiful trees and natural scenery, if you are tired, there are some benches in the park you can sit. Elderly people might like that activity. Also, the park is suitable for doing sports and playing. The park features sports facilities such as basketball court and tennis court, which is for people especially for teens to play. The park also has playground for kids to play. Besides, Woodbridge Highlands Park has parking lots and is wheelchair accessible.

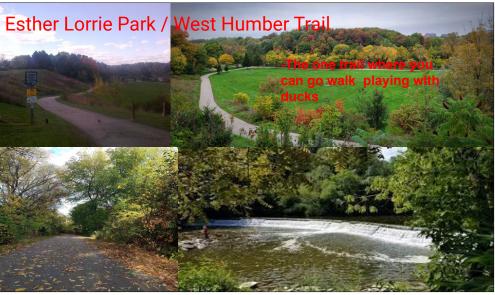






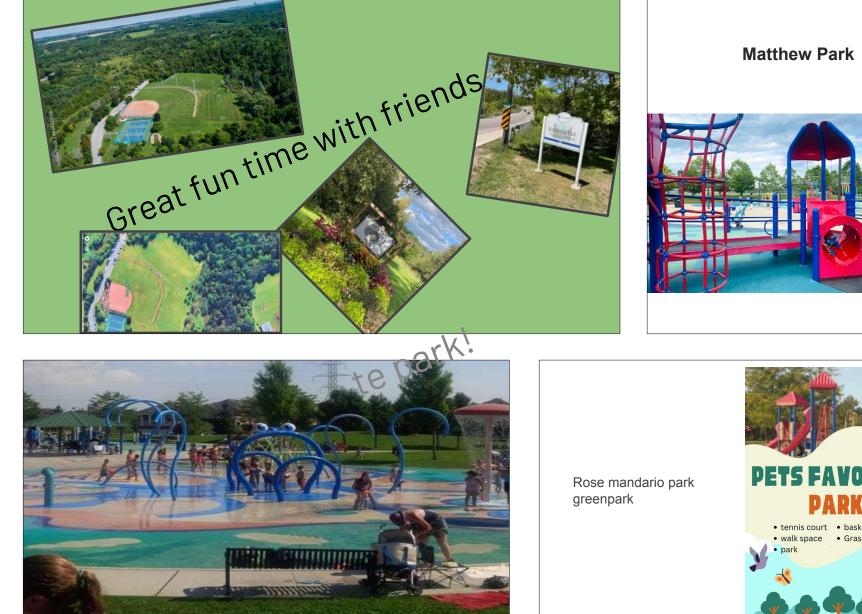


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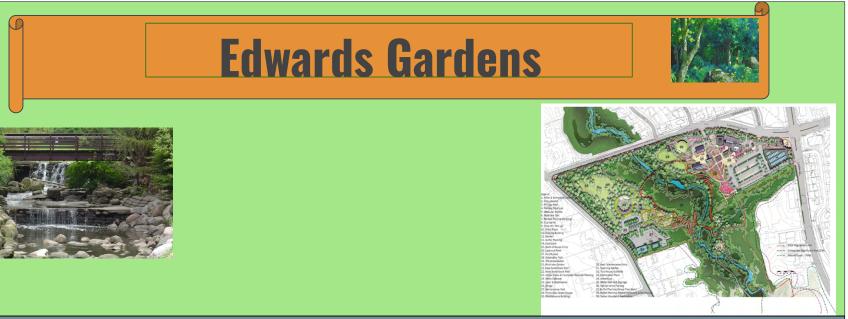








Edwards Gardens sits adjacent to the Toronto Botanical Garden. This former estate garden features perennials and roses on the uplands and wildflowers, rhododendrons and an extensive rockery in the valley. On the upper level of the valley there is also a lovely arboretum beside the children's Teaching Garden.





Sunset Ridge Park

Purpose: - Quiet space to relax a lot - Good for kids and parents to play sports in the open space - Young teens or kids can have fun jumping around the rocks - There is a little park right by Sunset Ridge Park









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#### Older or younger, big or small, Tammy's got it all!!



- Jungle gym
- Soccer field
- Basketball nets.. ALL IN 1!





#### ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!!







# Father Bressani Catholic High School

"The parks in Vaughan are similar to outdoor living rooms, they provide an opportunity for me to connect with nature and relax. Regardless of whether I am looking to play a game with friends, take a peaceful walk to clear my mind, or have a picnic under the trees, there is something for everyone."

### 100 Sunset Ridge

### Sonoma Heights Community Park



sonoma heights community park, where nature and community come together

> Sonoma heights Community Park is very versatile!!!



sonoma has everything you need in a park!

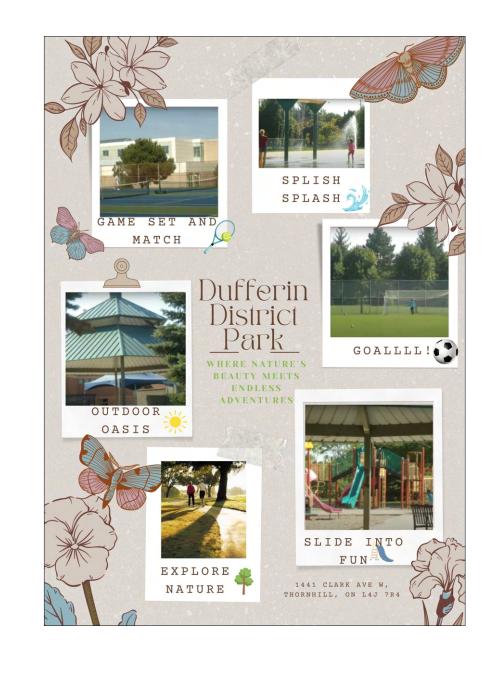
sonoma heights community park has all the important things you need in a park



Visit Weston Downs Park, a place of accessibility, sustainability, and fun for all. Enjoy park equipment, basketball, tennis, and the beautiful nature

WESTON DOWNS PARK, NATURE AND ADVENTURE IN ONE PLACE!

222 Fifth Åve, Vaughan, ON



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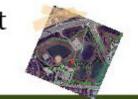
**Community Is Here!** 

- Tennis courts
- Beach volleyball
- Greenspace to play
- Communal areas
- New play structure
- Lots of playground
  equipment

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### "Active lives start at Sonoma Heights Community Park"



Address: 100 Sunset Ridge, Woodbridge, ON L4H 119



#### AMENITIES

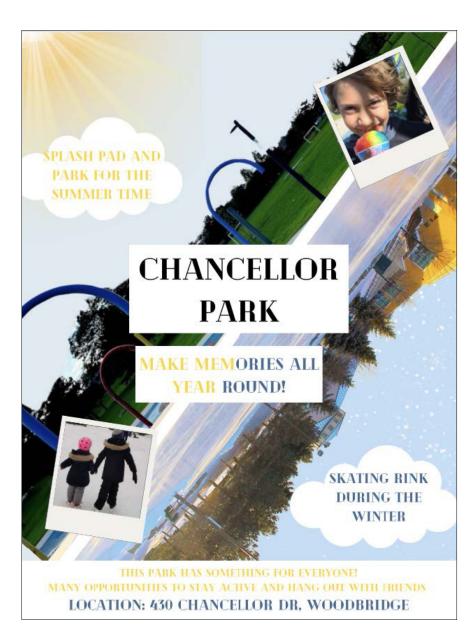


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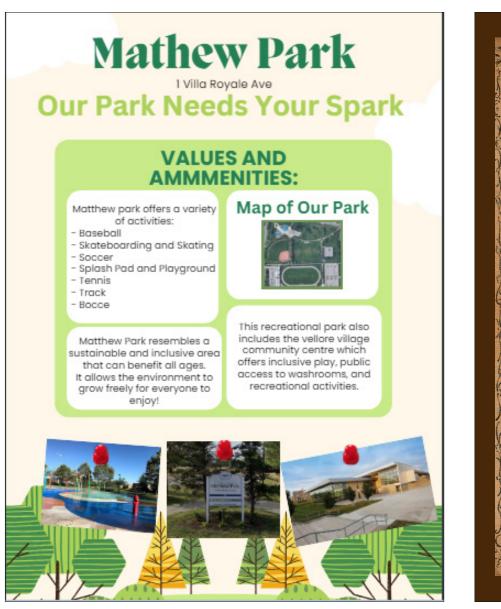
The natural formation has provided a variety of surroundings for the residents to use. For example, the hills are used for tails and tobogganing routes. To add to that they have situated the park around 4 major neighborhoods. Allowing quick access for many residents.

#### IMPROVEMENT

There are a few things Sonma Heights Community Park can work on to be an overall better park. One of them is regular maintenance. They can implement a regular maintenance schedule, allowing trash removal, restroom cleaning, and general tidying up of the park. They could also start recycling programs or relunteer cleanup events. Overall, Sonema Park is an absolutely amazing park, and little things like this can bring the park to the next level.



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## Bindertwine Park

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299 Stegman's Mill Rd, Kleinburg, ON L4H 3N5



Monday to

Sunday

8:am to

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A William Granger Greenway (Humber Trail)





#### What are you waiting for ? Come visit our beautiful park !!



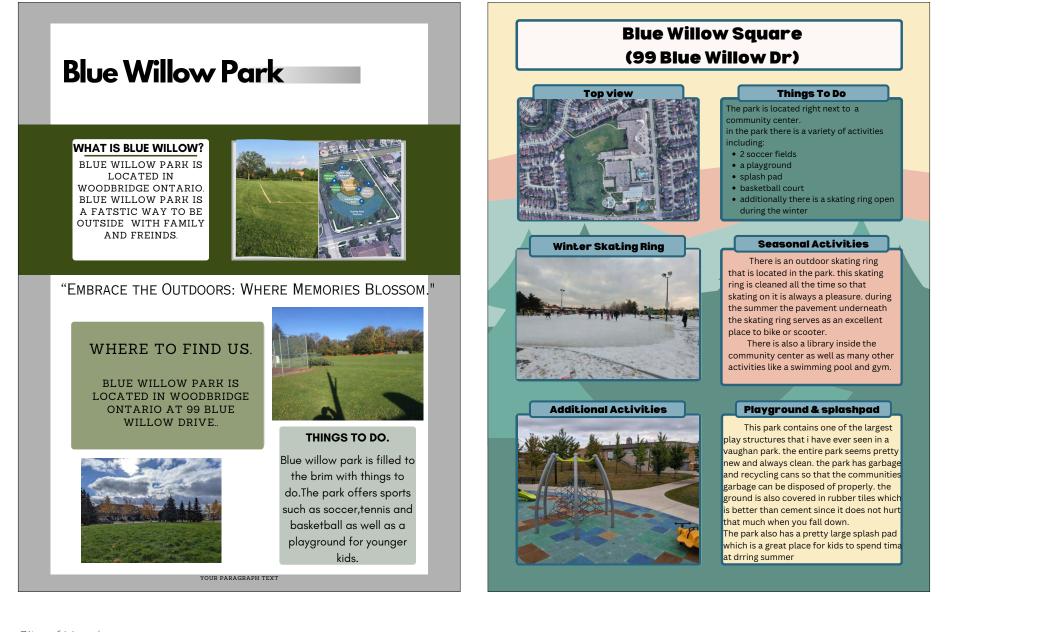
A good variety of different

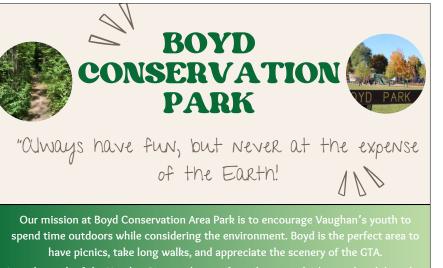


This park includes benches for you

## This Park Is Here For You To Have Fun

Located on 99 Blue Willow Dr. Woodbridge, ON





It trails much of the Humber River and spans for miles on end. It's populated densely with old-growth pine and maple trees. The park is also equipped with safety bylaws, washrooms, and water fountains to ensure that those who visit are safe and comfortable.



# Solution Not the second se

Boyd Park: Where Every Step is an Adventure



8739 Islington Ave Vaughan, ON L4L 1A6





## CHANCELLOR DISTRICT PARK

130 CHANCELLOR DR,

### ACTIVITES

- LIBRARY ICE RINK
- SOCCER COMMUNIT FIELD CENTEI
- SPLASH PAD PLAYGROUI BASKETBALL

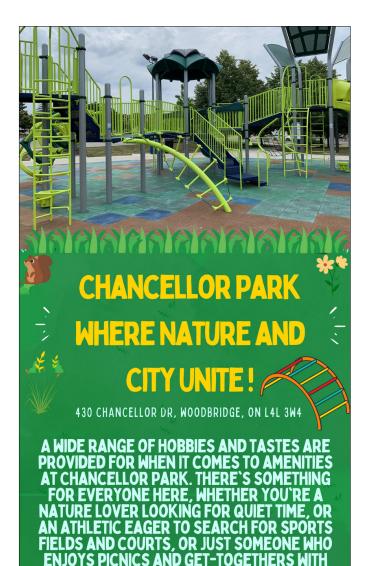




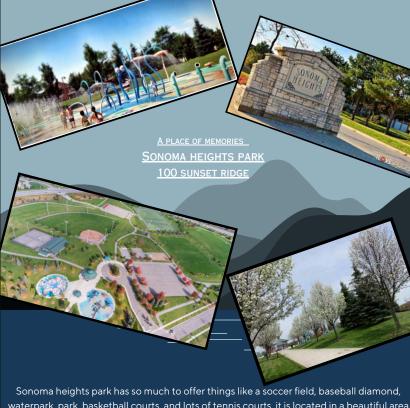
CHANCELLOR PARK HAS SOMETHING TO OFFER FOR ANYONE, NO MATTER THEIR RACE OR AGE! CHANCELLOR WILL 100 % KEEP YOU SATISFIED



ACE RINK,



**FRIENDS** 



waterpark, park, basketball courts, and lots of tennis courts. it is located in a beautiful area with lots of beautiful nature to go for walks with family or friends and make memories this is one of a one-of-a-kind park in the heart of Vaughan.







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### **OPEN AT ALL** HOURS!!!

VISIT TORII STREET WOODBRIDGE VAUGHAN





## HAWSTO PARK

#### **KEY FEATURES**

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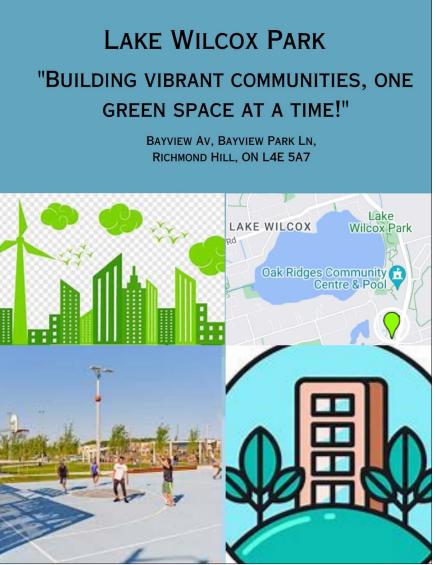


#### 4/20/2024 **START 3:30 PM** AT 80 HAWSTONE RD

of the parks availability, we will host an event at park which will have concession stands, and mus

FEEL FREE **TO JOIN!** 



































Be a part of Sonoma! Experince what this wonderland has to offer! From the baseball diamond to the soccer field, Sonoma Heights could accomodate any activity you wish to participate in! If activites aren't your thing, then our 2.6km path would be perfect for you!



**Discover true relaxation** with Mother Nature at Sonoma Heights!

> Sonoma Heights Community Park

## Every ••••• Step Counts

Sonoma Heights has the goal to be as accessible as could be. From the ramps to the paths, Sonoma ensures that all could enjoy this wonderful greenspace! Sonoma is looking for any way possible to make this space as accomadating as possible!

100 Sunset Ridge, Woodbridge, ON L4H 1T9



### SONOMA HEIGHTS **COMMUNITY PARK**

-WHERE MEMORIES ARE MADE AMONG THE TREES-

THIS PARK INCLUDES:

- PLAYGROUND
- WATER PARK
- SKATEPARK
- SOCCER FIELD
- TURF FIELD
- BOCCE COURT
- TENIS COURT
- BASEBALL FIELD

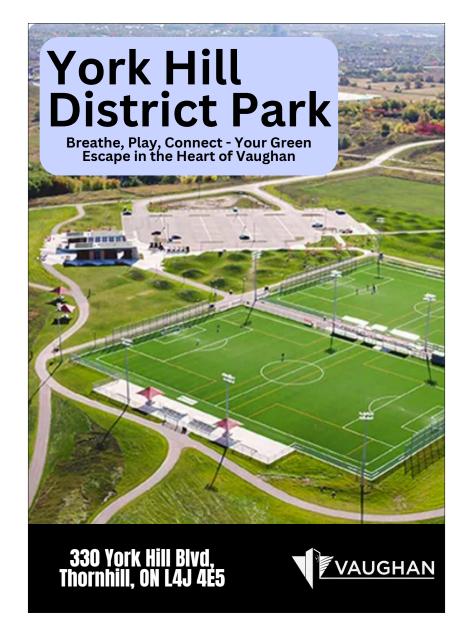


HIS PARK IS ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYON NO MATTER THEIR RACE. GENDER OR **ABILITY. ITS FREE TO EVERYONE!!** 





**100 SUNSET RIDGE**, WOODBRIDGE, ON L4H 1T9





### Sonoma Heights Activities: Playground Water park

100 sunset ridge, woodbridge, on

- Greenspace
- **Tennis court**
- **Baseball diamond**
- Soccer fields
- **Basketball courts**
- Seasonal events

Sonoma Heights the perfect escape to embrace the outdoors!



When it comes to Chancellor Park it is not just a normal park. It is a place that brings together r adventure, and amusement. Chancellor Park c you a water park and even a skating rink for th winter. It is the perfect destination for you and y loved ones!

-Basketball Court Picnic Tables -Slides **ACTIVIES** -Swings -Water Park -Ice Rink Hours 8 a.m.-11 p.m



## Chancellor Park

CHANCELLOR PARK: WHERE FUN 430 CHANCELLOR DR, AND ADVENTURE AWAIT! COME AND EXPLORE NATURE TODAY!

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### Welcome to Velmar Downs Park!

Tennis Court, Velmar Downs Park - 30 Velmar Drive, Vaughan Information on the Park:

Velmar Downs Park is a located at 30 Velmar Drive in Vaughan that offers a walking area, playground, and tennis court. As a high school student in Vaughan, green spaces/land use is important to me. Green spaces promote a healthy lifestyle and provide a good environment that helps improve our mental and physical health. There are many amenities that are important in parks. For instance, the inclusion of sports fields and paths are important when designing a green space. Playgrounds are also necessary because it creates a fun environment for kids and families to visit. The City of Vaughan can improve inclusion and equitable access by promoting the importance of inclusion, ensuring that there are a variety of amenities for different age groups and people with different interests, and making sure that the green space is accessible to everyone.





#### Woodbridge College park ncludes 2 socce fields, a basebal diamond, and a ark for children t play in.

to have a good time and for animals such as habitats which many animals live in these areas.

### Visit Woodbridge College **Park**

#### 71 Bruce Street, Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 1J3



Fun place to pla

A place for both Park could be a bit safer for children and eople and animals. can recommend that there should be a Parks provide a guardian with you at all times especially as pretty easily space for humans a young child in order to not get hurt.

Visit Woodbridge College Park, where there's sports to play, and parks to play i Have a great time and enjoy

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AN OUTDOOR PLAY AREA FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, INCLUDING STRUCTURES LIKE SWINGS AND SLIDES, THEN YOU'LL WANT TO **GO OUT PLACES THAT OFFER LOTS OF GRASSY** SPACE AND GREENERY. THIS PARK PROVIDES A FUN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN TO

#### AMENITIES:

Play Structures

PLAY AND ENJOY THE OUTDOORS

- Walking Path
- Soccer Field
- Basketball Court

#### SURROUNDINGS:

• St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy The Weston Downs subdivision has a numerous amount of homes

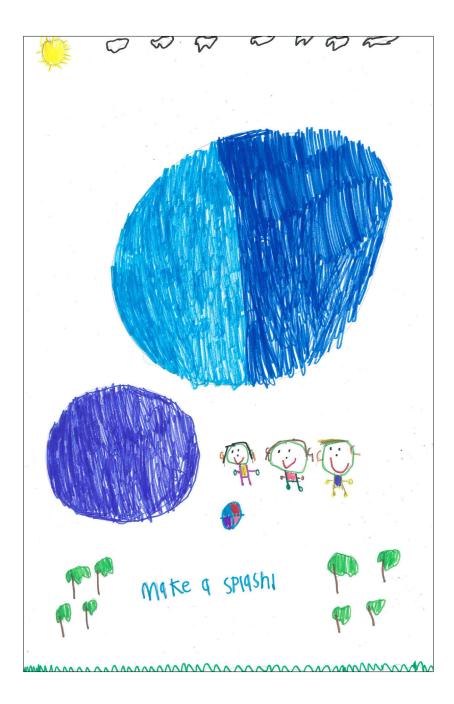
222 FIFTH AVE, VAUGHAN, ON



# St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School

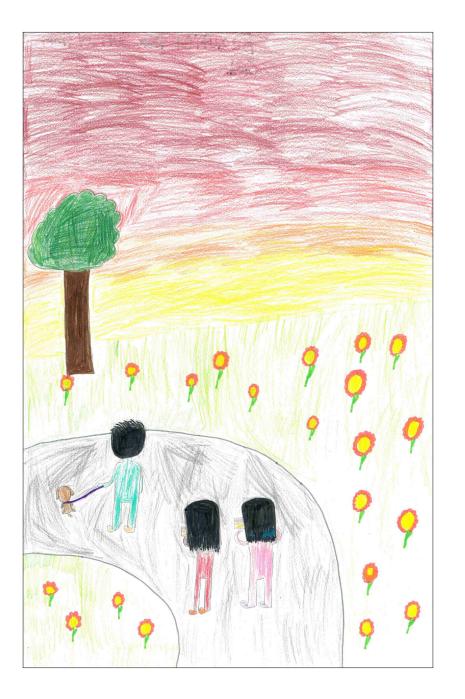
"We can have fun, we can meet friends at the park, [and] walking is good for mental health. We can connect with nature. It doesn't cost money, it's free."





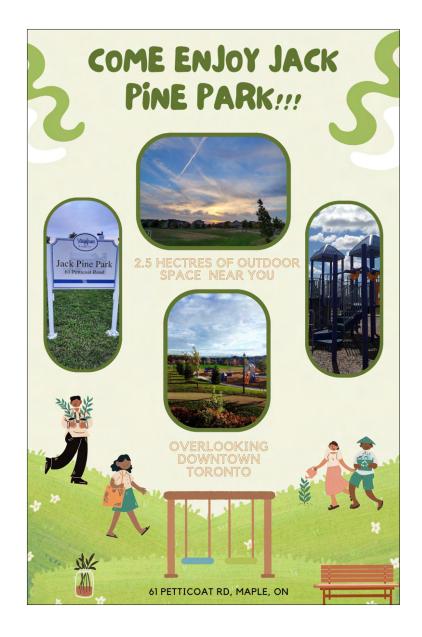






# St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School

"Parks and greenspaces are important because they provide a place to relax and play, and connect with nature. They can also improve air and water quality, provide habitat for wildlife, and even help reduce noise and heat in urban areas."







fields Castle take a tour trees and plants

#### ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE!

dimate change by:

- improving biodiversity
- creating green roofs
- water
- · using electric or hybrid appliances
- recycling and reducing waste



### -NEW YORK-**CENTRAL PARK**

A NEW EXPERIENCE EVERYDAY

#### FUN THINGS TO DO

observe all of Central park's extraordinary wildlife visit the Central Park zoo look for the strawberry

see the beautiful Belveder

Enjoy a sport with family and friends (on the trails water, or one of the many

meet all of Central Park's

Central Park is helping fight creating ecosystems, · reducing paved areas, · conserving energy and



/www.centralparknyc.org/

#### HISTORY

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#### **HIGH PARK** TORONTO, ONTARIO



#### Where Everyday is Fun!

#### **Cherry Blossoms**

High Park is known for having beautiful Cherry Blossoms that blossom during the spring. Cherry blossoms are very hard to find now so the fact that there are so many at High Park is very rar



#### **The Playground**

High Park includes a giant playground for kids and teens. It includes giant slides, swings, monkey bars and many other obstacles that many enjoy.



The zoo located in High Park is a good





#### **The Trails**

There are many trails available at High Park. All of the trails have different plants or flowers that are usually not regularly seen. That's what makes these trails different from many others.

#### Shakespeare Show

High Park isn't all nature with no culture, either. Every summer for the past 34 years, The Canadian Stage Company has presented Shakespeare in High Park, allowing theatre lovers and nature lovers to enjoy the best of both worlds all summer long.





#### PLAYGROUND

This playground includes many exciting features such as slides, obstacle courses, monkey bars, and so much more! This playground is enjoyed by many teens and even children because of the diverse range of choices



#### SPLASH PAD

One of the exciting features of this park is the splash pad. This attracts many teens because it is a great place to hang out with friends and have fun!



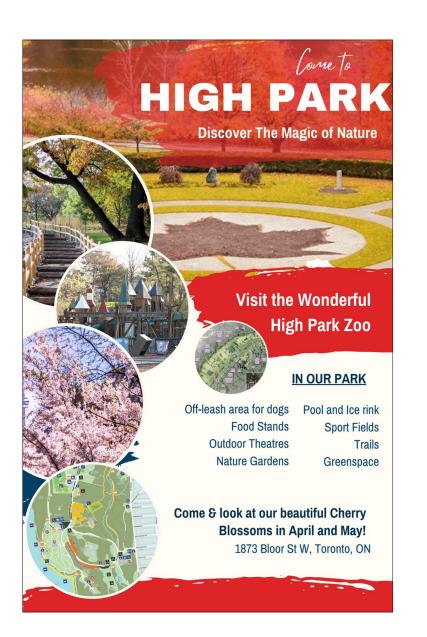
#### **TENNIS COURT**

A tennis court in this park attracts teens because it is an excellent way to engage in physical activity. Tennis is a great sport to play with your peers which is good for a park to have



#### TRACK

Having a track in a park is a necessity. It encourages teens to walk their pets, walk with friends, and even just to be alone with nature. Going on walks is also essential for mental health reasons, and that is good to have as a resource for teens.











#### WHERE FUN KNOWS NO LIMITS!

#### OUTDOOR WATERPARK

property to soccer leagues.



PLAYGROUND Everyone enjoys playgrounds no matter what age they are. Playgrounds attract everyone's eye, especially teenagers. The playground has multiple swings, different shapes of slides, a rocky boat and many different fun activities in the playground. Teenagers usually hangout on the swings at the park because they're fun and you can sit down while feeling like you're on a roller coaster.

beneficial to the city because they are making money by renting their

A soccer field is a good way to entertain teens. It's beneficial that Cranston

park has a soccer field because it helps teens socialize and show off their

skills. Soccer is one of the most popular sports among teens and it's one of the most popular sports in the world. Cranston park is very popular in the summertime and it's going to be even more popular in the summertime if a

soccer field is made. Soccer fields are not only beneficial to teens but it's also

SKATEPARK



OUTDOOR MOVIE



Teenagers love to go watch movies in theaters but what if there was an even better way that allows them to be outside in a greenspace. An outdoor movie theater is a great idea that will attract many different types of people including teenagers. The park could have an online schedule for movies and the cost can be arranged. Different movies will be played at different times and if some of the movies are explicit there will be warnings to parents and those about to watch

FOODSTAND



Foodstand- A food stand is a good way to ensure teenagers spend a longer time at the park because food stands are something everyone looks forward to. Teenagers usually go out to eat as a way of spending time with their friends but instead of going to a restaurant, they can be outside in a greenspace enjoying the environment around them with





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PARK'S HISTORY

AND POINTS OF

INTEREST!













LET YOUR KID(S HAVE FUN AT THE PLAYGROUNDS!

\*\*\* For any more information please go to our WEBSITE SFRECPARK.ORG\*\*\*



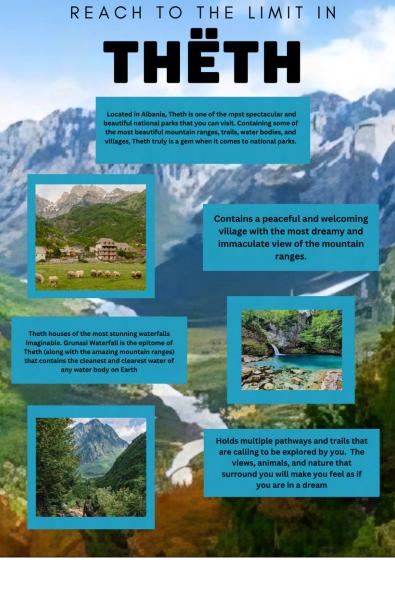




Admire the breathtaking Cherry Blossom trees!



Adventure hroughout the many trails and paths!



'NOTHING FEELS BETTER THAN AN APPEAL TO ALL YOUR SENSES. COME TO JARDIN DU

.UXEMBOURG TO IMMERSE OURSELF IN A GOOD BOOK AND BEAUTIFUL NATURE **WHILE EATING DELICIOUS** FOOD.

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# HIGH PARK TORONTO, ONTARIO

#### Let the City be YOUR Oasis!







refreshing pool!

Cool off in a dip in the Explore the zoo and it unique animals!



Have a blast in the Jamie Bell Adventure Playground that was designed by children!











Park Güell, designed by the masterful architect, Antoni Gaudi, and commissioned by Eusebi Güell, is a UNESCO world heritage recognized park in Barcelona, Spain. Located on the hillside of the city, the park initially started construction between 1900-1914 and was built in the idea of a residential park intended for sixty single-family residences. The project, however, was unsuccessful, and the park became city property in 1923. Only three of the ommissioned villas were built in the end, one being used as an elementar school, another one being used as the Gaudi Museum, and the last one, which is named the Casa Trias, is bein used for what it was actually intended, an old family. When Güell first commissioned the idea to Gaudi, he strictly stated that he wanted Gaudi, as the architect and engineer, to let his ideas and imagination go free. The result was around 45 acres of pure beauty from the mind of Antoni Gaudi himself. The park contains the iconic lizard fountain that is seen in all touris advertisements, a court with a view overlooking the entire city of Barcelona in its beauty, many other sculptures made out of warped stone and marble covered in colourful mosaic tile, and a green space aspect of colourful flora. It is truly a park for everyone

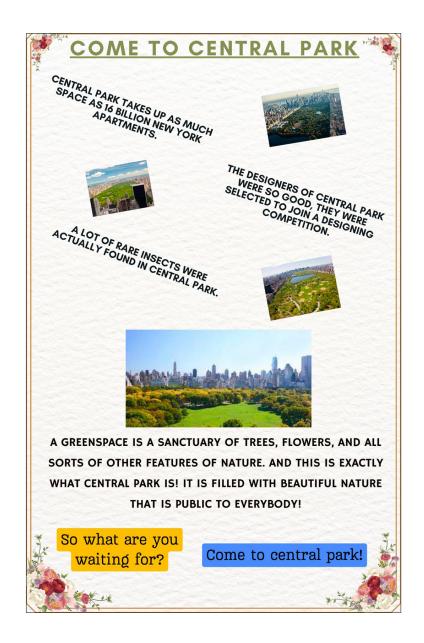


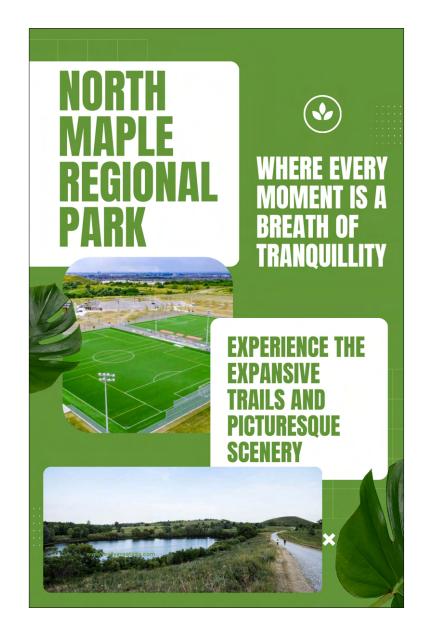


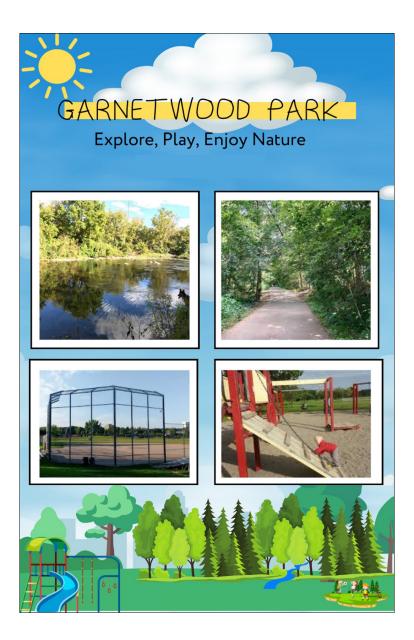










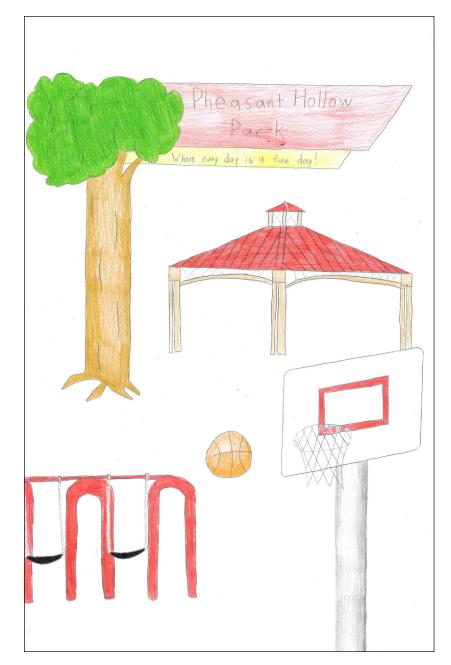


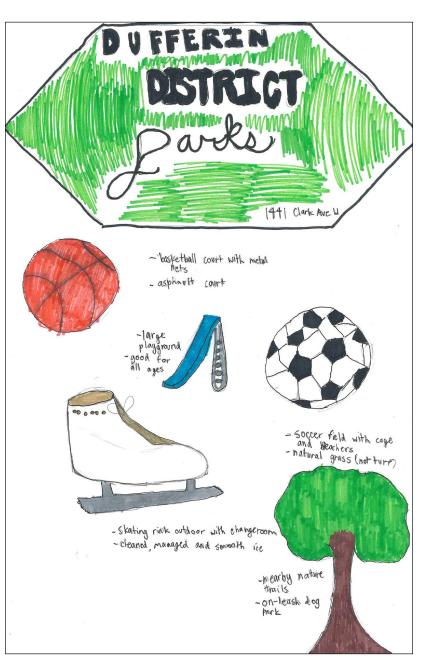
# St. Elizabeth Catholic High School

"I love being outside breathing fresh air, feeling the sun. It always makes me feel peaceful no matter what overwhelms me. It is an easy escape away from technology, school and general expectations. It's freeing even if it's temporary.

Parks and greenspace are important to me for these reasons, for the emotional benefts they never fail to provide. They never fail to clear me upon a sunny day, whether I'm riding my bike, reading on a bench or having a picnic with my friends."

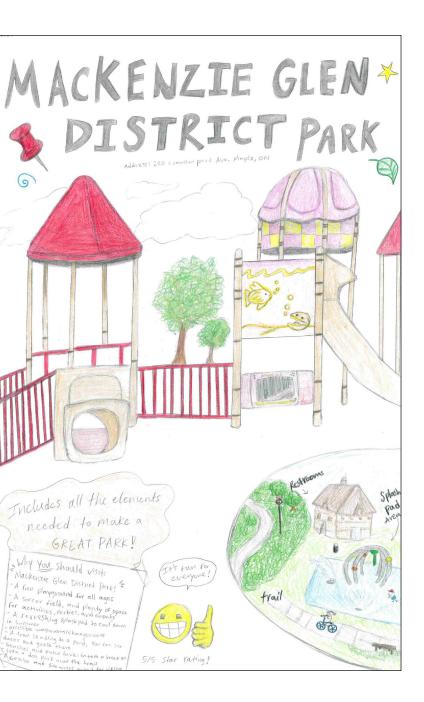






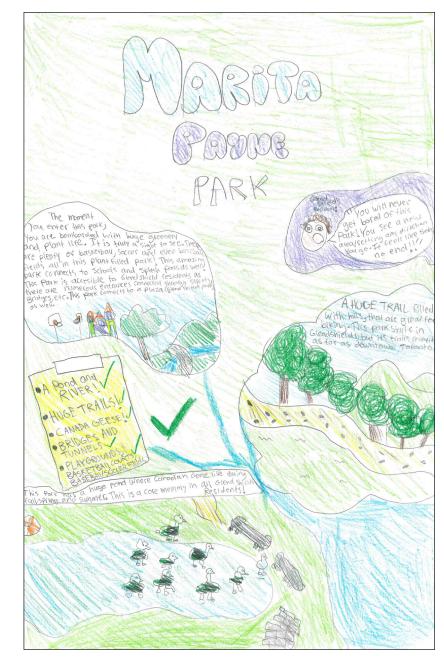


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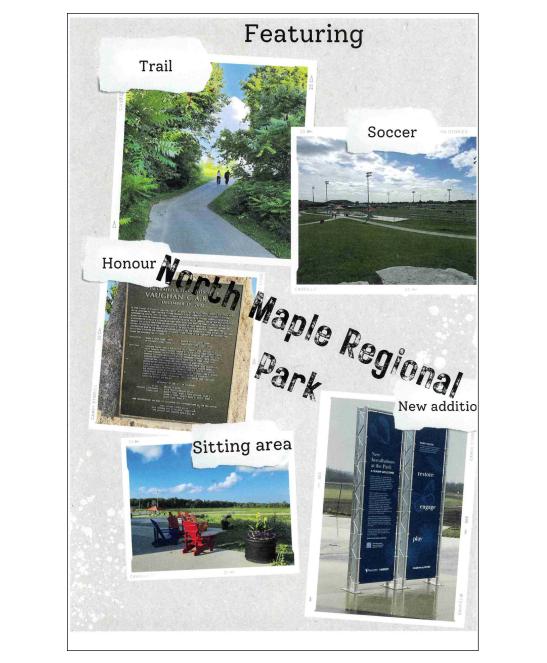


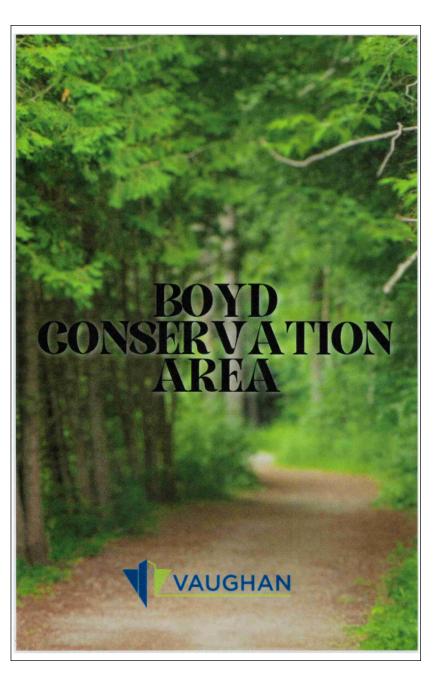


# Toronto District Christian High School

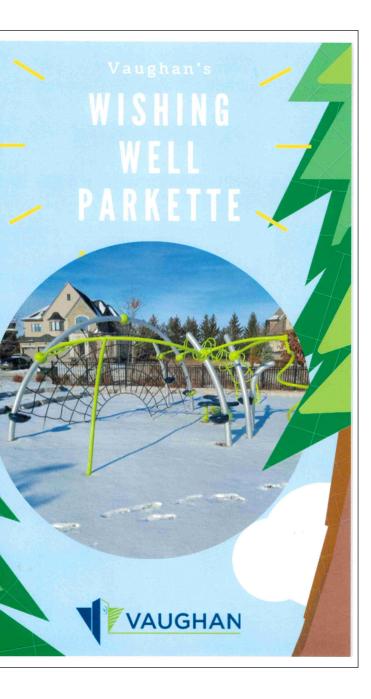
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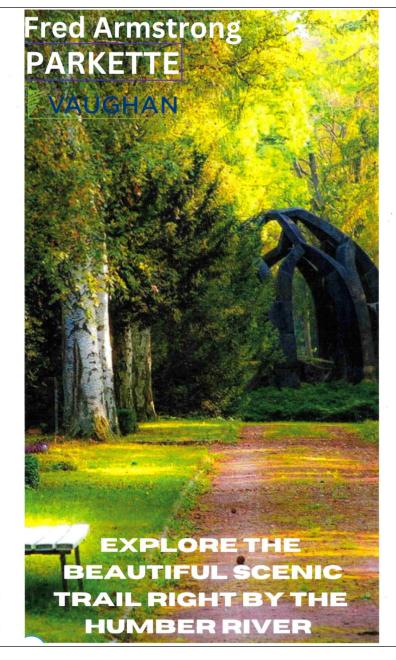
"Parks and greenspaces are important to me because they provide a place for me to escape from normal, everyday life. There are so many stresses in life, and a park provides a place to get away from things like school and grades. Being relatively close to my house, I can easily walk or bike to a park and have an easy way and place to be outside."



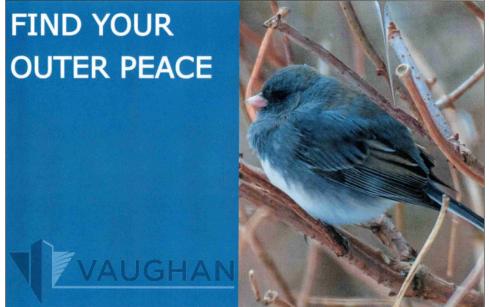


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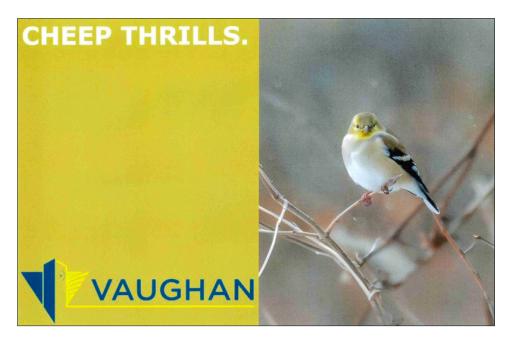




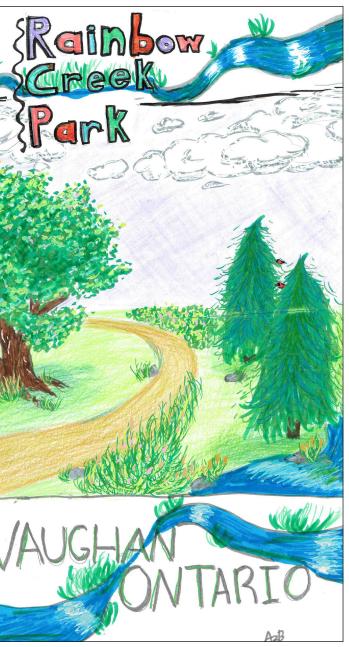


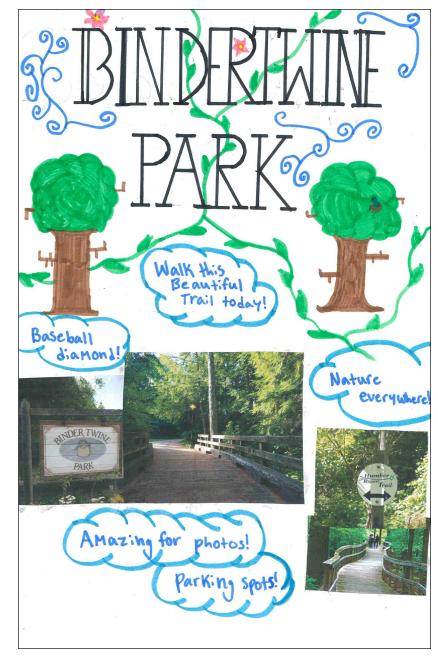


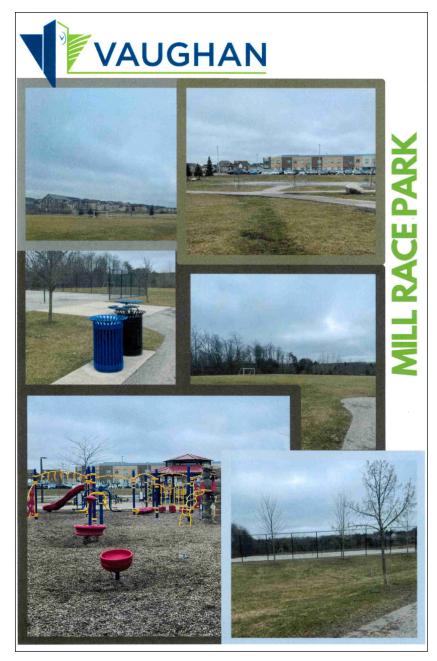
# APPEARING IN A PARK NEAR YOU VAUGHAN

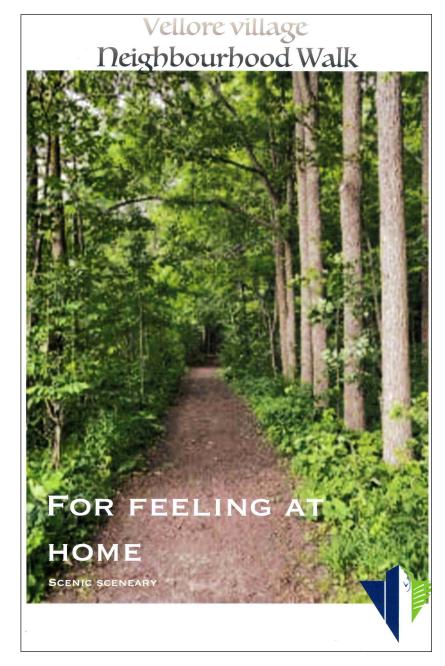






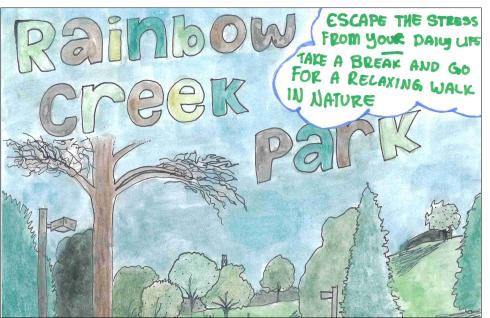


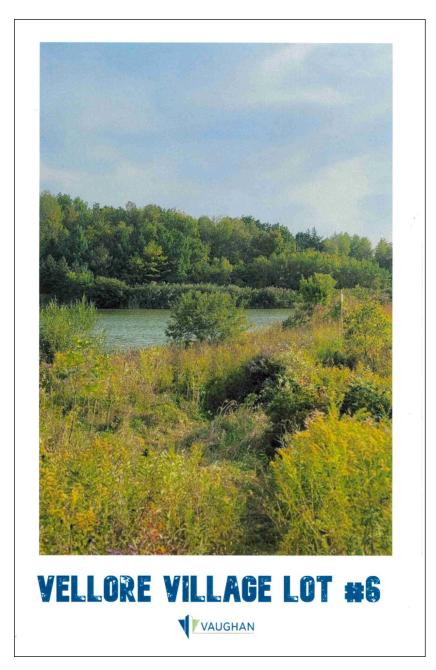


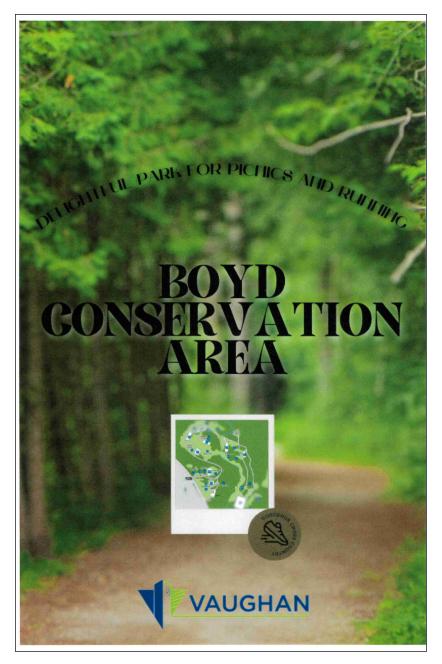


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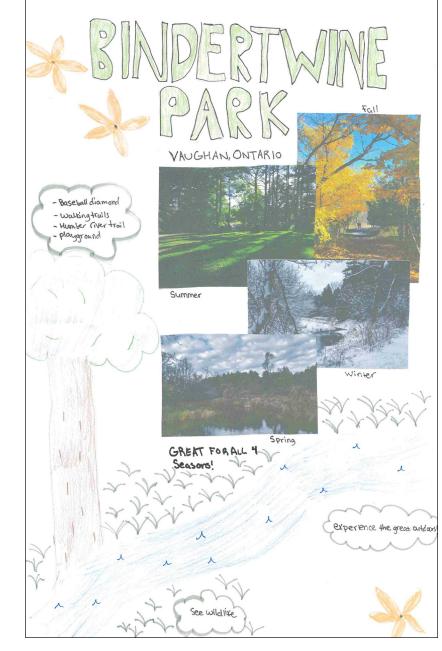


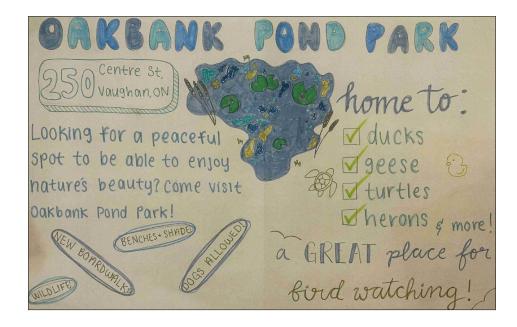














# Woodbridge College

"Parks and greenspaces are important to me because they provide a peaceful escape from the busy city life. They offer a chance to connect with nature, relax and enjoy outdoor activities, plus they're great for spending quality time with family and friends."

MAPLE NATURE RESERVE & LOCATION 10401 Dufferin St, Maple, ON LGA 152 Maple Nature Reserve is what you deserve It is the best place for Maple Nature 100 to hike and observe The birds in the sky, easy 1.5 mile rout the flowers that bloom approximately 34 minutes to complete It is accessible to all WE HOPE YOU'LL COME TOO I firmly o elieve that nature bring popular trail for birdin solace in all hiking, and running 道察 troubles." has a variety of wildlife ~ Anne Frank and wildflowers



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