

Red Hill Valley Joint Stewardship Board

The Joint Stewardship Board was established in 2005 and is a commitment between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council and City of Hamilton to collaborative environmental guardianship of the Red Hill Valley.

Our vision is to facilitate a deeper connection to the cultural landscape of the Red Hill Valley watershed in order to promote human and environmental well-being.



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The Bear Meeting Place Red Hill Valley



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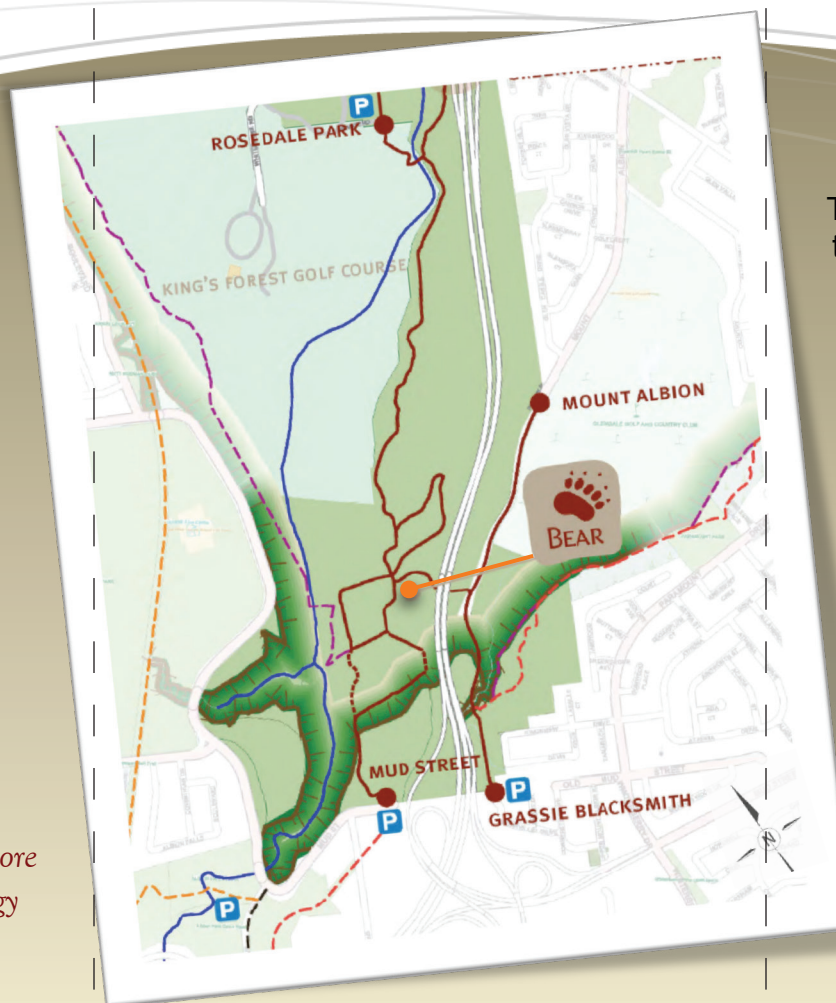


The Bear Meeting Place is a new architectural feature that was designed to reflect the image of a bear footprint. Opened in September 2014, the Bear is the first of four meeting place features proposed for the trail by the Red Hill Valley Joint Stewardship Board – a collaboration between the City of Hamilton and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council. Three other meeting places will be implemented in the future to represent a Turtle, Nest and Eel.



“The Joint Stewardship Board brings together Western and Indigenous knowledge and practices to ensure a resilient and ecologically healthy valley now and for future generations,” said Sheri Longboat, Coordinator with the Joint Stewardship Board.

“We are very proud of the Bear and hope trail users will take time to explore the meeting place, and the rich ecology and history associated with it.”



The Meeting Places are sites along the Red Hill Valley Trail designed for sharing and learning and visitors can stop to rest and experience the beauty of the valley landscape.

An interpretive plaque is installed on the trail with more details about the Bear design and connections to Onkwehonwe or Indigenous people's history and tradition.

The Turtle Meeting Place is planned for 2016 and will be located at the end of the trail near the QEW bridge crossing.

An opening event to celebrate the Turtle and Bear will be planned for 2016!

