

Red Hill Valley Joint Stewardship Board

“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.”

Objectives

1. Acknowledge and honor ancestral experiences
2. Provide a link between the Haudenosaunee and Hamilton residents
3. Enlighten the access to the Valley for all
4. Protect and enhance the ecosystem and the environment
5. Understand human impacts in the Red Hill Valley ecosystem
6. Capitalize on economic opportunities without compromising the ecological integrity of the Red Hill Valley

Our Logo

In the fall of 2007, as symbolic trees were being planted in the Red Hill Valley, the Haudenosaunee presented the Mayor of Hamilton with three strings of white wampum, called “The Fire of the Valley”.

The **First String** represents the mutual **respect** shown in the re-establishment of our historic relationship.

The **Second String** represents the **trust** developed by the Joint Stewardship Board.

The **Third String** represents the **friendship** developed that will endure.

This agreement to our fundamental values guides our relationship and is represented by our logo.



Work Plan

Guided by our stewardship framework and building upon past achievements, the Joint Stewardship Board is focused on a number of activity areas:

- Valley Access and Education
- Community Engagement
- Coordination and Partnership
- Assessment and Monitoring
- Planning and Reporting

Also visit our webpage for more information on past, present and future activities!

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Working Together For Future Generations

The Haudenosaunee and City of Hamilton are committed to working together on environmental guardianship of the Red Hill Valley.

Grounded in the spirit of shared responsibilities, the Joint Stewardship Board brings together unique and different knowledge and resources in order to restore and protect the Red Hill Valley for future generations.

Red Hill Valley Trail Map



This map is brought to you by the Joint Stewardship Board - a collaboration between the City of Hamilton and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council.

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1 KM

LEGEND

- MEETING PLACES
- ENTRY POINTS
- RED HILL VALLEY TRAIL
- CHALLENGING TRAIL SEGMENTS
- EAST MOUNTAIN TRAIL LOOP
- ESCARPMENT RAIL TRAIL
- WATERFRONT TRAIL
- TRANS CANADA TRAIL
- BRUCE TRAIL
- PARKING
- RED HILL CREEK



FLOOD ALERT

Be aware that water levels in the valley can rise unexpectedly. As you explore the valley, use care and remain aware of your surroundings. Be prepared to seek higher ground.

TAKE CARE

Red Hill Valley is a multi-use, recreational trail. Walkers and cyclists share the trail. Some sections may pose physical challenges. The trail is not maintained during the winter.

To report hazards or concerns, call 905-546-2489.

IN EMERGENCIES CALL 911



Take only photos. Leave only footprints. Please stay on the trail.



Joint Stewardship Board, March 2015



THE BEAR MEETING PLACE

Be sure to visit the Bear while on the trail! The Bear Meeting Place is a landscape 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. **The Turtle, Nest and Eel Meeting Places are proposed for the future.**

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



Aerial View of the Bear Meeting Place. Photo credit: Dave Walker