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**Subject:** Request for Federal Impact Assessment in Toronto's Don Valley Park

Jonathan Wilkinson

Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Dear Jonathan,

As the Trees, Parks and Ravines Board Member for South Rosedale Ratepayers Association, I am requesting a Federal Impact Assessment to specifically measure the cumulative effects of six simultaneous infrastructure projects occurring within 5 km of each other in the Don Valley, a unique and fragile urban ecosystem.

The six are:

- The Don Mouth and Portlands revitalization;
- Lakeshore East bridge widening (from 3 tracks to six tracks) over the Lower Don;
- Don Valley Metrolinx Service Facility (which is taking back naturalised greenspace from the Don )
- Don River and Central Waterfront Wet Weather Flow Project (construction from Coxwell Ravine Park downriver to Ashbridges Bay);
- Ontario Line Bridge over Lower Don (south of Millwood Bridge);
- Ontario Line Bridge over West Don (from Walmsley Brook to Don Mills Road).

A regional assessment is required because while each project will have its individual EA, none are designed to measure the cumulative effects of what happens to the tree canopy, the biodiverse habitat those trees support, wildlife habitat and migration along with runoff and sediment into the river from six ongoing projects.

The Don River Valley provides a vital green corridor connecting to our local ravines and those of many adjoining neighbourhoods and we are very concerned about the ecological impact of all these projects running concurrently.

Of particular concern is the negative impact of the Metrolinx service facility which is reclaiming 3 acres of naturalised greenspace for an industrial purpose, contrary to all that has been achieved in this area over the last 30 years

Sincerely

Gail Graham

Trees, Parks and Ravines  
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cc. Don Hogarth

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