

<i>Restoration of the Todmorden Mills site is:</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Efficient</i>	<i>Engaging</i>
<i>When it</i>	<p>-Intervened with the site only minimally and did not create a fully functional ecosystem, thus disturbing its functions and composition. Instead it created a base for it to restore itself by reintroducing the native plants and habitats to the site.</p>	<p>-Acknowledges limited resources and seeks partnerships and sponsorships through environmental agencies such as the Ontario Trillium Foundation as well as fundraising activities and outreach programs for accomplishing objectives. -Is responsible to the community members, the City of Toronto and the sponsor institutions upon which the success depends and keeps constant communication through newsletters and reports in order to keep them informed on the on-goings of the restoration activities.</p>	<p>- The project integrates the value of cultural heritage resources. The structures on site were restored and/or adaptively reused appropriately and respectful to their values. Archaeological values of the site are also conserved through planning that integrates natural and cultural values. - Guided tours offered by the volunteers of the Preserve provide an opportunity for people to understand and connect with the natural environment on site and rekindle their relationship with the nature. Educational tours also give information on the restoration activities happening on site and the native species that are reintroduced to the habitat. - The project regenerates the lost green space in the central urban area and provides an opportunity for outdoor activities, enhancing human well-being.</p>
<i>Because it</i>	<p>-Respects the present and changing biophysical environment of the natural region and allows for evolutionary change. -Created ecosystem resilience over time.</p>	<p>-Implements a minimum level of intervention by not planting species that might be native but wouldn't survive in the changing climate of the valley, thus minimizing long-term maintenance costs.</p>	<p>creates opportunities for the public use of the site and an appreciation for natural heritage values helps provide a healthy recreation opportunity while informing guests of the restoration work itself and benefits it provides.</p>
<i>Recognizing that it</i>	<p>-Requires consultation in case of ecological and cultural uncertainties and seeks advice from local environmental professionals.</p>	<p>Ensures long-term capacity for ecosystem maintenance through establishing community engagement in restoration activities and monitoring. Community members not only provide monitoring and planting, but they also fight vandalism, do garbage cleanups and promote natural heritage in the Don Valley.</p>	<p>Ensures that proper public consultation is conducted if there is a possibility that the restoration activities oppose the beliefs of the community.</p>