

## HIGH PARK'S ESA STATUS

Just over half of High Park is designated as an Environmentally Sensitive Area.\*

\*Total area of High Park: 161 Ha. ESA area: 83.25 Ha (51.7% of total area).

The following table is an excerpt from:

### Summary of Characteristics that Qualify Sites as ESAs

(Source: Environmentally Significant Areas in the City of Toronto, June 2012, Appendix 2)

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For more details see:

[High Park ESA Factsheet June 2012](#) and [High Park ESA Extension Factsheet June 2012](#)

<b>Number</b>	35
<b>Site Number</b>	38
<b>Name</b>	High Park
<b>Description</b>	rolling sandy uplands vegetated with black oak savannah and prairie openings as well as steeply incised stream channels with mature forest, ponds with aquatic and shallow marsh
<b>Area (Ha)</b>	83.25
<b>Valley System</b>	Waterfront
<b>CRITERION A: Rare Species/Rare Communities</b>	105 significant flora species 6 significant vegetation communities 10 significant fauna species
<b>CRITERION B: Significant Landform</b>	largely intact remnants of the interim period between the recession of Lake Iroquois and the modern lake processes that formed the Toronto Islands
<b>CRITERION C: Significant Size, Levels of Diversity</b>	24 vegetation communities 167 L1 to L4 species
<b>CRITERION D: Significant Ecological Functions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• notable area for migrant songbirds: 20% of migrant songbird records are from High Park (Dougan and NSE 2010)</li> <li>• marshes, swamps and open water areas provide 22.3 ha of water storage area in the park</li> </ul>