



Site Assessment

Site: Cedarvale Park and Ravine
Year: 2022
Lead Steward(s): John Cummings

Site Description:

Cedarvale park lies within Ward 12. It runs north to south from Ava Rd/Everden Rd at the north to Heath St West/Tichester Rd at the south. It is bounded by Strathearn Rd and Glenayr Rd on the east and Arlington Ave, Wyndley Ave and Heathdale Rd on the west. It is approximately 2 kilometres long and varies in width. It is crossed by Bathurst St and Glen Cedar Rd on bridges. Via Suydam Park, the park is connected to Spadina Rd and Forest Hill Village.

The park address is: 443 Arlington Avenue
York, ON M6C 3A2

The park can be divided into two main sections: the north section is open and contains several sports and other facilities (see below). The south section is a ravine (formerly containing the Castle Frank Brook) and is mainly wooded. Just east of the Bathurst St bridge is an extensive wetland area that developed naturally after the clearance of the ravine floor for the Spadina Expressway.

The Toronto Transit Commission subway (Line 1) lies underneath the park, with stations at Eglinton Ave West and St Clair West. Within the park there are 3 access points to the subway for use by TTC staff and in emergencies.

The park is operated by Parks, Forestry and Recreation within the City of Toronto. Information can be found at:

<https://www.toronto.ca/data/parks/prd/facilities/complex/629/index.html>

The park has a "friends" group, Friends of Cedarvale Park and Ravine, which describes itself as a "volunteer organization dedicated to maintaining and improving Cedarvale Park and Ravine in Toronto". It has a web site:

www.friendsofcedarvale.wordpress.com

Sports and other facilities of park

These include the Phil White Arena (indoor ice-skating, hockey), tennis courts, outdoor ice-skating rink (next to arena), a dog off-leash area, children's splash pad, baseball diamond and several playing fields, which are used for a variety of sports.

There are also a Community Garden and a Pollinator Garden just north of the tennis courts. These gardens are run by separate volunteer organizations. There is also a City-constructed wetland area opposite the tennis courts.

Plant Inventory:

An extensive inventory of plants has been recorded over past years and can be found at:

<https://friendsofcedarvale.wordpress.com/cedarvale-park/flora/>

Once the stewardship site is established, consideration will be given to adding more categories to plant descriptions in the inventory including: invasive/native, whether there is city permission to remove, plant type (annual, biennial, perennial, woody) and management unit.

All of the invasive plants on the current city permission list have been observed at Cedarvale except Lily of the Valley and wood avens.

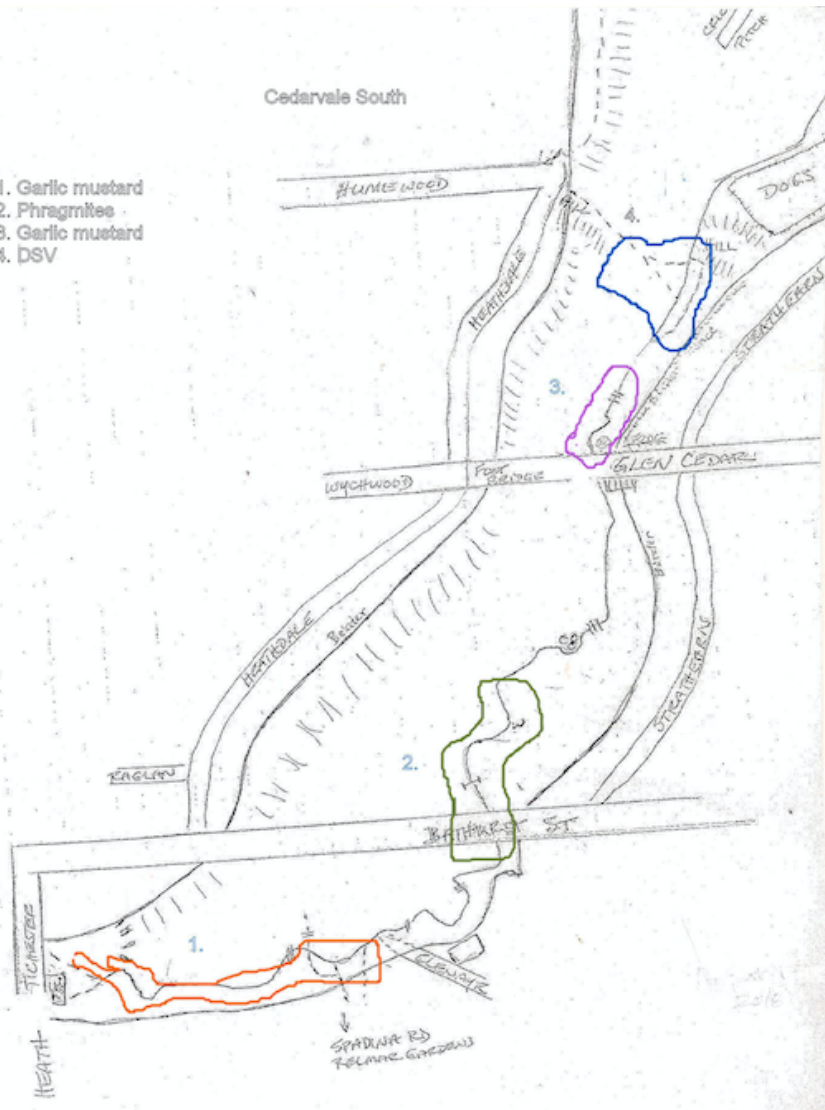
Stewardship Site Location maps: Features and Management Units

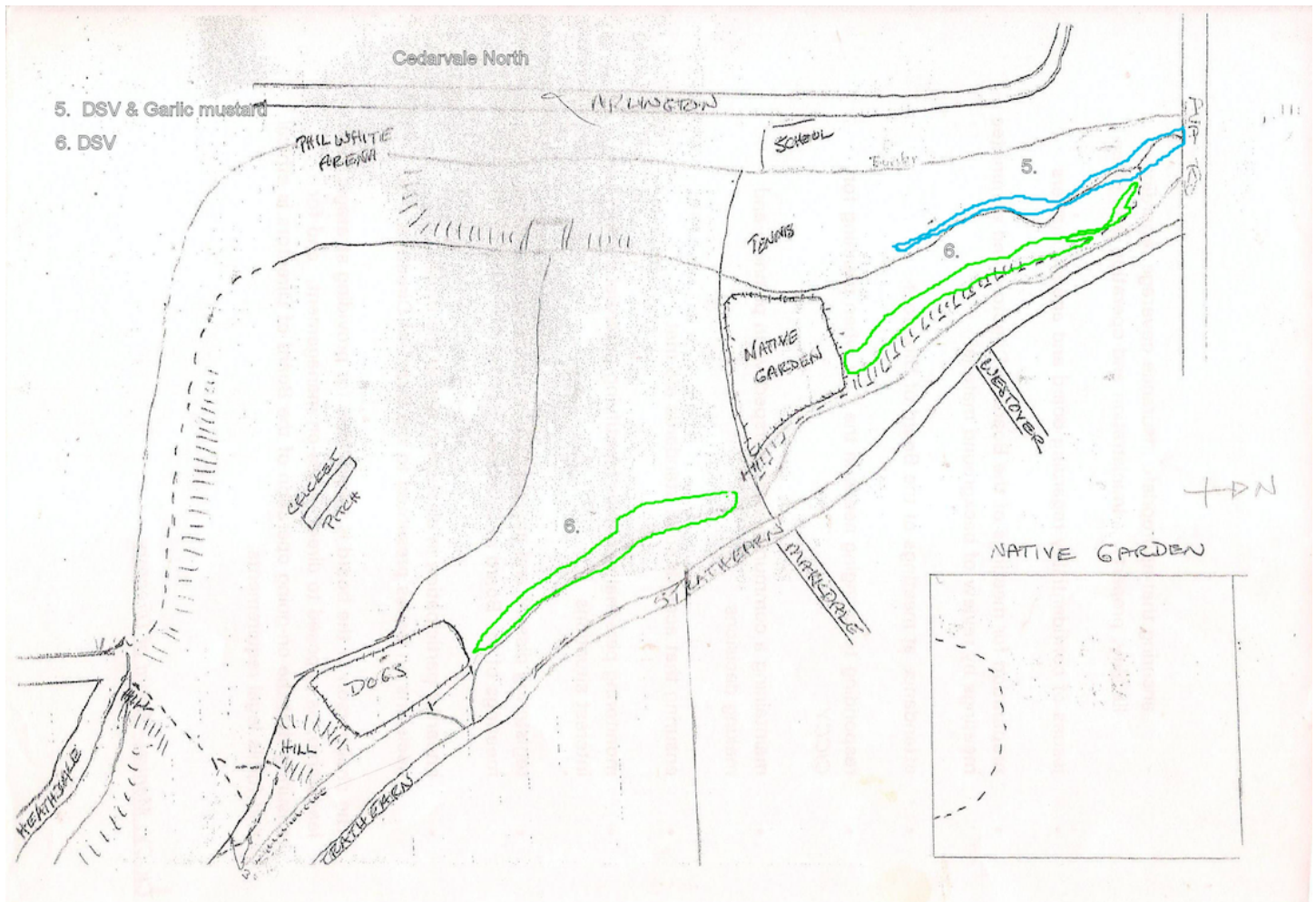


Cedarvale South

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1. Garlic mustard
2. Phragmites
3. Garlic mustard
4. DSV





Maps drawn by Marilyn MacKellar, 2022

Physical Characteristics:

Mgmt Unit	Exposure	Moisture	Target Invasive Species	Location and Habitat Type
Cedarvale South				
1	shade	dry	Garlic mustard	Along path from Heath St. entrance to Glenayr entrance. Mature forest, heavy shade.
2	sun	wet	Phragmites	Wetland area under and west of Bathurst St. bridge
3	sun	dry	Garlic mustard	Dense shrubs and forbs
4	Sun/shade	dry	DSV	East edge of toboggan run down from Heathdale/Humewood entrance over to main path. Three separate areas. Edge of forest.
Cedarvale North				
5			DSV and garlic mustard	Along edge of wooded slope behind Arlington Ave.
6.1			DSV	Along edge of wooded slope between path parallel to Strathearn and winter dog off-leash area

6.2			DSV	Along edge of gully between path parallel to Strathearn and winter dog off-leash area
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