

## Talwood Design Workshop: GREENSPACES CONTEXT SHEET (Including the Clonsilla Ave. and Parkway intersection)



### GREENSPACE CLASSIFICATION

- Much of the greenspace in the neighbourhood is part of the “Parkway Corridor”, a stretch of land reserved for a possible Parkway extension. This greenspace is zoned as public service, not as parkland/open space
- Other large swaths of greenspace surrounding the Towers are privately owned.
- The only municipal park is Nevin Park.

### Challenges:

- Although the trails are well used for transportation and recreation, accessibility is poor. The paths are not paved and there are no safety features like lighting, and few amenities like benches and garbage disposal.
- The area around the towers is all privately owned, so any changes to that area would require working with the private landowners.

### Opportunities:

- This part of the Parkway Corridor is included in the Proposed Ultimate Cycling Network as an off-road facility. From the network map, it is unclear if this is only proposed if The Parkway extension is built, or if a stand-alone Active Transportation trail may be considered.
- Nevin Park has been identified in the City’s 2019 Assessment of Parks and Open Space as a high priority neighbourhood park to receive upgrades in the future.
- Potential future development of the open field at the north west area of the Talwood



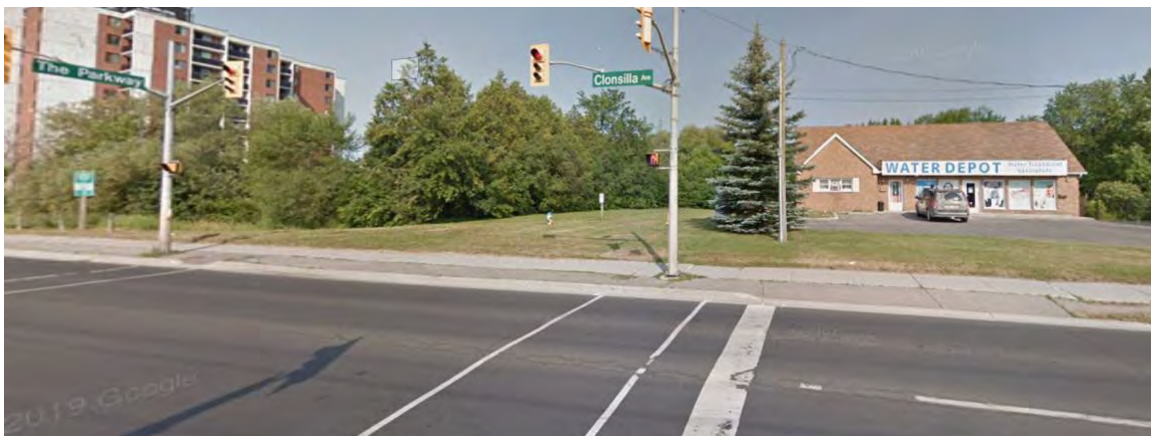
Towers complex may be an opportunity to work with developers to secure parkland or greenspace amenities.

### WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM RESIDENTS

- Some people fear the loss of the trail system and natural areas along the Parkway Corridor. Residents feel that access to nature is vital and they rely on the trails for recreation and utilitarian purposes.
- People love the tree canopy and wildlife. Some people wonder if the creek and forest are important habitat for rare or endangered species
- The trails can flood in the rainy seasons, and are icy in the winter. Formalizing and maintaining the trails would really help with accessibility for all users and all seasons.
- Residents love the two community gardens in the neighbourhood, and have wondered about additional gardens behind some of the other tower buildings.
- Residents in the towers would like to see amenities, like play equipment and gym equipment, closer to home. Some people have commented that Nevin Park feels like it serves the Whitefield, Nevin, and Greenhill area more than the Talwood Towers area.

### CLONSILLA AND THE PARKWAY INTERSECTION

The trails through the greenspace connect up with Clonsilla Ave. and The Parkway, and people walk these trails to get to FreshCO, Walmart, Winners, etc. Therefore, this workshop might consider this intersection, and the connections for AT commuters using the trails.



### ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Clonsilla Ave.: High Capacity Arterial

Clonsilla Ave. Right of Way: 26M

The Parkway: High Capacity Arterial  
 The Parkway: Right of Way: 36M

**Challenges:**

- The connection into the trails is not formalized, and therefore accessibility is poor
- Both Clonsilla Ave. and The Parkway are high capacity arterials, and there is significant traffic volume on both roads



Functional Classification	Class	Planning Capacity (vehicles/hour/lane)
Freeway	-	1800
Freeway Ramps	Freeway to Arterial	1300
	Freeway to Freeway	1500
Highway	-	1000
Arterial	High	800
	Medium	700
	Low	600
Collector	High	500
	Medium	400
Local	-	300