



## CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Mississauga City centre

Sustaining natural areas and the urban forest in Mississauga presents many challenges. Examples of challenges and opportunities are provided below.

### CHALLENGES

- Competition with intensification and infill, as well as related infrastructure projects
- Stressors related to climate change
- Vulnerability to pest and disease infestations
- Increasing recreational demands and pressures
- Need for increased funding for the maintenance, restoration and care of City-owned natural assets and green infrastructure

### OPPORTUNITIES

- Identification of further opportunities for protection, enhancement and expansion through the planning process
- Strategic enhancement and expansion to make the natural areas system and urban forest more resilient to stressors
- Use of new technologies to “green” hardscapes (e.g., green roofs, continuous trenches for trees in sidewalks)
- Creative management of parks and natural areas to balance access with protection
- Making the maintenance and care of City-owned natural assets and green infrastructure a budgetary priority
- Pursuing outreach, stewardship and partnerships



Tree transplanting in Mississauga



Planting at Erindale Park