

Proposed Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

We asked for initial thoughts on a proposal to create a new urban provincial park in the Township of Uxbridge and urban provincial parks in general. The survey was available from June 19 to September 4, 2023.

We heard:

- People already visit the surrounding area and 75% of respondents are somewhat supportive or strongly supportive of Ontario creating a new provincial park in the Township of Uxbridge.
- The preservation of the area's ecological integrity is a priority
- The area provides great recreational opportunities (e.g., Dagmar).
- There is interest in multi-use non-motorized recreational opportunities (walking/hiking/birdwatching, mountain biking, equestrian trail riding).
- Any possible future facilities and infrastructure should be mindful
 of the ecological, cultural, and existing recreational values / uses
 of the area, as well as accessibility needs
- Ongoing engagement with Indigenous communities, and the consideration of Indigenous heritage, is important throughout the planning for the proposed provincial park.
- Consideration of the impact on local infrastructure and existing "small town" culture is necessary.

