



## Welcome to the Chippewa Creek EcoPath!

Travel the 3.2 km EcoPath along the Kinsmen Trail, following Chippewa Creek between Lake Nipissing and Thomson Park. You'll discover the Creek's rich history and ecological value with the help of educational signs along the way.

Over the years erosion, flooding, development and pollution took their toll on Chippewa Creek. Community partners are rallying to restore this waterway. Shoreline plantings, realignment designs to prevent flooding and restore natural habitat, education initiatives, and stewardship projects are building on previous efforts of other stewardship and community groups to revive this biodiverse treasure in North Bay.

Once a gathering place for the N'bisiing First Nations peoples, the Creek is once again a place where people can gather to celebrate nature, honour community and preserve the value of Chippewa Creek for generations to come.

## **EcoPath Story**

The Nipissing Botanical Gardens and Heritage Gardeners planted a seed of an idea in 2004 – to identify, preserve and create green spaces with plantings and trees that could be grown and used for research, education and ornamental purposes. The North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority and the City of North Bay were concerned about the erosion, flooding and pollution along Chippewa Creek and in 1978 began a series of projects to improve management of the Creek. In 2010, these four groups came together and approached RBC Blue Water Project for funding to marry their visions - a project that incorporates plantings of trees and shrubs to improve the water quality of the Creek and develop a sustainable education program to foster the ongoing stewardship of the Creek. Thus the Chippewa Creek EcoPath was born.



















