

Rouge Crest Park Rubberized Play Surface

Program: Ontario Tire Stewardship, Community Renewal Fund

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In 2015, Richmond Hill received grant funding from the Community Renewal Fund as part of the Ontario Tire Stewardship program, which provides funding for projects that use recycled tires in developing specific projects.

In the summer of 2015, Richmond Hill opened Rouge Crest Park. This new Community Park is located on Rothbury Road, south of Gamble Road and west of Yonge Street. The 2.28 hectare (5.63 acre) park provides a variety of amenities for residents including a senior soccer field, multi-sports court, a splash pad, junior and senior playgrounds, swings, hammocks, ping pong, a shade structure, multiple seating opportunities, a walking path and trail connection, and a spiral hill.

Rouge Crest Park gets its name from its location at the top of the Rouge river valley. The Rouge river watershed stretches across over half of the Town of Richmond Hill and a tributary of the Rouge river runs just behind the park. The park’s design is based on patterns that are found in nature. Patterns such as fish scales, spiral galaxies, whirlpools, pebbles in a stream, beach waves, stars, grass, snail shells, islands, and even birch bark can be found throughout the park.

Rubber Playground Surfaces

Rouge Crest Park features two large rubberized play surfaces. The material used for these areas is made from recycled Ontario tires. The recycled tire rubber surface product is easy to install and replace, since it is made up of individual squares. Richmond Hill specified the rubber tiles at Rouge Crest Park in a variety of colours, including ocean blue, slate grey and midnight black, to create pattern swirls that look like a whirlpool, galaxy or black hole. This provides visual interest and animates the space while providing a safe and accessible play surface.

Project Highlights:

Investment in a unique Community Park playground feature.

Benefits include:

- Rubberized play surface caters to a range of mobility needs, encouraging multi-generational and multi-purpose use of space
- Innovative surface tile product that allows for enhanced safety
- Exclusively recycled material use that creates an eye-catching pattern



Richmond Hill, where people come together to build our community.

PROJECT FACTS



Project Budget:	\$110,000
Community Renewal Fund Contribution:	\$37,621
Completion Date:	June to July 2015

Richmond Hill's Parks Plan

Parks are a vital component of complete communities that enhance the quality of life in Richmond Hill and help to create vibrant neighbourhoods. In 2013, the Town approved the *Richmond Hill Parks Plan - Better Choice for People at Play*, to provide direction to the Town's parks and outdoor recreation facilities over the next 20 years. Rouge Crest Park incorporates several of the key directions

identified in the Plan, including features that improve comfort, safety and accessibility, and an innovative and inclusive design. In 2016 Rouge Crest Park received Parks and Recreation Ontario's Award of Excellence in Design. This award recognizes parks that demonstrate high standards of planning, design, community involvement, operation and maintenance, quality of aesthetics, usability, accessibility and versatility. The park also won a 2016 Ontario Concrete Award for Architectural Hardscapes. Rouge Crest Park is an award-winning example of Richmond Hill's Parks Plan in action, providing a *better choice for people at play*.



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