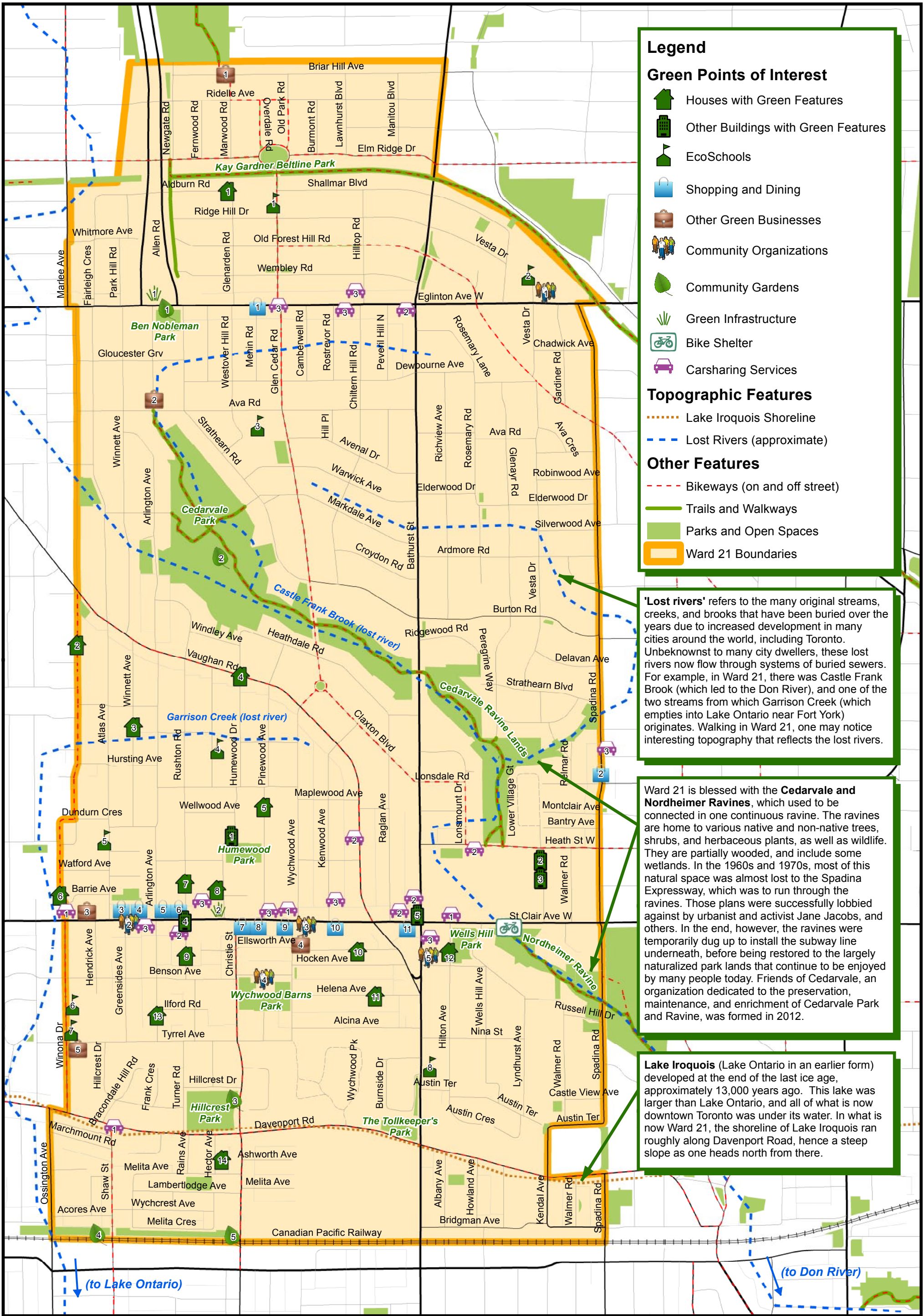


# Ward 21 Green Map



### Legend

**Green Points of Interest**

- Houses with Green Features
- Other Buildings with Green Features
- EcoSchools
- Shopping and Dining
- Other Green Businesses
- Community Organizations
- Community Gardens
- Green Infrastructure
- Bike Shelter
- Carsharing Services

**Topographic Features**

- Lake Iroquois Shoreline
- Lost Rivers (approximate)

**Other Features**

- Bikeways (on and off street)
- Trails and Walkways
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Ward 21 Boundaries

**'Lost rivers'** refers to the many original streams, creeks, and brooks that have been buried over the years due to increased development in many cities around the world, including Toronto. Unbeknownst to many city dwellers, these lost rivers now flow through systems of buried sewers. For example, in Ward 21, there was Castle Frank Brook (which led to the Don River), and one of the two streams from which Garrison Creek (which empties into Lake Ontario near Fort York) originates. Walking in Ward 21, one may notice interesting topography that reflects the lost rivers.

Ward 21 is blessed with the **Cedarvale and Nordheimer Ravines**, which used to be connected in one continuous ravine. The ravines are home to various native and non-native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants, as well as wildlife. They are partially wooded, and include some wetlands. In the 1960s and 1970s, most of this natural space was almost lost to the Spadina Expressway, which was to run through the ravines. Those plans were successfully lobbied against by urbanist and activist Jane Jacobs, and others. In the end, however, the ravines were temporarily dug up to install the subway line underneath, before being restored to the largely naturalized park lands that continue to be enjoyed by many people today. Friends of Cedarvale, an organization dedicated to the preservation, maintenance, and enrichment of Cedarvale Park and Ravine, was formed in 2012.

**Lake Iroquois** (Lake Ontario in an earlier form) developed at the end of the last ice age, approximately 13,000 years ago. This lake was larger than Lake Ontario, and all of what is now downtown Toronto was under its water. In what is now Ward 21, the shoreline of Lake Iroquois ran roughly along Davenport Road, hence a steep slope as one heads north from there.

