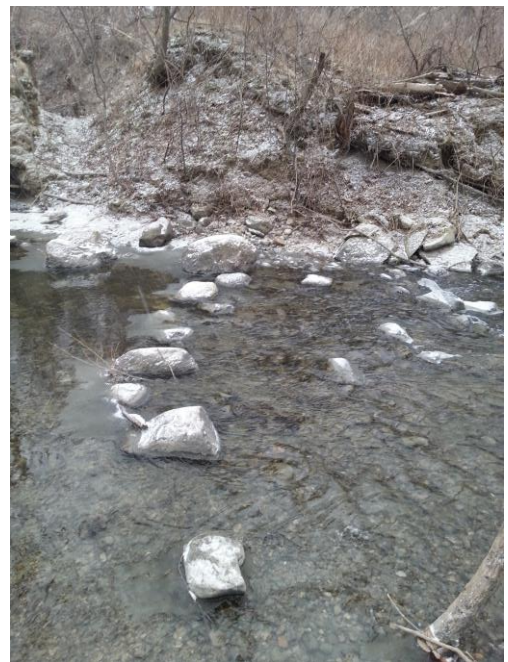


My walk to school: the Black Creek ravine

I am fortunate to be able to walk to York University from my home in the surrounding neighbourhood along the Black Creek ravine. I am able to avoid the air pollutants along the major streets that I might otherwise have to take. It also does feel much nicer to walk in a semi-naturalized area, although it is hard to say exactly why, perhaps the relative silence. The ravine has a walking path as shown in the picture below.



However, I also leave the path to cross the Black Creek stream and then cut through the Maloca community garden (a project of the Faculty of Environmental Studies of which I am a student) before arriving at York University.



It would be nice if we could create networks of these naturalized areas throughout the entire city. To some extent this is the case, where there are natural water courses, but I don't see why we couldn't do this even where hydrological channels are absent. They could be integrated with walking and biking transportation corridors, as we transition away from car-dominated urban design.