

MILL CREEK WATERSHED



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In 2006, Capital became highly involved with the Grand River Conservation Authority's *Friends of Mill Creek* which is a community-driven organization that works to protect and restore the natural features of Mill Creek and its watershed.

Mill Creek is a cold water trout stream that begins in the Township of Puslinch, southeast of Guelph, and flows into the Grand River in downtown Galt (Cambridge). Due to major land development in the area over the last 50 years, many parts of Mill Creek have become too wide and too warm to properly support a healthy trout population.

After several years of research into possible solutions for the Mill Creek watershed, *Friends of Mill Creek* proposed a stream diversion project to enhance and restore the stream's ecosystem. Working closely with Dufferin Aggregates, Capital organized and completed the construction and excavation work required to create a 187-metre channel on Mill Creek. All of the equipment and labour needed for the project was donated by Capital Paving and Dufferin Aggregates.

The new channel has now effectively narrowed the stream, thus lowering the water temperature and improving the habitat for fish and other wildlife. The success of this project was a result of great teamwork among community partners. Capital is proud to have been part of a project that positively affected both the environment and the local community.



The Grand River Conservation Authority recognized Capital Paving and Dufferin Aggregates in 2007 for their efforts at Mill Creek by giving each company a Watershed Award. The Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (OSSGA) also recognized Capital and Dufferin's contribution to the Mill Creek Watershed with the [2006 OSSGA Environmental Achievement Award](#).



A second phase of the stream rehabilitation was completed in August, 2008. This consisted of a further narrowing of a 75 metre section of stream and silt clean out to improve water flow and aquatic habitat.

