

# 1.0 Background

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Sparked by a community campaign in 1957 to open a post-secondary institution in the Trent Valley, Trent University today is one of Canada's top universities, recognized nationally for its leadership in teaching, research and student satisfaction. The Trent Lands and Nature Areas Plan presents a framework for the evolution of the Symons Campus lands, emerging from a learning environment that builds life-long passion for inclusion, environmental leadership and a just society.

The Plan is ambitious, tackling challenges faced on campus, in our local communities, and across the globe. It is visionary, imagining possibilities for evolution that reflect the priorities and aspirations of the University's diverse communities. The Plan is pluralistic, implementing strategies based on science and Indigenous Traditional Knowledge. And perhaps most importantly, the Plan is adaptable, setting out clear principles and intent, while acknowledging the need to respond to new information and changing circumstances; it produces harmony without rigidity.