Definitions

This Plan uses a few terms that may not be familiar to all readers, especially the way in which the terms are applied in the context of this Plan.

Barrens – The areas within the City of Greater Sudbury that were impacted by past mining and smelting activities, resulting in virtually all of the vegetation cover being destroyed. Semi-barrens have slightly more vegetation cover than barrens, but are still considered heavily impacted.

Biodiversity – The variety of life on Earth, including plants, animals and ecosystems.

Ecological Recovery – In Greater Sudbury, it is the process by which areas damaged by past smelting activities are returning to healthy functional ecosystems.

Greater Sudbury Biodiversity Partnership – an informal association of groups, agencies, institutions, individuals and companies that work individually and collectively to monitor, manage and promote animals, plants and ecosystems.

Interventions – The actions we do to help nature heal the damaged areas in our City.

VETAC – City Council's Advisory Panel on regreening.