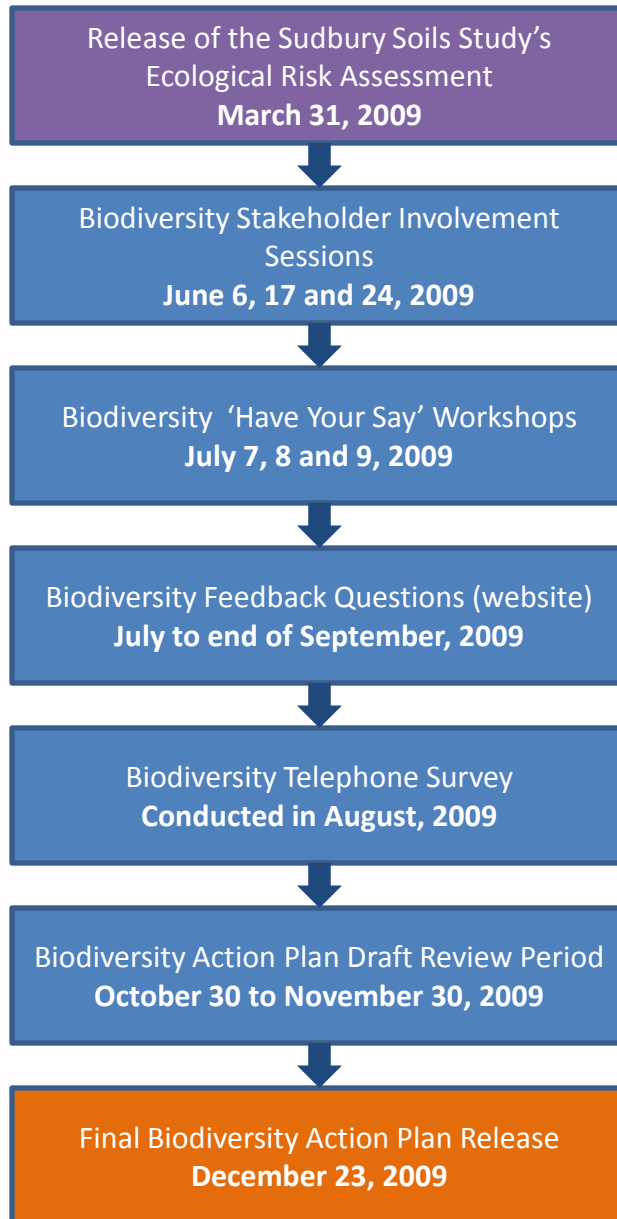


# Public Input



## The Process that We Followed

The two primary, local mining companies, Vale Inco and Xstrata Nickel, accepted to work with the Greater Sudbury community to manage the risks identified by the Sudbury Soils Study's ERA.

This Action Plan is for the benefit of our shared community. So we developed it with the help of community members. Over the past several months, members of this community participated in Biodiversity Stakeholder Involvement Sessions and in 'Have Your Say' Workshops. You also provided feedback through our website questionnaire. Over 600 Sudburians participated in a telephone survey on local biodiversity matters.

Dr. Stephen Monet, Manager of Environmental Planning Initiatives at the City of Greater Sudbury, prepared the Draft Biodiversity Action Plan, taking into consideration the input provided by the community. VETAC reviewed the Draft Action Plan and oversaw the public input process.

The community had a chance to review and comment on the Draft Biodiversity Action Plan before release of the final version in December.

The Biodiversity Action Plan is intended to be a 'living' document, so the community will continue to have an opportunity to provide input into the future. See page 35 for details.