

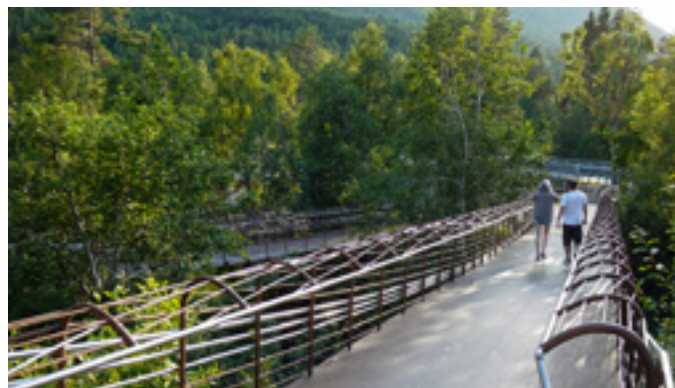
St James Town



Beautification project in St James Town: A collaboration among the St James Town Community Corner, the City of Toronto, Tourism Cares and Stop Gap Foundation, Toronto, Canada

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of the buildings and the community's identity and needs. Establish Ontario Lane as a central civic spine for the neighbourhood, connected to its east-west counterpart – Howard Street – to provide an organizing framework for the district's parks and open spaces.



(right) A model for the St James Town ‘ravine portal’ overlook and access passage, the Gudbrandsjuvet walkway opens a gradual portal for the public to enjoy convenient access to nature, Gudbrandsjuvet, Norway

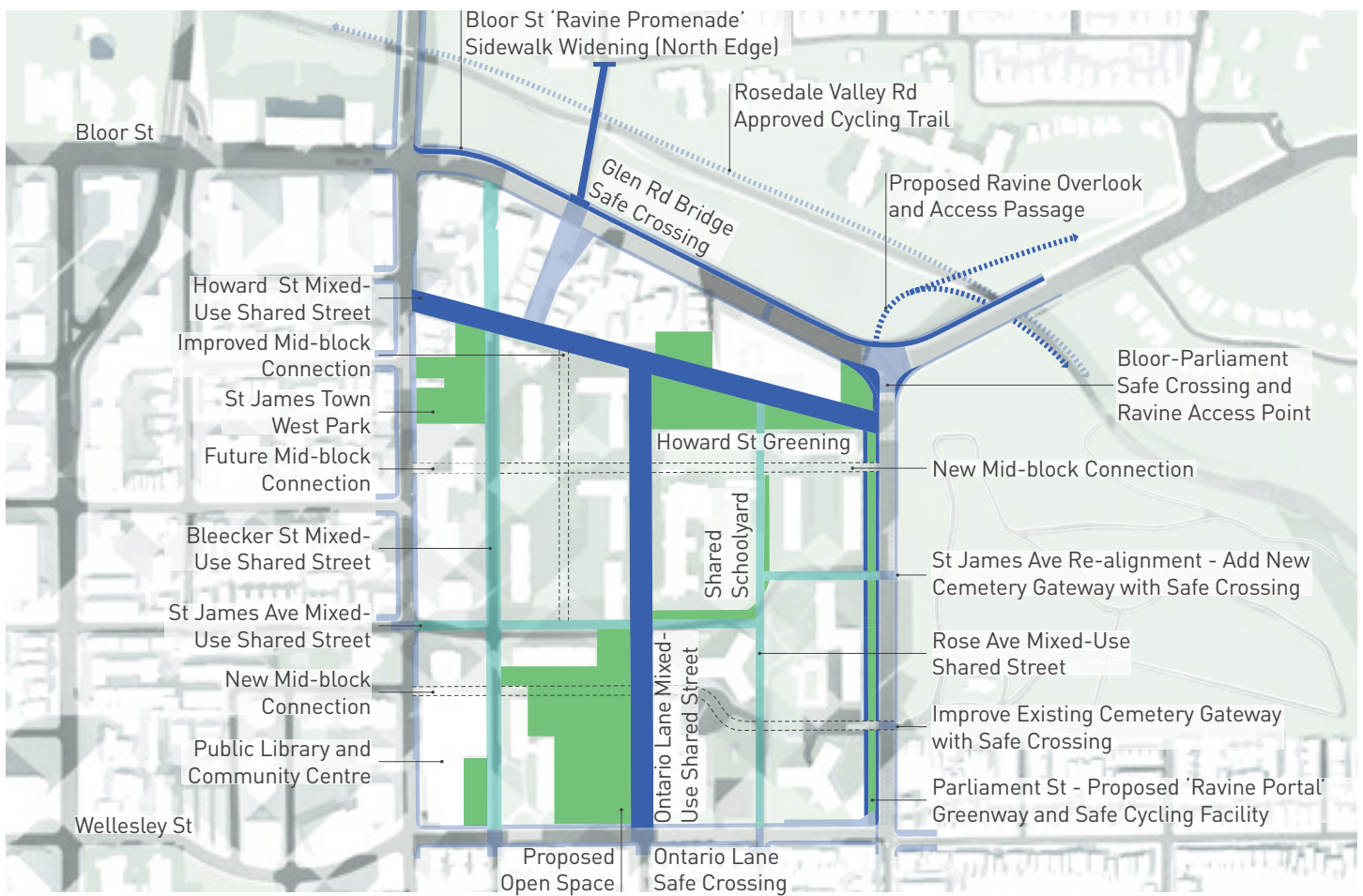
CONCEPTUAL RENDERING



St James Town, Proposed Concept

Expand, improve and connect the district’s parks and public realm, incorporating active programming, fine grain frontages and ‘eyes on the street’ to help bring the neighbourhood’s interior spaces to life. Imagine St James Town as a portal to the Rosedale Valley and Don

River Valley with a new access passage to the Rosedale Valley Lands at the intersection of Parliament Street and Bloor Street East, and consider realigning Bloor Street East to create space for a wide northern edge ‘ravine promenade’ for the neighbourhood.



St James Town, Proposed Concept Plan

- Hardscape public realm project
- Green public realm project
- Sidewalks and safe crossings
- Servicing and vehicular access
- Proposed trail connection
- Existing trail connection



(right) Bell Park Shared Street, a model for Ontario Lane in St James Town, Seattle, United States

Goals

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- Improve pedestrian and cycling permeability of the neighbourhood (from Sherbourne to Parliament, from Wellesley to Bloor).
- Rationalize movement patterns and create a hierarchy of streets.
- Provide clarity of use of open space.
- Promote active edges along open spaces with clear sight lines to pedestrian destinations.
- Improve growing conditions for existing trees and encourage tree planting on private properties.
- Create a green connection to a new northern portal into Rosedale Ravine.

Actions

- Undertake a feasibility study for the ravine 'overlook' and access passage to Rosedale Valley Ravine.
- Support implementation of the St. James Town Public Realm Plan.
- Explore opportunities to revitalize the design of a central open space and its edges.
- Develop a partnership model with TCHC to revitalize and maintain open space to the west of Ontario Lane.
- Secure midblock connections as identified in the St James Town Public Realm Plan.
- Monitor public life through a future Public Space Public Life study on Ontario Street.

Cabbagetown-Riverdale



Cabbagetown-Riverdale, Toronto, Canada

Connect, enhance and improve Cabbagetown-Riverdale by responding to its unique location overlooking the Don River Valley, respecting its heritage character and integrating the discrete parks, streetscapes and open spaces to support and improve community

life. Cabbagetown-Riverdale offers the opportunity to provide new and better pedestrian and cycling connections into the Rosedale Valley and Don River Valley and to large existing park assets in Riverdale Park. Create new accessible connections into the Don

(right) The Parklands of Floyds Fork are linked by park roads, bridges and a regional multi-use trail system, all tracing the creek in an immersive natural experience, Louisville, United States

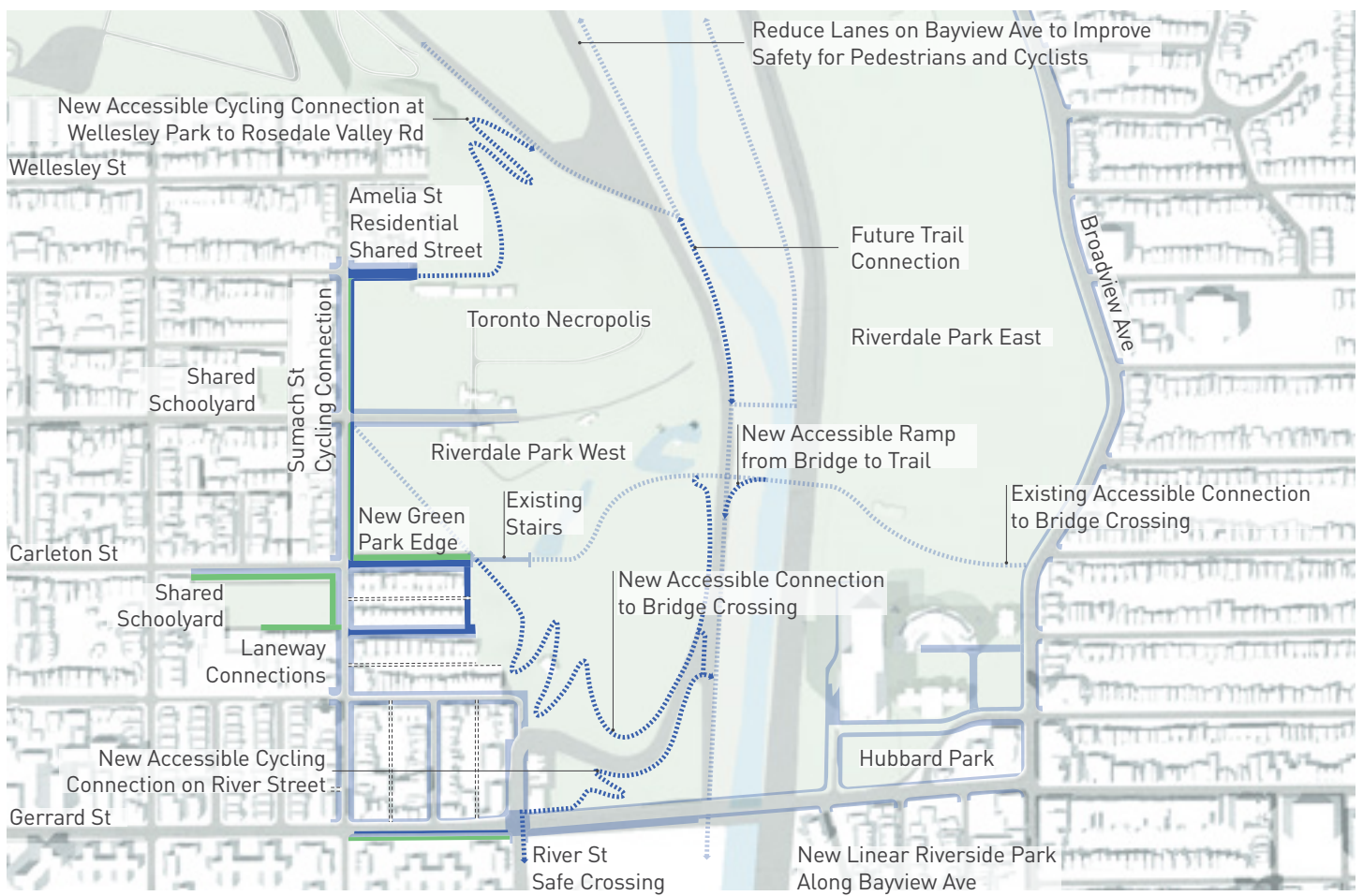


View to the Don River Valley and Downtown skyline from Riverdale Park East (photo by Brendan Stewart), Toronto, Canada

RiverTrail system from surrounding neighbourhoods. Re-imagine parks on the table land – such as Wellesley Park and Riverdale Farm – as gateways that invite residents, commuters and visitors to explore the Don River Valley landscape. Prioritize views, vantage points

and enhanced universal access to the unique wilderness experience of the Don River Valley.

TRANSFORMATIVE IDEA 4. PARK DISTRICTS



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(right) The BeltLine stitches surrounding neighbourhoods to 1,300 acres of parks and 33 miles of multi-use trails to create a regenerated regional landscape, Atlanta, United States



Goals

Connect, enhance and improve the Cabbagetown-Riverdale by responding to its unique location overlooking the Don Valley, respecting its heritage character and integrating the discrete parks, streetscapes and open spaces to create a Park District to support and improve community life.

- Improve pedestrian and cycling connections into the Rosedale Valley Lands and Don River Valley Ravine.
- Celebrate Indigenous cultures and histories of the Don Valley with a focus on creative place making and interpretation.
- Create a universally accessible multi-use trail system that connects Cabbagetown and Riverdale to the ravine.
- Re-imagine the Riverdale Park as a well-designed district park supporting community uses and recreation, as well as acting as a gateway to the ravine through improved physical and visual access.

Actions

- Undertake a Functional Design Study for Bayview Avenue with an emphasis on pedestrian safety and connectivity.
- Explore opportunities to improve pedestrian and cycling connections into Rosedale Valley at Wellesley Park and along River Street to Bayview Avenue up to Rosedale Valley Road.
- Improve new green park edges, internal circulation, access points and universally accessible trails at Riverdale Park West.
- Regenerate the park and street urban forest canopy.