



HUMBER BAY PARK MASTER PLAN

Community Resource Group Meeting # 1
2016-04-06



Meeting Purpose

- To introduce the project, proposed approach, timing, activities and next steps
- To confirm membership for Community Resource Group
- To discuss next steps for the Master Plan Development and to provide an overview of what we have heard to date
- To present the draft principles and objectives
- To discuss and get feedback on the draft principles and objectives



Agenda

6:30 pm	Agenda Review, Opening Remarks and Introductions
6:40 pm	Project Update
7:20 pm	Overview of Terms of Reference for the CRG
7:40 pm	Process and Master Plan Approach
8:00 pm	Discussion
8:40 pm	Draft Survey Review and Comment
8:55 pm	Summary and Next Steps
9:00 pm	Adjourn

Public Meeting #1: What We Heard

Vision of the Parks:

- Wild, natural, undisturbed, protected, enhanced
- Safe, well-maintained, accessible by all

Outdoor Activities:

- A range of activities and park elements suggested
- Passive recreational activities emphasized

Pavilion:

- Many concerns raised (e.g., negative impact on sensitive habitat and wildlife, scale of proposed site, rationale for determining need for pavilion)
- Suggestions for alternative pavilion locations
- Activities in Pavilion to be nature-focused



Public Meeting #1: What We Heard

Natural Environment and Ponds:

- Issues: boats/jet skis near wetlands; conflicts between park users and nesting birds; pond circulation and algae levels; park maintenance; recreational fishing access.
- Opportunities: naturalize the ponds; reintroduce native species; education and stewardship; interpretive signage; enhance shoreline.

Parking, Circulation and Accessibility:

- Issues: pedestrian and cyclist safety; condition and width of trails, boardwalks, and bridges; undesirable activities in parking lots; accessibility at Air India Memorial and throughout park.
- Opportunities: signage on cycling trails; separated trails for pedestrians and cyclists; improved access into park from Mimico community; improved access for kayakers.



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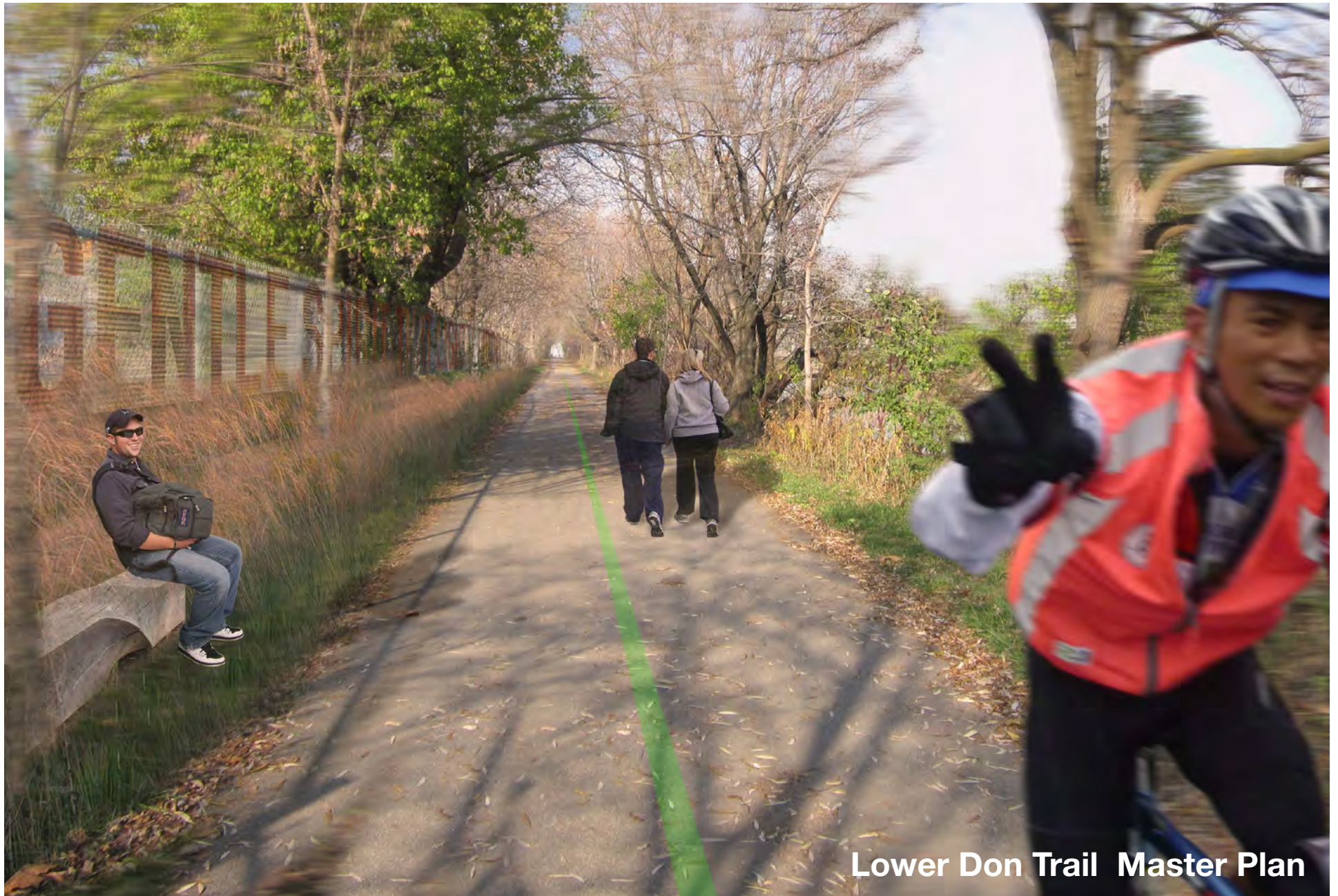
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Lower Don Trail Master Plan



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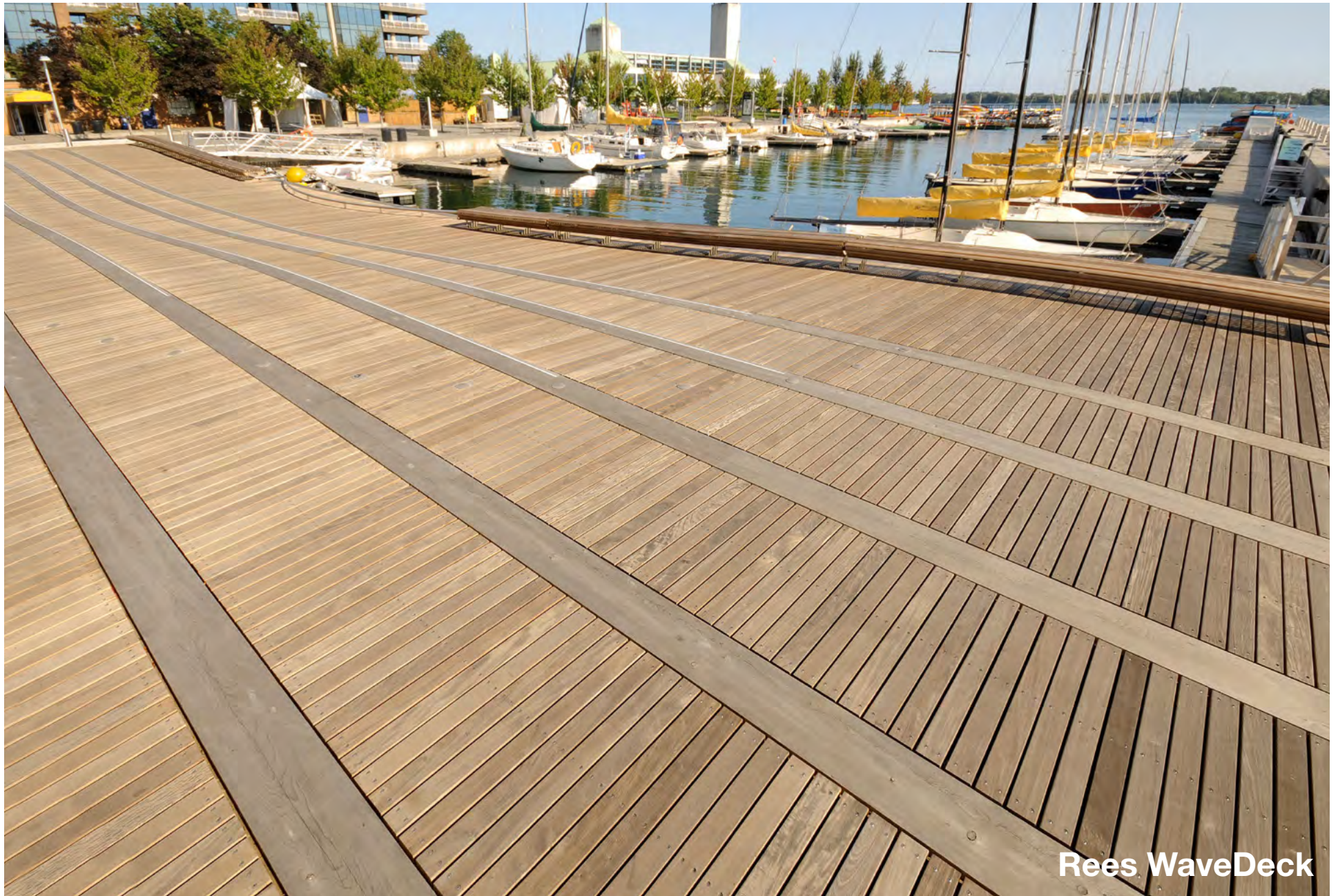


Lower Don Trail Master Plan





Waters Edge Promenade



Rees WaveDeck





Simcoe WaveDeck

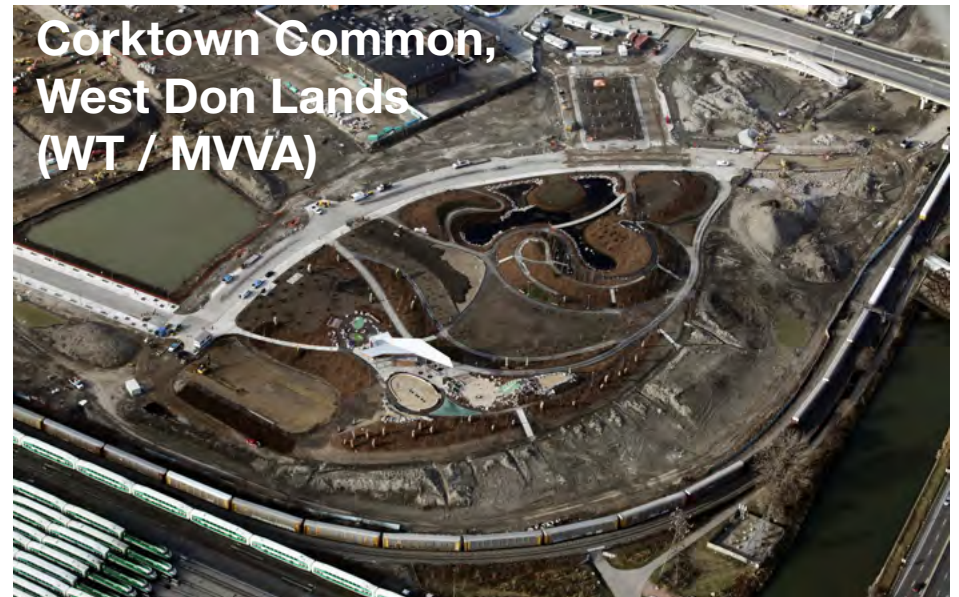
**Welland Canal Parklands
(JRA)**



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**Corktown Common,
West Don Lands
(WT / MVVA)**





Lake Ontario Park Master Plan





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Fishway**

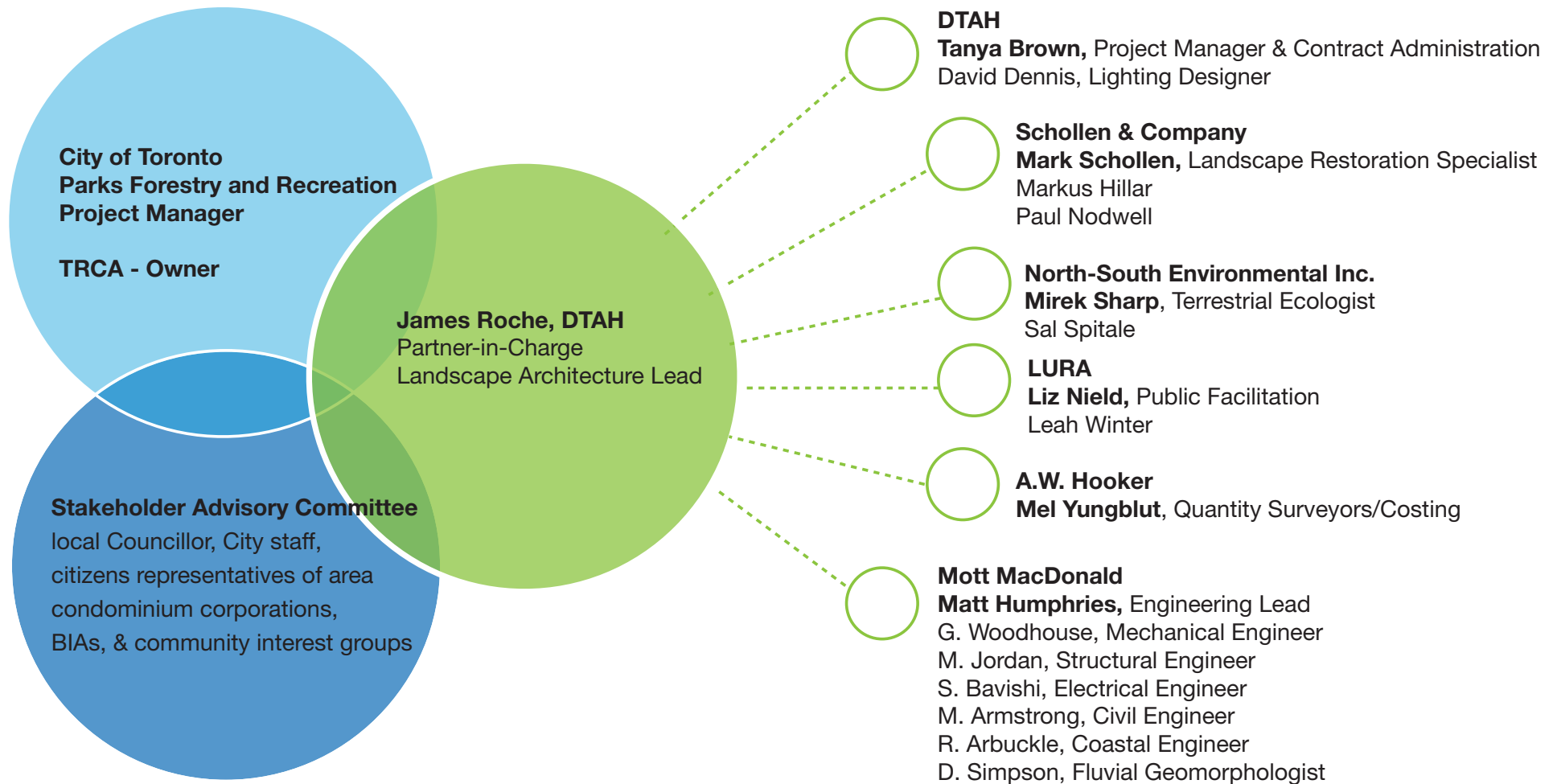


Bluffers Park Wetland



Quonset Hut Wetland

Master Plan Project Team





Humber Bay
Park West

Humber Bay
Park East

--- Master Plan Study Area

Site Overview



Site Overview: Existing Buildings and Structures



Existing Park Pavillion and Works Yard, Humber Bay Park West



Mimico Creek Bridge



Existing Park Pavillion and Works Yard, Humber Bay Park East



Pond Pump Chamber, Humber Bay Park East

Site Overview: Existing Buildings and Structures

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- Master Plan Study Area
- Public Parking Area
- Private Parking Area
- The map shows an aerial view of the Mimico Creek area. The creek flows from the top center towards the bottom center. To the left of the creek is a large marina with many boat slips. Several areas are highlighted: a large pink area in the marina, several orange areas along the creek and to the right, and a small pink area near the bottom right. A dashed orange line outlines the Master Plan Study Area. The map also shows Lake Ontario to the west and south, and various roads and buildings to the east.

Site Overview: Existing Parking



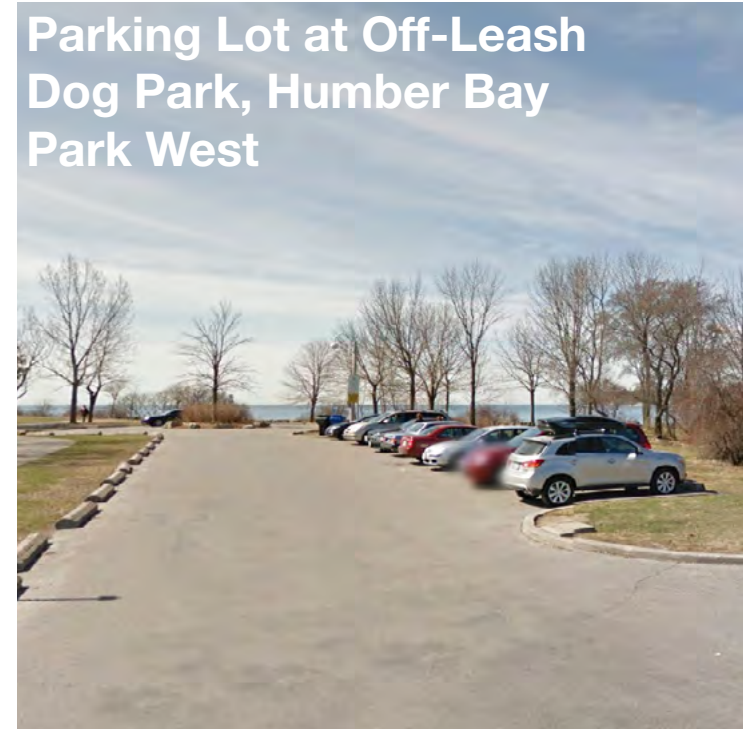
**Main Parking Lot at Humber Bay
Park West**



**Parking Lot Police Marine Unit,
Humber Bay Park West**



**Main Parking Lot at
Humber Bay Park East**



**Parking Lot at Off-Leash
Dog Park, Humber Bay
Park West**

**Site Overview:
Existing Parking**



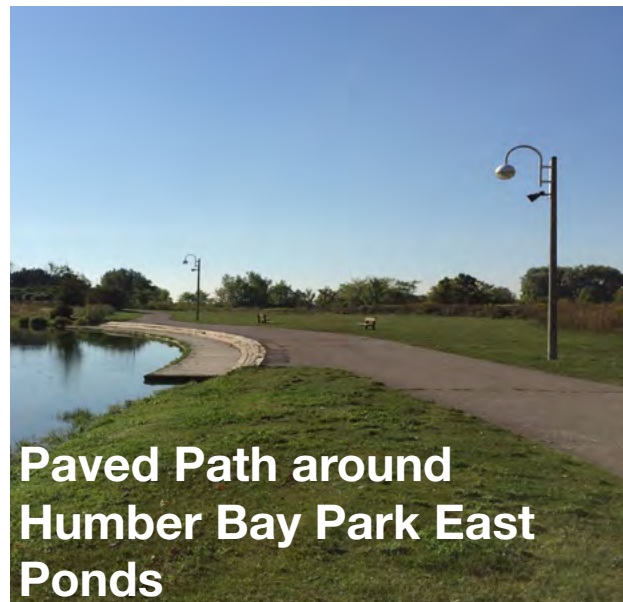
**Paved Path at
Humber Bay Park West**



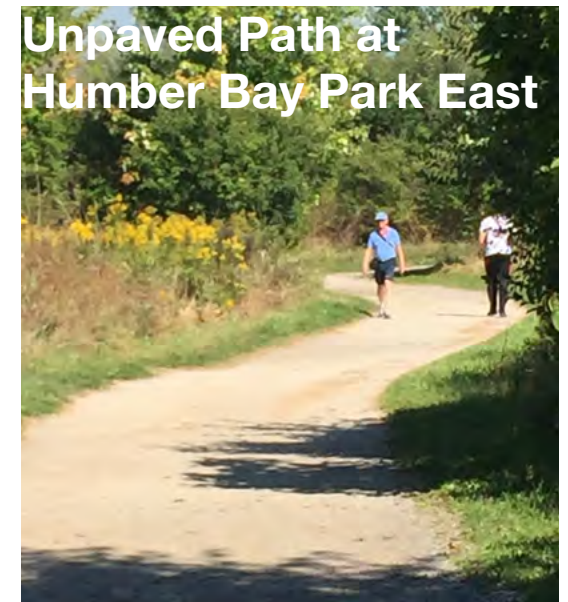
**Unpaved Path at Humber
Bay Park East**



**Wood Bridge Over Humber
Bay Park East Naturalized
Channel**




**Paved Path around
Humber Bay Park East
Ponds**



**Unpaved Path at
Humber Bay Park East**

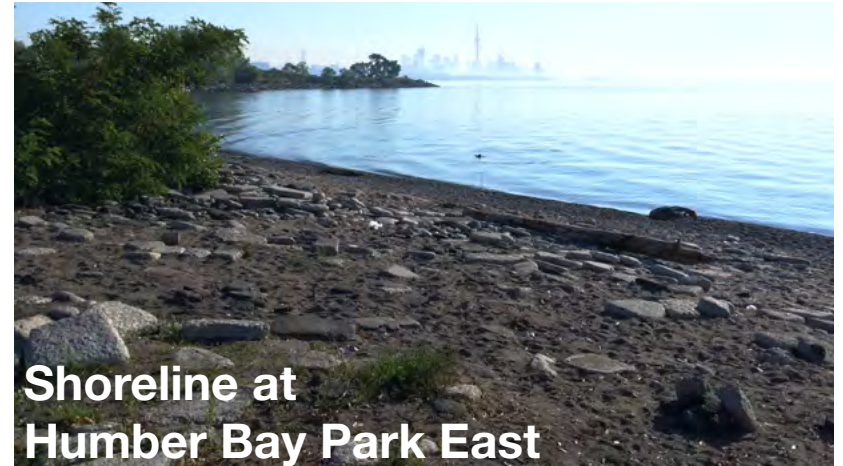
**Site Overview:
Existing Trails and Circulation**

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- This aerial map illustrates the Mimico Creek area and its proximity to Lake Ontario. The map features several color-coded zones: a purple dashed outline for the Air India Memorial, an orange dashed outline for the Sandy Shoreline, a cyan dashed outline for the Revetement Shoreline (Limited Access), and a green dashed outline for Open Park Space. A yellow dashed line delineates the Master Plan Study Area. Key landmarks include Mimico Creek, which flows through the center of the map, and Lake Ontario to the west. Urban infrastructure is visible, including Park Lawn Road, Lake Shore Blvd. West, and Marine Parade Drive. A large marina with numerous boat slips is located on the left side of the map.
- Master Plan Study Area
 - Air India Memorial
 - Sandy Shoreline
 - Revetement Shoreline (Limited Access)
 - Open Park Space

Site Overview: Existing Open Spaces



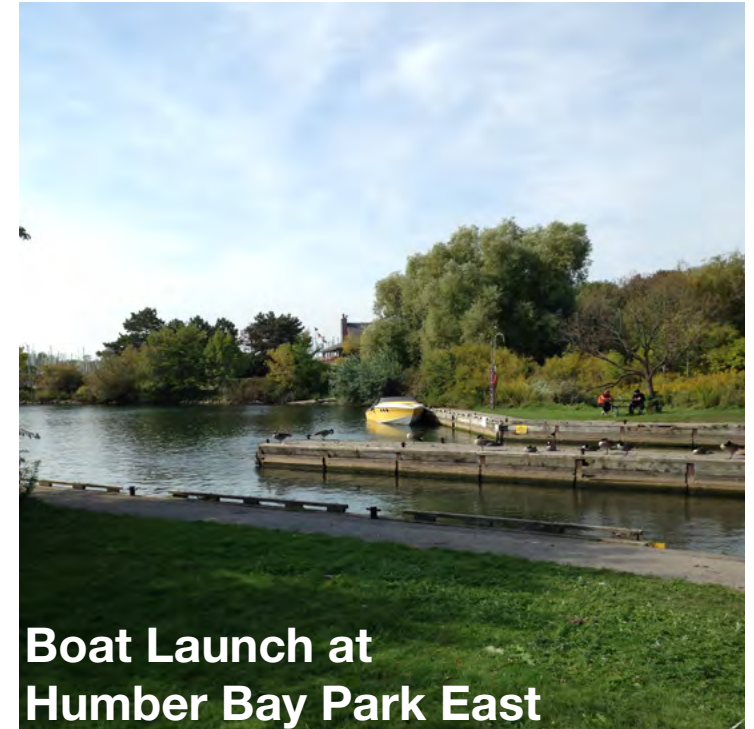
**Open Space at
Humber Bay Park West**



**Shoreline at
Humber Bay Park East**



**Open Space west of
Humber Bay Park East Ponds**



**Boat Launch at
Humber Bay Park East**

**Site Overview:
Existing Open Spaces**



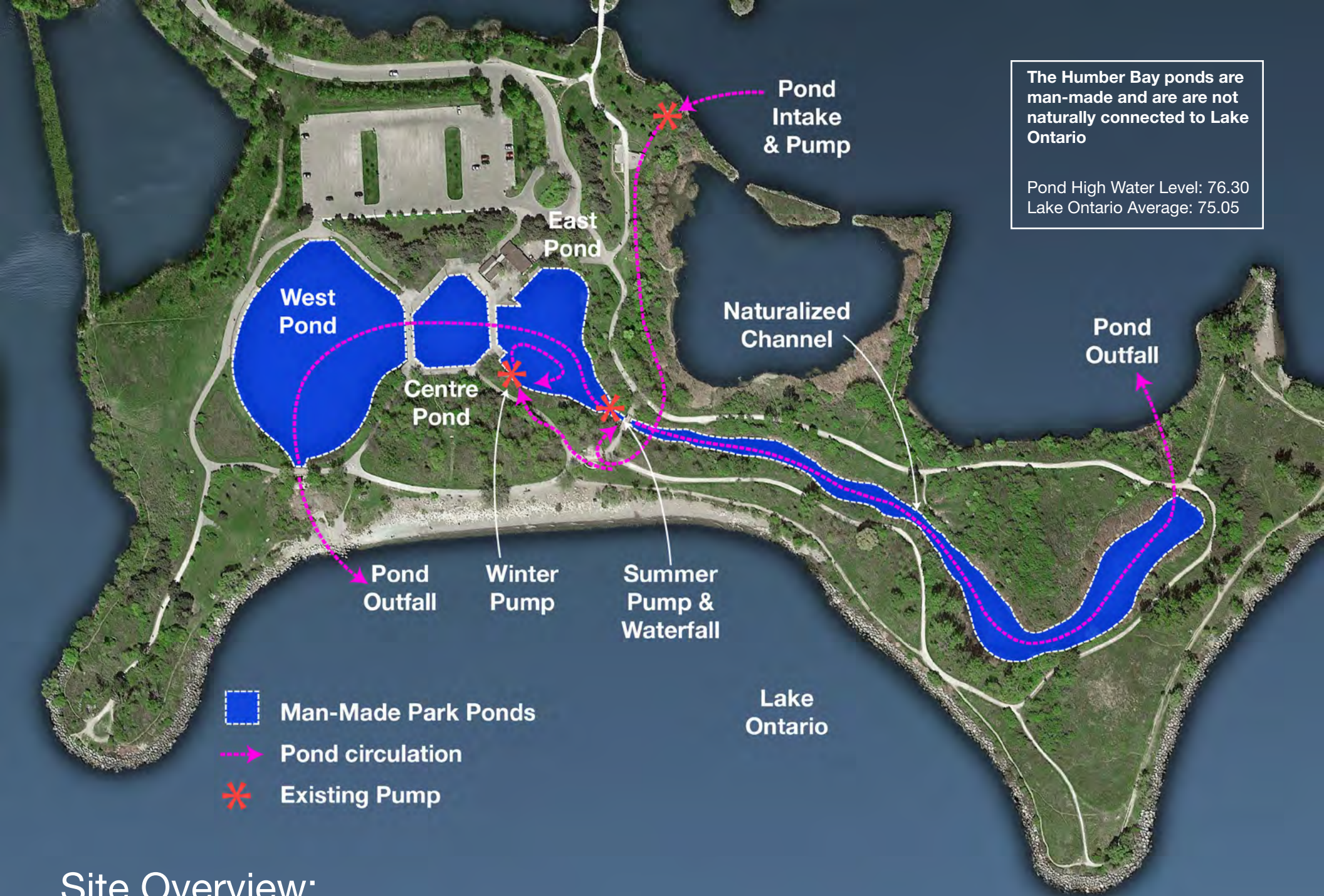


Site Overview: Vegetation Communities









Site Overview:
Pond Circulation Diagram



**Seasonal Farmers Market
at Humber Bay Park West**



**Bird Watching at
Humber Bay Park East**



Skating at Humber Bay Park East



**Metro Marine Model Boaters at
Humber Bay Park East**

Site Overview



Site Overview: TRCA Restoration Initiatives

--- Master Plan Study Area

■ TRCA Regulated Areas:
Humber Bay Park West: approx. 17.5 Hectares
Humber Bay Park East: approx. 11 Hectares

Site Overview: TRCA Regulated Areas



Construction Within TRCA Regulated Areas

Any construction proposed in the regulated areas requires a permit from the TRCA. Projects must incorporate sustainable development options to ensure social and community benefits along with environmental benefits resulting in ecological net gain in the long run.

Projects must demonstrate that they will not:

- have negative impacts on the control and storage of floodwaters;
- cause erosion;
- negatively impact dynamic beaches;
- cause pollution;
- negatively affect the conservation of lands.



Master Plan Purpose

Humber Bay Park is defined by two distinct separate landforms - east and west – each one different in character, function and form. The primary vision for the master plan will be to re-inforce the unique character and unique setting of each area and the overall site. The master Plan will:

- establish a vision and design to protect and enhance the valued naturalized landscape, habitat and recreational uses in the park;
- improve safety and access to the park;
- ensure that proposed improvements respond to existing and future needs of the Community and City residents.



Master Plan Guiding Principles

Natural & Restful

Humber Bay Park is a place of natural beauty and respite from the busy city. The Master Plan should enhance this quality and the experience of the site while designing to accommodate the growing number of park users in the area.

Ecology & Habitat

Humber Bay Park is a valuable habitat for plants and wildlife. The Master Plan will provide a framework that will enhance the ecological value of the park while improving opportunities for interpretation and appreciation of the park's natural heritage.

A City Park

Humber Bay Park is both a local park for nearby residents and part of a network of greenspace along Toronto's waterfront. The Master Plan should design for a diversity of park users and needs.



Master Plan Guiding Principles (Continued)

Innovate & Evolve

The potential of Humber Bay Parks to meet the needs of its users is not fully realized. The Master Plan will identify new opportunities, and propose innovative ways to provide more recreational opportunities while maintaining and protecting the natural and ecological qualities of the park.

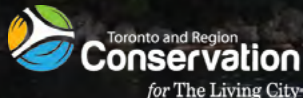
Plan for the Future

Establish a plan that is flexible and can evolve and respond to the needs of the community for future generations.



Master Plan Objectives

- Establish a hierarchy of **pathways and trails** through the park that are accessible, safe, and understandable to park users.
- Enhance and find opportunities to expand habitat for **native flora and fauna**.
- Establish a rationalized **parking plan** for the park that meets existing and planned parking, launch cueing and circulation needs while reducing parking and paved surfaces where possible.
- Create a **lighting strategy** for the park that will ensure public safety while achieving the highest standards of habitat protection and reduction of light pollution.



Master Plan Objectives (Continued)

- Propose a functional design for the **ponds and stream** in Humber Bay Park East that improves their ecological and recreational function while reducing the resources required to maintain and operate them.
- Propose a sustainable and ecological approach to **stormwater and drainage** issues within Humber Bay Park East and West.
- Propose a plan for **park program and features** (e.g. benches, lookouts, waterfront access) that increases recreational opportunities, within the park while protecting sensitive habitat.
- Recommend program, and location for **architectural improvements** within Humber Bay Park East and West, including integration within existing buildings.



Schedule

