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Dear City Clerk:

Please find attached a presentation deck and Letters of Support in relation to the Pan Am Path Legacy proposal, for the City Clerk to append to the Executive Committee Meeting 33 (EX33.13) scheduled on July 3, 2013.

**\*1. LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR PAN AM PATH\***

Mitzi Hunter - CEO, Civic Action  
David Stonehouse - General Manager, Evergreen Brick Works  
Leslie Woo - Vice President, Metrolinx  
Dave Harvey - Executive Director, Park People  
Denise Pinto - Operations Director, Jane's Walk  
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Marlene McIntosh - Executive Director, Urban Arts  
Stephanie Perrin - Administrative Director, Manifesto  
Rita O'Brien - Acting Warden, Hart House  
Dr. Rafael Gomez, Director and Co-Founder, Think Tank Toronto

**\*2. PAN AM PATH LEGACY PROPOSAL DECK \*(see attch'd "PanAmPath.pdf" document)**

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

James Gen Meers  
Friends of the Pan Am Path

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# CivicAction

Greater Toronto CivicAction • Alliance

June 25, 2013

Kelly McCarthy  
Executive Committee Secretariat  
City of Toronto  
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Dear Members of Executive Committee:

**RE: Pan Am Path, 2015 Legacy Projects, Executive Committee Meeting 33, July 3rd**

I strongly recommend supporting the Pan Am Path initiative, which will have a wonderful economic, social, and cultural impact for Toronto and the whole Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

The Pan Am Path is a special project that will be the first active living trail in Toronto that touches and connects our city's diverse neighborhoods from Rexdale to Port Union. By completing only a handful of missing sections, a path of over 70 continuous kilometers of off-road trail will emerge. By integrating an arts and culture component, it will serve as a canvas that will demonstrate the creativity and cultural vitality of our communities. It will become a hallmark of Toronto's unique landscape that can be promoted to investors, tourists, newcomers, and residents alike.

CivicAction is a non-partisan organization that convenes leaders from all sectors to increase the economic and social prosperity of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). The Pan Am Path – and the team behind it at the Friends of the Pan Am Path – demonstrate the potential we have in our region to connect the dots on issues of health, economy, environment, neighbourhoods, and arts and culture and to have civic leaders of all backgrounds step up to generate new solutions. I am proud that CivicAction's DiverseCity Fellows leadership program provided the platform for this team to come together on this project.

This path will help bridge the divide between downtown and the inner suburbs and promote active transportation and increased walkability, in turn improving the health of our city's residents, promoting business and tourism, and further developing our city's transportation infrastructure. The community focus of the Pan Am Path will create opportunities for the engagement of young people, artists, and emerging entrepreneurs. We strongly recommend that City Council provide the necessary financial and logistical support to bring the Pan Am Path Project to fruition.

The proposed route would require strategic implementation of just a few additional connections to unlock access to this continuous trail uniting the city – and unlock the potential of neighbourhoods along the trail. This is a smart investment now that will yield long-term returns.

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One of the greatest legacies that the Pan/Parapan Am Games can provide for the GTHA is *connectedness* – of residents, neighbourhoods, facilities, athletes, artists, cultures, and countries. The Pan Am Path will be a unique physical representation of that connectedness, and will serve as a true legacy project by *continuing to connect* our communities in the years that will follow.

Thank you very much for your time and thought in considering this important step forward for the city. I look forward to joining you, your constituents, and Friends of the Pan Am Path for a walk, bike, or run down the Pan Am Path in 2015.

Sincerely,



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Dear Members of Executive Committee:

**RE: Pan Am Path, 2015 Legacy Projects, Executive Committee Meeting 33, July 3rd**

As a representative of Evergreen and Evergreen Brick Works, I am sending you this letter in support of the exciting proposal called the "Pan Am Path initiative" as a legacy project of the Toronto 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games.

We are witnessing a rare opportunity to celebrate the city's ravines and river systems and affirm Toronto's place on the world stage as a great livable city.

There is a convergence of four interconnected factors, from Evergreen's perspective, that would be met with the realization of a Pan Am Path.

1. Connecting with, learning about, and celebrating nature in the city
2. An improvement of health and wellness of both locals and visitors alike
3. Ease of mobility between nodes and a creative way to connect communities
4. Impact on economy as well as local and international tourism opportunities

While we are excited about the whole proposal, the parts of the proposal we are most interested in seeing realized is the opportunity for the lower don.

Over the years, thousands of volunteers have helped to restore some of the Lower Don's ecological functions, but this unique ravine remains sadly lacking in access points and connections for adjacent communities such as Cabbagetown, Regent Park, Riverdale, East York, Rosedale, Leaside, Thorncliffe and Flemingdon Park.

Evergreen wants to connect communities and institutions in the region through a shared experience of nature. Our Lower Don Greenway project aims to enhance the vibrancy of this centrally located green corridor by implementing a series of open-space improvements, protecting existing habitats and restoring healthy natural functions in the Lower Don watershed.

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Green spaces and corridors can help define cities and act as inspiring and transformative projects. Just as the High Line in New York or the Emerald Necklace in Boston capture people's imaginations and draw them into unique spaces, we hope the Lower Don Greenway will serve to deepen and transform Toronto's relationship with its watersheds and its waterfront.

The City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation division has been instrumental in initiating a Master Plan study of the Lower Don Trail. Alongside their planning process, Evergreen has engaged in conversation with community members to refine a shared vision of the Lower Don Greenway. Then together we can begin to transform the Lower Don into a great public space for our city.

The ravines of Toronto are unique in the world. No other city has such an elaborate, such an extensive network of natural spaces. It's the defining aspect of Toronto. We have great hospitals, cultural institutions, universities, but so does New York, London, Chicago, Milan, Beijing. What we do have categorically unique is the ravine system. It's an asset for everyone. It doesn't distinguish between rich and poor and cultural diversity. It's available to all of us and it weaves virtually every neighbourhood, every community together, because it's physically so extensive. Connecting it all through a Pan Am Path, and drawing in the waterfront, will allow us to celebrate our natural spaces respectfully.

For all these reasons, and to celebrate such a vibrant and active city, we urge that the Executive Committee support the Pan Am Path initiative as a legacy project of the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games.

Best wishes,

David Stonehouse  
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June 26th, 2013

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**Subject: PanAm Path – Metrolinx Support**

Thank you for contacting Metrolinx and sharing details and updates on the proposed PanAm Path. Bringing together partners to develop a multi-use path to connect Toronto's trails and create an active-living legacy for the Toronto 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games is an initiative that aligns well with Metrolinx's goals and objectives. The Big Move, the Regional Transportation Plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, will improve opportunities for active transportation. As a route that will traverse the City of Toronto, the Pan Am Path would provide residents and visitors with an active travel route connected to other modes of transportation, such as public transit, local roads and reach key venues for the Pan/ParaPan American Games.

With regards to the routing along the western edge of the proposed Pan Am Path, Metrolinx supports the City of Toronto's recommendation for the path to run along the Humber River Trail, rather than the Railpath alignment, in the initial stage of route planning. In the longer-term, Metrolinx / GO Transit will continue to work with the City of Toronto to find a solution that puts as much of the path routing within the rail corridor as is possible. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input to the Environmental Assessment for the Phase 2 of the West Toronto Railpath.

Metrolinx looks forward to continuing to work with the Friends of the Pan Am Path Foundation. Should you have any questions of clarification, please contact myself or Lisa Salsberg, Manager, Strategic Policy & Systems Planning at 416 874 5955 or [lisa.salsberg@metrolinx.com](mailto:lisa.salsberg@metrolinx.com).

Sincerely,

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**RE: Pan Am Path, 2015 Legacy Projects, Executive Committee Meeting 33, July 3rd**

Toronto Park People would like to indicate its support for the Pan Am Path initiative as a legacy project of the Toronto 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games.

The Pan Am Path is an exciting project. It will be the first active living trail in Toronto that touches and connects some of the city's most diverse neighborhoods from Rexdale to Port Union. By completing only a handful of missing sections, a path of over 80 continuous kilometers of off-road trail will emerge.

While the continuous trail will offer exciting recreational and transportation opportunities, Toronto Park People is particularly excited about the opportunities the Pan Am Path project has for engaging local communities with the trail and public spaces. A core part of the mandate of our organization is to facilitate community engagement in their parks and public spaces. We believe that the Pan Am Path project has enormous potential to help build new connections between residents, the City and others with our parks and trail systems.

We know that when residents get involved, our parks and neighbourhoods get better. The Pan Am Path is a very exciting project to get citizens involved in their parks. Toronto Park People encourages you to support this initiative.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Harvey', is written over a white background.

Dave Harvey, Director



June 27, 2013

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**RE: Pan Am Path, 2015 Legacy Projects, Executive Committee Meeting 33, July 3rd**

Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

We are so lucky to live in the City of Toronto. Around us, vibrant and diverse neighbourhoods spread from the core out to the suburbs, and with the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games swiftly approaching, the time is rife to more consciously activate these communities by *physically* connecting them.

Today I write you on behalf of Jane's Walk, to both praise and strongly advocate for the Pan Am Path initiative that would achieve this connection by way of a continuous citywide trail. This project is simple, but truly powerful in its feasibility and impact.

As ardent promoters of walking the urban environment, Jane's Walk is a homegrown phenomenon which has taken Toronto's passion for walkability to over 100 cities around the world. In our own backyard, we'd like to keep showcasing our city as a leader in pedestrian culture and a supporter of accessible, living infrastructure. Stretching from Rexdale to Port Union, the Pan Am Path will help bridge the divide between our downtown and the inner suburbs, promoting active transportation and increased walkability and in turn improving the health of our city's residents. A network of small businesses and unique local economies will flourish when people can move easily by foot or on a bicycle between neighbourhoods, not to mention the value of this walkable ribbon as an urban landmark that may host pop-up attractions and events of its own.

It is our common goal to have an inclusive and beautiful city ready for the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games. A few strategic connections will help accomplish this, unlocking access to over 75 kilometers of continuous trail and connecting key Pan Am sites too. Let's collaborate to ensure this unique and monumental project is seen through to completion. Please make the right choice.

Thank you for your time and consideration today.

Very best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Pinto".

**Denise Pinto**  
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Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

**RE: Pan Am Path, 2015 Legacy Projects, Executive Committee Meeting 33, July 3 – Local Arts Service Organizations (LASOs) support**

The six LASOs (Arts Etobicoke, East End Arts, Lakeshore Arts, North York Arts, Scarborough Arts, UrbanArts) are sending you this letter in unanimous support of the Pan Am Path initiative as a legacy project of the Toronto 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games.

For the past 40 years, our community-based organizations have collectively played an essential role in ensuring equity of arts opportunities across underserved communities in Toronto. The goals of this new initiative - connecting neighbourhoods, celebrating diversity, engaging the City's citizens using art as the catalyst, fostering inclusive access to opportunities and programming strongly reflect the values and goals of our own organizations and give us a strong affinity to this monumental project.

Combining sport and arts through an active living trail and involving local arts organizations and communities will help bridge the divide between the outlying areas of the City and the downtown core, showcasing a variety of neighbourhoods and creating new public spaces.

As local arts service organizations we look forward to the opportunity to work with Toronto and Pan American artists to shine a light on the best of our communities. We thank you in advance for your time and thought in approving this unique, collaborative project.

Sincerely,

Louise Garfield  
Executive Director, **Arts Etobicoke**

Cindy Rozeboom  
Managing Director, **East End Arts**

Susan Nagy  
Executive Director, **Lakeshore Arts**

Lila Karim  
Managing Director, **North York Arts**

Tim Whalley  
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Dear Members of Executive Committee:

**RE: Pan Am Path, 2015 Legacy Projects, Executive Committee Meeting 33, July 3rd**

As a representative of Manifesto Community Projects, I am sending you this letter in support of the Pan Am Path initiative as a legacy project of the Toronto 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games.

The Pan Am Path is a uniquely monumental project, that will be the first active living trail in Toronto that touches and connects some of the city's most diverse neighborhoods from Rexdale to Port Union. By completing only a handful of missing sections, a path of over 70 continuous kilometers of off-road trail will emerge.

We at Manifesto feel a strong affinity with this project due to the paths ability to connect the city and inspire creative, healthy communities.

This path will help bridge the divide between downtown and the inner suburbs and promote active transportation and increased walkability, in turn improving the health of our city's residents, promoting business and tourism, and further developing our city's transportation infrastructure. We strongly recommend that City Council provide the necessary financial and logistical support to bring the Pan Am Path Project to fruition.

Thank you very much for your time and thought in considering this important step forward for the city. I hope to see you on the Pan Am Path.

Warm regards,  
Stephanie Perrin  
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# HartHouse



Wednesday June 26, 2013

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Dear Kelly McCarthy:

Hart House, University of Toronto is pleased to be working with community partners in support of the Pan Am Path. The Path centers around the intersections of sport, art and culture along its 80 KM route and 12 sites. Art, sport and culture have always played an important role at Hart House and we consider the Pan Am Path to be well aligned with our mission. With the launch of the Pan Am Games approaching, the Pan Am Path is an opportunity to engage diverse communities along the path thus contributing to Toronto's brand as the world's hub of multiple cultures. In addition, the path is an important initiative that will help foster active living practices and artistic expression while geographically connecting large spaces, parks, trails, neighbourhoods and micro communities.

Hart House supports and nurtures active citizenship, civic engagement and student leadership in its practices and principles. Through programming, student initiatives, events and art installations, the Pan Am Path serves as a catalyst to animate these ideas within the campus community. The Path is an important way of linking the campus and broader community together in a meaningful way and will help motivate students to become involved in projects that shape Toronto and increase its unique character and sensibility.

Hart House is primarily about connections and the power of community; the Pan Am Path is a vital artery that connects both landscapes and peoples. Hart House views this project as another opportunity to introduce different neighbourhoods to the U of T community and also broaden the breadth of the student experience.

We fully support the creation and animation of the Pan Am Path and willingly lend our support to the project as one of its campus partners.

We hope that the Executive Committee will look upon this project favourably and commit to supporting it.

Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita O'Brien".

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Dear Members of Executive Committee:

**RE: Pan Am Path, 2015 Legacy Projects, Executive Committee Meeting 33, July 3rd**

It is with great pleasure that I write to you. As director and co-founder of ThinkTankToronto we are sending you this letter in support of the Pan Am Path initiative as a legacy project of the Toronto 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games.

We are strong believers and promoters of the PanAm Path not only because we believe in the idea -- the promotion of health, recreation and athleticism -- but because of the team that is behind the drive for the PanAm Path.

We strongly urge that the Executive Committee support the Pan Am Path initiative as a legacy project of the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games.

We especially love the fact that this project connects the entire city and would involve communities from Scarborough in the east to Etobicoke in the west. So often projects such as these seem to involve only one part (typically the central core) of the city. The Pan Am Path is unique in that it will be the first active living trail in Toronto that touches and connects some of the city's most diverse neighborhoods from Rexdale to Port Union. By completing only a handful of missing sections, a path of over 70 continuous kilometers of off-road trail will emerge.

We truly believe that the path will help bridge the divide between downtown and the inner suburbs and promote active transportation and increased walkability without compromising the much needed access to surface roads for cars and buses. By using the existing trail and hydro corridors this path will in turn improve the health of our city's residents, promoting business and tourism, and further developing our city's transportation infrastructure. We strongly recommend that City Council provide the necessary financial and logistical support to bring the Pan Am Path Project to fruition.

This is an amazing project that the people across the city will celebrate for years to come.

Thank you very much for your time and thought in considering this important step forward for the city. I hope to see you on the Pan Am Path.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rafael Gomez", written over a horizontal line.

Rafael Gomez (Director and Co-founder ThinkTankToronto)

# PANAM PATH

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Combining the Power of Culture and Sport to Create a Living Path Across Toronto

“The cultural power of art and sport combined is a force to be reckoned with. The Pan Am Path proposal focuses this energy to celebrate active, healthy living and physically pull together Toronto for 2015 -- uniting the city from end to end and highlighting some of the best the city has to offer. On opening day, I invite you to join me in biking, running and walking the trail, discovering new parts of the city and enjoying the creative vitality that shines across Toronto.”

-- Ian Troop  
CEO, TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games  
Organizing Committee

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# Route Map: PanAmPath.org

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FIG. 1 PROPOSED PAN AM PATH

| MULTI-USE TRAIL ROUTE | NEW SECTIONS NEEDED | PAN AM SITES | PROSPECTIVE HOST ARTS ORGANISATIONS | UNIVERSITY CONNECTIONS | NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT AREAS

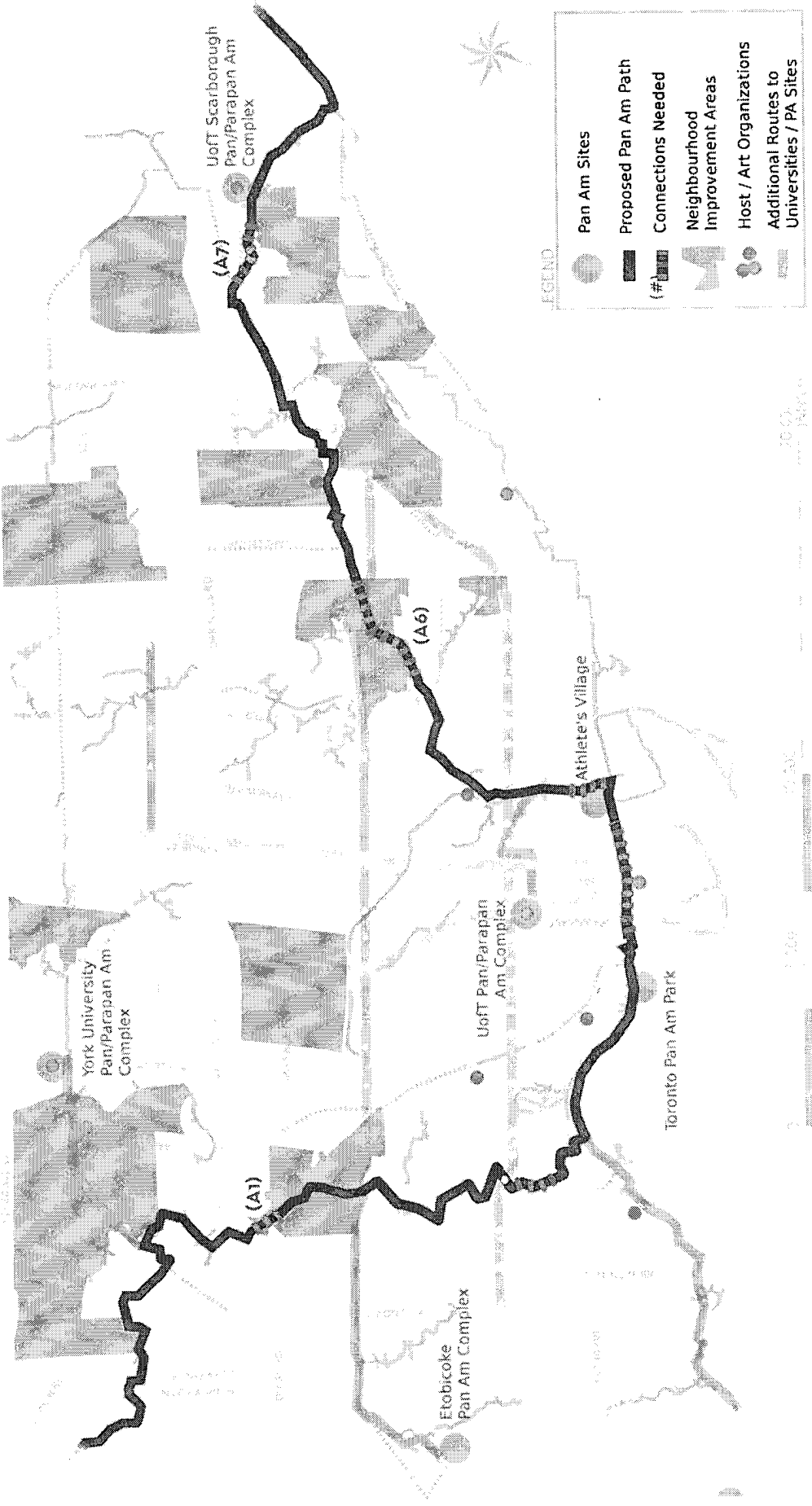


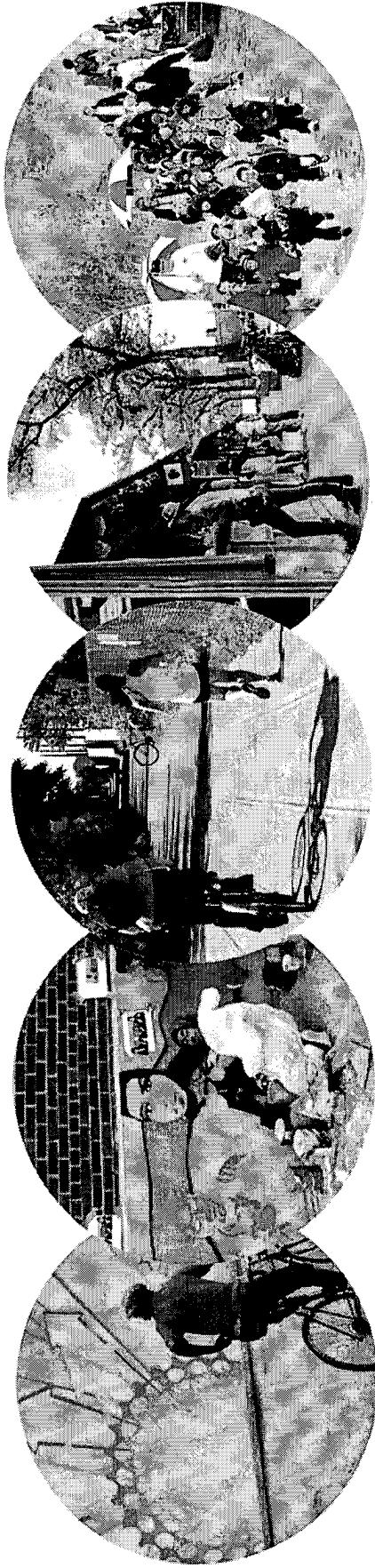
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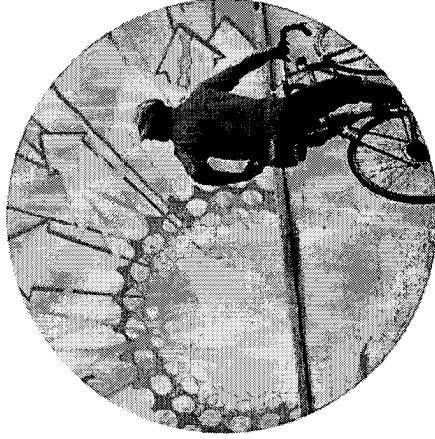
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The Pan Am Path is a multi-use path to connect Toronto's trails and create an active-living legacy for the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games. It will connect neighborhoods across Toronto and engage diverse communities while creating opportunities for art, enriched public spaces, tourism and commerce.

The project will focus effort, resources and accountability to accelerate the creation of a continuous trail across Toronto for walking, running, biking and wheeling. At twelve sites along the path, local arts organizations would work with Pan American artists to shine a light on the best of their communities.



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### Engage and Leverage Diversity

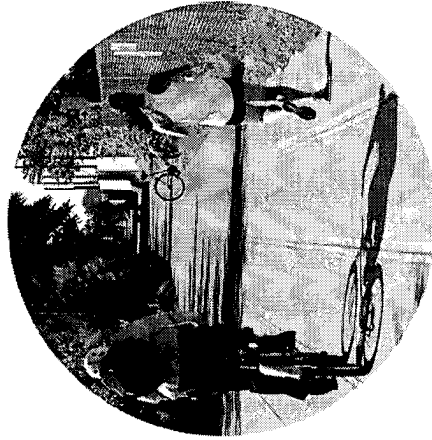
- ⇒ Showcase collaborations between local and Pan American artists and communities.
- ⇒ Shine a light on the vibrant communities that exist along the route and create shared public spaces for all Torontonians.
- ⇒ Path connects 7 Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIAs).



### Foster Inclusion and Access

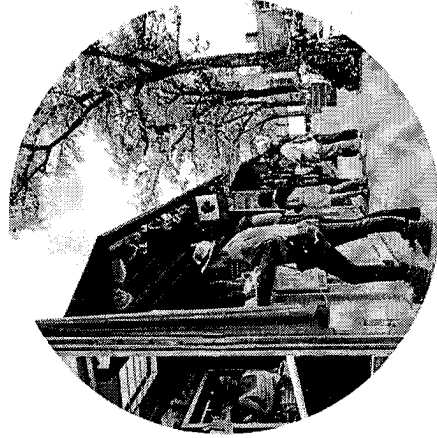
- ⇒ Increase recreation, walk-ability and safe and healthy personal transport options in NIAs / Toronto's diversity hot-spots.
- ⇒ Safely move people of all abilities and ages.
- ⇒ Engage local communities along the Pan Am Path for input on design and use of the Pan Am Path. (Possible ideas include public art, street furniture, Bixi racks, open-air events, shipping container shops for food/drink/retail businesses...)

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### **Improve Health and Wellness**

- ⇒ Create easily accessible healthy living infrastructure (i.e. few access costs for users).
- ⇒ Proactively increase wellness and reduce healthcare costs through active living opportunities.
- ⇒ Based on public consultations, the No. 1 priority issue affecting useability of the current trail system is a lack of continuity.



### **Catalyze Economic Development**

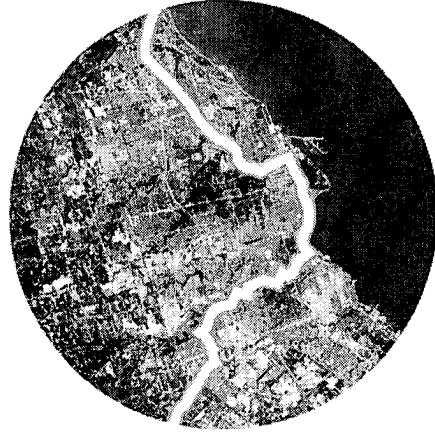
- ⇒ Boost culture, tourism and local economic development.
- ⇒ Create opportunities for micro-tourism, local economic hubs and lasting neighbourhood-based retail and work opportunities.

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### **Leave a Lasting Legacy**

- ⇒ Create a set of landmarks that will raise the profile of Toronto.
- ⇒ Combine the cultural power of art and sport to connect the downtown to Toronto's inner suburbs by means of a spectacular, city-wide project that lives on past the games.
- ⇒ Create cross-town spirit for future charity runs and marathons to tap into.



### **Maximize Tax Payer Value**

- ⇒ The proposed route would require strategic implementation of just a few additional connections to unlock access to over 80km of continuous trail uniting the city (please see Appendix 1). Connecting key Pan Am sites, this living path would run from the edge of Brampton, to Rexdale, down to the waterfront, up the Don Valley and across to UofT Scarborough via the Hydro Corridor. The route will officially end at Port Union where it connects with the Waterfront Trail.

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### **Friends of the Pan Am Path**

The Friends of the Pan Am Path brings together experienced community actors from the public, private and social sectors, as well as local residents. The organization will work with these partners to activate this unique public space and engage the neighbourhoods along its route.

The Friends of the Pan Am Path is an Ontario-based, registered non-profit organization dedicated to the creation and activation of the Pan Am Path. This organization will be responsible for private fundraising, partner coordination, and overall project management of the programs and activities along the Path.

The Friends of the Pan Am Path is presently supported with start-up funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. This organisation is an outcome of the 2012 DiverseCity Fellowship, a program of CivicAction and the Maytree Foundation.

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### **Manifesto Community Projects**

Manifesto Community Projects is a non-profit grassroots organization working to unite, energize, support and celebrate Toronto's vibrant and diverse music and arts community, and find innovative ways of working together towards common goals. We aim to provide a platform and the resources needed to advance the growth of the arts as a tool for positive change on the individual, community and city level. <http://www.themanifesto.ca>

### **Hart House, University of Toronto**

Hart House is a living laboratory of social, artistic, cultural and recreational experiences where all voices, rhythms and traditions converge. Hart House will take a lead role in involving the UofT community through a set of consultations. <http://www.harthouse.ca>

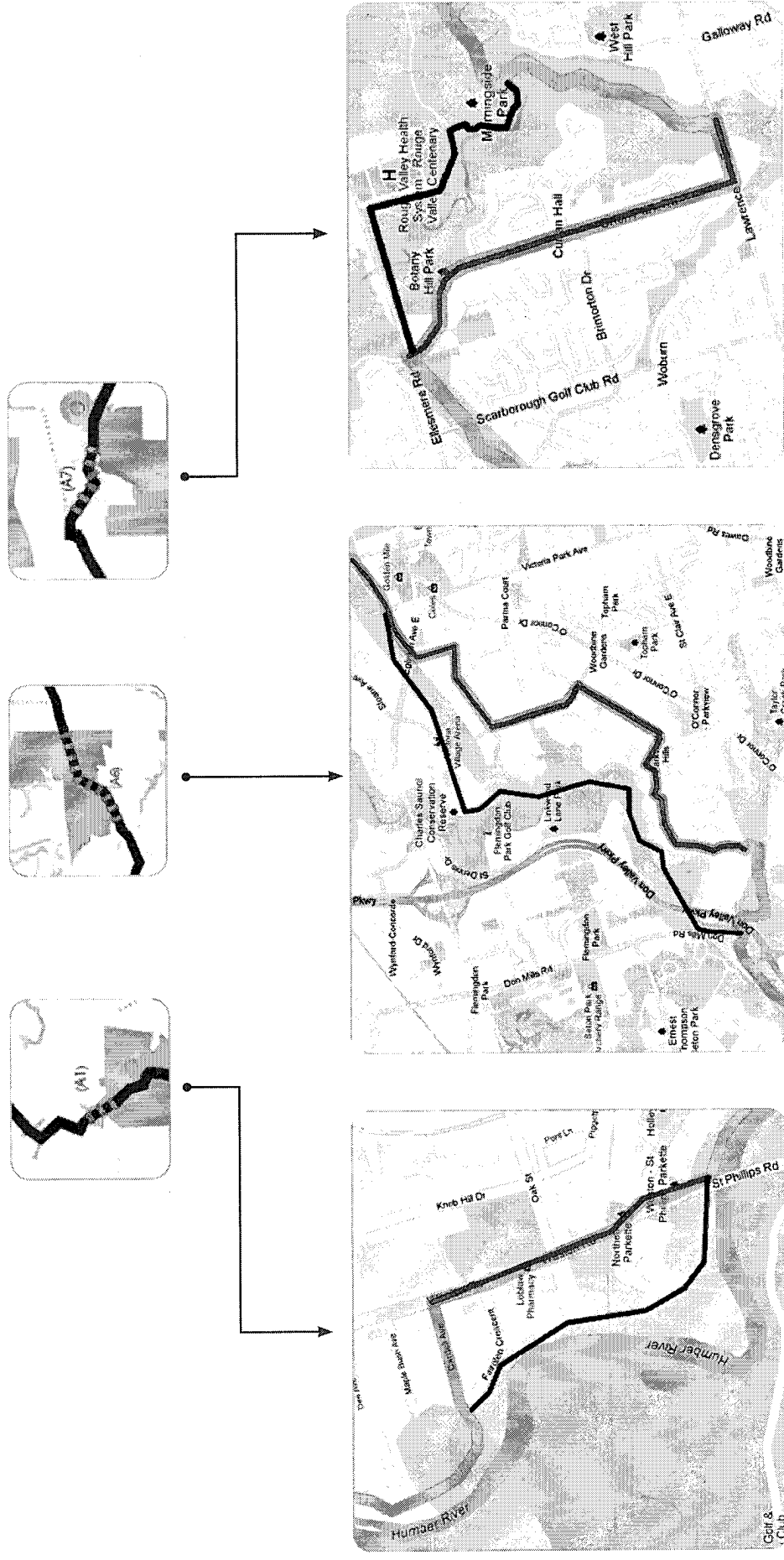
### **Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education, UofT**

The Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education (UT-KPE) is responsible for the delivery of co-curricular sport, physical activity and equity outreach programming in relation to sport and physical activity for the entire student body, as well as members of the community, including children and youth. UT-KPE will work with Hart House to support student engagement in consultations regarding the Pan Am Path, the experience for students in connecting to the path and the other community engagement opportunities that will emerge for students in association with the Pan Am Games. <http://www.physical.utoronto.ca>

### **Jane's Walk**

Jane's Walk is a series of free neighbourhood walking tours that helps put people in touch with their environment and with each other, by bridging social and geographic gaps and creating a space for cities to discover themselves. A specialist in low walk-ability areas of Toronto, Jane's Walk will take the lead in producing all-modes (walk, run, bike...) event that will trace and activate the route. <http://www.JanesWalk.net>

Appendix 1: Detailed Routing for A1, A6 and A7 Please see Fig.1 / Pg. 3

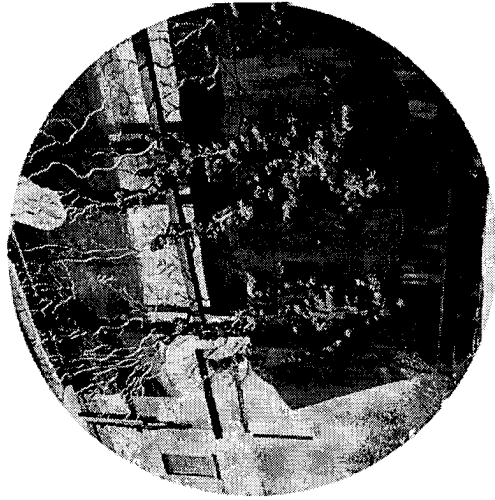


Notes: Crickshank Park to Mallaby Park construction scheduled for summer 2013. Mallaby Park to Cardell Road feasibility to commence in 2013.

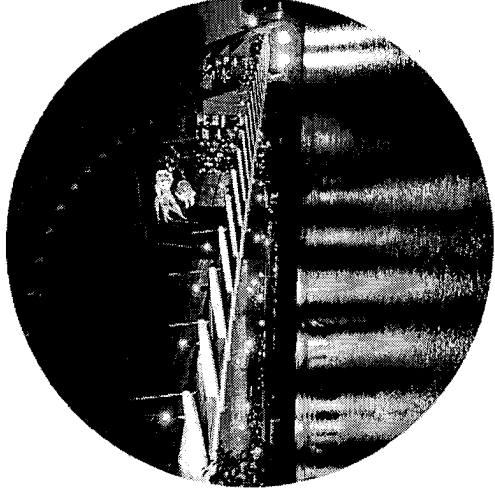
Notes: Requires Hydro One License Agreement. Not programmed until 2016 to coincide with East Don Trail connection.

Notes: Trail options currently being discussed with Toronto Water and TRCA. Challenges include hydrology and major flooding.

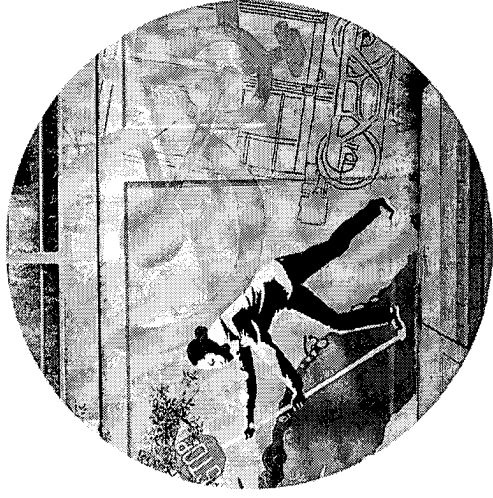
Legend: ■ Temporary On-Road Routing for 2015 ■ Future Permanent Routing



Evergreen Brickworks, Watershed Consciousness by Ferruccio Sardella



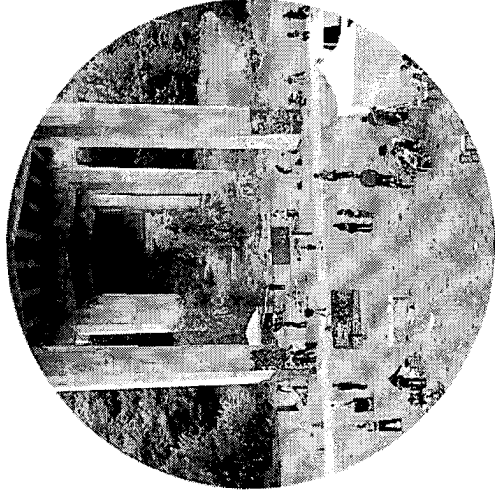
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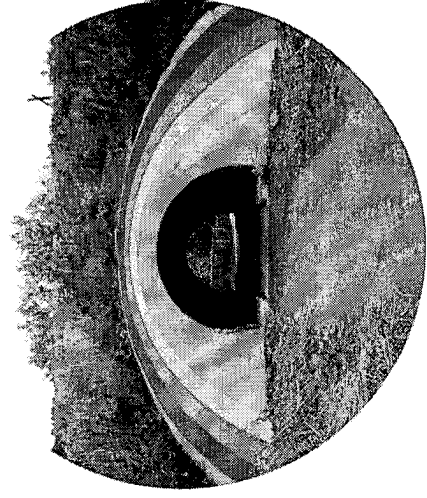
Art Starts, Strength in Numbers



Patrick Blanc, Vertical Garden



The Subtext Festival, Bridging Project: photo courtesy of Scarborough Arts



Mural Routes, Don Rainbow, R. Matejka & A. Delacruz



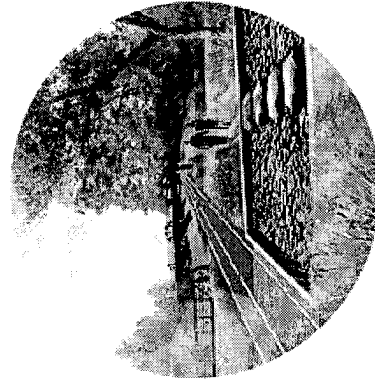
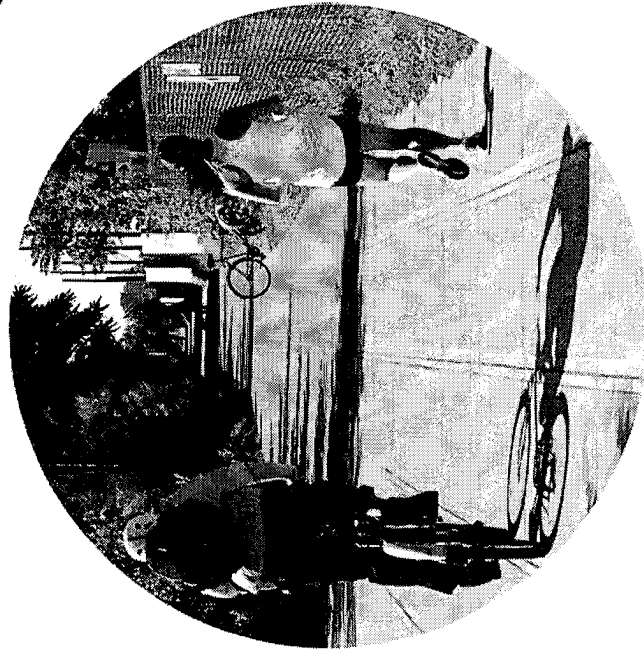
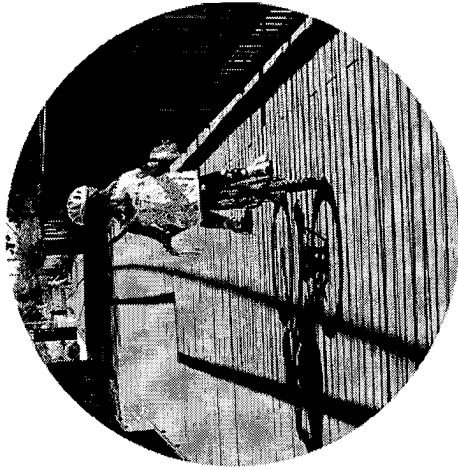
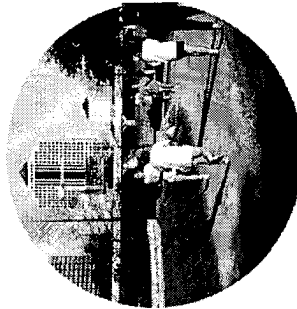
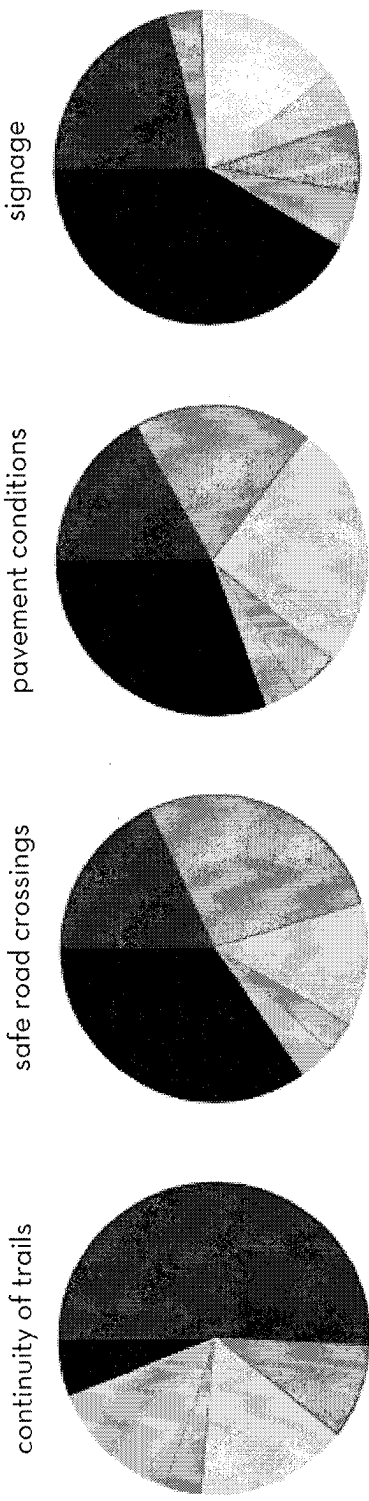
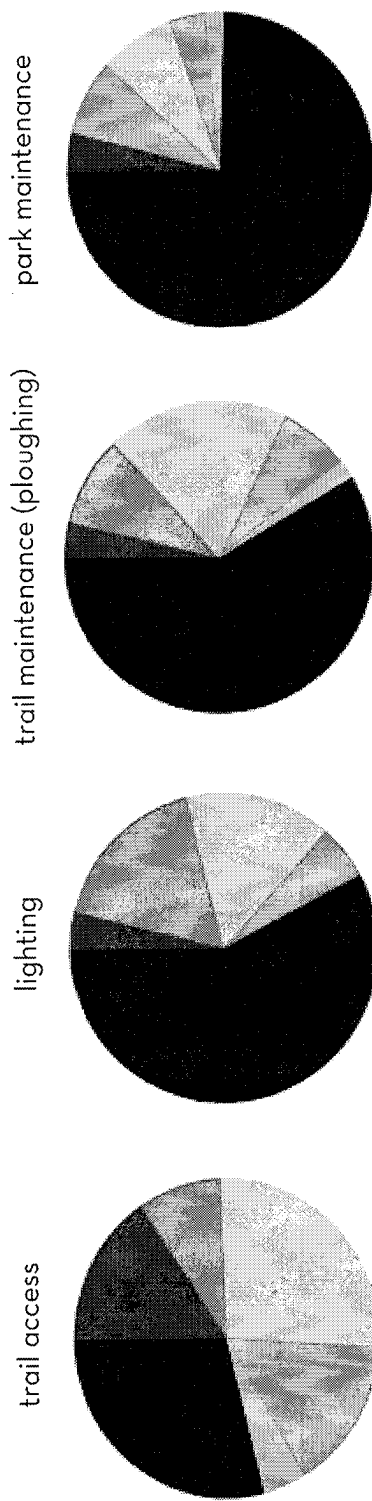


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High Priority

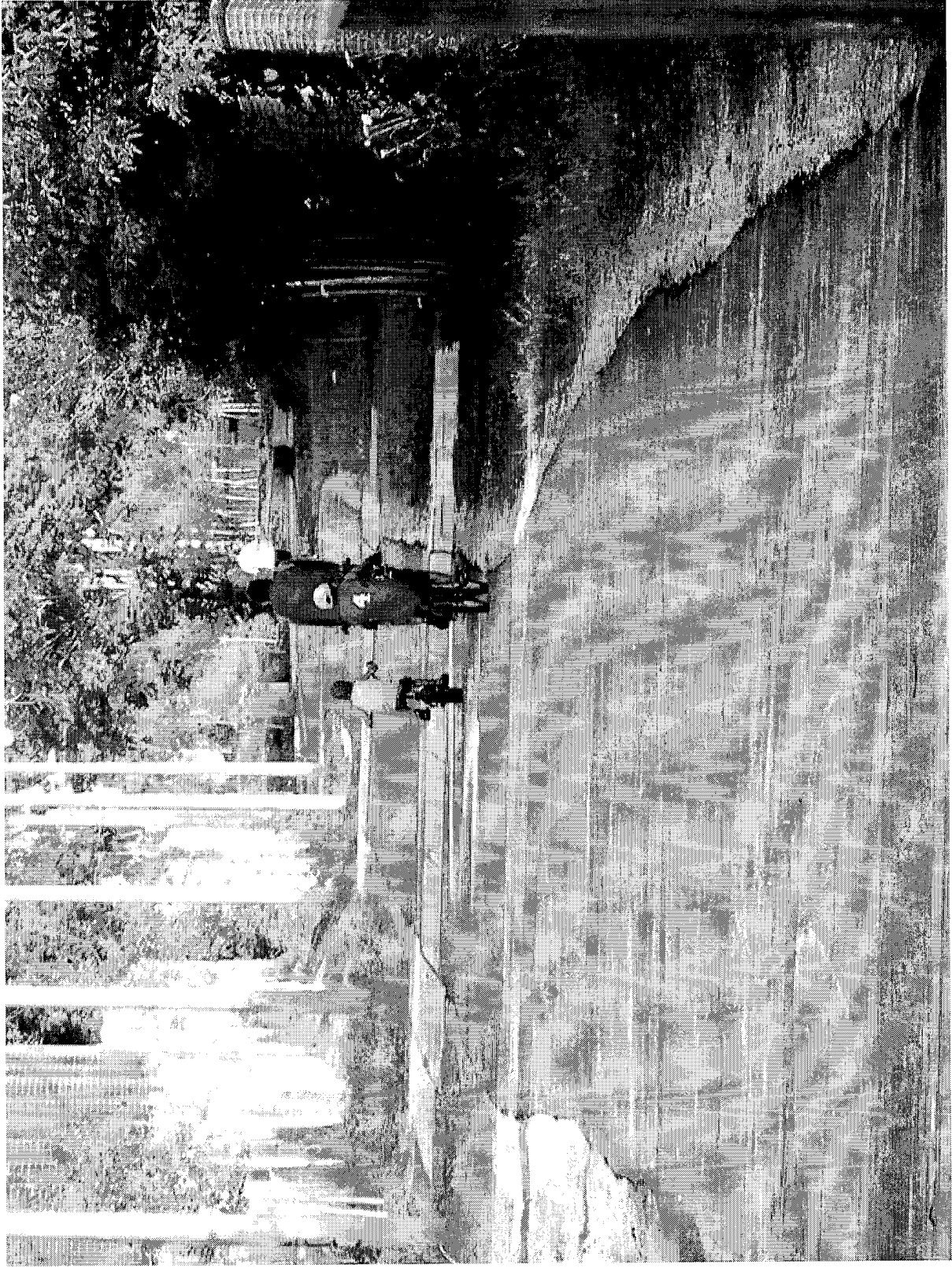


Lower Priority

- Ranked as priority #1
- Ranked as priority #2
- Ranked as priority #3
- Ranked as priority #4
- Ranked as priority #5
- Checkmark (no # indicated)
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“ In addition to its many benefits, the Pan Am Path is about opportunity and choice. I am particularly interested in its focus on meaningfully engaging some of Toronto’s most vibrant, yet under-served neighbourhoods. From the opportunity for a young person to access a first summer job painting a mural or working in a trailside café, to opening up transportation options for walking, running or cycling in safe spaces. I look forward to seeing this project realized and am proud that civic leaders across our region, including the DiverseCity Fellows, are helping to bring it to life. ”

-- Naki Osutei Director, Human Resources, Diversity and Inclusion, TORONTO  
2015 Pan American/Parapan American Games Organizing Committee



Existing West-end rail to trail, Photo by Martin Ho, <http://www.tino.ca/>