

The Grange / John Street / Roundhouse Park



Revitalized Grange Park, Toronto, Canada

Create a clear, expanded, improved and connected public realm focused on John Street from Grange Park to Queens Quay, integrating Roundhouse Park and the future Rail Deck Park. Create a significant pedestrian destination which responds to and enhances the civic,

cultural and entertainment significance of the area. At the north end of the corridor, extend the 'reach' of John Street by improving and expanding St Patrick's Square and integrating surrounding streets and open spaces with the revitalized Grange Park. At the south

- Hardscape public realm project
- Green public realm project
- Sidewalks and safe crossings
- Servicing and vehicular access

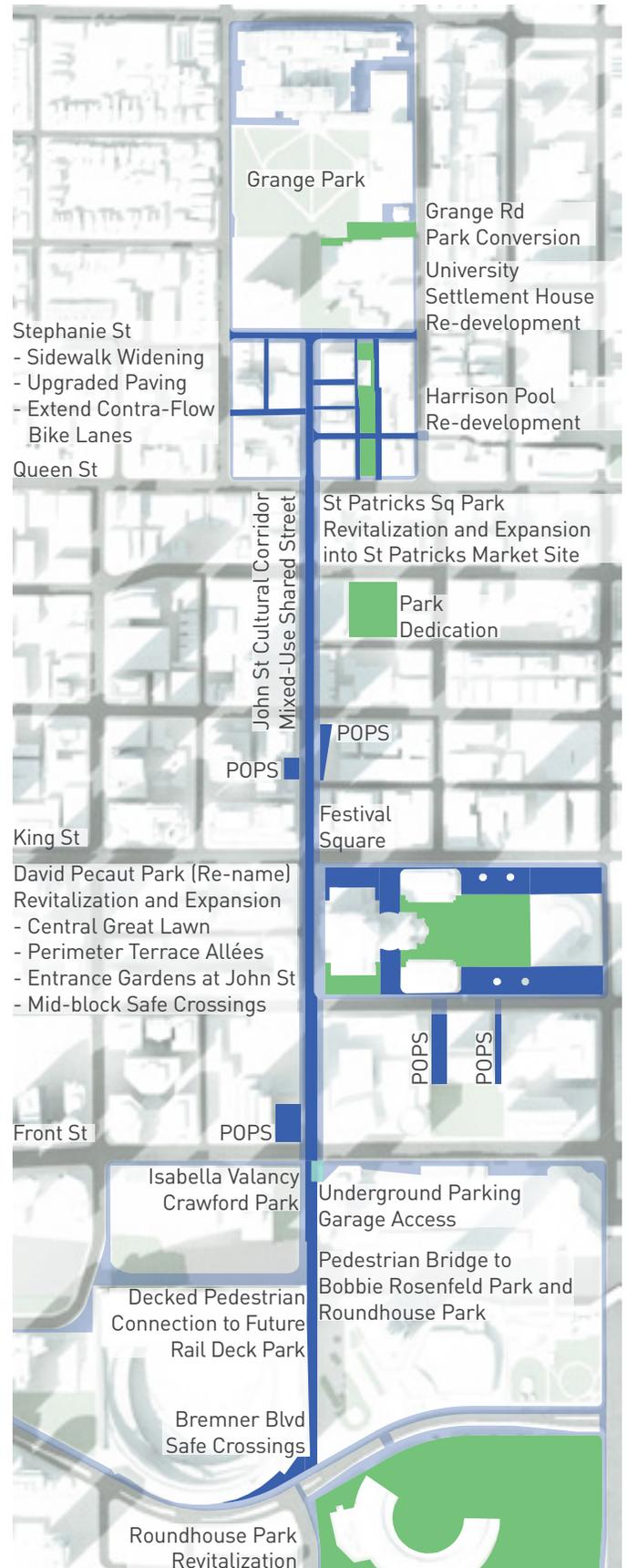


Improve connectivity to St Patrick's Square – in the short term by leveraging the laneways to draw people into the park, and in the long term by expanding the park south to front onto Queen Street, Toronto, Canada

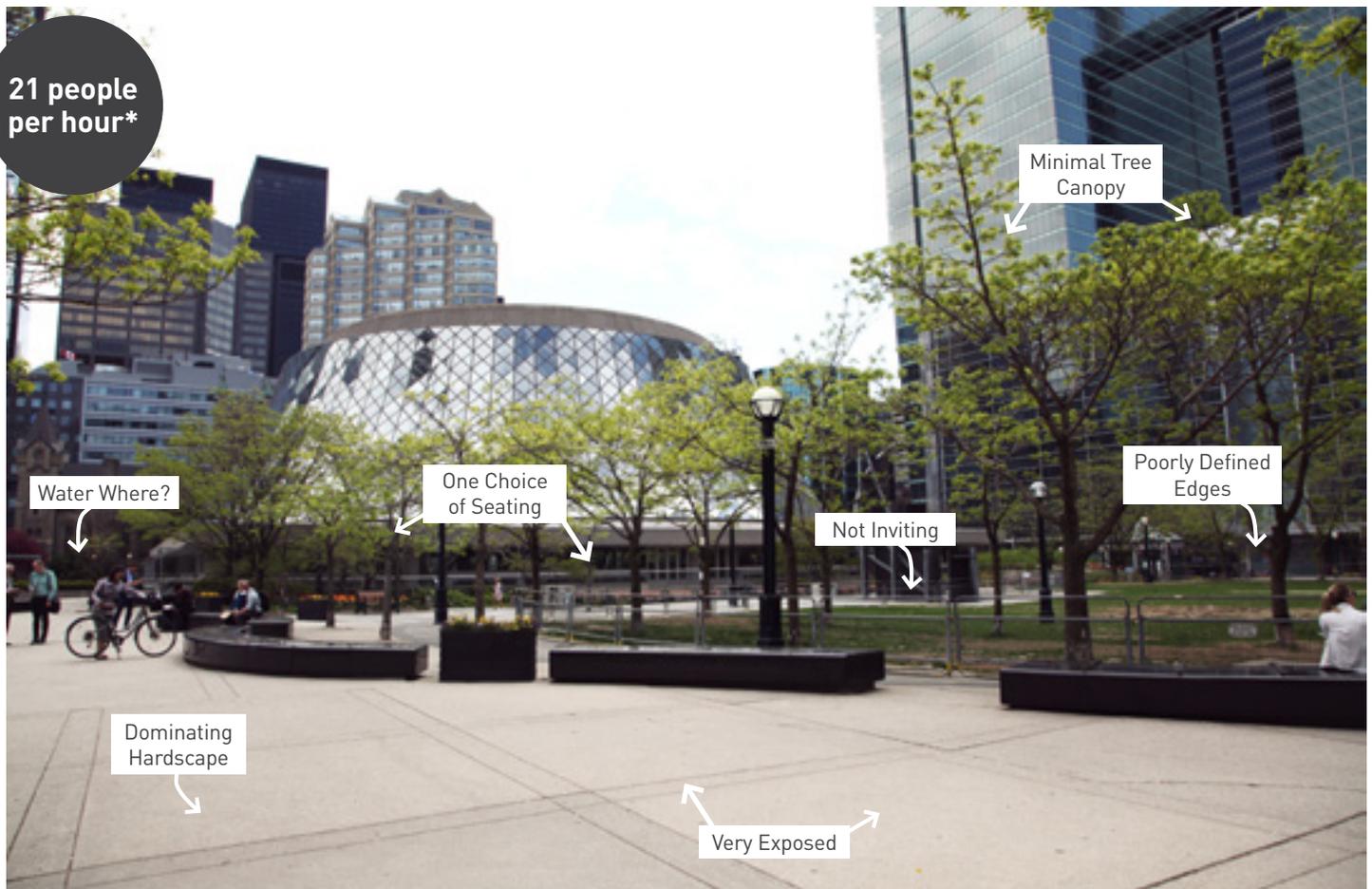


Design for the John Street Cultural Corridor, Toronto, Canada

end of the corridor, enhance north-south and east-west connections by integrating Roundhouse Park and the future Rail Deck Park, creating a cohesive, connected and pedestrian-oriented public realm for the district.



The Grange | John Street | Roundhouse Park, Proposed Concept Plan

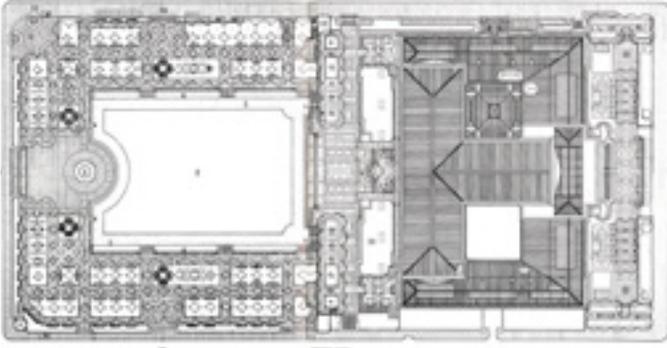


David Pecaut Square, a significant civic space in the core, currently attracts limited users during 'off-peak' (non-lunch-hour, non-event) hours, Toronto, Canada

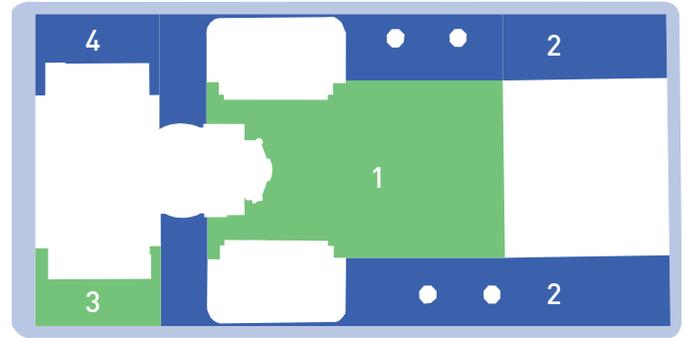
Create a civic destination elevating David Pecaut Square as a public space renowned on a national scale for its design, programming and civic life. David Pecaut Square is currently underperforming and presents a significant opportunity to create 'Toronto's Bryant

Park'. The park should be a signature destination in the Downtown, offering an inviting landscape experience and urban resource, available and adaptable for multiple urban uses. Consider public realm improvements that focus on expanding and revitalizing the park to include

*Based on the PSPL Survey, on average, 21 people per hour spend time in David Pecaut Square, compared to 86 people per hour in Yorkville Park



Plan of Bryant Park, the protected great lawn is a useful model for David Pecaut Square, which lacks defined edges and inviting interior spaces, New York City, United States



Proposed concept plan of David Pecaut Park, featuring a central enclosed lawn (1), perimeter terrace allées (2), entrance gardens (3), and Festival Square (4)



A model for David Pecaut Park, Bryant Park's grounds include formal gardens, graceful allées, three terraces, and Midtown's widest stretch of lawn, providing an enclosed and intimate setting for public life to unfold, New York City, United States

an entrance plaza and gardens, lush perimeter terrace tree planting, a central enclosed great lawn, public art elements and a revitalized water feature. Consider re-naming the square 'David Pecaut Park' to convey its transformation as an inviting green oasis in the

heart of the Downtown. David Pecaut Park should be renowned on a national – even international – scale as an exceptional civic destination and gathering space for residents, workers, and visitors, at all hours of the day, during all four seasons.

(right) A model for the John Street Cultural Corridor, from Grange Park to Queens Quay, New Road, Brighton, England



Goals for Grange Park / John Street / Roundhouse

Create a clear, expanded, improved and connected public realm focused on John Street from Grange Park to Queens Quay, integrating Roundhouse Park and the future Rail Deck Park, creating a significant pedestrian destination which responds to and enhances the civic, cultural and entertainment significance of the area.

- Improve John street as a setting for the significant cultural assets along the street – AGO, OCAD, NFB, CBC, Bell Media-CTV, TIFF, Rogers Centre, Convention Centre, CN Tower and Ripley's Aquarium – and as a place for public events, parades and street festivals related to these as well as day-to-day activities.
- Improve the role of John Street as a connector and promenade for pedestrians between the significant parks and open spaces at the two ends of the street and along the street including Grange Park, McCaul Park, Butterfield Park, David Pecaut Square, Round House Park, Isabella Valancy Crawford Park and Bobbie Rosenfeld Park.
- Integrate and improve access to the city-owned facilities and open spaces adjacent to Grange Park – Harrison Pool, St. Patrick Square, St. Patrick Market and University Settlement House – into the park district.
- Re-think Grange Road to expand the character and pedestrian amenity of Grange Park and improve its connections to McCaul Street and Butterfield Park.

Actions

- Implement the John Street Revitalization initiative.
- Pilot public realm improvements to the surrounding laneways.
- Explore opportunity to increase the sidewalk width on Stephanie Street, and extend the cycling contra-flow lands from John to McCaul.
- Explore the opportunity to expand and improve the pedestrian character around St. Patrick Square and the laneways, and to better connect the series of public spaces from Queen Street through St. Patrick Market to St. Patrick Square.
- Extend the proposed John Street streetscape details south of Front Street.
- Prioritize improvements to Festival Square (south-east corner of the King-John intersection).

(right) Aerial view of Bryant Park, a green oasis in the heart of Manhattan, New York City, United States



Goals for David Pecaut Square

Create a civic destination elevating David Pecaut Square as a public space renowned on a national scale for its design, programming and civic life.

- Integrate the central open space of David Pecaut Square with other public spaces on the block and create a cohesive public realm that has legible connections and circulation with the PATH and spaces associated with the heritage building of Roy Thompson Hall.
- Modify where appropriate the building edges to provide ground floor uses, doors and clear glazing which will promote the use of the Square and other open spaces on the block.
- Reinforce and support the square and the Duncan Street corridor from King Street to Wellington Street with active ground floor uses.
- Provide clarity of shape of the square through design, programming and improvements to the built edges of the space to promote its use while not compromising its scale and functionality.
- Balance active programming with designs and amenity which promotes day-to-day passive use by the local community (residents and workers).
- Modify the square to allow it to support, in a resilient manner, the volume of users during programmed events.
- Provide the appropriate level of maintenance that reflects the ambitious programming.
- Improve relationship with surrounding streets.
- Explore formalising mid-block pedestrian crossings on King and Wellington to improve connections to and from the surrounding area.

Actions

- Undertake a feasibility study and develop a master plan for David Pecaut Square to determine how it should be programmed, operated and funded to meet civic and local needs and consider initiating a design competition.
- Explore programming that celebrates the cultural corridor and relationship to John Street.
- Align improvements with repairs / upgrades to underground parking garage structure to the building footprint, ground floor uses to promote use.
- Design with appropriate materials that can withstand the intensity of programming.
- Expand and improve the central great lawn (making it great) as a setting for public gathering.
- Define the space with lush perimeter terrace allées.
- Create intimate gardens in areas not required for circulation and the main gathering space.
- Integrate public art and consider a civic water feature.
- Add mid-block pedestrian crossings on King Street and Wellington Street at access points into David Pecaut Square.
- Revisit the Duncan Street Corridor as a significant street which connects Queen Street to Front Street, and explore ways to make this corridor more clear and celebrate it as a quiet north-south pedestrian connector and important spine of the expanding OCAD University campus.

Ryerson University



Ryerson Campus Public Realm Plan, Toronto, Canada

Work with Ryerson to inform and advance the Ryerson Campus Public Realm Plan to create an identifiable, connected, cohesive, welcoming and inspiring public realm that serves the needs of the Ryerson University student body, faculty members, visitors and the

surrounding community. Prioritize the seamless integration of campus spaces with surrounding streets and open spaces, including Yonge Street, Bond Street, Yonge-Dundas Square and the Garden District.



(right) Gould Street, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada

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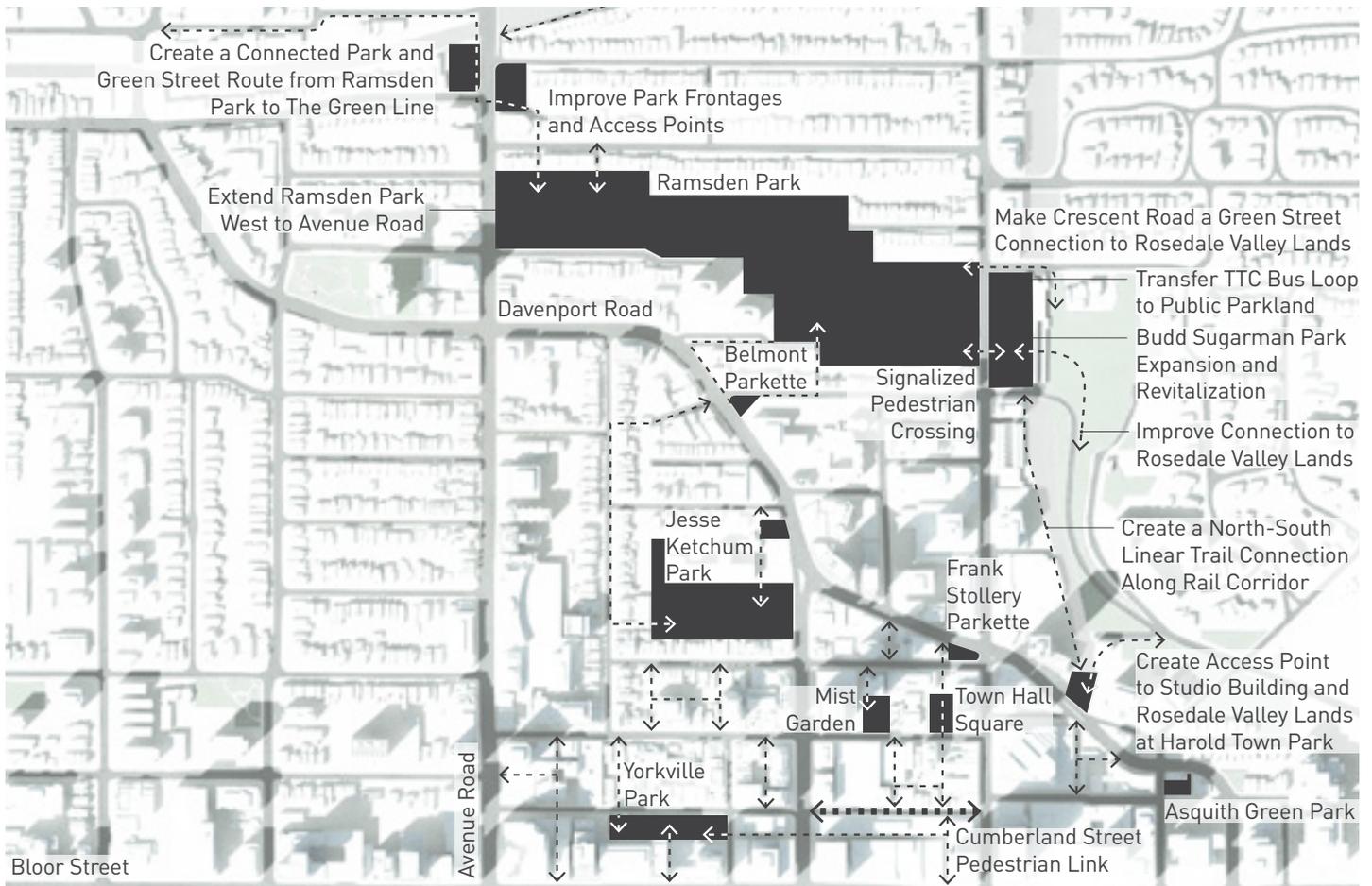
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- Prioritize the seamless integration of the Ryerson Campus with the surrounding streets and open spaces.
- Revisit Bond Street as a street with a cluster of significant heritage assets for renewal in a manner that provides a setting for heritage assets and integrates into the campus master plan.

Actions

- Continue to monitor and work with Ryerson to inform and advance their Campus Public Realm Plan.
- Assess the need to improve streets and parks in the campus area to support student life.

Ramsden Park-Yorkville



Ramsden Park-Yorkville, Toronto, Canada

Enhance and improve the connections between Yorkville and Ramsden Park to integrate the two areas into a coherent, cohesive and connected whole, responding to the unique character and identity of each area and the various communities that they serve. Connect the

northern portion of the Core Circle from the Green Line to Ramsden Park to the Rosedale Valley. Improve park access points and enhance park edge conditions and frontages on adjacent streets.

(right) Ramsden Park at Avenue Road – explore options to extend the park west to create a prominent park frontage on Avenue Road, Toronto, Canada



Goals

Enhance and improve the connections between Yorkville and Ramsden Park to integrate the two areas into a coherent, cohesive and connected whole, responding to the unique character and identity of each area and the various communities that they serve.

- Incorporate Ramsden Park into the northern section of the Core Circle, creating better connections to the west and expanding the park system to the east toward Rosedale Station.
- Improve the parks and public realm connections between Ramsden Park and Yorkville, forming an easily accessible and legible system.

Actions

- Revitalize Budd Sugarman Park and explore opportunities to improve the park relationship with the subway station frontage.
- Study the potential for a clear connection into the Core Circle at the Rosedale Subway Station.
- Revitalize Harold Town Square to celebrate its relationship with 'The Studio Building' (the former Group of Seven studio) and Rosedale Valley, creating a physical and visual connection to both assets.
- Explore the creation of a green street route to the Green Line.
- Consider improving Crescent Road as a green street connection.

'The Pits' (Christie-Bickford)



Christie Pits and Bickford Park, Toronto, Canada

Integrate, expand and improve the public spaces within the Park District: Christie Pits, Bickford Park and Art Eggleton Park as well as the Bickford Centre and Montrose yards. Create a cohesive and connected district that responds to the unique topographic

character, identity and community needs. Connect Christie Pits and Bickford Park to Bloor Street and to the broader parks system along the Garrison Creek alignment, forming the west portion of the Core Circle.

(right) Hafenpark's atmospheric juxtaposition of vibrant sports and recreation activity spaces and calm, quiet areas for the contemplation of nature embodies "the public park of the 21st century", Frankfurt, Germany



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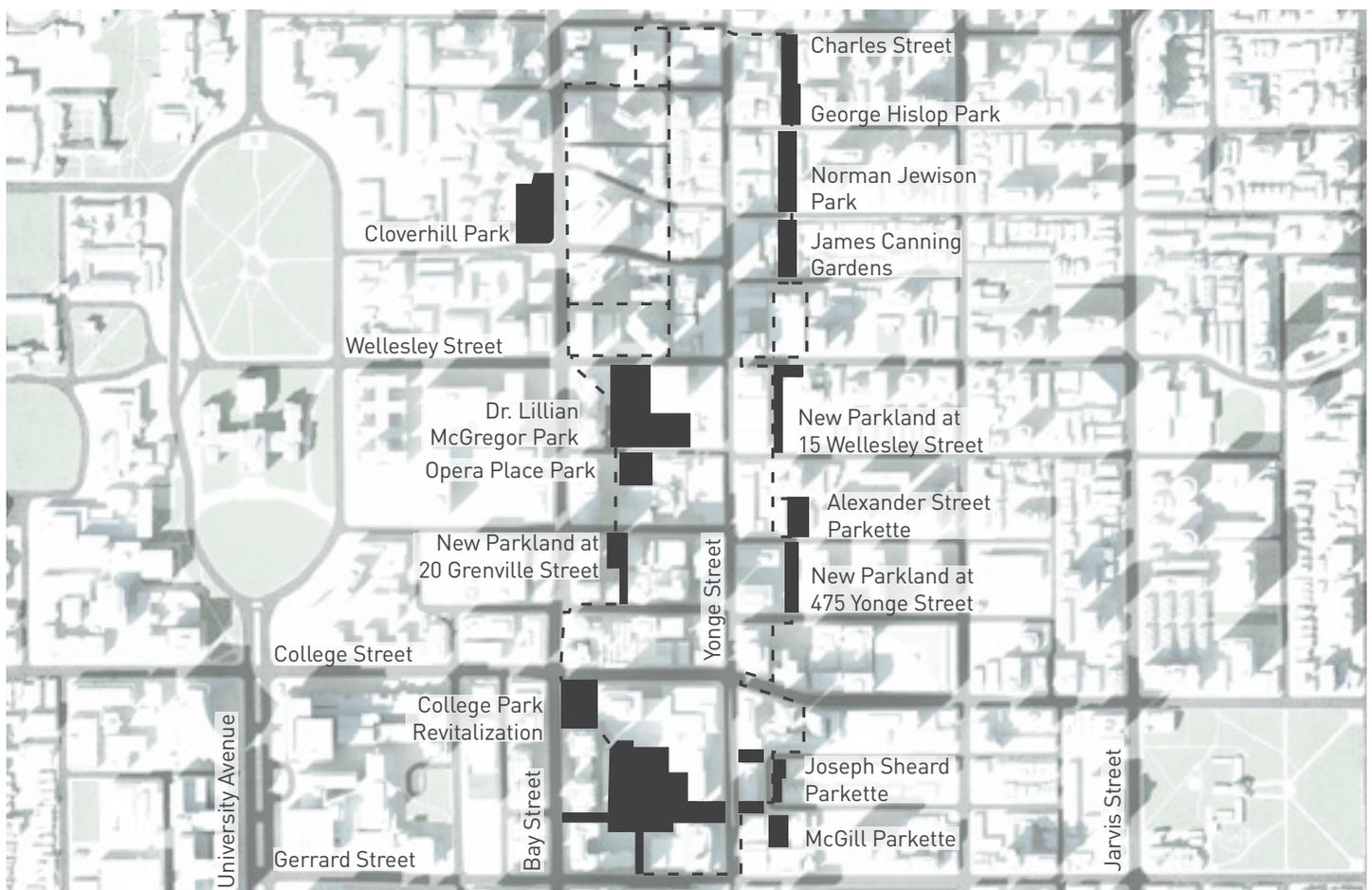
Integrate, expand and improve the public spaces within the park district: Christie Pits, Bickford Park and Art Eggleton Park as well as the Bickford Centre and Montrose yards. Create a cohesive and connected district that responds to the unique topographic character, identity and community needs.

- Undertake a program and design review of Christie Pits, Bickford Park, Art Eggleton Park and Bickford Centre as a single park with a broad range of programs, designs and experiences.
- Integrate the unique topographic memory of Garrison Creek and its valley.
- Connect the Christie Pits to the cycling network along Bloor Street to the south and residential neighbourhoods to the east, west and north.
- Improve the park edge conditions and access points on Christie Street, Grace Street, Barton Avenue, Harbord Street and Crawford Street.
- Assess the pedestrian crossings in the Park District to support and improve its integration including between Bloor Street and the Bickford Centre.

Actions

- Explore opportunities to create a stronger relationship between Christie Pits and Christie Street, Bickford Park and Grace Street, with a focus on creating a park-like experience for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
- Improve access into the park with a focus on the east and north edges.
- Explore opportunities to improve the pedestrian experience along Barton Avenue (north edge of Christie Pits), with generous sidewalks that support pedestrian activity.
- Improve circulation within the park to promote active movement with a park circuit using the three connected parks.
- Undertake a Public Life Study to better understand how Christie Pits, The Bickford Centre open space, and Bickford Park are used as a system. Use this to inform a Master Plan for the consolidated parks and schoolyard.
- Explore the feasibility of integrating the Park District into the Core Circle with pedestrian and cycling networks at the north and south, in particular along Christie Street and Grace Street south to Montrose Avenue.

Bay Cloverhill Loop



Bay Cloverhill Loop, Toronto, Canada

Create a Bay Cloverhill Park District Loop by connecting the existing system of parks, streetscapes and open spaces in the area, to form a complete pedestrian realm. The improvements will reflect the unique character of the district. The Bay Cloverhill Loop Park District

includes new parkland, street and lane bricking, sidewalk widenings, improved crossings, pedestrian lighting, public art and other public realm improvements to create a legible, cohesive and connected public realm.

(right) Sky Gilbert Lane connects Alexander Street Parkette to Maitland Terrace as part of the Bay Cloverhill Loop, Toronto, Canada



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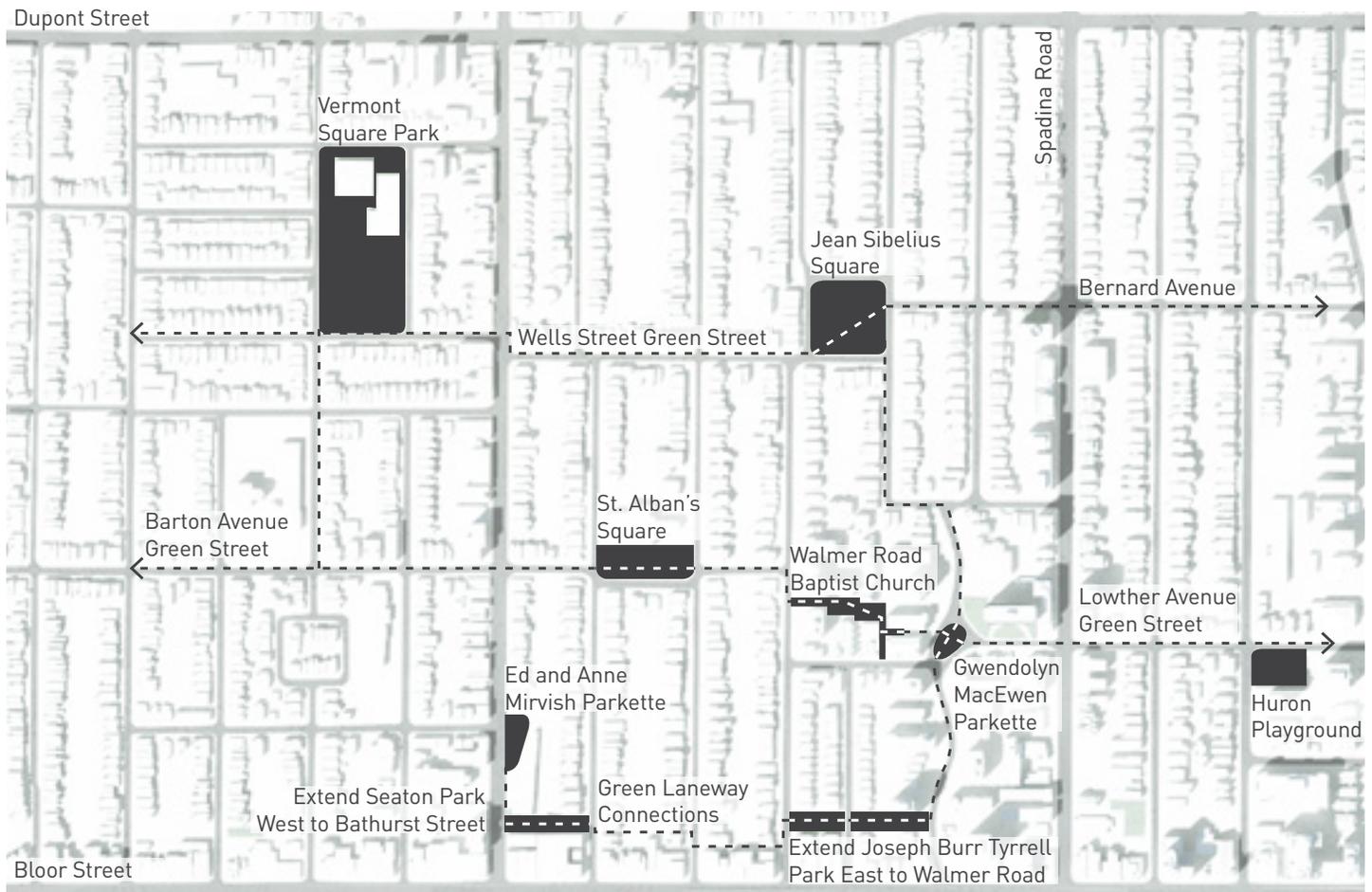
Create a Bay Cloverhill Park District Loop by connecting the existing system of parks, streetscapes and open spaces in the area, to form a complete loop. The loop will reflect the unique character of the district.

- Complete the Bay Cloverhill Loop as a coherent network of parks and open spaces providing a range of programs and experiences responding to local need and local character.
- Expand the parks and open space sequence with investment in strategic new open spaces to provide a legible, cohesive and connected public realm.
- Improve the park edge conditions on adjacent streets.
- Improve park access points to create strong identity and social places.

Actions

- Support the Bay Cloverhill Loop, as detailed in the North Downtown Yonge Park and Pedestrian Promenade Loop: 20 Year Plan (Bay Cloverhill Community Association, 2016).

The Annex



The Annex, Toronto, Canada

Extend the public life of neighbourhood parks into surrounding streets and open spaces to establish new park, green street and laneway connections. Reinforce pedestrian and cycling network connections. Pursue partnerships with the University of Toronto and Toronto

District School Board (TDSB) to share space.



(right) *St. Alban's Square, Toronto, Canada*

Goals

- Extend the public life of parks into surrounding streets, open spaces and laneways.
- Reinforce pedestrian and cycling network connections.
- Connect the park system with green streets.
- Seek opportunities to improve for pedestrian use and share open space with School Boards.
- Improve the park edge conditions on adjacent streets.
- Improve park access points to create strong identity and social places.

Actions

- Realize new park connections between existing parks with streetscape enhancements.
- Identify laneway improvements to the lanes directly north of Bloor Street along the subway corridor to promote safe use by pedestrians without compromising service function.
- Continue to support Toronto Parking Authority and community partnerships to share public parking for public life and programmed events such as the Farmer's Market.
- Regenerate the park and street urban forest canopy, exploring opportunities to promote tree planting on private properties.

Kensington Market-Alexandra Park



Alexandra Park and Scadding Court, Toronto, Canada

Enhance and improve the connections between Kensington Market, Alexandra Park and Scadding Court to integrate the areas into a coherent, cohesive and connected whole, responding to the unique character and identity of each area and the various communities

that they serve. Explore opportunities to make better use of small under-utilized parks and public spaces in the district. In Kensington Market, maintain fine grain frontages and prioritize high volumes of pedestrians in the design of streets.



(right) Pedestrian Sunday in Kensington Market, Toronto, Canada

Goals

Enhance and improve the connections between Kensington Market, Alexandra Park and Scadding Court to integrate the areas into a coherent, cohesive and connected whole, responding to the unique character and identity of each area and the various communities that they serve.

- Support the vibrant and engaged community through a revitalization of Alexandra Park and Scadding Court.
- Continue to create a clear, cohesive and connected public realm in Scadding Court and Alexandra Park.
- Support the already established night-market at Scadding Court and other programming.
- In Kensington Market, prioritize pedestrians in the design of streets.
- When opportunities arise, extend dead-end streets to through-streets with street extensions, midblock walkways or new parks to improve permeability and safety of neighbourhood.
- Make better use of small underutilized public spaces in the district.
- Seek opportunities to improve for pedestrian use and share open space with School Boards.
- Encourage public buildings including Toronto Western Hospital and schoolyards to provide landscaped edges to their sites and landscaped open space and public circulation that integrates into the larger pattern. Minimize surface parking lots for these uses.

Actions

- Improve the street edge of Alexandra Park to Bathurst Street.
- Undertake a Scadding Court and Alexandra Park Master Plan that creates a clear vision for this community hub, with consideration of the following:
 - Connecting, expanding, and improving the public realm between Scadding Court and Alexandra Park;
 - Improving the street edge of Alexandra Park along Bathurst Street and Dundas Street integrating the streetscape into the larger park design;
 - Creating a Dundas Street frontage for Alexandra Park; and
 - Promoting active movement by developing a park circuit in Alexander Park.
- Undertake a Park District Plan for Alexandra Park.
- Experiment with pilot projects and public space activations.
- Continue to monitor public life in Kensington Market and Alexandra Park.
- Revitalize parkettes in the Kensington Market neighbourhood.

The Garrison Parks-Fort York



The Fort York and Garrison Parks System, Toronto, Canada

Create a connected, cohesive and legible parks and public realm network that forms the civic focus for the south-west portion of the Core Circle. Realize the Lower Garrison Parks Network. Revitalize Trinity Bellwoods and Stanley Park, and explore opportunities to interpret

and recognize the natural heritage and significance of Garrison Creek in Stanley Park and the Stanley Park Expansion.



(right) Mouth of the Creek Park, Toronto, Canada

Goals

Create a connected, cohesive and legible parks and public realm network that forms the civic focus for the south-west portion of the Core Circle.

- Integrate Trinity Bellwoods Park and Stanley Park into the west side of the Core Circle with improved pedestrian and cycling networks linked to the continuous core circle route.
- Advance the implementation of the Lower Garrison Parks Network.
- Revitalize Trinity Bellwoods Park and Stanley Park.
- Explore opportunities to interpret and recognize the natural heritage and significance of Garrison Creek in Stanley Park and Stanley Park Expansion.
- Improve the park edge conditions for pedestrians on adjacent streets.
- Improve park access points to create strong identity and social places.

Actions

- Undertake a Park District study to create a clear and compelling Lower Garrison Parks Network.
- Undertake a revitalization study and develop a management plan to address the significant intensity of use of Trinity Bellwoods Park.
- Explore opportunities to interpret and recognize the natural heritage and significance of Garrison Creek in Stanley Park and its future potential expansion.
- Improve the park edge conditions for pedestrians on adjacent streets.
- Improve park access points to create strong identity and social places.
- Monitor and update the Fort York Public Realm master plan and integrate with the Park District study for Lower Garrison Parks Network
- Improve the missing pedestrian and cyclist connections from the rail corridor bridge to Trinity Bellwoods Park.

Bathurst Quay-Coronation Park-Ontario Place



Bathurst Quay, Coronation Park and Ontario Place, Toronto, Canada

Create a Western Waterfront Park District that integrates parks, streetscapes and open spaces in the Bathurst Quay, Coronation Park and Ontario Place areas into a cohesive and connected park system that recognizes and responds to the unique character, role

and use for each area. Revitalize district parks and open spaces and connect Queens Quay to the parks west of Bathurst Street (such as Little Norway Park and Coronation Park) with an equivalent elevated quality of design, materials and execution.

(right) Vision for a cohesive and connected Western Waterfront promenade and parks system, Toronto, Canada



Goals

Create a Western Waterfront Park District that integrates parks, streetscapes and open spaces in the Bathurst Quay, Coronation Park, and Ontario Place areas into a cohesive and connected park system that recognizes and responds to the unique character, role and use for each area.

- Revitalize Bathurst Quay, rationalizing the use of public space and built heritage assets, while balancing the transportation needs of local residents and waterfront visitors with the island airport activities
- Enhance connections between Queens Quay and the Martin Goodman Trail to the parks west of Bathurst Street (such as Little Norway Park, Stadium Road Park and Coronation Park) with an equivalent elevated quality of design, materials and execution.
- Improve the visual and physical relationship of the Park District to the water's edge.

Actions

- Revitalize Little Norway Park and Stadium Road Park (North and South), and integrate with Coronation Park, to provide a broad range of experiences and programs.
- Undertake a master plan and develop a management plan for Coronation Park.
- Explore partnership opportunities with the local School Boards and community centre to improve and share public outdoor space.
- Identify cultural and community-focused programming opportunities for planned new public open spaces on the Canada Malting Property.
- Continue dockwall rehabilitation efforts along the full length of the water's edge.
- Per Parks & Recreation Facilities Master Plan, commence detailed investigation of possible location for Waterfront West indoor pool facility.
- Explore public realm and open space improvements to the under-utilized Marina Quay, including possible Portland Slip pedestrian link between Marina Quay and Eireann Quay.

West Rail District



West Rail District, Toronto, Canada

Integrate into a coherent, cohesive and connected whole the discrete parks, streetscapes and open spaces in the West Rail District, responding to the unique character, identity and community needs. Support the revitalization of Wellington Place as a Green Street and realize other

park, green street and laneway connections between the triangle of heritage parks in King Street West: Clarence Square, Victoria Memorial Square Park and St Andrew's Playground.

(right) Hackescher Hof, a model for King Street West's latent network of laneways and courtyards and their potential to invite intimate midblock discovery, Berlin, Germany



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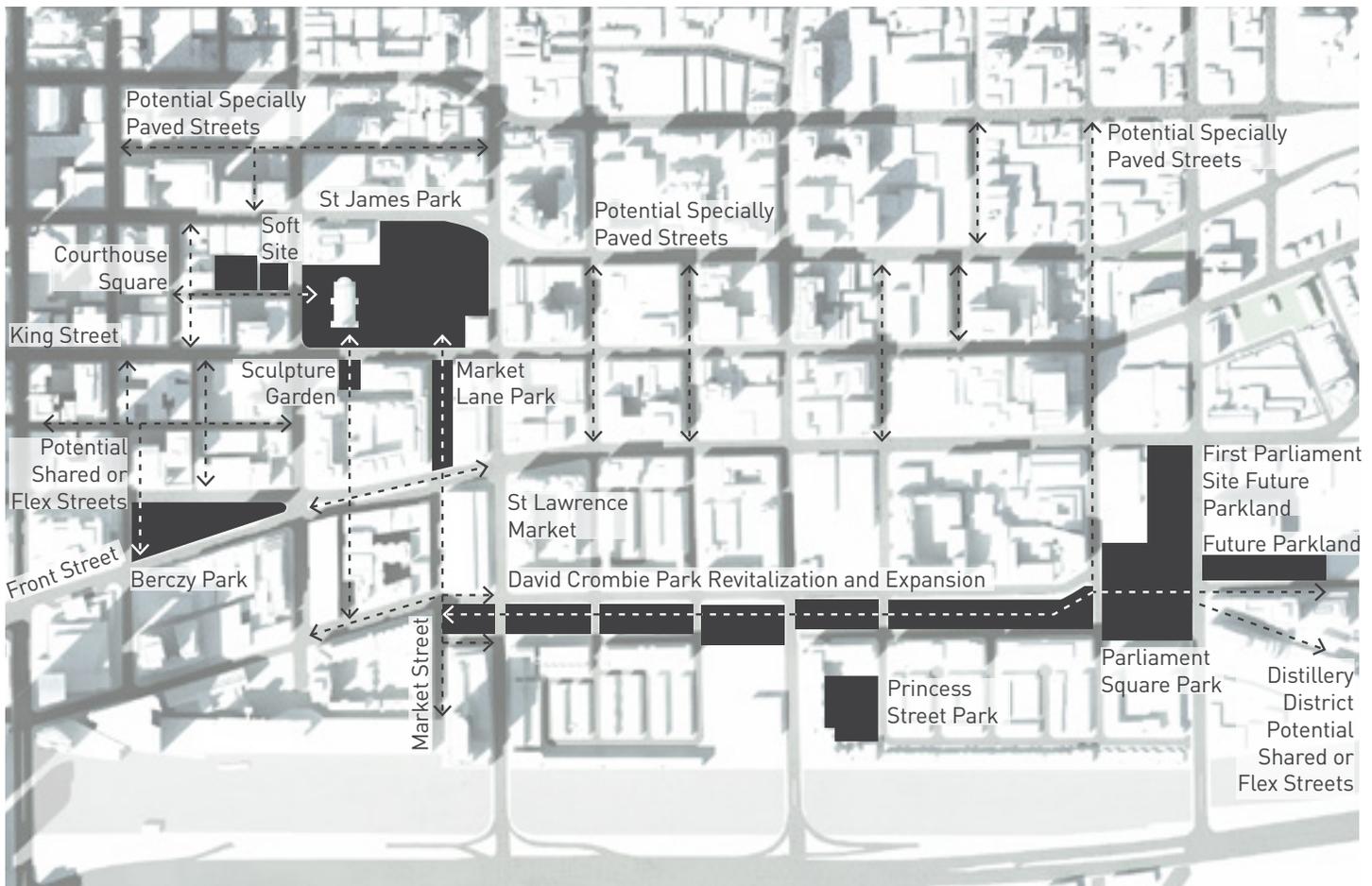
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- Support the revitalization of Wellington Place and realize other park, green street and laneway connections between the triangle of heritage parks in King Street West: Clarence Square, Victoria Memorial Square Park and St Andrew's Playground.

Actions

- Revitalize park, green street and laneway connections between existing parks along King Street.
- Prioritize Brant Street from Wellington Place to St Andrew's Playground as a prime park connector.
- Improve the park edge conditions for pedestrians on adjacent streets.
- Improve park access points to create strong identity and social places.

Old Town-St Lawrence-Distillery



St Lawrence Market Neighbourhood, Toronto, Canada

Integrate into a coherent, cohesive and connected whole the discrete parks, streetscapes and open spaces in the Old Town St Lawrence-Distillery areas, responding to the unique character, identity, role and community needs. Expand David Crombie Park and integrate

adjacent streets, schoolyards and open spaces into a cohesive green link from Market Street to Parliament Street and the Distillery District, building on the unique character of the district.



(right) Revitalized Berczy Park, Toronto, Canada

Goals

Integrate into a coherent, cohesive and connected whole the discrete parks, streetscapes and open spaces in the Old Town St Lawrence-Distillery areas, responding to the unique character, identity, role and community needs.

- Realize the ideas proposed in the St. Lawrence Market BIA Master Plan, exploring opportunities for special, shared or flex streets and an enhanced public realm in the Heritage Conservation District.
- Expand and improve David Crombie Park and adjacent streets, school yards and open spaces into a cohesive and connected green link from Market Street in the west to the First Parliament Site and the Distillery District in the east.
- Improve the park edge conditions for pedestrians on adjacent streets.
- Improve park access points to create strong identity and social places.

Actions

- Undertake a master plan for David Crombie Park.
- Prepare Park District Plan for the Old St Lawrence and Distillery District area.
- Secure a new public park at First Parliament Site.
- Support the St. Lawrence Market BIA Master Plan.