

MAP ONE – INITIATIVES IN TORONTO'S WESTERN AND EASTERN WATERFRONT (OPPOSITE PAGE):

(A) COLONEL SAMUEL SMITH PARK IMPROVEMENT

 naturalization and care of significant landscape features at the former Lake Shore Psychiatric Hospital as well as renovation of the Assembly Hall for public activities

(B) MIMICO WATERFRONT LINEAR PARK EXTENSION

 extension of waterfront trail west from Humber Bay Shores, including the possibility of day-use docking facilities

(C) MIMICO CREEK AND ETOBICOKE CREEK RESTORATION

• regeneration of both creeks, including wetland protection, natural habitat linkages and improved public access

(D) HUMBER BAY SHORES

 completion of major waterfront park system, including property acquisition and park and trail construction

(E) MEADOWCLIFFE SHORELINE LINKAGE

 completion of key linkage between Gates Gully (Bellamy Ravine) and Bluffer's Park

(F) GUILD INN REVITALIZATION

 revitalization of Guild Inn and shoreline enhancements, including the possibility of a day mooring facility

(G) EAST POINT PARK

• possibility of a major boat launching facility

(H) PORT UNION WATERFRONT

 major improvements from Highland Creek to the Rouge River, including the connection of Port Union Village to the waterfront

SECTION TWO: THE CENTRAL WATERFRONT IN A CITY-WIDE CONTEXT



A RICH HERITAGE TORONTO'S WATERFRONT EXTENDS 46 KILOMETRES FROM MARIE CURTIS PARK AT THE ETOBICOKE CREEK TO ROUGE BEACH PARK AT THE ROUGE RIVER

Rich in natural and cultural heritage, the waterfront contains a number of thriving neighbourhoods, a diverse park system, the Scarborough Bluffs and many notable cultural institutions and sport attractions. Toronto's waterfront is part of the watershed of six major rivers and a city-wide park system.

As is highlighted on Map One, many initiatives are already planned or under way in the Western and Eastern Waterfronts to enhance green spaces, increase public access and improve the environment. Together these initiatives provide citizens from all across the city the opportunity to share in a wide variety of waterfront experiences.

In the Western Waterfront, the focus has been on community access to Lake Ontario and supporting the ongoing naturalization and care of significant landscape features at Colonel Samuel Smith Park, Mimico Creek and Etobicoke Creek. On the former Etobicoke motel strip lands, the new waterfront community, Humber Bay Shores, is taking shape. In the Eastern Waterfront, the emphasis is on linkages between existing waterfront facilities, the city and additional access points to the lake. Various projects are under way at Port Union Village and at Gates Gully (Bellamy Ravine) to improve connections to the waterfront. At East Point Park, a major boat launching facility is being contemplated, as is a new pier with day mooring facilities at the Guild Inn.

There is no need to review the planning framework for the Western and Eastern Waterfronts. Opportunities to reinforce waterfront linkages and attain an enhanced waterfront across the 46-kilometre Toronto waterfront can be addressed through ongoing planning processes. The achievement of these goals does not require the same level of intervention that is necessary in the Central Waterfront. Ultimately, having a strong Central Waterfront will benefit the entire Toronto waterfront and will generate spectacular result for all Toronto citizens.