

EDWARDS GARDENS & TORONTO BOTANICAL GARDEN

Reimagining the Gardens

LET'S CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION!

Public Open House
Feb. 23, 2017
6-8pm

In early November 2016 we held our first public open house for the Edwards Gardens and Toronto Botanical Garden Master Plan and Management Plan study. This first session focussed on identifying strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for the future. Thank you to everyone who came out and provided their thoughts and ideas.

We are moving forward into the next phase of the study and hope you can join us for another discussion at our second open house. We will be seeking input on concept designs during this open house.

- Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2017
- Time:** 6 - 8 p.m.
- Location:** Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Ave. E.
 Floral Hall, George and Kathy Dembroski Centre for Horticulture

Reimagining the Gardens is an initiative led by the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, in partnership with the Toronto Botanical Garden to develop a joint Master Plan and Management Plan.

STUDY PROCESS: WHERE ARE WE NOW?



Consultation and engagement with stakeholders and the public are taking place at each stage of the study process. Our goal is to explore and address ways to preserve, enhance and celebrate Edwards Gardens and the Toronto Botanical Garden, while retaining the beauty and tranquility of this amazing green space.

THINKING HOLISTICALLY FOR THE LONG-TERM

In developing a joint plan, we are asking the public, stakeholders, other City divisions, and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), to help us:

- Develop a **holistic, long-term plan** to guide the future development and maintenance of Edwards Gardens (City parkland), the ravine system, and the Toronto Botanical Garden complex;
- **Elevate the Gardens** to the level of other globally acclaimed gardens; and
- Promote the long-term **ecological, operational and fiscal sustainability** of Edwards Gardens and Toronto Botanical Garden.

WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR...

In the future Edwards Gardens and Toronto Botanical Garden should be:

Through our consultation process we have engaged a range of stakeholders, Garden users and members of the public. A common vision for the future is beginning to take shape and will guide us in the design process for the Master Plan and Management Plan.

NATURAL OASIS DESTINATION
BOTANIC GARDEN CONNECTOR TO THE RAVINES
REFLECTS TORONTO'S DIVERSITY BEAUTIFUL DISPLAYS
COMMUNITY ORIENTED INCLUSIVE
CULTURAL ATTRACTION ACCESSIBLE INTEGRATED
HORTICULTURAL EXCELLENCE WELCOMING
TOURISM ANCHOR EXPANDED

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Can't make it to the Public Open House? Not to worry! There are a number of opportunities for stakeholder groups and the public to provide input.

ONLINE SURVEY
 Visit our website to contribute your thoughts via our online survey:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/ReimaginetheGardens

PROJECT WEBSITE
 The project website is your one stop shop for all your project information needs, so make sure to check back often! We will be post regular project updates, presentation materials, What We Heard Reports, and details on future public engagement opportunities.
www.toronto.ca/edwardsgardens-tbg

SPRING 2017 OPEN HOUSE
 Our final public open house will be held in the Spring and will feature our draft design concepts for review and comment.