

An aerial photograph of Toronto, Canada, showing the city skyline with the CN Tower and surrounding skyscrapers in the background. In the foreground, there is a large, dense forest of trees with autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. A green rectangular overlay covers the lower-left portion of the image, containing the title and date text.

Lower Don Trail Master Plan Refresh

Public Open House_September 17 2019

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Lower Don Trail Master Plan Refresh

2018-ongoing

Partnership between City of Toronto
and Evergreen

Corktown Common
to the Forks of East and West Don

8.1 kilometres of Trail

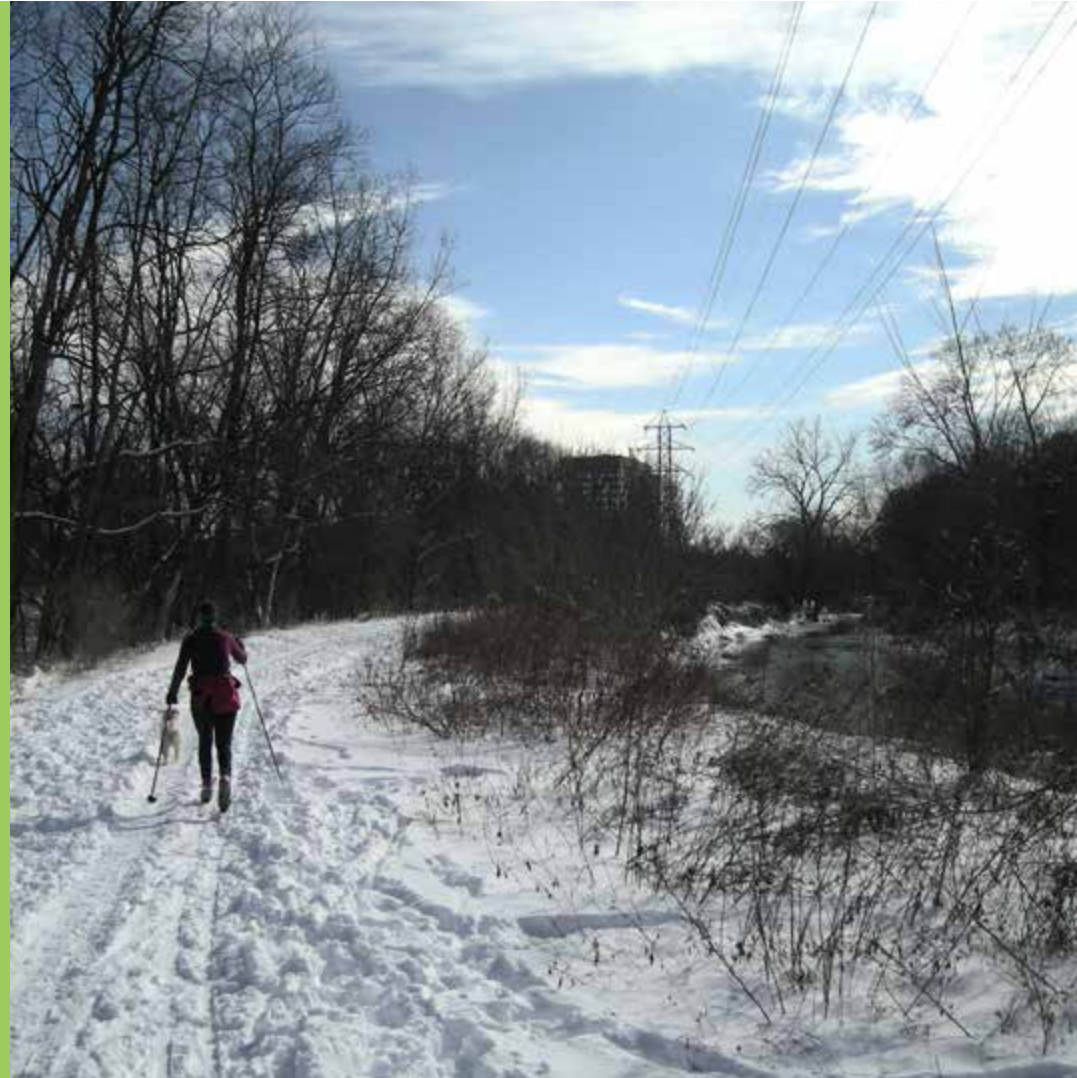
2.4x size of High Park



Project Purpose

The Master Plan Refresh:

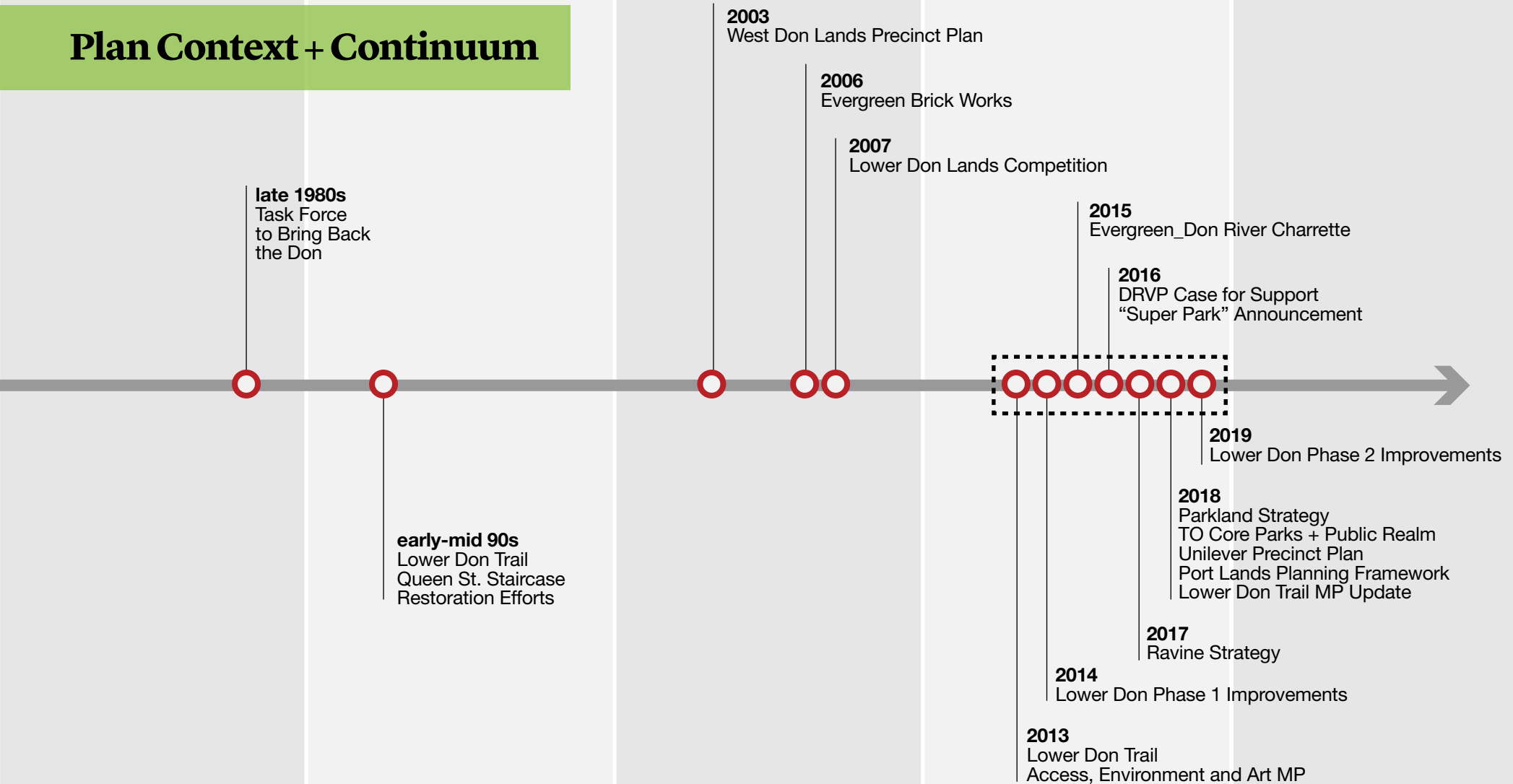
- Provides high level direction and identifies potential future projects.
- Considers that each project (or bundle of projects) will have its own design process and engagement activities.
- Does not make commitments to funding or timing.



Process



Plan Context + Continuum



Context:
Why This is Important.

Love/Hate/Love





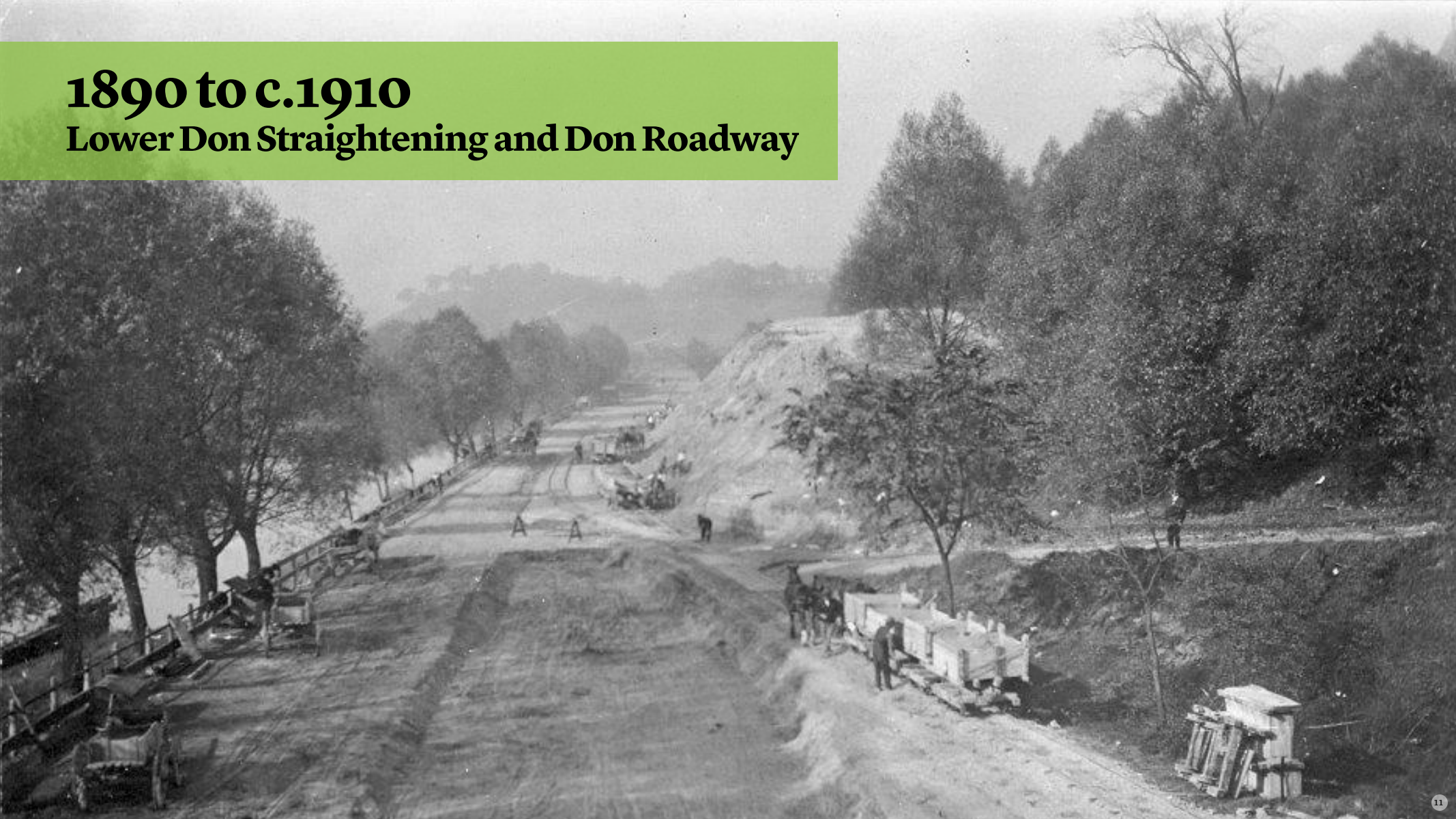


Lower Don Straightening and Don Roadway



1890 to c.1910

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Estuary Draining for Port Lands



1950s

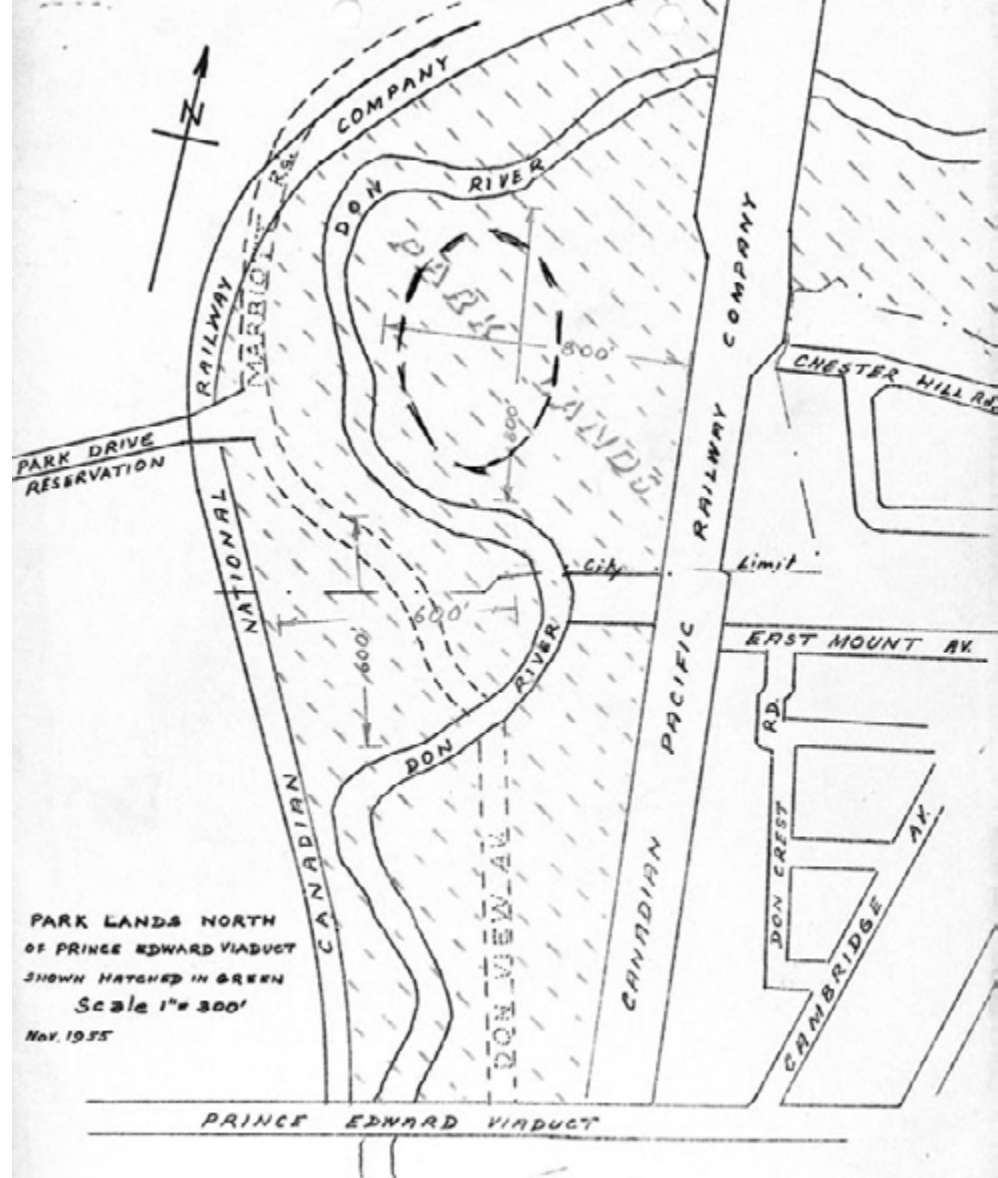
Don Valley Parkway



1960s

Baseball Stadium

Location Study



1989

Task Force to Bring Back the Don



The Task Force To Bring Back The Don with Hough Stansbury Woodland Limited



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MARSH (p. 1006)

LOW OF THE SOH RIVER
MEASUREMENT (you - 10 to 15 m)

PRE-CAPITALIZED
SILVER (in 2000)

LEATHERMAN MARCH
SAND 4FT. (1000)

LAB. CENTER
CAROLINE (Jan 1936)

Peabody Historic Courthouse

Channel, near mouth, river, surrounded
by the low, sandy flat, saline
barren of sediments of the
Mississippi deltaic plain.
No interference to Mississippi river
natural conditions.

ASHBRIDGE MARSH

TORONTO BA



CHERRY BEAD

LITERAL SHIFT
from and back for
(change of shape)

1991

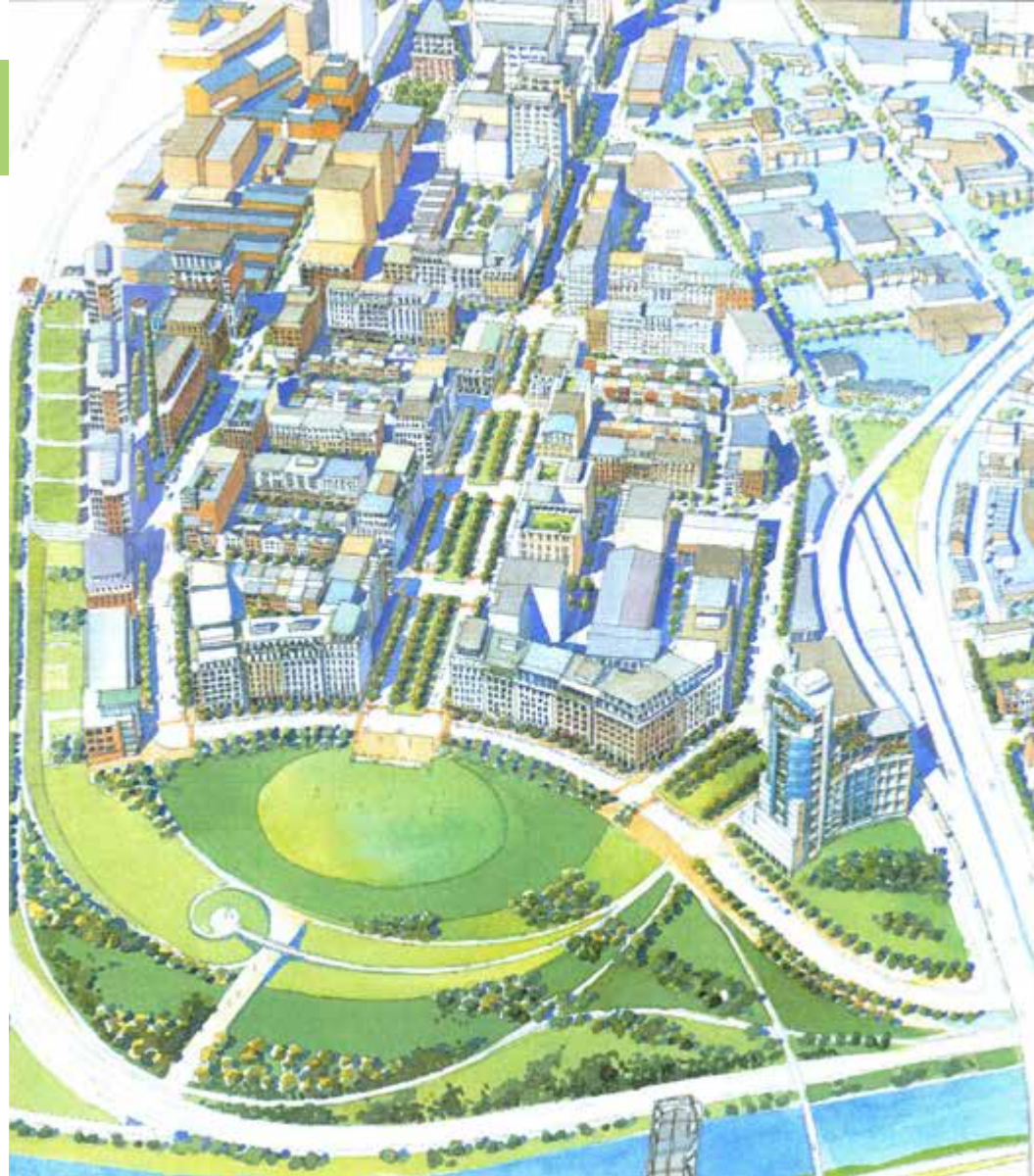


80,000 + New Residents

The intensification and development of new communities in the Lower Don Valley neighbourhoods will bring over 80,000 estimated new residents into the core of the city.



West Don Lands



West Don Lands/Pan Am Village



Corktown Common



Evergreen Brick Works



Lower Don Lands



Lower Don Lands



Lower Don Trail Access, Environment and Art Master Plan 2013



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Themes

- Access + Connectivity
- Environment + Habitat Restoration
- Public Art + Interpretation

Conceptual Framework

- Landscape Connectivity
- Parallel Routes
- Links + Loops
- Precincts + Nodes

Demonstration Plan

- 21 Potential Projects in 2 Main Categories
 - » Management and Improvements to Existing Infrastructure
 - » New Infrastructure
- Phased Implementation
- Opportunities for Future Exploration

Improve the Trail



New River Crossings



New Access to Valley



Rethink Bayview Avenue



New Parks



Don River Charrette 2015



An aerial photograph of Don River Valley Park. A multi-lane highway with a concrete barrier runs diagonally across the middle of the frame. The surrounding area is densely wooded with trees showing vibrant autumn colors in shades of yellow, orange, and red. In the background, the Toronto skyline is visible under a cloudy sky, with the CN Tower standing out prominently on the left. The title 'The Don River Valley Park' is overlaid in a large, white, serif font across the center of the image.

The Don River Valley Park

TORONTO'S LARGEST URBAN PARK IS HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

*“A bold idea is in motion...
A city-wide ravine strategy to
name the system and engage
partnerships to help restore,
connect and animate the
11,000-hectare system...that
holds the promise to define
Toronto, offer a significant
“place making” opportunity
for those of us who live here
and to share our unique
natural assets with visitors
from around the world.”*

- MAYOR JOHN TORY

The **Don River Valley Park** will be the centerpiece of Toronto's rapidly growing downtown: a 200-hectare park spanning Pottery Road to Corktown Common. Underutilized, unsound and largely inaccessible land will be transformed into a remarkable new civic space that connects neighbourhoods and new developments to parkland, brings people back to the river's edge, revitalizes an ecologically degraded and flood-prone valley, and introduces opportunity for solitude, recreation, bicycle commuting, art and culture.

Built on a solid foundation of past community-engagement efforts, this vision boldly looks to the future and serves as the proverbial first mile of a broader city-wide ravine revitalization strategy. Prototyping new collaborative ways of reimagining and realizing the potential of our ravines, the Don River Valley Park will demonstrate what's possible across Toronto.



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Don River Valley Park



“Super Park”



Evergreen Public Art Program



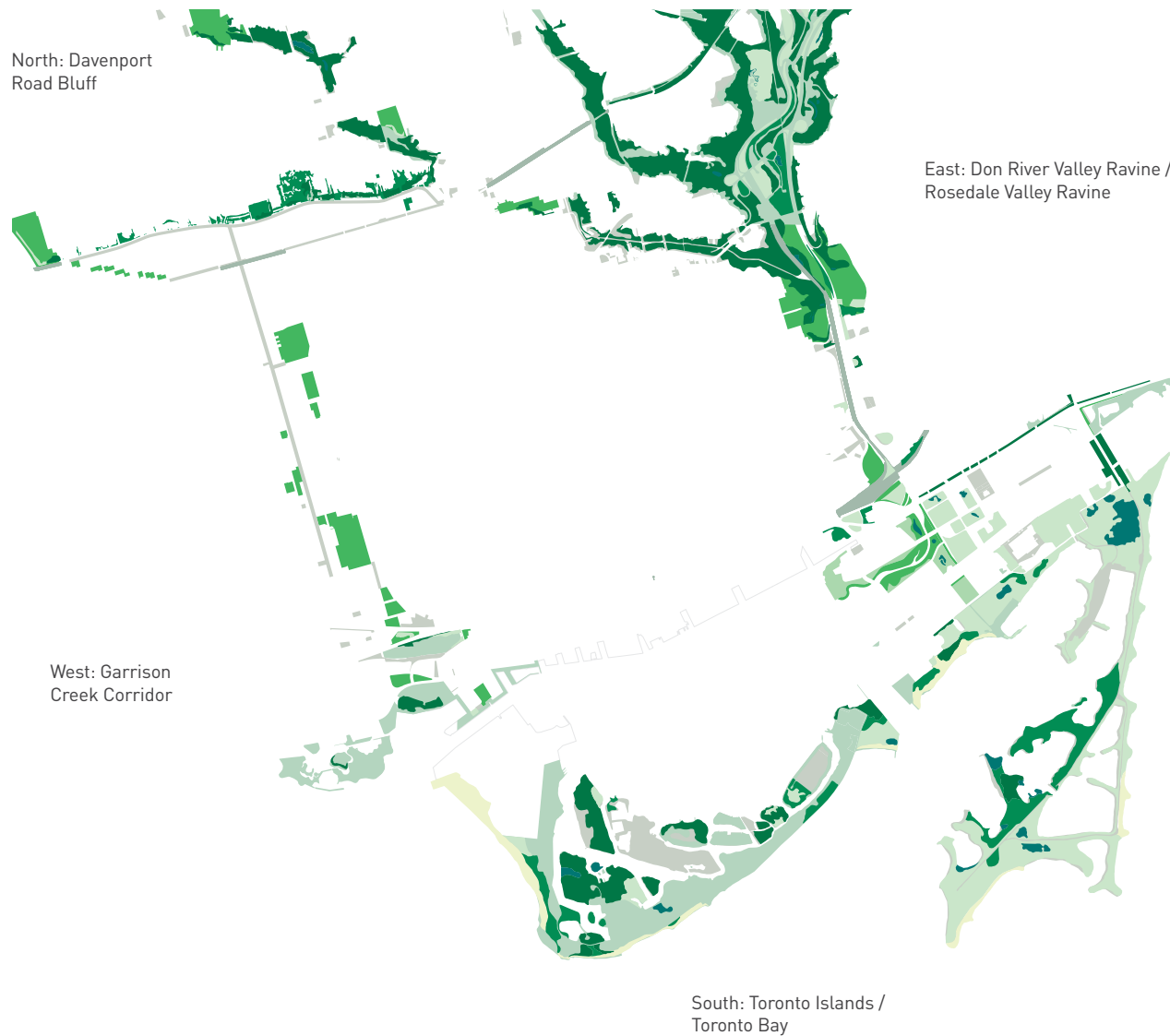
City of Toronto Ravine Strategy



City of Toronto Parkland Strategy



TOCore: Core Circle, 2018



TOCore



Lower Don Trail Meets
Martin Goodman Trail

River Street Segment
Riverdale
Park West

Riverdale
Park East

Broadview
Avenue

Future
Don River
Valley Park

Primary
Lower Don
Trail

Rosedale Valley
Road

Bayview Avenue
Re-allocate East Lane to
Pedestrians and Cyclists

Bayview Avenue
'Great Street'
Trail Segment

Evergreen
Brickworks

--- Trail
— Street

TOCore



Port Lands Planning Framework



East Harbour



Keating Channel Precinct



Villiers Island



Mouth of the Don Naturalization



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Port Lands: River Park



Wonscotonach Parklands

Naming Event / Indigenous Placemaking



2013 to 2019,
Looking Forward.

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Phase 1 Improvements: Completed



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- **Pottery Road Pedestrian Bridge**
- **Bayview Avenue Multi-use Path
(Pottery Road to Rosedale Valley Road)**
- **Belleville Underpass**
- **Pottery Road Trailhead**
- **Trail Improvements**

Phase 2 Improvements: 2019



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- **Riverdale Bridge Ramp**
- **Dundas Staircase**
- **Trail Improvements in the Narrows**

Lower Don Trail Master Plan

Refresh 2019



2019: MP Study Area

2013: Corktown Common
to Pottery Road

2019: Corktown Common
to the Forks of East and West Don

8.1 kilometres of Trail

2.4x size of High Park



2019: MP Structure

Re-engaging the River

- Opportunities to see, experience and perhaps even touch the river
- Will include discussion of Indigenous programming
- The river as the focal point of the Park

Embracing Neighbourhoods

- The Park as a meeting place for communities, with greater opportunity for programming
- Links and loops, parallel trails and highlighting 'ravine portals' where the Park is accessed

Re-imagining Infrastructure

- Tying trail and parkland improvements to future infrastructure replacement
- Reconsidering aging infrastructure in the Park: opportunities for reuse or redesign

2019: Projects + Implementation

Five Segments from North to South

- Crothers-Coxwell
- The Mills
- Riverdale
- The Narrows
- East Harbour

2019: Projects + Implementation

Recommended Projects

- 96 Individual Projects
- Improvements / New Infrastructure
 - » *Portals*
 - » *Lookouts/Rest Areas*
 - » *Water Approaches*
 - » *Canoe Launches*
 - » *Rotating Public Art Sites*

Future Engagement

Each individual project/phase of projects will include its own engagement activities with stakeholders and the public.

2019: Projects + Implementation

Phased Implementation

- Recently Completed (2013-2019):
18 Projects
- Approved / Under Construction:
12 Projects
- 1 to 5 Years:
23 Projects
- 5 to 10 Years:
28 Projects
- Future Consideration:
25 Projects



Demonstration: Re-engaging the River

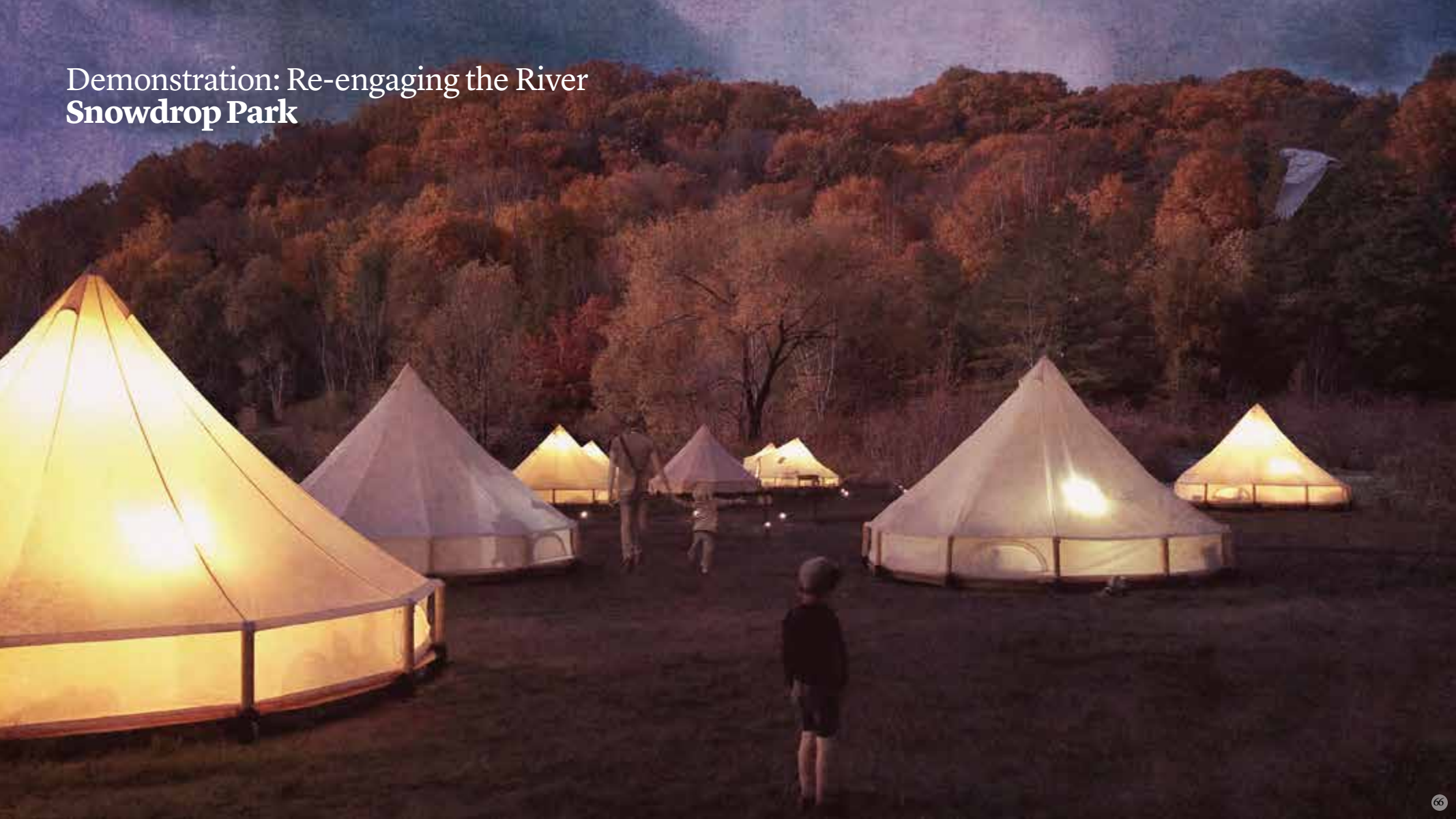
Snowdrop Park



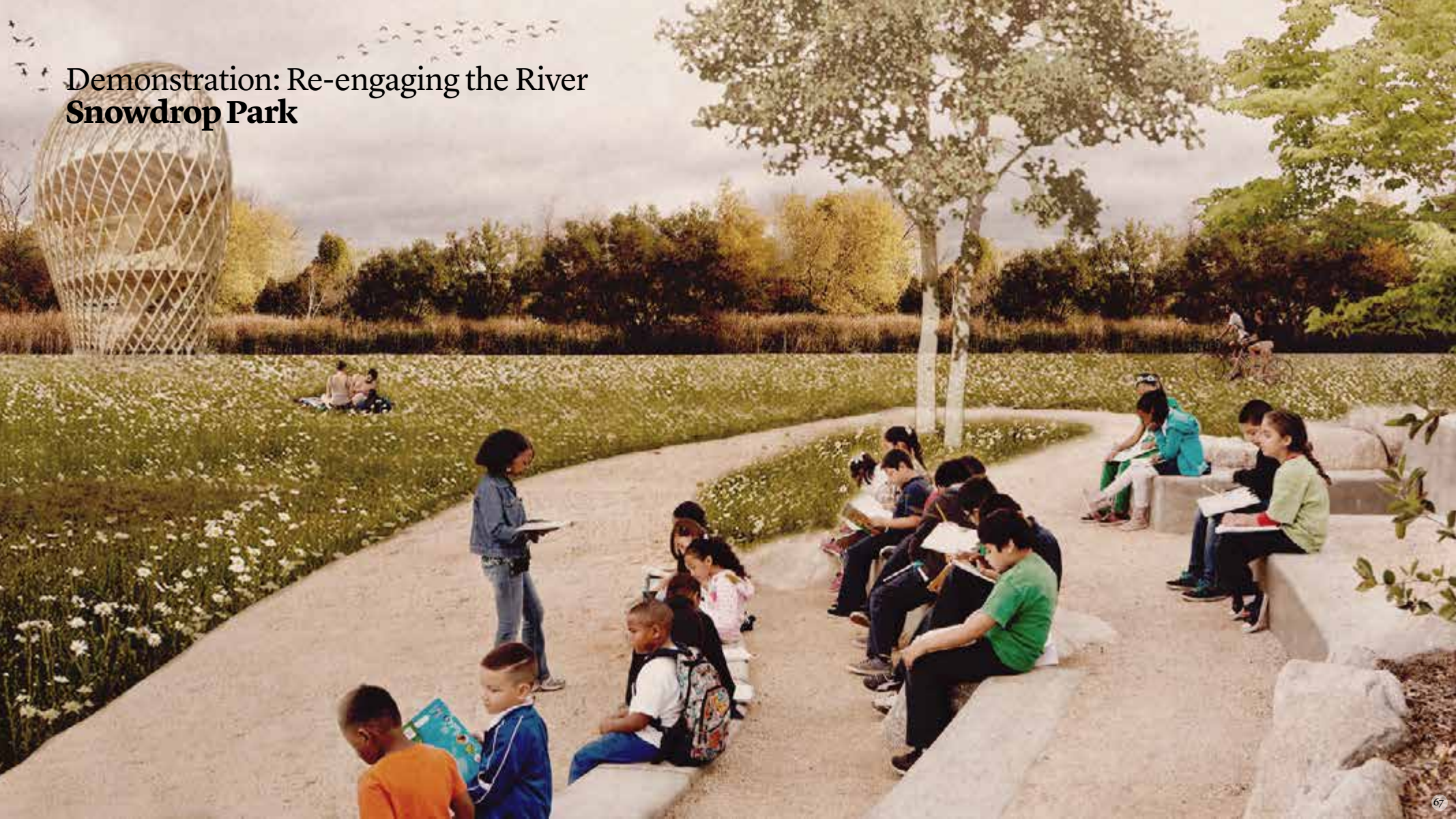
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Demonstration: Re-engaging the River Water Approaches





Demonstration: Embracing Neighbourhoods **Broadview Riverdale Promenade**





Demonstration: Embracing Neighbourhoods **Thorncliffe Ravine Portal**



Demonstration: Embracing Neighbourhoods **Thorncliffe Ravine Portal**



Demonstration: Re-imagining Infrastructure Inner Portal





Demonstration: Re-imagining Infrastructure **Improved Trails**



Demonstration: Re-imagining Infrastructure **Improved Crossings**



Demonstration: Re-imagining Infrastructure
Bayview Avenue as Scenic Street



Next Steps

Phase 3: Master Plan_FINAL
End of September 2019

Document Layout:
Technical and Promotional
October 2019



Questions for Clarification



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An aerial photograph of Central Park in New York City during autumn. The park's trees are in various shades of orange, yellow, and brown. In the background, the dense Manhattan skyline is visible, with the CN Tower (now One World Trade Center) standing out prominently. A multi-lane highway with traffic is visible on the left side of the park. The word "FINI" is superimposed in the center of the image in a large, white, serif font.

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