

New Parks at 10 Ordnance St. & 801 Wellington St. W.

Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting #1

February 13, 2024



We would like to begin by honouring the land that we are on. We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

Agenda

- 6:00 pm** Welcome and Online Meeting Instructions
- 6:10 pm** Meeting Purpose and Introductions
- 6:30 pm** Overview of the Project and Site
- 7:00 pm** Park Concept Design Progress to Date
- 7:30 pm** Opportunities for Placekeeping in the Parks
- 8:00 pm** Adjourn

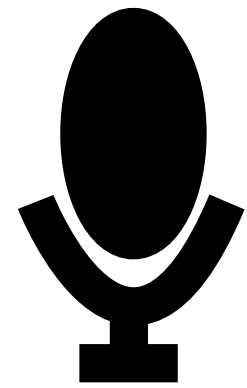
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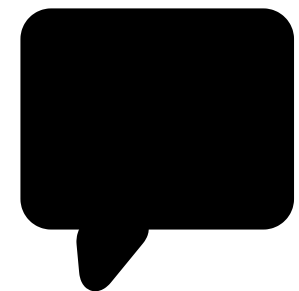


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The purpose of this meeting is to:

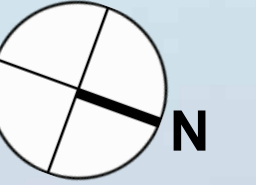
- Introduce the Indigenous Advisory Circle Members and Project Team.
- Introduce the project.
- Present draft vision and concept design for input.
- Discuss opportunities for meaningful Indigenous Placekeeping in the parks.



Introductions

Share something about yourself!

About the Project



Lake Ontario

The Bentway

Fort York &
Garrison Common

Ordnance Park
12,600 m²

Wellington Park
9,600 m²

Stanley
Park South



Project Timeline

Phase 1:

Background
Docs Review

Phase 2:

Building
a Vision

Phase 3a:

Exploring
Design Options

Phase 3b:

Setting a
Direction

Phase 4:

Detailed
Design

Phase 5:

Contract
Documentation

Phase 6:

Construction

April-May 2023

Inventory and assessment of existing site conditions

including:
park features,
pathways,
structures,
furniture, services,
sightlines, views,
safety issues,
lighting, trees/
planting, etc.

May-June 2023

To develop a vision, design principles and big moves,

based on
background
review,
inventory
and analysis,
collaboration
with stakeholders
and public
engagement.

July-Sept 2023

Develop **concept
designs** in
collaboration
with stakeholders
based on
feedback received
through previous
engagement
processes,
including pre-
engagement and
Phase 2 Vision,
Design Principles
and Big Moves.

**Sept 2023-Mar
2024**

After additional
consultation and
engagement
is completed,
prepare a
**preferred
concept** design
to address
community needs
and meet project
objectives and
maintenance
requirements.

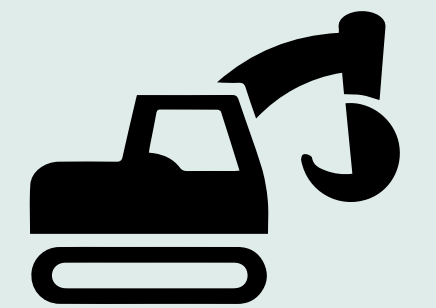
**Spring-Summer
2024**

Prepare
detailed design
documents
including
drawings,
specifications,
detailed cost
estimates and
project schedules,
based on the
approved final
concept design
from the previous
phase.

**Summer 2024 -
Winter 2024**

Prepare
construction
drawings and
specifications
for all site
improvements to
be undertaken,
and construction
phasing as
needed to meet
project budget
and schedule.

Through 2025



We
are
here

Who We've Talked to So Far

Stakeholder Interviews

- Local community and business groups and community organizations were consulted before the start of the project.

Community Advisory Group (CAC)

- Approx. 20 members, including invited stakeholders and community members selected through a civic lottery system.
- The CAC has met 3 times to date.

Park Pop-ups

- 4 park pop-ups have been held to date.

Online Outreach

- Ongoing website updates
- ThoughtExchange online survey
- CheckMarket online survey

Technical Advisory Committee

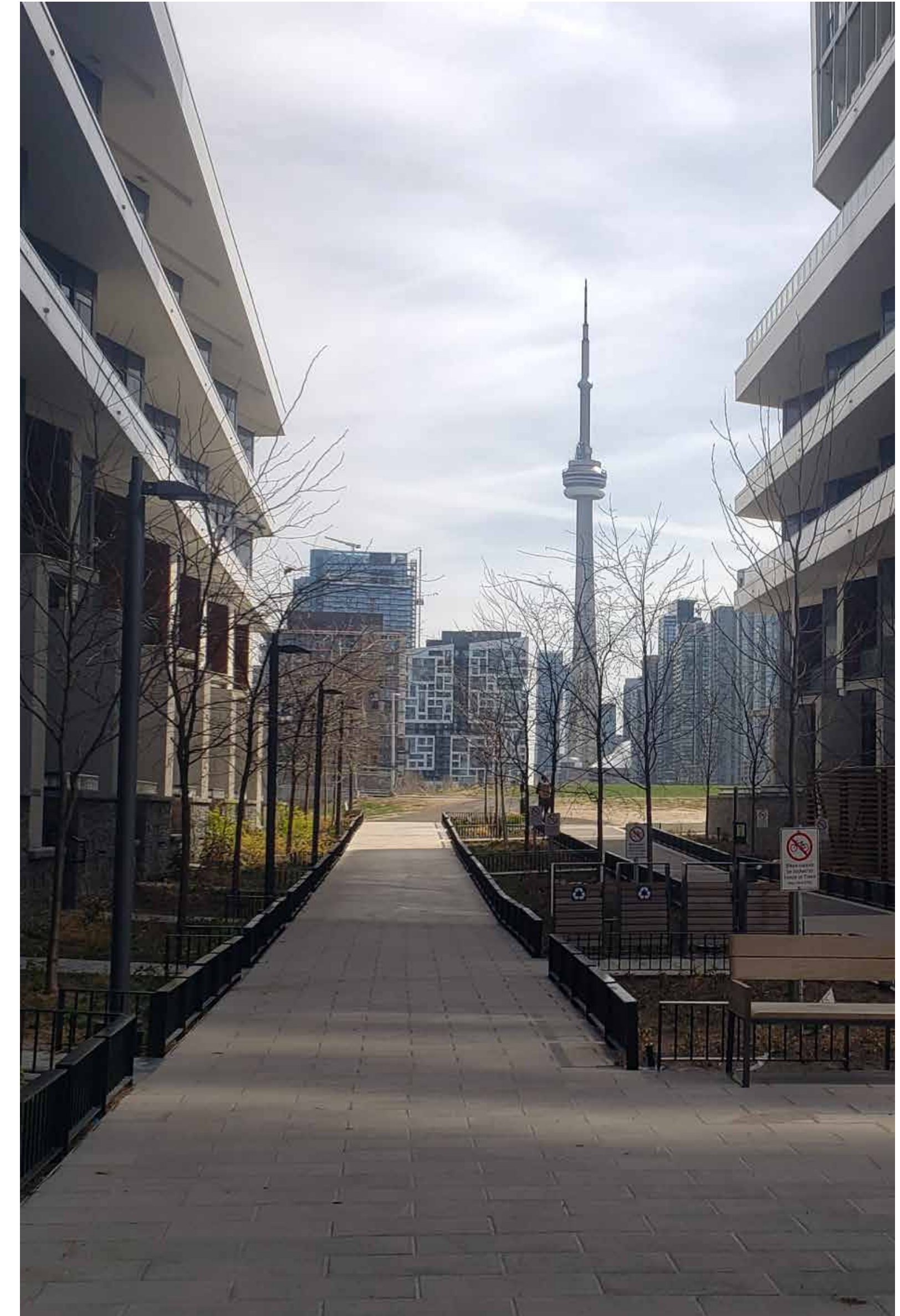
- Technical review with City.



Existing Site Photos at Wellington Park



Existing Site Photos at Ordnance Park



Existing Neighborhood Parks

- ① Adelaide Place Parkette
- ② Bill Johnston Park
- ③ Canoe Landing
- ④ Coronation Park
- ⑤ Draper Park
- ⑥ Garrison Common
- ⑦ Gateway Park
- ⑧ Joseph Workman Park
- ⑨ Liberty Village Park
- ⑩ Little Norway Park
- ⑪ Massey Harris Park
- ⑫ Military Cemetery
- ⑬ Northern Linear Pathway Connector Park
- ⑭ Stadium Road Park (North)
- ⑮ Stanley Park North
- ⑯ Stanely Park South
- ⑰ Toronto Inukshuk Park
- ⑱ Trinity Bellwoods Park
- ⑲ Victoria Memorial Square Park
- ⑳ June Callwood Park
- ㉑ The Gore Park

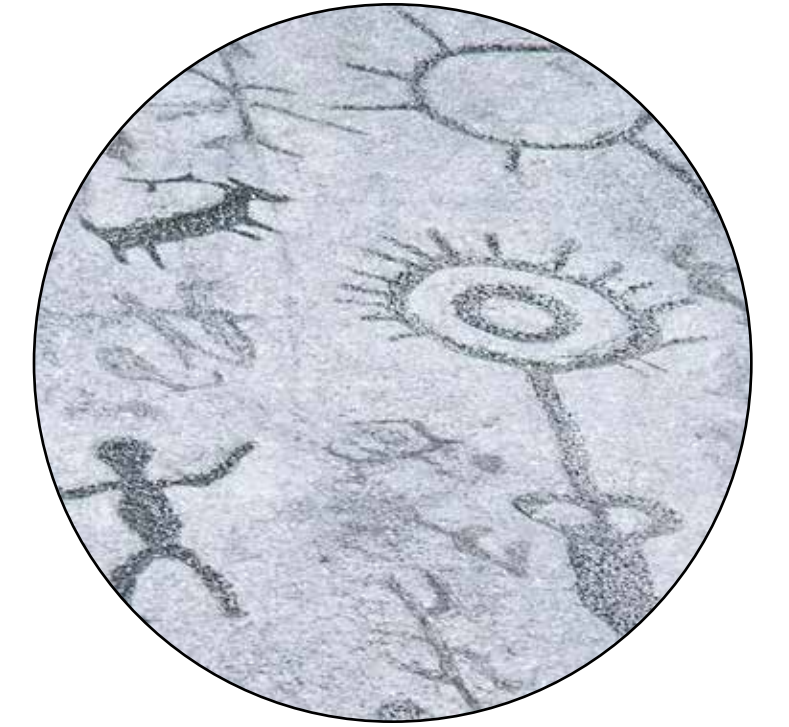


New Parks Within a Connected Open Space System



Key Events that Helped to Shape Today's Landscape

- **Time Immemorial:** Anishinaabe migration to the Great Lakes area, Michi-Saagiig Nation settles along the north shore of Lake Ontario, westward from the First Stopping Place.
- **1200 CE:** Huron-Wendat arrive in Southern Ontario, a Treaty is signed agreeing on the sharing of land between Huron Wendat and Anishinaabe Nations (Ojibwe, Michi-Saagiig), documented by a Wampum Belt.
- **c.1600-1620:** Anishinaabe (Ojibwe, Odawa, Michi-Saagiig) and Huron Wendat Nations make first contact with French explorer Etienne Brulé.
- **1650-1700:** Beaver Wars: Haudenosaunee Confederacy expands into Southern Ontario. Michi-Saagiig people are displaced north. The Seneca, Cayuga, and Oneida establish settlements along the north shore of Lake Ontario, trading with French, Dutch and English people.
- **1670s-1690s:** Anishinaabe and Huron-Wendat warriors defeat Haudenosaunee Confederacy in battles throughout Southern Ontario. Troops from New France destroy two of the seven villages in 1678.
- **1701:** Great Peace of Montreal is established ending the Beaver Wars, Haudenosaunee Confederacy agrees to remain on the South Shore of Lake Ontario, in their traditional homeland of Upstate New York. Michi-Saagiig return to their traditional territory along the North Shore of Lake Ontario.
- **1787-1788:** Treaty known as the "Johnson-Butler Purchase" or "Toronto Purchase" signed between the Michi-Saagiig and representatives of the British Crown.
- **1793:** The British establish a Garrison at York, which would become Fort York. ***The Garrison Common lands (approx. 1 mile radius from Fort York) were cleared for defensive purposes.**



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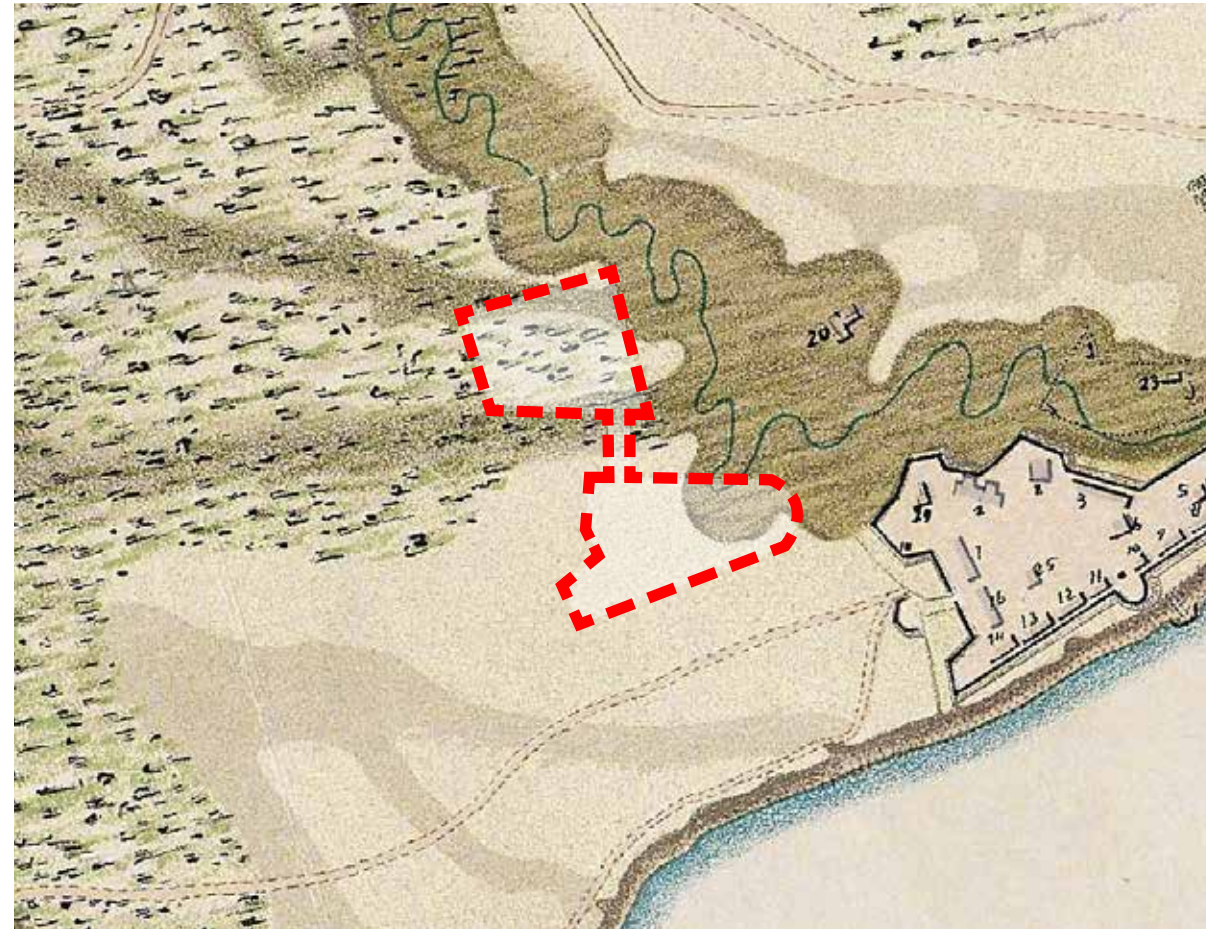
- **1805:** Treaty 13 signed by Michi-Saagiig and British Crown, sought to clarify the terms of the Johnson-Butler Purchase.
- **1812:** War of 1812. About 60 First Nations and Métis communities fought alongside the British Army and Upper Canadian militia. Tecumseh, Shawnee chief, leader of the First Nations confederacy that was formed to resist American intrusion on Indigenous land, is remembered as a respected Indigenous warrior and major figure in the War of 1812.
- **1923:** Williams Treaties negotiated between Michi-Saagiig and Government of Canada.
- **1860s:** Railway construction in Garrison Creek and south of Fort York along Lake Ontario shoreline – destroying parts of the fort and the Garrison Creek shoreline.
- **1890-1920s:** Construction of the Garrison Sewer and 'undergrounding' of Garrison Creek.
- **Late 1980's - Early 2000's:** Industry Starts to leave the area.
- **2018:** Final settlement of the Williams Treaties between Williams Treaties First Nations (Michi-Saagiig, Ojibwe/Chippewa) and Government of Canada, settling disputes arising from previous treaties.
- **2019:** Completion of Garrison Crossing. * **This is the first time in over 100 years that Ordnance and Wellington sites are open green space.**
- **2024:** To this day, Indigenous peoples remain present on this land.



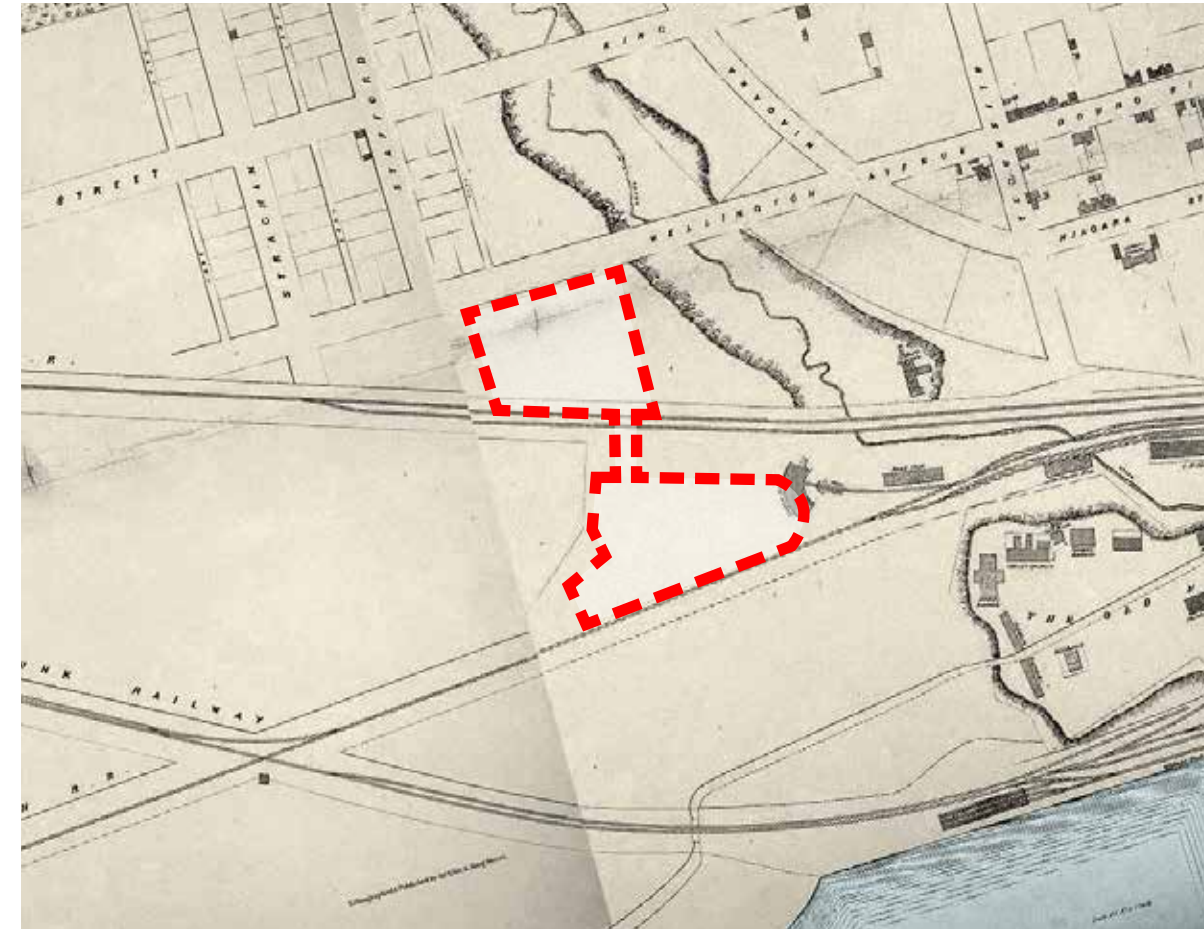
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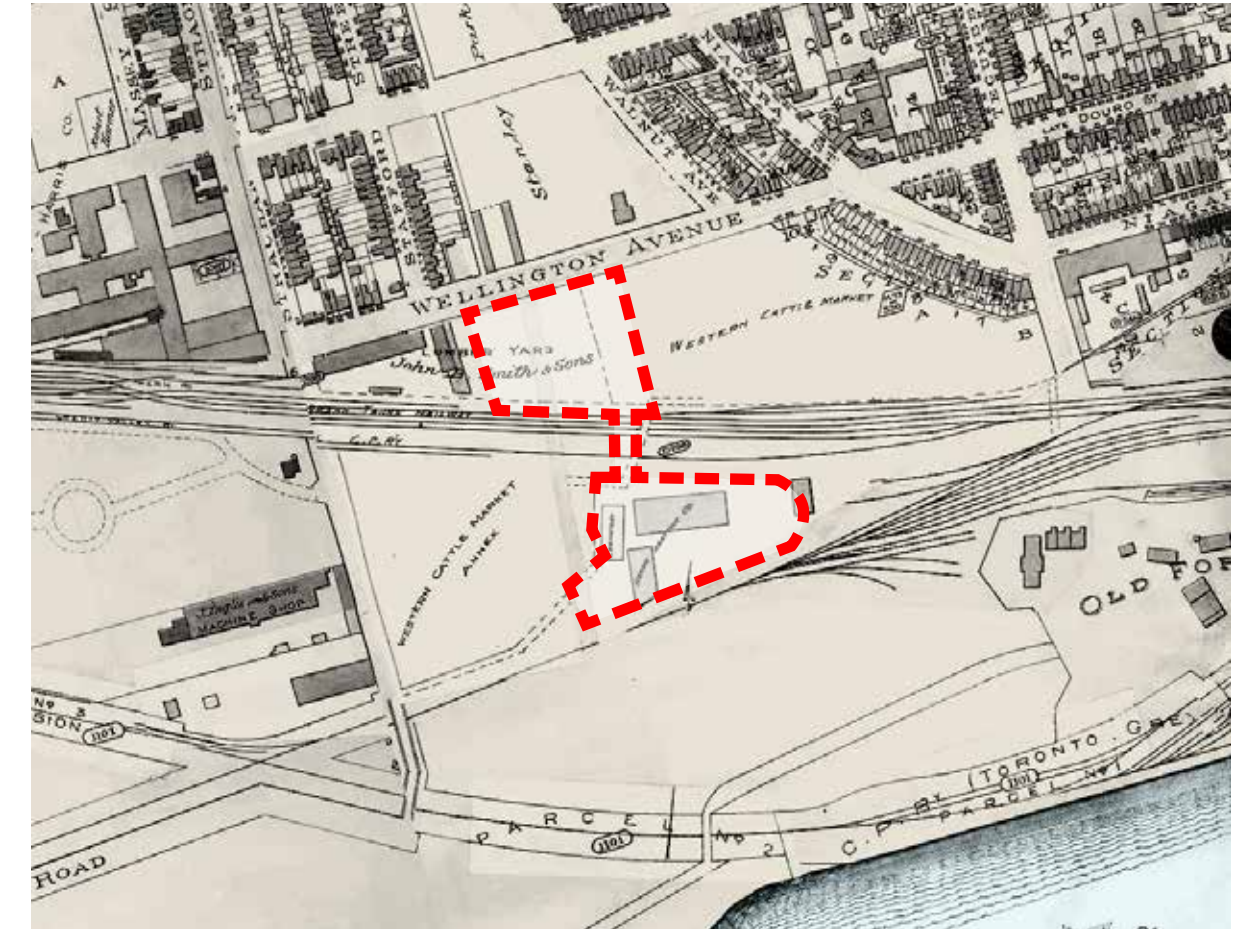
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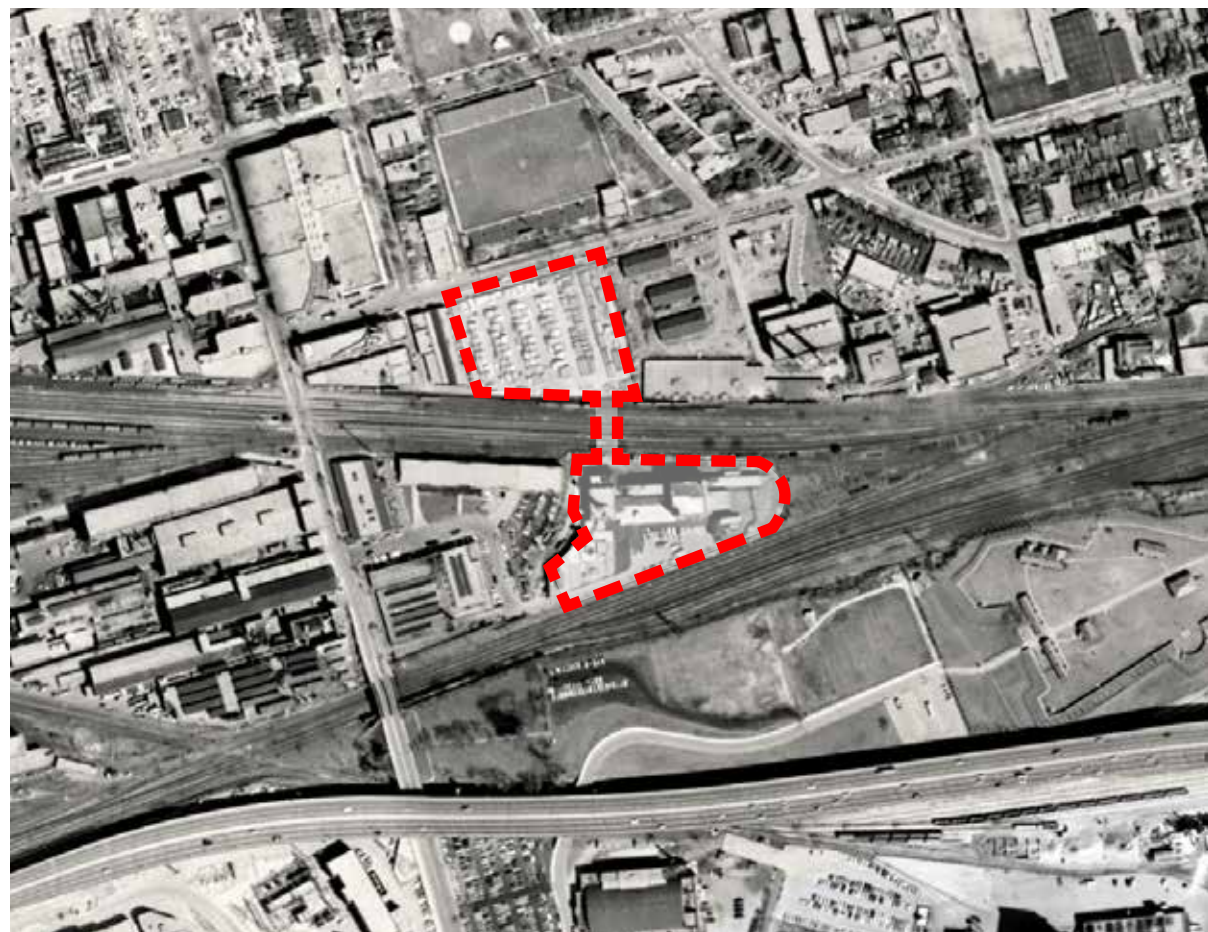
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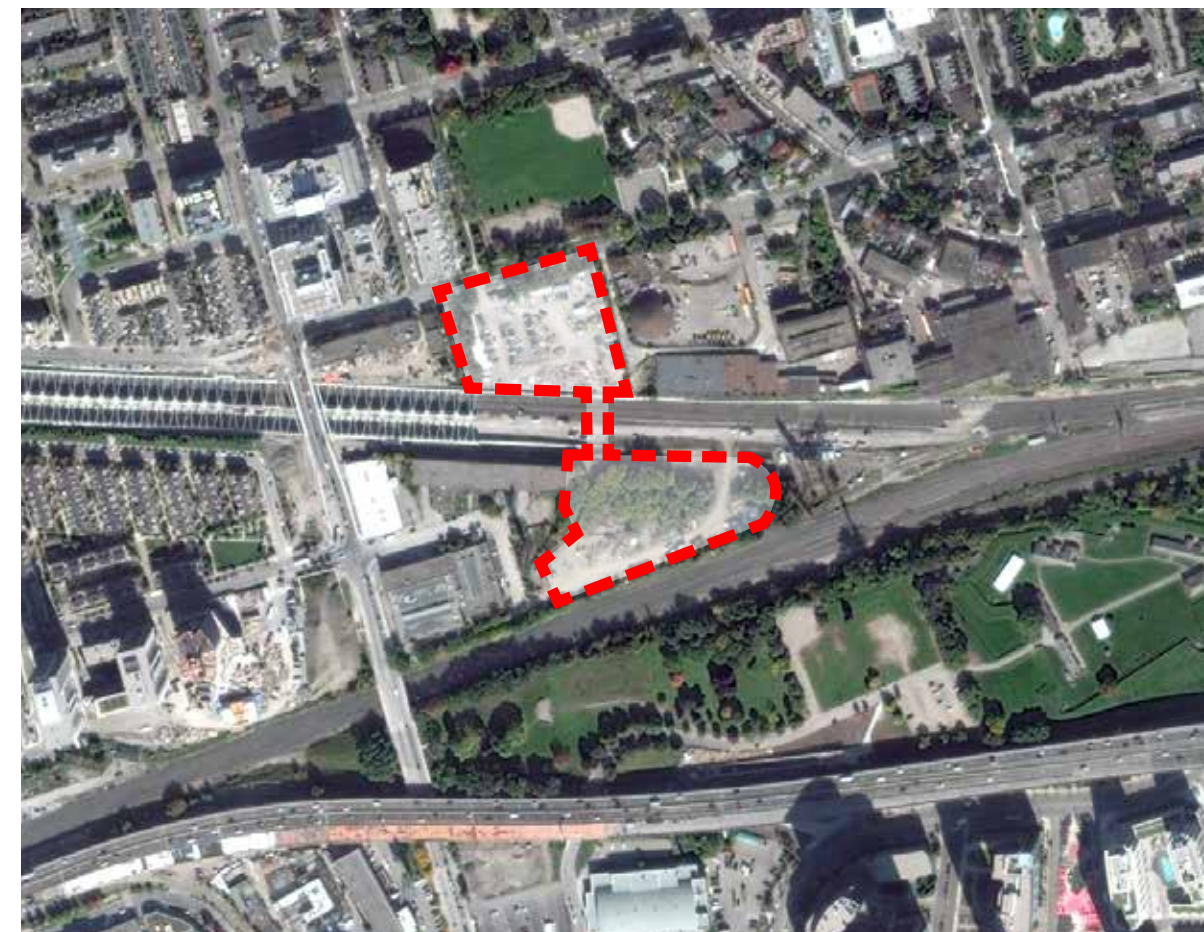
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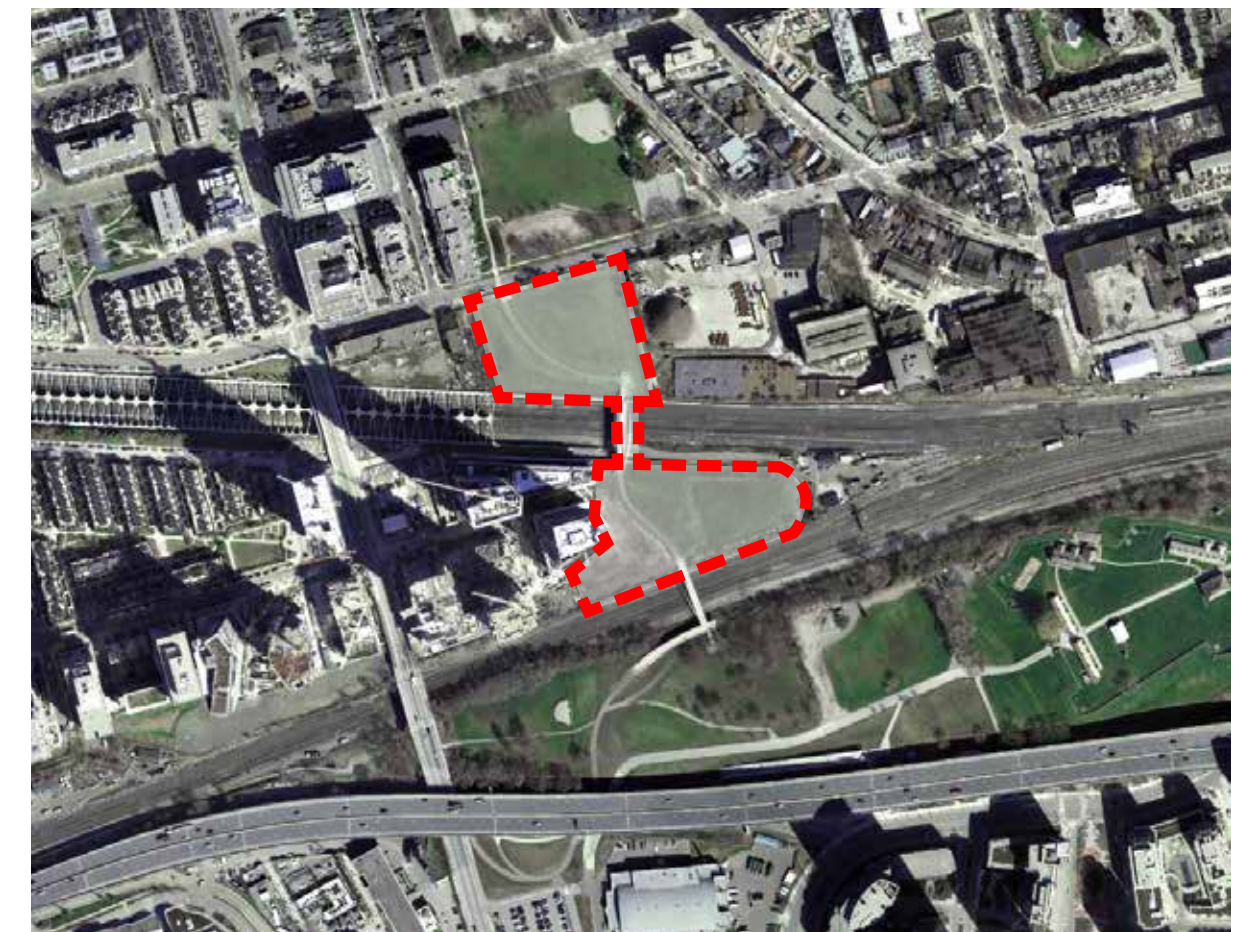
1965



2002



2014



2022

Changes to Garrison Creek and the Lake Ontario Shoreline



c. 1750, Lake Ontario shoreline at Fort Rouillé



1821, Fort at York, John Elliott Woolford



date unknown, An early photo of Garrison Creek



1960s, Construction of the Gardiner Expressway



2008, View of Ordnance Lands from Bathurst St.



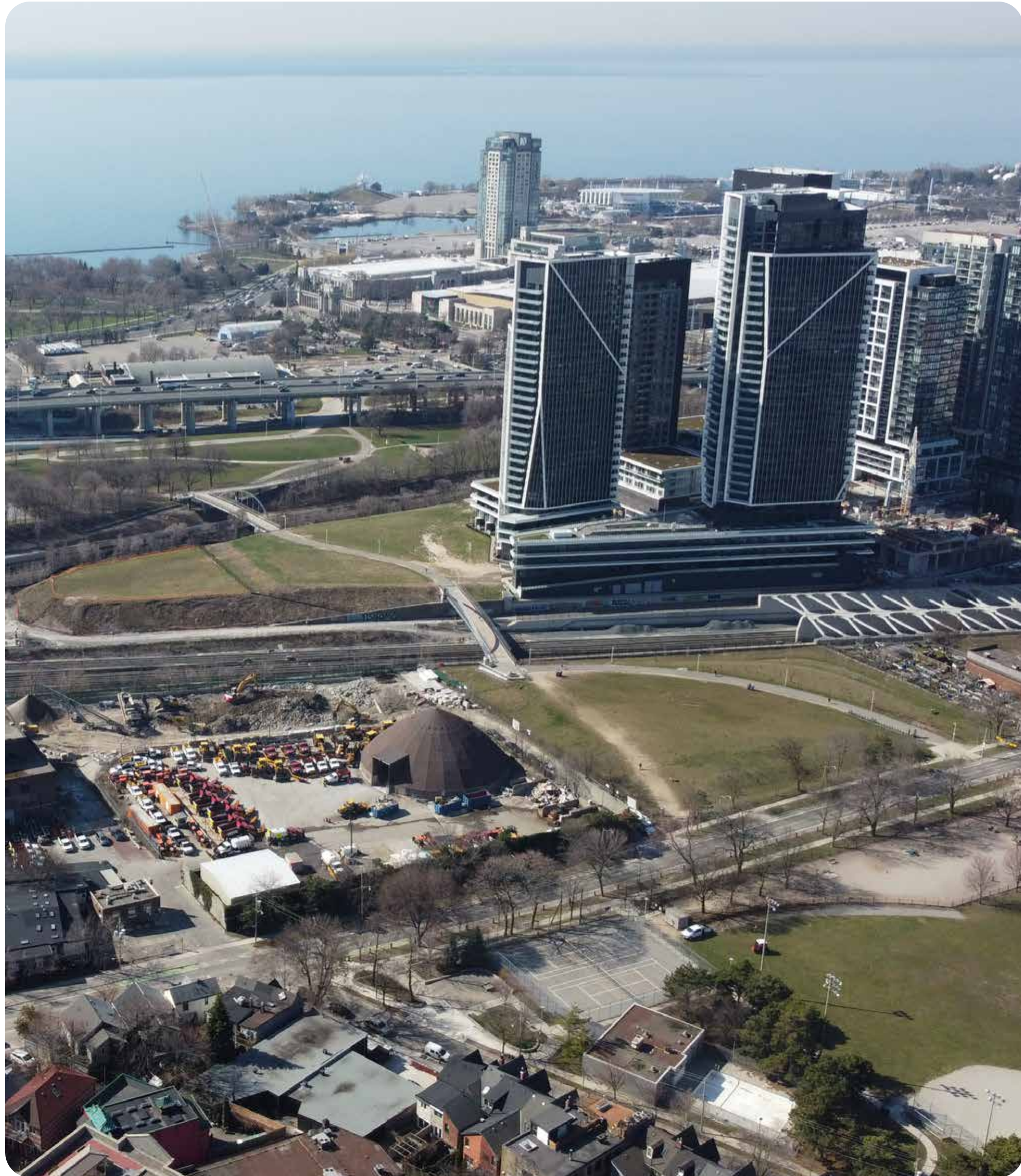
2010, Garrison Creek Sewer



Discussion

Are you familiar with
Placekeeping or spaces for
Ceremony in the area?

Vision



Ordnance and Wellington parks will provide a unique urban oasis with spectacular views of the City skyline, and new enhanced connections to the adjacent community and broader open space network.

Together the parks will provide a balance between green, ecological design; restful open spaces; and the creation of a dynamic, playful public realm.

Design Principles

The design of the parks will:



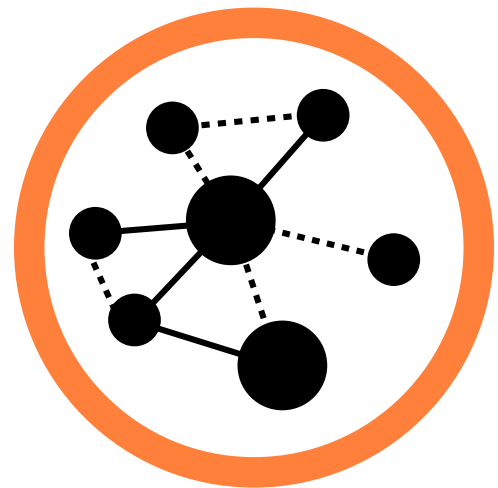
1. Establish a **Distinct Identity** for the Parks



2. Protect and Enhance **Key Views**



3. Strengthen Site **Topography and Landform**



4. Improve **Connections** in the Parks and to the Community



5. Enhance **Site Ecology**



6. Create **Safe and Inclusive** Parks for All Ages and All Abilities



7. Contribute to Public Health through **Sustainable and Resilient** Design



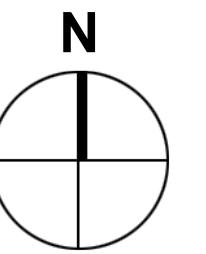
8. Reflect the **Natural and Cultural Heritage** of the Site

Concept Development



Concept Development

Wellington Park



Concept Development

Wellington Park - Looking South from Wellington Street



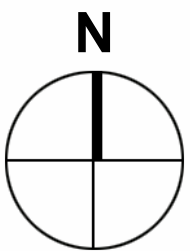
Concept Development

Wellington Park - Looking North toward Wellington Street



Concept Development

Ordnance Park



Concept Development

Ordnance Park - Looking West toward Strachan Avenue



Concept Development

Ordnance Park - Looking East toward Downtown Toronto



Design Elements

Planting: Tree Canopy, Seasonal Colour and Texture



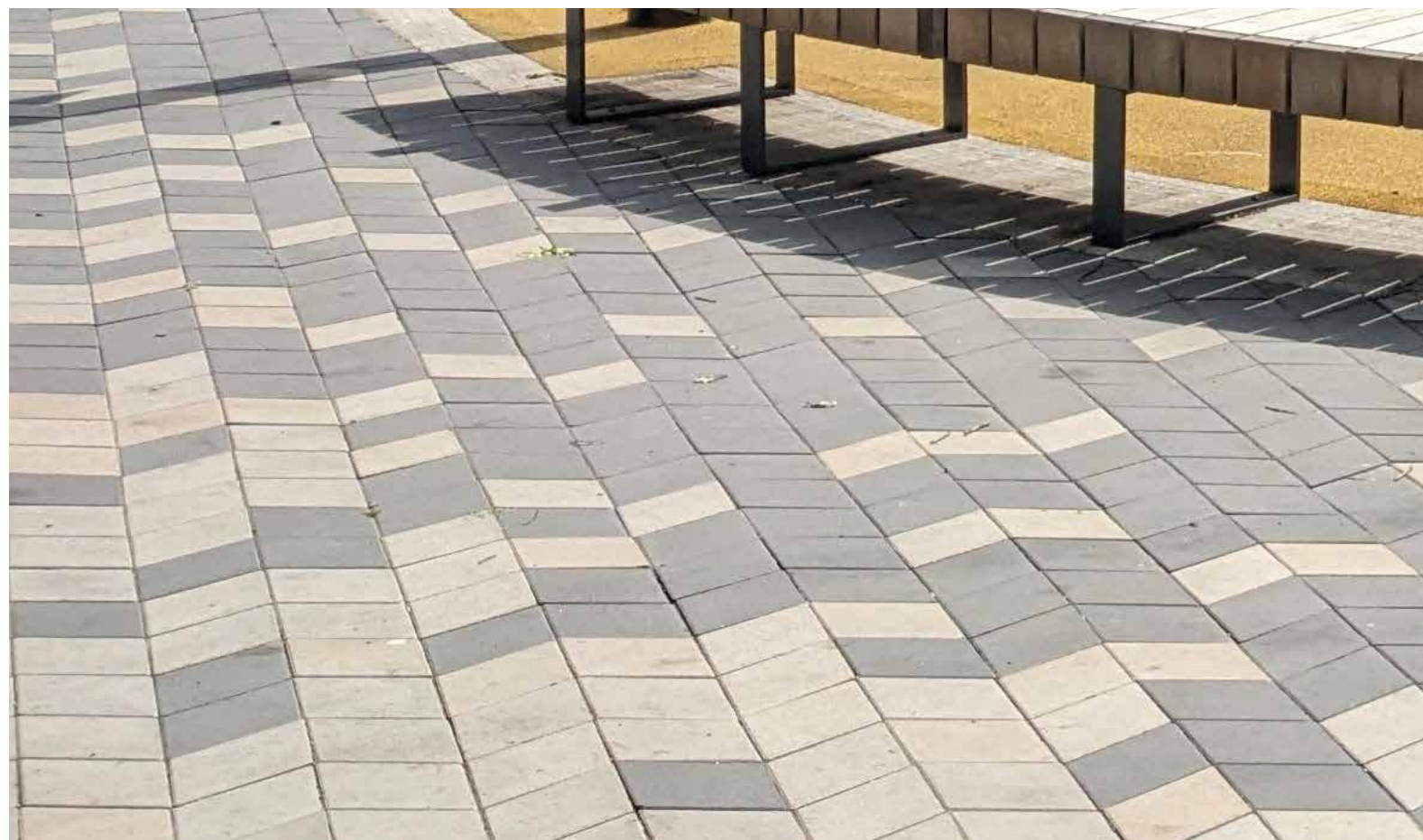
Design Elements

Topography: Slopes, Berms and Sculpted Landforms



Design Elements

Pavement: Hierarchy, Materials, Textures and Colour



Design Elements

Feature Lookout Swings





Landscape and
Placekeeping
**How Can We
Take Action?**

The design of the new parks should meaningfully respond to Indigenous people's needs and reflect their stories.

We have identified some specific actions from the City of Toronto Reconciliation Action Plan that could be taken to inform the design and implementation of these new parks:

Action 15. Support Indigenous Placekeeping

Action 16. Celebrate Indigenous Arts and Culture

Action 17. Support the Revitalization of Indigenous Languages

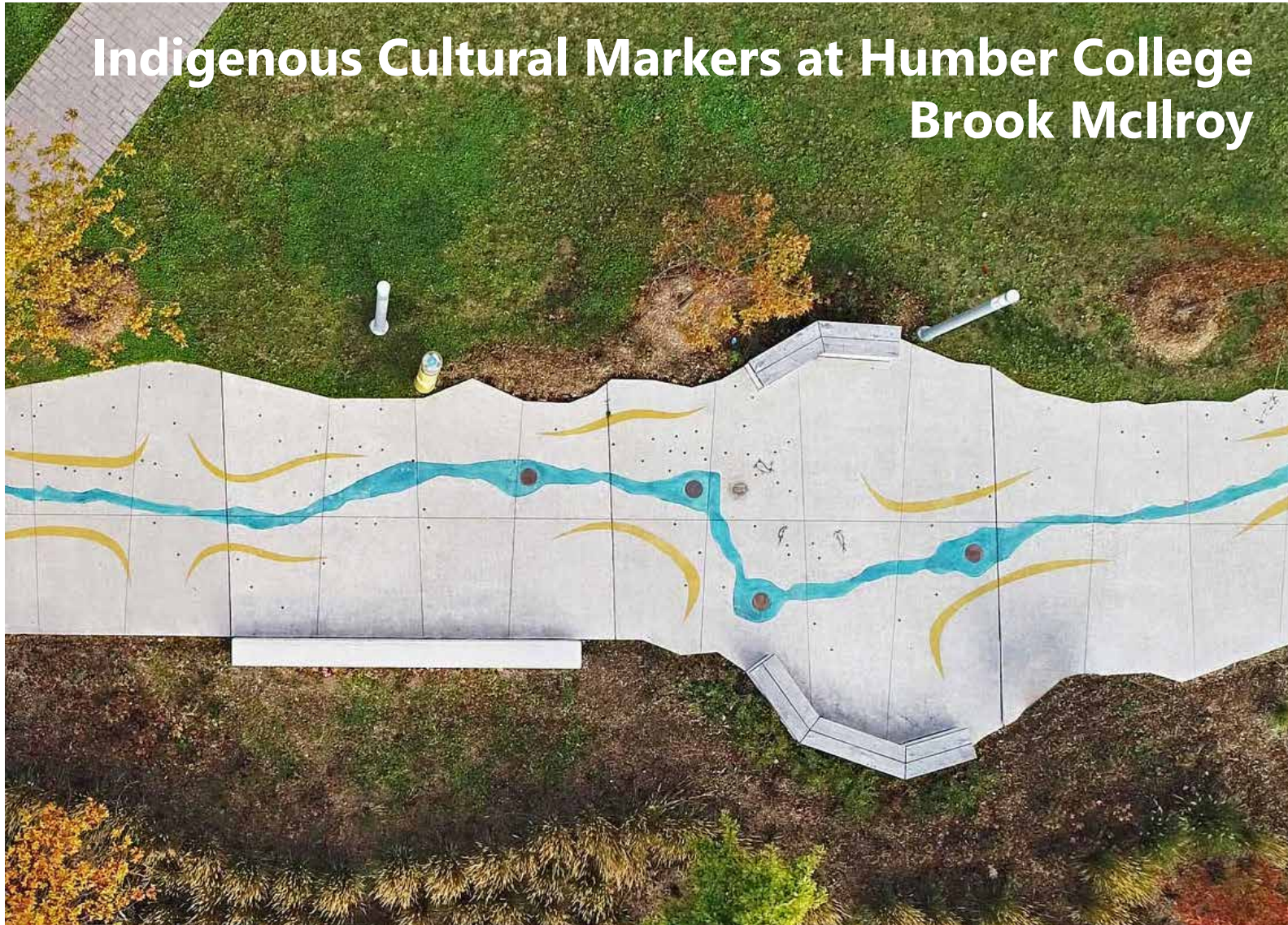
Action 18. Improve Access to Traditional Foods and Medicines

Action 19. Return Land and Stewardship Rights

Support Indigenous Placekeeping



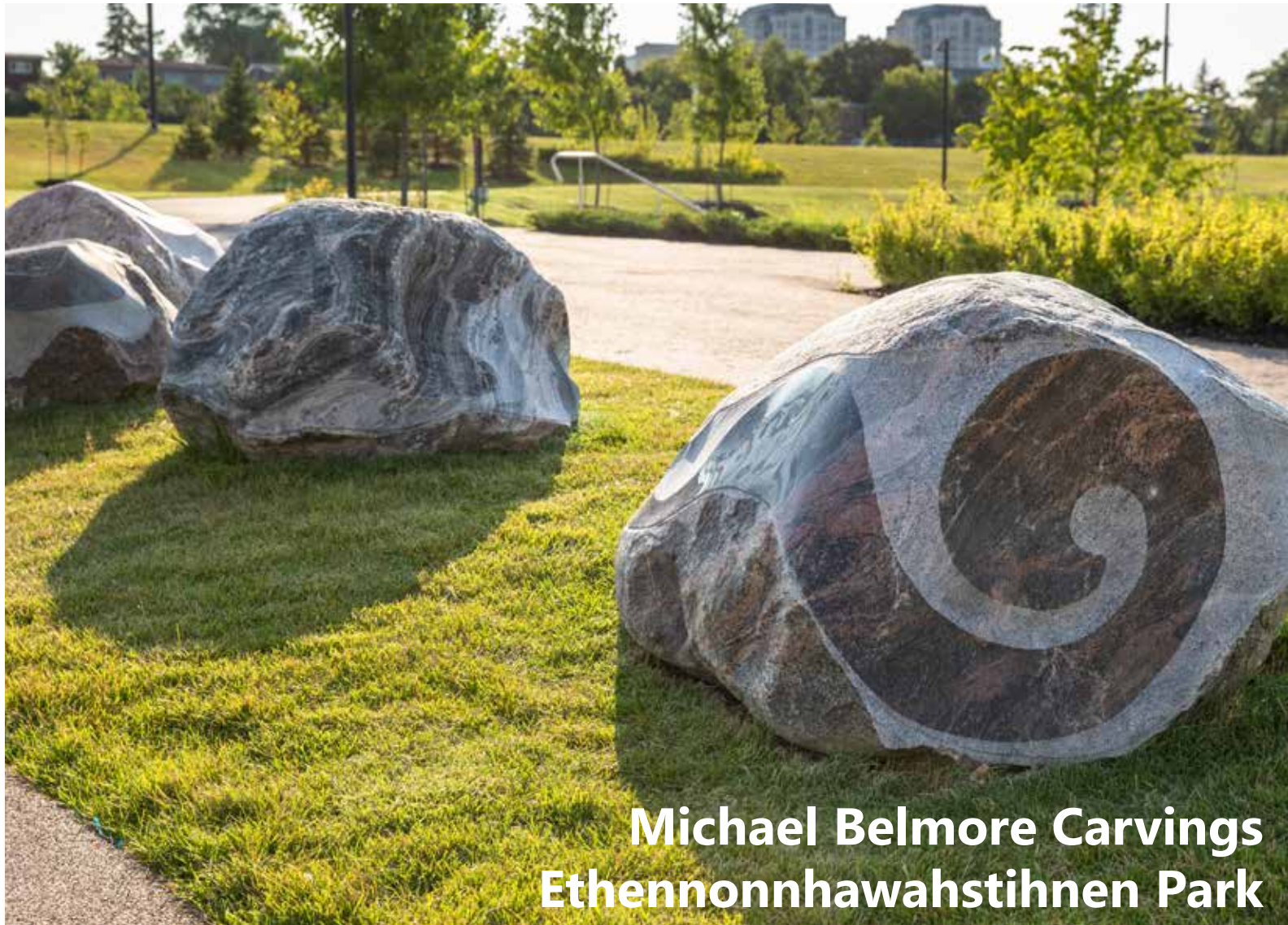
Support Indigenous Arts and Culture



Indigenous Cultural Markers at Humber College
Brook McIlroy



Mocassin Identifier Carving
Trillium Park

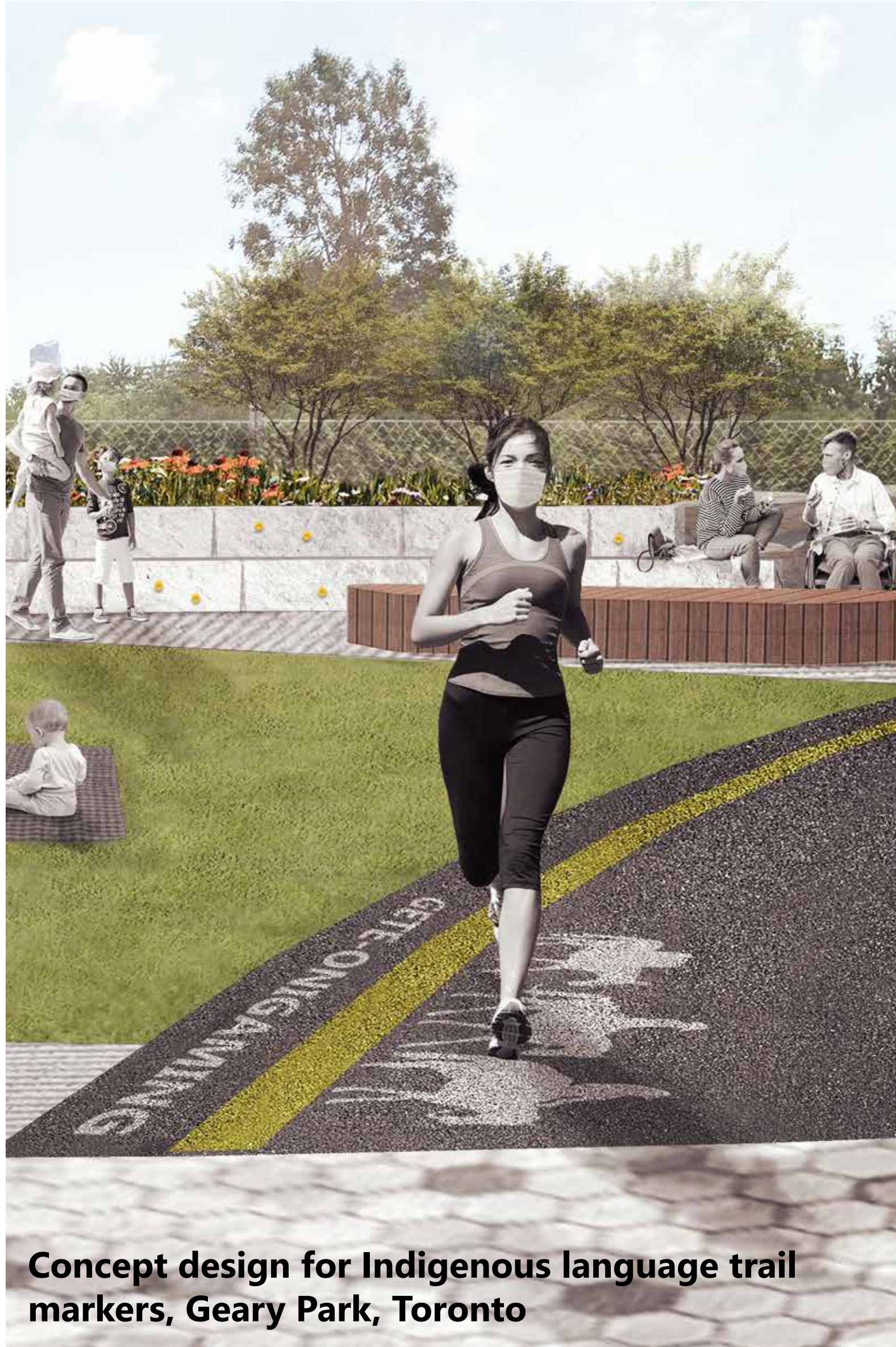


Michael Belmore Carvings
Ethennonhawahstihnen Park



Mural at Spadina and Dupont, Phil Cote representing
Anishinaabe, Wendat, Cree, and Haudenosaunee Images

Support the Revitalization of Indigenous Languages



Concept design for Indigenous language trail markers, Geary Park, Toronto



Indigenous Plant I.D. Names, Royal Botanical Gardens, ON



Concept design for native bird names translated to Anishinaabemowin Lower Don Trail, Toronto



Anishinaabemowin Billboard, Ogimaa Mikana by Susan Blight, Thunder Bay



Spadina Rd sign with Anishinaabe name

Support Indigenous Health and Wellbeing

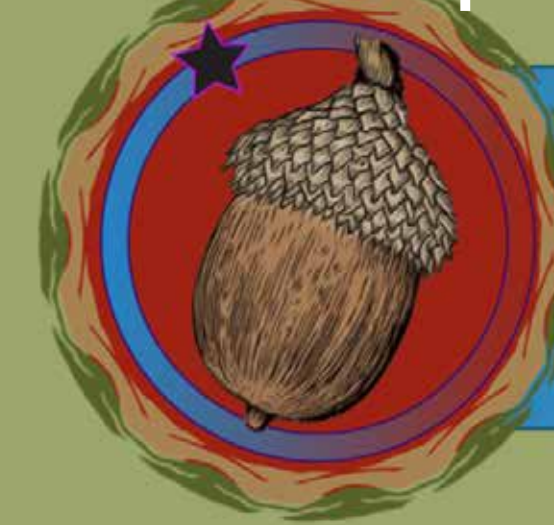


Return Land and Stewardship Rights



Indigenous plant specialists engaged by the City for the management of the Bloor Street BIA parkettes

[Indigenouslandstewardshipto.wordpress.com](https://indigenouslandstewardshipto.wordpress.com)



Indigenous
Land
Stewardship
Circle

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Restoring Indigenous stewardship to
Tkaronto's ancient oak savannahs



Black Oak Savannah



Discussion

What would help make you feel welcome in the new parks?

How do you envision Indigenous cultures and ways of knowing being reflected in the park?

Next Steps

Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting #2:

- The design team will make refinements to the concept plans based on the feedback heard today.
- The IAC will meet again in Mid-March to review the updated concept plans and integrated Placekeeping elements.

A photograph showing a vast field of white flowers in the foreground, with a city skyline and the CN Tower visible in the background under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Miigwetch / Nia:weh / Marsee / Nakurmiik
Thank you**