



Backgrounder

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TORONTO 2015 PAN/PARAPAN AMERICAN ATHLETES' VILLAGE IN THE WEST DON LANDS

West Don Lands Revitalization

The West Don Lands is one of the first new communities currently being developed by Waterfront Toronto as part of Toronto's waterfront revitalization.

The 32 hectare (80 acre) area of former industrial lands is being transformed into a sustainable, mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly, riverside community. It will feature 6,000 new residential units, ample space for employment and commercial uses, public transit within a five minute walk of homes and businesses, at least one elementary school and two child-care centres.

Building an Athletes' Village in the West Don Lands

Infrastructure Ontario, Waterfront Toronto and the Ontario Realty Corporation are working with Toronto 2015 to develop the section of West Don Lands that will be home to the Athletes' Village.

Locating the Athletes' Village in the West Don Lands means a significant increase in the pace of transforming the area and will be a unique legacy of the Games. The Village will be built based on Waterfront Toronto's vision for a green, modern and vibrant new community as outlined in the West Don Lands Precinct Plan. Waterfront Toronto originally planned to complete the West Don Lands community over 10 to 12 years in three phases, now more than half of the West Don Lands will be complete in time for the Games.

The Village will serve as the home-away-from-home for the 10,000 athletes and officials of the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games:

- 8,000 athletes and officials are expected to participate in the Pan American Games, July 10-26, 2015.
- 2,200 athletes and officials are expected to participate in the Parapan American Games, August 7-14, 2015.

Following the Games, the Athletes' Village will be converted into a range of housing options.

Achieving Sustainability and Design Excellence

The Athletes' Village section of the West Don lands must meet Waterfront Toronto's comprehensive mandatory green building requirements that ensure that all new buildings

within the waterfront are efficient in their use of resources and take advantage of new approaches and technologies to deliver a positive impact on the surrounding air, land and water. The requirements include that all buildings achieve a minimum LEED Gold certification and incorporate green roof technology.

LEED buildings focus on healthy indoor environments, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and efficient use of energy, water and other resources.

Waterfront Toronto formed a design review panel, the first in Toronto, to help ensure that waterfront revitalization projects set new standards for design excellence. The Panel is an independent, advisory body to guide and inform the revitalization of the Toronto waterfront.

Preparing for the Redevelopment Project

Remediation and site preparation work is well underway in the West Don Lands, both in the area that will be home to the Athletes' Village and the area surrounding it. Design, construction and planning approvals are also already well underway, which will allow the development of the Village to be completed in time for the Games.

Ontario Realty Corporation is continuing to construct a Flood Protection Landform, build sub-surface infrastructure and roads, and prepare the land for future development. The Flood Protection Landform is 90 per cent complete. Construction of the Bayview Avenue re-alignment has begun and the River Street extension is underway. Once Bayview Avenue is completed, Ontario Realty Corporation will demolish the existing connecting road at the King/Queen triangle and extend the Flood Protection Landform through that area.