



PORT UNION WATERFRONT PARK FACT SHEET

LOCATION

Port Union Waterfront Park is a new shoreline park located along the water's edge in Scarborough between Highland Creek and the Rouge River.

PARK DESCRIPTION

Port Union Waterfront Park provides 13.5 hectares (33.4 acres) of new waterfront parkland and nearly four kilometres of waterfront trail constructed through a lakefilling process along a narrow section of the existing shoreline.

The new park opens up access to the shoreline and provides east end Toronto residents with a lakefront space in an area that previously lacked public access to the waterfront. The public can now enjoy recreational activities along the multi-use trail and enhanced shoreline, which provides a stunning water's-edge route to walk, cycle or skate through the area.

A unique and accessible urban escape, the sprawling park not only enhances the area and connects the local community to the lake, but also helps to establish Port Union as a recreational destination for the entire city to enjoy. A primary objective of waterfront revitalization is to deliver lasting economic and social benefits. Creating additional park land at the water's edge provides a welcome boost to the local economy by drawing people to the area.

PARK SIZE & PHASING

Built in two phases, Port Union Waterfront Park offers 13.5 hectares (33.4 acres) of beautiful shoreline park space and nearly four kilometres of new waterfront trail. With the completion of Phase 2, the park now offers improved recreational access to the lakefront between the Highland Creek and the Rouge River watersheds, 3.8 kilometres of continuous waterfront trail and an enhanced shoreline with ten new cobblestone beaches, improved aquatic and terrestrial habitat and wetland features.

Phase 1

Phase 1, which opened in September 2006, begins at Highland Creek in the west and stretches east to Port Union Road. Phase 1 included the creation of 2.0 kilometres of the new waterfront trail system, five cobble beaches, a bridge at the mouth of Highland Creek and a pedestrian node at the foot of Port Union Road. The bridge over the mouth of the Highland Creek and the pedestrian tunnel at Port Union Village Common now provide safe access to the lake and connect the two access points.

Phase 2

Phase 2, which opened in October 2012, extends the park east from Port Union Road to the Rouge River. Phase 2 added an additional 1.8 kilometres of waterfront trail, bringing the total length of the new

waterfront trail system to 3.8 kilometres. Additional features include shoreline protection, enhancements to terrestrial and aquatic habitat and five additional cobble beaches.

Phase 2 also included creation of the 'Western Gateway', a grand new staircase and cantilevered pedestrian boardwalk linking the Toronto and Pickering waterfront trail systems. The Western Gateway was built in partnership between the City of Pickering, Waterfront Toronto and Toronto and Region Conservation.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Restoration and shoreline enhancements to terrestrial and aquatic habitats were key elements of the park's design and construction. Both Phase 1 and Phase 2 included improvements to the shoreline and the creation of aquatic and terrestrial habitat. The park was constructed using lake fill material from local construction sites, including the reuse of existing shoreline protection materials at the base of the CN Rail line. The bridge of over Highland Creek is made completely of self-weathering steel. The parkland was planted with native trees and shrubs

DESIGN TEAM: PMA Landscape Architects, Ganawa Company and Brown & Co.

PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION: Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA)

BUDGET: \$ 24,117,000 Million, was entirely funded by the governments of Canada and Ontario and the City of Toronto

City of Toronto:	\$ 11,975,000
Government of Canada	6,992,000
The Government of Ontario	5,150,000

OPERATIONS

Designed and built as part of the revitalization of Toronto's waterfront, ownership of Port Union Waterfront Park has been transferred to the City of Toronto. The park will be operated and maintained by the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Department.