# Port Lands Planning Framework + Villiers Island Precinct Plan

Stakeholder Advisory Committee Landowner and User Advisory Committee March 29, 2017





## Agenda + Purpose

- Present and discuss the updated vision and key directions for the Port Lands Planning Framework and Villiers Island Precinct Plan.
- Brief members on next steps for the Port Lands plans and policies, including opportunity for comment on proposed Official Plan amendments
- **6:00** Agenda Review, Opening Remarks and Introductions
- **6:05** Port Lands Planning Framework Vision Facilitated Discussion and Q+A
- **6:40** Port Lands Planning Framework Directions and Recommendations Facilitated Discussion and Q+A
- **7:20** Villiers Island Precinct Plan Facilitated Discussion and Q+A
- **7:55** Wrap-Up and Next Steps





### What have we been doing since November, 2015?

- Reviewed feedback received from November, 2015 consultation
- Presented to the Waterfront Design Review Panel and Expert Review Panel for advice

July 23 & 24, 2014

**Port Lands** 

Charrette

- Presented to Film Ontario representatives, the Film Board, the Toronto Industry Network and other Industry representatives
- Completed due diligence on the Transportation and Servicing Master Plan and met with key land owners
- Refining and finalizing directions
- Developing draft Official Plan policy

**Infrastructure Alternatives** 

March 5, 2014

Workshop



Nov. 14 - 18, 2015

**Shaping the Future:** 

Placemaking in the Port Lands +

**Connecting South of Eastern Consultation** 

VILLIERS ISLAND

PRECINCT PLAN

Nov. 28. 2013 **Introductory Community** Meeting

### Incorporation of Feedback/Advice - Highlights



**Public Consultation** 

- Explore additional east-west connections and water transport
- Better consideration of all Torontonians i.e. destinations
- Integrate the transportation network with planned transit stations/ projects
- Further consideration of types, mix of uses and critical mass, including accommodating film uses



Design Review Panel

- Global models for large scale transformation
- Retail considerations missing
- Differentiate from the rest of the city
- Better east-west integration Keating Channel and Eastern Avenue



Expert Review Panel - Baskets Of Advice

- Reinforced and commended staff on many aspects of the planning
- Identified areas that further clarification needed
- Identified areas for refinement and further consideration
- Identified issues outside of the Port Lands





### **Expert Review Panel**

Port Lands is a playground for both the 3 million residents of the broader city, as well as those that will be living and working there

#### Highlights

Strengths of the Plan	Further Clarification	Refinement/Further Consideration
Heritage as DNA	Seeding land uses and be more proactive in seeking out industries	Consider Port Lands together with the Keating Channel Precinct/ Gardiner EA
Structural principles and integration to the north	Management of the interface between industrial and residential	Mix of commercial and housing in neighbourhoods - Be more aggressive on land use split
Broadview Extension and connecting to destinations	Kick-start the Hearn's transformation in a more proactive way	Expand the green links and in particular associated with Broadview
Amount of green space and connectivity between the spaces	Emphasis needs to be placed on the Leslie Green Portal as a big move	Review the critical mass in neighbourhoods
City as a process - evolutionary nature of the Plan	Integrate water ecology into the Plan	Plan naturally and think about succession - "plant an acorn"











# The Framework in Brief 1 VISION — DIRECTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A high-level, long-term planning framework to guide urban revitalization and redevelopment

An outline of the key city-building directions required to unlock and realize the Port Lands interim and full potential

A rationale to support amendments to the Central Waterfront Secondary Plan that reflect the results of extensive planning, technical studies and stakeholder consultation and resolve Ontario Municipal Board appeals

A guide for decision making for all levels of government, as well as land owners and users





# 50+YEAR PLAN

Guidance for the near, medium + longer terms so that we know what to expect tomorrow, but also to provide flexibility for what is yet to come



# Port Lands Planning Framework

# Vision





# To Guide the Transformation Over the Next 50+ Years

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**OBJECTIVES** 

To Define What is to be Achieved and Measure Success

**↓** 

6 ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

To Ground the Vision + Define the Port Lands Character

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TRANSFORMATIONAL MOVES

To Unlock the Potential of the Port Lands







The Port Lands will transform into a number of new, vibrant districts with unique and memorable local identities and character, offering diverse opportunities for Torontonians to live, work and play that promote a low-carbon future, social interaction, cultural enrichment, ecological health and a prosperous local economy.

Each district will take its cue from the naturalized river valley and wild, natural areas, spectacular waterfront parks and open spaces, cultural heritage, and the energy, vibrancy and theatre of the working port and creative and innovative industries.

A resilient urban structure will be set in place, connecting the Port Lands to the city and providing sustainable options for moving in and through the area. The urban structure will provide a robust legacy of fine-grained streets and blocks to allow the Port Lands to continue evolve and transform over time.

# LZ Objectives To Define What is to be Achieved and Measure Success

- Ensure land use and associated development is diverse with beautifully designed buildings, and where appropriate, capable of adaptive reuse
- Seed land uses to shape prosperity and increase Toronto's global competitiveness and drive a strong, production oriented, digitally-connected, innovative and diverse economy
- Optimize maritime industries and celebrate the working port while managing the neighbourhood interface
- Create a dynamic and multi-functional public realm with activated public spaces, the highest caliber of urban design and that showcases water as a resource

- Celebrate and leverage the unique history of the Port Lands to create new experiences and bolster character both within and from afar
- Stitch the Port Lands to the city and achieve a fine-grained street network over time for easy, seamless access with an emphasis on transit and active transportation while maintaining goods movement
- Create inclusive, social places with housing choice, rich amenity and activity for healthy, prosperous and resilient lifestyles for all Torontonians
- Embrace the wild, natural areas and provide access for wildlife to enable abundant biodiversity





# 12 Objectives To Define What is to be Achieved and Measure Success

- Ensure the transformation is globally significant and showcases approaches embodying the cultural and technological shifts necessary for climate change resiliency and mitigation
- Ensure orderly development in lock-step with infrastructure improvements while advancing short-term actions for enhanced public access
- Create destinations for Torontotians, building on legacies and providing for early foci to kick-start the transformation
- Strategically consolidate and relocate existing uses to create opportunity, improve public access and future proof portions of the Port Lands

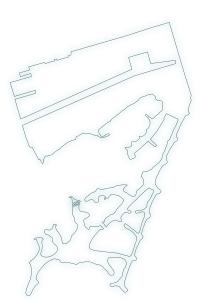




# **CESSENTIAL**Befine The Vision + Character

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BIG AND
DIVERSE

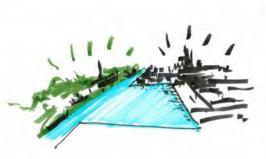
Sameness is boring, especially over a large area. Diversity is central to the vision and will be a key strength



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#### URBAN AND Natural

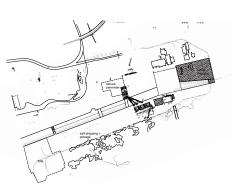
The vision reinforces the duality of urban vitality to the north, juxtaposed against a lush, wild green character to the south



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#### THE EXCEPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONAL

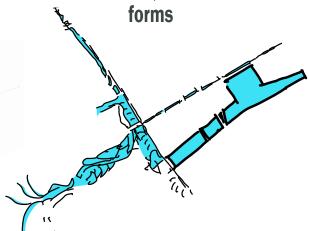
The unique qualities of the Port Lands are elevated and will be core features of the identity and experience of place



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#### ORGANIC AND MANMADE WATER ENVIRONMENTS

The presence of water will be carried throughout the Port Lands in both fluvial and constructed, rectilinear



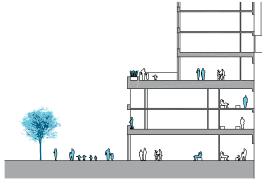
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#### AN EXEMPLAR OF URBAN LIVING

The Port Lands will be a convivial and inclusive place. It will be a place for everyone and all life



New benchmarks will be continually achieved as the Port Lands transforms









# Transformational Moves To Unlock The Potential Of The Port Lands

01

#### THE RIVER AND GREENWAY

Restoring what was once lost to create a city-wide destination, wildlife habitat and natural setting for regeneration

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#### SIX SIGNATURE STREETS

Stitching the Port Lands back into the city 03

#### HARBOUR / WILD Stitch

Uniting the Harbour and Wilds with four unique linear systems

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#### BLUE-GREEN Park Network

Creating a new dialogue about open space. Not just green, but blue and green

05

#### SEVEN DESTINATIONS

Establishing an armature of civic destinations for all Torontonians

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#### UNIQUE AND MEMORABLE PLACES

Ensuring a series
of distinct places
each with their own
character and function

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#### RESILIENT URBAN STRUCTURE

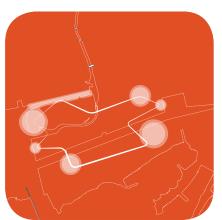
Providing diverse grains to allow for adaptability and evolution over time









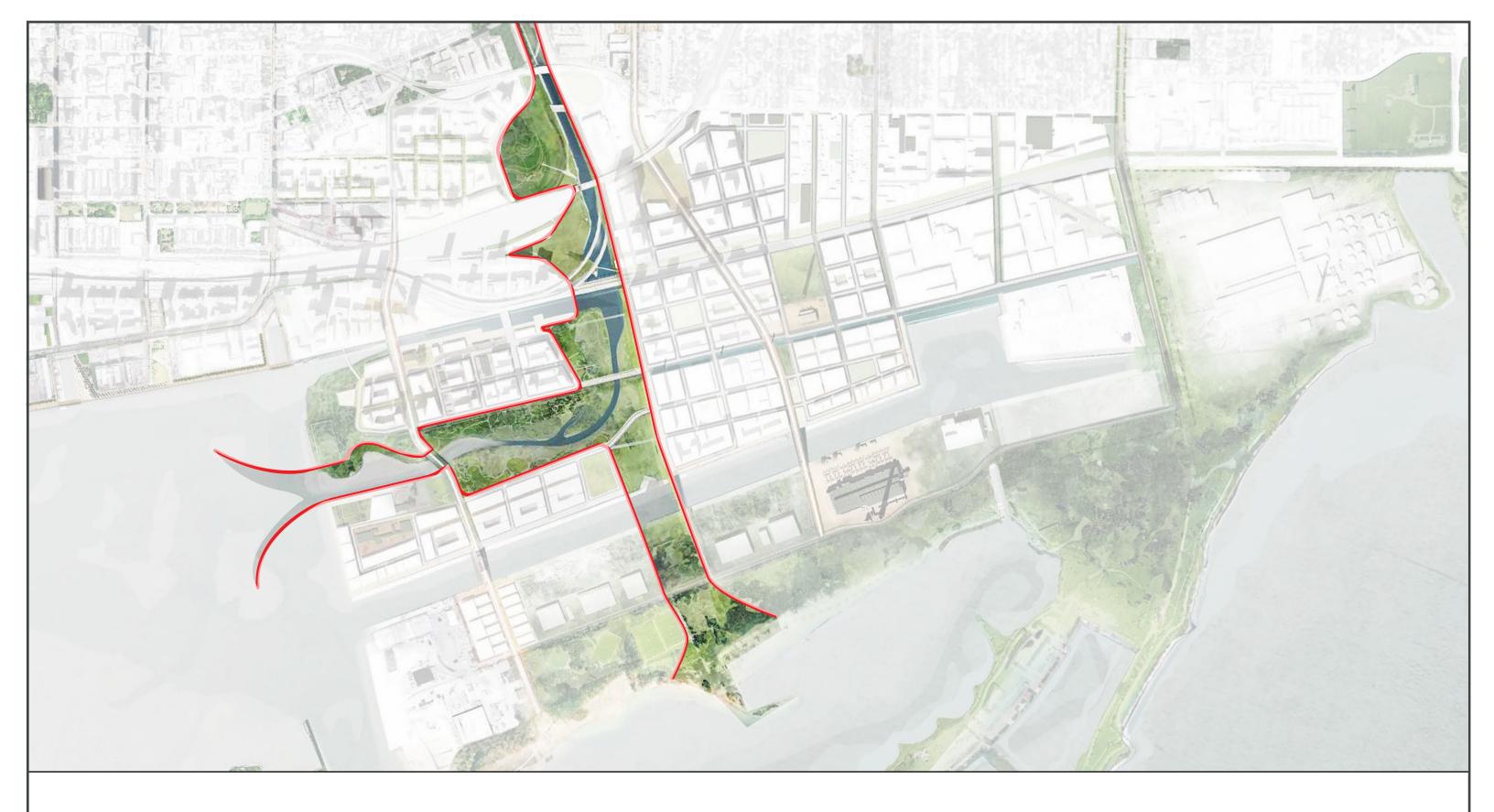












# The River and Greenway

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## Six Signature Streets

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#### PLANNING A GREAT CITY, **TO**GETHER

#### **Cherry Street**



**Don Roadway** 



**Broadview Avenue** 



**Carlaw Avenue** 



**Caroline Extension** 



**Leslie Street** 









## Harbour/Wild Stitch

#### **Commissioners Street**

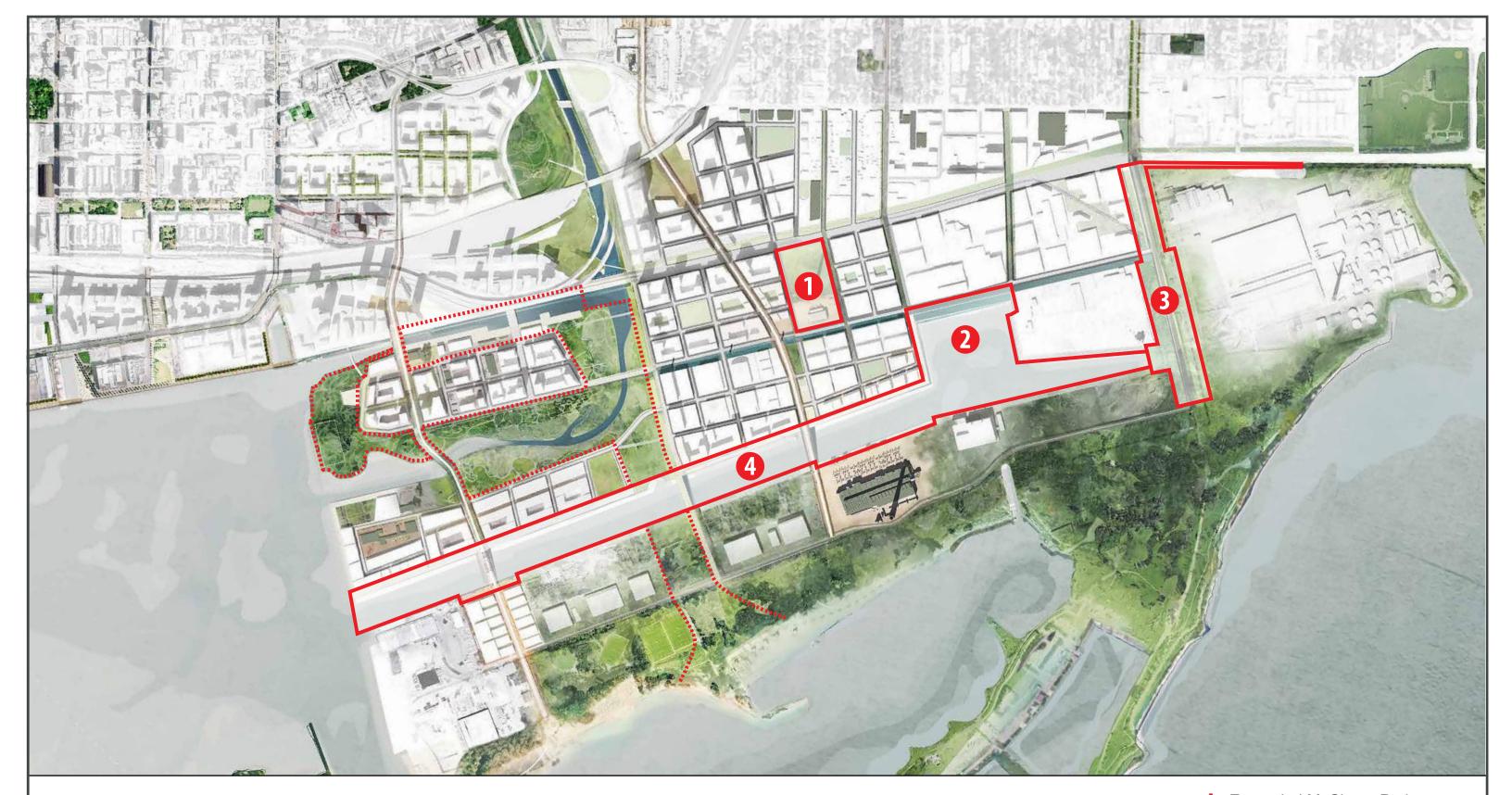






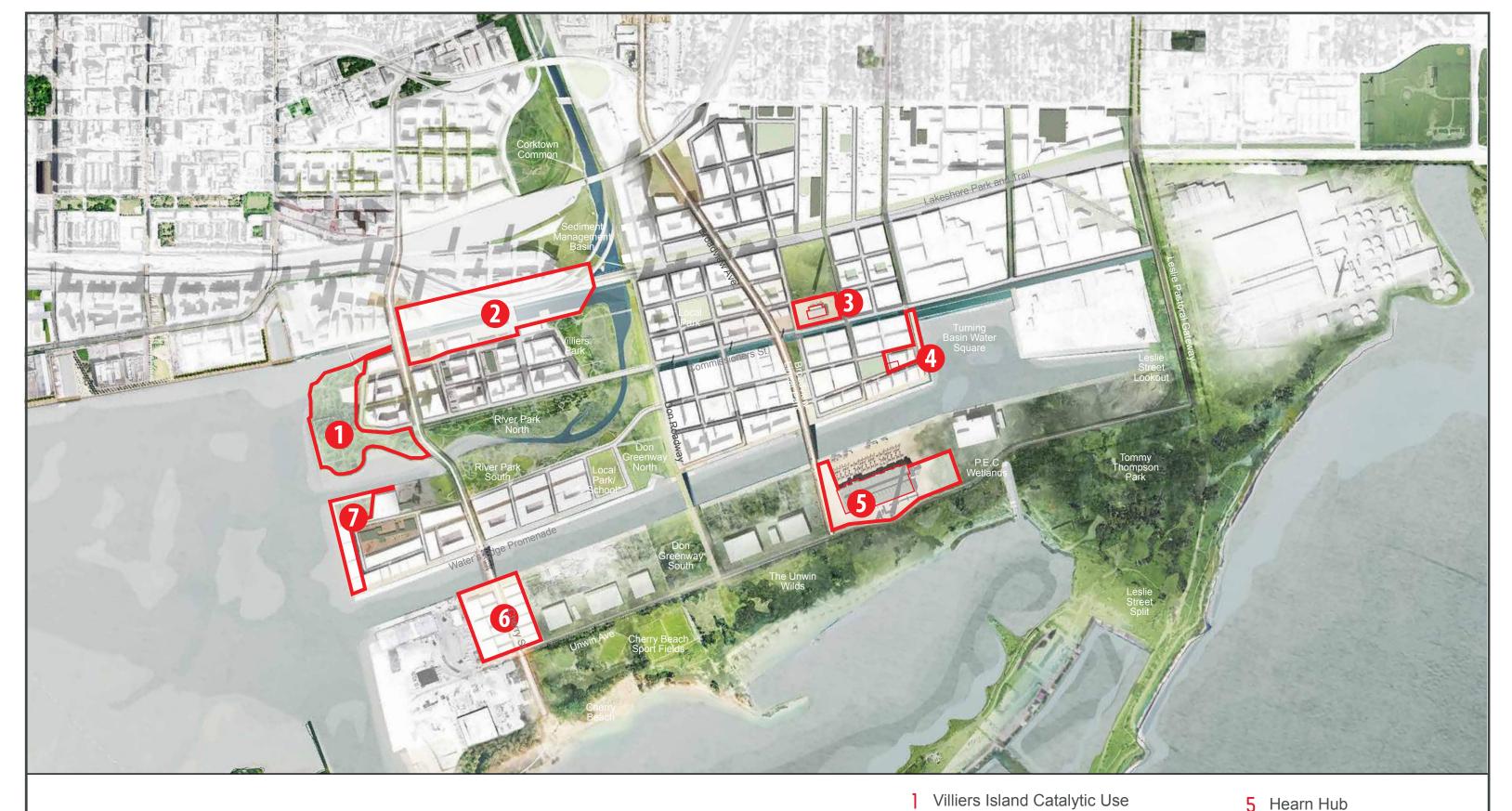






### Blue-Green Park Network

- Expanded McCleary Park
- 2 Turning Basin Blue Square
- 3 Leslie Pastoral Gateway
- Ship Channel Water's Edge Promenade



### Seven Destinations

**2** Keating Promenade

3 Commissioners Community Hub

4 Turning Basin Plaza

5 Hearn Hub

6 Maritime Hub

7 Polson Point

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#### Seven Destinations

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Promontory Park Keating Channel Commissioners Community Hub Turning Basin Plaza Hearn Hub

Maritime Hub Polson Point



A new signature, citywide destination park overlooking the Inner Harbour with event spaces, passive lookouts and a catalysing use



The living room between
Villiers Island and the
Keating Channel precinct
with destination retail
and a high level of
activation. The Channel
will become one of the
next great places in the
city



A new district serving community hub and incubator for Toronto's creative sector at the heart of the Film Studio District



A land extension of the Turning Basin Blue Square, that will activate and frame the square, and provide a back-drop for on location filming



A new public space
that frames and
accentuates the
Hearn's Art Modern
Facade with an
eclectic mix of uses in
the Port Lands most
prominent landmark



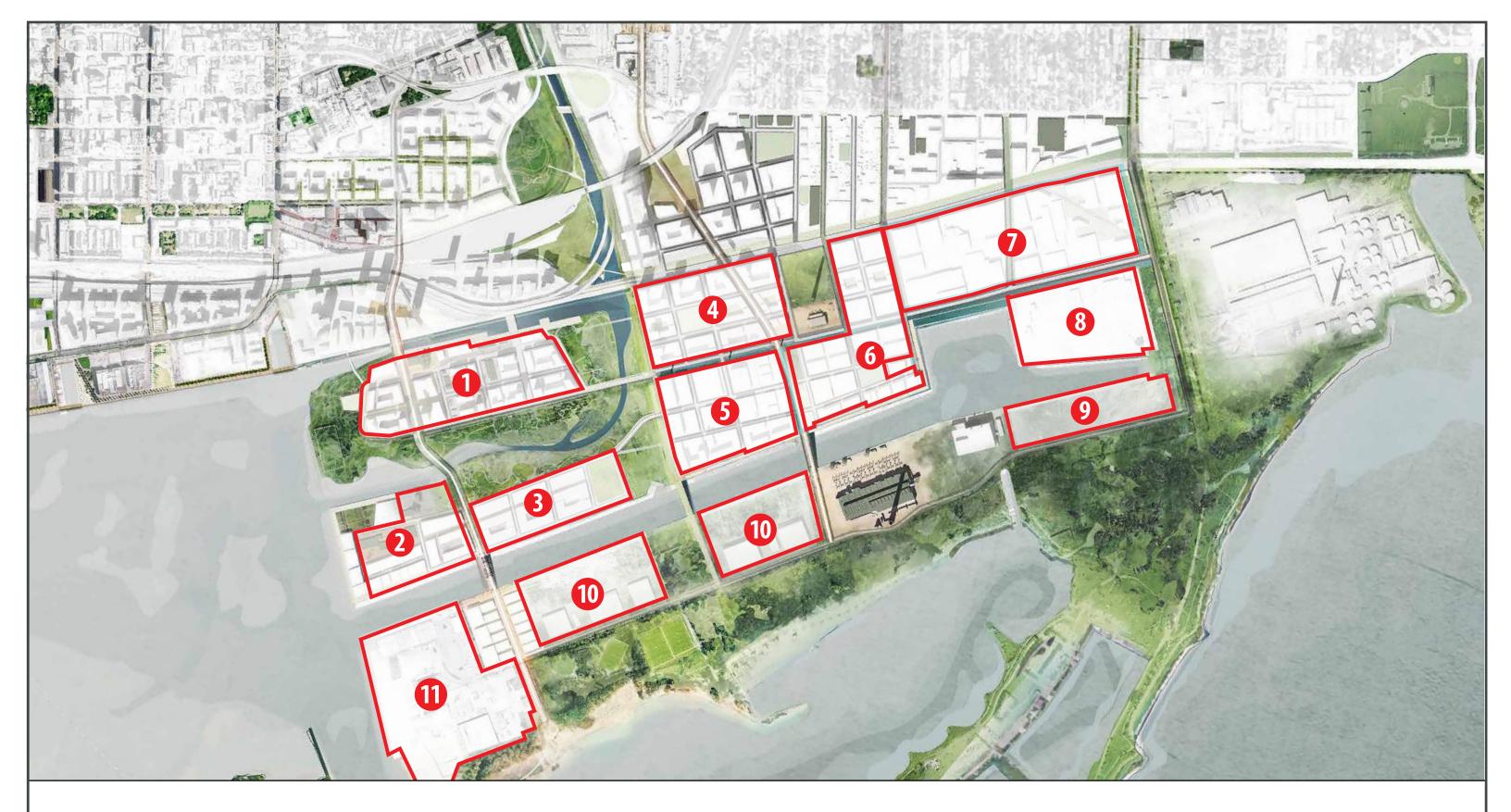
A mix of new, tight-knit, at-grade commercial uses in inventive and playful structures to provide amenity for area workers and recreationists



A publicly accessible gathering place with stunning vistas that builds on the burgeoning culture that is already taking shape within the historic Dominion Box Board's building







## Unique and Memorable Places

#### **Lower Don Lands**

- Villiers Island
- 2 Polson Quay
- 3 South River

#### **Film Studio District**

- 4 McCleary District
- 5 Media City
- 6 Turning Basin District

#### **East Port**

- 7 Warehouse District
- 8 East Port

#### South Ship Channel

- 9 South Port East
- 10 South Port
- Ports Toronto

## Drawing from Inspiration



Tjuveholmen, Oslo









Comprehensive Renewal









Evolutionary Renewal





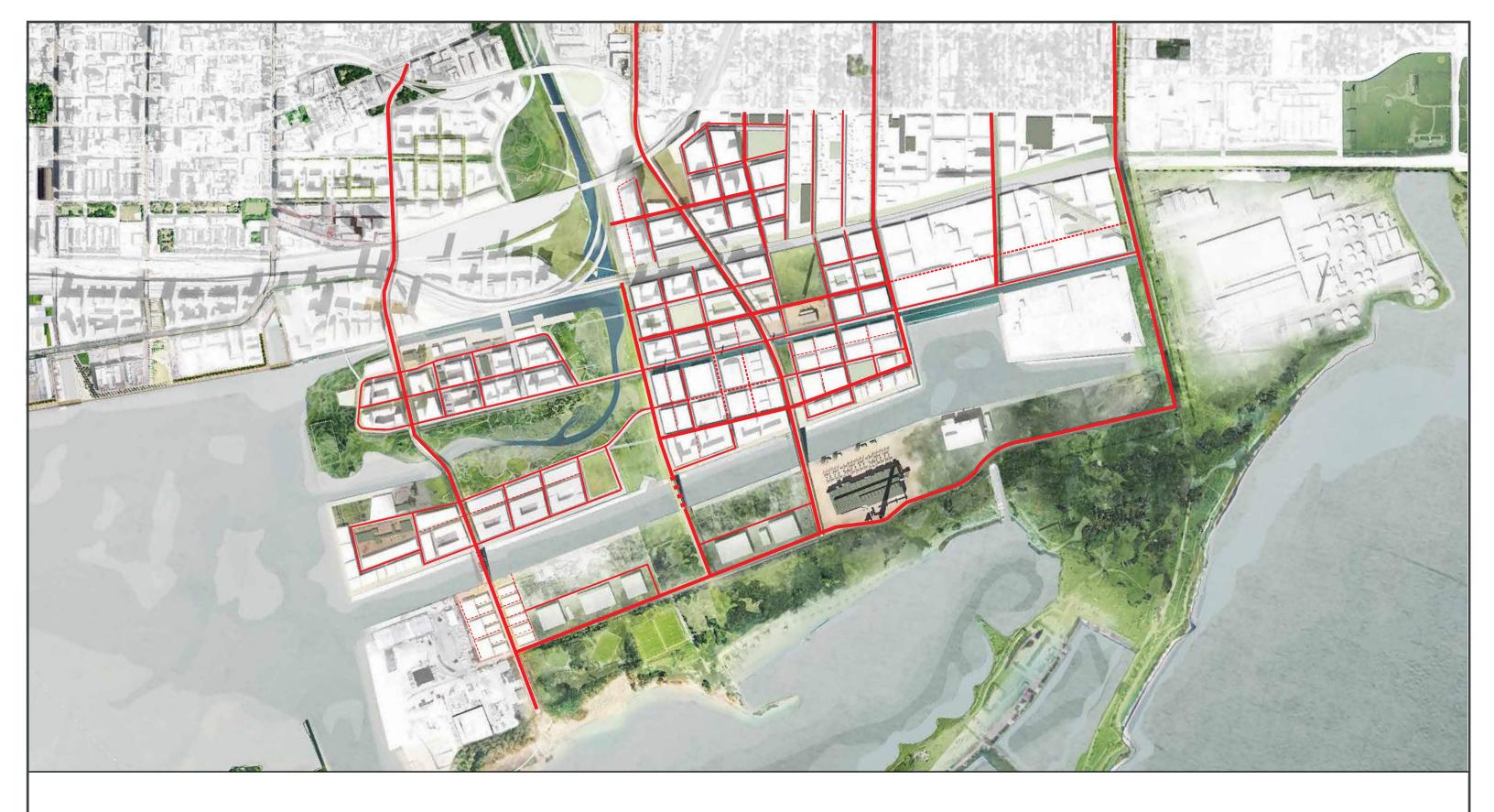




Experimental Renewal

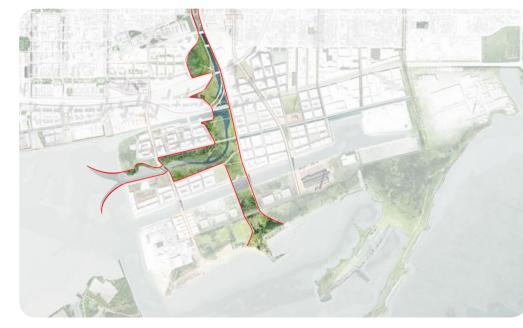






## Resilient Urban Structure

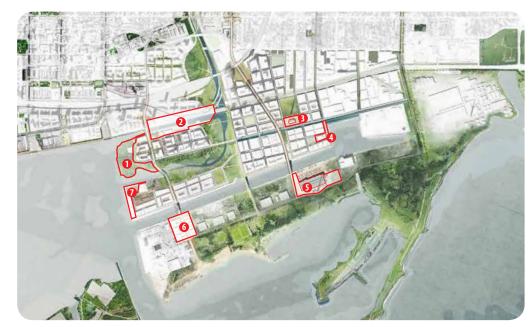
# The Transformational Moves combined cover the Port Lands geography

















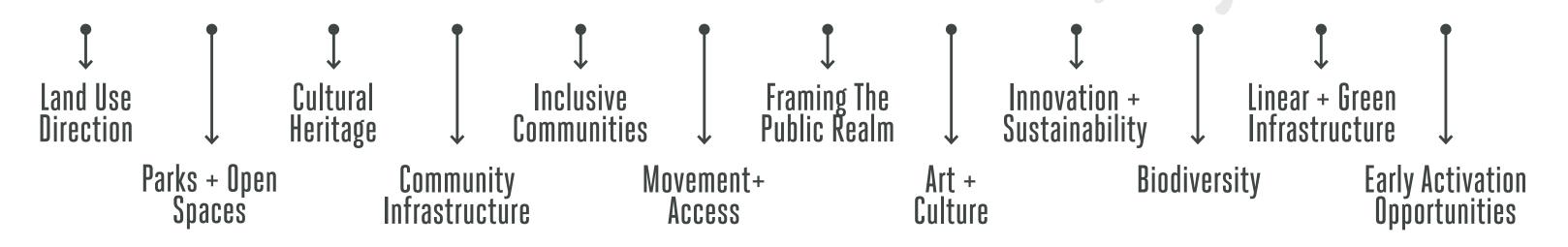
# Port Lands Planning Framework

# Directions + Recommendations



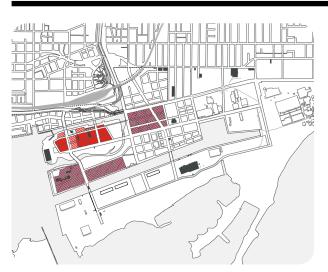


# + RECOMMENDATIONS Enhanced Policy Direction and Guidance + RECOMMENDATIONS for Achieving the Vision

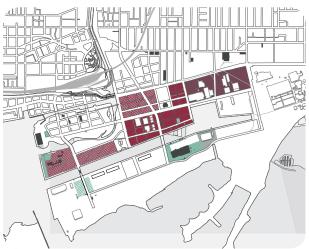




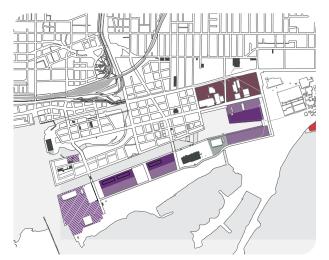
# LAND USE



Complete Mixed-Use Communities



A Film-Friendly Future



Port + Industry Thrives



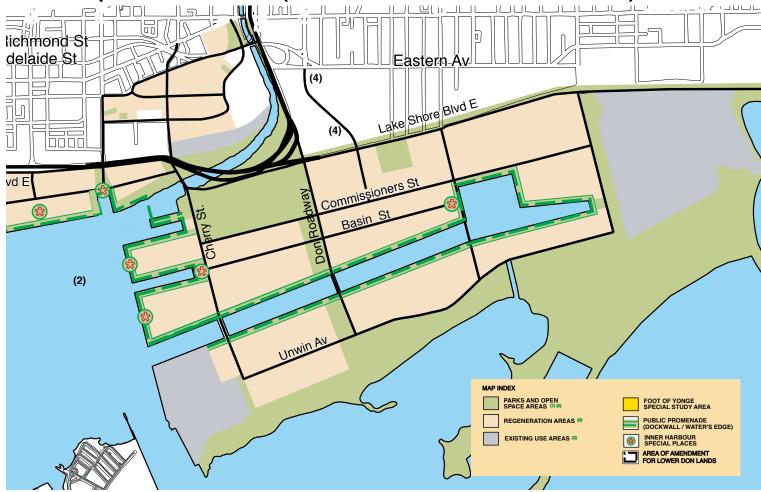
Growing + Sustaining Our Economy



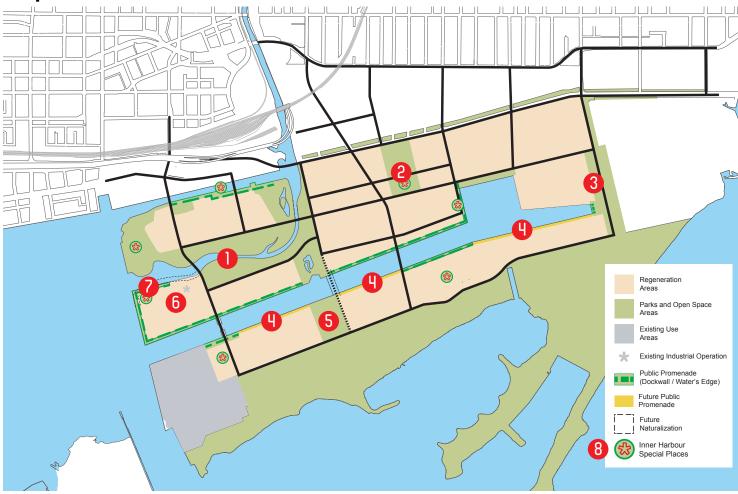


#### Land Use Plan

#### **CWSP Map E - Land Use Plan (2003 Central Waterfront Part II Plan)**



#### **Proposed Amendments**

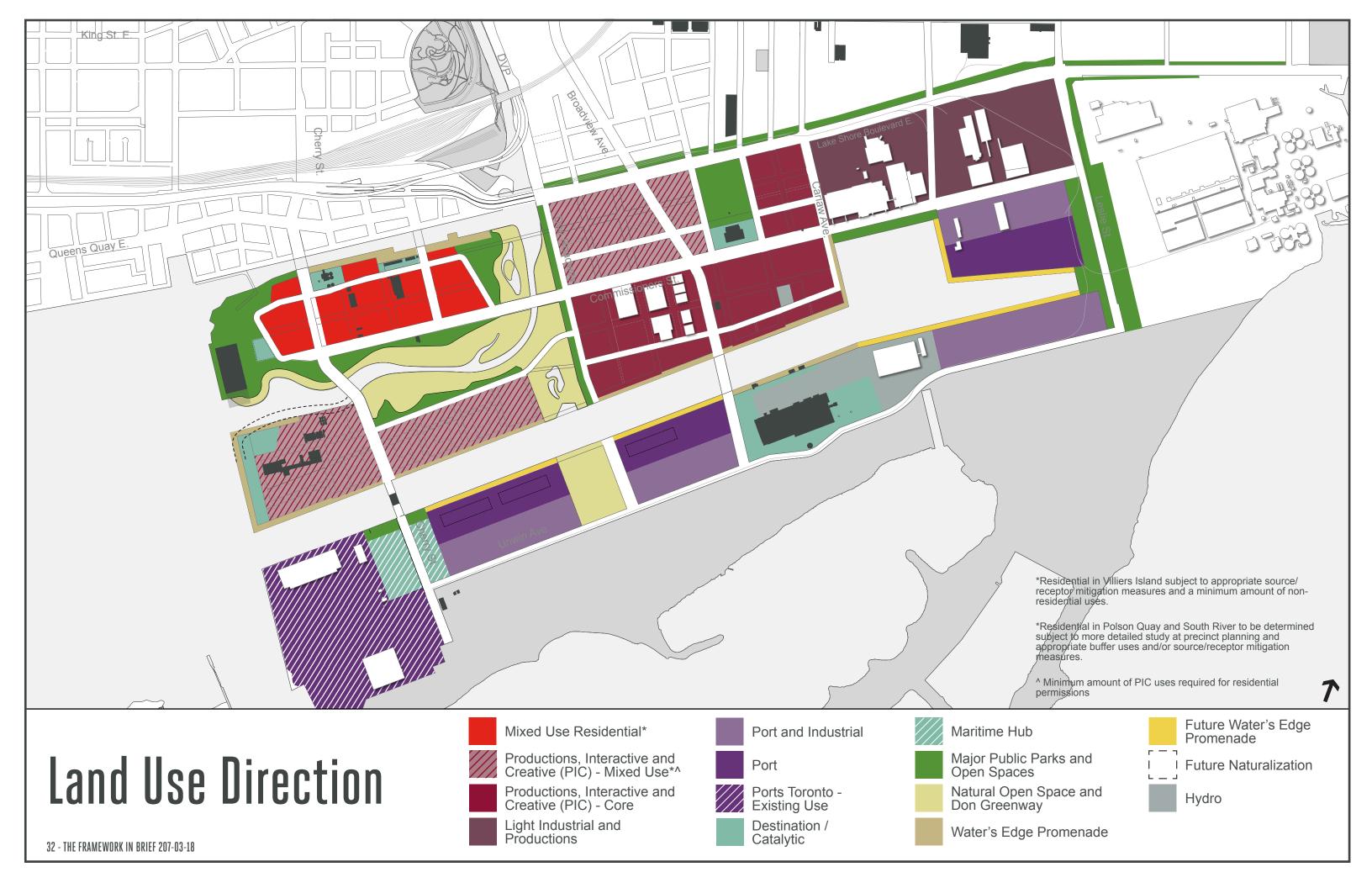


- Recognition of the naturalized river mouth and greenway as approved
- Expanded McCleary Park boundary (Lake Shore to Commissioners)
- Parks and Open Space Areas on west side of Leslie and reflect open space areas realized through Leslie
- Revise some Public Promenade to Future Public Promenade
- Refined Don Greenway South

- 6 Recognition of existing Cement Operation
- Recognition of final river per DMNP EA if Cement Operation relocates
- Introduction of additional Inner Harbour Special Places







#### Land Use Direction



#### DESIRABLE USES

- Akin to achieving the overall vision
- Should be strategically sought out
- Would support the city's economy and/ or expanded economic clusters



PERMISSIBLE USES

- Compatible to the desired uses
- Would not detract from broader economic imperatives
- Suitable as transitional uses



#### USES OPEN FOR CONSIDERATION

- Uses that may be permitted where compatibility with the overall plan has been demonstrated, including not detracting from lawfully existing port and industrial uses
- May have to satisfy certain tests eg. mitigation of noise and/or emissions





### Land Use Categories

## Mixed Use Residential

- Live, work, shop and play in the same area
- Permit a broad range of uses residential, offices, retail and services, institutional and recreational and cultural activities
- Minimum amount of non-residential would be required

### Light Industrial And Productions

- Permit a wide range of lighter industrial, production studios and related uses in single and/or multiple use buildings
- Provide synergies with the South of Eastern area
- Existing uses are able to continue their operations, but the area will transition over time to light industrial/production-related uses

#### Productions, Interactive And Creative (Pic)

- Permit a wide range of uses that support key economic sectors with active ground floor uses on key public street frontages
- Focus is on growing Toronto's screenbased industries - film, television and digital media - interactive, and arts and design activities. Two types of PIC areas:
  - PIC Core areas reserved for desired uses and other compatible uses.
     Accommodates larger floor plates and more intense production activities
  - PIC Mixed Use areas require a minimum amount (30%) of PIC uses for residential permissions

**Port** 

- A full range of port and maritime uses permitted and encouraged - new marine terminals, container storage, ferry terminals, and ship building and repair.
- Lands adjacent to the dock wall optimized for port and maritime purposes and existing uses will be modernized over time with on-site power sources and attractive screening/structures.

### Destination And Catalytic

- People drawing uses at a civic or community scale.
- Permitted uses could include event space, cultural centres, institutional organizations or community hubs
- Maritime Hub provides amenity for area workers and recreationists. Active, graderelated uses (e.g. restaurants, cafes) would be promoted.

#### Port And Industrial

- Permit the full range of uses from Port areas
- Additional permissions for industrial uses like warehousing, medium-intensity manufacturing, concrete-batching with attractive screening and mitigation, and packaging and distribution.
- Desirable uses include green industries, relocation of public works yards to create opportunities elsewhere, and port-related industrial.





# RETAIL + ANIMATION



Priority Retail Frontages



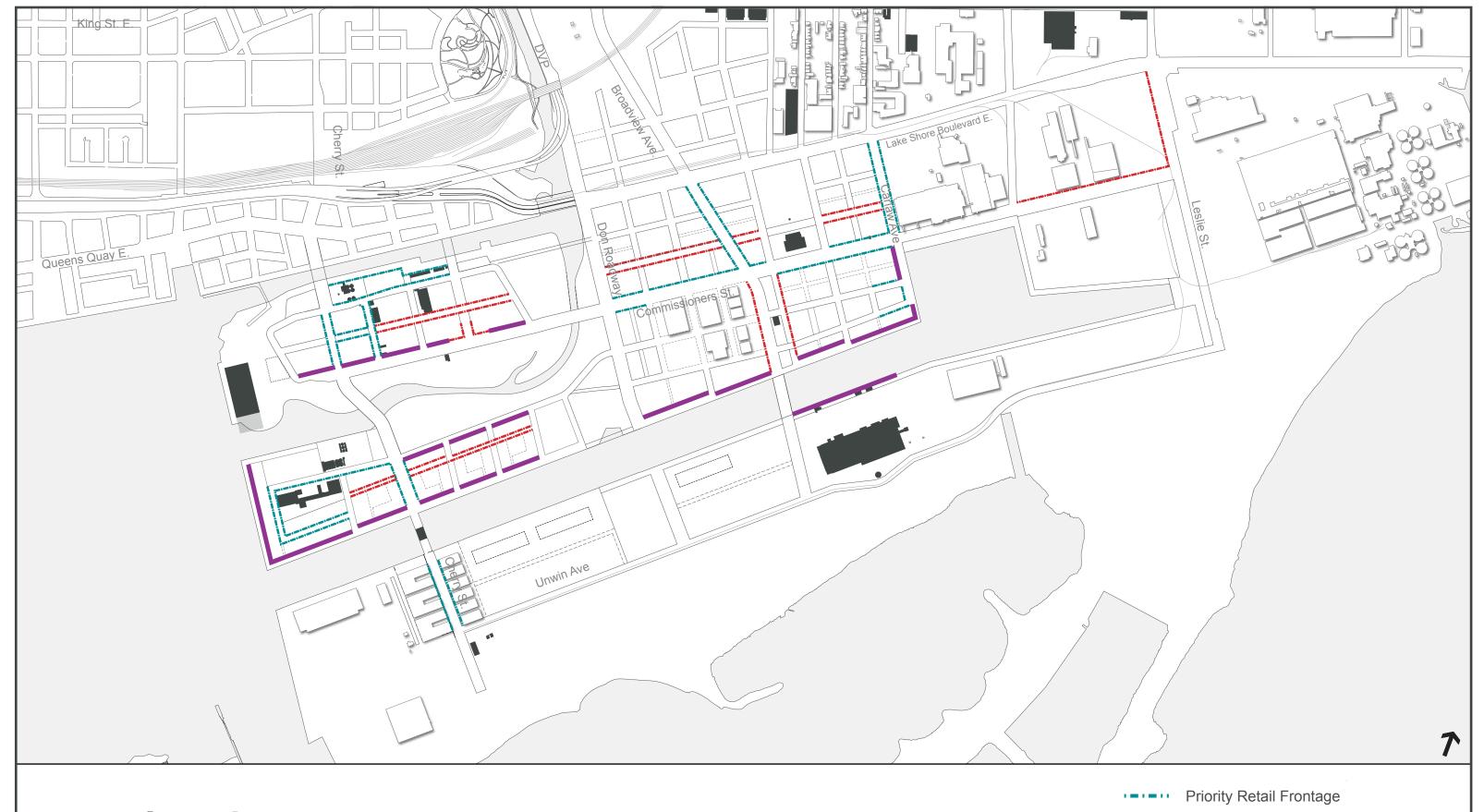
Secondary Retail Frontages



Water's Edge Animation







### Retail and Animation

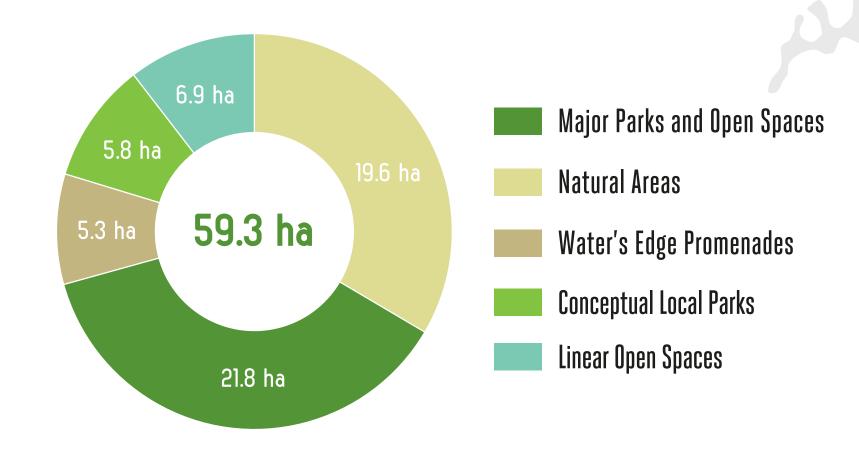
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Secondary Retail Frontage

Water's Edge Animation

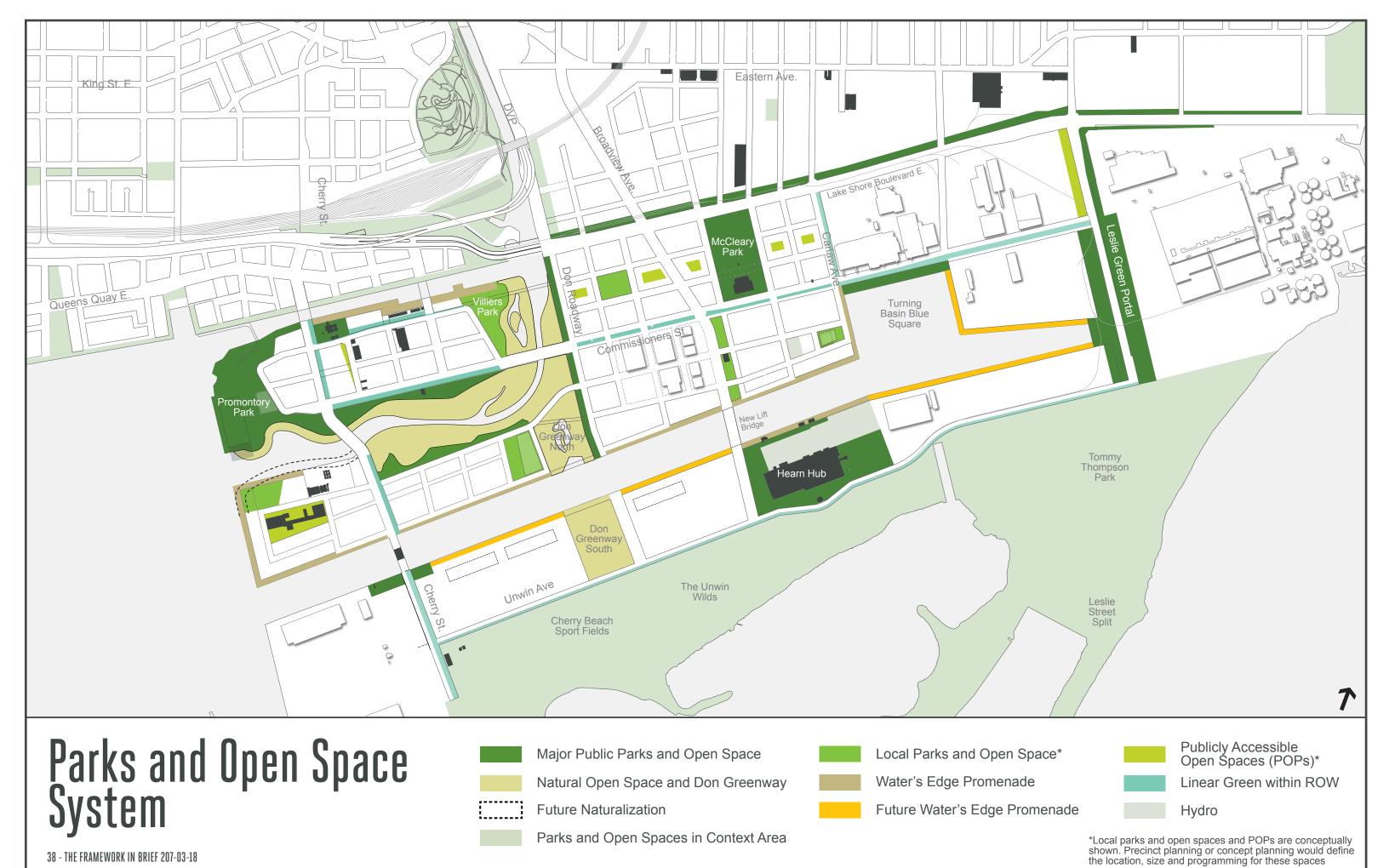
Heritage Buildings/Structures

# PARKS + OPEN SPACES









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# CULTURAL HERITAGE















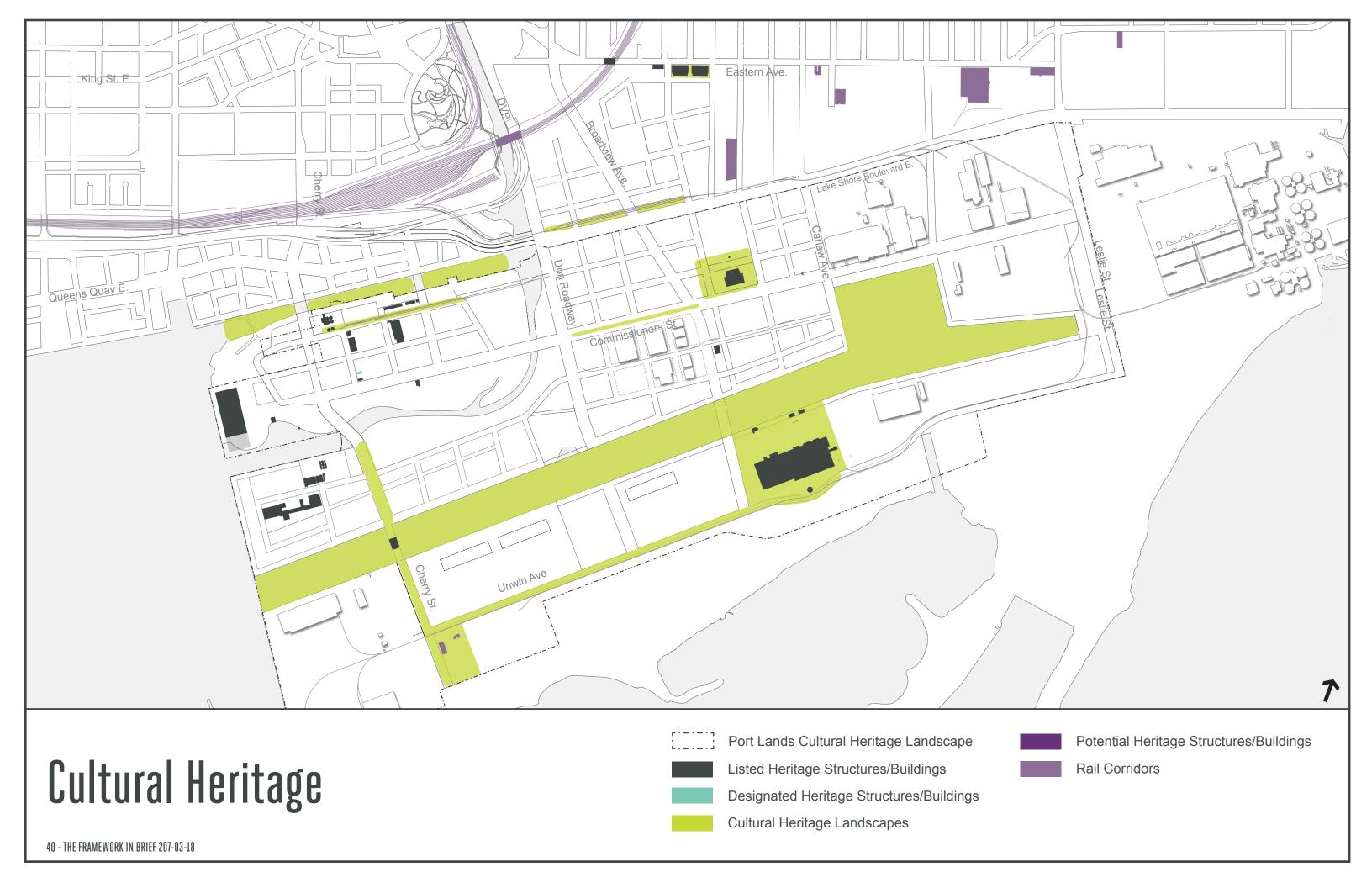


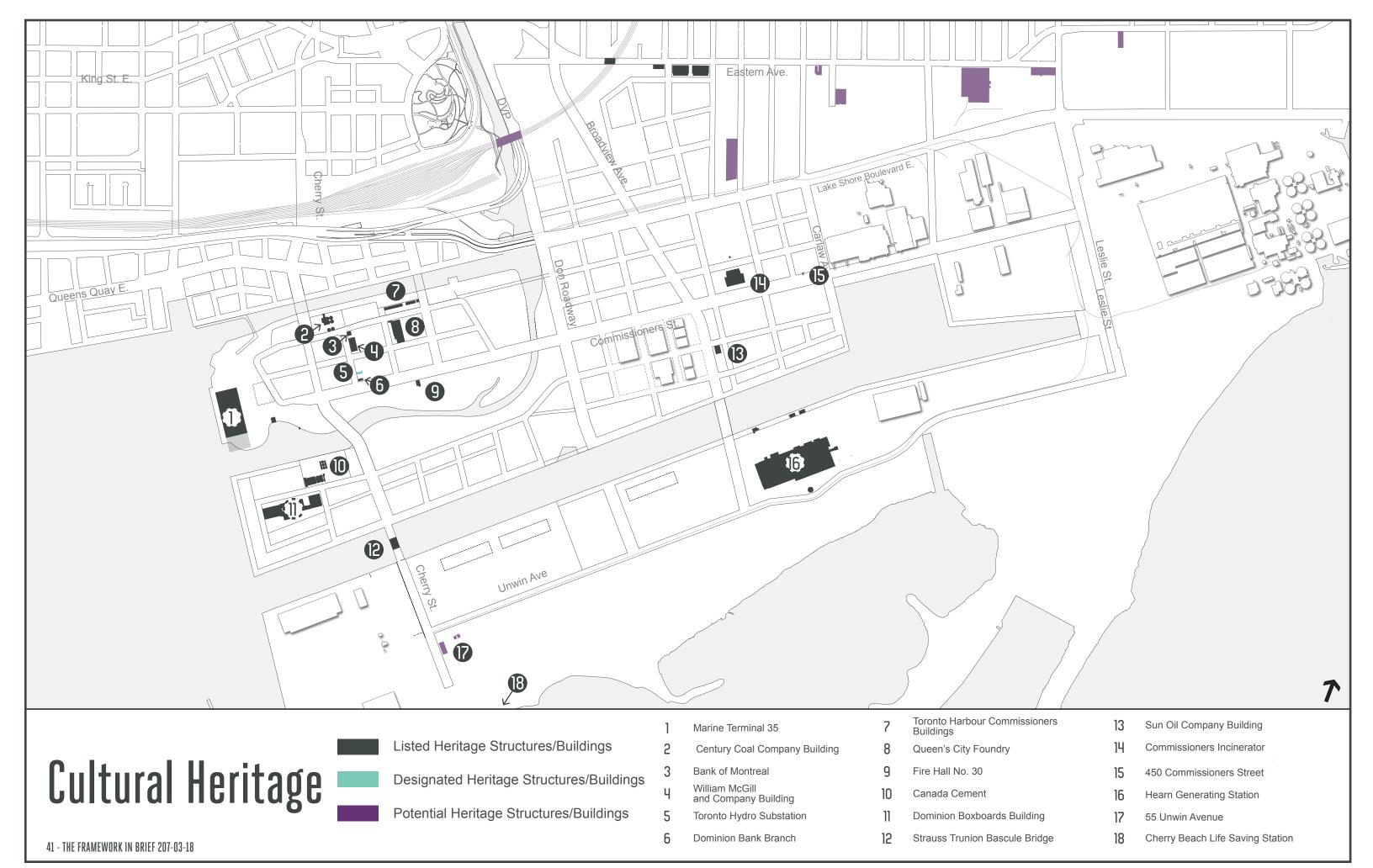


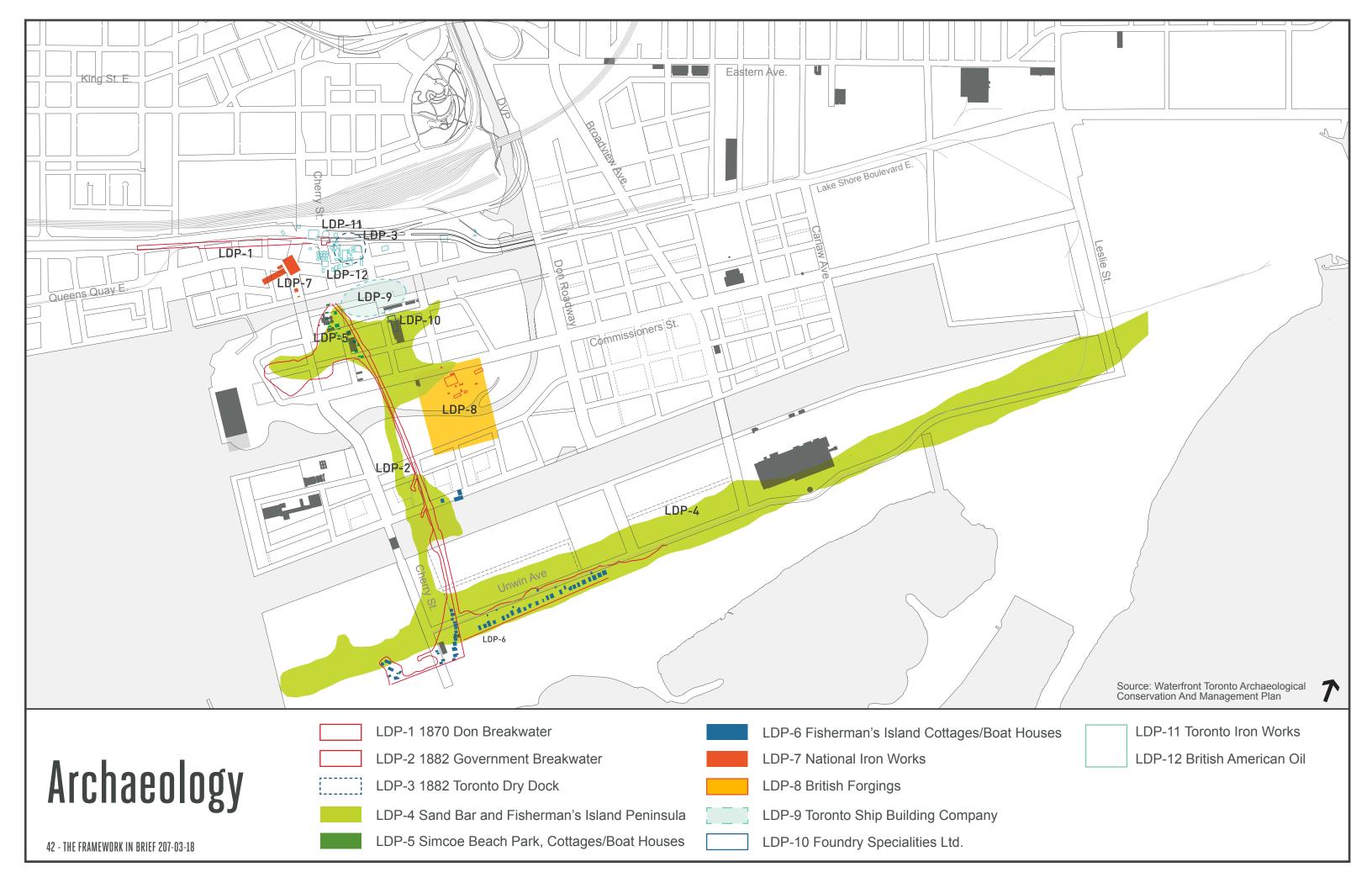












# COMPLETE, INCLUSIVE





16.5-30K\* People 25-30K Jobs

\*High-end estimates includes potential for residential in Polson Quay and South River





## Housing

20 % Equivalent Affordable Rental

25% Larger, Family Units

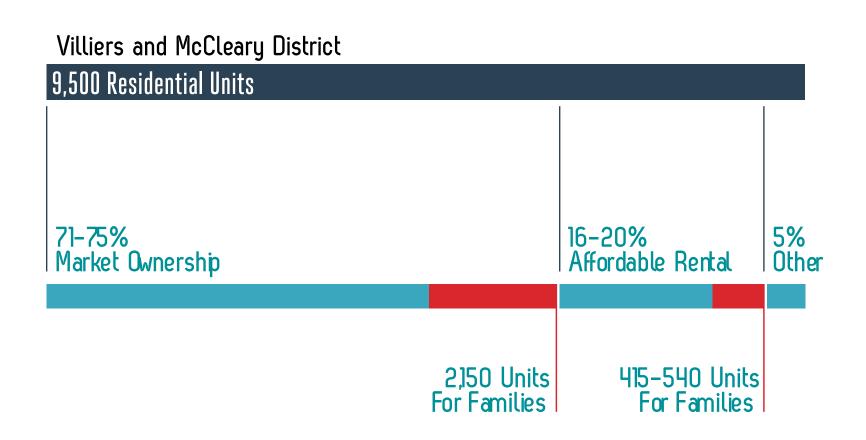
5 % Encourage Other Housing Types

## 4 Objectives

- Diversity of Unit Sizes
- Mix of Tenures
- Full spectrum of affordable rental
- High-quality living environments

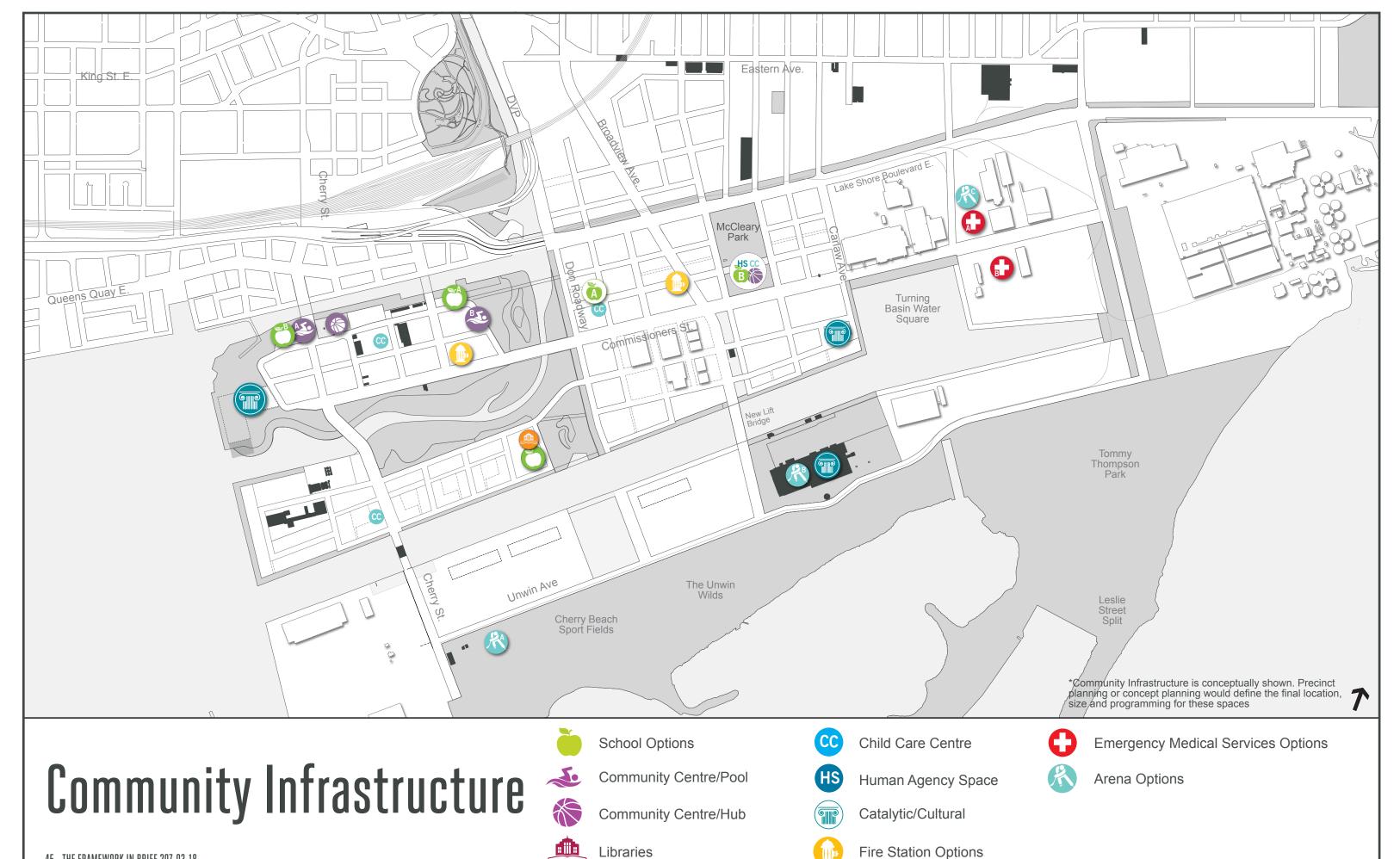
## 4 Principles for Affordable Rental Housing Delivery

- Deliver at the pace of market development
- Primacy on permanent affordable rental
- Flexibility in delivery options for private sector
- Clear and transparent criteria for requirements









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# MOVEMENT + ACCESS

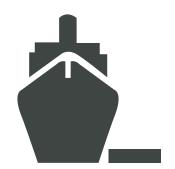








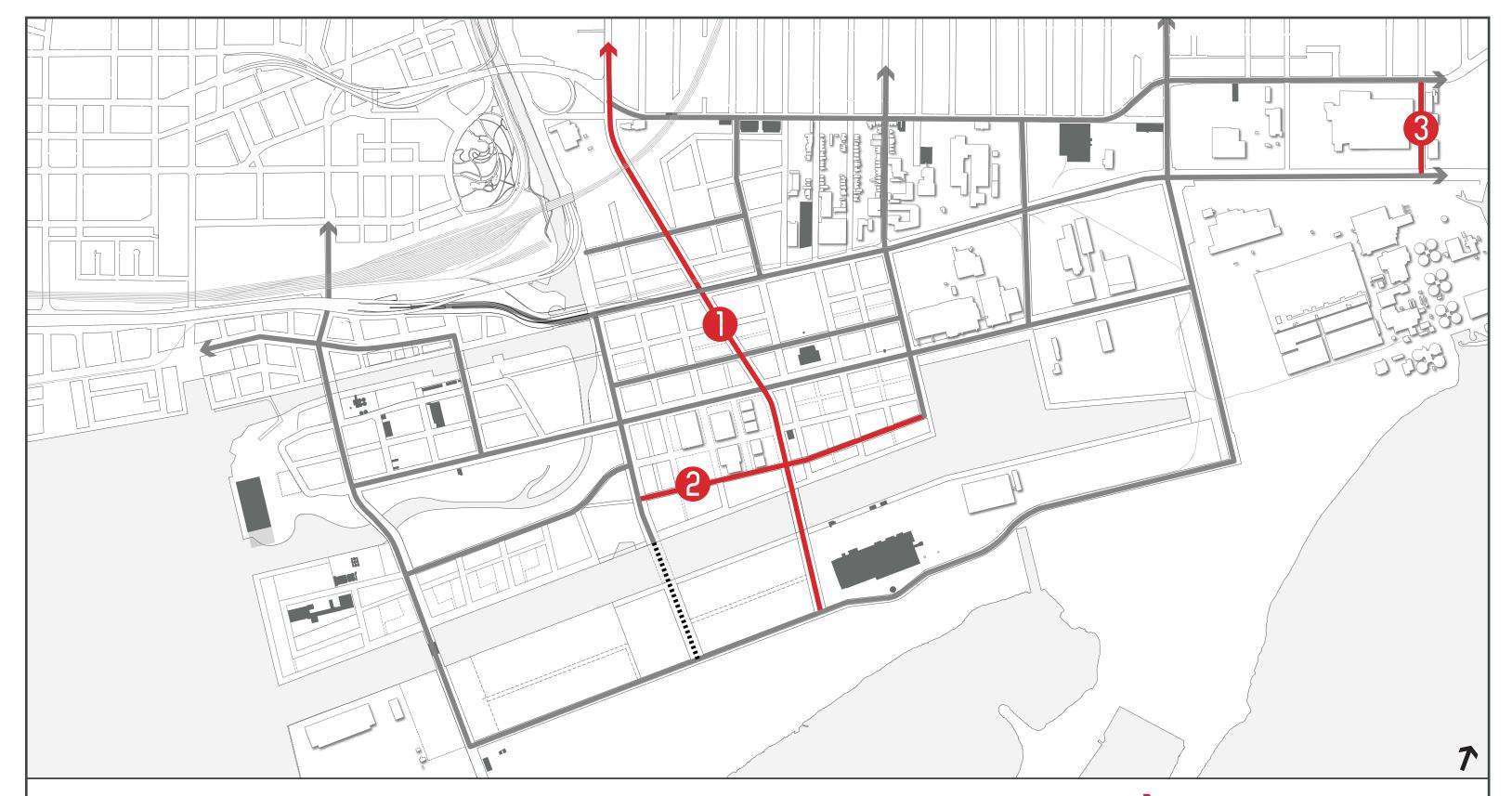












## Final Recommended Street Network

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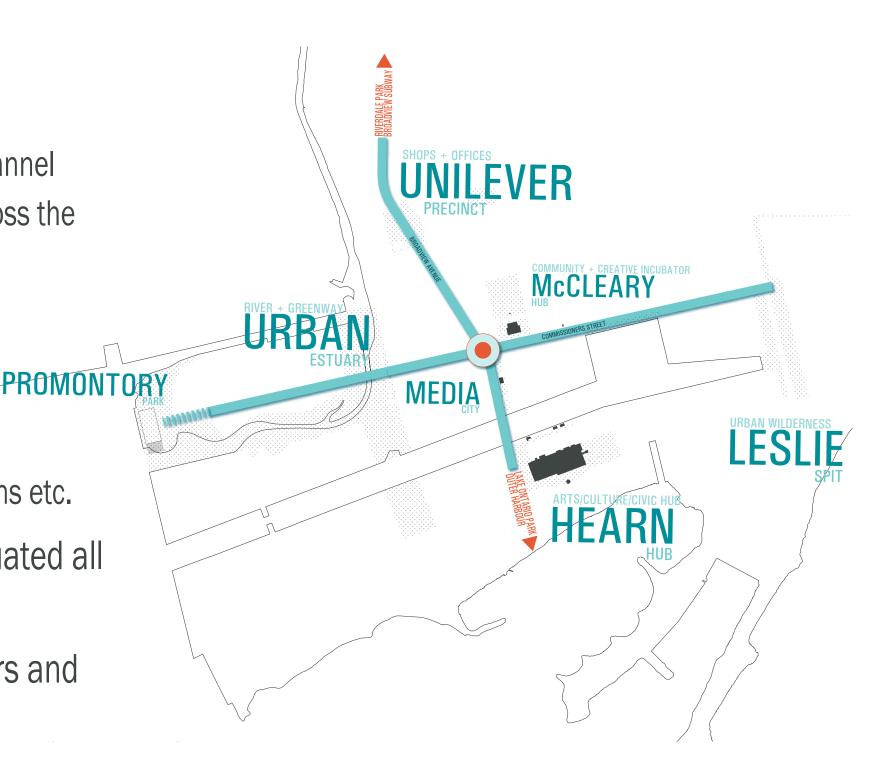
Refined Broadview Alignment

2 Refined Alignment for Re-aligned Basin

3 Confirmed Woodfield Extension

## **Broadview Extension**

- Identified critical aspects for the extension:
  - Create a continuous connection across the Ship Channel
  - Preserve ability to achieve a second connection across the Ship Channel
  - Create porosity across Lake Shore
  - Connect to Unilever and destinations
  - Ensure continued viability of existing studios
  - Ensure developable blocks
  - Create a place take advantage of views, destinations etc.
- Explored new potential alternatives and re-evaluated all alternatives
- Due diligence and meetings with key land owners and users
- Finalized preferred alignment







1-B.1 SAULTER (UNDER)



the Don Roadway in the Port Lands (Don Roadway south of Lake Shore addressed in the Lower Don Lands EA) by widening the existing rail bridge to the east and providing two vehicular lanes in each direction with dedicated transit and create District (maximum 40m ROW). a vibrant multi-modal corridor (maximum 40m ROW). Existing access to/from the DVP is removed. Potential to connect to a new lift bridge across the Ship Channel.

Extend Broadview Avenue by connecting to Extend Broadview Avenue under the rail embankment with two vehicular lanes in each direction, dedicated transit and create a vibrant multi-modal corridor by connecting to Saulter Street as far as Commissioners Street in the Film Studio 1-B.2 REALIGNED SAULTER (UNDER) AND **NEW NORTH SOUTH STREET** 



Extend Broadview Avenue under the rail embankment by realigning Saulter Street diagonally through the Unilever Precinct and Film Studio District and create a vibrant multi-modal corridor with one vehicular lane in each direction and dedicated transit (maximum 35 m ROW). Potential to connect to a new lift bridge across the Ship Channel. Broadview extension is paired with a new northsouth street between Eastern Avenue and Lake Shore Boulevard with one vehicular lane in each direction (maximum 23m ROW).

I-C.1 BOUCHETTE (UNDER)



Extend Broadview Avenue under the rail embankment and create a vibrant multi-modal corridor by connecting to Bouchette Street in the Film Studio District with two vehicular lanes in each direction and dedicated transit (maximum 40m ROW). Potential to connect to a new lift bridge across the Ship Channel.

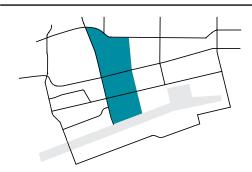
-D.1 EXTEND BETWEEN DON ROADWAY AND SAULTER (UNDER)





Extend Broadview Avenue under the rail embankment and create a vibrant multi-use corridor by connecting to a new north-south street through the Film Studio District to a Basin Street extension with two vehicular lanes in each direction and dedicated transit (maximum 40m ROW).

Extend Broadview Avenue under the rail embankment by realigning Saulter Street diagonally through the Unilever Precinct and Film Studio District, with modifications to the location of the Basin Street bridge and Don Roadway south of Commissioners Street, to create a vibrant multi-modal corridor with one vehicular lane in each direction and dedicated transit (maximum 35 m ROW). Potential to connect to a new lift bridge across the Ship Channel. Broadview extension is paired with a new north-south street between Eastern Avenue and Lake Shore Boulevard with one vehicular lane in each direction (maximum 23m ROW).



Port Lands and South of Eastern **Transportation and Servicing Master Plan** 

#### **Broadview Extension Alternatives** Sub Area 1

Cultural Heritage Landscape

Heritage Building/Structure

Conceptual Local Street

Alternative



Building to Remain

Existing Residential



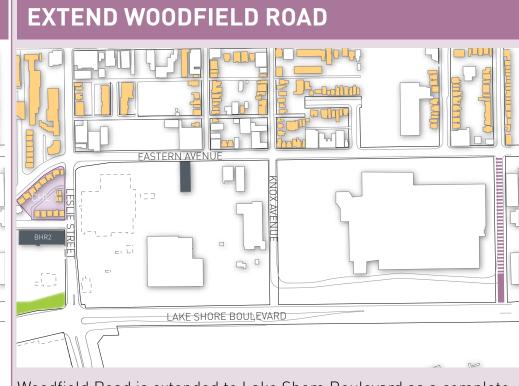
Valley Wall Feature (conceptual)



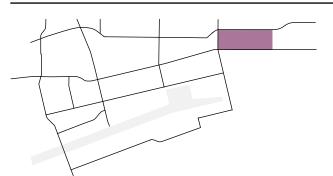
Knox Avenue and Woodfield Avenue are maintained in their current configuration.

Knox Avenue is extended to Lake Shore Boulevard as a complete, multi-modal street with two vehicular lanes (20m ROW)

LAKE SHORE BOULEVARD

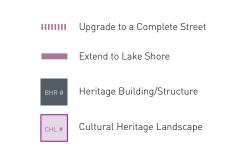


Woodfield Road is extended to Lake Shore Boulevard as a complete, multi-modal street with two vehicular lanes (20m ROW)



Port Lands and South of Eastern **Transportation and Servicing Master Plan** 

Woodfield/Knox





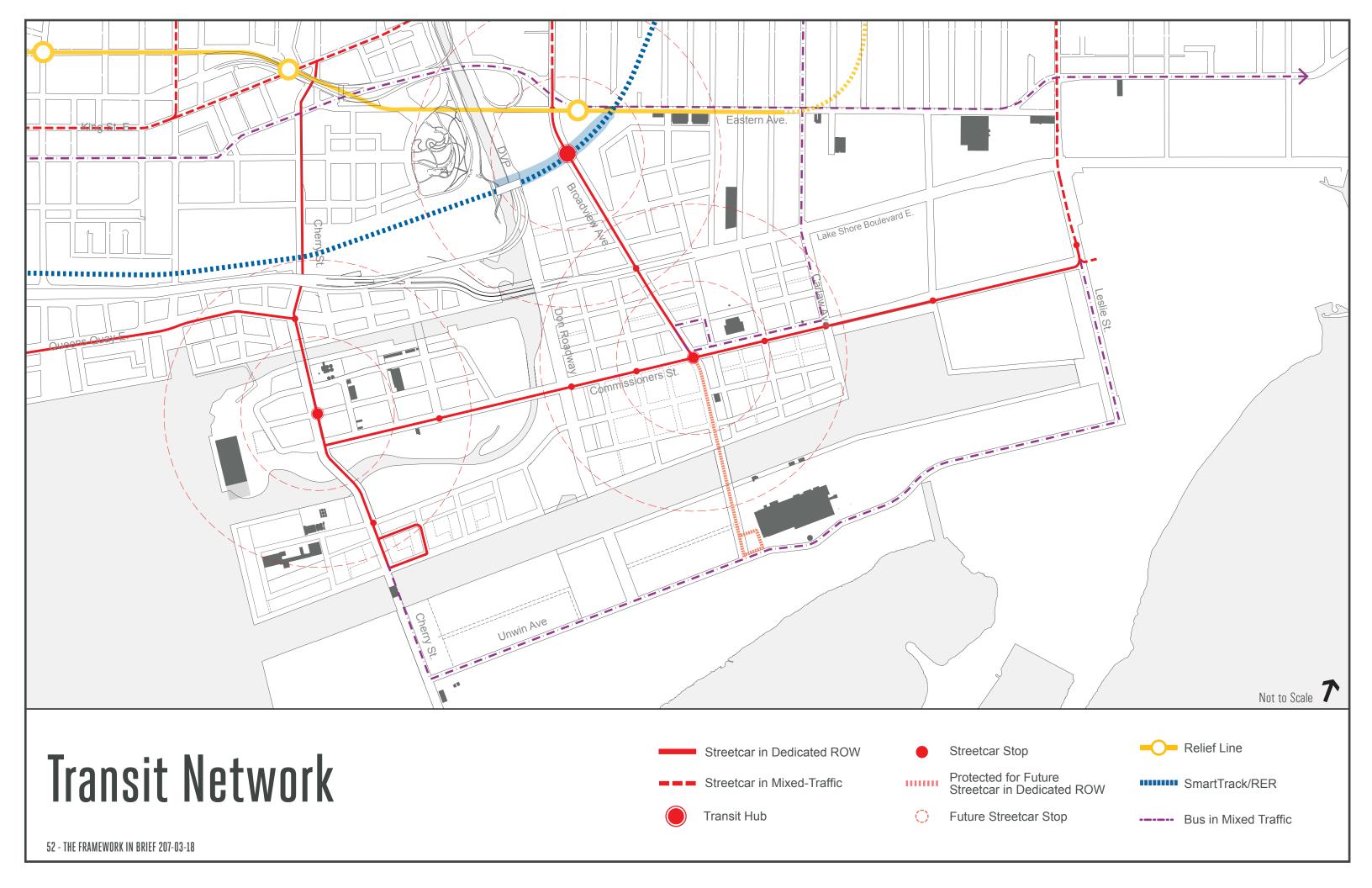
### EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS – SUB AREA 1: BROADVIEW EXTENSION SUMMARY OF RESULTS

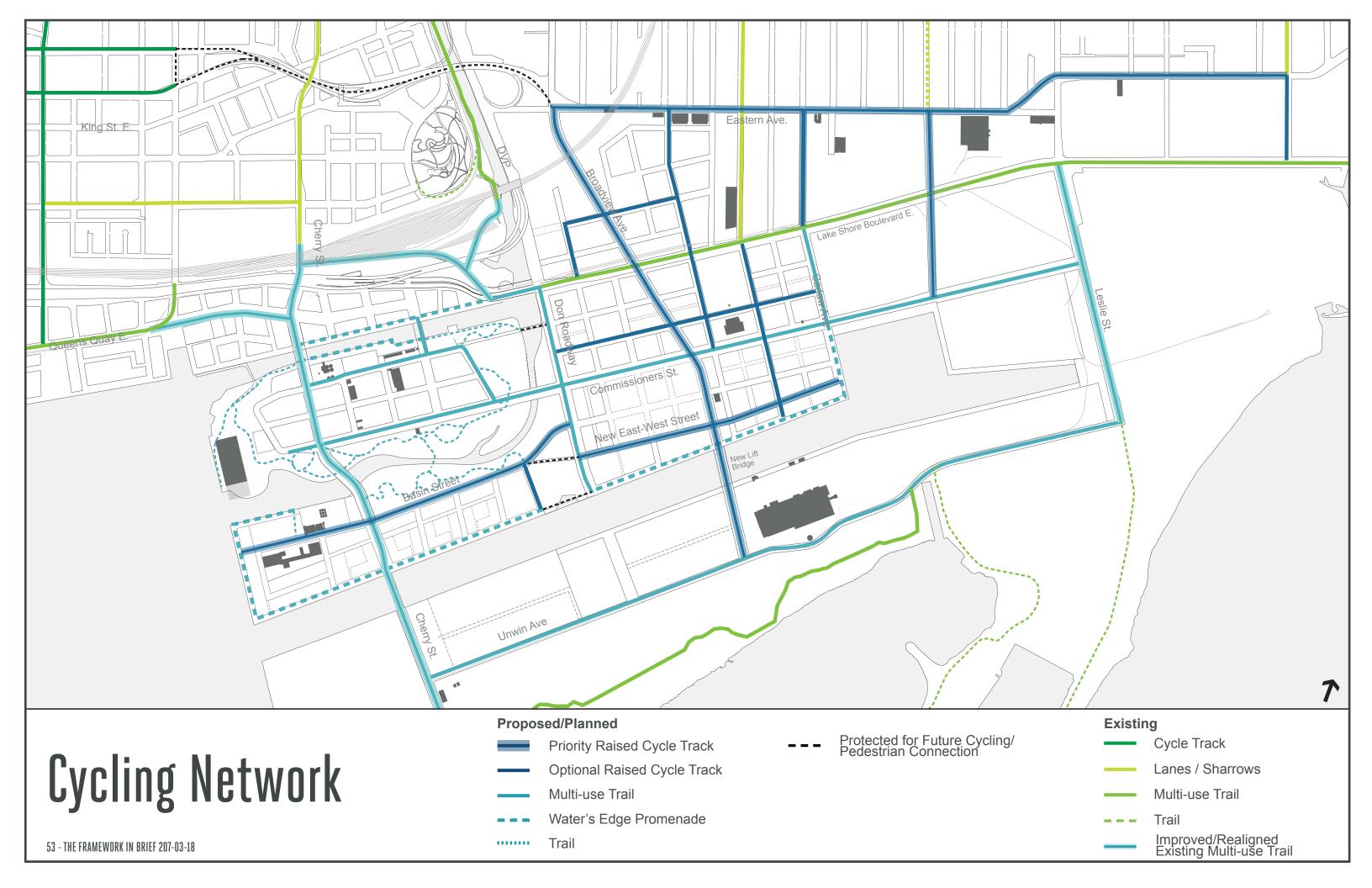
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+	Creation of new, vibrant mixed use communities and employment areas.	•		•			
CREATING AN INTERESTING + Dynamic Urban Mix	Necessary capacity to support the anticipated mix of uses while minimizing rights-of-way widths.	•		•			
ING AN	Existing/planned neighbourhoods.			•	•		
CREA G	Existing businesses and industry and opportunities for new businesses and industry.	•		•			
ANDS	Better connect the Port Lands with the South of Eastern area and the rest of the city.	•					
	Redundancy in the network.	•					
≝ ≝ - e	Existing physical barriers.	•					
CONNECT THE PORT LANDS TO THE CITY	Opportunities for linking natural habitat and open spaces and improving biodiversity.		•				•
	Cultural heritage resources.						
LEVERAGE ASSETS	Archaeological resources and traditional uses of Aboriginal people.						
RAGE A	Existing/planned parks and open spaces.						0
EKE	Compatibility with the natural environment.						
	Visual connections.						
DEVELUP A HIGH UUALITY PUBLIC REALM	Complete street principles and street character.	•	•	•	•	•	•
REAL	Cycling routes.		•				•
	Place-making opportunities.						
DEVE	Health and safety.	•				•	
ADLE	Opportunities for innovation.						
	Transit accommodation.		•				
	Flood risk potential.						
	Noise and air quality.						
CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE OF THE CITY	Resiliency and climate change.			•			
	Compatibility with City, provincial planning policies and Waterfront Toronto/TRCA objectives/frameworks.	•	•	•		•	•
NO II	Consistency with approved area Environmental Assessments.						•
IMPLEMENTATION	Engineering feasibility and construction cost.						
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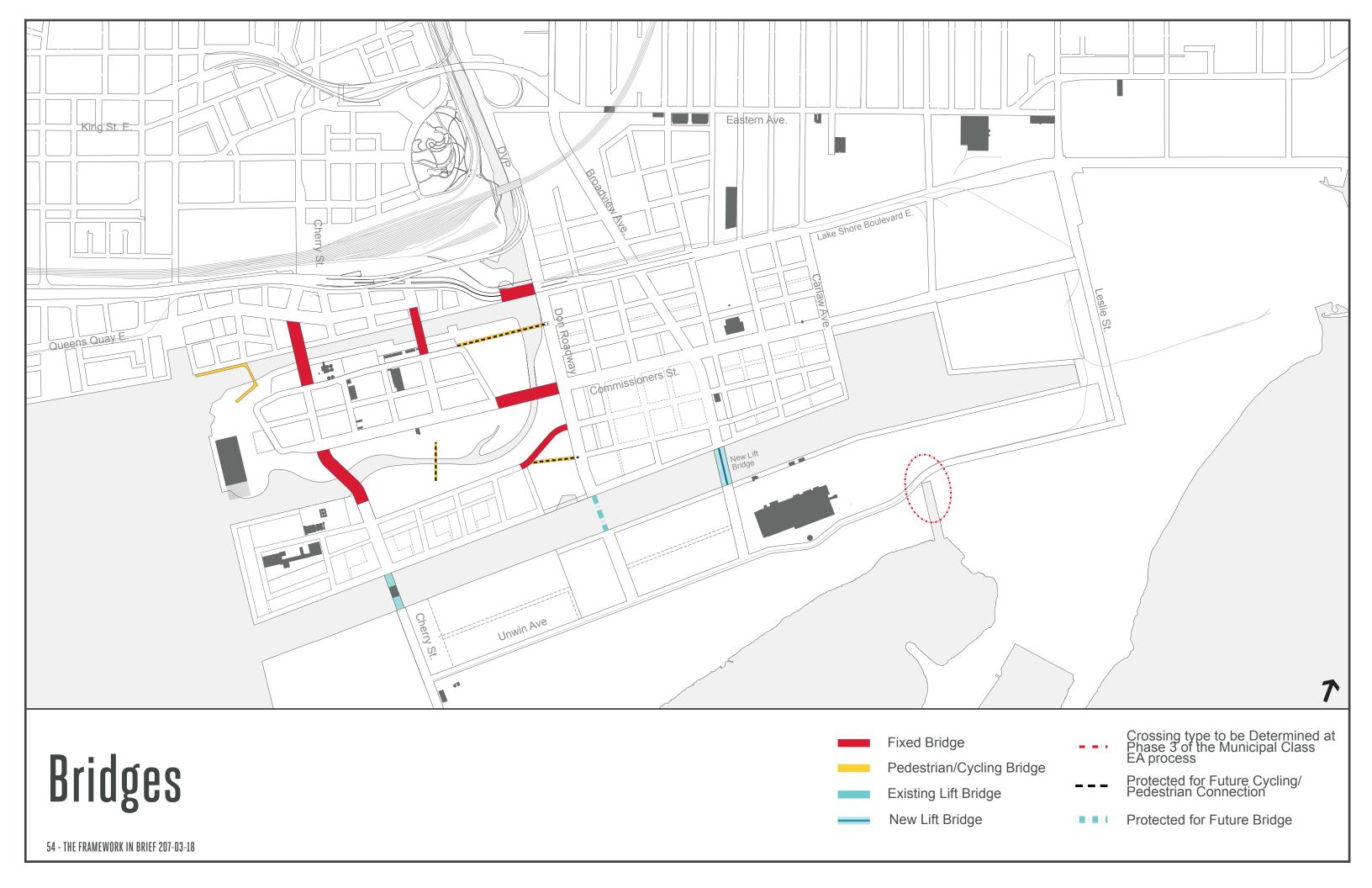
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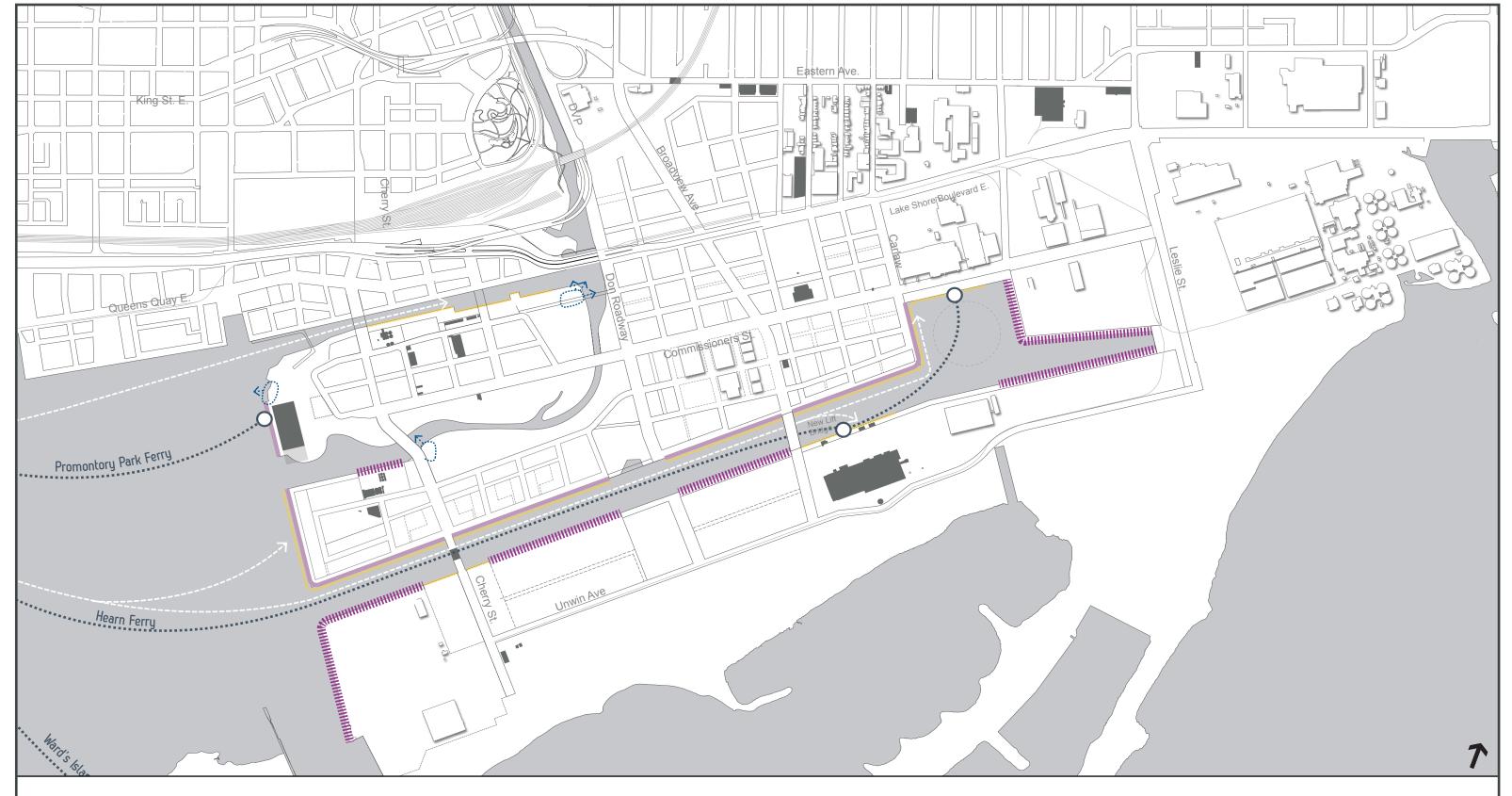
### EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS - NORTH-SOUTH CONNECTION EAST OF LESLIE SUMMARY OF RESULTS

BJE(	CTIVES AND CRITERIA	KNOX AVENUE	WOODFIELD ROAD
CREATING AN INTERESTING + DYNAMIC URBAN MIX	Creation of new, vibrant mixed use communities and employment areas.		
	Necessary capacity to support the anticipated mix of uses while minimizing rights-of-way widths.		
	Existing/planned neighbourhoods.		
	Existing businesses and industry and opportunities for new businesses and industry.	•	•
CONNECT THE PORT LANDS TO THE CITY	Better connect the Port Lands with the South of Eastern area and the rest of the city.	•	•
	Redundancy in the network.	•	
	Existing physical barriers.		
	Opportunities for linking natural habitat and open spaces and improving biodiversity.	NA	NA
LEVERAGE ASSETS	Cultural heritage resources.	•	•
	Archaeological resources and traditional uses of Aboriginal people.	•	•
	Existing/planned parks and open spaces.		
F	Compatibility with the natural environment.		
	Visual connections.	NA	NA
DEVELOP A HIGH QUALITY PUBLIC REALM	Complete street principles and street character.	•	•
	Cycling routes.		
	Place-making opportunities.	NA	NA
	Health and safety.	•	•
 BLE	Opportunities for innovation.	NA	NA
USTAIN:	Transit accommodation.	NA	NA
BUTE TO THE SUSTAINABLE -Uture of the city	Flood risk potential.	NA	NA NA
BUTE T	Noise and air quality.		
CONTRI	Resiliency and climate change.	•	•
IMPLEMENTATION	Compatibility with City, provincial planning policies and Waterfront Toronto/TRCA objectives/frameworks.	•	•
	Consistency with approved area Environmental Assessments.	NA	NA NA
	Engineering feasibility and construction cost.		
	Existing municipal infrastructure and utilities.		
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	Maintenance and operations.	NA	NA
	OVERALL PERFORMANCE	•	









## Water Transport

#### **Recreational Ships/Boats**

Small Ships

...... Recreational Boat Launch

#### **Commercial Ships**

Water Taxies

■ Ferries

#### **Maritime Transport**



Working Ships



Laid Up Ships

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# FRAMING THE PUBLIC REALM

## 1. URBAN CORE

Greatest intensity and mix of uses in a dense, compact form. Dominant building typology consists of mid-rise buildings six to ten storeys in height. Tall buildings, where permitted, in strategic locations punctuate the skyline

Built form relates and responds to sensitive interface areas, including the historic fabric, water features and parks and open spaces

## 2. URBAN FRINGE

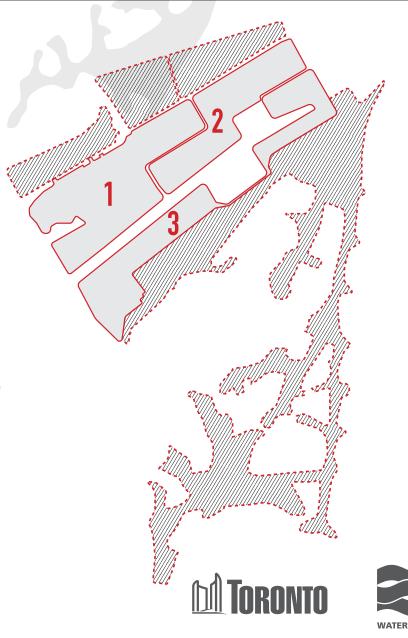
Multi-storeyed buildings on key frontages that are flexible and adaptable to enable conversion to a wide range of future uses, and capable of attracting creative talent to the Port Lands.

Buildings have robust, lasting materiality, windows and high-quality architectural treatments

## 3. OUTER EDGE

Larger, interim or adaptable industrial type structures and active port uses with an open landscaped character, surrounded by natural areas, beaches, wildlife and water features

Site and building design responds to ecological areas with generous, beautiful, native and sustainable plantings



## Framing the Public Realm



**IDENTITY** 

Capitalize on water features, landscapes, wilds, built heritage and landmarks



LEGIBILITY

Visual connections, coherent architectural form and articulation and local landscape qualities



**DIVERSITY** 

Variety of scales and textures for each place and set the Port Lands apart from the rest of the city



**ADAPTABILITY** 

Buildings outlive uses.

New development,
irrespective of use,
needs to leave a legacy



**ACTIVITY** 

Tall, roomy, and permeable ground floors with active uses at grade, and ensure a high quality public realm year round



SKYLINE TOPOGRAPHY

Distinct and recognizable skyline





## Framing The Public Realm

**IDENTITY** 

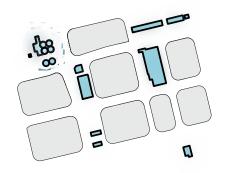
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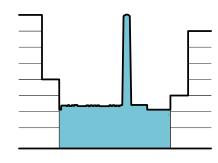
**ADAPTABILITY** 

**ACTIVITY** 

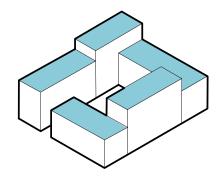
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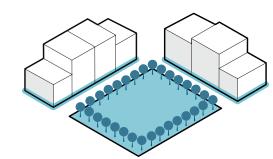
BUILDINGS WILL RESPOND TO SURROUNDING CONTEXT AND CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES



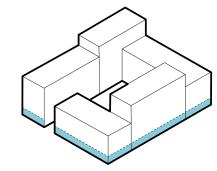
BUILDINGS HEIGHTS AND PLACEMENT WILL PRESERVE, CREATE AND ACCENTUATE VIEWS,



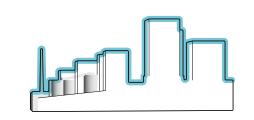
DIVERSITY THROUGH DIFFERENT BUILDING HEIGHTS AND HEIGHT SHIFTS



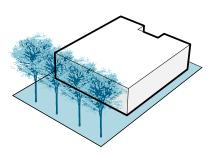
URBAN STREET-EDGE RELATIONSHIPS WITH BUILDINGS FRAMING THE PUBLIC REALM



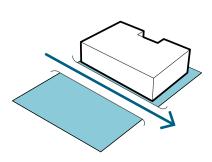
ACTIVATE WITH HIGH GROUND FLOOR CEILING HEIGHTS AND A WEALTH OF DETAILS



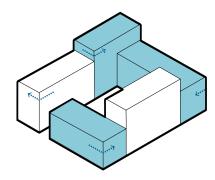
BUILDINGS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATION OF A DISTINCT AND DYNAMIC SKYLINE



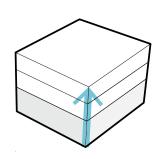
WIDE, NATURALIZED, LANDSCAPED SETBACKS REQUIRED ADJACENT TO KEY STREETS



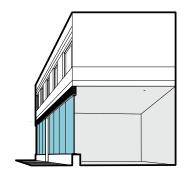
BUILDING PLACEMENT WILL PERMIT THE EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC STREET NETWORK



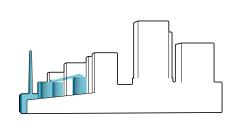
DIVERSITY THROUGH STRONG, REPEATING VERTICAL ARTICULATION AND FACADE DESIGNS



MINIMUM BUILDINGS HEIGHTS AND FLOOR TO FLOOR CEILING HEIGHTS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL ON KEY FRONTAGES



GROUND-LEVEL FACADES SHOULD BE 70% TRANSPARENT

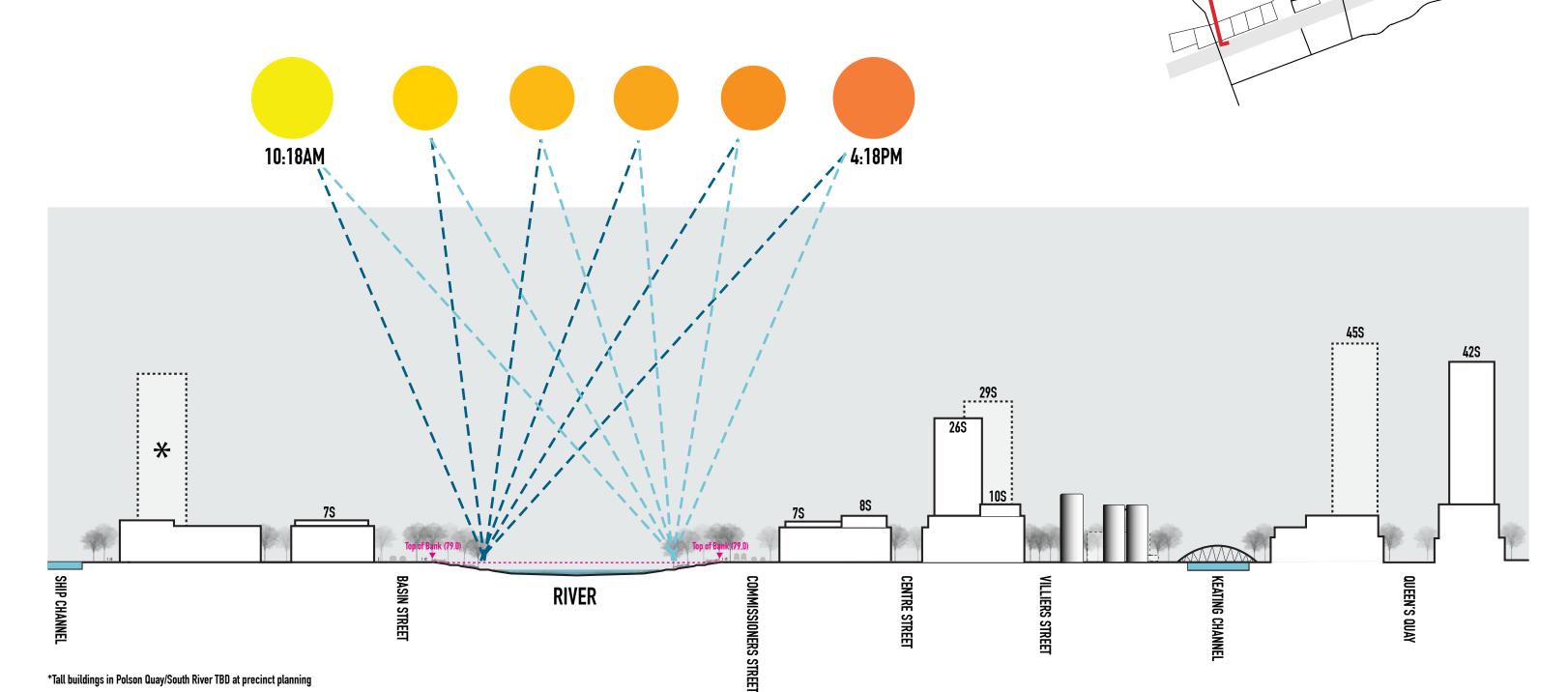


NEW BUILDINGS WILL NOT DETRACT FROM OR DOMINATE THE PORT LANDS EXISTING SKYLINE





## Framing The Public Realm

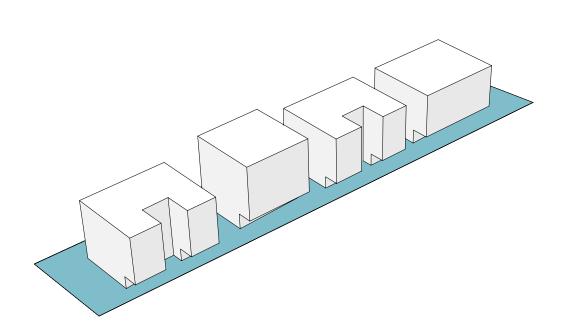






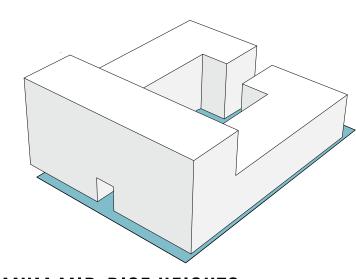
\*Tall buildings in Polson Quay/South River TBD at precinct planning

## Framing The Public Realm



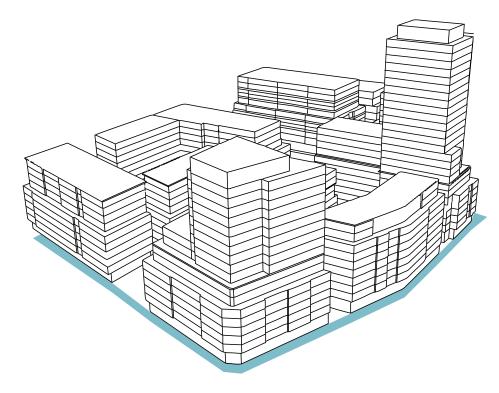
#### MINIMUM BUILDING HEIGHTS

- Three storeys minimum height on key frontages
- Compact urban form for all uses
- Capable of adaptive reuse



#### MAXIMUM MID-RISE HEIGHTS

- Maximum heights defined for key streets or proportionate to building face to building face
- In no instances higher than 10 storeys
- Horizontal and vertical articulation to create additional variation in form

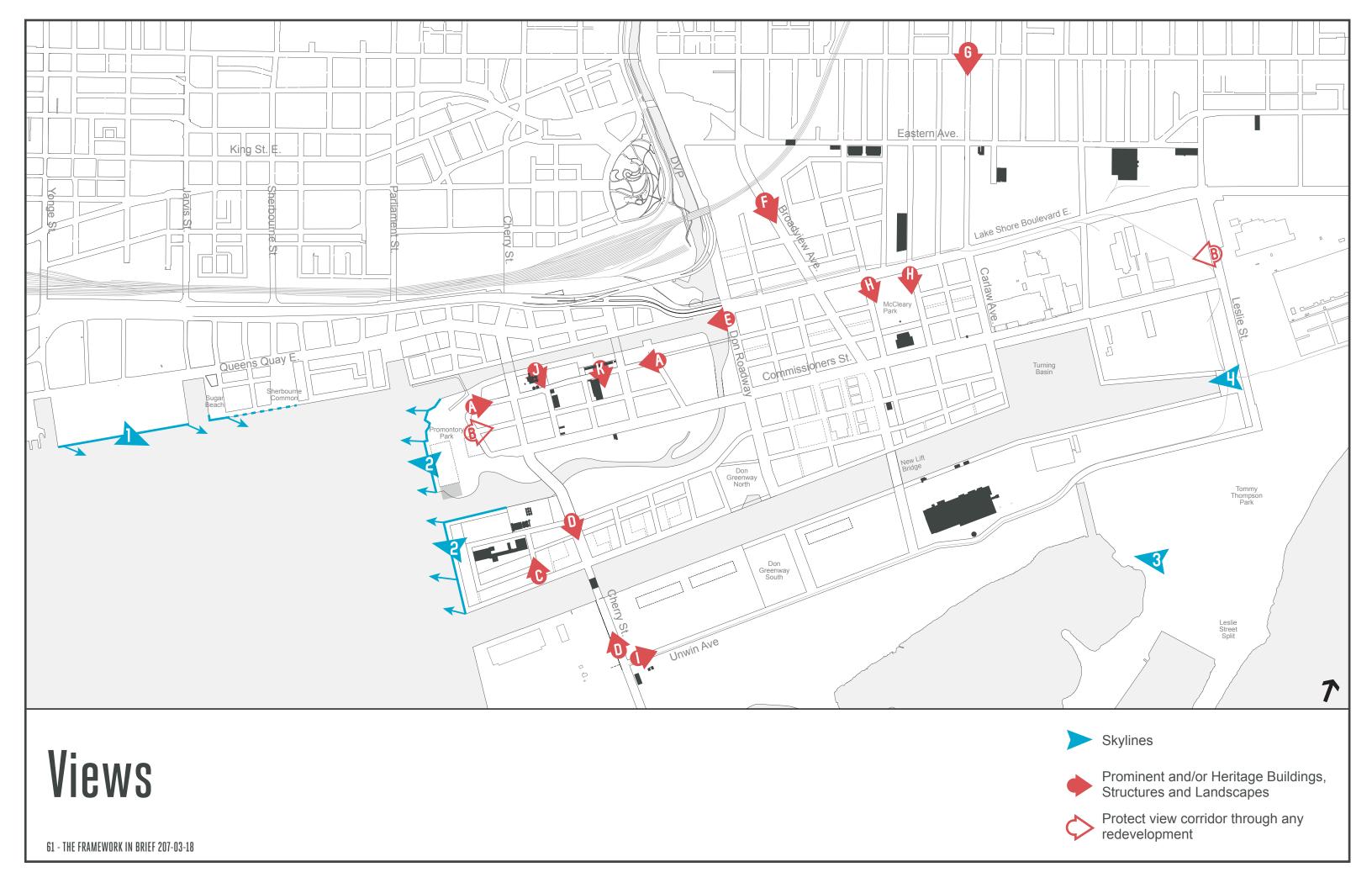


#### TALL BUILDING DIRECTION

- Strategic locations/considerations
- Tall building zones and generalized height direction for new neighbourhoods
- Performance standards eg. floorplate, minimum tower separation distances
- Noise and air quality considerations







## Proposed Neighbourhoods + Critical Mass



### Villiers Island



4,865 units (250-325 people/ha)



105K m<sup>2</sup> of non-residential (20%)



11.2 ha (27.5 acres) of parkland



Predominantly Mid-rise





340-415 People + Jobs/ha

## McCleary District

Gross Area: 17.5ha (43 acres)



4,700 units (460-600 people/ha)



175K m<sup>2</sup> of non-residential (30%)



4.5 ha (11 acres) of parkland



Predominantly Mid-rise





685-825 People + Jobs/ha

## Neighbourhood Precedents + Critical Mass



South False Creek, Vancouver



5,000units (345-405 people/ha)



18.5K m<sup>2</sup> of non-residential (3%)



10 ha (25 acres) of parkland



Predominantly Mid-rise





Mission Bay, San Francisco



6,000 units (230-270 people/ha)



400K m<sup>2</sup> of non-residential+ UCSF Campus





20 ha (50 acres) of parkland



Predominantly Mid-rise





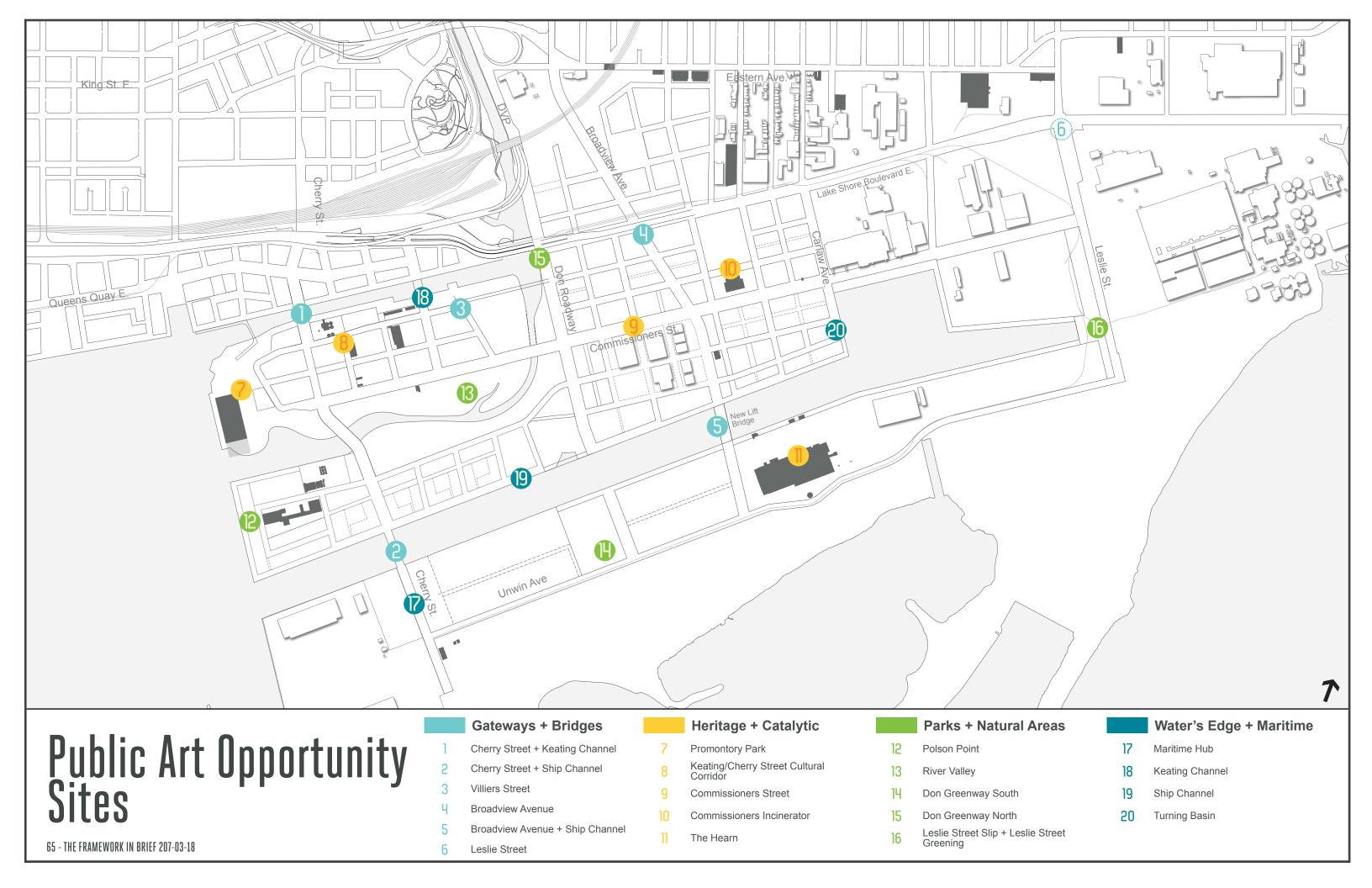
## ARTS + CULTURE





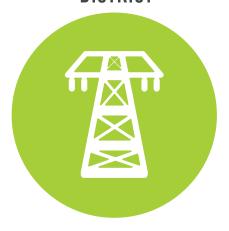






# INNOVATION + SUSTAINABILITY

A NET ZERO ENERGY DISTRICT



MOBILITY + ACCESS



**ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY** 



INNOVATION + ECONOMY



HUMAN HEALTH + WELL BEING



CLIMATE CHANGE

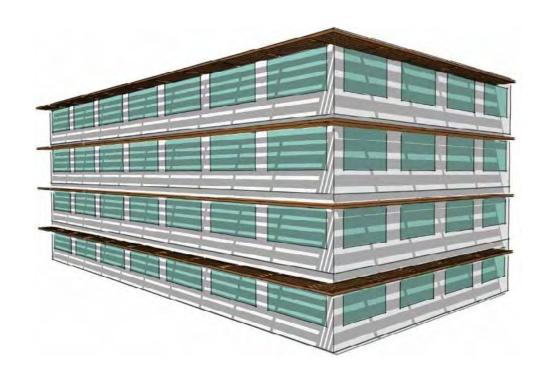






## Passive Design

- Discourages reliance on mechanical systems for heating, cooling and lighting
- Harnesses naturally occurring phenomenon without compromising the public realm
- Design of buildings incorporate energy efficiency considerations:
  - High-performance building envelopes e.g. building orientation and shape
  - Building design free of thermal bridges
  - Air sealing/tightness to prevent heat from escaping
  - Thermal mass materials that absorb heat and release slowly
  - Shade devices on west and south elevations
  - Natural ventilation operable windows where possible
  - Day-lighting
  - Passive solar heating windows should not exceed 50% of facade, sill height
  - Technology light/people sensors

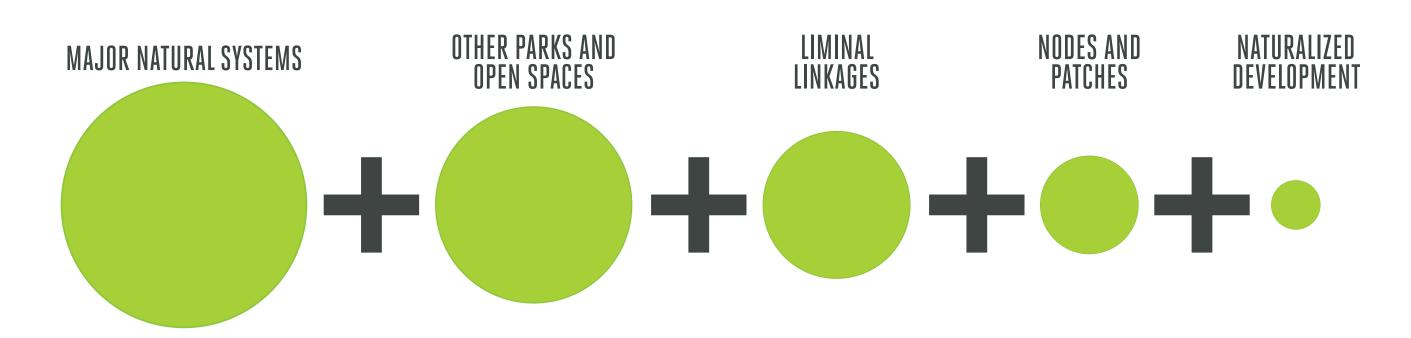








## BIODIVERSITY





## **Biodiversity**

- The following will be required to ensure a biodiverse Port Lands:
  - Protecting, restoring and enhancing natural heritage features and Environmentally Sensitive Areas
  - Creating new, connected natural areas and greenways and net environmental gains associated with Environmentally Sensitive Areas
  - Integrating larger, naturalized plantings and/or habitat as a component of the design for larger parks and open spaces
  - Creating liminal linkages and wildlife corridors to support wildlife movement in public streets and by retaining decommissioned rail corridors as landscape features
  - Providing a series of nodes and patches at the site level (e.g. retention or replacement of existing natural cover)
  - Ensuring **buildings contribute to biodiversity** through measures such as biodiverse green roofs and green walls
  - Providing dedicated spaces within new communities and physically separated from natural areas for dog off-leash areas
  - Sensitive exterior site lighting, street lighting or lighting







# LINEAR + GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES** 



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE



HYDRO TRANSMISSION

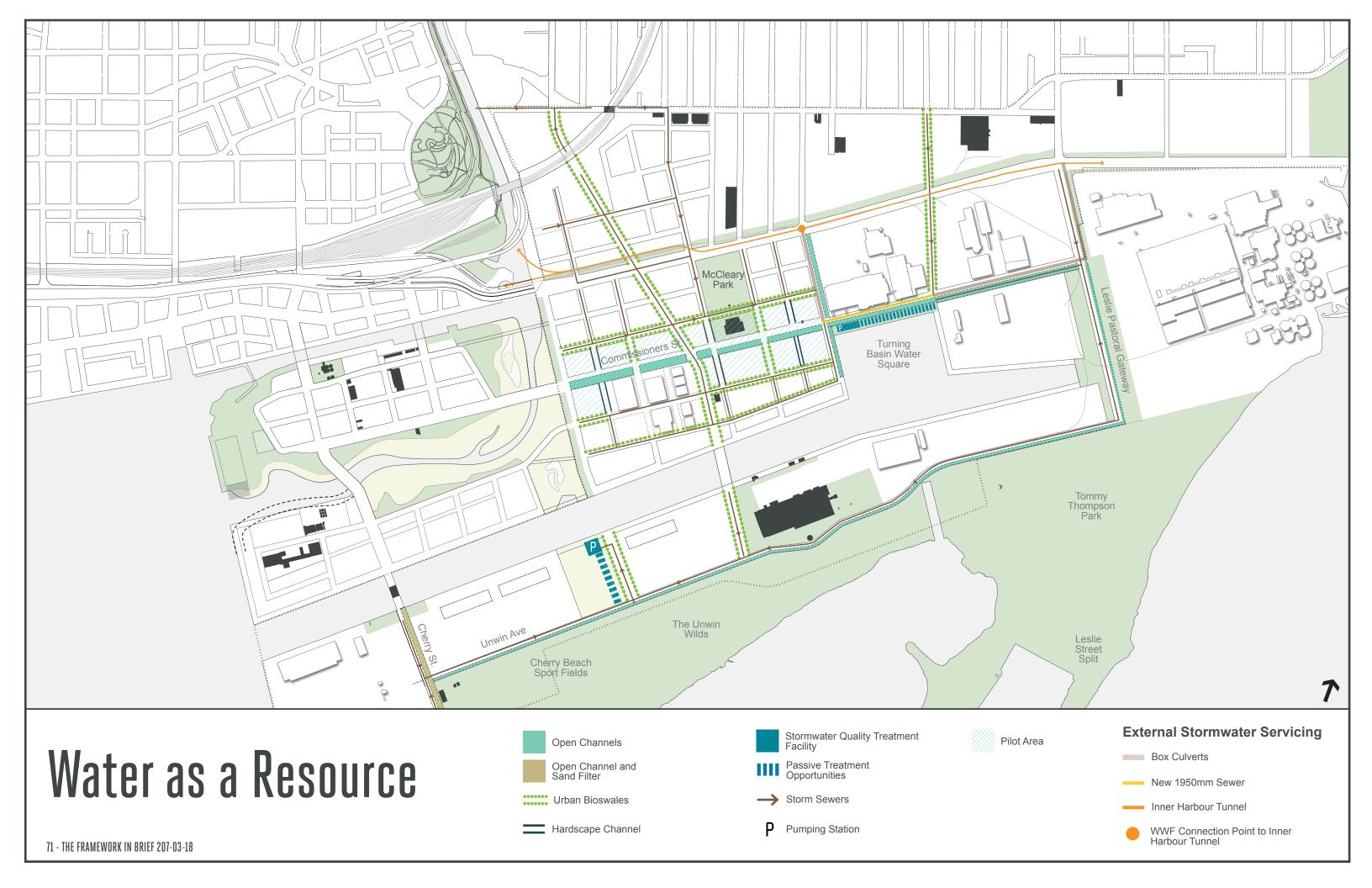


PROTECTING FOR THERMAL NETWORKS AND SMART CITY INFRASTRUCTURE

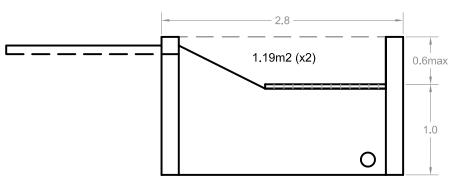








#### **Urban Bioswales**

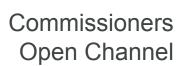


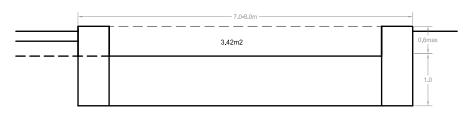


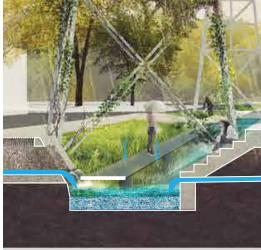










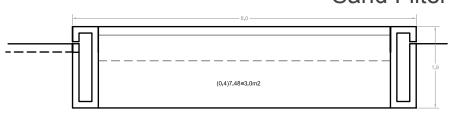


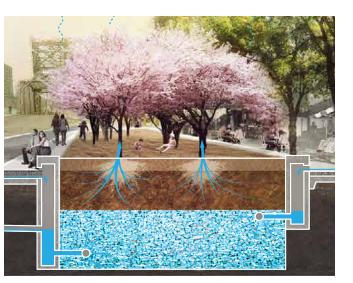




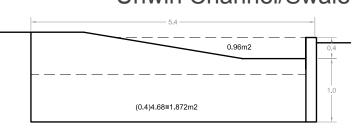


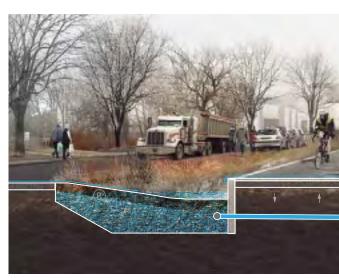
## Open Channel and Sand Filter





#### Unwin Channel/Swale



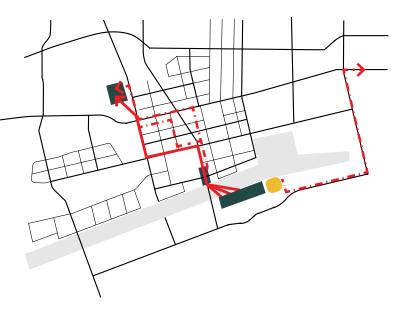






## Hydro Infrastructure

- Switching/Transformer Stations
- Port Lands Energy Centre
- Overhead Transmission Wires
- "-" Underground Transmission Wires









#### UNDERGROUND OVERHEAD CIRCUITS

- Enable streetcar in dedicated ROW
- Potential to repurpose and reimagine hydro towers as part of the Port Lands cultural heritage landscape

#### RELOCATED BASIN TRANSMISSION STATION

 Relocate on a smaller footprint and in enclosed structure to accommodate street network and create a greatly improved water's edge promenade

#### UNINTENDED BENEFITS

 Potential for undergrounding major hydro infrastructure adjacent to the Hearn for a greatly improved condition adjacent to the future destination and water's edge





## EARLY ACTIVATION



**Pioneering Cultures:** 

- 1. Polson Point
- 2. Bascule + Martime Hub
- 3. Salt Stages
- 4. Hearnfront
- 5. Turning Basin

A network of complementary sites bound together and accessed by water which could host temporary events and cultural activations to signal a new vitality in the Port Lands.



**Pioneering Landscapes:** 

- 1. Lower Don Estuary
- 2. The Greenway
- 3. Water's Edge
- 4. Unwin Wilds
- 5. Leslie Green Portal

5 Pioneering Landscapes continue the gradual evolution of a 50-yearin-the-making natural urban oasis.





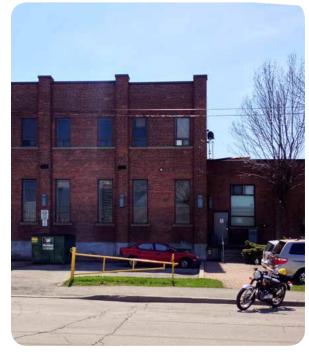
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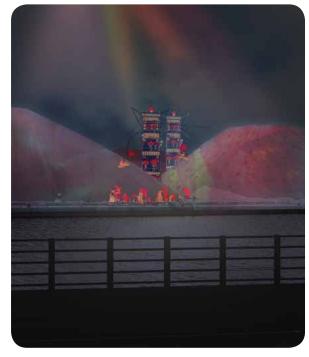














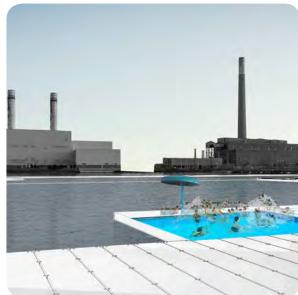




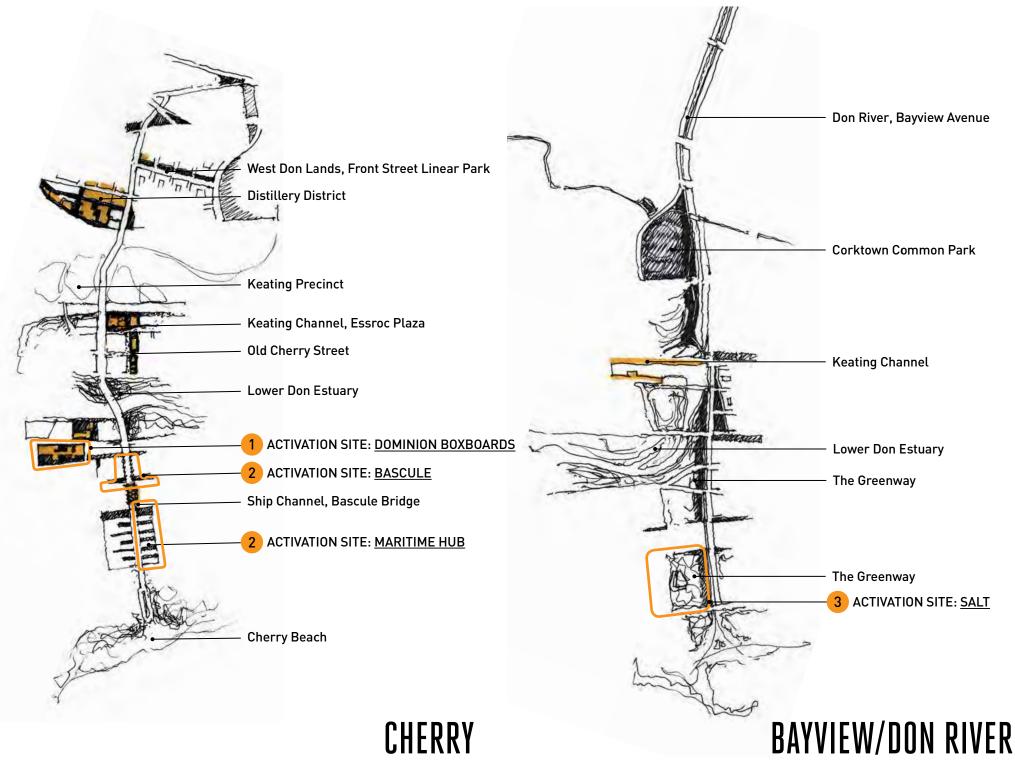


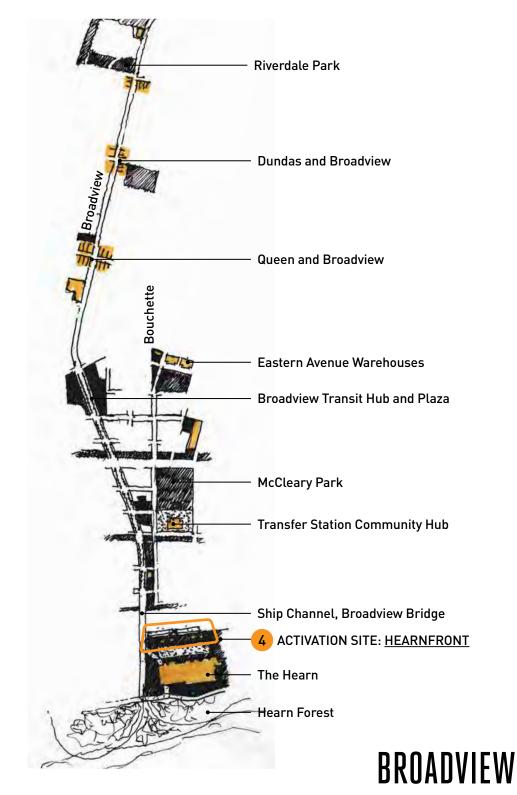






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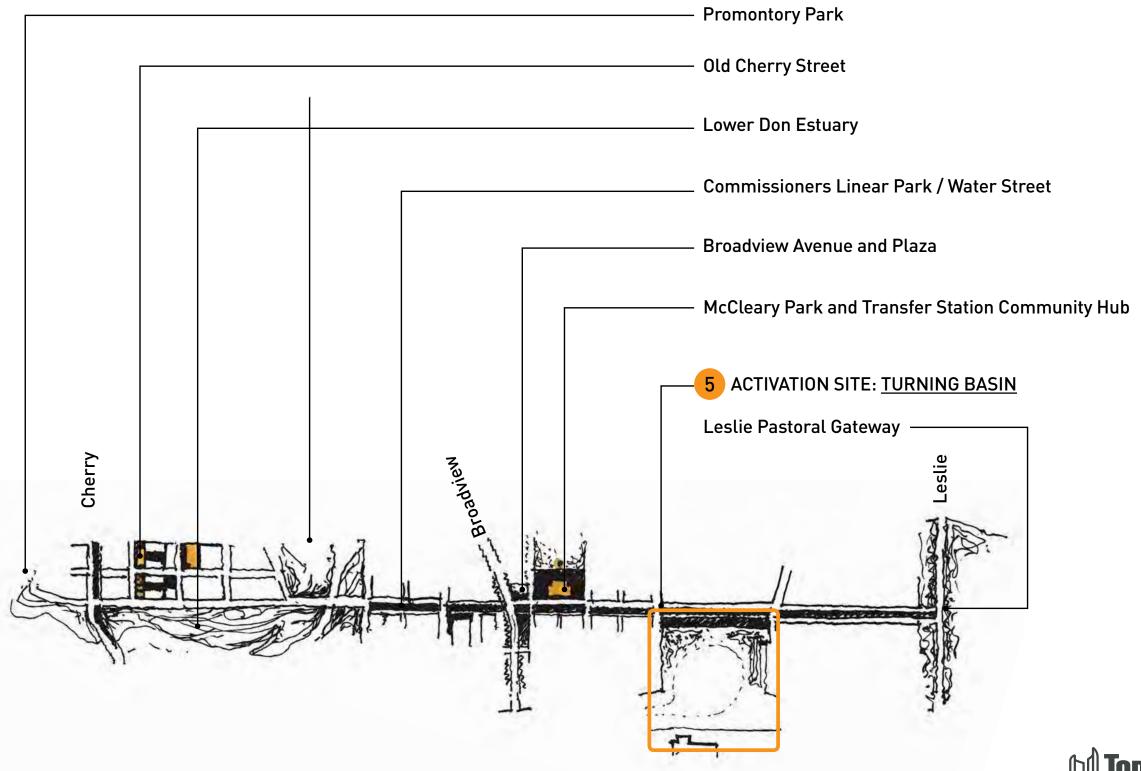






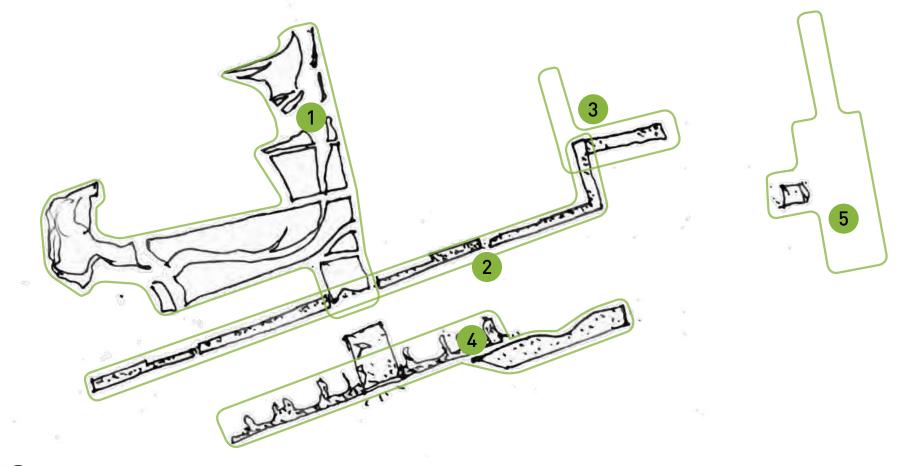
## Pioneering Cultures

## **COMMISSIONERS**





# Pioneering Landscapes 5 PIONEER LANDSCAPES, 50 YEARS TO CULTIVATE.



"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."











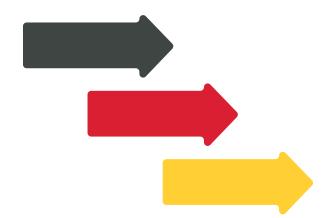


## MAKING IT HAPPEN

Funding



Phasing



Tools







## Continued + More Detailed Planning

## TORONTO OFFICIAL PLAN

Long-Term Vision for the City

### CENTRAL WATERFRONT SECONDARY PLAN

Four Core Principles and Big Moves for the Central Waterfront Area

#### PORT LANDS PLANNING FRAMEWORK

More detailed, context specific framework for the Port Lands to guide precinct planning, Zoning By-laws/development permits and site planning

#### **STRATEGIES**

More detailed strategies for specific elements that apply across the Port Lands geography e.g. Truck Management Strategy or District Energy Strategy

## PRECINCT OR CONTEXT PLANNING

Finer-grained, detailed planning for sub areas prior to enacting Zoning By-laws, development permits or site planning

#### ZONING BY-LAWS/ DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SYSTEM

The precision or detailed controls over the use of land that implements Official Plan policy and precinct planning directions. Holding provisions may be utilized to ensure orderly development.

#### PLANS OF SUBDIVISION/ SEVERANCES

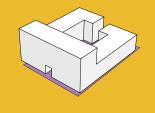
Orderly servicing and development of large parcels

#### SITE PLANS

The detailed design and technical aspects of a proposed development, including sustainability elements.

#### **BUILDING PERMITS**

Formal permission to begin the demolition, construction, addition or renovation of a building







## Immediate Next Steps

- Circulate draft Official Plan Amendment for review and comment -
  - Email comments to portlands@toronto.ca
  - Comments by April 12, 2017
  - Comments can focus on policy areas you like, would like to see strengthened or that you think should be changed. Please also tell us <u>why</u> you think we should make these changes
- Waterfront Toronto Design Review Panel
- Incorporate feedback as appropriate
- Finalize Planning Framework, Official Plan Amendment and Transportation and Servicing Master Plan
- Report to Planning and Growth Management Committee May 31, 2017
- City Council July 5, 2017



