

An aerial photograph of Toronto, Canada, showing the city's skyline and waterfront. The CN Tower is prominent on the left, and the city's dense urban core extends towards the right. The waterfront area in the foreground shows various buildings, including some with green roofs, and a large body of water (Lake Ontario) on the left. The image is used as a background for the presentation slide.

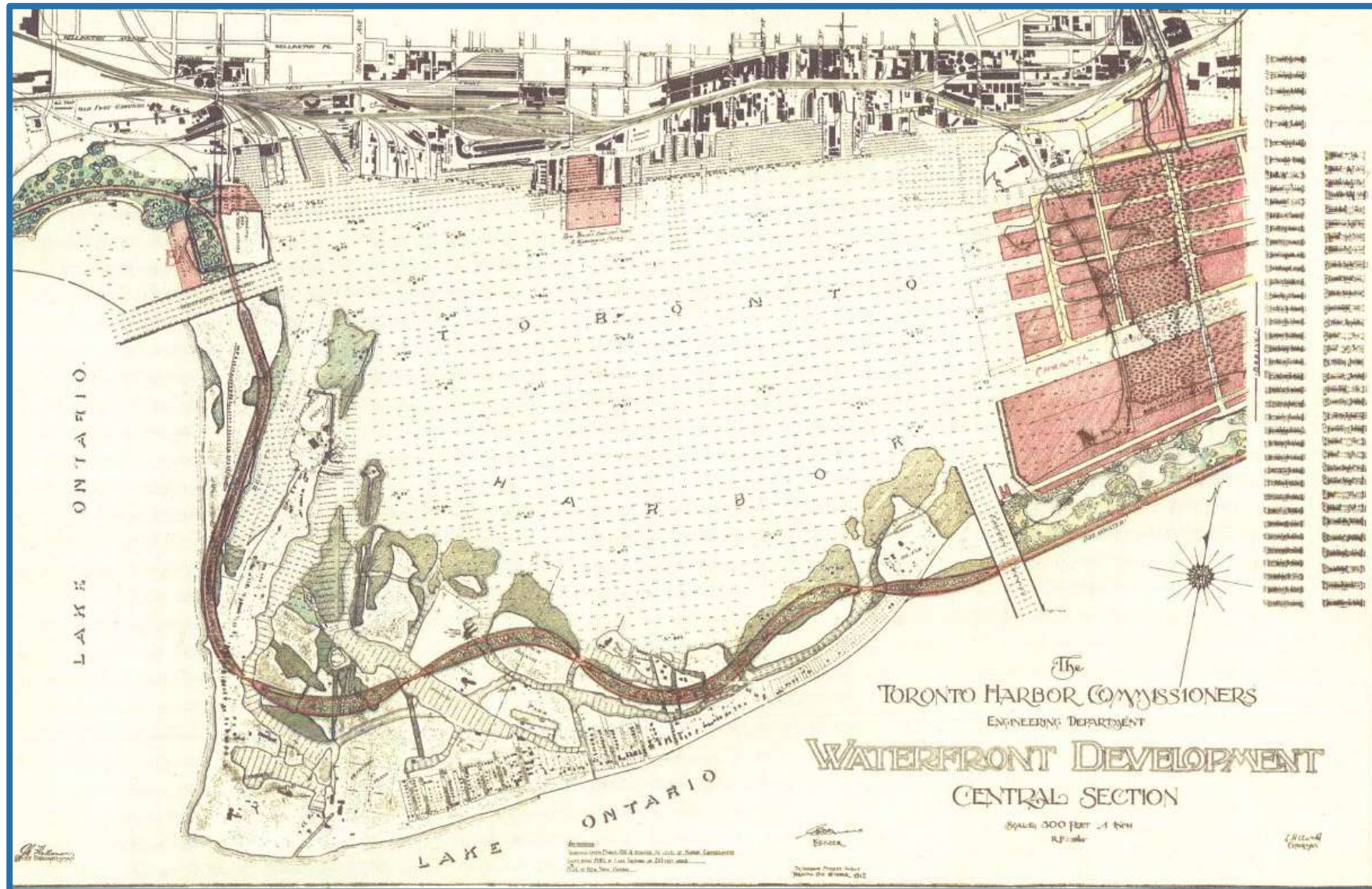
A Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization

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Waterfront Secretariat

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The Many Layers of Toronto's Waterfront



20 Years of Transformation



Waterfront revitalization has been an overwhelming success.

A tri-government partnership, through **Waterfront Toronto**, has delivered solid social, economic, public realm and environmental benefits.

With **upfront tri-government investment**, Toronto is reconnecting with its waterfront through the development of complete communities.



An Extensive Community of Partners



Waterfront revitalization involves a community of partners and a program of projects.

These partners include (but are not limited to):

- **Waterfront Revitalization** (Government of Canada, Government of Ontario, City of Toronto, Waterfront Toronto, Toronto's development community, the public, etc.)
- **Natural Heritage and Parks** (TRCA, City Divisions, community stewardship groups, etc.)
- **Transportation** (TTC, Metrolinx, Ports Toronto, City Divisions, advocates, etc.)
- **Infrastructure** (Infrastructure Ontario, City Divisions, etc.)
- **Economic Development** (CreateTO, Ports Toronto, City Divisions, BIAs, business and industries, etc.)
- **Active Transportation** (City Divisions, transit agencies, advocates, etc.)
- **Culture and Tourism** (Harbourfront Centre, Exhibition Place, Ontario Place, Bentway, businesses, etc.)
- **Affordable Housing** (non-profit housing orgs., City Divisions, CreateTO, Infrastructure Ontario, etc.)
- **Recreational Boating** (local clubs, City Divisions, TRCA, Ports Toronto, etc.)

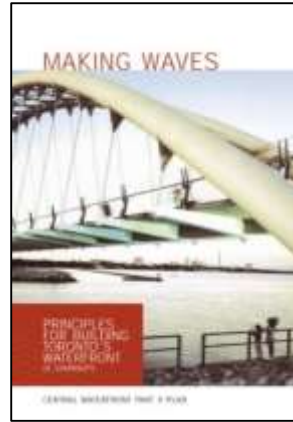
Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Task Force Report



1992



2001



Central Waterfront Secondary Plan



East Bayfront Precinct Plan

2005



Pan Am + Para Pan Am Games

2015



2016/17



2021



Port Lands Planning Framework



Royal Commission on the Future of the Toronto Waterfront

2000



Incorporation of Waterfront Toronto



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2003



West Don Lands Precinct Plan

2005

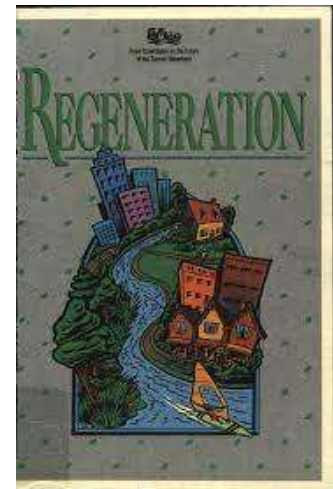


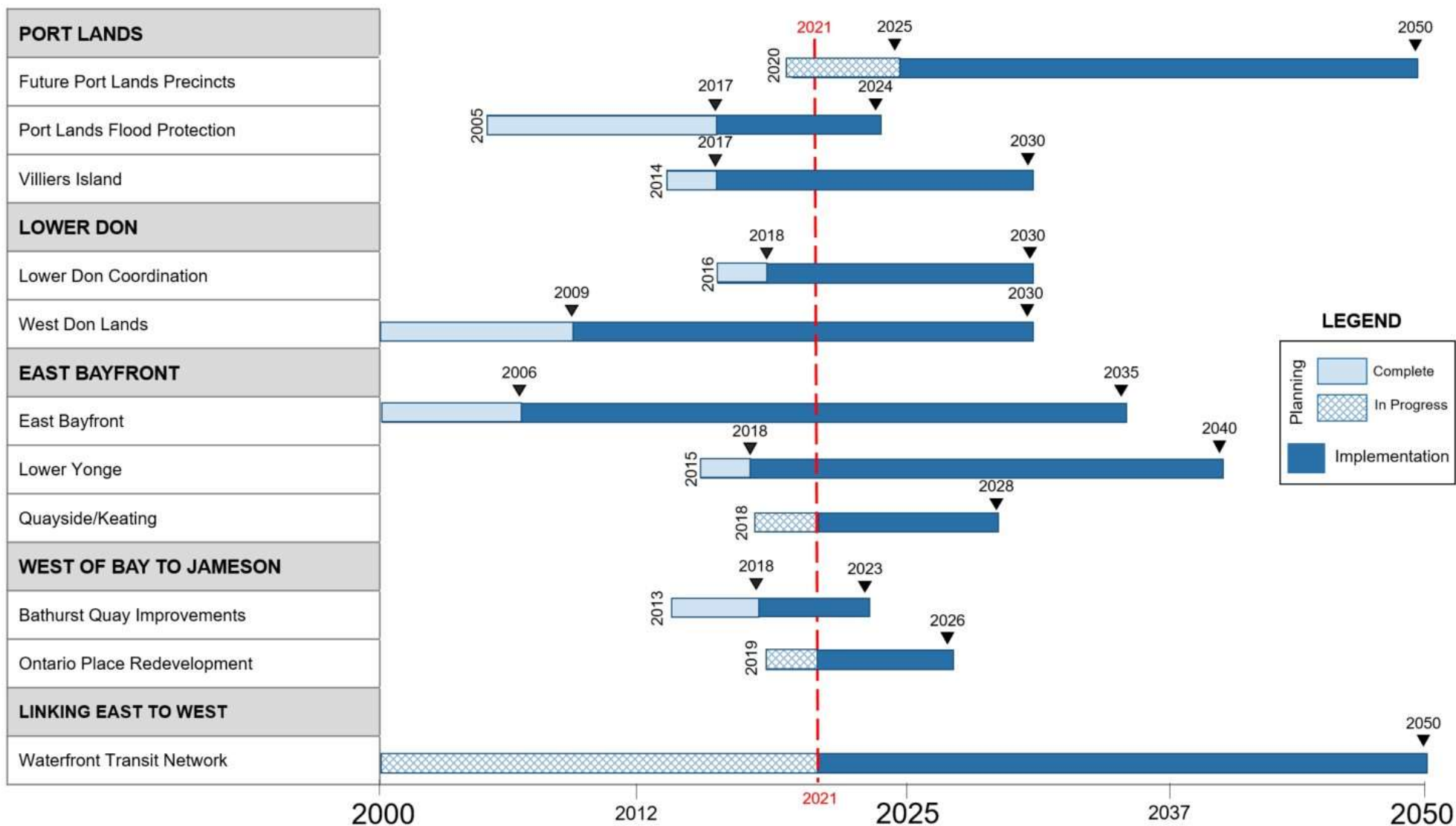
Start of Port Lands Flood Protection Project

2017



Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization





Port Lands Flood Protection

- The tri-government \$1.25 billion project will provide flood protection for a storm equivalent to Hurricane Hazel (1954).
- The project will unlock the Port Lands and South of Eastern Avenue areas for revitalization through the construction of a new river valley and related “enabling” infrastructure.
- Construction completion is targeted for 2024, with monitoring and warranties work to follow.

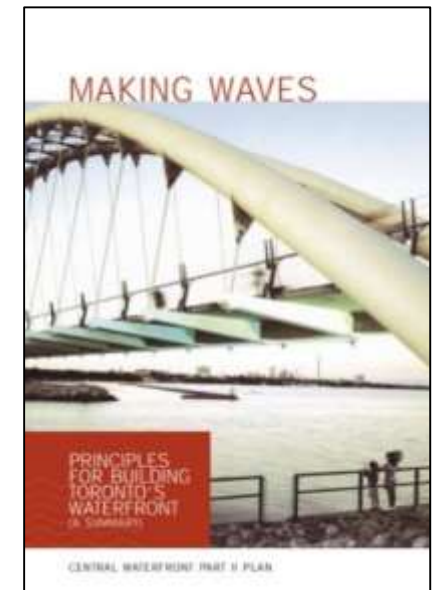


Port Lands Flood Protection



A Vision for Toronto's Waterfront

- The Waterfront Revitalization Task Force, led by Robert Fung, outlined a vision for Toronto's waterfront in 2000.
- The original vision led to the establishment of Waterfront Toronto.
- Plans such as the Central Waterfront Secondary Plan and related Precinct Plans have guided revitalization.
- Waterfront revitalization is far from complete.
- The original vision remains relevant but could be updated to reflect contemporary issues and priorities.



A Renewed Vision

A renewed vision is needed to:

- Guide the further evolution of Toronto's waterfront
- Inform future tri-government decision-making
- Align economic, social and environmental priorities and outcomes with approved plans and future projects

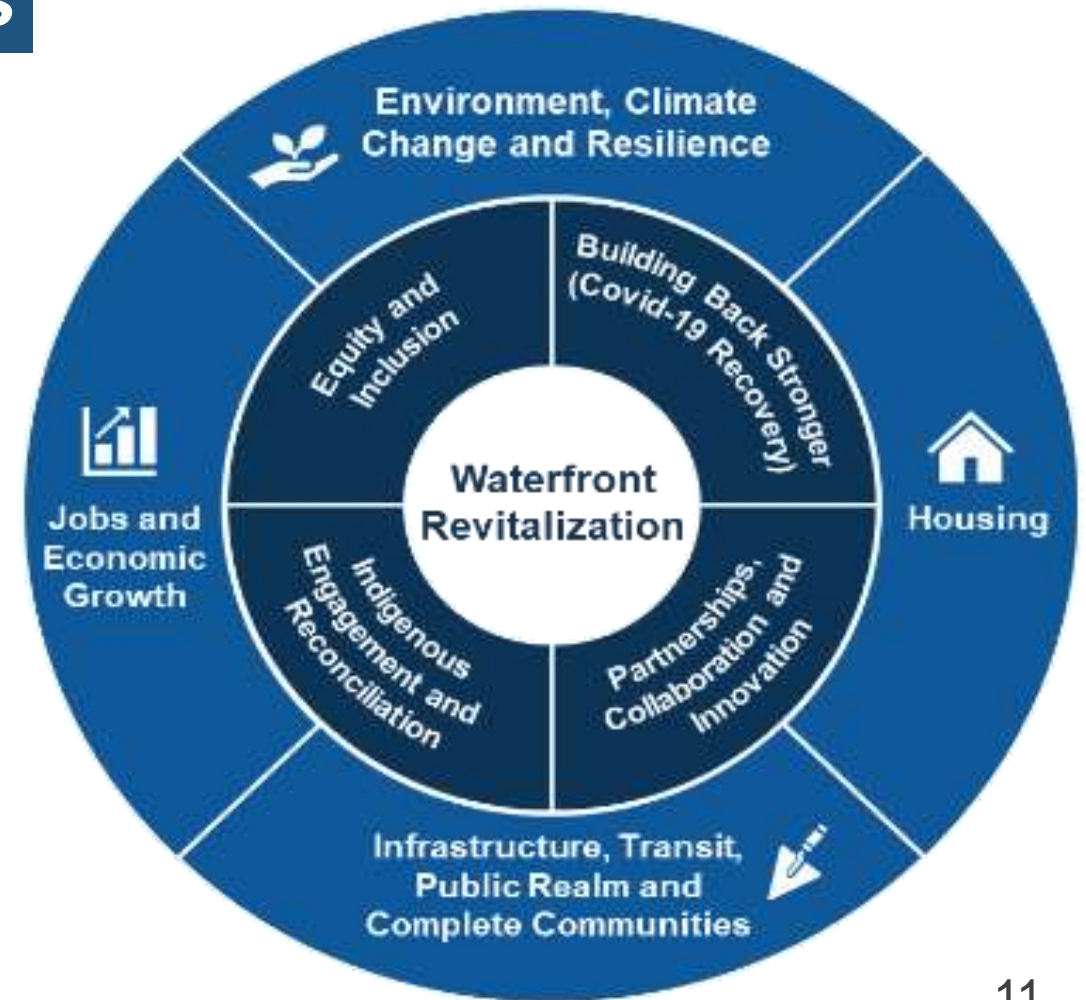
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Emerging Priorities and Outcomes

In November 2020, City staff convened a workshop of waterfront stakeholders that identified **four outcomes** (inner circle) and **four priority project types** (outer circle).

These priorities and outcomes will inform the renewed vision to address issues such as:

- Advancing Reconciliation
- Recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Addressing climate change
- Providing affordable housing
- Addressing social inequities



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Emerging Themes

- Potential economic development themes.
- Important for attracting and retaining talent in the current global economy.
- Can also drive social and environmental outcomes.
- Panel of experts will provide advice to City staff and waterfront partners.



**Climate Action
and Cleantech**



**Health and
Wellbeing**



**Culture &
Creative
Industries**

The Wider Waterfront



The last 20 years of waterfront revitalization have focused on the **Designated Waterfront Area (DWA)**.

There is the opportunity to develop an expanded vision for the **43 km of Toronto's waterfront**, including the western and eastern waterfronts, and connections to the city's watersheds.

Future wider waterfront projects could involve: parks, natural heritage, shoreline resilience and active transportation.

Toronto's Wider Waterfront





Next: Public Consultation, Stakeholder Engagement



City-Wide Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement



Waterfront revitalization has a long standing history of public consultation to inform policy and project priorities.

The City, with its waterfront partners, will undertake a public consultation and stakeholder engagement process from November 2021 to February 2022 to explore a renewed and unifying vision.

Indigenous Engagement



Indigenous engagement will address the significance of the waterfront to the area's Indigenous peoples.

The program will engage:

- Indigenous rights-holders
- People and organizations that represent First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples
- Urban Indigenous communities
- The Mississaugas of the Credit and other Treaty and Territorial partners



2022 – Next Steps



Public Consultation + Stakeholder Engagement

- City-wide public consultation
- Indigenous engagement
- Villiers Island: Stakeholder Advisory Committee and Landowner and User Advisory Committee

Report Back to Executive Committee

- **Q1 2022** with results of public consultation and Indigenous engagement and a proposed renewed vision
- **Q2 2022** with an update on Villiers Island business and implementation planning

Questions for Consideration

1. What are your thoughts on the emerging priorities, outcomes and themes?
2. What projects or types of projects would be aligned with these emerging priorities, outcomes and themes?
3. What are the opportunities associated with the wider waterfront?
4. Who else should we be talking to (public consultation and stakeholder engagement) in the coming months (and beyond)?