



## Discussion Workbook

**Scarborough Waterfront Project**  
Environmental Assessment -Terms of Reference  
Public Information Centre #2

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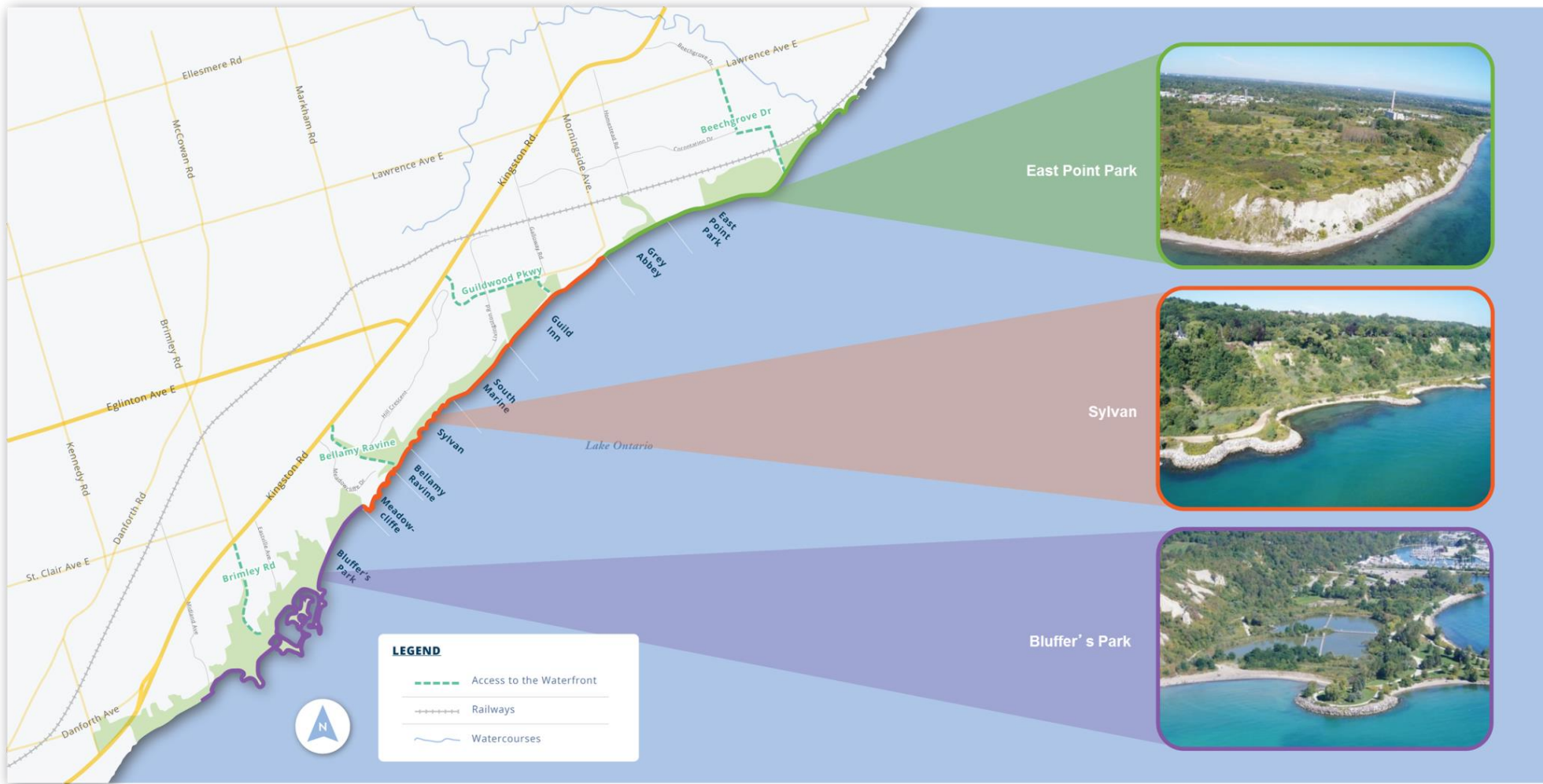
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Please provide your  
feedback by March 10, 2015

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has initiated a study under the provincial Environmental Assessment Act to create a system of greenspaces along the Lake Ontario shoreline between Bluffer's Park and East Point Park in Toronto, Ontario. The project will integrate existing shoreline infrastructure or planned shoreline erosion works; identify access routes which provide multiple benefits for public use and recreation; provide environmental sustainability, and enhanced tourism opportunities; and result in the acceleration of priority shoreline erosion control works along the Scarborough Bluffs.

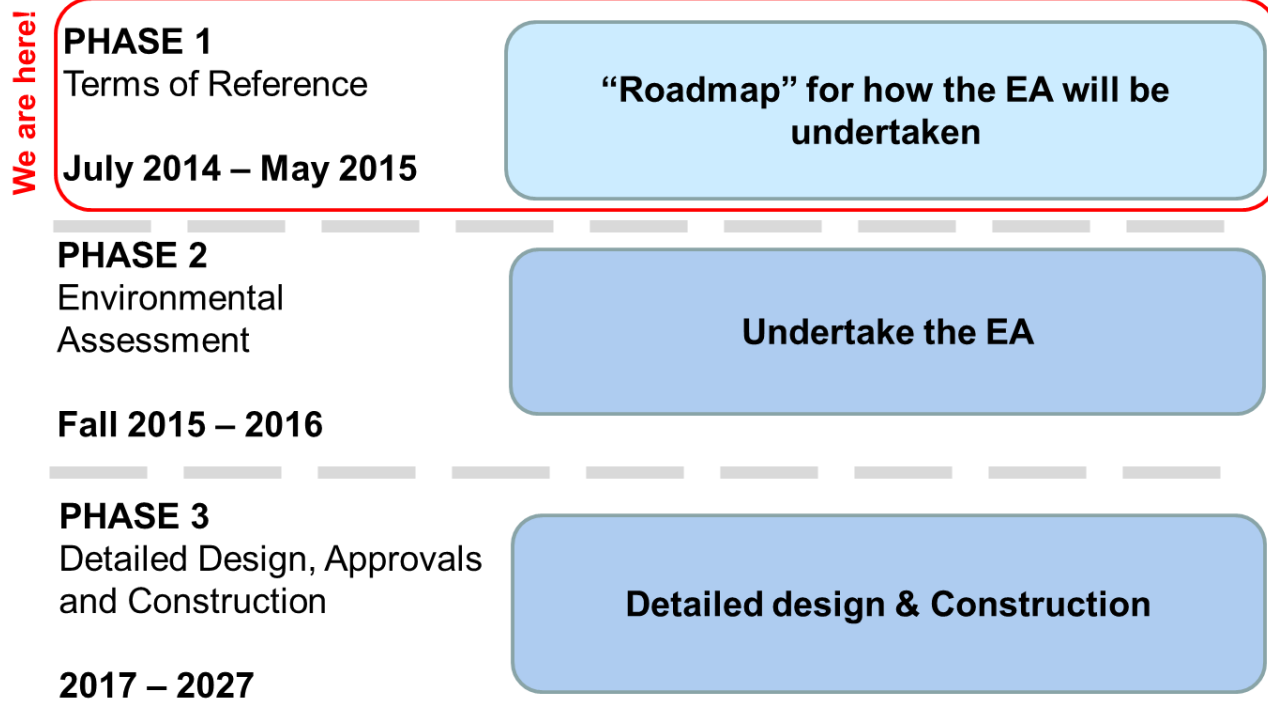


## SCARBOROUGH WATERFRONT PROJECT SEGMENTS

The project area extends about 11km across the Lake Ontario shoreline from Bluffer's Park in the west to the mouth of the Highland Creek in the east.

The project area is divided into three segments. Possible project alternatives will be identified and assessed within each of these shoreline segments, but consideration will be given to how the three segments are linked together.

## PROJECT TIMELINES



The feedback received today will be incorporated into the draft Terms of Reference.

It is anticipated that the draft Terms of Reference will be available for a 30-day public and agency review in late March 2015.

## PROJECT VISION

The vision of the Scarborough Waterfront Project is to create a system of greenspaces along the Lake Ontario shoreline which respect and protect the significant natural and cultural features of the Bluffs, enhance the terrestrial and aquatic habitat, and provide a safe and enjoyable waterfront experience.

## **PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

### **Protect and enhance terrestrial and aquatic natural features and linkages**

Habitat type, health, and sensitivity vary in the study area. There are opportunities to enhance existing terrestrial and aquatic habitat and create new greenspace.

### **Manage public safety and property risk**

There are varying levels of risk to the public and property in the study area. For example, risk of slope failure, loss of tableland, hazardous access routes, and risk from waves to users of the greenspace. Existing and future risks need to be identified and mitigated.

### **Provide an enjoyable waterfront experience**

A number of factors contribute to an enjoyable waterfront experience. For example, diversity of experience, including, active/passive recreation; views and vistas; multi-season use; trail connections; and education/appreciation of the natural and cultural features of the bluffs.

### **Consistency and coordination with other initiatives**

Significant community planning has occurred in this area. The project will be consistent with, and coordinate with other initiatives, including the Lake Ontario Greenway Strategy (WRT), Urban Fish Management Plan; Guild Park & Gardens Management Plan; and local community initiatives.

### **Achieve value for cost**

Maximize the benefits achieved through the project in relation to the estimated project cost (capital and maintenance).

## **DRAFT APPROACH TO DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVES**

Alternative ways of meeting the vision and objectives will be developed in three steps:

- **Step 1: What are the existing conditions?**
- **Step 2: What are the challenges and opportunities?**  
For example - Where is the risk of erosion? What would we need to do to address priority risk areas? Where is the significant habitat?
- **Step 3: Starting to build alternatives.**  
For example - Where could a trail safely go? Where can we provide access points that connect the top and bottom of the bluffs? What kind of habitat improvements can we do? What else can be done to address the challenges and opportunities? How does it all fit together?

## Discussion Activity – How do we identify which Alternative best meets our objectives?

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The project objectives will help to guide decisions made for this project. Please tell us what you think we should look at under each objective.

Objective: Protect and enhance terrestrial and aquatic natural features and linkages	
Habitat type, health, and sensitivity vary in the study area. There are opportunities to enhance existing terrestrial and aquatic habitat and create new greenspace.	
Some Ideas	Your Thoughts
Extent of aquatic habitat attributes enhanced or diminished	
Extent of terrestrial habitat attributes enhanced or diminished	
Ability to use, improve or manage local sources of water	
Resilience and adaptability of new habitat features to potential climate change impacts	

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Ability to address the risk of slope failure to public safety and property due to shoreline and bluff erosion	
Ability to address risk to public safety related to coastal processes	
Ability to integrate public safety with existing infrastructure	
Resilience of shoreline protection works to potential climate change impacts	

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<b>Some Ideas</b>	<b>Your Thoughts</b>
Level of public access provided	
Extent of new recreation opportunities	
Extent of change to existing shoreline and bluff character	
Potential impacts on water quality at study area beaches	
Ability to provide natural and cultural education and appreciation	

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Ability to manage potential traffic impacts	
Ability to integrate with community plans	
Potential impact on archaeological resources	



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<b>Objective: Achieve value for cost</b>	
Maximize the benefits achieved through the project in relation to the estimated project cost (capital and maintenance).	
<b>Some Ideas</b>	<b>Your Thoughts</b>
Estimated capital cost	
Potential for project phasing	
Maintenance and operations costs	

## Discussion Activity

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- 1) The proposed three step process to develop alternatives was presented and is summarized in your workbook. Do you have any comments on this draft approach to alternatives development?
- 2) Hopefully you had a chance to review the panels on what we heard at the first Public Information Centre. Please let us know if there are any key issues or concerns that are not reflected?
- 3) Do you have any additional comments related to this project you would like to share?

# Meeting Evaluation

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Do you feel like your voice has been heard at this meeting?

Do you understand the decision-making process and how you can participate going forward?

Please provide any suggestions for future meetings.

## Optional:

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