



Natural City of Toronto (Urban Forestry, Natural Environment & Community Programs) is partnering with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to undertake a preliminary concept design exercise to revitalize the Governor's Bridge Lookout at Don Valley Brick Works Park.

This project aims to resolve current issues with the existing lookout that include vandalism and bonfires, informal paths and shortcuts, vegetation damage, and accessibility compliance.

To meet the objectives for the new revitalized lookout, PLANT Architect Inc. has proposed a concept design option based on the following aims and underlying design principles:

- Enhance the user experience of the site
- Provide an inspiring and accessible design solution that is safe and attractive
- Highlight contrasting long- and short-range views from the lookout
- Reveal a progression of different views as you approach the lookout
- Increase the presence and visibility of the lookout – encourage visitors to make the climb
- Interpret key aspects of the site's distinctive location within the Don Valley
- Evoke and enhance the industrial character of the existing context
- Provide a secondary access to the lookout
- Minimize disruption to the existing ecology and enhance ecosystem health
- Improve durability and maintenance and reduce opportunities for vandalism
- Recognize the supporters and funders of the lookout and the park

PLANT Architect Inc. has worked collaboratively with the City of Toronto and the TRCA to develop this design. The end product of this process will be an overall concept for the lookout. A detailed design and approvals process will follow as a second phase. Implementation is contingent on available capital funding.

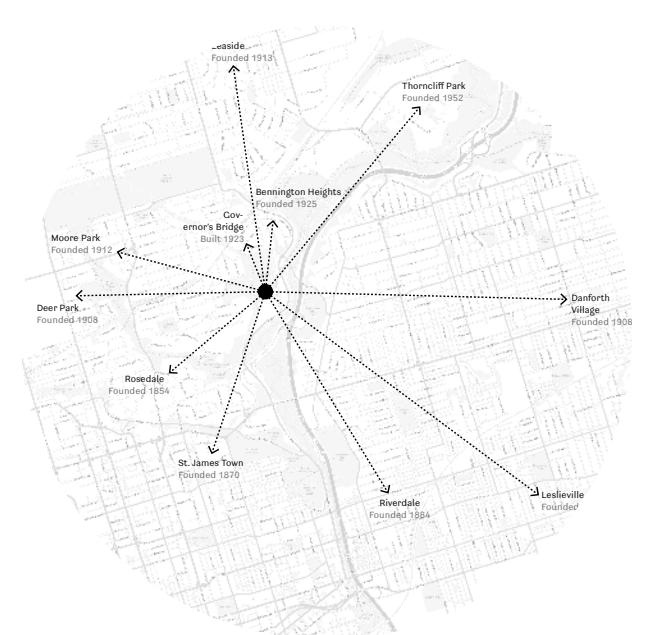


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GOVERNOR'S BRIDGE LOOKOUT



The Valley Neighbours



Interpretive Signage



View looking south