

Waterfront Parks Master Plan

Part 2 (Zones 6-13)

North Gwillimbury Park
Sheppard Park & Wharf
Willow Wharf Park



 The Planning
Partnership

PLAN B Natural Heritage
Baird
TOURISTICS
SCS Consulting Group

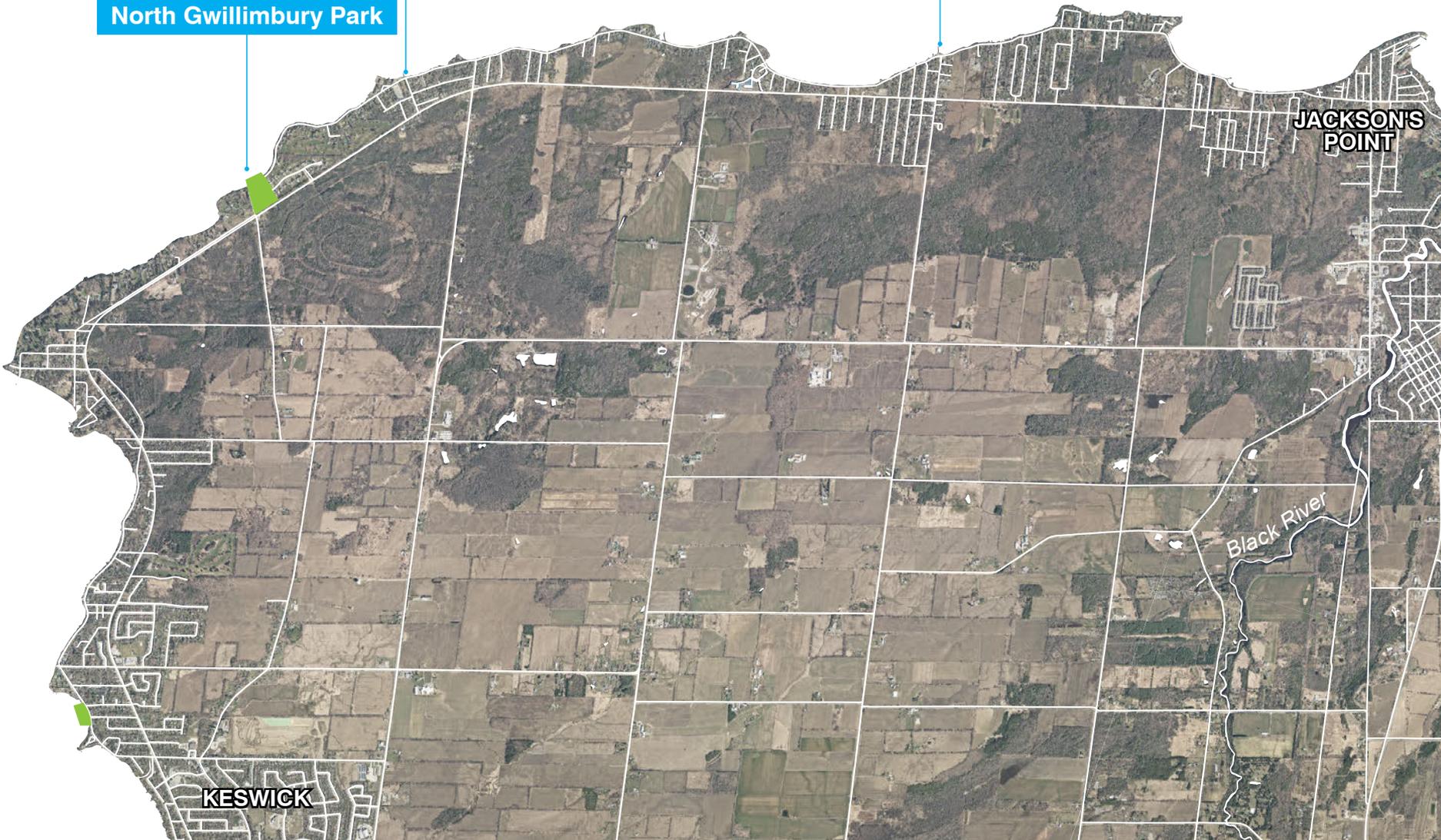
Areas of Focus

+ approx. 25 road ends from Sibbald to Roches Point

Sheppard Park & Wharf

Willow Wharf Park

North Gwillimbury Park



KESWICK

JACKSON'S POINT

Black River

Road Ends

Classification System for Publicly Owned Waterfront Road Ends



Category 1:

Appears to be open to all. Grass is cut, obvious signs of use, sometimes there's a way to get canoes/kayaks in the water. Morning Glory and Port are examples



Category 2:

Currently signed as "no public access", "private", or for members of a residents group or Beach Association only, maintained by Town, Beach Association, residents groups or adjacent residents



Category 3:

A partnership with the Town and the cottage/community association (Roches Point seems to be the only example)



Category 4:

Currently, inaccessible by foot (ie no clearing for trail or ATV)

North Gwillimbury Park

Context



North Gwillimbury Park

Study Area



North Gwillimbury Park

Land Ownership



North Gwillimbury Park 4.15 Ha (10.3 acres)

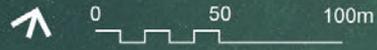
Lake side of Lake Dr (land) 0.32 Ha (0.78 acres)

- Legend**
- Town of Georgina Property
 - Town of Georgina Rights-of-Way
 - York Region Rights-of-Way
 - Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority



North Gwillimbury Park

Facilities & Amenities



North Gwillimbury Park



North Gwillimbury Park

Natural Heritage



Legend

-  Provincially Significant Wetland
-  Wetland
-  Woodland



Paradise Beach-
Island Grove
Wetland
Complex PSW

North Gwillimbury Park

Natural Heritage Overview

Existing Conditions

- Manicured park grounds with planted eastern white cedar, Scots pine, white pine, red/silver maple, sugar maple, willow, white birch, poplar, and Manitoba maple. Trees range from 10 to 60 + cm in diameter.
- Patchy shoreline vegetation with armour stone and beach stone protection. Dominant species include willow, Manitoba maple, red-osier dogwood, honeysuckle, brambles, aster/goldenrod, and perennial forage grasses.
- Stormwater management facility (constructed wetland) in northeast corner.
- Paradise Beach-Island Grove Provincially Significant Wetland Complex to the south of Metro Road.

Coastal

Existing Conditions

- Shoreline exposed to Lake Simcoe
- Shoreline protected with boulders, trees, shrubs
- Evidence of erosion behind boulder protection due to overtopping, ice
- Cobbles in nearshore lakebed

North Gwillimbury Park

LSRCA Lake Shoreline Hazard/Regulation Area



- Legend**
- LSRCA Lake Shoreline Hazard/Regulation Area
 - LSRCA Regulation Area



North Gwillimbury Park

What We've Heard So Far

- not an ideal location for swimming, deep and a lot of current
- well used for events
- could possibly include a leash free dog area
- needs trees planted
- adjacent to a 290 acre environmental area
- most people drive, so parking can be a problem. Lake access here is limited.
- a lot of potential, possibly for recreational fields or additional recreation facilities would to allow for more consistent use
- well used in the winter, although the slope down to the lake can be difficult for snow machines
- trail on sound side of Metro Road is snowmobile trail
- needs new picnic pavilion, upgraded washrooms

North Gwillimbury Park

Early Thoughts



Access

- pedestrian walkway on Lake Drive
- realign Lake Drive/treatment of Lake Drive
- signage and wayfinding

Landscape & Grading

- integration with storm water management ponds
- enhance landscape
- augment existing shoreline vegetation with locally indigenous plant species
- a 1-2 m wide “no mow” zone along the shoreline that can re-establish and be augmented with native plantings.
- consider installing an osprey platform

Recreation & Park Amenities

- expand recreation facilities e.g. sports fields, disc golf, beach volleyball
- new pavilion and upgraded washrooms

Sheppard Park & Wharf

Context



Sheppard Park & Wharf

Study Area



Sheppard Park & Wharf

Land Ownership

- Legend**
- Town of Georgina Property
 - Town of Georgina Rights-of-Way
 - York Region Rights-of-Way



Sheppard Park & Wharf

Facilities & Amenities



Sheppard Park & Wharf



Sheppard Park & Wharf

LSRCA Lake Shoreline Hazard/Regulation Area

- Legend
- LSRCA Lake Shoreline Hazard/Regulation Area
 - LSRCA Regulation Area



Sheppard Park & Wharf

Early Thoughts



Access

- define pedestrian crossing of Lake Drive
- identify some parking - ?

Landscape & Grading

- removed planting at corner of Sheppard and Lake Drive to open views to water

Recreation & Park Amenities

- improve washrooms; sign washrooms
- accessible surface on playground?

Willow Wharf Park

Context



Willow Wharf Park

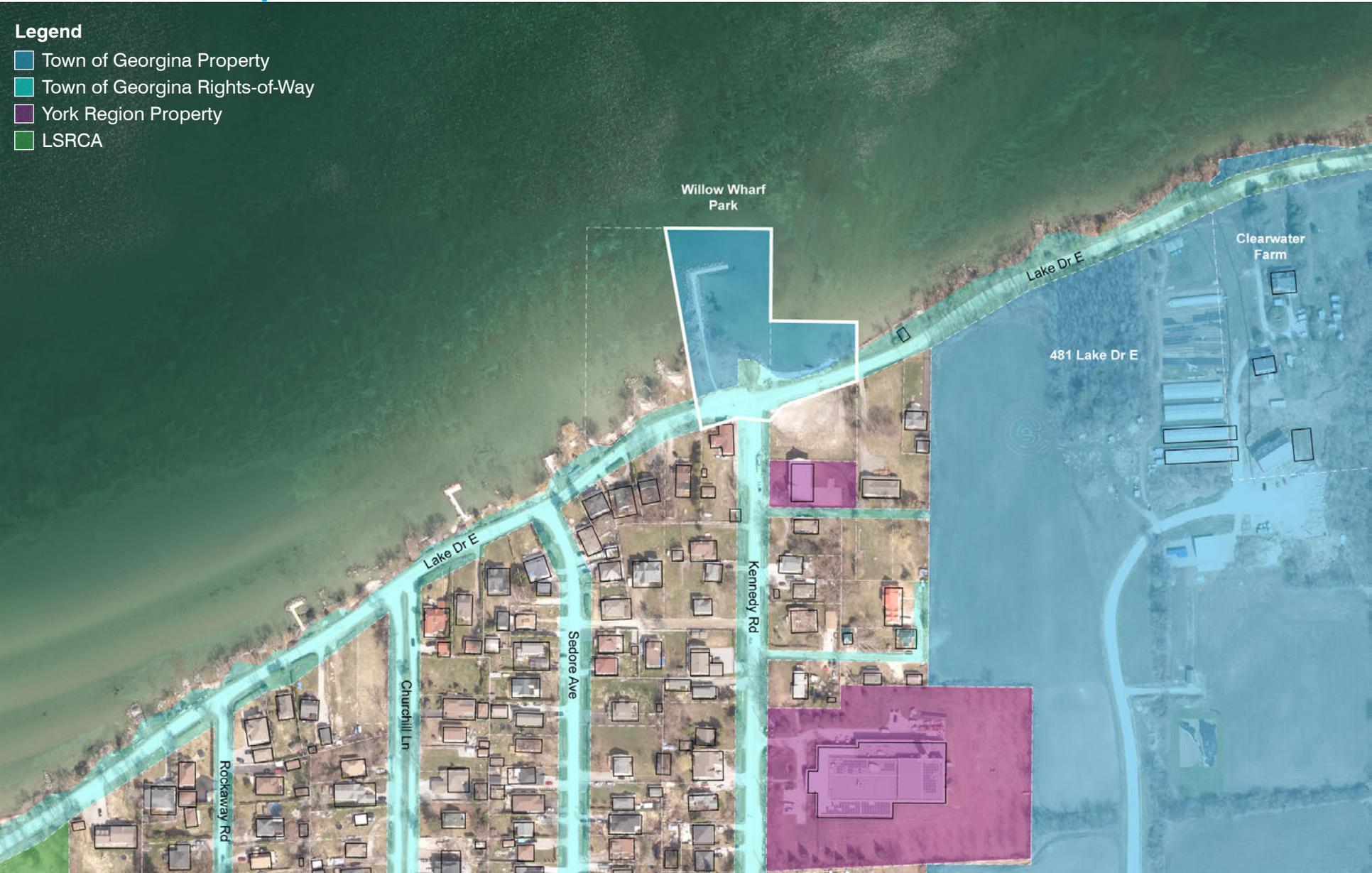
Study Area



Willow Wharf Park

Land Ownership

- Legend**
- Town of Georgina Property
 - Town of Georgina Rights-of-Way
 - York Region Property
 - LSRCA



Willow Wharf Park

Facilities & Amenities



Willow Wharf Park



Willow Wharf Park

LSRCA Lake Shoreline Hazard/Regulation Area



Legend
□ LSRCA Lake Shoreline Hazard/Regulation Area

Willow Wharf Park

Early Thoughts



Access

- organize and define parking
- safe pedestrian crossing on Lake Drive
- pedestrian walkway on Lake Drive
- add public parking on west end of Clearview Farm

Landscape & Grading

- shoreline restoration/naturalization

Recreation & Park Amenities

- ?