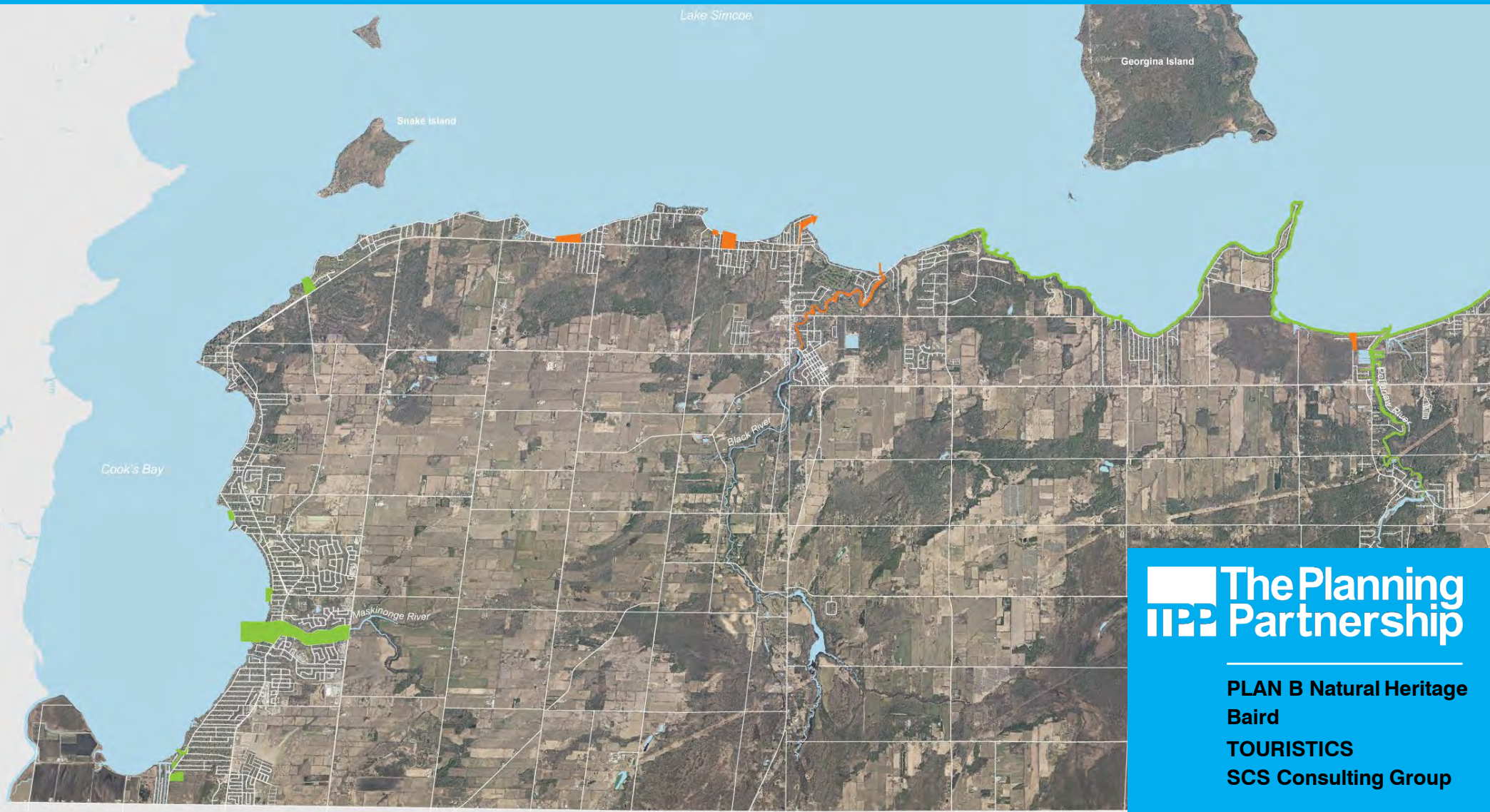


Town of Georgina

# Waterfront Parks Master Plan

Public Engagement 2  
Emerging Concepts

November 21 and 22, 2020



 **The Planning  
Partnership**

**PLAN B Natural Heritage  
Baird  
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SCS Consulting Group**



## Zone 5 Mossington Wharf/Black River – You wanted.....



- Leave the single lane bridge because it helps to calm traffic
- Don't want what happened this past summer with visitors angry because there's no parking and no washrooms
- Some suggested parking elsewhere with shuttle access and that this could alleviate parking on private property
- Protection of the natural heritage
- To allow small boats, canoes, kayaks up the river
- A secondary floating dock at the Mill Pond Park
- Could be a Water Research Centre
- Want to ensure there's control of the noise and traffic
- It could be a destination for pedestrians and cyclists, but some said that Hedge Road would need to be upgraded to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists



## Natural Heritage

- Mossington Park Provincially Significant Wetland associated with the Black River and floodplain. Wetland extends from High Street to the shoreline of Lake Simcoe. Upland deciduous and mixed forest associations flank the river in several locations. The largest block is located to the north of Black River Road.
- The Black River is an important linkage connection between the Oak Ridges Moraine to the south and the Lake Simcoe shoreline.
- The Black River is managed as coldwater fish habitat.



# Zone 5 Mossington Wharf/Black River

## Black River

- The Black River from Mossington Bridge to Mill Pond is 3.6 m long, depth 3.3 m.
- Most of the river can support limited motor boats with shallow draft.
- Dredging at the mouth of the Black River has been ongoing since the 1930s. the Town last dredged in 2002.
- Previous studies concluded that dredging would be an ongoing requirement at the mouth of the Black River to maintain an open channel



# Zone 5 Mossington Wharf / Black River – Options

	1 Boat access only to the Wharf	2 Boat access to the Wharf and public use of adjacent lands
Improve Wharf to allow boat tie up and boaters to use the Wharf	yes	yes
Purchase additional property adjacent to the Wharf to provide public space and amenities for park users: washrooms, benches, picnic areas	no	yes
Purchase additional property to provide safe vehicle access & parking	no	yes
Add docks at Mill Pond Park	yes	yes

## Zone 5 Mossington Wharf/Black River

### **Why dredging of the Black River to Sutton is not recommended by our team**

- Mossington Park Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) associated with the Black River and associated floodplain where the wetland extends from High Street to the shoreline of Lake Simcoe. Upland deciduous and mixed forest associations flank the river in several locations. The largest block is located to the north of Black River Road.
- Submergent and emergent wetland communities are associated with the PSW along the Black River.
- The Black River provides an important connection between the Oak Ridges Moraine and Lake Simcoe. The Black River is managed as coldwater fish habitat.
- Woodland and wetland features flanking the Black River corridor are designated as “Environmental Protection Area” in the Sutton/Jackson’s Point Secondary Plan.
- River is sensitive to large boat traffic. The shoreline exhibits steep/partially eroded banks, with a fringe of emergent and submergent wetland vegetation. Narrow river channel constrains manoeuvrability for boats.
- Dangerous currents below the dam



# Zone 5 Mossington Wharf/Black River – Option 2



1. Improve the wharf
2. Provide public space and amenities
  - a. Provide washrooms
  - b. Provide picnic and seating areas
  - c. Provide pedestrian walkways / connections
3. Provide safe access and parking
  - d. Widen the road
  - e. Widen the bridge
  - f. Provide parking



# Zone 5 Mossington Wharf – Boat only access



If preferred, investigate the feasibility, cost and liability of retaining the Wharf for boat access only following completion of this Plan

As per recommendations of previous experts, forego dredging the Black River. Existing depths allow access by shallow draft boats

Add a dock for boat tie up in Mill Pond Park



# SUITE OF DESIGN ELEMENTS FOR WATERFRONT PARKS

**Brand the Waterfront |** consistent, coordinated  
and recognizable design elements and features

**Connect the Parks |**  
thematically tie the parks through  
unifying and common elements and  
furnishings

**Make it Beautiful, Comfortable & Inviting |**  
high quality, low maintenance thematically

**Incorporate Sustainability |**  
thematically



# Permanent Washrooms | designed as 'gems' in the park





# Temporary Washrooms | seasonal & special events





# Pergolas | dappled shade & beautiful focal elements



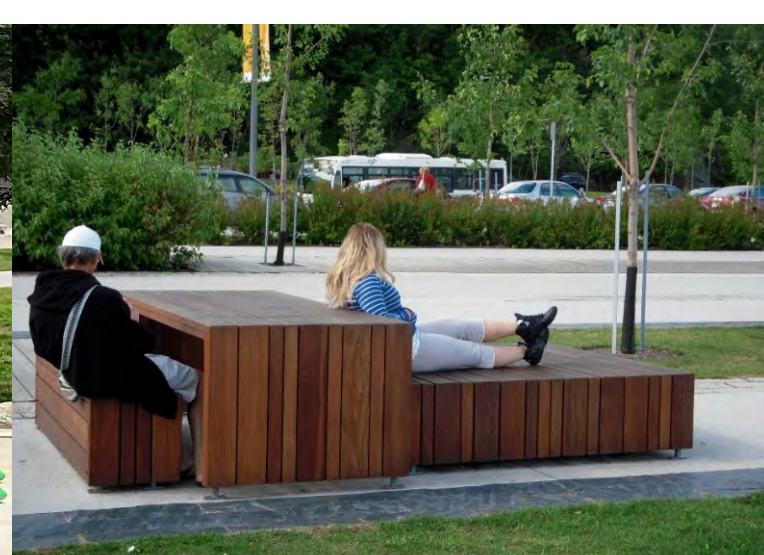


# Shade Structures | every day and special events



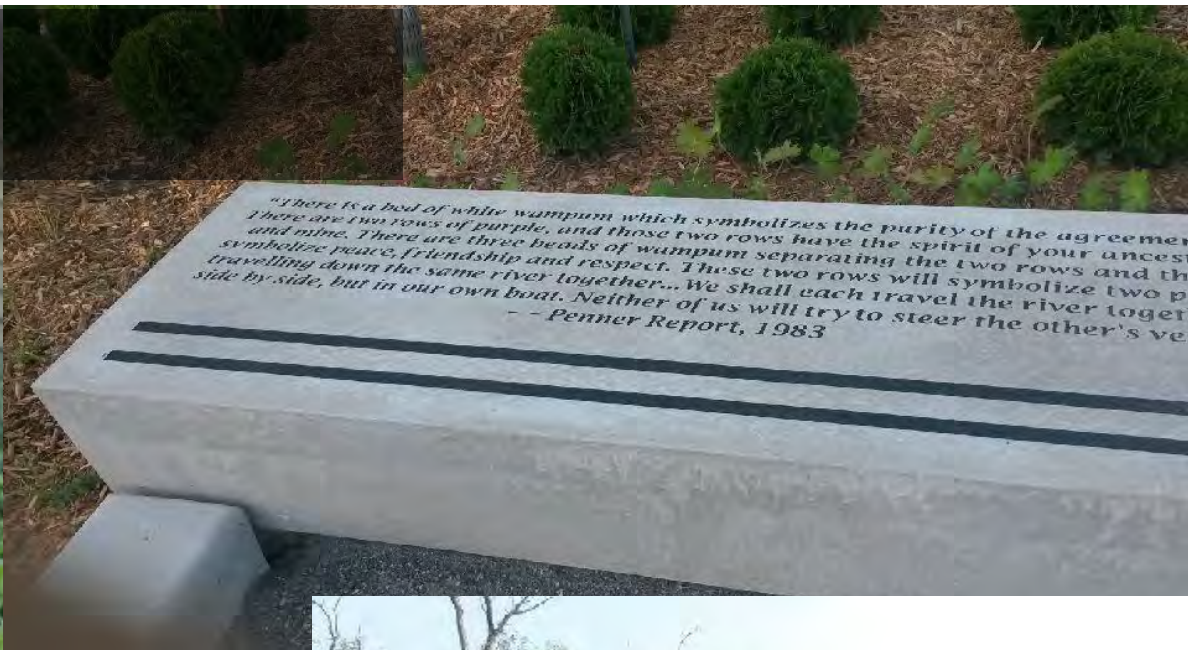


# Seating and Gathering | benches, tables, furniture





# Sense of Place | tell a story of the place





# Play and Explore |

## Adventure playground





# Exercise and Fitness |

trail fitness, exercise equipment





# Special Paving | defining spaces and movement





# Signage |

Distinct identity, provides context to the park system, is positive and welcoming





# Signage |

Let's people know where they are and how to behave in a positive and welcoming way

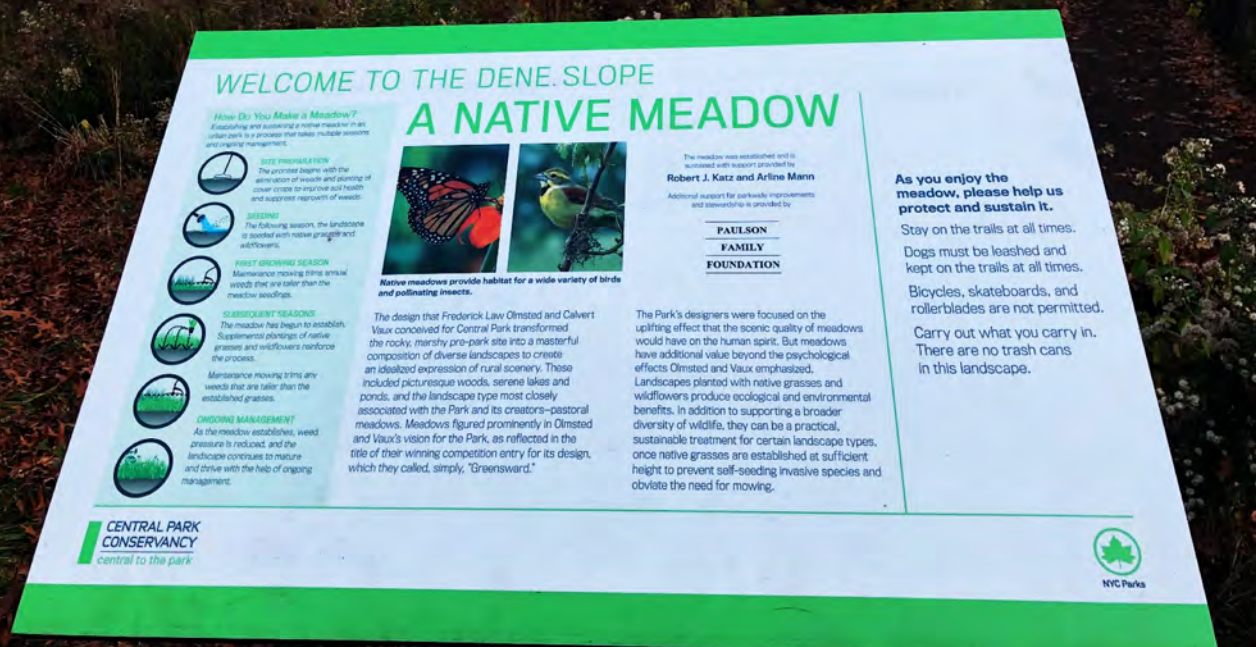
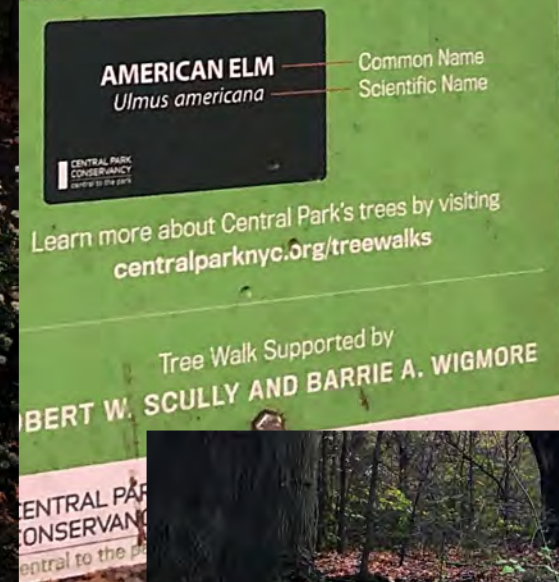




# Signage | nature and heritage interpretation



Follow the path above and look for identifying plaques on Central Park's most magnificent trees along the way.



As you enjoy the meadow, please help us protect and sustain it.

Stay on the trails at all times.

Dogs must be leashed and kept on the trails at all times.

Bicycles, skateboards, and rollerblades are not permitted.

Carry out what you carry in. There are no trash cans in this landscape.



# Winter Activities |

## Ice fishing, skating, snowmobiles

