# **Ashbridges Bay Landform**

Undertaking a Class EA in Evolving Urban Landscapes

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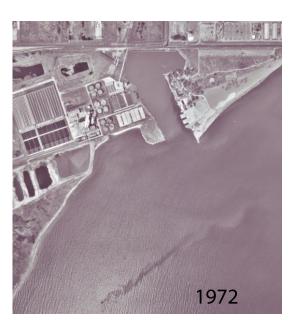
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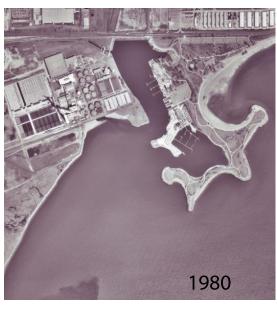
- Problem Identification
- History of the Class EA Process
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- Detailed Design of the Ashbridges Bay Landform
- Summary

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## **Ashbridges Bay Problem Identification**

- Mid-1970's: Ashbridge's Bay Park constructed
- Early 1980's: Start of dredging in Coatsworth Cut
- 1990's: Reports indicate ~10,000.00 m<sup>3</sup> of sand per year bypass the Ashbridge's Bay Park headland
- Annual maintenance dredging is needed to ensure safe navigation.

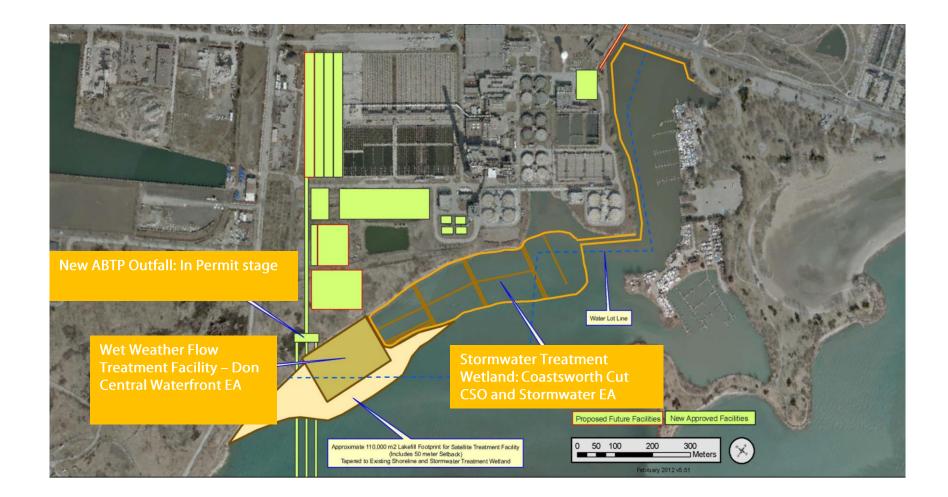




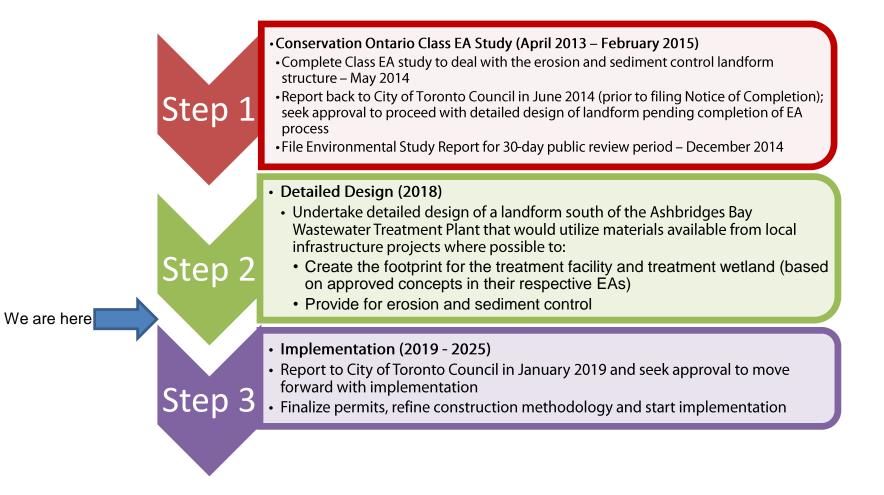
### **History of the Class EA Process**

- 2002: TRCA initiates a Conservation Ontario Class EA to address sediment and erosion issues in Ashbridges Bay/Coatsworth Cut.
- 2004: Class EA suspended while the City of Toronto and Waterfront Toronto projects and planning initiatives involving Ashbridges Bay/Coatsworth Cut are underway.
- 2008: Planning initiatives involving Ashbridges Bay/Coatsworth Cut are complete: City of Toronto completes Coatsworth Cut CSO Class EA and the Ashbridges Bay (formerly Main) Treatment Plant Individual EA. Waterfront Toronto completes Lake Ontario Park Master Plan and proceeds to planning Phase I of the Lake Ontario Park.
- 2009: City of Toronto, Waterfront Toronto and TRCA form a partnership to implement Phase I of the Lake Ontario Park. TRCA recommences Class EA.
- 2010: Class EA suspended due to the high cost of the proposed relocation of the Coatsworth Cut boat clubs.
- 2012: City of Toronto's Don River and Central Waterfront Class EA is completed. A satellite treatment plant (high rate treatment facility) in the waterlot south of ABTP is approved as part of the EA.
- 2013: With the relocation of boat clubs no longer being considered, the Class EA was initiated and subsequently completed in 2015.

#### **City of Toronto: Previously Approved** Infrastructure



#### Ashbridges Bay Landform Project Process and Timelines



### Conservation Ontario Class EA 2015 – Ashbridges Bay Erosion and Sediment Control Project: Objective

To identify a preferred solution that will mitigate the risk to navigation due to sediment erosion and deposition at the harbour entrance of Ashbridges Bay and Coatsworth Cut while considering the various approved facilities , planning initiatives and current uses in the study area.



#### Ashbridges Bay Erosion and Sediment Control Project: Class EA Process

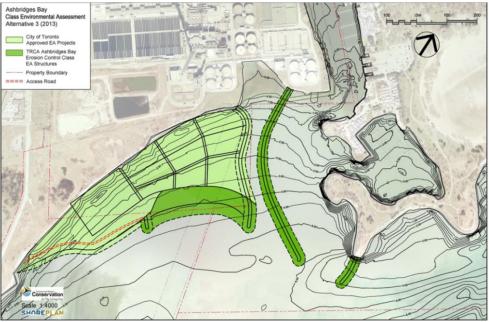
- EA formally initiated in April 2013 and filed in December 2014
- Steering Committee formed with representation from TRCA, Waterfront Toronto and City of Toronto - Toronto Water, PF&R, Waterfront Secretariat
- Three Community Liaison Committee (CLC) meetings held
  - Majority supported the preferred alternative concerns raised came from a small number of the boat club members and focused on impacts to their current use of the area
- Two Public Information Centers held
  - Low attendance/interest beyond the boat club members (primarily CLC members)

#### Ashbridges Bay Erosion and Sediment Control Project: Preferred Alternative

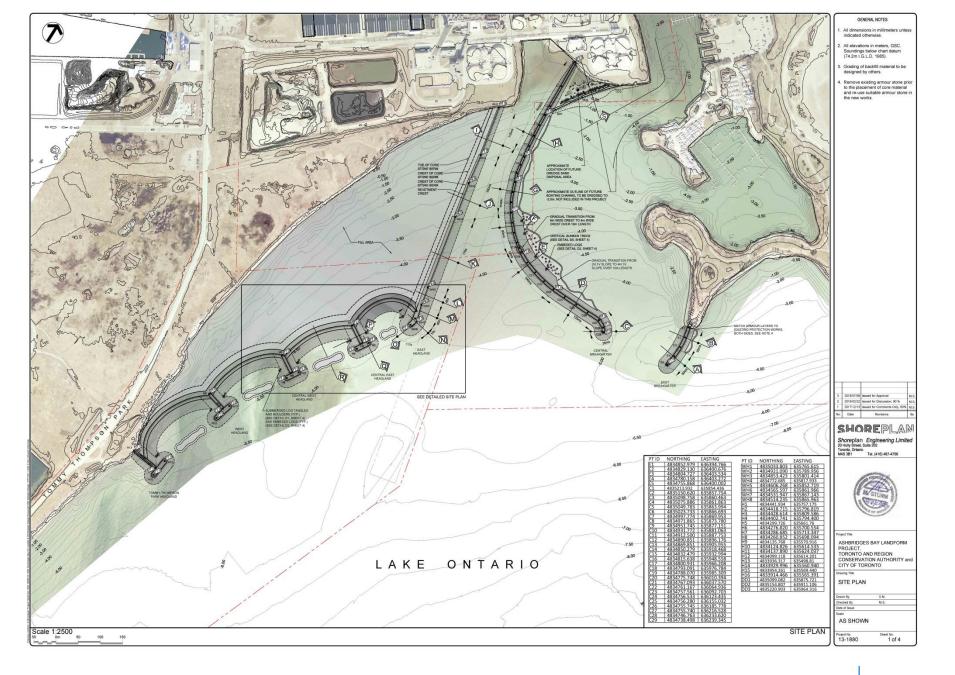
Selected as the preferred alternative as it provided the:

- Least impact to water quality in the recreational areas with a potential positive impact on E.coli levels in the recreational boating areas;
- Best integration of current Ashbridges Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant operations (sea wall gates) and flexibility with future approved City of Toronto infrastructure
- Decades of safe navigation without on-going maintenance (dredging).

\*Dark green depicts the components of the Class EA, light green are other planning initiatives.









Ashbridges Bay Landform Project - Habitat Enhancement Plan

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#### Ashbridges Bay Landform Project - Cross Sections & Details

#### March 2018

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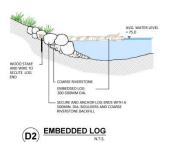
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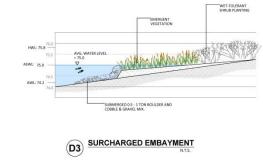


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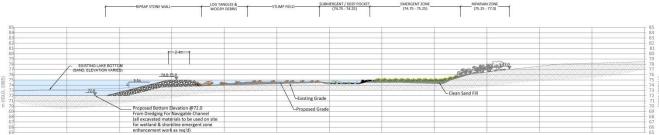






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#### SECTION B - B' Naturalized Shoreline Typical



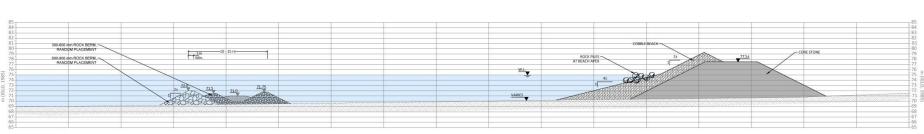


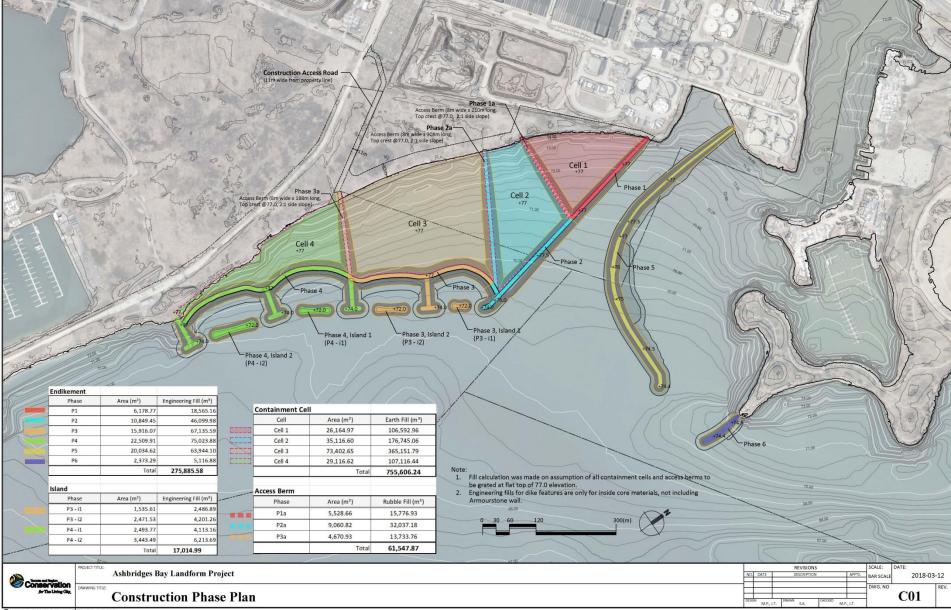
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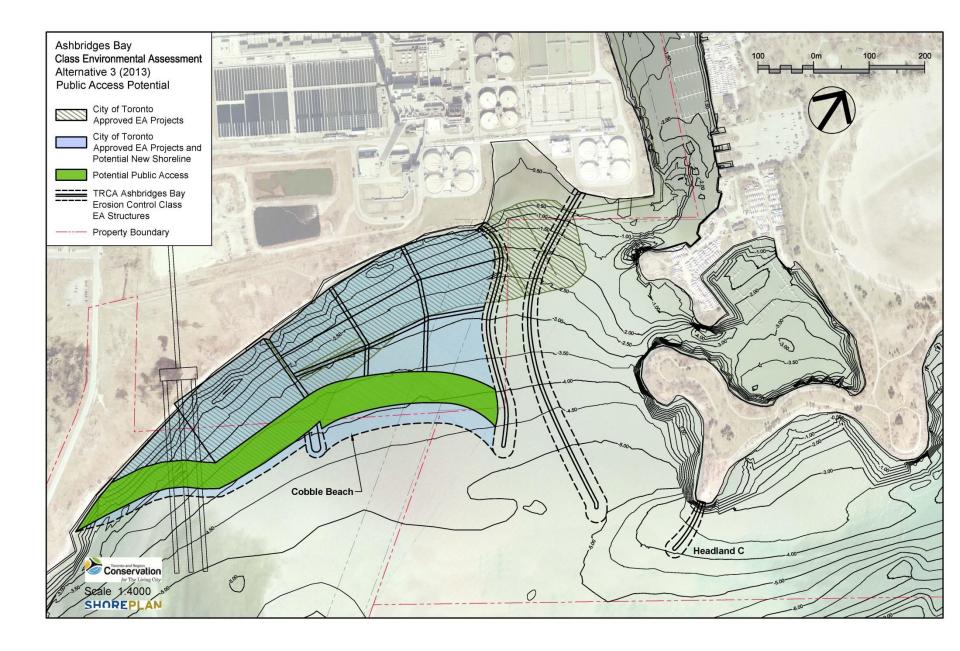
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SECTION A - A' Habitat Island & Cobble Beach







#### Summary

 Undertaking the planning to find a remedial solution for this project was complicated due to a large number of other planning initiatives underway in the study area.

 In the end, by waiting to progress planning for the erosion and sediment issues in the areas this project was able to integrate infrastructure approved through other planning processes to ensure the best use of resources and minimize impacts environmentally and socially.

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