

SoHo Thames Valley Corridor Project

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Introduction to Project

This project is a major component of the redevelopment of the Old Victoria Hospital Lands (OVHL). The site is generally bound Wellington Street to the west, South Street to the north, Maitland and Colborne Street to the east and the South Branch of the Thames River to the South. Much of the site was part of the OVHL that plans for residential intensification along South Street and throughout the community.

Project Site



Goal

Create a park system along the north side of the Thames River throughout the SoHo Community.

Supporting Background Studies

Geotechnical Reports (establishing the long term stable slope and erosion access allowance)

Record of Site Condition (reviewed past uses and contamination surveys)

Environmental Impact Study (includes recommendation for woodland buffers)

Planning and Cycling Context

This project is a product of the Soho Community Improvement Plan and the Old Victoria Hospital Lands Secondary Plan (2014). Lots of public engagement opportunities were facilitated to help identify the long term redevelopment opportunities for the area. Wellington Road is identified as a Rapid Transit Corridor. Nelson Street is a signed east-west bicycle route and Colbourne Street has bicycle lanes. The Thames Valley Corridor continues to the west of the site and connections with Harris Park and

Project Features (see panels enclosed)

Created a new section of the Thames Valley Parkway from Wellington to Maitland

Provide a Mid-Block Connection from South Street to TVP

Build an urban promenade from Wellington to Colborne (probably constructed in phases) along TVP.

Create an urban park at the intersection of Colborne and Nelson as a gateway to the corridor.

Creation of a park driveway (including parking and sidewalks) extension from Waterloo to intersection of Colborne and Nelson (including parking).

Redevelopment of Wellington Valley Park (currently lawn, previously used for cricket)

Engagement so Far

First PIC in Nov 2018 (about 80 people in attendance and 30 surveys completed) November 28

Letter and post cards prior to PIC mailed to SoHo Community Members

Survey at PIC and online with Get Involved London webpage.

Met with SoHo Community Association

Met with representative from N'Amerind.

Summary of Feedback Received

Environmental and naturalization opportunities are most important.

Playground and passive recreation opportunities over active play areas.

Gardens for food, pollinators and native flora should be included throughout.

Other Projects in Area

SoHo Civic Space (northwest corner of Colborne and South)

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Timeline & Next Steps

Second PIC Scheduled (tentatively) for March 2019

Detailed Design phase in fall through winter of 2019/2020

Construction 2020 (tentative)

Detailed Geotechnical work (spring 2019) for built feature (pathway and other paved components)

Enclosed are the panels that were prepared for the November 28 Public Information Centre.