

# Jim Tovey Lakeview Conservation Area



Credit Valley Conservation, the Region of Peel and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority are creating a beautiful and naturalized conservation area that will transform the Lakeview neighbourhood into a hub for waterfront recreation, a hotspot for wildlife migration and a green oasis in the heart of the city.

## CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH THE LAKE

The conservation area will be built next to the G.E. Booth Waste Water Treatment Plant, an area that currently has no public access to the lake. The new green space will connect with Marie Curtis Park and the future Lakeview Village.

## CONNECTING TRAILS WITH THE LAKE

The conservation area will connect the Waterfront Trail with the waterfront. The trail currently runs along Lakeshore Road, away from the lake in this area.

## PARTNERING FOR CHANGE

This project is a joint effort of the Region of Peel and Credit Valley Conservation with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority providing technical expertise. The project is supported by the Cities of Mississauga and Toronto who provide on-going review.

Input from local residents, the public and private sectors and all levels of government have been valuable in shaping the project. Efforts to seek additional input from these groups are on-going.

## Timeline to Completion

### Environmental Assessment

- Began in early 2012
- Approved in May 2015

### Conservation Area Design

- Began mid-2018

### Construction

- Began November 2016
- Ends in 2024-2026

### Public Opening

- 2024-2026



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## CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE

The eastern Mississauga waterfront has been urbanized and currently supports little habitat for wildlife. The new conservation area will replace the existing shoreline with a more natural, diverse and ecologically functional shoreline. A larger connected stretch of beach will provide habitat for birds and fish as well as an opportunity for residents to get close to the lake. Three rocky islands will be built offshore to absorb heavy waves from the lake and provide sheltered areas for fish.

The streams that currently flow into the lake, Applewood Creek and Serson Creek, will feed into wetlands before they enter the lake. **Wetlands provide wildlife habitat and naturally filter water before it enters Lake Ontario - the drinking water source for eight million people.**

## MAKING OUR GREAT LAKE GREATER

The waterfront is the community's connection with Lake Ontario. This project is a critical piece of Credit Valley Conservation's **Lake Ontario Integrated Shoreline Strategy**, a multi-stakeholder, multi-disciplinary approach to managing the environment on the Mississauga shoreline. The Great Lakes connect six provinces and eight states. Restoring our piece of the waterfront has benefits for the wider ecosystem.

## JIM TOVEY (1949 - 2018)

The new conservation area is named after the late Mississauga Ward 1 Councillor Jim Tovey. He envisioned a healthier waterfront in Mississauga's Lakeview community, where nature can thrive and people can connect with the lake. The conservation area is his legacy of environmental action on the waterfront.

## Connecting Habitat

Most of the new conservation area will consist of rolling meadow habitat with pockets of forest and wetland. The western portion of the green space will include a hill that juts out into the lake, providing breathtaking views of Toronto and Mississauga.

The north shore of Lake Ontario is a hotspot for **migratory birds and butterflies** making their way up and down the North American coast. This newly created area will be our local connection to a continental migration that will continue uninterrupted for years.

