



## Hamilton Future Fund

### Project update: Canal Park Viewing Platform

Officially opened in 2016, Canal Park transformed a one-acre contaminated greenhouses property into a park in the heart of Dundas. The gateway to the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System, the property provides much-needed green space for the many species at risk in the corridor, and an oasis at the edge of the Desjardins Canal for Dundas residents and visitors.

The Viewing Platform helped to fully transform the property into a gateway into Dundas and offers visitors to this urban nature sanctuary a change to get right up to the water.

Initial design, permits and tender for the project were completed in 2018. With the funding that we had already received from other donors, we were able to begin construction of the first stage of the platform early in 2019.

Confirmation of funding from the Hamilton Future Fund allowed us to continue construction of the second stage without stopping, and the platform was completed in September of 2019.

The official opening of the platform took place on Sunday, September 29, 2019. We were happy that Future Fund Board member Cam Galindo was able to join us and participate in the ribbon cutting.

In addition to the ribbon-cutting, the event featured a classical guitar performance by local performer Gary Santucci, highlighting one of the many possible uses for the park. Free, community concerts are planned for the Spring of 2020 to bring the community to Canal Park and enjoy the space.

The platform provides a central focal point for residents and visitors to enjoy the space. It is a space that visitors to the park can use to enjoy nature and learn about the uniqueness of the area. Funding from the Hamilton Future Fund was instrumental to the completion of the Viewing Platform which will provide a lasting legacy to the community.

## Project Financial Actuals:

Description	Amount
Salaries and Wages	14,503.43
Materials and Supplies	8,158.27
Equipment	3,846.61
External Contracts	180,364.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>206,873.20</b>

## Recognition of Funding

The Hamilton Future Fund's contribution has been acknowledged on onsite signage at the platform in Canal Park (see attached photos). Hamilton Future Fund was also recognized at the official opening of the platform and will be recognized at future events held at Canal Park. Hamilton Future Fund representatives will be invited to attend the Foundation's Appreciation event, where the support will be recognized. Event will take place on Monday, May 11. Additional details to follow.

The Hamilton Future Fund's support was also highlighted in the Foundation's September 2019 electronic newsletter to donors and friends:

<https://hamiltonconservationfoundation.ca/2019/09/hamilton-future-fund-grant-connects-canal-park-with-waterfront/>



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Canal Park Viewing Platform Ribbon Cutting – September 29, 2019





Canal Park Viewing Platform Official Opening – September 29, 2019  
Concert by Gary Santucci



Canal Park Viewing Platform – Recognition Plaque