

2025 Work Plan Planning and Urban Design Department

Development Services Committee February 11, 2025





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Provide the annual overview of the Department's 2025 Work Plan

Purpose

• Support Markham's vision for a healthy and complete community







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The Team

- Urban Design
- Policy Planning
- Parks Development
- Development Planning



Urban Design

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2025: Major Projects and Initiatives

- City-Wide Urban Design Guidelines
- Bird-Friendly Guidelines
- Sun and Shadow Analysis Terms of Reference
- Age-Friendly Design Guideline Implementation
- Trees for Tomorrow: Streetscape Manual Update
- Streetscape Guidelines (Intensification Areas)
- Markham Centre Civic Square Benchmarking
- AODA Document Remediation Initiative
- New Tree Permit Process



Policy Planning

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2025: 21 Major and Sub-projects and Initiatives, including the OP Review

Official Plan Review Markham Road Mount Joy Secondary Plan Markville Secondary Plan Yonge Corridor Secondary Plan FUA MiX Secondary Plan Responses to Provincial Legislations Employment and Commercial Lands Study Affordable and Rental Housing Ecological Restoration of City-owned Lands Wetland Creation on City-owned Natural Areas Biodiversity Strategy Rouge River Watershed Plan



Parks Development

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Programs

- Parks Development Capital Delivery 38 park projects, 115 acres+/- and \$59M value
- Park Asset Lifecycle Replacement Replacing assets in 127 existing parks = \$11.6M
- Park Renaissance and Public Realm Capital Delivery 26 projects = \$1.7M

Projects

- Urban Parks Strategy
- Park Redevelopment Strategy and Implementation Plan
- Off-leash Dog Area Policy and Implementation Plan
- Pop-up Off-Leash Dog Area Pilot
- Park Naming Policy Update
- Community Gardens Maintenance Program







Development Planning

Strategic Plan 2020-2026

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- Application Review Improvements
 (ePLAN, MappiT, 3D Model, Subdivision Improvements, Fees)
- Comprehensive Zoning By-law
- Implications from Bill 109, Bill 23, Bill 97, and Bill 185
- Ontario Land Tribunal Internal Process and Training
- New Markham Village Heritage Conservation District Plan
- Heritage Register Priority Designation Program
- Telecommunication Protocol Update
- Markham Accessibility Advisory Committee Update
- Markham Centre Secondary Plan Update
- Bayview and John Visioning Engagement
- Street Naming Process Update
- Heritage Events
- Grant/Assistance Programs



2025: 10 Process Improvements Initiatives and 12 Major Projects





Thank you!

