

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

BAY BEACH WATERFRONT PARK

PROJECT ADDRESS: 4155 ERIE ROAD, CRYSTAL BEACH, FORT ERIE

PROJECT OWNER: TOWN OF FORT ERIE

PROJECT TEAM: THE PLANNING PARTNERSHIP, BAIRD ENGINEERING, TCI MANAGEMENT

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The waterfront park is located in the Crystal Beach neighbourhood of Fort Erie along the shore of Lake Erie. The Town initiated the Bay Beach Master Plan in 2015, to establish a community-based vision for the site. Formerly a fenced parking lot and unusable rubble from a cottage development, the space was transformed into an accessible and inclusive waterfront park while protecting the natural environment.

Sustainable features include protecting the endangered Fowler's Toad and creating a permanent habitat. The community planted dune grasses along the sand dunes, contributing to the shoreline ecosystem.

JURY'S COMMENTS:

This project does a lot of things; it is more than just a waterfront park. As a public space, this park fulfils an important placemaking role by providing a welcoming public beach experience. It provides something for everyone and every ability. The design also shows a commitment to enhancing the Town's waterfront, including the ecosystem. The organic forms of the landscape respond to the waterfront location and natural shapes of the restored sand dunes.

