

GEORGE F. DARK

George Dark, FCSLA, ASLA, partner at Urban Strategies, is an urban designer, landscape architect and Fellow with the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects and a full member of the American Society of Landscape Architects. George has over 30 years of professional experience and since joining the firm in 1987 has led a variety of projects including new community plans, urban regeneration strategies, campus master plans, open space master plans, streetscape designs, design guidelines and public policy documents. George's work focuses on the quality of urban environments and he regularly coordinates large groups of diverse professionals and excels at guiding projects through complex approval and consultation processes.

EDUCATION

1978

**Bachelor of Landscape Architecture
University of Guelph, Ontario**

1976

**Diploma in Landscape Architecture
Ryerson Polytechnical University,
Toronto**

George has directed numerous new community master plan projects for communities in Oakville, Markham, and Windsor, Ontario as well as Providence, Rhode Island, and Sarasota County, Florida. George directed the award winning University of Toronto Open Space Master Plan. He led the Downtown Ottawa Urban Design Strategy 20/20 and the Downtown Hamilton Design Strategy, which include frameworks for community improvement, targets for site-specific and precinct-wide actions as well as design guidelines to evaluate future developments. He completed the Bridgepoint Health Neighbourhood Redevelopment Plan and the Master Plan for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Both are large institutional sites in the center of Toronto, to be redeveloped as complete neighbourhoods while re-integrating their current uses into the existing urban communities.

George is renowned for his unique style and skill at facilitation and the ability to forge consensus among various stakeholders. He recently led a series of successful visioning exercises, design charrettes and other consultation events for such projects as the Fort York Neighbourhood Master Plan, the Markham Centre and the King Street West Precinct, in Toronto, the Town Centre Master Plan in Stratford, PEI, the Youngstown, Ohio Civic Vision Plan and as part of the North Moncton, NB, Development Vision team.

George recently completed the Cornell University's Comprehensive Campus Master Plan, the Public Space Framework for Toronto's Central Waterfront, and an update of the Master Plan for the University of Ottawa, and has provided consulting services to the University of Minnesota. George also recently completed the Central Corridor Development Strategy for the new LRT in St. Paul, Minnesota, and is working on 7 station area plans along the line. Additional transit related work includes LRT station area plans for the communities of Lions Park, Brentwood and Banff Trail in Calgary.

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George is a Board Member of the Toronto Parks Foundation; Chairman of the Board of the Evergreen Foundation, on the Honour Roll of the Toronto Region Conservation Authority and a Member of the City of Ottawa Design Review Panel.

CURRICULUM VITAE

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SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

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| 2008 - | Calgary LRT Station Area Plans |
| 2008 - | St. George Street, Moncton, NB |
| 2007 - | Saint Paul Minnesota Central Corridor Station Area Planning |
| 2006 - | Saint Paul Minnesota Central Corridor LRT Development Strategy |
| 2006 - | Cornell University, Ithaca NY Comprehensive Campus Master Plan |
| 2006 - | Escarpment District Plan, Ottawa |
| 2005 - | Bridgepoint Health Community Plan |
| 2005 - | Stratford PEI Vision for Core |
| 2005 - | Moncton, NB North Area Growth Strategy |
| 2004 | Toronto Waterfront Parks and Public Spaces Framework |
| 2003 – 2005 | University of Ottawa Master Plan Update |
| 2002 – 2004 | Ottawa Downtown Design Strategy |
| 2002 | Downtown Vision, Youngstown, Ohio |
| 2001 – 2002 | Sarasota County Villages and Open Space Design Standards |
| 2000 – | Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Master Plan, Toronto |
| 2000 | Rosemount Management Plan, University of Minnesota |
| 2000 – | Manhattan Square Park, Rochester, New York |
| 1999 | Downtown Design Strategy, Hamilton, Ontario |
| 1999 | Promenade District Plan, Providence, R.I. |
| 1998 – 1999 | University of Toronto Open Space Master Plan |
| 1998 | Scotland District National Park, Barbados |
| 1998 | Barbados National System of Parks, Barbados |
| 1996 | Charlottetown Official Plan Review |
| 1995 | Cornell Community Open Space Master Plan and Architecture and Urban Design Guidelines, Markham, Ontario |
| 1995 – 1996 | East Riverside Community Plan, Windsor, Ontario |
| 1993 – 1996 | IBM/Minto Community Plan, Markham, Ontario |
| 1992 – 1994 | Montgomery Village Community, Orangeville, Ontario |
| 1990 – 1992 | Reurbanisation Guidelines for Metropolitan Toronto |
| 1988 – 1996 | Oak Park Community (Uptown Core), Oakville |
| 1986 | Skydome Precinct Plan, Toronto |
| 1984 | Baffin Region Tourism Development Plan |

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, American Society of Landscape Architects
Fellow, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects
Member, Congress for New Urbanism

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Past Chair, Toronto Parks and Trees
Chair, Evergreen Foundation
Honour Roll, Toronto Region Conservation Authority
Member, City of Ottawa Design Review Panel

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SELECTED AWARDS

- 2009 CIP Award for Planning Excellence in Neighbourhood Planning, Honourble Mention
Bridgepoint Health Master Plan
- 2009 Canadian Institute of Planners Award for Planning Excellence in Urban Design, Cornell University Comprehensive Campus Master Plan
- 2009 Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Regional Honour Award
Cornell University Comprehensive Campus Master Plan
- 2008 Design Exchange Award of Excellence in Urban Design
Cornell University Comprehensive Campus Master Plan
- 2008 CIP Award of Excellence for Neighbourhood Planning
City of St. Paul Central Corridor Development Strategy
- 2007 APA, Minnesota Chapter, Honor Award
City of St. Paul Central Corridor Development Strategy
- 2007 OPPI Award of Excellence, King Edward Precinct, University of Ottawa
- 2007 American Planning Association Public Outreach Award
Youngstown Ohio Vision
- 2005 Canadian Society of Landscape Architects National Award of Excellence
Downtown Ottawa Urban Design Strategy 2020
- 2004 American Society of Landscape Architects Award of Excellence for Planning and Analysis
Downtown Ottawa Urban Design Strategy 2020
- 2003 Congress for New Urbanism - Charter Award
Sarasota 2050
- 2001 American Society of Landscape Architects Merit Award
- 2001 Canadian Society of Landscape Architects National and Regional Merit Awards
- 2001 City of Toronto Architecture and Urban Design Award of Excellence
University of Toronto Open Space Master Plan
- 2001 City of Toronto Architecture and Urban Design Award
The Pape Mortimer Neighbourhood
- 2001 Ontario Professional Planners Institute Excellence in Planning Award
Vision for the Redevelopment of the Queen Street Site, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
- 1999 ASLA Planning Honor Award
The Barbados National Park Plan, Barbados
- 1999 CIP International Grand Prize for Excellence
Environmental Management and Land Use Planning for Sustainable Development, Barbados
- 1998 OPPI, Central District, Outstanding Planning Award
Oakville Uptown Core, Oakville, Ontario
- 1996 CIP Award for Planning Excellence
Making Choices: Guidelines for Alternative Development Standards
- 1995 Credit Valley Conservation Authority Merit Award
Montgomery Village, Orangeville, Ontario
- 1993 American Institute of Planners Outstanding Planning Award
- 1993 Progressive Architecture Citation
Guidelines for the Reurbanisation of Metropolitan Toronto
- 1992 CIP Honour Award
Guidelines for the Reurbanisation of Metropolitan Toronto

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URBAN DESIGN JURIES

The City of Toronto – Inaugural Urban Design Awards Program
The Town of Oakville (3)
City of Mississauga
City of Vaughan
2004 Concordia University Public Realm and Urban Design Plan – Montreal

DESIGN COMPETITION JURIES

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| 2006 | Ashbridges Bay Sewage Treatment Plant Public Art |
| 2006 | McMaster University Campus Core Design Competition |
| 2005 | Markham Center Design Competition |
| 2004 | Toronto's HtO Park |

DESIGN PEER VIEW PANELS

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| 2005/2006 | City of Ottawa |
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| 2003 | Toronto and Region Conservation Authority |
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GUEST LECTURES AND DESIGN REVIEW

City of Calgary: TOD – The Urban Condition
City of Winnipeg – Chamber of Commerce
University of Toronto – Urban Design / Landscape Architecture
University of Guelph – Landscape Architecture
University of Toronto – Rotteman School of Business
Goderich BIA
Canadian Urban Institute
Credit Valley Conservation Authority
Charlottetown Waterfront Symposium
Downtown Ottawa/ Rideau Association
Ottawa Chamber of Commerce
City of Moncton – North Moncton
Hamilton Society of Architects
Task Force to Bring Back the Don River
Ottawa Mayors Downtown Task Force
Regional Council of Waterloo
The City of Youngstown Ohio
ASLA Conference – Salt Lake City

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