

EDUCATION

1978

Bachelor of
Landscape Architecture
University of Guelph
Guelph, ON

1976

Diploma in
Landscape Architecture
Ryerson Polytechnical
University
Toronto, ON

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George Dark, FCSLA, FASLA, partner at Urban Strategies, is an urban designer, landscape architect and Fellow with the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects and the American Society of Landscape Architects. George has over 36 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.

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 three subsequent district plans based on the strategy; the Escarpment Area District Plan, the Mid-Centretown District Plan and the Scott Street Community Design Plan. These, along with his Downtown Hamilton Design Strategy, 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, 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 and professional disciplines. He recently led a series of successful visioning exercises and design charrettes for such projects as the Fort York Neighbourhood Master Plan, the Markham Centre and Mimico 20/20 Vision in Toronto, the Town Centre Master Plan in Stratford, PEI. George led the firm's work in preparing the civic vision for Youngstown, Ohio. This process has been extensively written about as the first "Shrinking City" in the United States.

George recently completed the Cornell University's Comprehensive Campus Master Plan, the Public Space Framework for Toronto's Central Waterfront, and is preparing a Comprehensive Master Plan for the University of Ottawa, and has provided consulting services to the University of Minnesota. He completed the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Master Plan and the new Regional Centre in Richmond Hill. George recently completed the Central Corridor Development Strategy for the new LRT in St. Paul, Minnesota, including seven station area plans along the line. Additional transit related work includes LRT station area plans in Calgary, and the overall strategy for development along the Waterloo Region LRT line. George has directed station area plans for PWGSC at Tremblay Road in Ottawa and for the University of Ottawa at the Lees Station area also in Ottawa.

Currently George is working on several large mixed use redevelopments in downtown Toronto, including The Well, Galleria Mall, Bathurst + Bloor, and Golden Mile Shopping Centre.

George has served on the steering committees and the design juries for some of the most important public projects in Ottawa and Toronto, including the 1812 Fort York National Historic Site and the HtO park in Toronto and Lansdowne Park in Ottawa. George is a Past Chair of the Toronto Parks Foundation, Chairman Emeritus of the Evergreen Foundation, on the Honour Roll of the Toronto Region Conservation Authority and a past Member of the City of Ottawa Design Review Panel. George chaired the design review and strategic directors panel for the Lansdowne Park redevelopment in Ottawa.

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Fellow, American Society of Landscape Architects

Fellow, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Board Chair of the Social Innovation Institute Foundation at CSI Toronto, 2017 -

Board of Directors, Centre for Social Innovation, 2016 - 2017

Advisor to Prime Ministers' Row, Ottawa, 2016

Chair, Willowbank Advisory Council, 2016

Board of Directors, Willowbank School of Restoration Arts - 2014, 2015

Chairman Emeritus, Evergreen Foundation of Canada

Past Chair, Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation

Chair of Board of Directors, Evergreen Foundation of Canada

Honour Roll, Toronto Region Conservation Authority

Past Member, City of Ottawa Design Review Panel

Chair, Lansdowne Park Advisory Panel, Ottawa

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

2009 Premier of Saskatchewan Design Awards

DESIGN COMPETITION JURIES

2009 Lansdowne Urban Park Competition

2009 Fort York Centre Design Competition

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 REVIEW PANELS

2009 Lansdowne Park Ottawa

2005/2006 City of Ottawa

HONOR ROLL

2003 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

GUEST LECTURES AND DESIGN REVIEWS

Ottawa Real Estate Forum

2008 Design Week in Saskatchewan

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 British Columbia

University of Toronto – Rotman School of Business

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Canadian Urban Institute

Credit Valley Conservation Authority

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Charlottetown Waterfront Symposium

GUEST LECTURES AND DESIGN REVIEWS

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

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2016 -	Barbados Physical Development Plan Update
2016 -	Galleria Mall Redevelopment, Toronto
2014 -	University of Toronto Scarborough Secondary Plan
2013 -	The Well Redevelopment (Globe and Mail lands), Toronto
2013 -	Le Breton Flats Redevelopment, Ottawa
2013 - 2015	University of Ottawa Master Plan 2025, Ottawa
2013 - 2015	Scott Street Community Design Plan, Ottawa
2012 - 2013	Central Corridor Development Strategy, Waterloo Region
2012 - 2013	Orillia Downtown and Waterfront Plan
2012 - 2013	SW Corridor LRT Development Plan, Minneapolis
2012 - 2013	Preston/Carling Directions Study, Ottawa
2010 -	Garrison Point Community Plan, Toronto
2009 - 2010	Lansdowne Park Regeneration Peer Review + Park Competition, Ottawa
2010	Charlottetown Waterfront Plan, PEI
2010 - 2013	Mid-Centretown District Area Plan, Ottawa
2009 - 2012	Toronto East General Hospital Master Plan
2009	Richmond Hill Regional Centre & Mobility Hub Master Plan
2009	McMillan Farm Plan, Vaughan, Ontario
2008	Calgary LRT Station Area Plans
2008	St. George Street, Moncton, NB
2007 - 2012	Saint Paul Minnesota Central Corridor Station Area Planning
2007 - 2013	Saint Paul Minnesota Central Corridor LRT Development Strategy
2006 - 2009	Cornell University, Ithaca NY Comprehensive Campus Master Plan
2006	Escarpment District Area Plan, Ottawa
2005 - 2008	Bridgepoint Health Community Plan
2005 -	Stratford PEI Vision for Core
2005 -	Moncton, NB North Area Growth Strategy
2004 - 2006	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 - 2003	Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Master Plan, Toronto
2000	Rosemount Management Plan, University of Minnesota
2000	Manhattan Square Park, Rochester, New York

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1999 - 2001 Downtown Design Strategy, Hamilton, Ontario

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1999 - 2000 Promenade District Plan, Providence, R.I.
1998 - 1999 University of Toronto Open Space Master Plan
1998 - 2000 Scotland District National Park, Barbados
1998 - 2000 Barbados National System of Parks, Barbados
1996 Charlottetown Official Plan Review
1995 - 1998 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 - 1988 Skydome Precinct Plan, Toronto
1984 - 1986 Baffin Region Tourism Development Plan

SELECTED AWARDS

2016 Governor General's Medal in Architecture
Bridgepoint Health Master Plan
2016 OPPI Award, Urban/Community Design, University of Ottawa
Campus Master Plan
2016 CIP Award for Planning Excellence in Urban Design,
University of Ottawa Design Guidelines and Precinct Plans
2016 CSLA National Award of Excellence for Planning & Analysis,
University of Ottawa Campus Master Plan
2016 National Urban Design Award of Merit (RAIC, CIP and CSLA),
Urban Design Plans, University of Ottawa Campus Master Plan
2015 Ottawa Urban Design Award of Merit for Visions and Master Plans
University of Ottawa Campus Master Plan
2014 CUI Brownie Award, Excellence in Project Development
Bridgepoint Health Master Plan
2014 CIP Award for Excellence in City & Regional Planning
Waterloo Region Central Transit Corridor
2014 RAIC National Urban Design Awards Certificate of Merit
Waterloo Region Central Transit Corridor
2014 Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Regional Honour Award
Downtown Tomorrow: Linking Orillia's Core to the Water
2013 Ontario Professional Planners Institute Award for Planning
Excellence, University of Guelph Campus Master Plan
2013 CIP Planning Excellence Merit Award
Orillia Downtown Tomorrow
2011 API Awards of Excellence for Physical Plan and Design
Charlottetown Eastern Gateway Waterfront Master Plan
2010 OALA Pinnacle Award for Landscape and Architectural Excellence
2010 CSLA National Award of Excellence in Planning & Analysis

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	Ottawa Escarpment District Area Plan
2009	American Planning Association, NYU Chapter, Award for Comprehensive Planning, Cornell University Comprehensive Campus Master Plan
2009	OPPI/Heart and Stroke Foundation Healthy Communities Award Ottawa Escarpment District Area Plan
2009	OPPI Award of Excellence Ottawa Escarpment District Area Plan
2009	CIP Award for Planning Excellence in Neighbourhood Planning, Honourable Mention, Bridgepoint Health Master Plan
2009	CIP 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 & Analysis, Downtown Ottawa Urban Design Strategy 2020
2003	Congress for New Urbanism - Charter Award, Sarasota 2050
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
1995	Credit Valley Conservation Authority Merit Award Montgomery Village, Orangeville, Ontario