

George F. Dark FCSLA, FASLA, OALA
Partner



George Dark, Design Partner at Urban Strategies, is an urban designer, landscape architect and member of both the College of Fellows of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects and the Council of Fellows of the American Society of Landscape Architects. George has over 40 years of professional experience and, since joining the firm in 1987, has led a wide variety of assignments including new community plans, urban regeneration strategies, campus master plans, open space master plans, 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.

Over the past 10 years George's has developed a focus on the strategic design direction of large scale urban regeneration projects putting him at the centre of design decisions for some of the largest urban projects in Canada.

EDUCATION

1978
Bachelor of
Landscape Architecture
University of Guelph
Guelph, ON

1976
Diploma in
Landscape Architecture
Ryerson Polytechnical
University
Toronto, ON

**PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS**

Fellow, American Society of
Landscape Architects
Fellow, Canadian Society of
Landscape Architects
Ontario Association of
Landscape Architects

HONOR ROLL

2003
Toronto and Region
Conservation Authority

George is very active in the charitable and not for profit sectors having served as Board Chair of the Evergreen Foundation of Canada for over 12 years while creating Brickworks , leading to his appointment as Chairman Emeritus of the organization . He is currently Chairman of the Social Innovation Institute at the Centre for Social Innovation in Toronto and was appointed by the Province of Ontario as a Trustee of the McMichael Canadian Collection Gallery. George chairs the Academic Advisory Council of the Willowbank School of Restoration Arts.

George has directed numerous master plan projects for communities in Toronto, Ottawa, Orillia, Hamilton, Calgary, Edmonton, Oakville, Markham, and Windsor, Ontario as well as in Providence, Rhode Island, St Paul Minnesota 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.

Currently George is working on several large mixed use redevelopments in downtown Toronto, including East Harbour Master Plan (Unilever site), The Well at Front and Spadina, The Galleria Mall redevelopment, Bathurst + Bloor Honest Ed's redevelopment, and the redevelopment of the Golden Mile Shopping Centre on the new Eglinton LRT line.

George led the Cornell University's Comprehensive Campus Master Plan, the Public Space Framework for Toronto's Central Waterfront, and a Comprehensive Master Plan for the University of Ottawa. He completed master plans for the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus and a new Regional Centre in Richmond Hill. He led the Central Corridor Development Strategy for a new LRT in St. Paul, Minnesota, including 11 station area plans along the line. Additional transit related work includes LRT station area plans in Calgary, and the Community Building Strategy for the \$818B Waterloo Region LRT line. George has directed station area plans for PWGSC in Ottawa at Tremblay Road and Lees station areas.

George is renowned for his unique style and skill at facilitation and the ability to forge consensus among various stakeholders and professional disciplines. As an example George led the preparation of the civic vision for Youngstown, Ohio, as part of the first new Comprehensive Plan since 1976 which has been extensively written about as the first "Shrinking City" in the United States.

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 member of the City of Toronto Design

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Review Panel, Board Chair of the Social Innovation Institute Foundation at CSI Toronto, Trustee of the McMichael Gallery. 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.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Member, Toronto Design Review Panel, 2017 -
Trustee, McMichael Gallery, 2017 -
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 25th City of Toronto Urban Design Awards 2015
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

2017 National Capital Commission Nepean Point Competition
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
2017 City of Toronto

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GUEST LECTURES & DESIGN REVIEWS

Ottawa Real Estate Forum
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- Landscape Architecture
University of Toronto – Rotman School of Business
Goderich BIA
Canadian Urban Institute
Charlottetown Waterfront Symposium
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

2017 - East Harbour Masterplan Toronto
2017 - Commerce Court Tower 3 Toronto
2017 - Scrivener Square Toronto
2017 - Mobility Hub at Bloor and Dundas Toronto
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

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SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

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
1999 - 2001	Downtown Design Strategy, Hamilton, Ontario
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

2018	Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, Governor General's Medal in Landscape Architecture
2018	Canadian Institute of Planners Awards of Excellence Award in International Development, Barbados Physical Development Plan Amendment
2016	Governor General's Medal in Architecture, Bridgepoint Health Master Plan
2016	Ontario Professional Planners Institute Award, Urban/Community Design, University of Ottawa Campus Master Plan
2016	Canadian Institute of Planners Award for Planning Excellence in Urban Design, University of Ottawa Design Guidelines and Precinct Plans
2016	Canadian Society of Landscape Architects 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

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2014	Canadian Urban Institute Brownie Award, Excellence in Project Development, Bridgepoint Health Master Plan
2014	Canadian Institute of Planners Award for Excellence in City & Regional Planning Waterloo Region Central Transit Corridor
2014	Royal Architectural Institute of Canada 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	Canadian Institute of Planners Planning Excellence Merit Award, Orillia Downtown Tomorrow
2011	Atlantic Planners Institute Awards of Excellence for Physical Plan and Design Charlottetown Eastern Gateway Waterfront Master Plan
2010	Ontario Association of Landscape Architects Pinnacle Award for Landscape and Architectural Excellence
2010	Canadian Society of Landscape Architects National Award of Excellence in Planning & Analysis, Ottawa Escarpment District Area Plan
2009	American Planning Association, NYU Chapter, Award for Comprehensive Planning, Cornell University Comprehensive Campus Master Plan
2009	Ontario Professional Planners Institute/Heart and Stroke Foundation Healthy Communities Award Ottawa Escarpment District Area Plan
2009	Ontario Professional Planners Institute Award of Excellence, Ottawa Escarpment District Area Plan
2009	Canadian Institute of Planners Award for Planning Excellence in Neighbourhood Planning, Honourable 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	Canadian Institute of Planners Award of Excellence for Neighbourhood Planning City of St. Paul Central Corridor Development Strategy
2007	American Planning Association, Minnesota Chapter, Honor Award, City of St. Paul Central Corridor Development Strategy
2007	Ontario Professional Planners Institute 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

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| 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 | American Society of Landscape Architects Planning Honor Award, The Barbados
National Park Plan, Barbados |
| 1999 | Canadian Institute of Planners International Grand Prize for Excellence,
Environmental Management and Land Use Planning for Sustainable Development,
Barbados |
| 1998 | Ontario Professional Planners Institute, Central District, Outstanding Planning Award,
Oakville Uptown Core, Oakville, Ontario |
| 1995 | Credit Valley Conservation Authority Merit Award,
Montgomery Village, Orangeville, Ontario |