

Waterfront Toronto

Location: Toronto, Canada **Designer:** West 8 and DTAH **Photographer:** West 8 Urban Design & Landscape Architecture **Completion date:** 2009 **Site area:** 650 sqm + 630 sqm



1. Portland WaveDeck
2. Spadina WaveDeck
3. Rees WaveDeck
4. Simcoe WaveDeck
5. York WaveDeck
6. Yonge WaveDeck
7. Jarvis WaveDeck
8. Spadina Bridge
9. Peter Bridge
10. Rees Bridge
11. Simcoe Bridge

The Toronto Central Waterfront, a 3.5 kilometres length of Lake Ontario in direct proximity to the downtown business district, is one of Toronto's most valuable assets. Yet despite decades of planning and patchwork development projects, there is no coherent vision for linking the pieces into a greater whole – visually or physically. In this context, the fundamental objective of the project is to address this deficiency by creating a consistent and legible image for the Central Waterfront, in both architectural and functional terms.

West 8 Urban Design & Landscape Architecture, in joint venture with DTAH, prepared a comprehensive vision for the Central Waterfront that produced a powerful design language with the strength and simplicity to overcome the existing visual noise and create a sense of interconnectedness and identity. Connectivity between the vitality of the city and the lake and a continuous, publicly accessible waterfront are the plan's priorities. The plan expresses a vision for the Central Waterfront that brings a sustainable, ecologically productive "green foot" to the rich culture of the metropolis.

West 8 + DTAH are currently implementing the first phase of the strategic masterplan. Spadina WaveDeck and recently Simcoe WaveDeck and Rees WaveDeck have been completed. A series of timber pedestrian bridges, new streetscapes, public realm and water's edge promenades will follow or construction already started.

Award description:

2010 Royal Architectural Institute of Canada National Urban Design Awards – Spadina WaveDeck
 2009 Canadian Society of Landscape Architecture National Merit Award for Spadina WaveDeck
 2009 American Society of Landscape Architects Honour Award for General Design, Spadina WaveDeck



Right: Spadina WaveDeck

