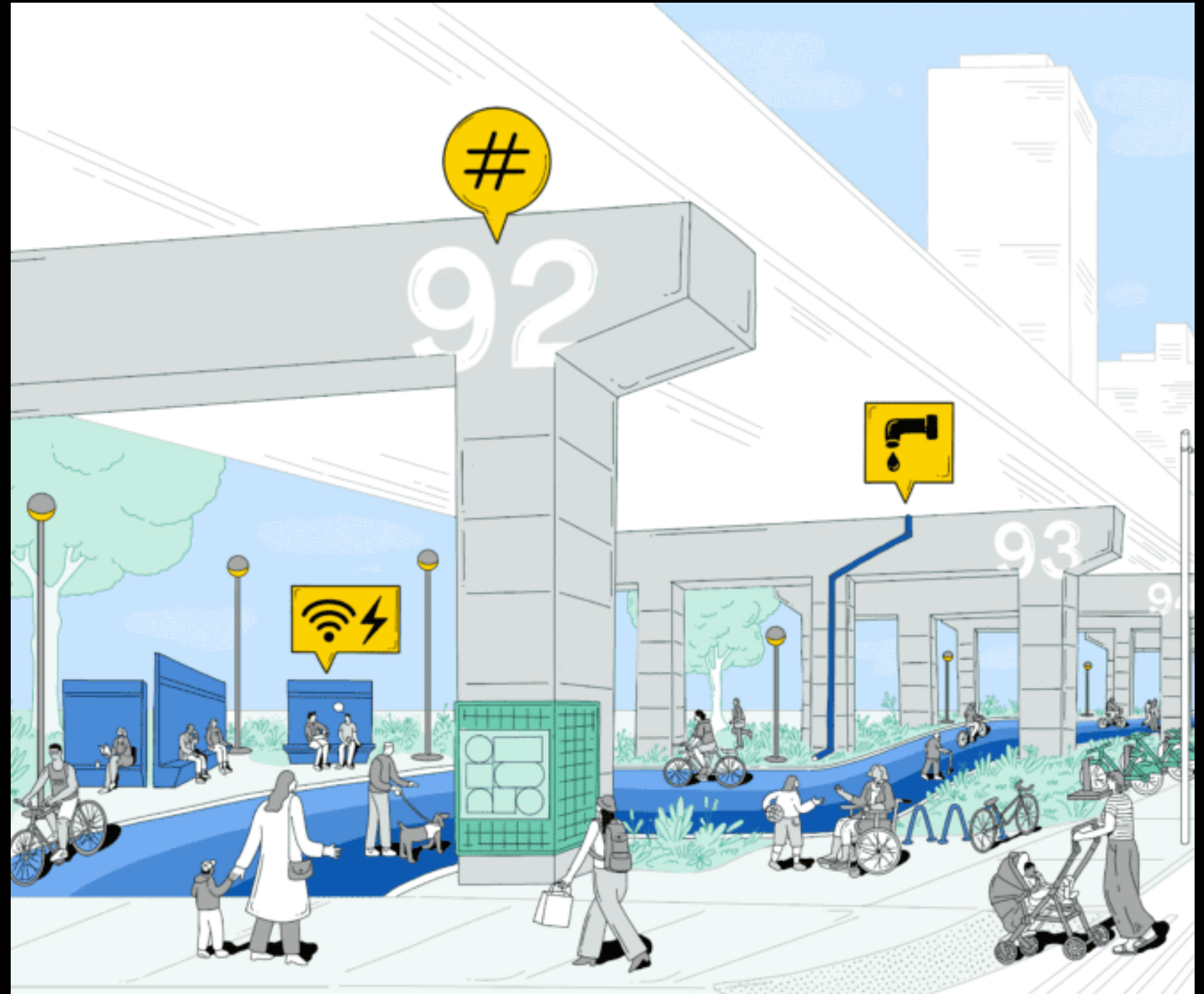


# learn, network, play along the Gardiner

January 2026

An invitation to join the  
new Gardiner Corridor Alliance

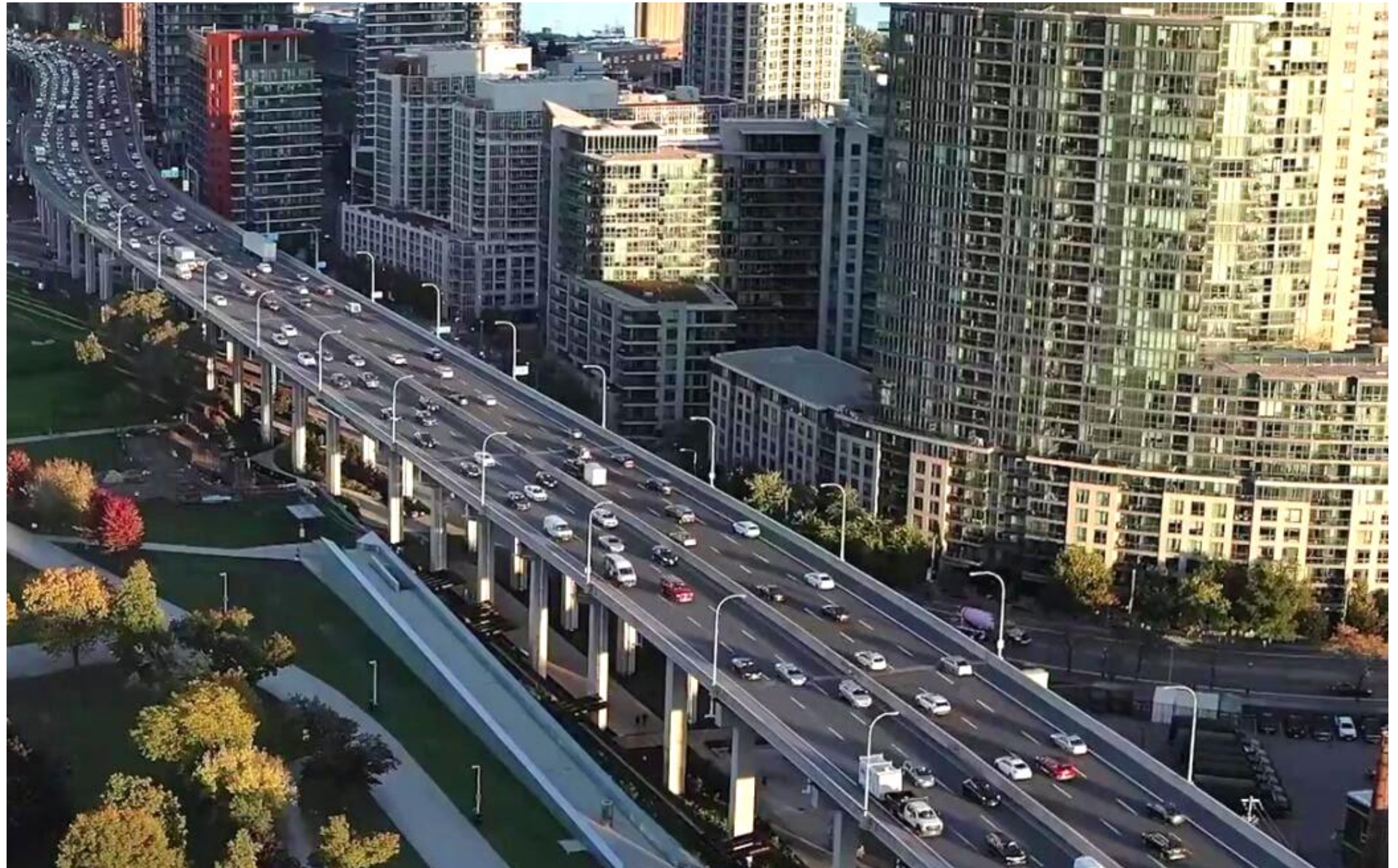
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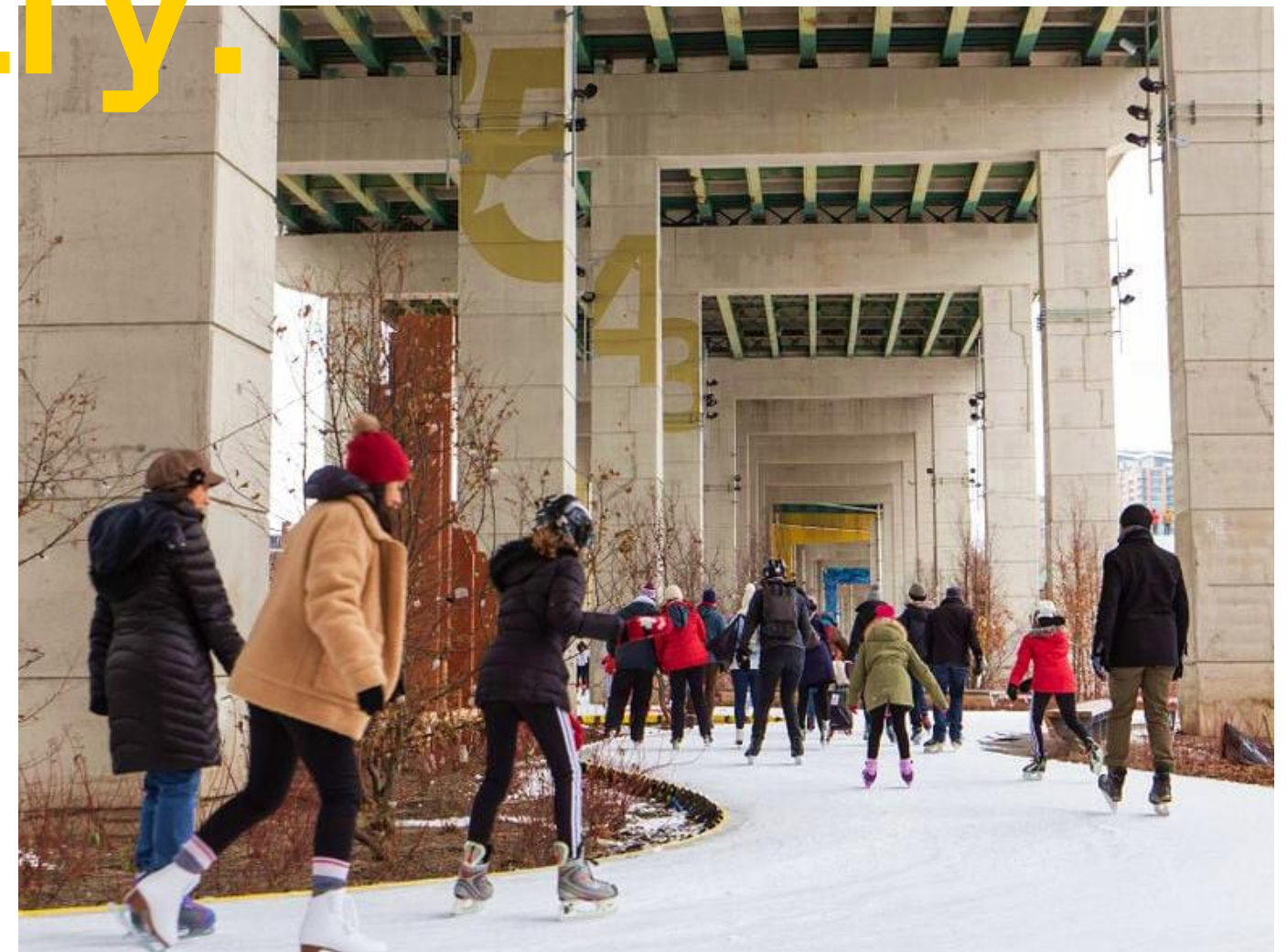
**Welcome to the Gardiner Corridor Alliance (GCA), a new Bentway community.**

We are a group of developers, designers, planners, and other professionals working to transform the 6.5km stretch of land along and adjacent to the elevated Gardiner Expressway.

We hope you'll consider joining us as a member.



Together, our shared impact falls in the most dynamic, fastest-growing areas in the country.



# why here? why now?

## Rising private developments

- 44 active and recently-completed projects

## Major civic projects

- Construction of the Ontario Line
- Redevelopment of the Port Lands
- Major construction to repair the Gardiner
- Waterfront East LRT
- Upload of the Expressway from the City to the Province

## A new future for the Gardiner

Alongside this unparalleled growth, The Bentway in partnership with the City, released the [Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan](#), outlining a powerful vision for under-Gardiner improvements from end-to-end (and approved by City Council in 2024).



# why us?

The Bentway Conservancy is the charity that helps drive forward a new conversation for this old piece of infrastructure. Like The High Line in NYC, we unlock the opportunities of urban public spaces – working to transform neglected lands along the Gardiner into great, green places.

**The Bentway you know (so far) is only the beginning!**

Your GCA membership fuels an ambitious, ongoing transformation.

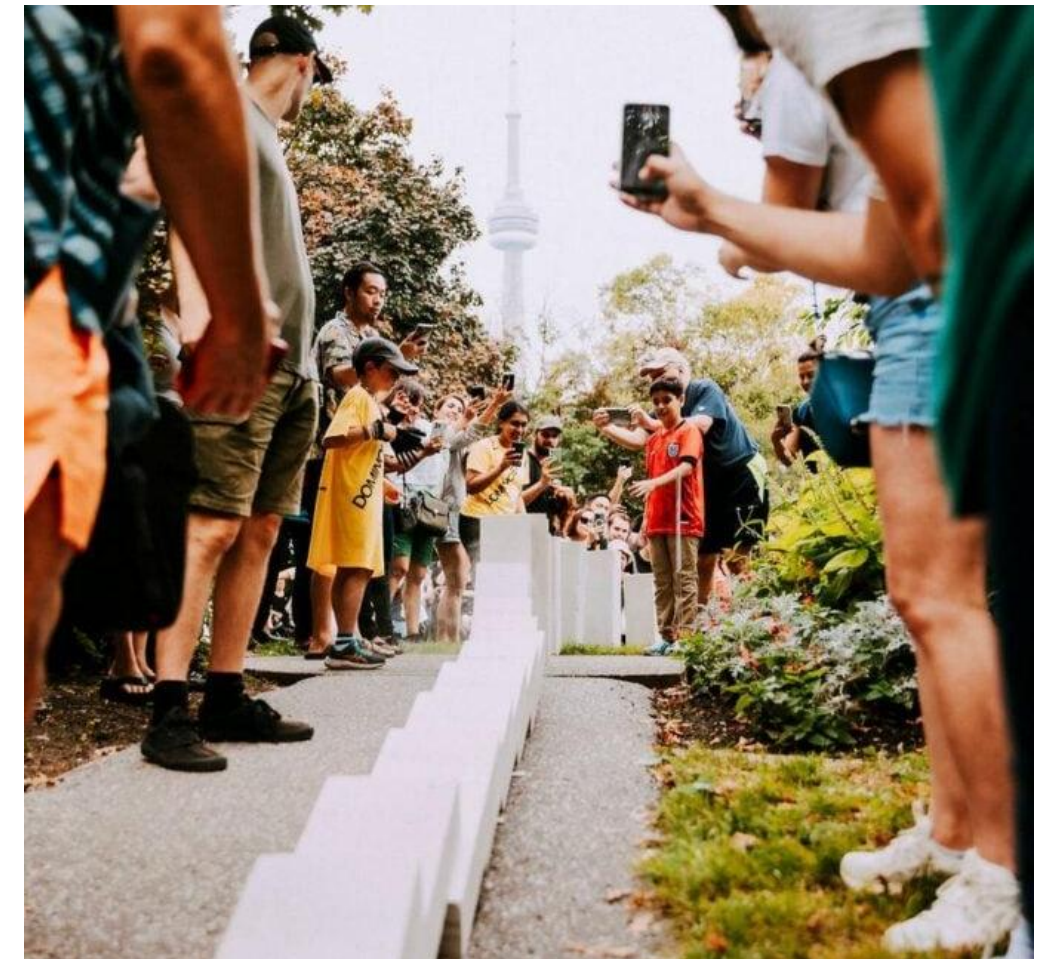
The Bentway Phase 1 site



Offsite under-Gardiner project, *Bentway Staging Grounds*

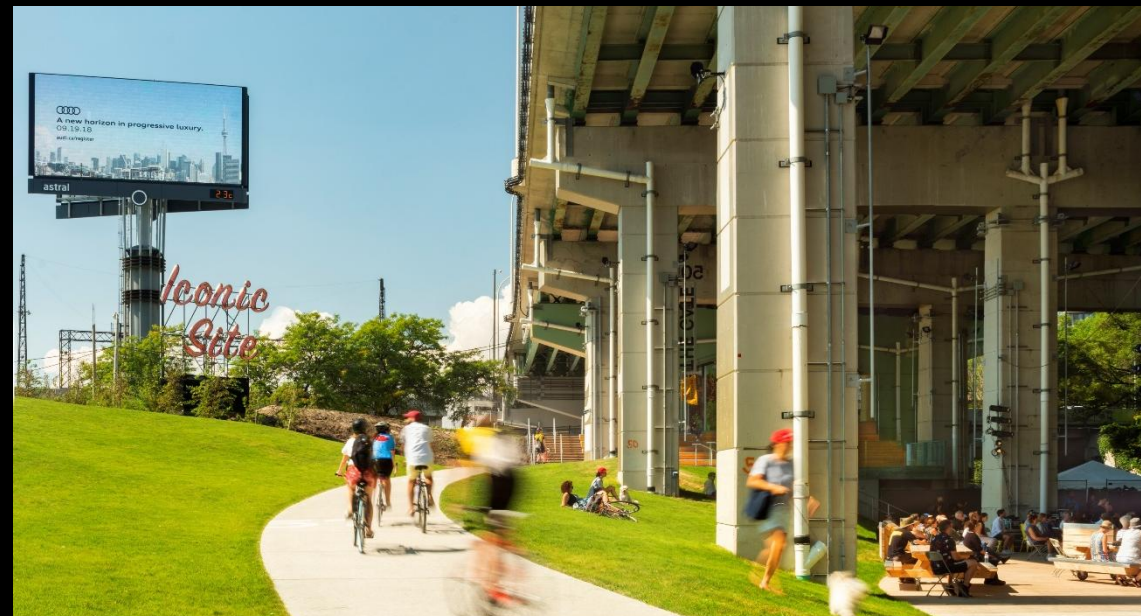


Connective project, *Dominoes*





Illustrative look at future conditions along the Gardiner corridor



Segment of a multi-use trail, Bentway Phase 1



Future site, The Bentway Islands

## Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan

The City has [recently approved our ambitious plan](#) to improve the spaces below/along the highway and promote new connectivity, sustainable growth and economic development. Over the next decade, we'll be working with partners like you to bring this vision to life.

## Toronto's next great connector

Transportation engineering firm, BA Group, together with Fathom Studio and O2 Planning + Design, have been appointed to lead the [Under Gardiner Multi-Use Trail Study](#). This study will look to propose an end-to-end under Gardiner multi-use trail from Dufferin to the DVP, creating a multi-modal east-west spine.

## More Bentway sites coming soon

- Field Operations, known for iconic projects like The High Line, along with Brook McIlroy, have been appointed as design leads for a second Bentway hub site, [The Bentway Islands](#).
- We recently announced that our current Phase 1 [will be expanding westward](#) towards Liberty Village, with partners at Exhibition Place



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I urge all parties involved in developing our city to support the vision of the Gardiner Corridor Alliance. **By advocating for an improved public realm along the Gardiner corridor and safer connections across the city and to the waterfront, economic growth and liveability improve.**

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Jane Pepino  
Counsel, Aird & Berlis

# Shared learning grounded in place, and propelled by possibility

**In its inaugural year, the Gardiner Corridor Alliance:**

- Convened cross-sector leaders from development, design, infrastructure, culture, tourism, and public agencies around a shared corridor
- Deepened collective understanding of the initiatives shaping the Gardiner today—and those that will define its future
- Sparked sustained conversations that connect policy, design, and development in meaningful ways
- Helped advance the thinking and recommendations of the [Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan](#) through dialogue and shared insight

**The Gardiner Corridor Alliance has become a trusted forum for informed, place-based conversation.**

# ideas & insights you can't get elsewhere



**The GCA Launch** was a wide-ranging gathering providing members with early access to the people shaping policy, investment, and design along the corridor.



Through **Walk the Gardiner** tours, members gained first-hand on the ground insights alongside City staff, designers, and developers.



**Lessons from Miami** explored global precedents, focusing on partnerships, phased delivery, and long-term stewardship beneath elevated infrastructure.



Special invites to **SOLAR** and the **Sun/Shade** season opening, allowed members to experience how art and infrastructure can shape public life beneath the Expressway.



**Game On, Gardiner** examined how sport, tourism, mobility, and public space intersect along the corridor, and the Gardiner's role within Toronto's civic and cultural life.



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As one of the most important and complex pieces of Toronto's urban infrastructure, **the broader 'under Gardiner' is worthy of collective discussion.**

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Drew Sinclair  
Global Executive Director, SvN

# what's ahead in 2026?

The Gardiner Corridor Alliance creates value by bringing people closer to the corridor, and to one another. Our programming is founded on four key pillars:

## Proximity

Direct access to people, policies, and ideas shaping the corridor

## Perspective

Cross-disciplinary learning grounded in shared geography

## Experience

Learning through shared moments — tours, conversations, and events that make the corridor tangible and memorable.

## Influence

A seat at the table to help inform the processes and partnerships guiding the Gardiner's transformation

**In 2026, we will continue to host conversations and convenings that move the corridor forward:**

## Q1 2026

### Subject Matter Expert Chat: **The Power of Connectivity**

- Hear from the contributors behind *The Power of Connectivity* report about the coordinated plan for multi-modal mobility, public realm investment and the creation of critical gateways along the corridor.

## Q2 2026

### Special Event & Designer Talk: **Light Up the Gardiner**

- Hear about the new lighting pilots that are remaking the Lake Shore intersections, with Light Bureau, local BIAs and The Bentway

### GCA Community Shareback

- Gather with GCA members to learn more about projects under development along the corridor, from Dufferin to the DVP

## Q3 2026:

### Lessons From Series: **Reuse as Climate Strategy**

- Join MVRDV for an exclusive talk exploring adaptive reuse as a climate strategy, anchored in their work in Seoul and informed by projects across Mumbai and cities around the world

**And more to be announced!**

**All professional development and networking events remain included with your annual membership.**

# 2026 supporters

Momentum is building.

Since we opened membership to the Gardiner Corridor Alliance in February 2025 a dedicated group of industry-leading firms have already joined, confirming the importance of building this community.

## MEMBERS



## AFFILIATES



# join the movement



**We invite you to join a community of peers working along the Expressway.**

An annual contribution will cover both a membership fee, professional development and event access for your teams, and support of The Bentway's growing charitable impact.



# pricing levels

Level	Annual contribution	Access (per event)	Recognition
Affiliate	\$5,000	For 3 staff	On program website and digital materials
Member	\$10,000	For 8 staff	All of the above, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• on event signage</li><li>• in The Bentway's Annual Report</li><li>• at The Bentway's onsite donor wall</li></ul>
Presenting Partner	\$20,000	For 16 staff	All the above, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• prime recognition on all program materials as "Presenting Partner"</li><li>• opportunity to speak at 1 event</li><li>• opportunity to publish 1 blog post at thebentway.ca, shared via newsletter and on social media</li></ul>

# thank you!

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