

# Winning designs revealed for public spaces in Riverside-Leslieville

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Artist's rendering of the future retaining wall and noise barrier along the rail corridor in the Saulters Street Parkette. Additional park amenities pictured are conceptual.

## Designed to fit the community

Following a comprehensive, community-inspired Ontario Line design competition for the public spaces along the rail corridor in Riverside and Leslieville, a winner has been chosen. A community jury agreed that Canadian design firm **O2** submitted a proposal that matches the vibrancy of these unique neighbourhoods.



Artist's rendering of proposed future landscaping in Bruce Mackey Park to help conceal the visual impacts of the noise barriers and passing trains.

The competition, which began last June, focused on soliciting thoughtful and innovative design solutions for new Ontario Line transit infrastructure and the areas surrounding it. Made up of local community leaders, BIA board members, architects and interested community members, the jury carefully reviewed proposals and selected designs to best suit the community. O2's submission stood apart from the rest with its concepts, treatments, and materials.





**Conceptual artist's rendering of the redeveloped rail bridge at Logan Avenue, north of Dundas Street East.**

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With community desires at the core of the design proposals, there is also a commitment to use sustainable, low-carbon materials where possible, introduce intuitive wayfinding and lighting to create safe and inclusive spaces, and incorporate new vegetation and landscaping.

Design enhancements to the new retaining walls and noise barriers will be supplemented by a robust planting and landscape design plan to create attractive backdrops for gathering spaces and parks along the rail corridor, where Metrolinx will add nearly 2,600 square metres of green space by bringing the walls even closer to the tracks than the fence that borders them today.



**Artist's rendering of the future state of McGee Playground with greenery and bird-friendly wayfinding on the retaining and noise walls. Additional park amenities are conceptual.**

The concepts from the winning designs will inform project plans and guide the teams delivering the work as they build the retaining walls, noise barriers, station plaza, and the landscapes along the rail corridor. Work on the retaining and noise walls begins this summer.

[Learn more about the design competition or the Joint Corridor Design Excellence Working Group.](#)

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