Royal Botanical Gardens
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- $20M project
- $14M in funding from Provincial and Federal funds
- Balance to be raised by RBG
- Project has been in the works for many years.
- Rock garden is where RBG started. Built during the Great Depression as part of T.B. McQuesten’s vision of a grand entrance to the City of Hamilton
- Garden in much need of repair and a boost!
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- Return to glory days where it was a “must see” spot for all visitors to Hamilton
- Assist RBG in new self generated revenues
- Phase One of a master plan for the Garden
- Opportunity to deal with aging infrastructure
- Leaking ponds; irrigation water and sewer
- Address visibility along York Blvd.
- Address legislated accessibility requirements
- Maintain historic importance and interest
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- Very aggressive time lines associated with funding agreement
- Design is well along and some preliminary repair work has taken place as we prepare for site plan approval.
- Currently working with City staff in trying to expedite approvals
- Two major challenges – zoning and services to the site
- One aging 4” line, no sewer, no gas
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- RBG is looking for assistance with improving the servicing situation, in particular the water service.
- RBG would also like to showcase this project as “Gateway” to the City for those travelling from the north east.
- RBG is looking for assistance to do so by improving the existing signalized intersection on York Blvd. while providing improvements to the safety of vehicles, bikes and pedestrians.
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• In 2009, Halton Region contributed $750K towards a new entrance off of Plains Road to RBG Centre. Part of a $16M expansion
• In 2013, RBG is asking our other core funder the City of Hamilton, for similar assistance.
• Water service - $500K to $1.4M
• Intersection / Gateway improvements $350K
• Completion, spring of 2015 and Pan Am Games!
• Thank you for your consideration.
VISITOR CENTRE
ELEVATION FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE
ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS
ROCK GARDEN
"13 AUGUST 2013
CS&P Architects
Street trees to mark arrival
Existing bike lane
New sidewalk
Optional pavement banding
Hedged sculpture garden
Existing parking lot
New driveway entrance
New/relocated traffic lights
New crosswalks painted lines or paved
Optional boulevard/median planting
New sidewalk
Existing sidewalk
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