

A Special Planning Initiative

Projects for the *Quartier des grands jardins*

WHY A SPECIAL PLANNING INITIATIVE?

The Ville Marie Borough is proposing a Special Planning Initiative to revitalize and develop the *Quartier des grands jardins* located in the western sector of the downtown core. The idea is to redevelop Cabot square, create a new public green space, continue the revitalization of St. Catherine Street, preserve heritage buildings and landscapes and improve the residential environment. The Borough is proposing several key neighbourhood renewal projects.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Special Planning Initiative focuses on the area bounded by Sherbrooke Street, Atwater Avenue, Bishop Street, and the Ville-Marie Expressway. It also includes the area north of the Sulpician property on Sherbrooke Street. Out of a common desire to see the Centre West district develop its many attractions, the special planning program has three major objectives:

- * to improve the quality of housing and services for citizens
- * to enhance the neighborhood's heritage buildings and landscapes
- * to stimulate economic activity

The Special Planning Initiative for the *Quartier des grands jardins* offers a better vision for managing urban development to meet the following specific goals:

- Protecting the heritage character of the great institutions within the district
- Enhancing outstanding urban landscapes
- Preserving heritage buildings
- Preserving green spaces
- Strengthening the residential character of the neighborhood by improving the quality of housing and community services
- Implementing a local strategy for sustainable development
- Promoting the revitalization of St. Catherine Street West
- Supporting campus activities at Concordia University and at other local institutions that promote these aims

| CONCRETE ACTIONS

The actions outlined in this program follow policies already established by the City of Montreal: the Heritage Policy, the Transportation Plan and the Sustainable Development Plan for Montreal, to name a few.

The Borough has announced the redevelopment of Cabot square which could create a ripple effect for the surrounding area. The plan also foresees the creation of a new green space on De Maisonneuve Boulevard, near the former Victoria School that would also encourage the redevelopment of the area.

The program also suggests other measures to make the area green and encourage more secure pedestrian mobility.

| NEXT STEP: A PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Starting next spring, all citizens, business people and community representatives who live, work and study in the city centre, will be invited to submit their comments about the development and improvement of their neighborhood. This opportunity for public consultation will be organized by the Office de Consultation Publique de Montréal (OCPM).

Stay tuned and get involved:
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