

An Example for Quebec

Domaine du Parc and its Nature Park

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After five years of work on the part of various parties and the integration of seemingly divergent interests, even contradictory ones in some respects, Domaine du Parc and its accompanying Nature Park officially came to fruition on Monday.

It was a day of celebration for the City of Terrebonne, The Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife of Quebec, The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks of Quebec, Ducks Unlimited, the ardent environmental advocate, the Hydro-Québec Foundation for the Environment, Heritage Terrebonne, the residential developer, and five builders.



The numerous partners officially marked the culmination of five years of joint efforts with a symbolic shovel in the ground. (Photo: Yves Ranger)

Domaine du Parc is comprised of both a residential project and a Nature Park. The Nature Park, a natural environment integrated into an urban neighborhood, comprises what is the largest sustainable development project in the Greater Montreal area. This project will serve as an exemplar of a truly sustainable development project, according to the Environment Minister and others.

Nature Park

It should be noted that various actions have already been taken towards the development of the 14 million square foot park, including: the development of the marsh area, with measures taken to ensure that fish spawning will not be negatively affected by development, and the planting of 25,000 trees to revitalize the forest area of the Park, in addition to other features. According to the Director of Ducks Unlimited – Quebec, Bernard Fillion, this extraordinary project will eventually enter the hall of fame of Quebec's environmental heritage. The comprehensive planning of the various project partners will bring out of danger twenty species of fish and sixty species of birds, three of which currently face extinction. It will continue to provide birds with a resting area during their migration period and facilitate reproduction.

Residential Sector

Domaine du Parc constitutes an investment of half a billion dollars. The 2,007 residential units to be built in the east end of Terrebonne include: bungalows, two-story single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums. We can already see some sprouting up. In total, more than 6,000 residents will occupy the project. They will be in close proximity to Autoroutes 640 and 40, the suburban train, the Pierre-Le Gardeur Hospital Center, a commercial mall and the Nature Park. The project's residents as well as others will be able to benefit from the recreational options, activities and equipment in fresh air in all seasons and will have access to the water.

More than one hundred people attended the press conference, hosted by Heritage Terrebonne, including The President of the Government Caucus, Lawrence Bergman, who particularly commended the City of Terrebonne, Mayor Jean-Marc Robitaille and the other partners for their vision.

“With the adoption of the Green Plan, we are engaged in protecting the environment. Today, the Nature Park and Domaine du Parc constitute a concrete example of our commitment to achieving our goals of sustainable development in our area,” said the Mayor. “The launching of the residential project, Domaine du Parc, enables us to affirm that we have moved from the realm of speech to the realm of action. The City is engaged in protecting the environment and it is thanks to the contribution of all the partners that we have been able to realize this vision,” indicated the outgoing Mayor Jean-Marc Robitaille.

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