

# Marina Del Rey

Toronto, Ontario



The Centre Court at Marina Del Rey is the central plaza and park space for a large, urban, waterfront condominium. Terraplan was asked to reinvigorate the space to reflect the current needs of the residents and to incorporate present day technologies and sustainability standards. Our main objective was to create a distinctive and beautiful design which could be appreciated from both a bird's eye view, and from within the park. Our design achieves this through a careful manipulation of the ground plane which at once opens up into a large plaza and envelops the user with a robust planting palette and raised topography.

Landforms, at the periphery, buffer the centre of the plaza from north winds and snow drifts and provide a critical mass of soil depth for tree growth. The berms gradually slide into the main ground plane where the centre opens up into a dynamic, multi-use plaza with varying types of surface treatment.; In a nod to the proximity of the Toronto Harbour the paving pattern forms a series of intertwined waves. Large format pavers were used to provide ease of movement and maintenance and are graded to direct surface run-off onto the sod and landscape areas. The planting palette was chosen for all season interest, long bloom time, and resiliency. The majority of the plant material is native and all are drought and salt tolerant. In all, the varying heights and textures of the ornamental grasses, perennials, shrubs, and trees, combined with the berms and grassy slopes, echo the ebbs and flows of Lake Ontario which pass by the Marina Dell Rey waterfront.

**Client:** Camrost Group

**Size:** 1.5 hectares

**TLA Scope:** Full Landscape Architectural Services

**Architect:** Page + Steele Architects

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