

CORNELL SECONDARY PLAN

Town of Markham, Ontario

Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd was retained to co-lead a multi disciplinary team of professionals charged with articulating the vision of the new-urbanist Master Plan created by Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company in a manner consistent with the Planning Act and the Ontario planning context.

The development of the secondary plan and implementing zoning by-law for this new 980 hectare community, was based on extensive technical studies and utilized a number of consultation charrettes that provided detailed input from the public, public agencies, interest groups and landowners.

Some of the features of this innovative plan include: a diversity of land uses and built forms; a well defined public realm, integration with existing development; transit supportive and pedestrian orientated development patterns; a full range of commercial, cultural and community facilities; and a range of housing types.

This plan was designed not only to serve as a guide for future development in the area, but also as a model advocating an alternate form of development in accordance with the principles of new urbanism. The Cornell Secondary Plan received the Canadian Institute of Planners award for Planning Excellence in 1994.



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Phase I Under Construction (air photography 1999)