



PLAGE URBAINE DE VERDUN (VERDUN'S URBAN BEACH)

FACT SHEET



FEATURES:

Surface area:

The site covers an area of approximately 15,000 square metres along the riverbank.

Swimming area:

- › 110 metres long
- › 3,727 square metres
- › PMaximum depth: 1.5 metres

Sandy area:

- › 1,375 square metres near the swimming area, plus 315 square metres.

Activity areas:

- › Grassed lawn: 880 square metres
- › Sandy area: 315 square metres
- › Plaza: 585 square metres
- › Pathways: 625 square metres

Capacity:

- › Swimming area: 340 people
- › Swimming area and sandy area: 1,000 people
- › Site: 1,680 people
- › Pets are not allowed on site. Service animals are permitted when on duty.

Water quality

- › Water sampling and monitoring programs have been implemented.
- › Confirmation of beach closures during overflow events via a notification from the Direction des eaux usées et d'épuration des eaux.
- › Preventive closures related to water quality if more than 5 mm of rain falls in under three hours.
- › Closures will vary in duration, depending on the amount of overflow, and the beach will reopen upon confirmation of the return of suitable swimming conditions.

DESCRIPTION:

- › Dike to control current
- › Sandy beach
 - swimming area girded by rockfill to keep sand in place
 - sandy rest area
- › Concrete paths (tiers) giving access to the multi-purpose site:
 - play area with slides and hammocks
 - slope-adjusted path and water-access ramp to ensure universal accessibility
 - lawned tiers with rockfill
- › Renaturalized zones
- › Compensatory zones to foster the creation of fish habitat
- › Watercraft prohibited in the swimming area, with the exception of vessels used for rescue operations.

BUDGET :

7 M \$

- › Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM) and Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation (MAMH) (in equal parts) : 4,4 M \$
- › Arrondissement de Verdun : 1,6 M \$
- › Ville de Montréal : 1 M \$

NEARBY:

Recreation facilities

- › Parc Arthur-Therrien pool
- › Basketball court
- › Skate park
- › Playgrounds
- › Tennis courts
- › Soccer fields and baseball diamonds

Stores and restaurants

- › Rue Wellington, Rue de l'Église, Boulevard LaSalle

Access

- De l'Église metro station
- Riverside bike path – Route verte
- Municipal parking lots nearby:
 - Ethel/Rue Wellington
 - 2^e Avenue, corner of Boulevard LaSalle
 - Chalet at Parc Therrien
 - Rue Hickson

CONSTRUCTION:

- Call for tenders for the project launched in February 2017.
 - All bids were rejected.
- Project revised in order to reduce costs.
- New call for tenders launched for the following work:
 - swimming area
 - beach and riverfront
- Contracts awarded in June 2017.
- Work completed in phases.
- Shorefront work - dike and swimming area – limited period (between August 15 and March 31).
- Dike completed in March 2018.
- Swimming area completed between November 2018 and January 2019.
- Summer of 2017 to fall of 2018:
 - Work on land :
 - ◆ levelling work, landscaping, installation of narrow concrete paths, tree felling, planting of vegetation, street furniture
- Spring of 2019
 - Riverfront work: planting of vegetation, installation of concrete stairs and access along the riverfront, sandy area along the shore, universal access ramp, installation of beach cabins, and lifeguard chair.
 - Renaturalization
- Fish habitat sites will be developed before and after the 2019-2020 project.

OPENING SCHEDULE:

- Inauguration on 20 June, 2019
- Open to the public from June 22 to September 2, 2019, inclusively, seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Call: 514 280-0789 for daily updates on whether the beach is open or closed.
- During heatwaves (more than three consecutive days above 35°C) of three days or more in length, opening hours will be extended until 7:30 p.m.

