

# SHARING THE GIFT OF NATURE AT YMCA KANAWANA

## HELP US SHARE THE KANAWANA EXPERIENCE WITH THOSE WHO NEED IT THE MOST

**SINCE THE FIRST 16 CAMPERS TRAVELLED TO THE LAURENTIANS IN 1894, THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE POSITIVE AND RICH EXPERIENCE OF CAMPING, COMMUNITY LIVING AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION AT YMCA KANAWANA.**

Our development project will make YMCA Kanawana the first "green" camp and outdoor education center in Quebec. It will serve 5 times more children, youth and families from the Greater Montreal and Laurentian regions. Each year, YMCA Kanawana will welcome more than 5,000 individuals from all walks of life in an environment of tolerance and respect.

YMCA Kanawana will be an oasis for those who need it the most.



# VISION

Through camping and outdoor education, YMCA Kanawana will provide children and youth with the opportunity to grow and develop into strong and healthy individuals who care about their community and the environment.

A leader in environmental sustainability, YMCA Kanawana will be a model of development in Quebec and North America.



## AN OASIS FOR ALL

### SHARING THE KANAWANA EXPERIENCE

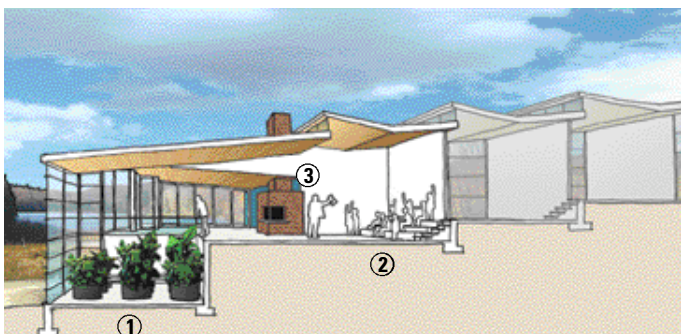
#### WITH GENERATIONS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The YMCA of Greater Montreal is committed to making the YMCA Kanawana experience accessible to all. YMCA Kanawana will open its lakes, forests and trails to the many participants of the YMCA of Greater Montreal and its community partners: less privileged children and youth, refugees and new arrivals, youth at risk and many others who would not otherwise have access to nature.

## YMCA KANAWANA WILL BE THE FIRST OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER IN QUEBEC TO BE FOUNDED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The YMCA recognizes that it possesses a unique natural asset and is committed to making Kanawana a North American model of ecological practices and sustainable development. Building on over 110 years of heritage, YMCA Kanawana will once again be a pioneer as the first camp in Quebec to be designed, built and operated in a sustainable way.

### 4-SEASON ECOLOGICAL PAVILLON



- 1 Eco-Machine
- 2 Classrooms
- 3 Geothermal heating

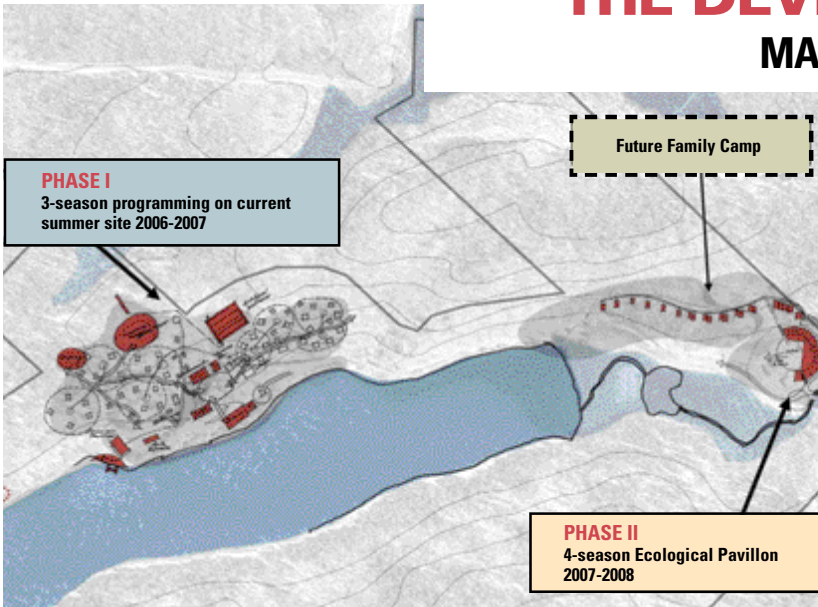
#### ELEMENTS THAT WILL REDUCE THE ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT, HELP CREATE A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND FOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS:

- \* Energy efficient buildings;
- \* Artificial wetland and Eco-Machine for the ecological treatment of waste water;
- \* Solar and waste water heat recovery systems;
- \* Gravity drainage of all water to minimize pumping and reduce energy use;
- \* Ecological waste and water treatment systems in kitchen facilities;
- \* Water conservation features;
- \* Sanitary facilities with composting toilets;
- \* Green landscaping solutions to control erosion and restore the forest;
- \* Green operational practices such as water reduction, recycling, energy conservation and composting.

*Current water use on the site will be reduced by 50%.*

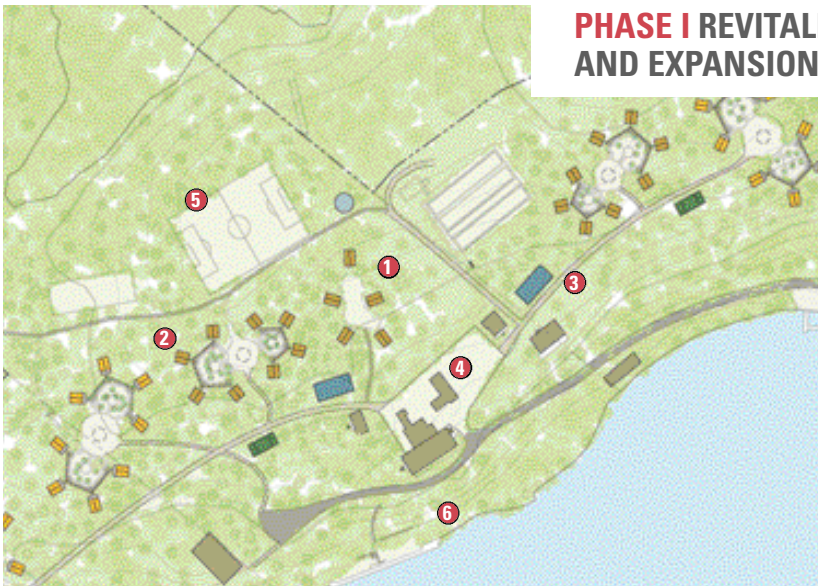
# THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

## MASTER PLAN – A LONG-TERM VISION



The YMCA Kanawana Development Project represents a \$4.4 million investment which will be completed in 2 phases over a period of 3 years.

\* This amount includes the sum of \$400,000 invested by the YMCA of Greater Montreal for preparatory work.



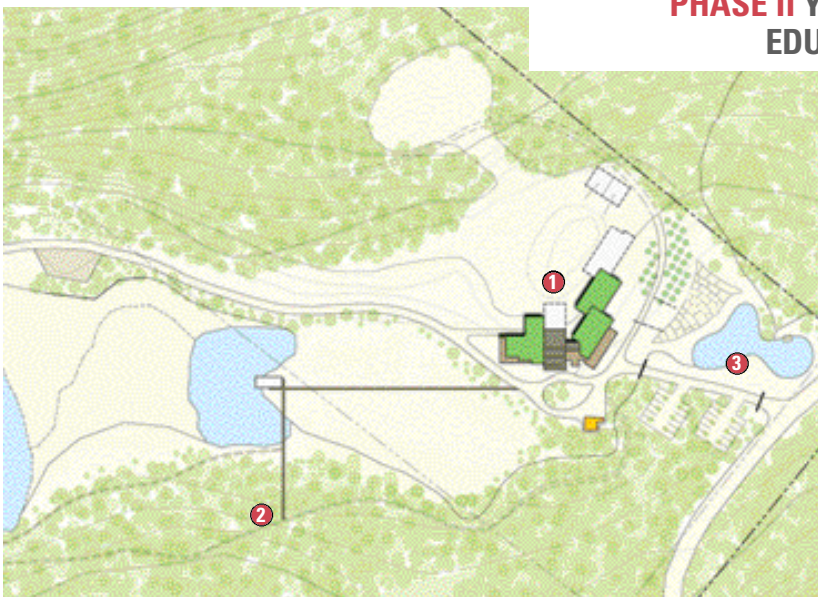
### PHASE I REVITALIZATION, ENVIRONMENTAL RETRO-FITTING AND EXPANSION FOR 3-SEASON PROGRAMMING

FALL 2006 – FALL 2007

New 3-season facilities will enable us to welcome more participants. Didactic elements will be incorporated into the design, construction and operation to teach children and youth about the environment and to foster their sense of stewardship:

- ① 12 new 3-season camper cabins;
- ② 4 new 3-season staff accommodations;
- ③ 2 new 3-season programme lodges for classes and activities;
- ④ New, handicapped-accessible, washroom and shower facilities;
- ⑤ An enlarged playing field;
- ⑥ A revitalized waterfront to open the site for more users.

**Number of children and youth per year: 2,000**  
**Investment: \$1.4 million**



### PHASE II YEAR-ROUND OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

FALL 2007 – SUMMER 2008

The new ecological pavilion, located at the entrance of the site, will incorporate demonstrations of green technology and green operations, including:

- \* A solar-powered radiant heating system;
- \* A green roof;
- \* An Eco-Machine.

There will also be a pond and organic garden to be used for educational purposes, along with a network of trails and interpretative destinations to offer programming on the full site, all the while respecting and maintaining the integrity of the existing flora and fauna.

- ① 4-season ecological pavilion with lodging and dining (90 children / 45 adults);
- ② Nature interpretation, hiking and cross-country skiing trails;
- ③ Pond and organic garden.

**Number of persons per year: 3,000**  
**Investment: \$2.6 million**



# TOGETHER, WE WILL OFFER SOLUTIONS

**YMCA KANAWANA WILL HELP children and youth become responsible leaders and caring citizens by:**

- \* offering strong programs that develop important social skills such as leadership, teamwork and friendship;
- \* helping them develop core elements of a positive identity such as self-esteem, independence, initiative and confidence;
- \* teaching the values of respect and sharing through community living.

**YMCA KANAWANA WILL HELP develop healthy children and youth by:**

- \* offering fun and stimulating ways to be physically active;
- \* helping them learn healthy lifestyle habits;
- \* developing their sense of adventure and exploration.

**YMCA KANAWANA WILL HELP us protect our natural environment by:**

- \* preserving its 550 acres and three lakes as a natural habitat for over 180 species;
- \* teaching individuals to appreciate and care for their natural environment;
- \* being a model of environmentally sustainable development.

*I spent 9 summers at Camp YMCA Kanawana, learning about myself, others and our natural environment. Camp was a place where each person was appreciated and respected, no matter their race, language or background. Kanawana helped me develop the skills and values that made me who I am and that continue to serve me everyday.*

**Rob Braide**  
Co-Chair, YMCA Kanawana Development Campaign  
Parent and former counsellor, tripper and camper

*YMCA Kanawana is about children, families and staff. I am encouraged that with the new development plan, more people will enjoy the camp experience. Although we all cherish the history of YMCA Kanawana, we look forward to a renewed and improved site that will be shared with thousands each year.*

**Judy Ware-Weil**  
Parent, volunteer and member of the Steering Committee

*My father thought the YMCA principles made sense - a sound mind in a sound body. So that's why I went to a Y camp. At Kanawana, as a camper, counsellor and canoe tripper for 8 summers, I learned the importance of teamwork, group decision-making, at the same time as learning leadership skills. Everybody in a group has a contribution to make and can prosper within a strong team.*

**John E. Cleghorn**  
Honorary President,  
YMCA Kanawana Development Campaign  
Parent and former counsellor, tripper and camper

## YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS INNOVATIVE PROJECT AND HELP SHARE THE KANAWANA EXPERIENCE WITH GENERATIONS OF KIDS!

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YMCA of Greater Montreal  
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**TOTAL \$4,400,000**

