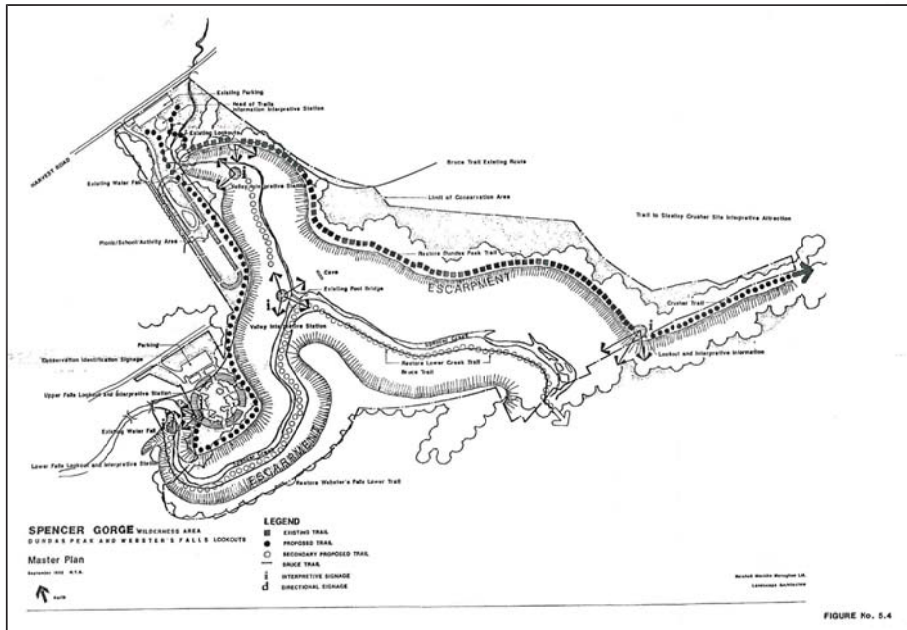


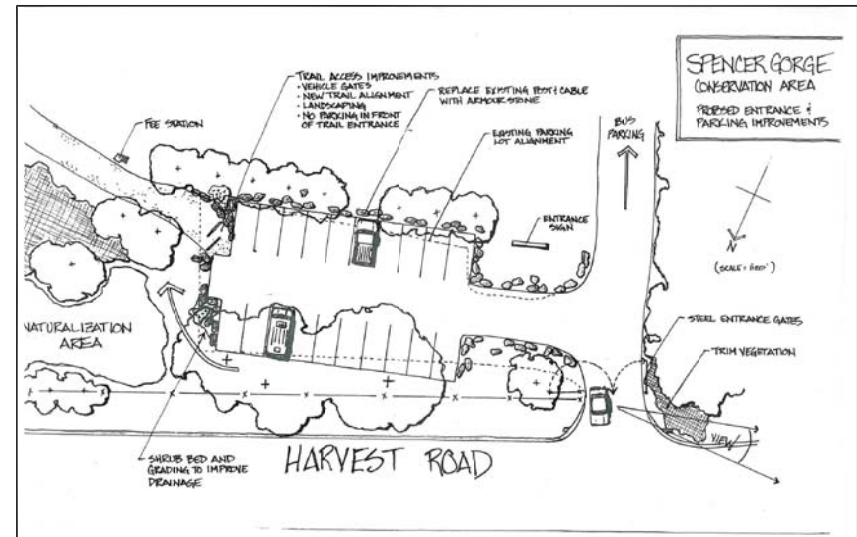
## 1970's & 1980's. . .first Master Plan for Spencer Gorge

- 1979 - Hamilton Conservation Authority Goal:
  - "To establish and undertake programs to further the conservation, restoration, development, and management of the renewable natural resources within the Region for the benefit of the people served by the Hamilton Regional conservation Authority and the people of the Province of Ontario."
- Spencer Gorge Wilderness Area Master Plan (HRCA) prepared:
  - Identifies and articulates specific features and facilities including Tews Falls, Websters Falls and Dundas Peak.
  - Provides objectives related to the features, as wells as proposed facility improvements and additions.
  - Goals:
    - To conserve and protect the unique, natural physical characteristics of the waterfalls and associated gorge from encroaching urban expansion by preserving the significant natural scenery;
    - To provide adequate opportunities for outdoor recreation; and
    - To continue to provide early warning flood detection services for the Town of Dundas.
- 1989 - Lookout Design and Interpretive Master Plan - Niagara Escarpment Properties (HRCA) prepared:



## 1990's. . .the improvements continue

- 1989 - Lookout Design and Interpretive Master Plan - Niagara Escarpment Properties prepared by HRCA
- 1990 - Spencer Gorge Escarpment Valley ANSI (Area of Natural and Scientific Interest) - Life Science Inventory completed.
- 1992 - Spencer Gorge Wilderness Area Trail Review and Improvement Plan and Dundas Peak Design and Development Plan completed.
- 1993-1997 - Naturalization Plans for Spencer Gorge Wilderness Area prepared
  - Increased emphasis on allowing more groomed areas to revert back to their natural state.
  - Includes plans to naturalize various parts of the Spencer Gorge Wilderness Area including Weber's Falls Look out and Tews Falls Look out between 1993 and 1997.
- 1996 - Entrance and Parking Improvements proposed at Spencer Gorge.



- Webster's Lane closed to full public access. (Private Lane with HCA right of way and limited public access.)
- 1997 - Spencer Creek Watershed Management Plan prepared which included an integrated Watershed Management Plan with goal to identify the natural environmental attributes of the watershed, and recommend appropriate strategies for the protection, restoration and enhancement of these features.
- 1999 - Cobblestone Bridge Restoration Project
  - 1999—Optimist Club leased the land under bridge from the Town of Dundas
  - August 1999—"Save the Bridge" campaign started at the Dundas Cactus Festival Grant requests submitted. (Optimist Club of Greenville raised \$361,000.)
  - September 1999—Start up of restoration project work.
  - 01 July, 2000--Restoration completed, Official Opening of Cobblestone Bridge.