

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

URBAN OPEN SPACE DESIGN TO MEET USER NEEDS:

Evaluation

The research method employed within this report was adapted from an evaluation framework created by the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Department, A Comparison of Five Inner City Parks, in 1988. To update the dated Toronto study evaluation tools, new similar and improved evaluation tools were integrated into this

programming. The farmers market, antique market, and skating rink are the Square's biggest and most successful attractions that provide interest all year around. The maps found within the following pages illustrate areas of use during market days and non-market days. A notable observation is that Square is void of users when there are no events or programming.

The Square is designed in solid materials leaving little room for natural vegetation that could provide shade, colour, texture, and different scents. The contextual support, design framework, and social milieu features of the Square's redesign have greatly increased public use, in comparison to its most recent parking lot and market design. However, by further improving upon the vegetation, attraction and animation features, the Square could see an additional increase in public use.

Recommendations

Confederation Park:

