

TORONTO'S BEST NEW CONDO DEVELOPMENTS NEAR THE GREAT OUTDOORS

A glass box in the sky is an appealing concept for most condo dwellers, but the smaller quarters compared to many homes make some want to be closer to the great outdoors. These six condos offer nearby parks where residents can get back to nature.

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SONIC

(Lindvest)

Location Eglinton and Don Mills

Starting price From the low \$200,000s

Unit styles Studio (339 square feet) to three bedroom (941 square feet)

Outdoor space Sits between the massive set of ravines that make up the Don Valley. Bonus: also near the Ontario Science Centre, Aga Khan Museum and Flemingdon Park Golf Club.

Sales centre 18 Ferrand. By appointment only. 416-532-6636, lindvest.com/sonic.



UPPER BEACH CLUB

(Laurier Homes and Mutual Development)

Location Kingston Road, east of Warden

Starting price From the \$200,000s

Unit styles Bachelor (410 square feet) to penthouse (1,846 square feet)

Outdoor space Close to the gorgeous Scarborough Bluffs, the Toronto Hunt Club and a leisurely walk away from the photogenic (and Instagram-worthy) RC Harris Water Treatment Plant.

Sales centre 1572 Kingston Road (at Eastwood). Monday to Thursday 1 to 7 pm, Saturday, Sunday and holidays noon to 5 pm. 416-691-9111, upperbeachclub.com.



GEORGE CONDOS & TOWNS

(The Rockport Group)

Location 1331 Queen East, east of Laing

Starting price From the mid \$300,000s

Unit styles One bedroom (525 square feet) to three bedroom (1,485 square feet), plus some 3 bedroom town homes (1,981 - 2,224 square feet)

Outdoor space Steps away from the small Maple Leaf Forever Park, slightly further (but still in walking distance) from the enormous Ashbridges Bay Park, Woodbine Beach and Cherry Beach.

Sales centre 1258 Queen East. Monday to Tuesday noon to 6 pm, Wednesday 2 to 8 pm, Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 pm. 416-223-0003, georgecondos.ca.



THE BENNETT ON BAYVIEW

(First Avenue Properties and Latch Developments)

Location 3237 Bayview, north of Finch

Starting price \$279,000

Unit styles One bedroom (505 square feet) to two bedroom plus flex (1,766 square feet)

Outdoor space The Willowdale Off Leash Dog Park, right in the condo's backyard, expands into a much larger park area. Nearby, the Don River cuts a long ravine through the city for more outdoor adventures.

Sales centre 3303 Bayview. By appointment only. 416-451-5802, thebennettcondos.ca.



SCOOP CONDOS

(Graywood Developments)

Location 1791 St. Clair West, at Osler

Starting price From the high \$200,000s

Unit styles One bedroom (500 square feet) to two bedroom plus den/three bedroom (1,200 square feet)

Outdoor space Close to tons of parks, including S.a.d.r.a., Wadsworth and Maple Claire, and the biggest and most stately, the 12.6-hectare EarlsCourt. High Park is about 3 kilometres away.

Sales centre 1771 St. Clair West. Monday to Thursday noon to 6 pm, Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 pm. 416-656-1717, scoopcondos.com.



EMPIRE MIDTOWN

(Empire Communities)

Location Eglinton West and Oakwood

Starting price From the high \$200,000s

Unit styles One bedroom (551 square feet) to two bedroom plus den (1,260 square feet), plus some townhomes (1,247-1,275 square feet)

Outdoor space Close to the 9-kilometre Kay Gardner Beltline Trail and Cedarvale Park, which offers a stunning view from the Bathurst bridge just north of St. Clair.

Sales centre 1603 Eglinton West. Monday to Thursday 1 to 7 pm, Friday 1 to 6 pm, Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 5 pm. 416-784-3482, [midtown.empirecommunities.com](https://www.midtown.empirecommunities.com)