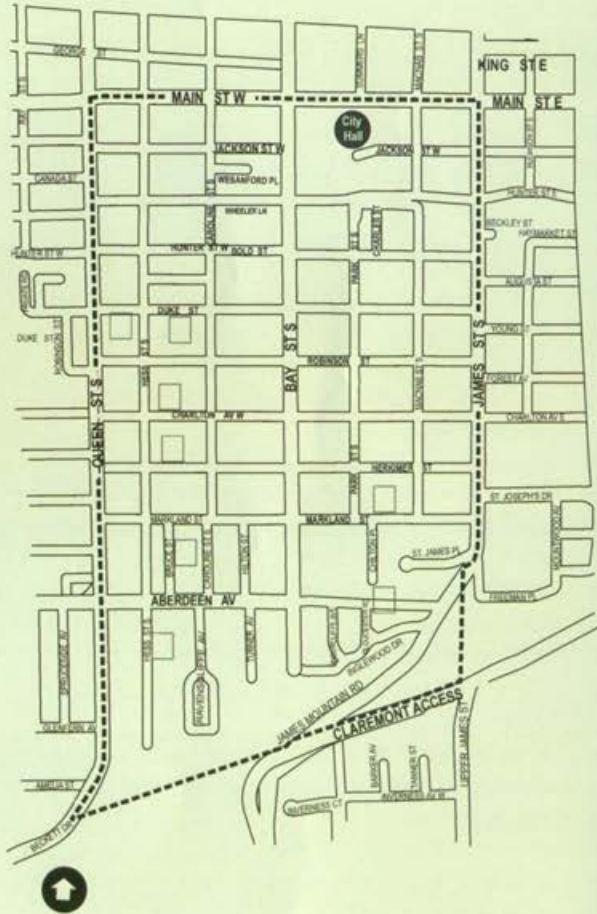


# where we live

The Durand Neighbourhood is the inner-city district bound by Main Street West, James Street South, the Escarpment and Queen Street South with a population of approximately 12,000.



## THE DURAND NEIGHBOURHOOD our heritage

### 40 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG

Since its beginning in 1972, the Durand Neighbourhood Association (DNA) has had both strong leadership and a history of active civic engagement. In the 70s, it saved the historic Durand neighbourhood from the threat of real estate speculation, demolitions and high-rise construction. As a result, the DNA organized and fought uncontrolled development and demolitions and continues today to meet ongoing challenges.

Durand is a unique and historic neighbourhood, with its beauty, distinct character designated heritage districts, sites, thriving shops and restaurants. All of this makes it one of the most desirable neighbourhoods in Hamilton to live.

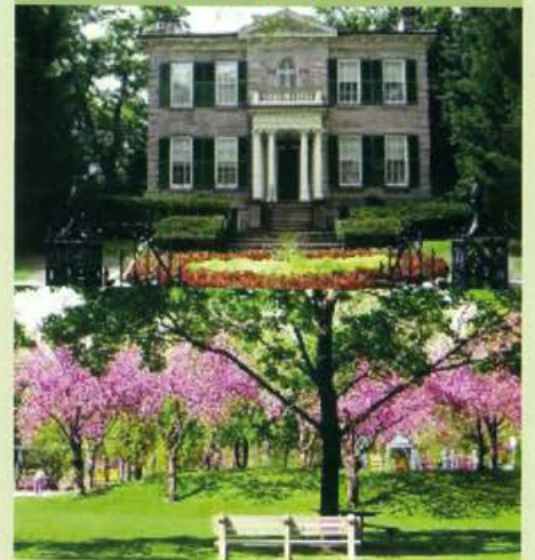
Our proud organization is regarded as a premier neighbourhood association and a role model for many newly formed ratepayer groups in Hamilton and elsewhere. For the DNA to continue to be a vital and integral part of the Durand and the City we must be able to identify and adapt to changing community needs and to enlist active citizen support and participation when needed.



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## who we are

The Durand Neighbourhood Association (DNA) established in 1972 is a politically independent community organization, chartered as a not-for-profit provincial corporation. We are financially self-supporting through annual membership dues and non-charitable contributions.

## our vision

The DNA is an active, resident-based voice that successfully addresses priority issues affecting our neighbourhood to nurture a vibrant downtown community.

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## what we've done

Over the years, the DNA has participated in and supported a variety of projects and community issues, often partnering with other groups, outside agencies and organizations as well as the City. The DNA has made significant contributions to the following initiatives:

- Created the Durand Park;
- Developed and revised the Durand Neighbourhood Plan;
- Protected Heritage (Family Court House, Bank of Montreal, Sandyford Place, Central Public School, and St. Mark's);
- Developed safety initiatives including Neighbourhood Watch and the Durand Traffic Plan;
- Supported good urban design (Ryerson Condominium Development and City Square);
- Created the Durand-Markland and MacNab-Charles Heritage Conservation Districts;
- Prevented a strip mall at Bay and Robinson Streets;
- Published two books by Russell Elman (Durand, A Neighbourhood Reclaimed and The Durand Chronicle);
- Hosted a Symposium as a Millennium Project to establish a province-wide organization of neighbourhood associations;
- Founding member of the Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods of Ontario (F.U.N.);
- Hosted The Durand Tour of Homes, The Grand Durand Garden Tours, Picnics in the Park, and Movie Nites;
- Advocated for the return of play lot supervisor.

## what we're doing

- Durand Park Revitalization;
- Advocating a Heritage Conservation District for the Durand Neighbourhood;
- Supporting adaptive reuse of St. Mark's and preservation of green space;
- Working with in City Housing Hamilton tenants in Durand;
- Promoting Light Rail Transit, pedestrian safety and working with the City on traffic issues;
- Attending City Hall meetings on issues affecting the neighbourhood;
- Participating in Committee of Adjustment and Ontario Municipal Board Hearings affecting the neighbourhood;
- Liaising with Hamilton Police Services for community safety;
- Executive member of Federation of Urban Neighbourhood Associations;
- Member of Ward 2 Community Council;
- Neighbourhood beautification through participation in Pitch-In and Adopt-A-Park;
- Bringing community together by hosting Annual General Meetings, Electoral Meetings, Movie Nite, Ice Rink and Yoga in the Park;
- Member of Hess Village Community Liaison Committee;
- Advocating for property standards and municipal by-law enforcement.