The Landing marks the transition between the north and east piers. It is the site of forgotten and imminent rituals: a place to celebrate a solstice sunrise and contemplate art. The Landing will mean many things to many people; it is a space for Hamilton to define.

Hammer Harbour is the sheltered heart of the site where Hamilton gathers together. A multi-use Gantry Pavilion provides the infrastructure for events like farmers markets, art shows, movie nights and concerts. A floating stage dramatically set against the iconic industrial skyline of Hamilton expands the site’s offerings. Spaces adjacent to the mixed-use buildings allow for first floor restaurants to utilize the site for outdoor dining.

Pier 8 Park is a celebration of industrial Hamilton; past, present and future. The park adopts forms from Hammer Town’s iconic industrial harbours and transforms them into scaffolding for public space in three unique ways. Along the Boatworks Promenade the huge steel hulls reminiscent of freighters create parkettes of program along the north shore. In Hammer Harbour, a monumental Gantry Pavilion transforms to support diverse city-scale events. At the corner of the site, the Landing provides a powerful site ready for Hamilton to define it. Built with steel, concrete and timber, Pier 8 Park is a reflection of the strength and genuine character of the city that surrounds it.
PIER 8 Recreation

Outer Harbour Threshold
Inner Harbour

Industrial Nature

Pier 8 Park will be the first urban site connected by the Hamilton Harbour Waterfront Trail. Until now the vistas and program of the Waterfront Trail have been dominated by nature and recreation. Pier 8’s connection to the industrial activity of Hamilton Harbour provides an opportunity to engage with Hamilton’s industrial past, present and future.

THE STORY

SITE CONTEXT

Pier 8 Park takes inspiration from the way the harbor was historically used by ships. In the Outer Harbour visiting ships moored, exposed to a diversity of activities. Ships with goods to unload were invited past the Threshold, entering the protection of the Inner Harbour, officially becoming part of Hamilton.

HARBOUR HISTORY

A - AMPHITHEATRE & GANTRY PAVILION

SUMMER CONCERT IN GANTRY PAVILION

WINTER FESTIVAL IN GANTRY PAVILION

SUPER CRAWL ART SHOW IN GANTRY PAVILION