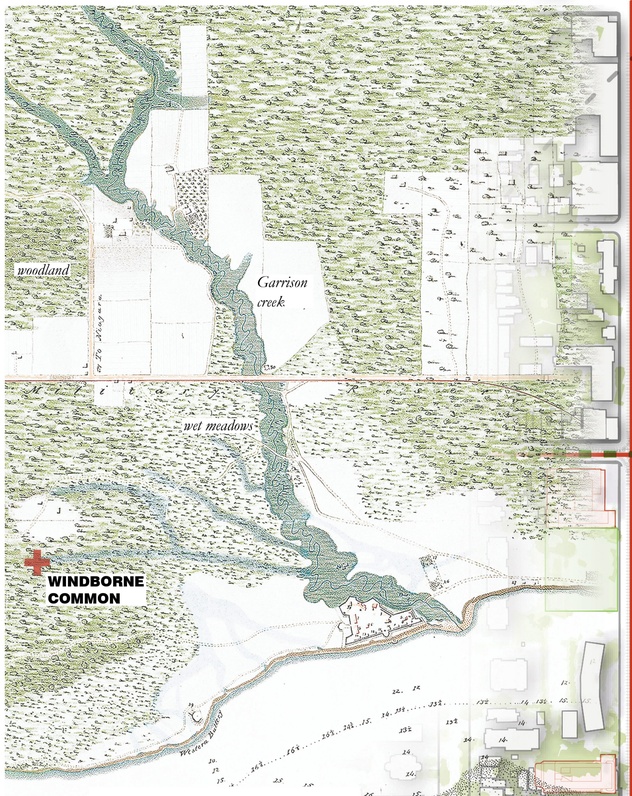
WINDBORNE COMMON

Windborne Common transforms a former industrial landscape and parking lot into a living system organized around a new civic heart. Inspired by the forces that once powered machines at 34 Hanna Avenue, movement becomes the catalyst for a distinctive and dynamic landscape that converges at the Common and radiates outward into Liberty Village.

This idea finds playful expression in the simple ingenuity of a paper pinwheel. Its folded form inspires a carefully crafted ground where paths bend, planted surfaces rise and low areas receive water. Rather than a literal motif, the pinwheel becomes an understated framework for movement, interaction and the shaping of a living landscape.

The proposal responds to the City's ambition for a playful, inclusive and resilient public space through a landscape that can shift between everyday life and collective events, quiet retreat and discovery. More than a new green space, Windborne Common is a living piece of neighbourhood infrastructure: supporting biodiversity, collecting water, expanding shade and creating shared ground for community life.

Landscape, art and architecture do not sit here as separate layers. Each grows from the same founding idea, offering a complimentary expression of the forces once harnessed by the windmills manufactured on this site.



railway emerging ecologies

West Toronto Railpath extension

King street W

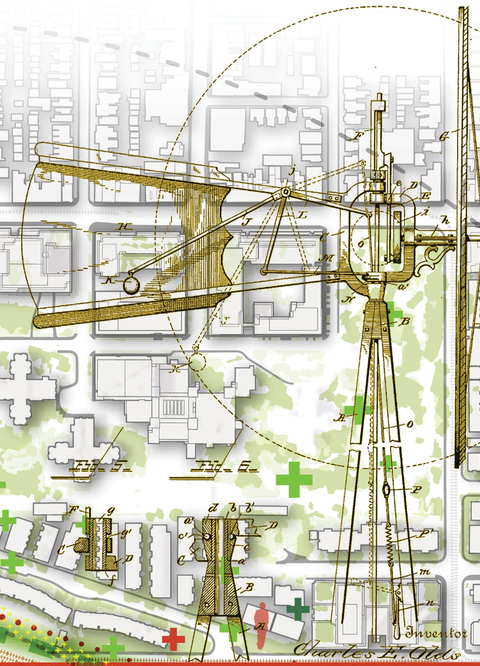
Atlantic avenue

Liberty street

Liberty new street

Hanna's promenade

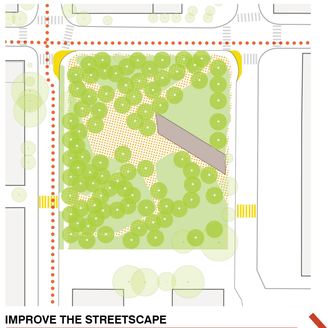
Exhibition station



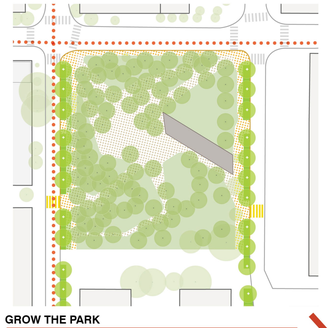
A NEW SPIN ON HISTORY.
Across the street, the Ontario Wind Engine and Pump Company once manufactured machines powered by natural forces. The park carries this cultural heritage forward, not through imitation, but through wind, water, movement, energy and transformation.

HISTORICAL MAP
The planting palette draws inspiration from the historic plant communities of the Garrison Creek watershed and the emerging ecologies of nearby railway corridors.

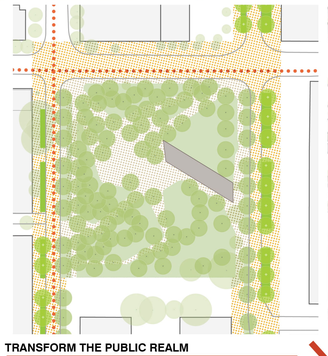
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IMPROVE THE STREETSCAPE
Quick-build streetscape improvements developed in collaboration with the community extend the park into the surrounding public realm, reclaim pedestrian space and strengthen active connections.



GROW THE PARK
Move from quick-build interventions to permanent transformation, expanding the park into the street through wider sidewalks, narrower roadways and a new layer of planting.



TRANSFORM THE PUBLIC REALM
Reimagine surrounding streets as shared public space, prioritizing active transportation, selectively removing vehicles to create a greener, more connected public realm throughout the neighbourhood.

CONTEXT DIAGRAMS - PHASES



BEYOND THE PROPERTY LINE
The park blends seamlessly with existing sidewalks and reaches outward through strategic streetscape improvements. Improved pedestrian crossings, planting and stormwater connections extend the park's influence into the larger public realm of Liberty Village.

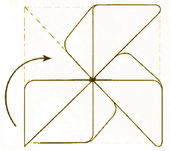
CONTEXT PLAN
Strategically positioned within the neighbourhood, the park becomes more than a destination: it is a catalyst for change beyond its boundaries. Like seeds carried by the wind, it's ecological character, social energy and green identity can take root elsewhere, inspiring new connections and incremental greening throughout Liberty Village.

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Fig. 1
THE SITE

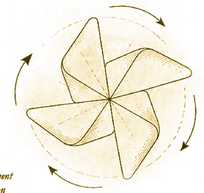


Fig. 2
FOLDING THE LANDSCAPE



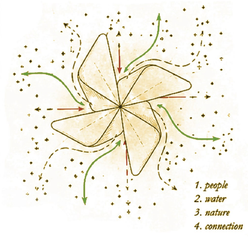
1. fold
2. elevate
3. create low point

Fig. 3
A DYNAMIC FORM



1. movement
2. rotation
3. continuity

Fig. 4
FLOWS AND EXCHANGES



1. people
2. water
3. nature
4. connection

Fig. 5
A CRAFTED LANDSCAPE

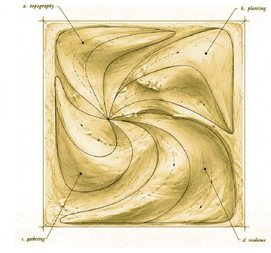
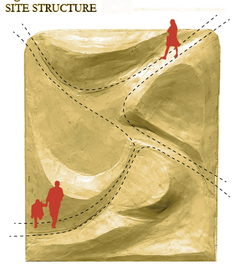


Fig. 6
SITE STRUCTURE



PINWHEEL GENESIS
A simple paper pinwheel provides a playful bridge between the site's industrial history and a more collective experience. Like the wind-powered machines once manufactured here, it is animated by invisible forces. Its folded form evokes lightness, movement and delight, while its geometry provides an organizational framework for the park: landscapes gathered around a shared centre and extending outward into the neighbourhood.

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LIBERTY STREET

ATLANTIC AVENUE

HANNA AVENUE

COME FROM ANY DIRECTION.
There is no front door and no single way to experience the park. Existing paths, shortcuts and desire lines connect naturally to Liberty Village, while inclusive and accessible design makes room for different ages, abilities, cultures and ways of moving, gathering, resting and playing. Everyone can find their own way in and their own place within.

TRADE ASPHALT FOR LIFE
*Step into **immersive green**. A generous tree canopy creates shade and cooler spaces, while layered planting brings biodiversity, seasonal change and a richer experience of nature into the heart of Liberty Village.*

SITE PLAN LEGEND

Public Art
1. *Sous l'action du vent / Driven by the Wind* – Ludovic Boney

Hardscape
2. Common Gathering and Flexible Event Space – Granite Pavers
3. Spray Terrace – Flagstones and Boulders with Mist and Water Jets
4. Grove Terrace – Flagstones and Seating beneath Trees
5. Landscape Paths – Stabilized Aggregate
6. Pedestrian Bridges over Bioswales
7. Boardwalk across Southeast Bioretention Facility

Pavilion
8. Washrooms, Park Storage and Utilities
9. Community Book Exchange and Bulletin Board
10. Sheltered Gathering Space

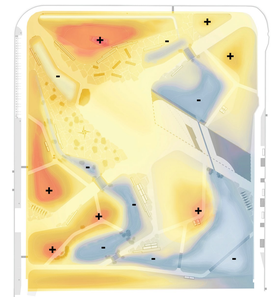
Softscape, Habitat and Green Infrastructure
11. Woodland
12. Grassland Meadow
13. Wet Meadow and Bioretention Facilities
14. West-Facing Picnic Lawn – Gently Sloping
15. Trees in Hardscape – Soil Cells

Site Furnishings
16. Hammocks
17. Double Loungers
18. Picnic Tables
19. Café-Style Tables and Chairs
20. Single and Tiered Timber Seating
21. Boulder Seating
22. Oversized Boulder – Group Seating and Informal Stage
23. Cut Stone Seating
24. Stone Amphitheatre
25. Waste and Recycling Receptacle
26. Drinking Fountain and Bottle Filler
27. Bike Racks
28. Bike Share Toronto Station – 35-Bike Capacity
29. Park Lighting – Existing Poles with New Fixtures

Streetscape
30. Retained Concrete Sidewalks
31. New Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing
32. New Sidewalk Inlet
33. Direction to Future Exhibition Station – Ontario Line + GO Transit

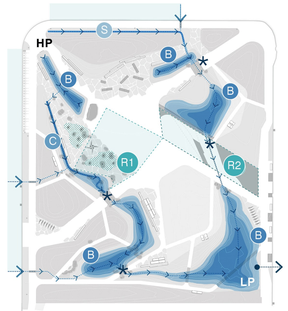
SITE PLAN 1:125

Each quadrant develops a subtly different character through variations in topography, vegetation, ecological function and park program. Some support active and social uses; others provide quieter settings for retreat, immersive planting, free play or encounters with water and nature.



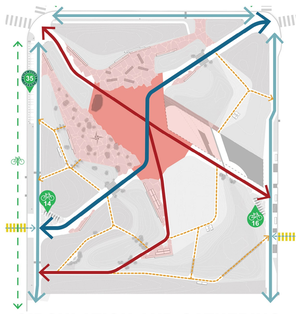
TOPOGRAPHY

The landscape is folded and sculpted: paths bend, planted surfaces rise, and low areas collect stormwater, creating a landscape organized through interrelated landforms.



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Allowing for a potential volume of 250m³ stormwater management is woven into the landscape through visible green infrastructure that slows, filters, and reuses rainwater,



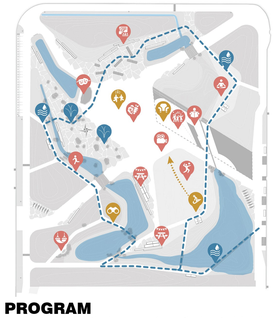
CIRCULATION AND GATHERING

Movement organizes the park, with paths converging at the Common before radiating outward to connect surrounding streets, laneways, and destinations.



PLANT COMMUNITIES

A sequence of landscape typologies responds to varying site conditions, shaping diverse experiences while improving currently fragmented wildlife habitat connections.



PROGRAM

A vibrant central gathering space forms the heart of Windborne Common, while a diversity of surrounding landscapes supports community life, recreation, and connection with nature.

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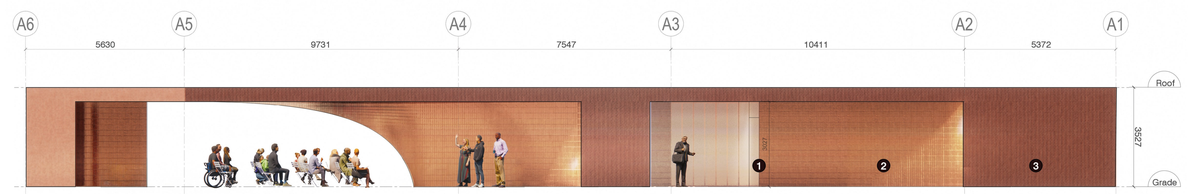


UNDER ONE ROOF

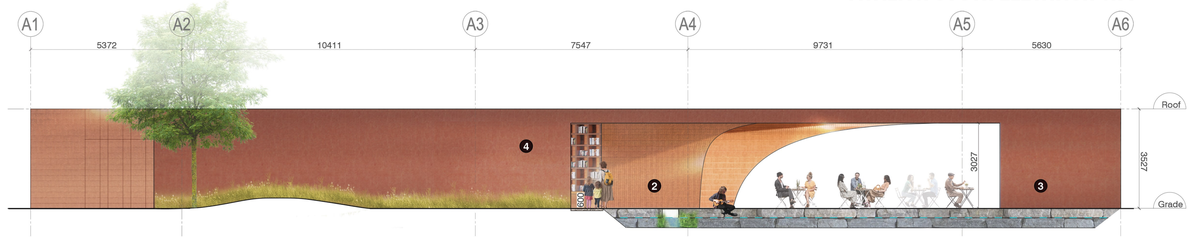
*The pavilion combines **public washrooms**, community uses and essential park services with a generous shade structure. This flexible, multi-use space offers protection from the elements while supporting gathering, activities and everyday public life year-round.*

P1 GOLDEN HOUR AT THE COMMON

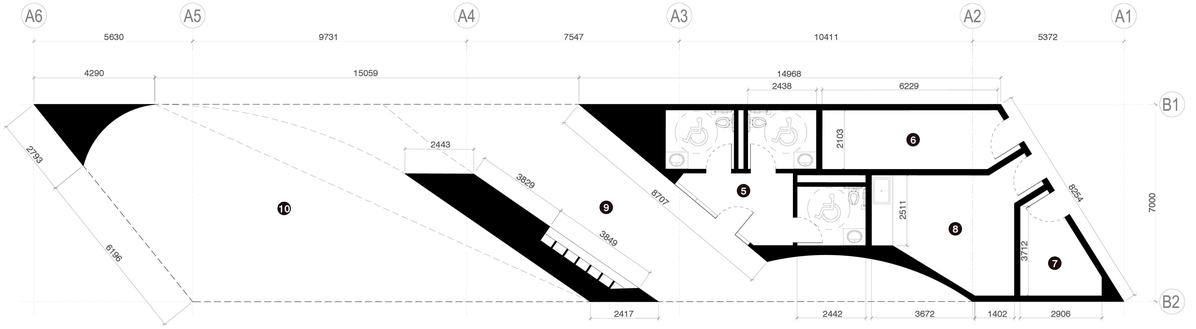
The return of cicadas is a small sign of a landscape coming to life. Their life cycle depends on healthy soils, established trees and continuity of habitat, signalling the emergence of a functioning urban ecosystem.



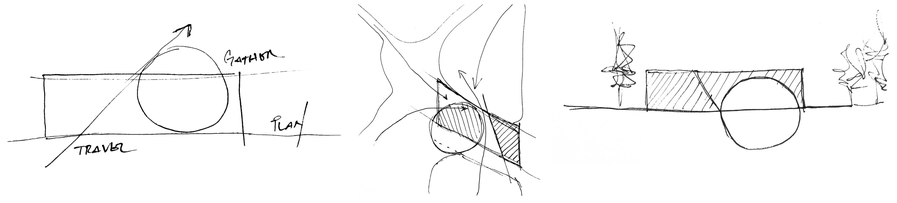
PAVILION SOUTH ELEVATION 1:75



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PAVILION FLOOR PLAN 1:75



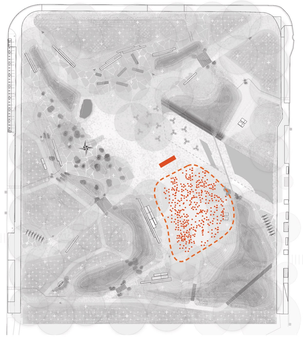
PAVILION VIGNETTES & SKETCHES

PAVILION LEGEND

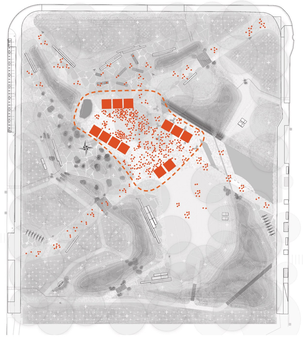
MATERIALS

1. Glass Door and Fixed Light
2. Glazed Terracotta Tile
3. Matte Terracotta Tile
4. Steel Shelving

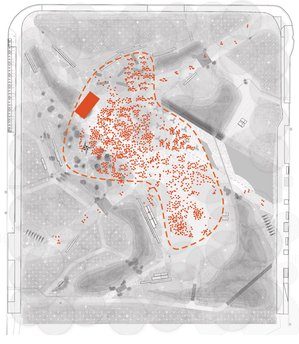
5. **Washrooms (27m²)**
   Polished Concrete Floor
   Painted CMU Block Walls
6. **Mechanical (14m²)**
   Polished Concrete Floor
   Painted CMU Block Walls
7. **Electrical (8m²)**
   Polished Concrete Floor
   Painted CMU Block Walls
8. **Storage (20m²)**
   Polished Concrete Floor
   Painted CMU Block Walls
9. **Community Book Exchange & Message Board**
10. **Sheltered Seating & Gathering**



SMALL EVENT (±300m²)
MOVIES AT THE COMMON



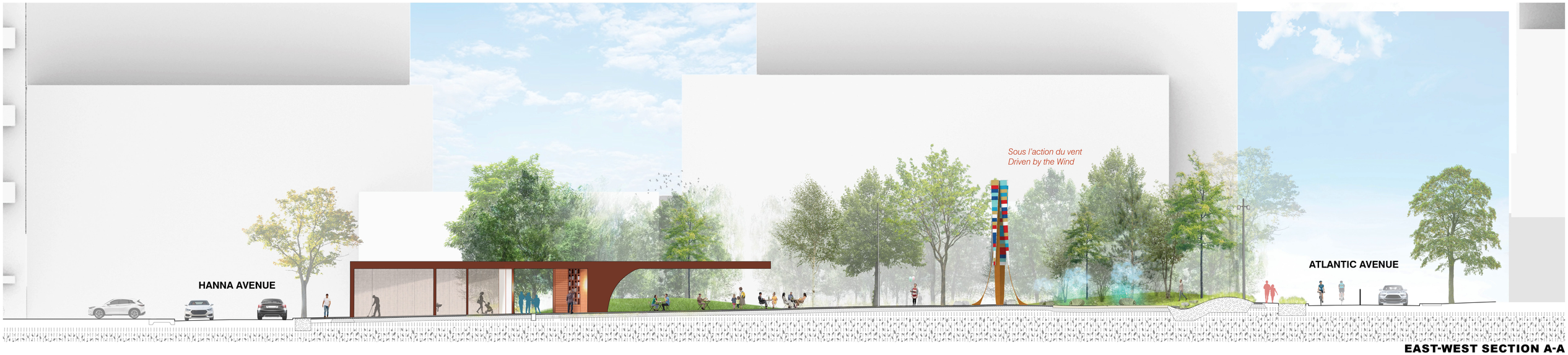
MEDIUM EVENT (±700m²)
WINDBORNE FARMERS MARKET



LARGER EVENT (±1200m²)
THE PINWHEELS - LIVE CONCERT

MEET ME IN THE MIDDLE.

*At the heart of the park, the Common is a **flexible gathering space** for everyday life and special occasions. Meet a friend. Share lunch. Visit a farmers' market. Attend a community event. Sit back and people-watch. Or simply cross paths.*



EAST-WEST SECTION A-A

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NEW PARK AT
34 HANNA AVENUE
BOARD 3 OF 4



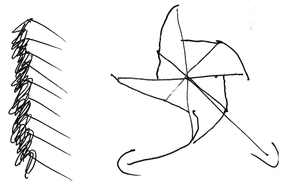
P2 EXPLORING ON A RAINY DAY

Playful and sensory encounters with water, planting, topography and art leave room for curiosity, imagination and unexpected discoveries. Small alcoves tucked into the landscape invite you to wander off the main path, explore nature up close and find a place of your own.



UNDER THE ARTWORK

Kinetic, immersive experience with the sky



CONCEPTUAL SKETCHES

Sous l'action du vent / Driven by the Wind is never perceived as a fixed object: it continually transforms under the effects of light, inviting the viewer into a sensory experience that is constantly renewed.



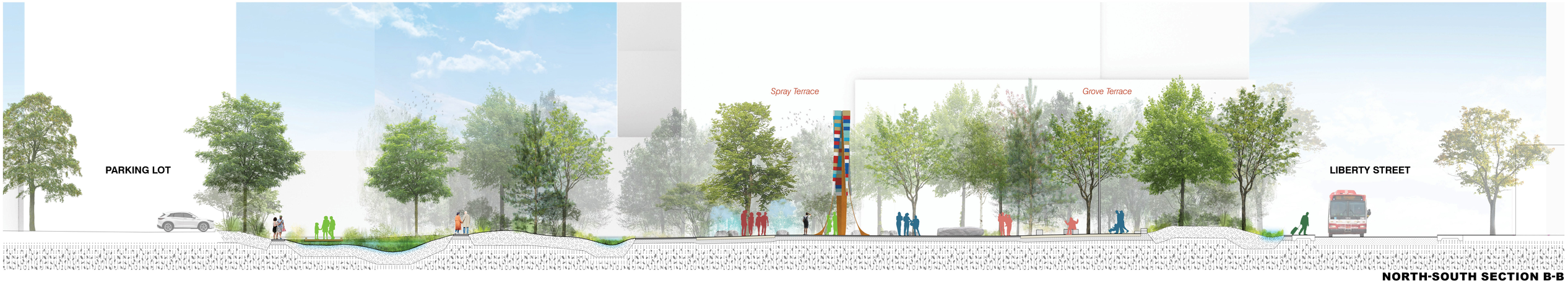


AERIAL VIEW

Looking south towards Lake Ontario

Sous l'action du vent / Driven by the Wind

by Wendat artist Ludovic Boney rises from the Common as a dynamic landmark. Weathering steel, mirrored surfaces and vivid colour capture shifting light and movement, making invisible forces perceptible. Organic yet mechanical, the artwork extends the park's landscape and industrial memory skyward. Acting as a pivot within the park, it connects distinct landscapes around a shared centre.



NORTH-SOUTH SECTION B-B

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