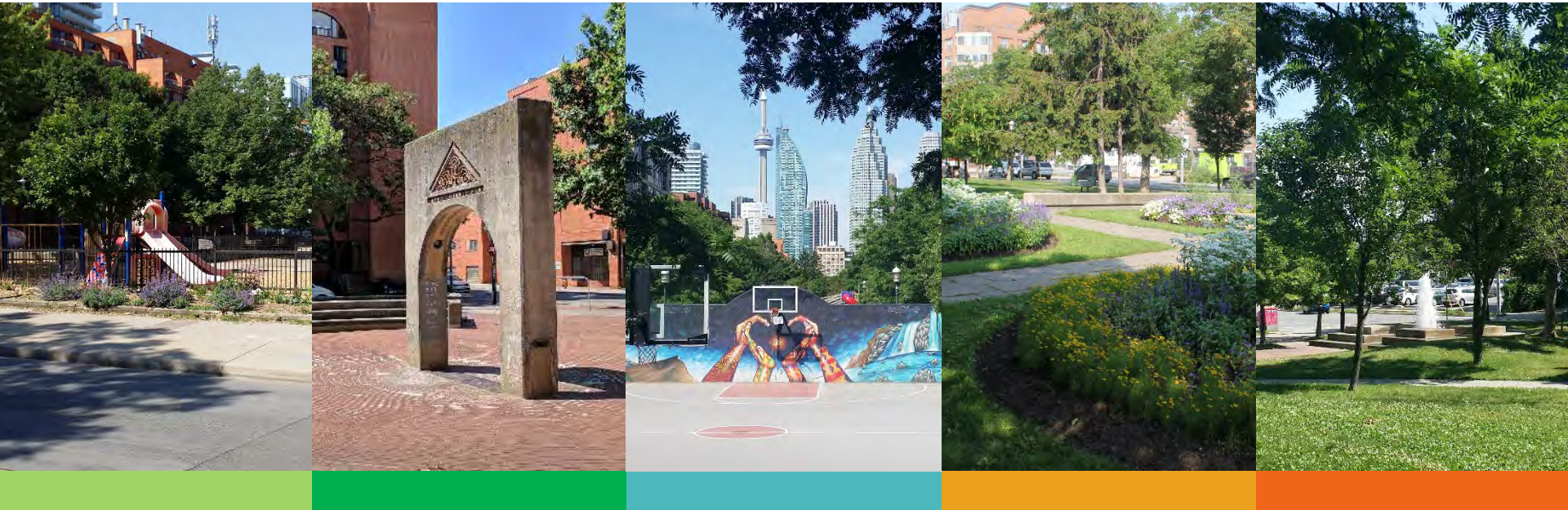


David Crombie Park

Revitalization Design

Workshop #2 : **Early Concept Plan Options**

April 2, 2019



Today's Presentation

- 1 Overview & Work Program
- 2 What we've done and heard through consultation
- 3 Design frameworks
- 4 Variables for each option
- 5 Three options
- 6 Next steps
- 7 Workshop Activities



David Crombie Park Revitalization Design

The David Crombie Park Revitalization Design project will **develop a comprehensive conceptual design and implementation plan for improvements** to the park that meet the current and future needs of the community.

The design will evolve through **consultation with residents, the public and other stakeholders.**

David Crombie Park Revitalization Design

New additions to the area of study:

Parliament Square Park

Future park block south of St. Lawrence Market

The presentation today is focused on Crombie Park, and begins to make suggestions for the new additions. Continued stakeholder engagement and site analysis is needed for the two new additions.

Overview of Work Program

Stage 1

**Background Review,
Site Inventory &
Analysis**

Fall 2018

Stage 2

**Revitalization Design
Concept Options**

Spring 2019

Stage 3

Final Park

**Revitalization Design &
Implementation Plan
Recommendations**

Summer 2019

Stage 4

Master Plan

Fall 2019

Consultation



Consultation so far



Community Resource Group Meeting

July 27, 2018

November 29, 2018

March 25, 2019



Public Life Studies

August 15 and 25, 2018

October 25 and November 3

February 2 and 13



45 One-on-One Interviews/ 3 small groups (kids, seniors)

September 18, 2018



Public Kick-off Event

November 20, 2018



Public Workshop

November 29, 2018

3:00 pm and 6:30 pm



Meeting with School Boards

January 21, 2019



Public Workshop

April 2, 2019

4:00 pm and 6:30 pm

On-going consultation and collaboration on emerging ideas

- Indigenous place-making opportunities
- Seniors
- Kids
- Teens
- Families
- Play
- Opportunities for events/celebrations

Indigenous Placemaking Initiative embedded in Downtown Secondary Plan

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Vision Statement (from Secondary Plan)

*Toronto's identity as the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat Confederacy, the Haudenasaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and the Métis people, and home to many diverse Indigenous peoples is **reflected and celebrated in Downtown's public spaces and increasingly in its built environment.***

Indigenous Placemaking Initiative

The planning, design and development of parks and the public realm will be guided by the following objectives:

- **reinforce historic places**, including those places of Indigenous presence previously unrecognized;
- **celebrate Indigenous histories and recognize cultural and natural heritage through placemaking**, naming, wayfinding, monuments, interpretive features, public art, partnerships and programming;
- **support Indigenous cultural and ceremonial practices** through the provision of programmable spaces;
- **Partnerships and collaboration with Indigenous communities** will be encouraged in the planning, design and development of parks and the public realm.

Key themes from TOcore Indigenous Engagement

- a strong interest in the **relationship between Indigenous communities and the land and the water**
- the need to harmonize the city's relationship with nature; and the importance of considering the past, present and future in this work and the need to **recover stories from the past, and prioritize the restoration of the natural environment**
- the importance of **Indigenous placemaking initiatives**, the need for fire circles, planting of native species, Indigenous storytelling, renaming of streets that were traditional travelling routes, and commemoration.

Role of Community Resource Group



Purpose of the Community Resource Group

- to review and provide input the team's work in progress
- to assist with communicating the work in progress to the larger community



Composition of the Community Resource Group

- 12-15 people comprised of residents, representatives of local resident's associations, business owners, landowners and representatives of various stakeholder groups



Role of the Community Resource Group

- work collaboratively, listening to others and respecting opinions one may not share
- participate equally in the meetings providing feedback to the information shared by City staff and the Consulting Team
- respect the agendas for each meeting including the topics of discussion and the timing
- share information with members of your community
- attend all of the Community Resource Group meetings

While members are encouraged to bring varied opinions and perspectives to the meetings, final decisions with respect to the David Crombie Park Revitalization Project are the responsibility of the City

Kick-off Event – November 20, 2018



The Panel:

Four season use

Connector

Genius locii

Power of Water

Cultural imprint

Strong frame

Mobilizing vision

Audacity of simplicity

”

November 29 workshop: what was said in response to team's observations...

01

The Park is showing its age: update play structures, bricks, water fountains

02

A beloved Park: dear to children's hearts, keep basketball, not ultra modern, multi use, neighbourhood park

03

Strong frame: like hills, strengthen border with trees, nicer walks, more seating, integrate community

04

The tree canopy is at risk: keep it green, plant more trees that last longer, canopy of trees and widen walk, trees make the neighbourhood

05

The dog park is a big issue: fence, relocate baseball, don't need a dog park, no fence, add water for dogs, dog run in south end, odour, not safe

06

The Park connects in many ways: no to fenced park, wayfinding, connects market and distillery, pedestrian only street sometimes

07

Playgrounds are outdated: special needs, fencing is a must, accessible surfaces, more equipment, all ages, shade, washrooms

November 29 workshop: what was said...

08

Water features need to be replaced: splash pads, sad that wading pool will go, run fountains more often, pool is unsanitary, linear water

09

Not enough good seating and furnishings: more accessible seating, comfortable, more, diversity, communal tables, back rests,

10

Not meeting accessibility standards: remove interlocking, , widen walkway, clear path of travel, accessible playground features

11

More gardens: community gardens, accessible gardens, river theme, more flowers, Christmas tree, herb garden

12

Better infrastructure to support programming: washrooms, event area in baseball, stage, outdoor exercise, flexible infrastructure

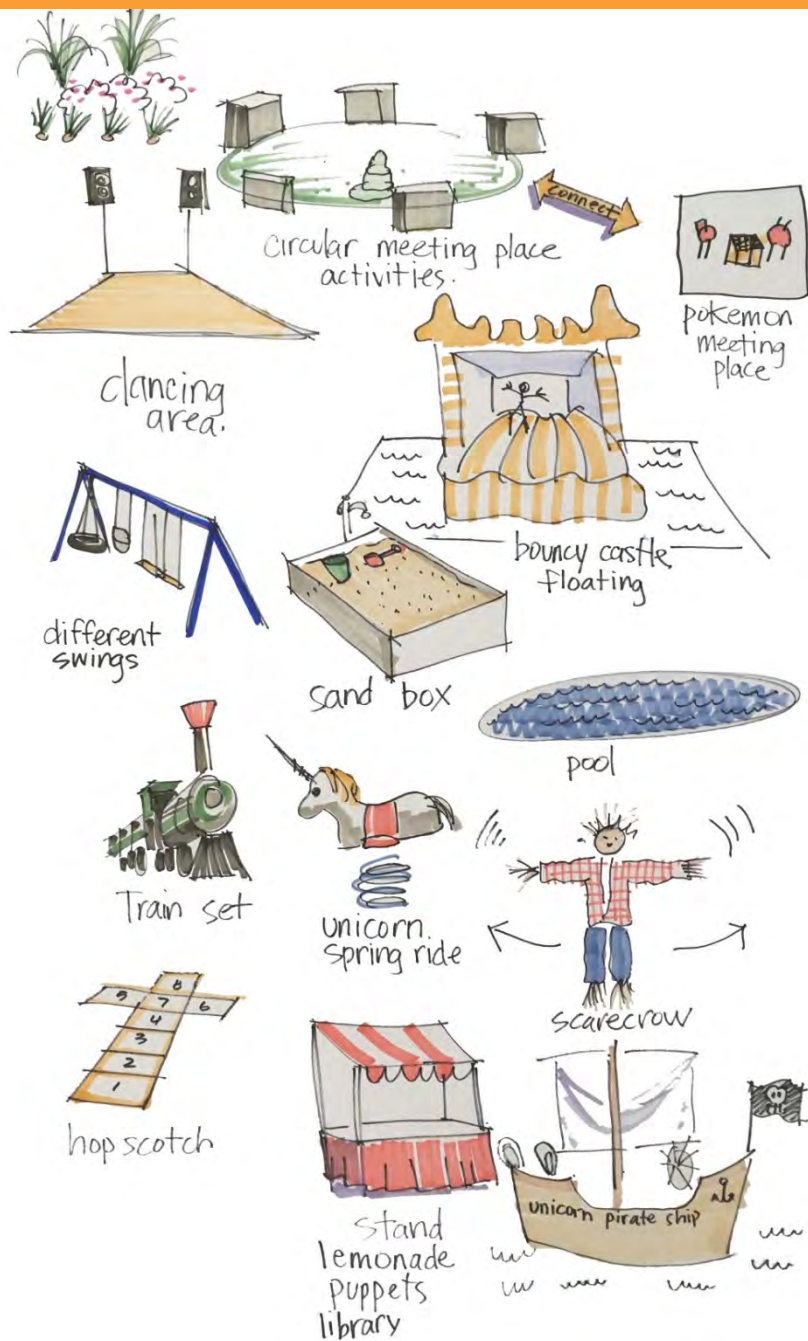
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More infrastructure in the area to support biking: keep biking out of area, safe streets, bike lock ups, no room on streets for bikes, bike hub

14

Lighting needs to be improved: no light intrusion into homes, more lighting, avoid light pollution, heritage lighting

November 29 workshop: what the kids want...



David Crombie Park: draft vision statement

*David Crombie Park is the **green spine** of the St. Lawrence neighbourhood, a **physical and social connector** that welcomes all from the neighbourhood and beyond.*

*It celebrates a diversity of uses in this historic and evolving area of the City, from **quiet contemplation to dynamic cultural events.***

Public Life Study



90
volunteers



7am – 9pm
432 hours
Summer 2018
Fall 2018
Winter 2019
weekdays **and** weekends



375
surveys

Public Life Study

TRAVEL COUNTS



- Number of people walking
- Number of people bicycling

ACTIVITY OBSERVATIONS



- Number of users at different times of day
- Gender & age counts
- Types of activity

INTERCEPT SURVEYS



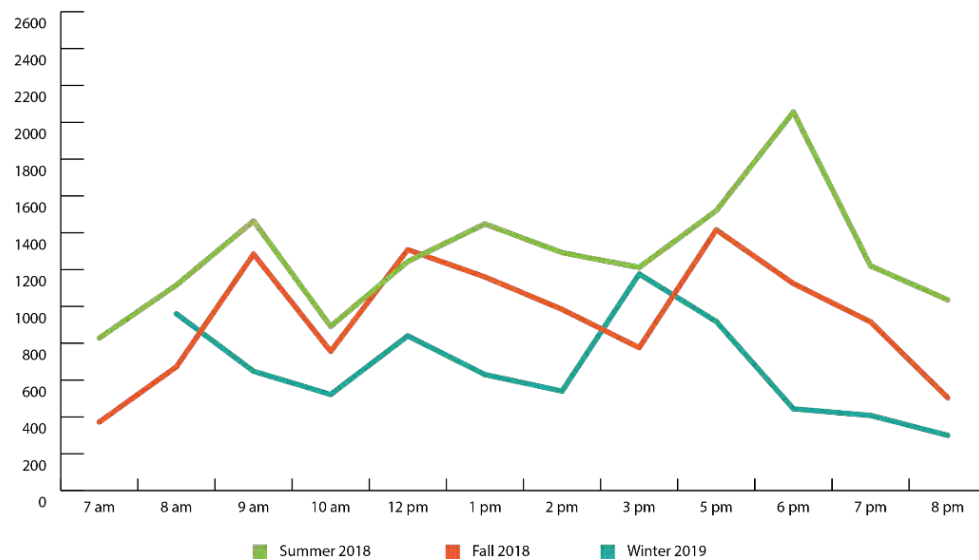
- User perception of the park
- Ideas for improvement

Public Life Study

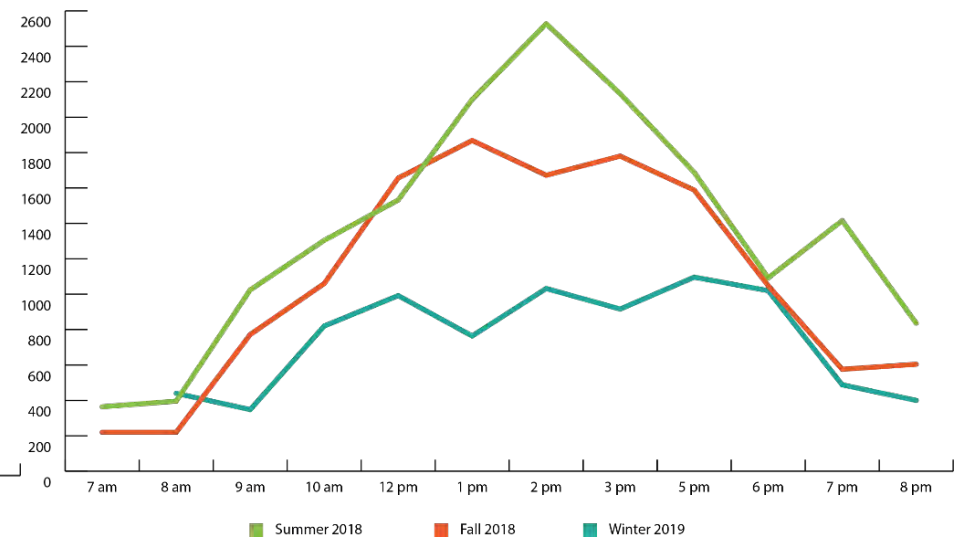
TRENDS IN TRAVEL COUNTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Significant decrease in foot/bike traffic in the winter

WEEKDAY



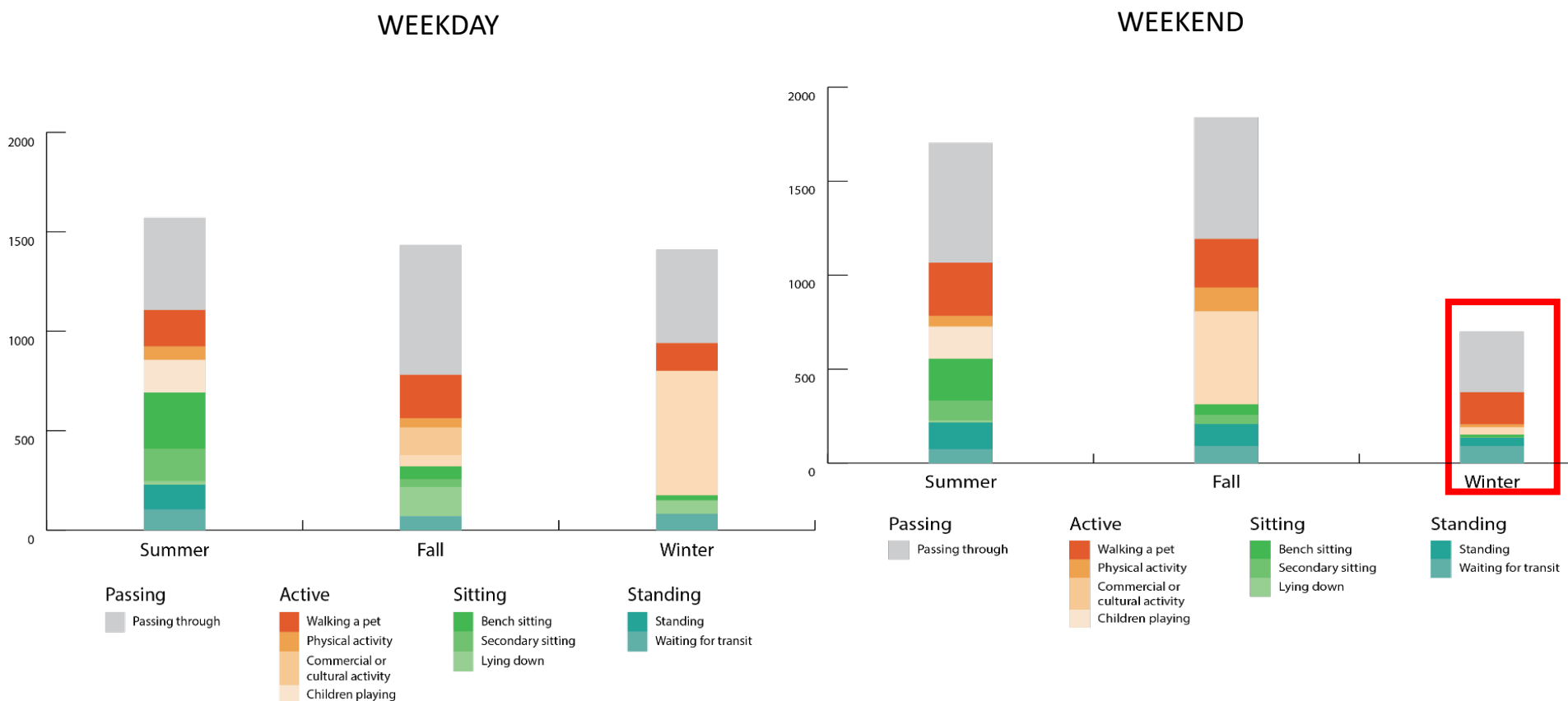
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TRENDS IN ACTIVITY COUNTS

Lowest levels of activity on winter weekends



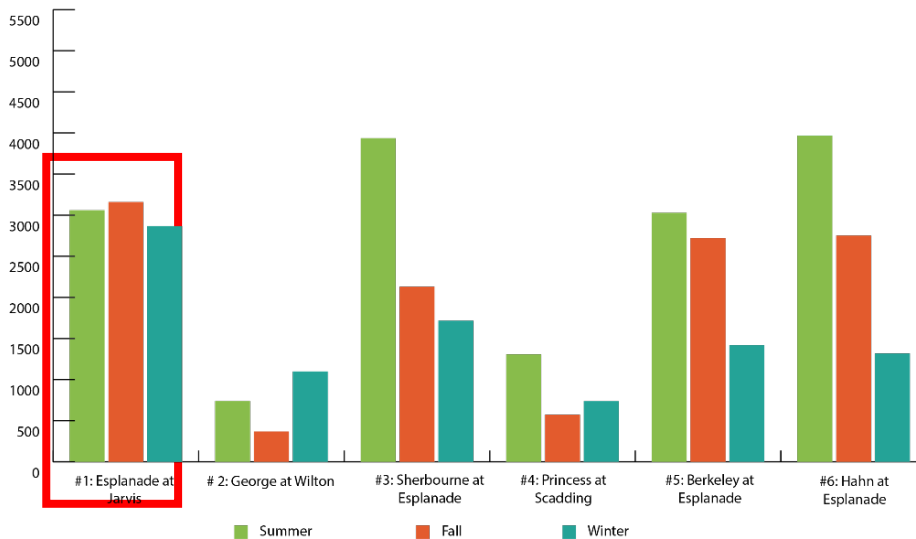
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TRENDS IN TRAVEL COUNTS

Highest and most consistent levels of foot/bike traffic at Location 1 (Jarvis & Esplanade)

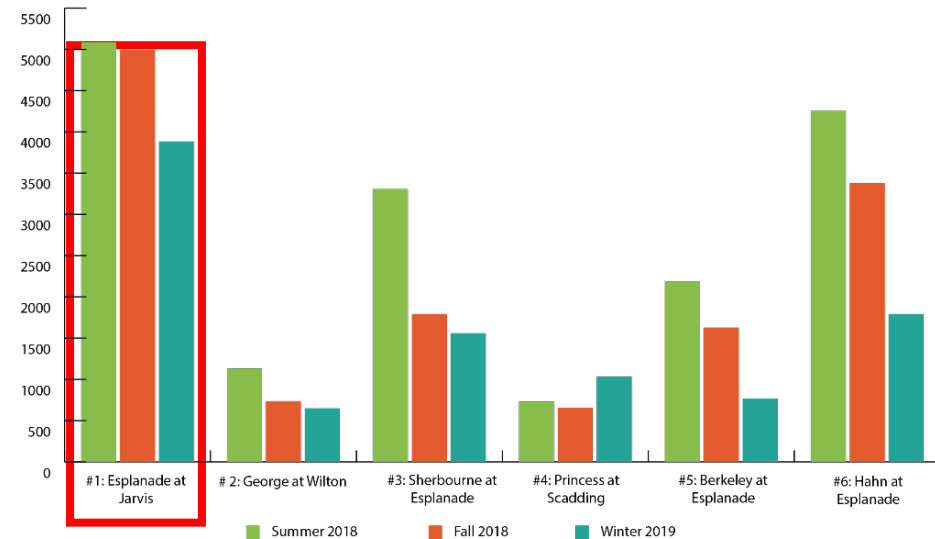
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Total Travel Counts of All Locations



WEEKEND

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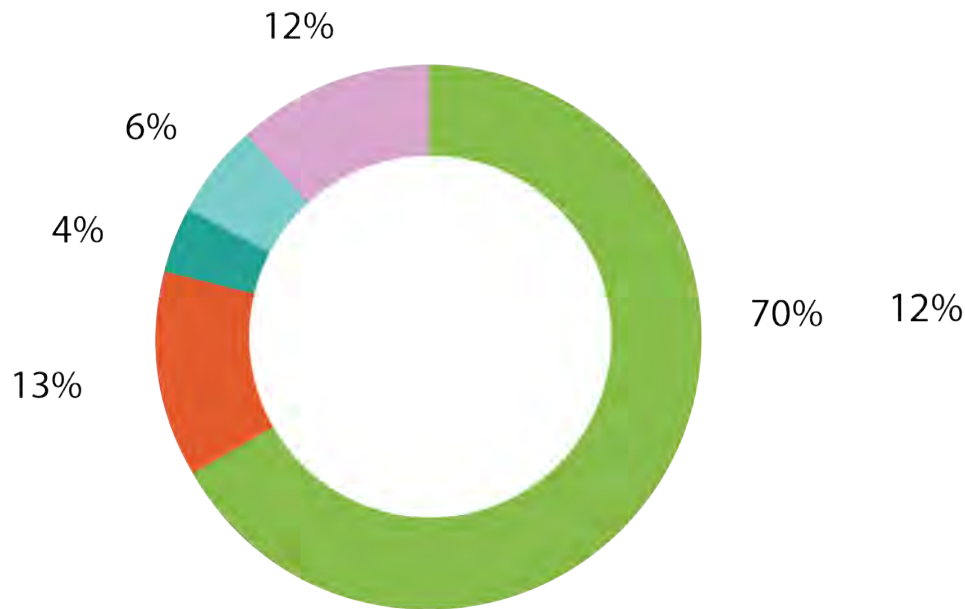


Public Life Study

TRENDS IN SURVEY RESULTS – WHO SPENDS TIME IN THE PARK

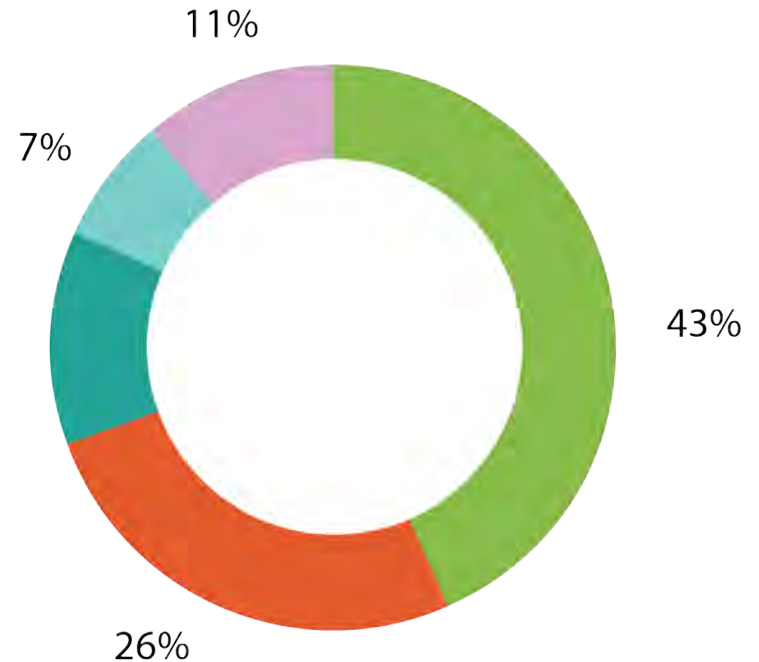
David Crombie Park: use by local residents

Q. WHAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR
RELATIONSHIP TO DAVID CROMBIE PARK?



Resident Employee Student
Tourist Local (GTA) visitor

Q. HOW OFTEN DO YOU COME HERE?



Everyday Few times a week Few times a month
Once every few months Once a year or less

Public Life Study

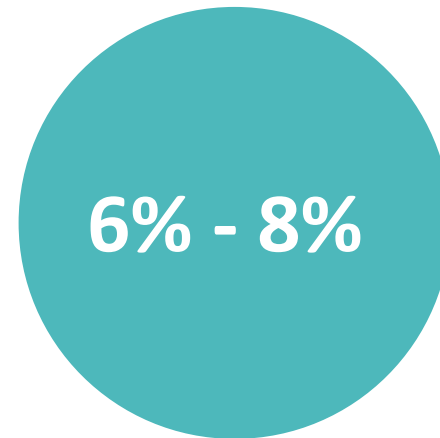
TRENDS IN TRAVEL COUNTS

Older adults are under-represented

ADULTS 65+ LIVING IN
ST. LAWRENCE-DISTILLERY



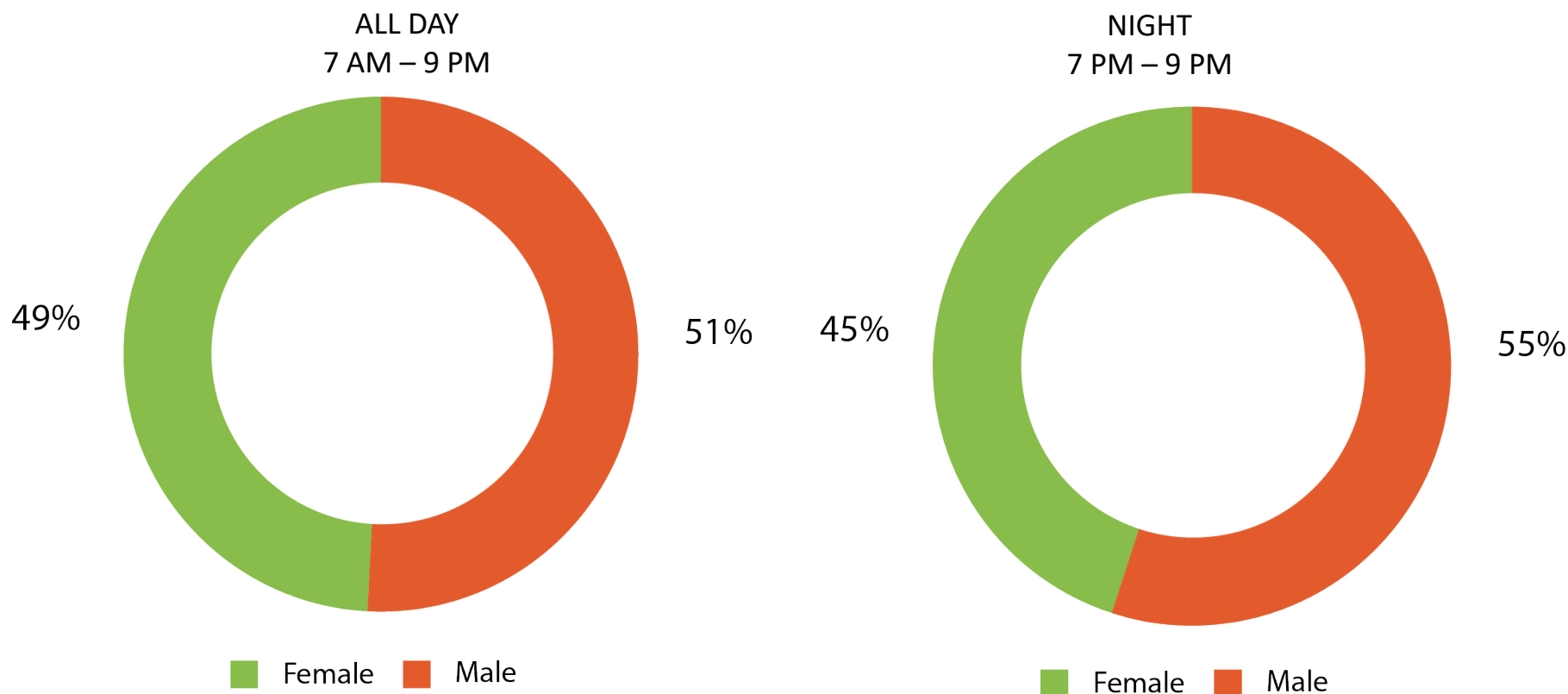
ADULTS 65+ PASSING THROUGH DAVID
CROMBIE PARK



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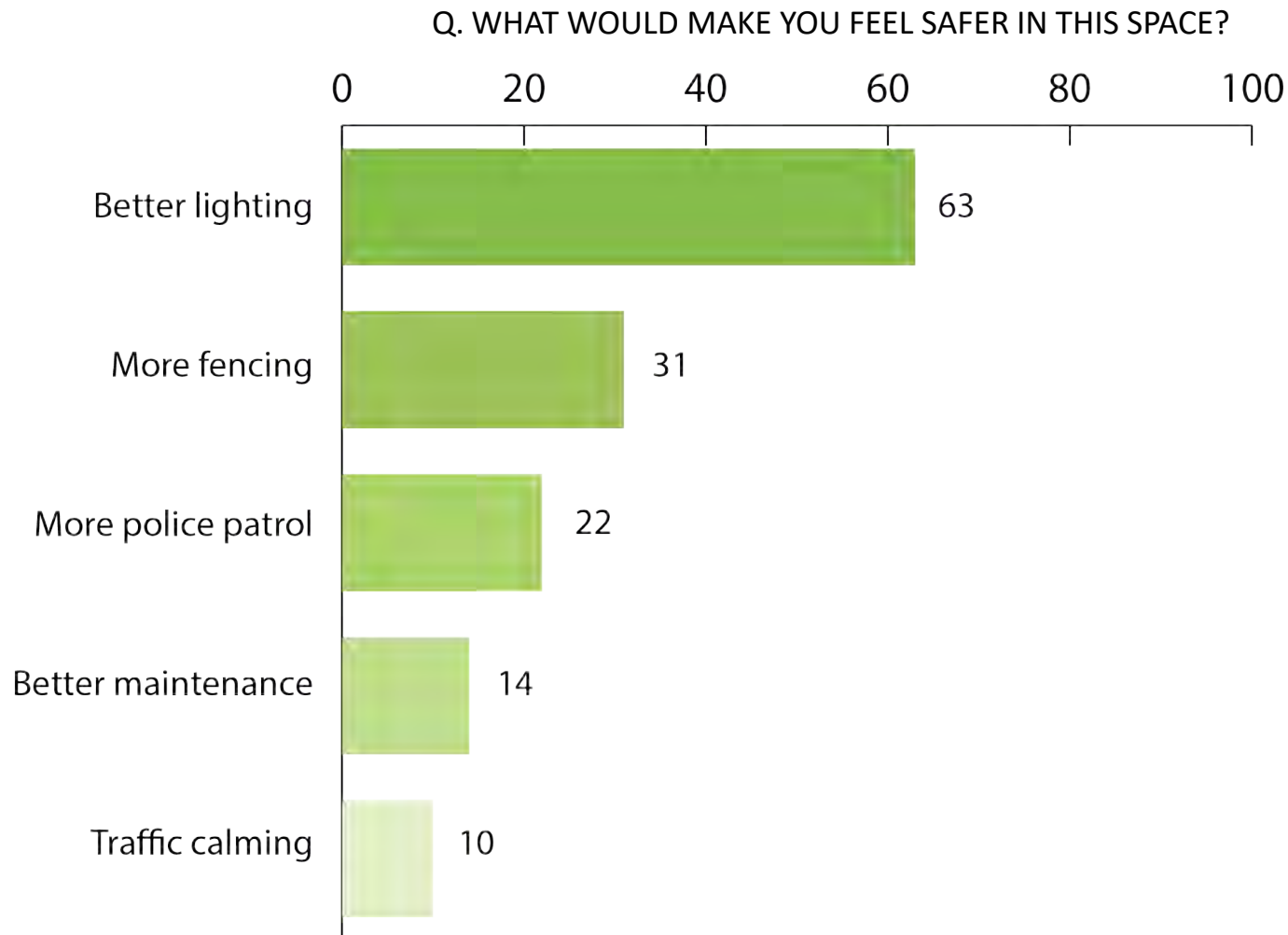
Small reduction in women in the park at night



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TRENDS IN ACTIVITY COUNTS: PRIORITIES FOR PARK REVITALIZATION

Safety through better lighting



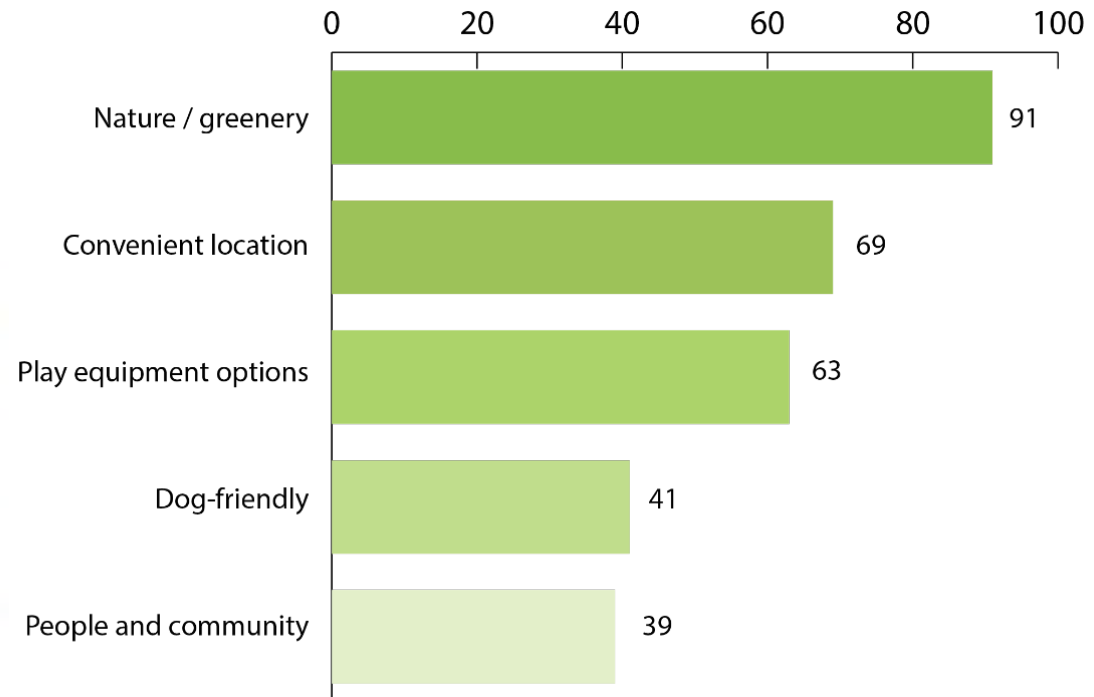
TRENDS IN SURVEY RESULTS

A consistent emphasis on green

Q. WHAT THREE WORDS WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE DAVID CROMBIE PARK?



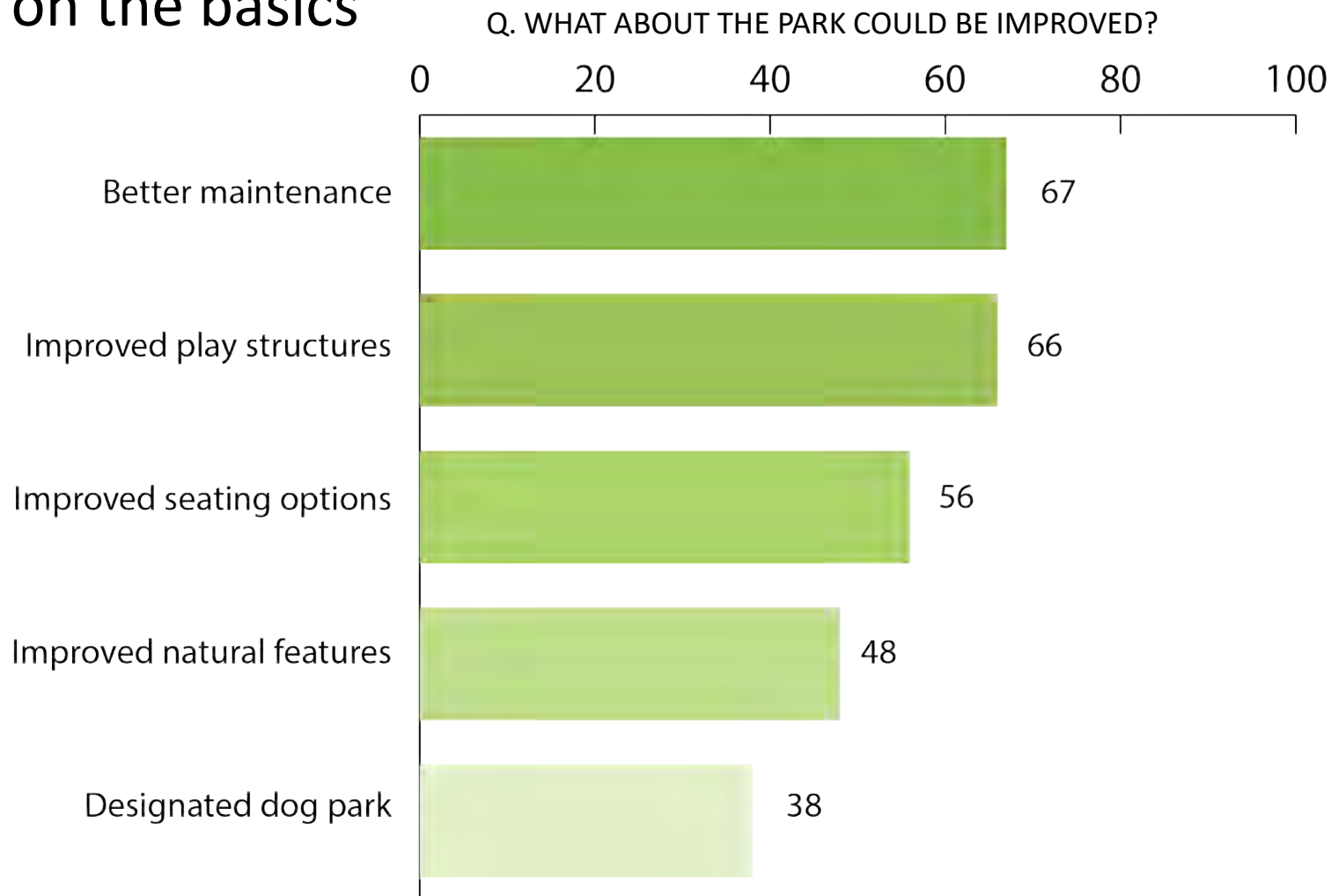
Q. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT DAVID CROMBIE PARK?



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TRENDS IN SURVEY RESULTS

Focus on the basics

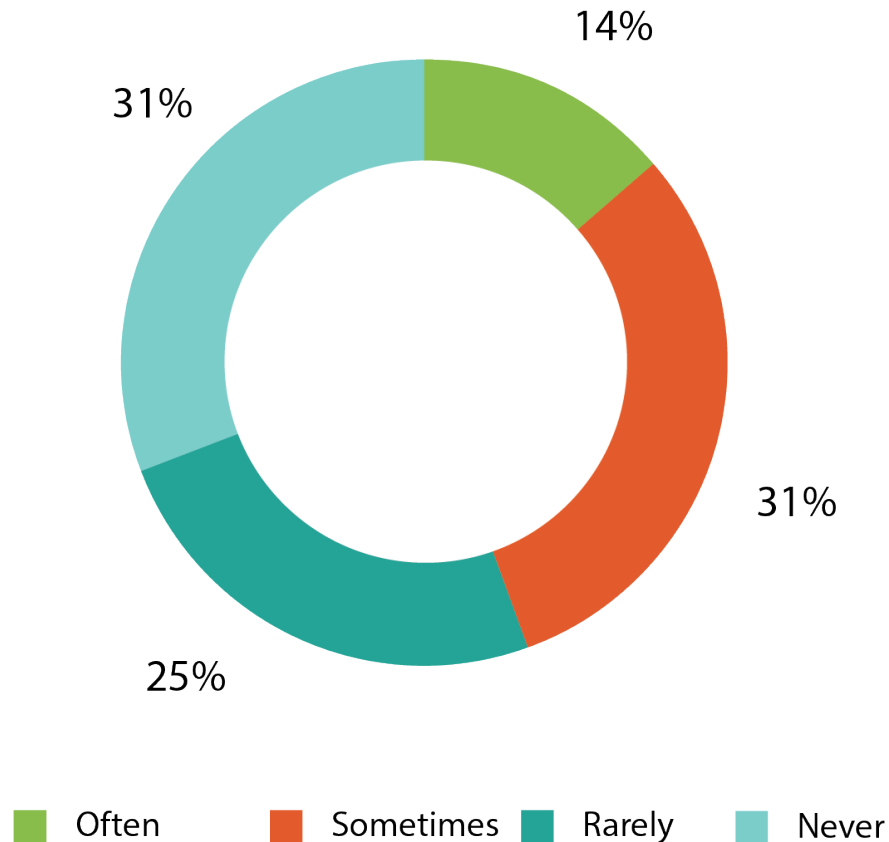


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TRENDS IN ACTIVITY COUNTS

Maintain opportunities for community stewardship

Q. HOW OFTEN DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN
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NEIGHBOURHOOD?



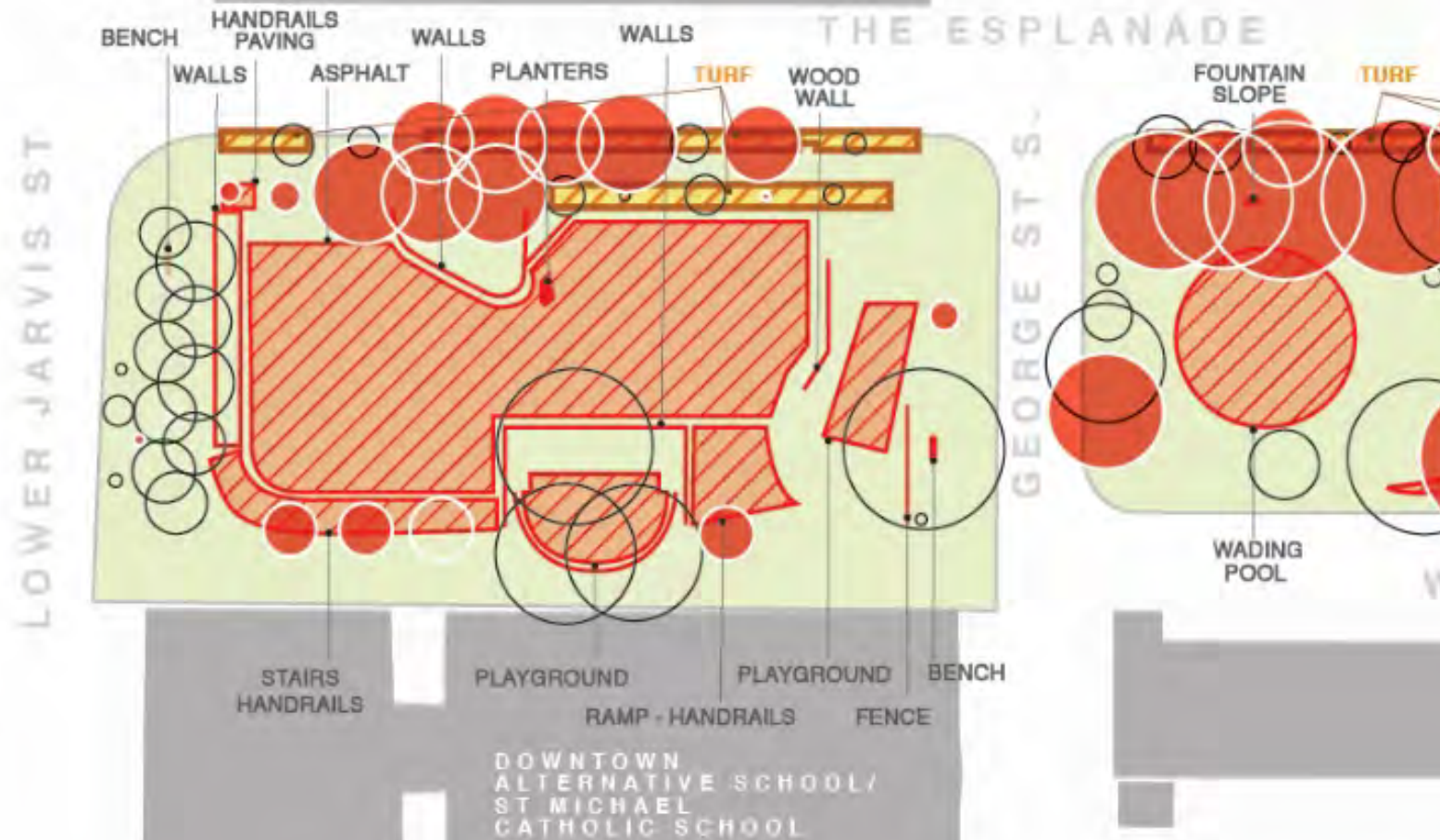
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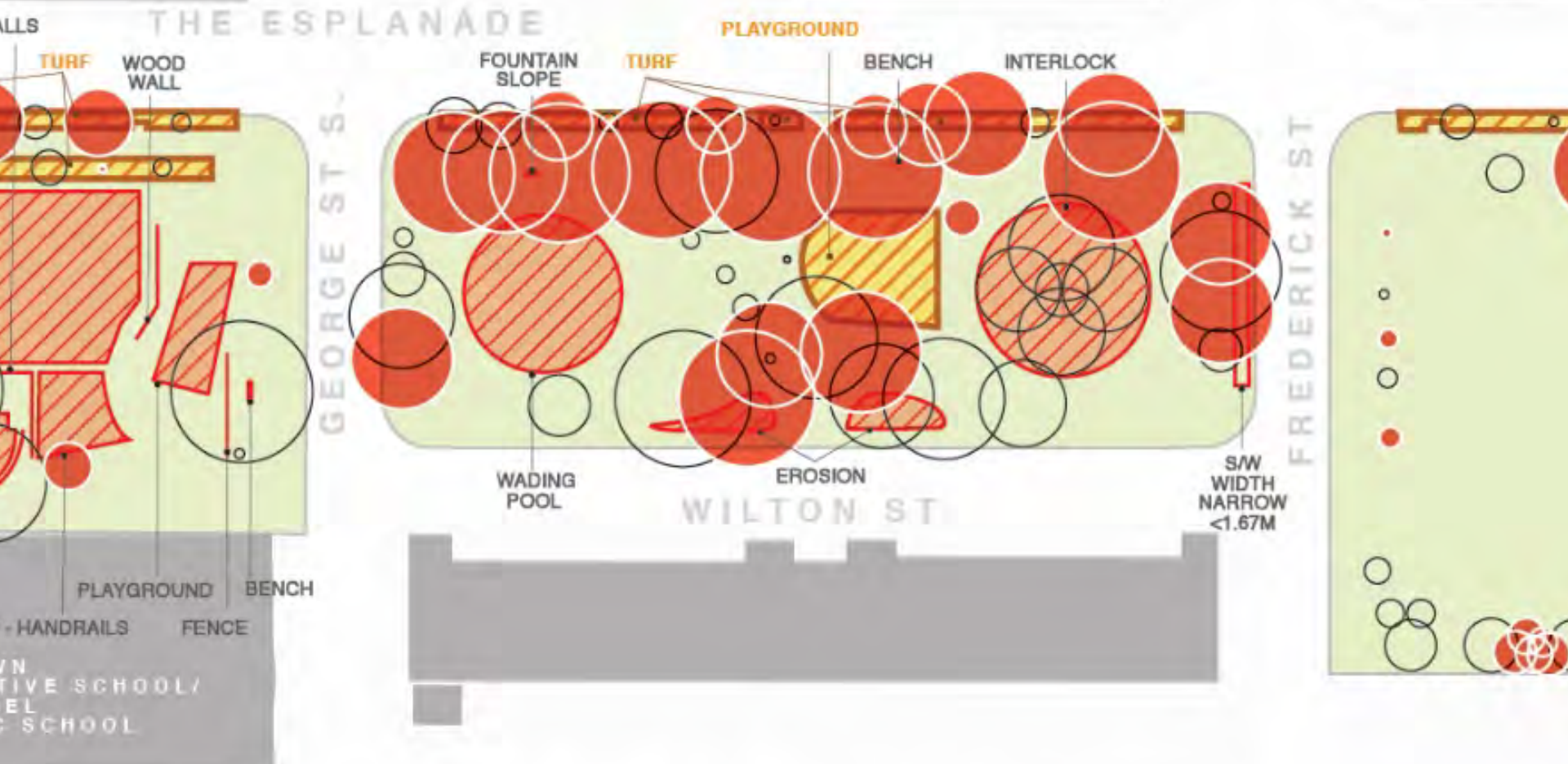
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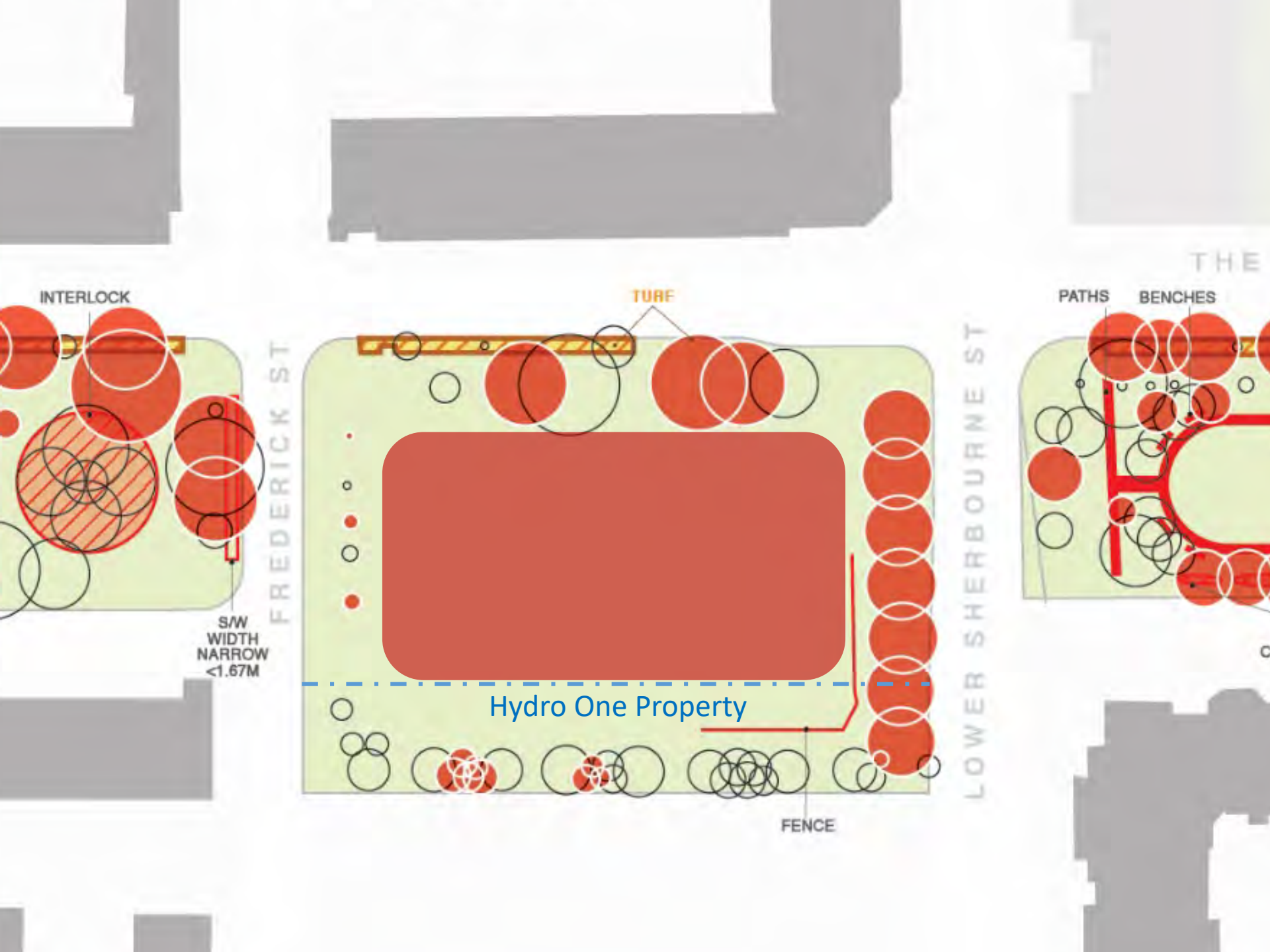
The “Red Plan”- Park elements that are failing



St. Lawrence Market Building







INTERLOCK

TURF

S/W
WIDTH
NARROW
<1.67M

FREDERICK ST

Hydro One Property

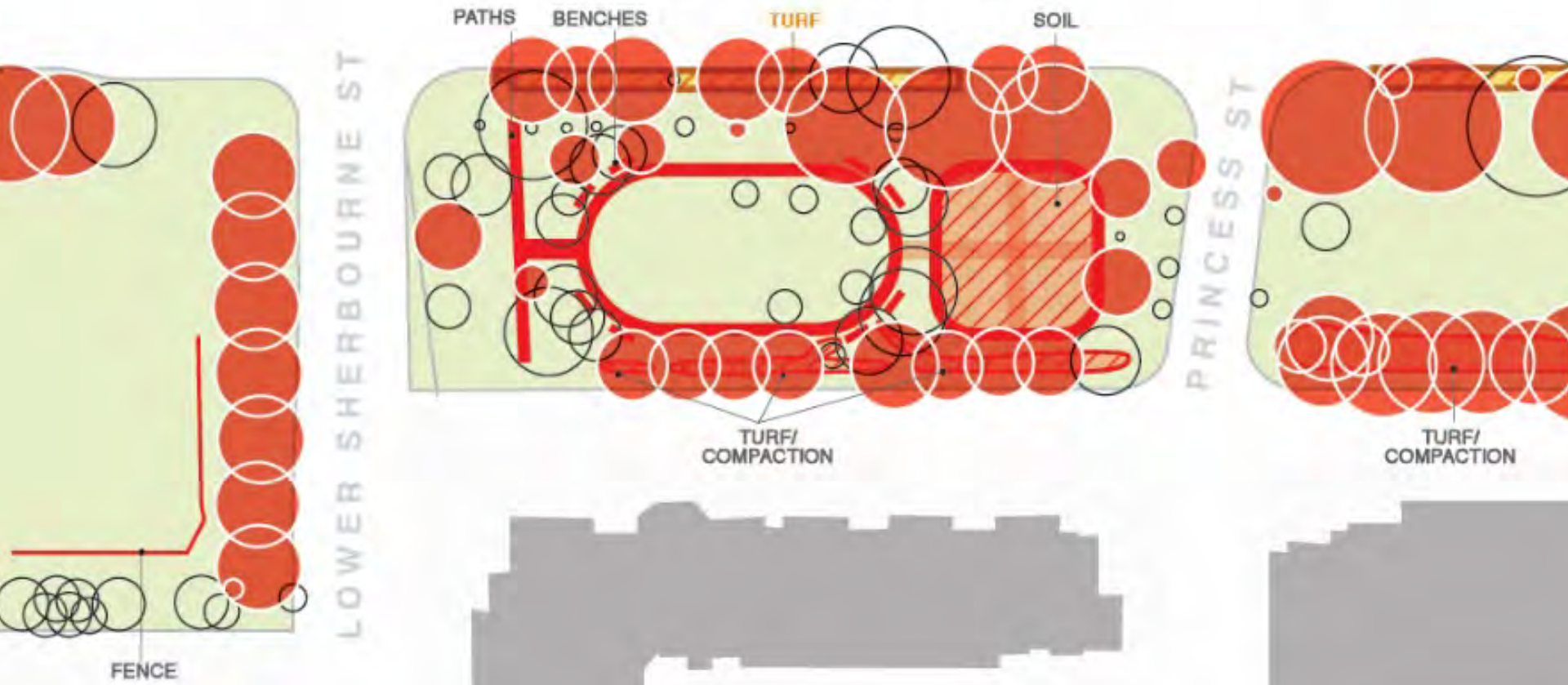
FENCE

LOWER SHERBOURNE ST

PATHS BENCHES

THE

THE ESPLANADE





LANADE

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COMMUNITY
REC CENTRE

MARKET LANE
JR & SR
PUBLIC SCHOOL

SOIL

FENCE

WOOD
WALL

WOOD PLAY
STRUCTURE

WALLS

FOUNTAIN

TURF

WOOD SEAT
WALLS

PAVING

FOUNTAIN

TURF/
COMPACTION

FOUNTAIN

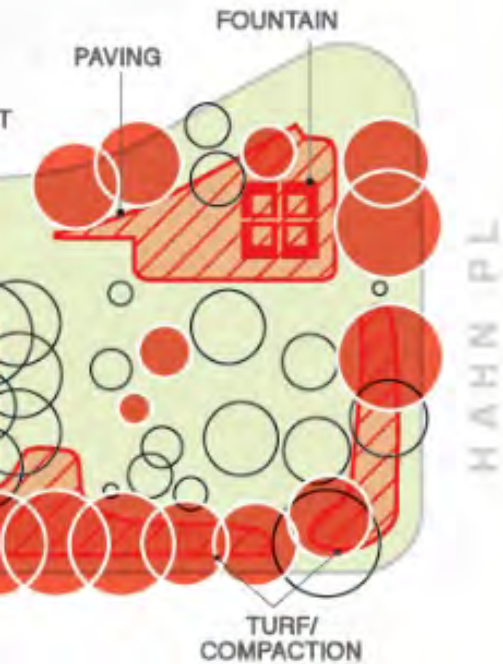
PLAYGROUND
SURFACE

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ACCESSIBILITY

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BASKETBALL
SURFACE

TURF/
COMPACTION



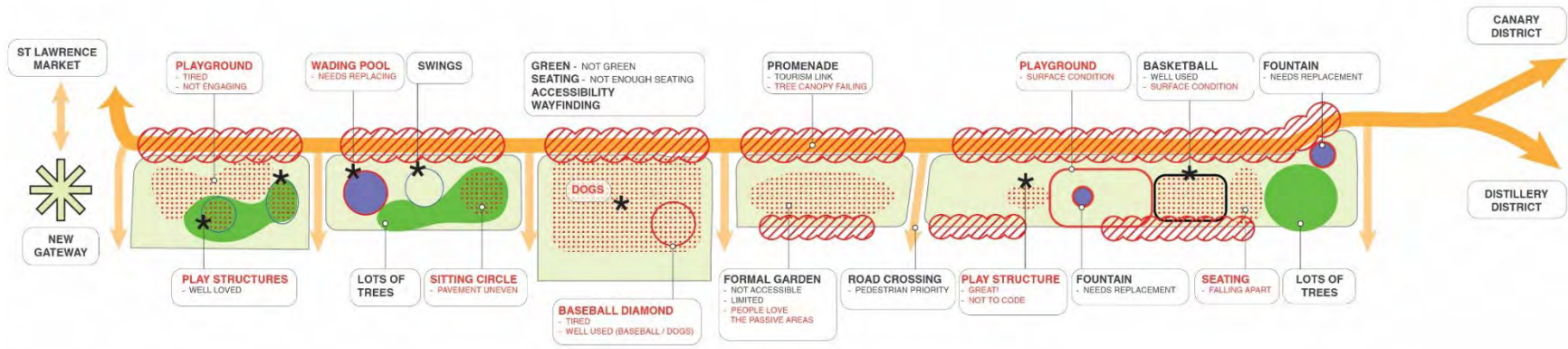
Parliament Square
To be completed

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The “Green Plan” – Trees in good health



Key Opportunities and Constraints



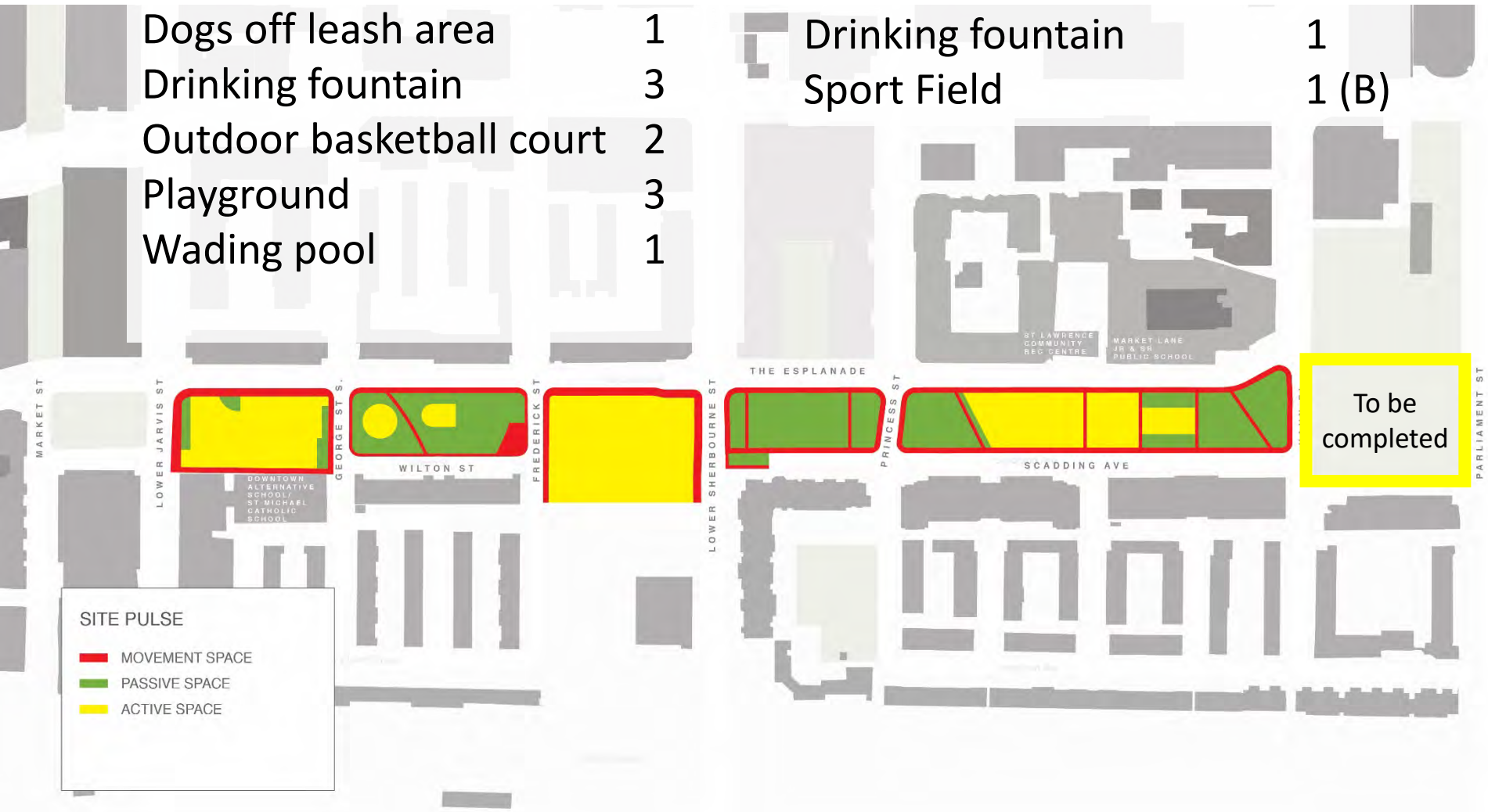
Park Amenities

Crombie Park

Ball diamond	1 (C)
Dogs off leash area	1
Drinking fountain	3
Outdoor basketball court	2
Playground	3
Wading pool	1

Parliament Square Park

Bike trail	1
Drinking fountain	1
Sport Field	1 (B)



SITE PULSE

- MOVEMENT SPACE
- PASSIVE SPACE
- ACTIVE SPACE

Variables for three options



Variables for the Options

	Existing Park	Heritage & Storytelling	The Promenade & 7 Parks	Green Walks and Gardens
Circulation	Edges	Middle	Edges	Middle
Park Blocks	6	3	7	3
Connections		Princess Street Park to new parkette	St. Lawrence to Distillery, Market Lane	South side walk
Heritage	1970s original	Dock and rail heritage	1970s inspired	Water, organic
Water	Wading pool, 2 fountains	Big central feature, small moments	Like today with more play	Garden rooms throughout
School Yards	Open areas, Play structures	Open ground surfaces, multi-level structures	Best of the 70s and today	Garden rooms, structures in the trees
Dogs	Shared	Fenced DOLA	Off site or block 5	Fenced DOLA
Active Sports	Baseball diamond, Parliament Sq. soccer	Parliament Sq. soccer	Dedicated sports	Flex grass area, Parliament Sq. soccer
Programming	Some small moments	Large central plaza, small moments	Amphitheatre plaza, small moments	Small moments, flexible pavilions
Pavilion/ Washrooms	None	Large	None	Small

Park Amenities in the Options

	Existing Park	Heritage & Storytelling	The Promenade & 7 Parks	Green Walks and Gardens
Playground Equipment	3 areas	3 areas (larger) Fitness circuit	3 areas	3 areas
Playground Areas	2	2	2	2
Baseball	1	-	1	-
Soccer	1	1	potential	1 + multi-use grass
Basketball	2	1+	1+	1+
Dog off leash area	Shared	Fenced DOLA	None or replace garden block	Fenced DOLA
Water features for play	1 wading pool 1 fountain	3	3	4
Water fountain only	1	2	-	-
Passive areas/lawns	4	3	5	3
Horticultural display areas	1	3	1	5
Softscape	60%	40%	45%	60%
Hardscape	40%	60%	55%	40%

Public Art in the Options

- a **public art strategy** and identify opportunities for public art in the final report/master plan
- The public art strategy will propose opportunities for **contemporary Indigenous artists**
- public art will be an integral part of the detail design stage that will **follow this master plan**
- The City recognizes the role of community art in the park and also sees an opportunity for **formal public art that is organized by the Economic Development and Culture division** and adds to the public art collection of the City



Three options

Heritage and Story Telling
The Promenade & 7 Parks
Garden Walks & Gardens



Heritage & Storytelling

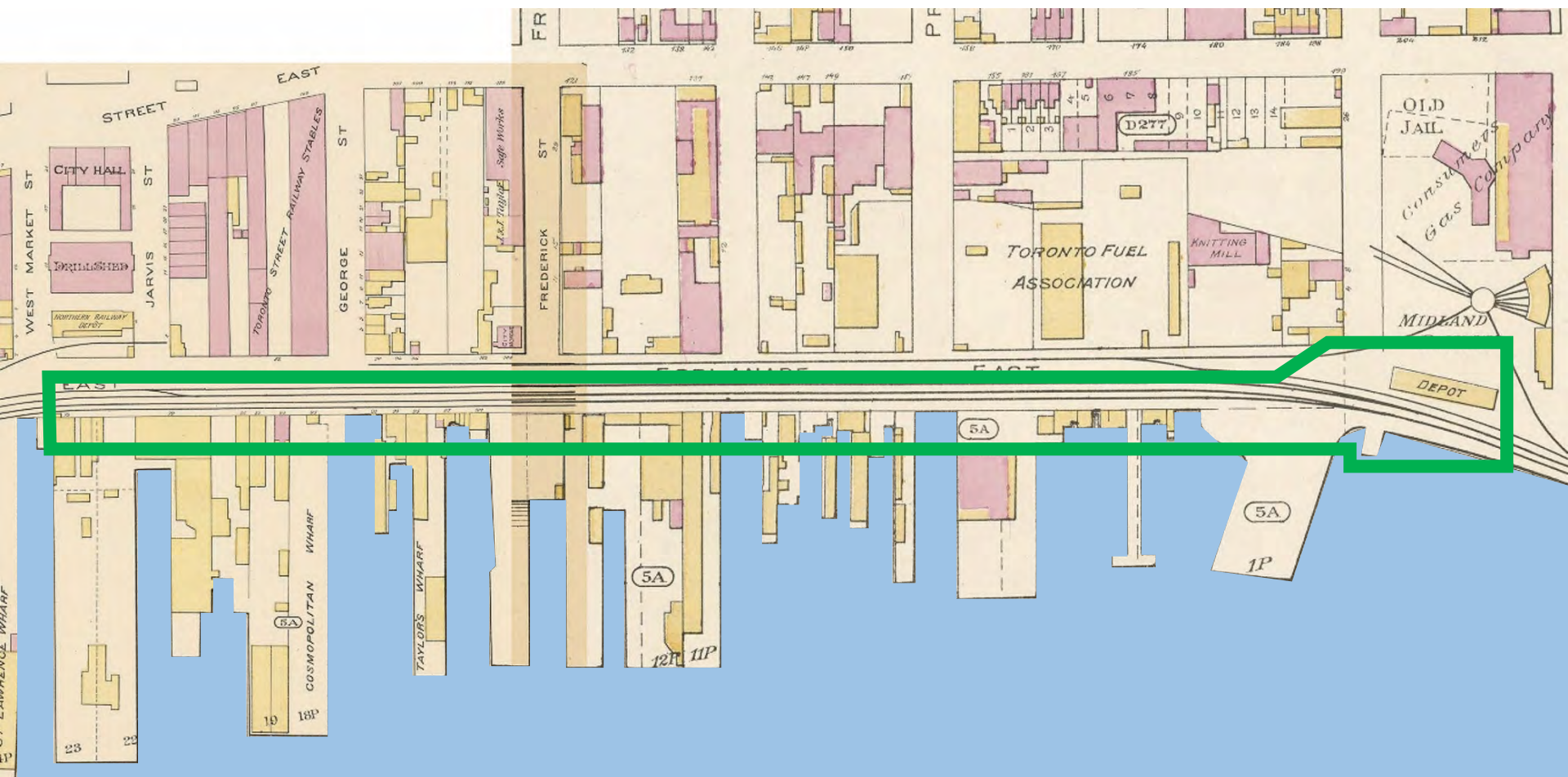
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Programming	Large central plaza, small moments
Pavilion/ Washrooms	Large

	Heritage & Storytelling
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Baseball	-
Soccer	1
Basketball	1+
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Softscape	40%
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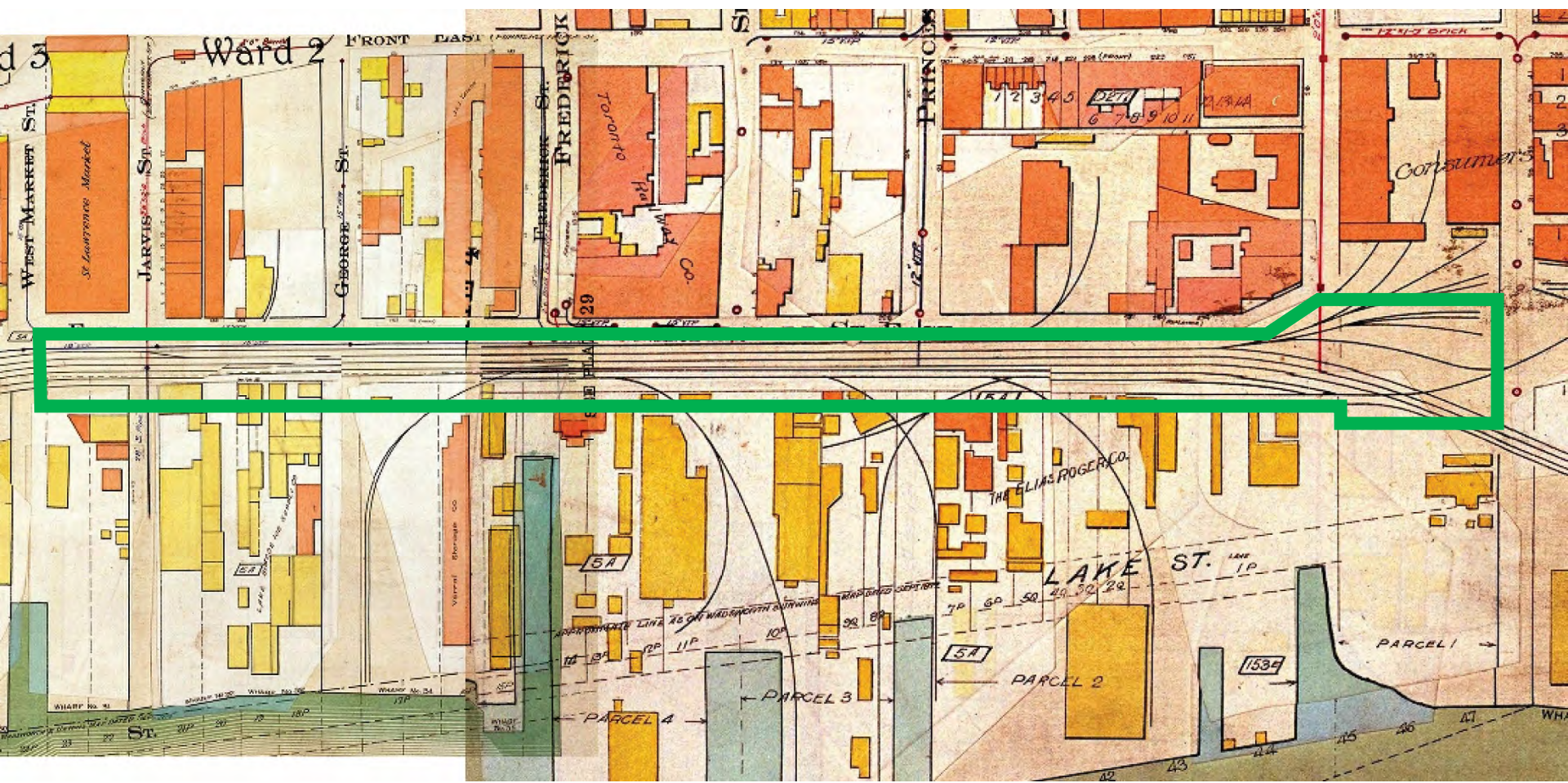
1818 lake bottom



1884 wharves and docks



1923 rail lines



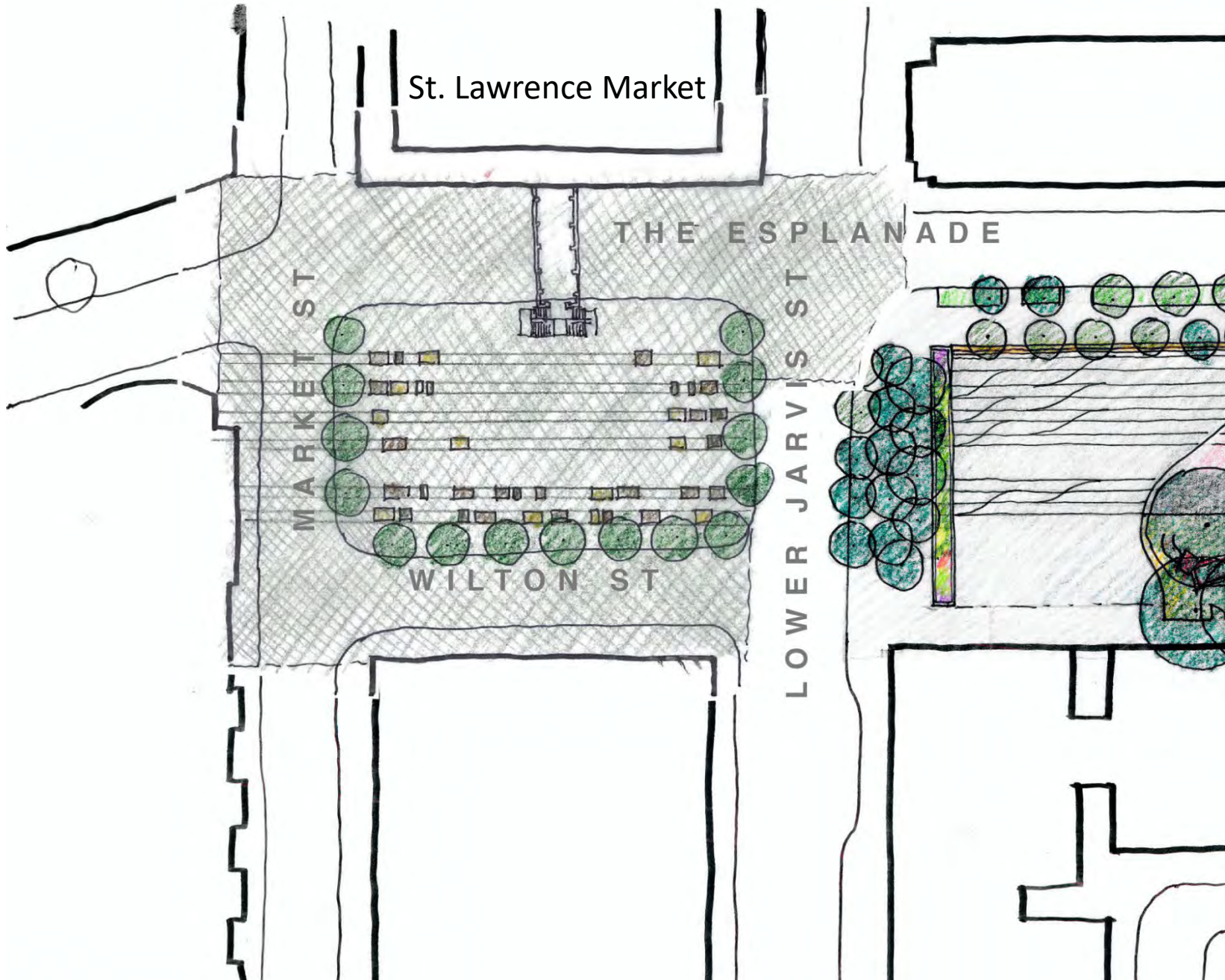
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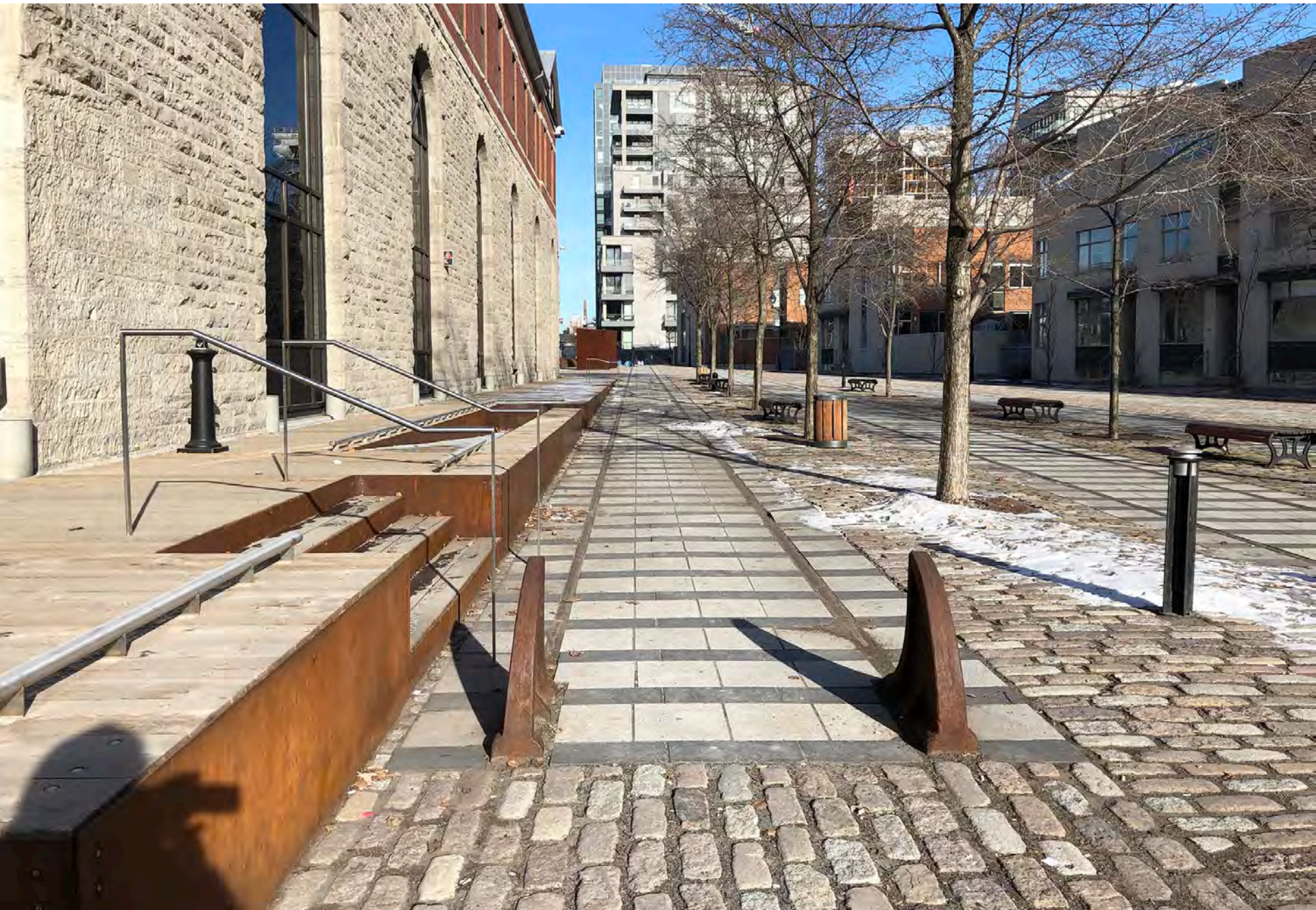
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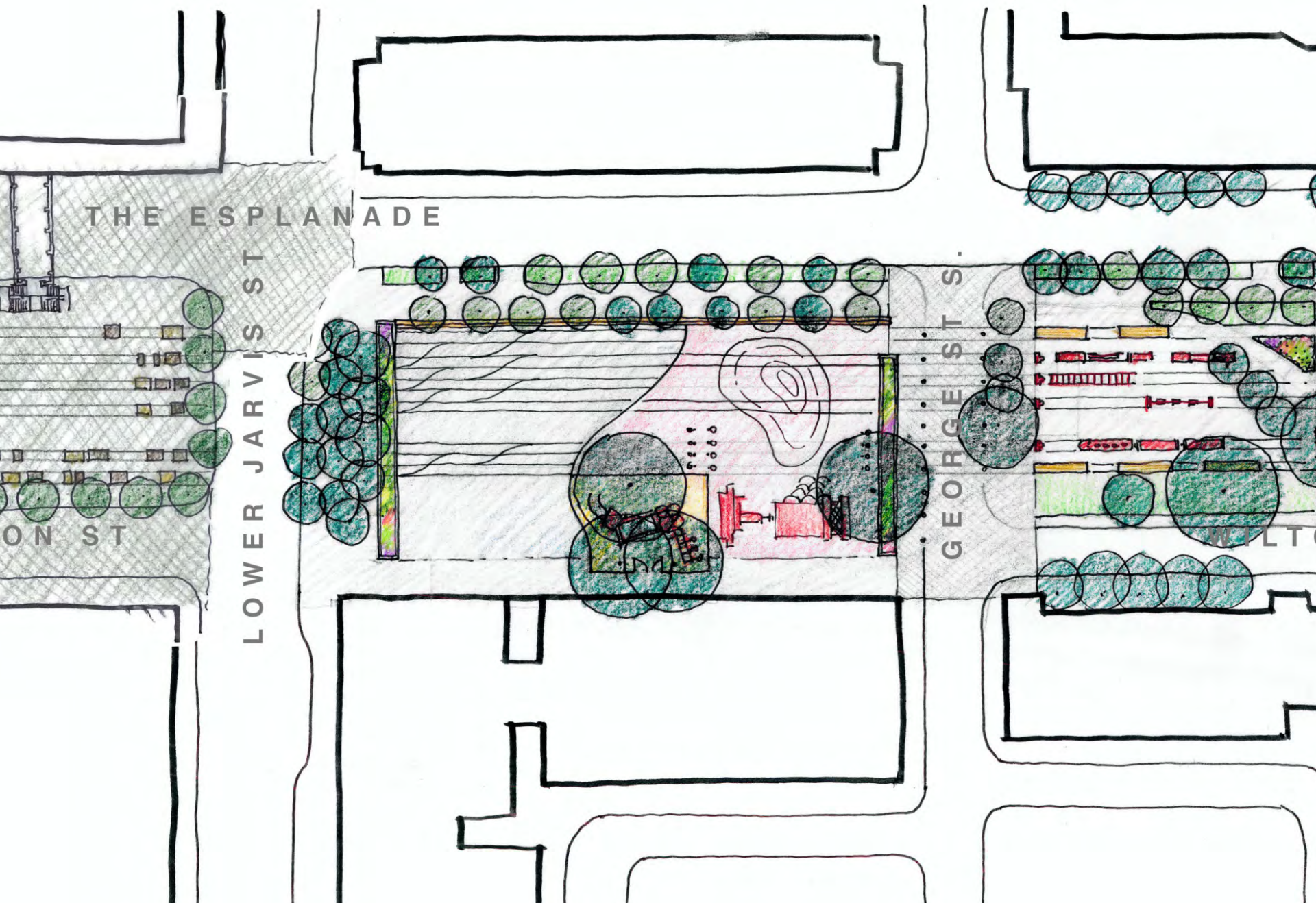


Rail heritage interpretation precedent



Moveable furniture precedent





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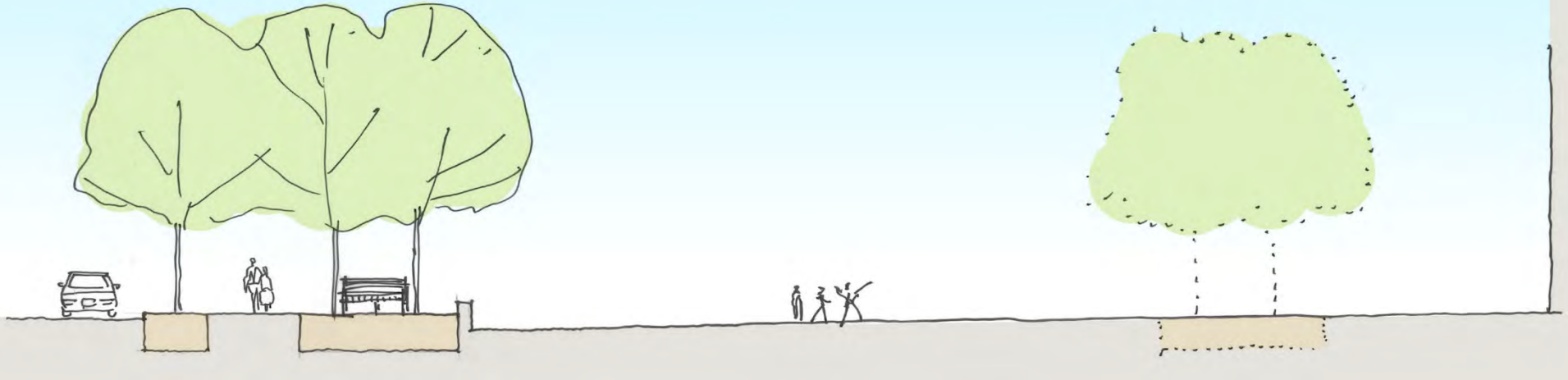
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Potential to re-grade school yard

Existing Condition



Potential Condition



View of existing school at DAS/St. Michael



View of potential school yard at DAS/St. Michael



No steps, gently sloping to play area



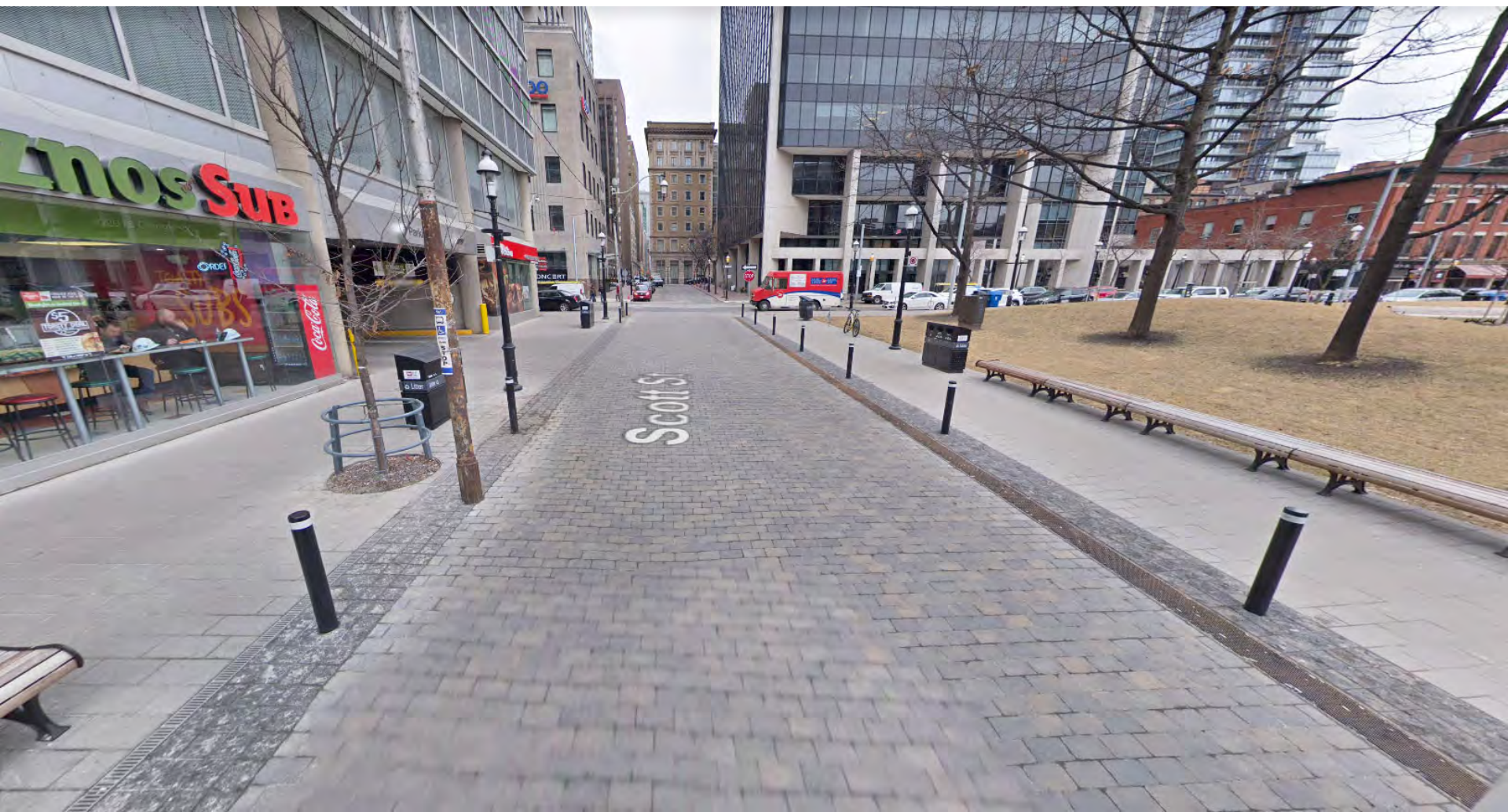
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Street treatment precedent



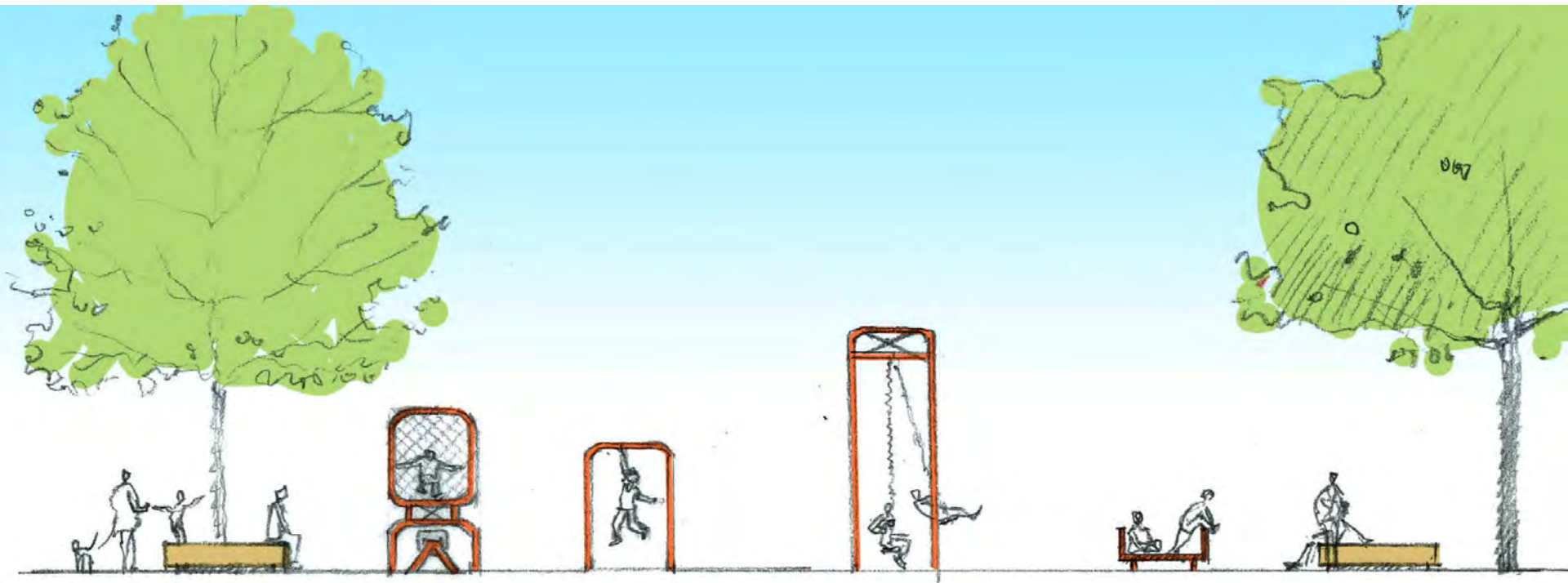
Playground character precedent – linear elements



Playground character precedent – linear elements



Playground character potential



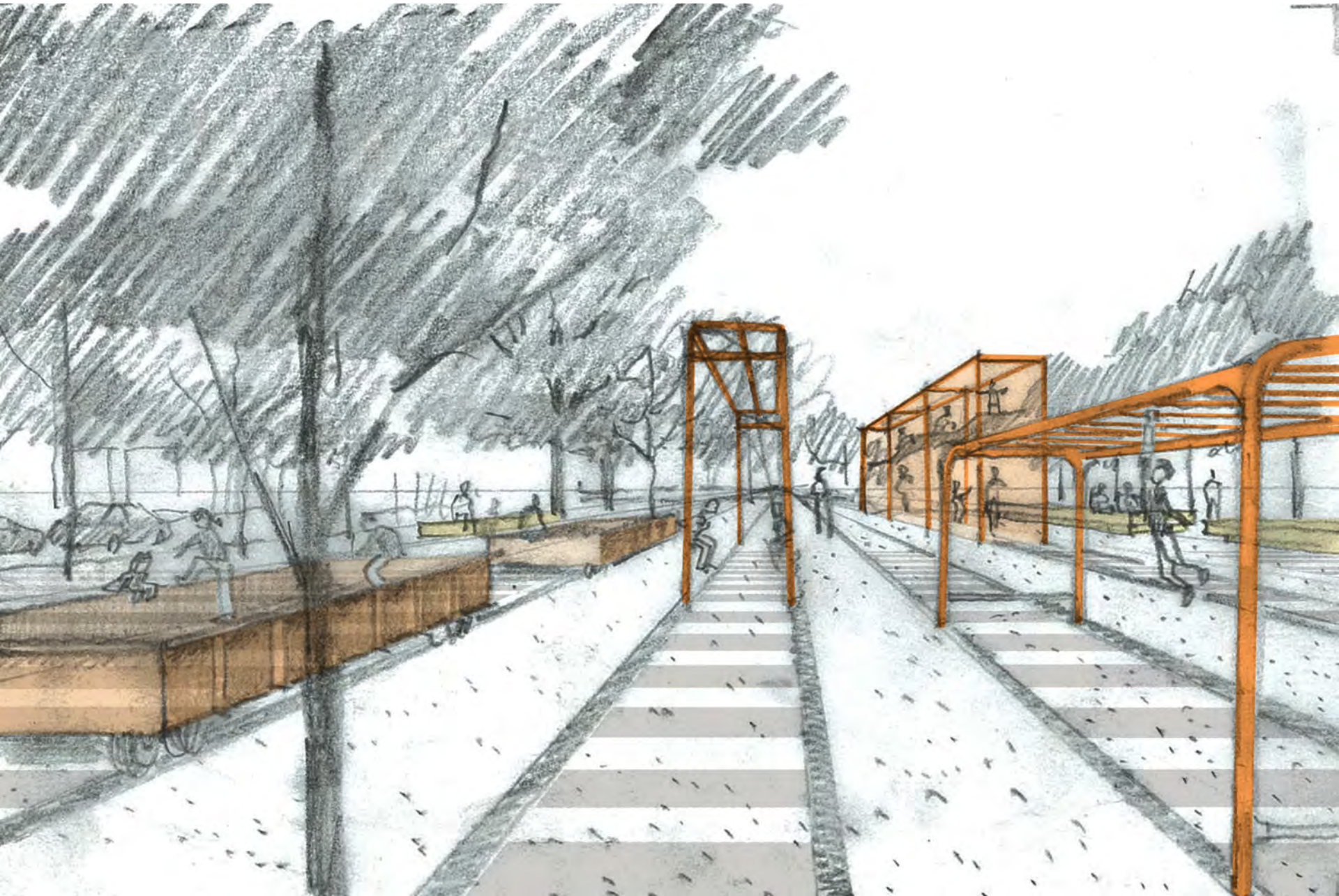
Activities for youth, adults and seniors



View at existing wading pool

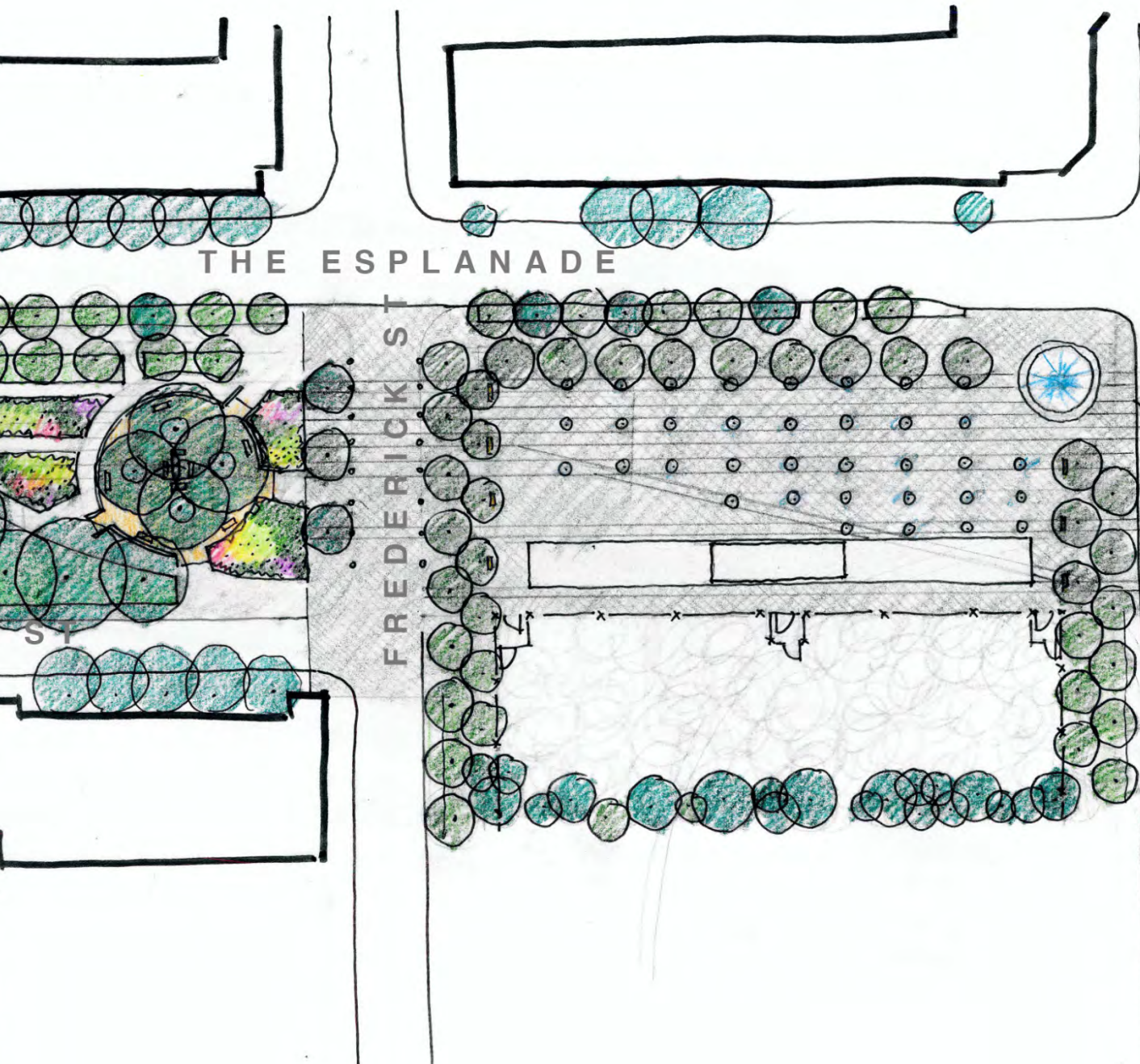


View of potential playground

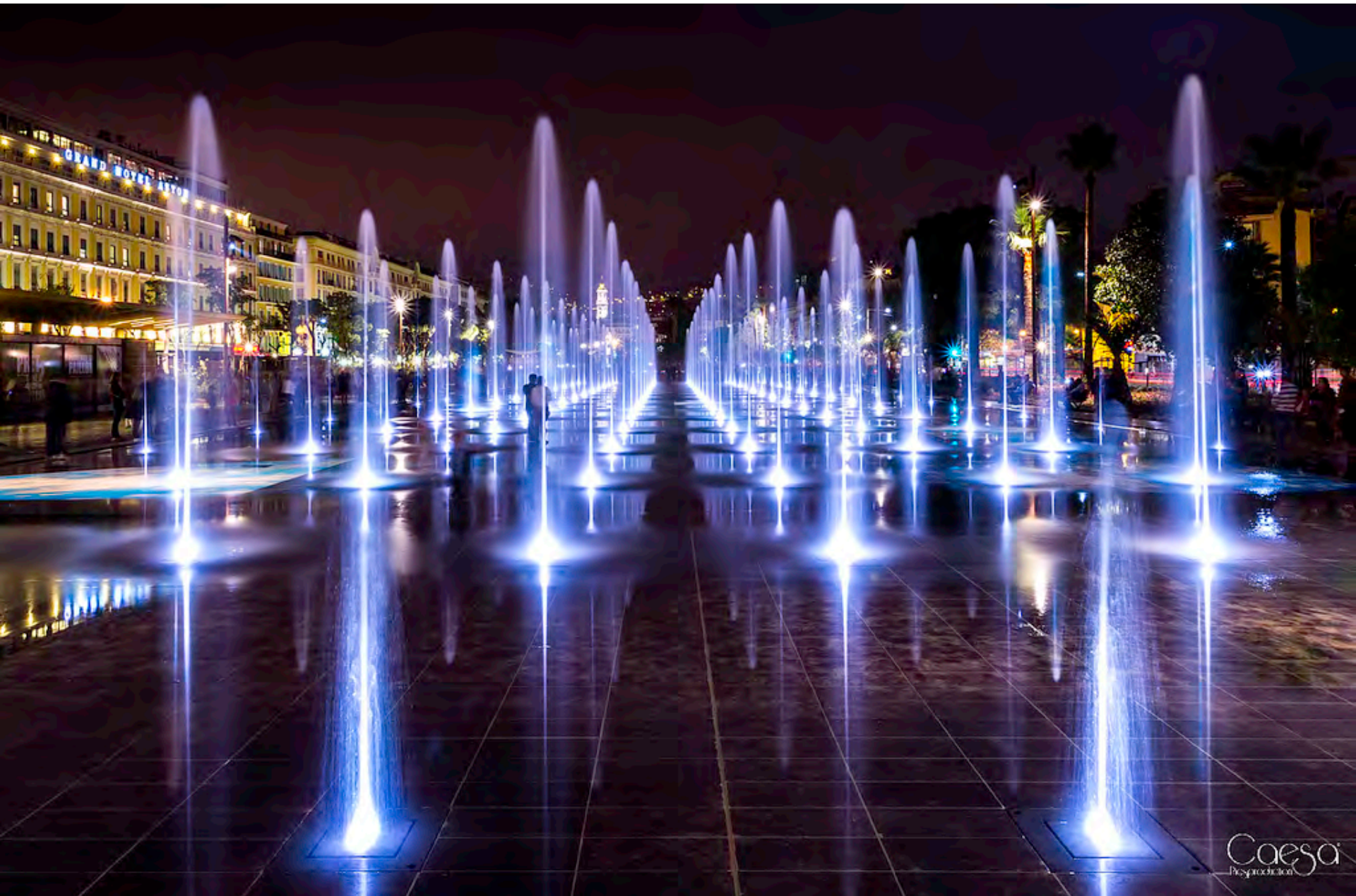


Garden walkway precedent





Water play/public space precedent



Water play/public space precedent



Winter activities precedent



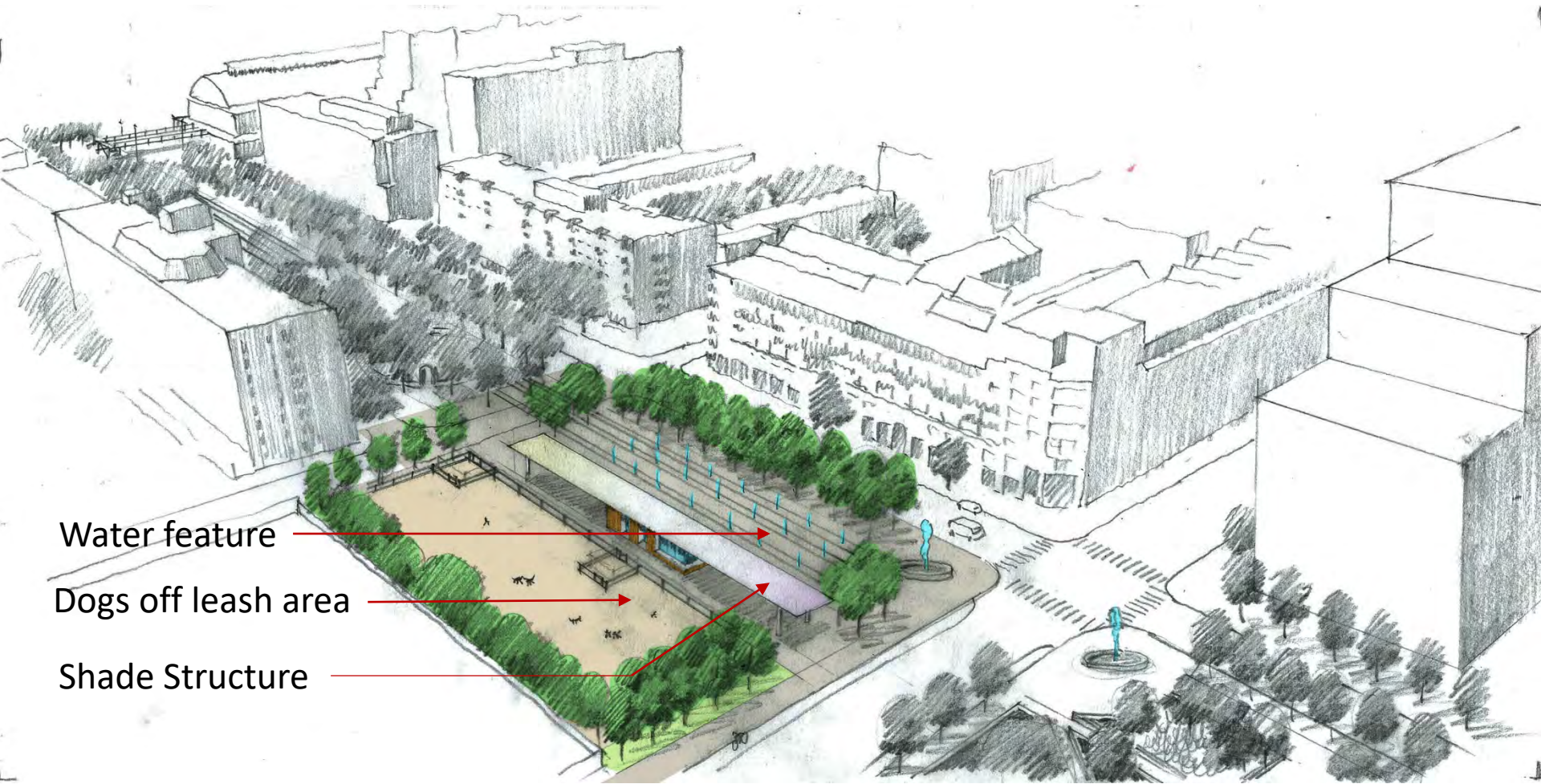
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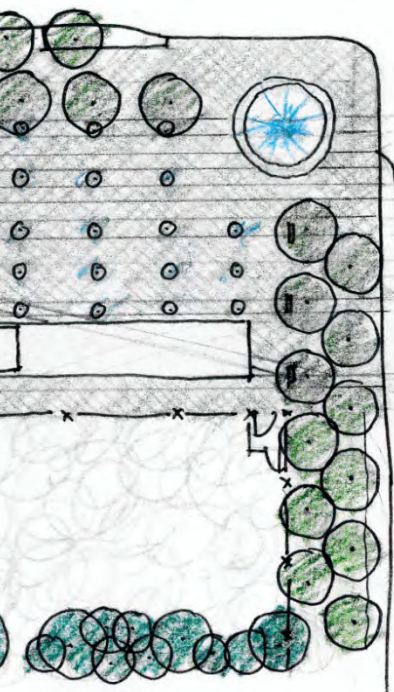
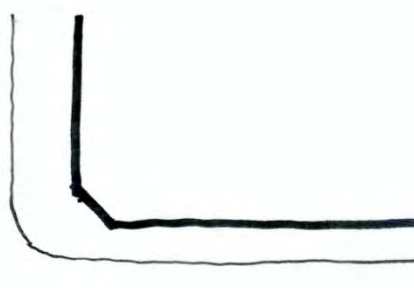
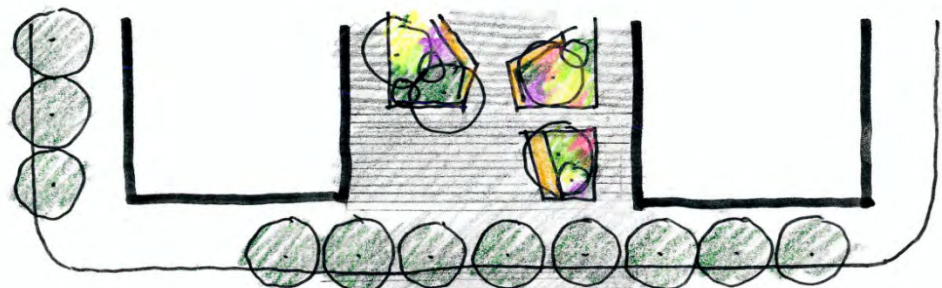
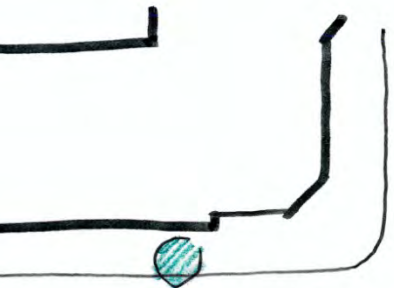


View above existing baseball and DOLA



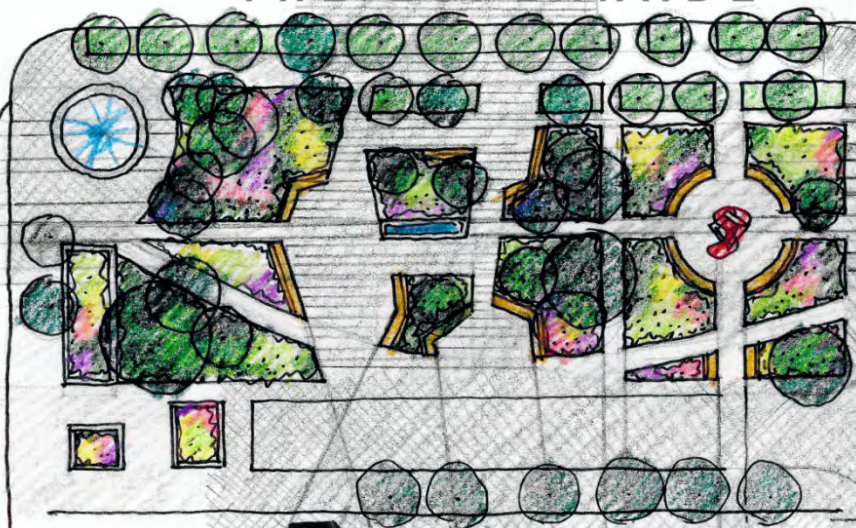
View above potential water plaza and DOLA



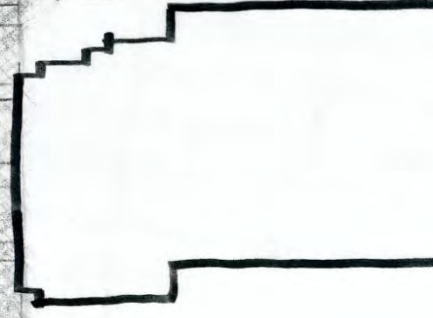
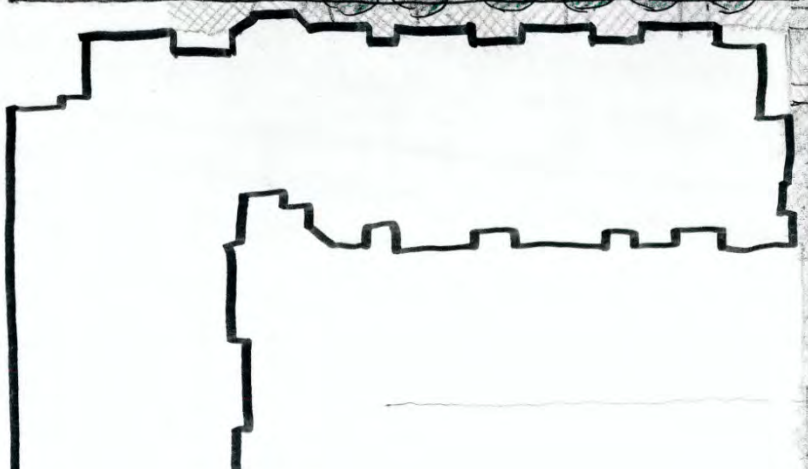
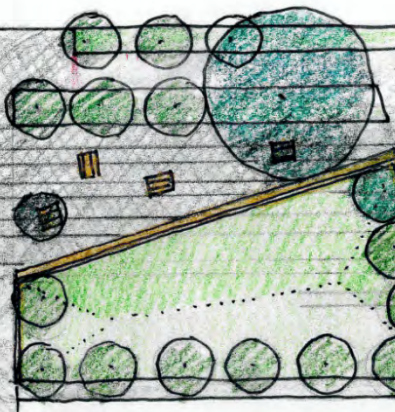


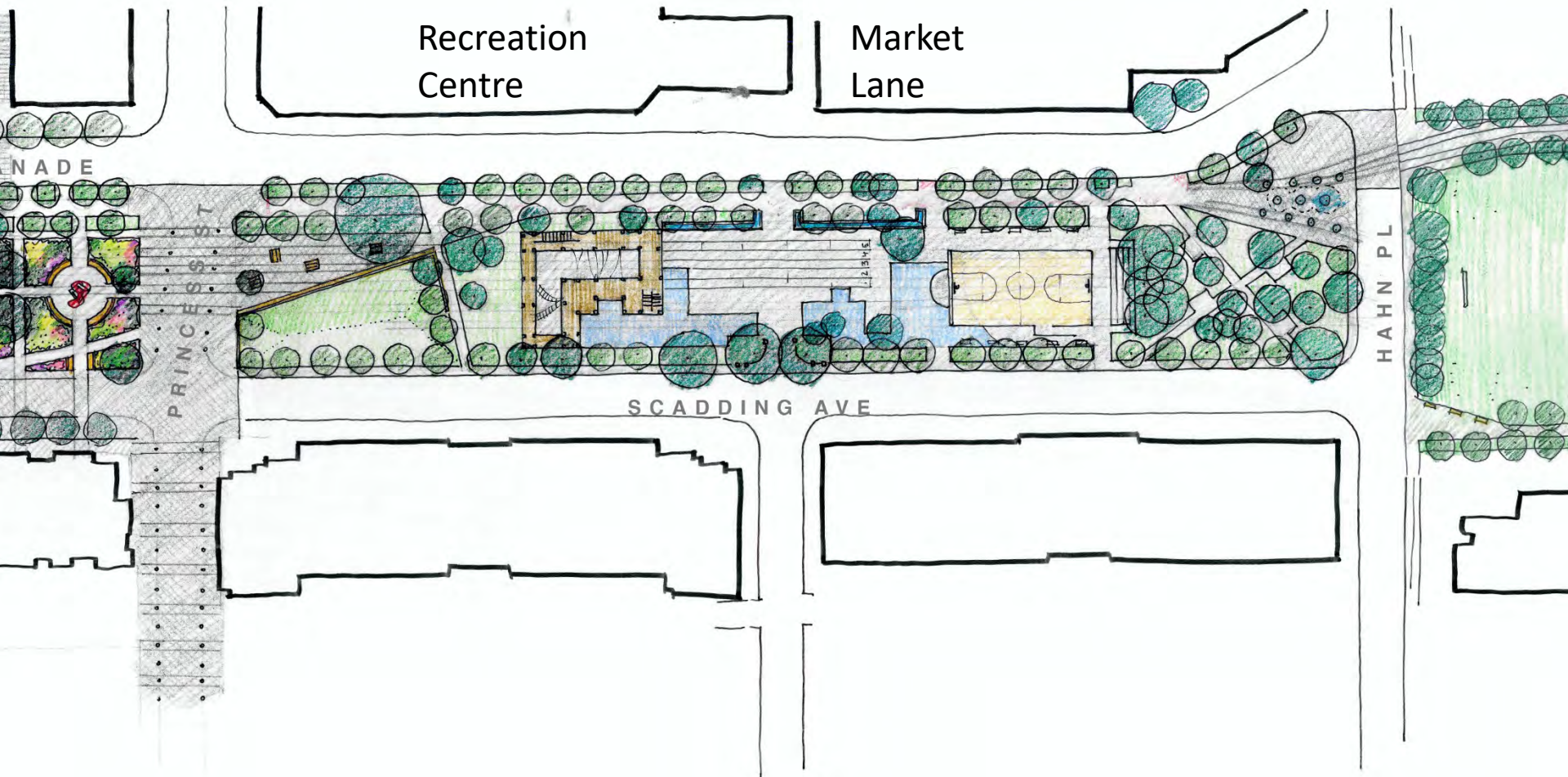
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Outdoor room precedent

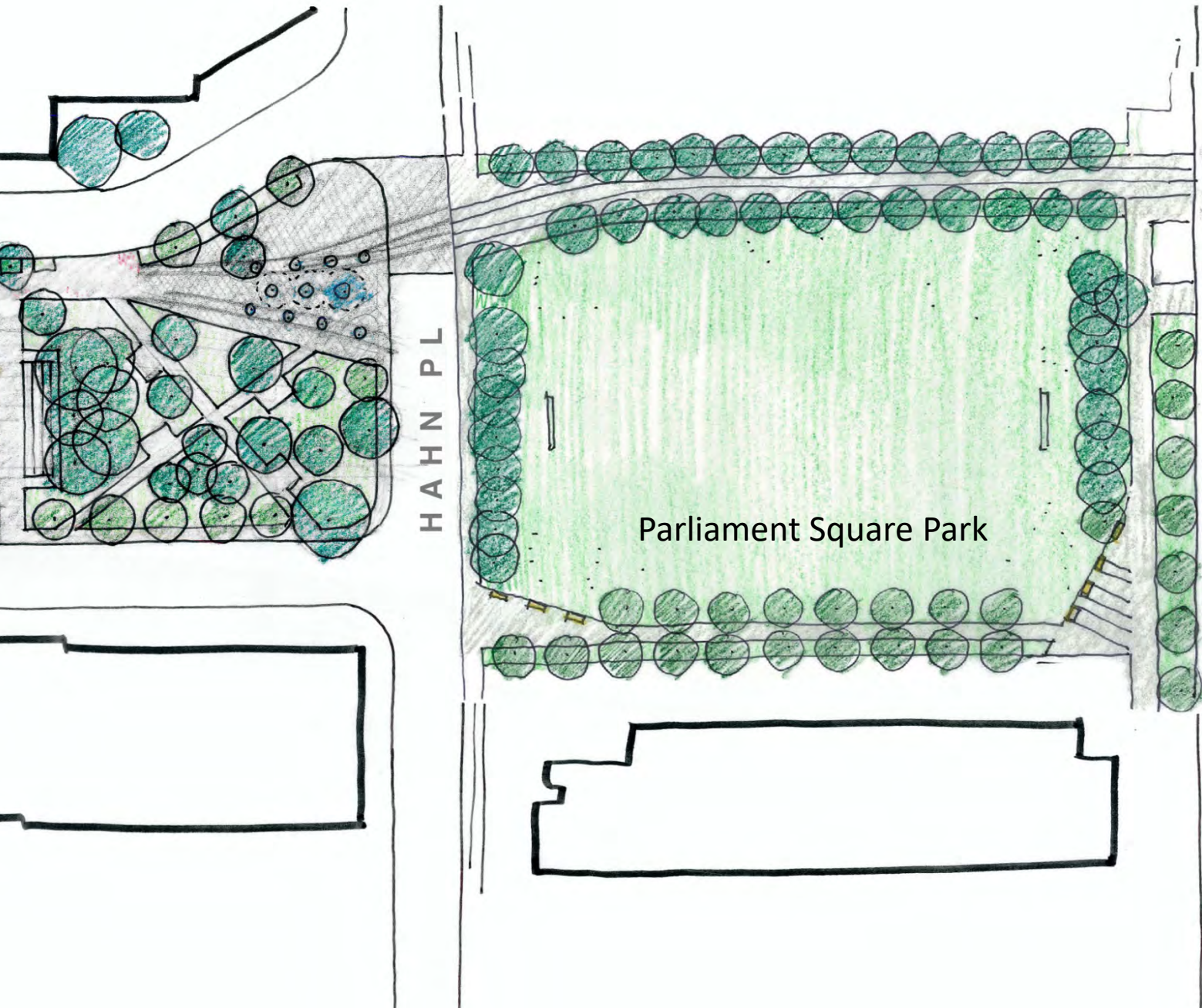


View along Esplanade near crosswalk at Market Lane



Potential view along Esplanade near crosswalk at Market Lane





HAHN PL

Parliament Square Park

PARLIAMENT ST

The Promenade & 7 Parks

	The Promenade & 7 Parks
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Softscape	45%
Hardscape	55%



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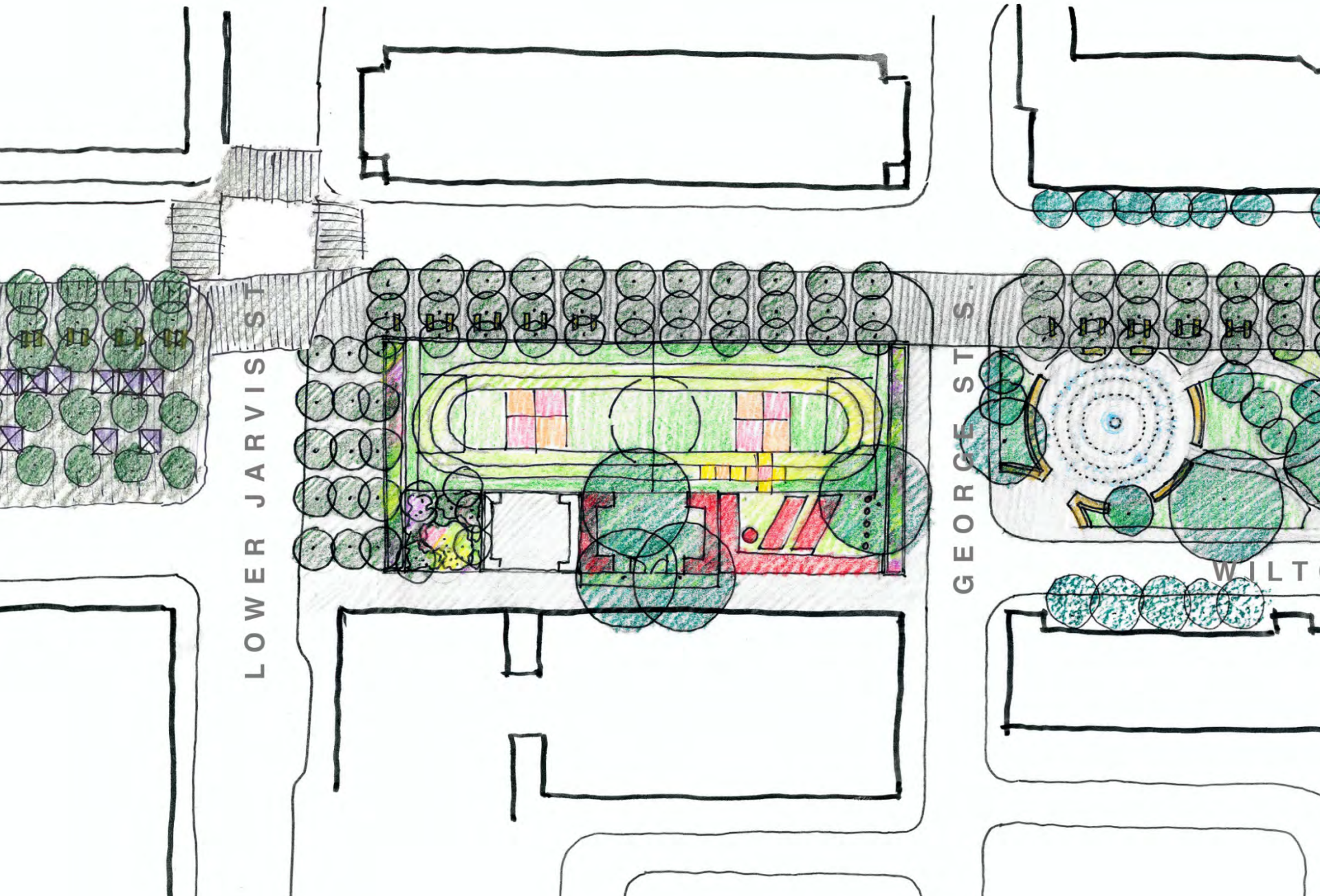
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Promenade character precedent



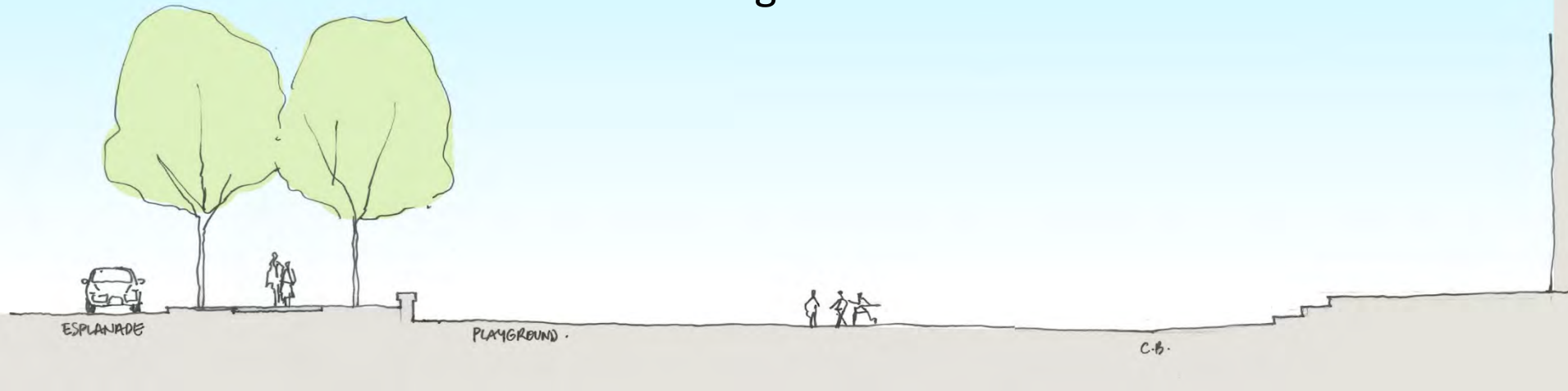
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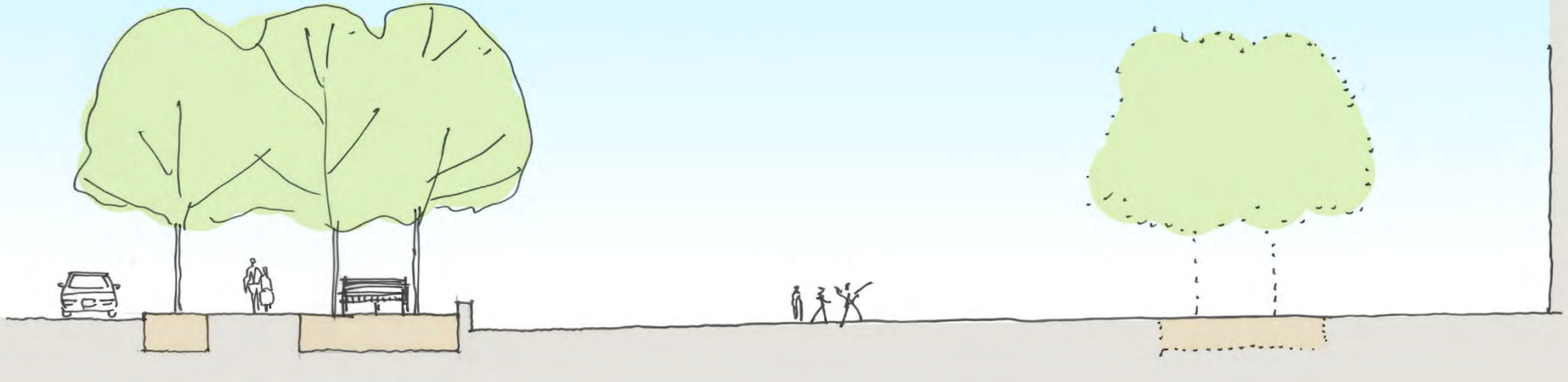


Potential to re-grade school yard

Existing Condition



Potential Condition



School yards – surface treatment precedent



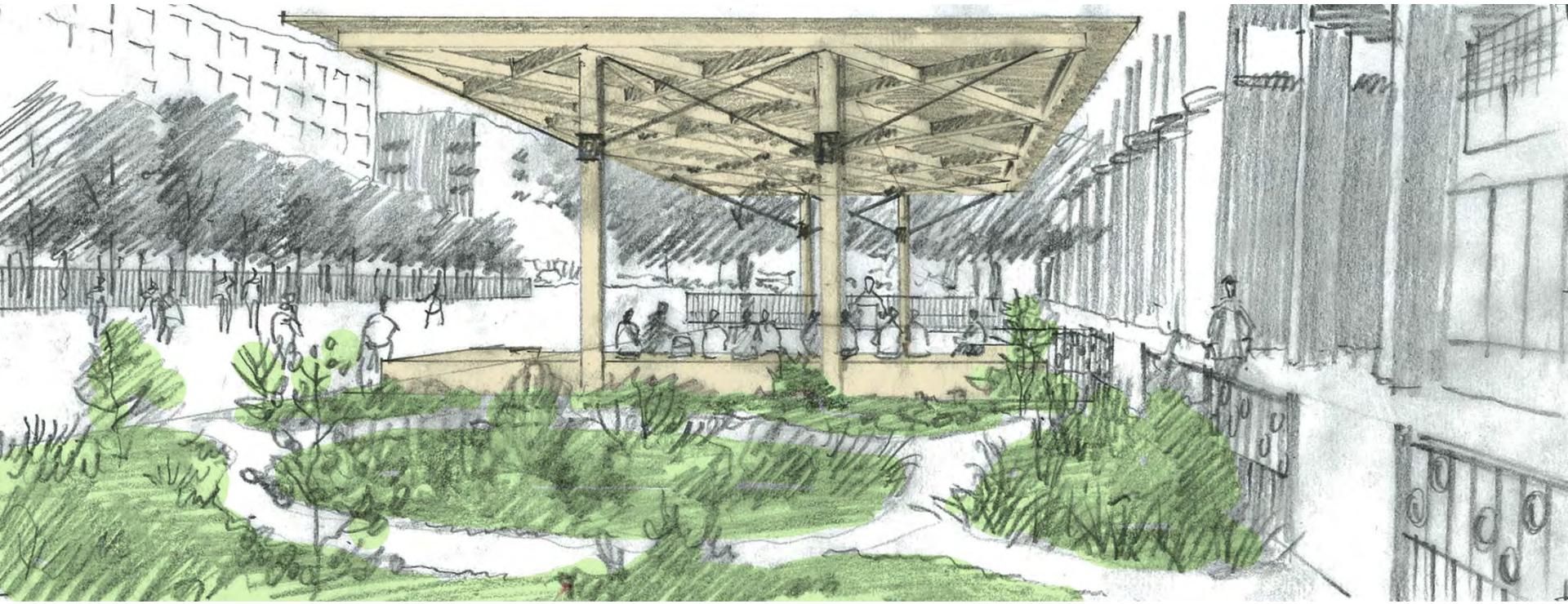
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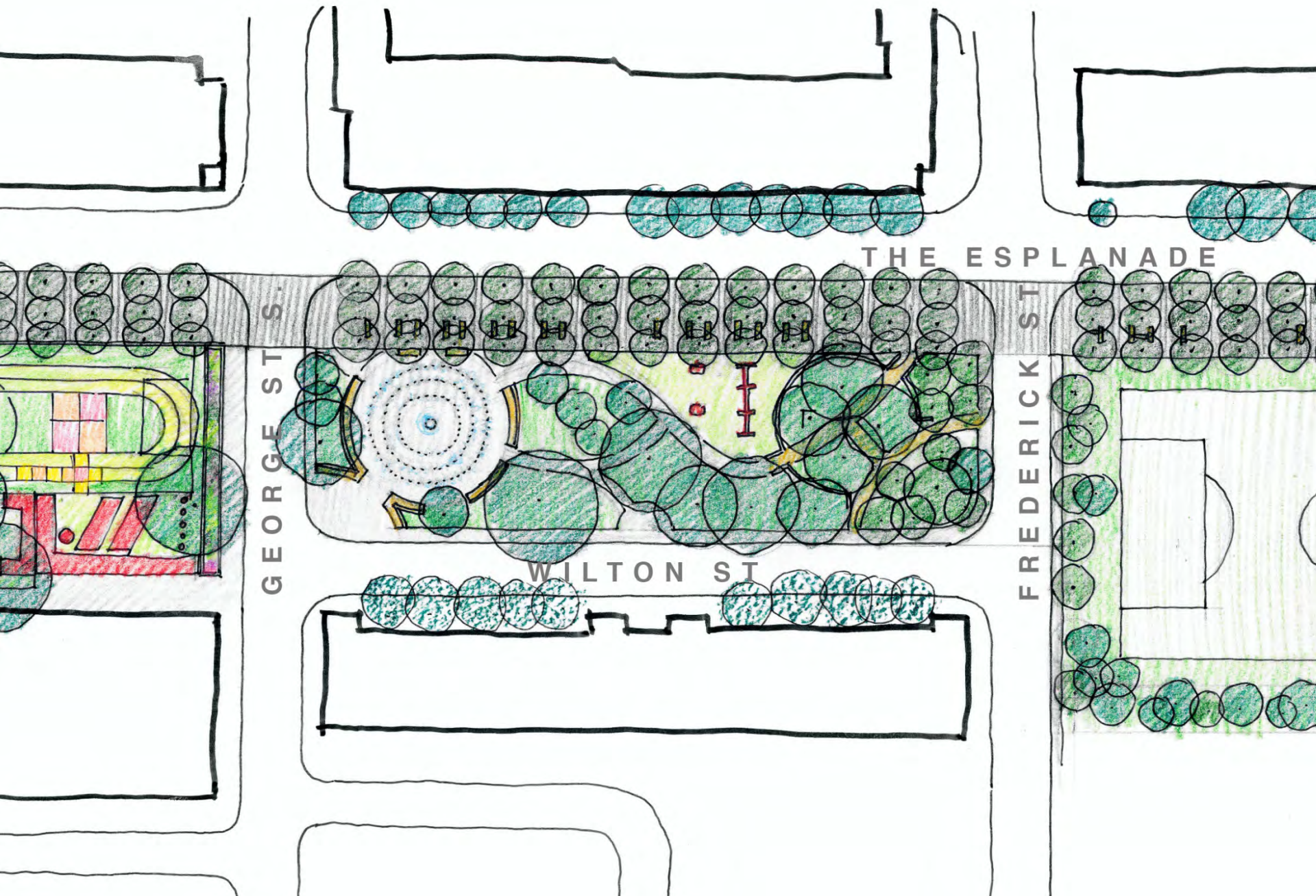
View of existing school at DAS/St. Michael



View of potential school yard at DAS/St. Michael



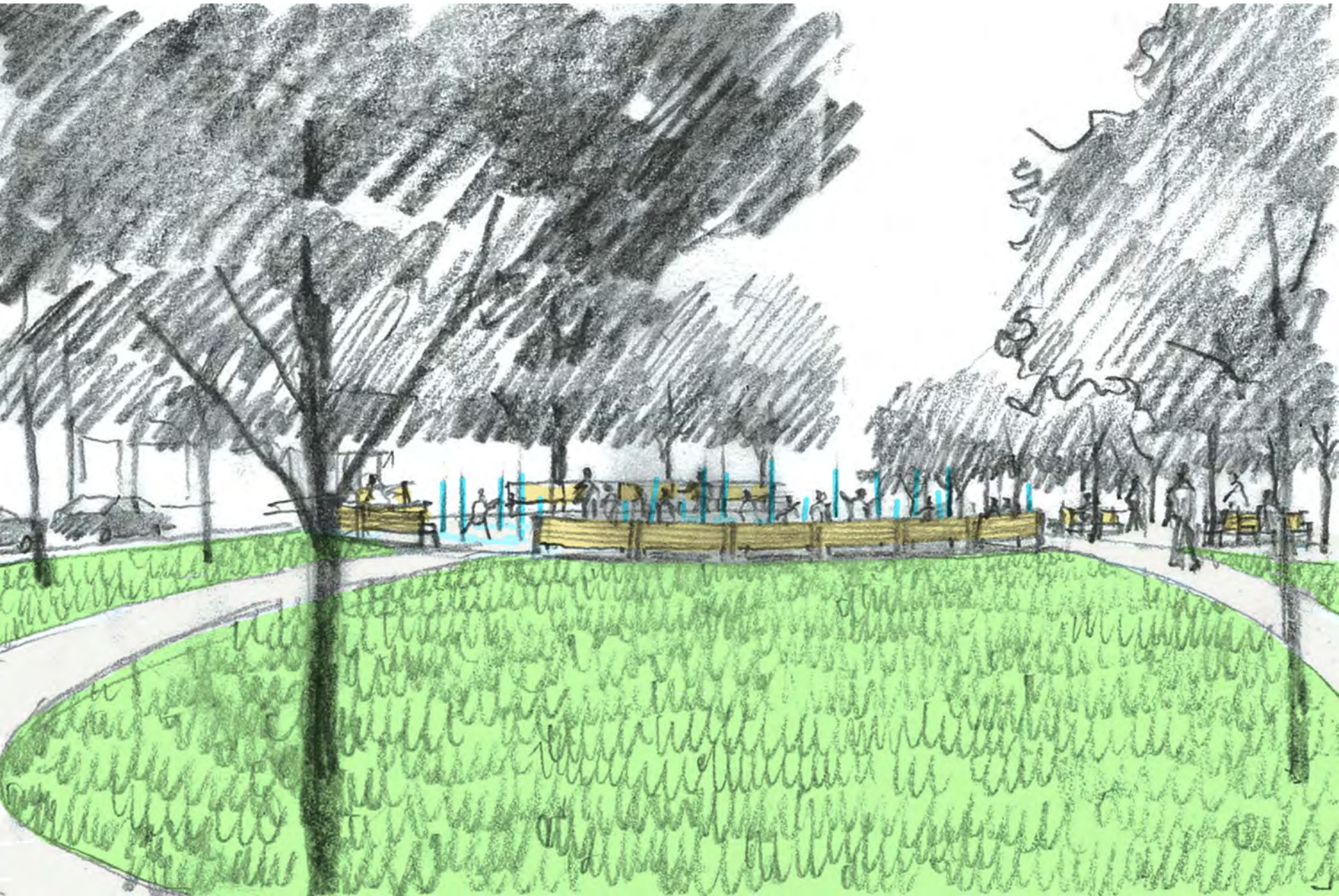
Garden/outdoor classroom along building edge with open/flexible play space



View at existing wading pool



View of potential splash area





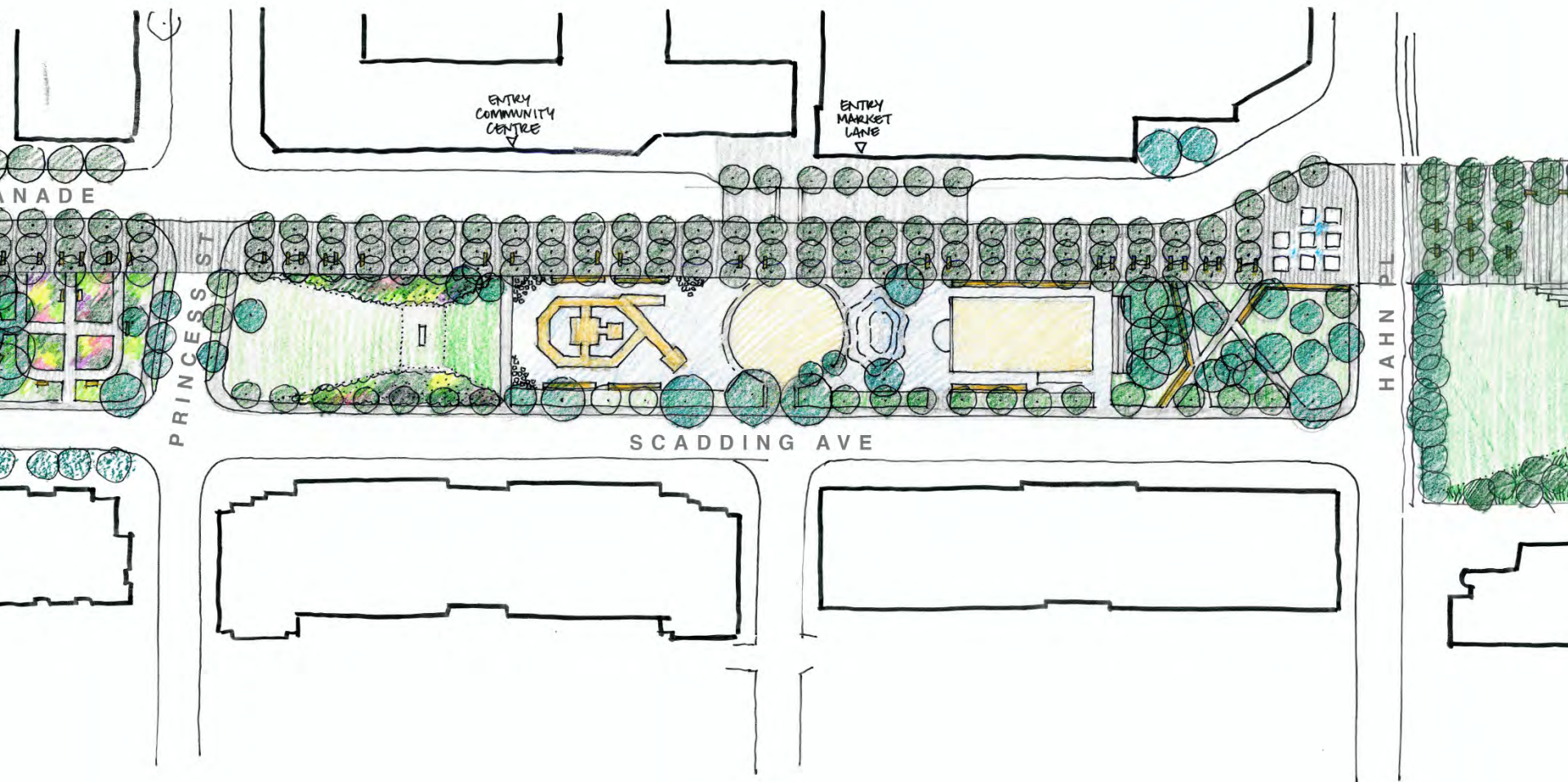
View above existing baseball and DOLA



View above potential sports field with
strong frame of trees







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Playground character precedent

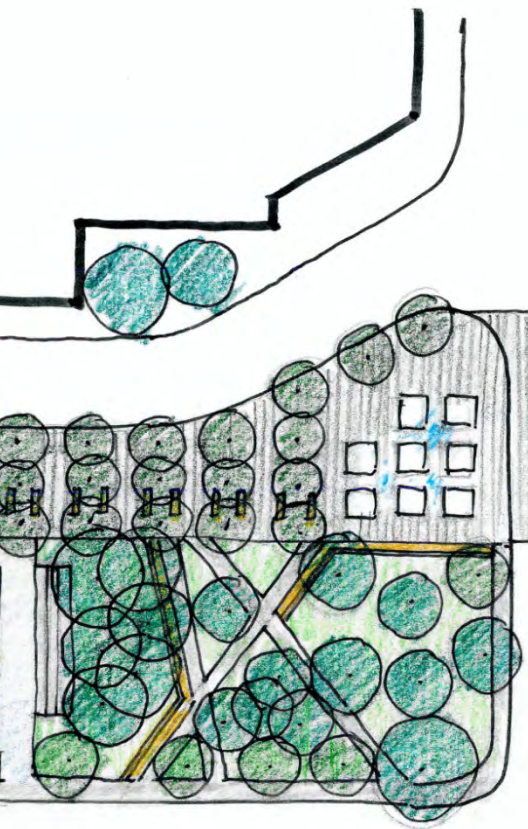


View along Esplanade near crosswalk at Market Lane

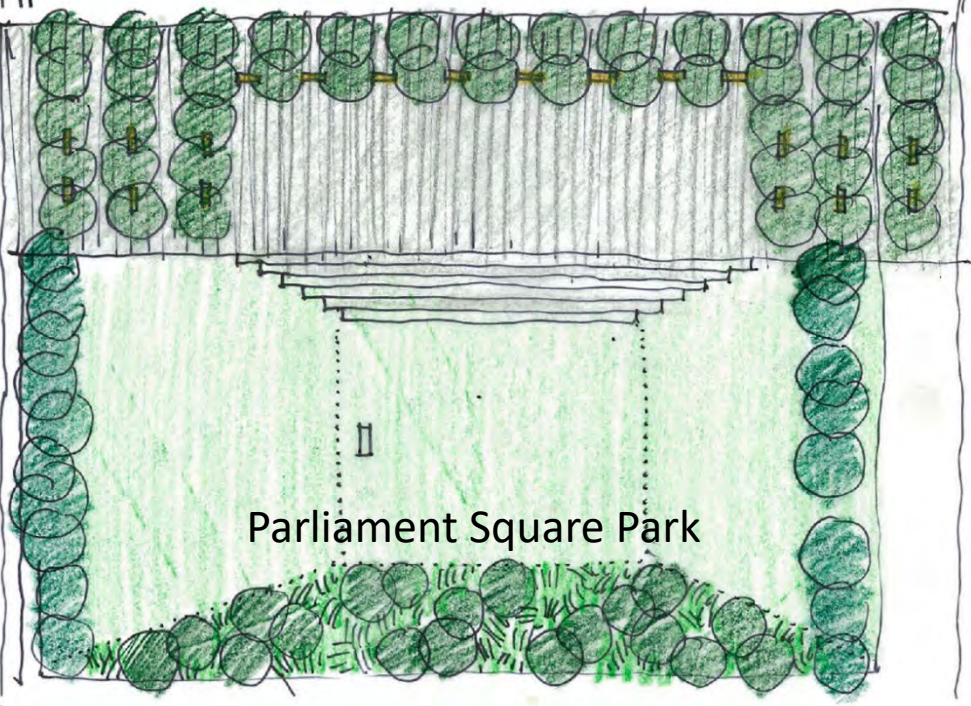


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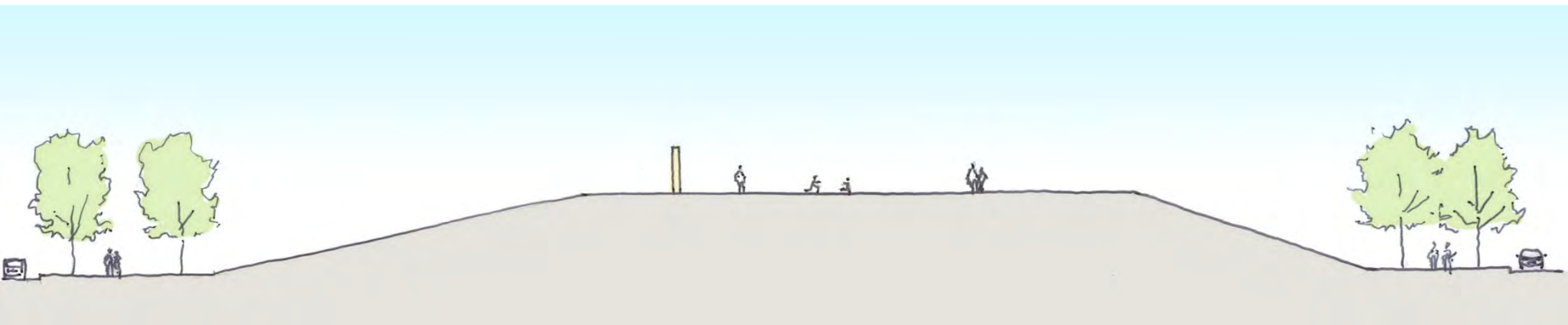


Parliament Square Park

PARLIAMENT ST



Potential viewing mound



Winter activities precedent



Green Walks & Gardens

	Green Walks and Gardens
Circulation	Middle
Park Blocks	3
Connections	South side walk
Heritage	Water, organic
Water	Garden rooms throughout
School Yards	Garden rooms, structures in the trees
Dogs	Fenced DOLA
Active Sports	Flex grass area, Parliament Sq. soccer
Programming	Small moments, flexible pavilions
Pavilion/ Washrooms	Small

	Green Walks and Gardens
Playground Equipment	3 areas
Playground Areas	2
Baseball	-
Soccer	1 + multi-use grass
Basketball	1+
Dog off leash area	Fenced DOLA
Water features for play	4
Water fountain only	-
Passive areas/lawns	3
Horticultural display areas	5
Softscape	60%
Hardscape	40%

Walks and Gardens





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Garden rooms precedent

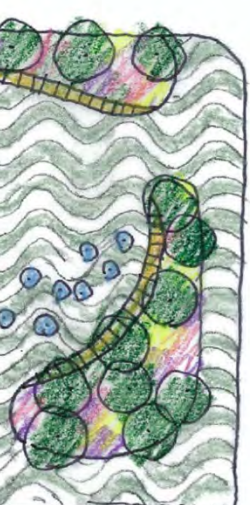
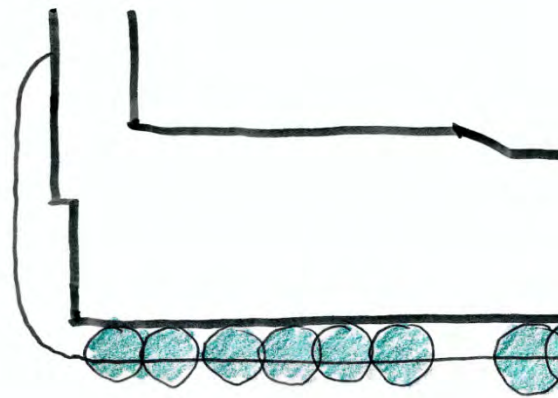
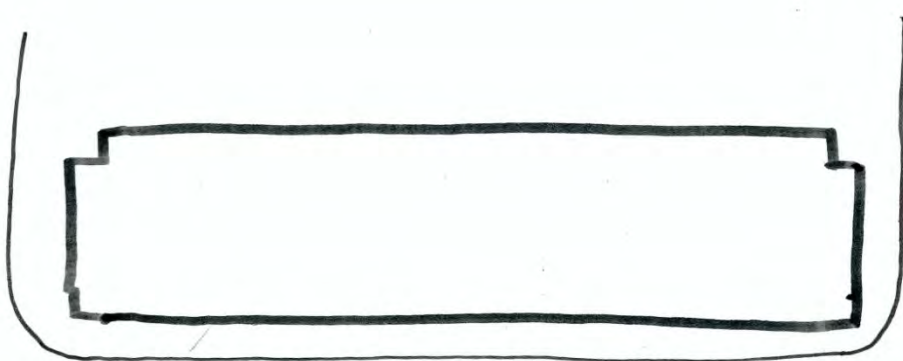
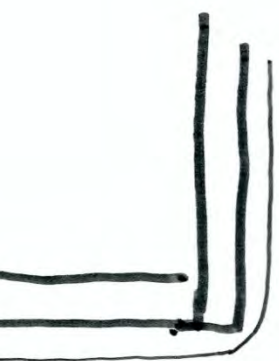


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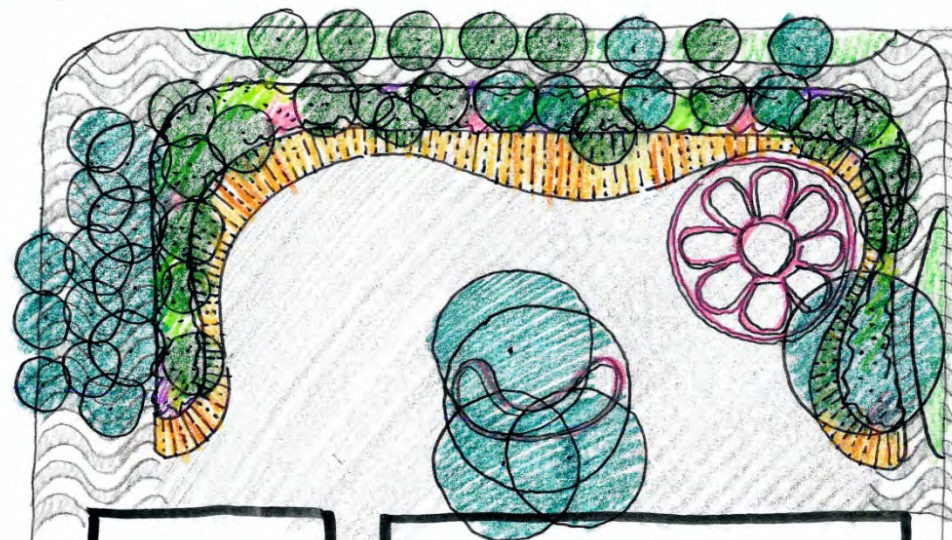


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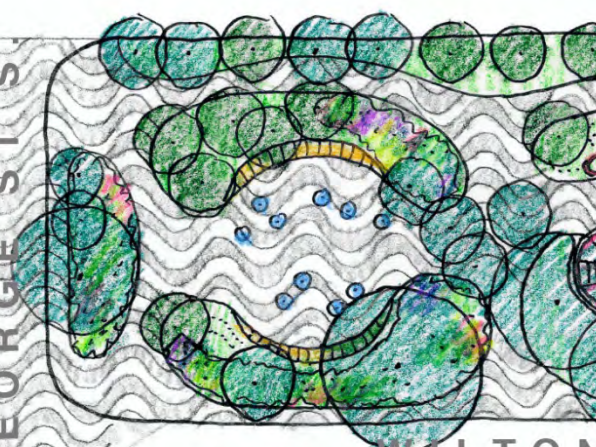




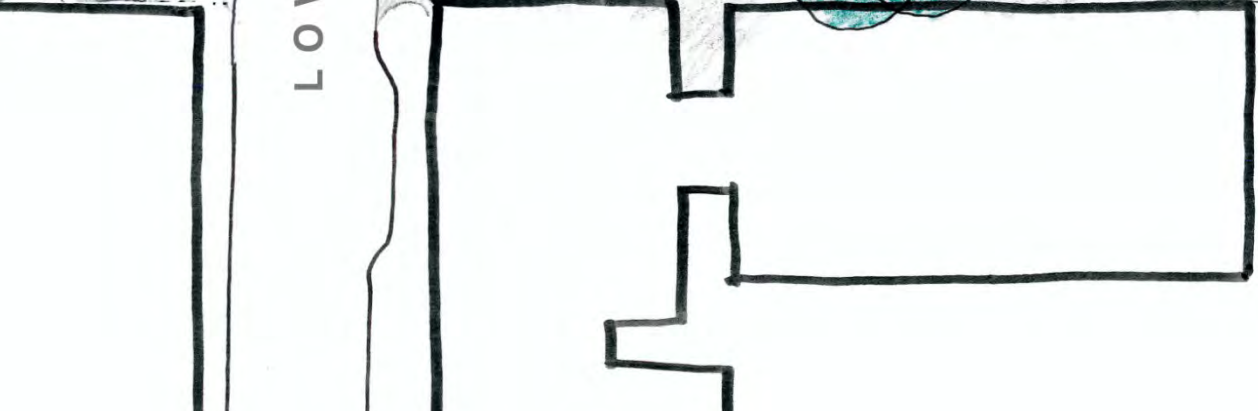
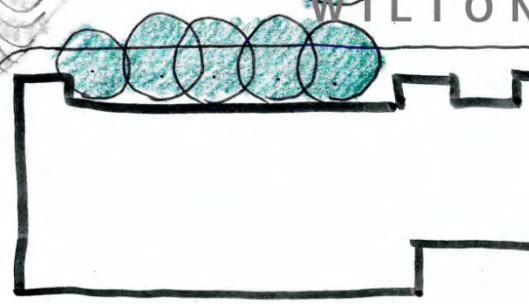
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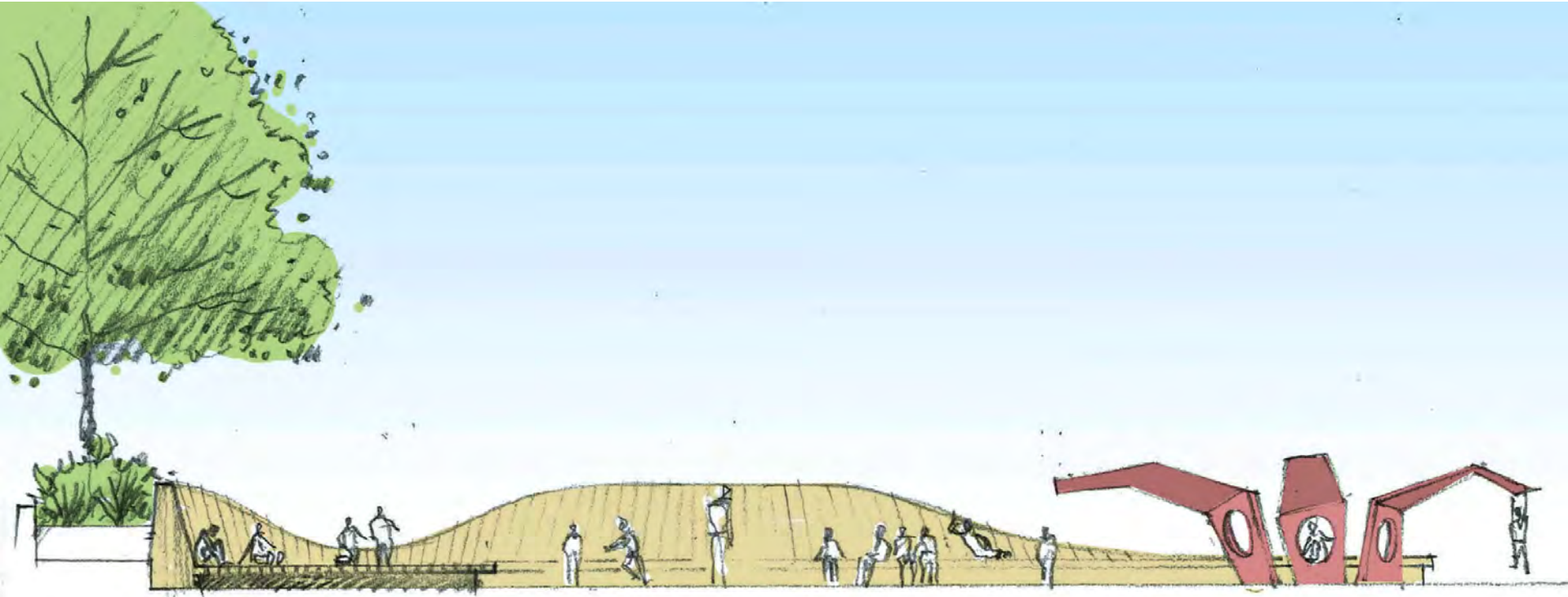
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Play edge at DAS/St. Michael's precedent



Playground character potential

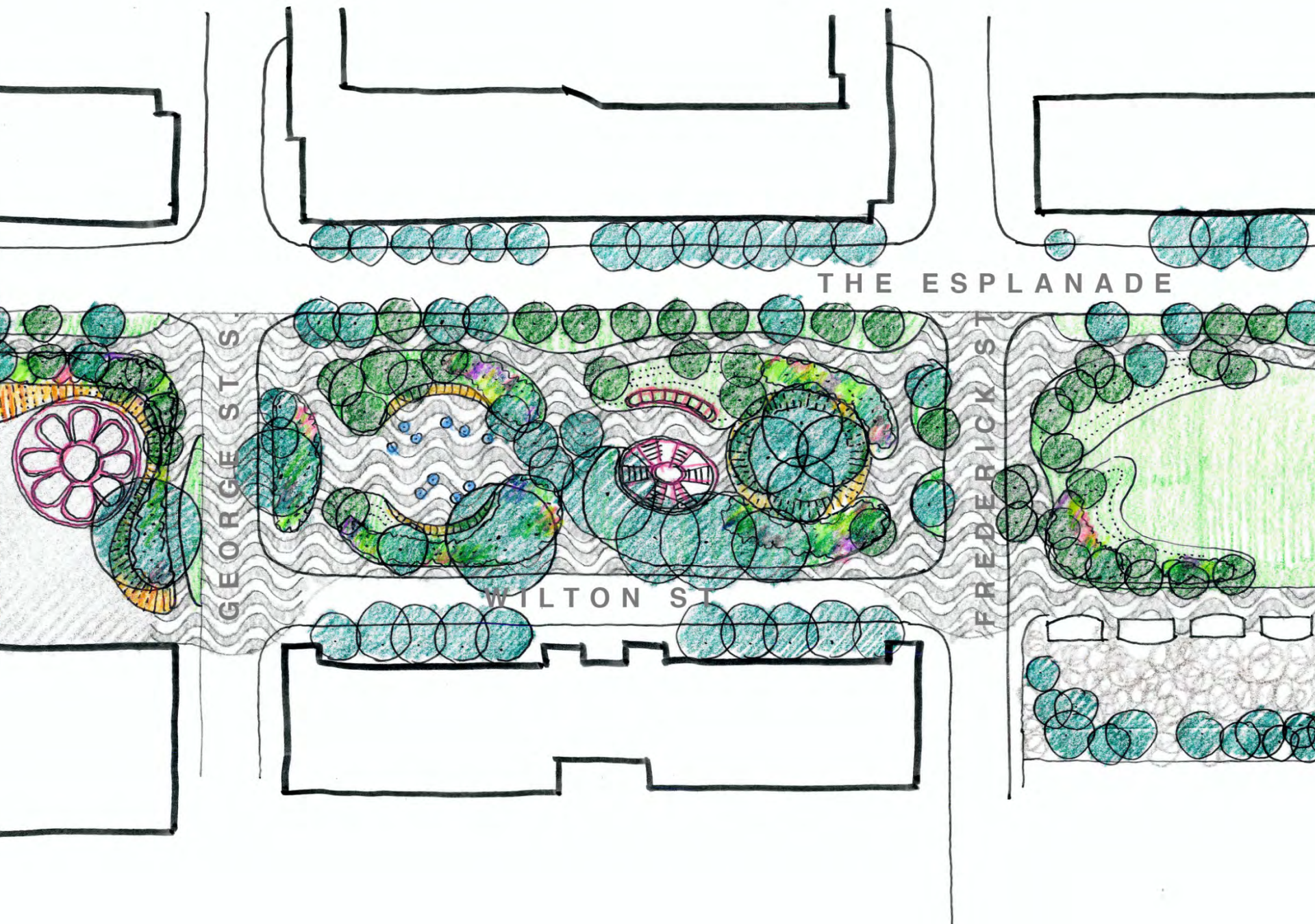


View of existing school at DAS/St. Michael



View of potential school yard at DAS/St. Michael





Street treatment precedent



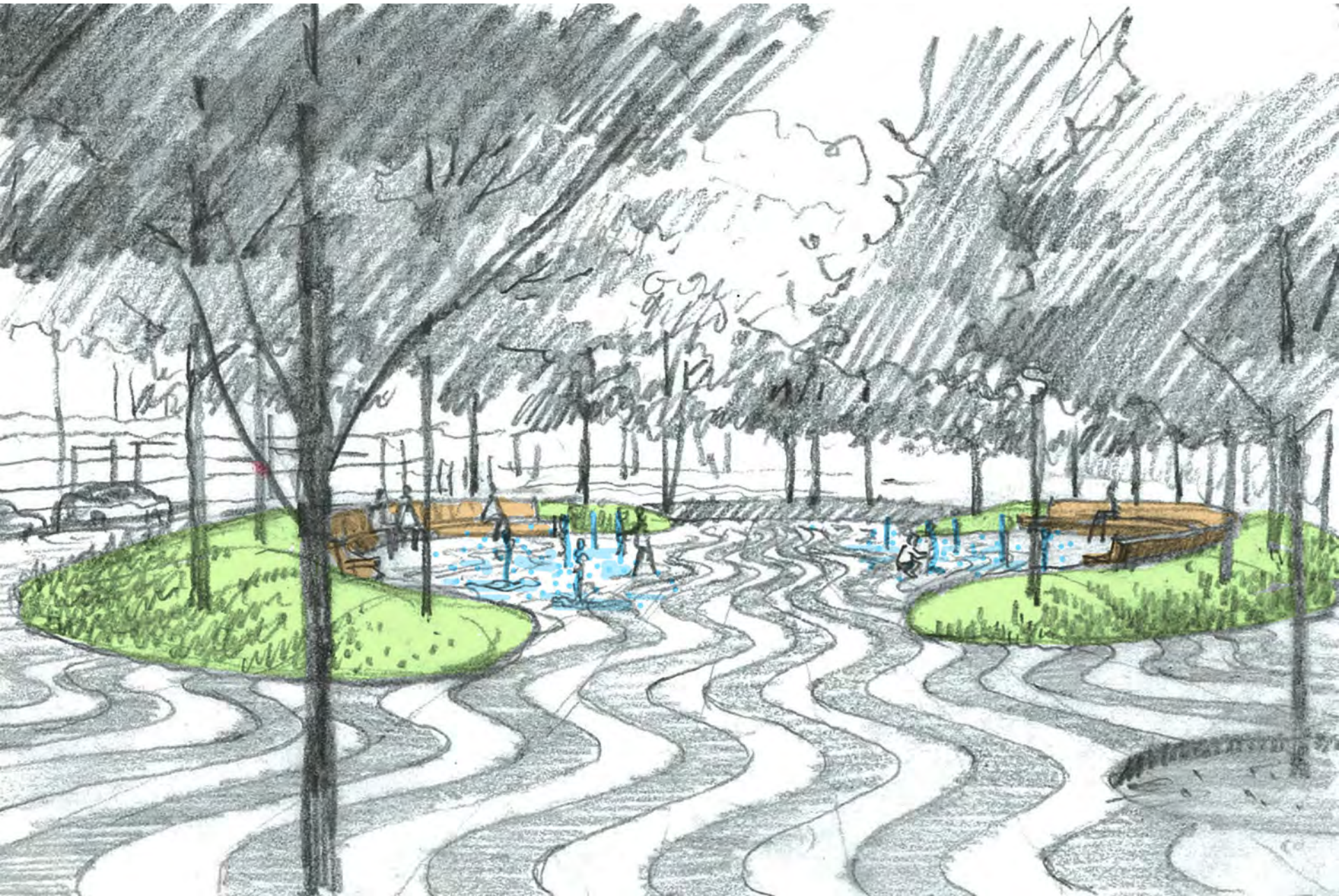
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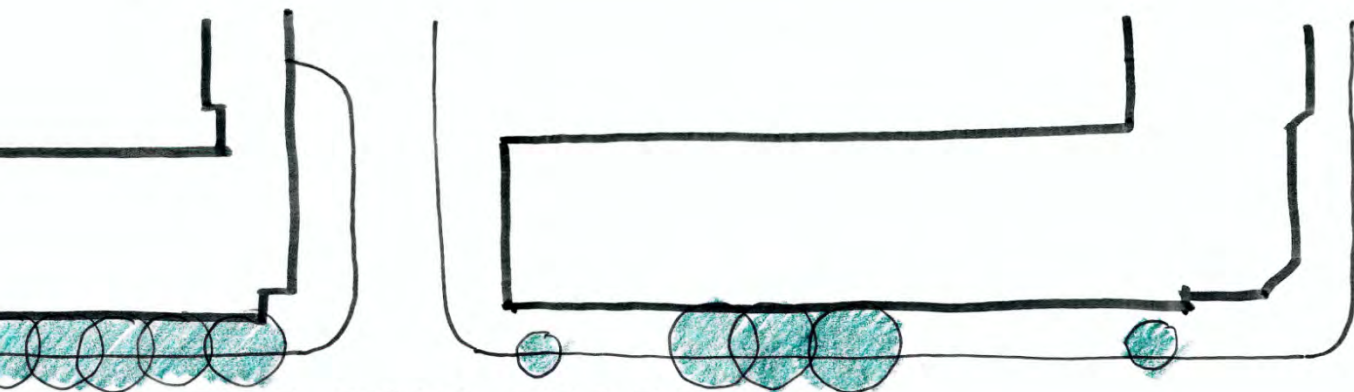


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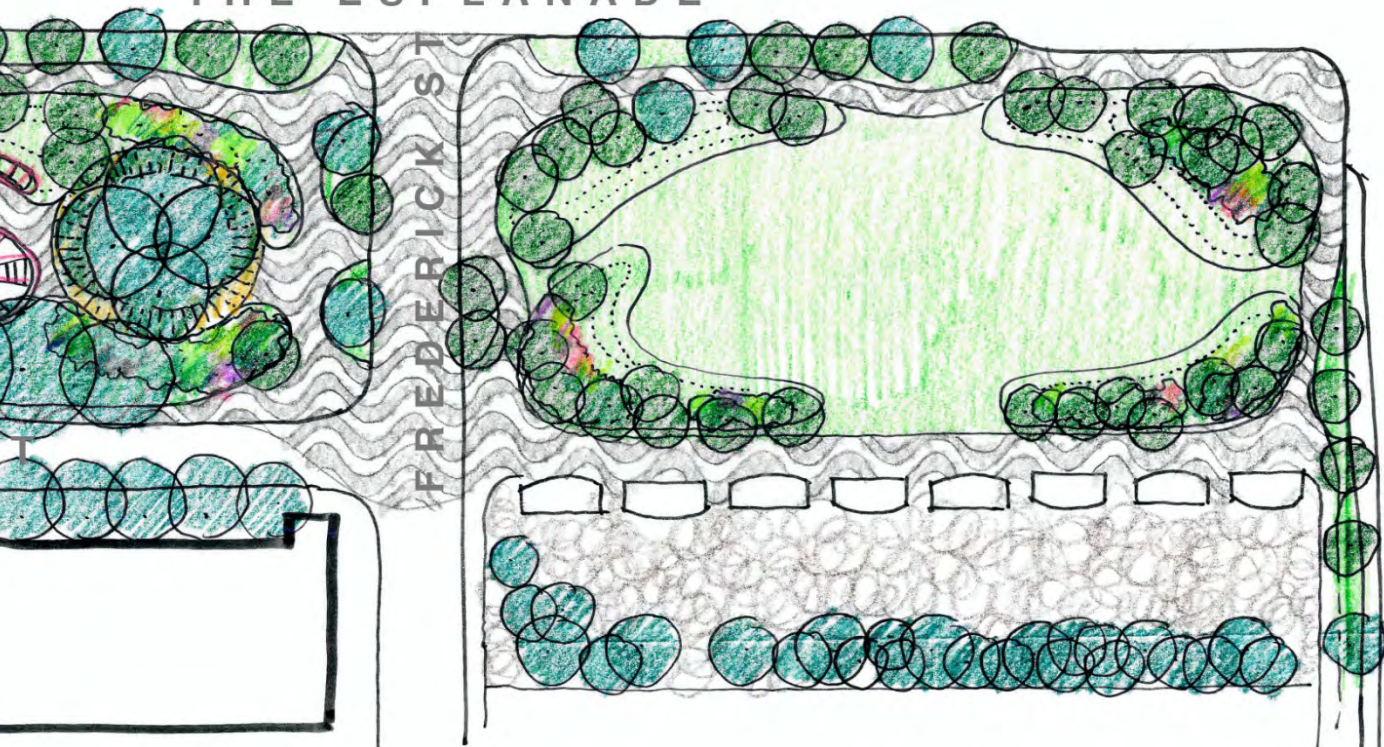


View of garden room with water play

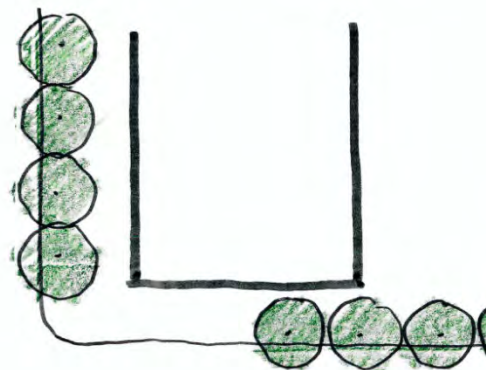




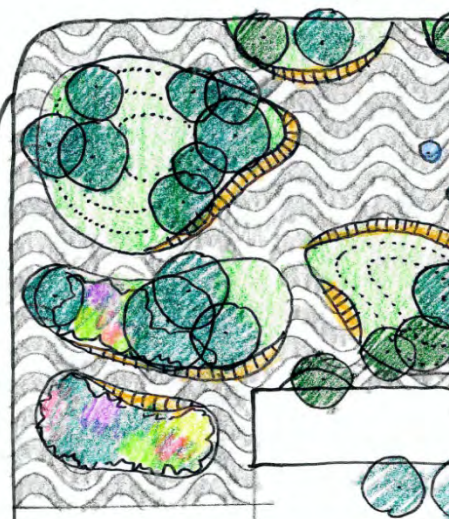
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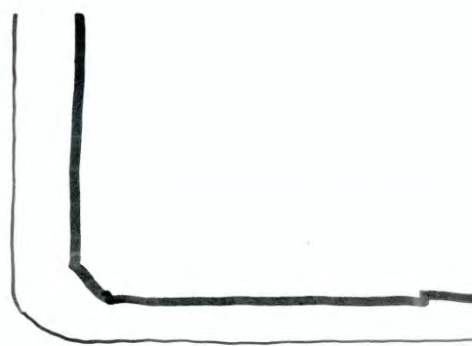
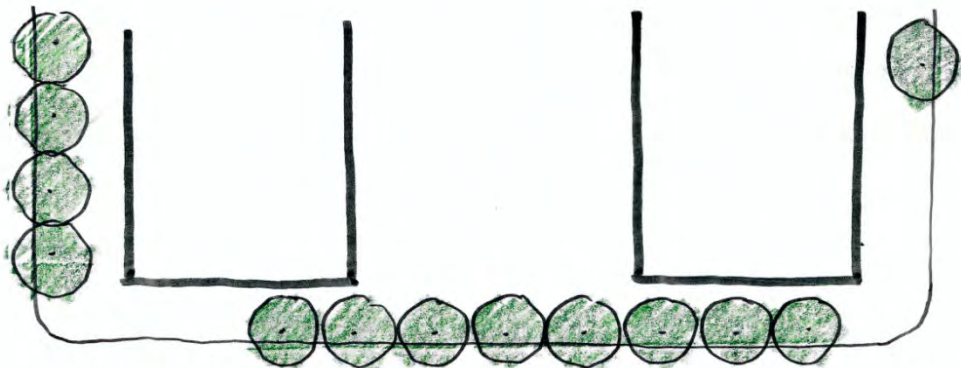
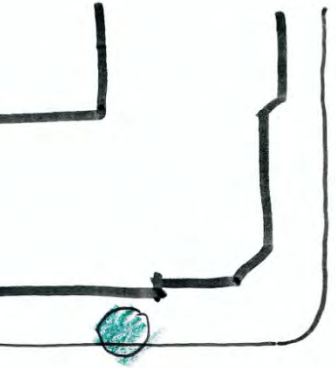


View above Existing Baseball and DOLA

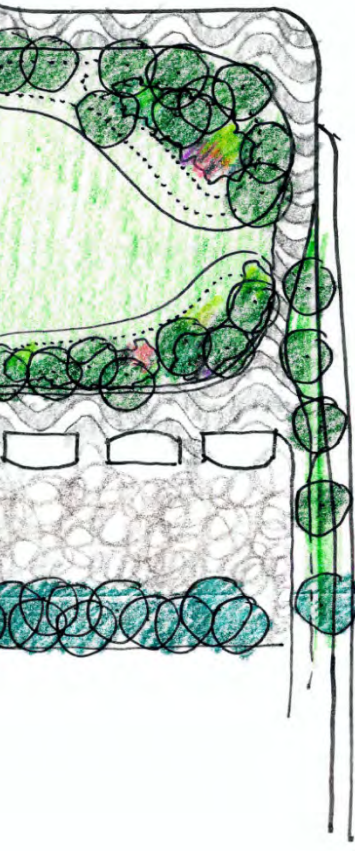


View potential great lawn and DOLA

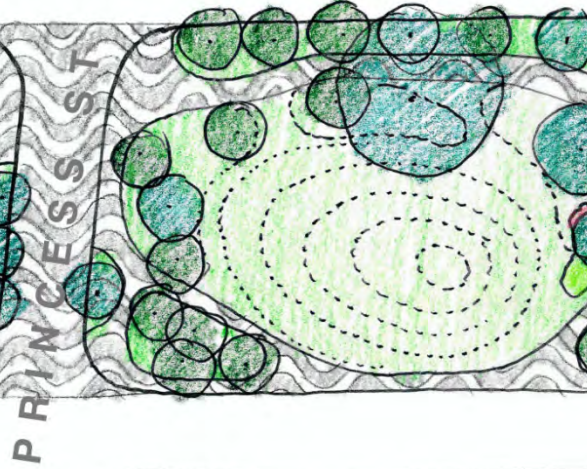
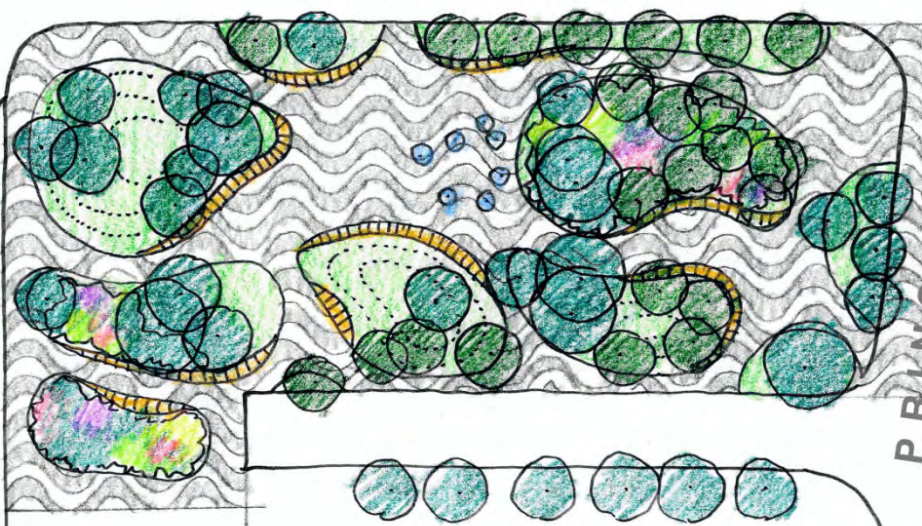




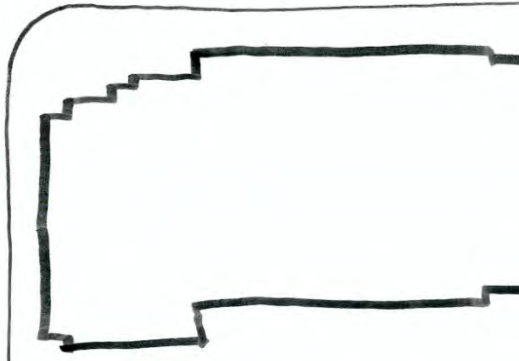
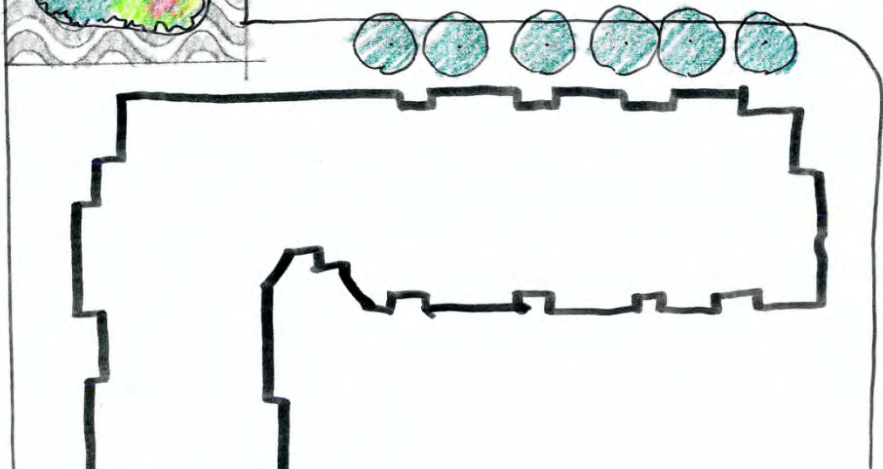
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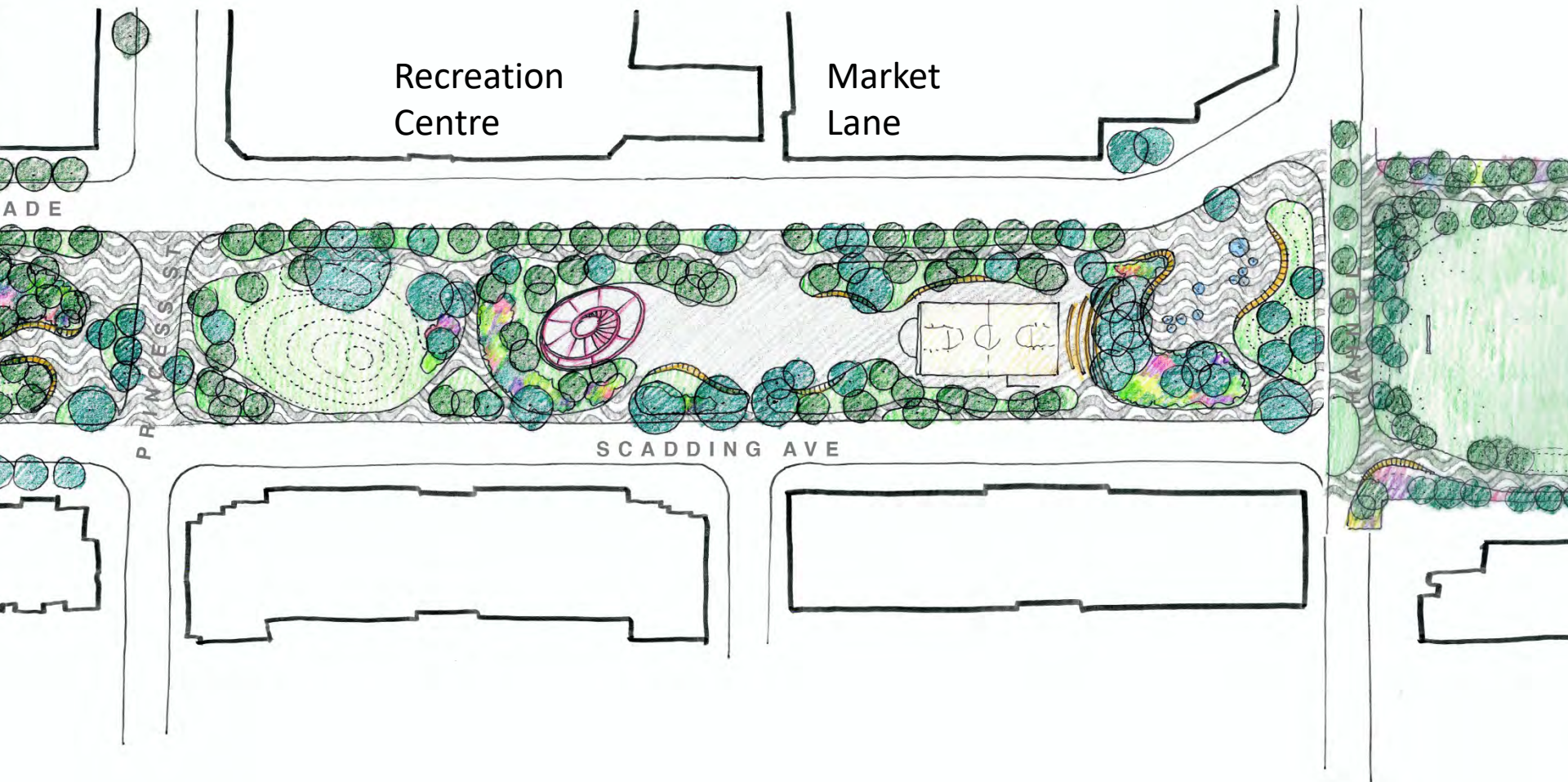


Garden rooms precedent



Garden walkway precedent





Sports/playground elements precedent



Organic elements precedent

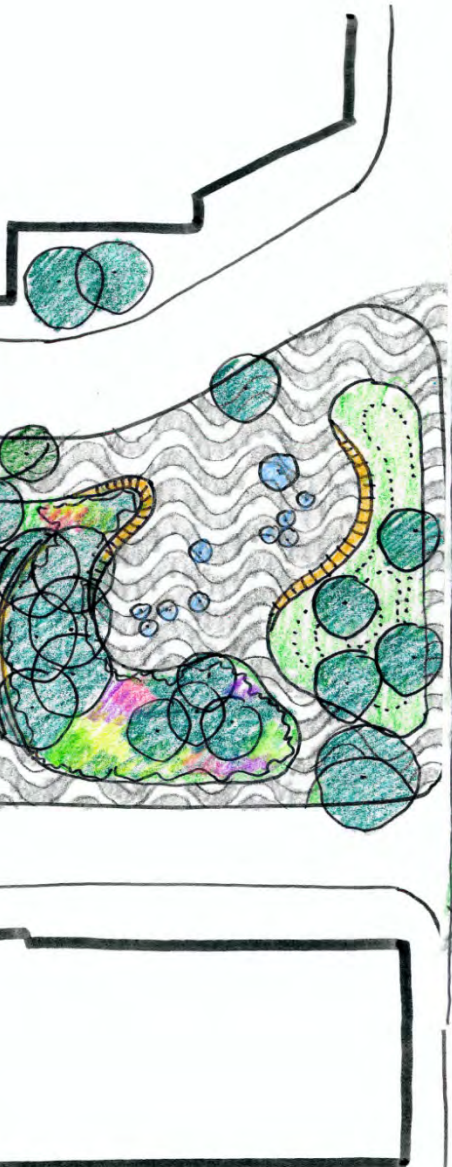


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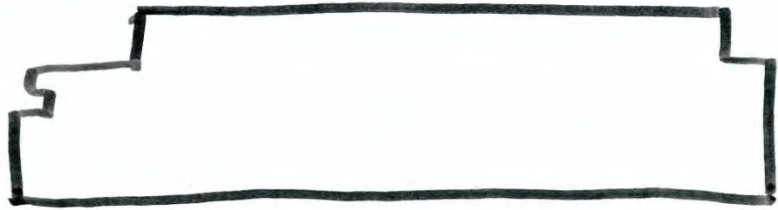


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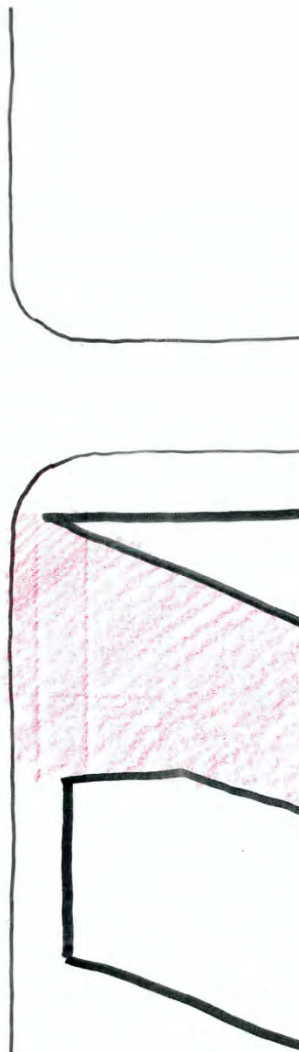




Parliament Square Park



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Workshop

Heritage and Storytelling
The Promenade & 7 Parks
Garden Walks & Gardens

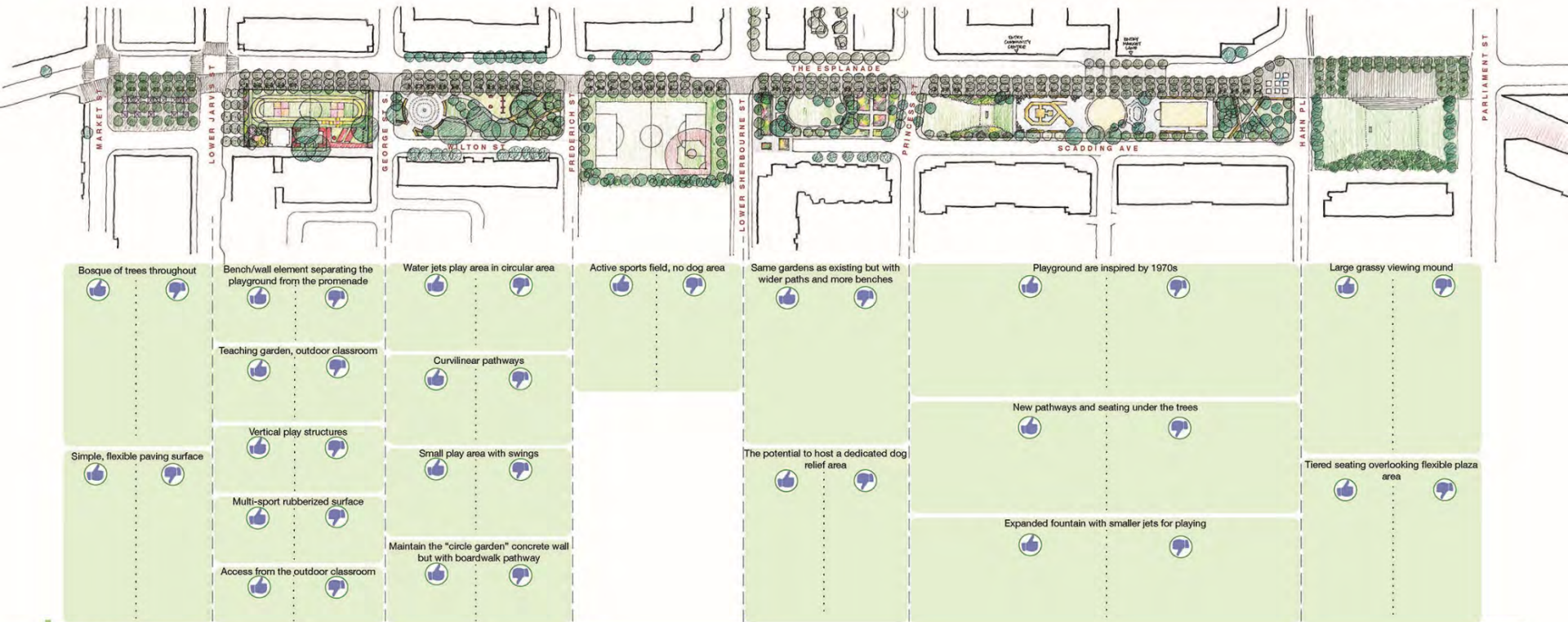


THE PROMENADE AND 7 PARKS

Grand promenade with triple row of trees, decorative paving and seating



David Crombie Park
Revitalization Design



General Comments

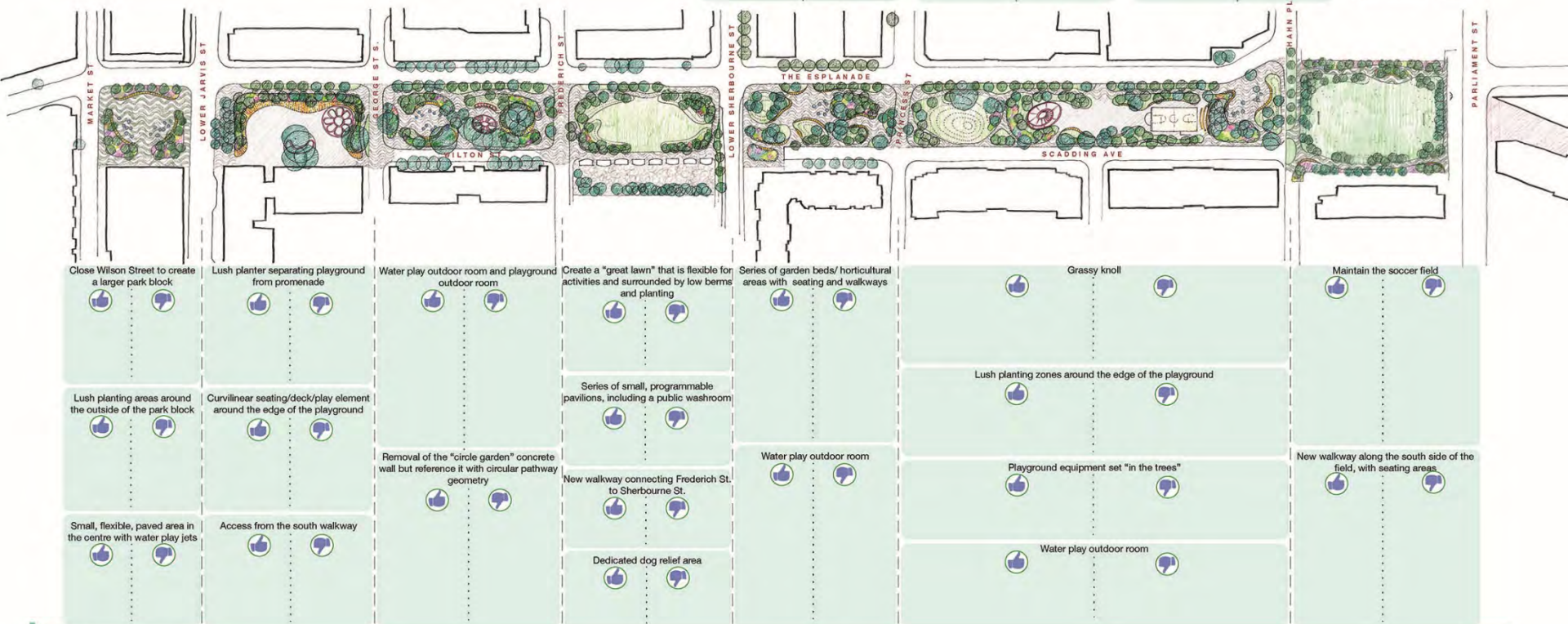
GARDENS AND WALKS

Using trees and landforms to create the edges of outdoor rooms

Curvilinear pathways

Decorative paving extending across local north-south streets

David Crombie Park
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