

# West Toronto Railpath Extension

Public Meeting No. 2

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## MEETING PURPOSE

- Provide project update
- Receive your feedback on design development leading into construction phase
- Next steps and potential construction timing



# Official Plan Policies

## BUILDING A MORE LIVEABLE URBAN REGION

- Growth connected to regional transportation system
- Reduce auto dependency and improve air quality
- Protect natural corridors

## INTEGRATING LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION

- Encourage walking and cycling
- Use rail corridors for enhanced local and inter-regional service

## HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOODS

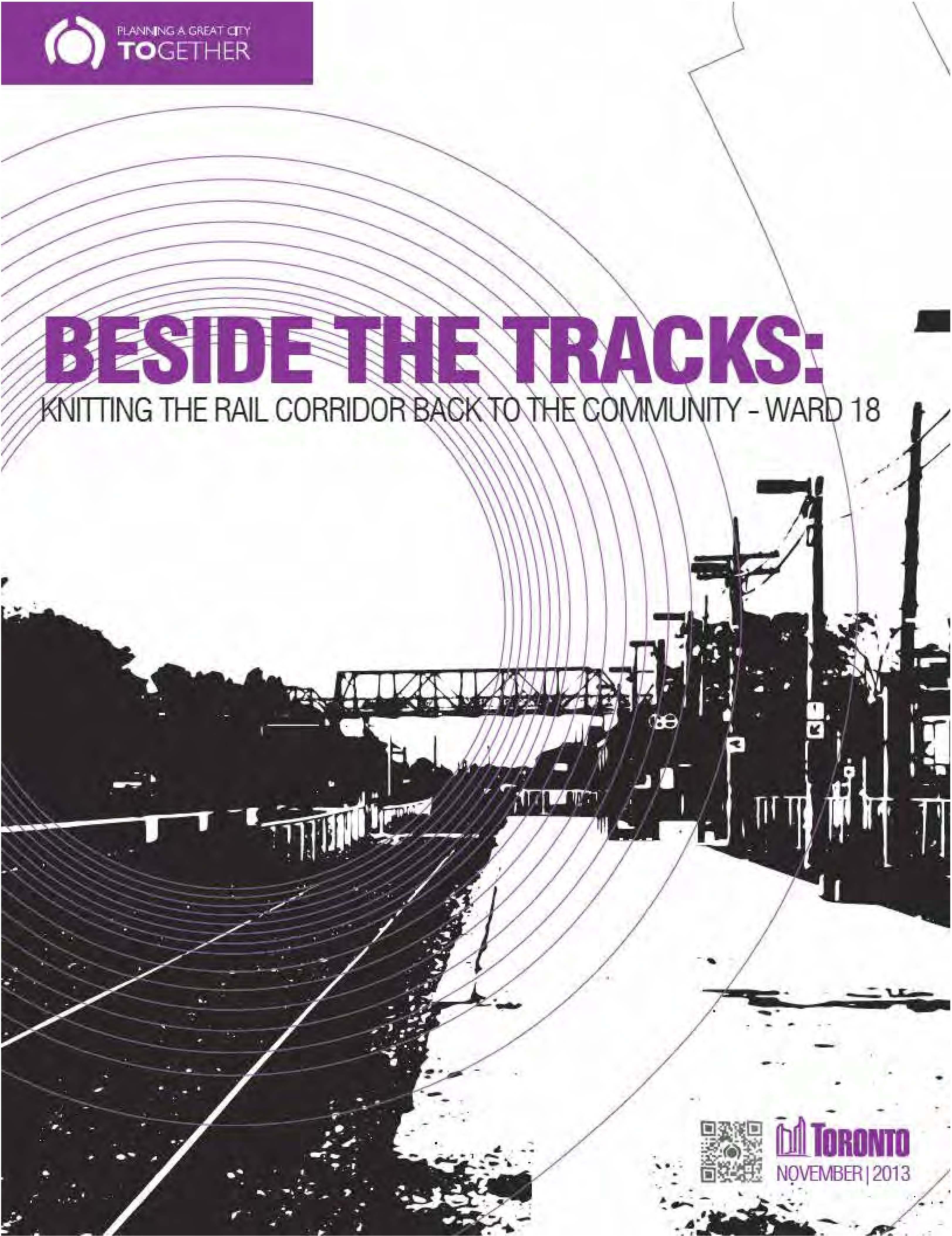
- Promote environmental sustainability

## GREEN SPACE SYSTEM

- Improve access for everyone to public lands
- Enhance links to the Green Space System
- Expand by acquiring additional linkages

## A PROGRESSIVE AGENDA OF TRANSPORTATION CHANGE

- Encourage and integrate active transportation infrastructure



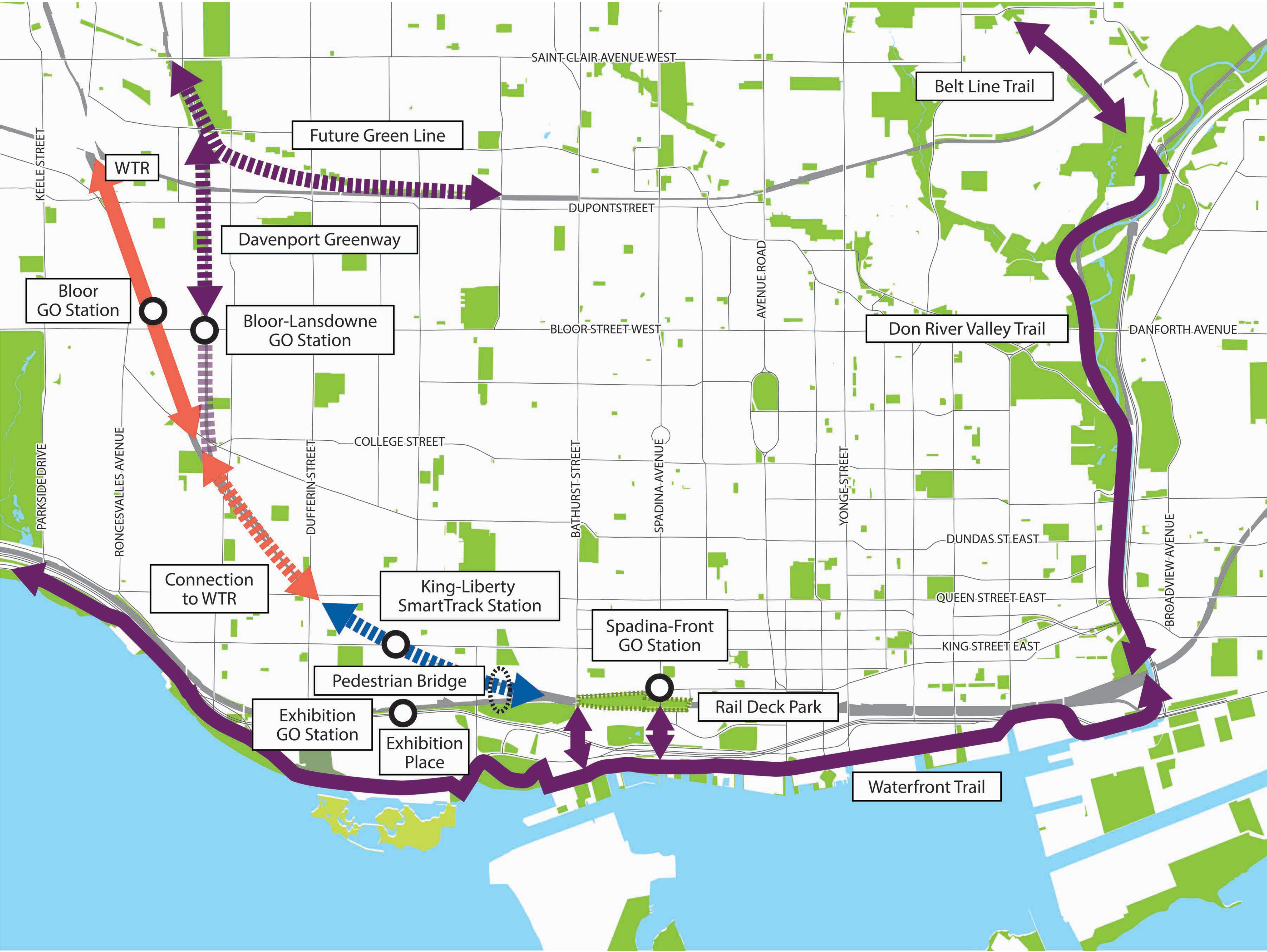


Toronto Belt Line Railway (1890)





# Connected Active Transportation Corridors (2019)





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## LESSONS LEARNED

- Which plant species worked well, and which did not
- Maintenance of the planting is vital during the first 3 years
- Invasive trees and shrubs will take over native grasses and wildflowers
- Plants specified require low maintenance, but a detailed Maintenance Plan will be provided to guide the City maintenance staff
- Corten steel signage and bollards are difficult to maintain

## FEEDBACK

- Provide more seating
- Maintain “wild” non-manicured aesthetic of the planting
- Ensure community stewardship opportunities
- Provide more trees and shade





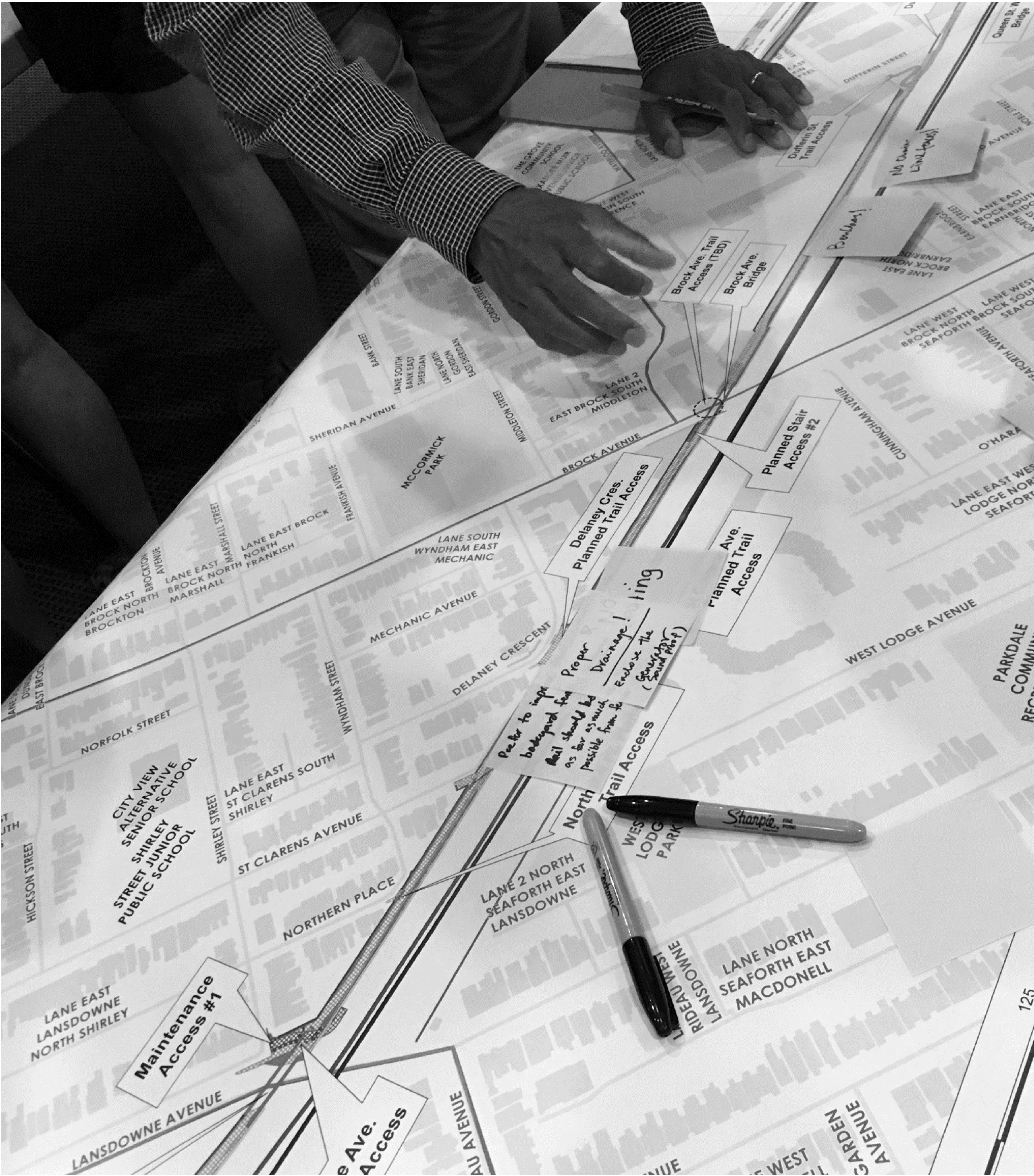
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## COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

- Ensure proper drainage
- Provide enough lighting and use lower shrubs to ensure safety
- Include slow down zones for cyclist before connection points
- Provide maps and notice boards at connection points
- Enhance connection points with usable features

## KEY TIMELINES

- Key Stakeholder Meeting (May 14th, 2018)
- Public Open House (September 13th , 2018)
- Design Review Panel (November 1st , 2018)





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## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON CONNECTION POINTS

- Make Northern Place connection a pedestrian-scale entrance
- Provide accessible connection at No Frills (ramp)
- Avoid light pollution to adjacent residents
- Plant more canopy trees on site where feasible
- Provide more benches along Railpath and at most community connections

## KEY TIMELINES

- *Community Connection Meetings (April 14th, 15th and 16th, 2019)*





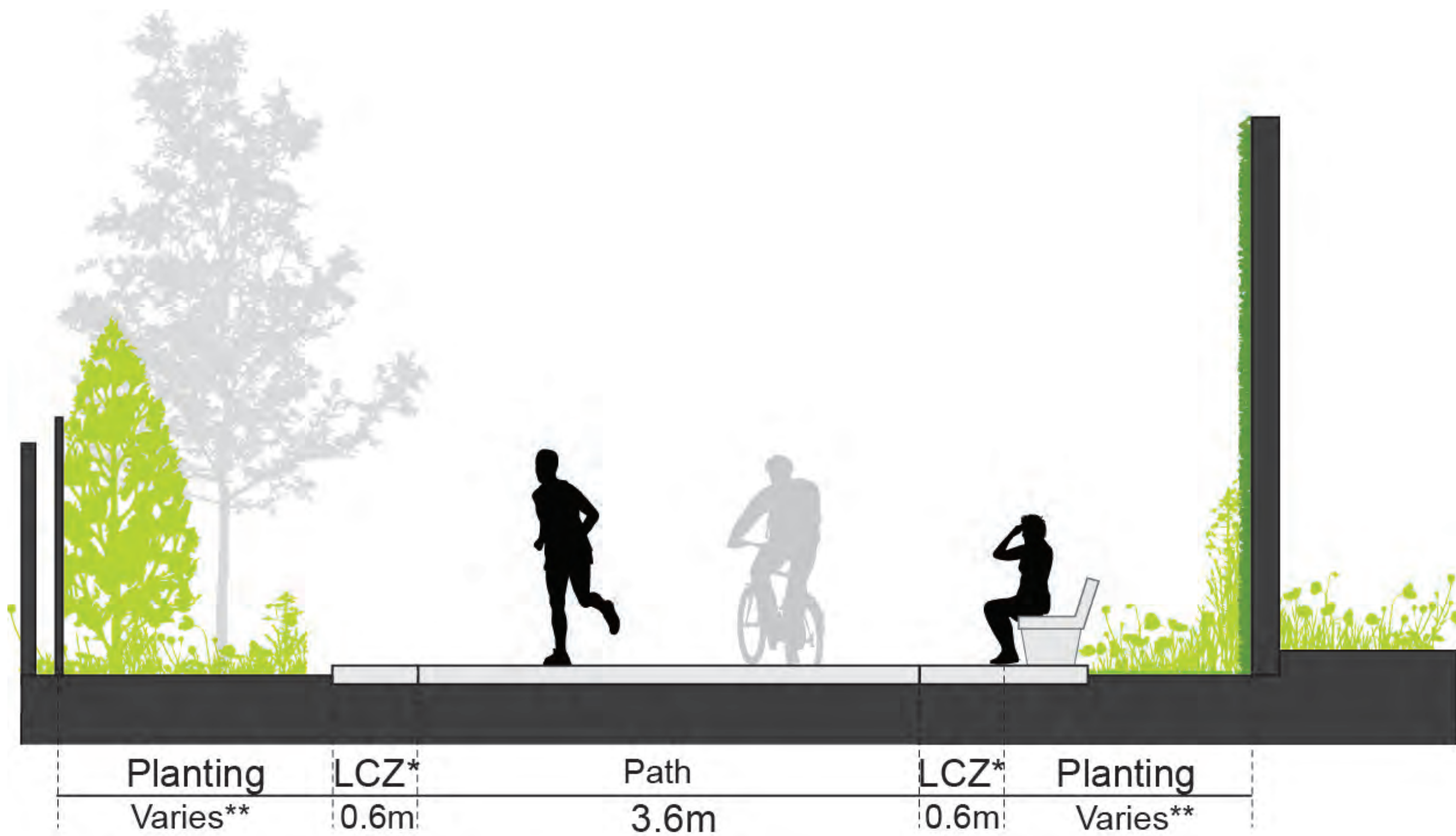
# Design Principles

- Consistency between West Toronto Railpath and Extension
- Resilient materials
- Industrial “wild” aesthetic
- Distinctive planting zones
- Elements for safety such as lighting, crime prevention through design
- Community stewardship and programming opportunities





# Multi-use Railpath Typical Section



## Material Palette



Asphalt



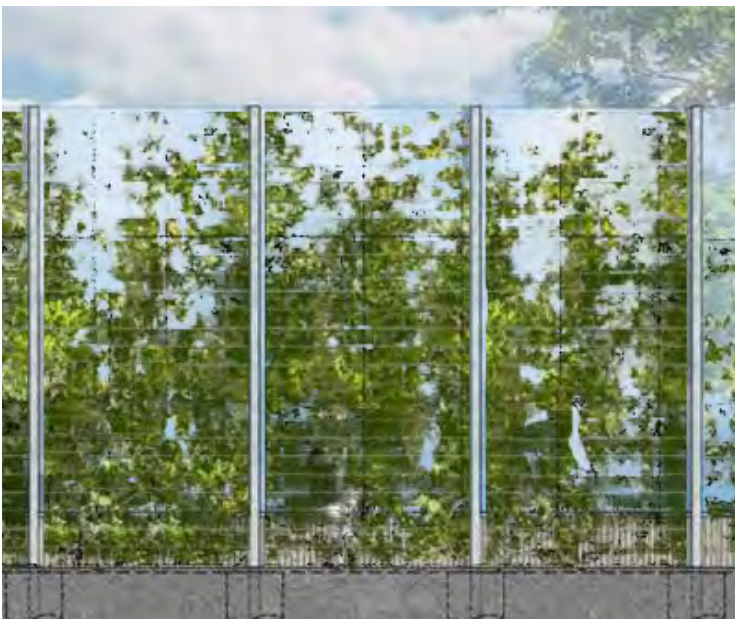
Stabilized Aggregate



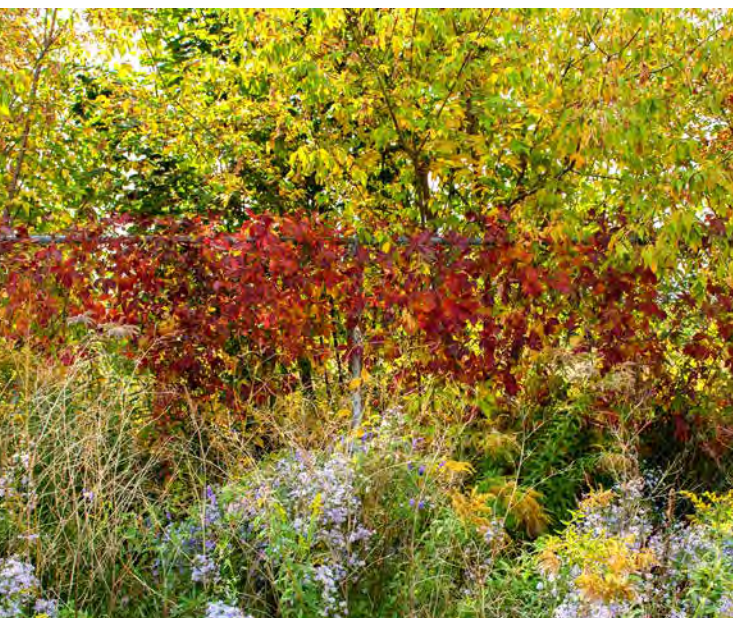
Lighting



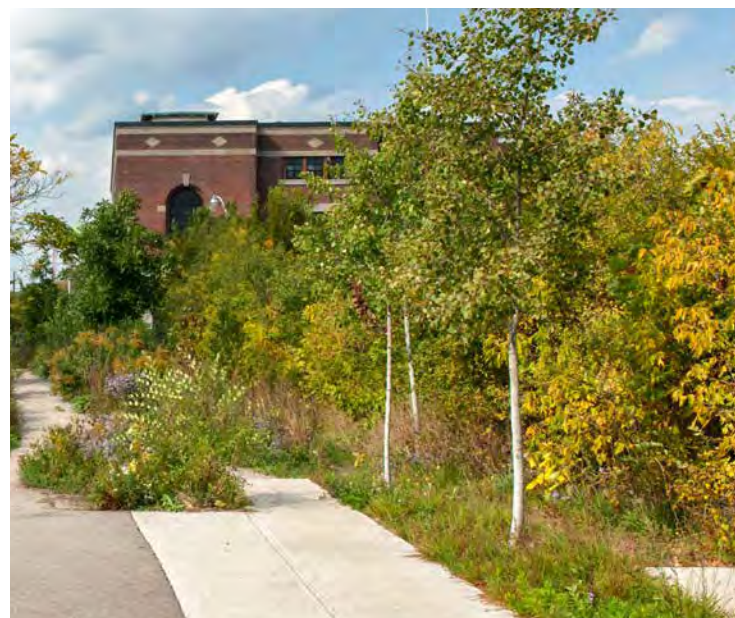
Native Planting



Vines on Noise Wall



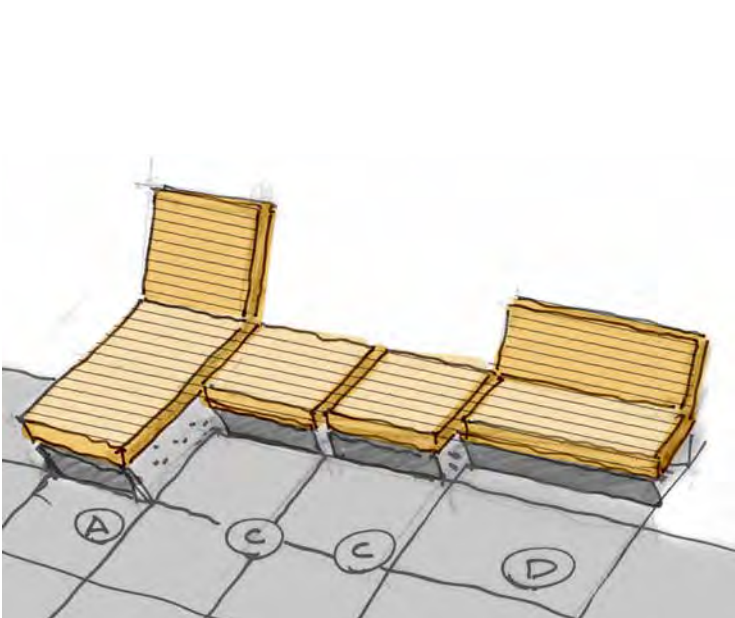
Vines on Fence



Tree Planting



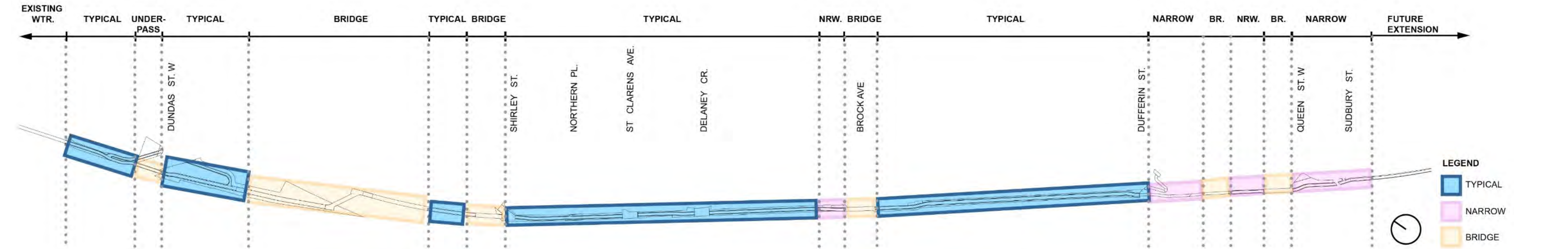
Cedar Hedge



Bench



Mural (Proposed)





# Planting Typologies





# Planting Typologies - Community Connections



Black Oak  
*Quercus velutina*



Silky Dogwood  
*Cornus amomum*



Pasture Rose  
*Rosa Carolina*



Little Blue Stem  
*Schizachyrium scoparium*



Potato Bean Vine  
*Apios americana*



Butterfly Weed  
*Asclepias tuberosa*



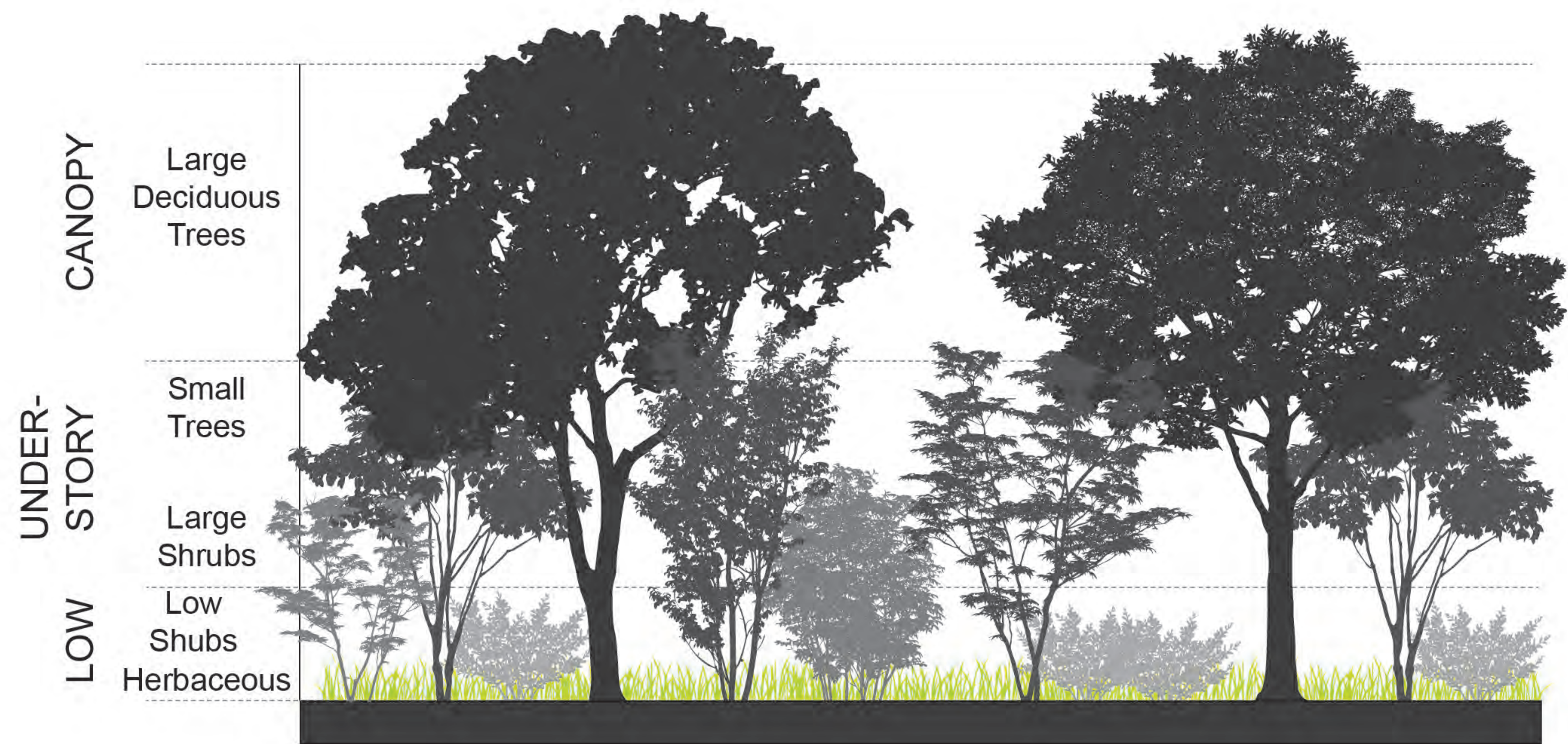
Common Milkweed  
*Asclepias syriaca*



Purple Coneflower  
*Echinacea purpurea*



# Planting Typologies - Mixed Woodland



Sugar Maple  
*Acer saccharum*



Big Tooth Aspen  
*Populus grandidentata*



Tulip Tree  
*Liriodendron tulipifera*



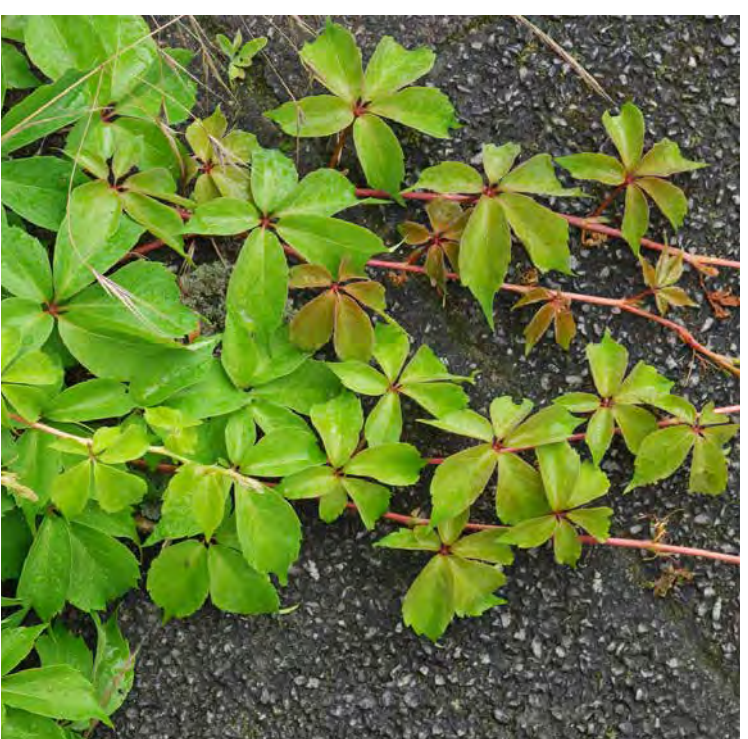
American Hornbeam  
*Carpinus caroliniana*



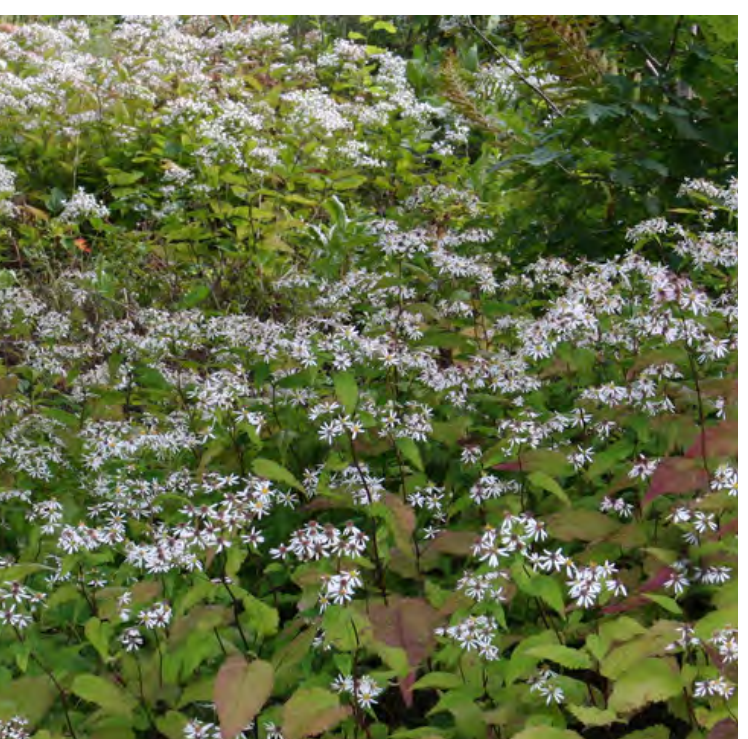
Witch Hazel  
*Hamamelis virginiana*



Northern Bush Honeysuckle  
*Diervilla lonicera*



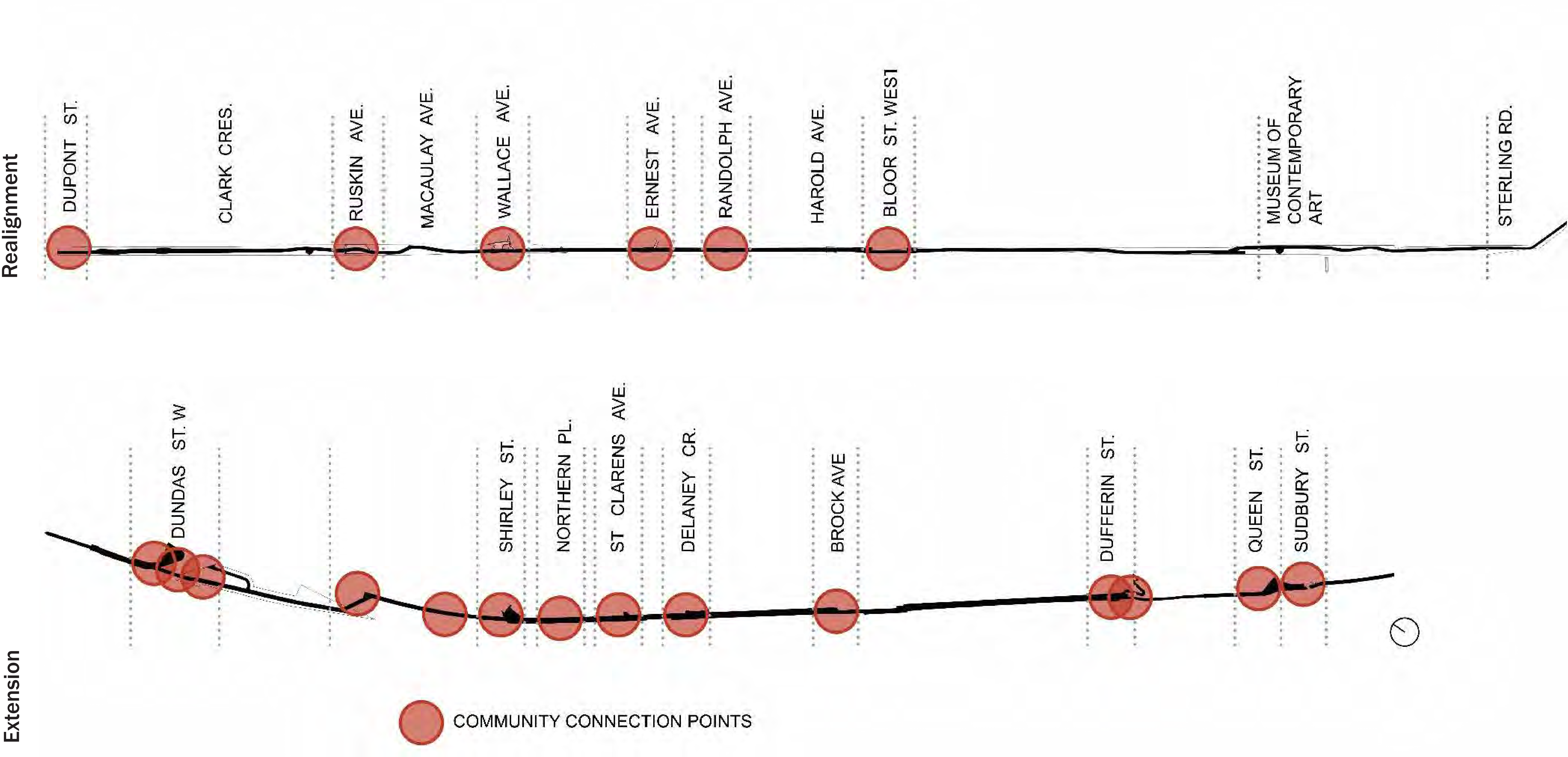
Virginia Creeper  
*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*



White Wood Aster  
*Eurybia divaricata*



# Community Connection Points





# Dundas Street West Connection





# Shirley Street Connection





# Northern Place Connection

