

# Welcome to Zoom!

Some tips for a successful virtual meeting.



**Mute** your microphone when not speaking.



**Stay focused.** Avoid multi-tasking, be respectful, and keep an open mind.



**Use the chat feature** to ask questions or provide comments to the facilitators.



**Turn on your camera, if comfortable.** Be mindful of your surroundings from a security and privacy standpoint.



**One voice at a time.** Be direct and frame questions to specific speakers.



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# Yonge Street Linear Parks Improvements

GEORGE HISLOP AND NORMAN JEWISON PARKS,  
ALEXANDER STREET PARKETTE

Community Resource Group Meeting #1

September 21, 2020





# Acknowledgment

We'd like to begin by honouring the land that we are on. If you're not currently in Toronto, we encourage you to learn about the lands you are also on. Tkaronto now known as Toronto, is home to many Indigenous Nations from across Turtle Island, including the Inuit and Metis people. It is the traditional territories of many nations including the Huron-Wendat, the Anishinabek, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Mississaugas of the Credit River First Nations.

We acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit. In addition, we would also like to acknowledge those who came here involuntarily, particularly as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave trade.

We honour and pay tribute to the ancestors of African Origin and Descent.

# Opening Remarks

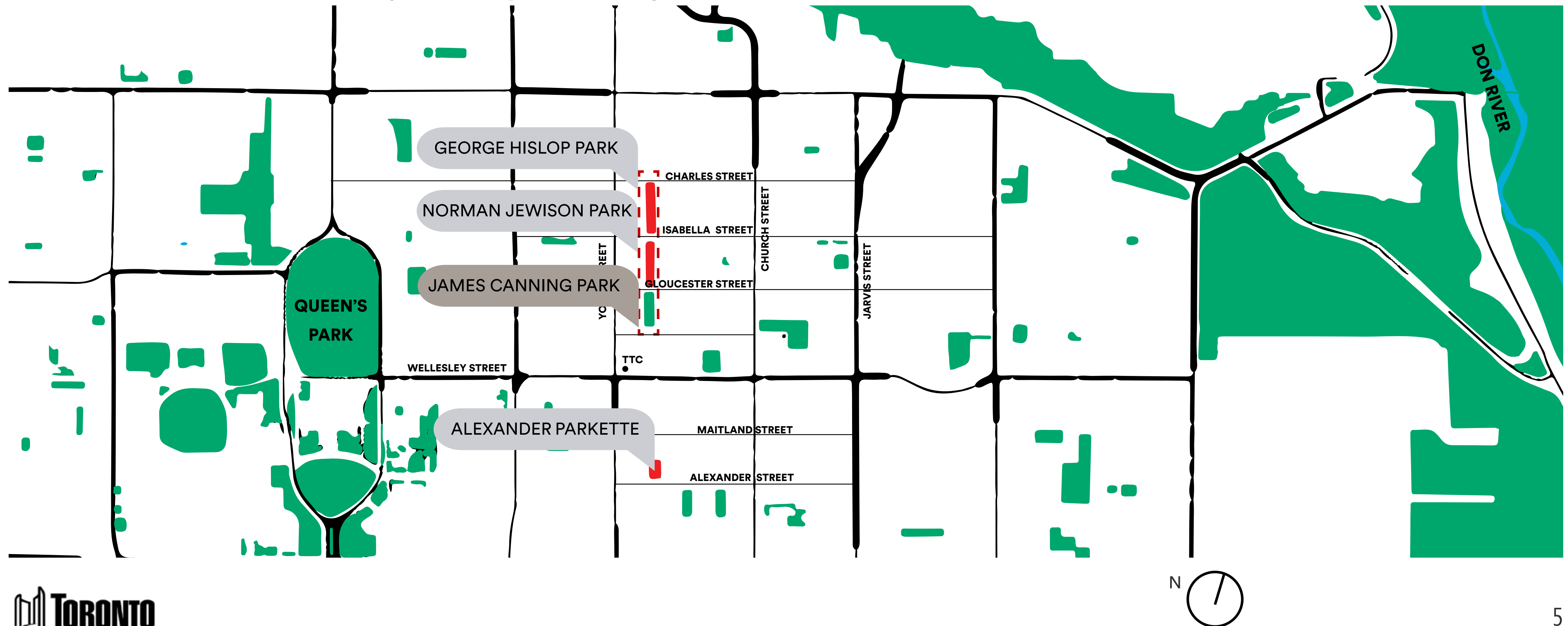
Kristyn Wong-Tam  
City of Toronto, Ward 13 Councillor





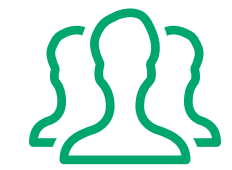
# Objective of the Meeting

Draw on your expertise and insights to reconfirm and refresh the master plan vision for the Yonge St. Linear Parks to be improved - George Hislop and Norman Jewison Parks - and provide input for improvements to Alexander St. Parkette, which is now part of this park revitalization project in your neighbourhood





# Agenda



10:00 am

Introductions



10:10 am

Consultation and Project Timelines



10:15 am

Project Overview



10:40 am

Questions for Clarification



10:50 am

Discussion of Design Goals, Priorities and Programming

thank  
you!

11:30 am

Next Steps



# Project Team

## CITY OF TORONTO TEAM

### **Parks Forestry & Recreation**

**Nancy Chater**  
Senior Project Coordinator

**Rajesh Sankat**  
Senior Public Consultation  
Coordinator



## DESIGN TEAM

### **PMA Landscape Architects**

**Fung Lee**  
Principal Landscape Architect, PMA

**Dylan Cassidy**  
Project Landscape Architect, PMA

**Hannah Soules**  
Landscape Designer, PMA

**Stanislav Jurkovic**  
Artist

**Technical Subconsultant Team**  
Lighting Designer, Engineering  
Consultants, Arborist

## CONSULTATION

### **Dept. of Words and Deeds**

**Jane Farrow**  
Facilitator

**Pauline Craig**  
Notetaker





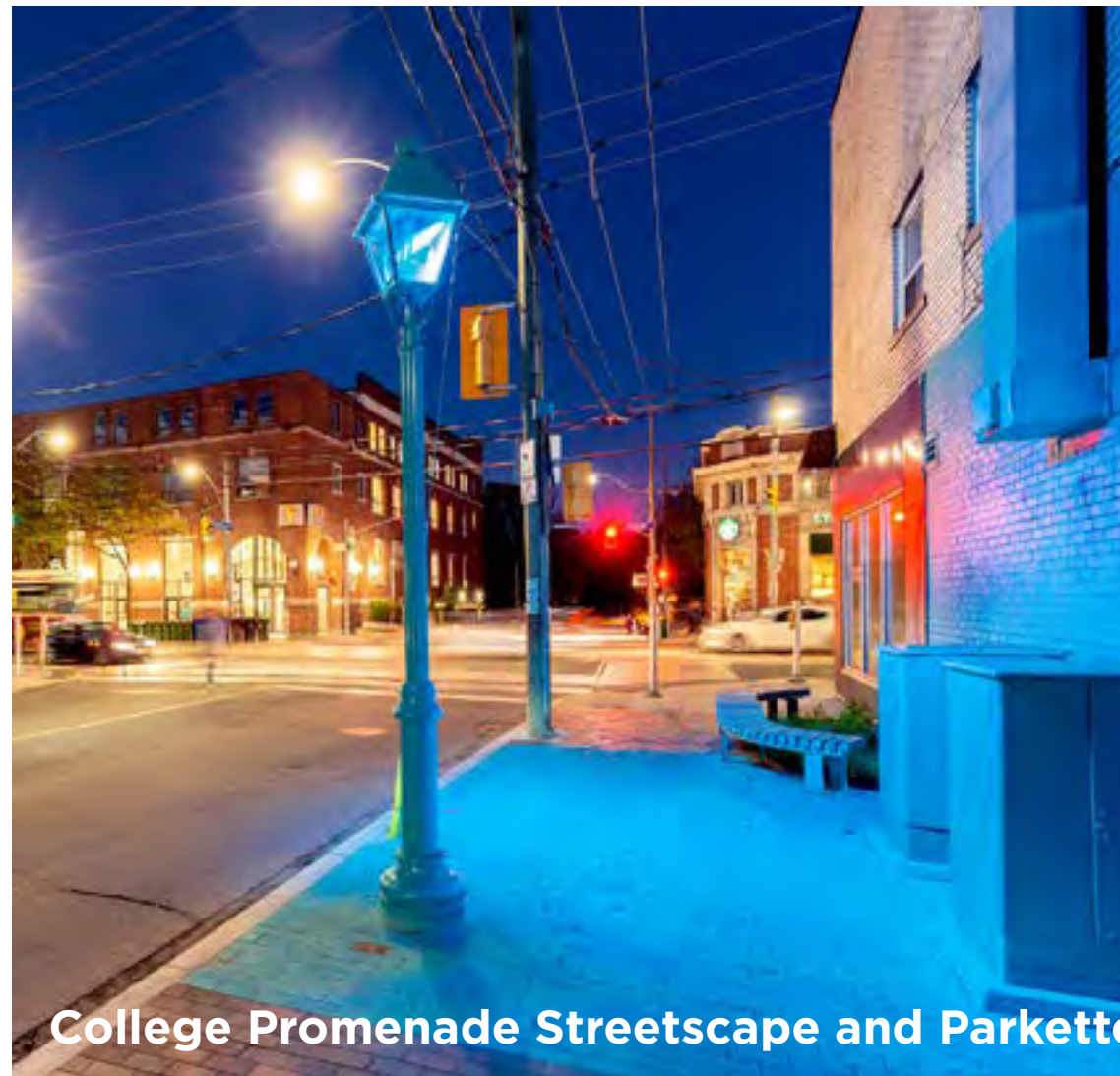
# Project Team - PMA Landscape Architects



St. James Park Revitalization



McGill Granby Parkettes



College Promenade Streetscape and Parkettes



Ramsden Park Revitalization





# Internal and External Stakeholders

## CITY OF TORONTO

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**Parks Forestry & Recreation Capital Projects**

**Parks Forestry & Recreation Parks Operations**

**Economic Development and Culture**

**Transportation Services**

**Urban Design**

**Community Planning**

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE GROUP (CRG)

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### Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Robert Packham - Senior Project Coordinator  
Connie Langille - Senior Public Consultation Coordinator

### Downtown East Action Plan

Monica Gupta

### Pride Toronto

Bobby MacPherson - Director of Operations

### CAN-Alliance

Jodi Cassidy - Vice-Chair

### The 519

Curran Stikuts - Manager, Community Engagement

### INSPIRE Awards Corporation

Joie Lamar - The Q Experience, Chairperson and Project Engineer  
Antoine Elhashem - President and Chair of the Board

### Buddies in Bad Times

Sean Daudlin

### The Anndore House

Shivani Ruparell  
George Sovatzis - General Manager

### Friends of The Linear Parks

Kim Behrouzian - Manager, Public Consultation  
Nikolas Koschany - Senior Public Consultation Coordinator

### Children's Aid Society of Toronto

Juliana De Marco - HR Lead- Health & Safety,  
Mo Fayaz - Director of IT & Property, Information Technology

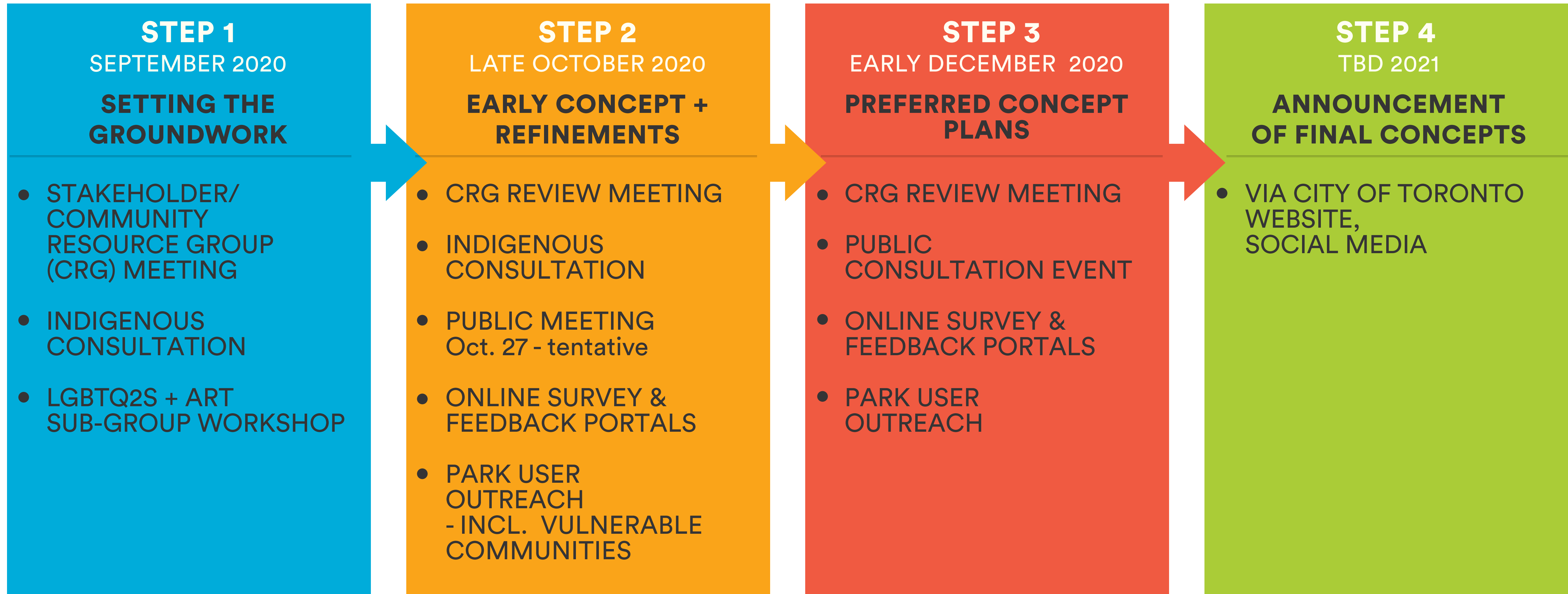
### Church Wellesley BIA

Stephanie McCracken  
Christopher Hudspeth

### The Sanctuary

Allan Beattie - Executive Director  
Alejandra Adarve - Artist in Residence

# Consultation Timeline

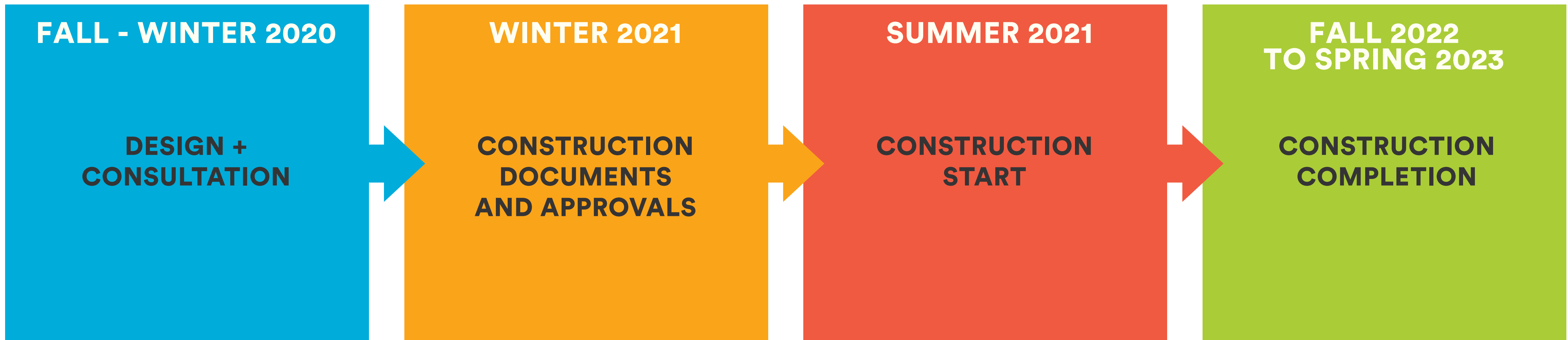




# Community Resource Group Terms of Reference

- Membership and Responsibilities
- Advisory and Feedback Roles
- Reporting & Promoting engagement events

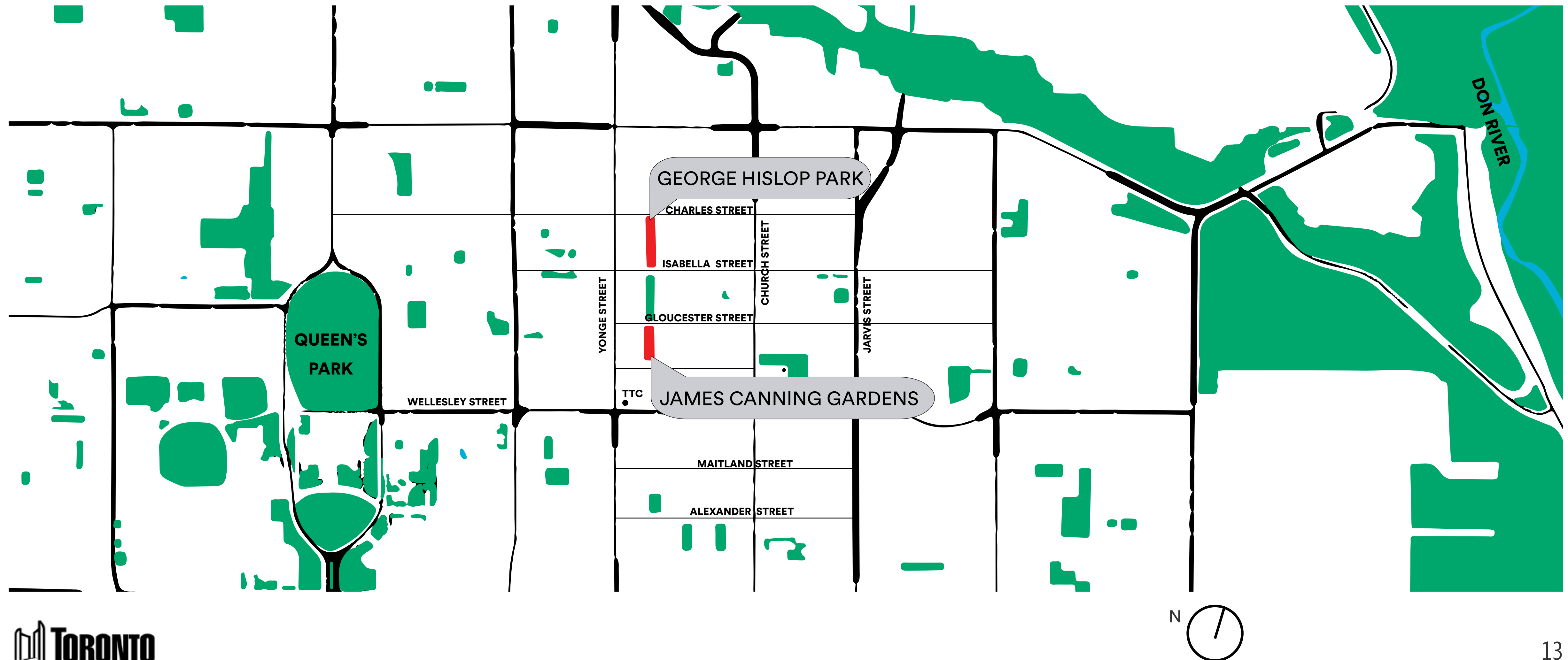
# Anticipated Project Timeline





# Related Park Updates

- Closure of George Hislop Park (temporary art exhibit to be installed)
- James Canning Gardens is on hold due to legal issues with the developer



# PROJECT OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND OVERVIEW

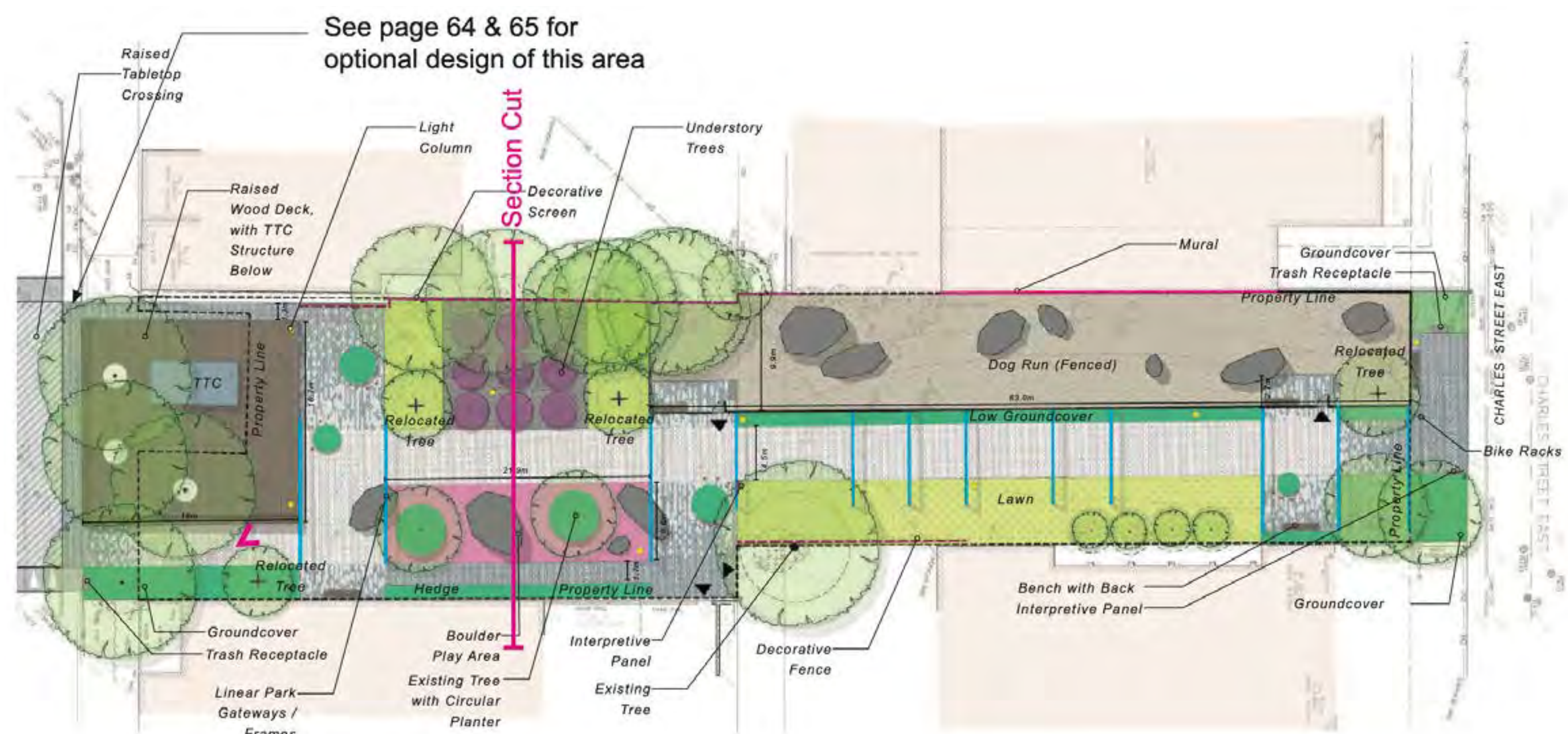
SITE ANALYSIS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

RECONFIRM + REFRESH DESIGN GOALS



# Objective of the Project Overview

Working with the 2017 Master Plan as a framework, reconfirm the vision and refresh the priorities for how the park will be improved to meet current and future needs of the community



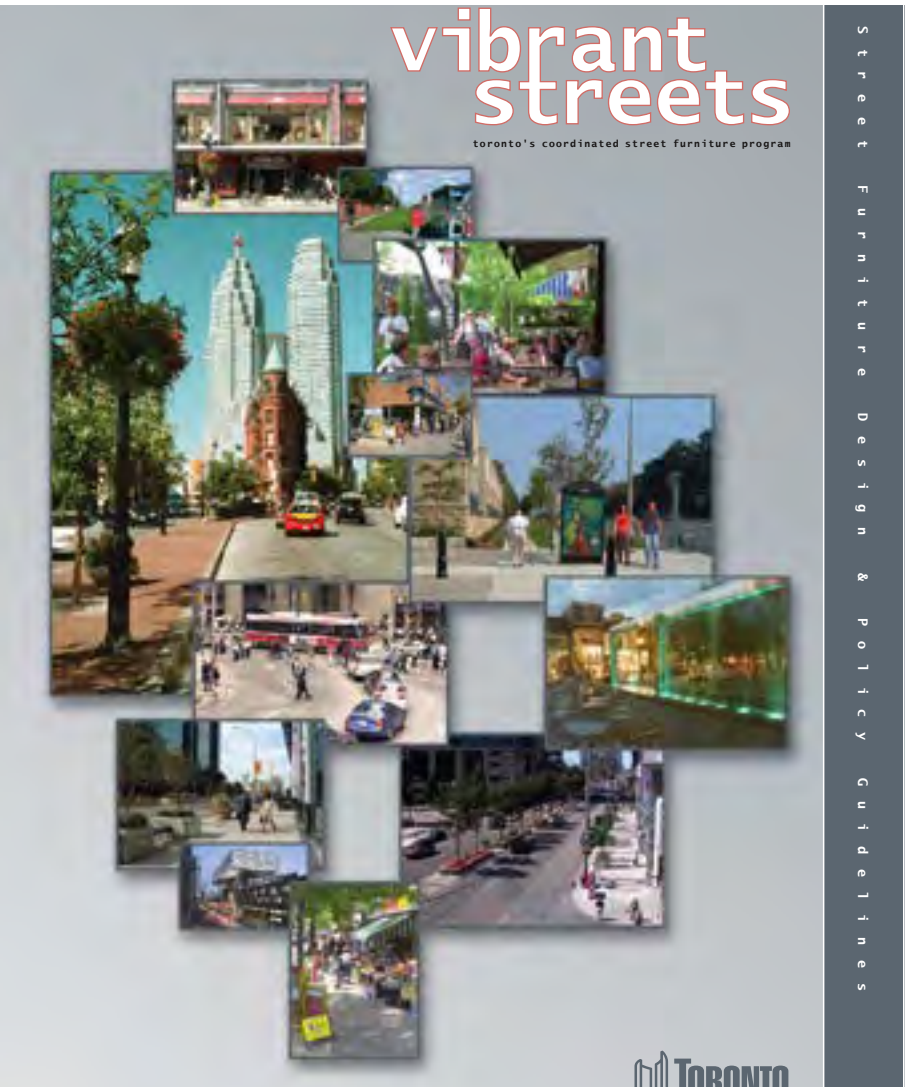
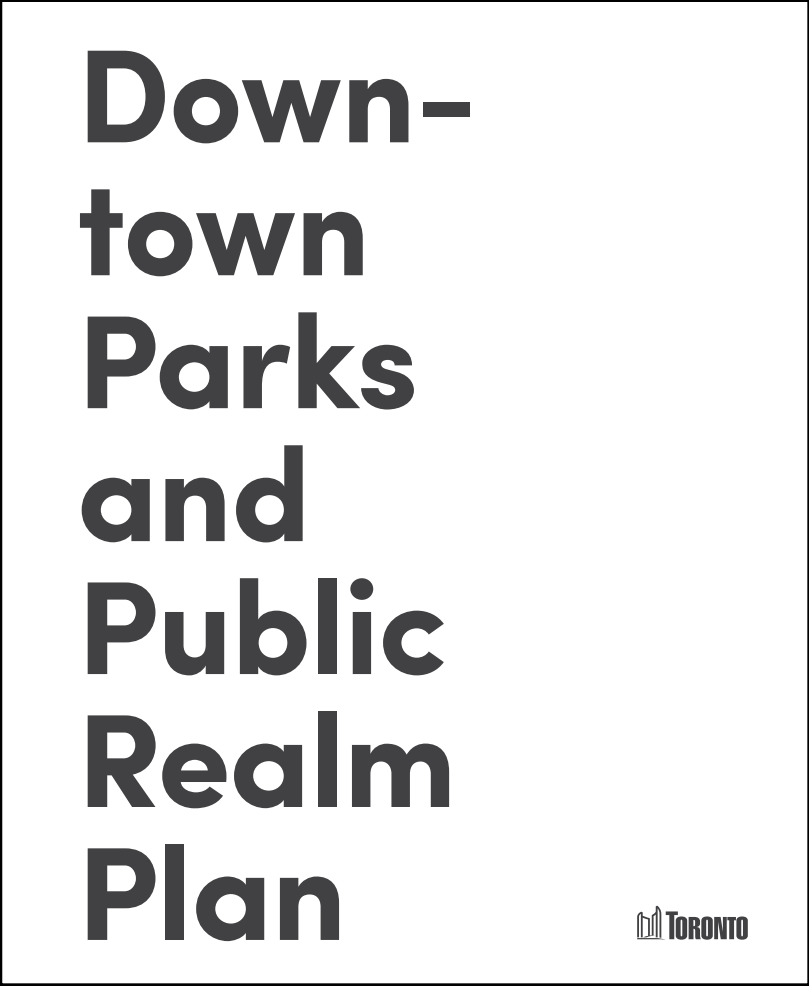
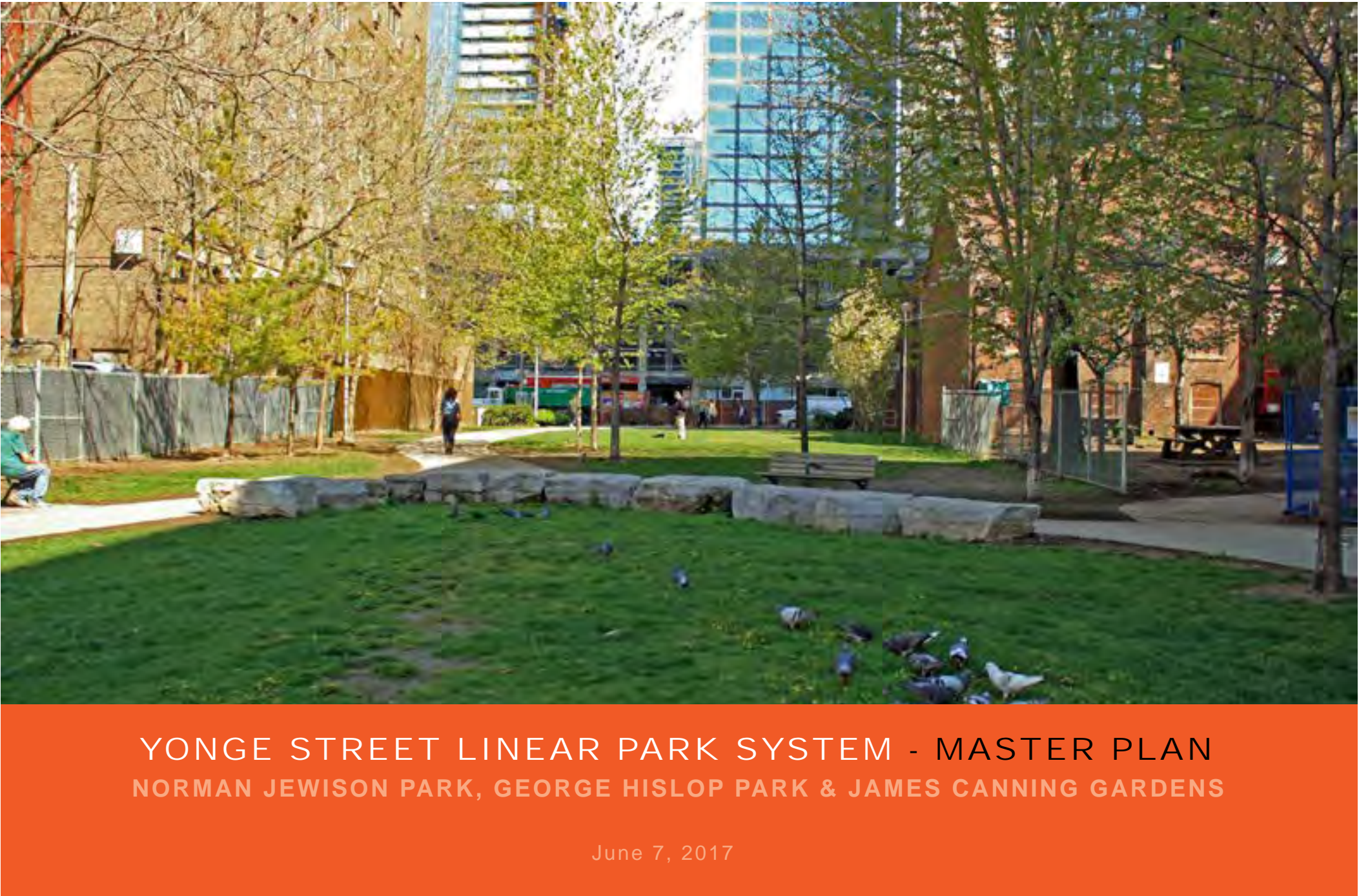
George Hislop Park Plan from 2017 Yonge Street Linear Park System Master Plan document



Rendering from 2017 Yonge Street Linear Park System Master Plan document



# Background





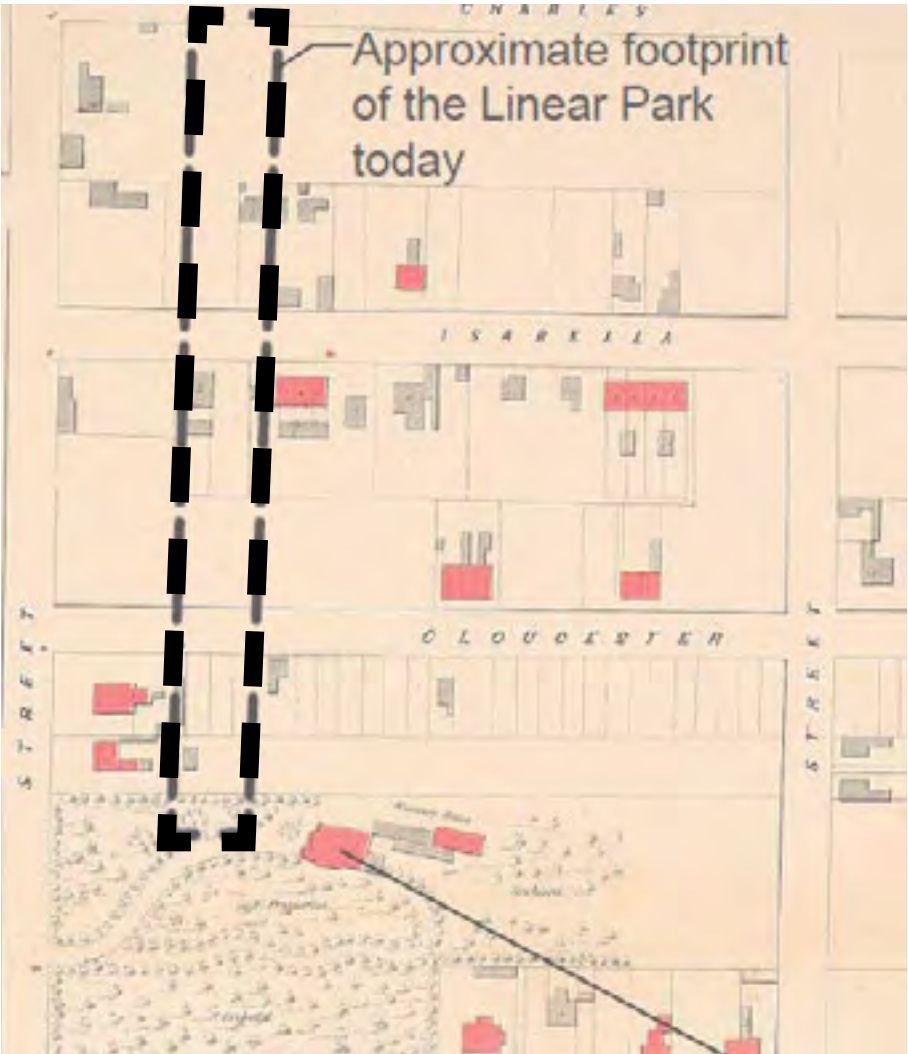
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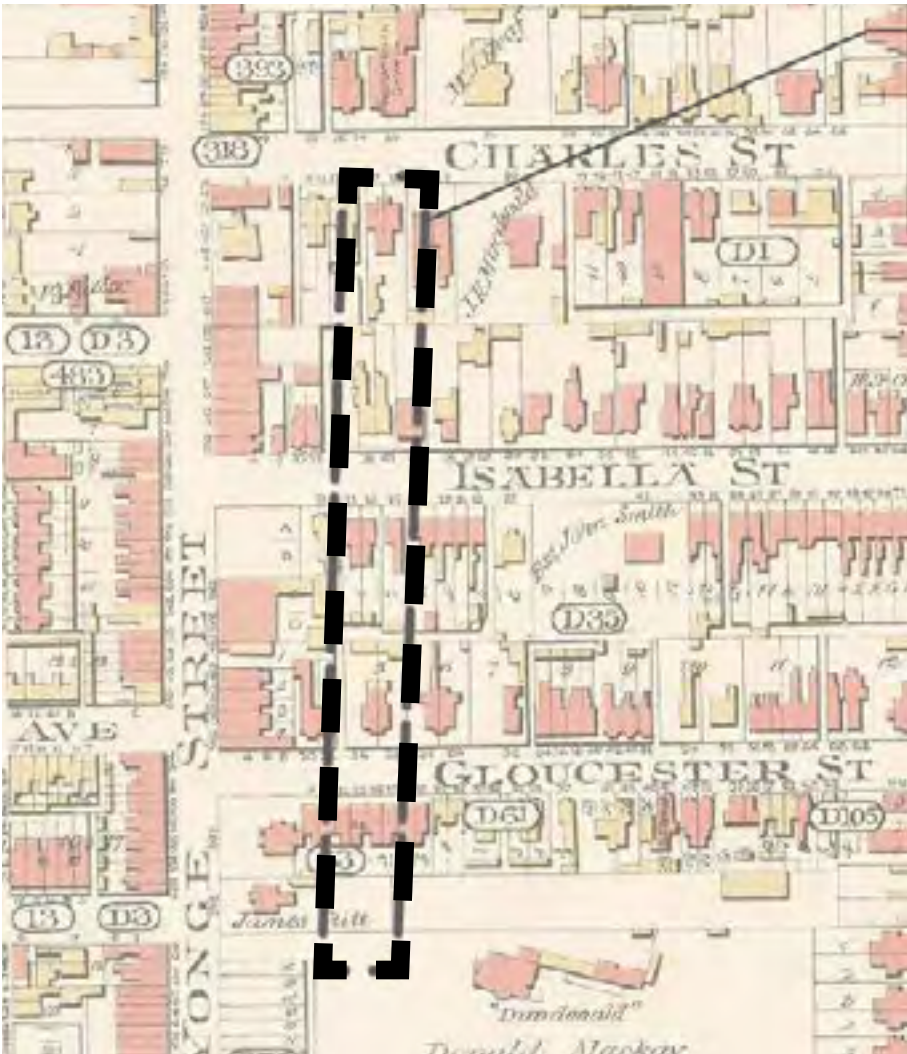




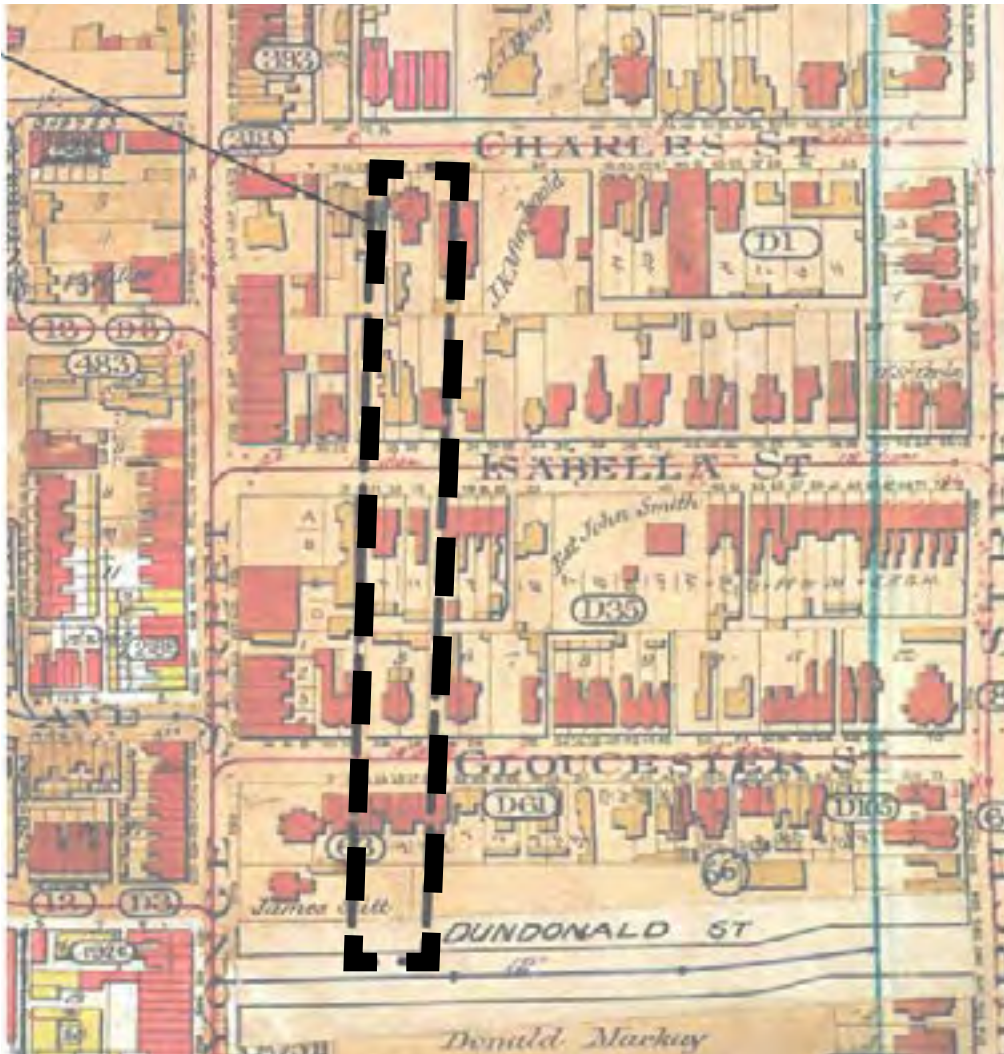
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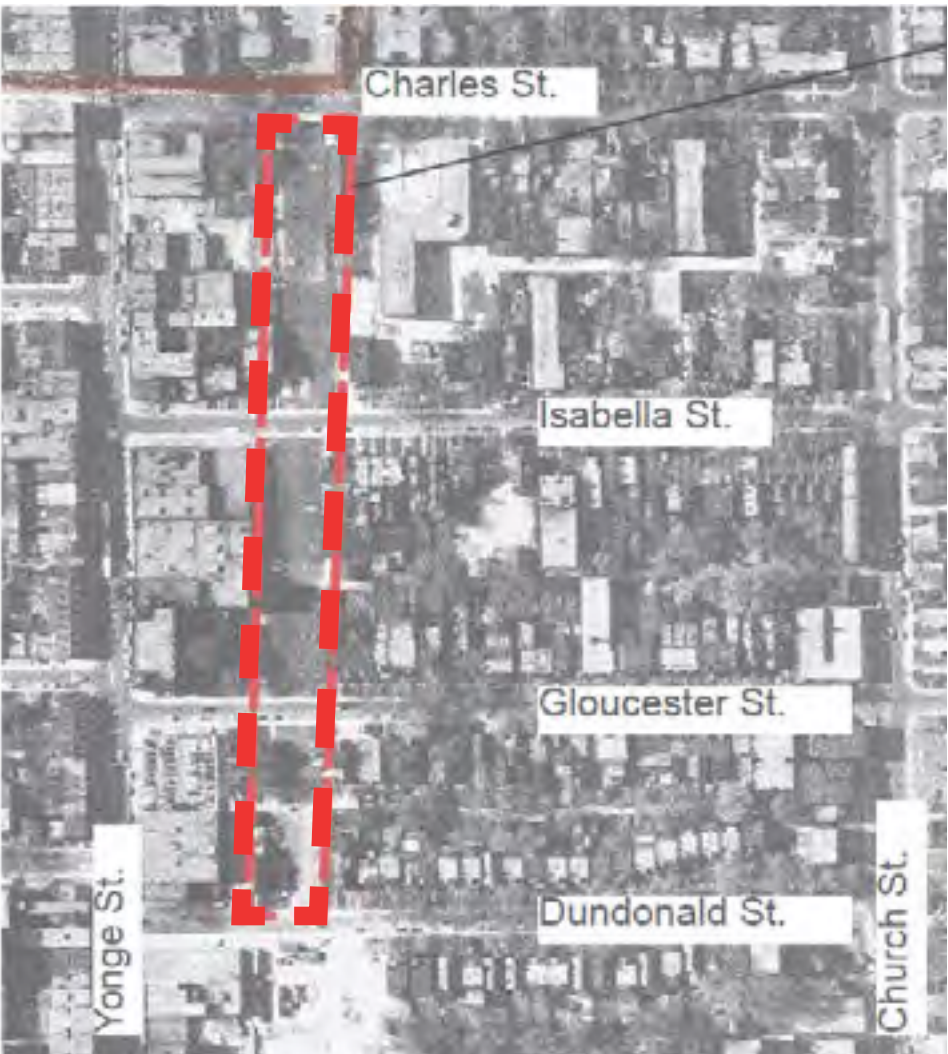
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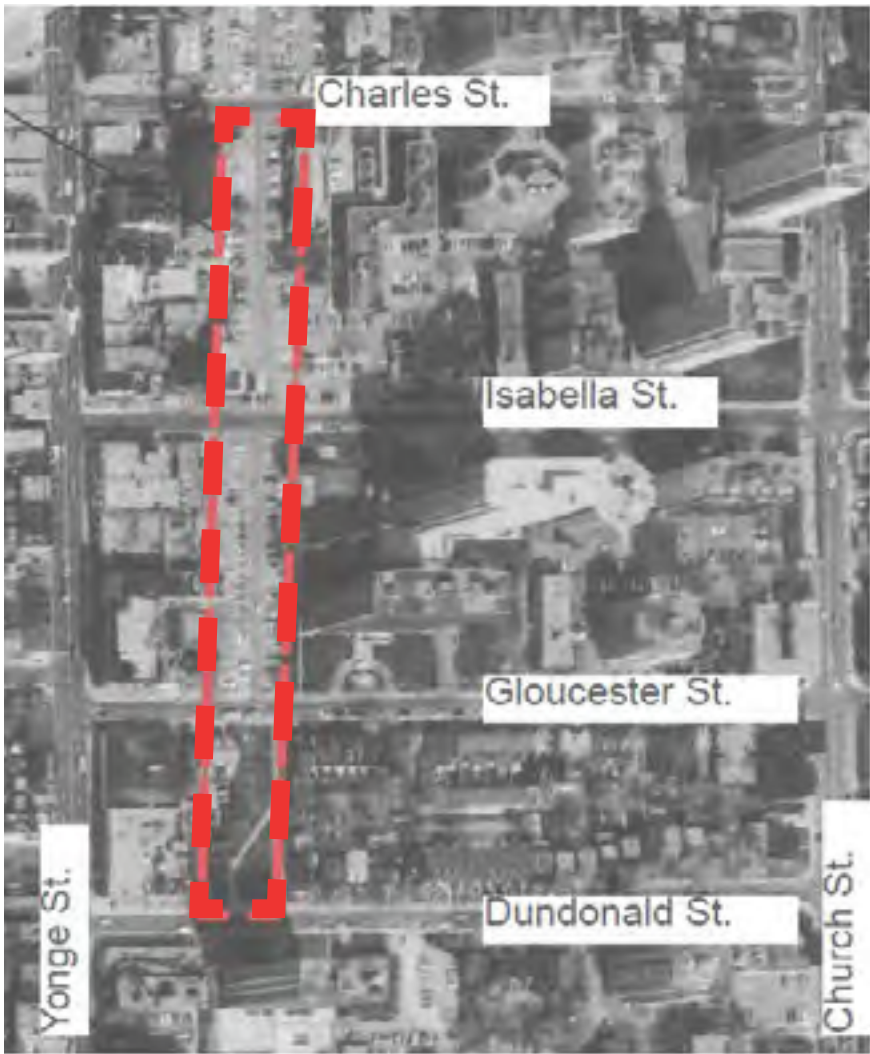
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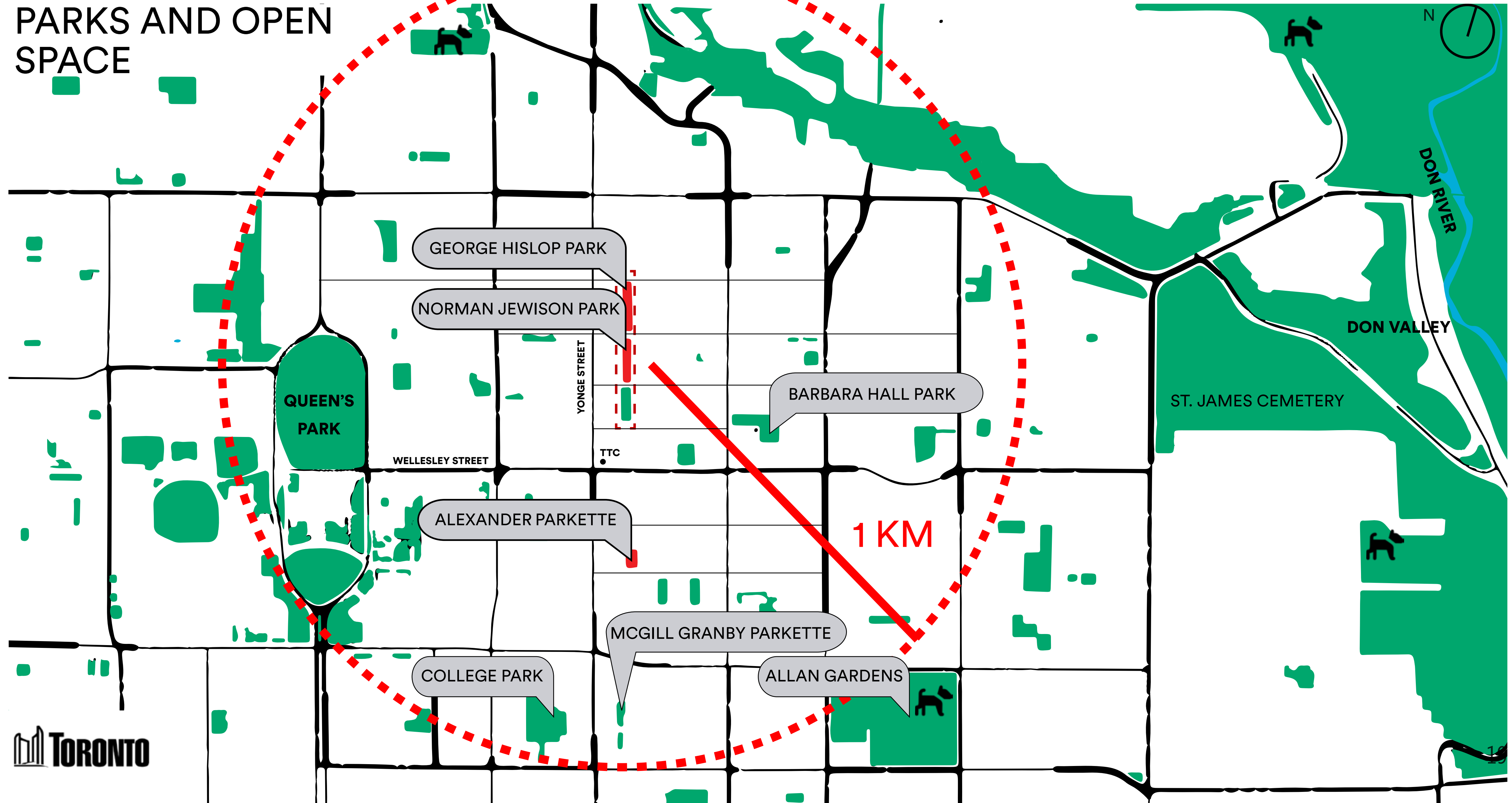


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## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE





# SITE ANALYSIS

SITE ANALYSIS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



# Site Analysis

## ZONING

LEGEND

COMMERCIAL / RESIDENTIAL

OPEN SPACE

RESIDENTIAL APTMS

An aerial photograph of a city block with zoning overlays. The map is divided into three main color-coded zones: blue for 'COMMERCIAL / RESIDENTIAL' (top and right), green for 'RESIDENTIAL APTMS' (bottom and center), and red for 'OPEN SPACE' (left and center-right). The red 'OPEN SPACE' areas are outlined with a dashed red border. Labels with callout boxes identify 'ALEXANDER PARKETTE' (top left), 'GEORGE HISLOP PARK' (top right), and 'NORMAN JEWISON PARK' (center). A vertical label 'WELLESLEY STREET E' is placed over the central green area. A horizontal label 'YONGE STREET' is at the top. A small red and white logo is visible near the top center.

DATA SOURCE:  
CITY OF TORONTO 'OPEN DATA'

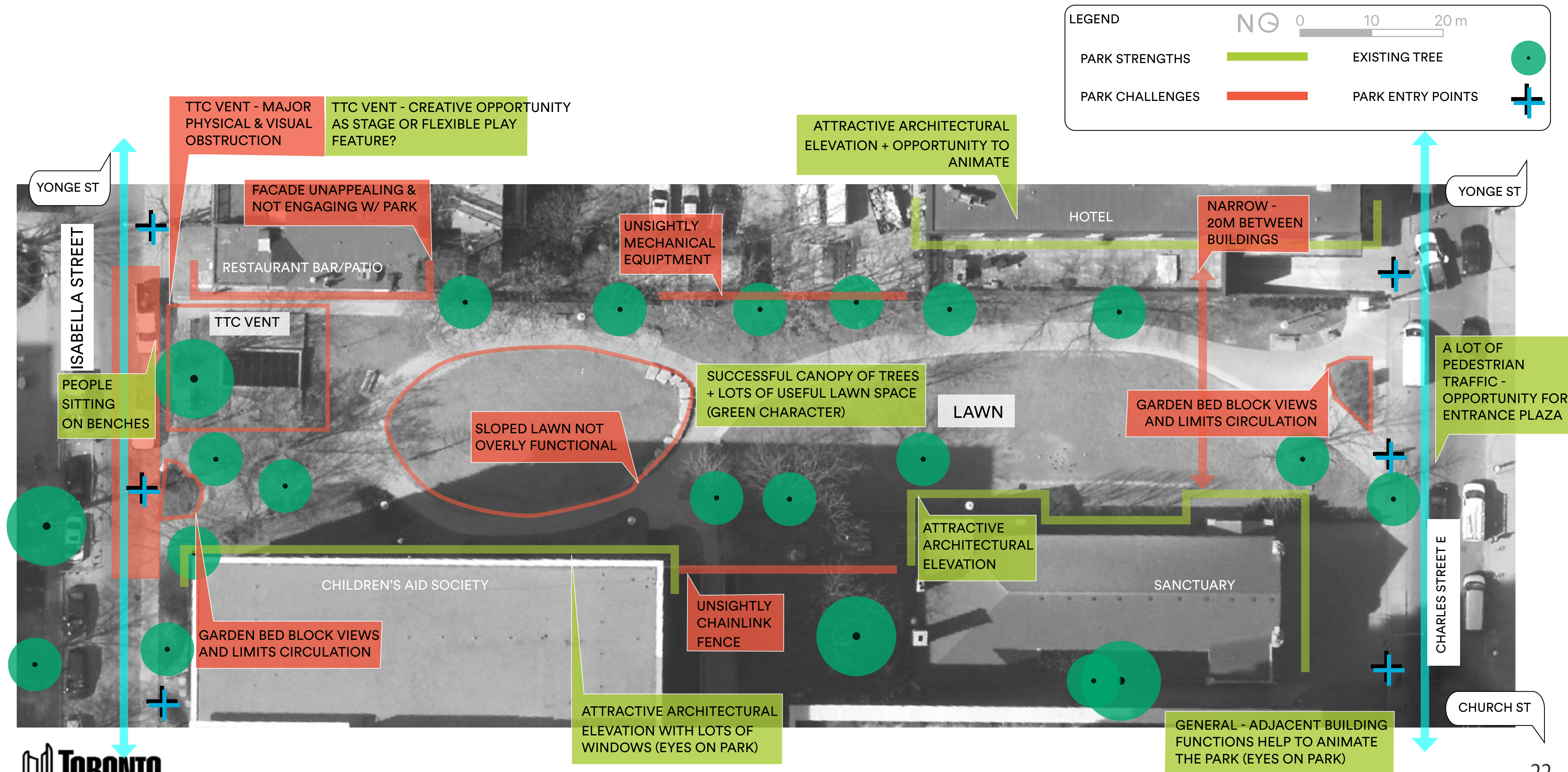
The logo for the City of Toronto, featuring a stylized skyline of the city's skyline with the word 'TORONTO' in a bold, sans-serif font.

A scale bar and north arrow. The north arrow is a circle with an 'N' and a line pointing up. The scale bar is a horizontal line with markings for 0, 75, and 150 meters.

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# George Hislop Park - Site Analysis, Challenges & Opportunities



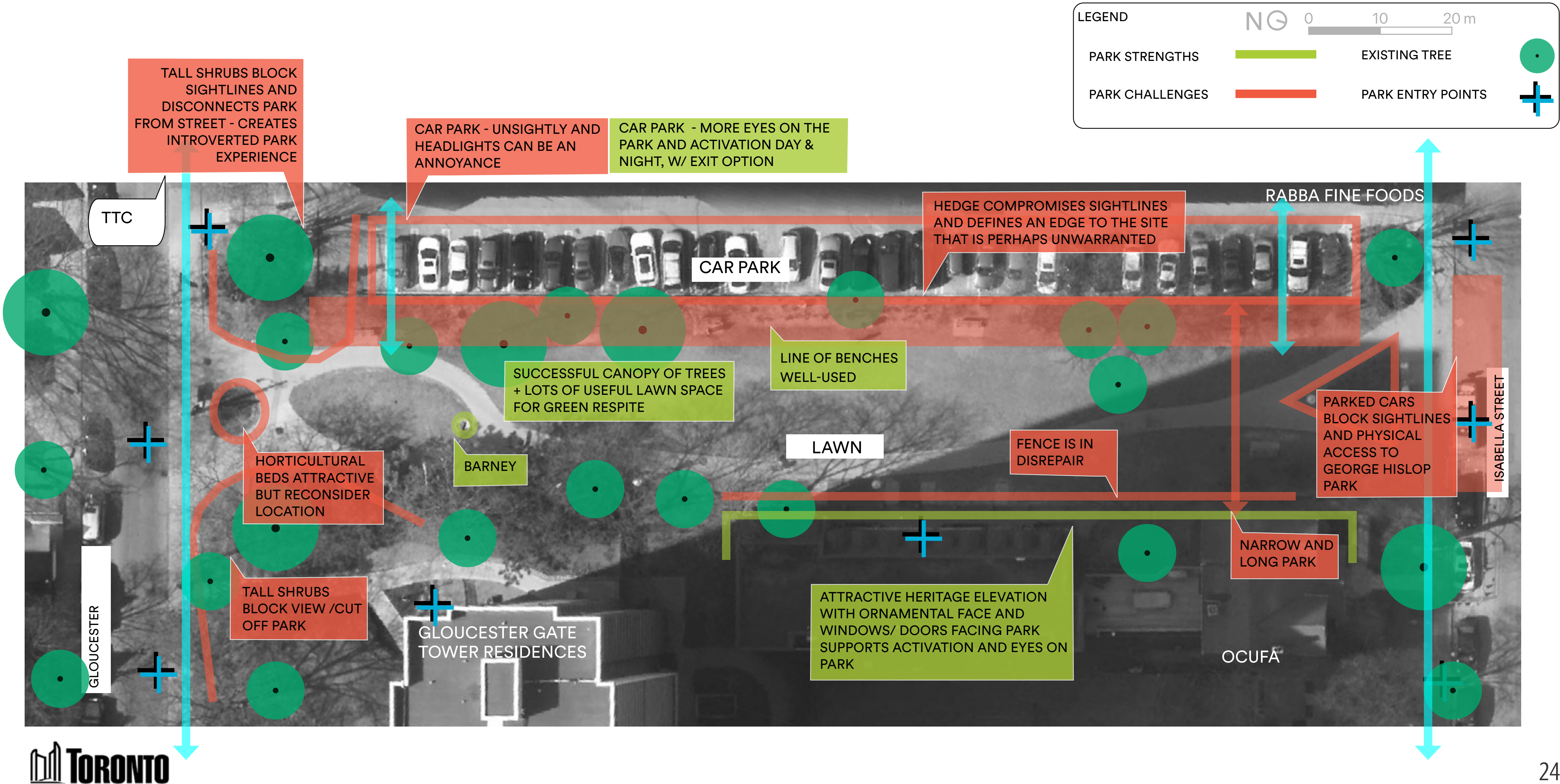


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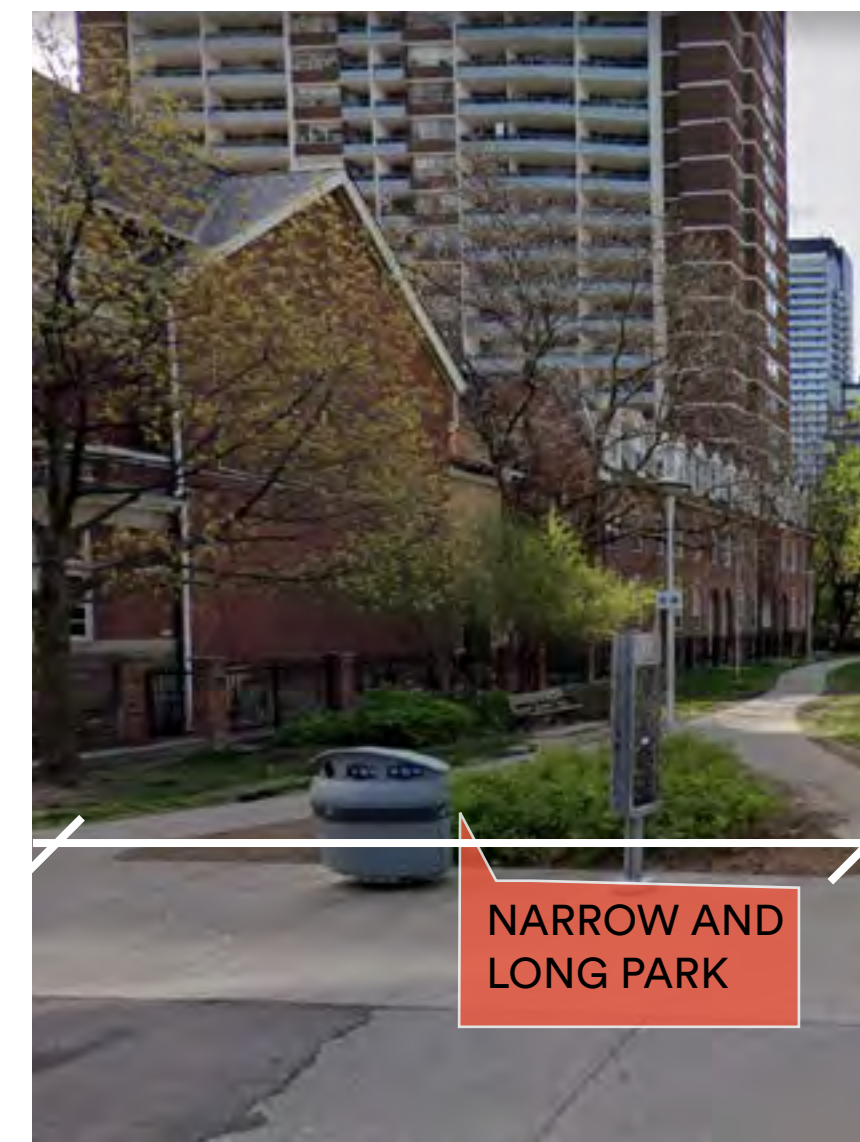
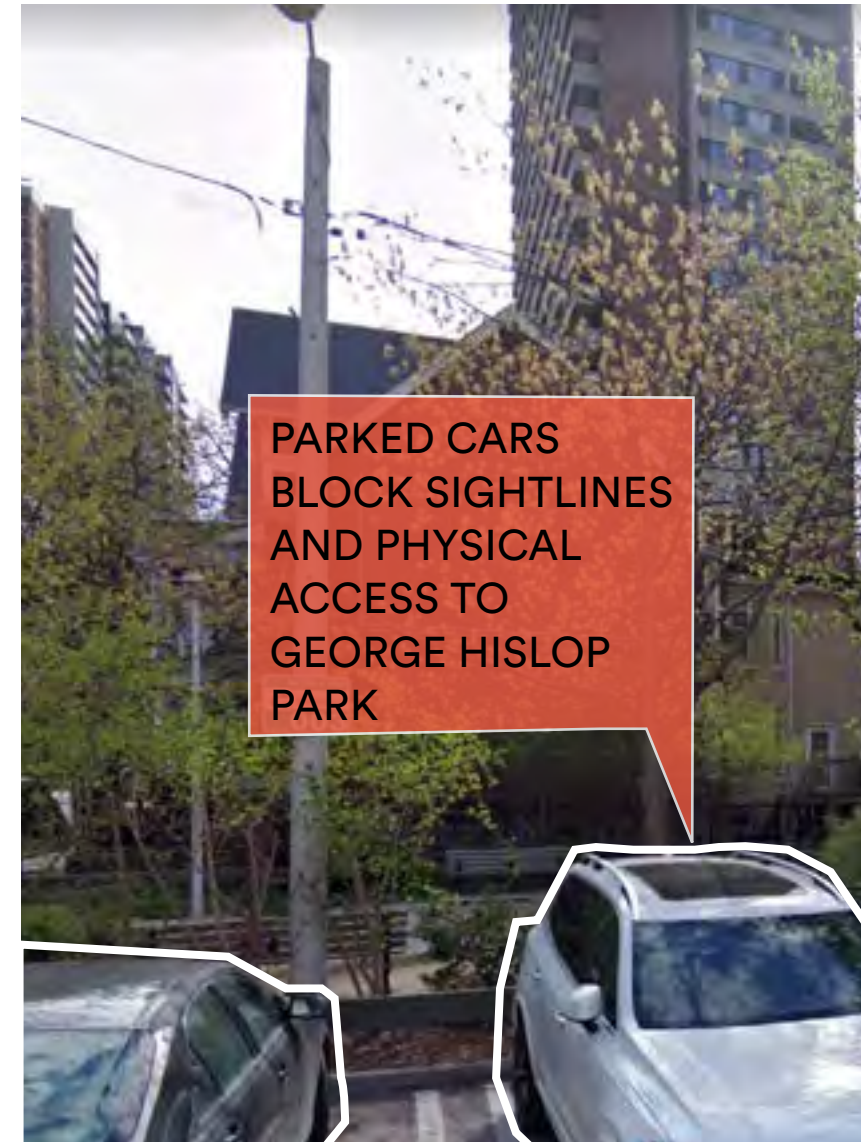
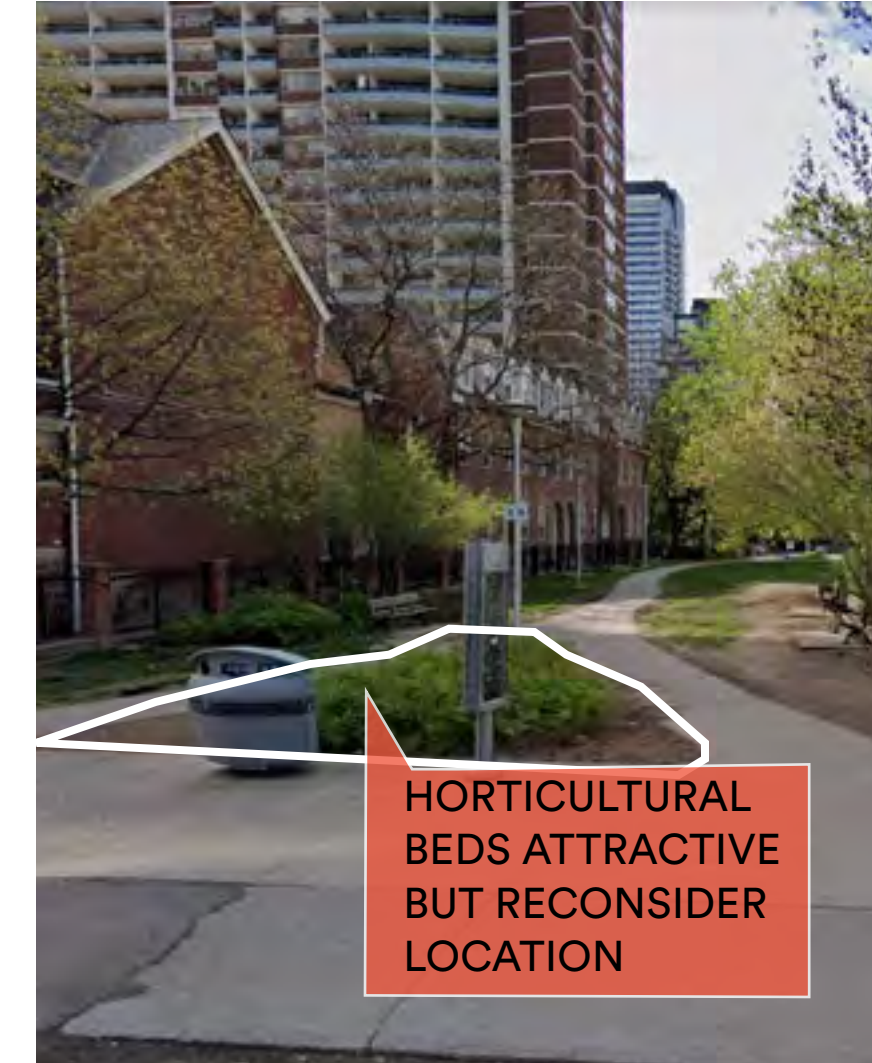
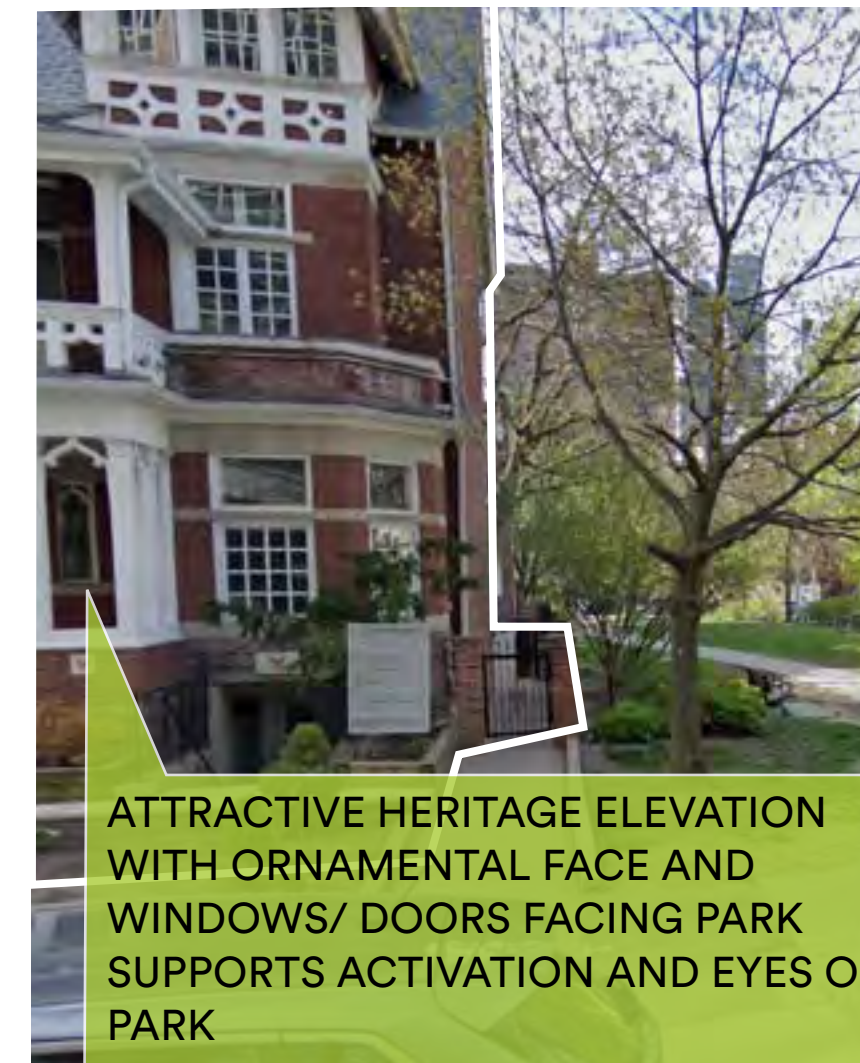
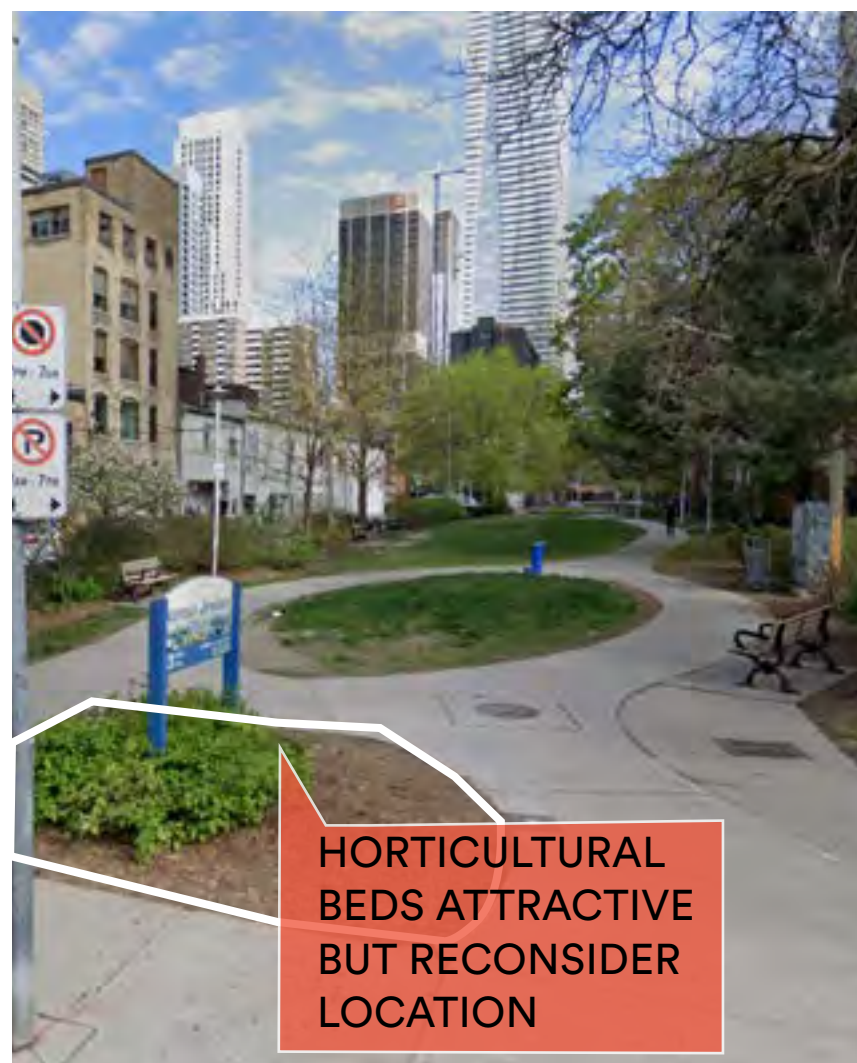


# Norman Jewison Park - Site Analysis, Challenges & Opportunities



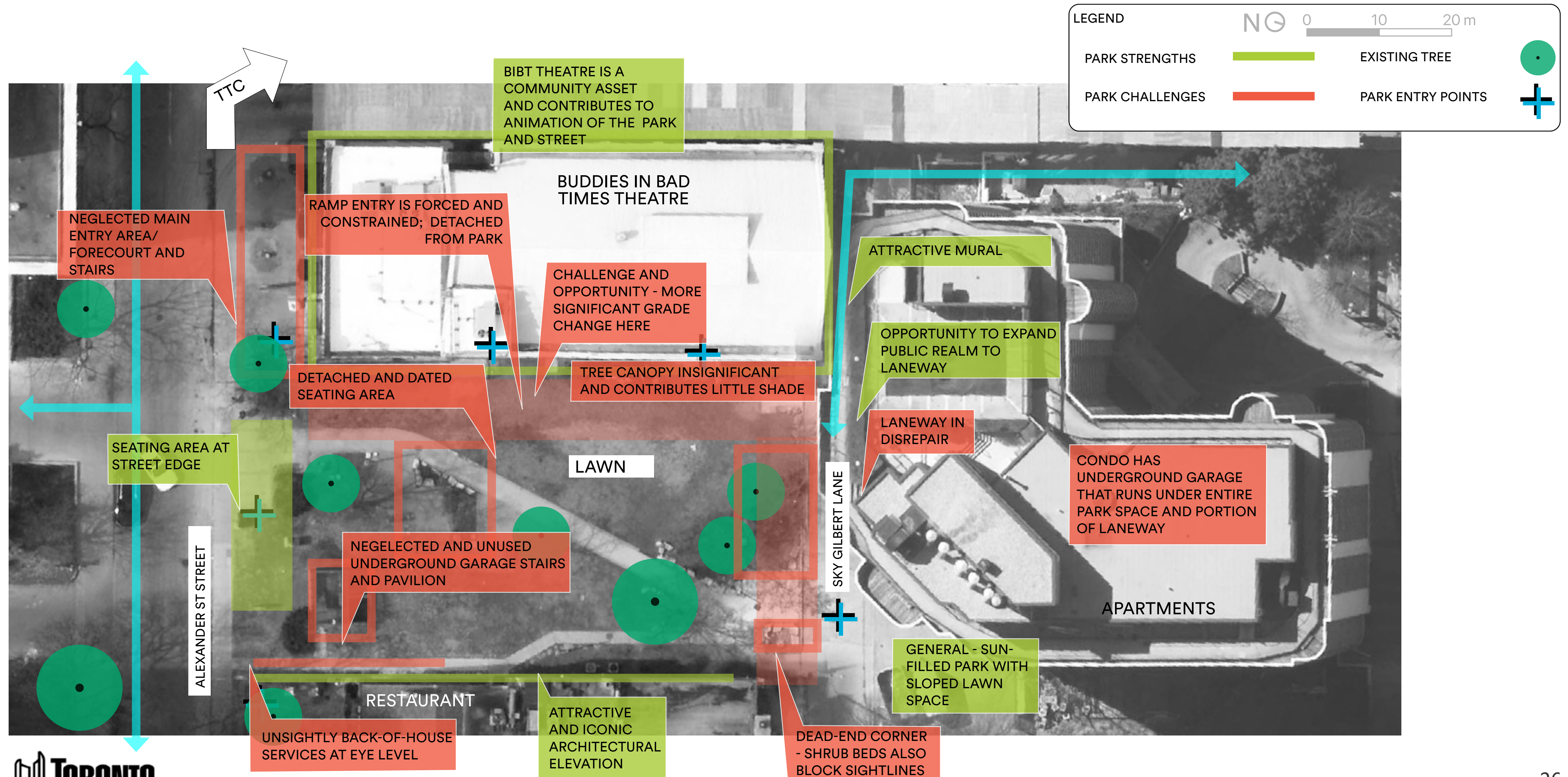


# Norman Jewison Park - Site Analysis, Challenges & Opportunities



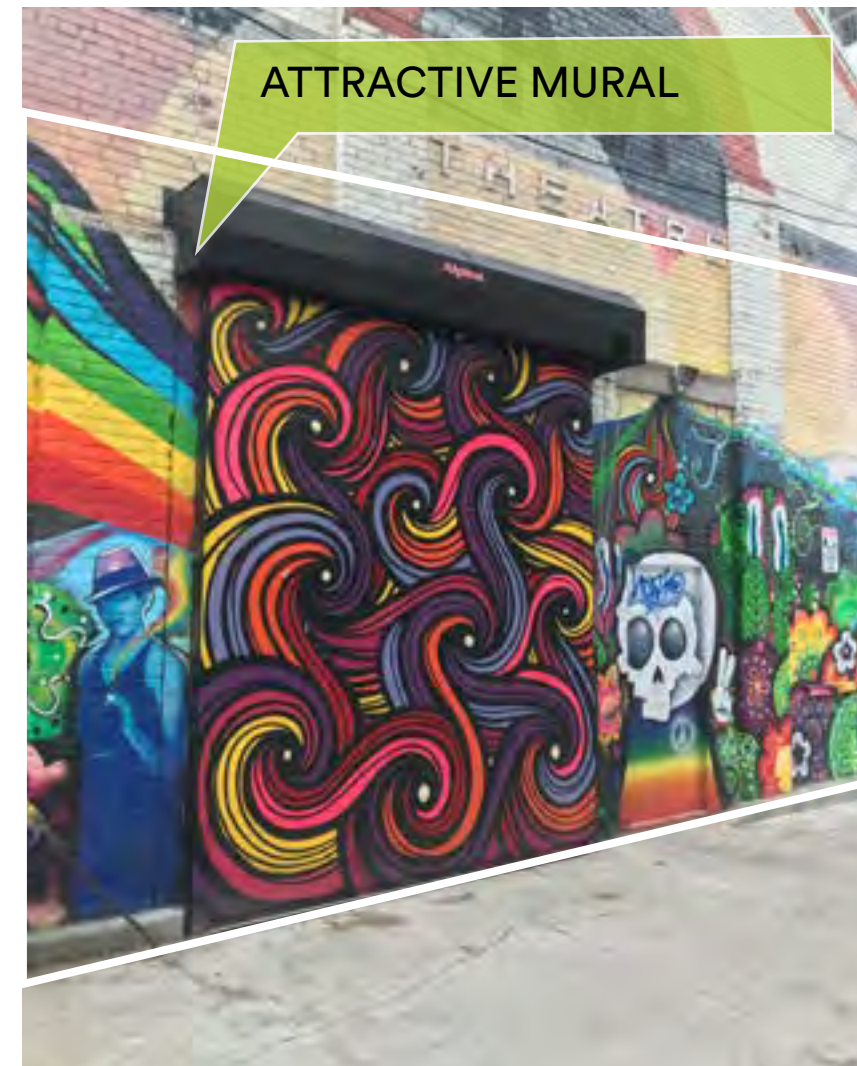


# Alexander Parkette - Site Analysis, Challenges & Opportunities





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# RECONFIRM + REFRESH

2017 PARKS MASTER PLAN

DESIGN GOALS AND PRINCIPLES

PROPOSED SITE FUNCTION DIAGRAMS

PRECEDENTS

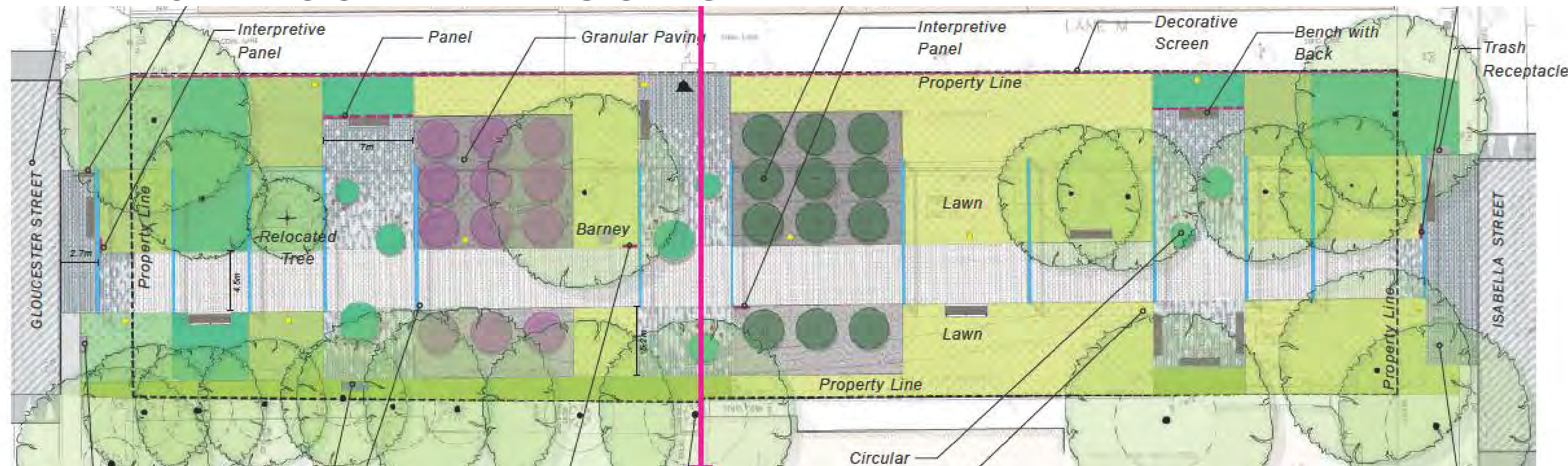


# 2017 Parks Master Plan

## GEORGE HISLOP PARK CONCEPT PLAN



## NORMAN JEWISON PARK CONCEPT PLAN





# Design Goals and Principles

## 2017 YSLP Master Plan Goals

- Enhanced **safety**
- Family-friendly
- Youth-friendly
- Connected to adjacent parks
- Artful
- Keep it 'green'
- Reference heritage
- Seating for gathering

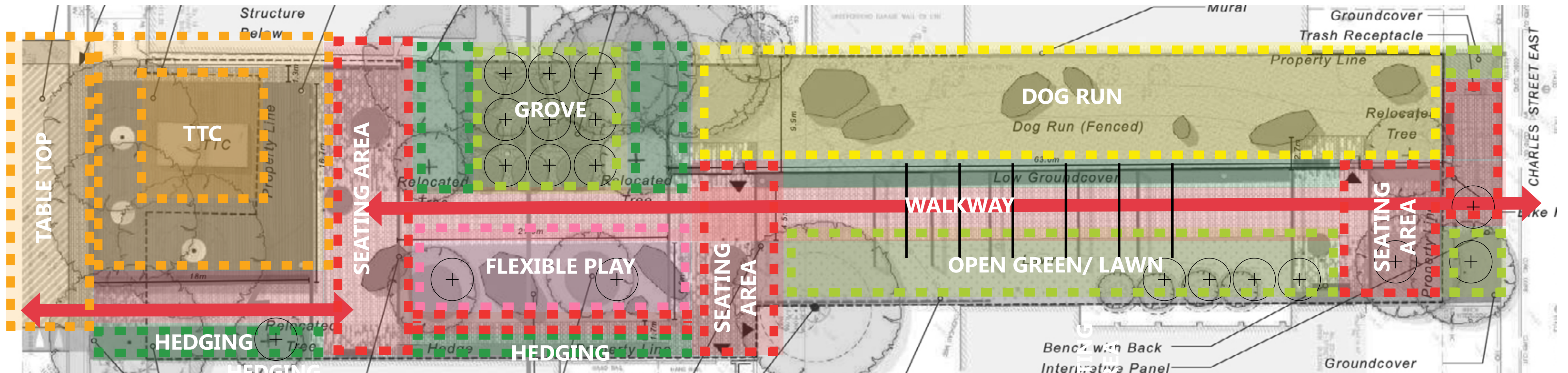
## 2020 YSLP Refreshed Park Goals

- Enhanced safety
- **Designed inclusively for everyone**
- **Connected to the community - be extroverted**
- **Make it flexible**
- **Integrated public art - LGBTQ2S+ themed at George Hislop Park**
- Keep it 'green'
- Reference heritage
- Seating for small and large gathering

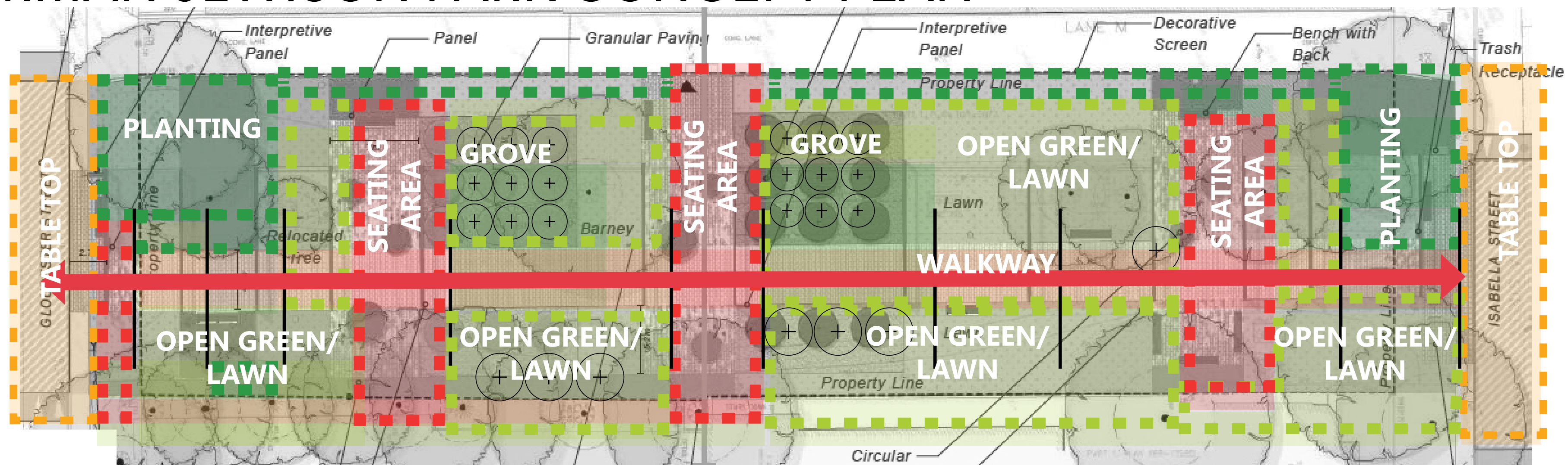






# 2017 Parks Master Plan - Analysis of Site Use

## GEORGE HISLOP PARK CONCEPT PLAN



## NORMAN JEWISON PARK CONCEPT PLAN

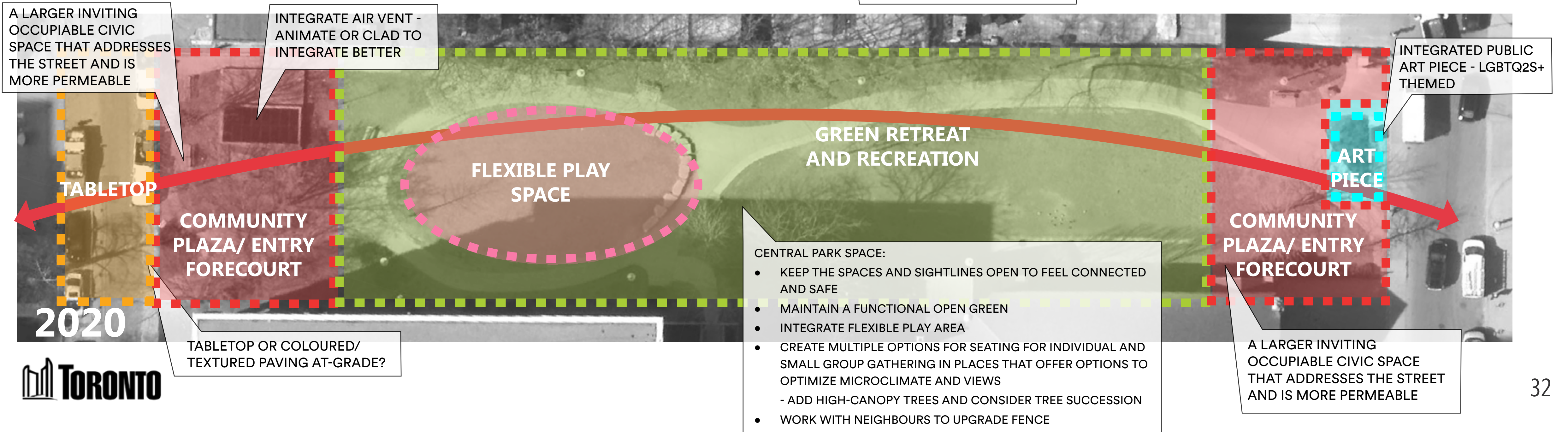
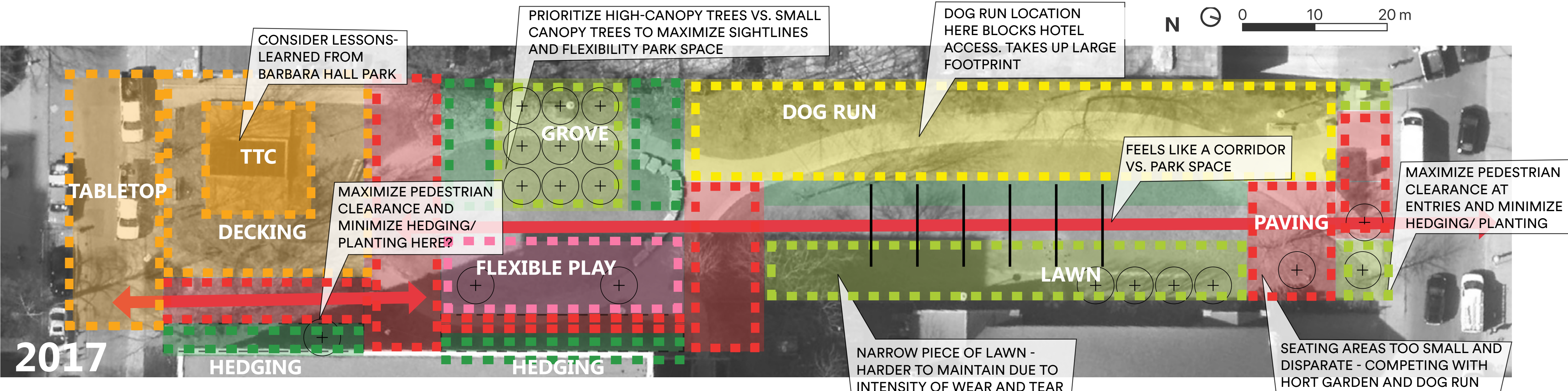


-  PAVED SEATING AREA
-  TABLE TOP CROSSING
-  OPEN GREEN & LAWN
-  GROUNDCOVER PLANTING



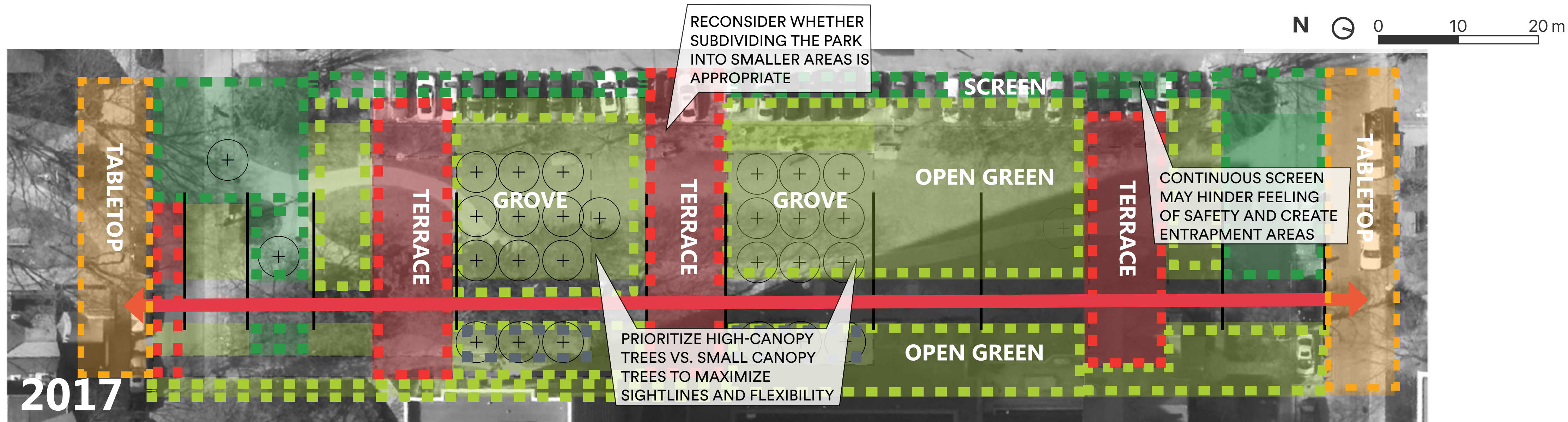


# George Hislop Park - Proposed Site Function



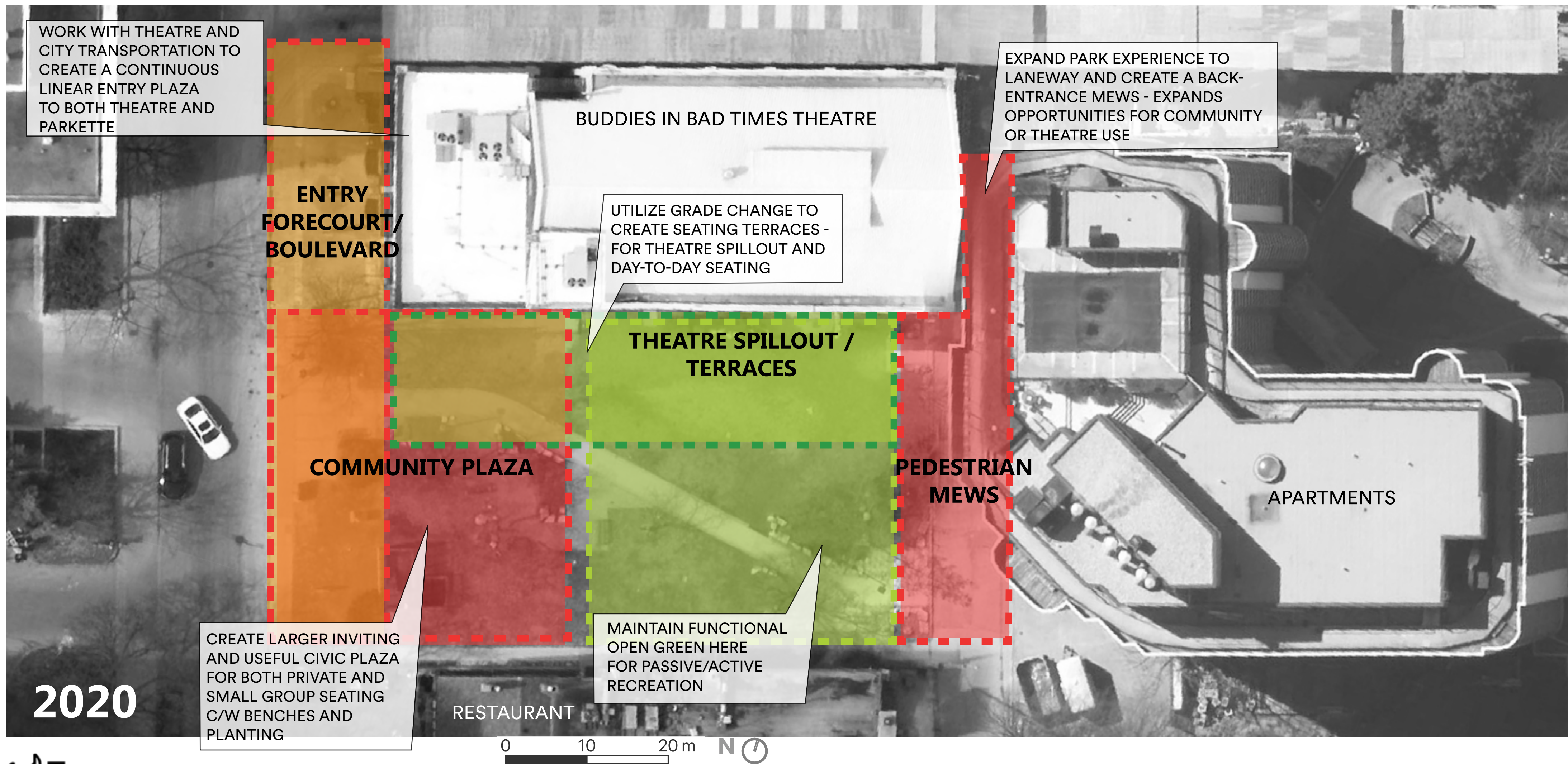


# Norman Jewison Park - Proposed Site Function





# Alexander St. Parkette - Proposed Site Function





# Precedent Images for Big Moves

## 1. ENTRY PLAZAS TO PARKS/PARKETTES



ST. JAMES PARK,  
PMA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS



BARBARA HALL PARK,  
THINC. DESIGN



DUNDAS WEST ST. CLARENS PARKETTE,  
CITY OF TORONTO



DOCKLANDS PARK,  
RUSH WRIGHT ASSOCIATES



DOCKLANDS PARK,  
RUSH WRIGHT ASSOCIATES

## 2. FLEXIBLE PLAY



JOEL WEEKS PARK, JRS  




SUN HOP PARK  
HAPA COLLABORATIVE



TERRA NOVA PLAY  
HAPA COLLABORATIVE



TRILLIUM PARK  
LANDING



SØRENGA CENTRAL PARK AND HARBOR  
PROMENADE, GRINDAKER



# Precedent Images for Big Moves

## 3. GENTLY CURVED WALKWAYS



THE HUNTERS POINT SHORELINE,  
ENVELOPE ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN



TEARDROP PARK, MVVA



BARBARA HALL PARK,  
PMA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

## 5. TERRACES (AT ALEXANDER PARK)



TRILLIUM PARK, LANDING  




MEMORIAL SQUARE, BARRIE,  
PMA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS



JACKSON TRIGGS ESTATE WINERY,  
JANET ROSENBERG & STUDIO

## 4. PEDESTRIAN MEWS



BROTORGET, KARAVAN  
LANDSKAPSARKITEKTER



MARKET STREET, DTAH

## 6. DOG RELIEF AREA



BERCZY PARK, CLAUDE CORMIER  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



DOG RELIEF AREA, SALT LAKE CITY  
AIRPORT



# Precedent Images - Integrated LGBTQ2S+ Art at George Hislop Park

## STANISLAV JURKOVIC



STANISLAV JURKOVIC, THE BLUE ROOMS, COLLEGE STREET (W/ PMA)

## EXAMPLES OF INTEGRATED PUBLIC ART



MOCCASIN IDENTIFIER, TRILLIUM PARK (LANDING IN COLLABORATION W/ THE MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION)



SITE SPECIFIC, SUMACH AND EASTERN (SCOTT EUNSON & MARIANNE LOVINK)



TIME AND TIDE, PLANTATION LANE, LONDON, UK (SIMON PATERSON)



BRONZE - EVOLUTION OF ARCHITECTURE IN ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, ST. JAMES PARK (SCOTT EUNSON W/ PMA)



STANISLAV JURKOVIC + JYHLING LEE, LUCEE



WATERSHED CONSCIOUSNESS, EVERGREEN BRICK WORKS (FERUCCIO SARDELLA)



CHINESE ZODIAC AND LANTERNS, CHINATOWN (JYHLING LEE)



GAY HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL, MEIR PARK, TEL AVIV (PROF. Yael MORIAH)



KALEIDOSCOPIIC TUNNEL, BRADSTOCK PARK, RICHMOND HILL (JYHLING LEE W/ PMA)



# QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

QUESTIONS FOR CLARIFICATION

DISCUSSION - DESIGN GOALS, PRIORITIES AND PROGRAMMING



QUESTIONS?



**Questions for clarification?**



FEEDBACK?



**Are there specific things the design can do more of to improve safety?**

Safety can be improved through better lighting, sightlines, physical and visual permeability, programming to name a few - what should we prioritize and what are some other methods?



# Discussion - Design Goals, Priorities and Programming

FEEDBACK?



**How can the park support how you or your organization use the park?**

On a daily basis? For special events?



FEEDBACK?



## **What do you like about the refreshed big moves?**

- community plazas at park entrances
- gently curved paths
- larger connected open green vs. subdivided areas
- flexible play area(s)
- unfenced dog relief area
- landscape terrace seating
- pedestrian mews behind Alexander St. Parkette into Sky Gilbert Lane



# Discussion - Design Goals, Priorities and Programming

FEEDBACK?



**Other comments?**



# Additional Comments and Questions

MORE FEEDBACK?



## Ways to Offer Feedback:

### Email comments or call

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### For more information

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Phone: 416-338-5237



# NEXT STEPS...

PROMOTE THE PUBLIC MEETING THROUGH YOUR NETWORKS

REVIEW THE DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

ATTEND THE ONLINE PUBLIC MEETING PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 27TH 2020

**THANK YOU!**