

Geary Avenue Park Expansion

Green Line Implementation

Preferred Concept Plan
November 4, 2020

The on-line meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.

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are muted.

#greenlineTO



Land Acknowledgment

I'd like to begin by pausing for a moment and asking you to be present and to reflect on these words. We can think on how we came to call Tkaronto home, in this generation or generations past. If you're not currently in Toronto, I encourage you to learn about the lands you are also on.

These lands have been the home and continue to be the home of Indigenous people, their relations, their communities, their ancestors, and their deeply intimate connections with our collective mother who sustains us, and gives breath to our bodies.

Turtle Island has a long history and generations of many of our communities and ancestors connecting and coming together. We must also give pause and think on those who came here involuntarily, particularly as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave trade.

Land Acknowledgment

Tkaronto is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples. I also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

Miigwech (Thank You) for being present.

Opening Remarks

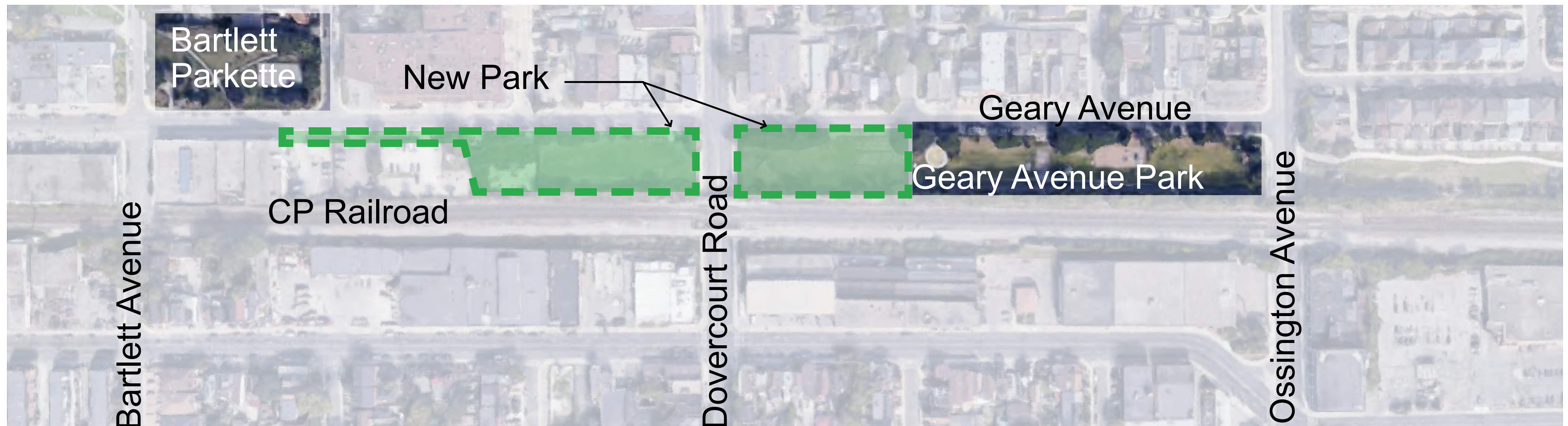
Ana Bailão

City of Toronto, Councilor + Deputy Mayor



Purpose of the Meeting

Present and gather feedback on the preferred concept plan for the expansion of Geary Avenue Park and streetscape improvements on Geary Avenue.



Agenda

1. Welcome and Team Introductions
2. Project Update + What We Heard
3. Preferred Concept
4. Questions + Answers
5. Next Steps

Team

City of Toronto

Nancy Chater - Senior Project Coordinator

Rachel Weston - Construction Coordinator

Rajesh Sankat - Senior Public Consultation Coordinator

Alex Lavasidis - Senior Public Consultation Coordinator

Design Team

DTAH Landscape Architects-Lead

James Roche

Yvonne Battista

LURA Public Engagement

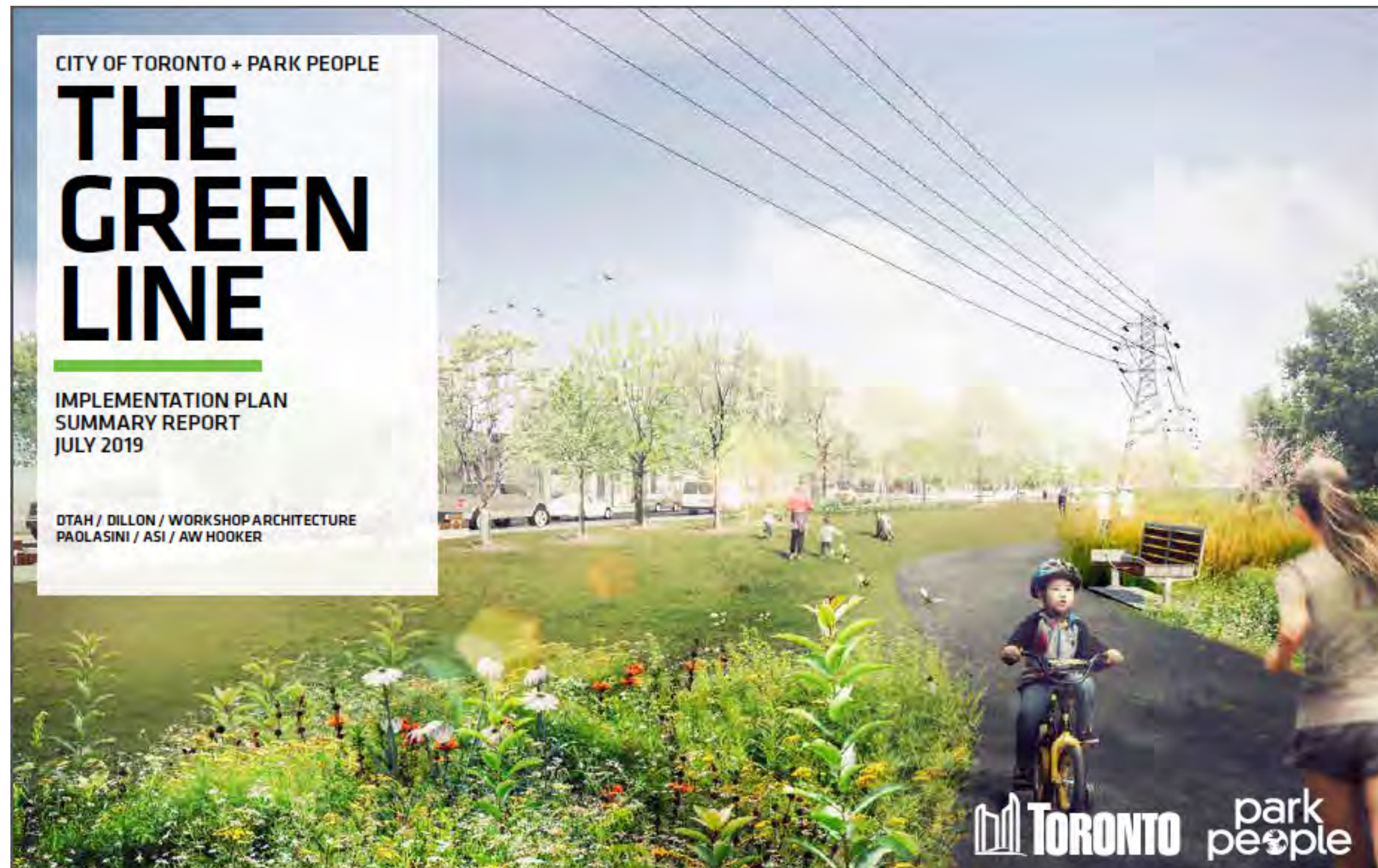
Susan Hall

Alex Furneaux

Part 1: Project Update

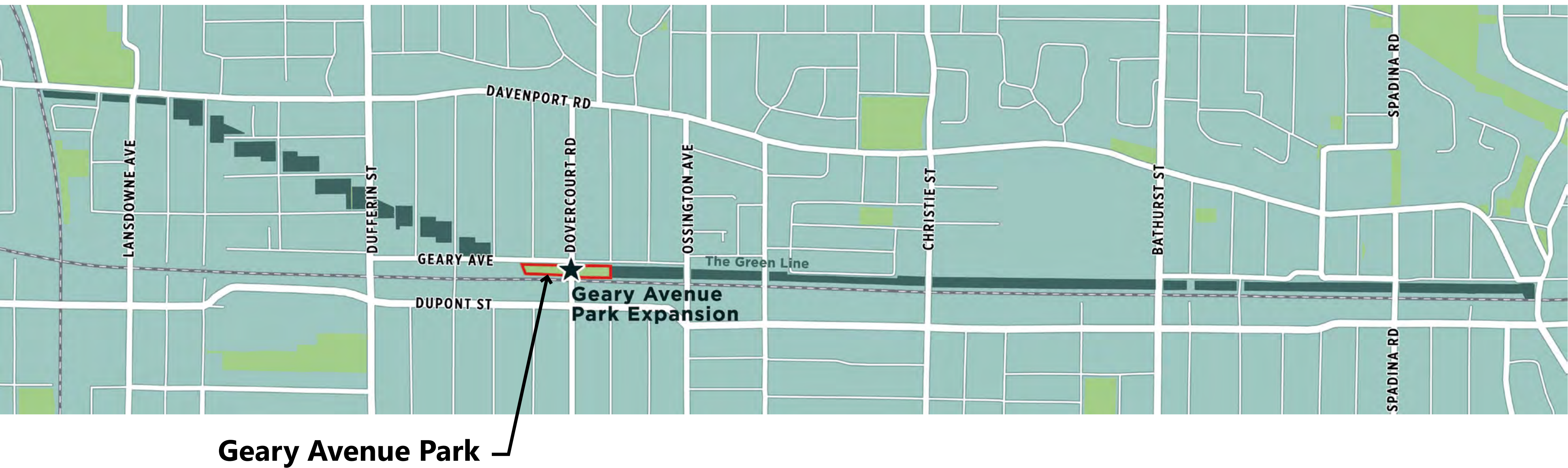
How Did We Get Here?

Geary Avenue Park expansion builds on the 2019 master plan work for the Green Line linear park system.



[Master Plan Link](#)

Map of The Green Line - Proposed 5km Linear Park



Schedule

Concept Design and Community Consultation

Internal Stakeholder Meeting

April 2020

**Public Meeting #1 + Online
Questionnaire**

July 7th 2020 Internal

Stakeholders Meeting#2

October 2020

**Public Meeting #2 + Online
Questionnaire**

November 4th 2020

*We are
here!*

Design Development & Hydro One Approvals

Fall 2020 - Fall 2021

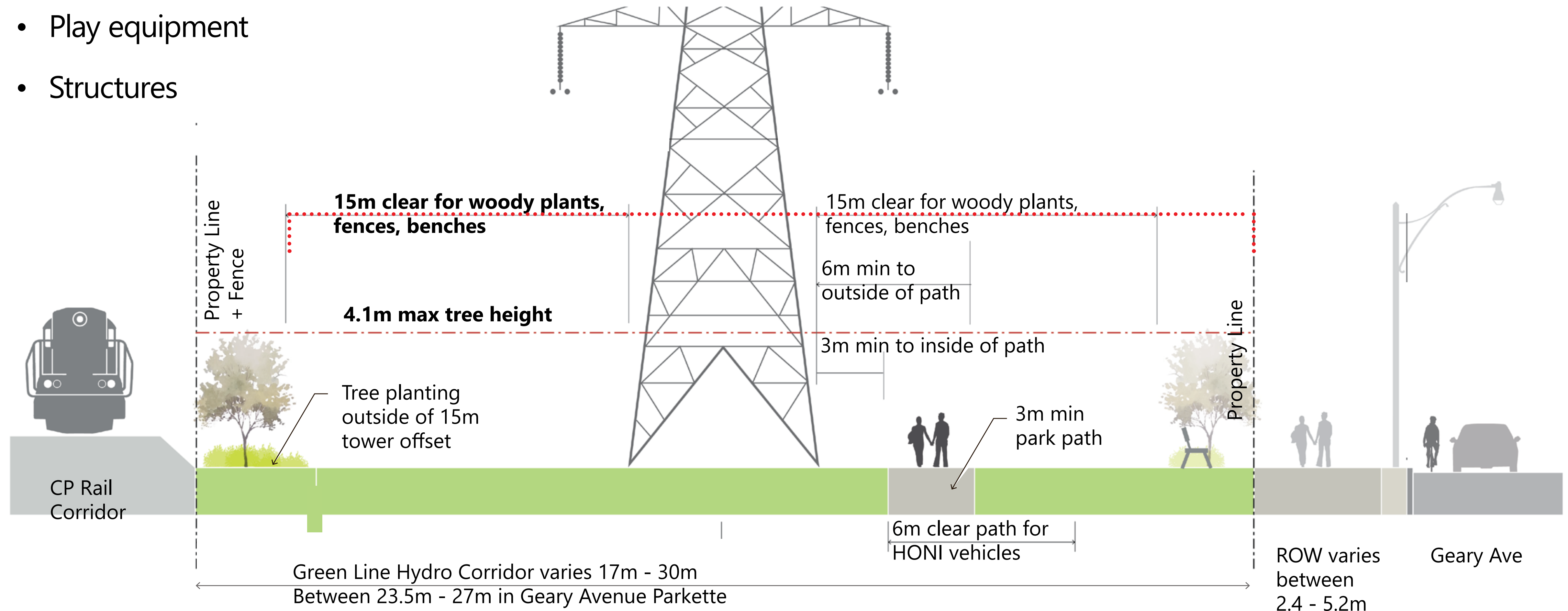
Park Construction

Spring - Fall 2022

Hydro One (HONI) - Design Constraints

Not Permitted:

- Play equipment
- Structures



Part 1: What We Heard

Recap: Past Concept Options At A Glance

West of Dovercourt Rd

East of Dovercourt Rd

Option 1



Option 2



Option 2A- Smaller Off-Leash Area



Option 2B- Larger Off-Leash Area

How We Engaged: Communication Methods

Outreach Methods

1. Project Webpage
2. Mail Outs
3. Posters
4. YouTube
5. Social Media
6. Councillor's Email / Newsletter

Engagement Methods

1. Virtual Community Meeting, *80 Participants*
2. Online Questionnaire, *118 Respondents*
3. Towers and Flowers Activity Book
4. Email, *Correspondence for Questions & Answers*
5. Indigenous Consultation About The Green Line

Geary Avenue Park Public Meeting #1 - What We Heard

Most Important Park Features (>70%):

1. Trees and Meadow Planting
2. Accessible Pathways
3. Streetscape Improvements
4. Lighting

Important Park Features (>60%):

5. Seating Options
6. Open Lawn Areas

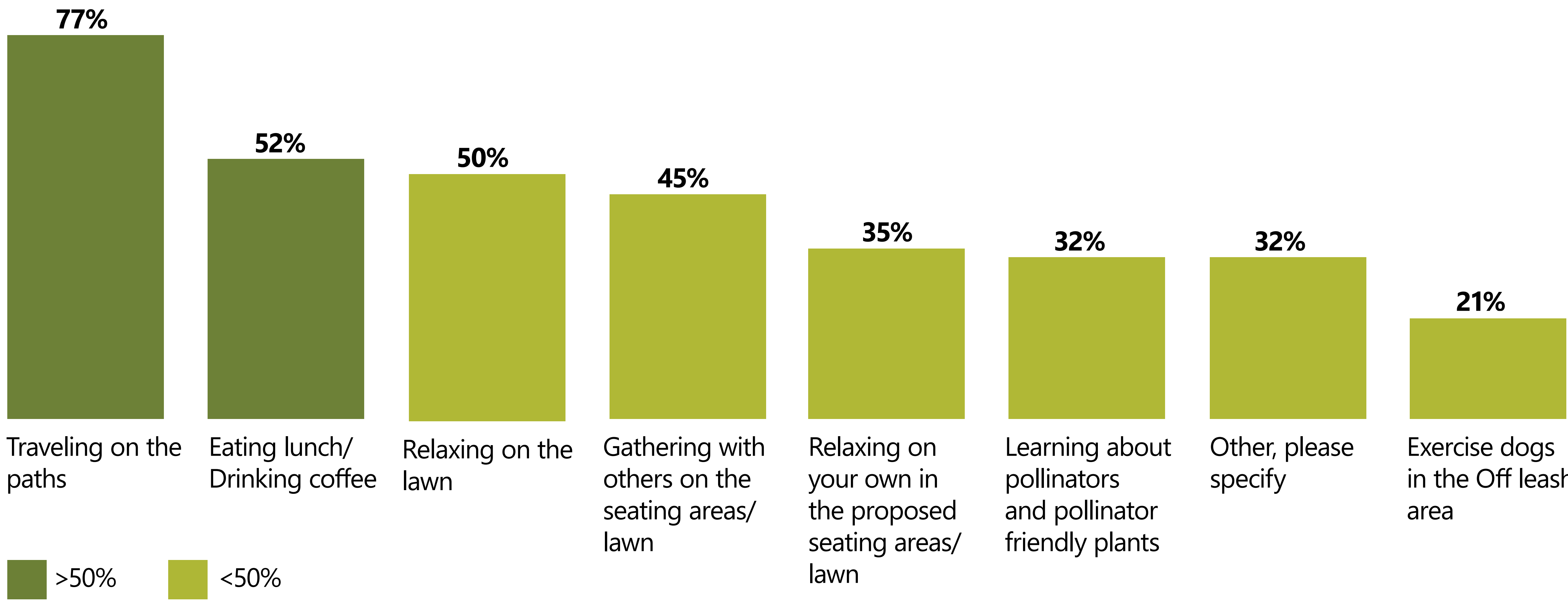
Park Features To Refine:

1. Off Leash Area size
2. Pathway width and location
3. Placemaking features

Feedback was received through the virtual community meeting and the online questionnaire.

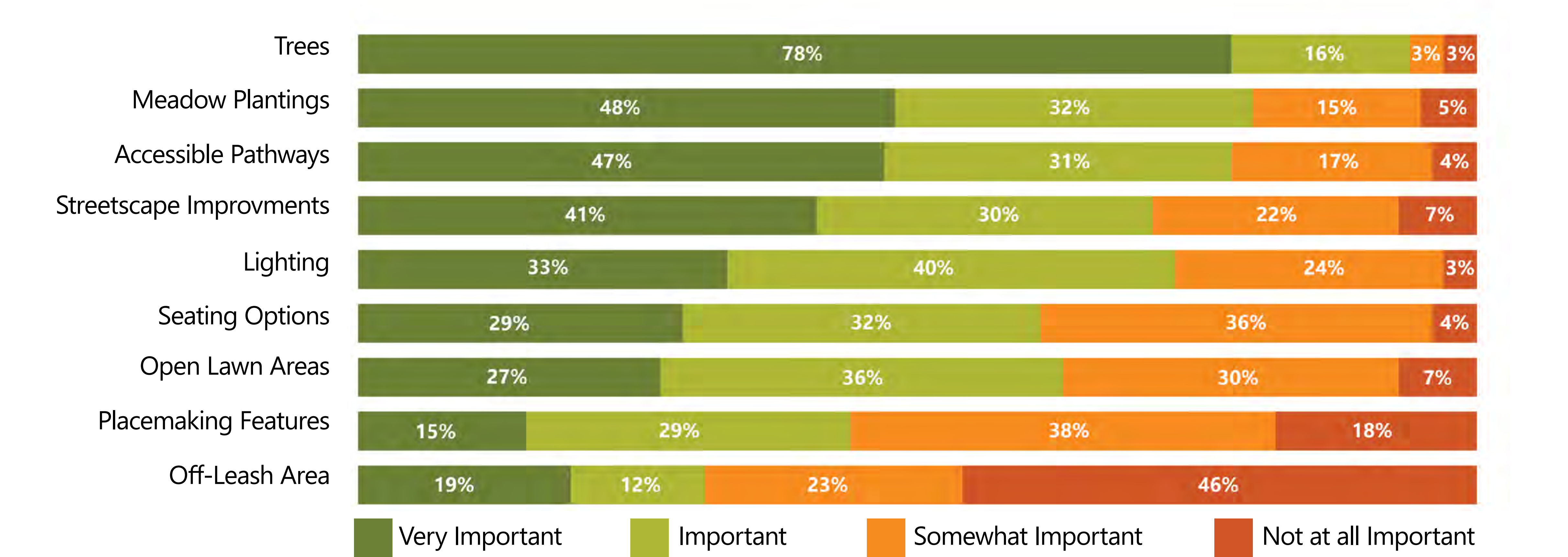
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Intended Uses



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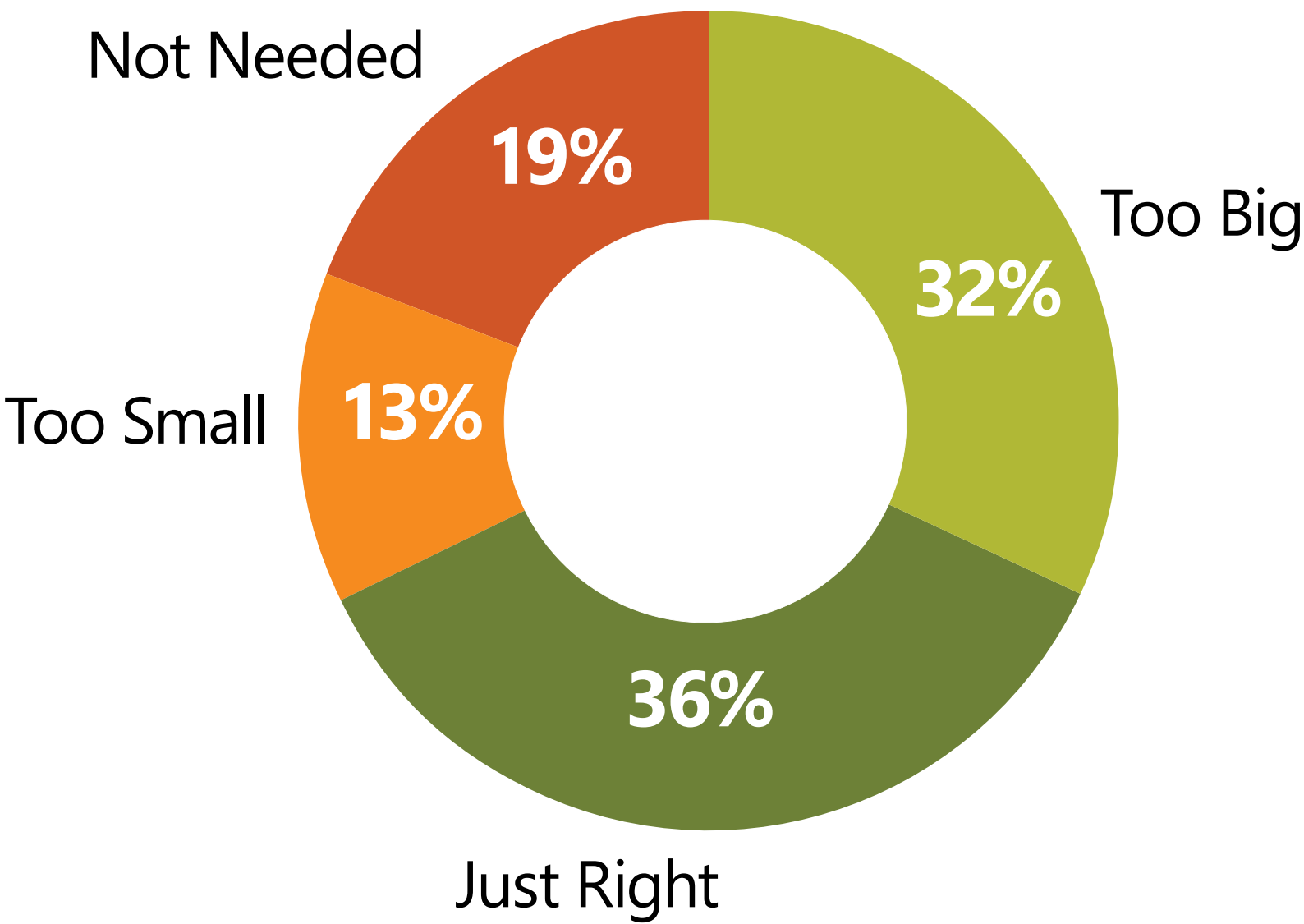
How important are each of the following design features to you and your household in the new Geary Avenue Park space:



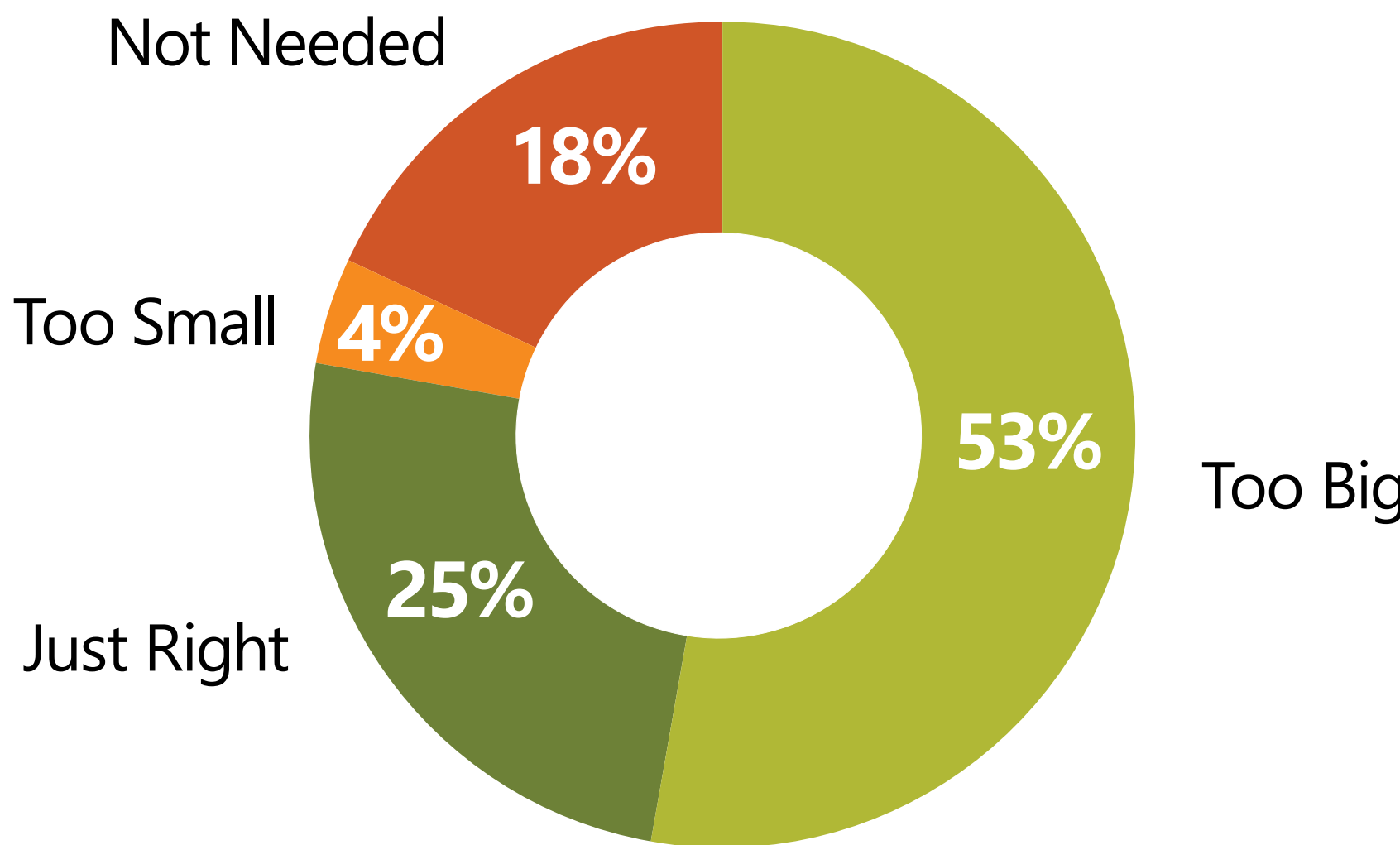
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Off-Leash Area

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OLA Option B 1390m2

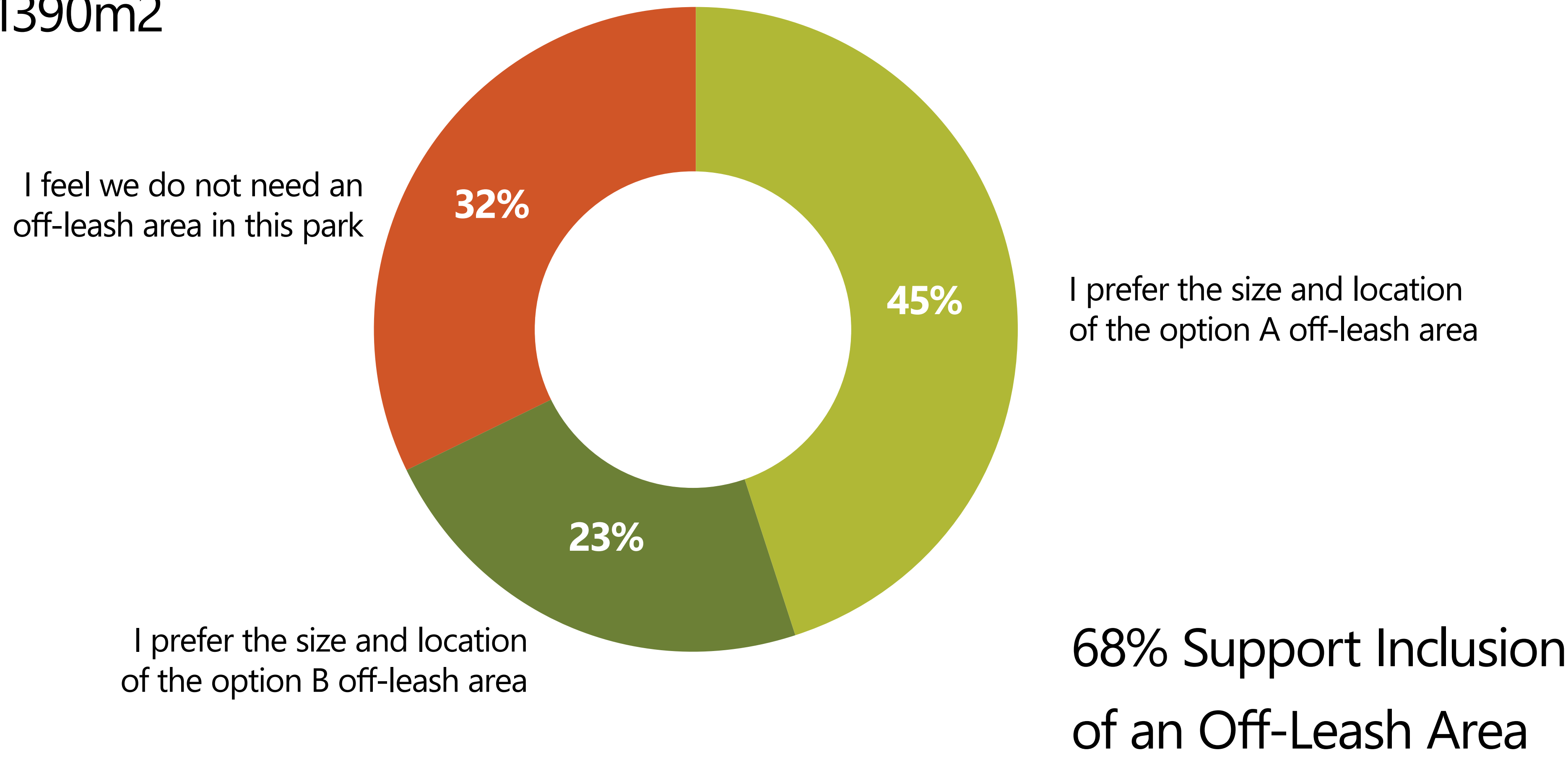


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Part 2: Preferred Concept Plan

Geary Avenue Park, West and East Block

Preferred Concept Plan

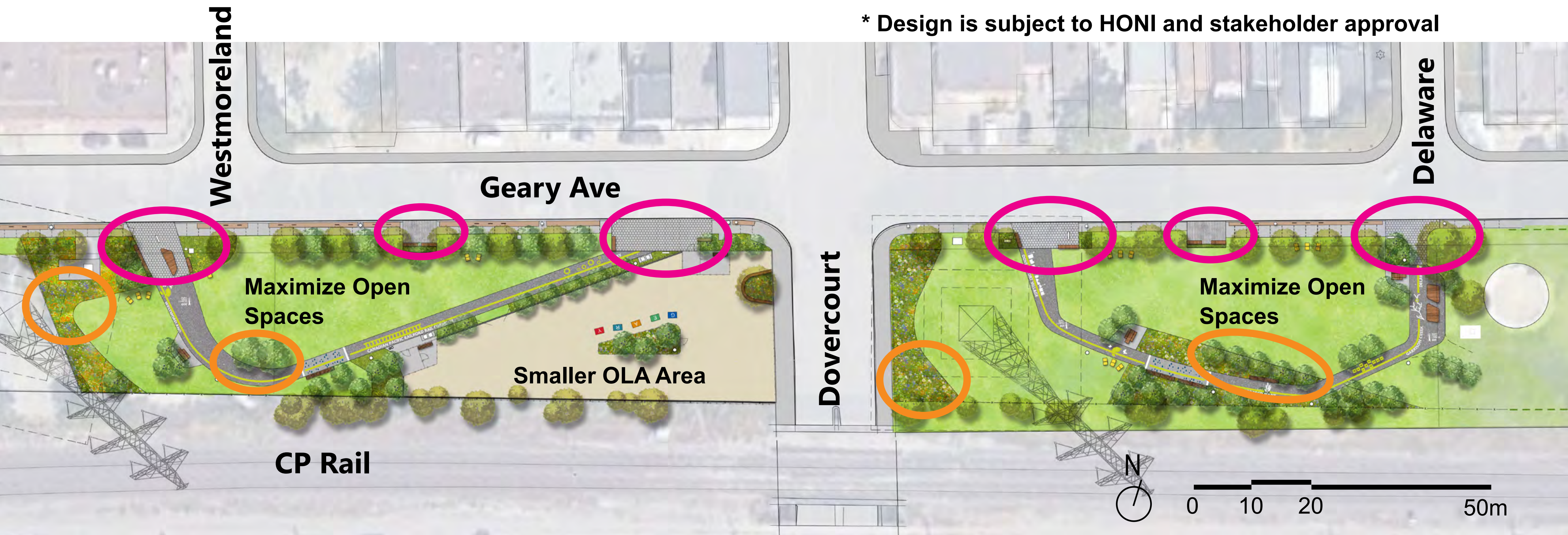


Geary Avenue Park, West and East Block

Response to Meeting #1 What We Heard

- Accessible pathways and extent of paths reduced (no loop)
- Indigenous engagement and place making
- Permeable asphalt pilot project
- Inclusion of fruit trees
- Additional meadow habitat
- Additional streetscape improvements

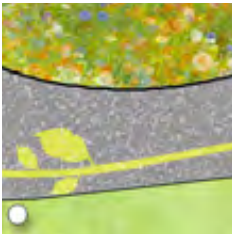
* Design is subject to HONI and stakeholder approval



West of Dovercourt



Hydro Tower



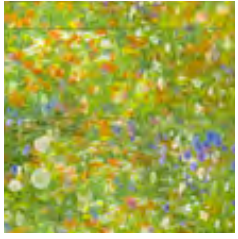
Asphalt Path + Design



Pavers



Turf



Meadow



Shrubs & Fruit Trees



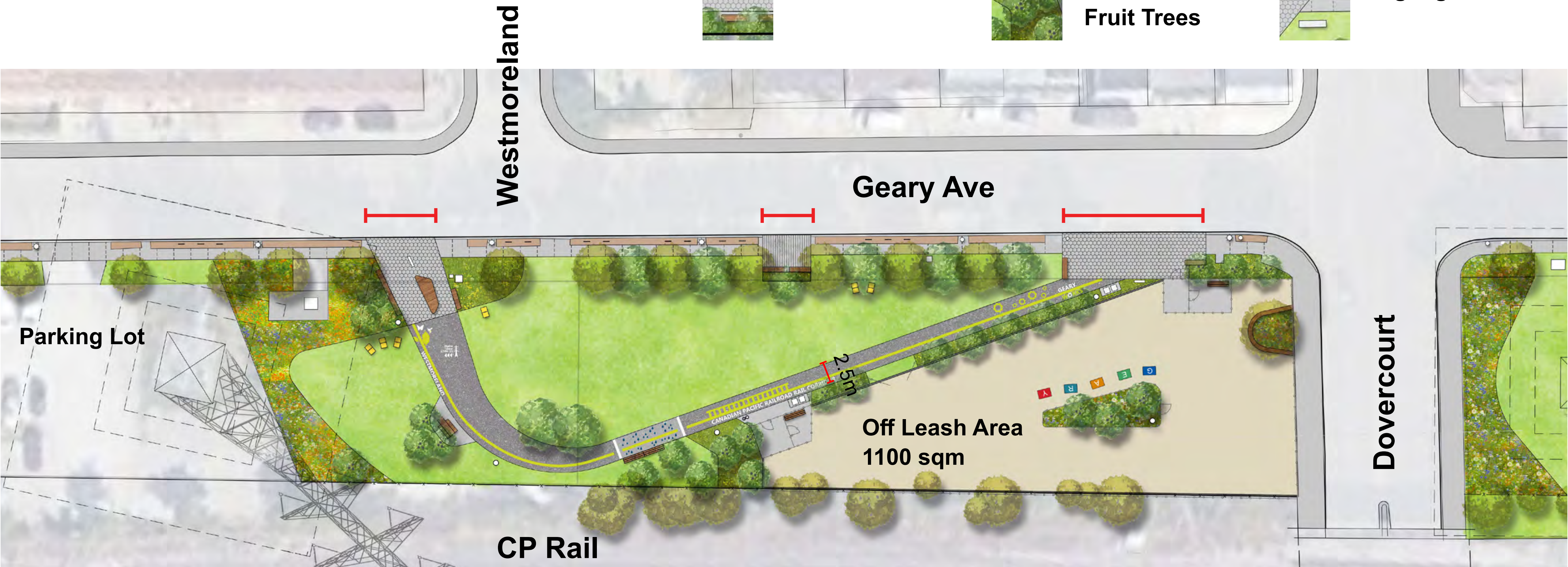
Bench



Lounge Chair



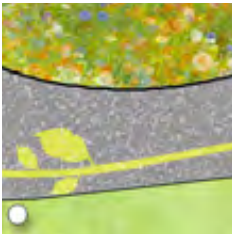
Signage



West of Dovercourt



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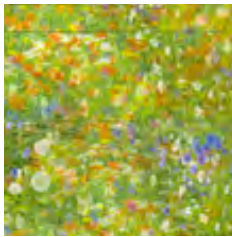
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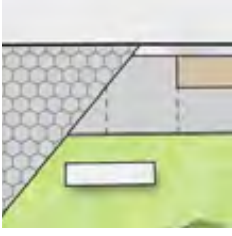
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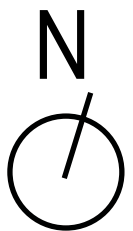
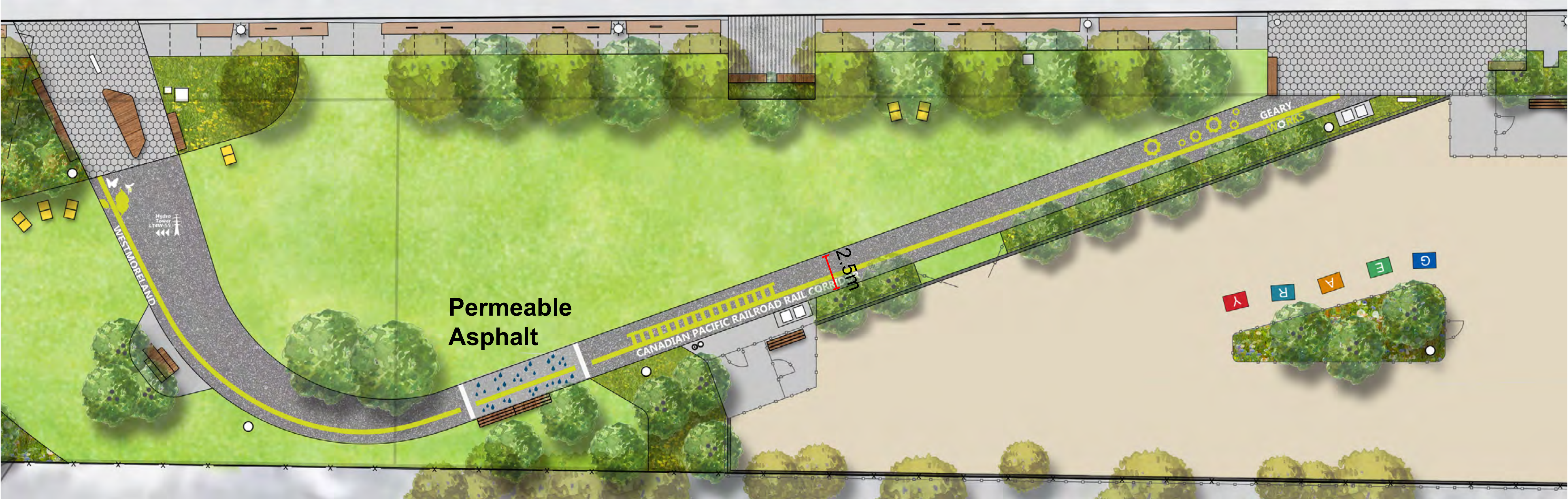
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Westmoreland Entry View

Looking south from Westmoreland



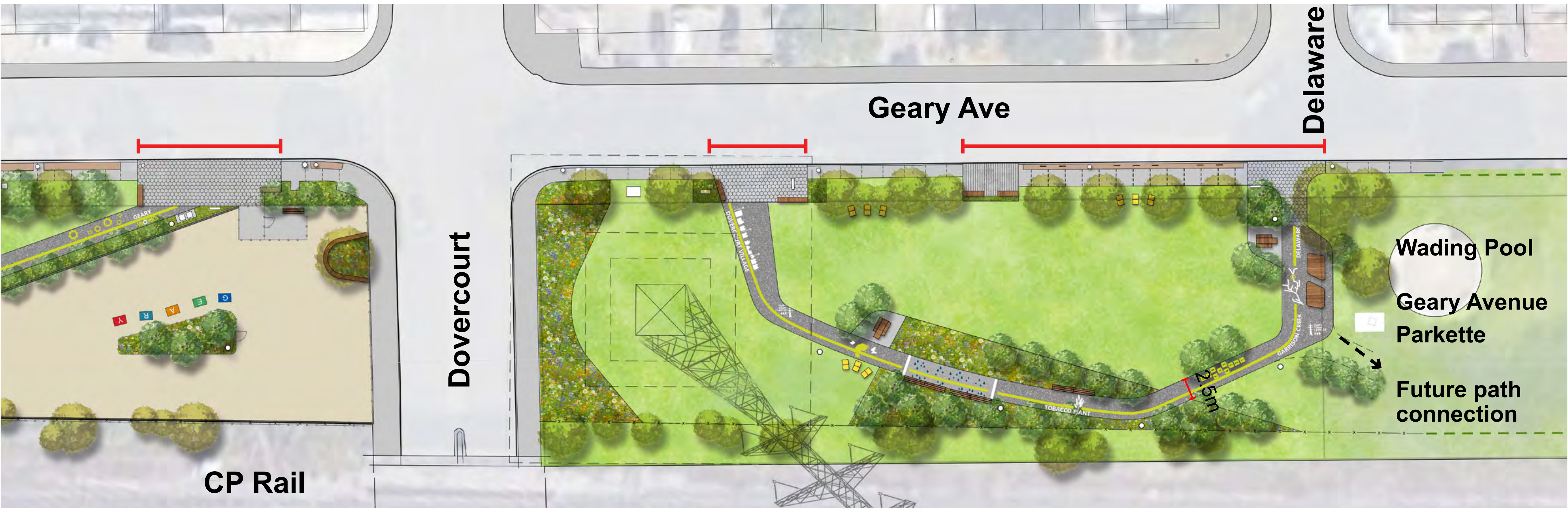
West of Dovercourt View

Looking south west along the OLA



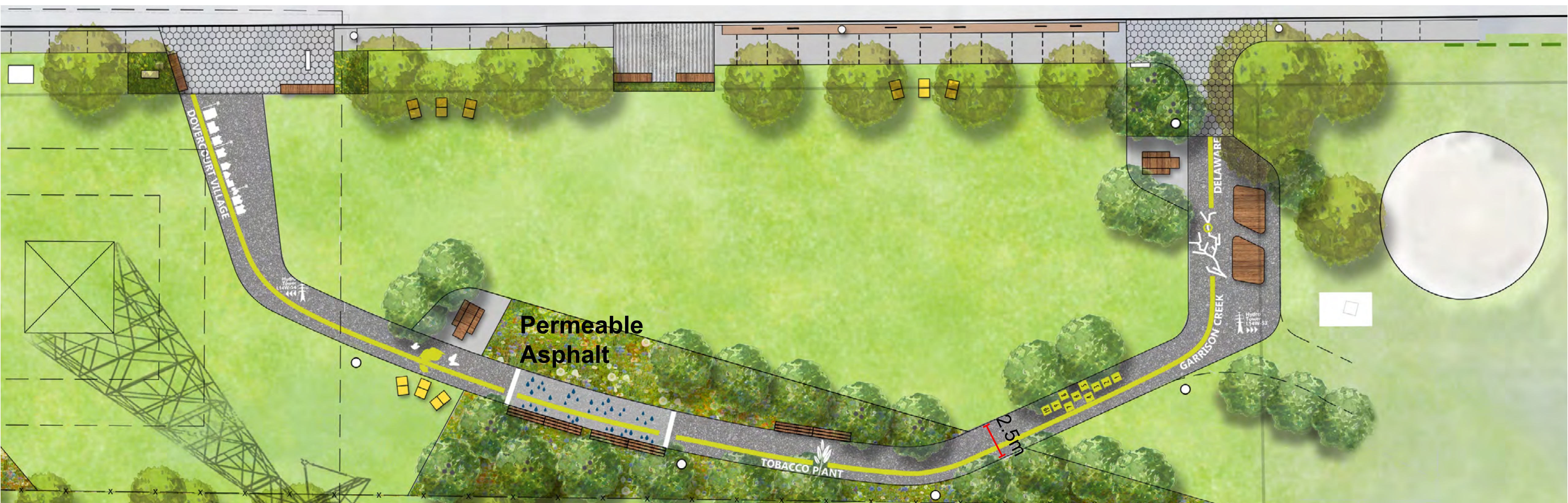
East of Dovercourt

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East of Dovercourt View

Looking north east toward the wading pool



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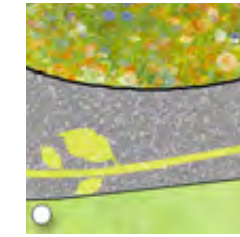
Looking west toward Dovercourt



Proposed Streetscape Improvements



Hydro Tower



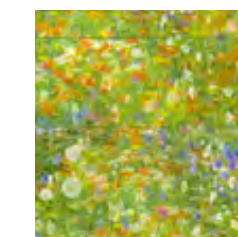
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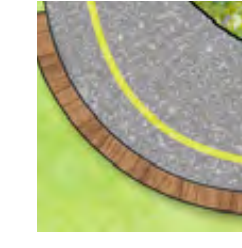
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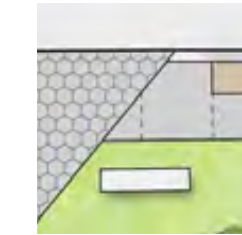
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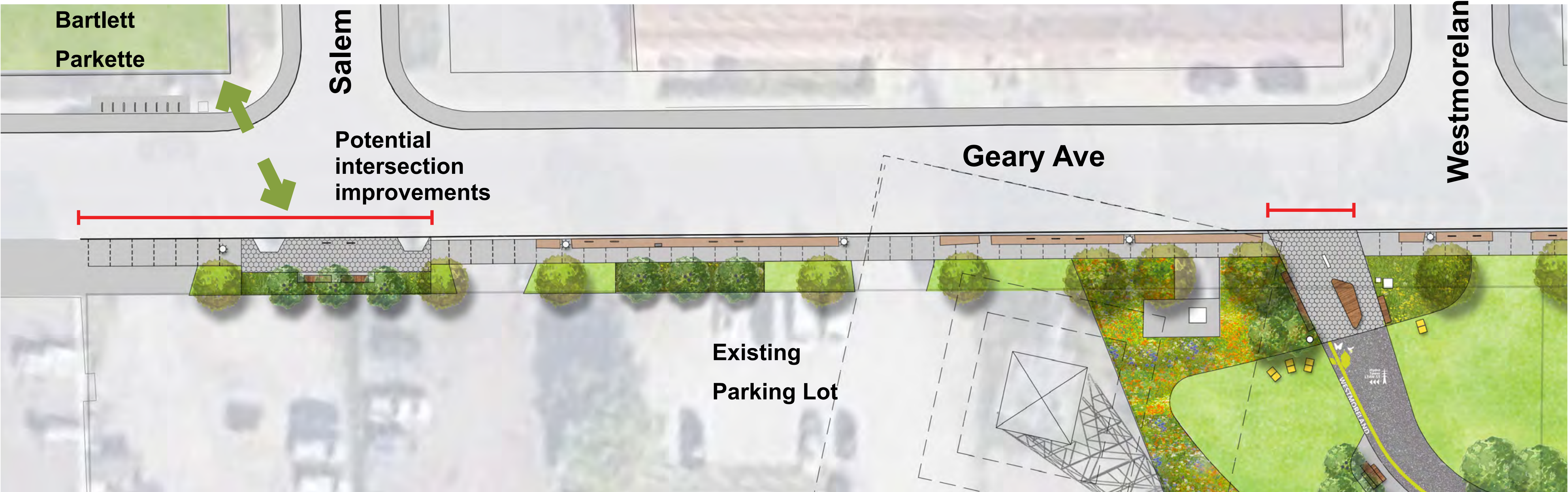
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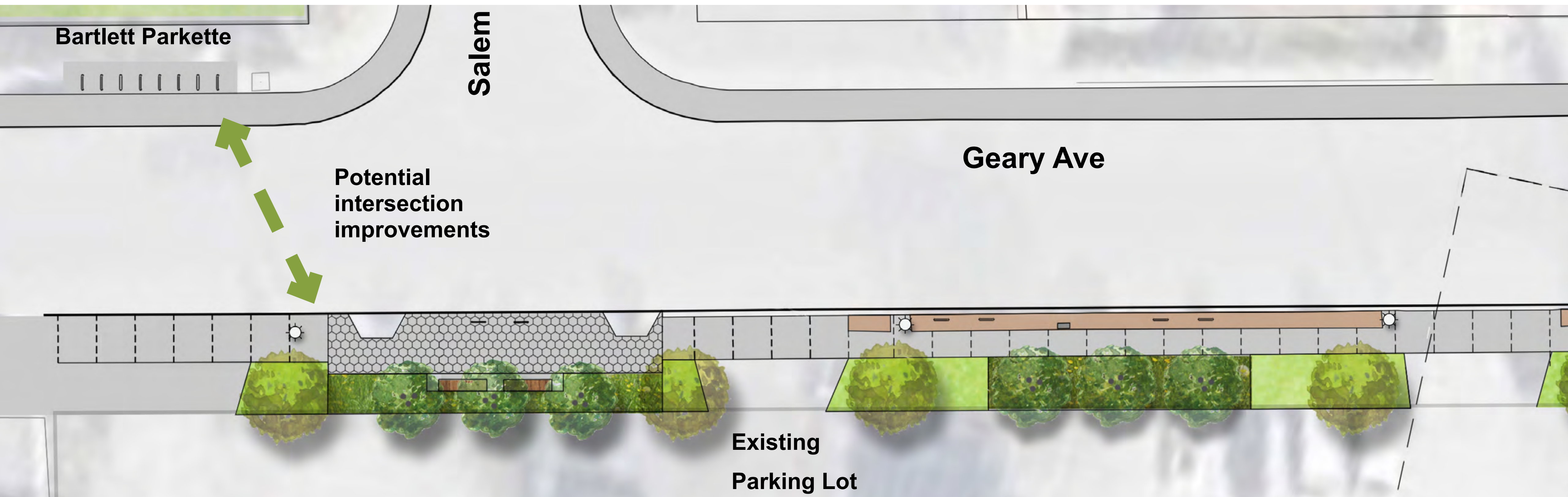
Lounge Chair



Signage



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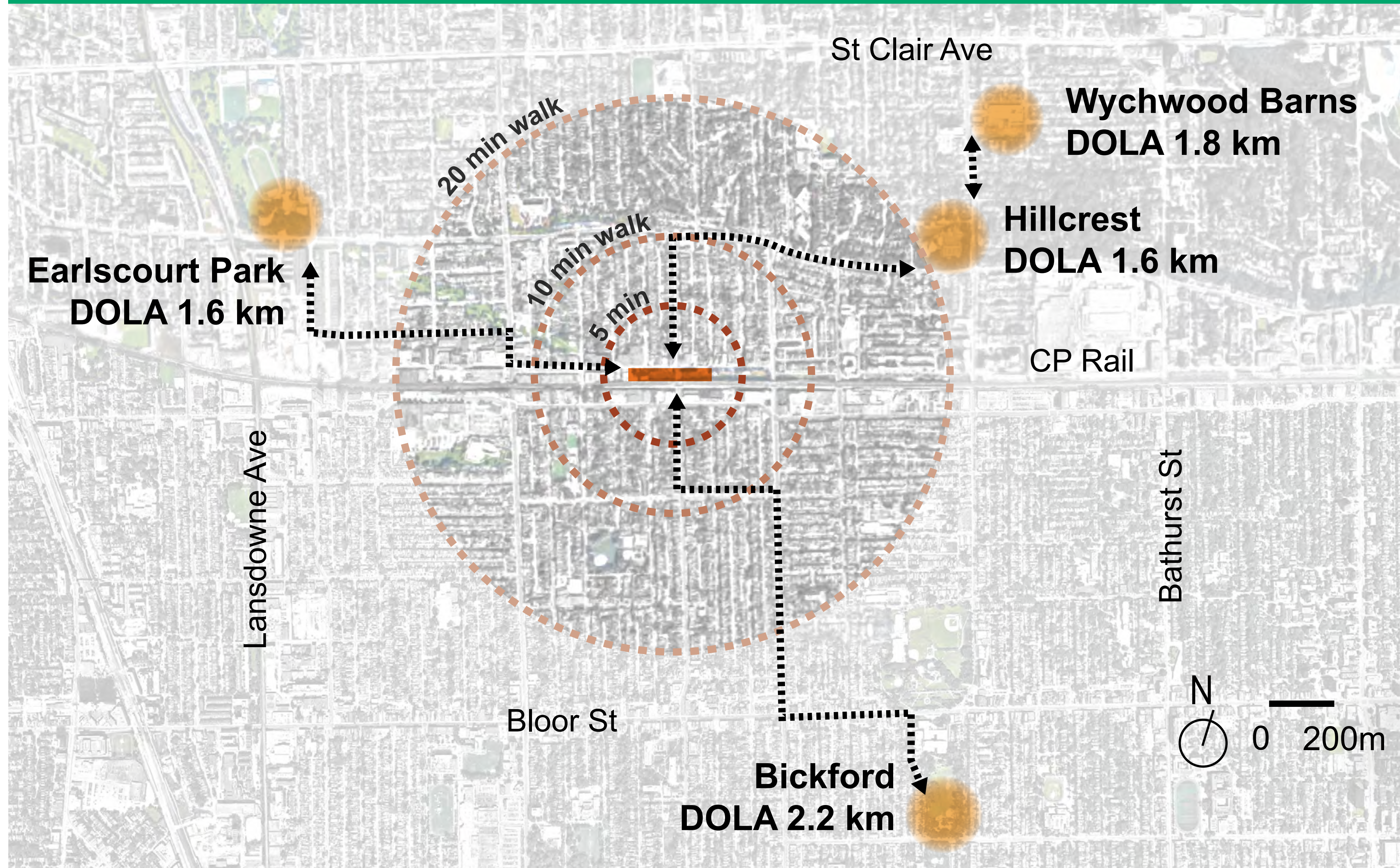
Streetscape View

Looking south east at Geary and Salem



Part 2: Off-Leash Area (OLA)

Existing OLA Proximity

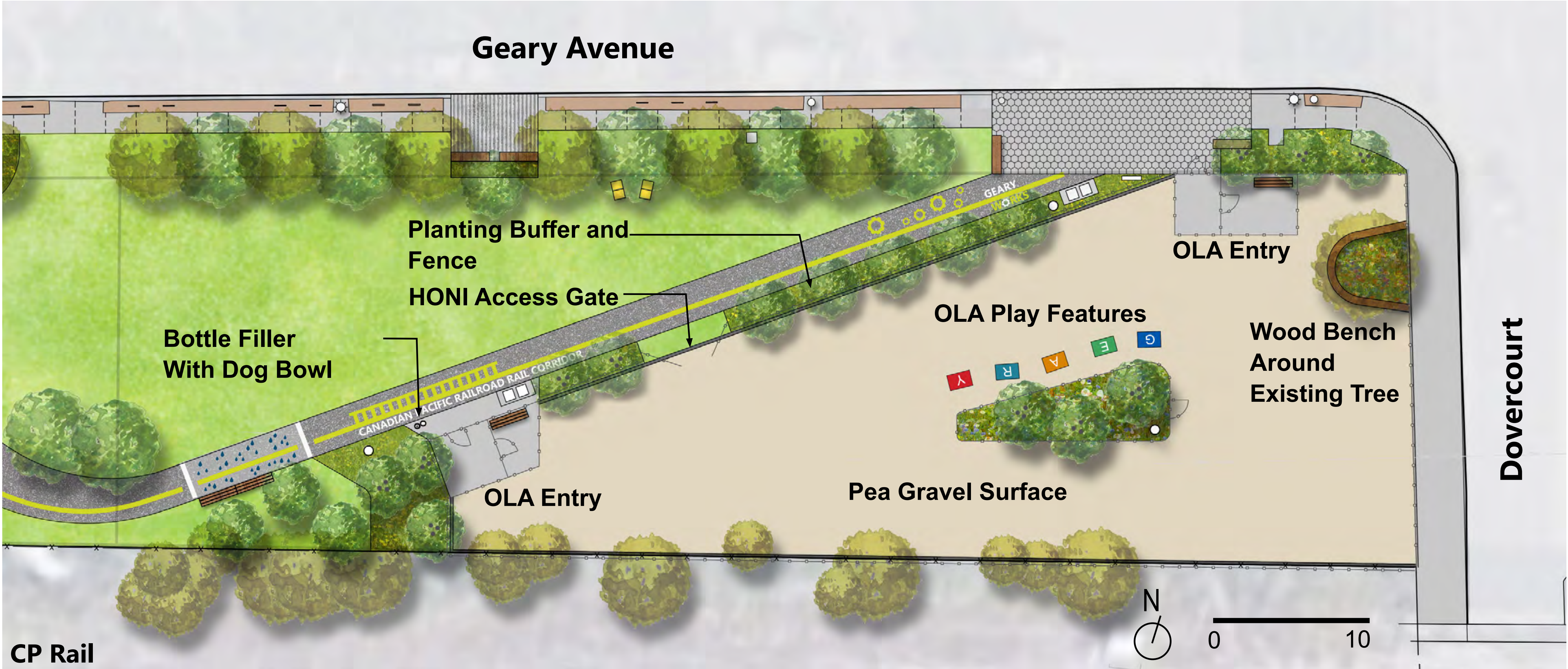


Future Changes in the Area

1. 840 Dupont St - 9 story mixed-use; 304 units (5 min walk to Geary Ave Parkette)
2. 888 Dupont St - 13 story residential live-work; 99 units (5 min walk to Geary Ave Parkette)
3. Galleria - 20 acres; 8 towers 19-35 storeys of mixed-use; 3000+ units (10 min walk to Geary Ave Parkette) with new Wallace Emerson Park and Community Recreation Centre.



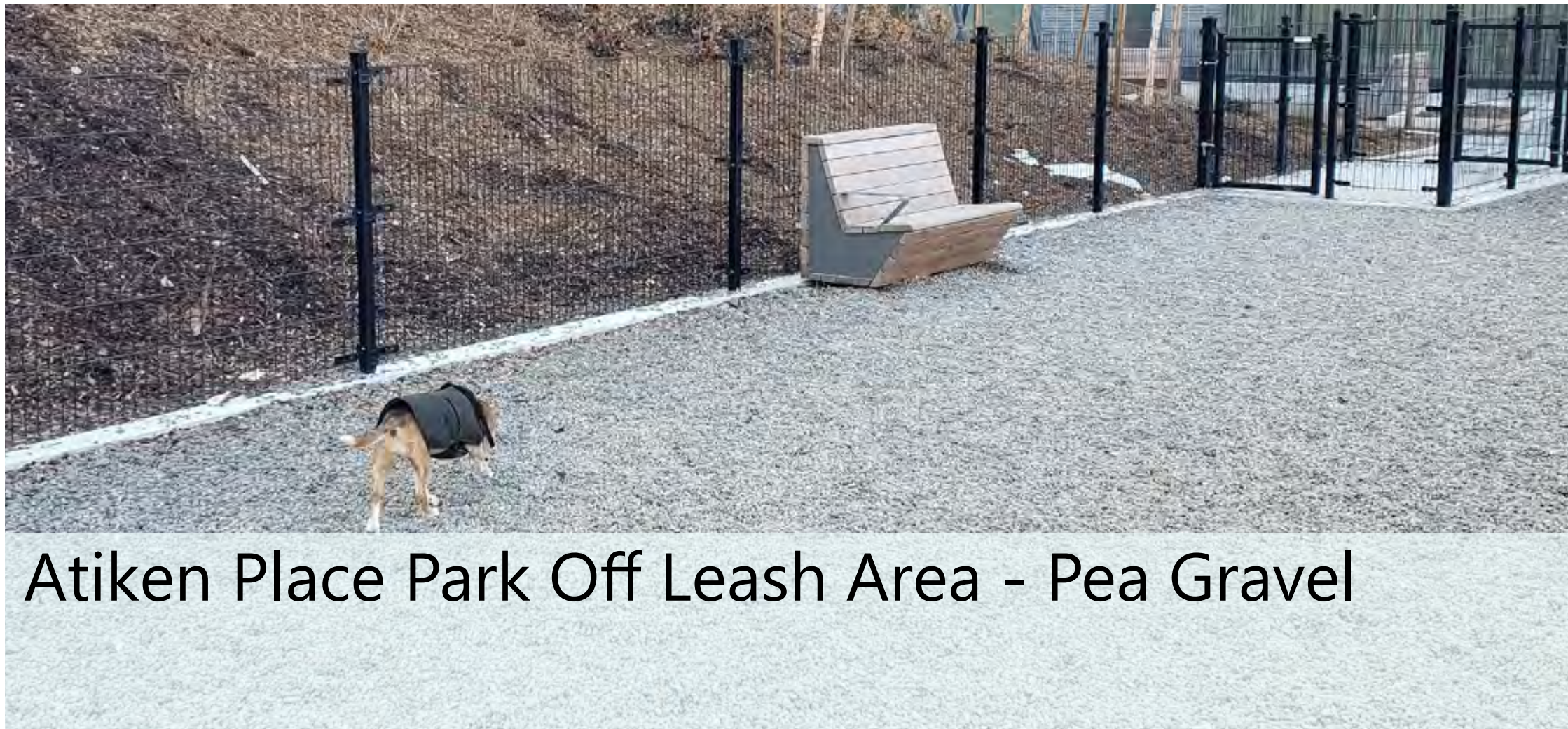
OLA Features



OLA Materials + Play Features



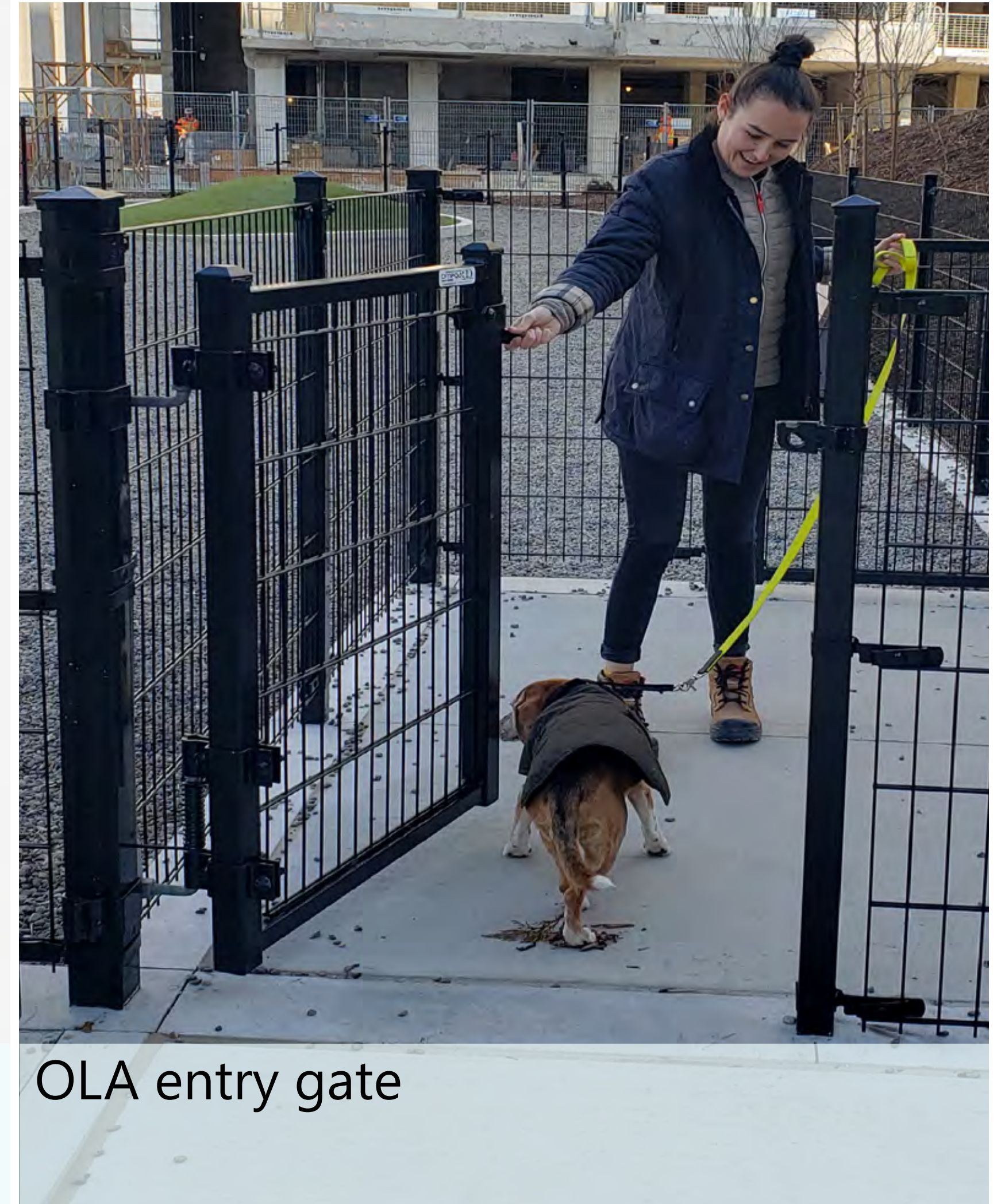
Painted Log Play Element



Atiken Place Park Off Leash Area - Pea Gravel



Bottle Filler +
Dog Bowl



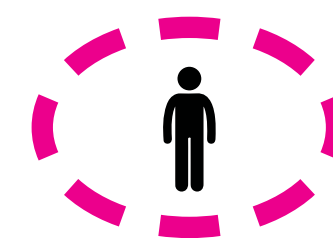
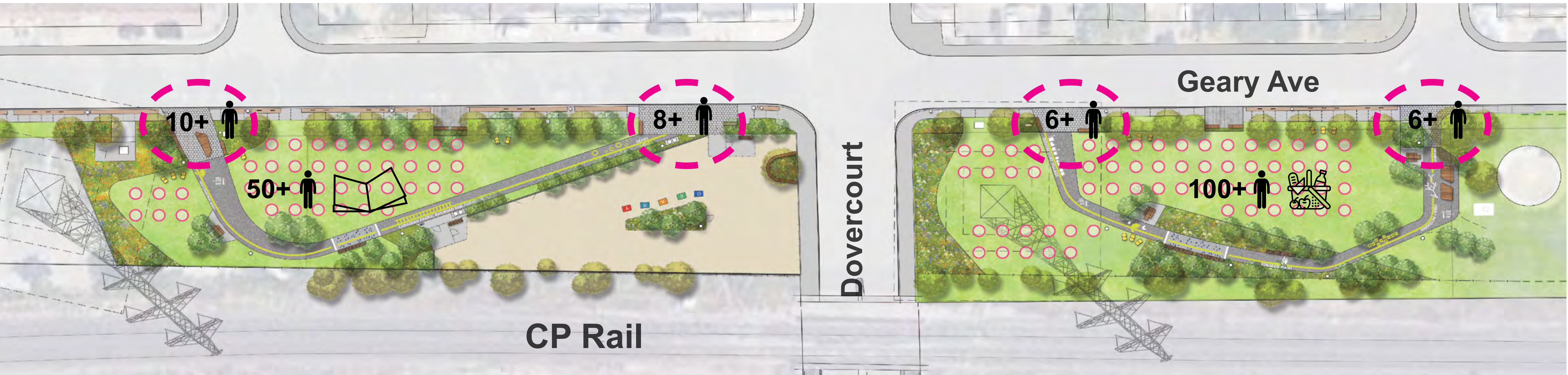
OLA entry gate

Part 2: Activation

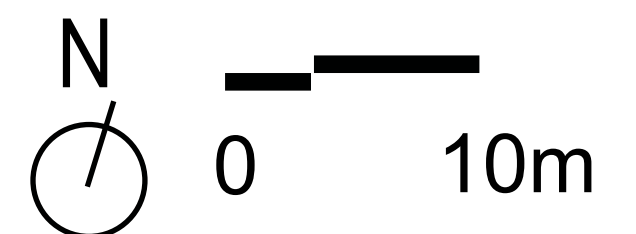
Youth Soccer Field / Recreation



Book Swap / Community Picnic / Entry Plaza Gathering



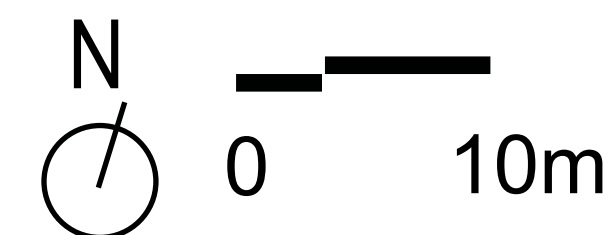
Community Event +
Plaza Gathering Space



Social Distancing Yoga / Movie Night



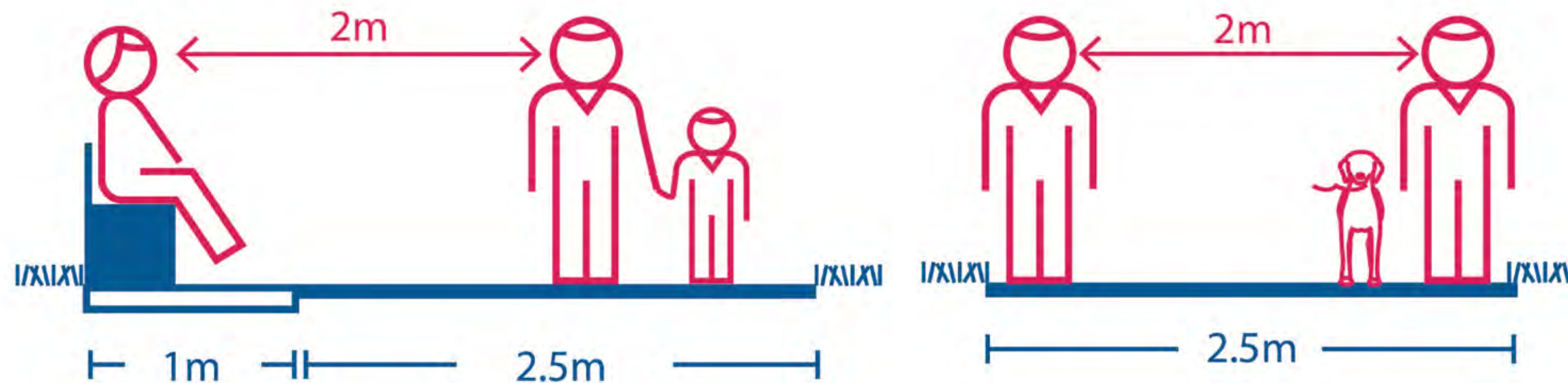
Community Music / Indigenous Drumming+Singing Circle



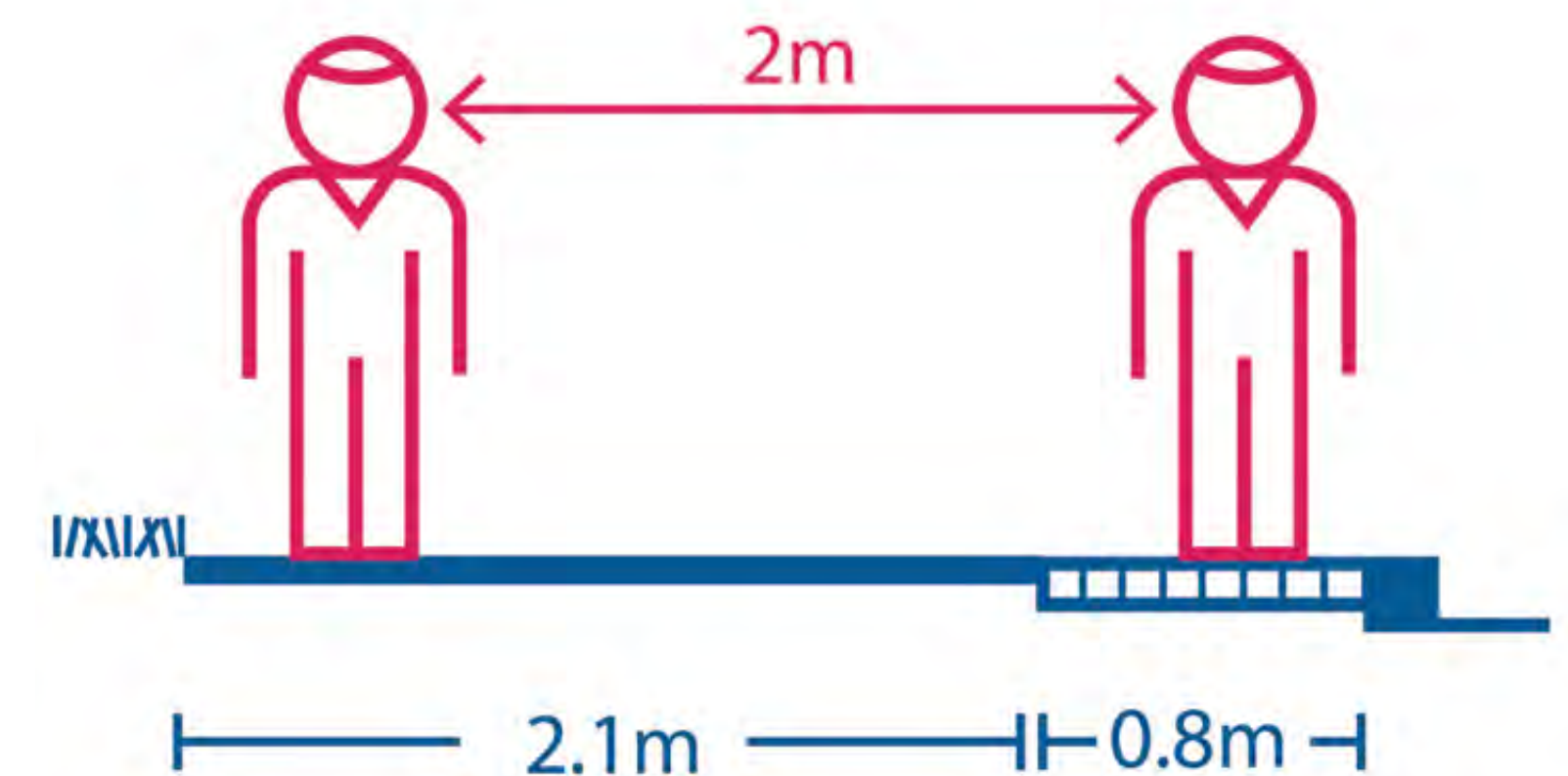
Part 2: Physical Distancing + Park Materials

Physical Distance On The Green Line Path

Physical distancing on park paths



Physical distancing on new sidewalks



Park Seating, Lighting, Signage + Paving



Park Bench



Accessible Picnic Table



Park Signage



Lounge Chairs



Permeable Asphalt Pilot Project



Pathway Light

Indigenous Sacred Plants + Meadow Planting



Sage-Indigenous Medicine Plants



Meadow Planting With Pollinator Species



Sweetgrass-Indigenous Medicine Plants

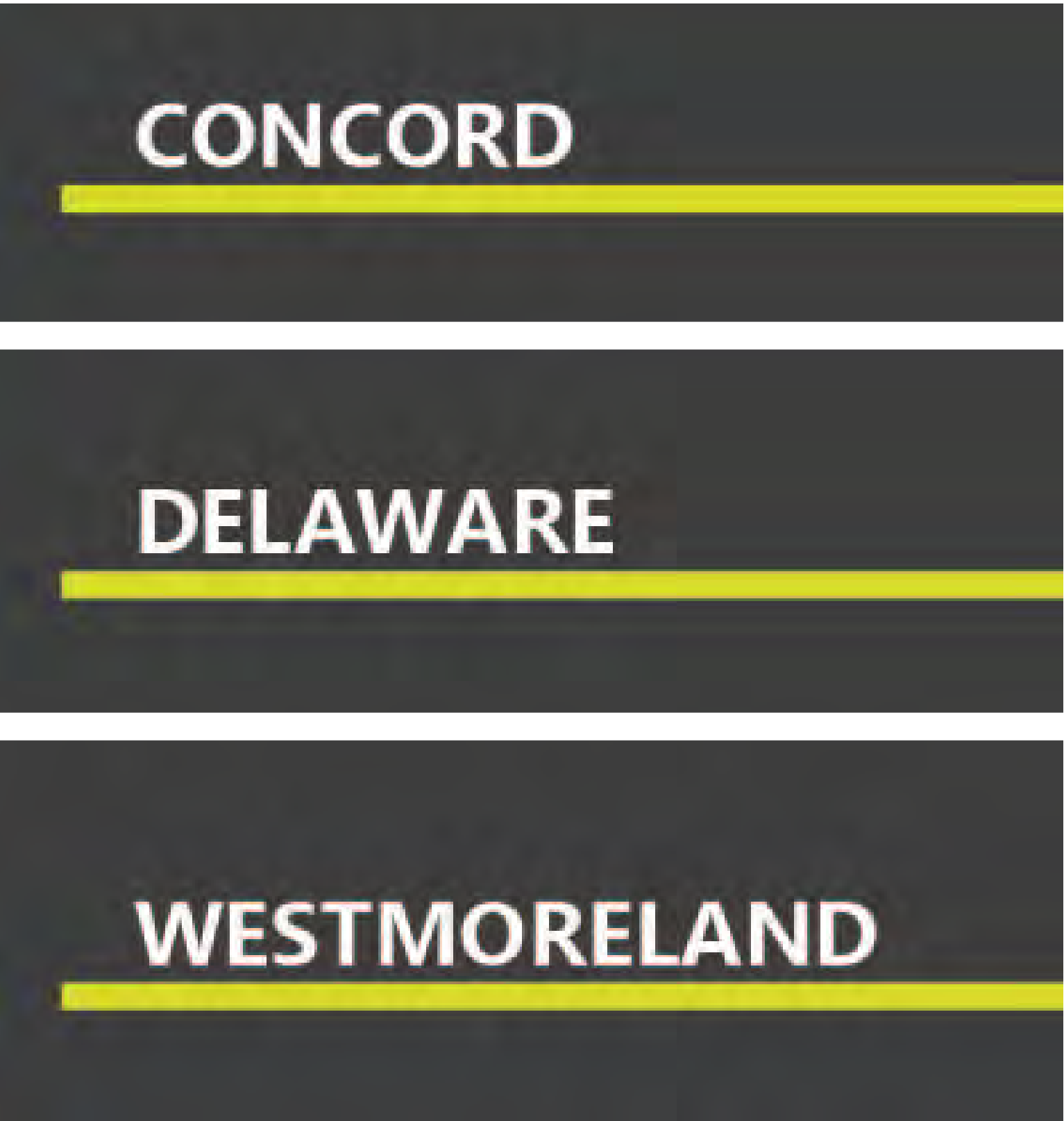


Meadow Habitat Creation

Placemaking For The Green Line Path

Typical Park Pavement Design:

Green Line + Wayfinding Street Names



Geary Avenue Park Specific Pavement Design:

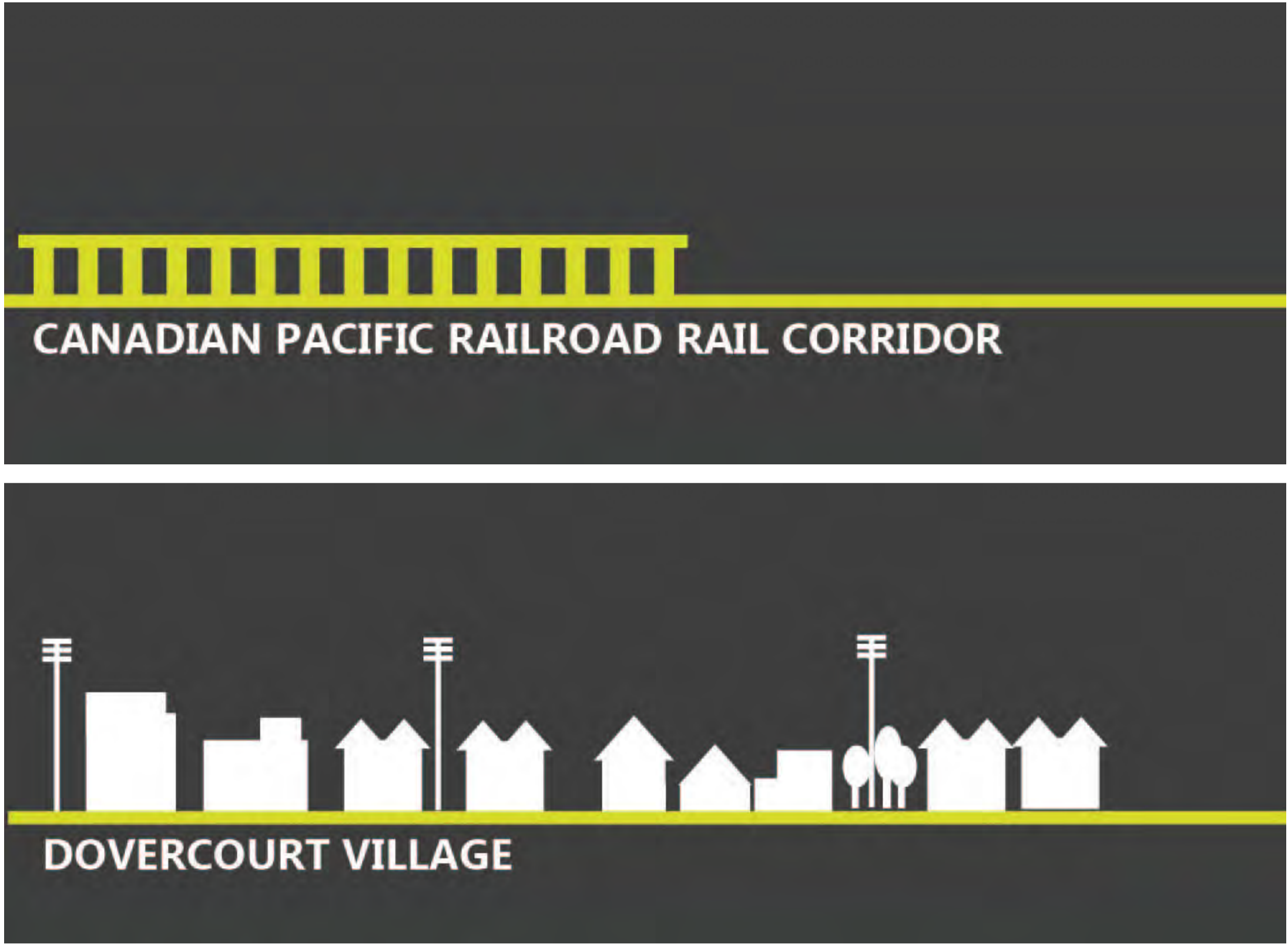
Placemaking



Placemaking For The Green Line Path

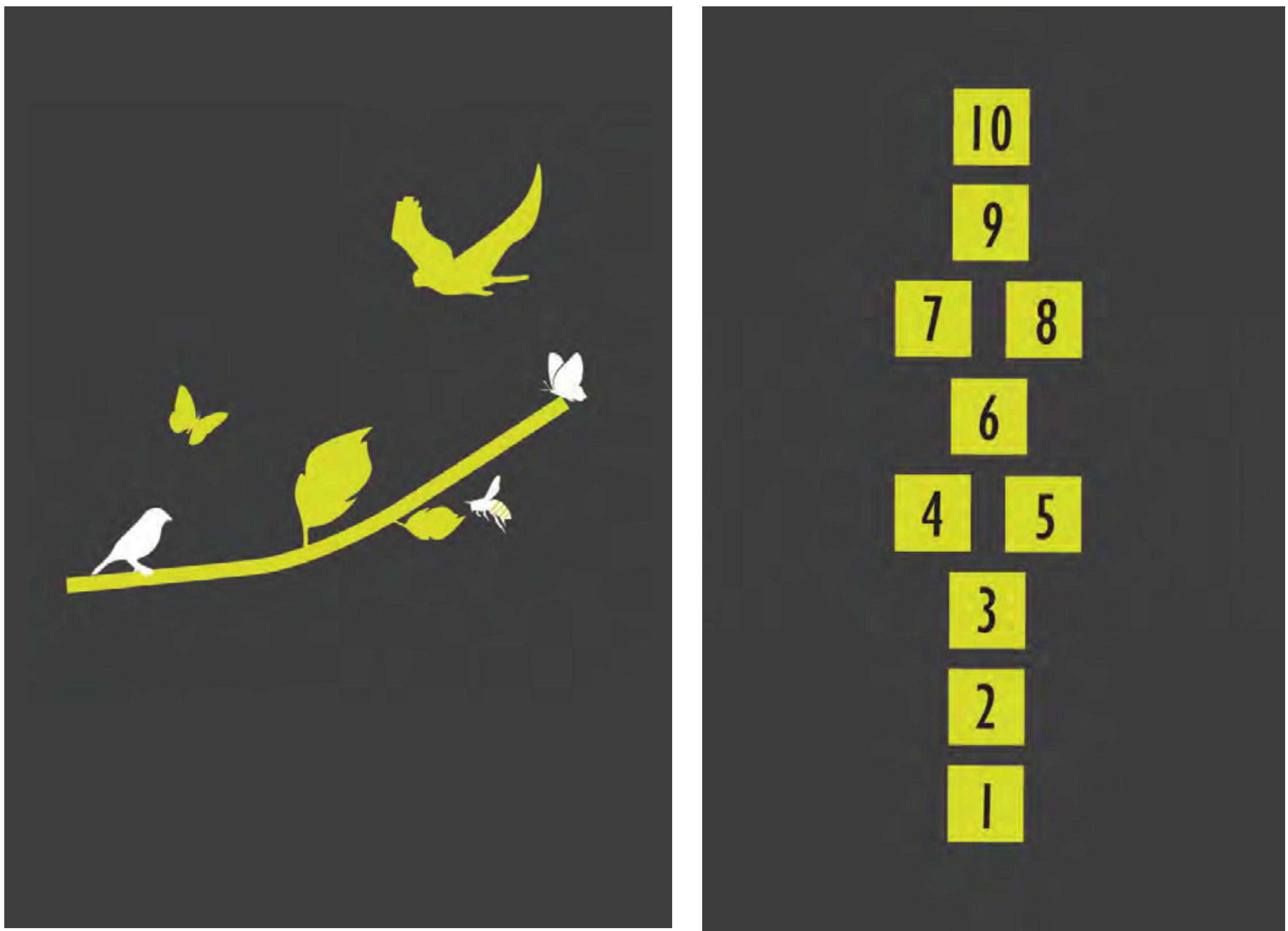
Geary Avenue Park Specific Pavement Design:

Local History



Geary Avenue Park Specific Pavement Design:

Play



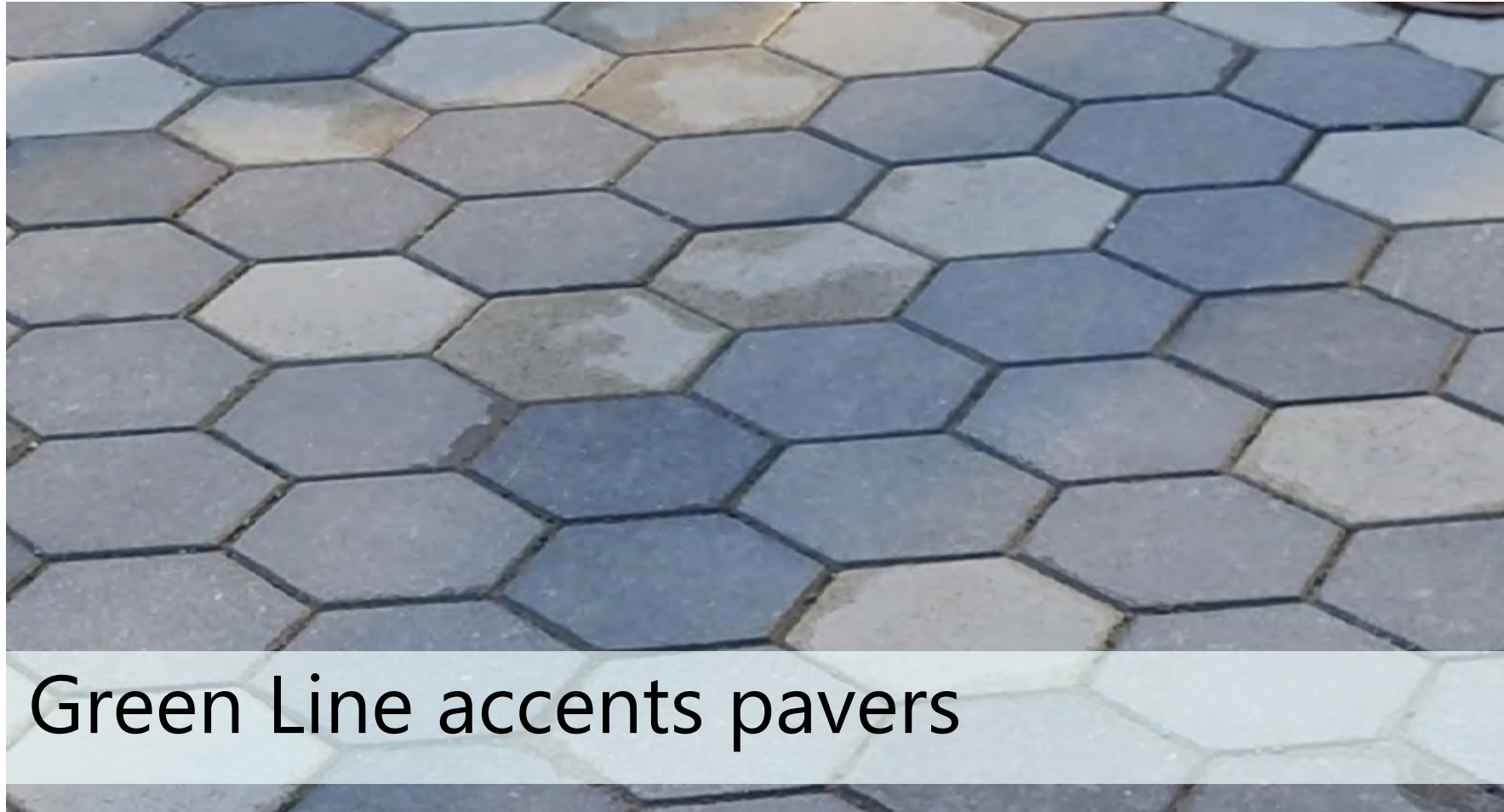
Placemaking Ideas For The Green Line Path

Geary Avenue Park Specific Pavement Design:



Part 2: Streetscape Materials

Streetscape Improvements



Green Line accents pavers



Concrete sidewalk, Sidewalk widening where possible, paver edge, bike racks, benches + new trees



Concrete benches with Green Line signage and wood tops



Planting Beds

Part 3: Questions + Answers

Please click on the chat bubble icon and type in your questions. The moderator will read questions aloud.

Unanswered questions will be summarized and answered in our meeting summary.

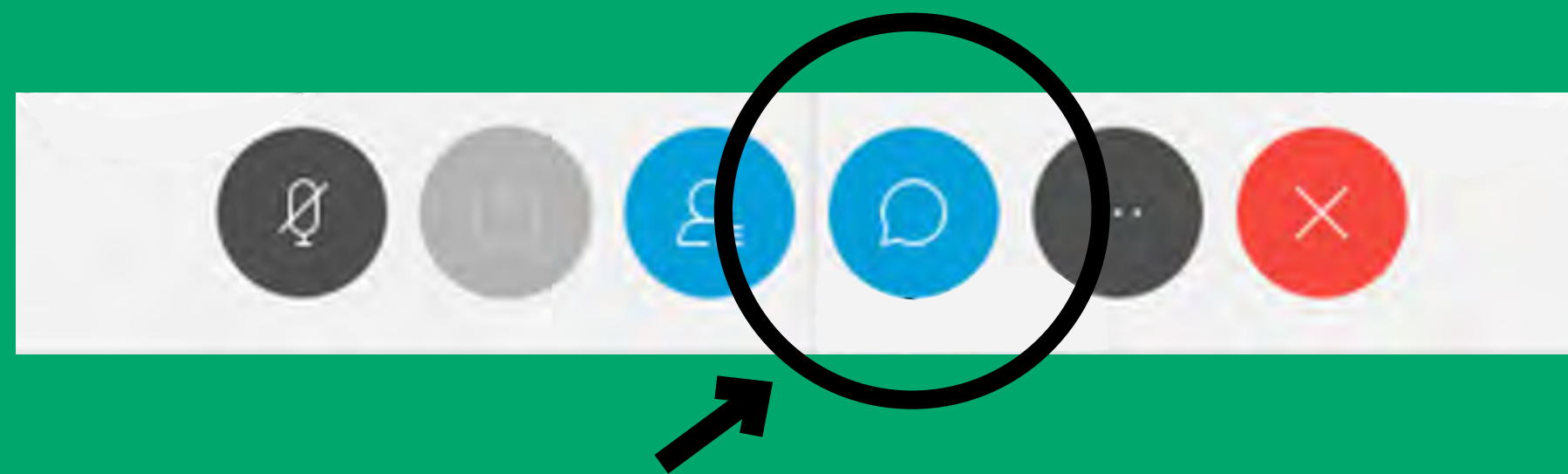
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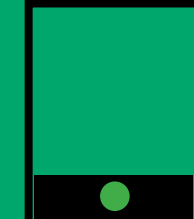


Joining by Computer

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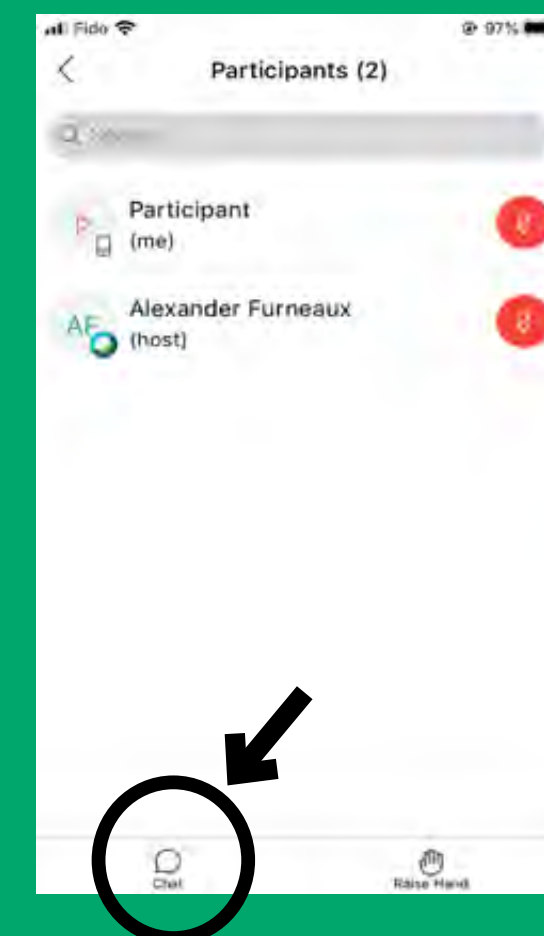
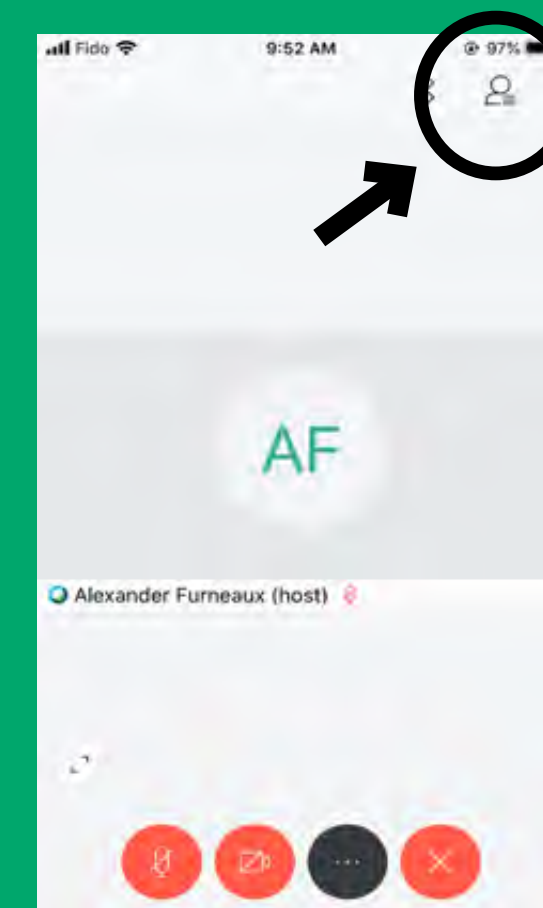


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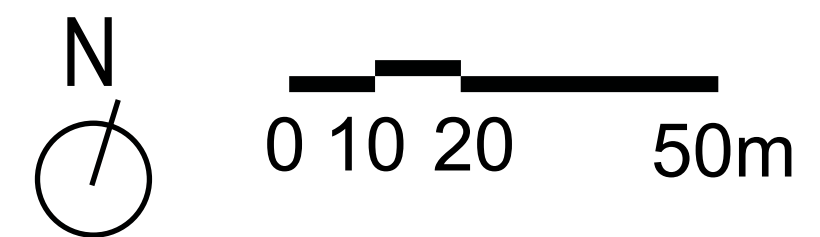


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Geary Avenue Park, West and East Block



Part 4: Next Steps

Please visit our webpage
toronto.ca/gearyavenuepark for:

1. The Online questionnaire, available until Nov 22, 2020.
2. Check out the family-friendly Towers & Flowers Activity Booklet to learn about pollinators and sustainability!
3. Visit the webpage for the presentation material and a feedback summary.