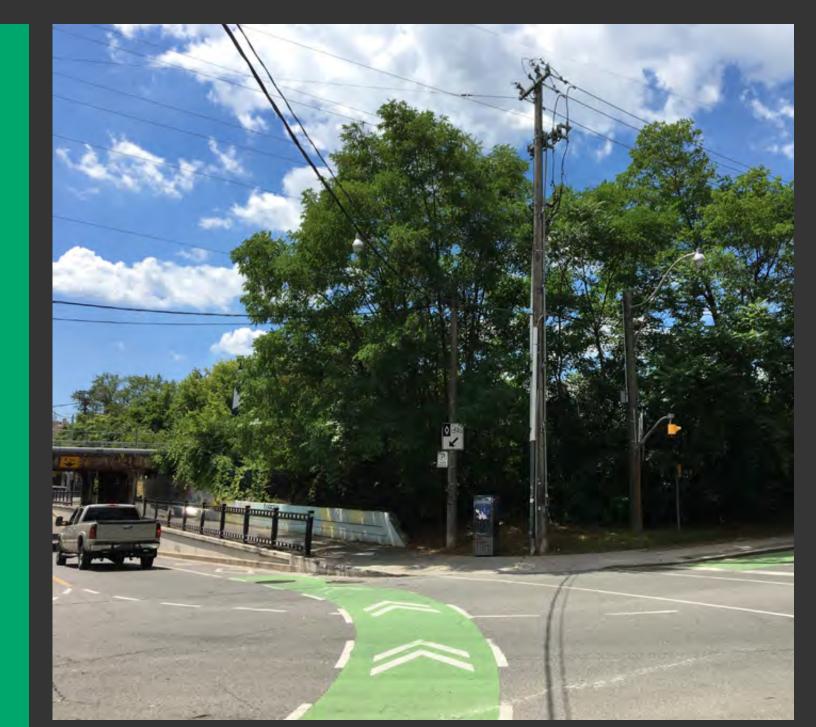
# New Park at Macpherson Ave + Davenport Rd

Green Line Implementation Plan

Virtual Public Meeting #1 November 17, 2020







#### Acknowledgment

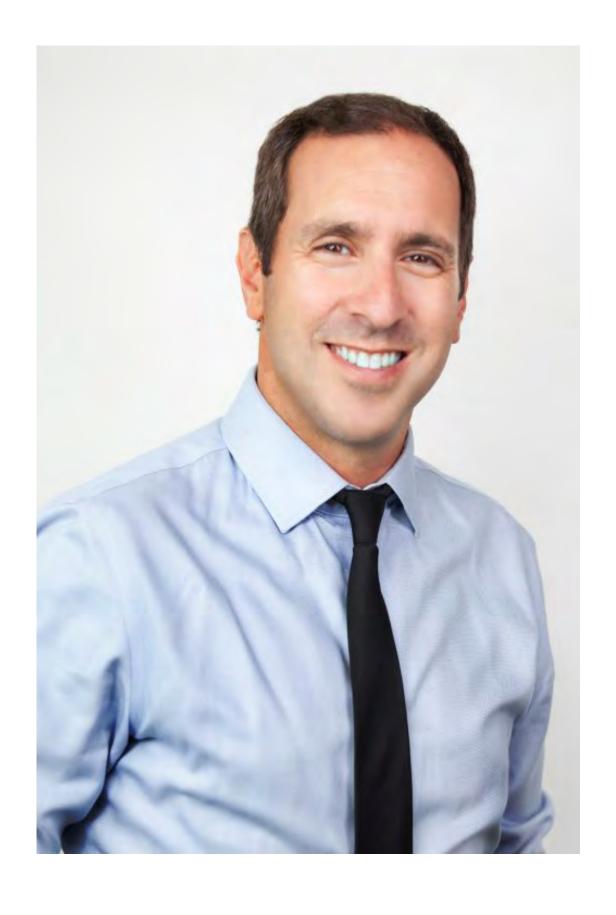
I'd like to begin by honouring the land that I'm on. If you're not currently in Toronto, I encourage you to learn about the lands you're on.

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on 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. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.



### **Opening Remarks**

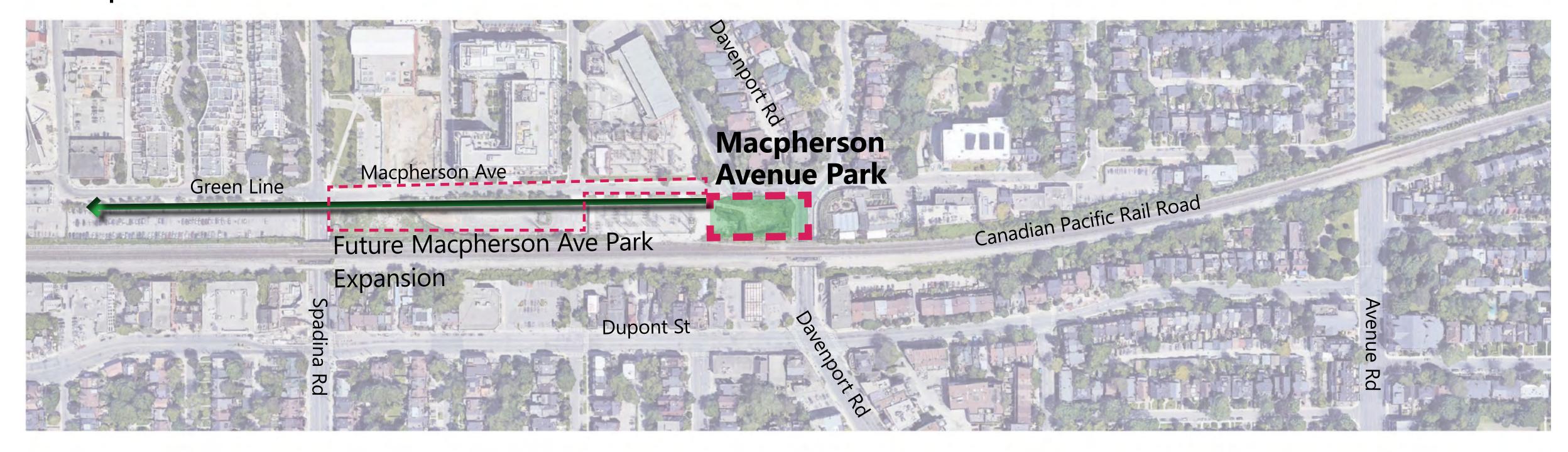
Josh Matlow
City of Toronto, Ward 12 Councillor





#### Purpose of the Meeting

Present and gather feedback on the concept option plans for the new park at Macpherson Avenue and Davenport Road and streetscape improvements on Macpherson Avenue.





#### Agenda

- 1. Team Introductions
- 2. Project Background
- 3. Design Concept Options
- 4. Discussion
- 5. Next Steps



#### Team

#### **City of Toronto**

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Rachel Weston - Construction Coordinator

Rajesh Sankat - Senior Public Consultation Coordinator

#### **Design Team**

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Yvonne Battista

**LURA** Public Engagement

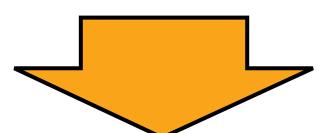
Susan Hall

Alex Furneaux



#### Design and Consultation Process

#### We are here!



# Community Stakeholder Meeting #1 Indigenous Engagement Meeting #1

 Gather design inspiration for concept plan options **Public Meeting #1** 

- Present concept plan options
- Gather feedback + comments

Community
Stakeholder
Meeting #2

Indigenous
Engagement
Meeting #2

- Present preferred concept plan
- Hear comments and suggestions
- Design team to make adjustments

**Public Meeting #2** 

- Present preferred concept plan
- Gather feedback + comments



#### Consultation + Communication Meetings to Date

The purpose of these meetings was to solicit ideas, knowing the constraints of the site, noting ideas rather than reacting to concept options.

September 10, 2020 Stakeholder Group Meeting, virtual presentation + discussion Rathnelly Area Residents Associations (RARA) Pym Buitenhuis Tarragon Village Community Association (TVCA) Shael Kerbel Madison Lofts (380 Macpherson Ave) Richard Van Nes Madison View Homes (200 Madison Ave) Eppi Sukhu and Maria Grillo **Dupont By The Castle BIA** Stephen Boujikian

October 21, 2020 Indigenous Engagement, virtual presentation + discussion **Native Canadian Centre of Toronto** Larry Frost Two Row Architect Brian Porter **Indigenous Affairs Office, CoT** Jennifer Franks

#### Community Stakeholder Groups - Feedback Summary

- Indigenous heritage to be represented
- Safe access to the park and within the park
- Fully accessible park paths
- Variety of seating options
- Seasonal considerations such as sun and winter winds
- Hard surface plaza for hosting events
- Outdoor classroom flexibility
- Adult exercise equipment for all abilities and ages was explored
- Use colour in the park



#### Indigenous Engagement - Feedback Summary

- Emphasize placekeeping in this park (versus placemaking) and integrate Indigenous placekeeping elements throughout the park
- Historical information plaques effective
- Include Indigenous garden / plants
- Storytelling space amphitheatre could be appropriate
- Drumming and singing circle lawn surface preferred
- Representing the areas' geological story
- Consider sun rise and set orientation versus street, rail and hydro infrastructure
- Provide habitat for all creatures not just pollinator species



#### Schedule

Concept Design and Community Consultation

Gather design inspiration

# Design Development & Hydro One Approvals

Winter 2021 - Winter 2022

#### **Park Construction**

Spring 2022 - Summer 2023



# Project Background



#### How Did We Get Here?

The new park at Macpherson Avenue and Davenport Road builds on the 2019 master plan for the Green Line linear park system.



Master Plan Link



#### Project Scope

The new park at Macpherson Ave and Davenport Rd along with Geary Ave Park are the first two parks to be realized following the Green Line Implementation Plan, which tie together 45 land parcels and over 20 proposed projects over a 5km park space largely under HONI infrastructure.



#### Summary of Foundations + Priorities of 2019 Master Plan

- 1. The Green Line = Parks + Streets
- 2. Improve pedestrian safety and connectivity
- 3. Add new parks
- 4. Improve the existing parks
- 5. Provide Flexible Spaces and Programs
- 6. Prioritize Planting for Biodiversity
- 7. Use Repetition to Reinforce Connectivity



New park + streetscape materials will establish some standards for the entire Green Line.



#### Master Plan - New Park Conceptual Rendering

This plan will be developed with consultation.

1. Gateway feature.

2. Streetscape improvements.

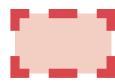
3. Park improvements included pathway, seating, lighting, planting, open lawn and possible mounds.

Demonstratic Lower Davenp

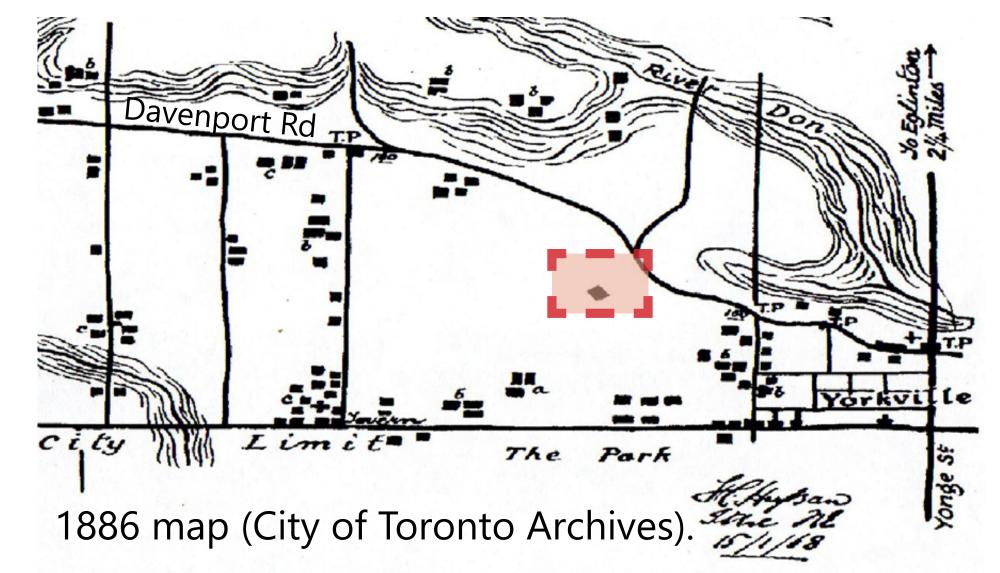




#### Partial History of Area



Approximate New Macpherson Avenue Park



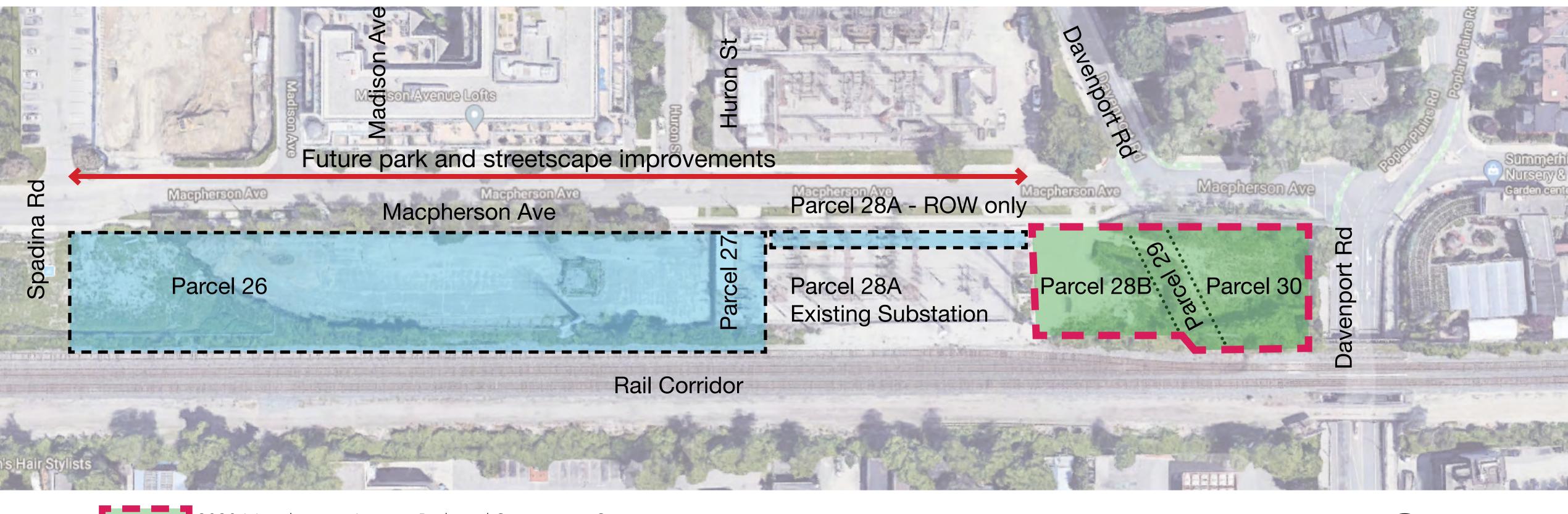


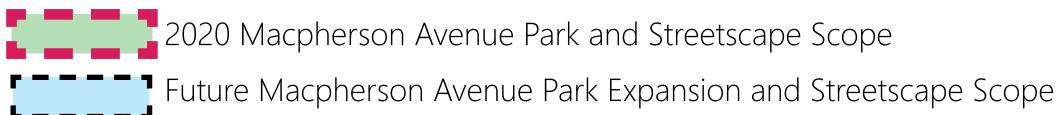
1947 aerial photo (City of Toronto Archives).



- Approximately 13,000 years before present (BP) the Laurentide glacier retreated.
- Area began to be settled apx 10,000 BP.
- Davenport Rd was the approximate shoreline of Lake Iroquois.
- 1600's saw the first European colonists in the area.
- Davenport Rd was a transportation route for the First Nations and later Europeans, connecting Scarborough and Niagara.
- The Ojibwe name for Davenport Road is Gete-Onigaming meaning 'at the old portage'.
  - In the 1880's lots were subdivided from farmland to smaller parcels and residential roads were defined.

### Scope of Work



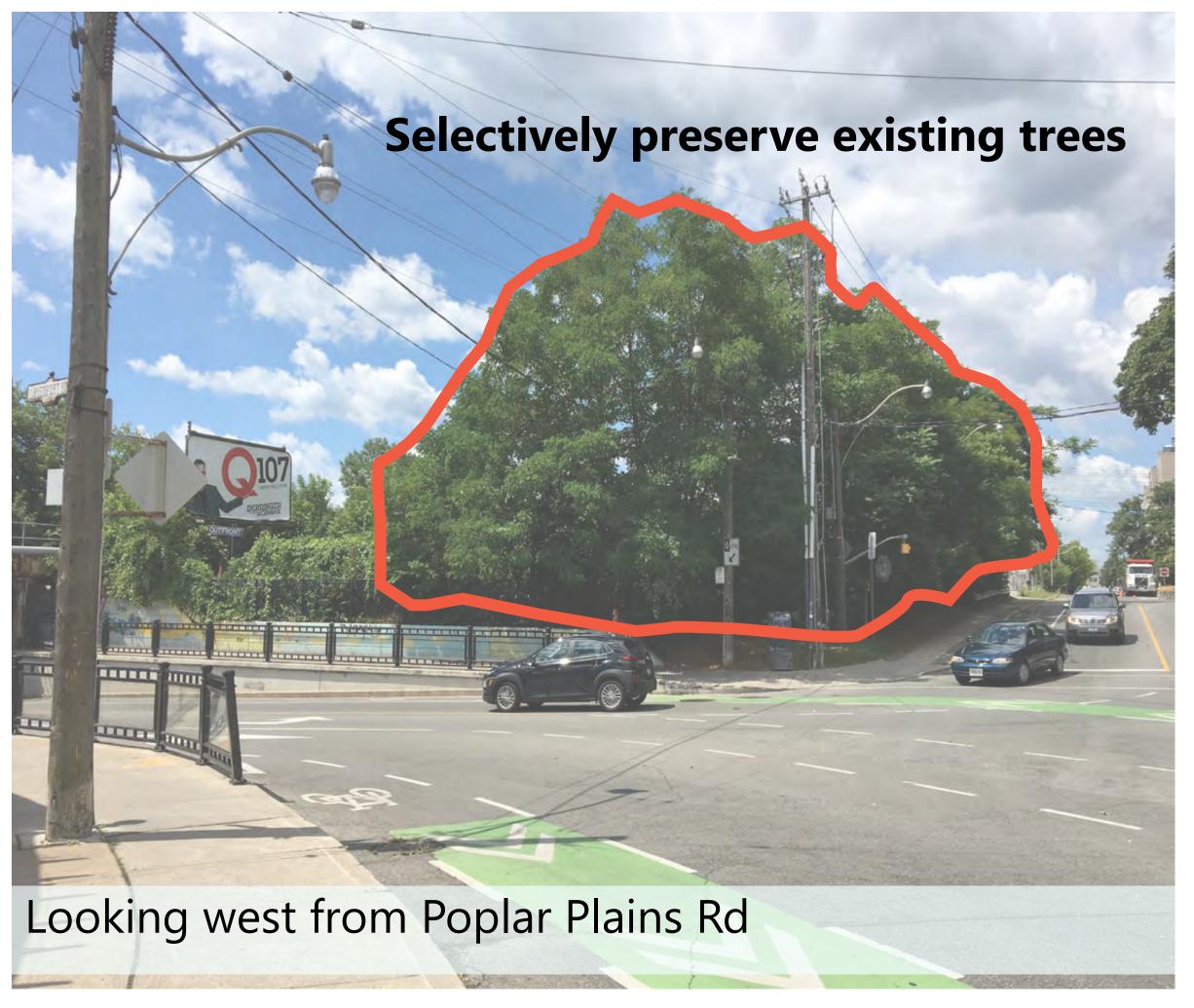


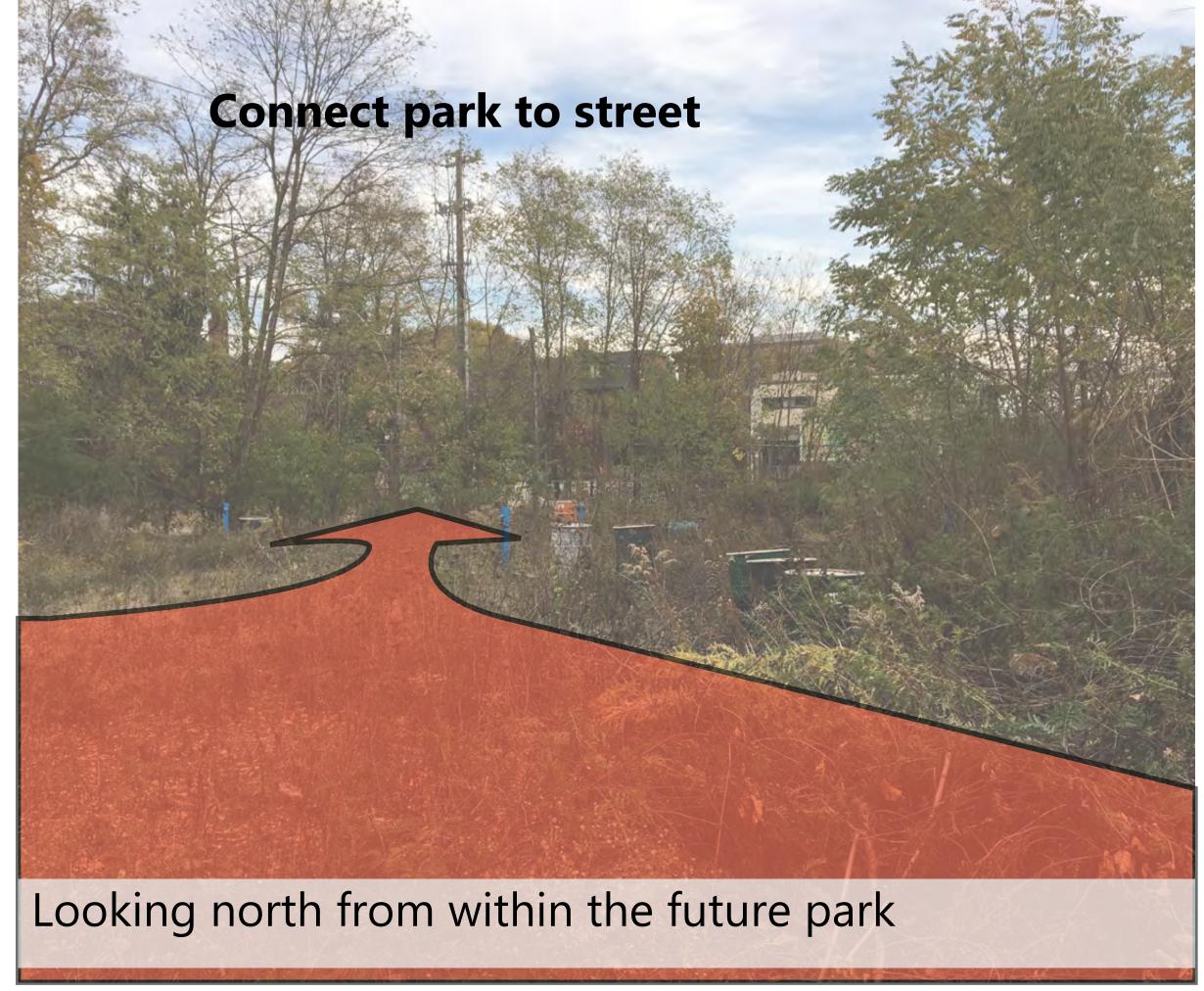


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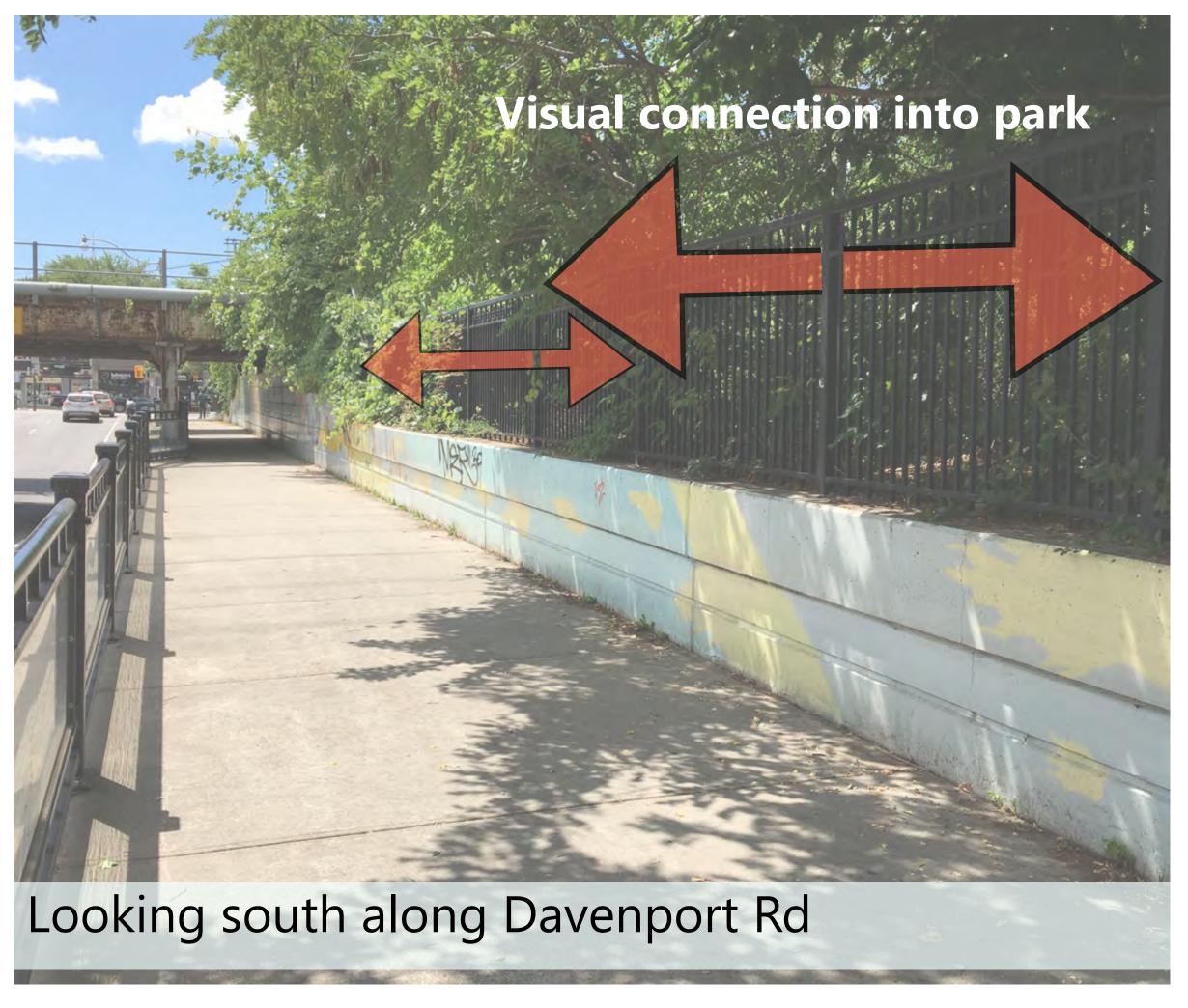
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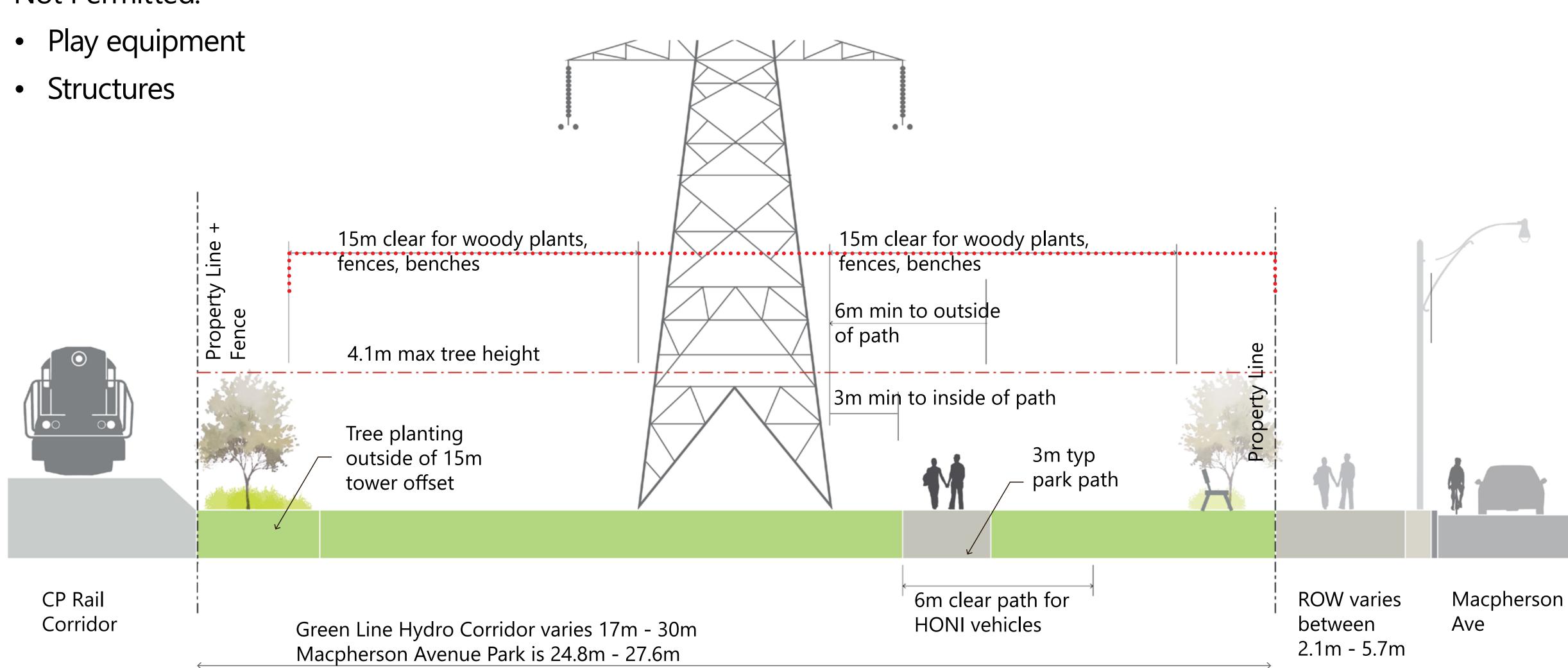


## Design Constraints



#### Hydro One (HONI) - Design Constraints

#### Not Permitted:



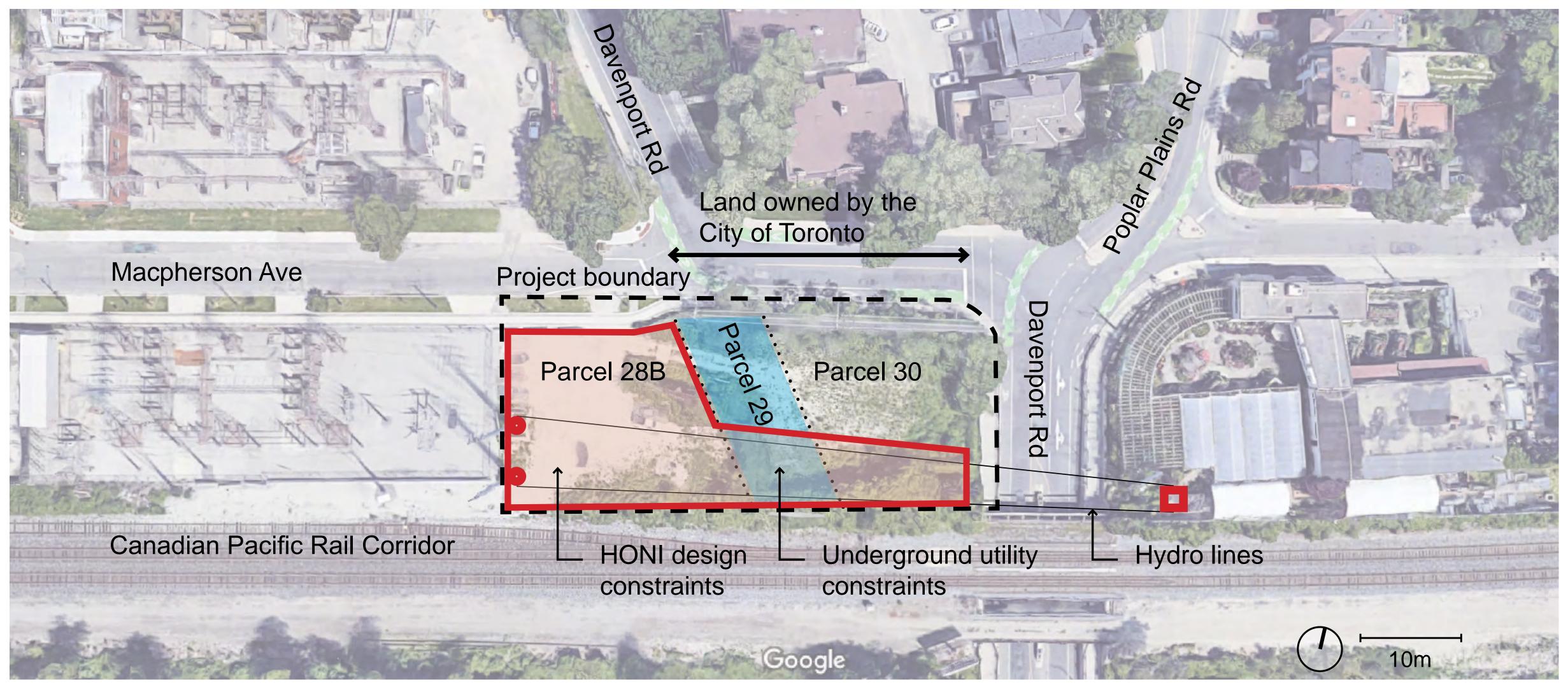


#### Underground Utilities - Design Constraints



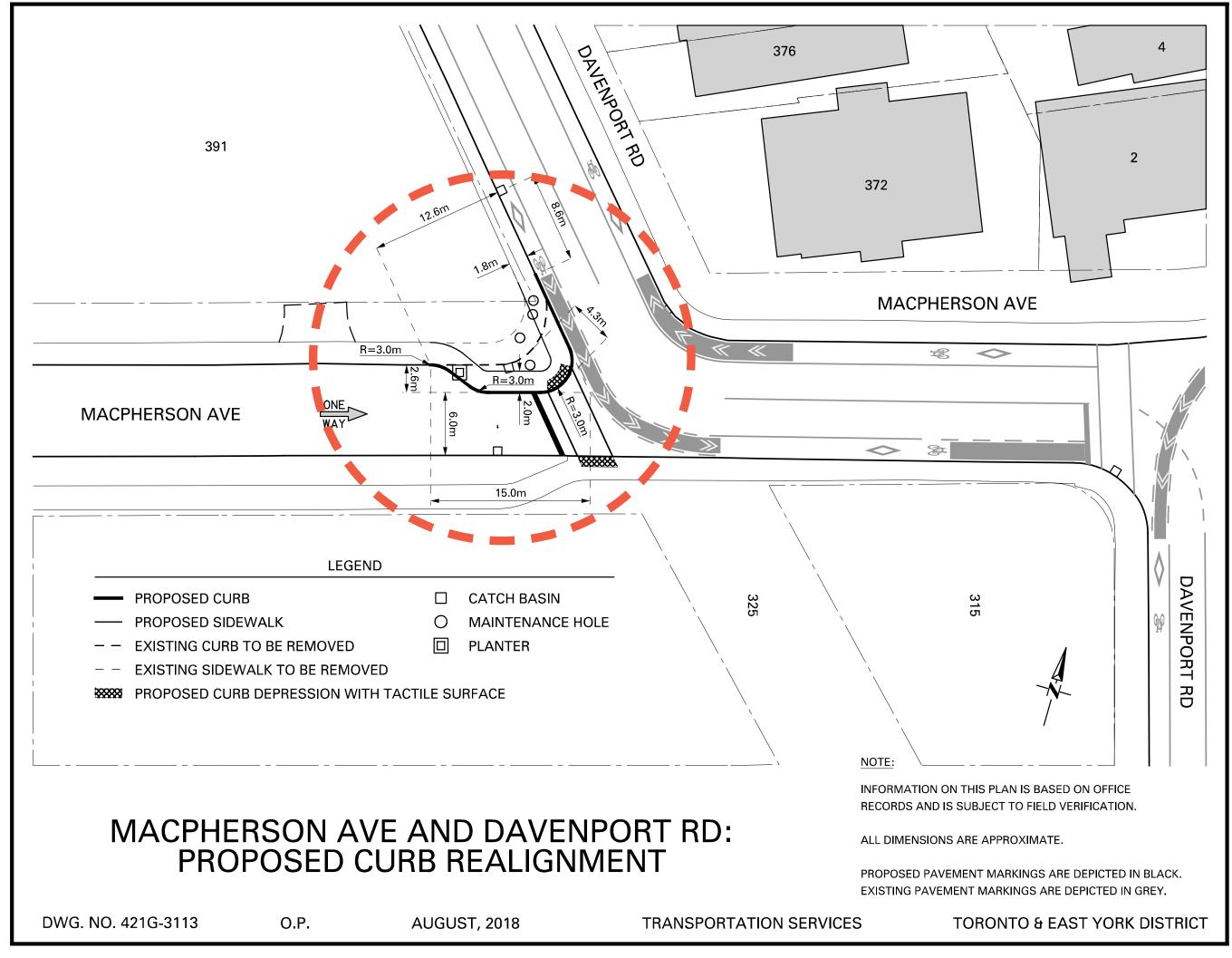


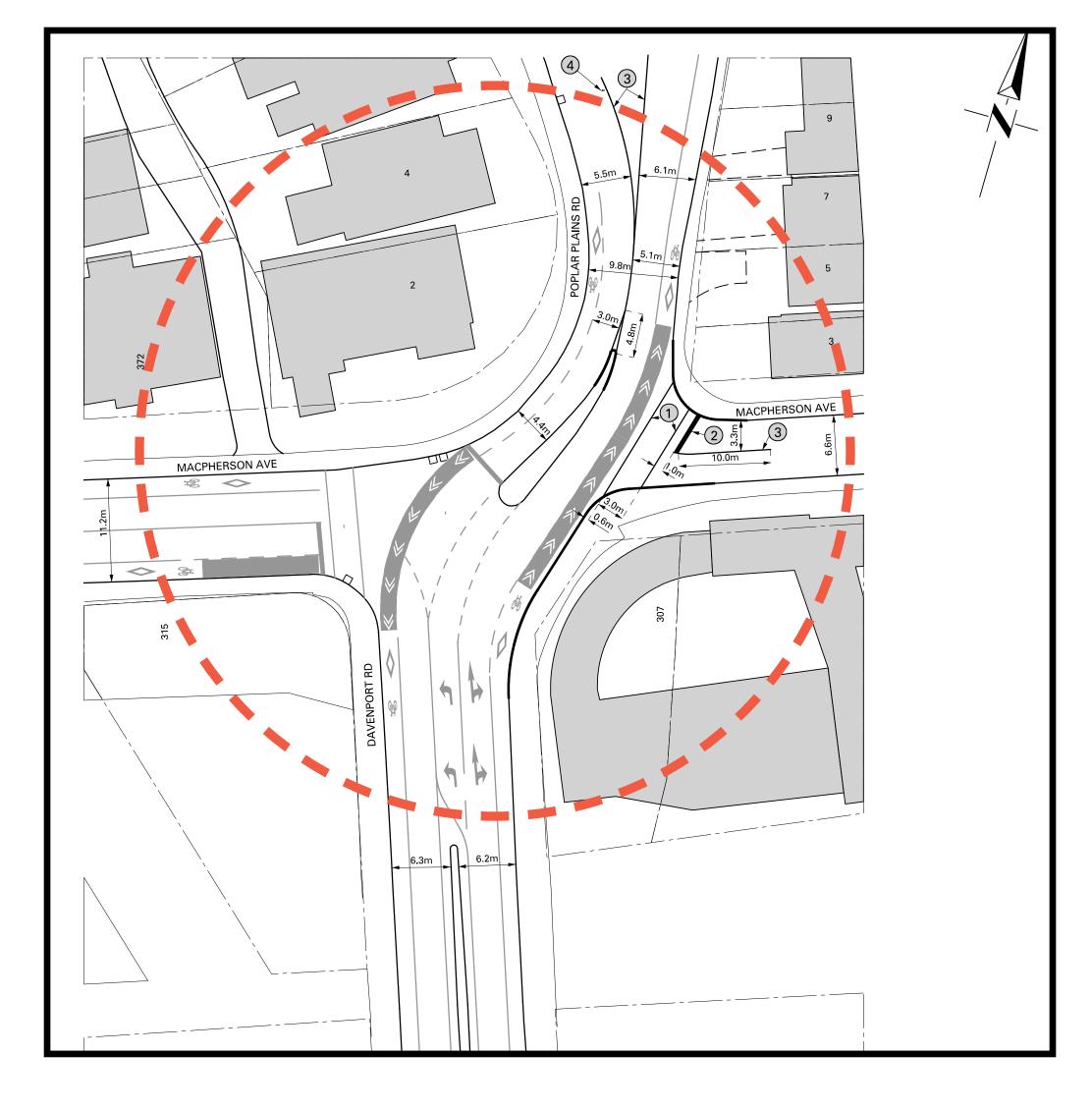
#### **Summary of Design Constraints**





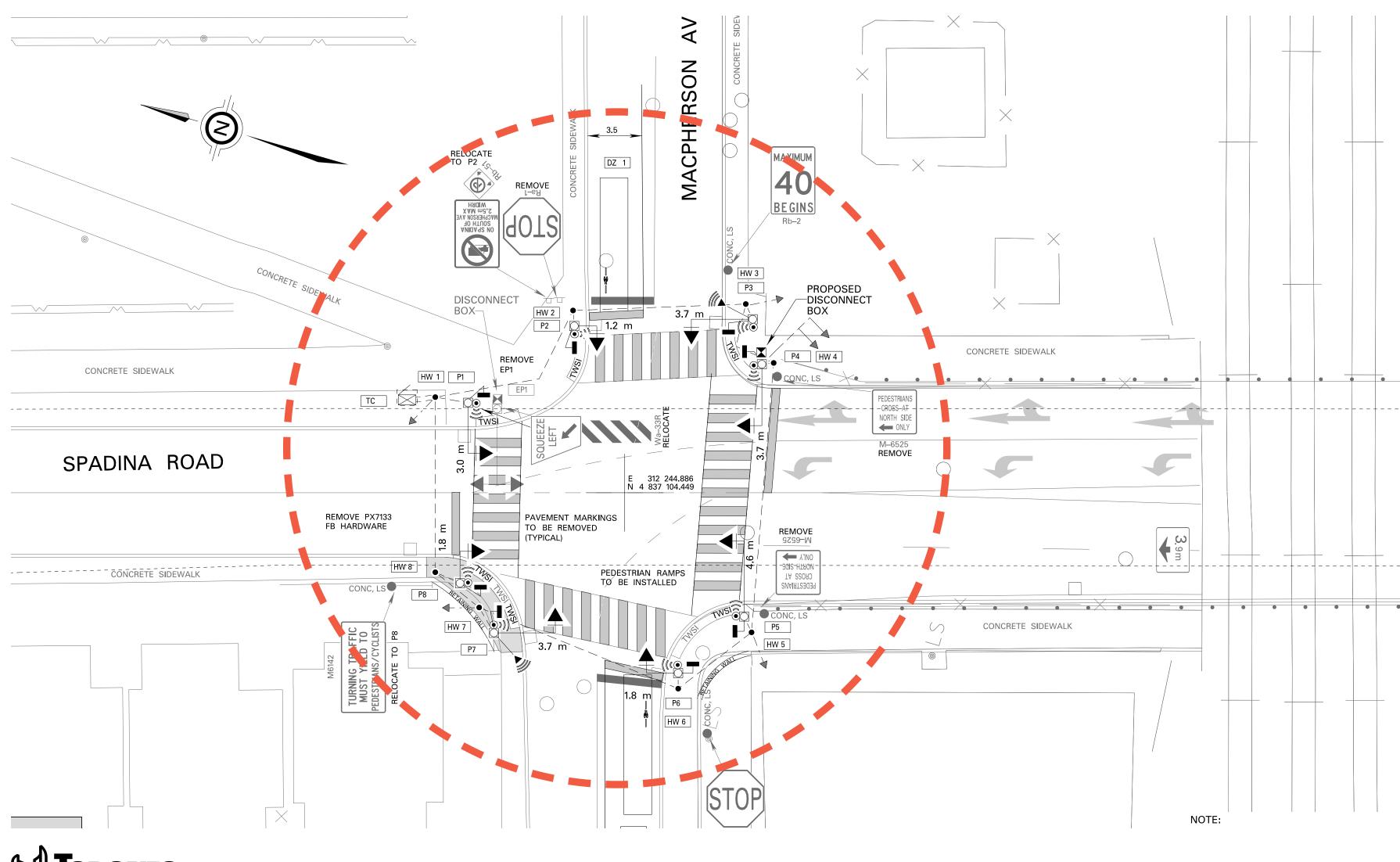
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#### Parks Within 1km / 10 Minute Walk



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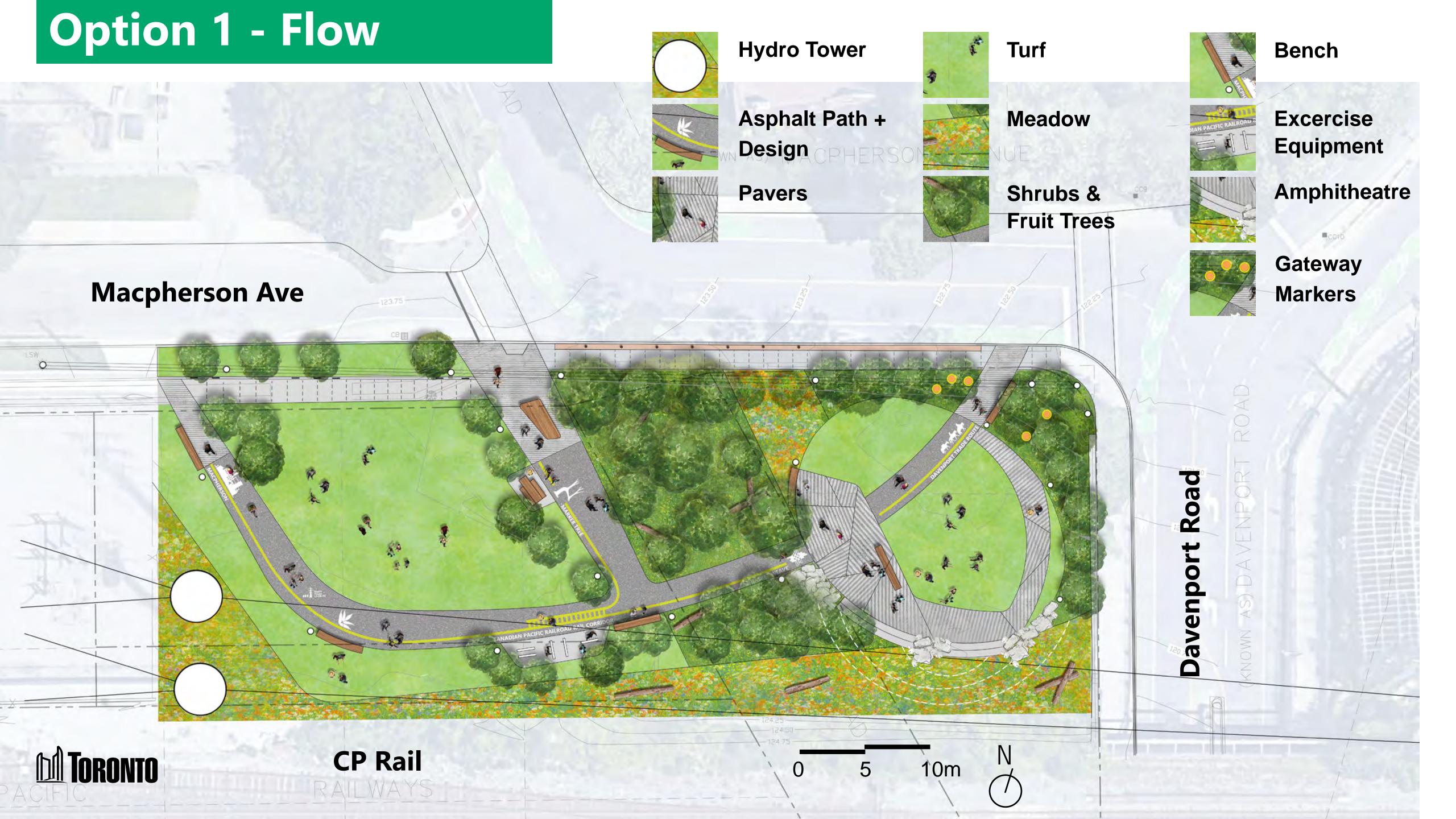
All parks include open space, seating and accessible pathways. Additional park features are noted below:

- 1 JAY MACPHERSON GREEN
- 2 SERGEANT RYAN RUSSELL PARKETTE Playground Bottle Filling Station
- (3) MACPHERSON AVENUE PARKETTE
- 4) POPLAR PLAINS PARKETTE
- 5) ROYCROFT PARK LANDS
- 6 HIGH LEVEL PUMPING STATION PARK Drinking Fountain
- (7) BOULTON DRIVE PARKETTE
- 8 GLEN EDYTH DRIVE PARKETTE Playground
- 9 SPADINA PARK
- TENNIS COURTS AT WINSTON CHURCHILL PARK Bike Trail . Dogs Off-Leash Area . Drinking Fountain . Multipurpose Field . Outdoor Tennis Court . Pond
- (11) SPADINA ROAD PARK
- (12) CASA LOMA PARKETTE
- (13) AUSTIN TERRACE BOULEVARD LANDS
- CAWTHRA PLAYGROUND
  Playground . Fieldhouse . Drinking Fountain
- JEAN SIBELIUS SQUARE
  Playground . Picnic Site . Drinking Fountain
- GWENDOLYN MACEWEN PARKETTE
  Playground . Picnic Site . Drinking Fountain
- HURON STREET PLAYGROUND
  Playground . Drinking Fountain
- TADDLE CREEK PARK
  Playground . Drinking Fountain
- JESSE KETCHUM PARK
   Drinking Fountain
- RAMSDEN PARK
  Ball Diamond . Bike Trail . Dogs Off-Leash Area .
  Drinking Fountain . Outdoor Basketball Court
  Outdoor Tennis Court . Picnic Site . Playground . Wading Pool



## Design Concept Options





## Option 1 - Flow



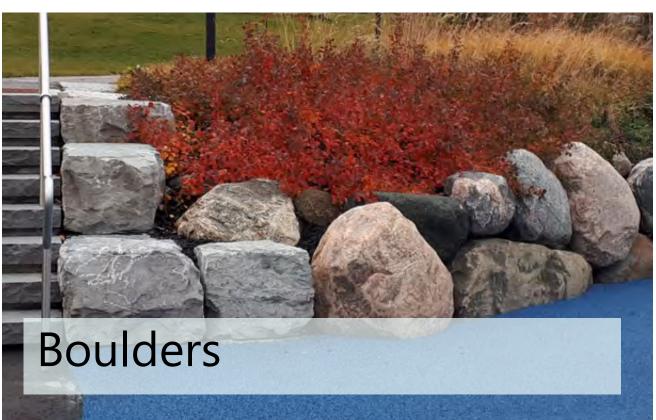
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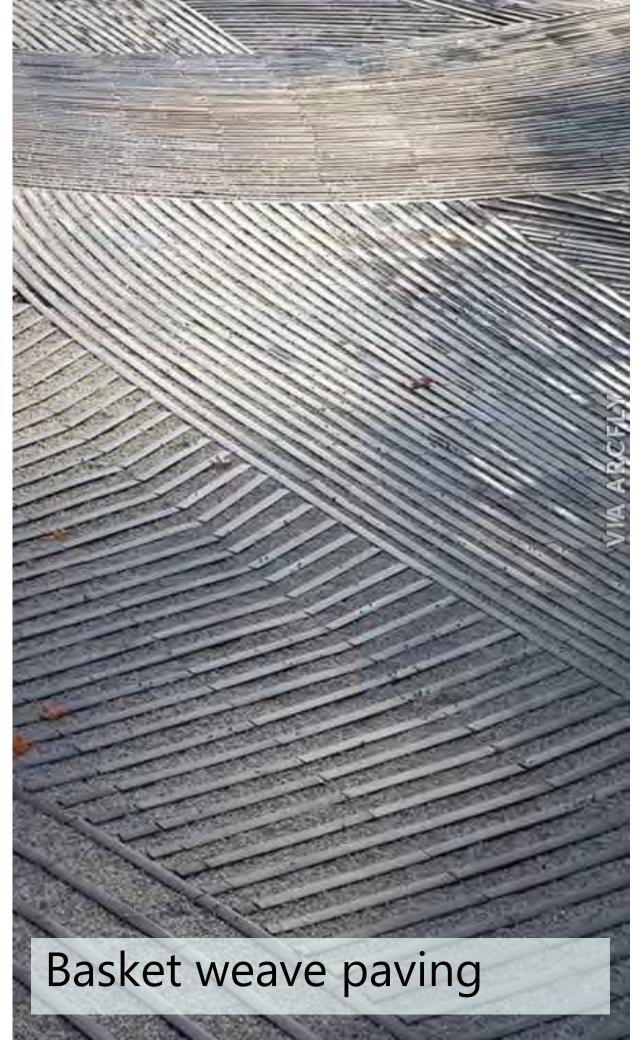


### Option 1 - Flow - Precedents



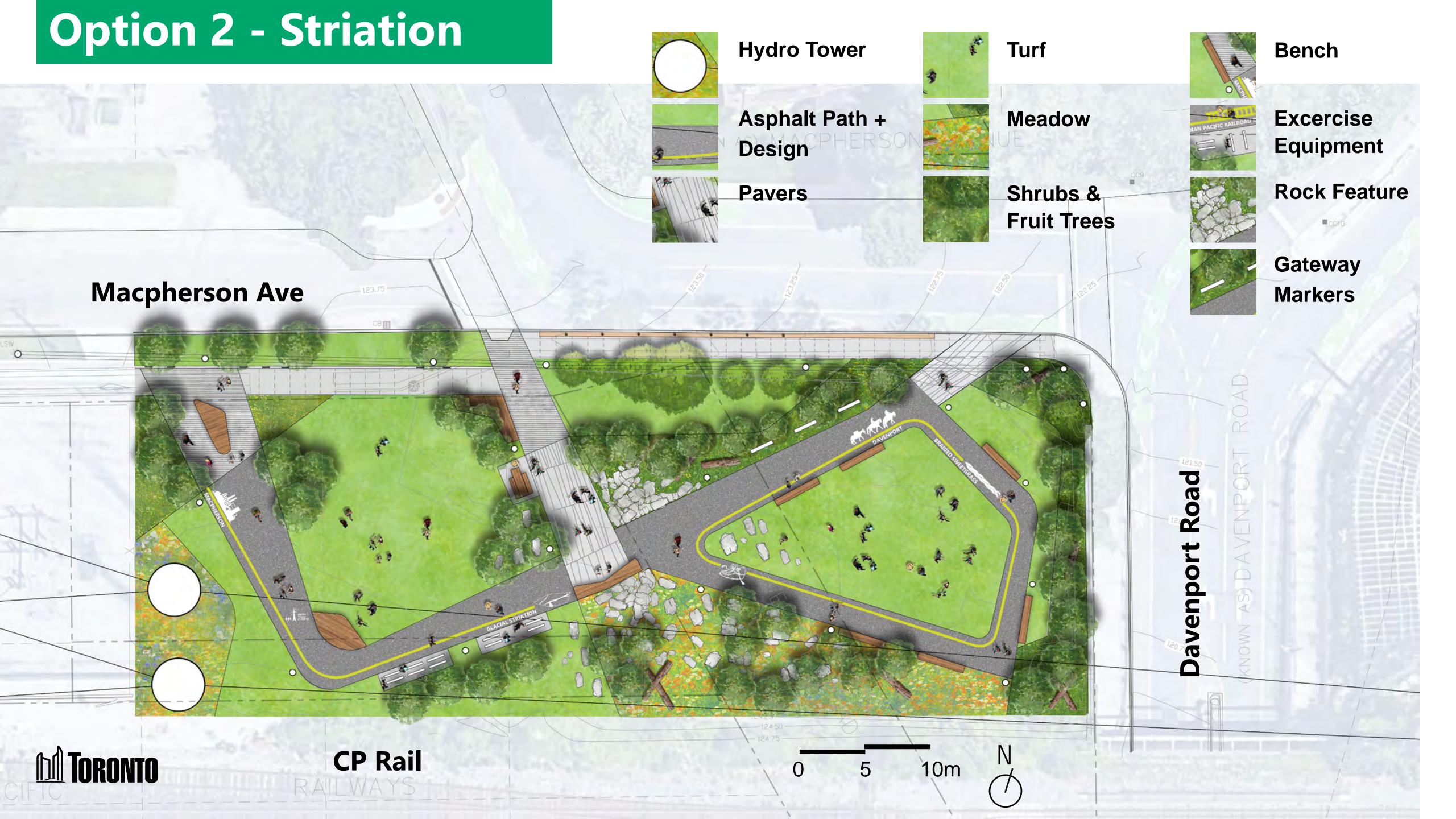




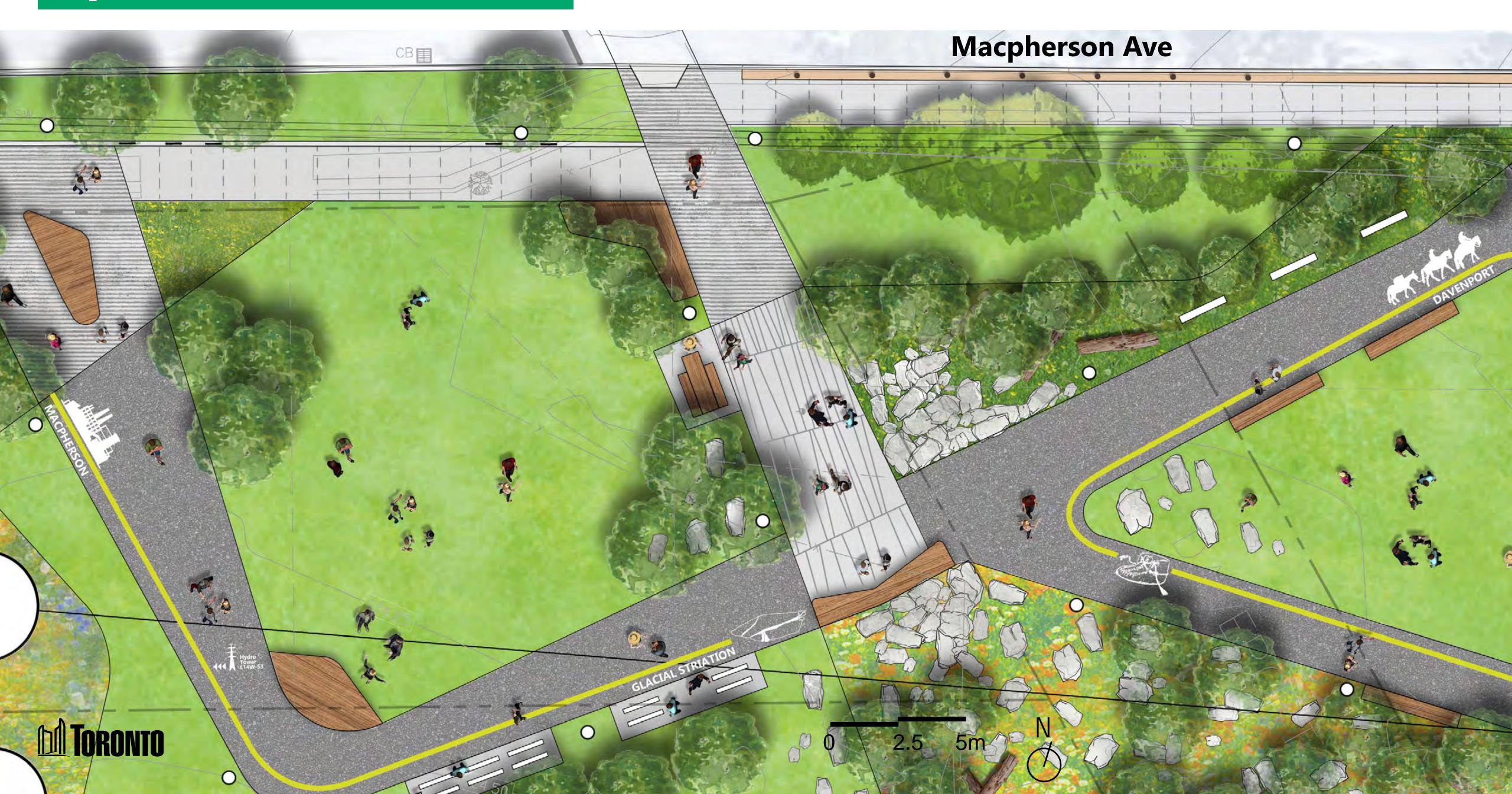








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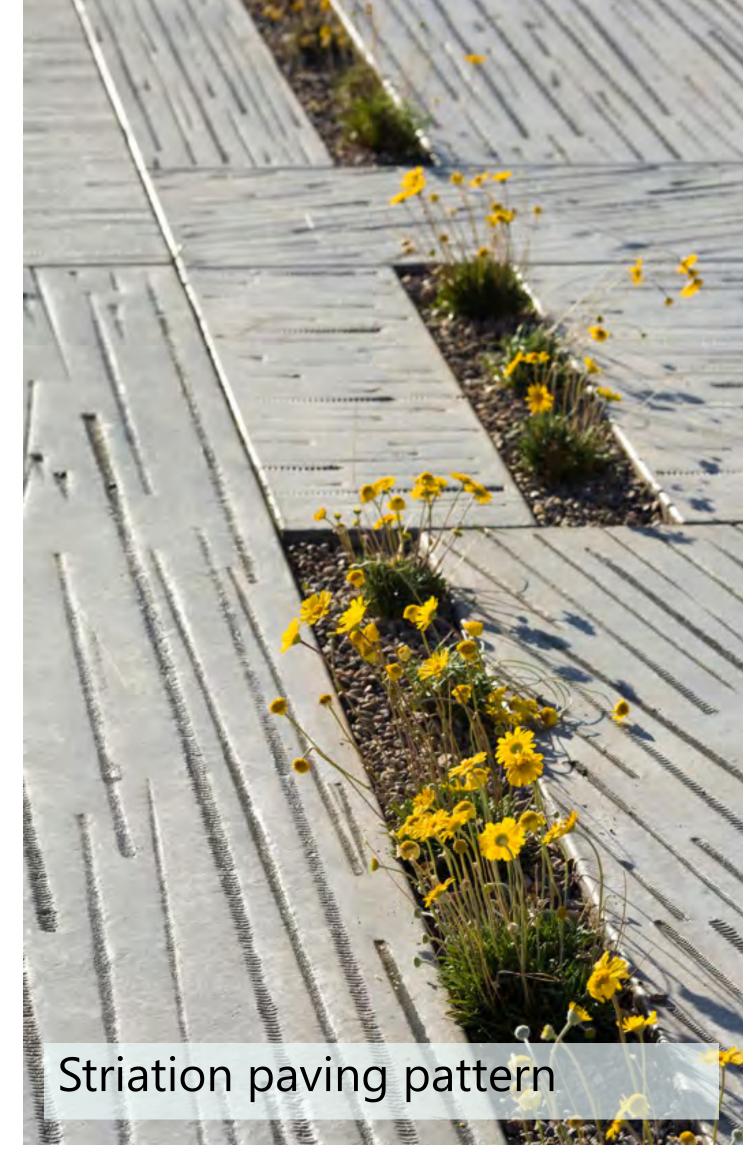


## Option 2 - Striation - Rendering





#### Option 2 - Striation - Precedents













# Materials



#### Discussion: Planting Considerations

Planting Beds



Medicine Plants



Meadow / Pollinator Planting



Meadow Habitat



Trees





#### Pavement Designs for the Green Line

Typical Park Pavement Design:

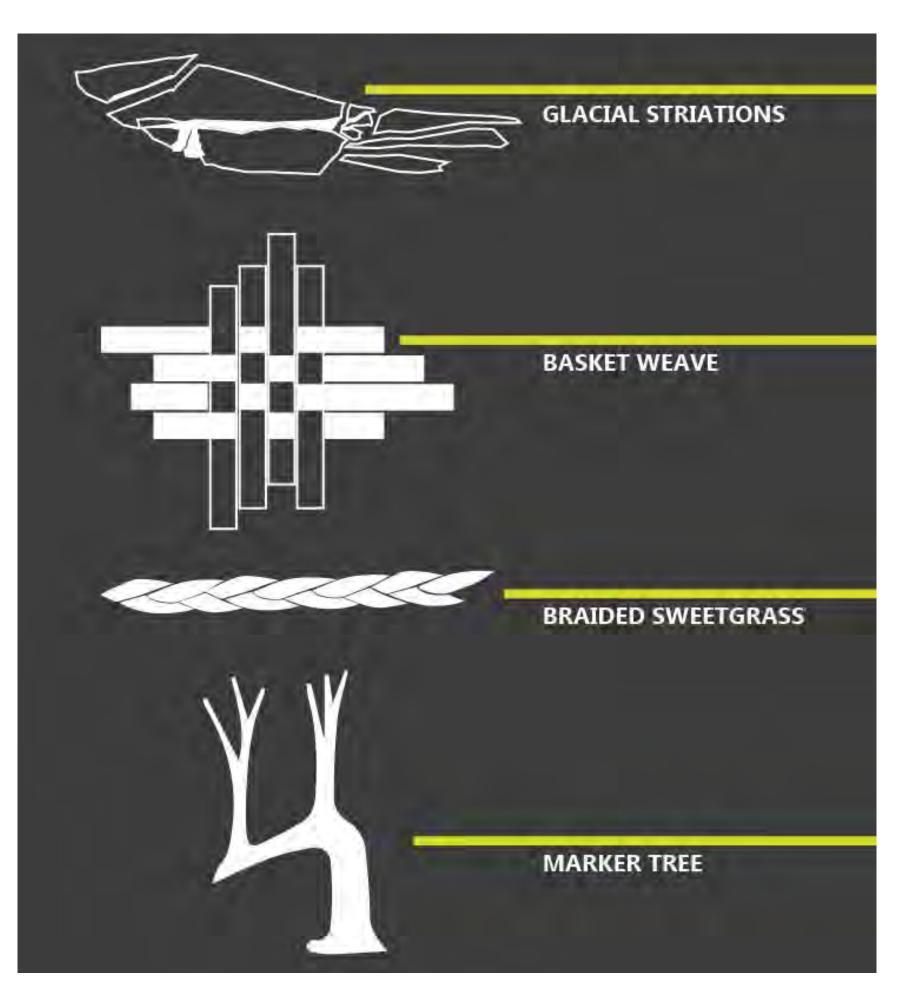
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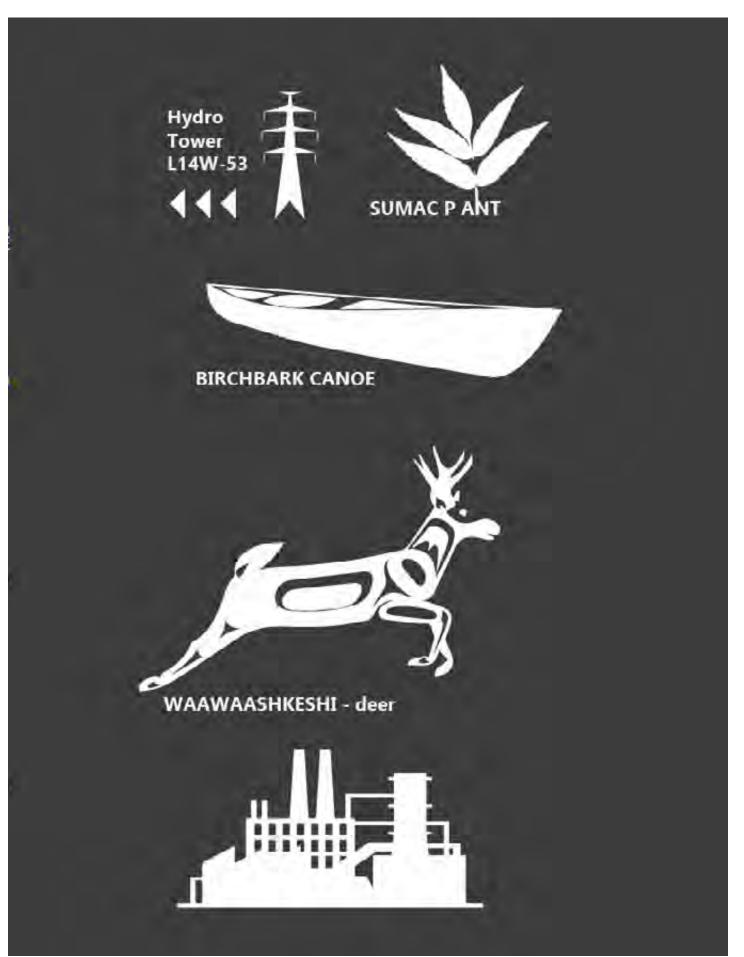
**Wayfinding Street Names** 

Placekeeping and Historical Design



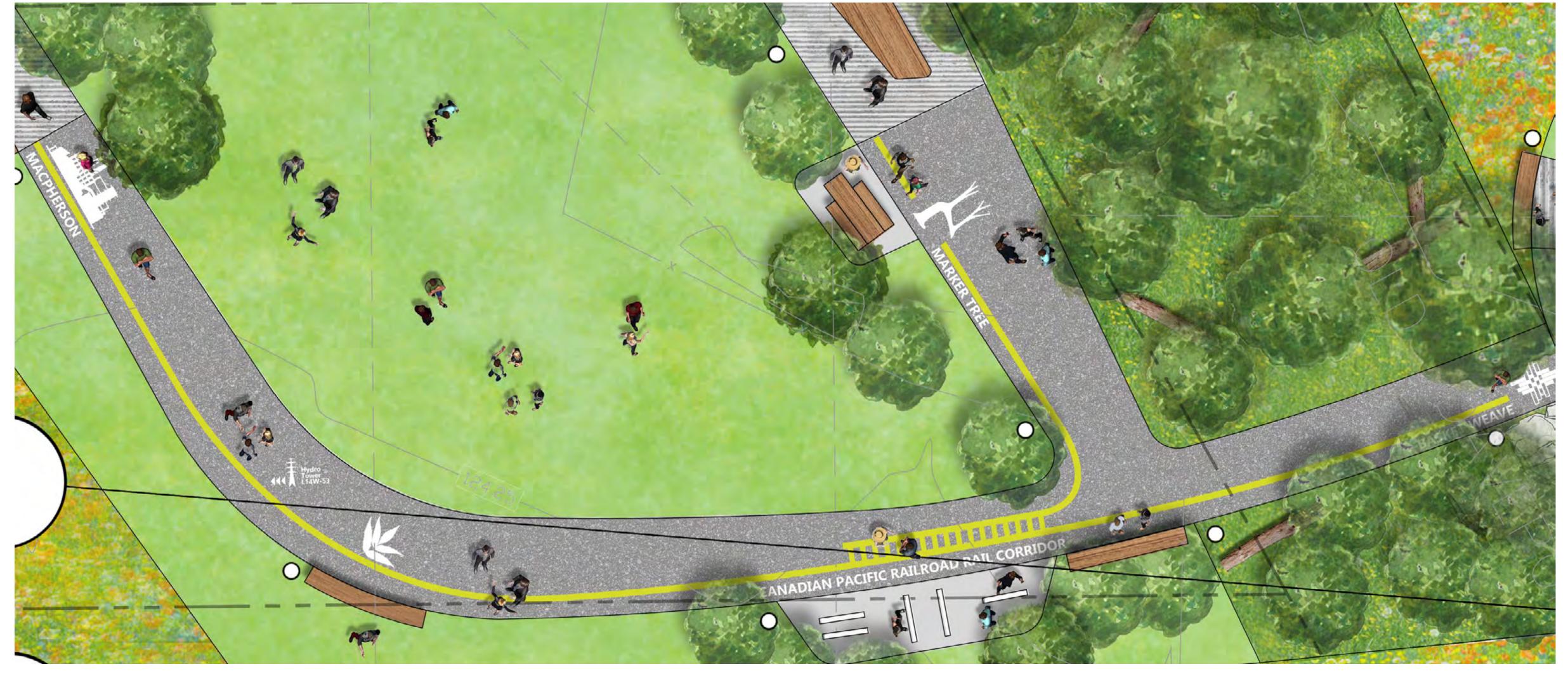






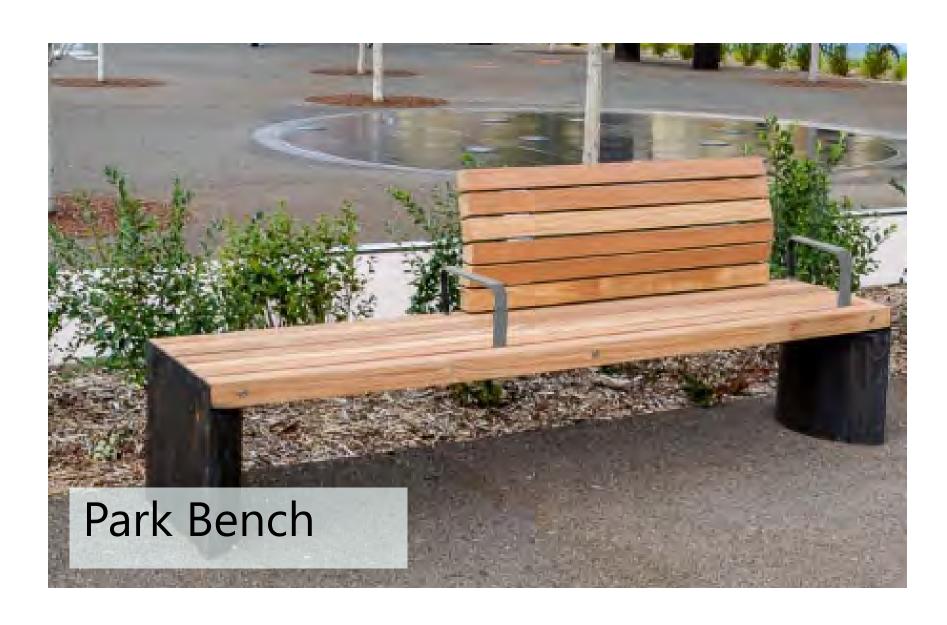


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### Park Seating + Signage





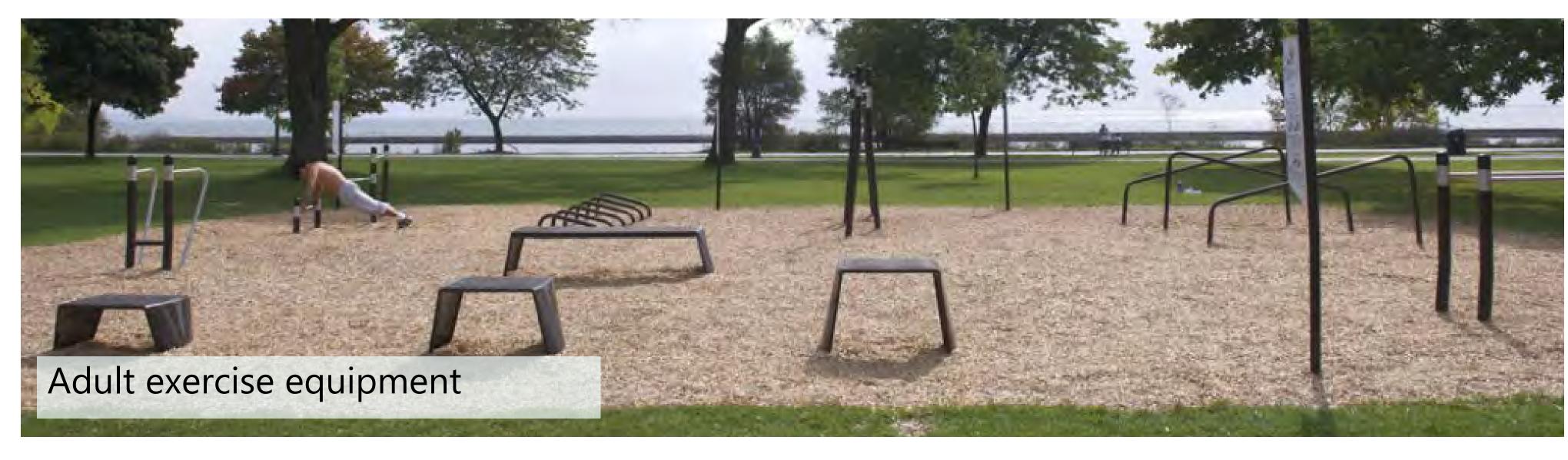


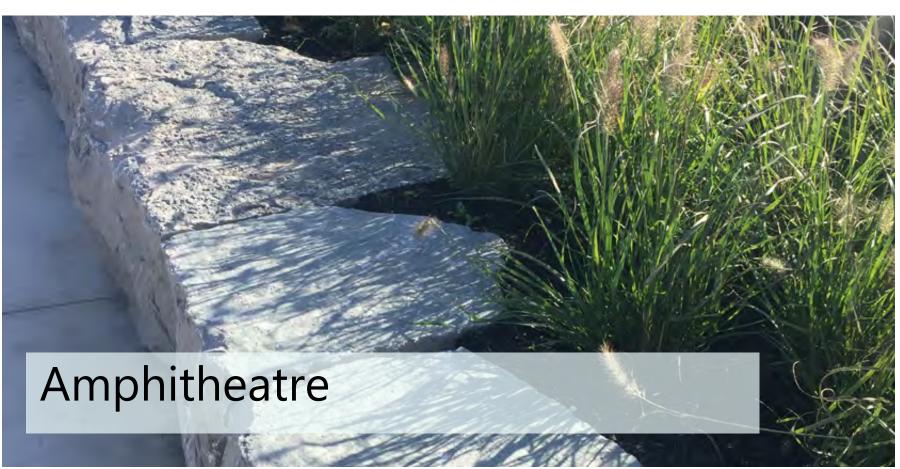


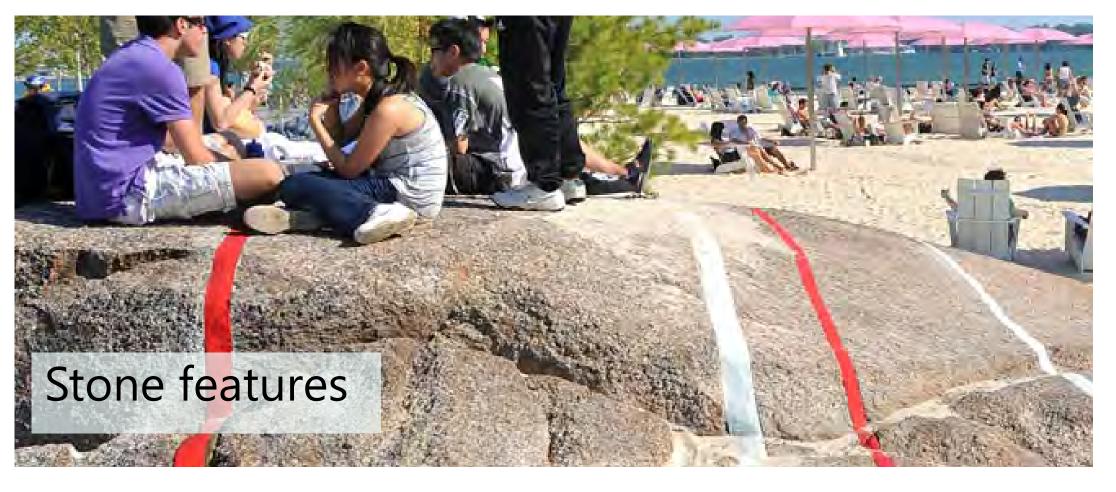




#### Park Furniture + Lighting







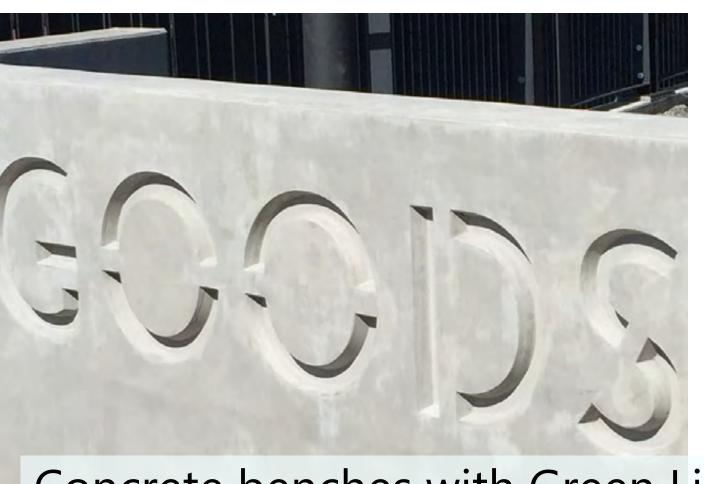




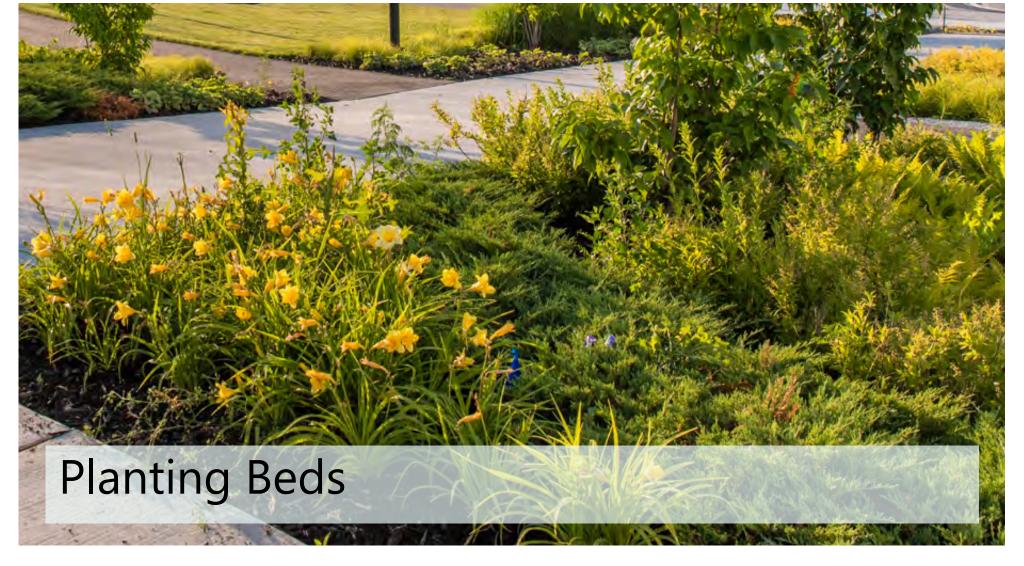
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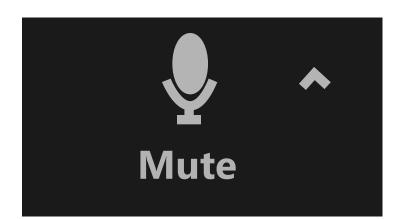




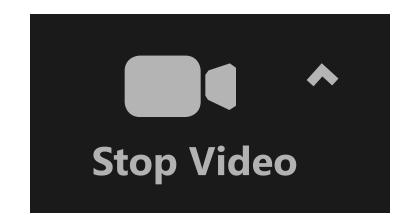




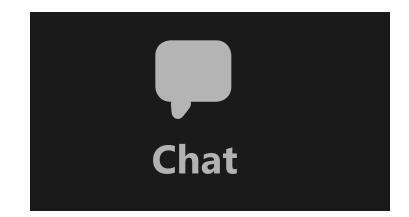
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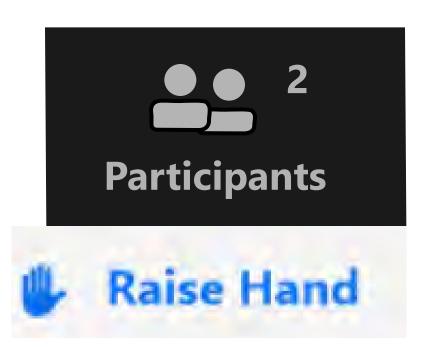
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#### New Park Concept Options

#### Option 1 - Flow



#### **Option 2 - Striations**





## Next Steps

#### Visit the project webpage at

#### www.toronto.ca/MacphersonAvenuePark to:

- Share your feedback through the online questionnaire until Sunday December 6th!
- Check out the family-friendly Towers and Flowers Activity Book to learn more about pollinators and sustainability!
- Sign up for e-updates
- Access this presentation and a meeting summary when available

## Email any additional comments to nancy.chater@toronto.ca by December 6th

Thank you for your participation!