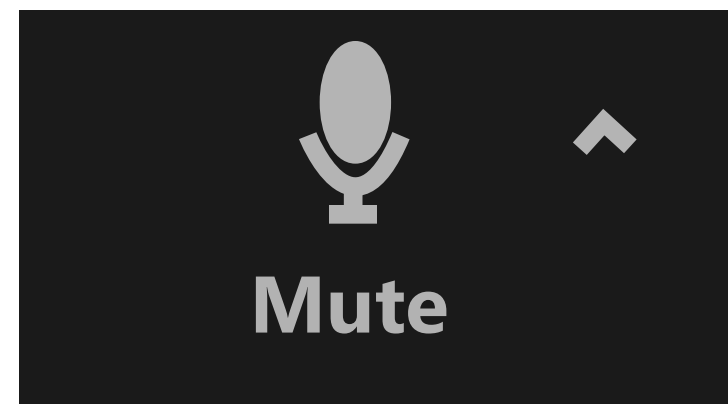
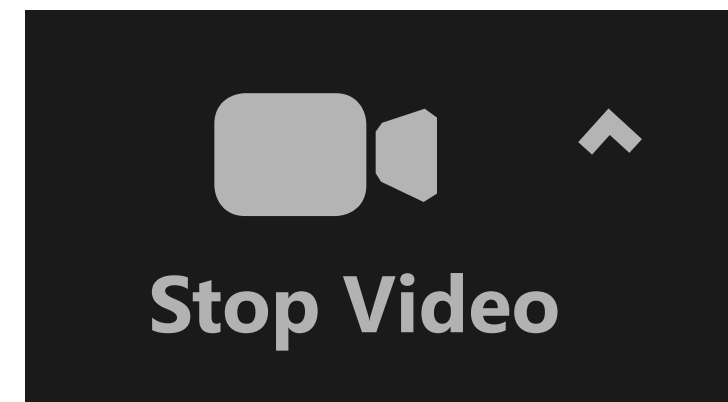


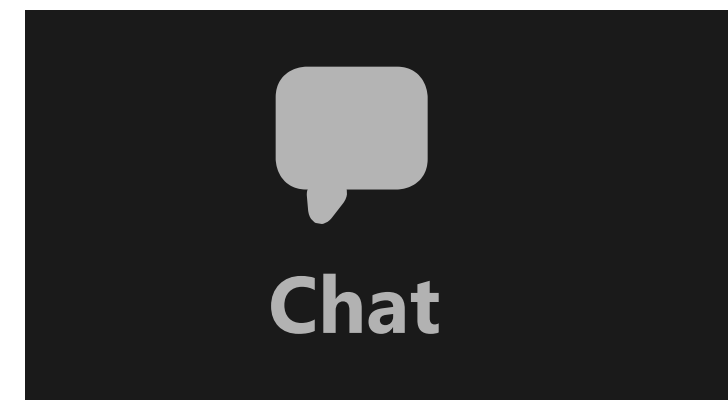
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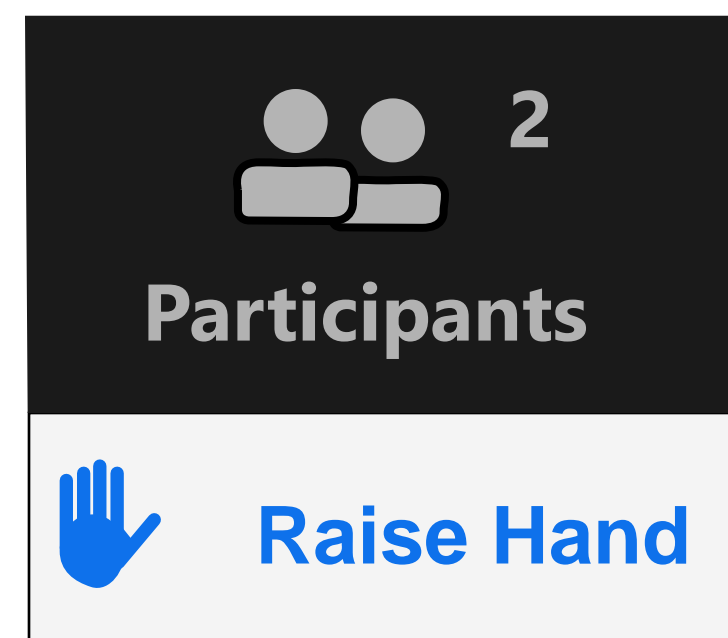
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New Park at Macpherson Ave + Davenport Rd

Green Line Implementation Plan

Virtual Public Meeting #2

February 25, 2021



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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



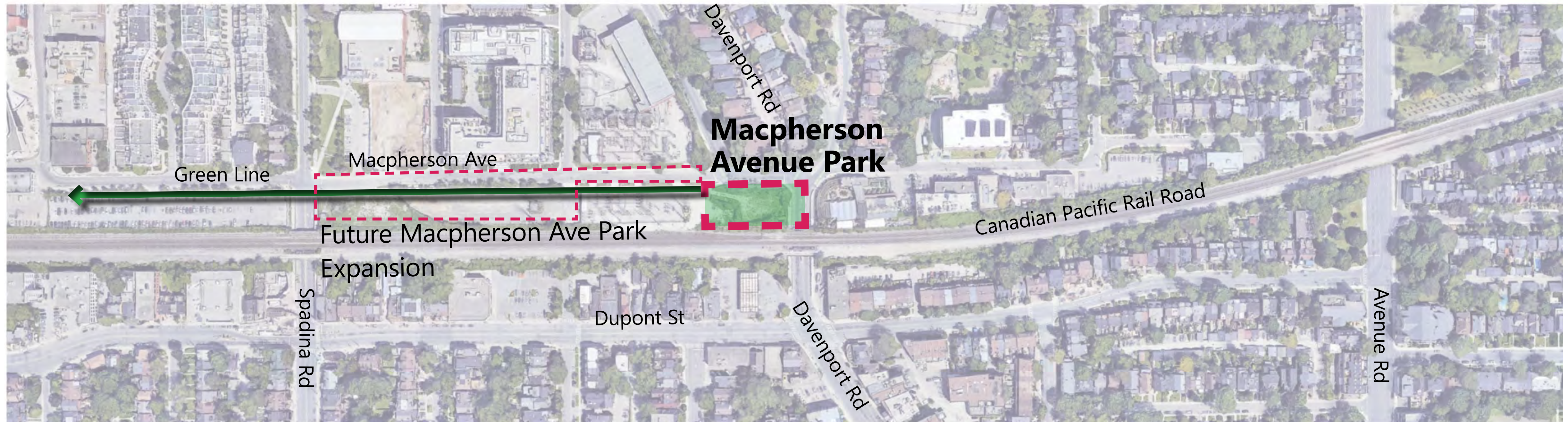
Mike Layton

City of Toronto, Ward 11 Councillor



Purpose of the Meeting

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



Agenda

1. Team Introductions
2. Brief Project Background
3. Preferred Concept
4. Discussion
5. Next Steps

City of Toronto

Nancy Chater - Senior Project Coordinator

Rachel Weston - Construction Coordinator

Rajesh Sankat - Senior Public Consultation Coordinator

Design Team

DTAH Landscape Architects - Lead

James Roche

Yvonne Battista

LURA Public Engagement

Susan Hall

Alex Furneaux

Engagement Participants

Indigenous Engagement

- Two Row Architects - **Brian Porter**
- Toronto Native Canadian Centre - **Larry Frost**
- Indigenous Affairs Office - **Jennifer Franks**

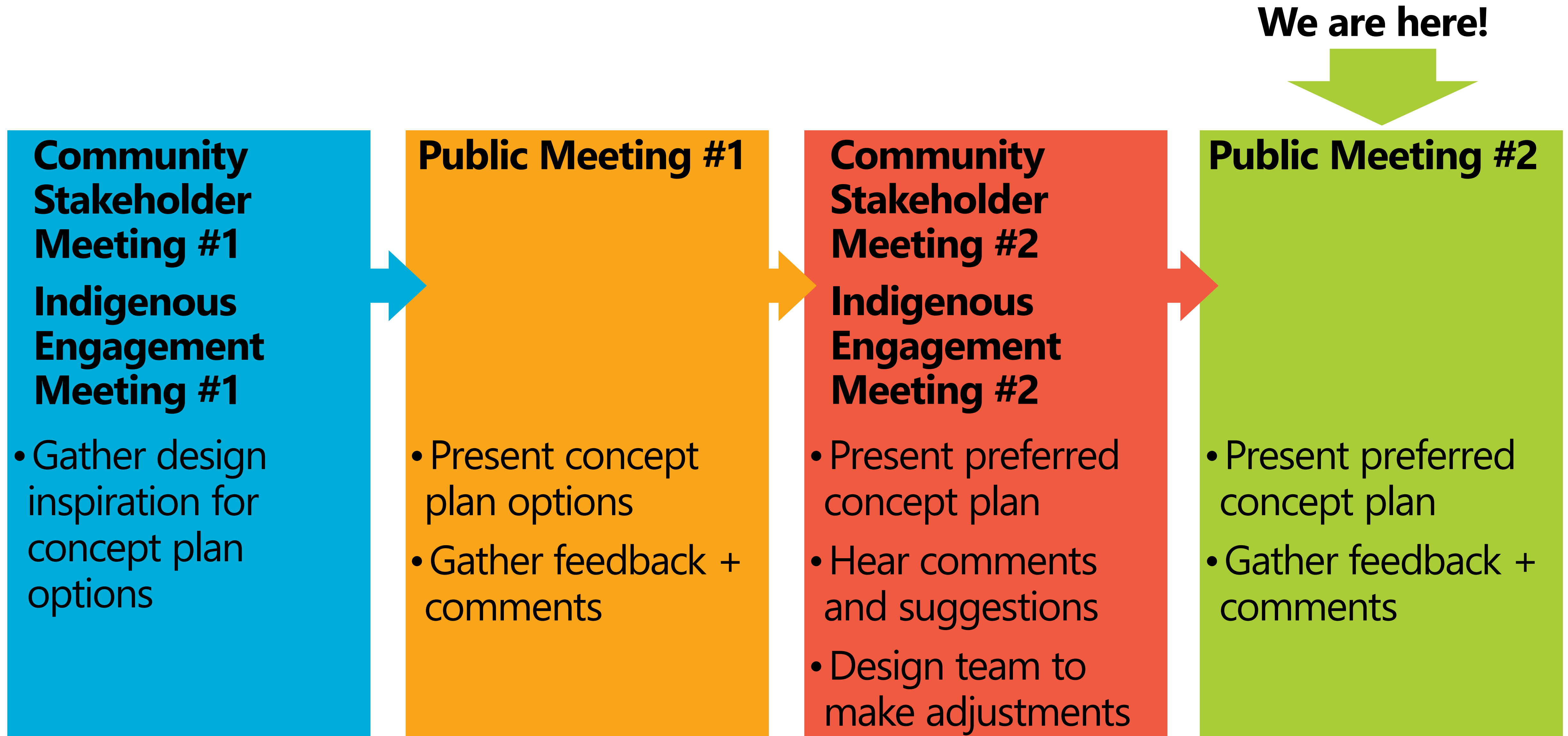
Community Stakeholders

- Rathnelly Area Residents Associations (RARA) - **Pym Buitenhuis**
- Tarragon Village Community Association (TVCA) - **Shael Kerbel**
- Madison Lofts (380 Macpherson Ave) - **Tove Fynbo**
- Dupont By The Castle BIA - **Stephen Boujikian and Louise MacDonald**
- Madison View Homes (200 Madison Ave) - **Krysal Finhert and Maria Grillo**

City of Toronto Stakeholders

- Parks, Forestry and Recreation - Capital Projects, Parks, Forestry
- Indigenous Affairs Office
- Transportation Services
- Urban Design - City Planning

Design and Consultation Process



Indigenous Engagement - Fall 2020 Feedback Summary

- Emphasize **placekeeping** in this park (versus placemaking) and integrate Indigenous placekeeping elements throughout the park
- **Historical information** plaques effective
- Park should **break away from the street and railroad grid**
- 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

Community Stakeholder Group - Fall 2020 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 suggested
- Use **colour** in the park

Schedule

Concept Design and Community Consultation

Gather design inspiration

*We are
here!*

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.



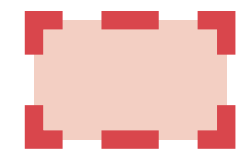
[Master Plan Link](#)

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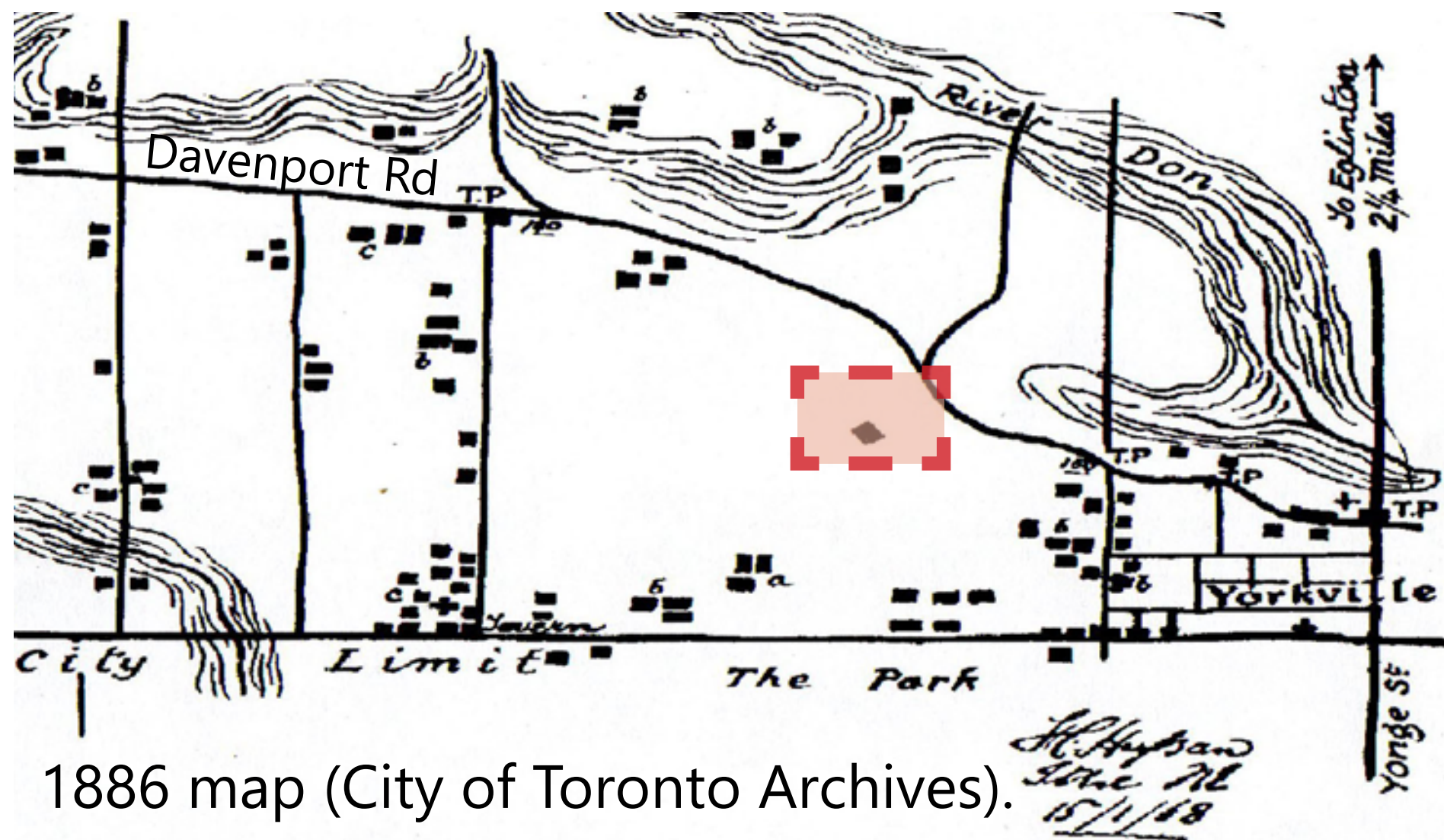
The new park at Macpherson Ave and Davenport Rd along with Geary Ave Park are the first two parks to be realized following the Green Line Implementation Plan, which tie together 45 land parcels and over 20 proposed projects over a 5km park space largely under HONI infrastructure.



Partial History of Area



Approximate New Macpherson Avenue Park



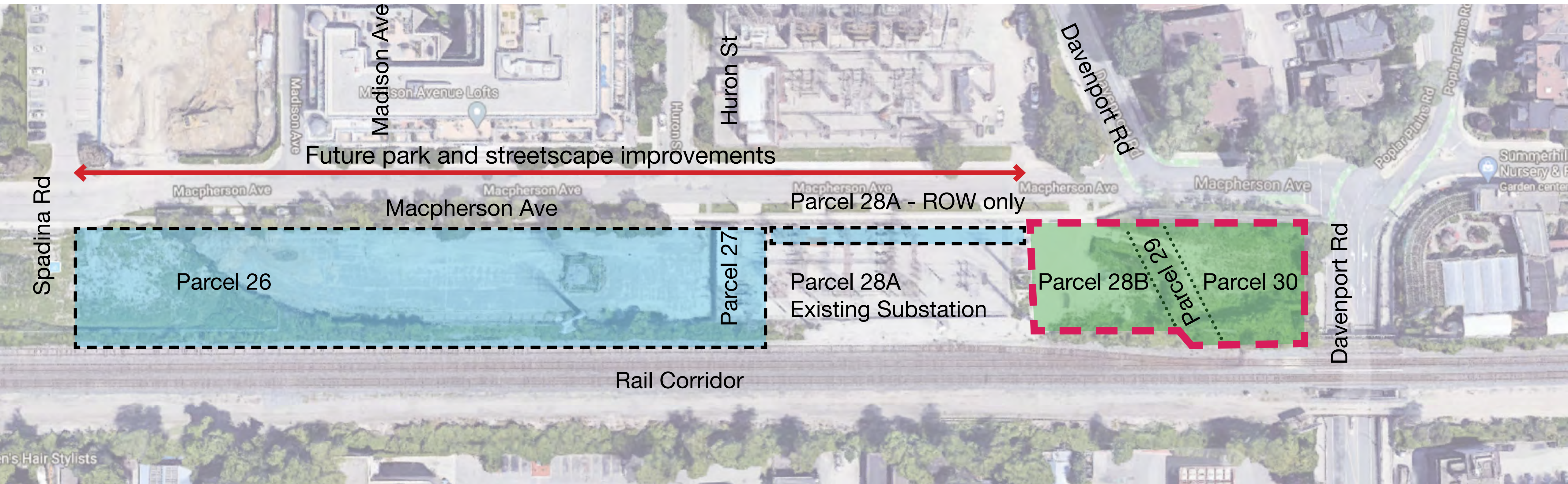
1886 map (City of Toronto Archives).





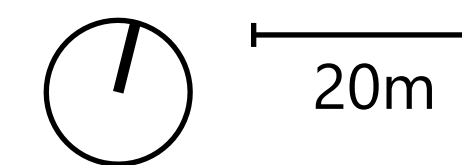
1947 aerial photo (City of Toronto Archives).

- 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.

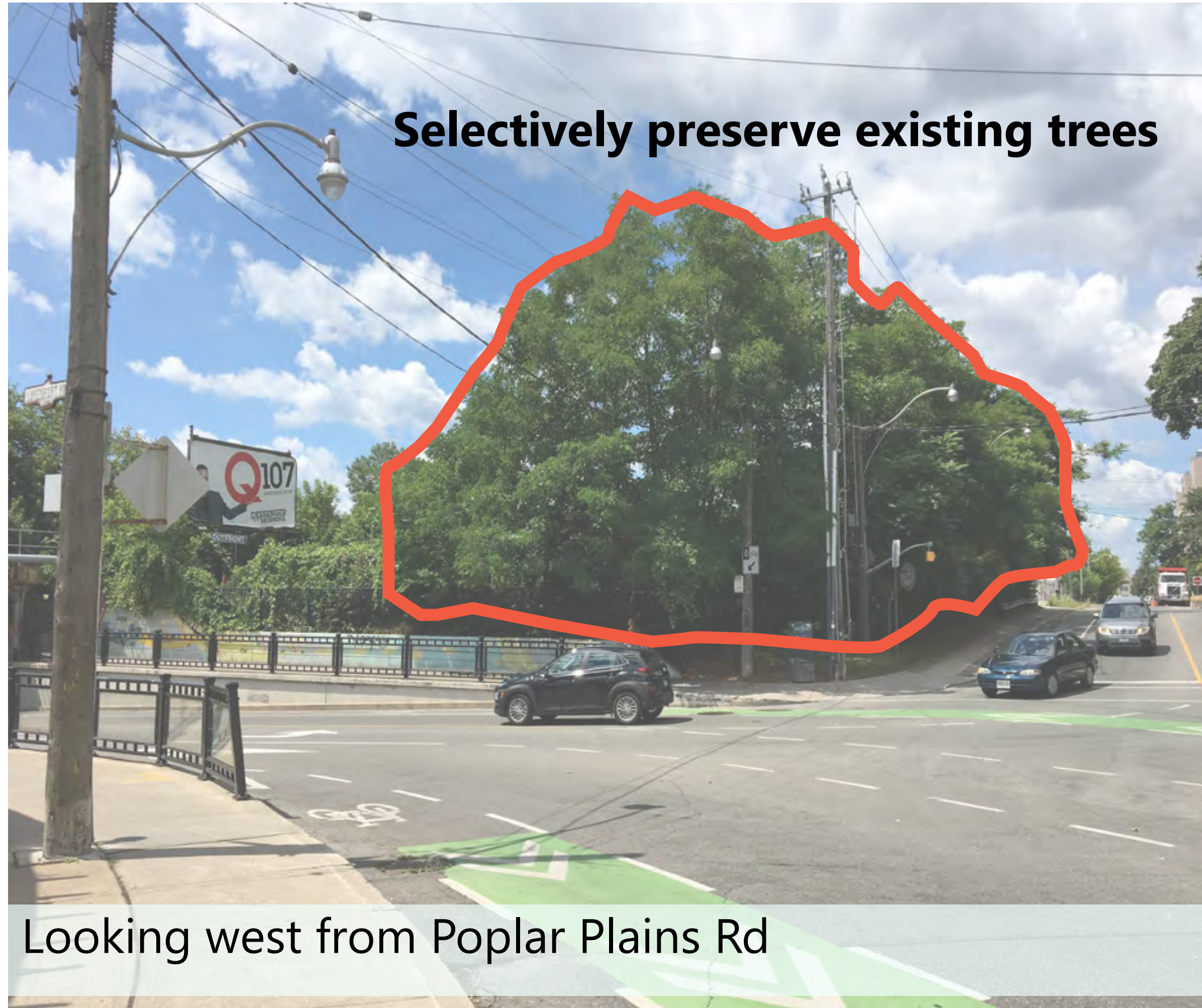
Scope of Work



-  2020 Macpherson Avenue Park and Streetscape Scope
-  Future Macpherson Avenue Park Expansion and Streetscape Scope



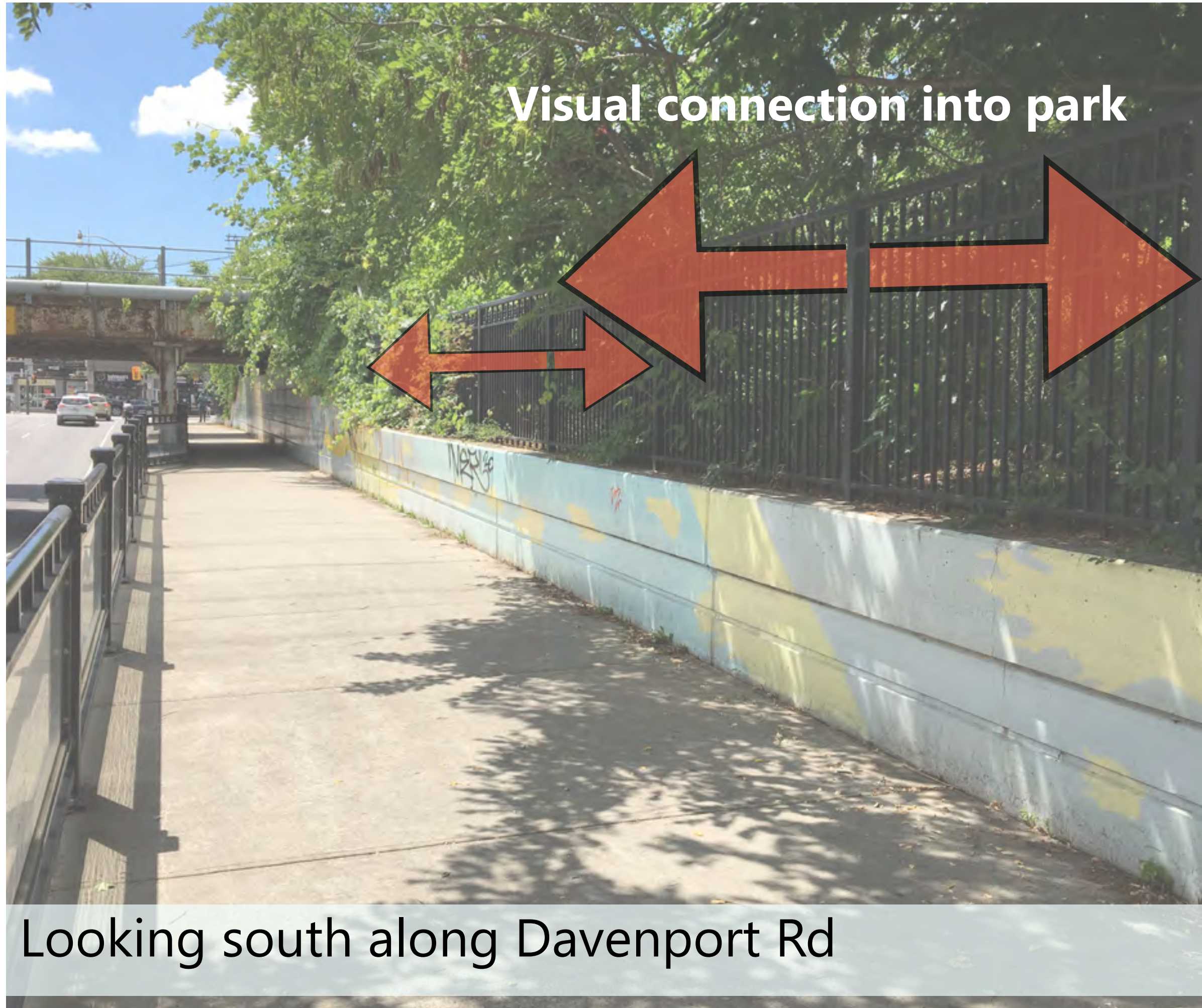
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Existing Conditions - Streetscape



Existing Conditions - Entrance Constraints

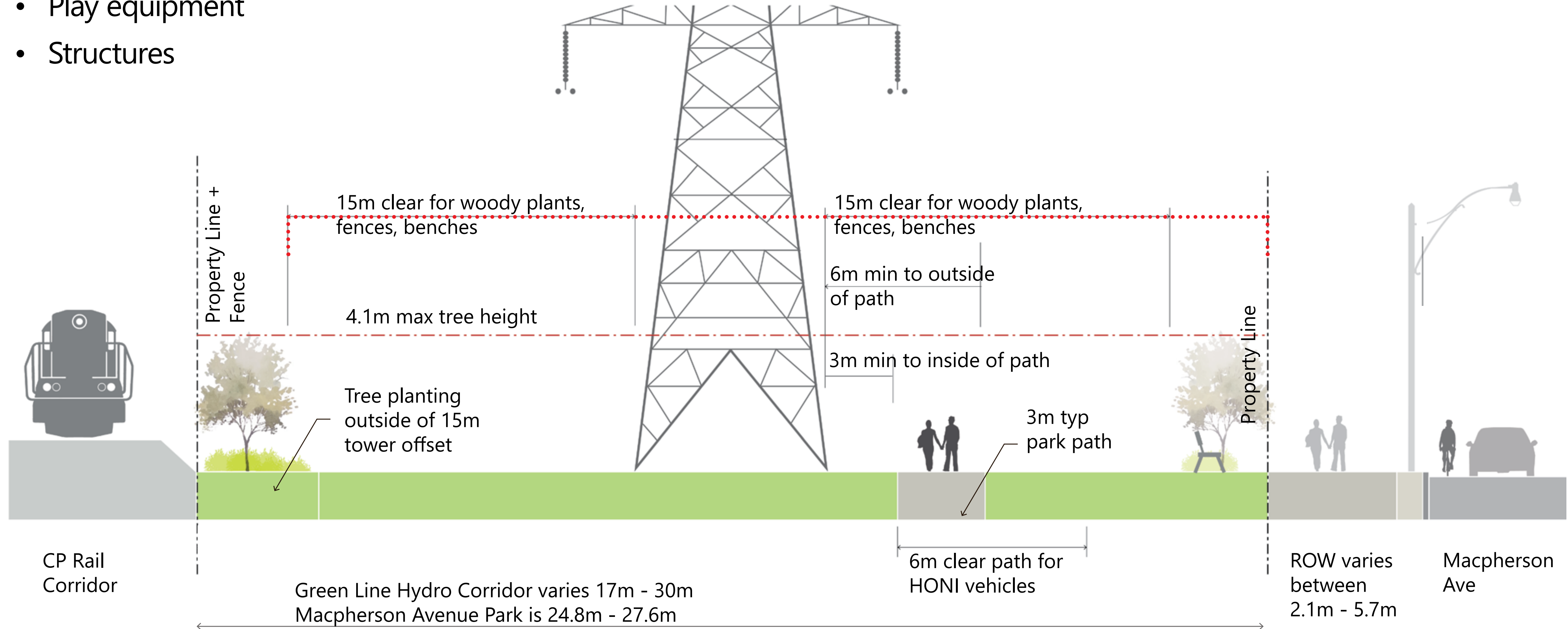


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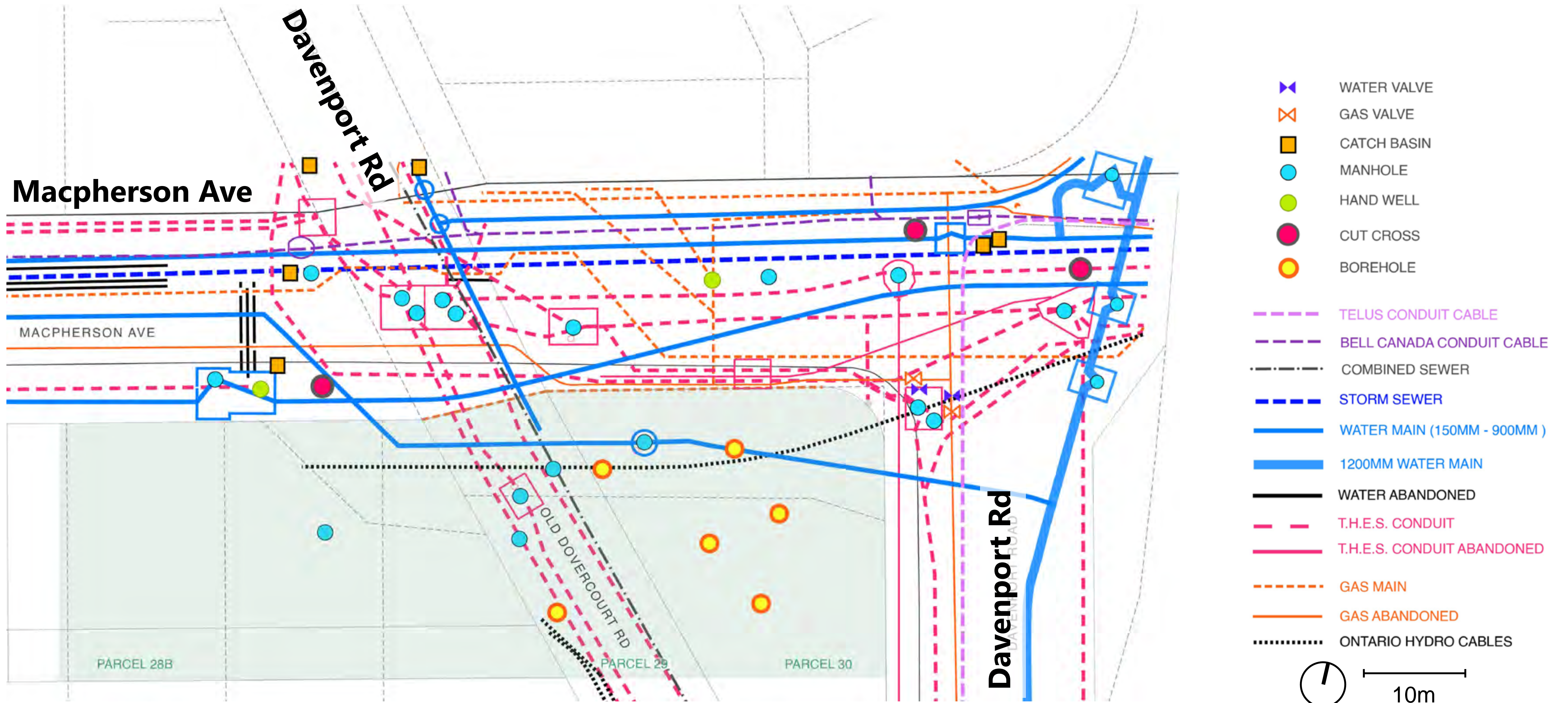
Hydro One (HONI) - Design Constraints

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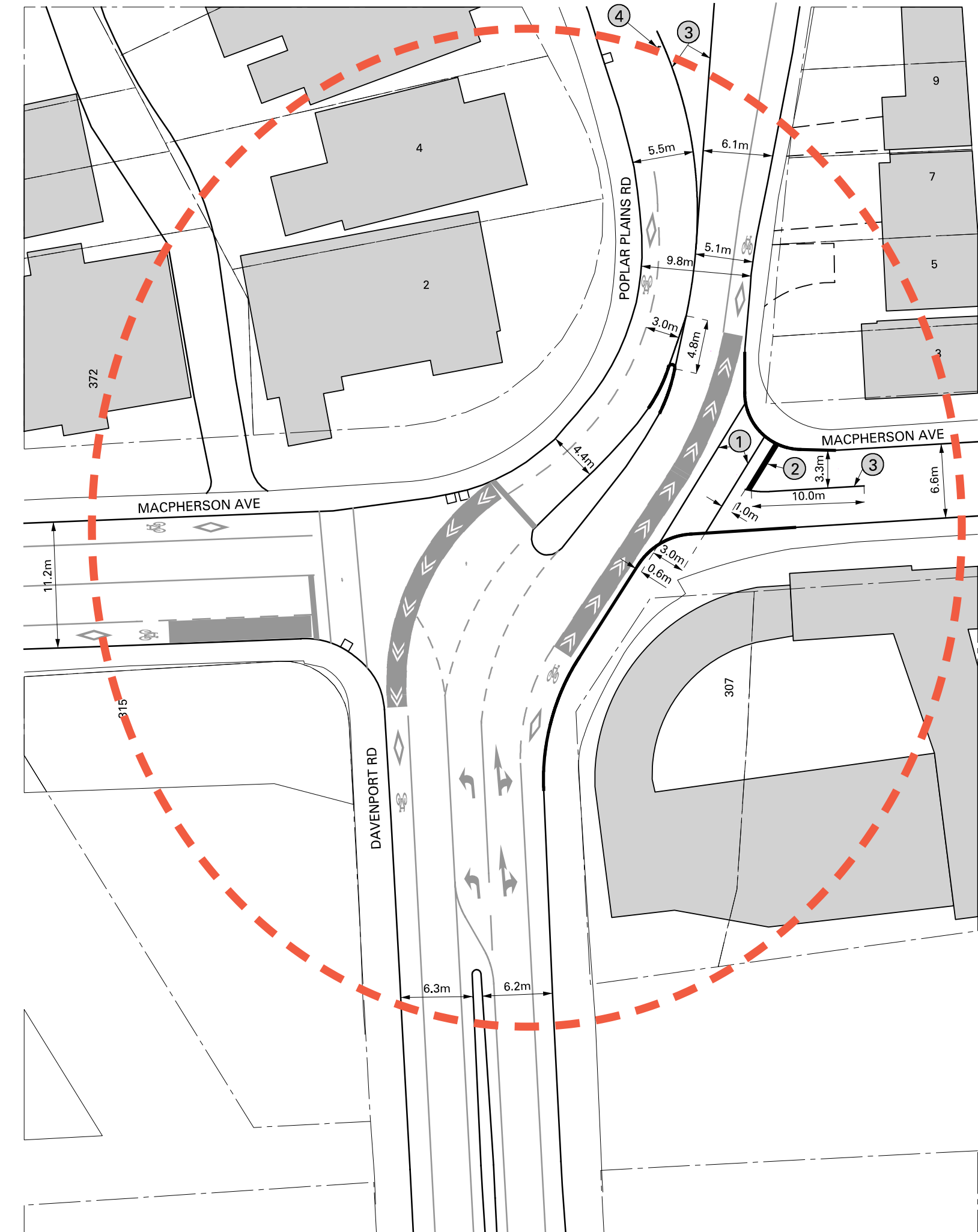
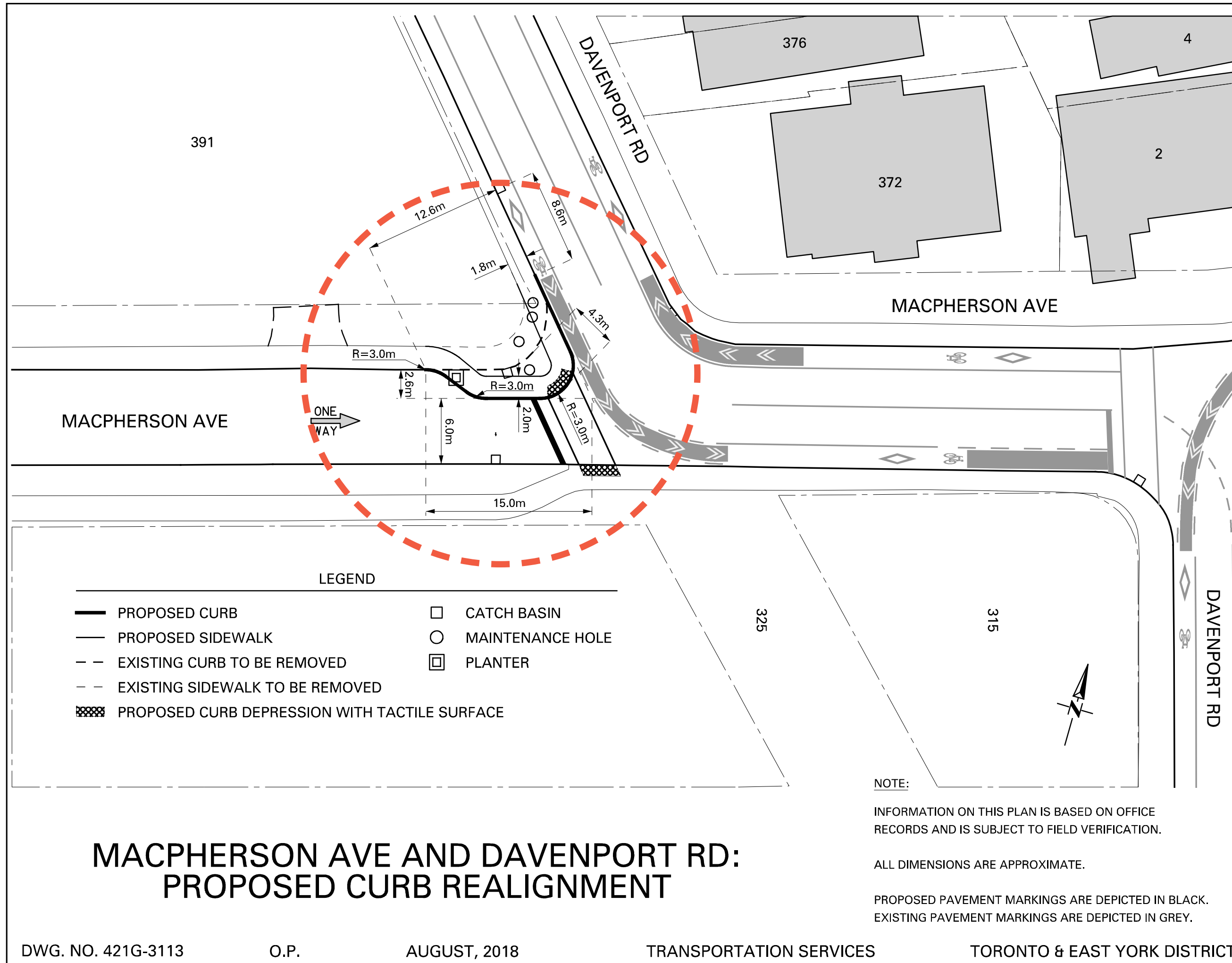
- Play equipment
- Structures



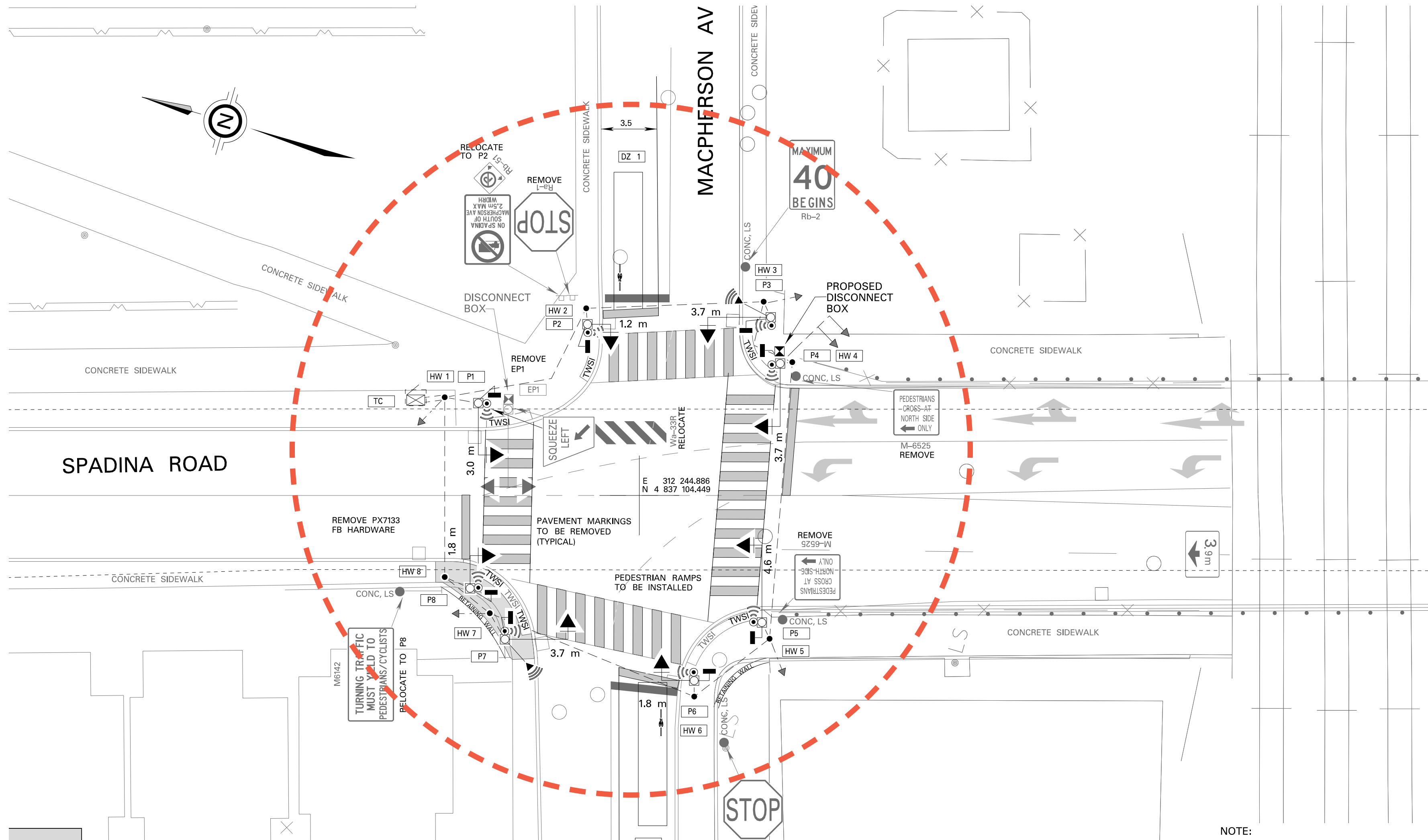
Underground Utilities - Design Constraints



Transportation Services - Future Improvements



Transportation Services - New Improvements



NOTE:

Parks Within 1km / 10 Minute Walk

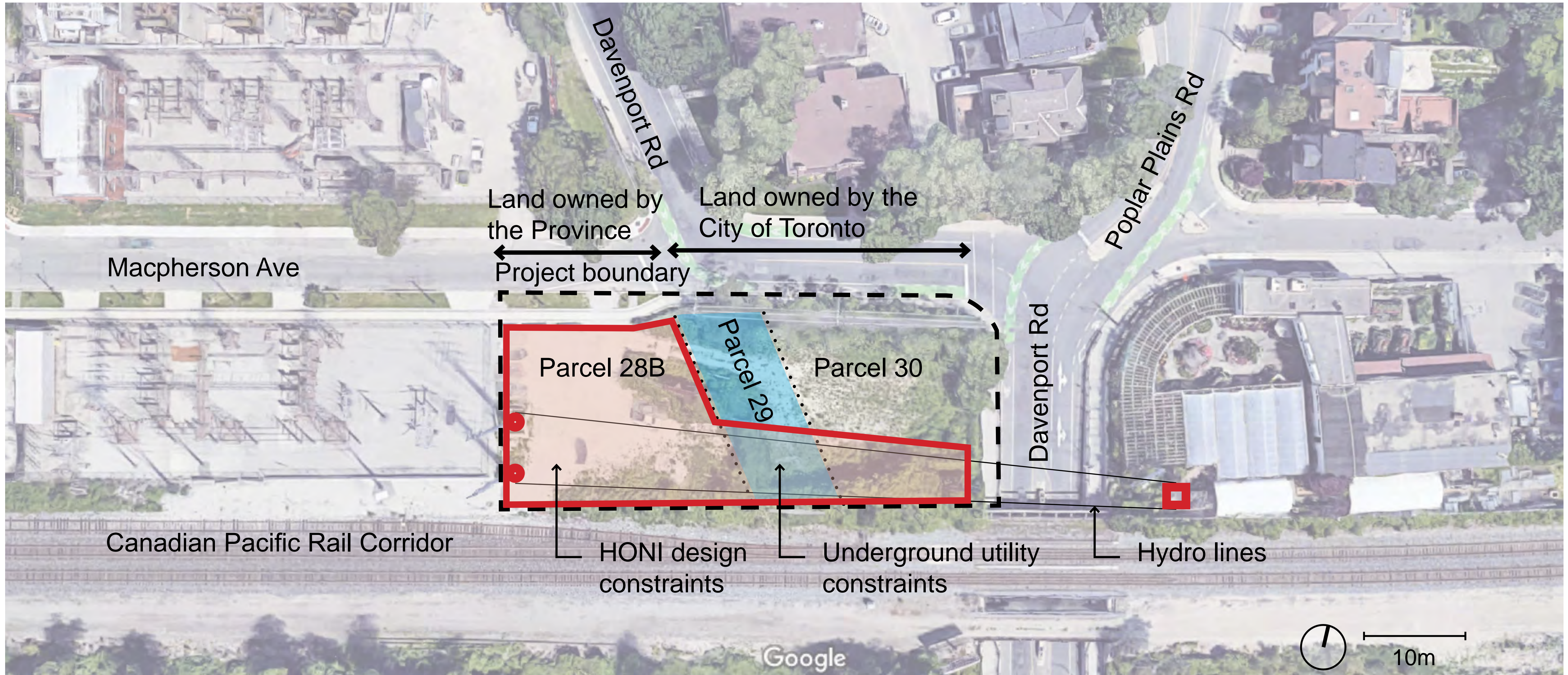


PARKS WITHIN 10 MINUTE WALK / 1KM

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
- ⑩ 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
- ⑭ CAWTHRA PLAYGROUND
Playground . Fieldhouse . Drinking Fountain
- ⑮ JEAN SIBELIUS SQUARE
Playground . Picnic Site . Drinking Fountain
- ⑯ GWENDOLYN MACEWEN PARKETTE
Playground . Picnic Site . Drinking Fountain
- ⑰ HURON STREET PLAYGROUND
Playground . Drinking Fountain
- ⑱ TADDLE CREEK PARK
Playground . Drinking Fountain
- ⑲ JESSE KETCHUM PARK
Drinking Fountain
- ⑳ RAMSDEN PARK
Ball Diamond . Bike Trail . Dogs Off-Leash Area .
Drinking Fountain . Outdoor Basketball Court
Outdoor Tennis Court . Picnic Site . Playground . Wading Pool

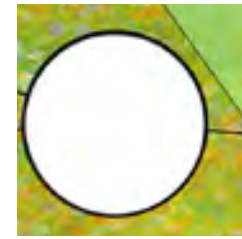
Summary of Design Constraints



Recap of Concept Options

Concept Options

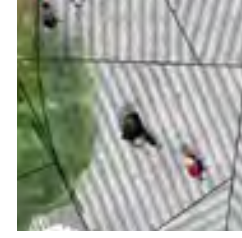
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Hydro Tower



Asphalt Path + Design



Pavers



Turf



Meadow



Trees & Fruit Trees



Bench



Exercise Equipment



Amphitheatre



Gateway Markers

Option 1 Flow



Macpherson Ave



Option 2 Striation



Macpherson Ave

What We Heard Summary Fall 2020

Intended Uses of the Park and Access



78% of respondents access the park by foot

15% of respondents access the park by bicycle

Supported Elements within the Concept Plan Options

85% of participants in the online questionnaire indicated that the following were either “very important” or “important” to them:

- Presence of trees, shrubs and meadow plantings as they create habitat
- Support for integrating fruit trees, edible and Indigenous medicinal plants
- Accessible pathways and support for the use of pavement marking and pavers to add different texture
- Lighting to create a safe environment for park users
- Seating options including benches and picnic tables, suggestions for natural materials
- Open lawn area that supports flexible uses

Design Features to Refine or Improve

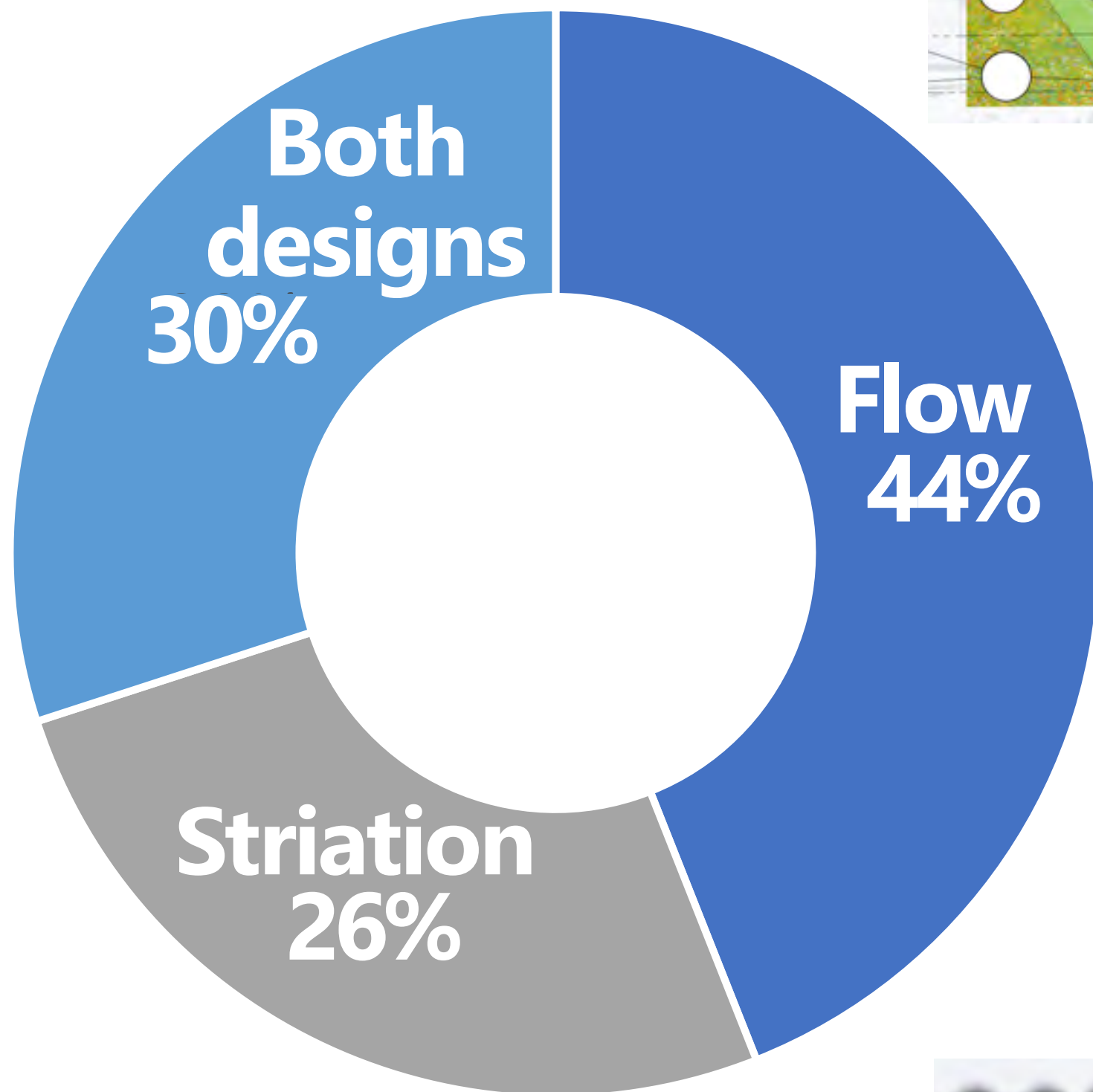
- Consider amphitheatre's utility in the winter
- Indigenous placemaking opportunities to:
 - represent Indigenous peoples and contemporary Indigenous culture
 - share the history of traditional territories including features such as the Davenport trail/Gete-Onigaming and Lake Iroquois shoreline, trails and the ravine system and the habitats
 - consider permanent place-keeping/place-making beyond pavement markings
 - consider an Indigenous place-name for the park's final name
- Other placemaking opportunities to:
 - Celebrate the history of industry and railway, or the history of development from rural to urban settings
 - Recognize significant architecture and buildings, and wildlife
 - Consider signage, maps, place names, and information about the area in the park
- 37% of participants indicated adult fitness equipment is an important aspect of the park design

Preference Between Concepts



Option 1 - Flow

- Overall organization provides a more organic experience and is unique
- Amphitheatre is appealing and a unique feature
- Creation of two distinct “rooms” with apparent uses for the amphitheatre and open lawn area.
- Seating creates small private spaces



- Option 1 - Flow
- Option 2 - Striation
- I like features in both concept options







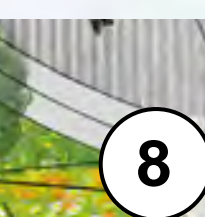
Option 2 - Striations

- Less unique but has better sightlines.
- Better balance of tree and meadow areas and seating throughout the park
- Scattered boulders provide an interesting and creative way to connect the area’s geological history.
- T-intersection and striation paving pattern helps open up this part of the path.



Preferred Concept

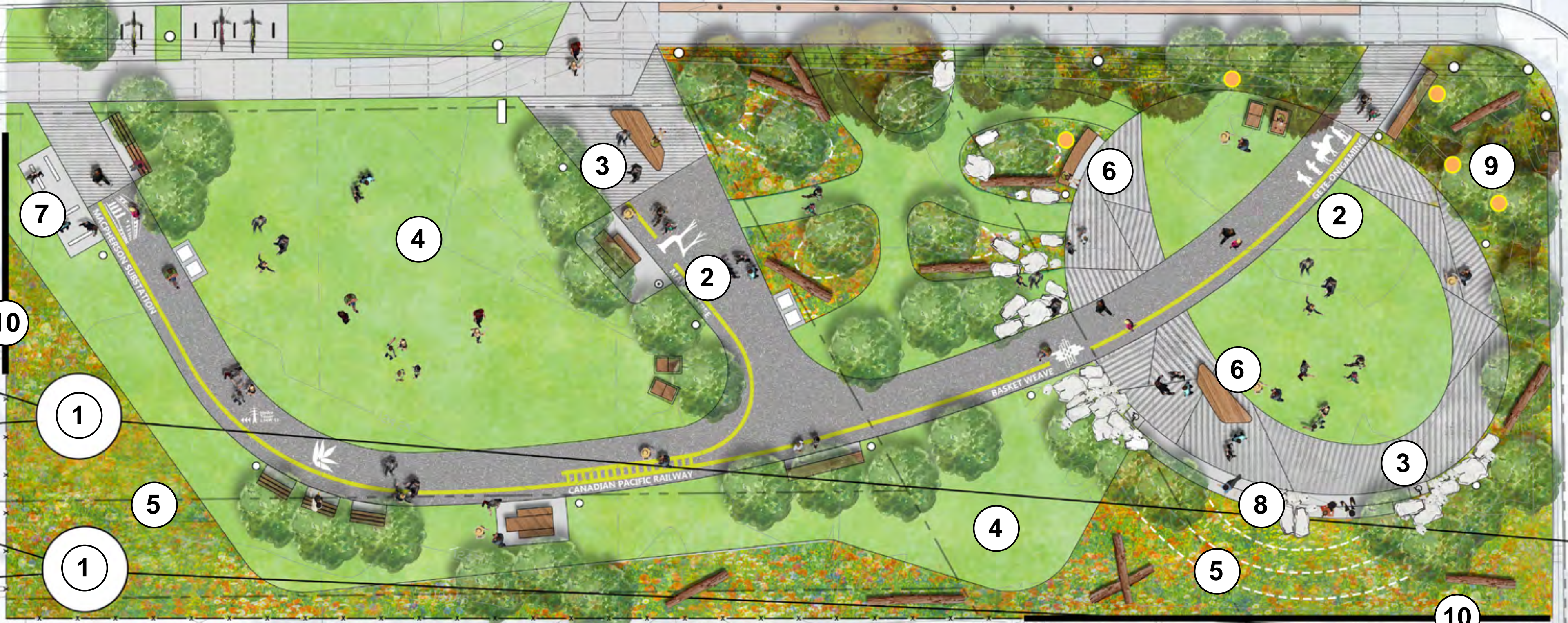
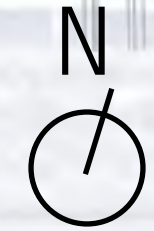
Preferred Concept - Flow

-  **Hydro Tower**
-  **Asphalt Path + Design**
-  **Pavers**
-  **Turf**
-  **Meadow**
-  **Trees & Fruit Trees**
-  **Bench**
-  **Exercise Equipment**
-  **Amphitheatre**
-  **Gateway Markers**
-  **Art Fence**

Macpherson Ave

Davenport Road

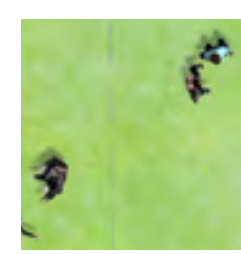
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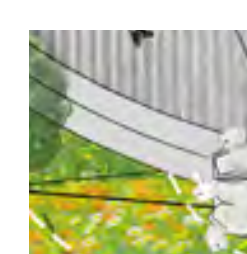
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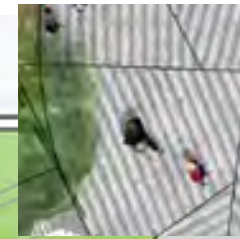
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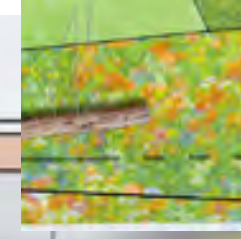
Event Space



Amphitheatre



Pavement Treatment



Meadow + habitat Logs



Gateway Markers

Macpherson Ave



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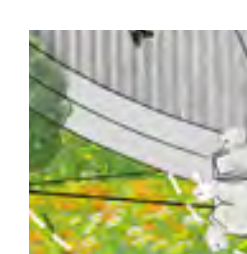
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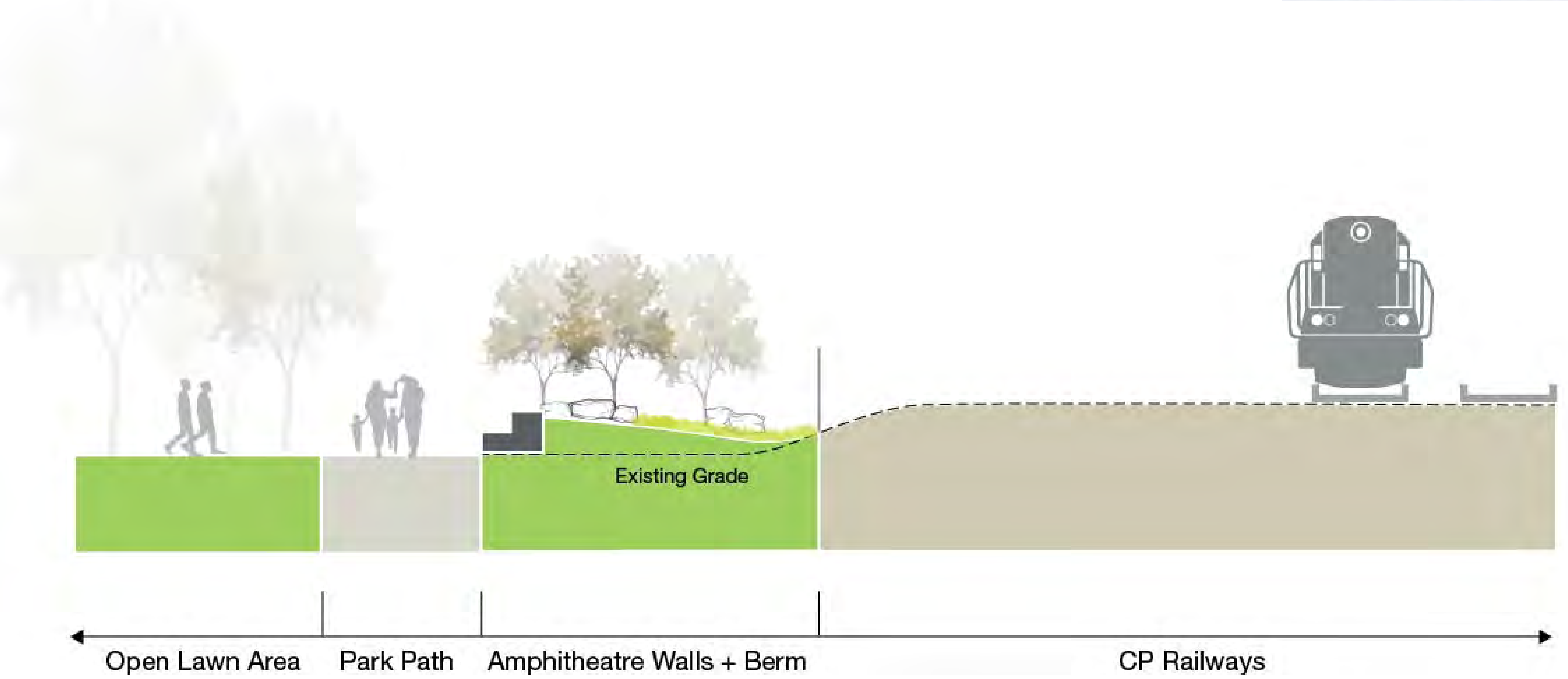


Indigenous Placekeeping

- Lawn area **ceremonial/ small event space**
- **Edible plants** and **fruit trees**
- **Ceremonial** or **medicine plants** and trees, such as cedar, pawpaw tree, tobacco, sage, cedar, rose hip, and chamomile
- **Gate way markers/artwork**-possibly Traditional territory clan symbols - beaver (Huron-Wendat); eagle (Anishinabek and Mississaugas of the Credit River First Nations); crane (Chippewa); white pine (Haudenosaunee Confederacy)
- **Information sign** sharing history of area
- **Pavement markings** + Design: Celebrate the old Wendat trail - Davenport Road, Opportunities to Include **Indigenous language** in the park, such as Ojibwa name *ishpadinaa* meaning 'a hill or sudden rise in the land' , also **Navigation tree trail marker** related to the Wendat trail
- Pavement - **unit paver patterns/weave**
- **Amphitheater**-Story-telling
- **Habitat preservation** and creation

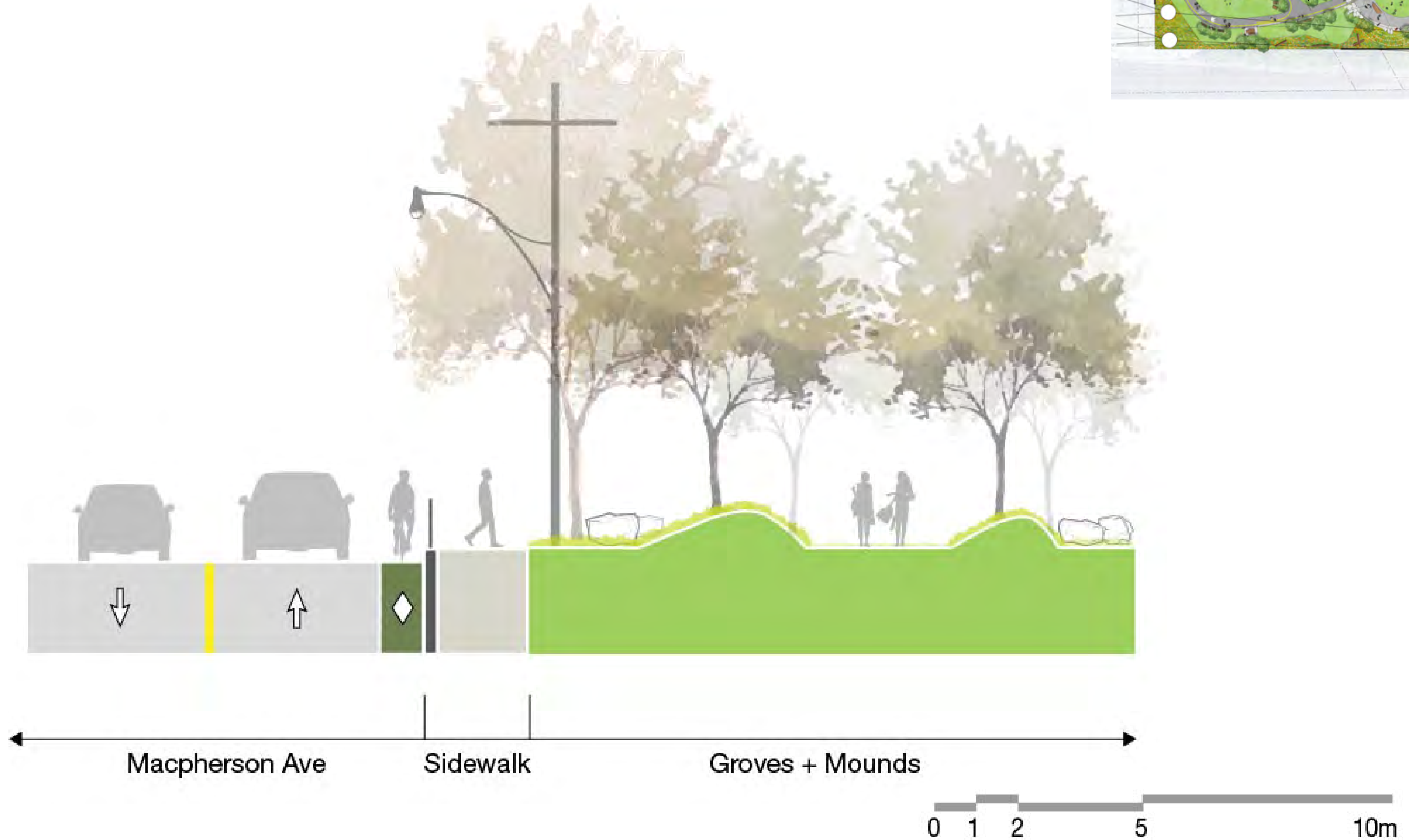
Section - Amphitheatre

● Overhead Hydro Wires ●



← Open Lawn Area | Park Path | Amphitheatre Walls + Berm | CP Railways →

Section - Entry Groves + Mounds



Perspective - Park Entrance



Perspective - Amphitheatre + Garden Room



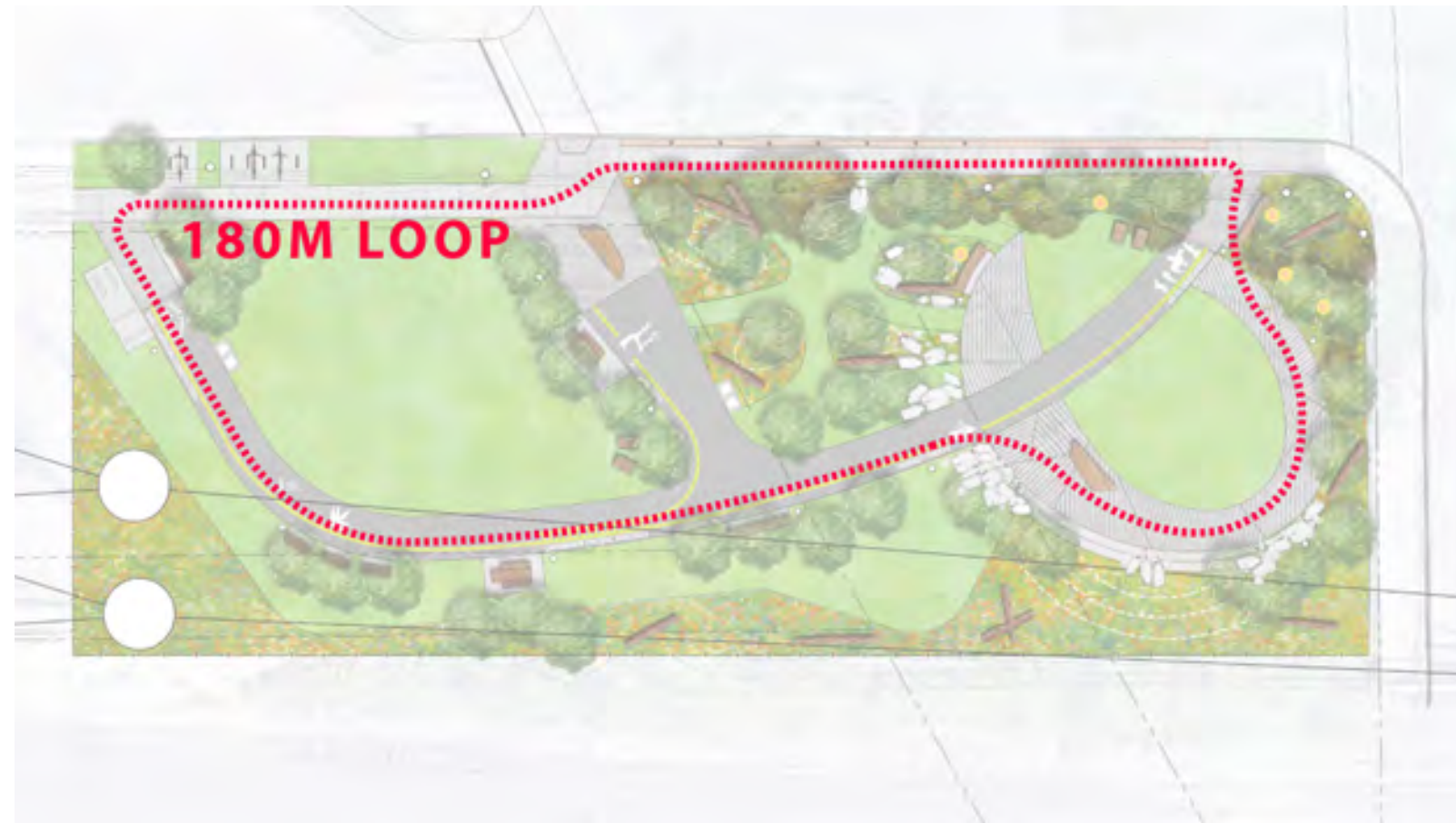
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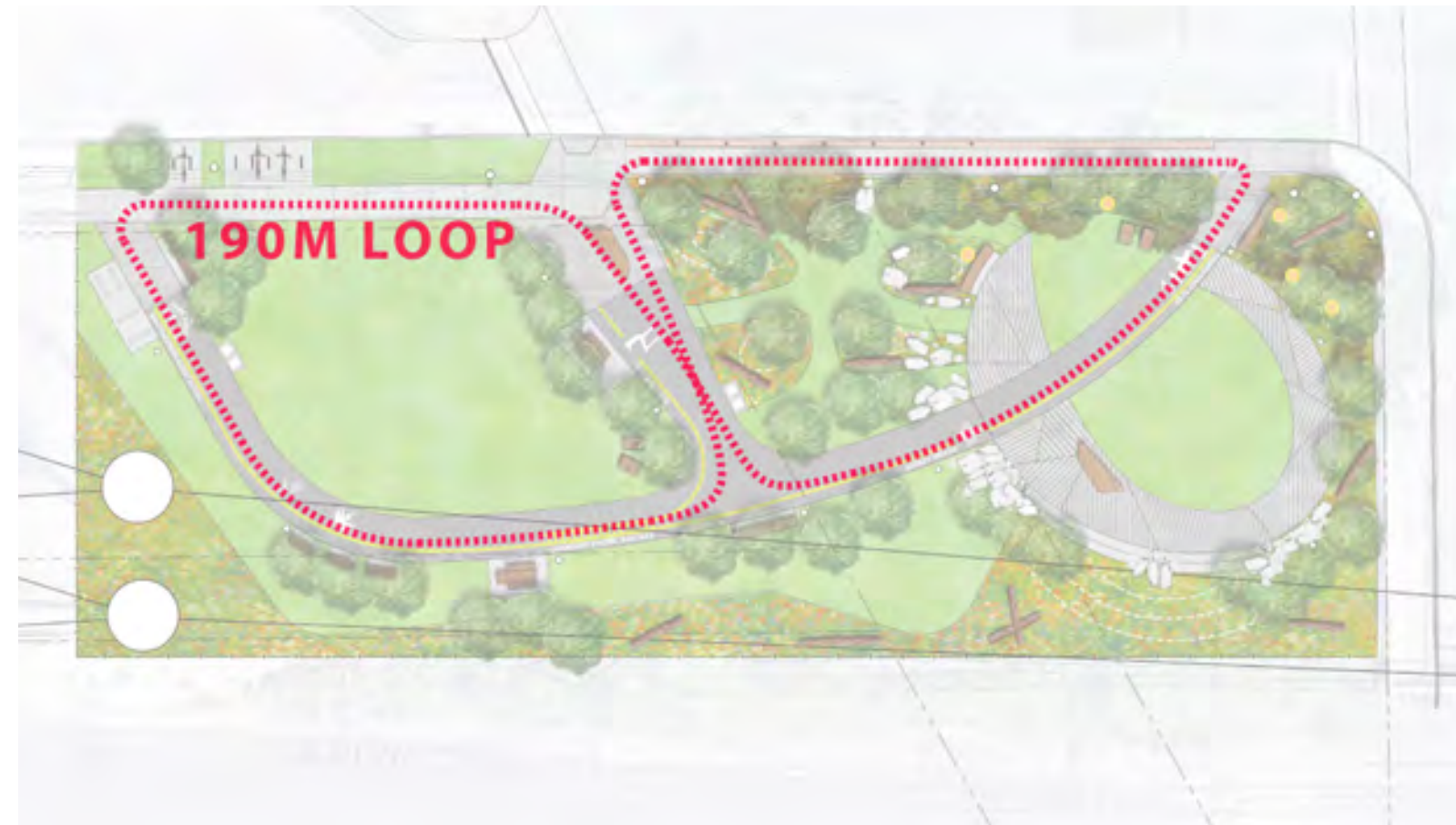
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Exercise Circuits

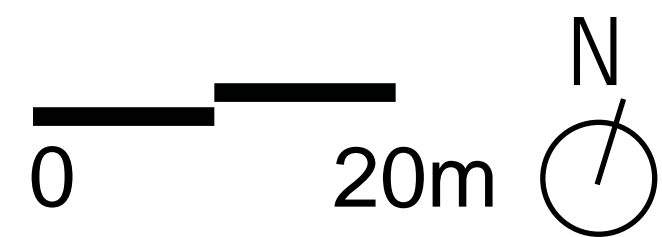
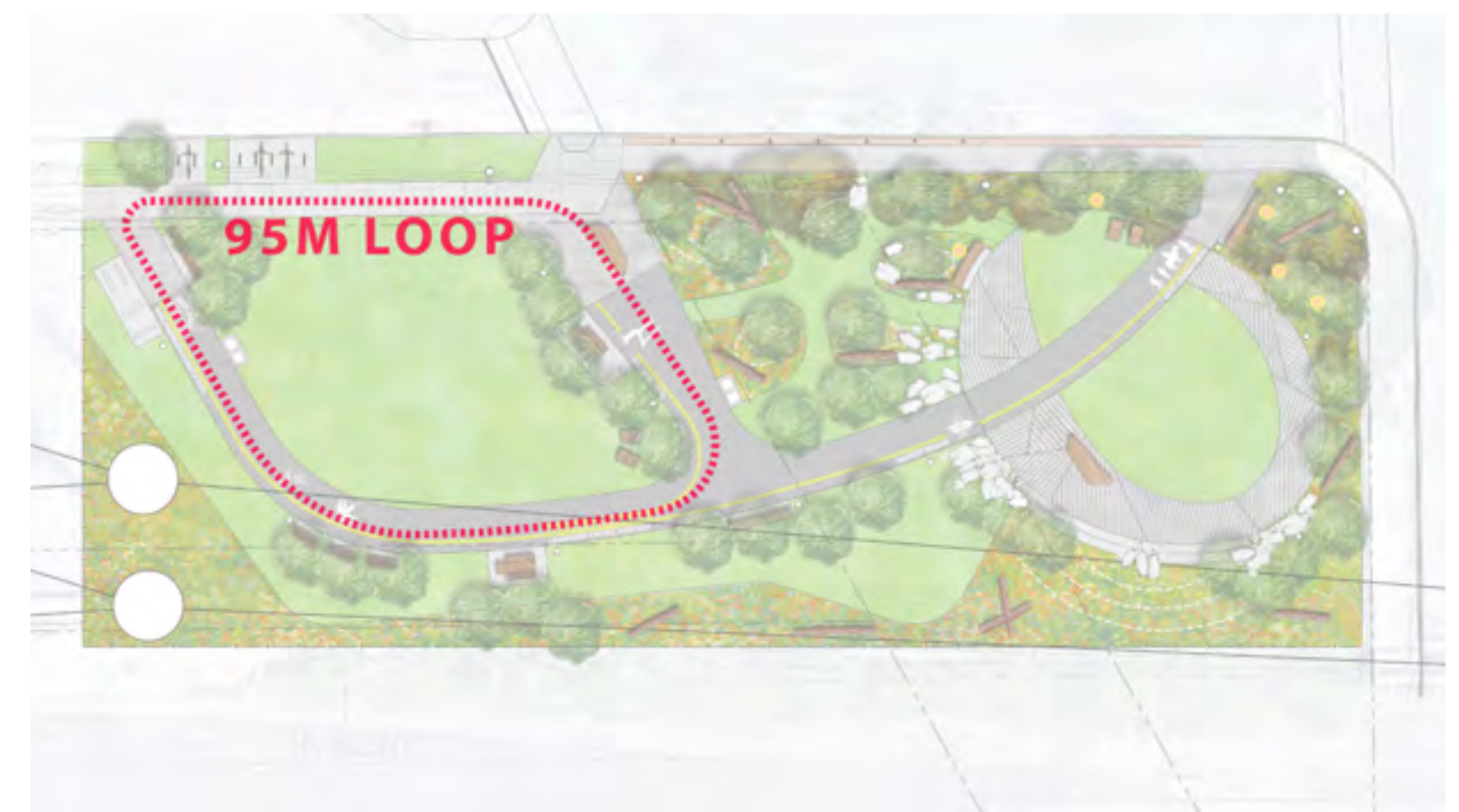
180m Loop



190m Loop



95m Loop



Sitting Opportunities for 2 People



Junior Adventure Walk



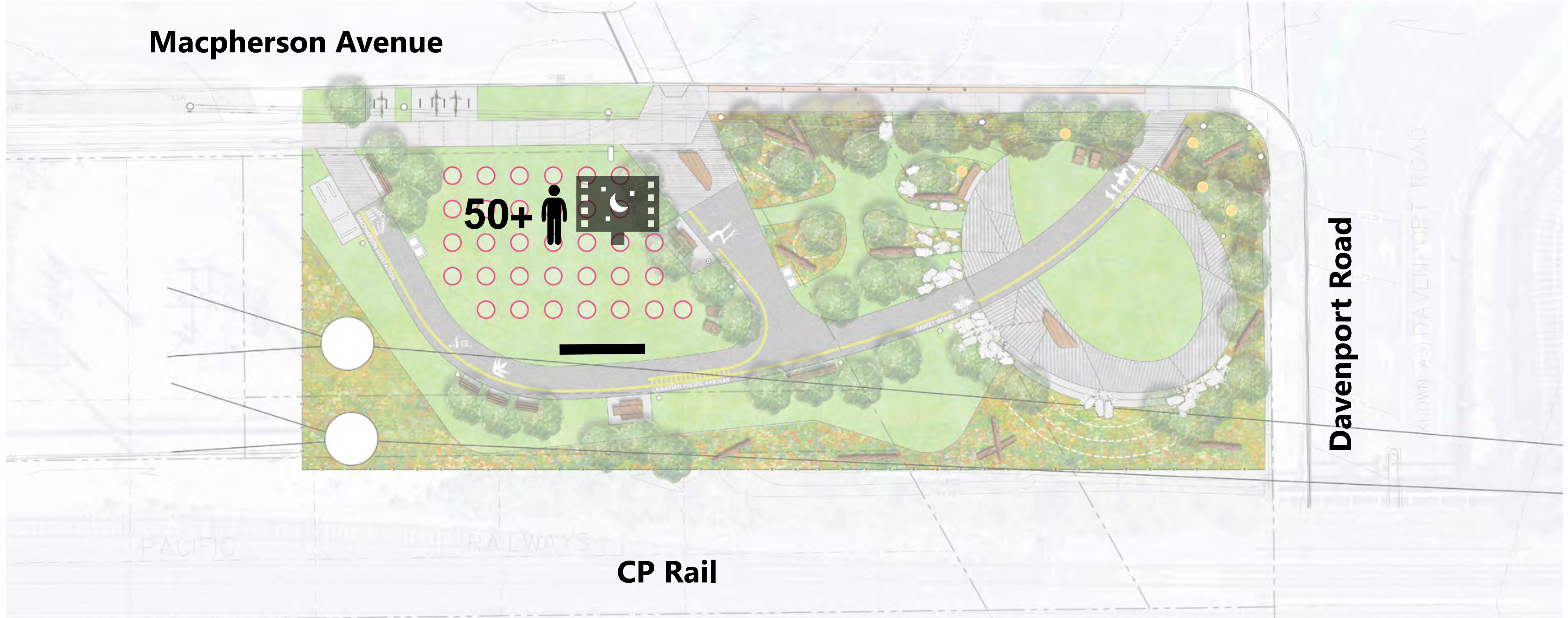
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Social Distancing Movie Night



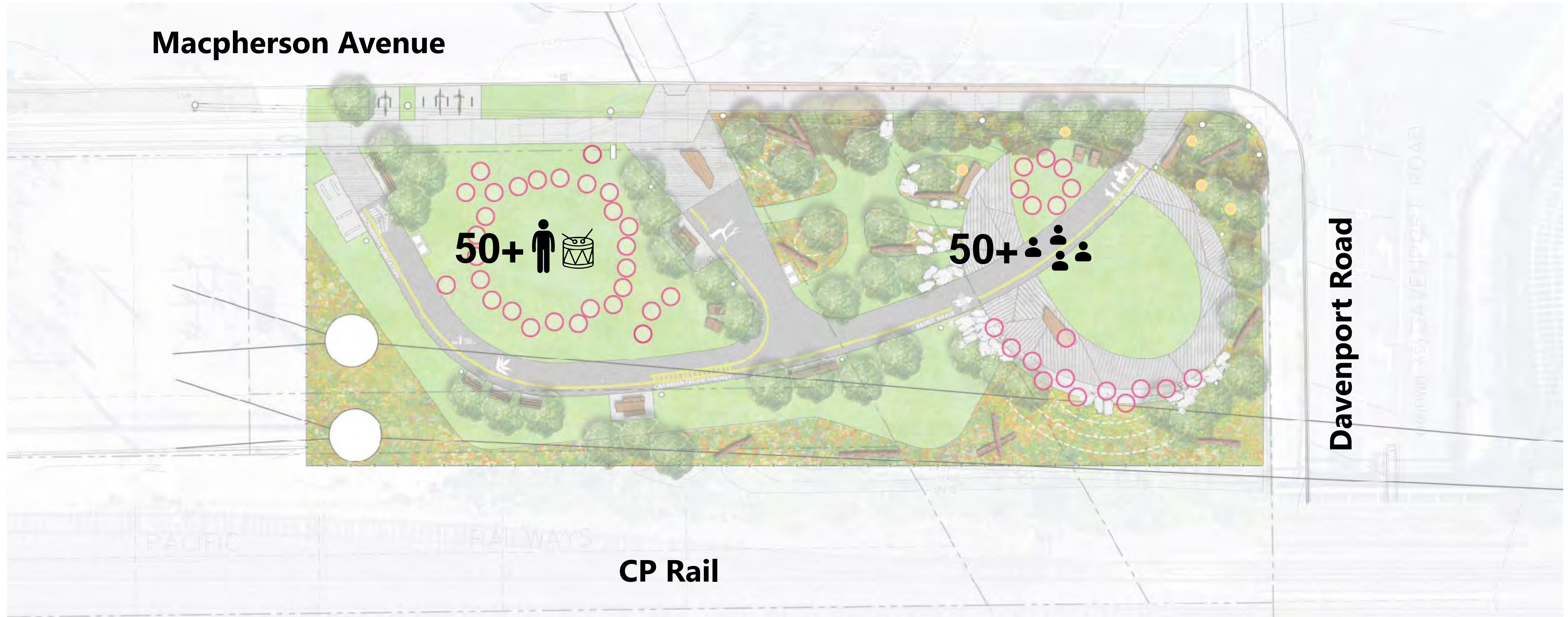
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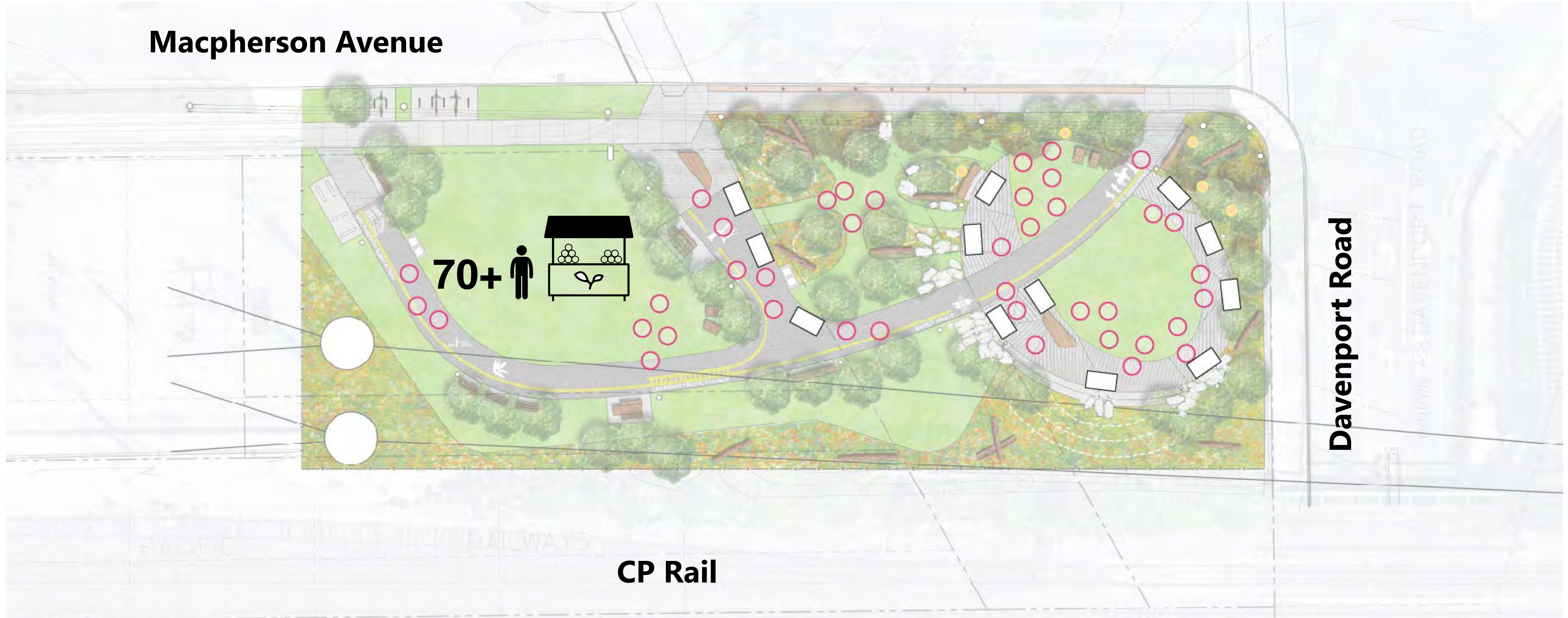
CP Rail



Drumming Circle & Learning Space



Artisan Market



Park Features

Plants and Trees

Planting Beds



Meadow / Pollinator Planting



Edible Fruit Plants



Medicine Plants



Trees



Fruit Trees



Meadow Habitat

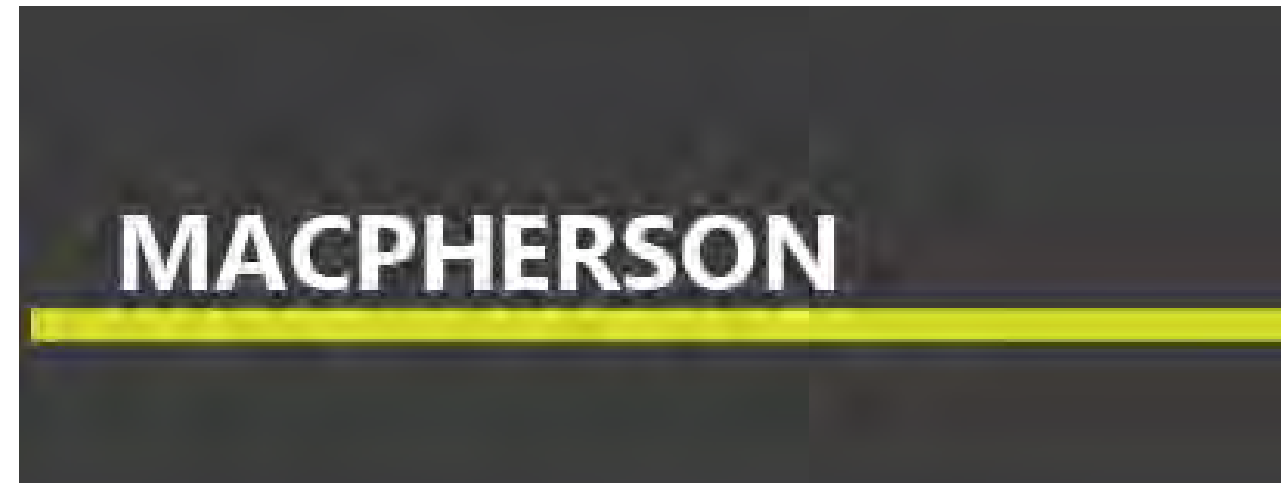
Logs provide valuable habitat and food for many birds, insects and creatures, enhancing this new park's role in the City's larger ecological system.



Pavement Designs for the Green Line

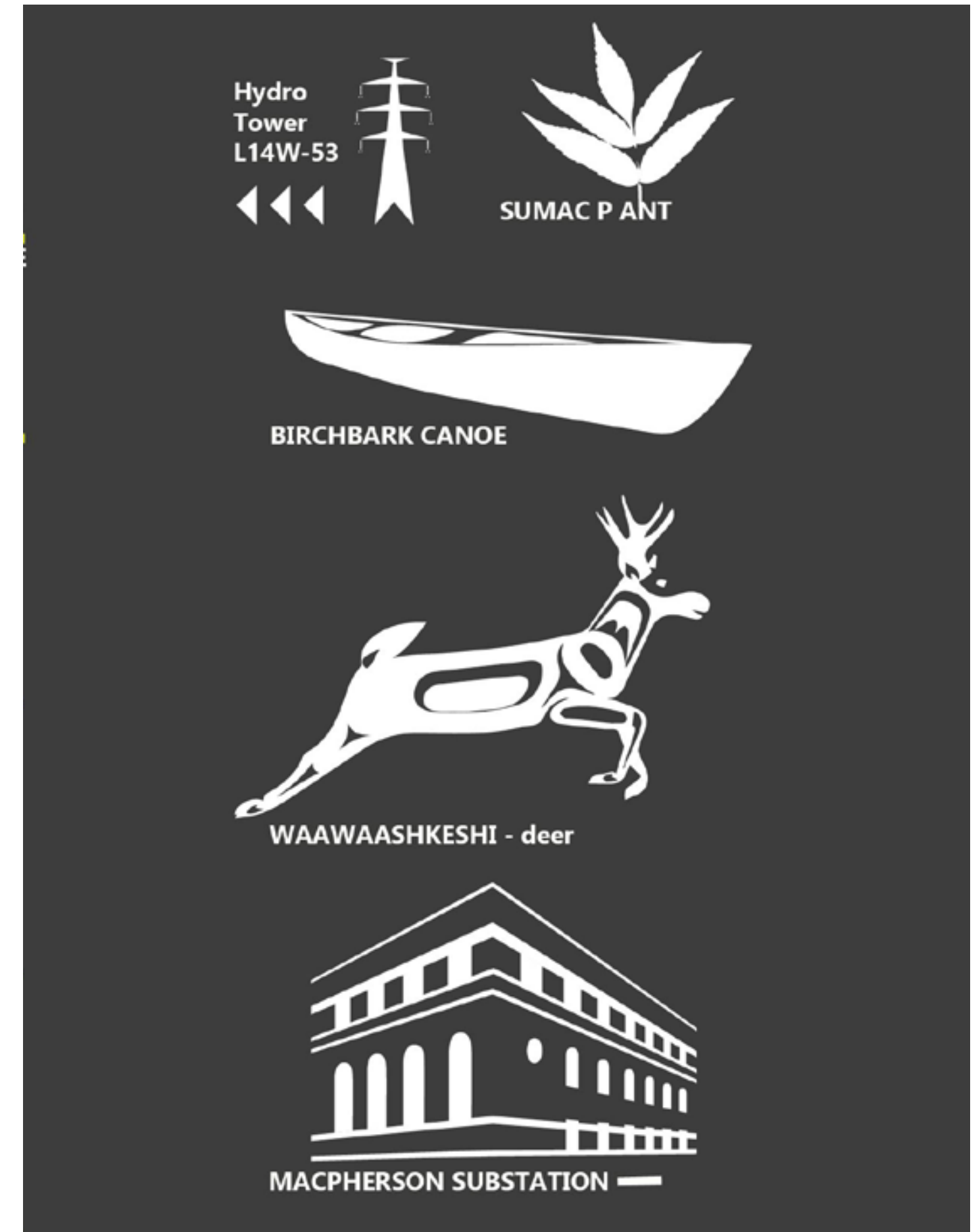
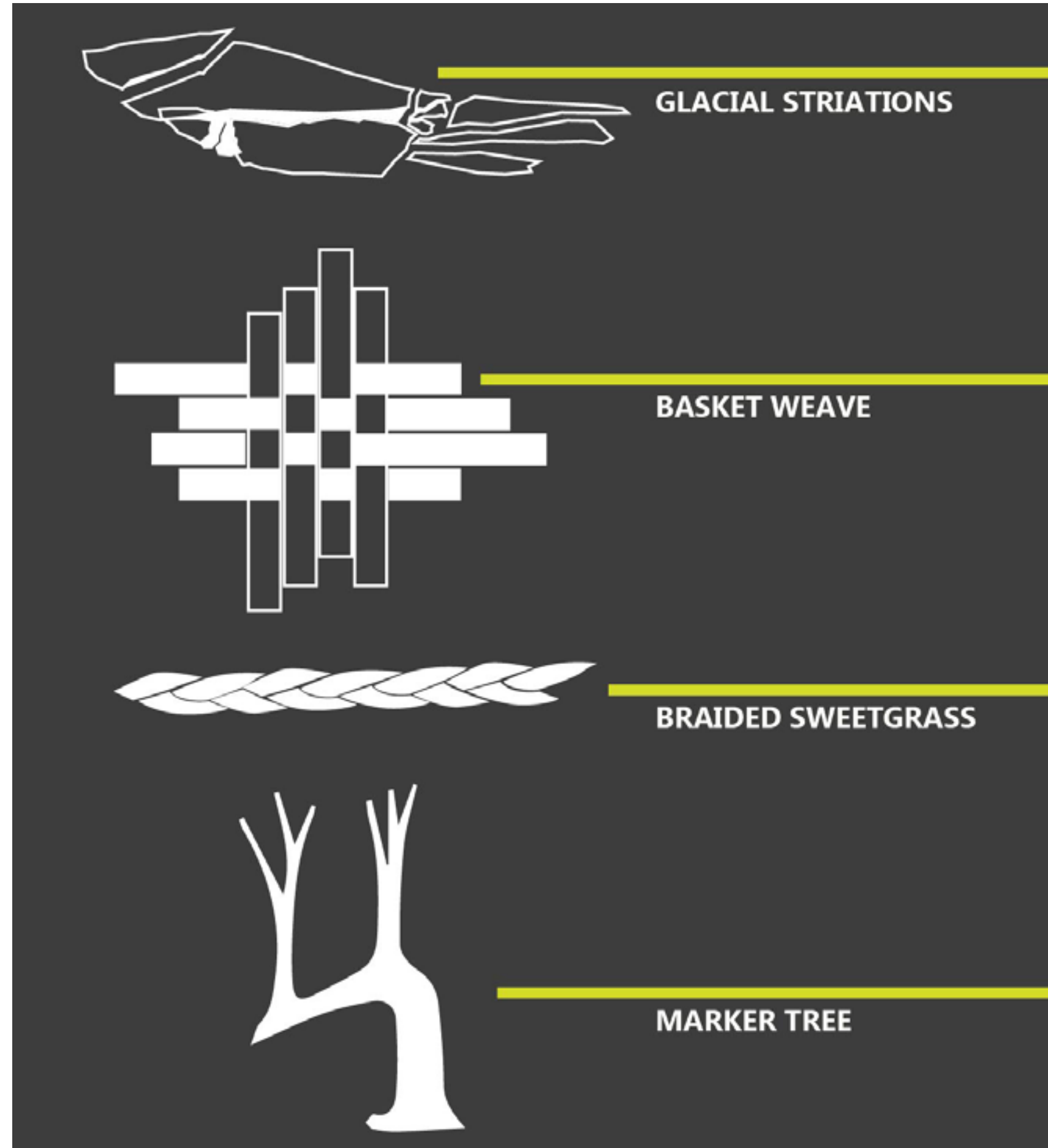
Typical Park Pavement Design:

Wayfinding Street Names



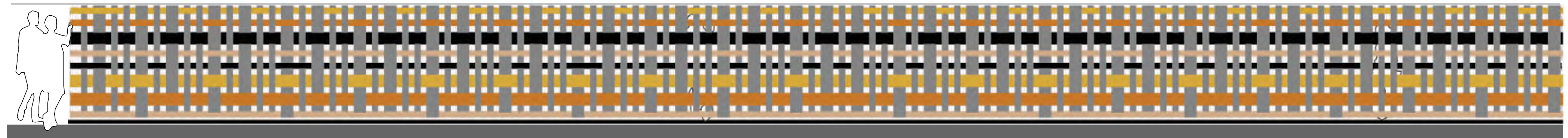
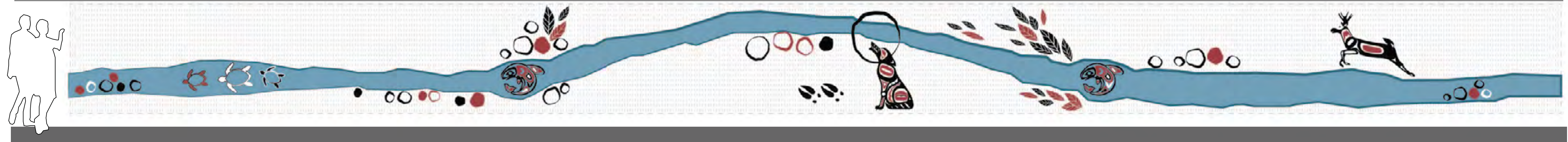
New Park Specific Pavement Design:

Placekeeping and Historical Design



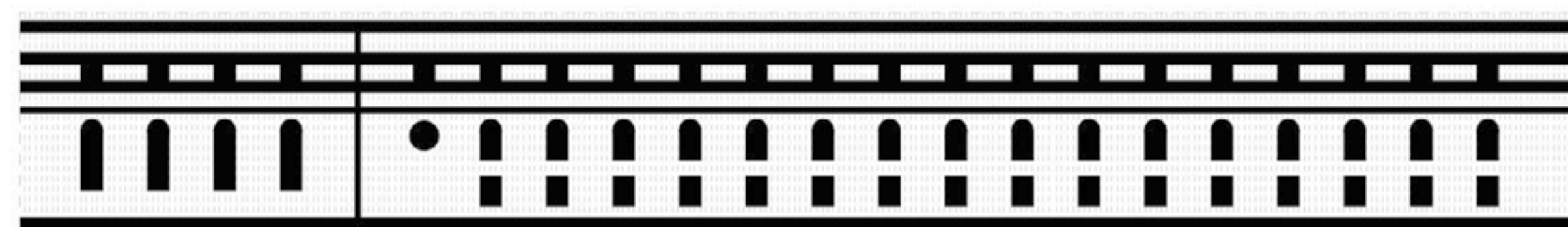
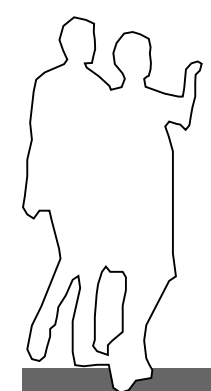
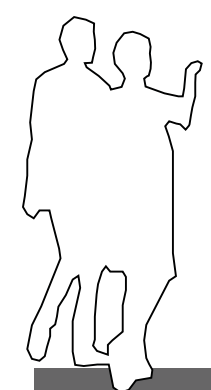
Art Fence - South

Concept: Indigenous Culture Art Fence



Art Fence - West

Concept: Industrial Heritage



MACPHERSON AVENUE SUBSTATION 1911

Park Seating + Signage



Park Bench



Accessible Picnic Table



Park Signage



Lounge Seating



Wood platform seating

Park Furniture + Lighting



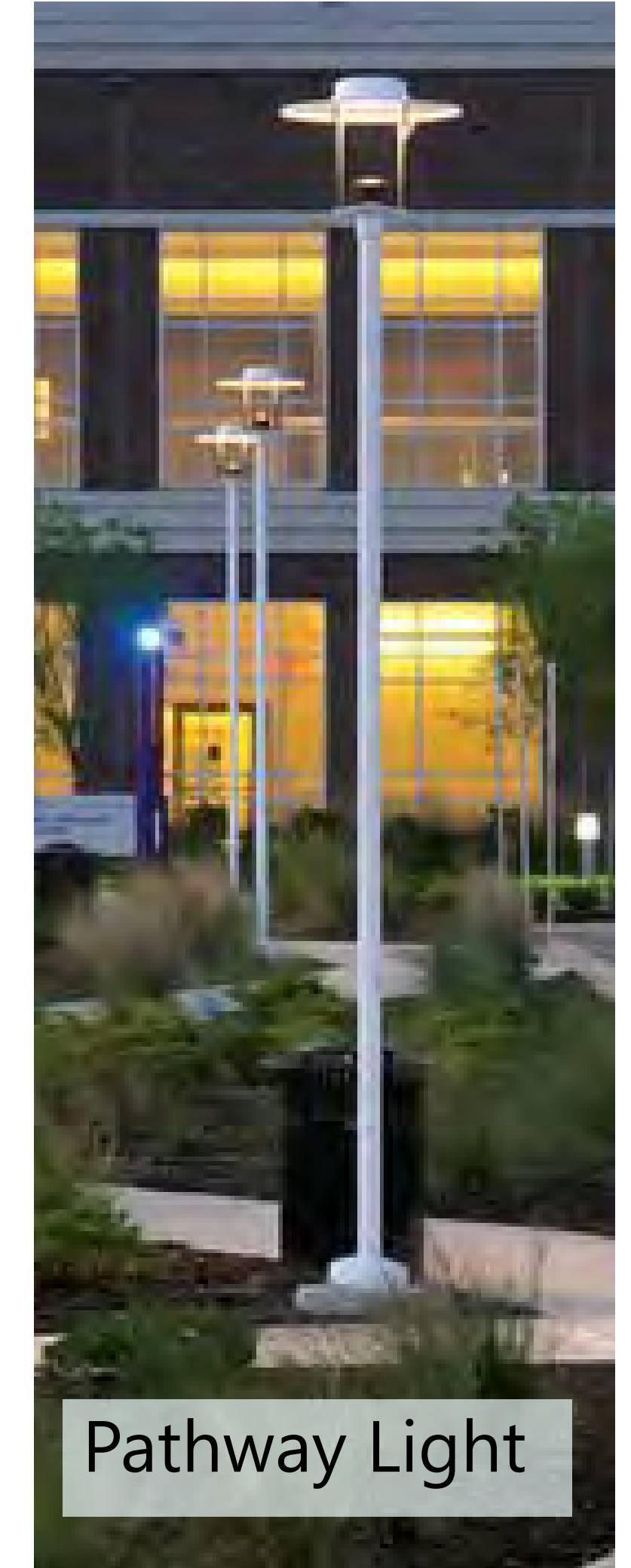
Adult exercise equipment



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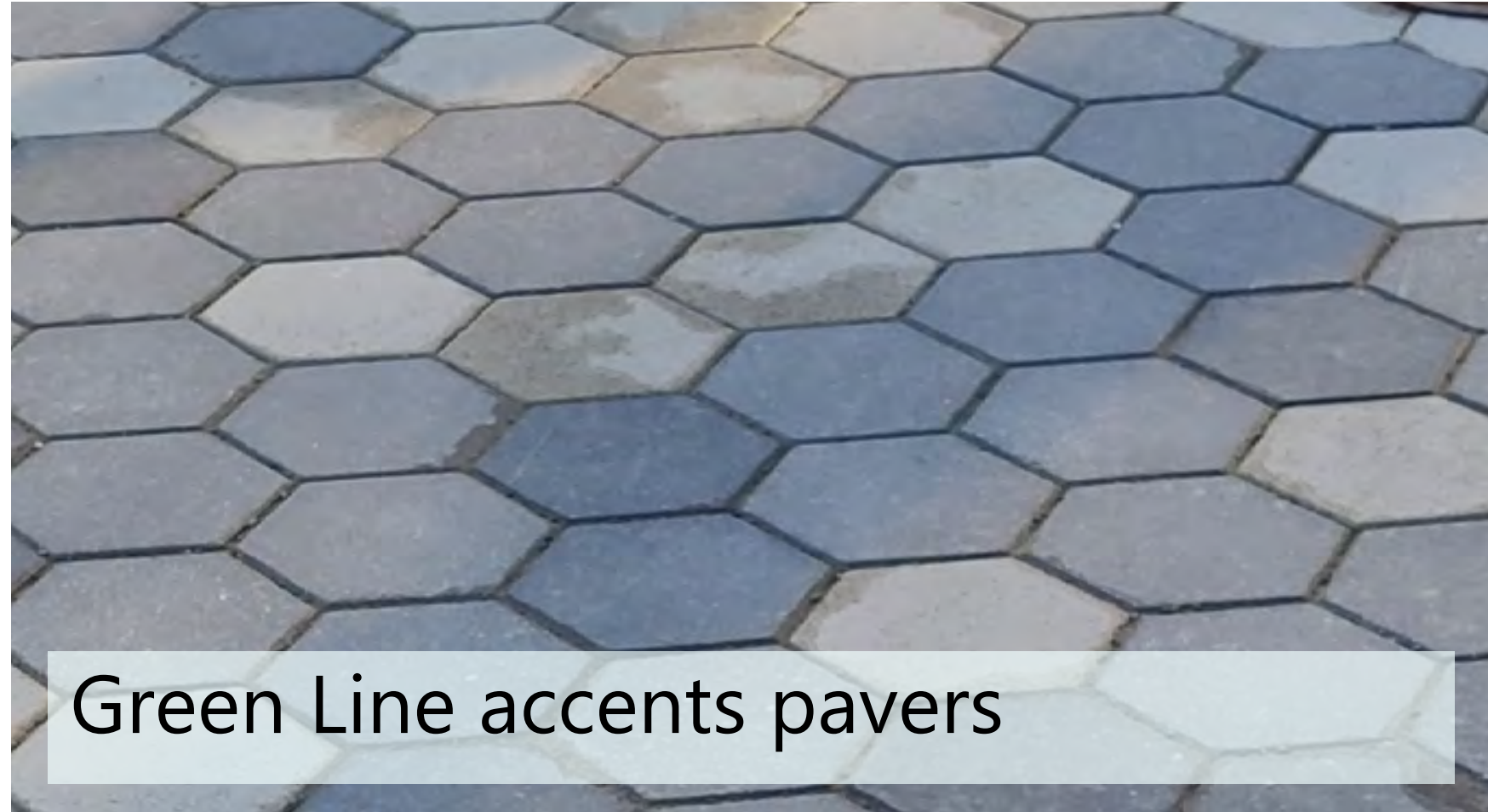


Stone features



Pathway Light

Streetscape Improvements



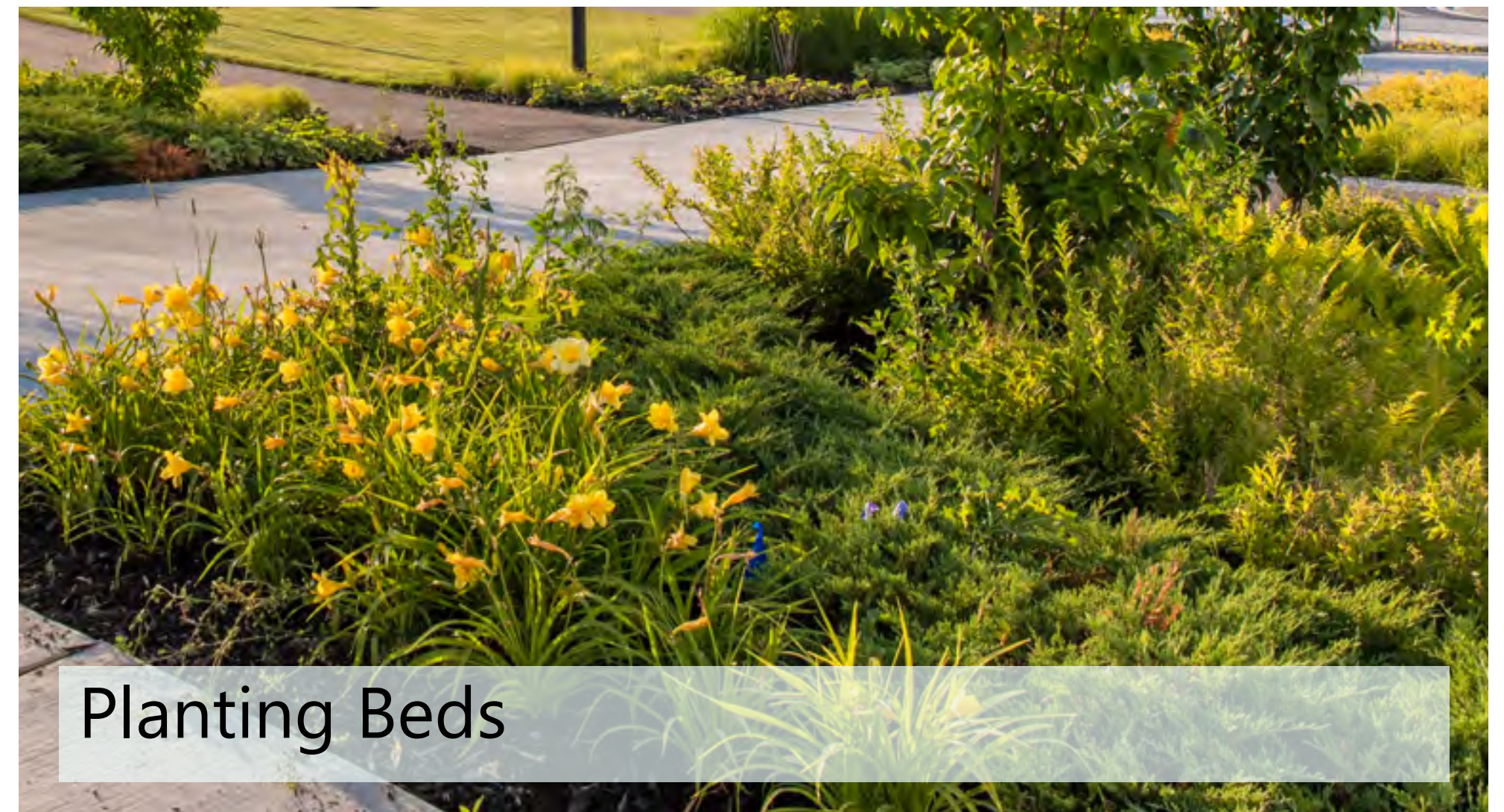
Green Line accents pavers



Sidewalk widening where possible, concrete sidewalk, benches + new trees, paver edge, bike racks and bollards.



Concrete benches with Green Line signage and wood tops



Planting Beds

What makes this park is unique?



East Gateway
To The Green Line



Amphitheatre and
Learning Space



Integrated Indigenous
Placekeeping



Pollinator Education
Opportunity



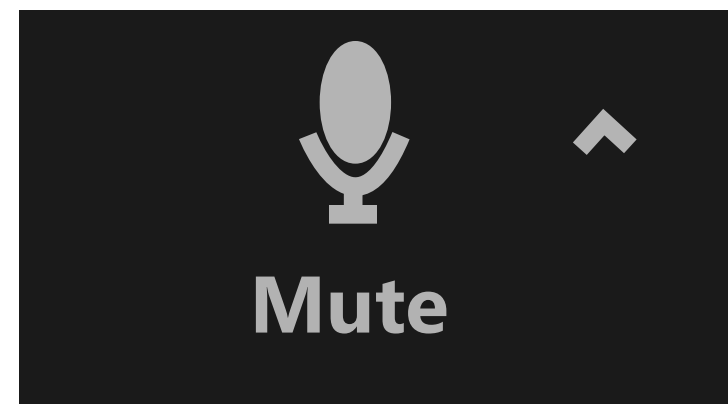
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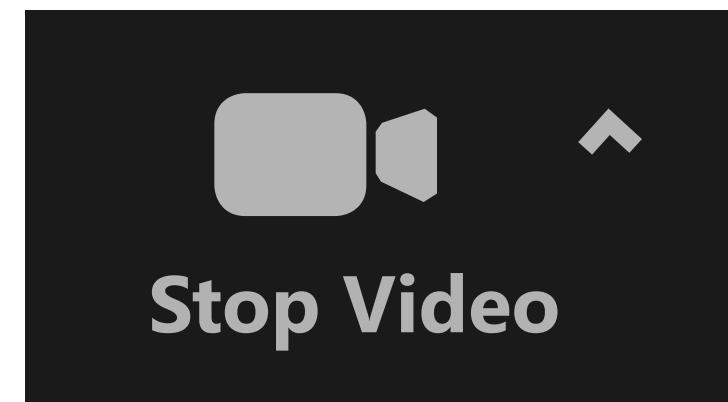
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Questions and Discussion

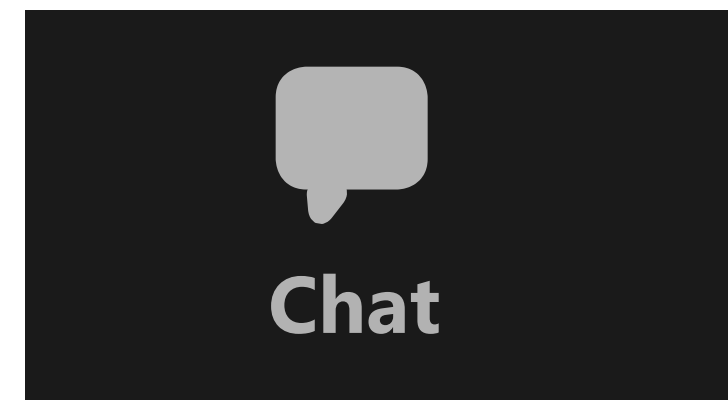
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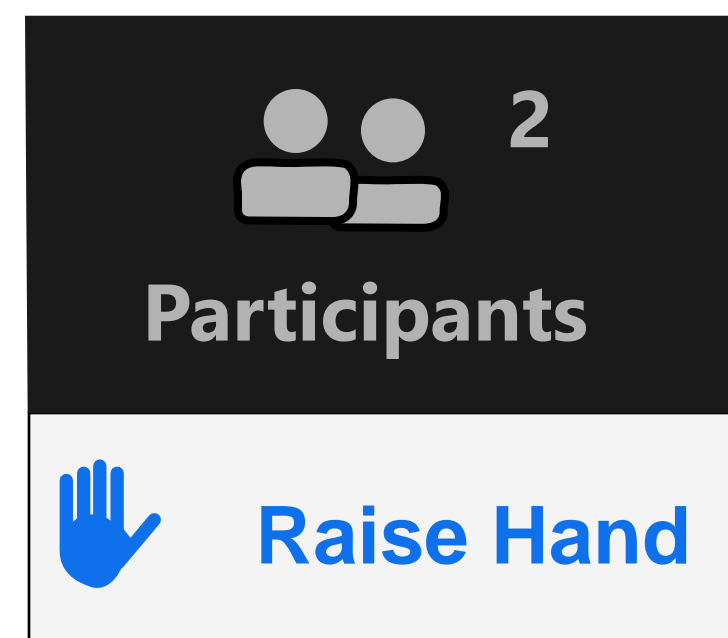
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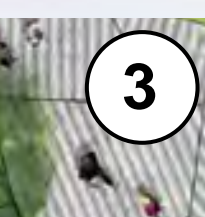



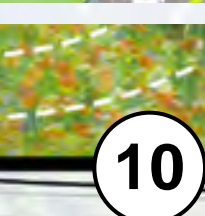


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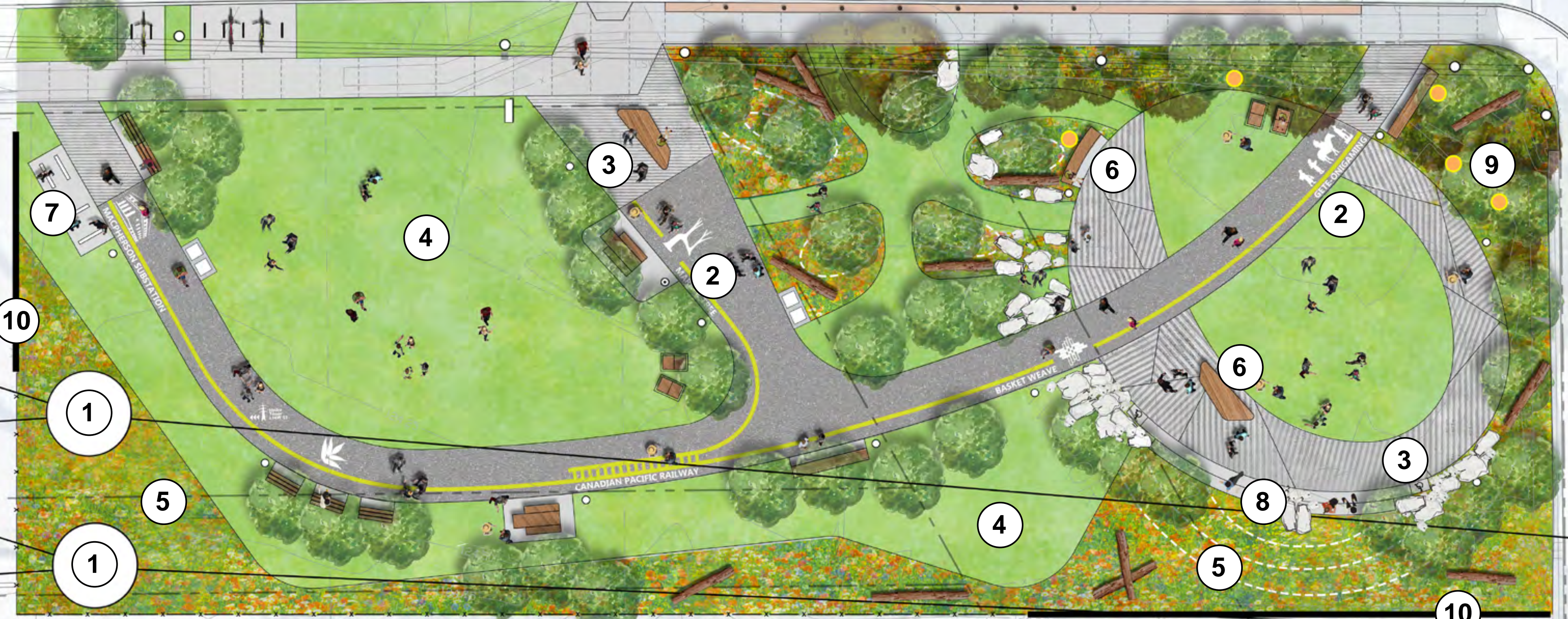
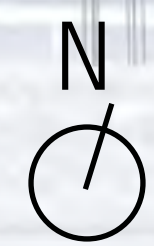
Preferred Concept - Flow

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Hydro Tower
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Asphalt Path + Design
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Pavers
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Turf
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Meadow
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Trees & Fruit Trees
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Bench
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Exercise Equipment
- 
Amphitheatre
- 
Gateway Markers
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Art Fence

Macpherson Ave

Davenport Road

CP Rail



Next Steps

Schedule



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Visit the project webpage at

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- Share your feedback through the online questionnaire until Sunday March 14, 2021!
- 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 March 14th.

Thank you for your participation!