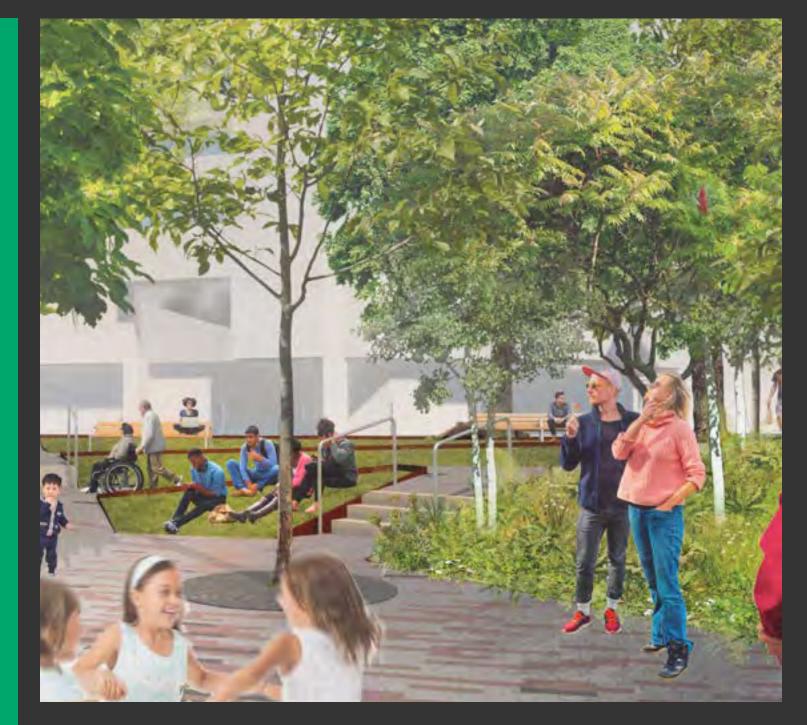
Yonge Street Linear Parks Improvements

George Hislop Park, Norman Jewison Park & Alexander Street Parkette

Public Meeting #2
17 February 2021







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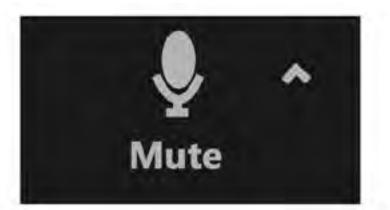
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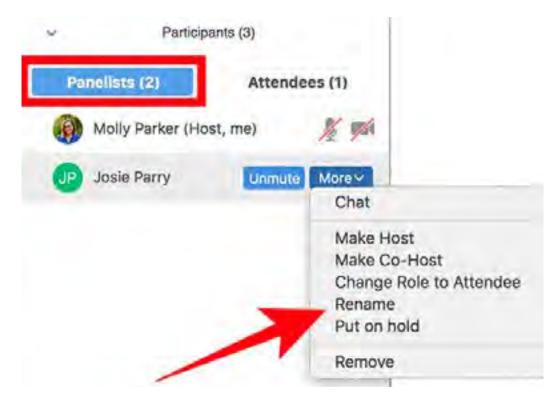
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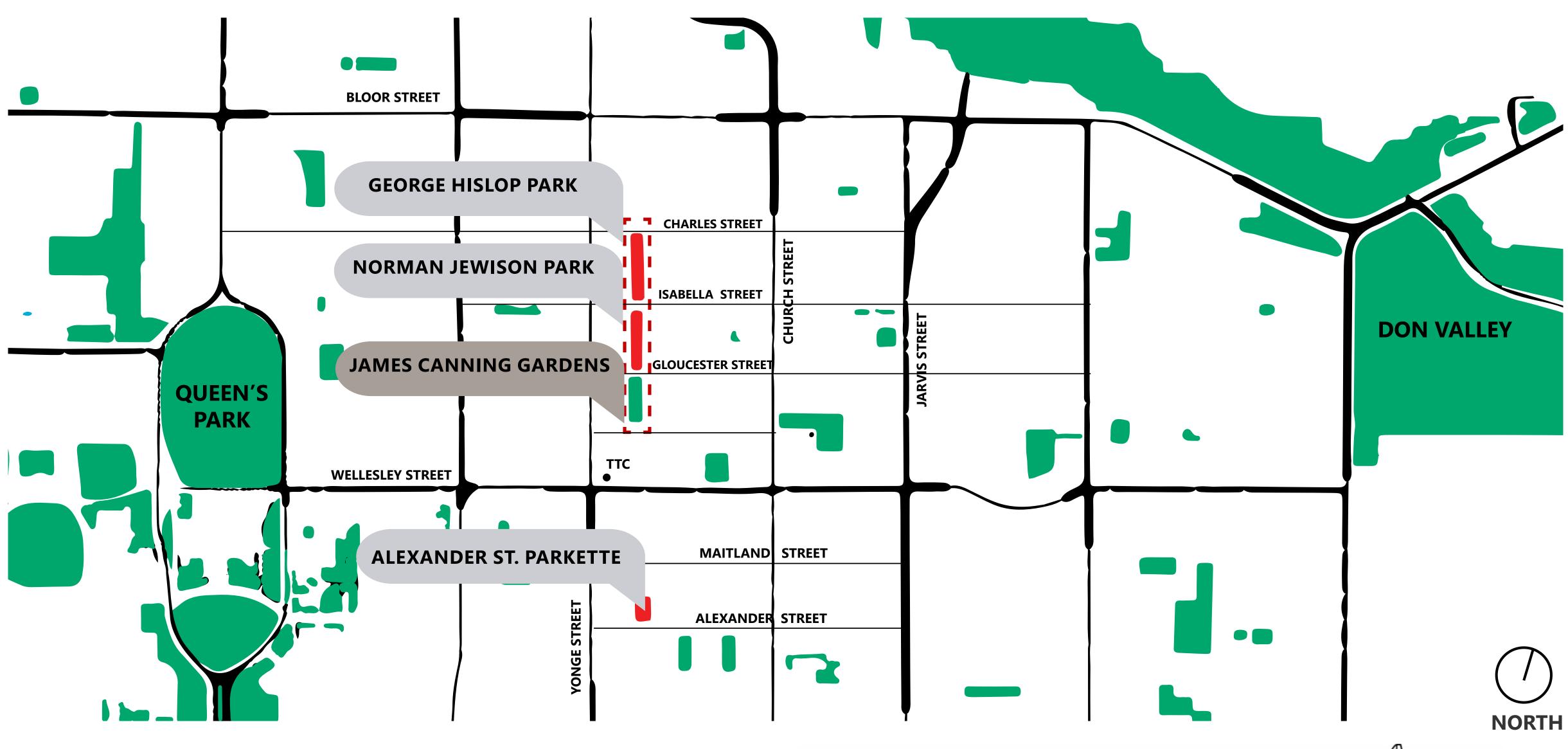
Objective of the Meeting

To present and gather feedback on the **preferred park design concepts** for George Hislop Park, Norman Jewison Park, and Alexander Street Parkette. We will also review the preferred concept for the integrated LGBTQ2S+ public art component within George Hislop Park.





Context





Agenda

6:30pm	Welcome, Introductions
6:35pm	Consultation & Communications Update
6:45pm	George Hislop Park - Preferred Park Design and Integrated LGBTQ2S+ Public Art
7:10pm	Breakout Session 1: Design Feedback & Discussion
7:25pm 7:40pm	Norman Jewison Park - Preferred Park Design Concept Breakout Session 2: Design Feedback & Discussion
7:55pm 8:05pm	Alexander Street Parkette - Preferred Park Design Concept Breakout Session 3: Design Feedback & Discussion

8:20pm Debrief

8:25pm Wrap-Up & Next Steps





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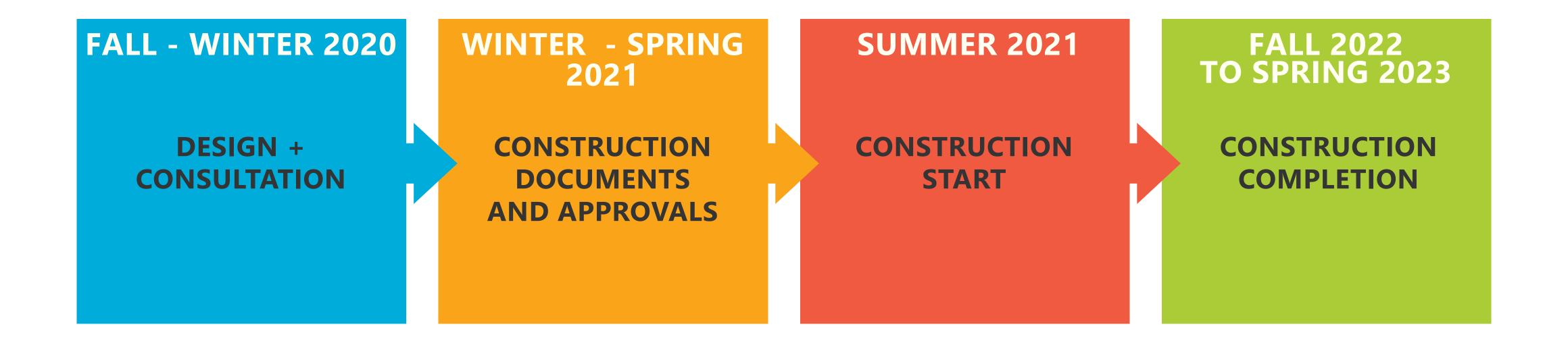


Master Plan Rendering, George Hislop Park, 2017

The **Yonge Street Linear Parks Improvements** project builds upon the 2017 Master Plan and aims to reconfirm the vision and refresh the priorities for how the parks will be improved to meet the current and future needs of your community.



Anticipated Project Timeline





Design Guidelines & Objectives

Promote placemaking by incorporating the design language and materials which have been established by the master plan and the construction of James Canning Gardens.

Create a continuous accessible pathway through George Hislop and Norman Jewison Parks that connects to James Canning Gardens, complete with lighting, site furnishings, and plantings (trees, lawns & horticulture).

Consider potential outdoor performance / gathering areas for programmed and flexible events.

Integrate sustainable features and robust, resilient design that considers safety and accessibility for all park users.

Explore pedestrian connectivity and programming opportunities to increase foot traffic through the parks and engage with the neighbouring buildings such as Buddies In Bad Times Theatre, Children's Aid Society, Sanctuary, and the Andorre House.

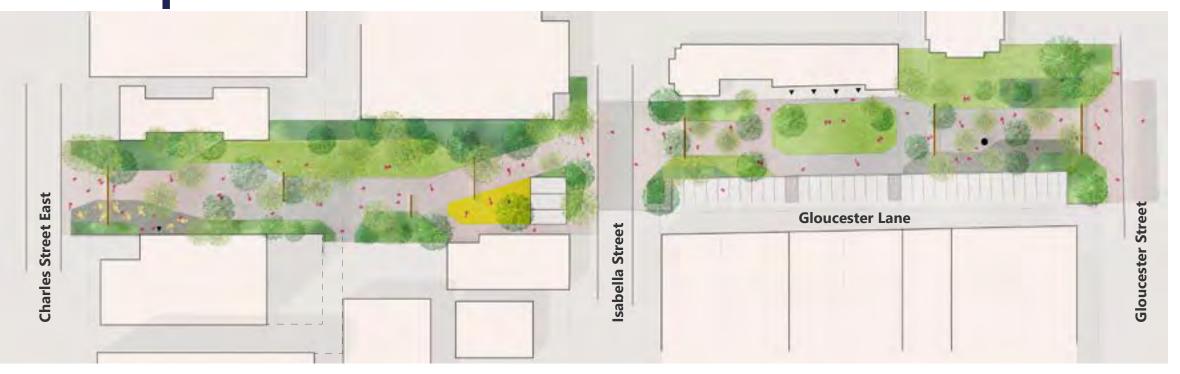




Recap of Preliminary Concepts

In Autumn 2020 we presented **2 Preliminary Concept Design Options** for each of the 3 Yonge Street Linear Parks:

Concept 1: 'Flow'





Concept 2: 'Nodes'





George Hislop Park

Norman Jewison Park

Alexander Street Parkette



Communications & Consultation Update

Consultation and Project Timelines
Consultation Update
What We Heard



Consultation Timeline

STEP 1
SEPTEMBER 2020

SETTING THE GROUNDWORK

COMMUNITY RESOURCE GROUP MEETING #1

LGBTQ2S + ART SUB-GROUP WORKSHOP STEP 2
LATE OCTOBER 2020

EARLY CONCEPT + REFINEMENTS

CRG REVIEW MEETING #2

INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION

PUBLIC MEETING NOV. 5 @ 6:30pm

ONLINE SURVEY & FEEDBACK PORTALS

PARK USER OUTREACH - INCL. VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

WE ARE HERE

STEP 3
JAN-FEB 2021

PREFERRED CONCEPT PLANS

CRG REVIEW MEETING #3 FEB. 9

PUBLIC MEETING FEB 17

ONLINE SURVEY & FEEDBACK PORTALS

PARK USER OUTREACH

STEP 4 TBD 2021

ANNOUNCMENT OF FINAL CONCEPT

VIA CITY OF TORONTO WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA



Consultation Update

Ongoing Community Outreach & Consultation

September 18

Community Resource Group Meeting #1

September 28

Queer History, Culture, and Art Sub-Group Facilitation Meeting

October 21

Indigenous Placemaking Consultation Meeting
Meeting w. City Parks Operations & Maintenance Groups

October 30

Community Resource Group Meeting #2

November 5

Virtual Public Information Meeting #1

November 16 - 17, 2020

Friends of the Linear Parks Outreach Buddies In Bad Times Theatre - Alexander St. Parkette Engagement

November 4-29, 2020

Public Survey

December 7, 2020

The 519 Church Consultation

January 18, 2021

Meeting w. City Parks Operations & Maintenance Groups

February 9, 2021

Community Resource Group Meeting #3



UPCOMING:

February 17, 2021

Virtual Public Information Meeting #2

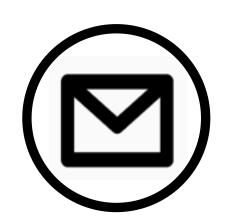


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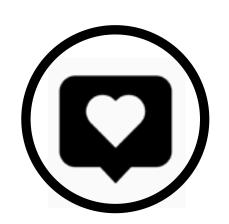
With your help, we've been able to exchange ideas and keep an open dialogue with the Church-Wellesley community to foster an intimate understanding of these 3 unique parks and their neighbourhood.



Virtual Community Meetings, Stakeholder Outreach & Online Survey



Community Mail-Outs and Park Signage



Social Media Ads & Project Webpage



Consultation & Communications

INDIGENOUS PLACEKEEPING WORKSHOP 60% OF WHOM RELY ON PUBLIC PARKS FOR ACCESS TO **REACHED VIA OUTDOOR SPACE GROUP SESSIONS** ORGANIZATIONS



CRG Meeting #1, September 18 & CRG Meeting #2, October 30

- Acknowledge the diversity of people who use these parks.
- Keep the parks flexible and design in a way that is inclusive to all communities and for all types of activities.
- Place a priority on safety when creating spaces for programming and in the physical aspects of design.
- The parks should remain a functional and welcoming commuter corridor while providing opportunity for small events and ample seating.



Indigenous Placemaking Workshop, October 21

- Reflect the history of the parks, the neighbourhood, and the land itself including Indigenous history and culture.
- Decolonization: consider interventions that are not human-centred, but consider other aspects of life including animals, rain, and plant life.

Buddies In Bad Times Staff, November 17

- Design for safety including clear sight lines in the park
- Improve access between **the theatre and park** for both accessibility and to encourage occasional park events

519 Church Staff, December 7

- Vulnerable community members should be welcomed as park users. All communities seek similar things within parks.
- Safety is improved with more activity and when people know each other.



Virtual Public Meeting and Public Survey, November 5-29

- Respondents prefer a high proportion of planting and tree canopy relative to paving. Include a variety of planting such as pollinator areas, rain gardens, etc.
- Provide fluid and direct circulation throughout the parks.
- Provide a variety of seating, including options to sit alone or in groups and comfortable/accessible seating, while also ensuring all seating is for the public.
- Support for additional access points and connections to adjacent laneways for improved feeling of safety

How important are the following design features to you and your household within the Yonge Street Linear Parks (George Hislop and Norman Jewison Parks)?

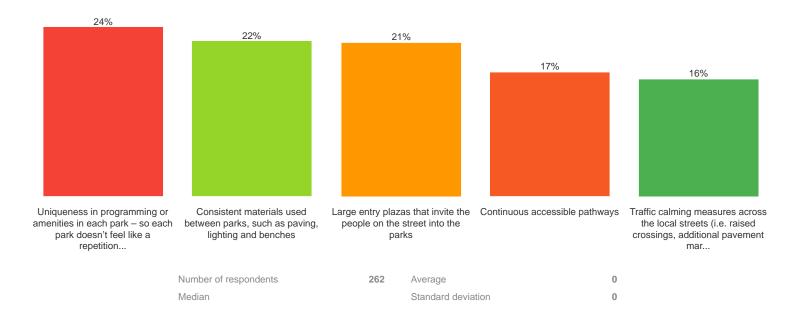




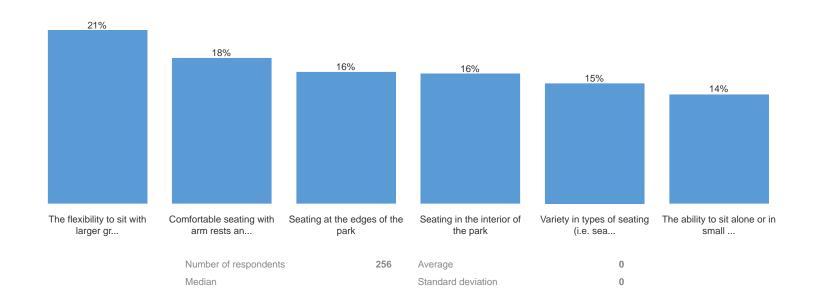
Virtual Public Meeting and Public Survey, November 5-29

- Many elements of James Canning Gardens,
 particularly the steel arches and lighting,
 are well-liked and should be considered as design
 elements going forward.
- Provide varied experiences between each of the parks.
- Avoid defensive design.
- The proportion of planting to paving and location of plazas and seating were well-liked in Option 2 'Nodes' and should be considered as design elements going forward.

Part of the project is to create a series of linked continuous parks that are related to one another. What do you view as being the most important to create this feeling of connectivity? Please rank the following features in order of importance, with 1= Not Important and 5= Very Important.



What is important to you when thinking about seating areas in the parks? Please rank the following features in order of importance, with 1= Not Important and 6= Very Important.

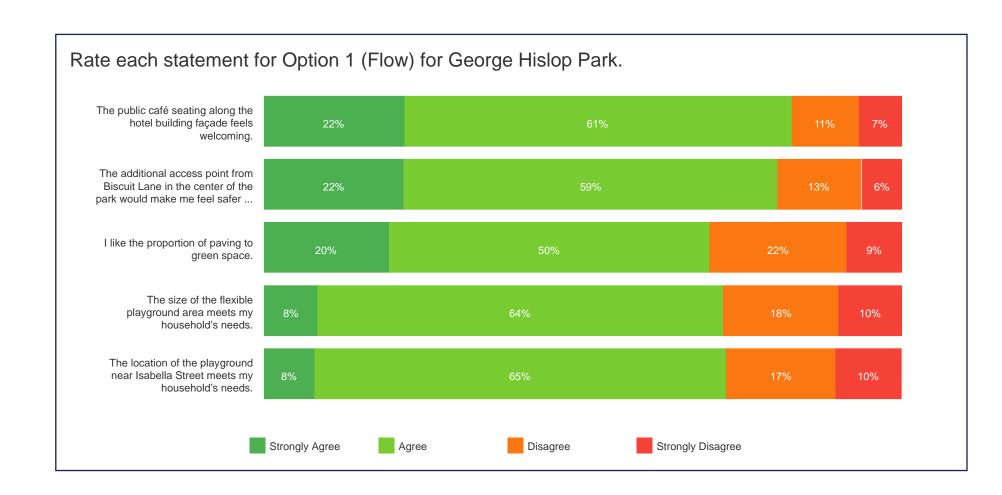


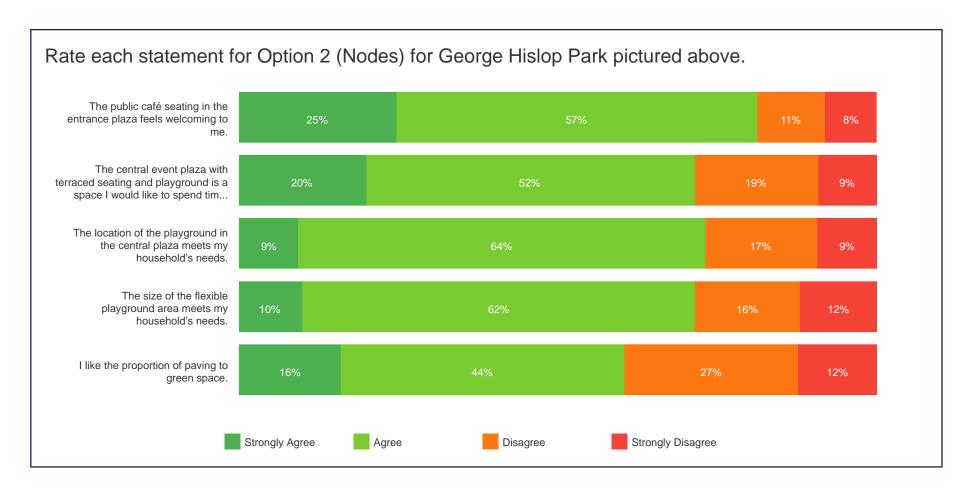


Virtual Public Meeting and Public Survey, November 5-29

Option 2 'Nodes' vs. Option 1 'Flow' recieved nominally more positive feedback to the design features particularly related to:

- proportion of planting to paving respondents preferred the proportion of green to paving for Option 2 more than Option 1
- the size of the dog relief area in Norman
 Jewison Park more favourable response to Option 2
- the size and location of the playground in George
 Hislop Park more favourable response to Option 2
- the extent of open lawn for Norman Jewison Park people responded more favourably to Option 2







Preferred Park Design Concept



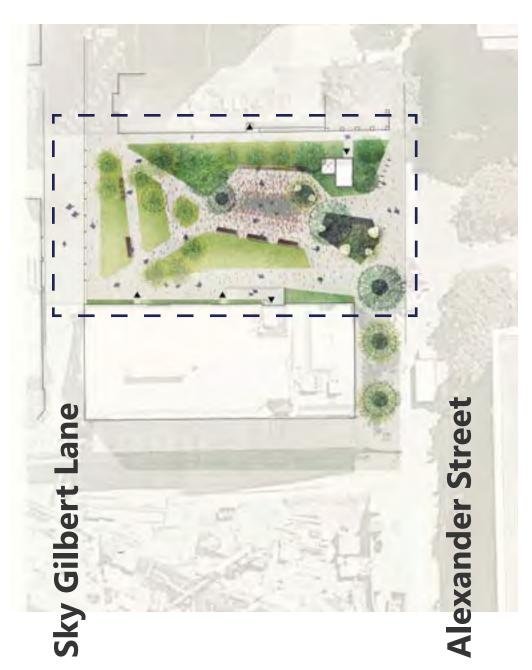
Preferred Concept At A Glance

George Hislop Park

Norman Jewison Park

Alexander Street Parkette









Preferred Concept At A Glance

Existing Conditions





Preferred Concept Plan





George Hislop Park

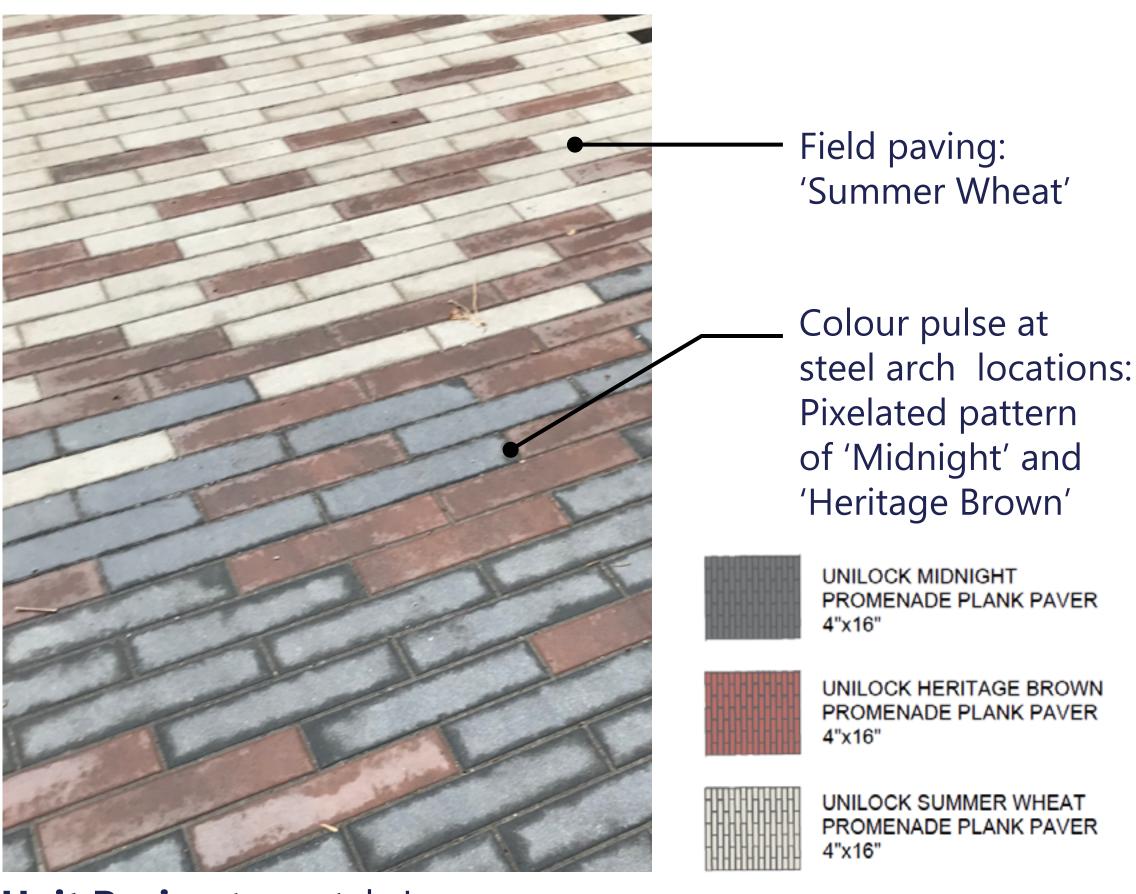
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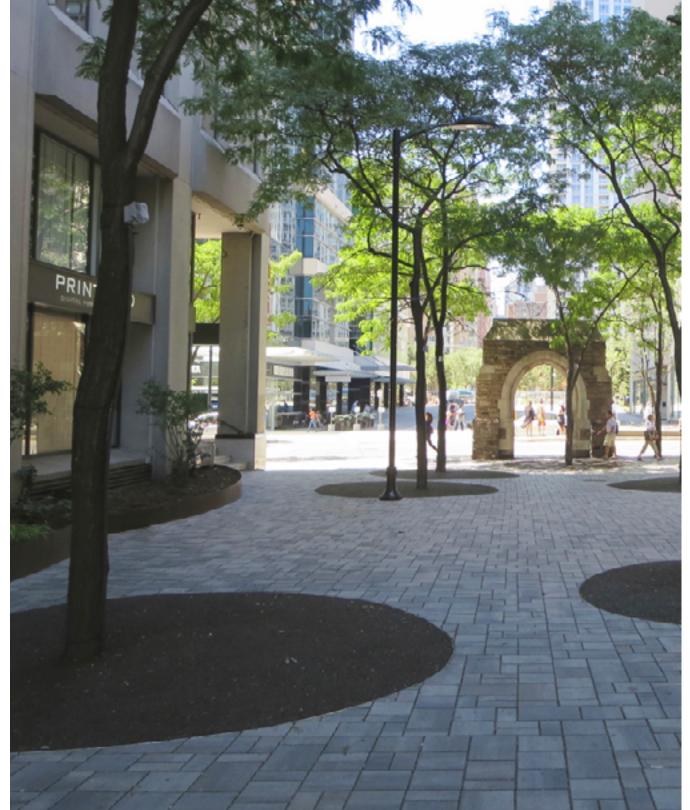


Project-Wide Design Elements

Paving



Unit Paving to match James Canning Gardens palette





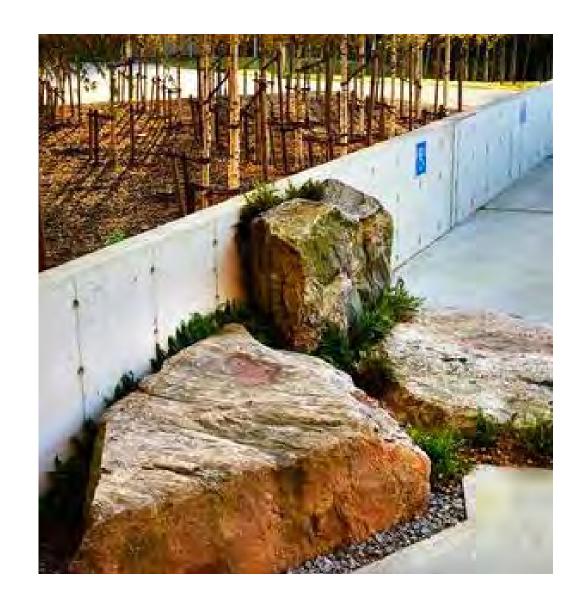
Permeable Paving

Flexible resin-bound aggregate paving beneath existing trees to keep sight lines open while preserving tree root systems. This type of paving will be applied at the base of selected trees and seating areas - where paving is not required to be snow-plowed.

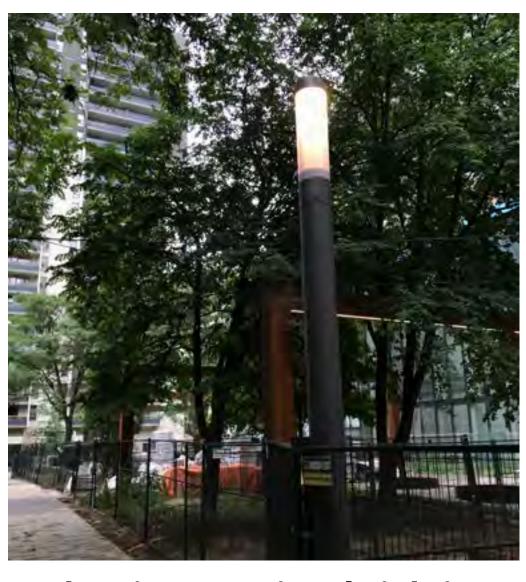


Project-Wide Design Elements

Lighting & Standard Furnishings



Strategic Placement of Natural Stone



Pedestrian Functional Lighting
Comparable product to James
Canning Gardens



Corten Steel Arches & Planter Edges



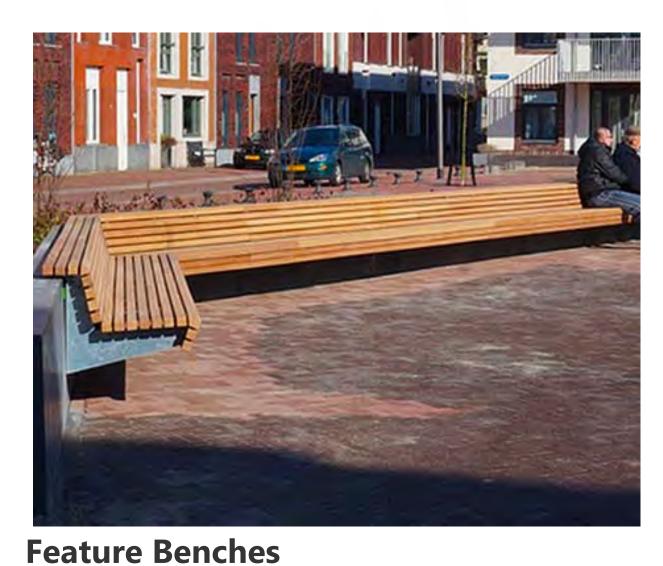
Bicycle ParkingCity of Toronto Standard



Project-Wide Design Elements

Seating





Concrete retaining walls with cantilevered & open-bottom wood slat benches.





Walkway Benches
Neoliviano by Landscape Forms.
Consistent w. James Canning
Gardens.





Sculptural Seating Elements
Architectural concrete
elements, suitable for 1-2
people.





Combined Seating
Select areas of seating with small tables.



Indigenous Placemaking & Placekeeping Concepts

- Reflect the history of the parks, the neighbourhood, and the land itself including localized Indigenous history and culture.
- **Restore** our relationship with the elemental aspects of life including animals, rain, land and plant life.
- Each park shall interpret a feature from the site's ecological heritage i.e. Moss Creek, former woodlots, and/or glacial topography through stone erratics; these areas will incorporate a family of artful installations as a demonstrative and educational piece, and a renewed indigenous imprint into the landscape

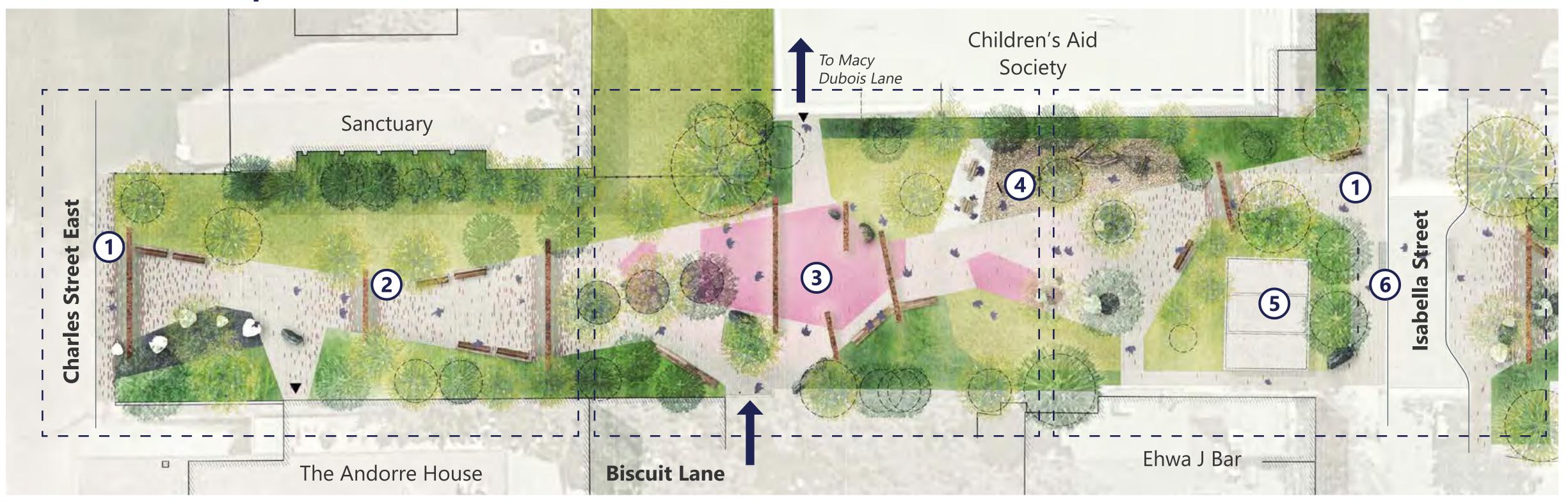


Bioswale/ Rain Garden Feature (at Norman Jewison Park - approx. location only)

To symbolize renewal and reconnection with the original landscape, capturing natural drainage and rain to create and restore naturalized habitat.



Preferred Concept Plan





1 Entry Plaza

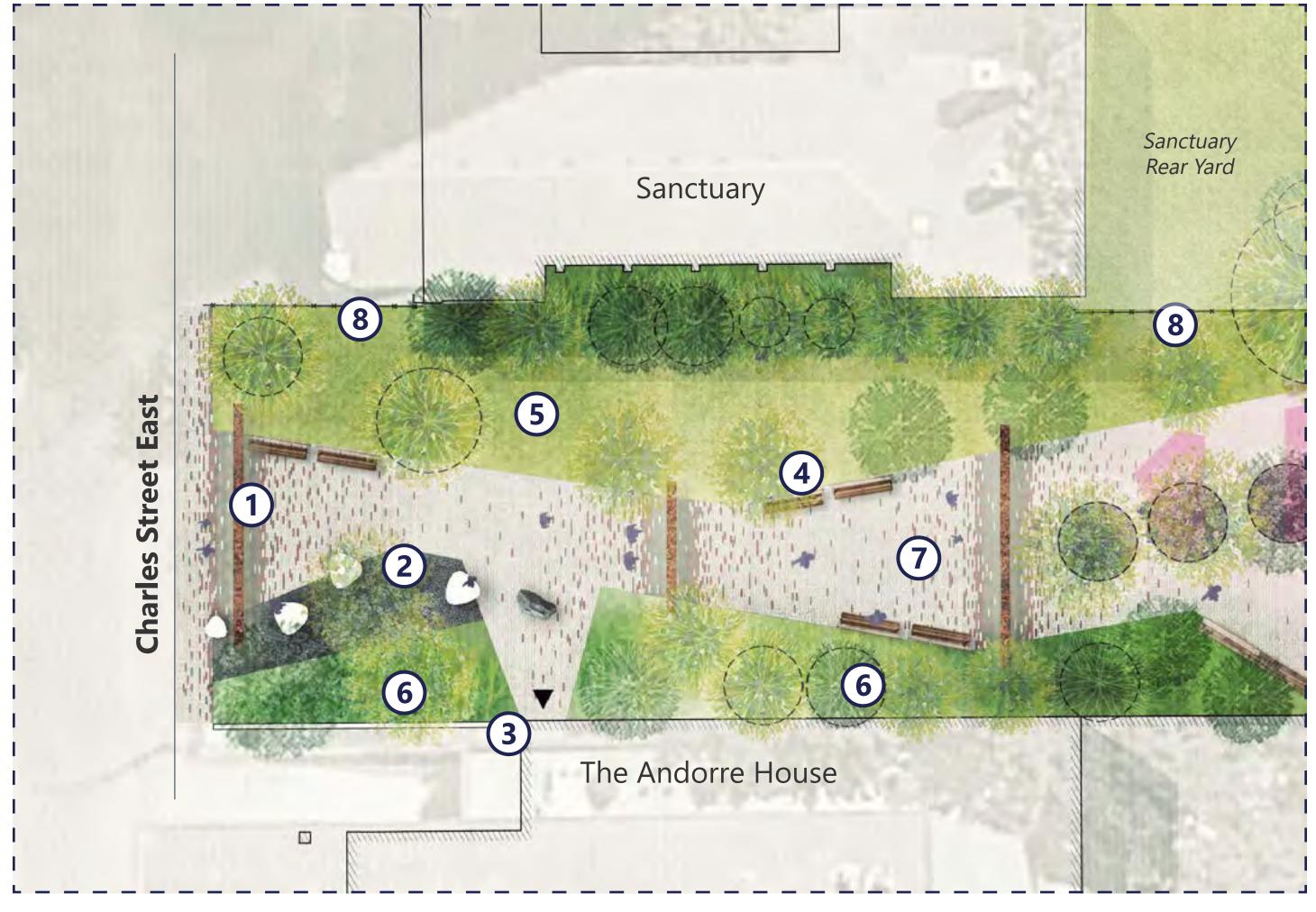
4) Playground

Corten Steel Arch w. Lighting

- 5 TTC Air Intake Vent
- Central Plaza w. Integrated LGBTQ2S+ Artwork
- Pedestrianized Crossingw. curb extension



Enlargement: Charles Street Entrance Plaza







Legend



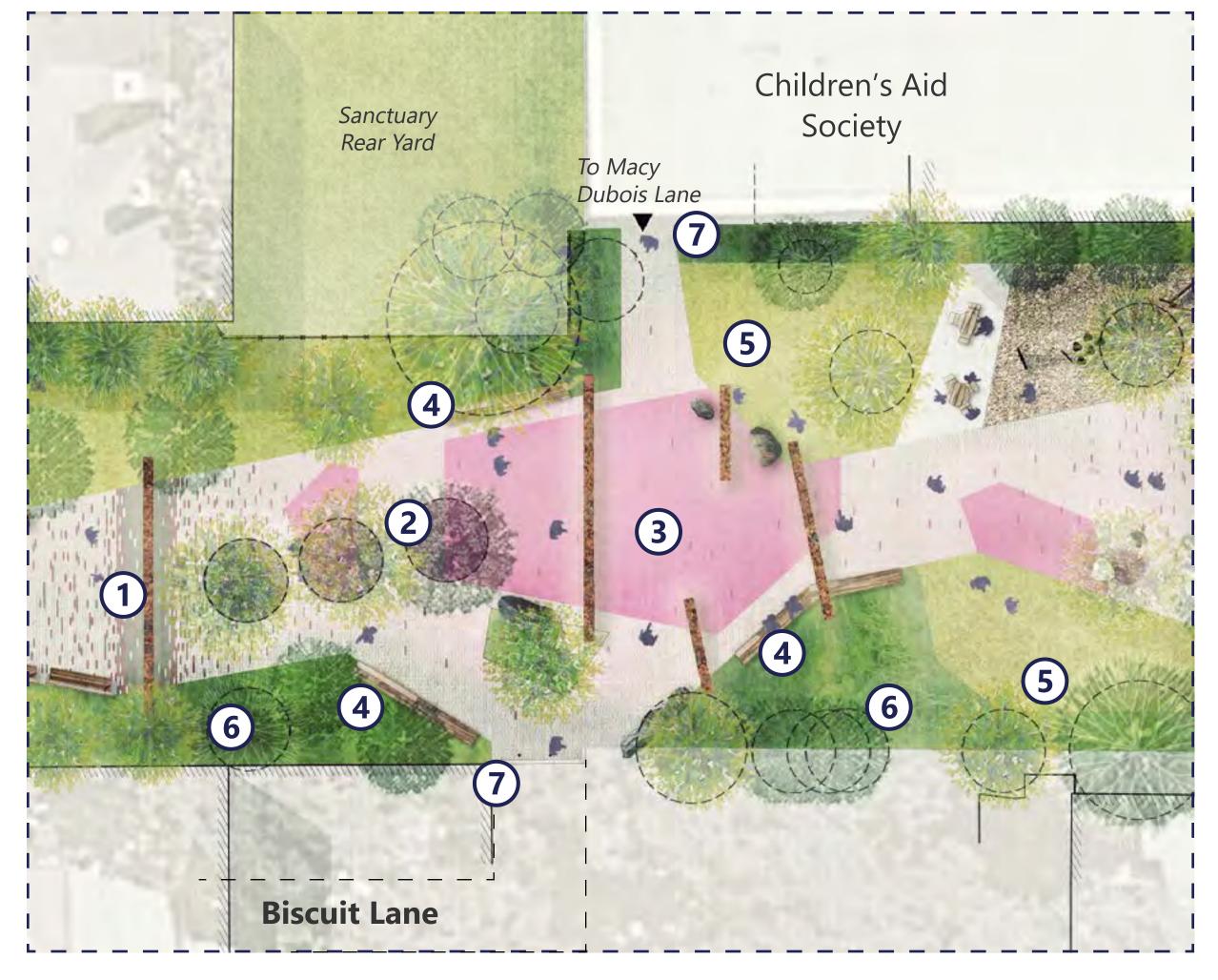
Proposed Tree



Existing Tree

- 1 Corten Steel Arch w. Lighting
- Permeable Paving w. Pebble Seating
- 3 Ex. access to Andorre House cafe
- Walkway bench seating
- **5** Lawn
- Shrub/Perennial Planting
- 7 Unit Paver Walkway
- 8 Upgraded Fence

Enlargement: Central Plaza





NORTH

Legend



Proposed Tree



Existing Tree

- (1) Corten Steel Arch w. Lighting
- Grove of Existing Trees in Permeable Paving
- Central Unit Paver Plaza w. Integrated LGBTQ2S+ Artwork including modified steel arches, lighting, and stone elements.
- 4 Feature Bench
- **(5)** Lawn
- 6 Shrub/Perennial Planting
- Proposed Pedestrian Connection



Enlargement: Isabella Street Entrance Plaza





Legend



Proposed Tree



Existing Tree

- Corten Steel Arch w. Lighting
- Grove of Trees in Permeable Paving
- 3 Playground including small picnic area
- (4) TTC Air Intake Vent
- (5) Lawn

NORTH

- **(6)** Shrub/Perennial Planting
- 7 Bicycle Parking
- Pedestrianized Crossing 8 w. curb extension

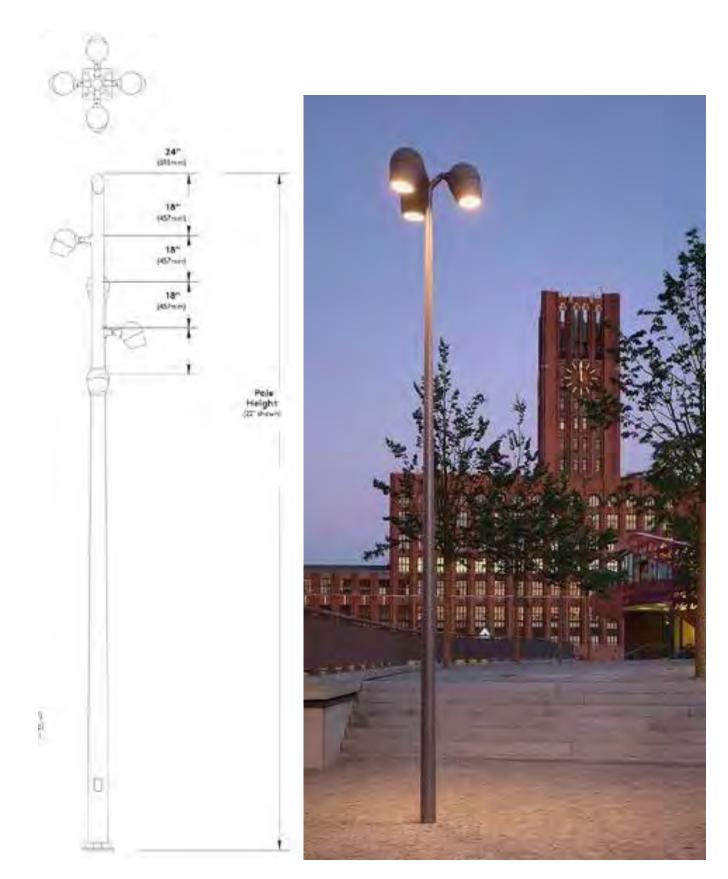


Lighting



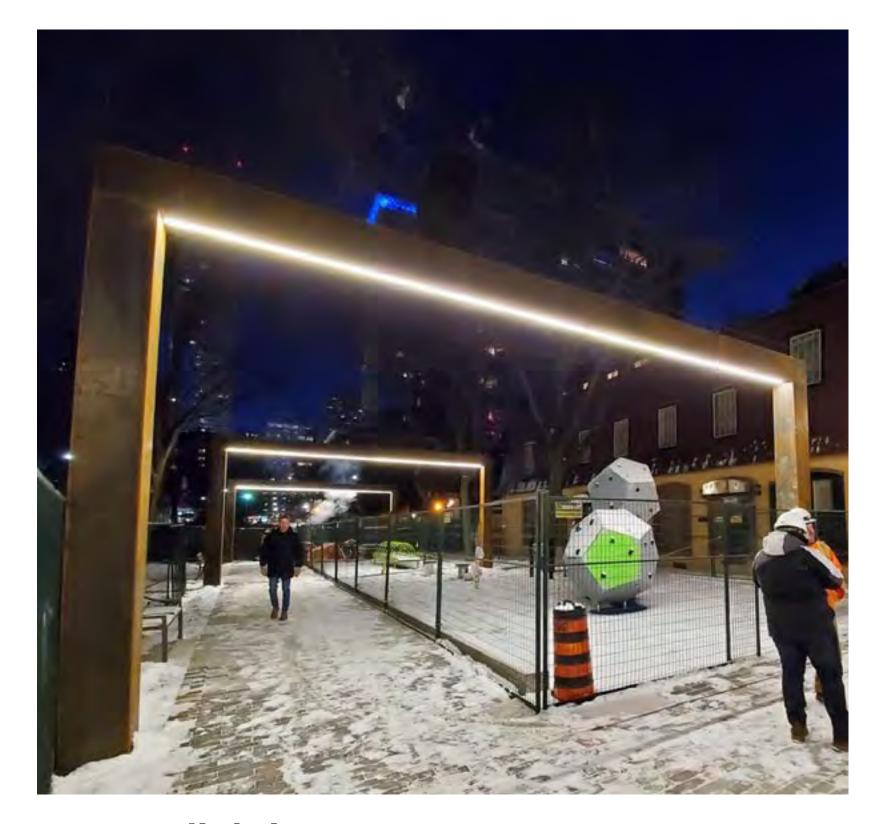
Pedestrian Path Lighting

Option 1 - Schreder 'Shuffle' fixture to match James Canning Gardens. 360° light distribution and optional modular attachments.



Pedestrian Path Lighting

Alternate Option - Multi-luminaire assemblies reduce the quantity of poles and provide more flexibility for light distribution (ie. Selux 'Olivio').

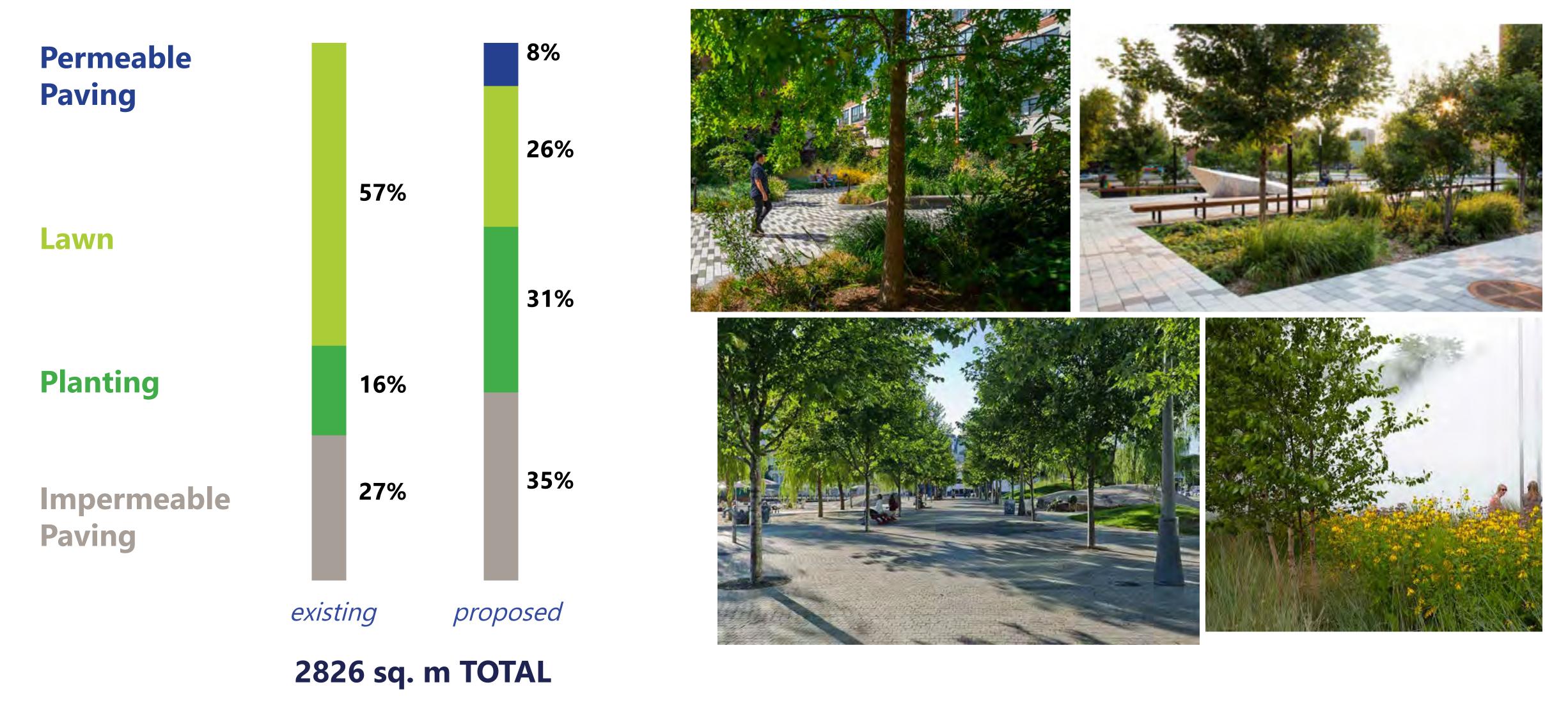


Feature lighting

Integrated into corten steel arches to match James Canning Gardens.



Change in Planting vs. Paving Proportion





George Hislop Park - Perspective



Entry from Charles Street into George Hislop Park.



Precedents

ENTRY PLAZAS









Sanctuary The Andorre House

Charles Street Entry Plaza Enlargement

Precedents

PLAYGROUND











Play Area Enlargement



Integrated LGBTQ2S+ Public Art Component _ the Dance





Integrated LGBTQ2S+ Public Art Component: What we Heard

Public Consultation, November 05

...having a space to hold events and **bring people together** is a powerful thing. I LOVE the idea of lighting up dance floor.... gathering space... protest space.

The more lighting the better! If it comes in the form of artwork, that would be fantastic. Interactive / kinetic pieces of public art would be a huge draw to these parks, especially considering their proximity to Yonge. They would help **animate the space at night** as well which would definitely make it **more inviting** if you were alone.

An LGBTQ2S+ themed artwork would be more than welcome in this area.

Queer Art Sub-Group Meeting, September 28

Explore reflections on the idea of Queer Space as the act of creating a space in a way that wasn't originally designed for LGBTQ2S+ communities, individuals, and identities.

Abstract and conceptual representations may lead to **broader and more open interpretations**. Symbols can be readily appropriated for commercial purposes.

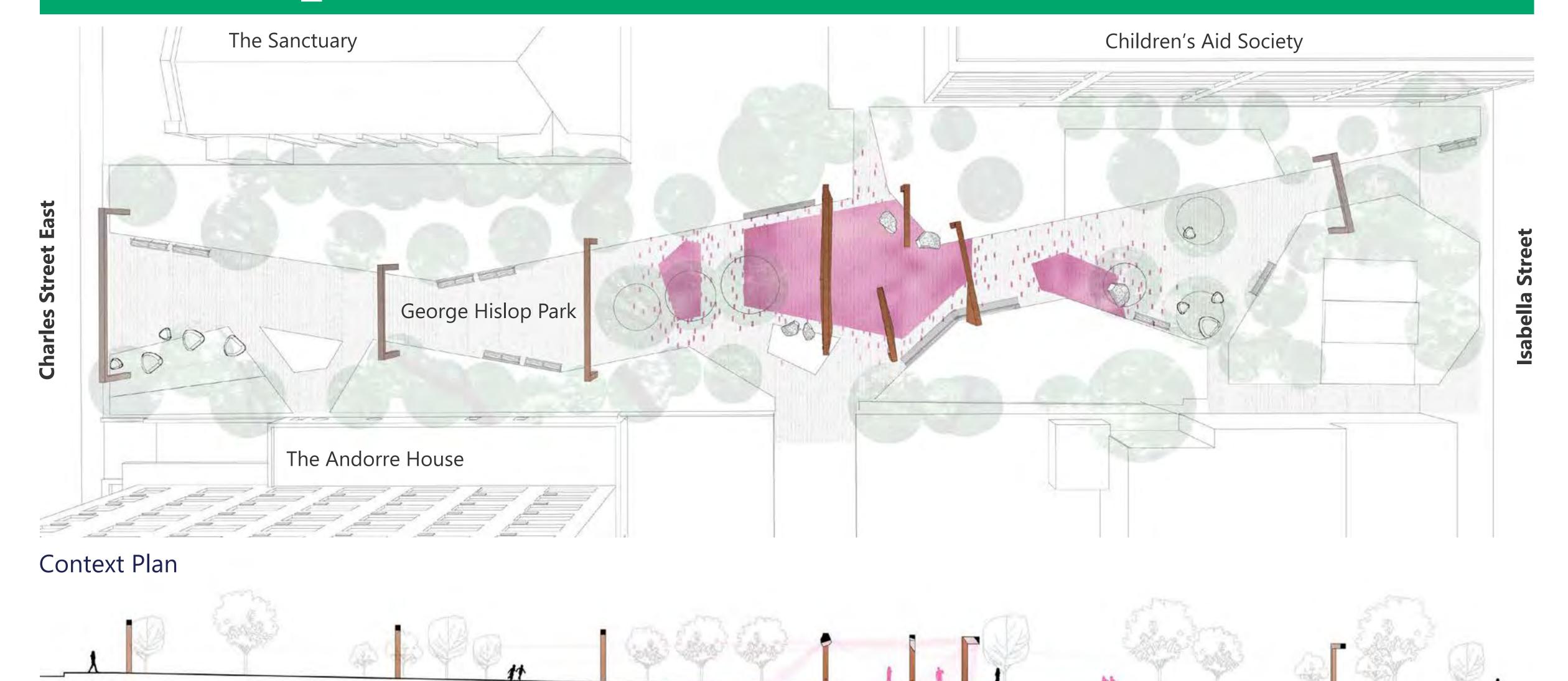


the Dance _ Concept





the Dance Context Plan and Section





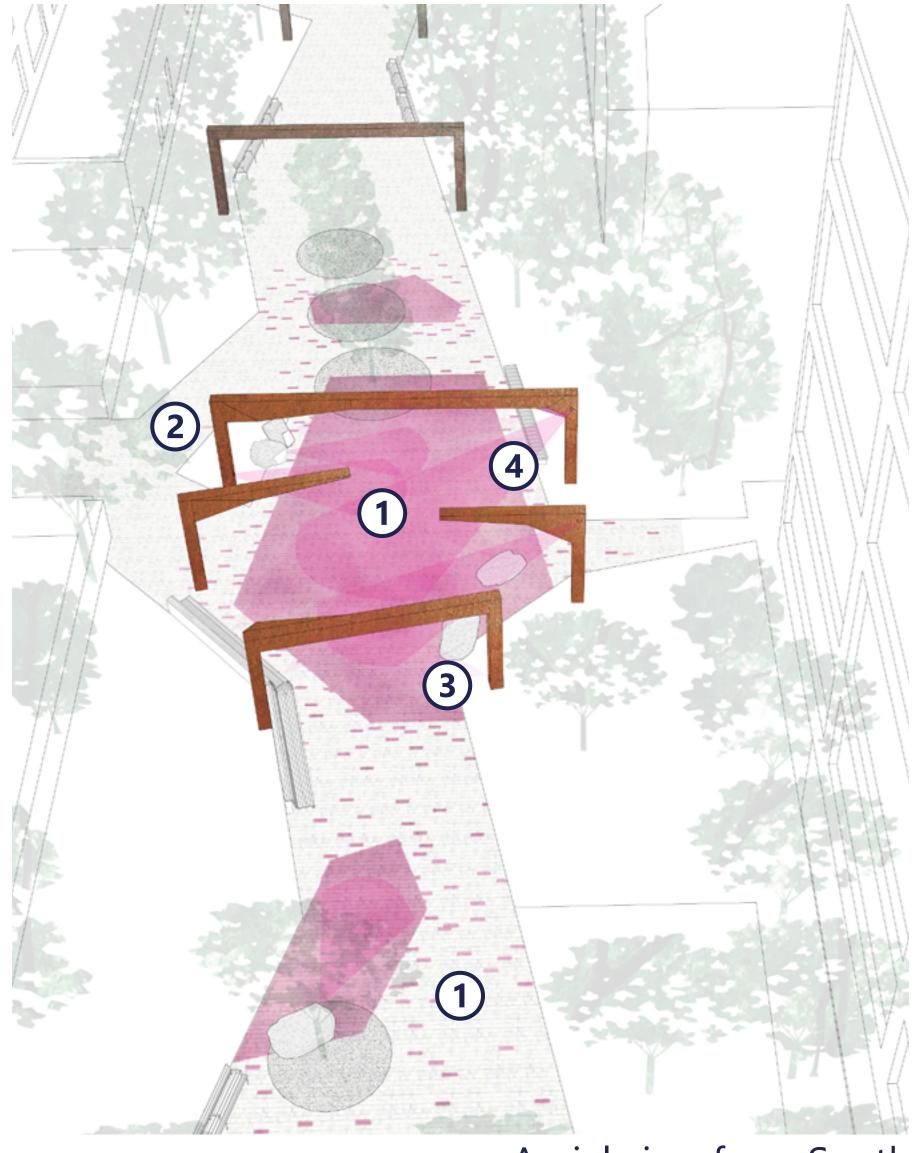
Site Section

the Dance _ Daytime Rendering at Central Plaza





the Dance Material Transformations



Aerial view from South

Queering the Park

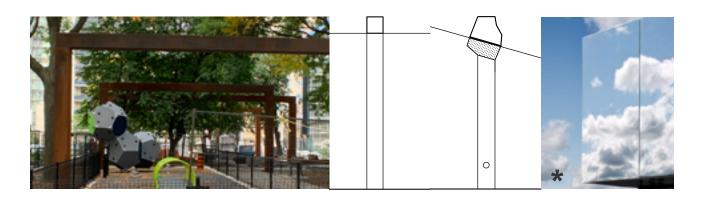
Materials and elements deviate from the standard or undergo transformations. Independent, individual elements overlap into a collective relationship. An other space materializes of the non-normative elements within the park.

(1) Ground Paver

Custom integral tinting and aggregate composition.



2 Manipulated Steel Arch
Profile and material shift to mirror finish
stainelss steel to reflect the ground plane.



3 Landscape Boulders
Select surfaces polished to a reflective finish.



4) Lighting
Integrated and coordinated park lighting with colour variation.

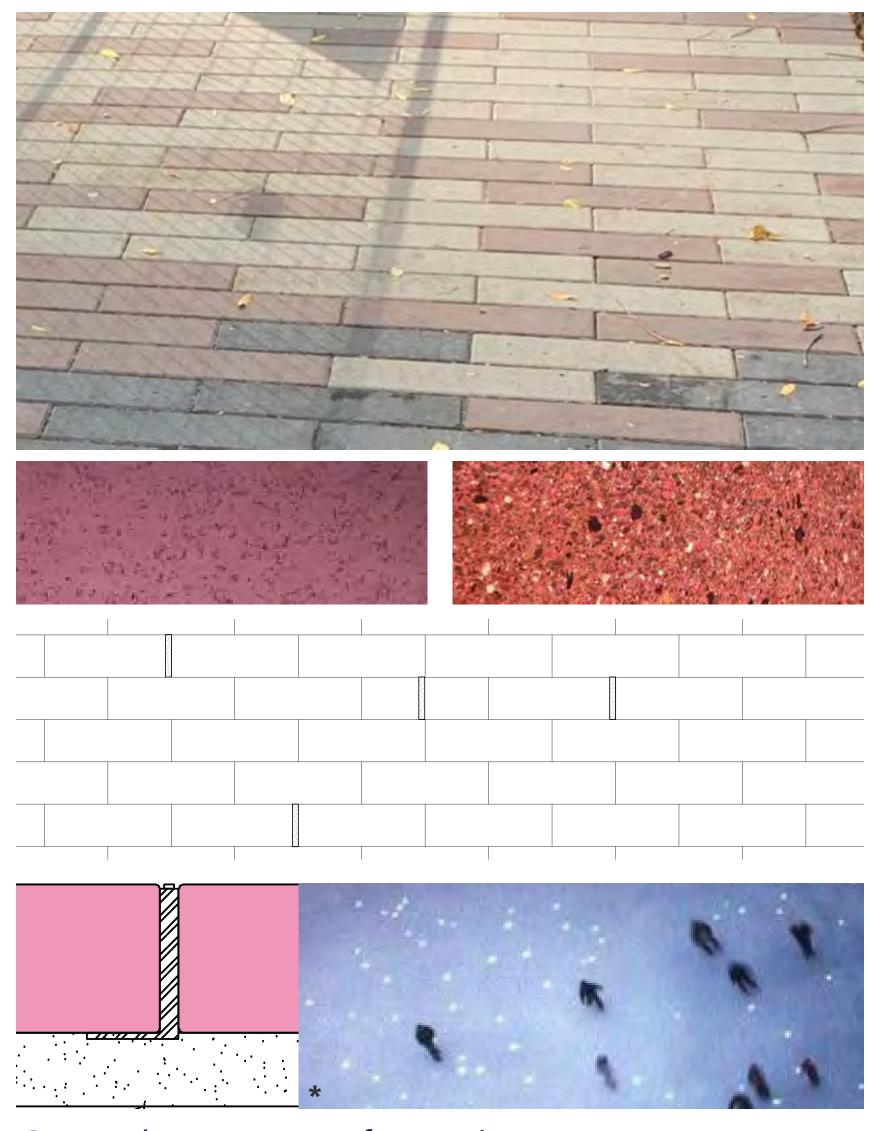




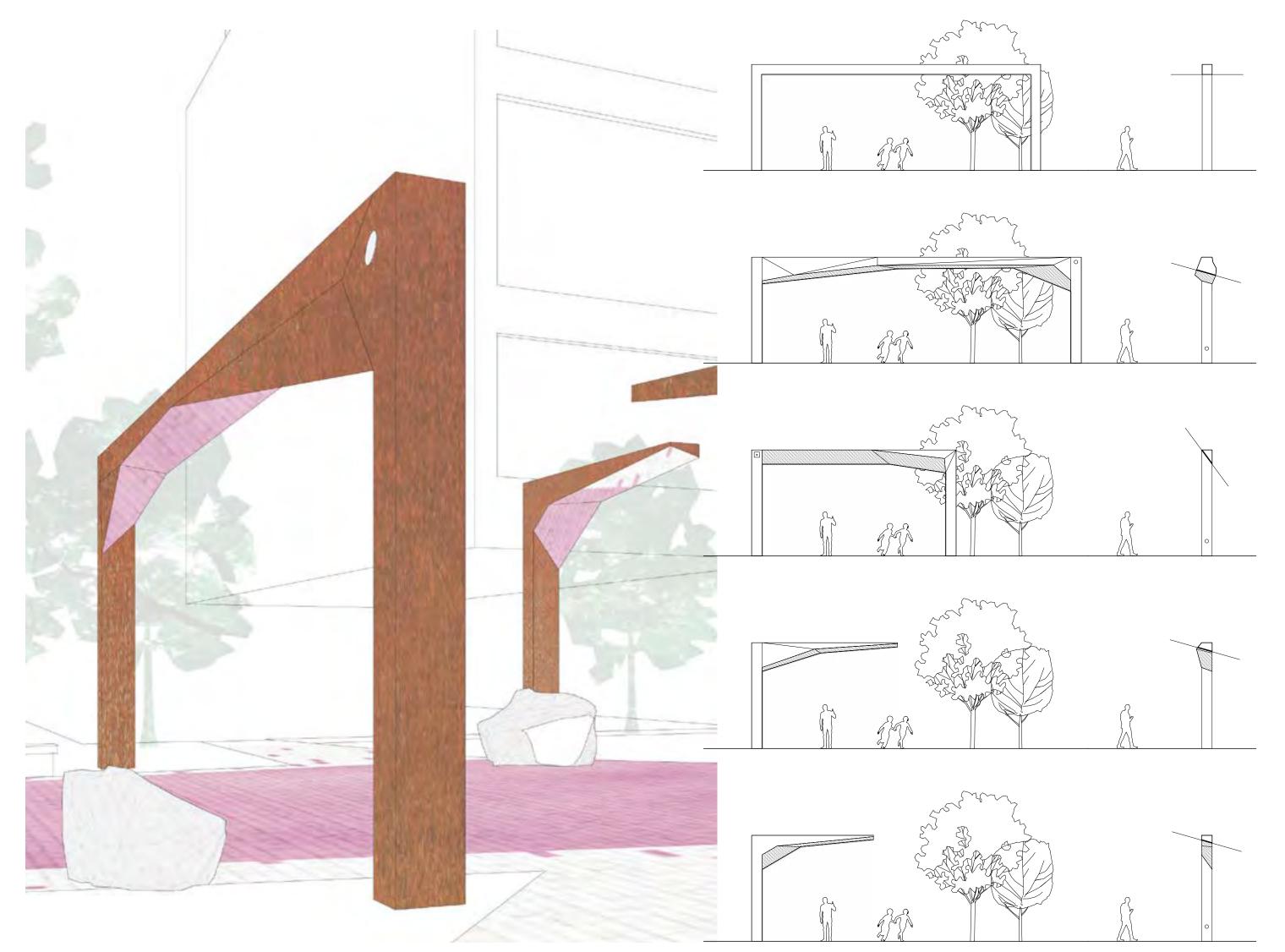
* Medical Centre, Limerick, Ireland; SATA



the Dance _ Material Transformations



Ground Paver Transformations









the Dance _ Layered Lighting



Lighting Syncopation

Lighting shifts phase in and out over long periods of time. Subtley perceptible shifts animate the space.

Down Light Colour Shift

Light sources from above shifting colour and light levels.

Low Cover Light Colour Wash

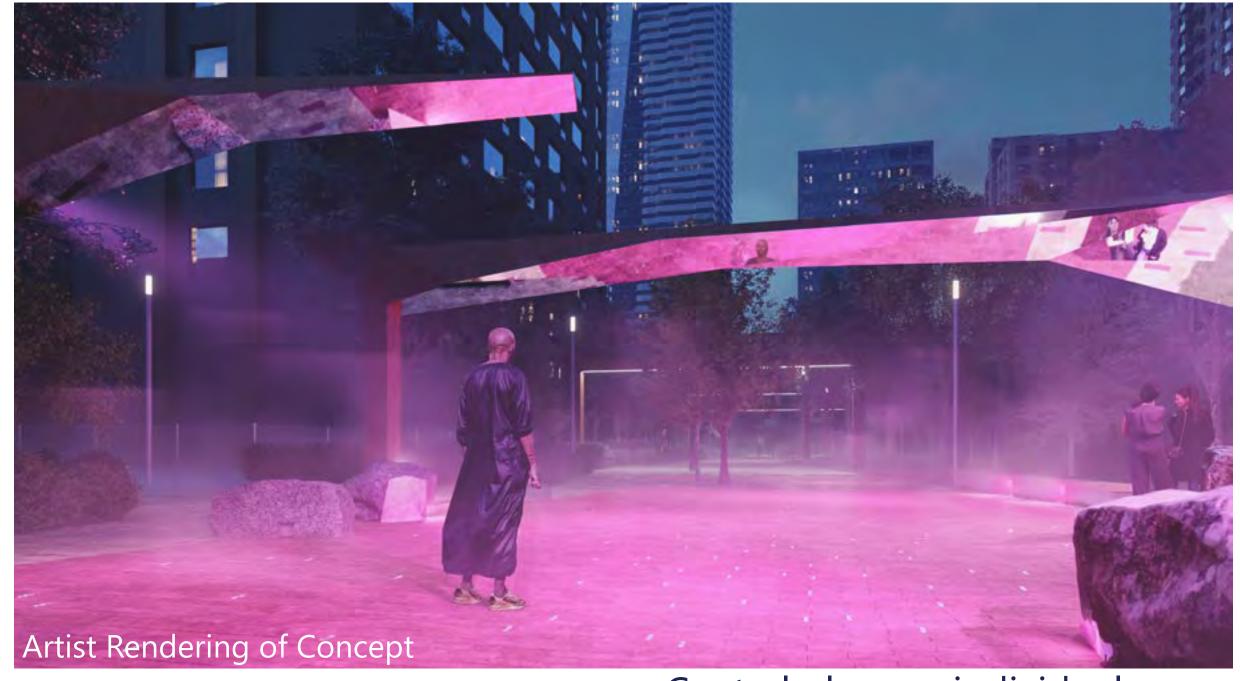
Low light above surface of ground to introduce base colour.

Note

All lighting to be integrated within and calculated to work in conjunction with base park saftey and path lighting.



the Dance LGBTQ2S+ Visibility and Presence



Artist Rendering of Concept

Central plaza as individual space

Central plaza as event space

The stage, set.

It is now, us. We bind the work.

Our visibility, and presence in space activates, and breathes life into place.

We see reflections of ourselves within this context, within the Dance.

We are the Dance.



the Dance _ Evening Rendering: View from Isabella Street





* Rendering: ooee

the Dance _ Evening Rendering at Central Plaza







DISCUSSION

Design Feedback



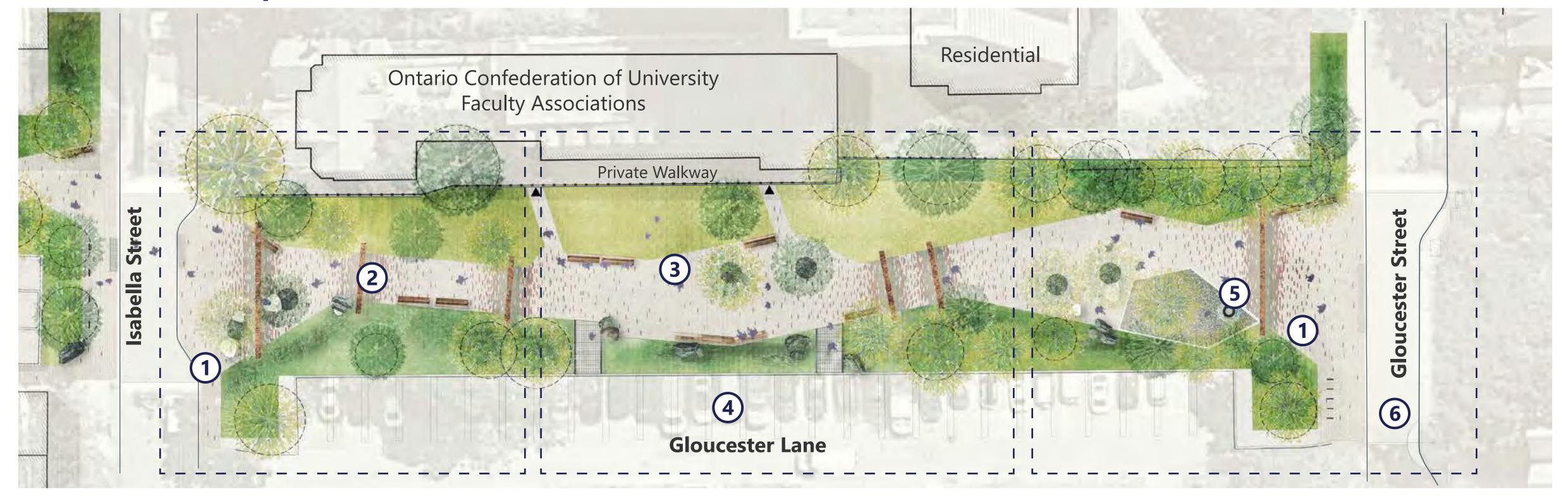
Design Discussion



- 1. Does the design feel welcoming and safe for all park users?
- 2. Do you have any comments about the circulation, pathways or flexible spaces?
- 3. Have we created the right balance and places to sit alone or in groups?
- 4. Do you have any comments about the balance of plantings and green, versus paving and hard surfaces?
- 5. Do you have any feedback on the public art proposal?



Preferred Concept Plan



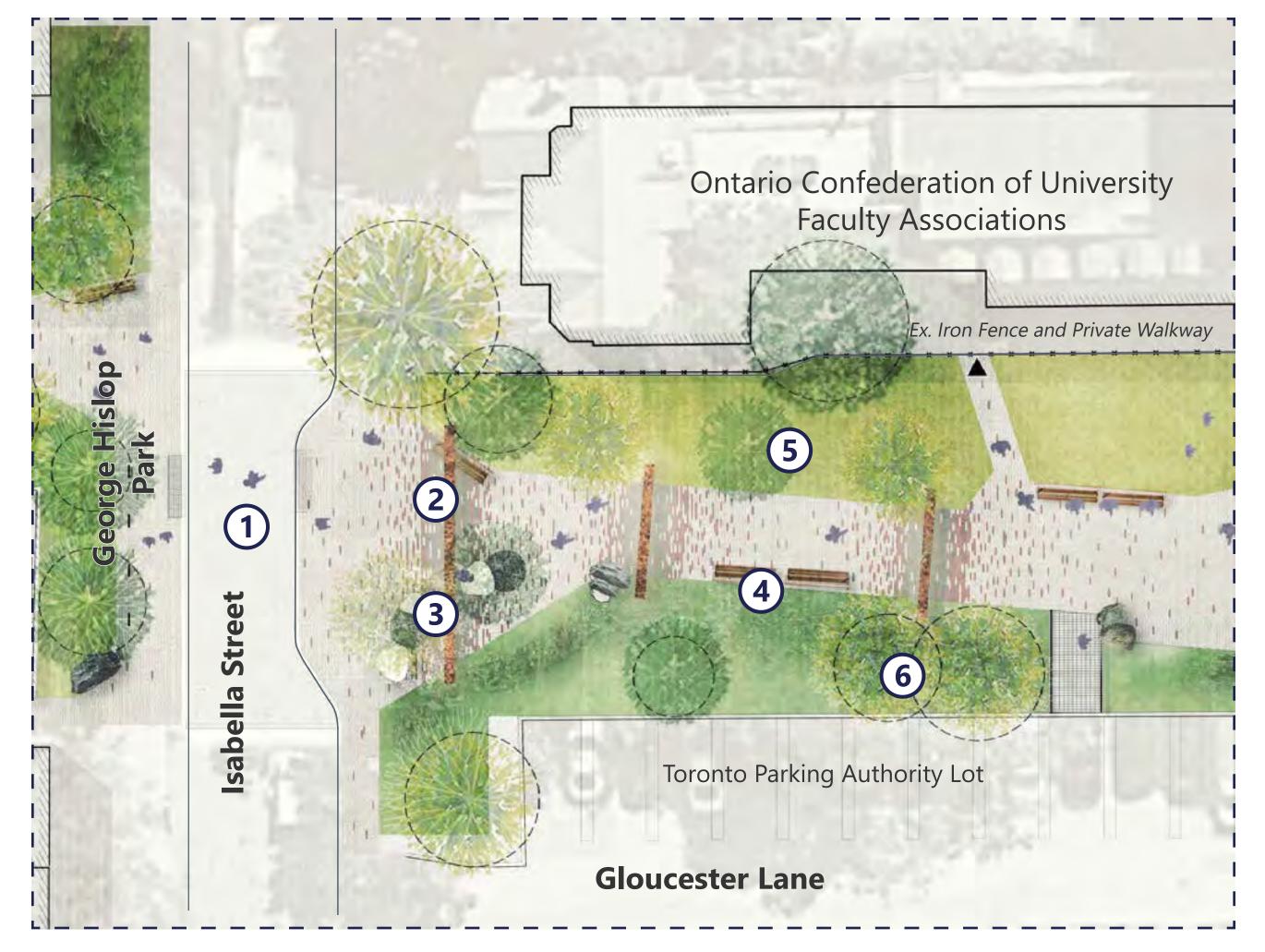




- 1 Entry Plaza
- Corten Steel Arch w. Lighting
- 3 Central Lawn

- 4 TPA Parking Lot
- Dog Relief Area & Barney's Fountain
- 6 Pedestrianized Crossing

Enlargement: Isabella Street Entrance Plaza





Legend



Proposed Tree

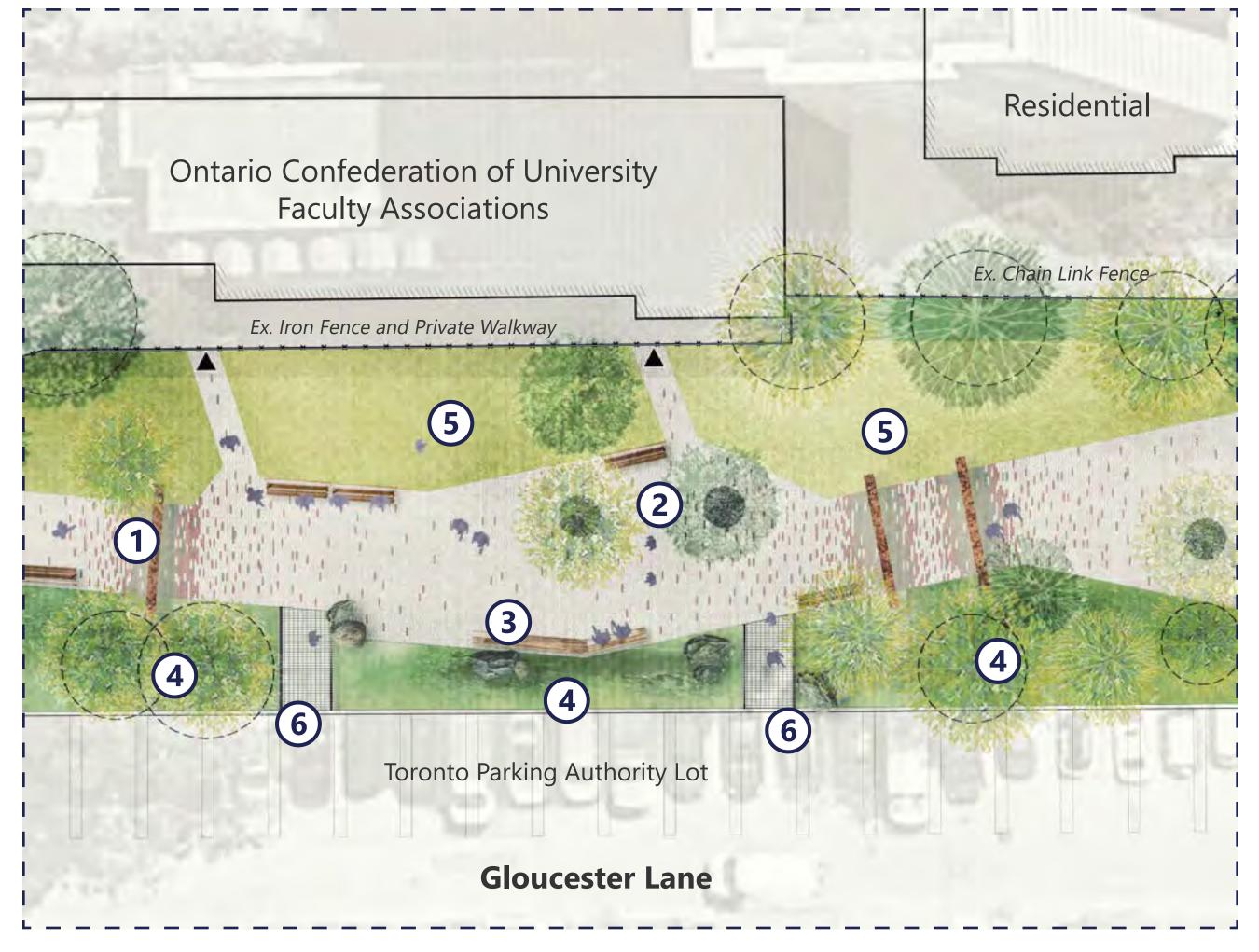


Existing Tree

- Pedestrianized Crossing w. Sidewalk Expansion/ Bump-Out
- Corten Steel Arch w. Lighting
- Grove of Trees in Permeable Paving w. Pebble Seating
- Walkway Bench Seating
- **5** Lawn
- 6 Shrub/Perennial Planting



Enlargement: Central Lawn





NORTI

Legend



Proposed Tree



Existing Tree

- 1 Corten Steel Arch w. Lighting
- Grove of Trees in Permeable Paving w. Pebble Seating
- Feature Bench
- 4 Interpretive Bioswale
- **(5)** Lawn
- At-grade pedestrian walkway connections from TPA lot



Enlargement: Gloucester Street Entrance







Proposed Tree



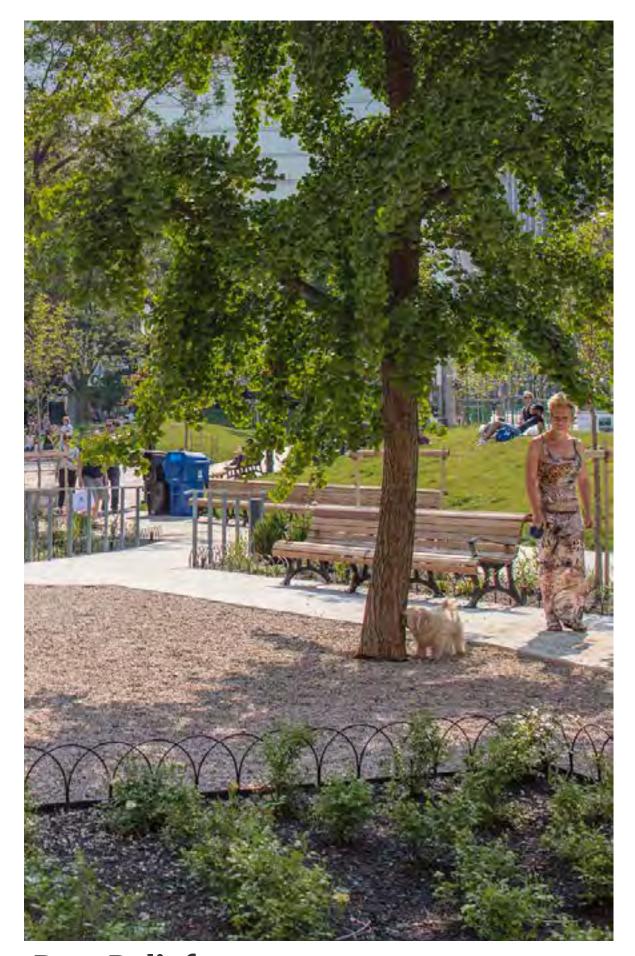
Existing Tree

- 1 Corten Steel Arch w. Lighting
- Grove of Trees in Permeable Paving w. Pebble Seating
- Pea Gravel Dog Relief Area granular surface contained in edging or curb
- Barney's Fountain reinterpreted pet drinking fountain and water feature
- Pedestrianized Crossing w. Sidewalk Expansion
- 6 Bicycle Parking



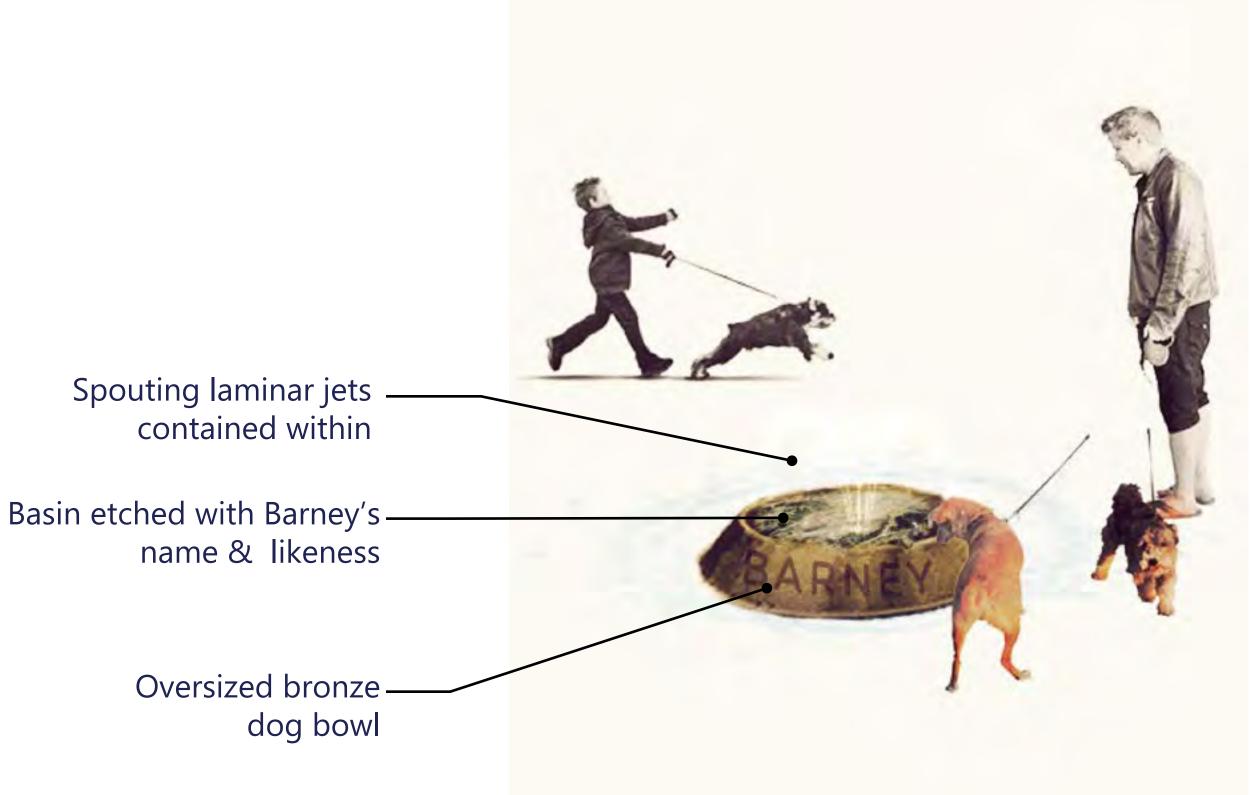


Dog Relief & Barney's Fountain



Dog Relief
Loose pea gravel surfacing shaded by
a large canopy tree.





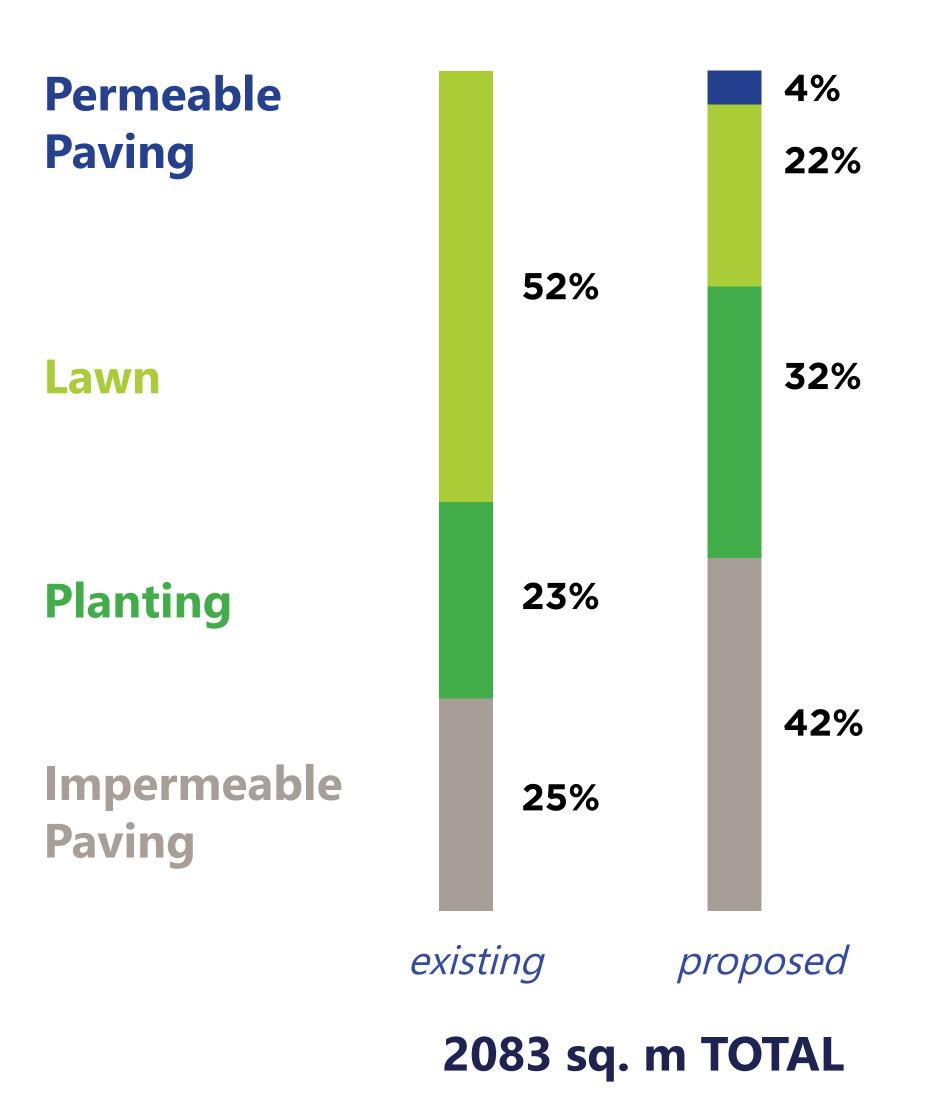


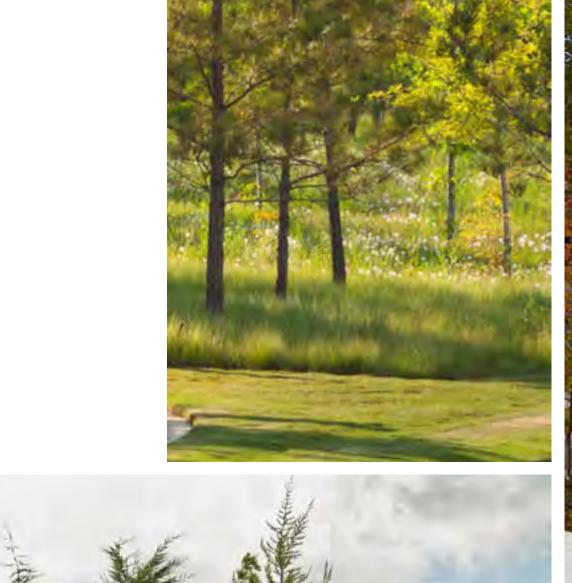
Norman Jewison & Barney

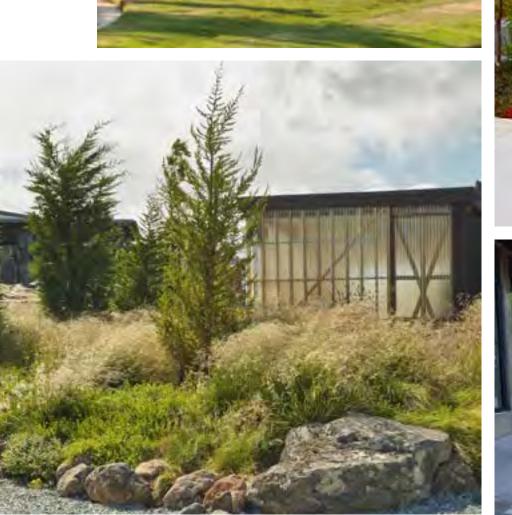
Barney's Fountain

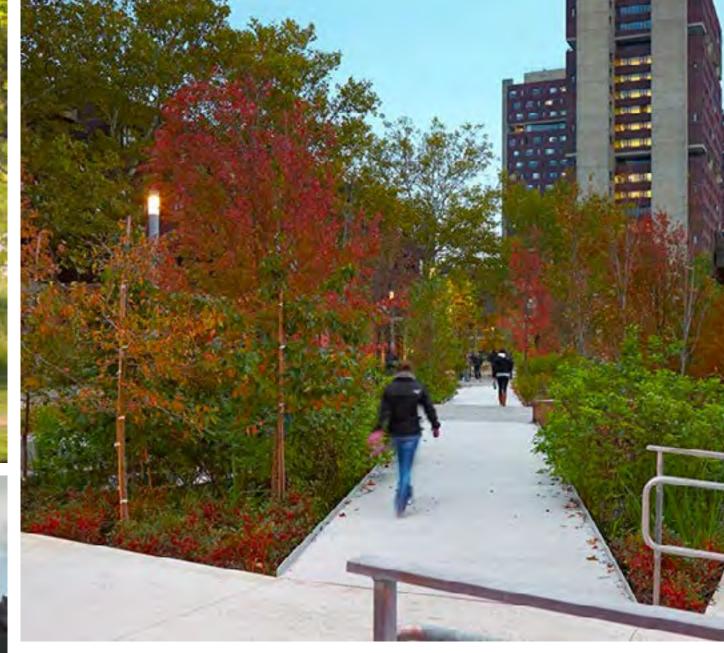
A playful interpretation of a classic dog bowl acts as a tribute to Barney, as a gateway to the park, and as a respite for neighbourhood dogs on a hot summer's day.

Change in Planting vs. Paving Proportion













Norman Jewison Park - Perspective





Norman Jewison Park, looking southward toward the central lawn, feature bench, and interpretive bioswale.

Norman Jewison Park - Perspective





Entry from Gloucester Street into Norman Jewison Park, looking north toward the dog relief area and Barney's Fountain.

DISCUSSION

Design Feedback



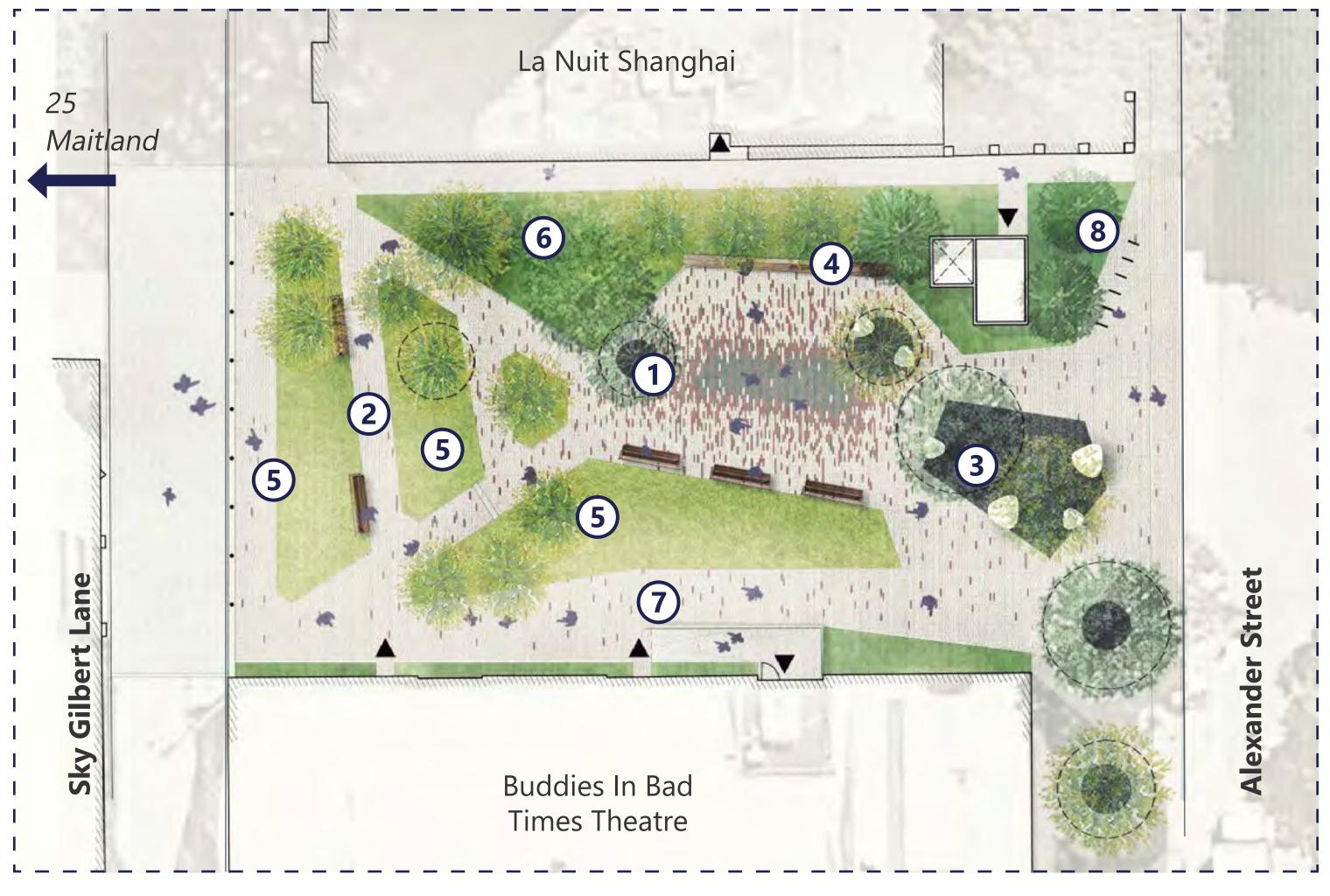
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- 3. Have we created the right balance and places to sit alone or in groups?
- 4. Do you have any comments about the balance of plantings and green, versus paving and hard surfaces?
- 5. What do you think about the size of the dog relief area and the idea of a stylized water fountain?
- 6. Do you have any feedback on the lost creeks and indigenous placekeeping interpretation expressed through the bioswale and naturalized planting?



Alexander Street Parkette



Legend



Proposed Tree



Existing Tree



(2) Garden Walk

Grove of Trees in Permeable Paving w. Pebble Seating

4 Feature Bench

5 Lawn

6 Shrub/Perennial Planting on slope

7 Promenade

8 Bicycle Parking

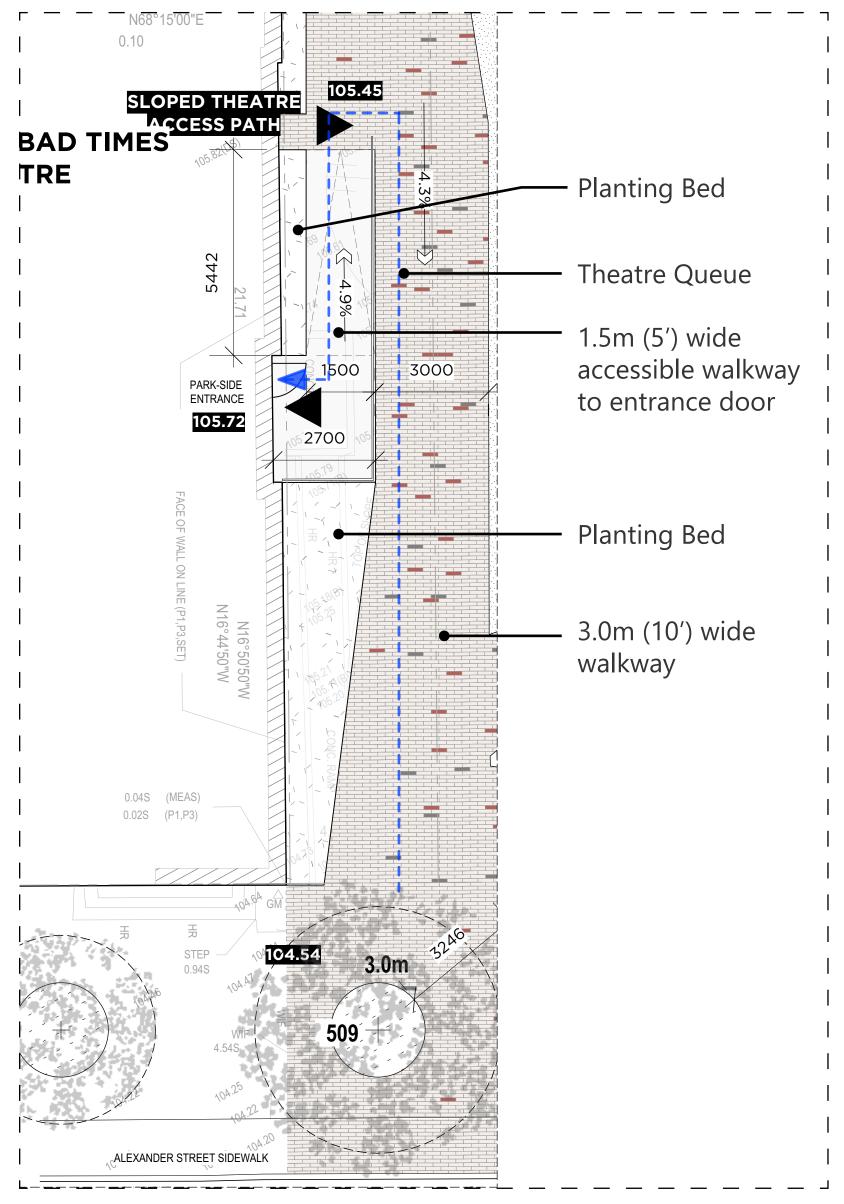




Alexander Street Parkette

Shared Accessible Promenade & Theatre Entrance

- must meet AODA requirements for slope and width where it currently does not
- crowd queuing should be designed with regard to safety
- guard rail is useful for separation of theatre queue from park
- access to theatre should be more seamlessly integrated into landscape

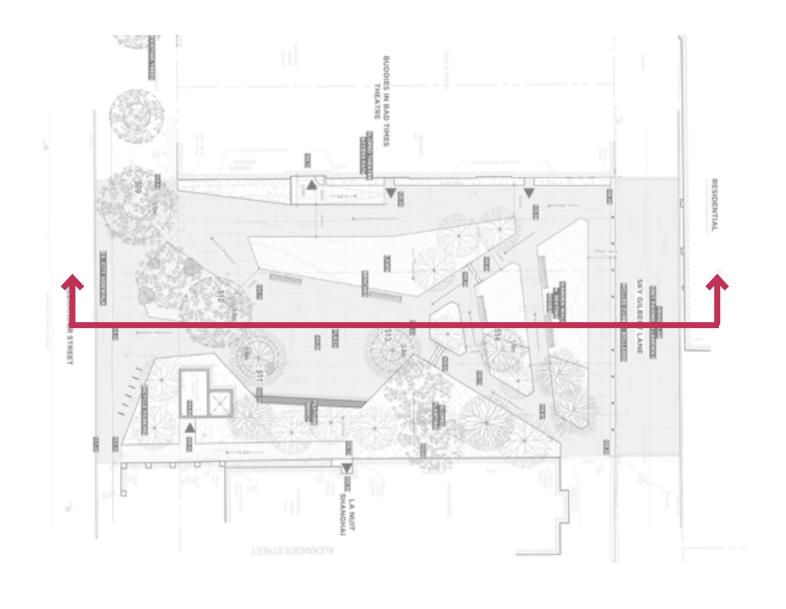


Proposed Revision



Alexander Street Parkette

Site Section







Alexander Street Parkette - Perspective





The Community Plaza at Alexander Street Parkette, looking north toward the Garden Walk.

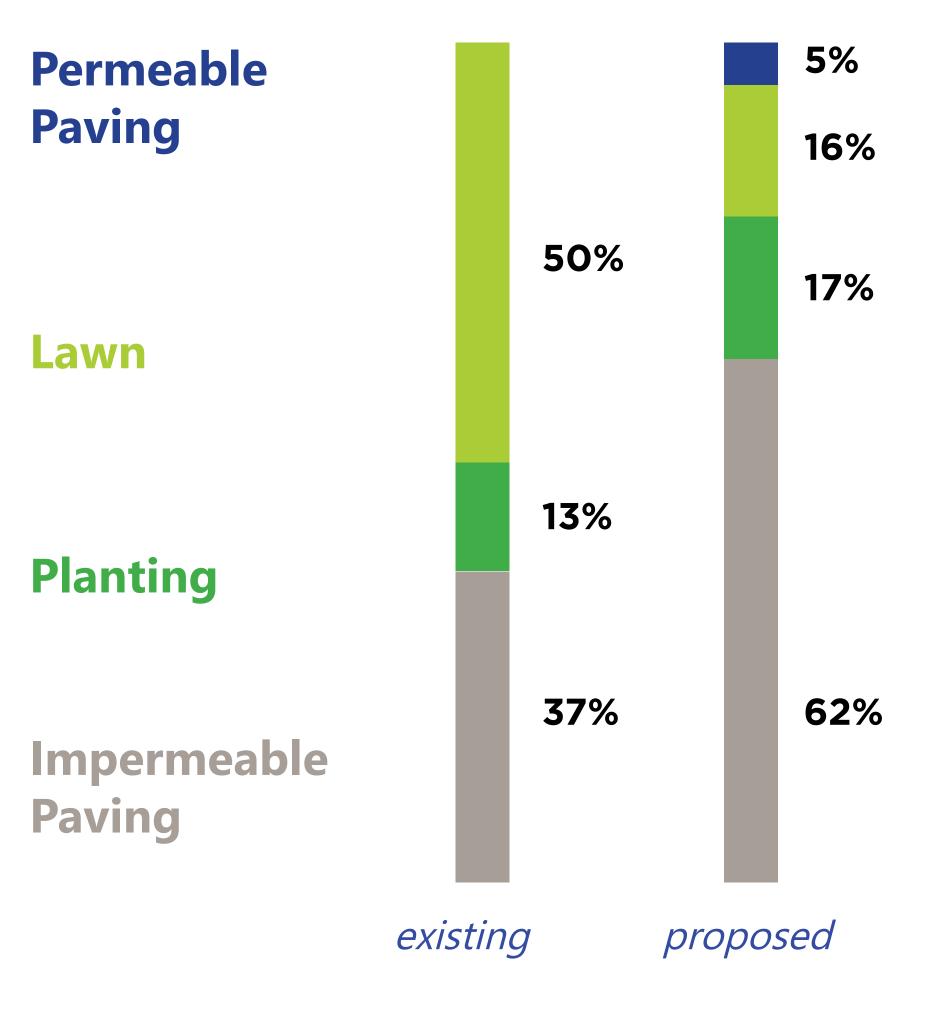
Alexander Street Parkette - Perspective





Alexander Street Parkette, looking south from the Garden Walk towards the Community Plaza.

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1452 sq. m TOTAL



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Next Steps...

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- Take part in the Online Survey running until March 4th.
- Check back to view the **Final Concept Plan** to be published on the website Winter 2021.



Post-Meeting Feedback

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Thank you!

