

# St. James Town West Park Redesign

**Public Meeting #1**  
April 20th, 2021

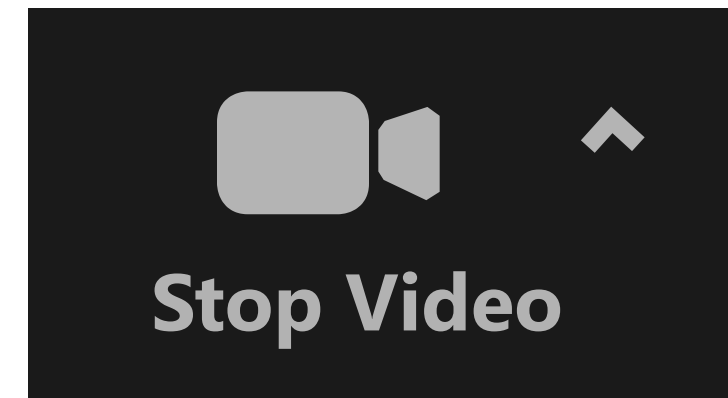


Park for All

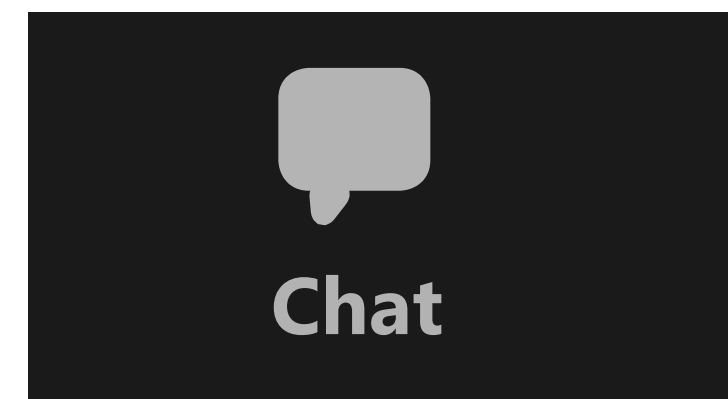
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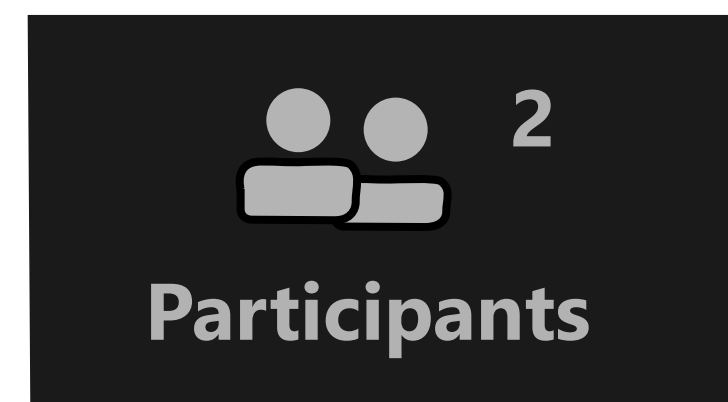
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# Welcome

**I'd like to begin by honouring the land that I'm 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

**Kristyn Wong-Tam**  
**City of Toronto, Ward 13 Councillor**



# Meeting Purpose

**Present and gather feedback on the concept design options for the redesign of St. James Town West Park.**



# Agenda

- 1. Team introductions**
- 2. Project Background and Context**
- 3. Concept Plan Options**
- 4. Small Group Discussions, Questions and Feedback**
- 5. Next Steps**

# Team

## City of Toronto

**Laurel Christie – Senior Project Coordinator**

**Rajesh Sankat – Senior Public Consultation Coordinator**

**DTAH  
Design Team**

Landscape Architects - Lead  
James Roche  
Elnaz Sanati

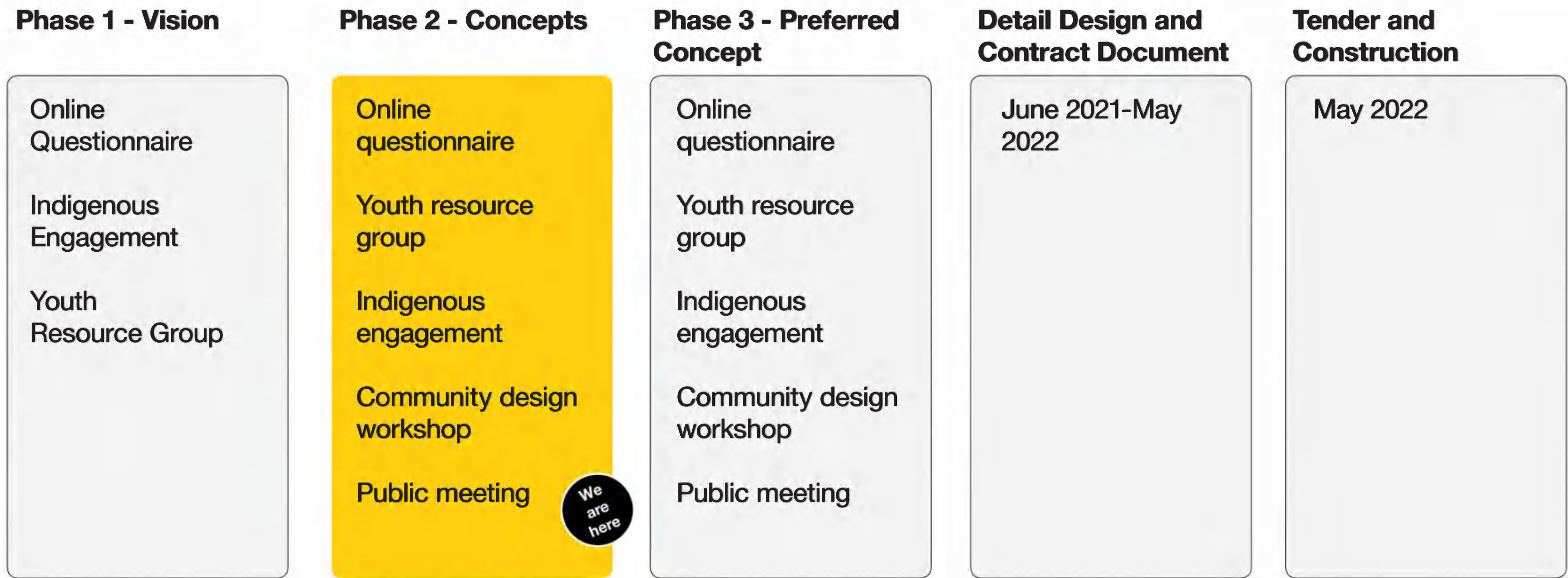
**LURA  
Public Engagement**

Liz McHardy  
Leah Snowden  
Alexander Furneaux

**Nbisiing Consulting  
Indigenous Engagement**

Bob Goulais

# Design and Consultation Process Flow Chart

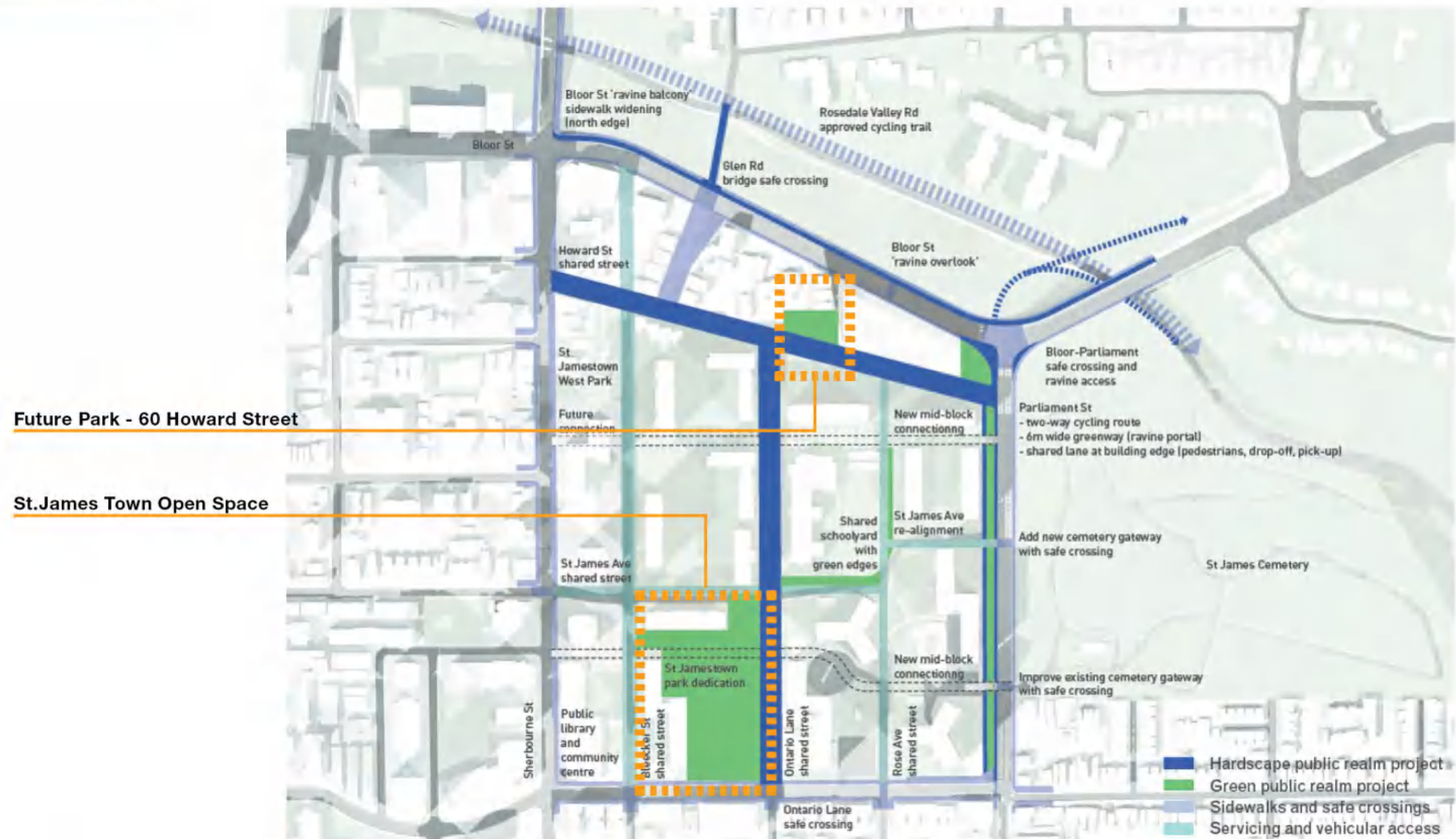


# Background and Context

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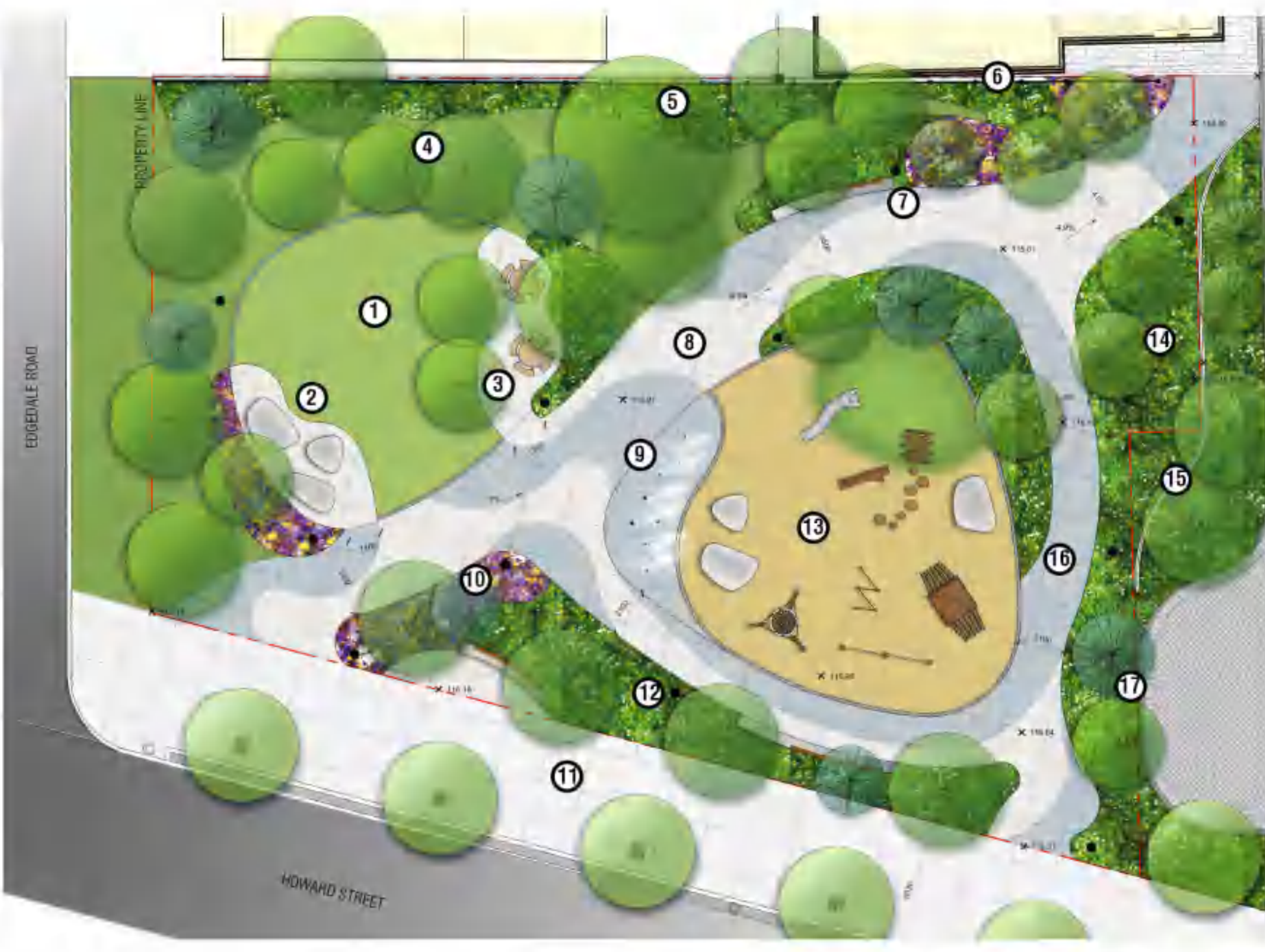
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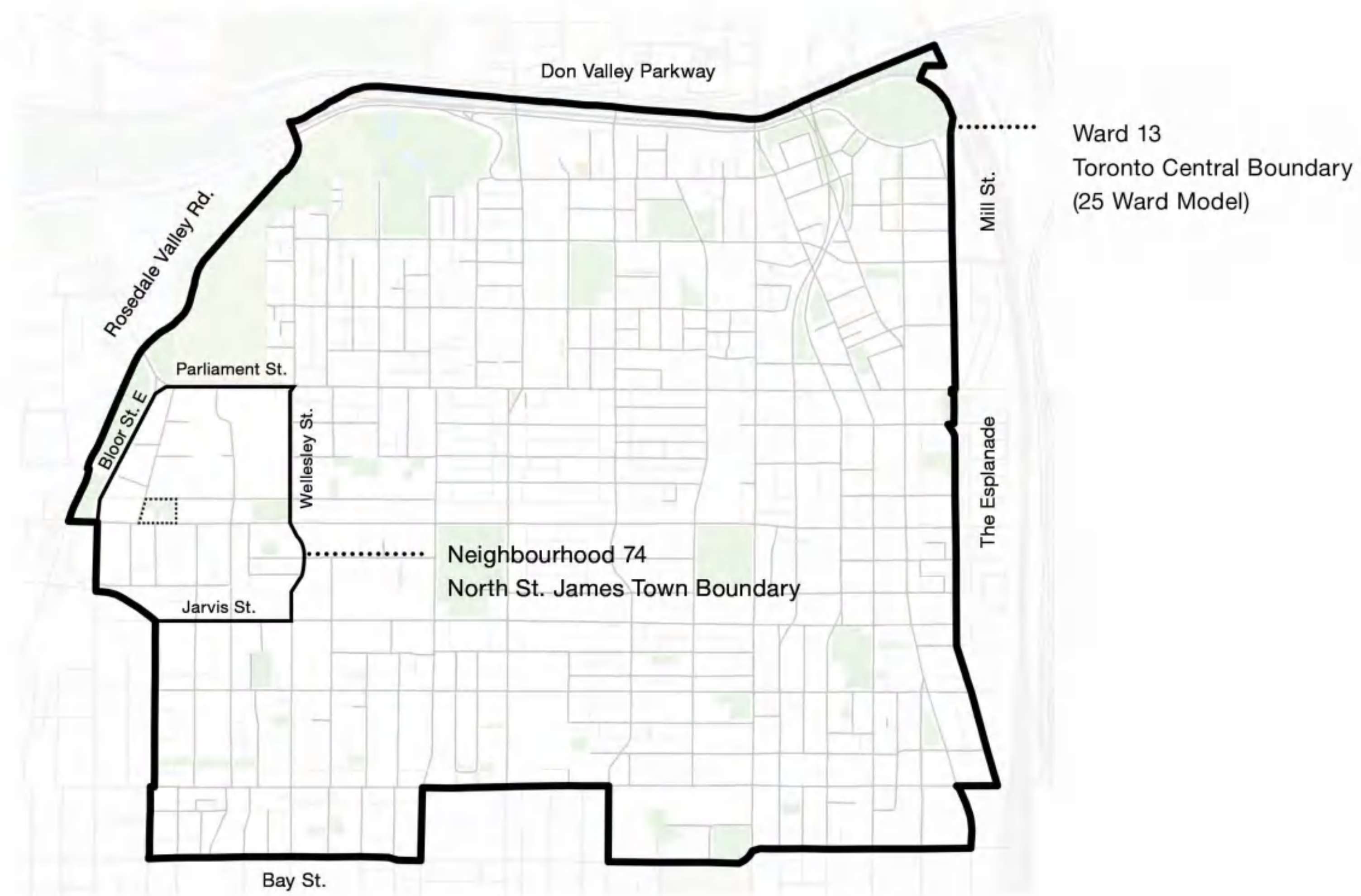


St.James Town Open Space



Future Park - 60 Howard Street

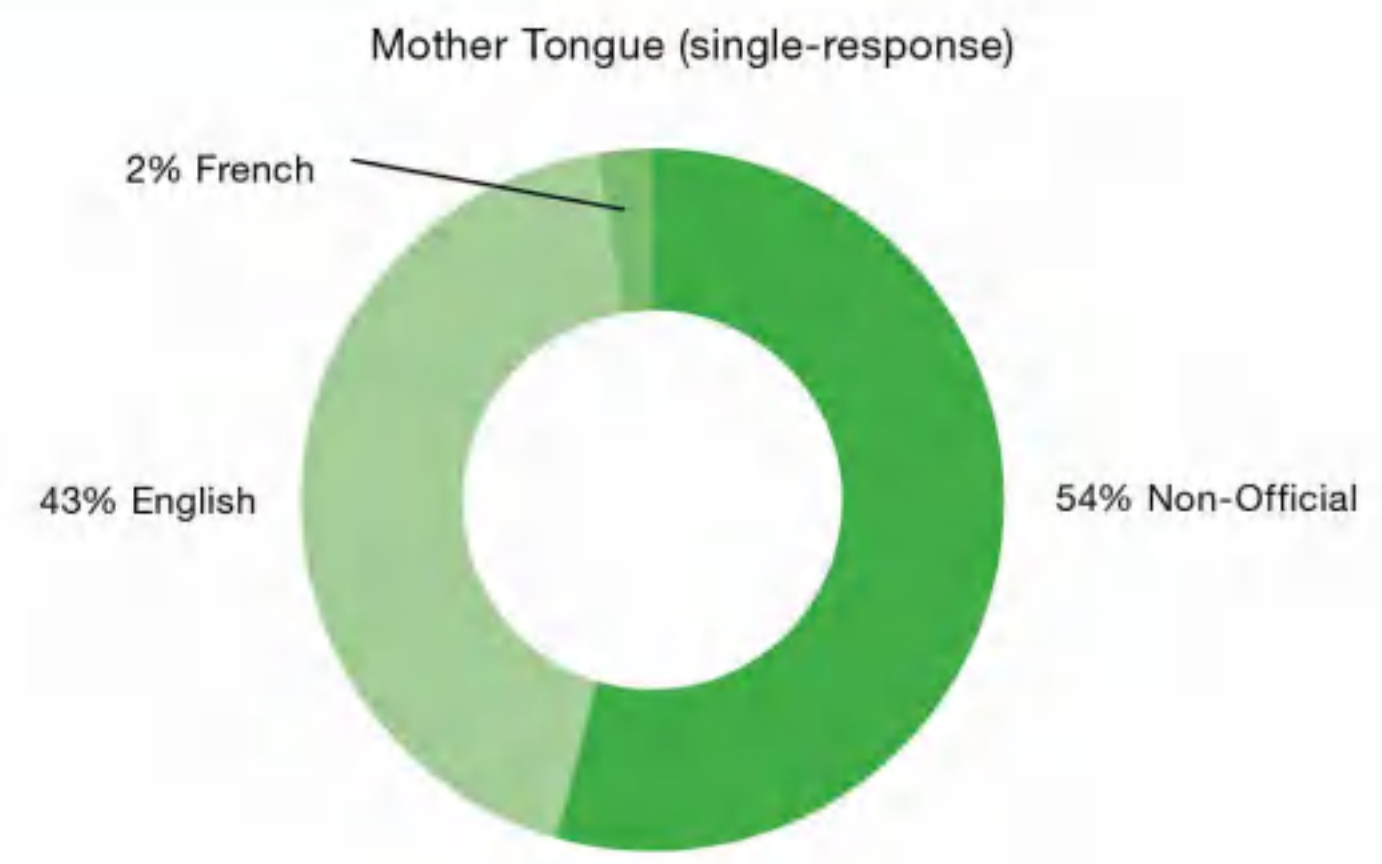
# Ward and Neighbourhood Boundaries



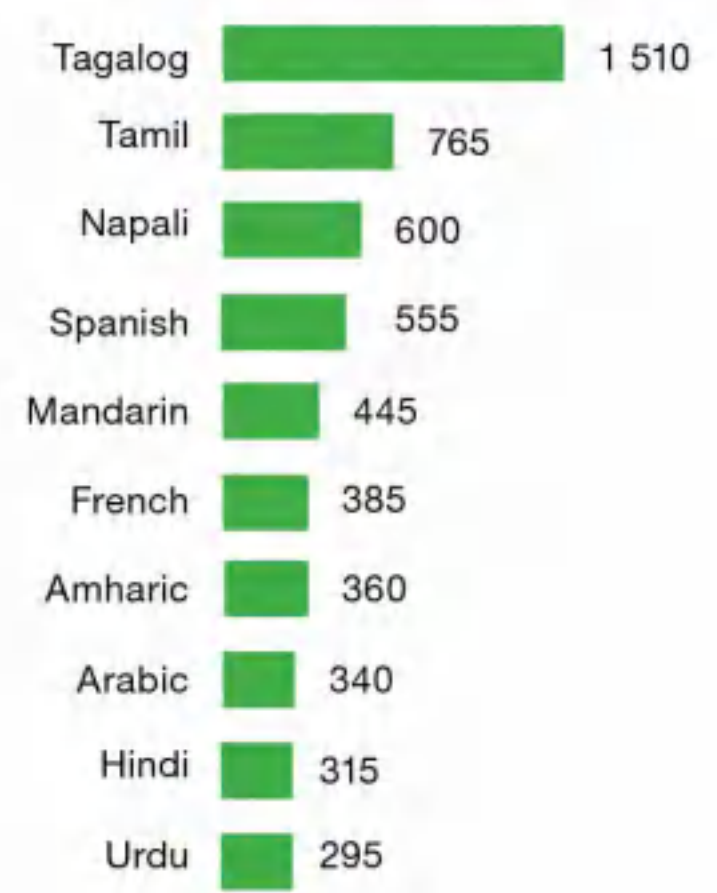
# North St. James Town Neighbourhood Profile

	North St. James Town	Toronto
Median Household Income	\$41,016	\$65,829
Poverty (MBM)	40.1%	21.9%
Low income (LIM-AT)	36.4%	20.2%

Immigrants	51.6%	51.2%
Recent Immigrants	13.8%	7.0%
Non-Permanent Residents	8.0%	3.5%
Second Generation	21.7%	27.5%
Visible Minority Population	66.9%	66.9%
Indigenous	1.0%	0.9%
Canadian Citizens	74.4%	85.3%



Top 10 Non-English Mother Tongue Languages



Adapted from City of Toronto Neighbourhood Profiles, 2016

# TO Core Study

St. James Town is the **most populated neighbourhood** in the TOcore study area at almost 26 000 people

It also has the **2<sup>nd</sup> highest proportion of renters** (82%) of downtown neighbourhoods

**Unemployment** is the second highest in the Core and nearly a quarter of those employed have only part-time work

St. James Town has a **high presence of children** under 15 years and both the **most single parent** households and couples with children in the Core

St. James Town has the **highest percentage of people 65 years and older** and the highest number of children 0-9 years in the Core

One of the most **diverse neighbourhoods** in the Core with the **highest presence of immigrants.**

Compiled from TO Core Neighbourhood Profiles, 2016 as well as St. James Town Connects Framework, 2018

# Context- 591 Sherbourne Development

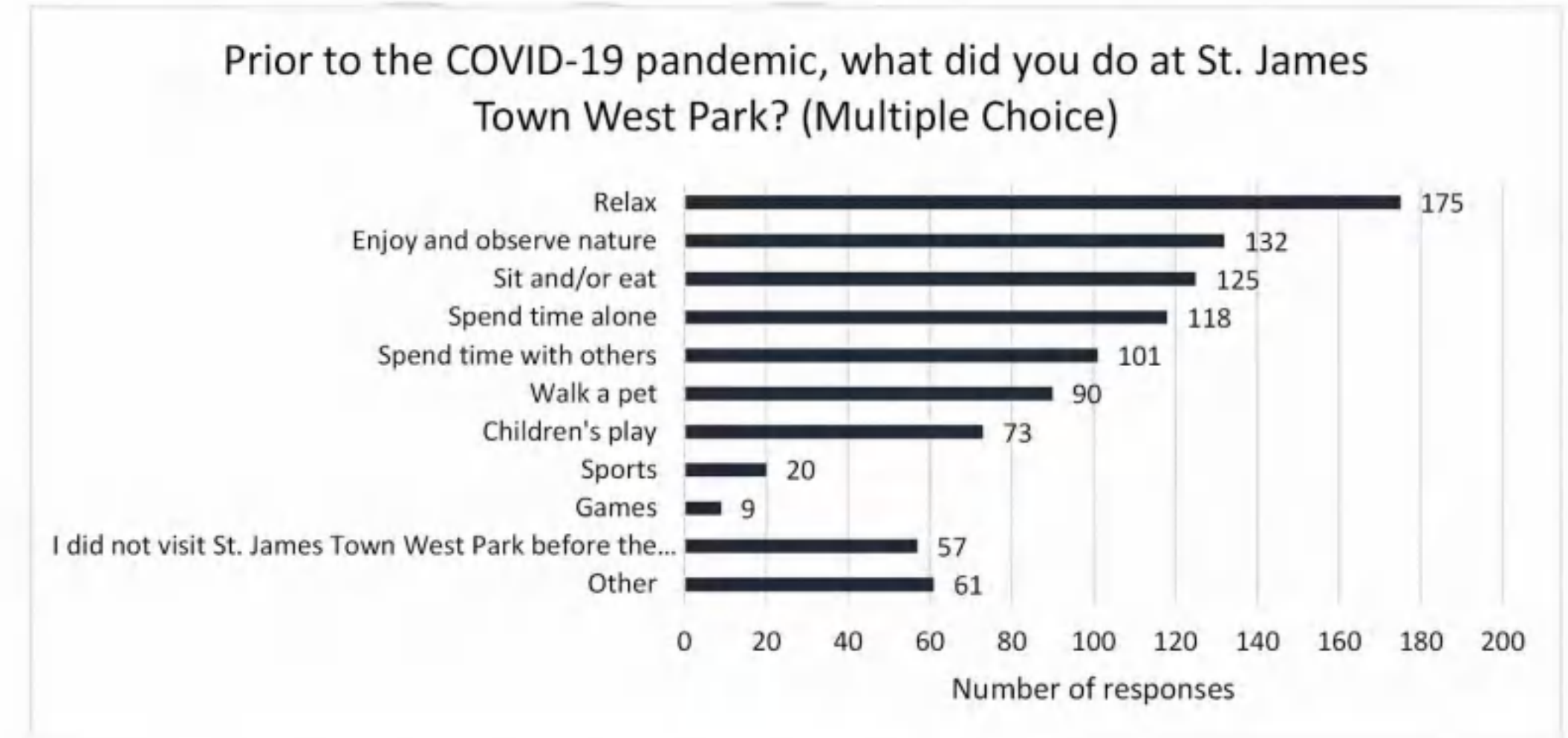
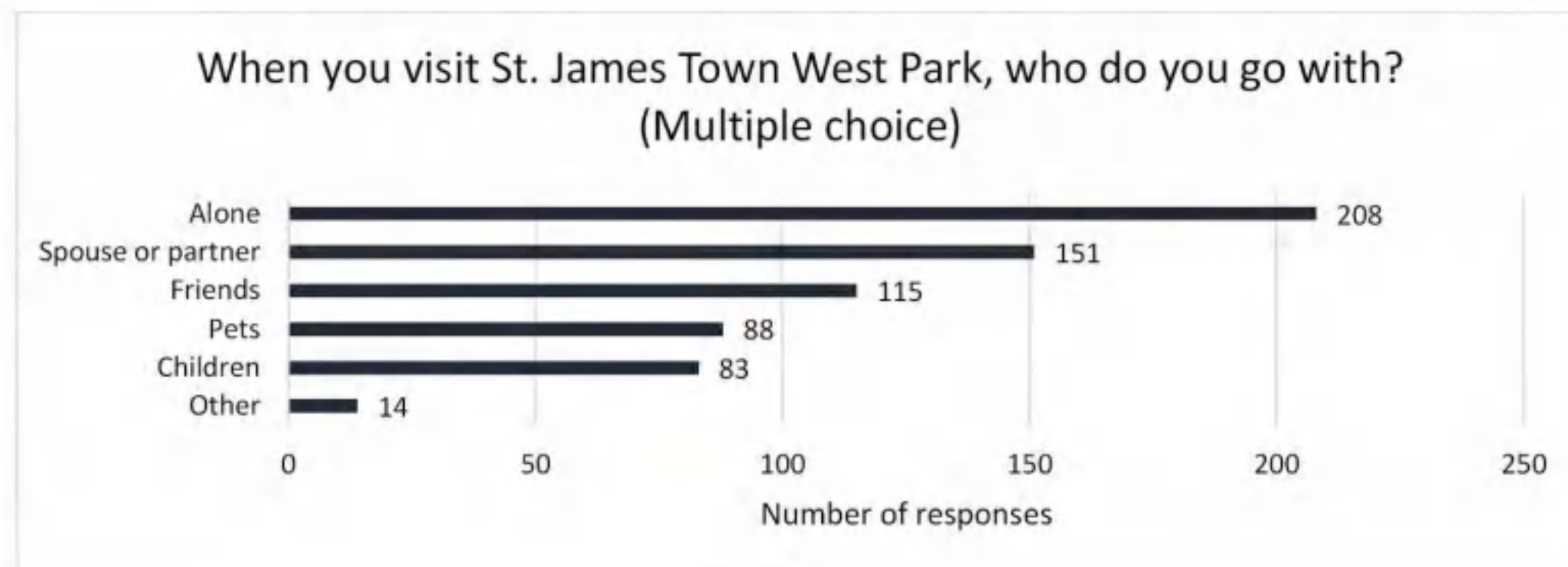


# Engagement Tactics



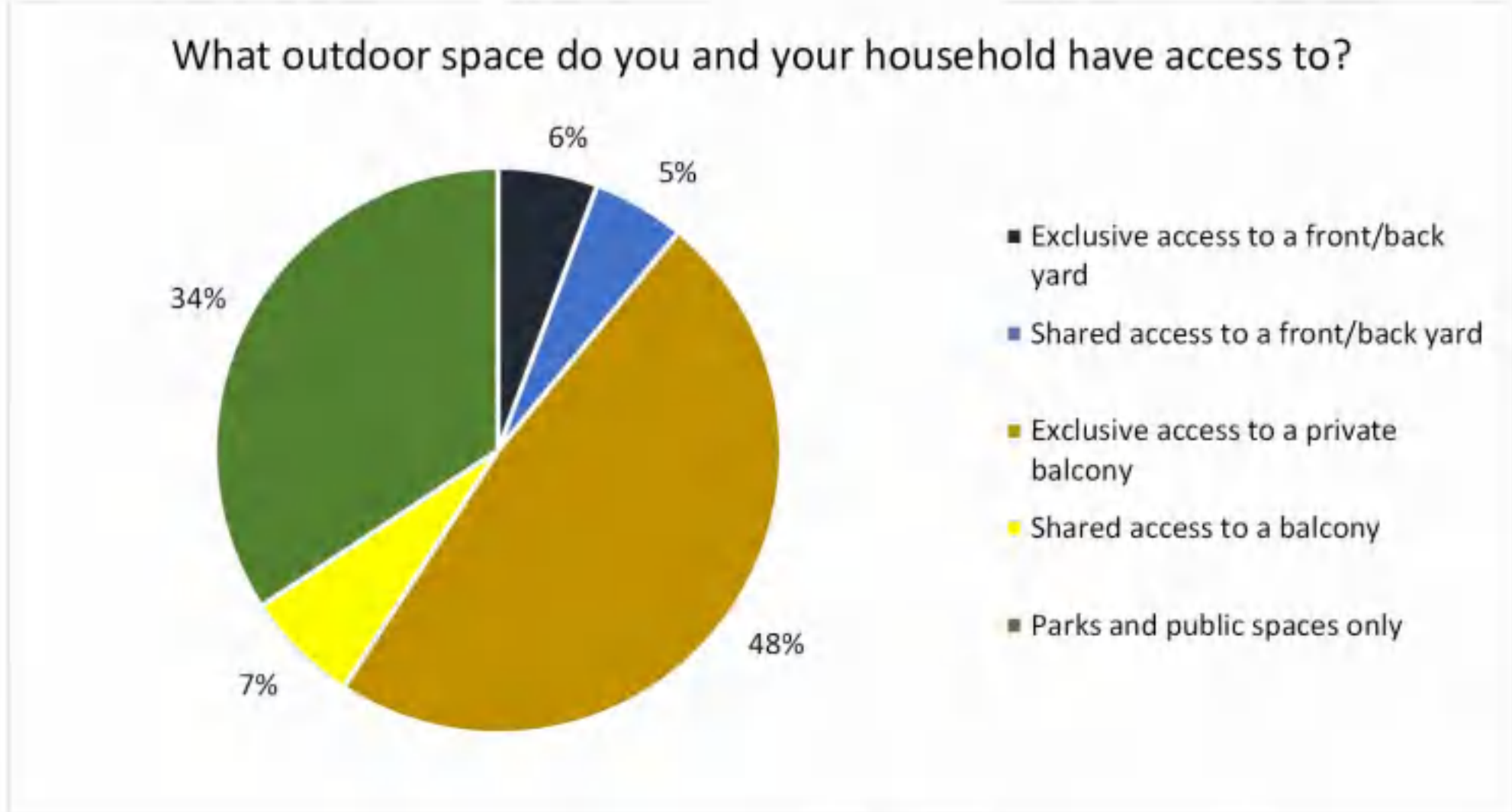
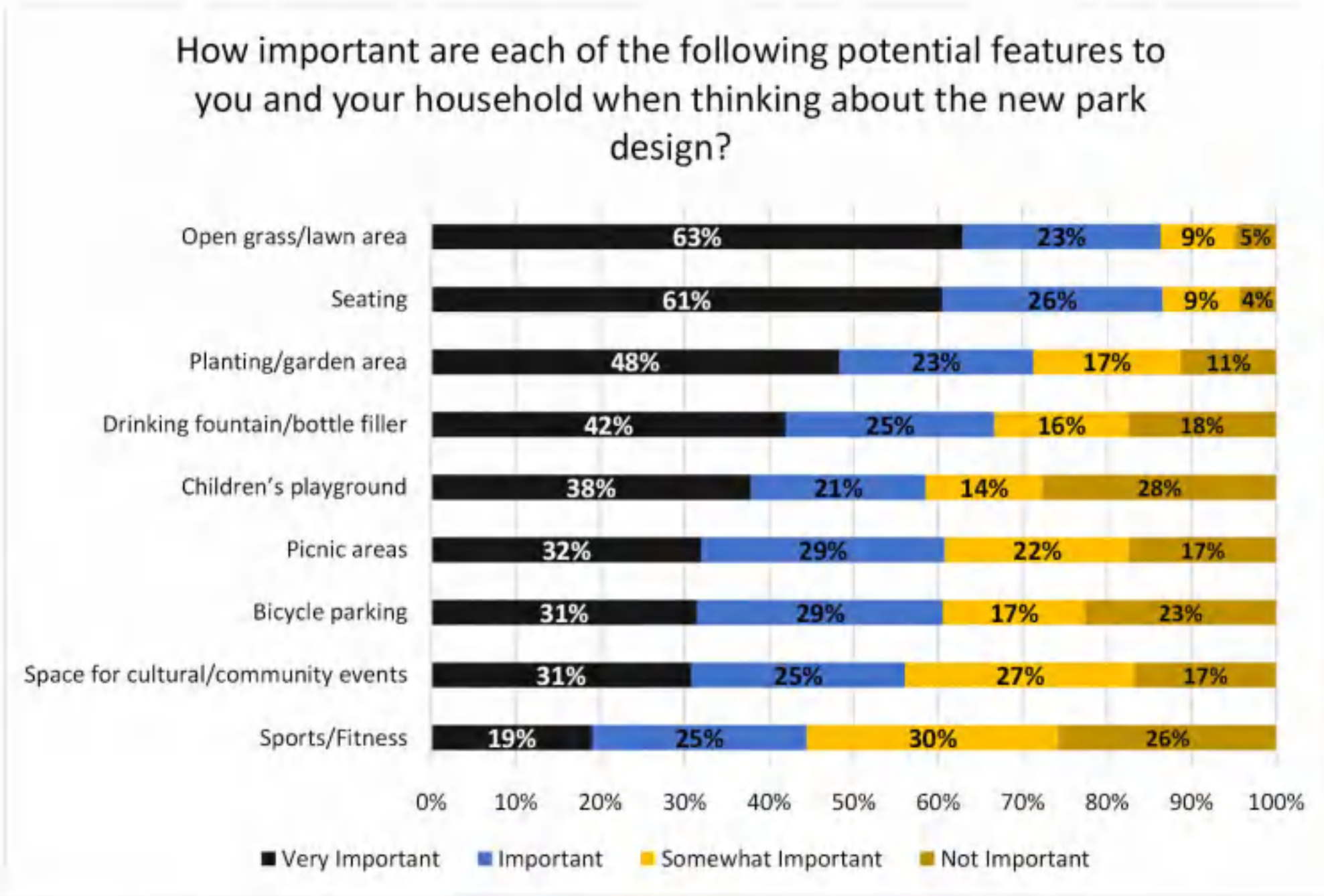
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Survey Results March, 2021



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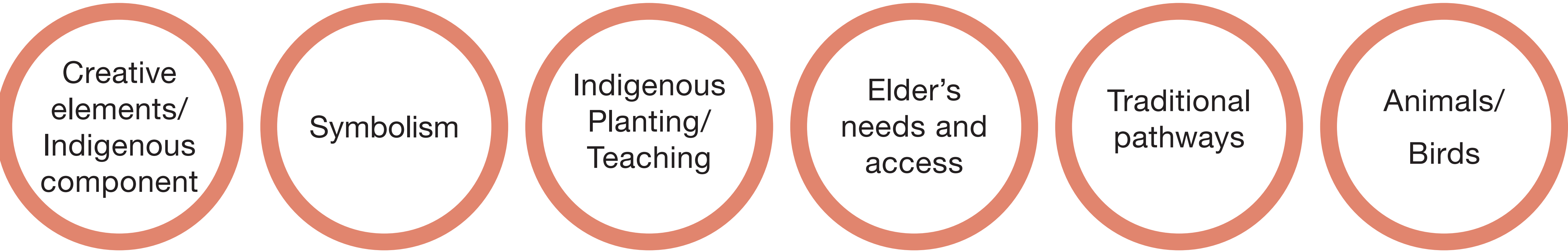
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Youth Workshop No.1 March 23rd, 2021



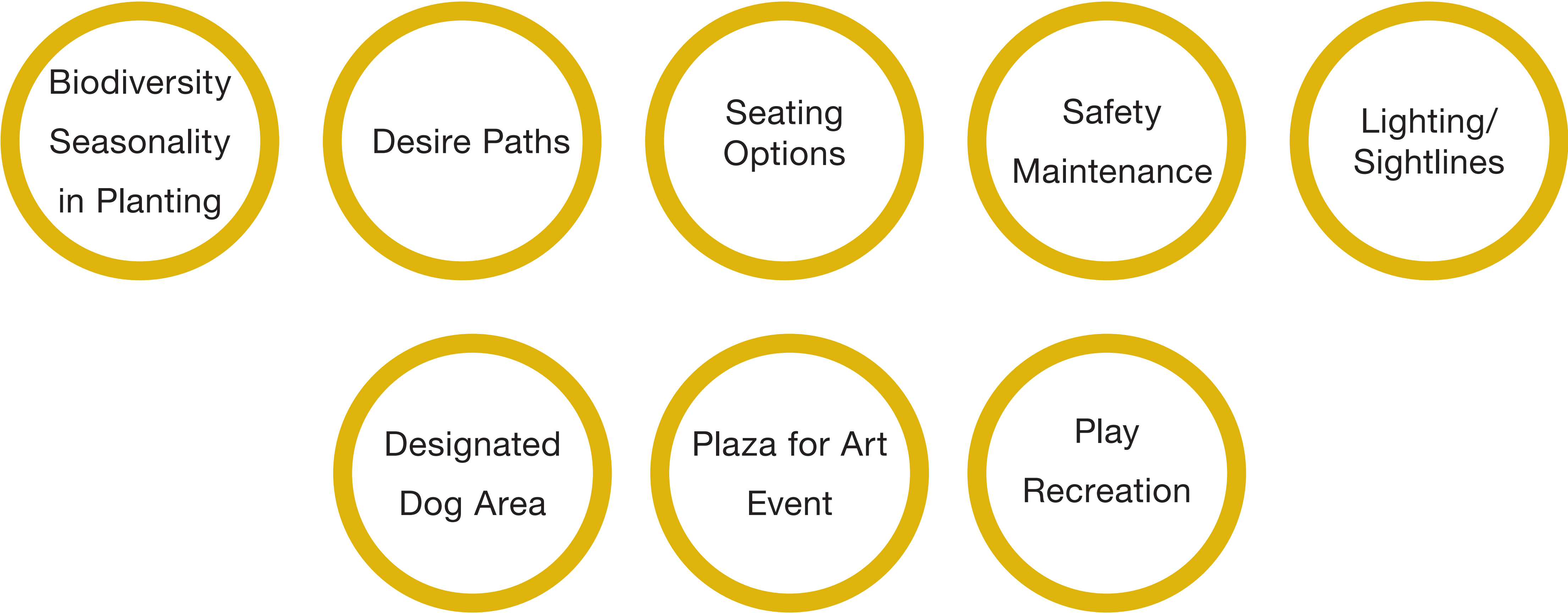
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Indigenous Community Sharing Meeting Feb 18, 2021



# Engagement Summary

Survey Results March, 2021



# Design Guidelines

# Scale Comparison



Allen  
Gardens  
57000 sqm



St. James  
Town West  
Park  
4200 sqm



Dundas  
Square  
3800 sqm

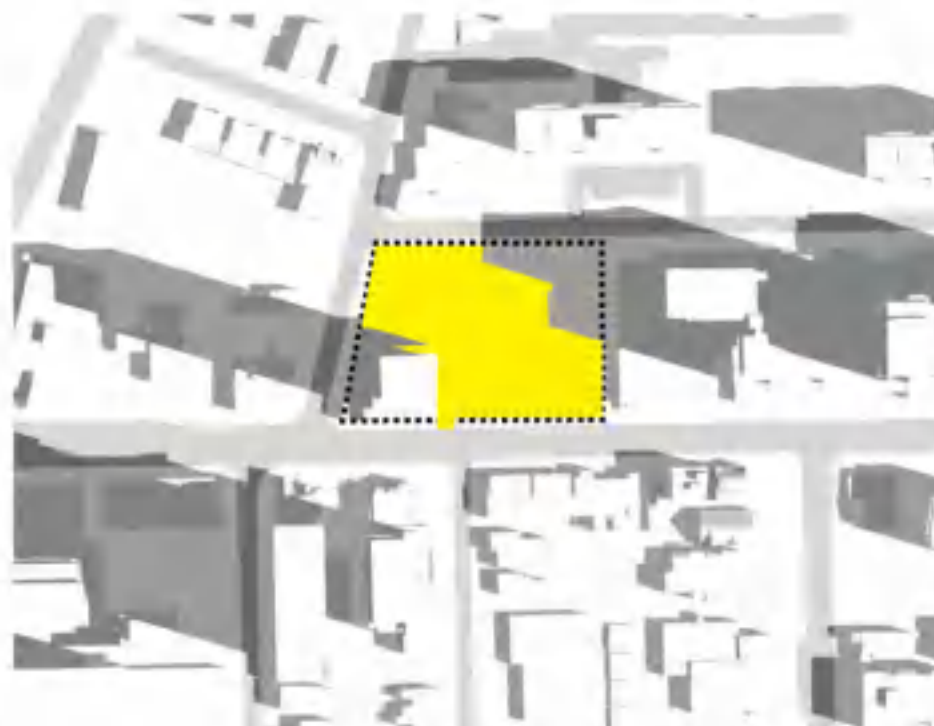


Soccer Field  
4050 sqm

# Shadow Study



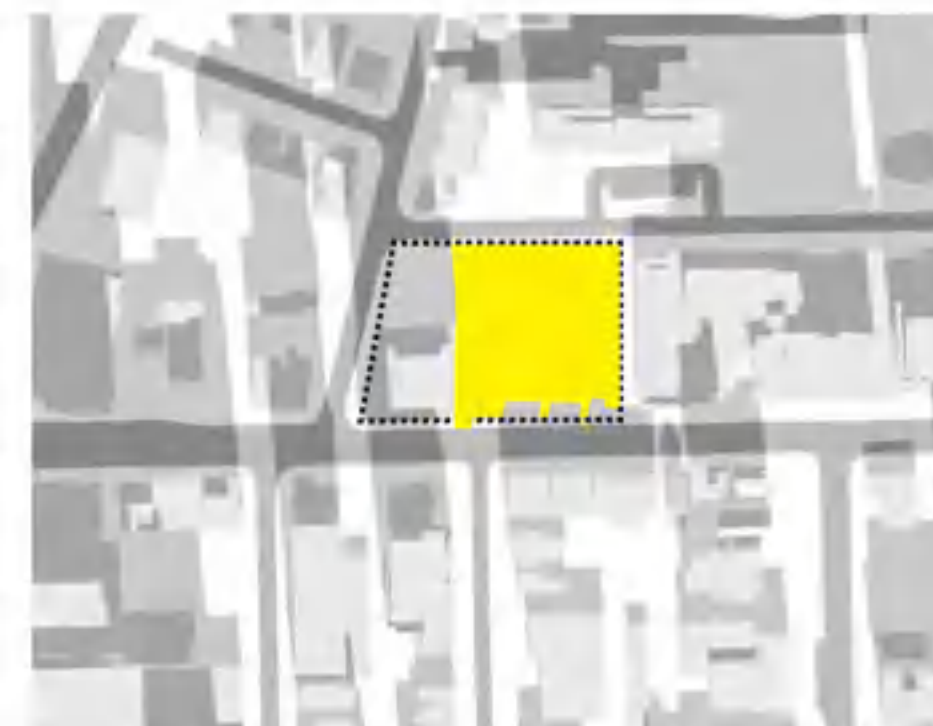
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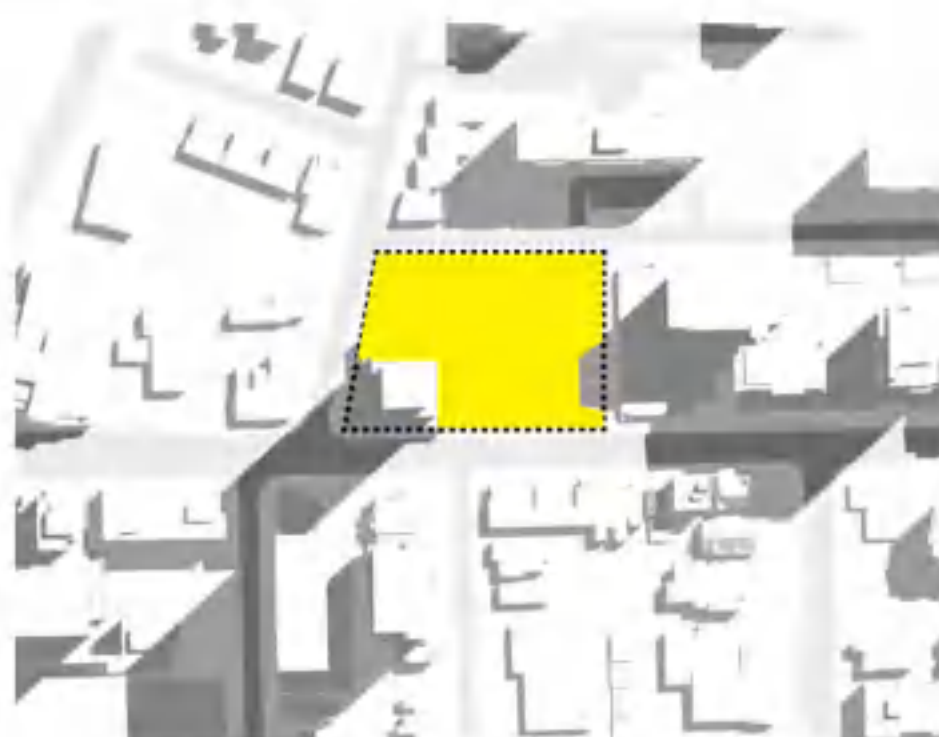
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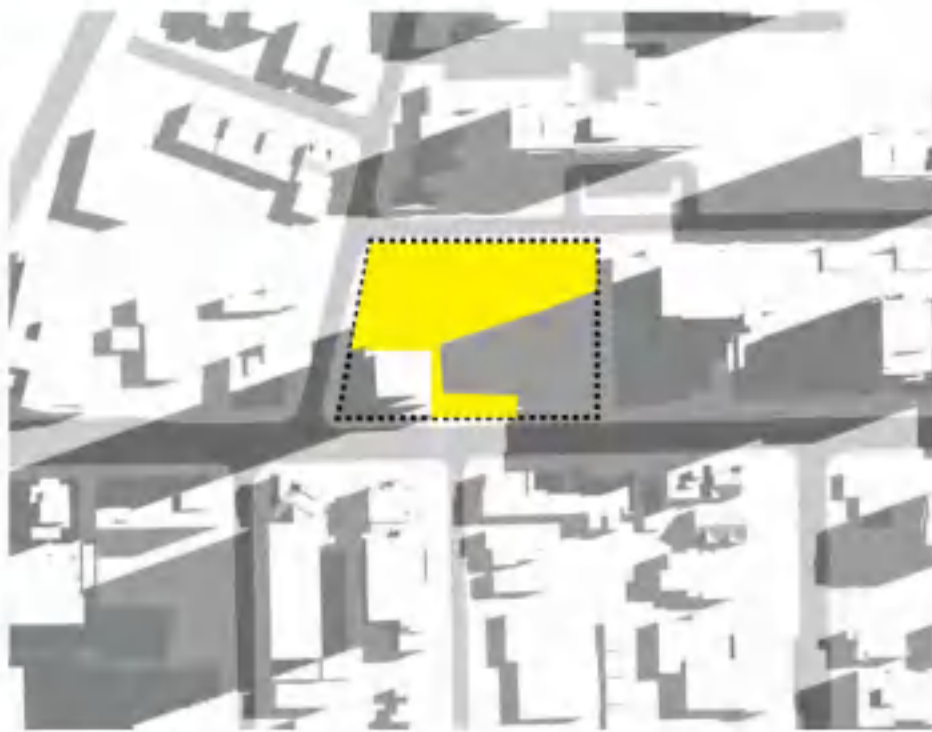


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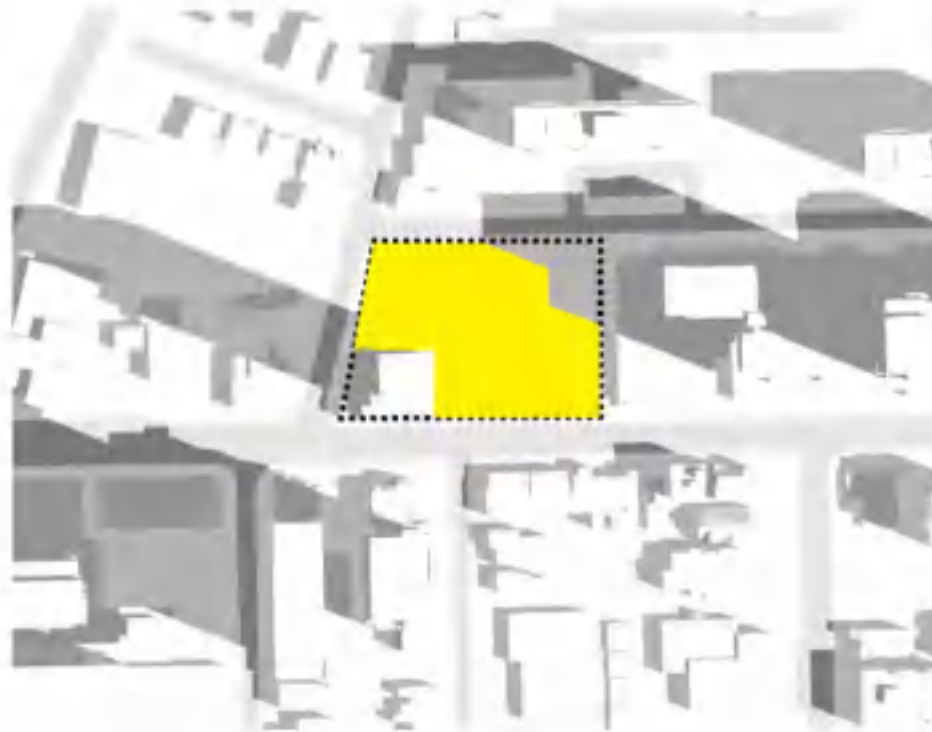


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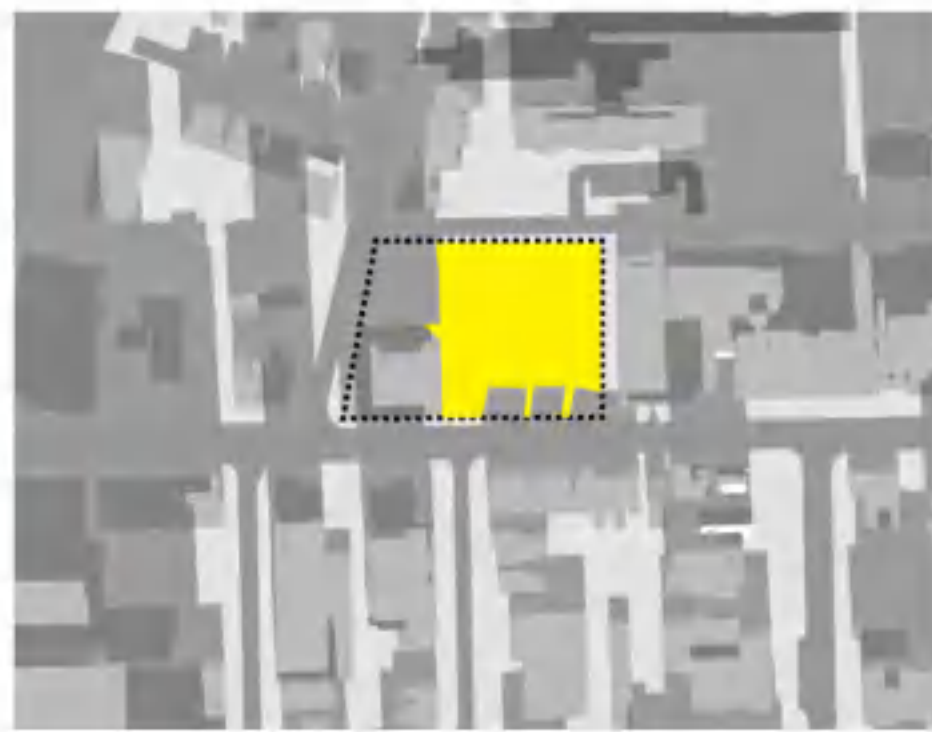
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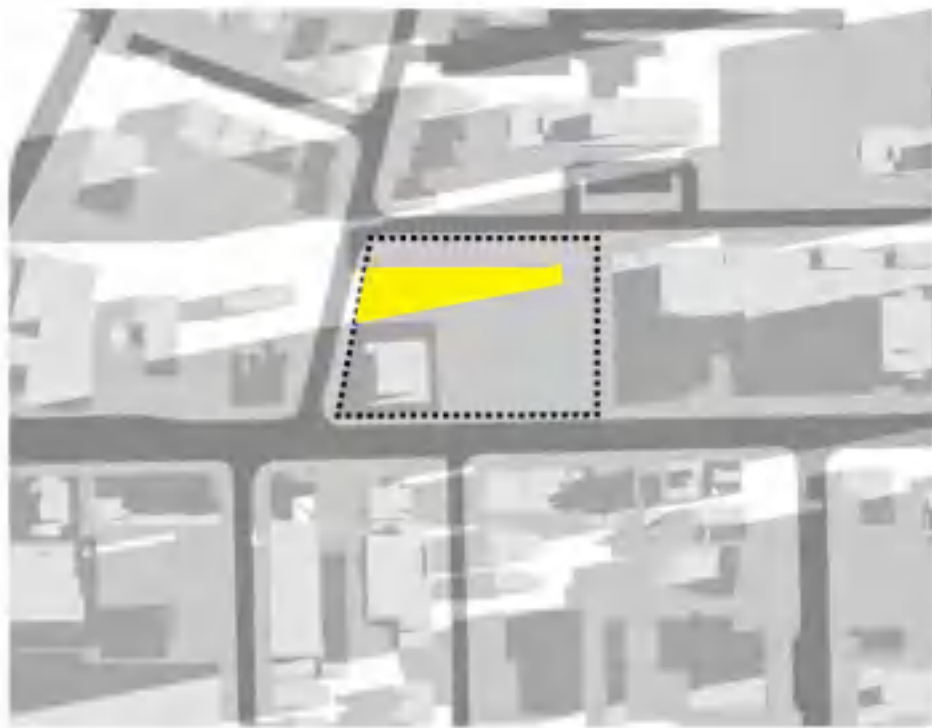
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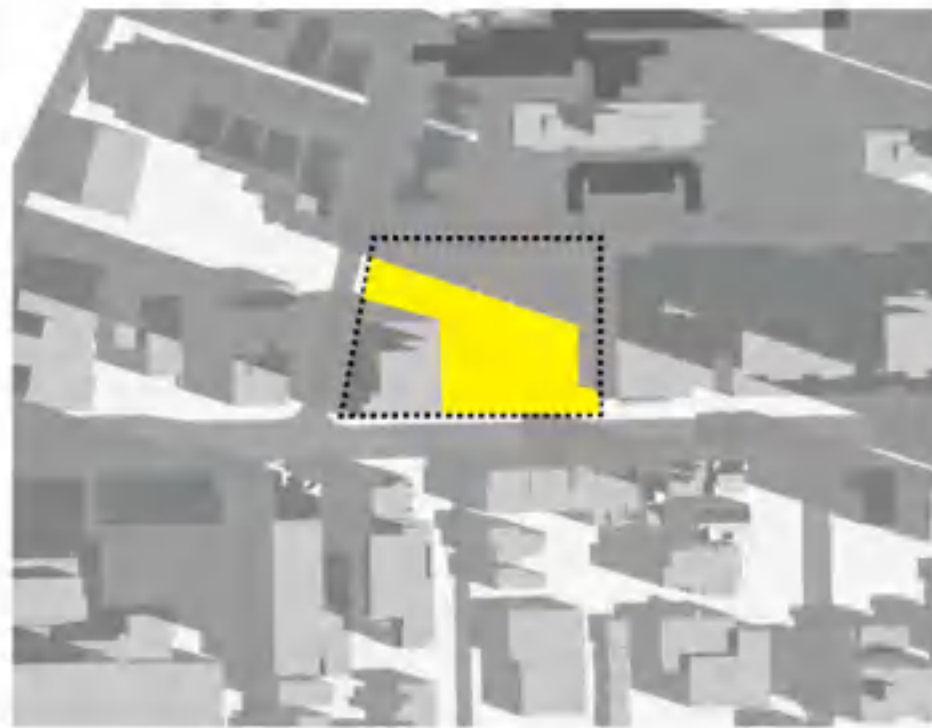
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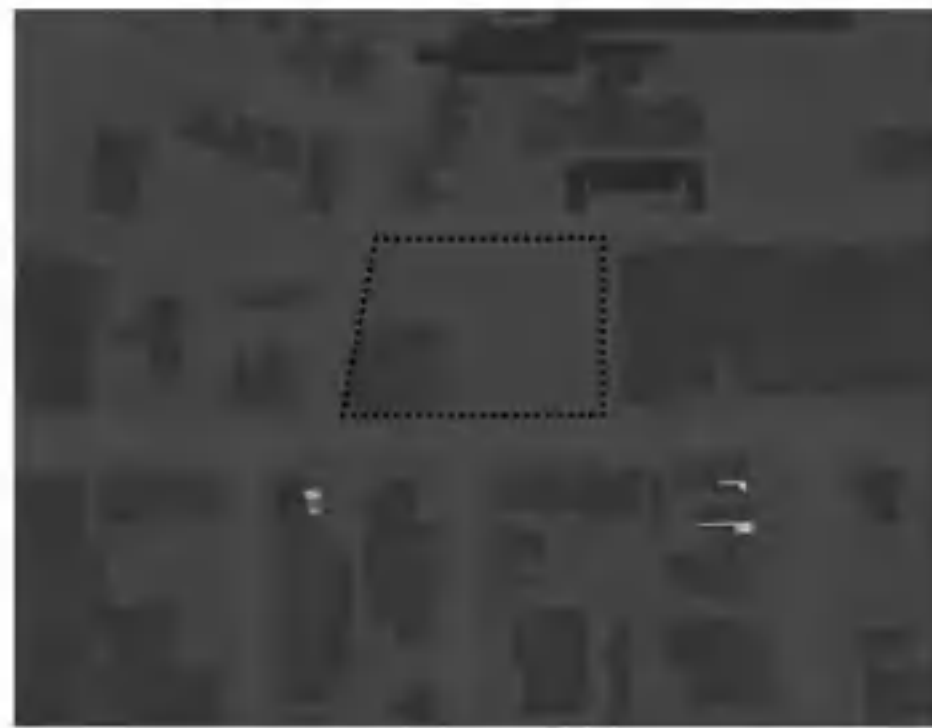
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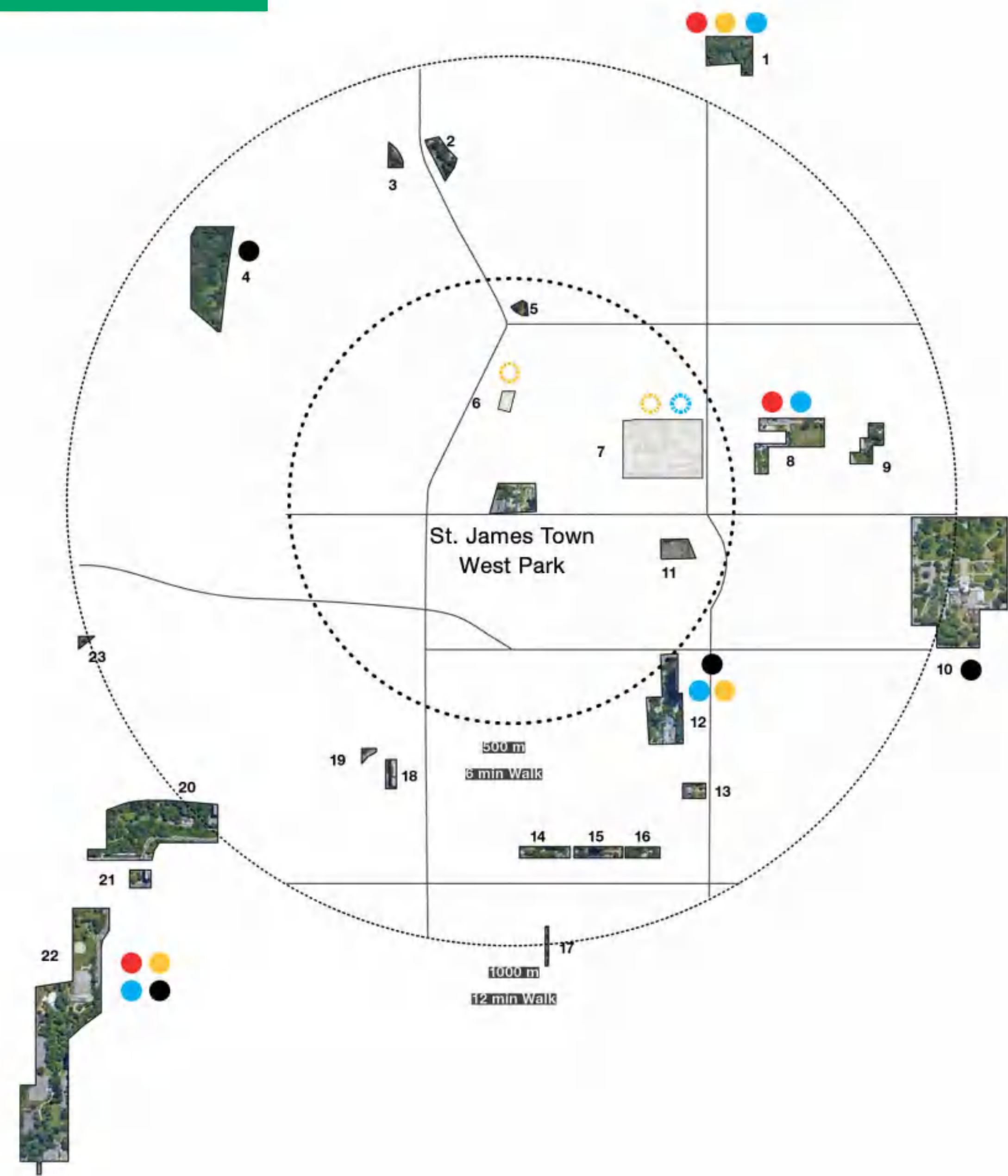


December 21, 2:30 pm



December 21, 4:30 pm

# Neighbourhood Parks



1. Wellesley Park
2. Prince Edward Viaduct Parkette
3. Drumsnab Parkette
4. Craigleigh Gardens
5. Rehai Family Parkette
6. Howard Street Parkette
7. St. James Town Public Realm Improvements
8. Winchester Park
9. Winchester Square Park
10. Allen Gardens
11. Wellesley-Magill Park
12. Barbara Hall Park
13. Paul Kane House Parkette
14. George Hislop Park
15. Norman Jewison Park
16. James Canning Gardens
17. St. Mary Street Parkette
18. Asquith Green Park
19. Milner Parkette
20. Severn Creek Park
21. Bud Sugarman Park
22. Ramsden Park
23. Alex Murray Parkette

- Parks with Water Play
- Parks with Playground
- Parks with DOLA
- Parks with Active Recreation
- Parks with Future Amenities

# Links and Connections

## Transit Connections

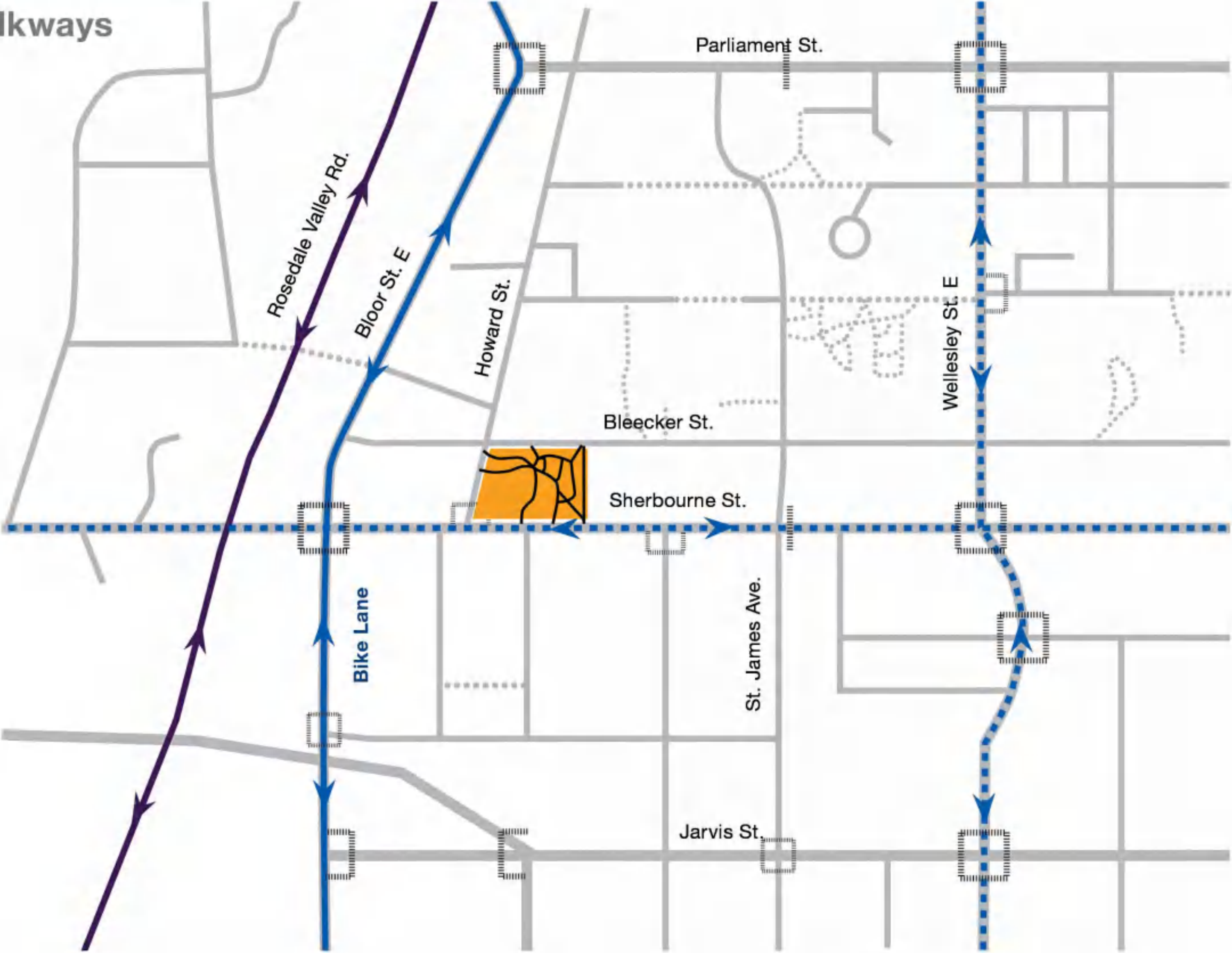
- ..... Bus Route
- Subway Line



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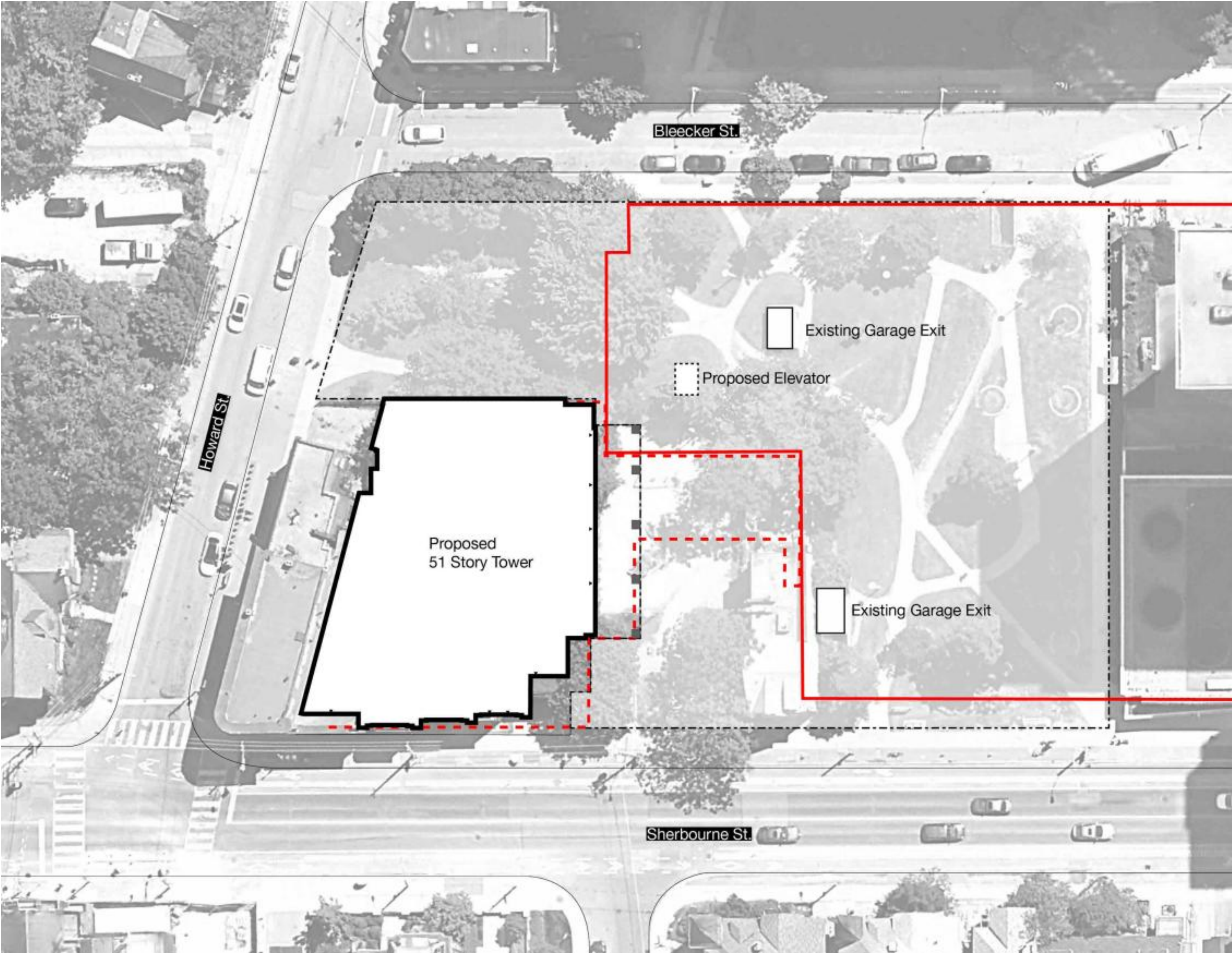
## Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Walkways

- ..... Cycle Track
- Bike Lane
- Multi-Use Trail



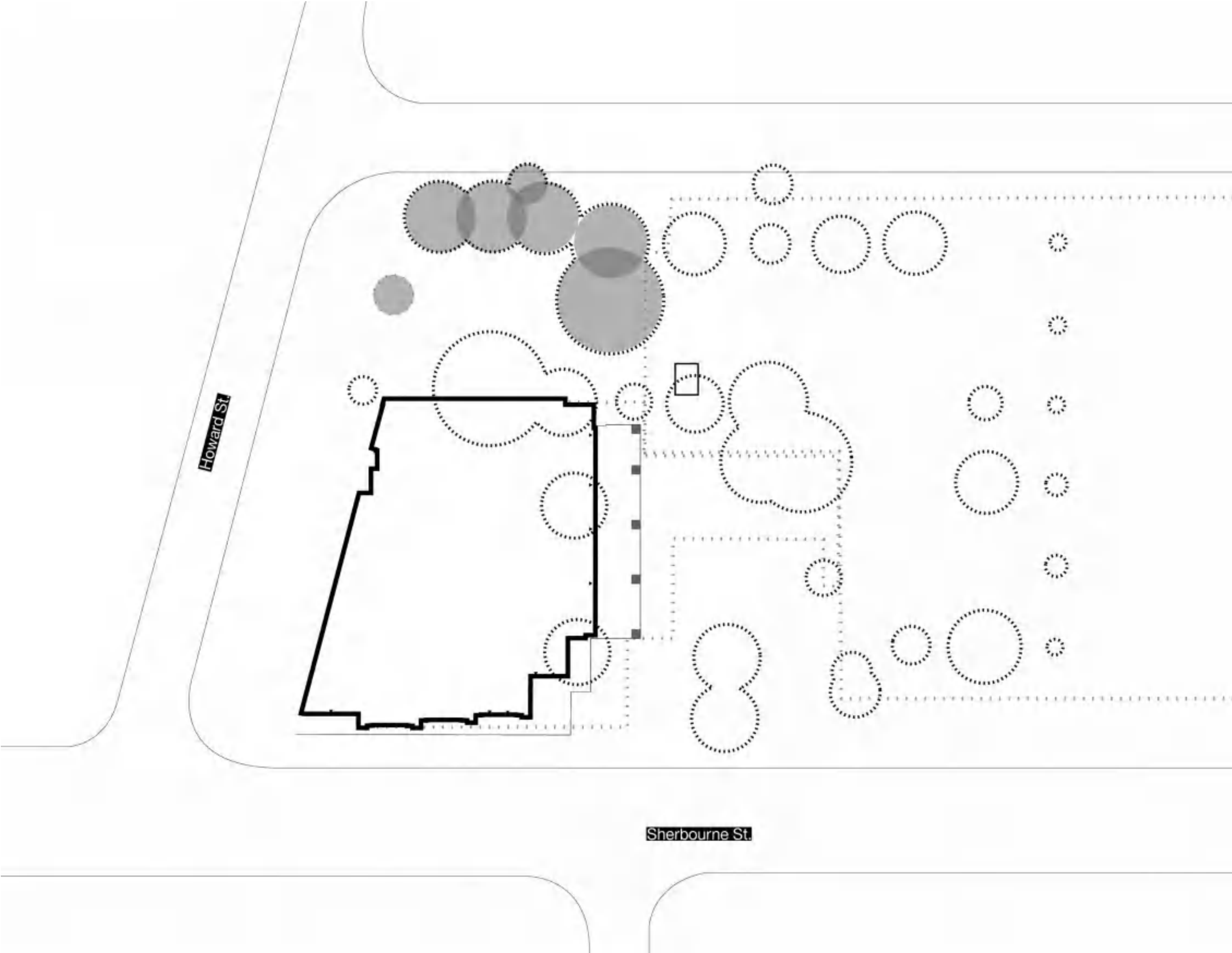
# Design Guideline

## New Development Underground Parking



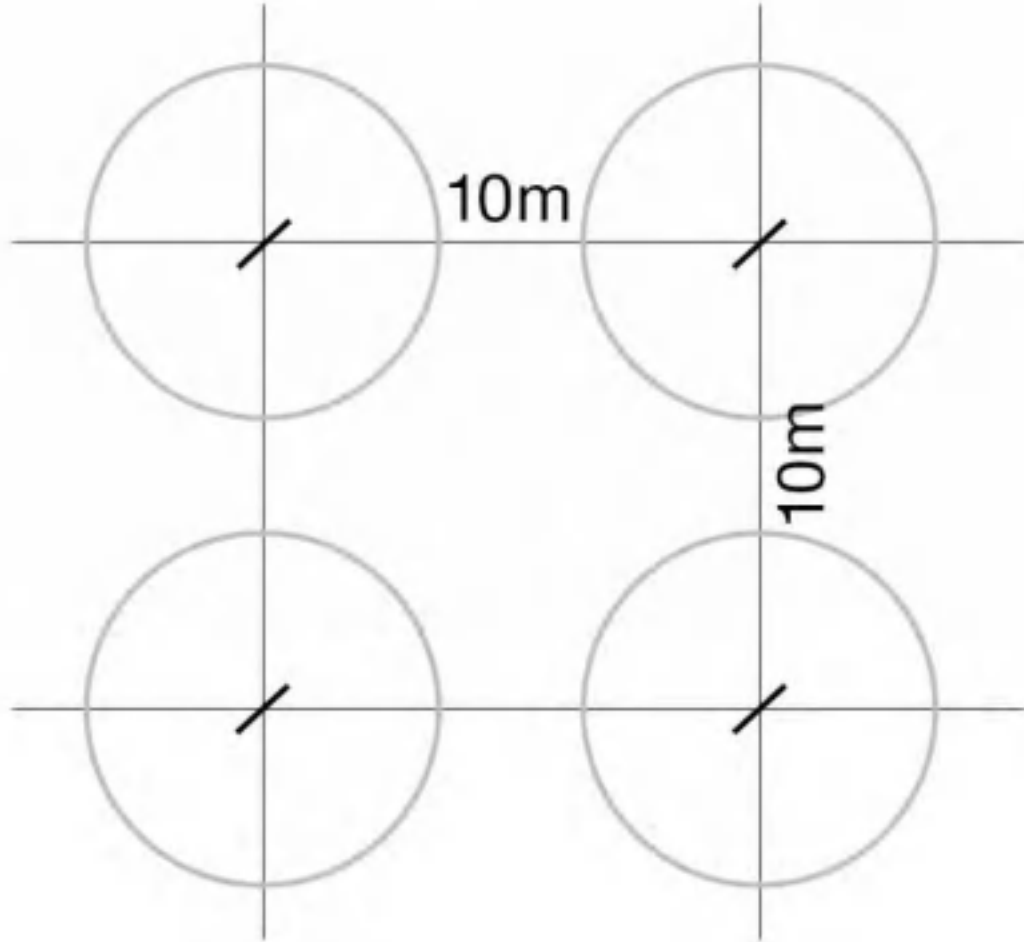
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## Existing Trees

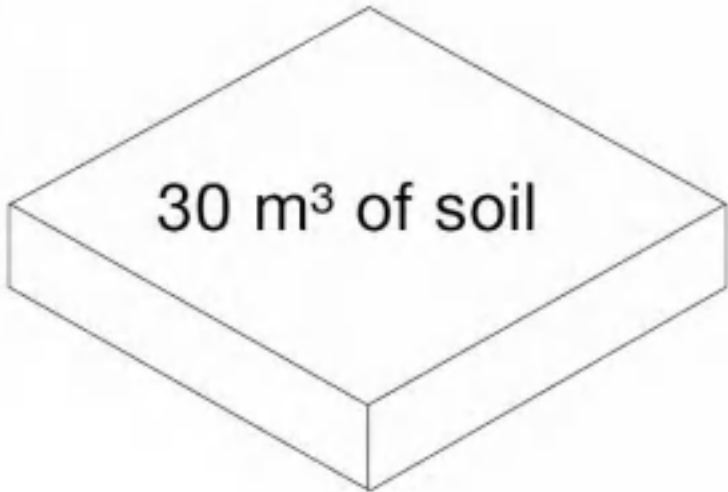


# Design Guideline

## Tree Regeneration Plan

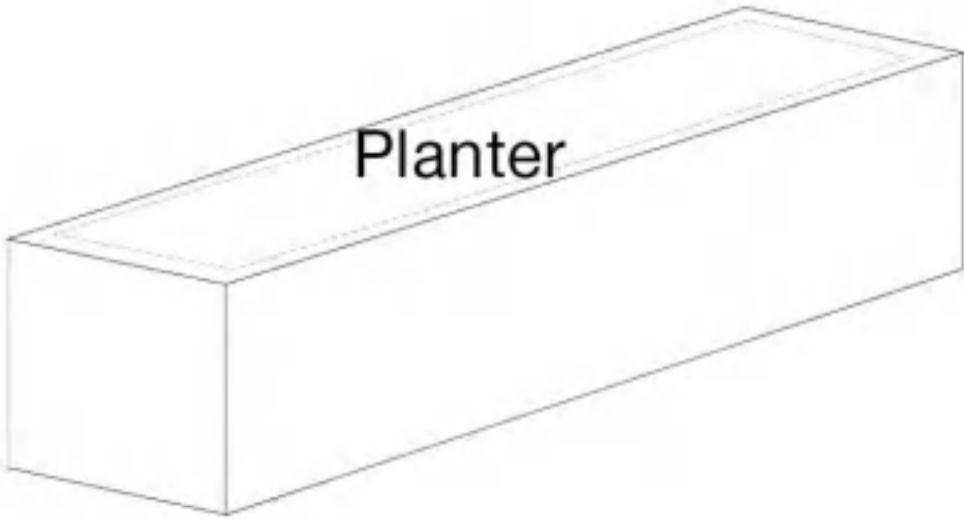


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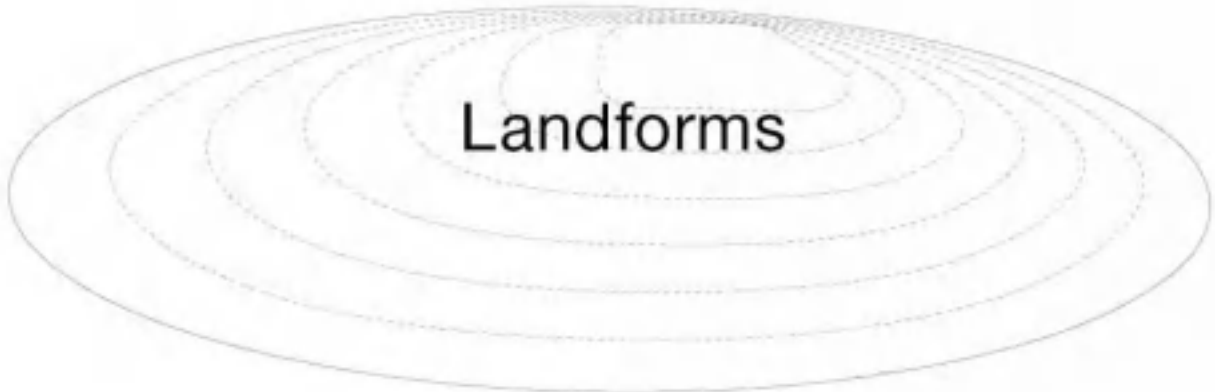


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Large Canopy Trees



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Small Trees+ Shrubs

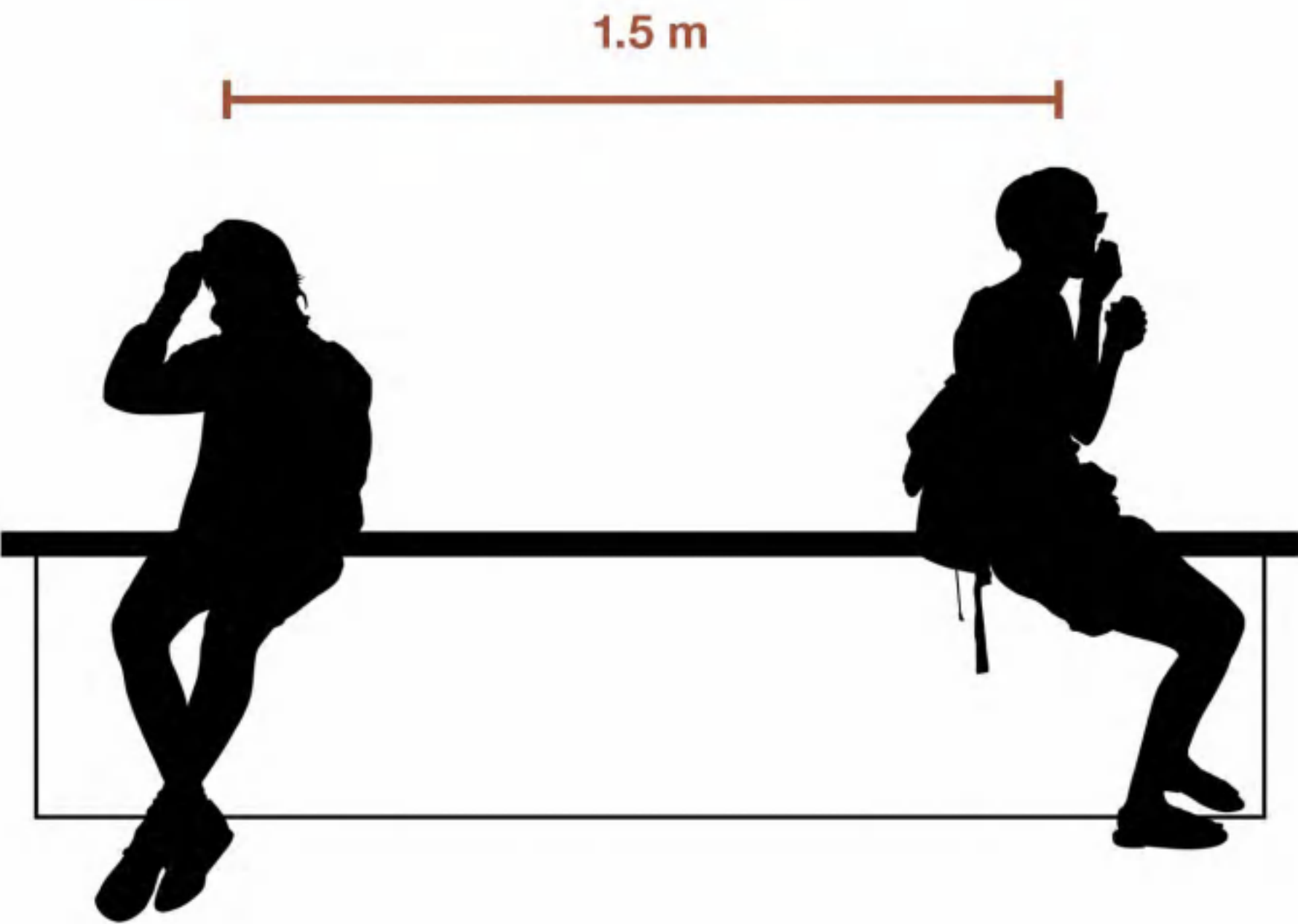
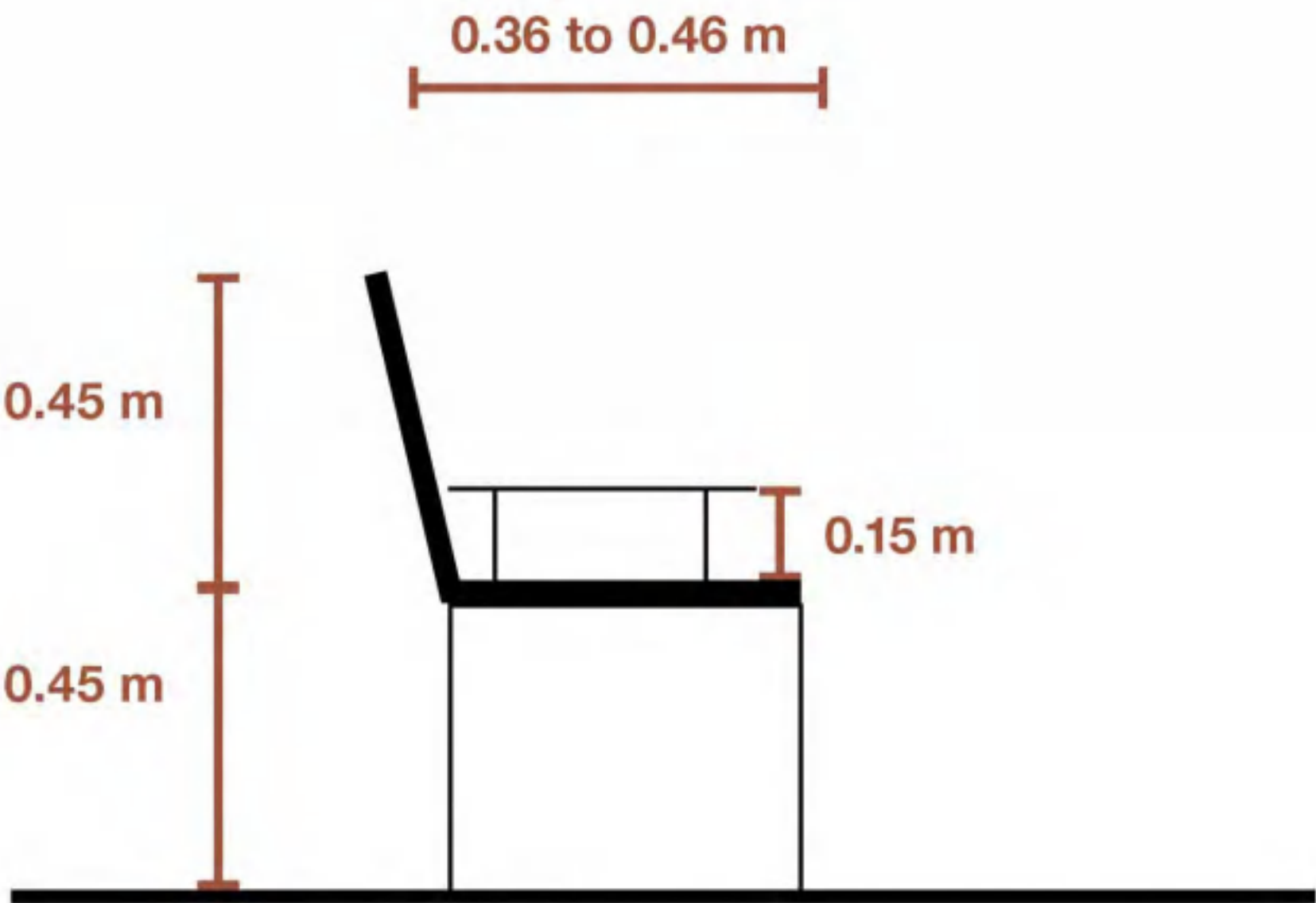
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## Existing Seating



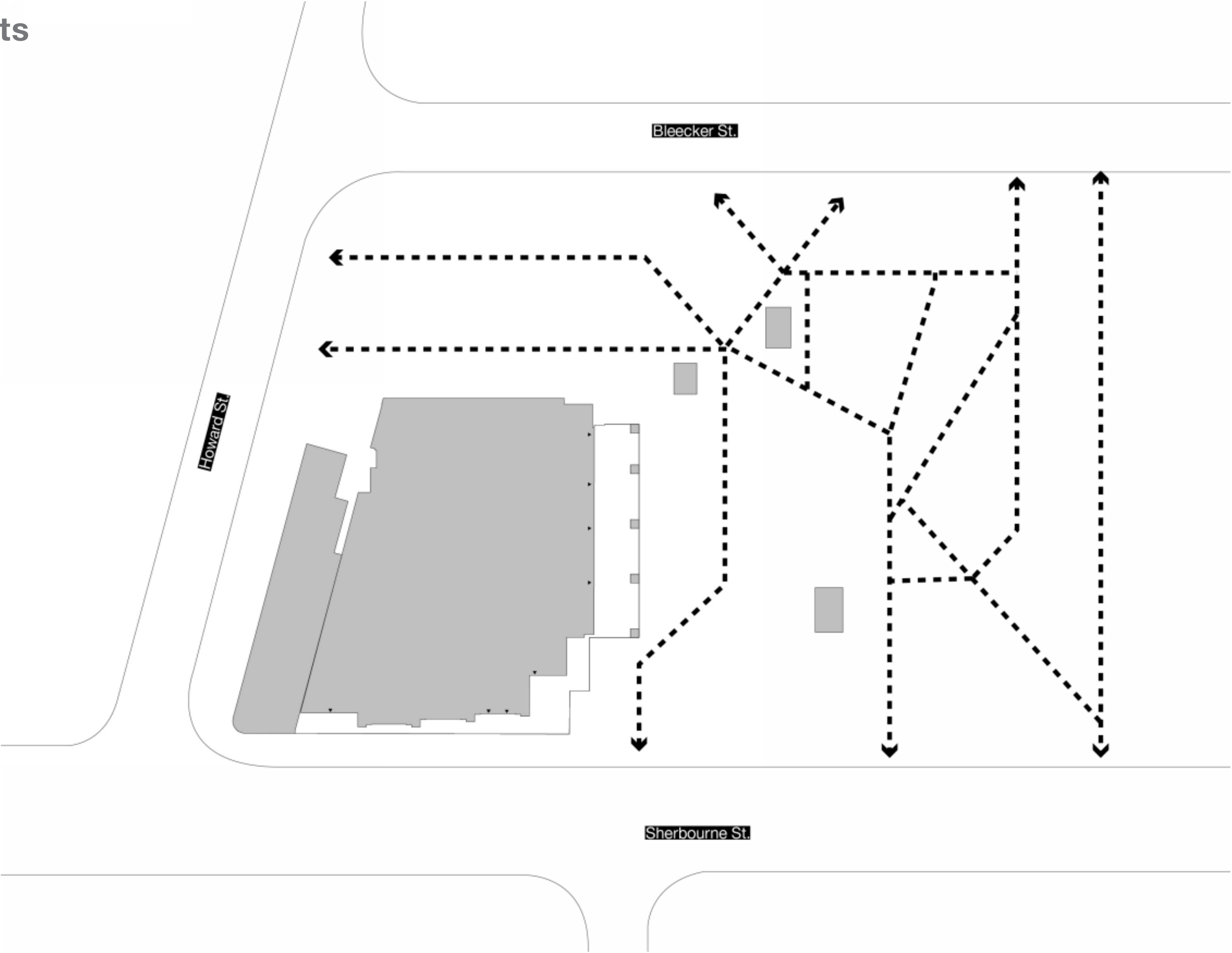
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## Create Comfortable Seating



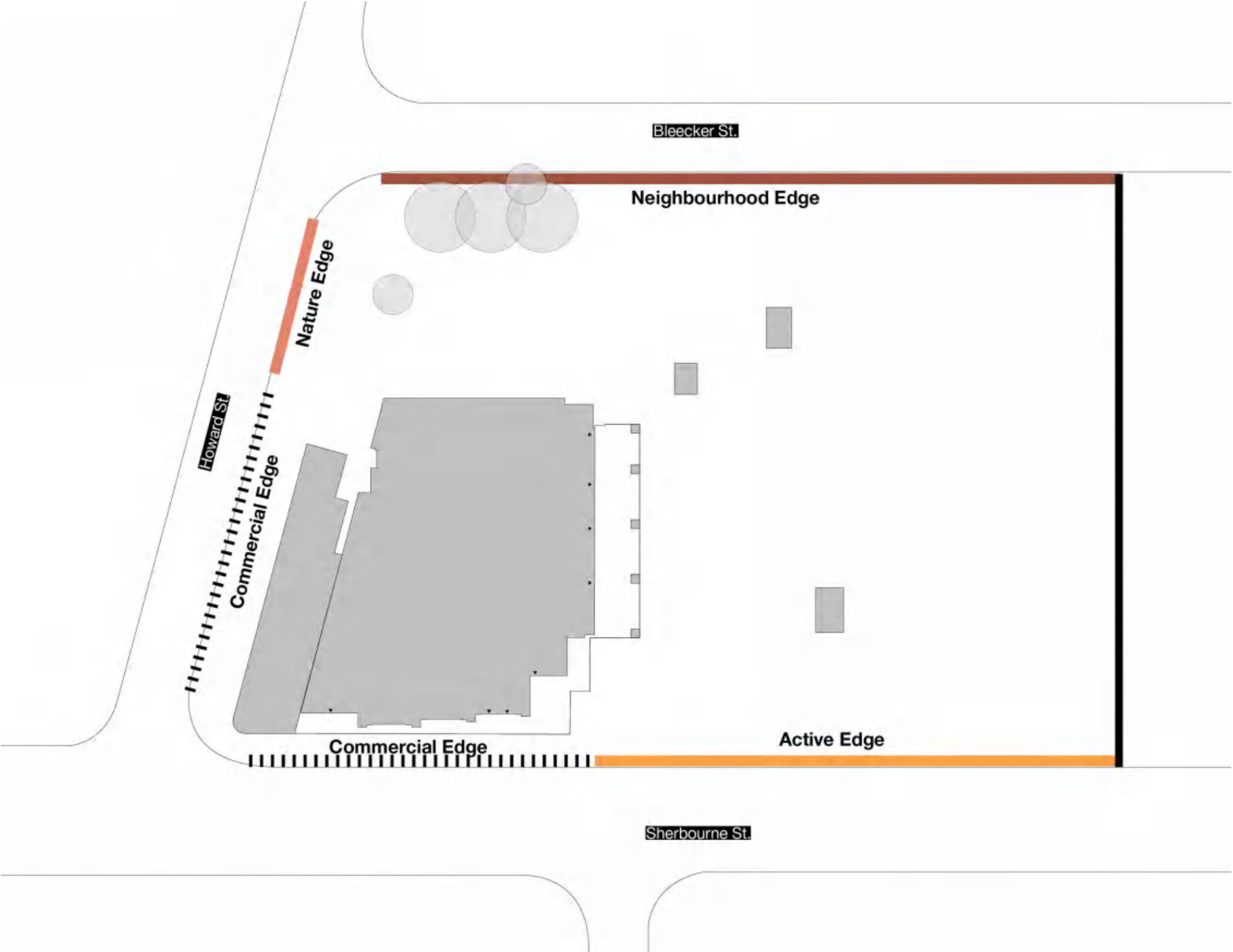
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## Circulation and Entry Points



# Design Guideline

## Edges



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Active Edge at Sherbourne



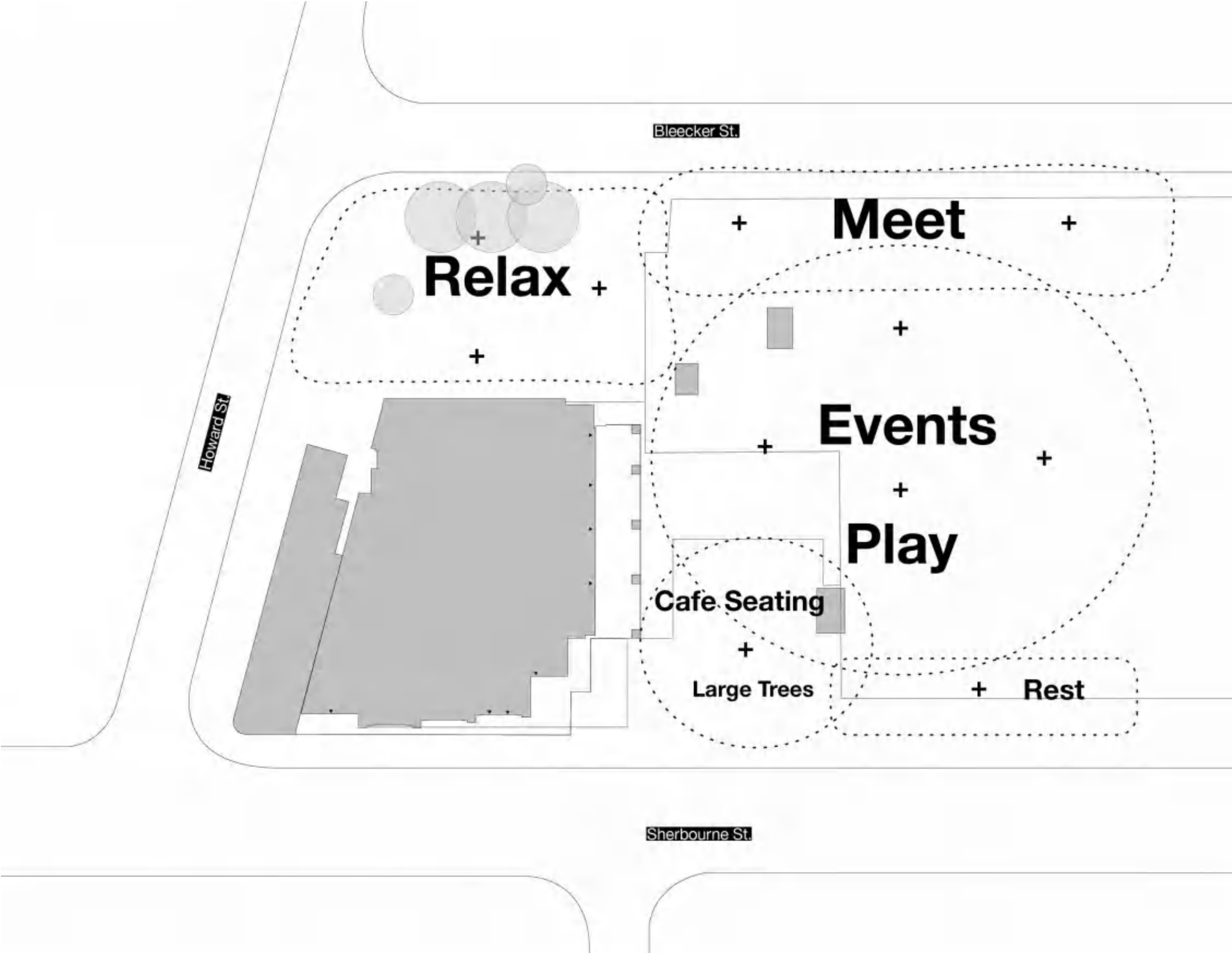
Neighbourhood Edge at Bleecker



Nature Edge at Howard

# Design Guideline

## Themes



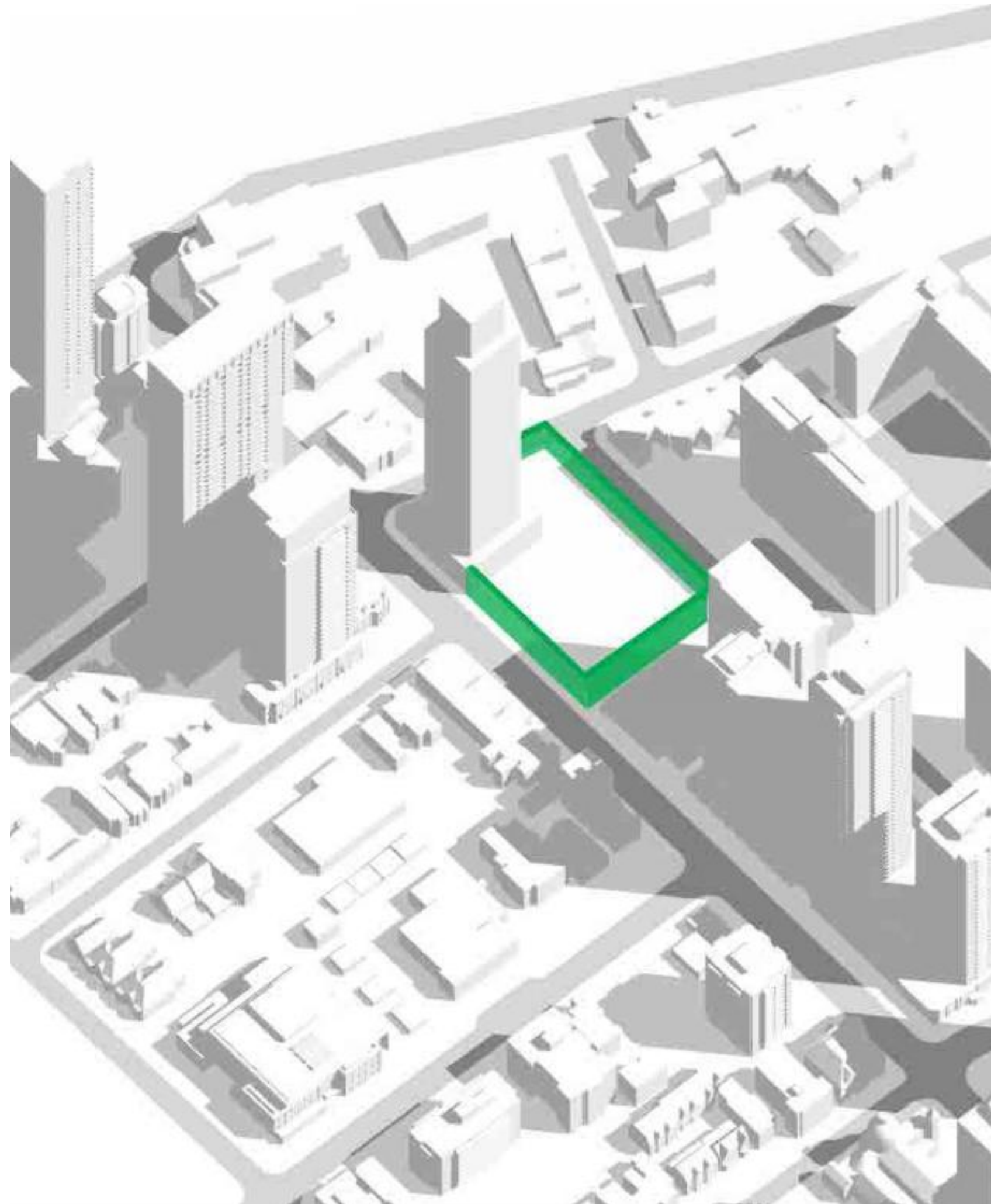
# Design Guideline

## Outdoor Rooms



# Concept Design Options

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# Concept Design | Green Refuge

- ① Existing Tree Canopy
- ② New Planting
- ③ Open Lawn
- ④ Raised Planter
- ⑤ Plaza with Seating
- ⑥ Playful Plaza
- ⑦ Wood Platform
- ⑧ Bench-Linear Seat
- ⑨ Catenary Light
- ⑩ Garage Exit Stairs
- ⑪ Drinking Fountain for People+Dogs
- ⑫ Indigenous Art Location TBD



# Concept Design | Green Refuge

Proposed Pathways

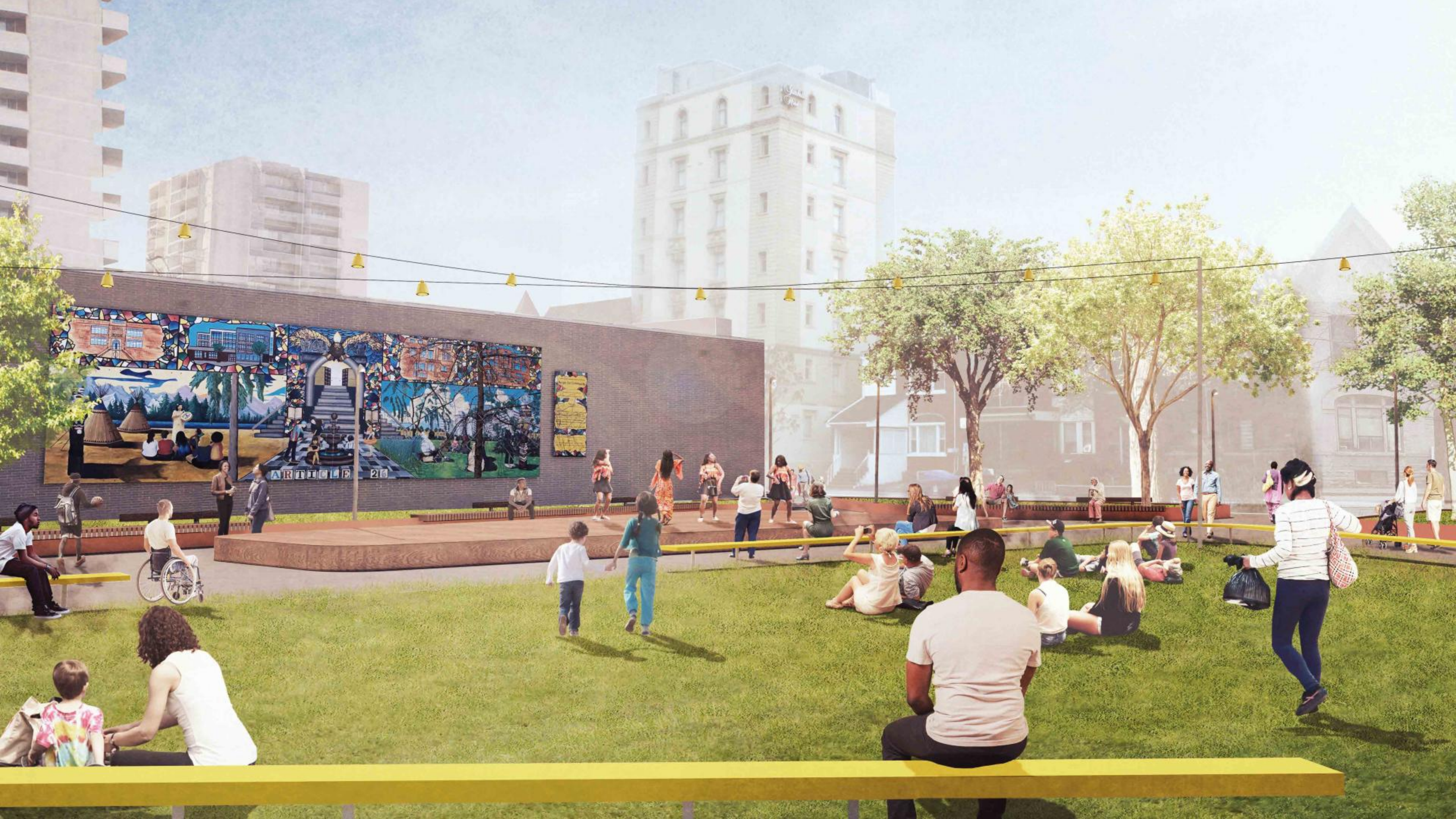


# Concept Design | Green Refuge

Existing and  
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Tree Planting

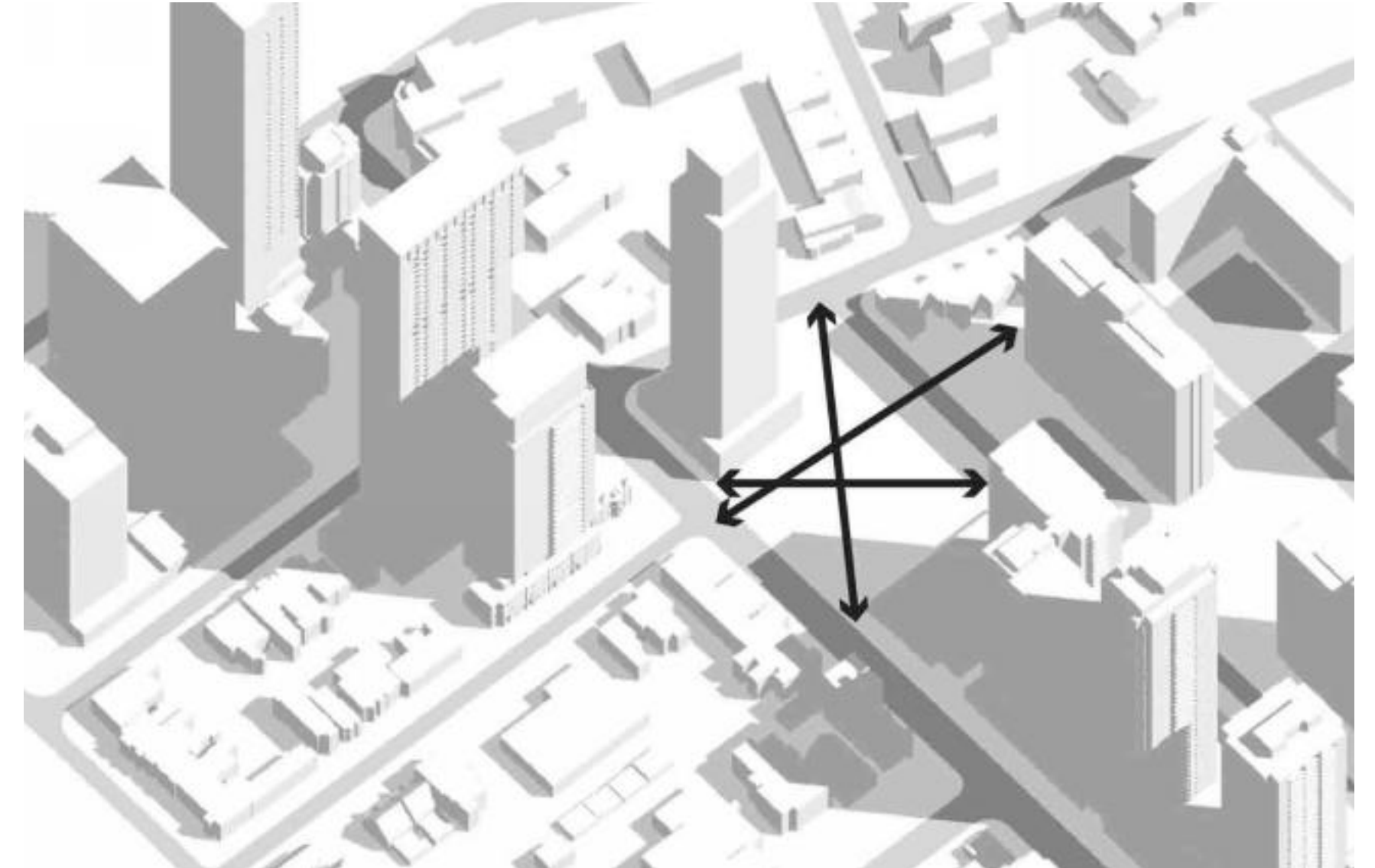
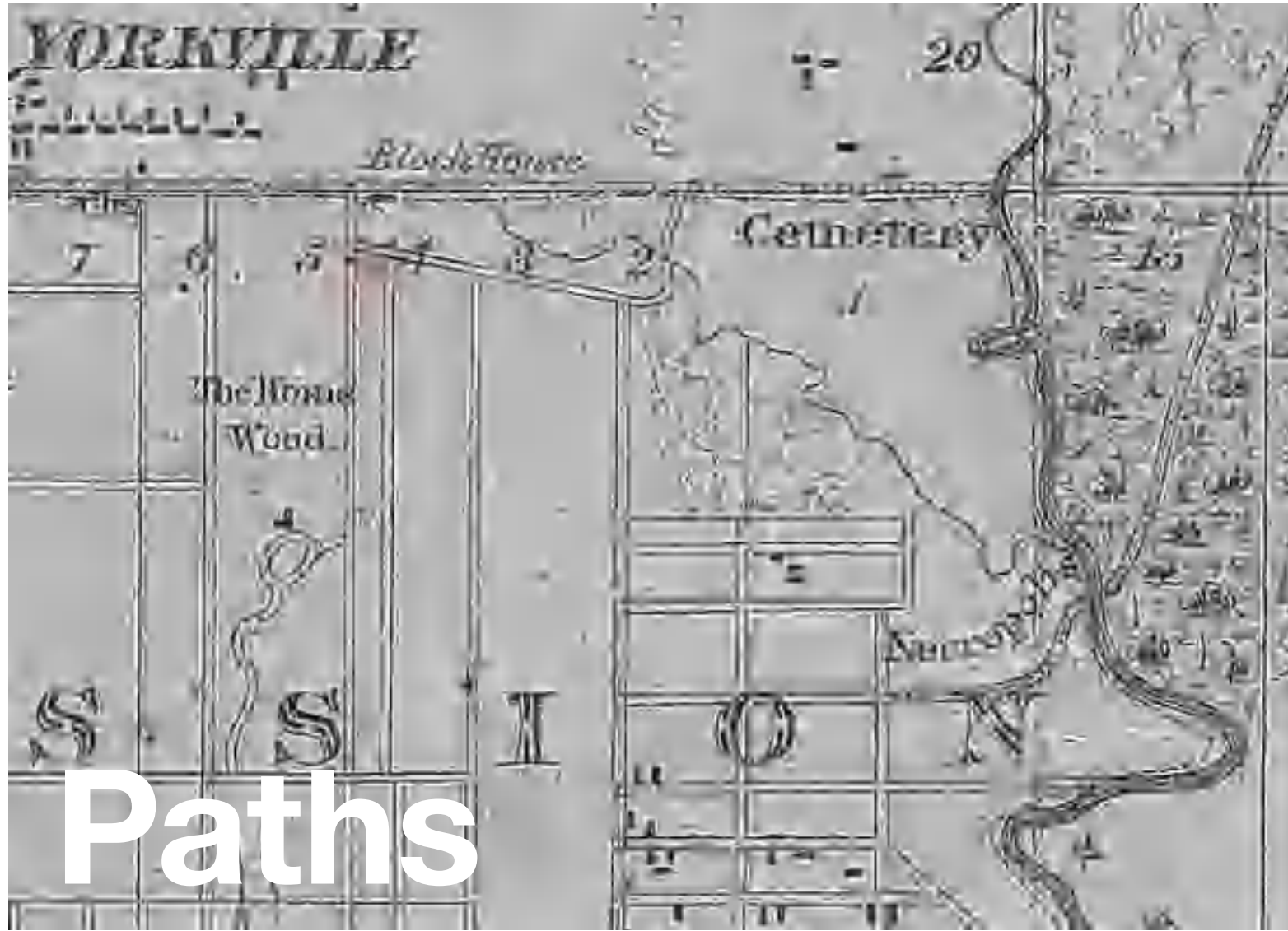






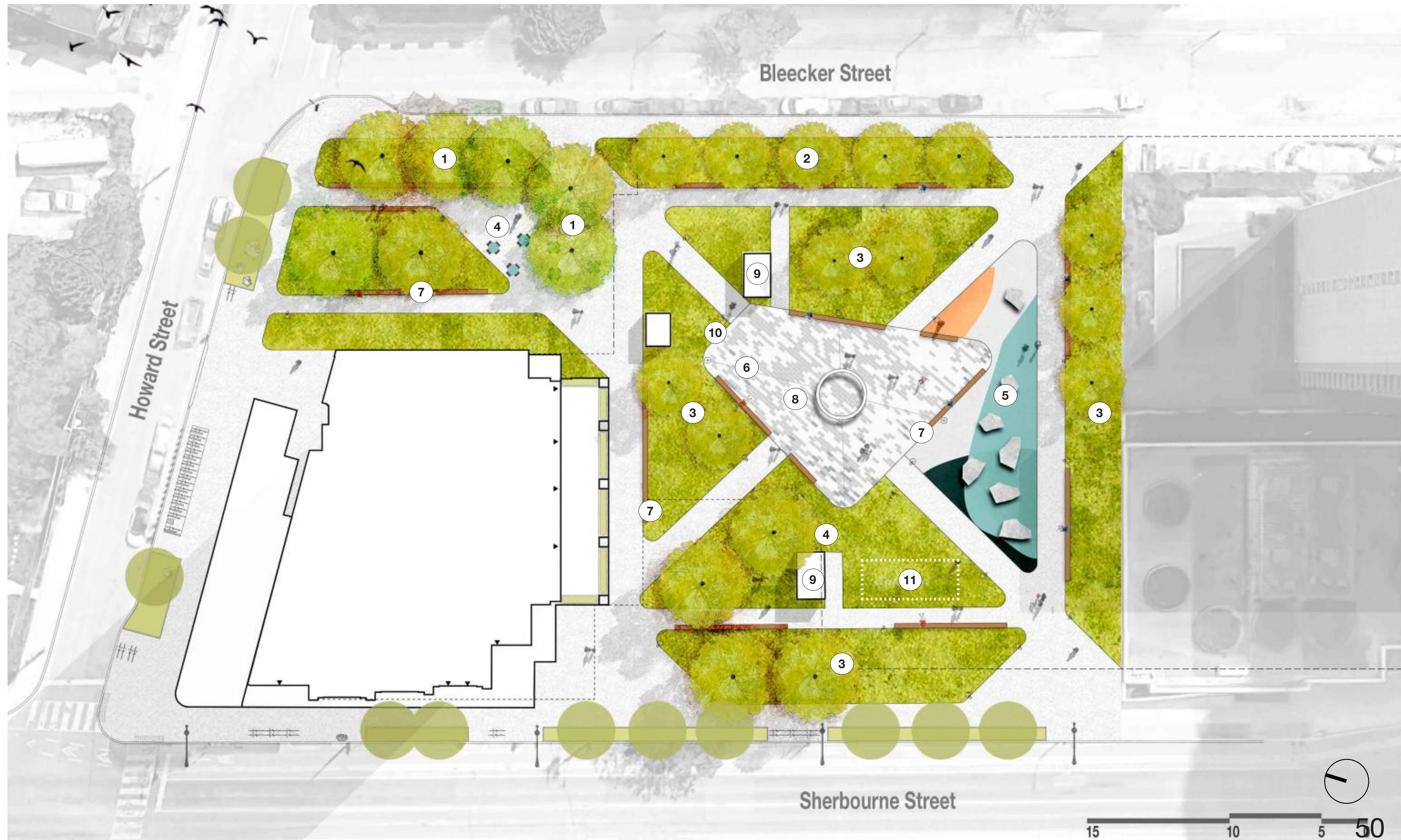


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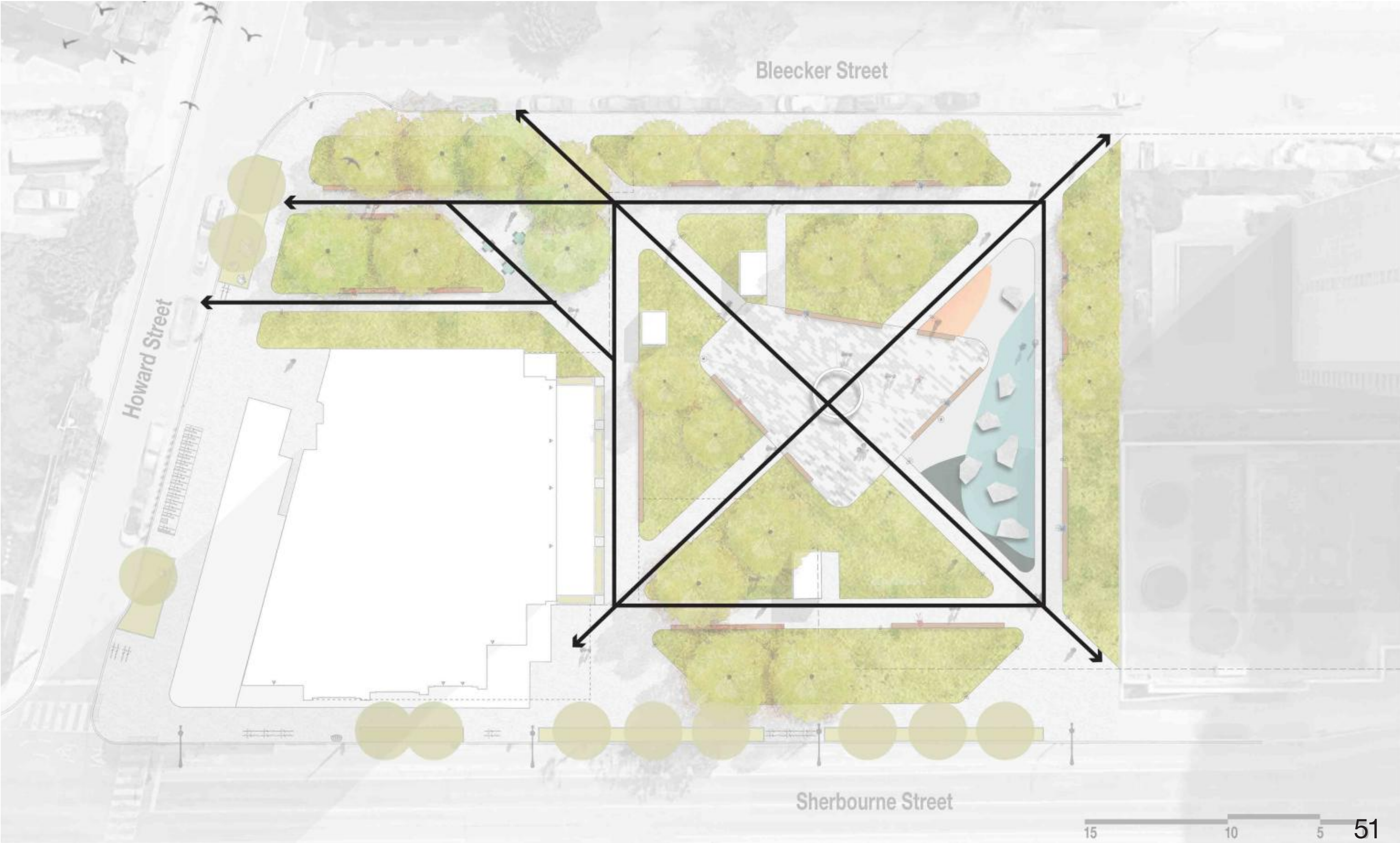
# Concept Design | Paths

- ① Existing Tree Canopy
- ② New Planting
- ③ Landform with Planting
- ④ Seating
- ⑤ Playful Plaza
- ⑥ Central Plaza
- ⑦ Bench-Linear Seat
- ⑧ Catenary Light
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- ⑪ Skateboard Spot
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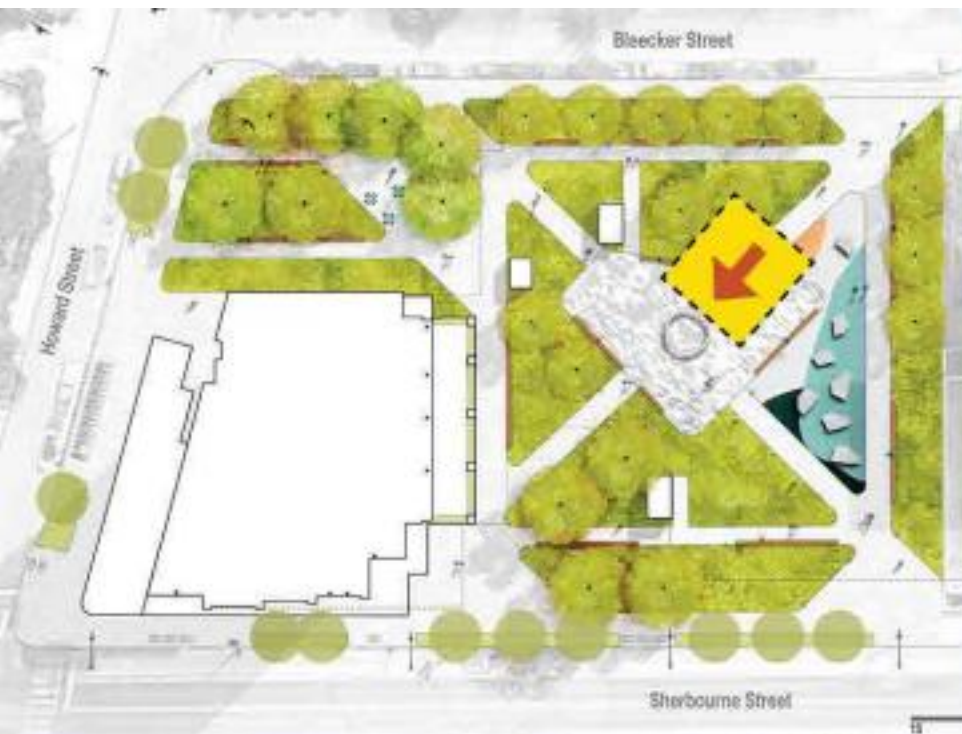


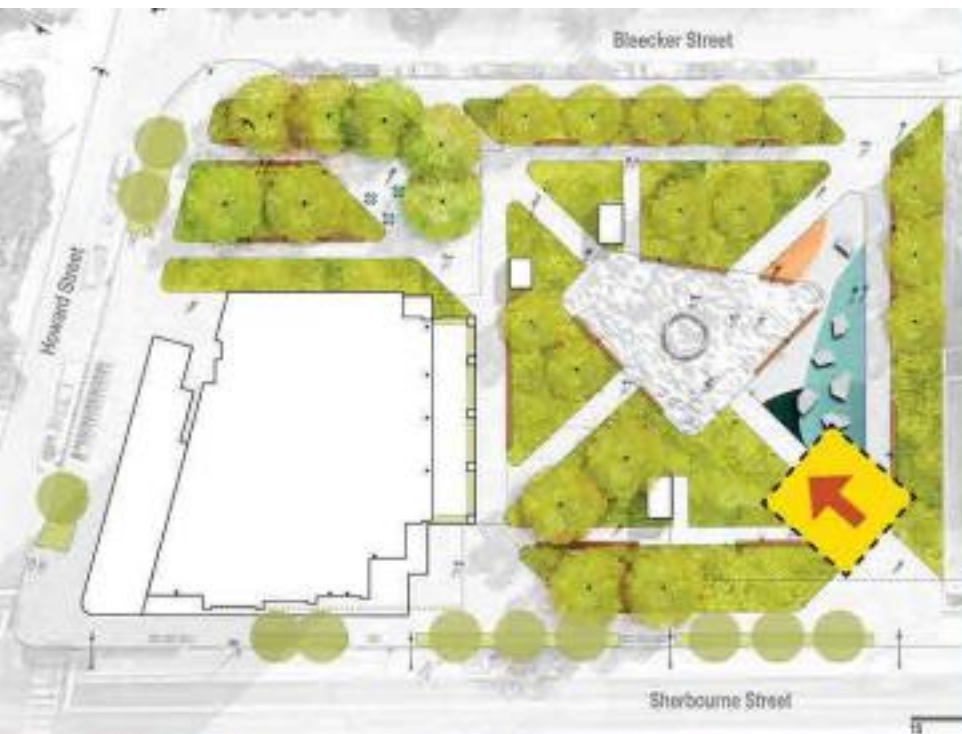
# Concept Design | Paths

Existing and  
Proposed  
Tree Planting









# Design Tools

Landforms | Open Lawn



# Design Tools

## Tree Planting and Horticulture



Trees



Shrubs



Grasses



Medicinal Plants



# Design Tools

## Planter and Seating



# Design Tools

## Seating



# Design Tools

## Playful Space



# Design Tools

## Skateboarding



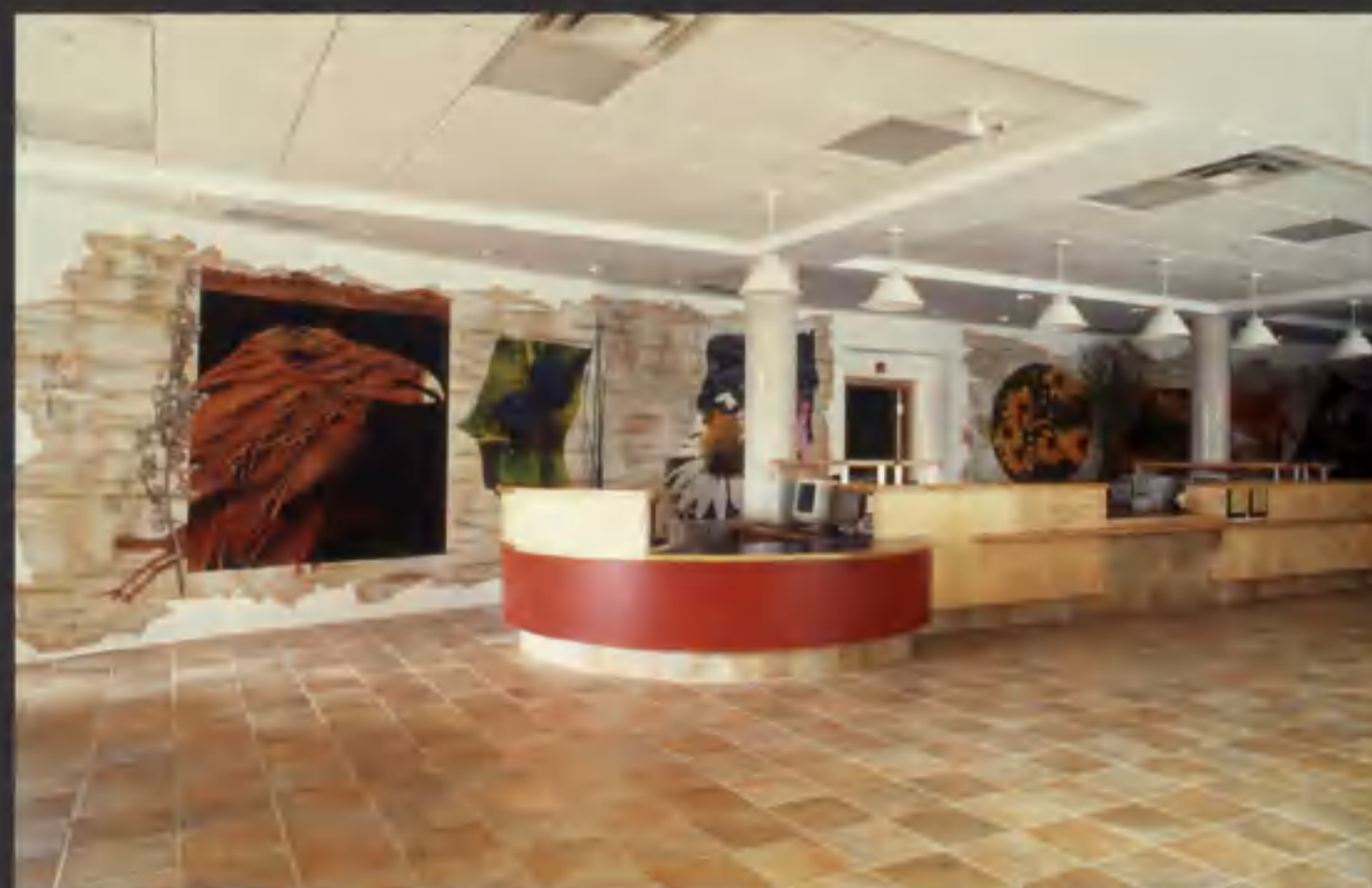
# Design Tools

## Lighting



# Rebecca Baird

Nehiyaw (Cree) Métis

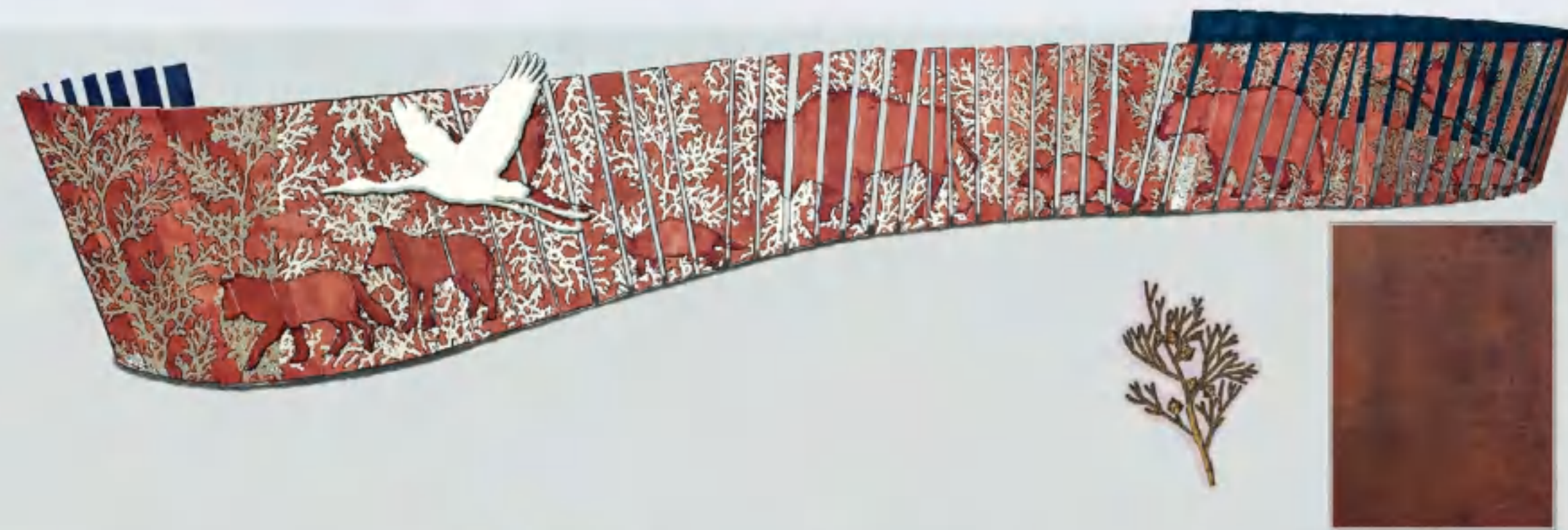


*The Great Mystery*, airbrushed acrylic on canvas 2.7m x 16.45m



*Turtle Island*

Vertical Screen Constructed out of Steel and Aluminium

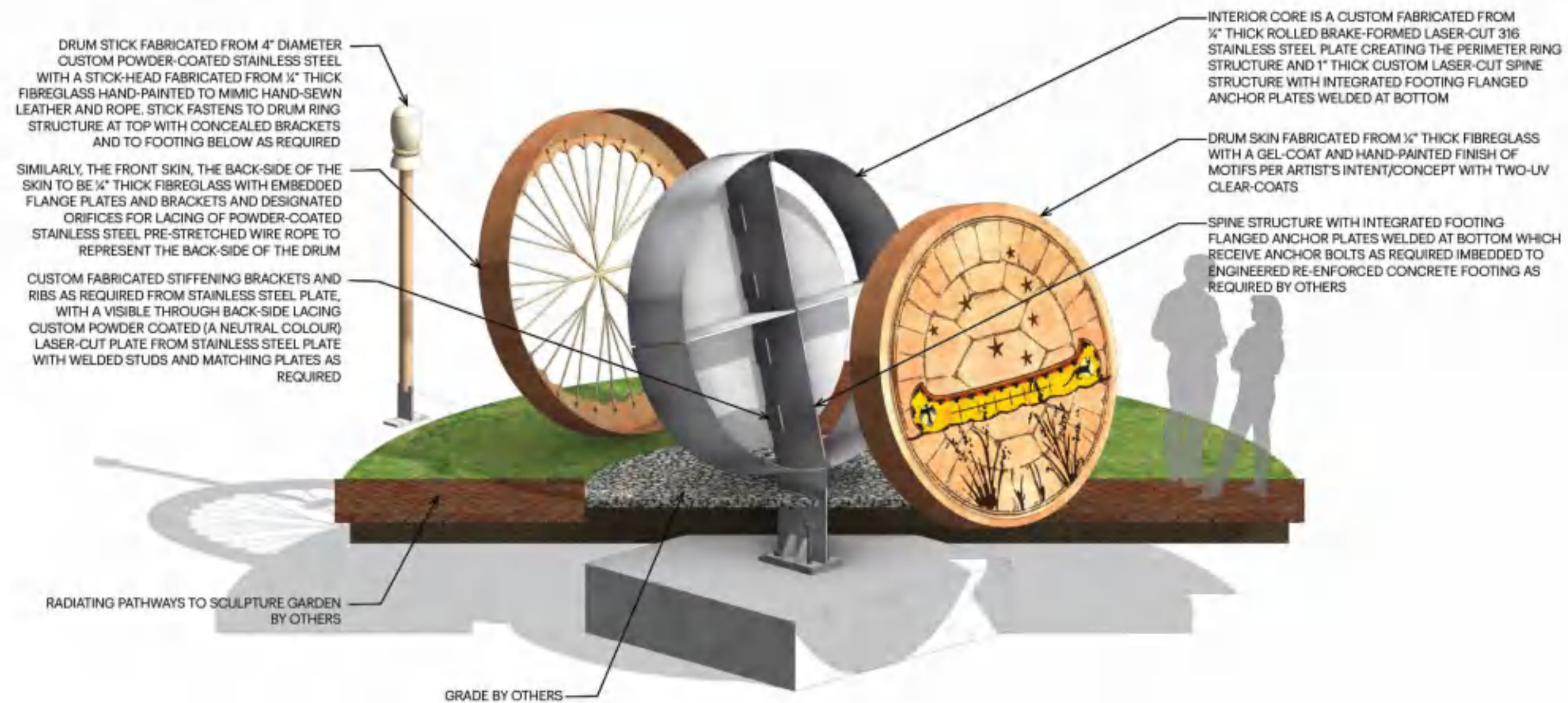


Dr Lillian McGregor's Clan- The Cran, Anishnaabe Clan Animals & Cedar designed out of Polished Aluminium

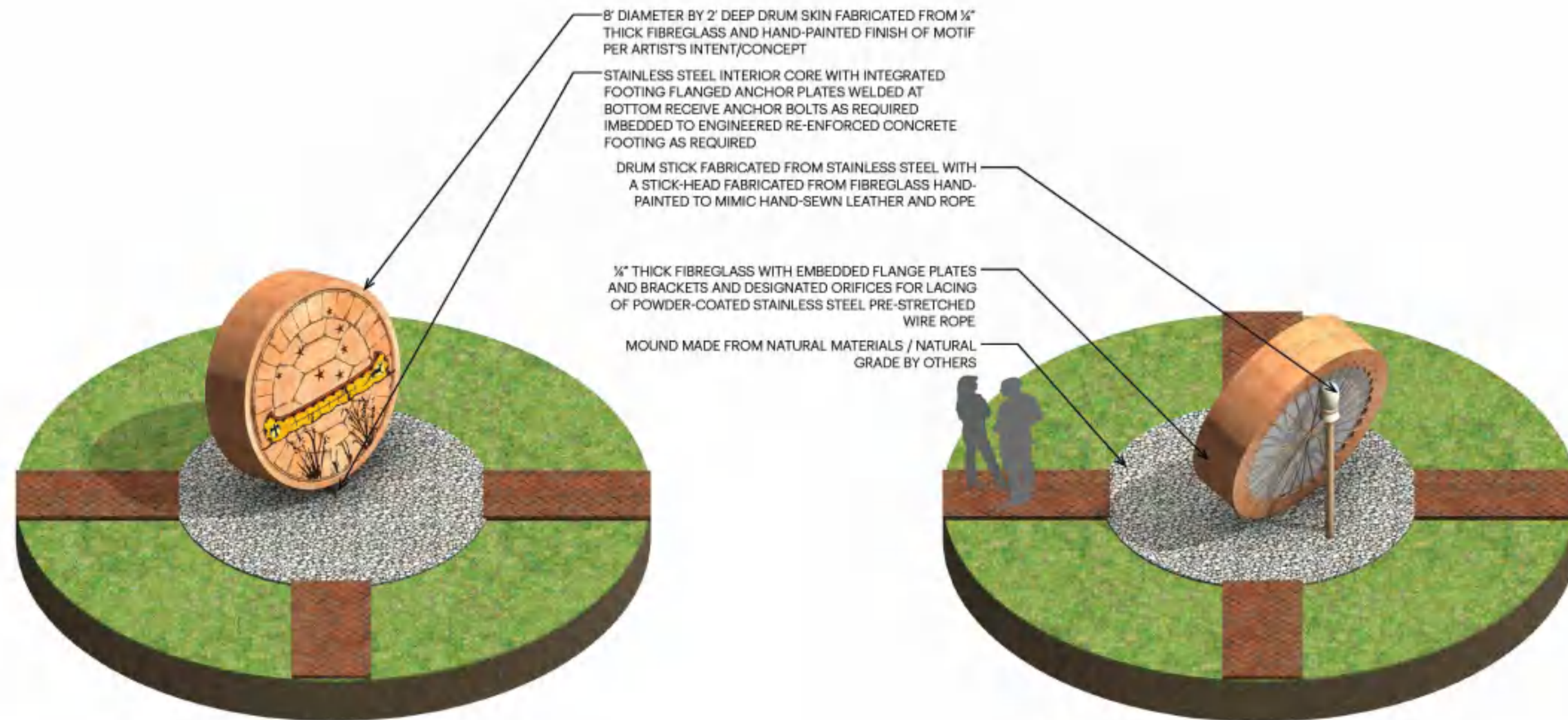
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L 18m x D 7m x H 2.9m



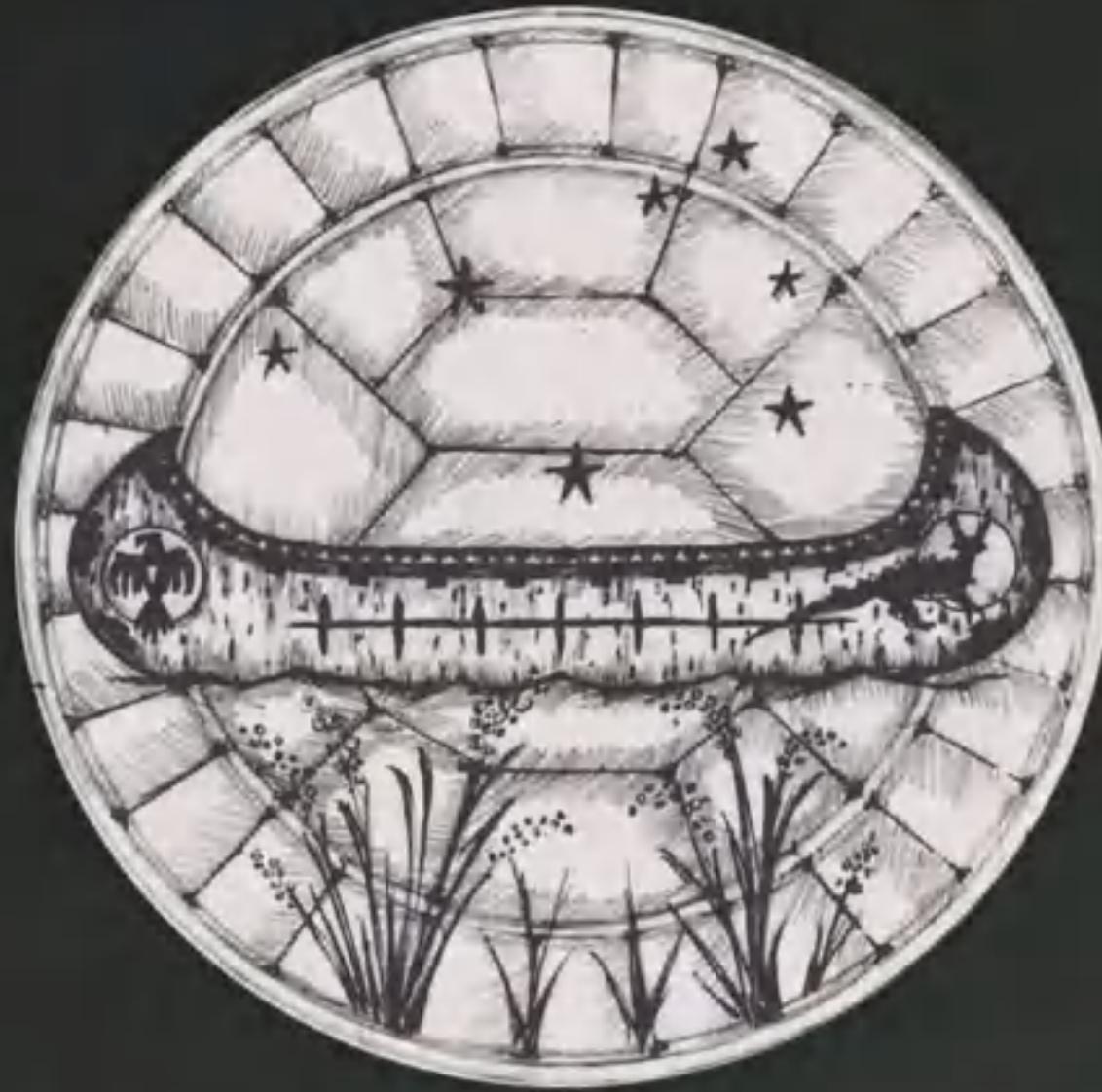
*Biskaabiiyang, 'returning to ourselves', mixed media  
screens:  
L 15.5m x D 1.2m x H 2.9m*



*The Drum Calls, mixed media sculpture, drum 2.5m diameter, 9m base*



*The Drum Calls, mixed media sculpture, drum 2.5m diameter, 9m base*

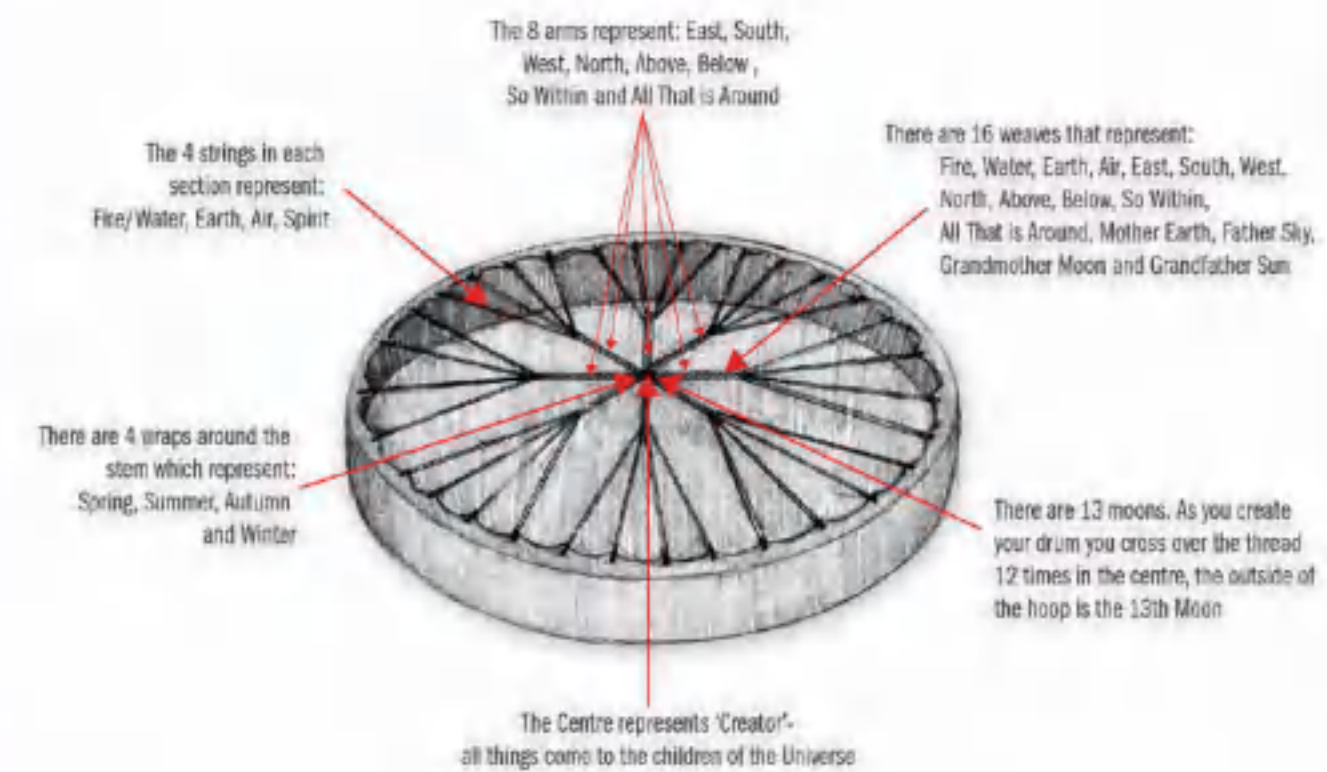
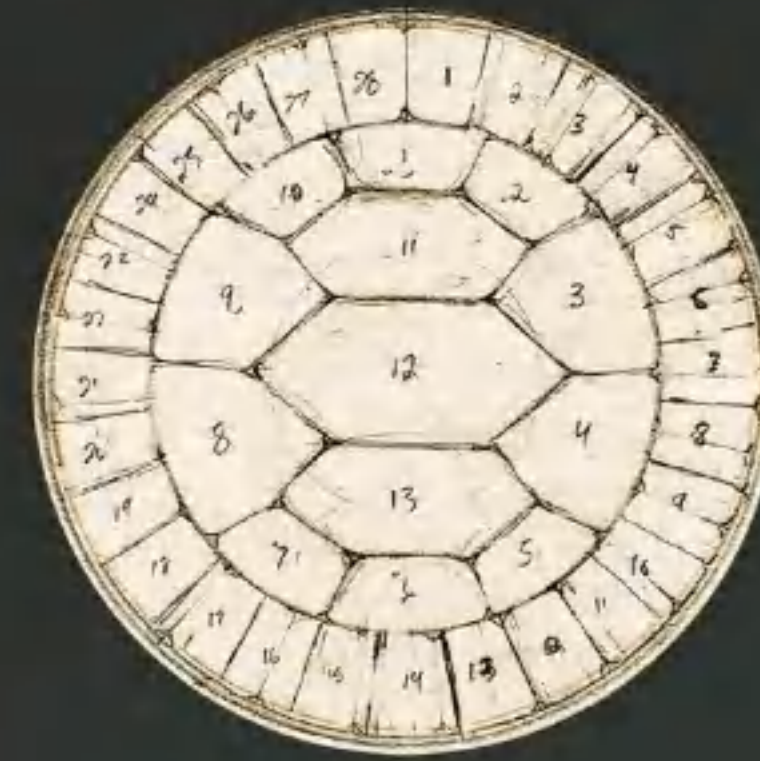


#### Front Face of Drum

This sketch of a turtle shell portrays details of a birch bark canoe containing an image of the mišipeshu underwater panther and the animikōi thunderbird, with the bagonegiizhig (pleades) opening in the sky above and manoomin wild rice in the waters below.

#### Grandmother Teachings

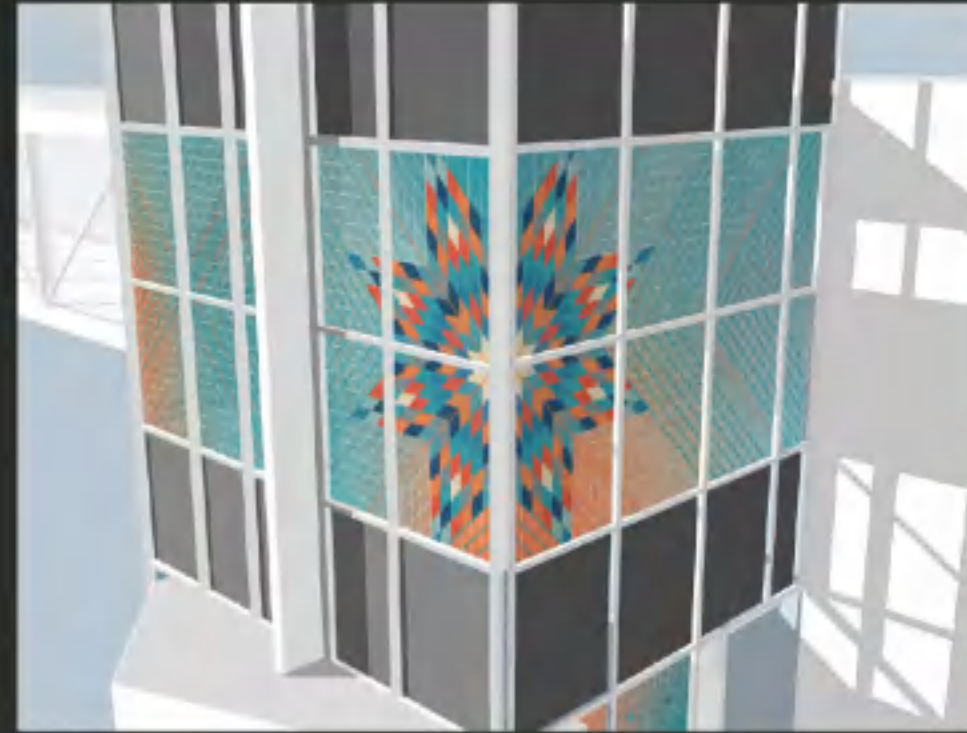
The markings on this sketch of a turtle shell represents the original Anishnaabeg calendar, 13 months and 28 days.



*The Drum Calls, mixed media sculpture, drum 2.5m diameter, 9m base*



*All My Relations*, mixed media, mural 4.5m x 12m and + 7  
satellite sculptures overhead



*Star Blanket*, printed renderings on 106 glass panels, each approximately 2.4m x 1.2m

## Questions and Discussion

# Timeline

Jan 2021-June 2021

June 2021- May 2022

May 2022

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Phase 1: Setting the Stage / Park Visioning
- Phase 2: Review Conceptual Design Options
- Phase 3: Review Preferred Concept Plan

## PARK VISIONING

## INFORMATION GATHERING

## CONCEPT DESIGN OPTIONS

## PREFERRED CONCEPT DESIGN

We are here

## DETAIL DESIGN

## CONTRACT DOCUMENT

## TENDER AND CONSTRUCTION

# Small Group Discussions

In a moment you will be prompted to join a breakout room to discuss the designs in detail with a facilitator. When prompted, please accept the invitation to join the breakout room.

## **When providing your feedback, consider:**

- Do the concept design options accurately represent your vision for the future of St. James Town West Park? Why or why not?
- What elements of each concept do you like?
- What elements of each concept could be refined or improved?
- What elements, if any, are missing from the concepts?

# Next Steps

**Visit [www.toronto.ca/stjamestown](http://www.toronto.ca/stjamestown)**

- Share your feedback through the online questionnaire until May 9, 2021
- Sign up for e-updates
- Access the presentation and meeting summary when available

**Email any additional comments to [laurel.christie@toronto.ca](mailto:laurel.christie@toronto.ca) by May 9, 2021**