

New Parks at 10 Ordinance St. & 801 Wellington St. W.

Community Advisory Committee Meeting #3

August 2, 2023
6:00pm-8:00pm



We would like to begin by honouring the land that we are 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.

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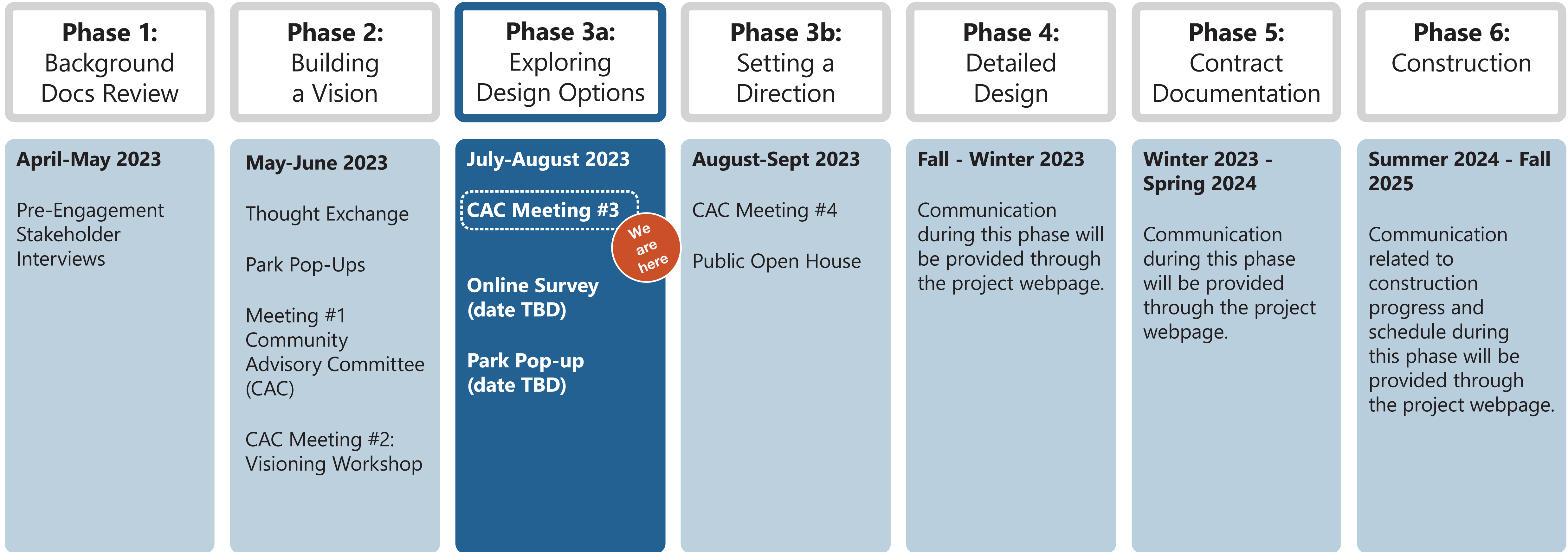
Agenda

- 6:00 pm** Welcome
- 6:10 pm** Vision, Principles and Big Moves and Discussion
- 6:30 pm** Presentation of Concept Designs
- 6:50 pm** Break Out Tables
- 7:30 pm** Big Moves Prioritization Activity
- 7:40 pm** Report Back, Wrap up and Next Steps
- 8:00 pm** Adjourn

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Present draft vision and design principles for input.
- Present concept designs and for input.
- Share design tools.
- Discuss and gather feedback about CAC priorities and preferences.

Project Timeline and Engagement Process



We are here

What We Heard

Phase 2 Engagement Activities

- ThoughtExchange Online Survey: April 27 to May 19, 2023
- Two Park Pop-ups: May 14 & May 17, 2023
- Two Community Advisory Committee Meetings: May 29 & June 13, 2023



Phase 2 Overall Engagement Summary

Natural and Green

- **Natural and green**, with an abundance of trees, wildflowers, and plants and encourage a **sensory experience**.
- **Naturalized meadows** with indigenous and pollinator species.
- **Enhance the existing natural habitat** for animals and **introduce bird habitats**.
- Consider **education and awareness** to include explanations of indigenous plants, placemaking, flora and fauna.
- Plant **as many trees as possible**.

Gathering Spaces

- Provide **comfortable, safe and accessible gathering spaces**.
- Have a passive area which **enables people to make the space their own**.
- Provide **unique and varied types of seating** such as picnic tables, benches, muskoka chairs and seating for families.
- Provide **shaded seating**, as well as plentiful **accessible seating and tables**, and additional lighting.
- Maintain and enhance opportunities to enjoy **views**. Specific mention was made of having an **outdoor amphitheatre** in Ordnance Park.

Balanced

- Opportunity of **two separate but connected spaces**.
- Preference for **Ordnance to be a quieter**, more naturalized space and **Wellington to be animated** for active play such as pick- up soccer, frisbee and games.
- Community members divided in their opinions about **dogs**.
- Include a **balance** between paths for **cyclists and pedestrians**, green space to play and naturalized space.

Phase 2 Overall Engagement Summary

Amenities

- Multi-functional space and amenities that **encourage outdoor physical activity**, outdoor fitness equipment.
- **Children's play** area with **natural materials**.
- **Events space** to host a concert or farmers market, but noted **concern for noise** due to the proximity of condominiums.
- **Communal BBQs and fire pits** were also suggested.

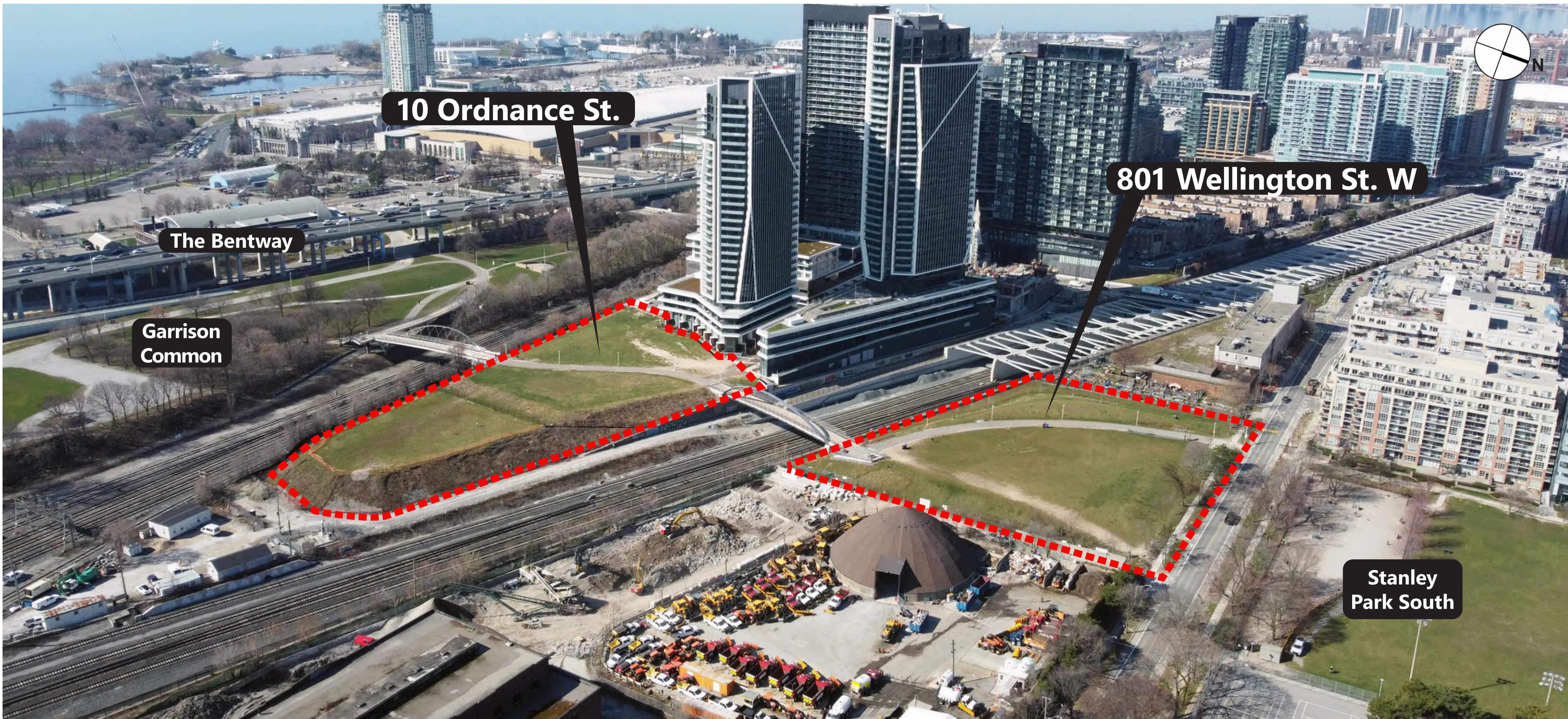
Unique Features

- Potential for many **historical educational opportunities** through out the space.
- One key piece of education and interest is the **history of the railway**.
- It was also noted that having **Indigenous place keeping** is an important part of the site.
- Incorporating **integrated interpretive elements** such as a sundial, or other unique features was also suggested.

Connectivity

- **Enhance connections**; and create new ones.
- **Formalize the informal pathways** to increase connection within the two spaces.
- Add **wayfinding signage** and encourage quieter uses on secondary pathways, and faster travel on primary pathways, like the multi-use trail.
- **Official entrance** at Wellington, but also **new access points** at Ordnance and Strachan.
- Provide an opportunity for **murals or artwork** throughout the space.

Project Overview



Vision, Design Principles & Big Moves

Vision Statement

The new parks at 10 Ordnance Street and 801 Wellington Street West will be a distinct set of open spaces that will provide balance between green, restful spaces and a dynamic, playful public realm.

Ordnance Park extends prominently over the rail corridor, providing a rare urban oasis with spectacular views of the City skyline, while Wellington park touches down into City's urban fabric, weaving itself into the community and broader open space network.

Although distinct, these parks will be linked through continuity of materials, planting, and design narrative and will reflect the community participation and collaboration process.

Design Principles

The design of the parks will:

1. **Establish a distinct identity for the two parks** that builds on the unique features, dramatic landforms, spectacular views and rich history that defines them.
2. **Maintain, protect and enhance key views**, including views of the city skyline from Ordnance Park.
3. **Embrace and build upon the site's unique topographic features**, including the jutting peninsula at Ordnance Park and the curving berm in Wellington Park, to shape spaces, support programming, direct views and provide physical and visual buffers.
4. **Reflect the site's natural and cultural heritage**, including the history of Garrison Creek, Indigenous and European settlement and trade and the military and industrial occupation of the site.
5. **Develop a hierarchy of pathways and spaces** that will improve accessibility and connectivity throughout the parks.
6. **Improve and strengthen connections to the local community** as well as the broader open space and active transportation networks.



Design Principles

The design of the parks will:

7. **Create safe and inclusive parks** for all ages and all abilities.
8. **Create a sustainable and resilient design** that contributes to community and public health through the use of robust and low maintenance materials, and by providing shade, wind protection, improved air quality, and increased biodiversity.
9. **Maximize and balance passive and flexible spaces** and avoid over-programming to protect the informal qualities of the parks.
10. **Enhance and expand site ecology** by increasing the tree canopy, including naturalized plantings and pollinator species, creating habitat to make space for wildlife.
11. **Provide infrastructure and site furnishings to support a range of users and activities** and to mitigate the impacts of dogs in the parks.
12. Be coordinated with and address the operating requirements of City staff to **facilitate the maintenance and management** required to **keep the parks clean in good repair**.



Big Moves

Topography: Slopes, Berms and Sculpted Landforms



Big Moves

Topography: Walls, Steps and Shifting Planes



Big Moves

Planting: Tree Canopy



Big Moves

Planting: Seasonal Colour and Texture



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Planting: Traditional Indigenous Plants and Medicines



Big Moves

Planting: Curated Meadows and Naturalized Planting



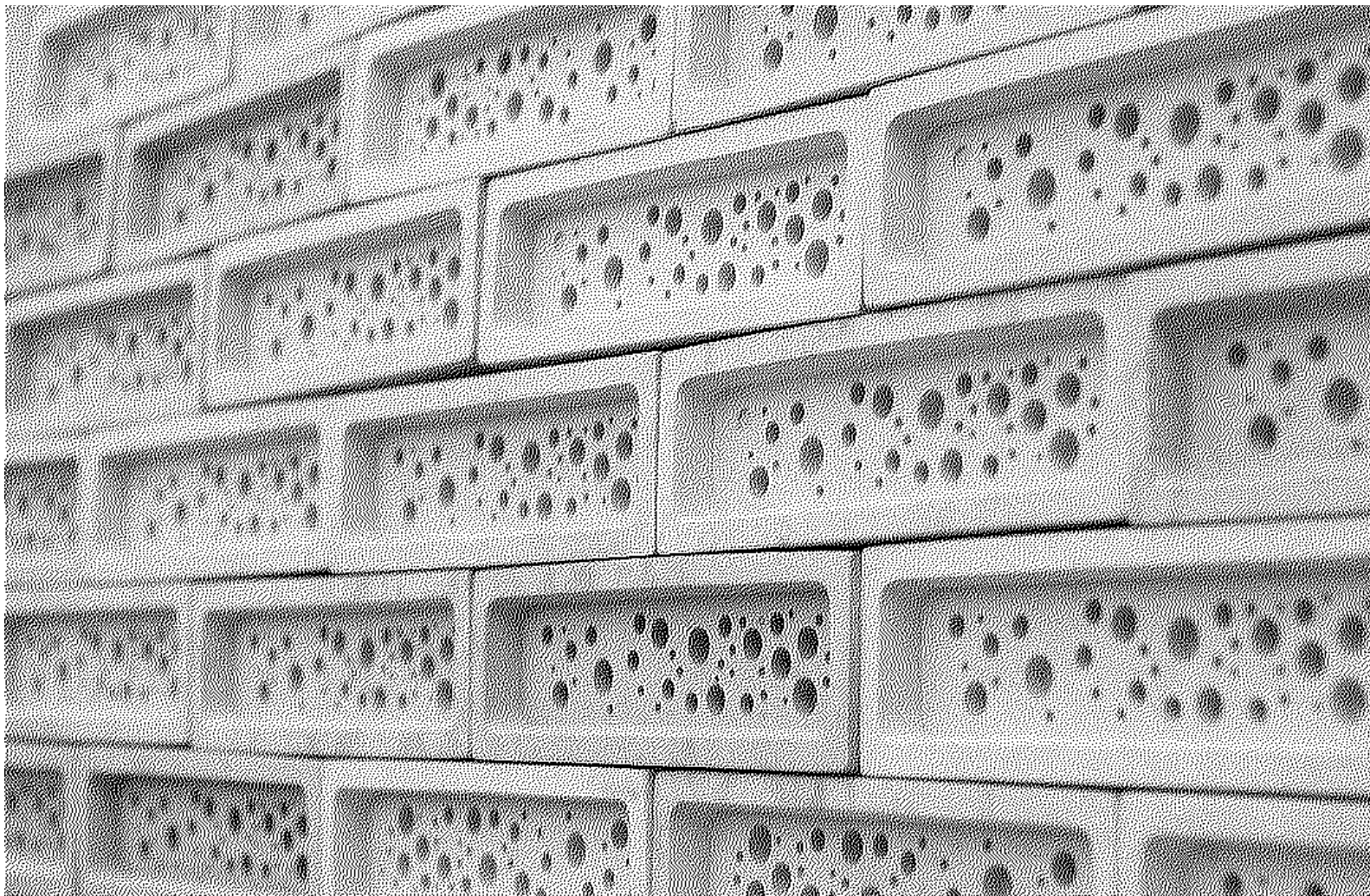
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Planting: Pollinator Species



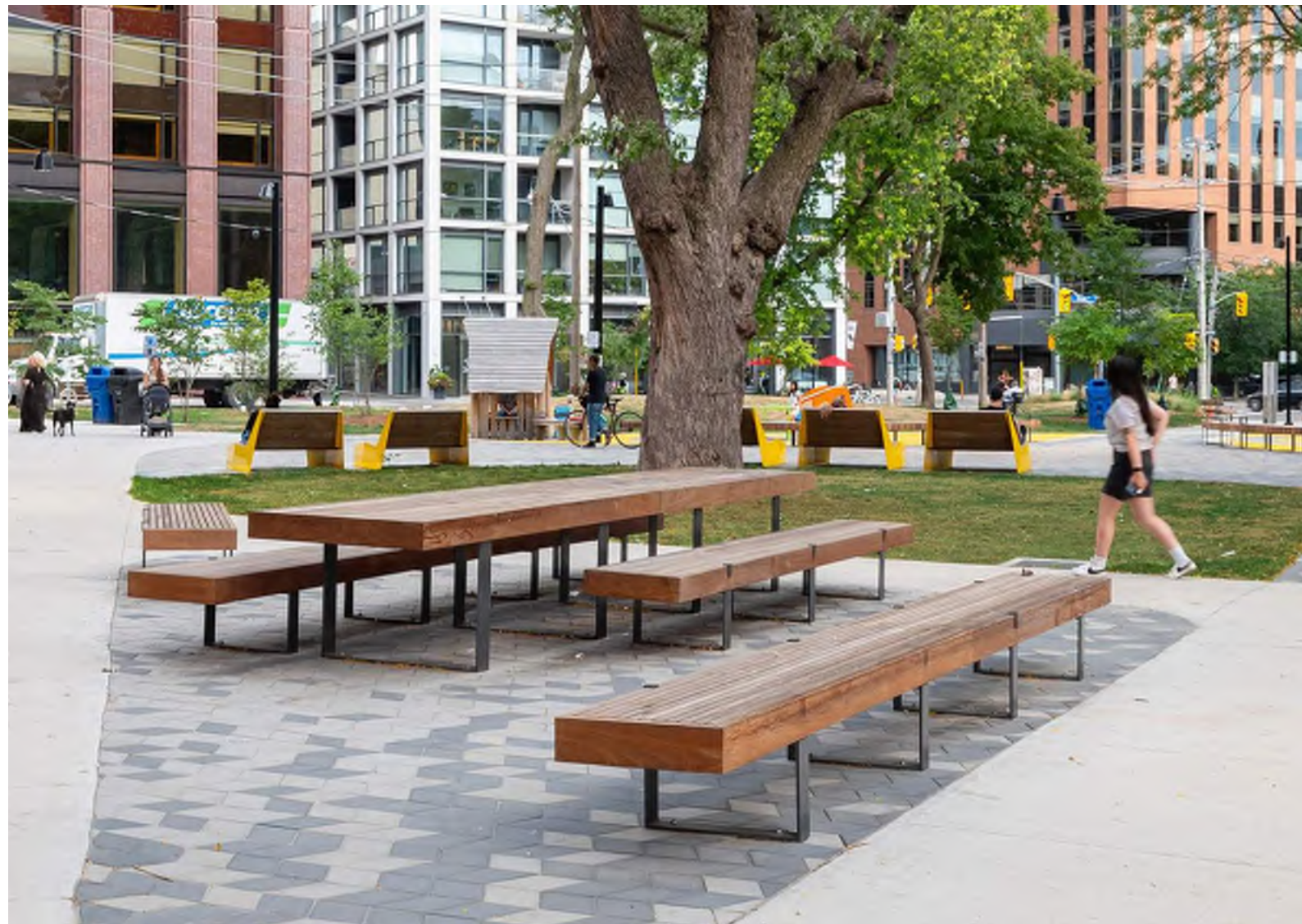
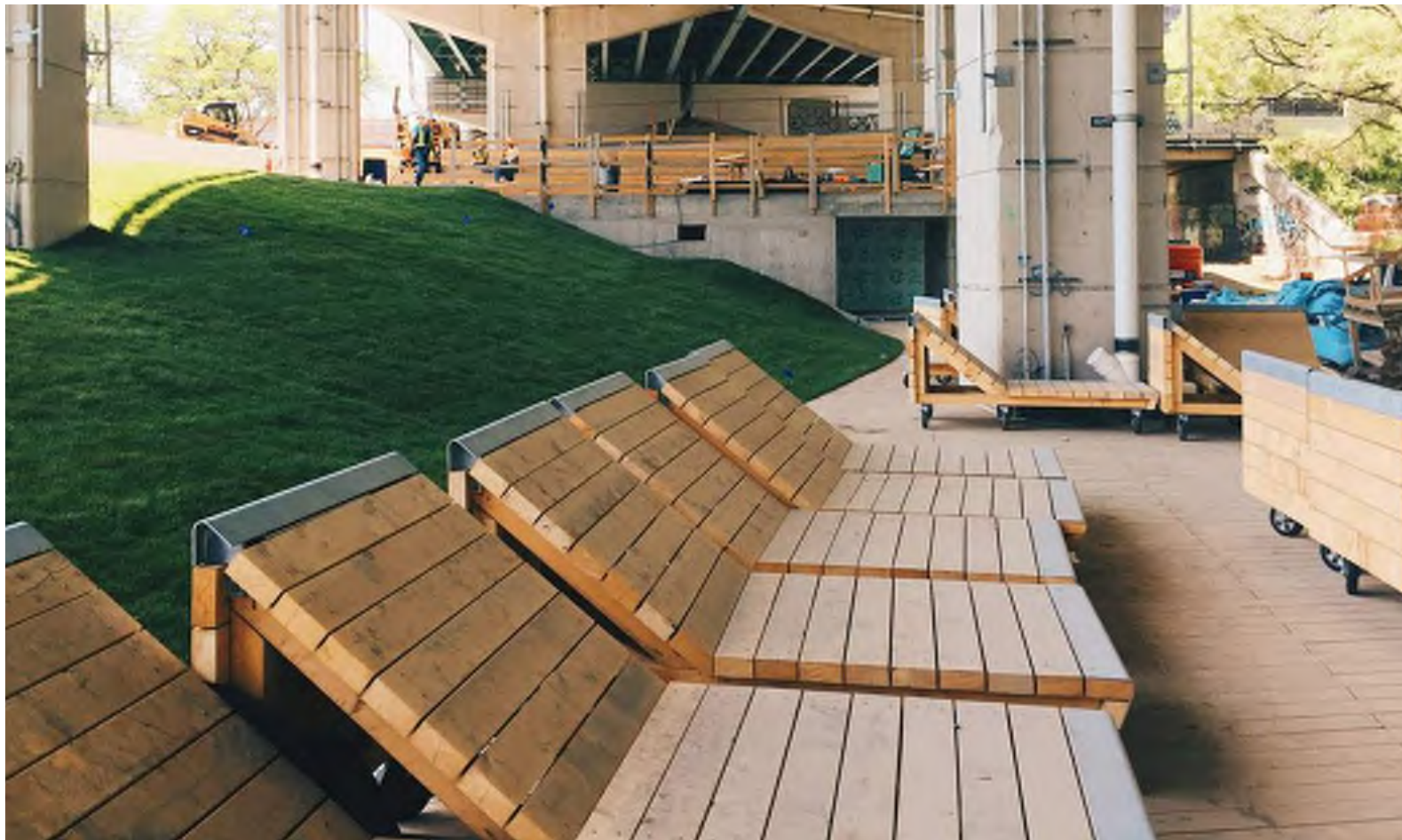
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Habitat Structures



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Seating and Gathering



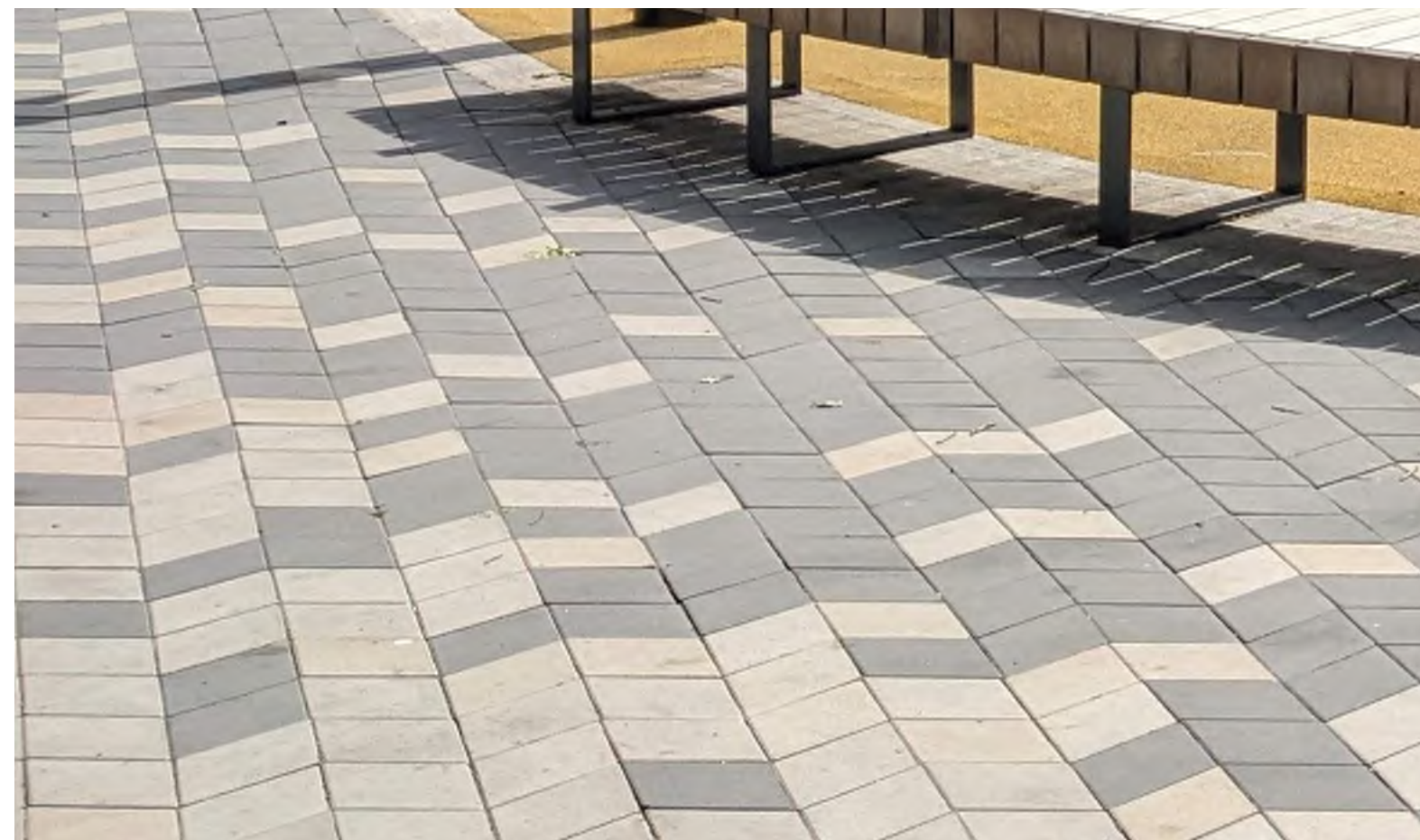
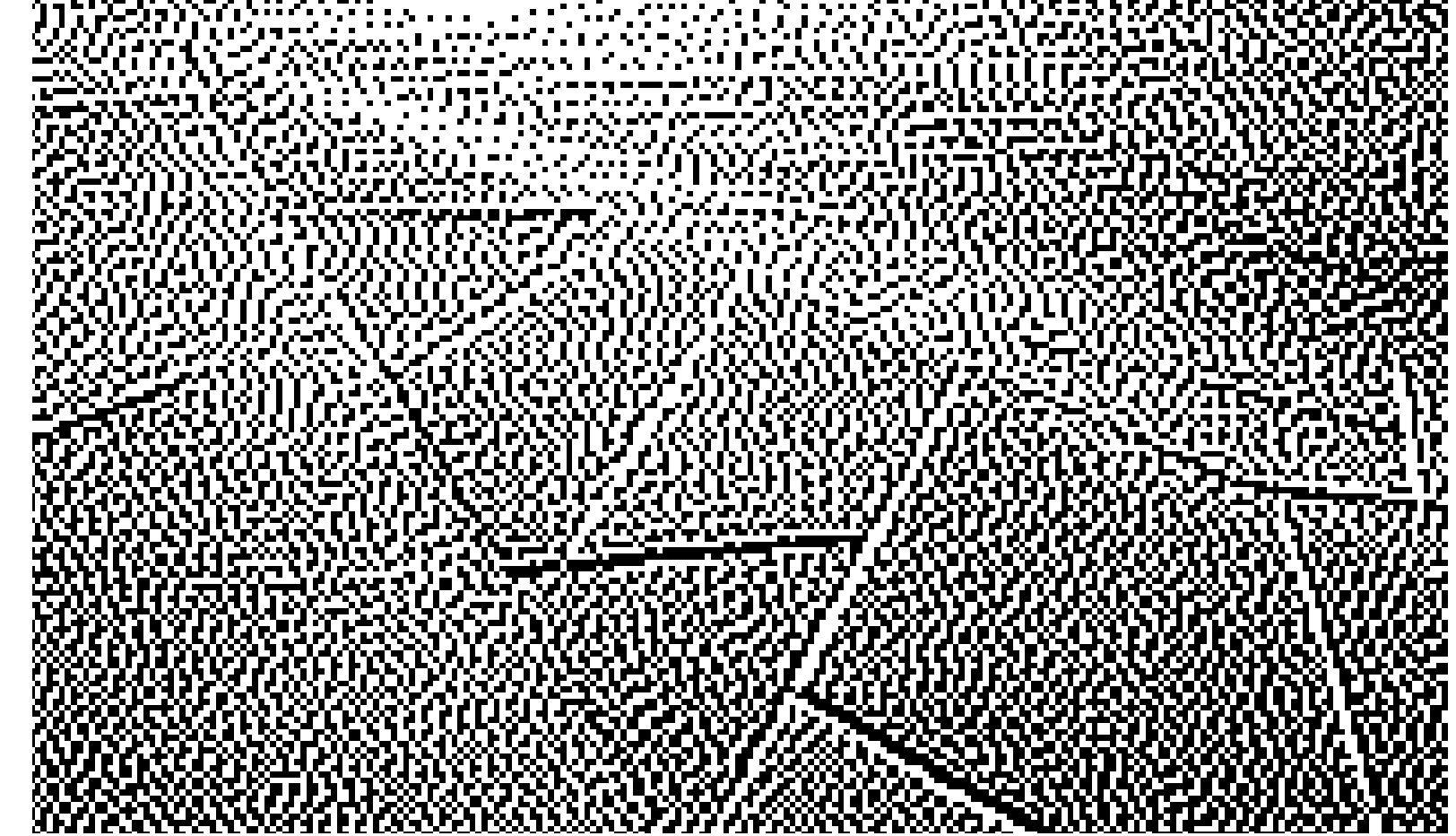
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Seating and Gathering: Toronto's Porch Swing



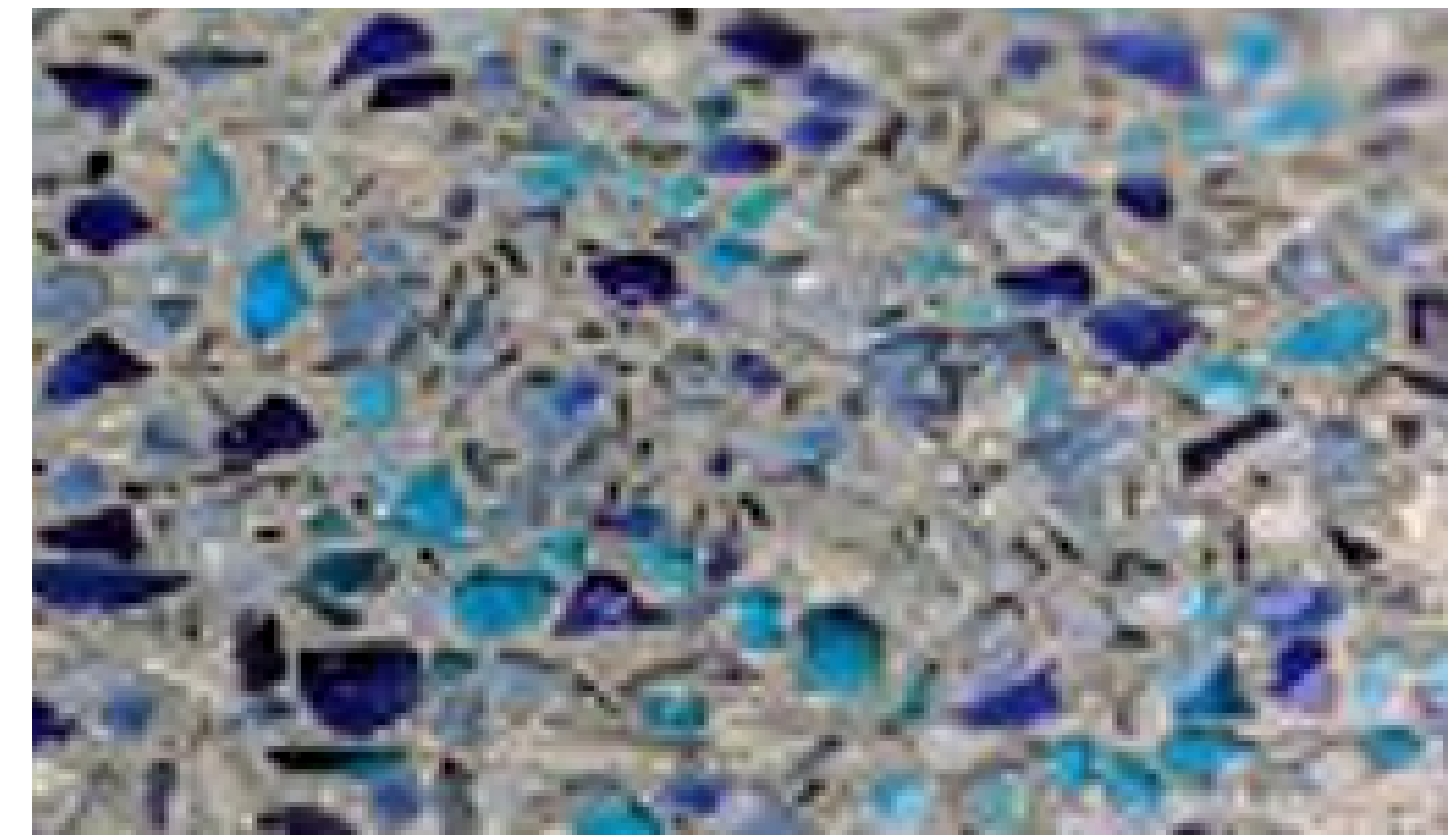
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Pavement: Materials, Textures and Colour



Design Tools

Pavement: Hierarchy and Modes of Transportation



Big Moves

Children's Play



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Sports and Fitness



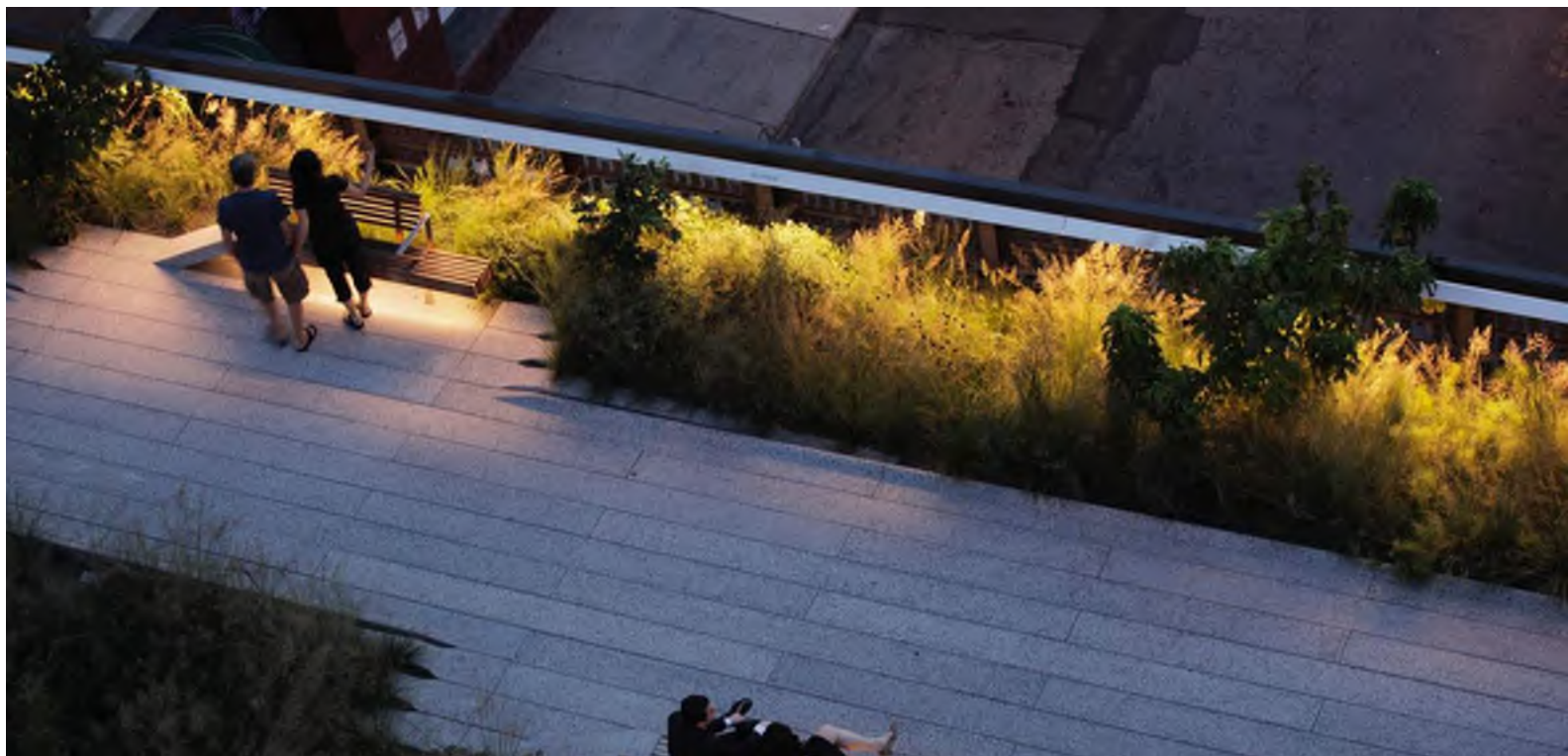
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Integrated Interpretive Elements



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Site and Feature Lighting



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Dog-friendly Spaces



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Public Amenities & Supporting Infrastructure

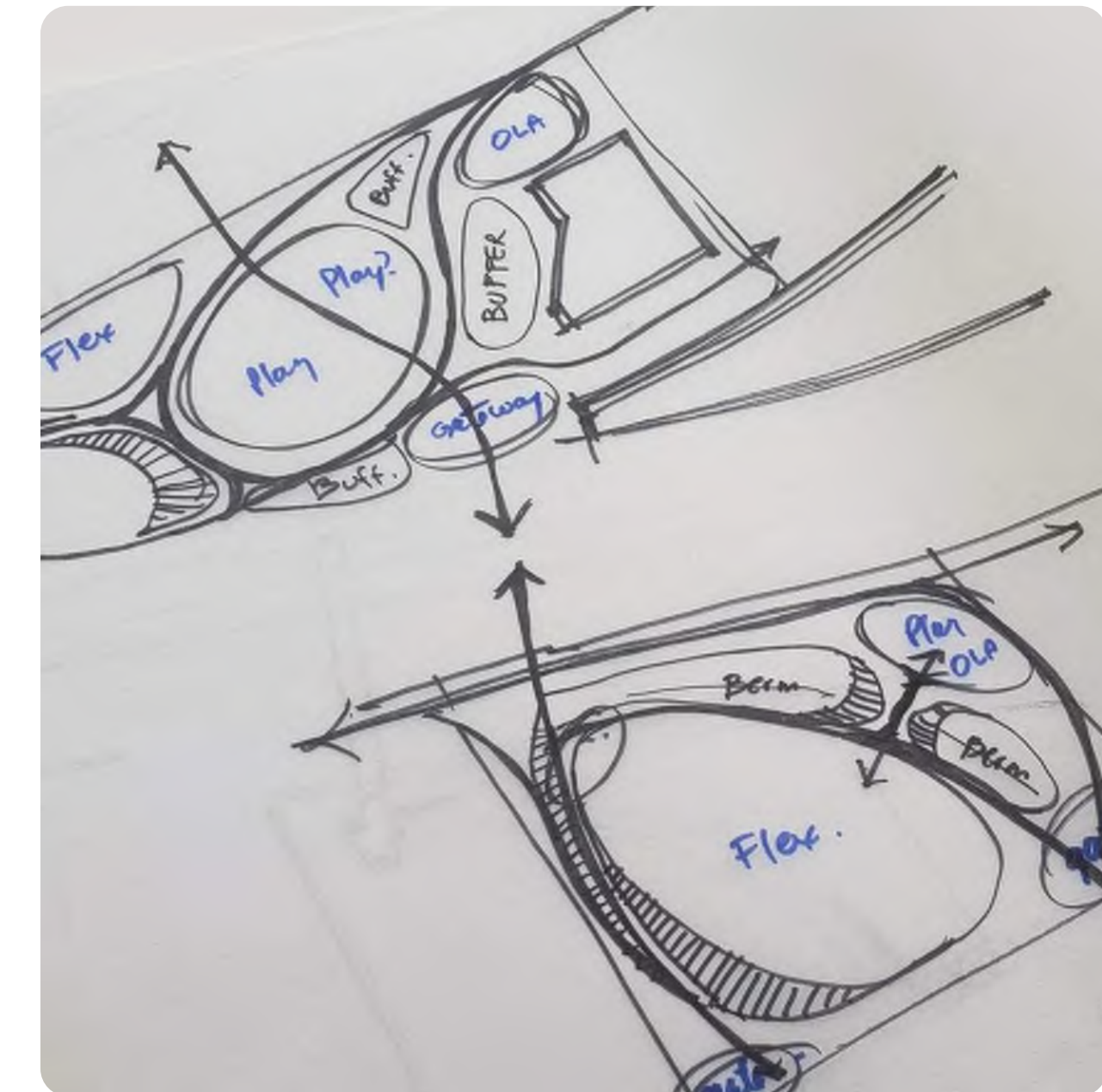
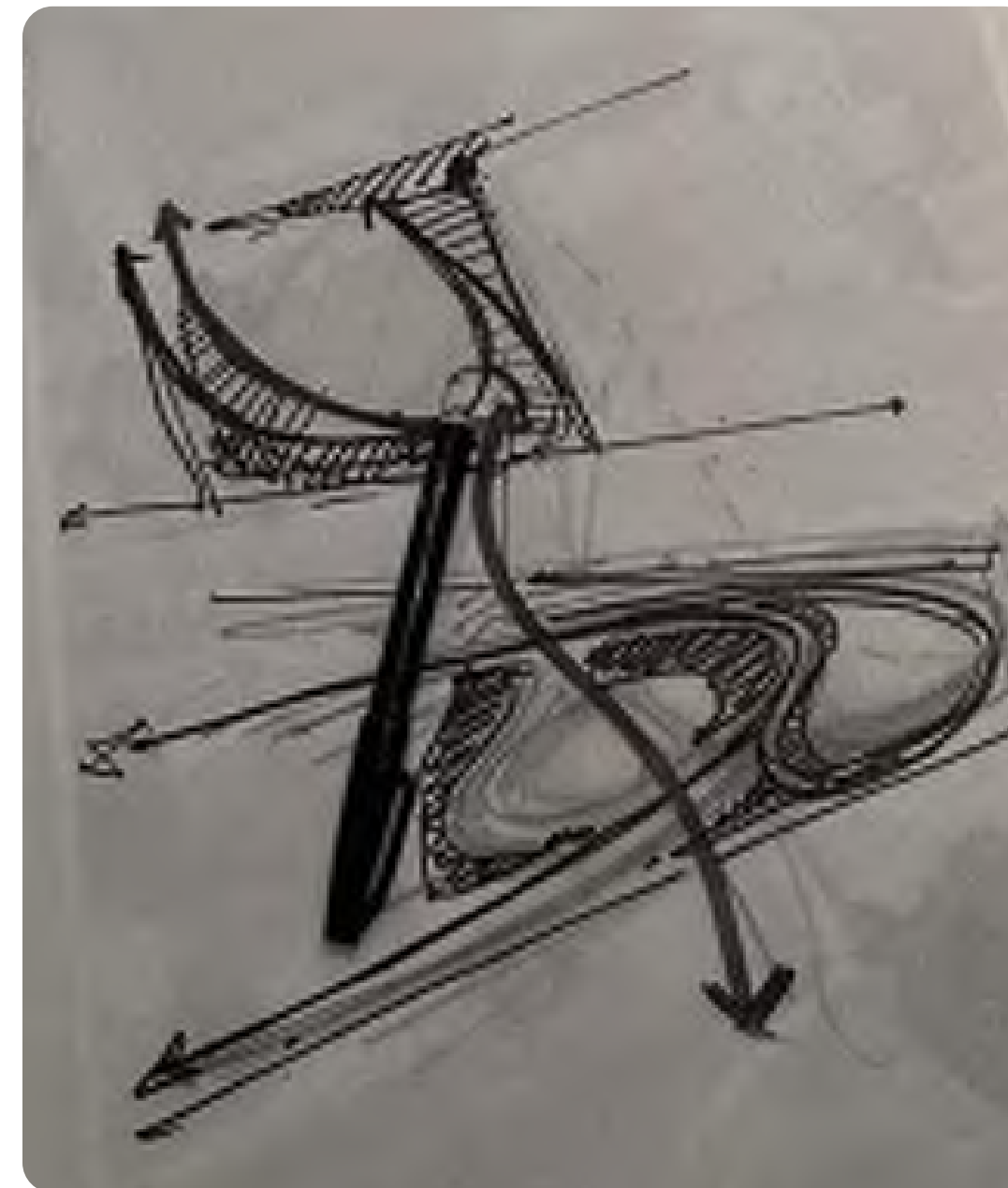
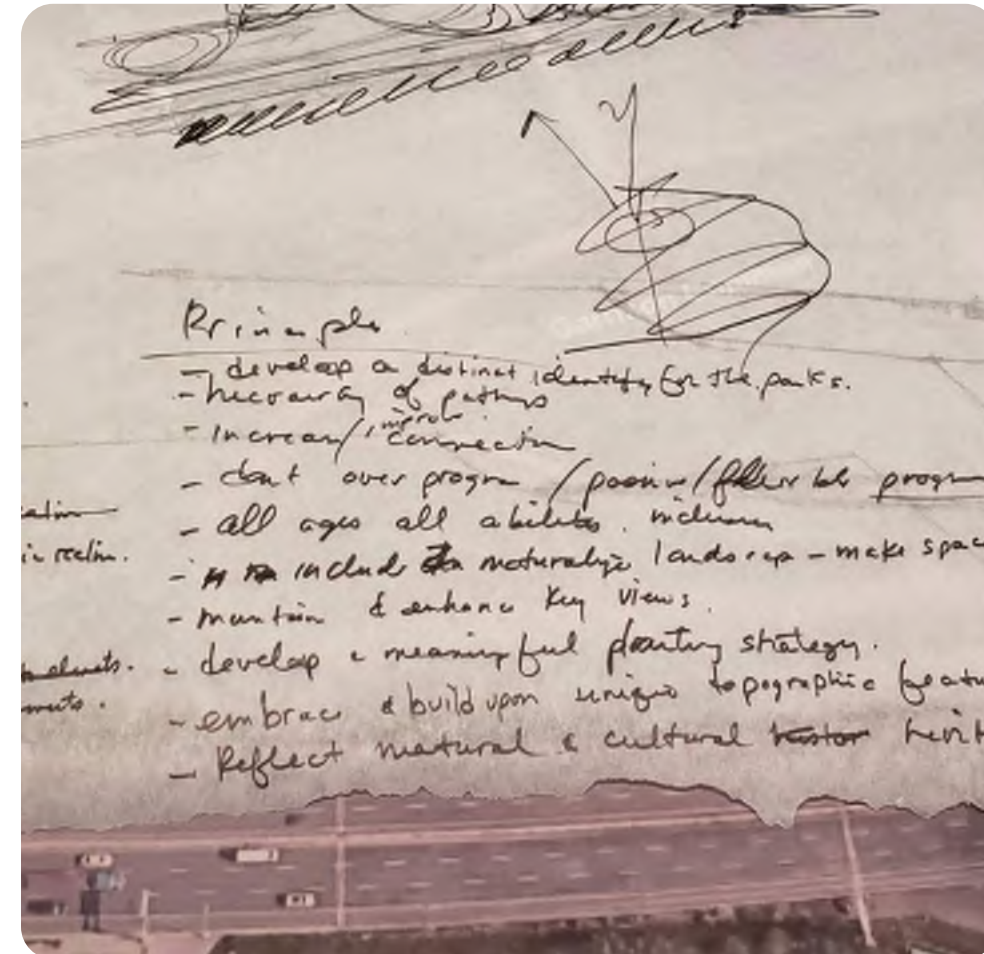
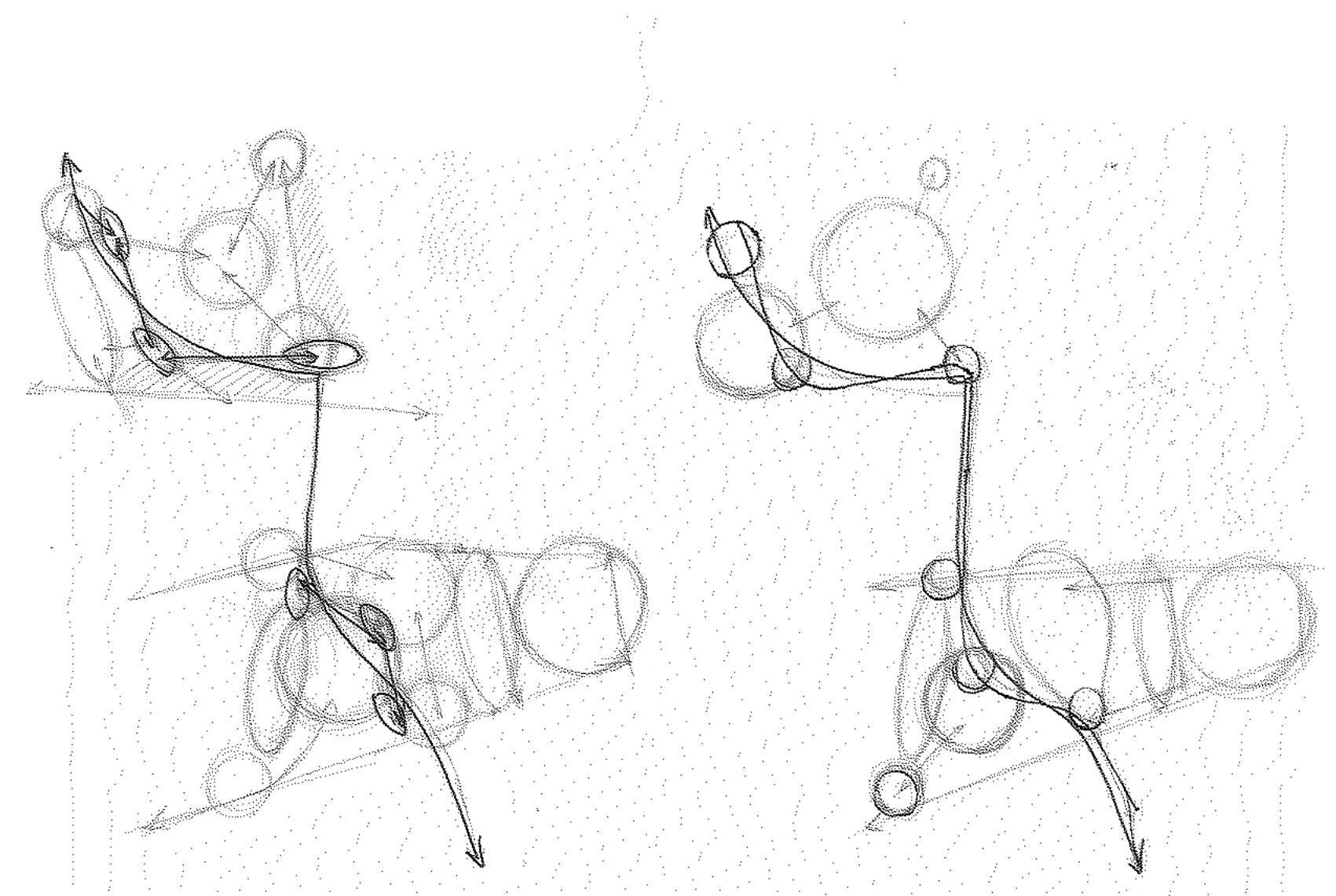
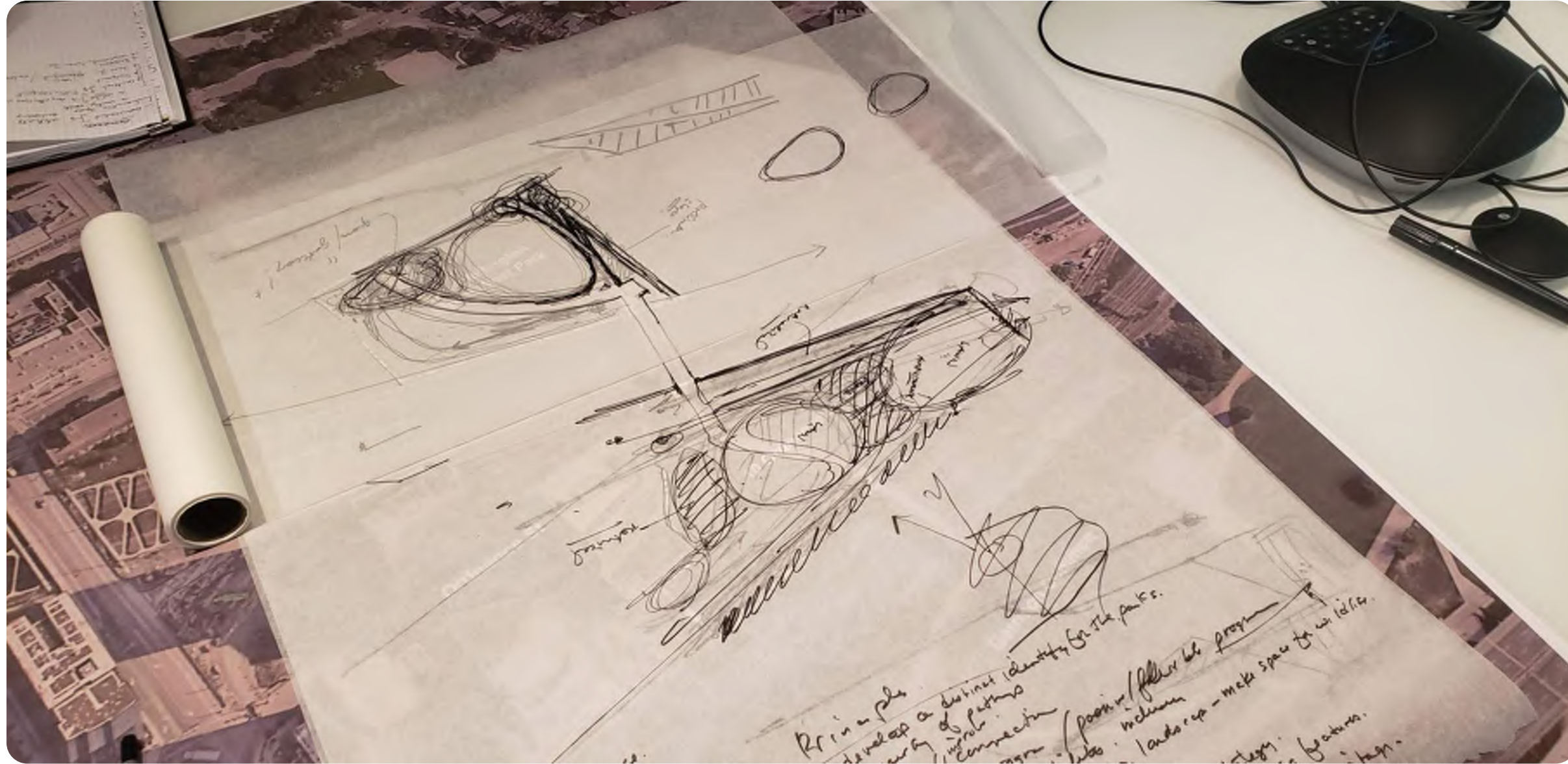


Discussion

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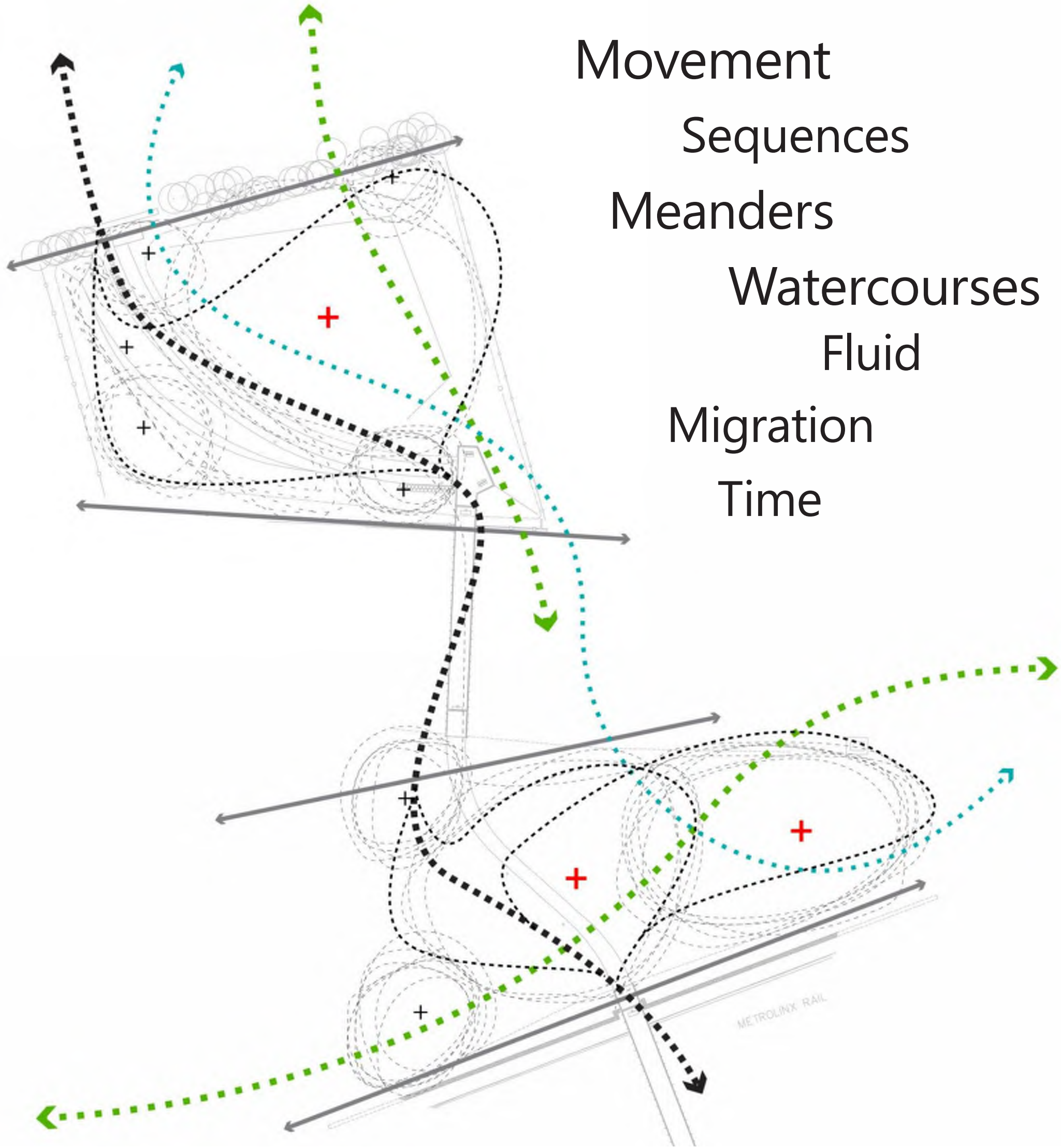
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Process Sketches



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Concept 1: Flow



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Flow: Programming

New park gateway, gathering and orientation space

Quiet seating space, picnic area

Sloped lawn, sitting people-watching



New park gateway, gathering and orientation space

Flexible / unprogrammed open lawn

Lookout, seating and resting space

Play, active programming

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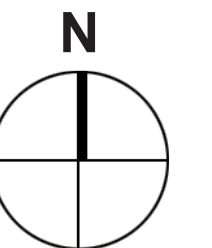
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Flow: Circulation

New park gateway

Improved connectivity behind & through berm

Connection to potential future railpath multi-use trail along 805 Wellington site

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Primary Pathway Loop:
Vehicular / Maintenance Access (3m min.)

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Improved barrier-free connection from Garrison Crossing to Wellington Street

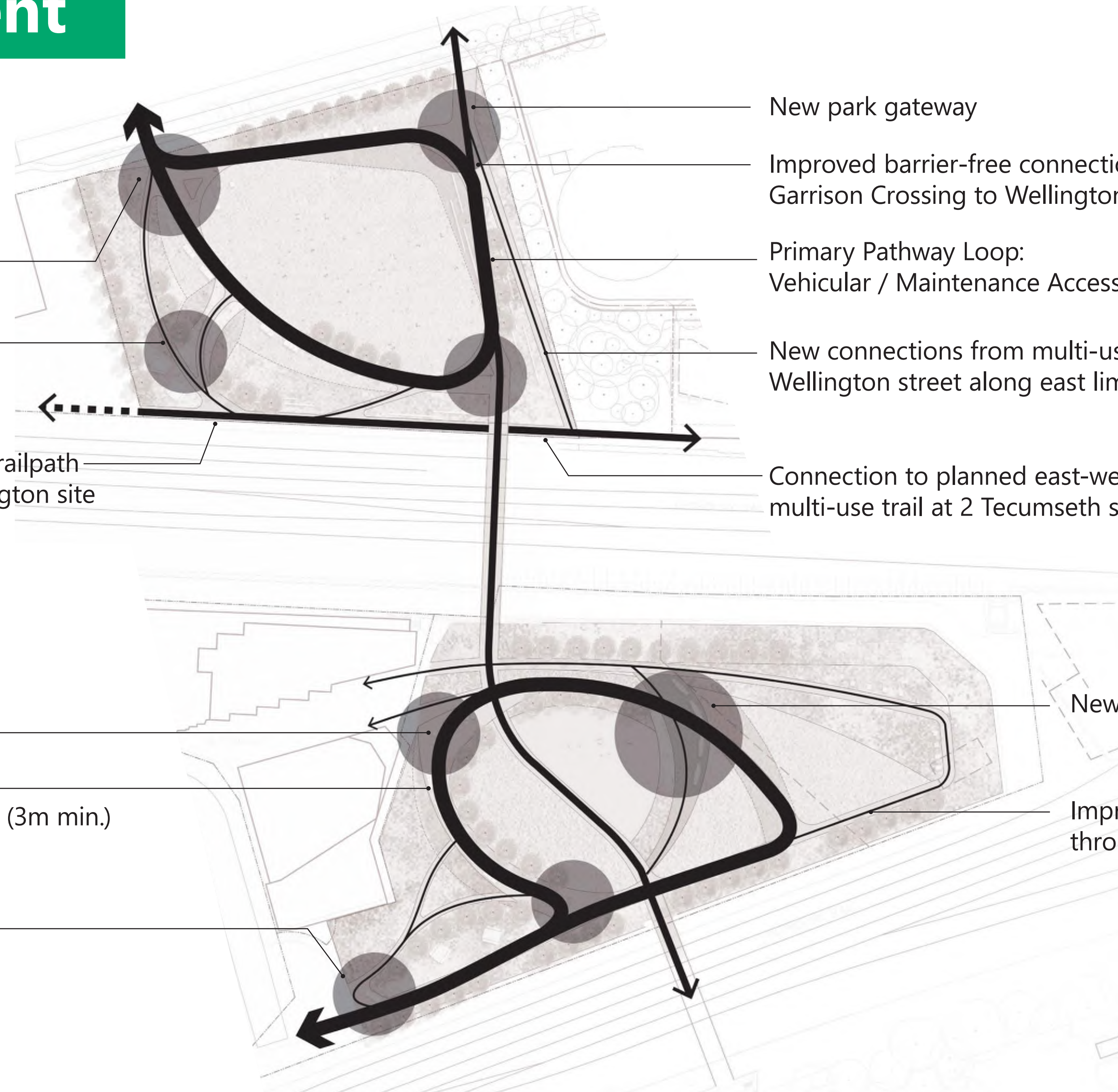
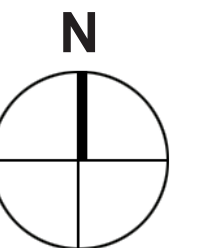
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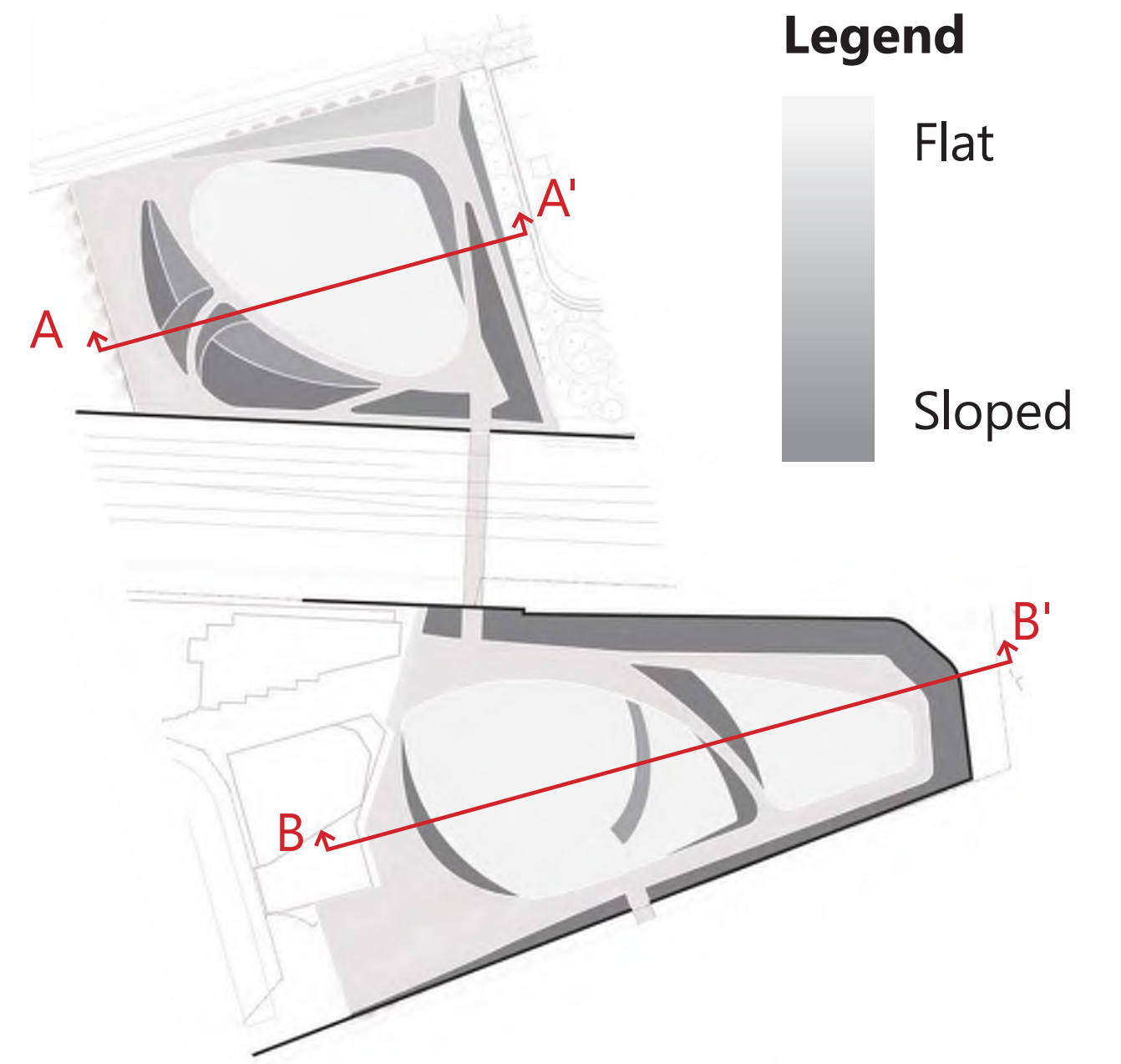
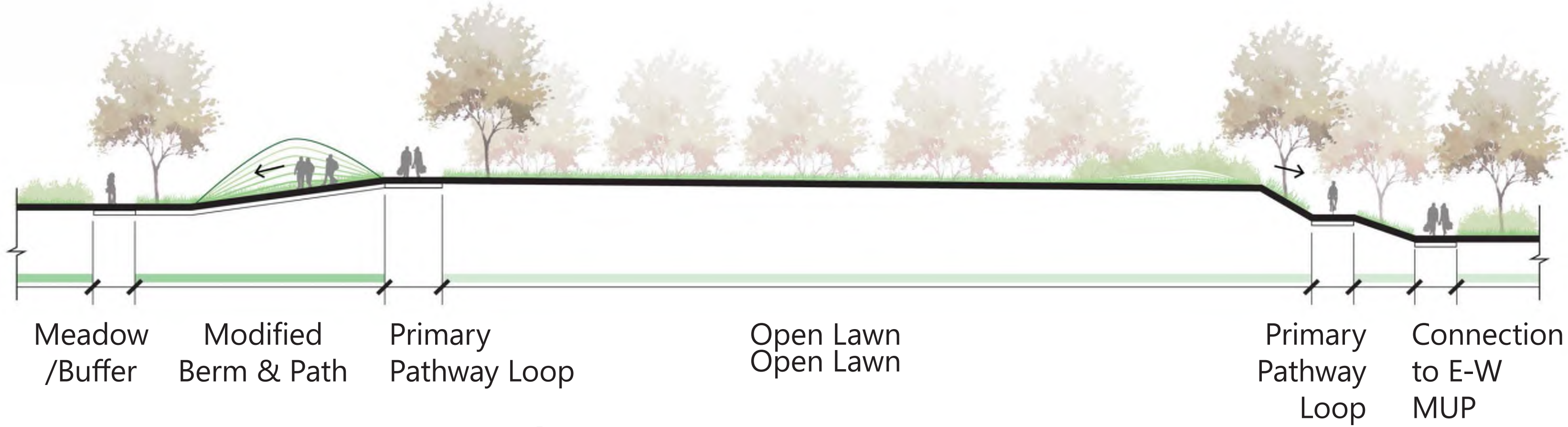
New gathering space

Improved connectivity through east peninsula

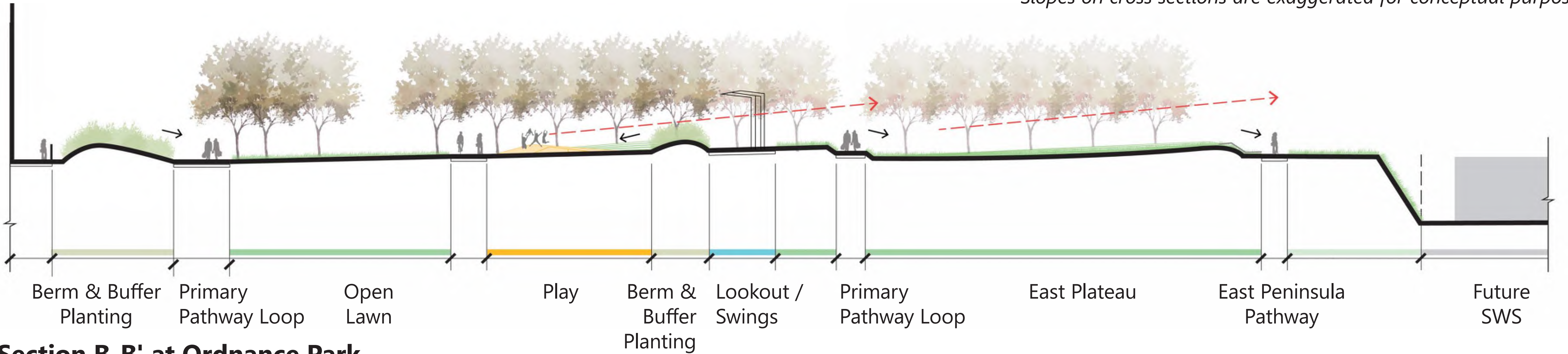


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Flow: Topography



Section A-A' at Wellington Park



Section B-B' at Ordnance Park

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Flow: Planting

Open / mown lawn

Curated meadow (selective mowing) along west boundary

Open / mown lawn on berm facing central field

New trees along Wellington Street

Buffer planting along slope edge

Naturalized pollinator meadows on slopes

Legend

- Open Lawn / Sod
- Curated / Pollinator Meadow
- Naturalized / Habitat Planting
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- Tree Planting Area

Buffer planting at play area

Naturalized habitat planting on Ordnance Park slopes

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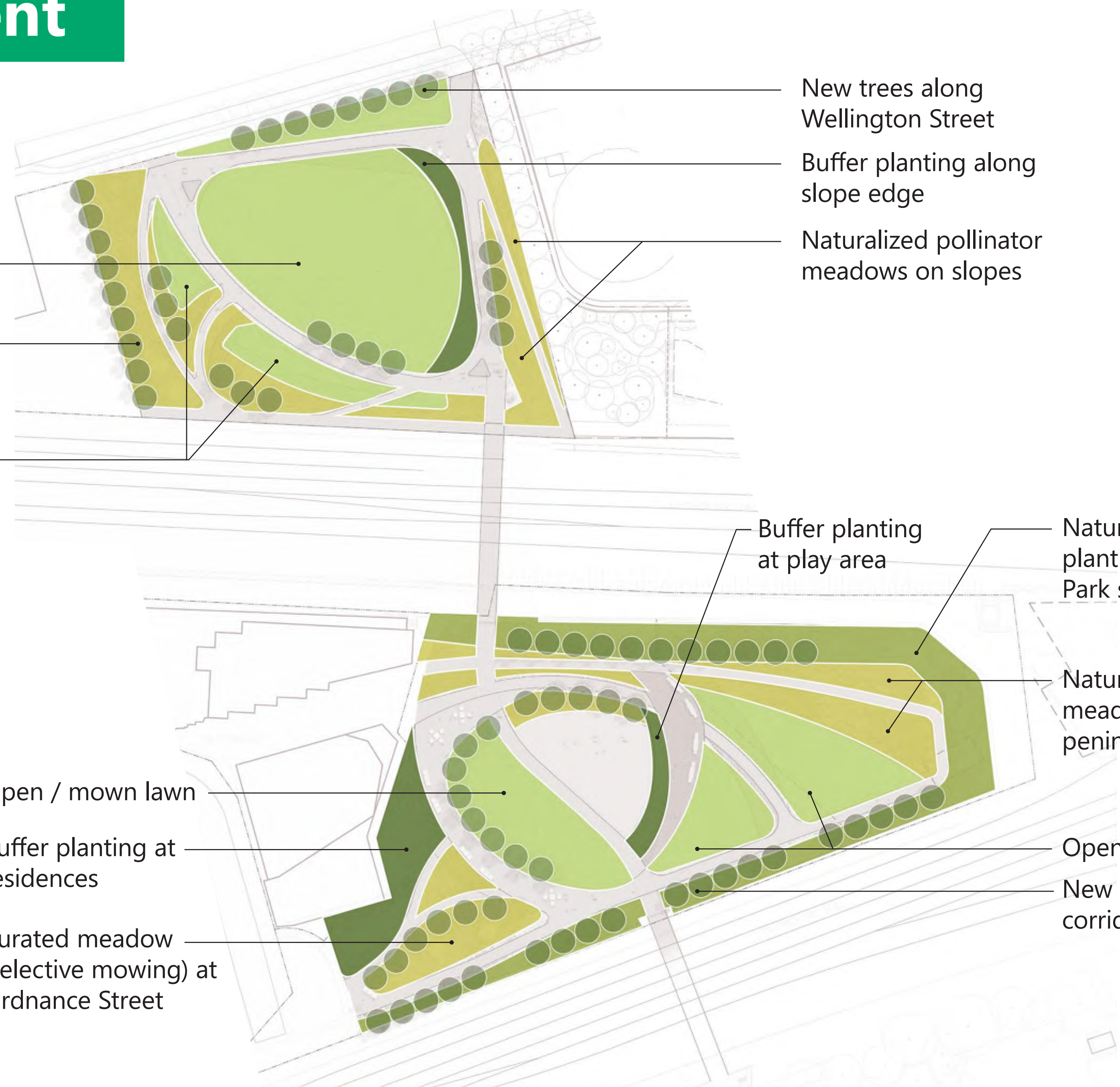
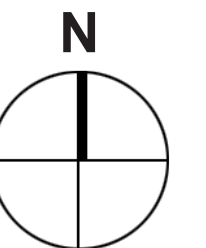
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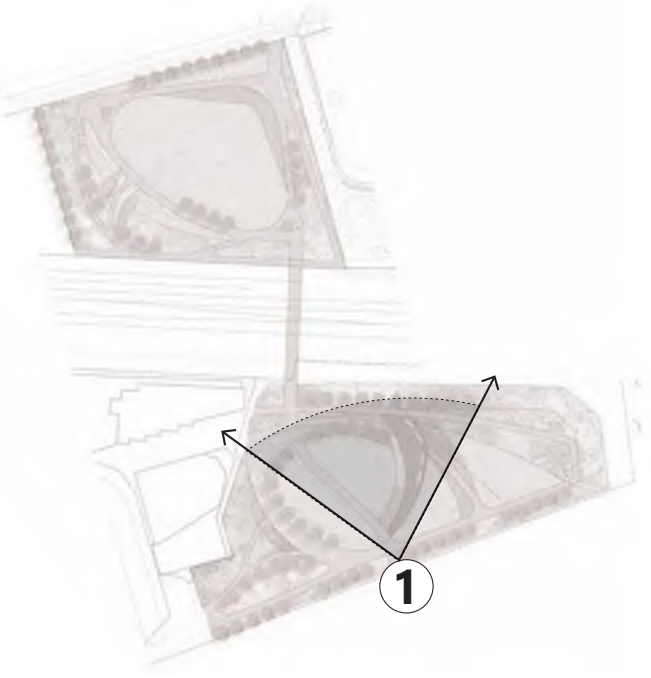
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New trees along rail corridor



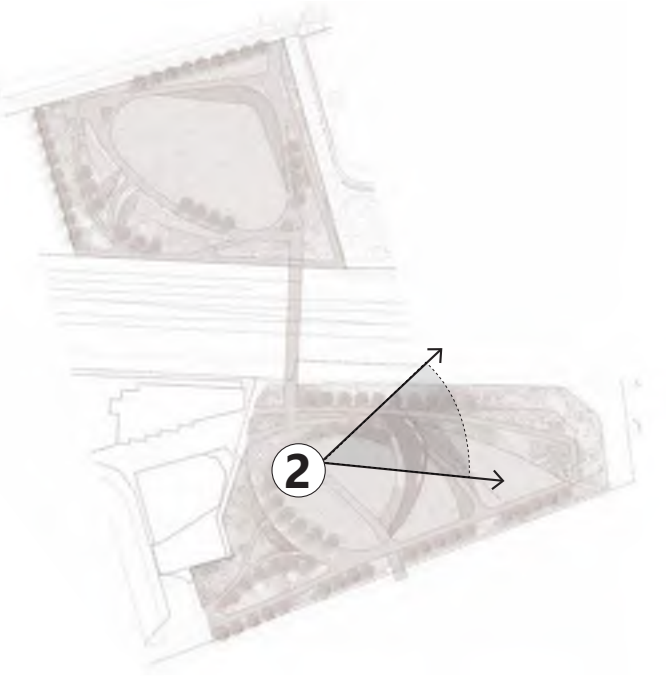
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Flow: Ordnance Park View North from Garrison Crossing



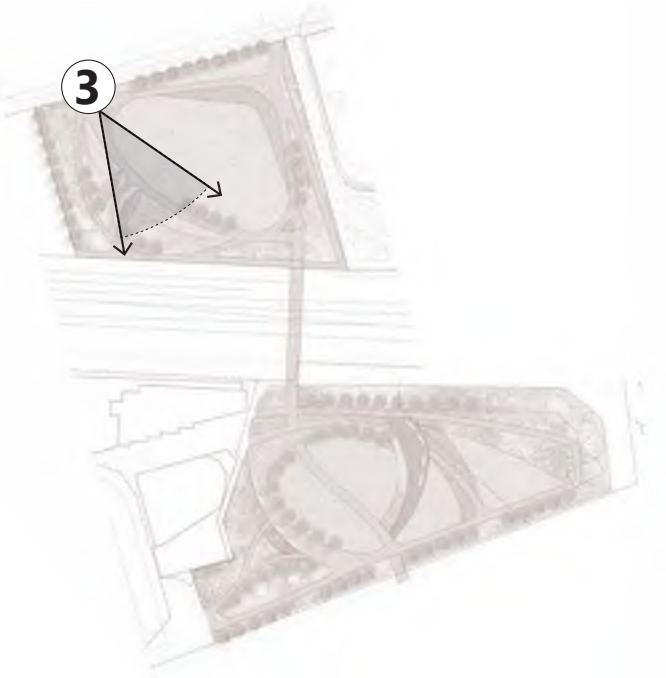
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Flow: Ordnance Park View East from Central Active Space



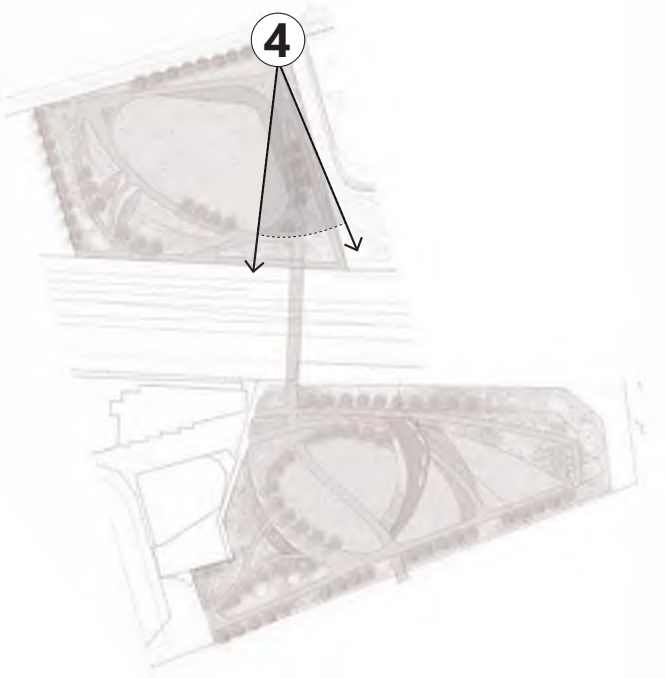
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Flow: Wellington Park Looking North Along Main Pathway



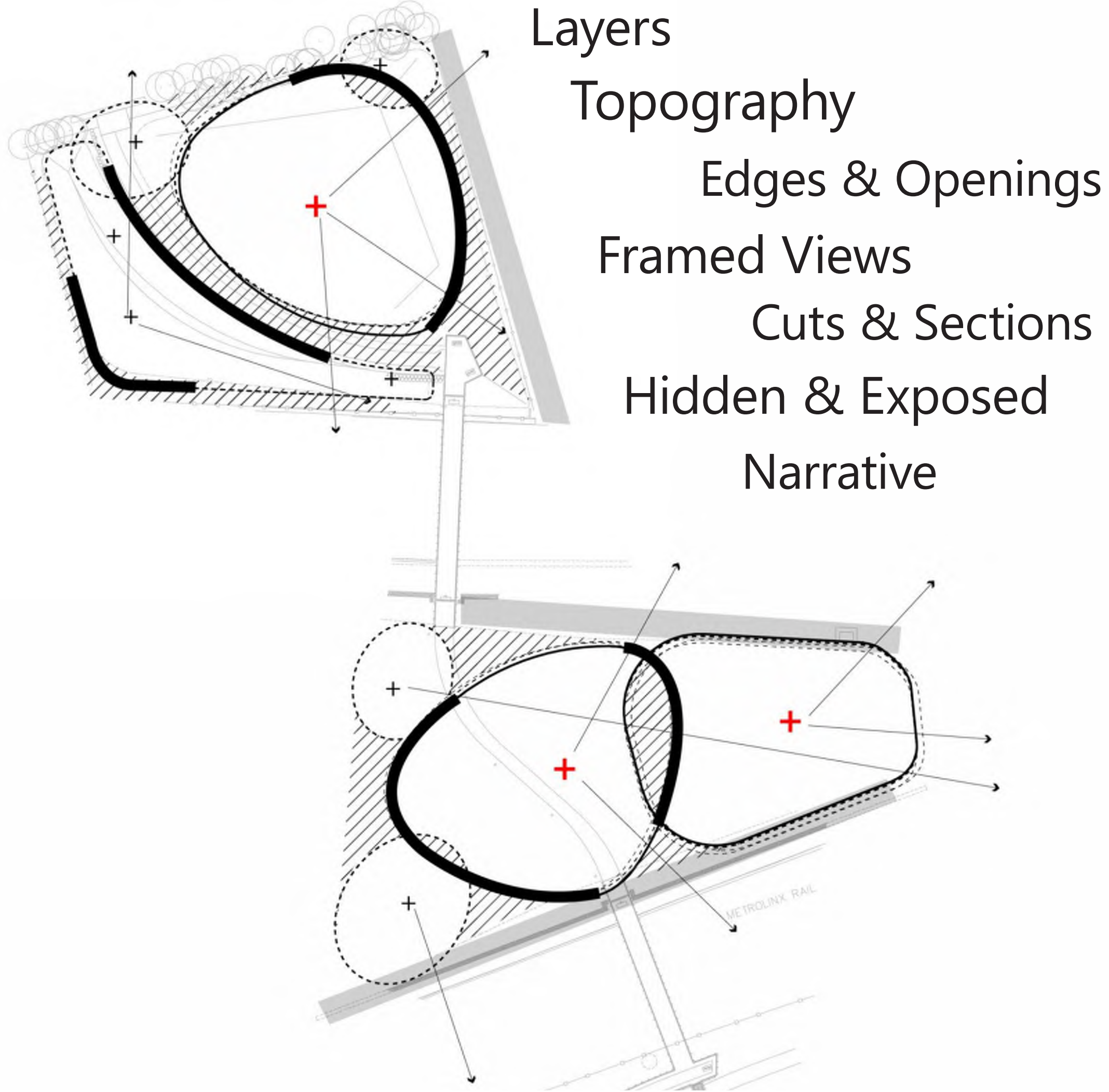
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Flow: View of Wellington Park East Slope



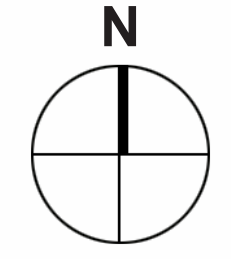
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Concept 2: Reveal



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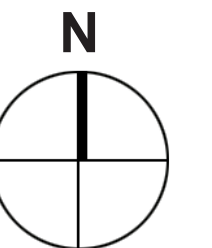
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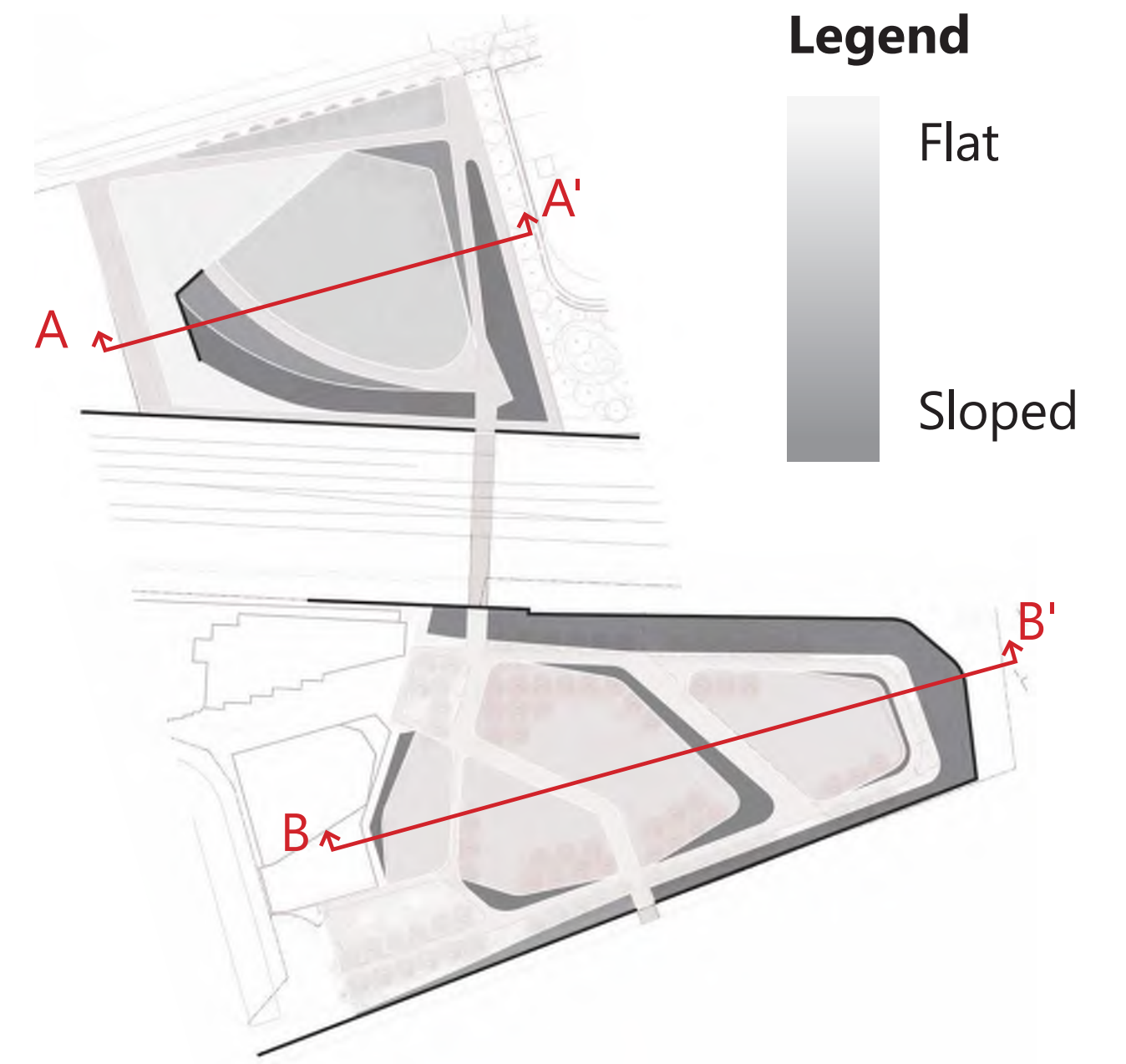
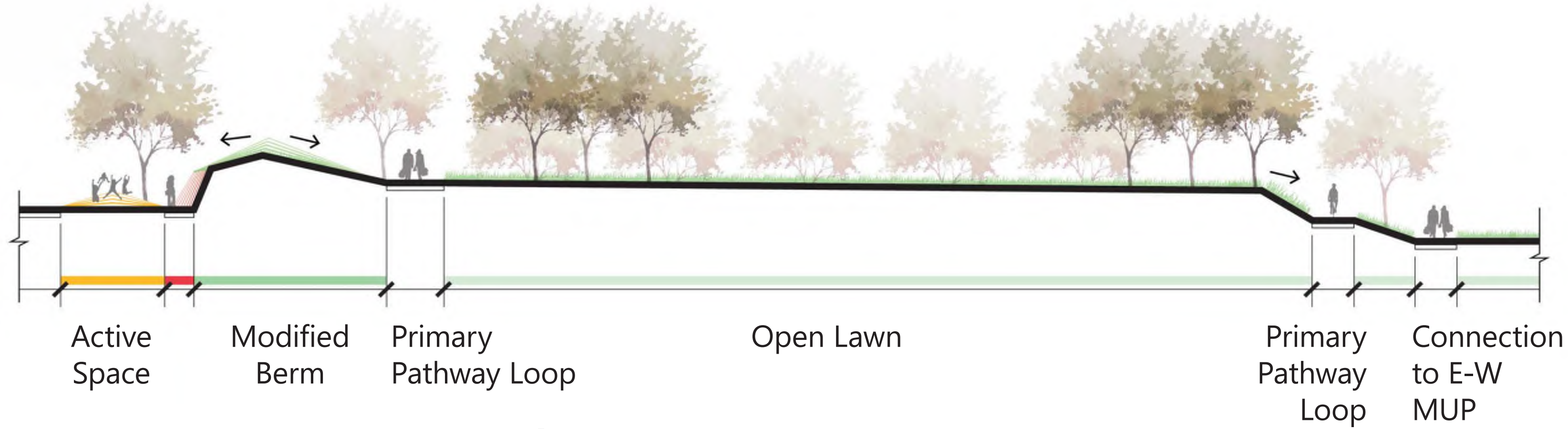
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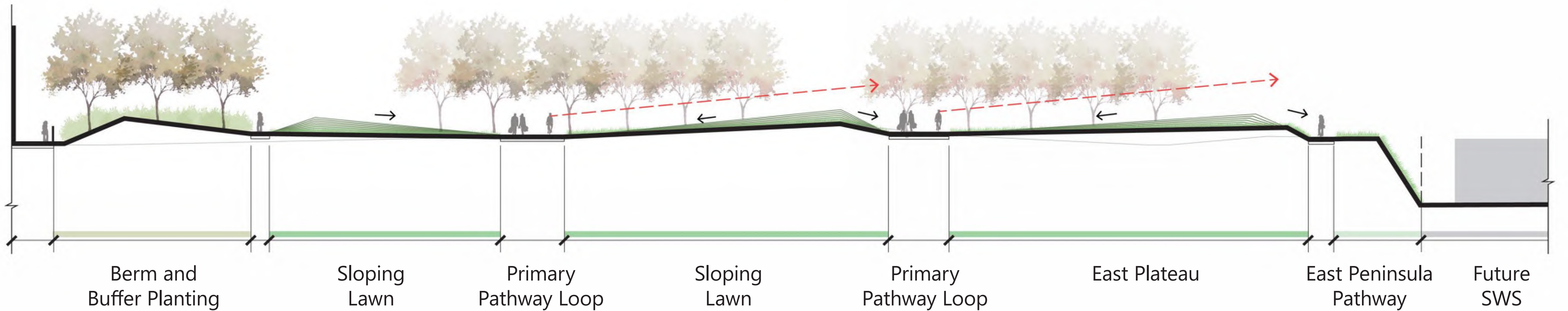


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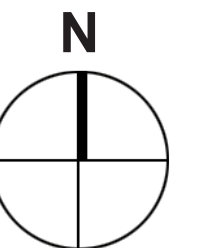
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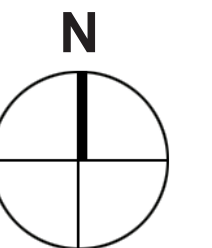
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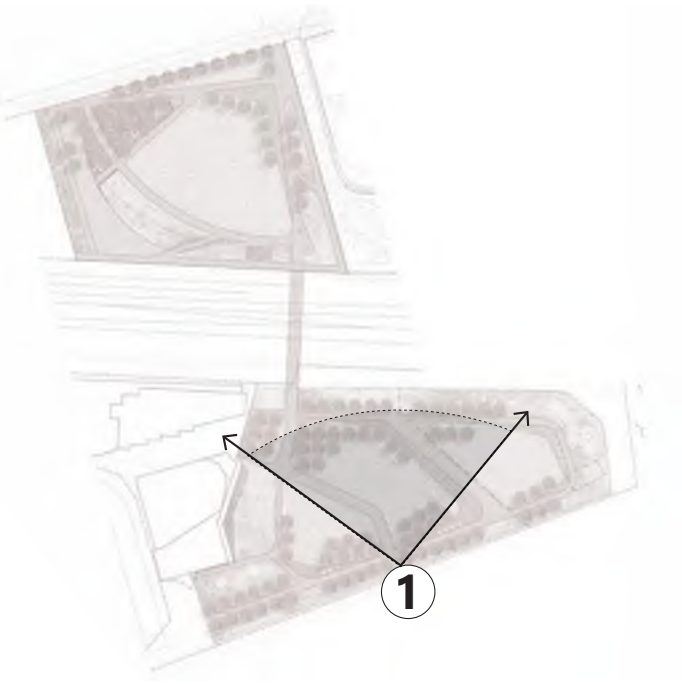
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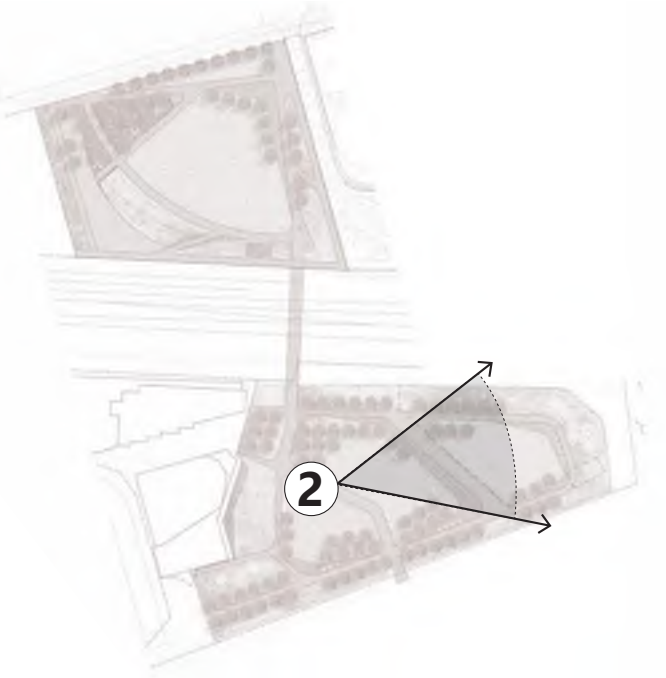
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Reveal: Ordnance Park View North from Garrison Crossing



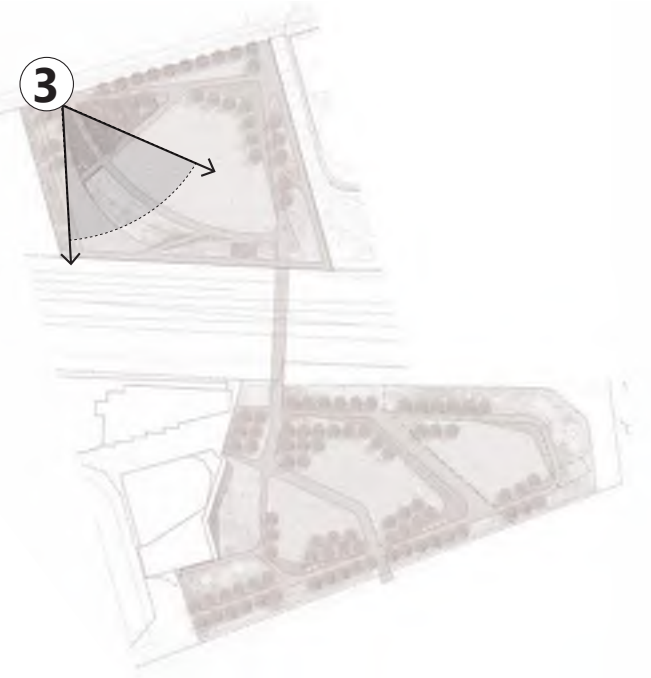
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Reveal: Ordnance Park View East from Central Green Space



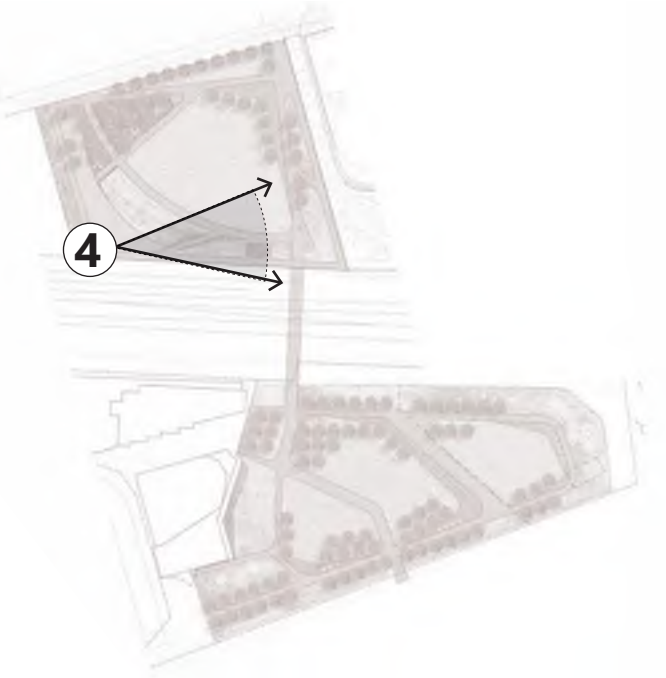
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Reveal: Wellington Park Looking North from Entrance Gateway



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Reveal: Wellington Park view East along Rail Corridor



Breakout Groups and Discussion

Thank you!