

WELCOME!

Kennedy Park-Ionview

LOCAL PARKLAND STUDY

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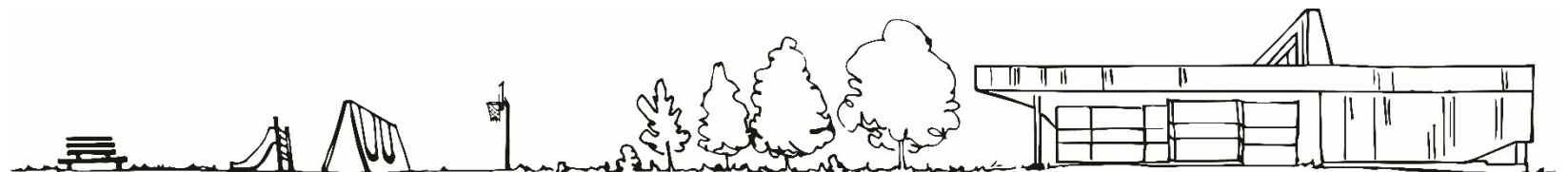
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Land Acknowledgement

The land I am standing on today 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. I also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

I acknowledge that we are all Treaty peoples – including those who came here as settlers – as migrants either in this generation or in generations past - and those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly those brought to these lands as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. I pay tribute to those ancestors of African origin and descent.



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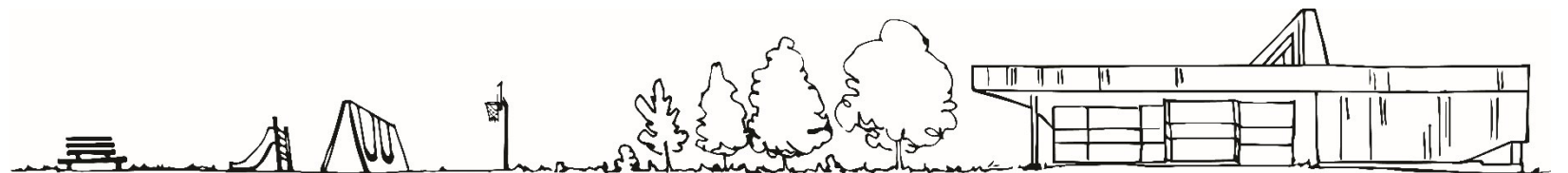
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Where we are and what we've done.

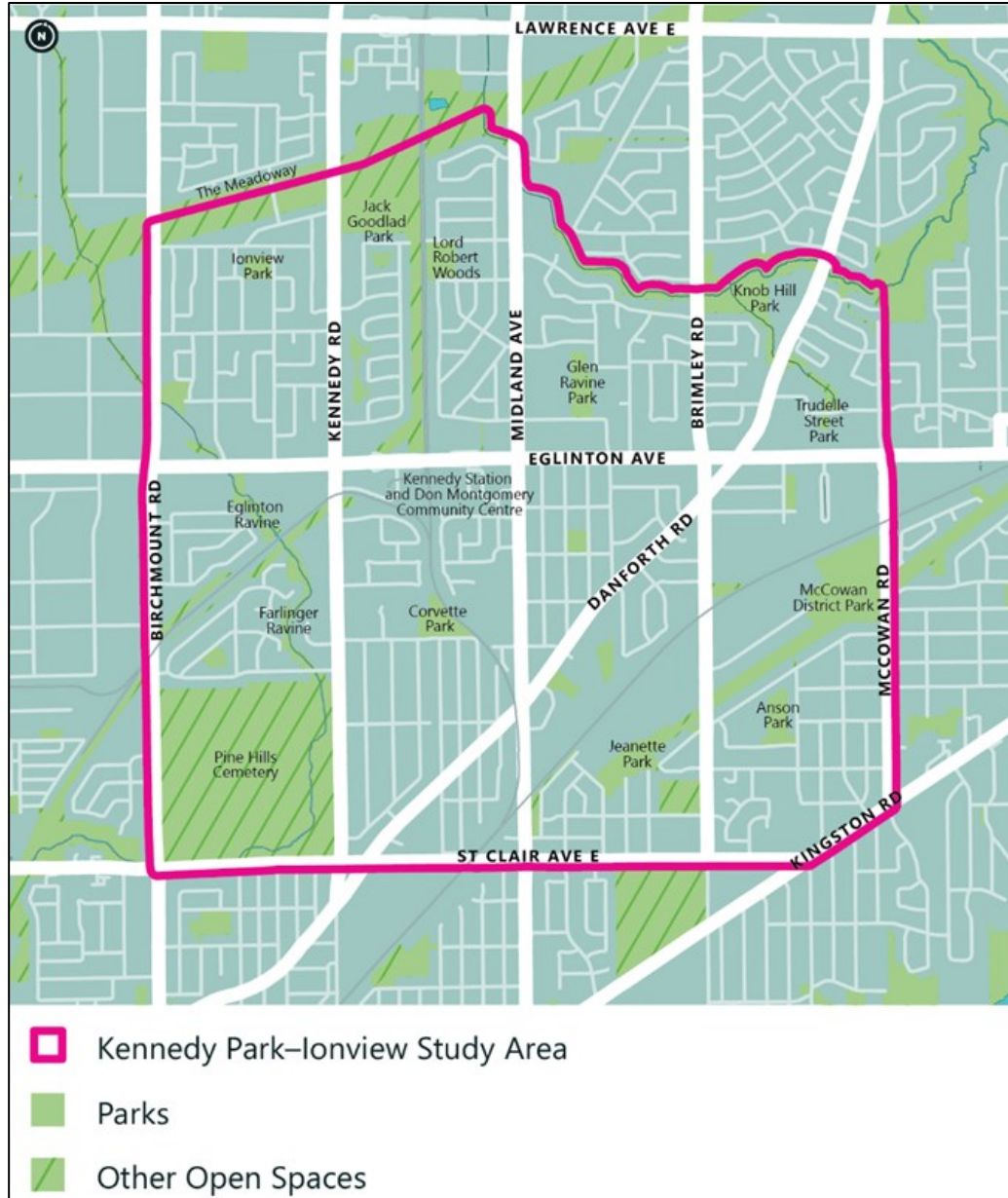
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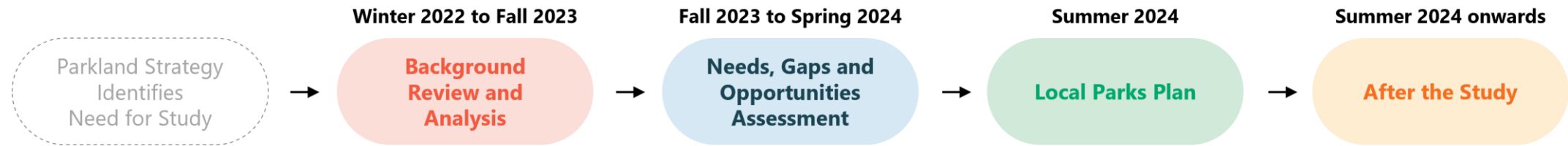


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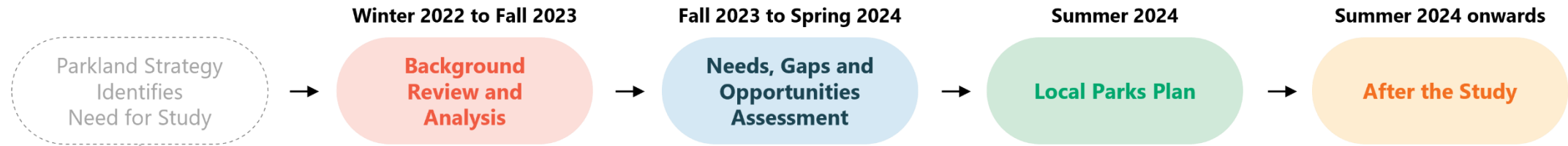


A Parkland Study is a project to take a **closer look at the parks and open spaces** within a specific area. The goals are to **understand** what is happening in the Study Area, what parks and open spaces are available, how people currently use them or want to use them, and how we can make the park spaces **better for future generations**.

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Toronto's Parkland Strategy



EXPAND

Ensure Toronto's system of parks expands as the city grows and evolves.

IMPROVE

Invest in park improvements in areas of need to support a range of functions and meet the changing needs of users.

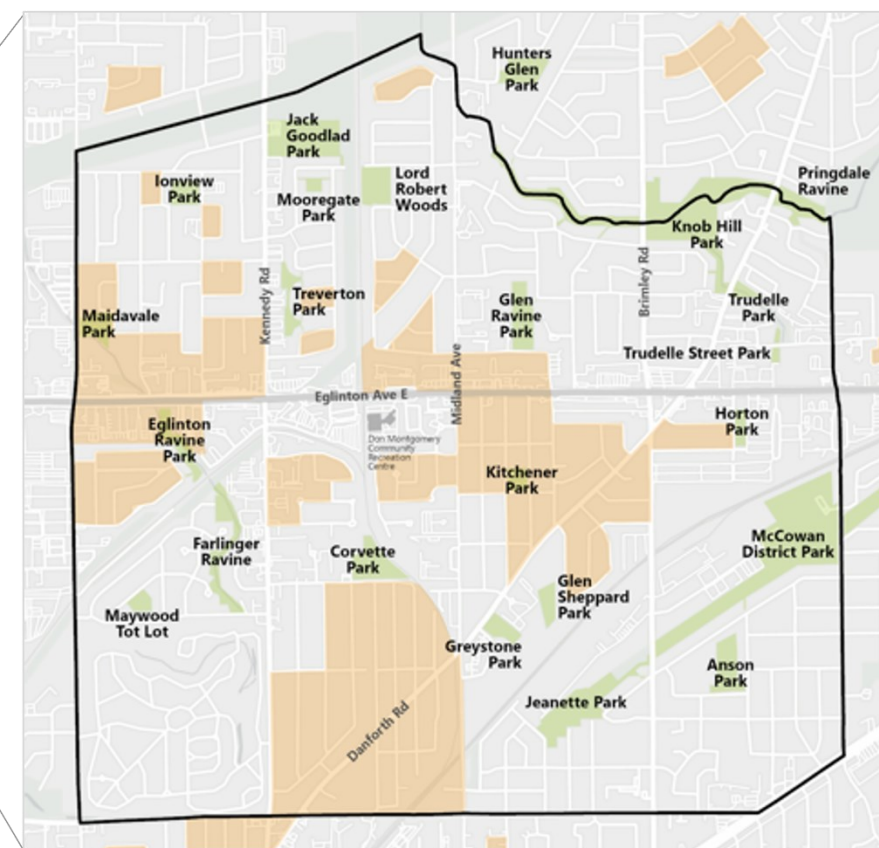
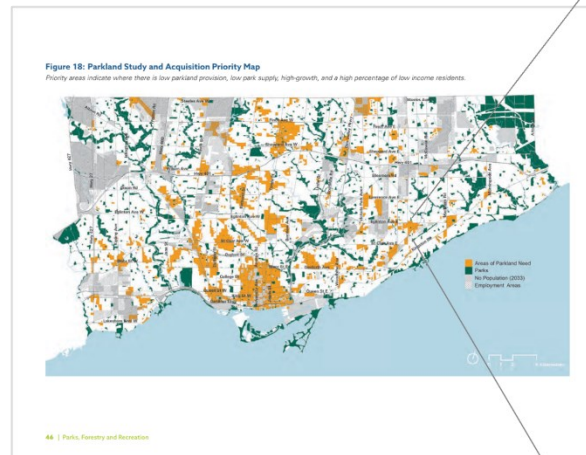
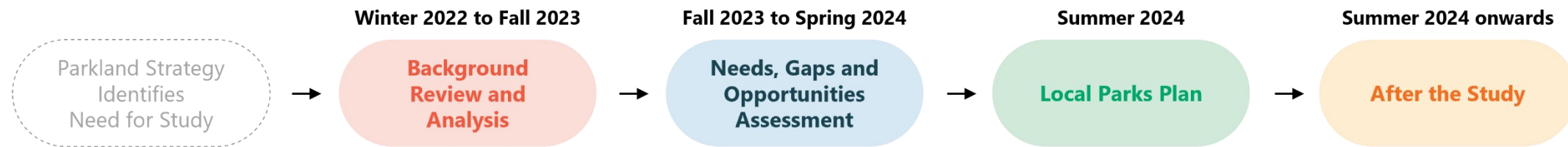
CONNECT

Extend the park experience by connecting parks to each other and between other open spaces, to create a seamless public realm.

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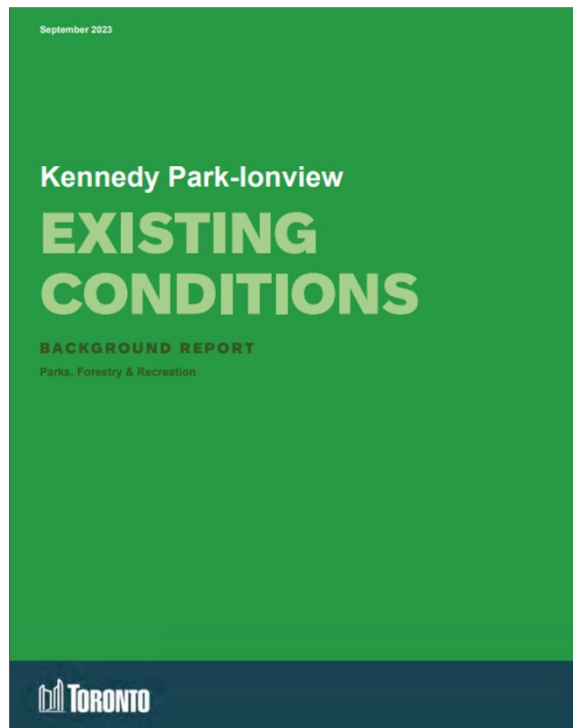
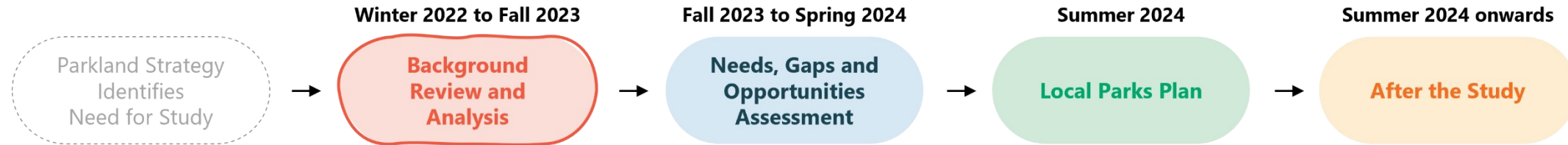
The diversity of Toronto is reflected in its system of parks.

Priority Area for Study



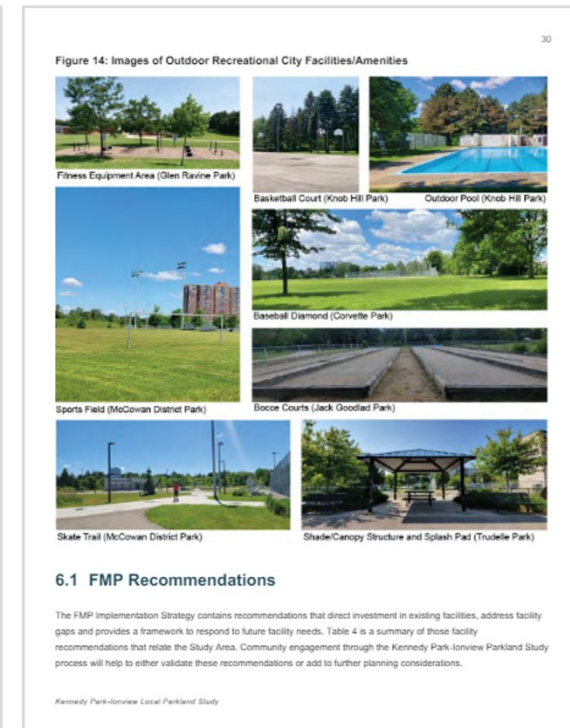
23 City parks | **11.5 m²** Parkland per person

Background Report

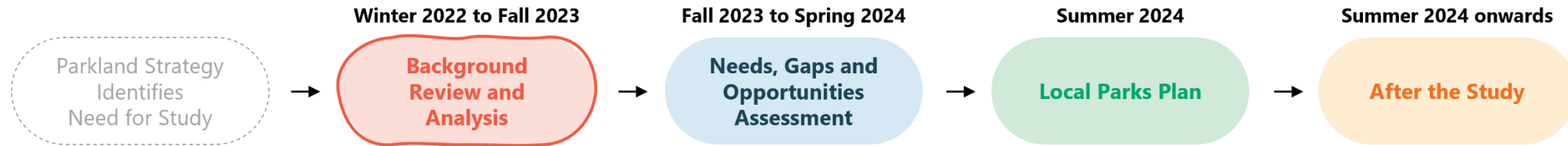


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Kennedy Park-Ionview Local Parkland Study



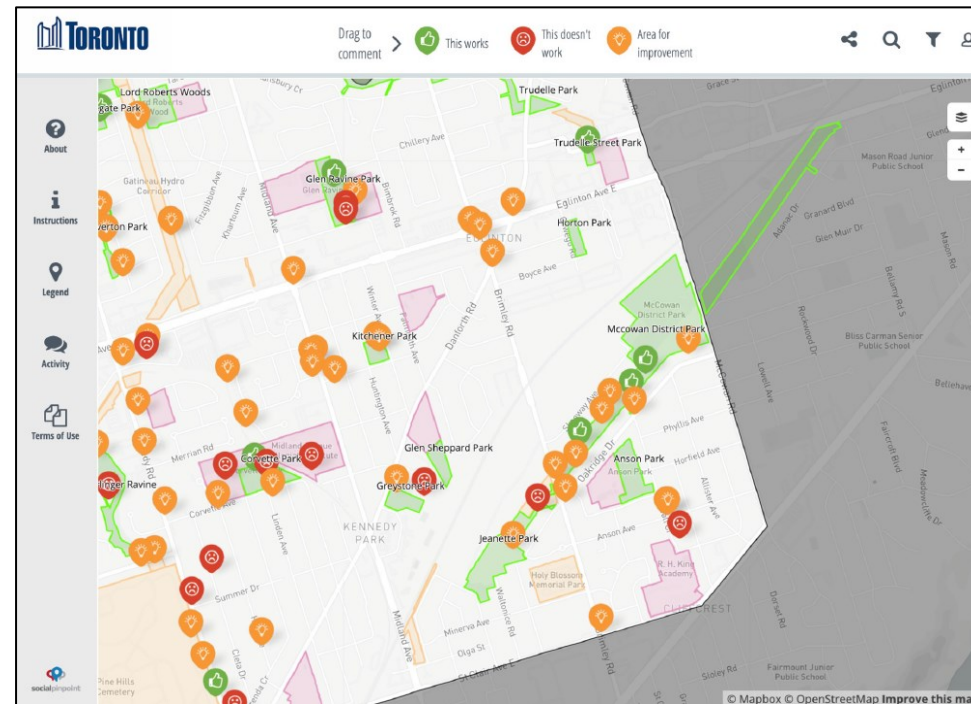
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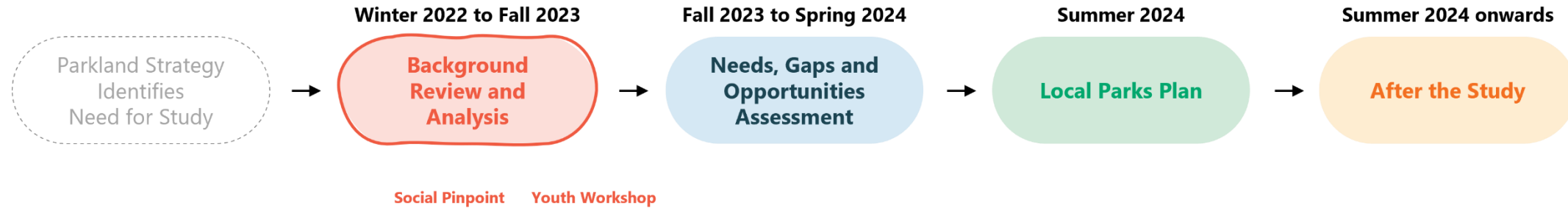
Top 5 Comments

1. Safety
2. Park maintenance
3. Trails and pathways
4. Lighting
5. Space for sports



Social Pinpoint Activity

Youth Workshop



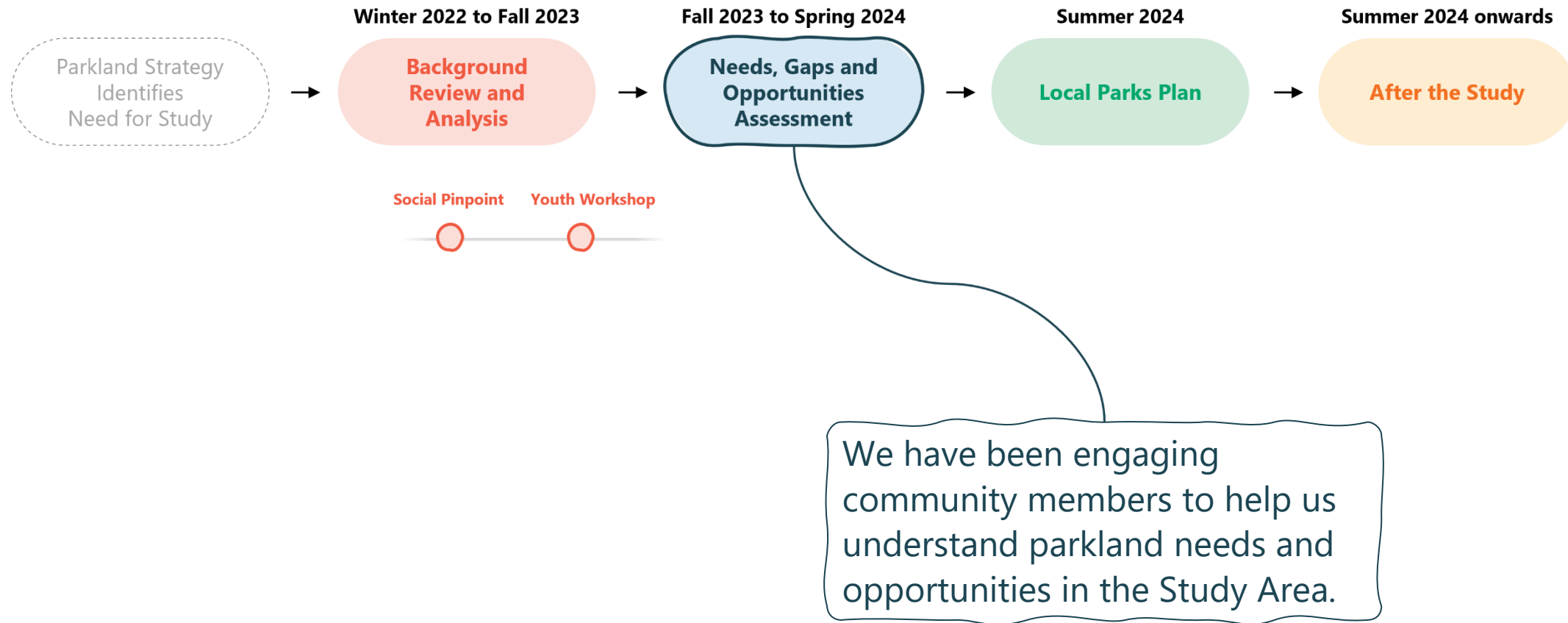
Key Insights

- Parks are accessed by public transit or cycling
- Park usage is community driven
- Basketball courts are a popular facility
- Park facilities and amenities are old and aging
- Shade and plantings are needed
- Several specific comments were made about Jack Goodlad Park, e.g. improved washrooms, more gazebos needed



Youth Workshop Map Activity

Needs, Gaps and Opportunities Assessment (Current Phase)



Pop-ups



Key Insights

I want parks and outdoor spaces to...

- Feel safe - e.g. brighter lights
- Have ample shade - e.g. shade near splash pads
- Have regular upkeep - e.g. washrooms
- Have more space for sports - e.g. outdoor fitness areas
- Have better access - e.g. connections between parks/ravines
- Have well maintained trails - e.g. add mirrors on tight turns



Park Pop-up at Jack Goodlad Park

Community Workshop



Workshop at the Mid-Scarborough Hub

Draft Vision

"The parks network serving the Kennedy Park-Ionview community will be safe, accessible and welcoming to diverse people of all ages and abilities. The parks network will offer clean, beautiful, and well-maintained outdoor spaces that bring people together year-round, fostering social connection and a sense of belonging for everyone. Park visitors will be able to relax and experience nature through sustainable park design and improved access to ravines. A variety of amenities, recreational facilities and programs will reflect the needs and interests of the local community, ensuring that parks are inviting and multi-use spaces. It will be easy, comfortable and convenient to travel to, from and within the park network and to other community destinations."

Indigenous Community Workshop



2022-2032 Reconciliation Action Plan



“The City of Toronto will dedicate time, space, and money to create and maintain meaningful relationships with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities, leaders, collectives, and organizations. These relationships will be rooted in early engagement, collaboration, co-development, equal partnership, and power shifting. Within the context of these relationships, the City will collaborate to restore truth, right relations, and contribute to a just future for Indigenous Peoples.”

Creating the Local Parks Plan



The Local Parks Plan will include:

Vision

summarizing the community's aspirations for the Kennedy Park-Ionview parks and open space system.

Long-term Recommendations

to guide decisions-making and resource allocation for parks initiatives. These may require council approval, a large budget and/or partnerships and include initiatives such as: parkland acquisitions, parkland dedications, or new park facilities/amenities.

Immediate Opportunities

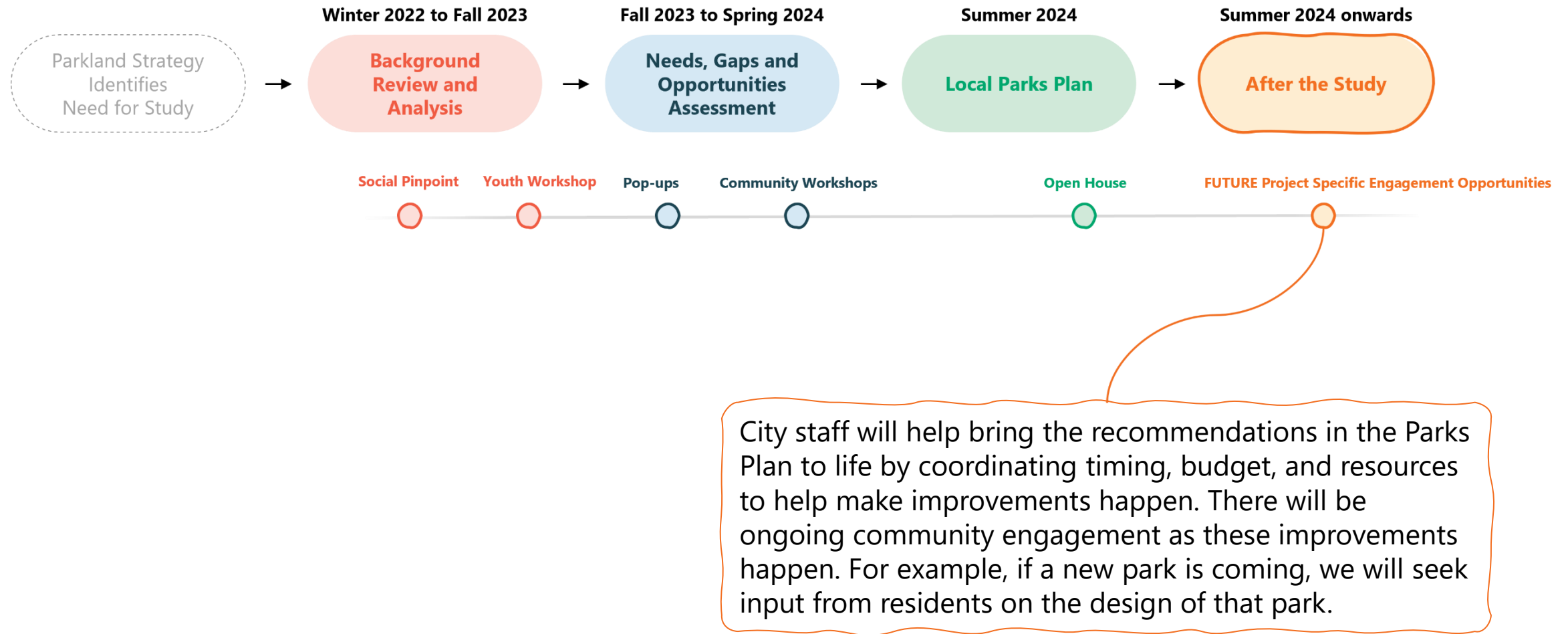
that can be implemented relatively quickly and are lower cost projects such as improvements to signage and lighting, increased tree plantings and other landscape elements, public art opportunities, and better connections to and within the parks and open space network.

Open House



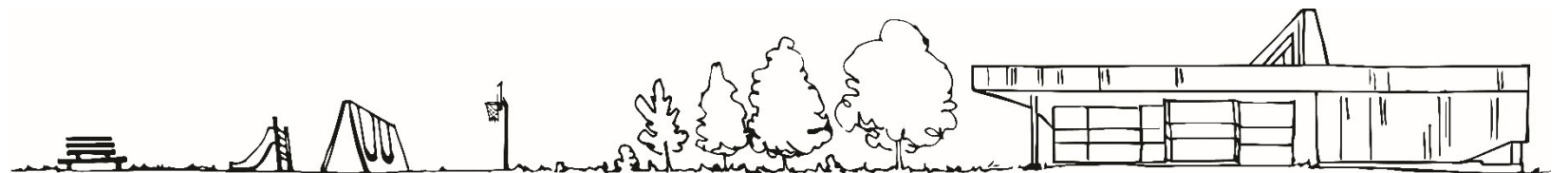
We will host an open house with a Proposed Parks Plan. This will be an opportunity to hear from the community about whether you think we've captured your feedback accurately and to learn what your neighbours have suggested for the parks and open space system in the Study Area.

What happens after the study?



What's next?

- Feedback received tonight will be summarized in a Community Workshop Report, to be posted online.
- An Open House will be held this summer.



Thank you!

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