



Pricefield Road Playground Park Improvements

Virtual Public Meeting
Monday, June 16, 2025



Agenda

Virtual Public Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Project Overview
3. Community Engagement To Date
4. Preferred Design
5. Current and Upcoming Community Engagement
6. Questions and Comments

Meet the Project Team

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Community Engagement
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Community Engagement

Your Local Councillor

- **Councillor Dianne Saxe**

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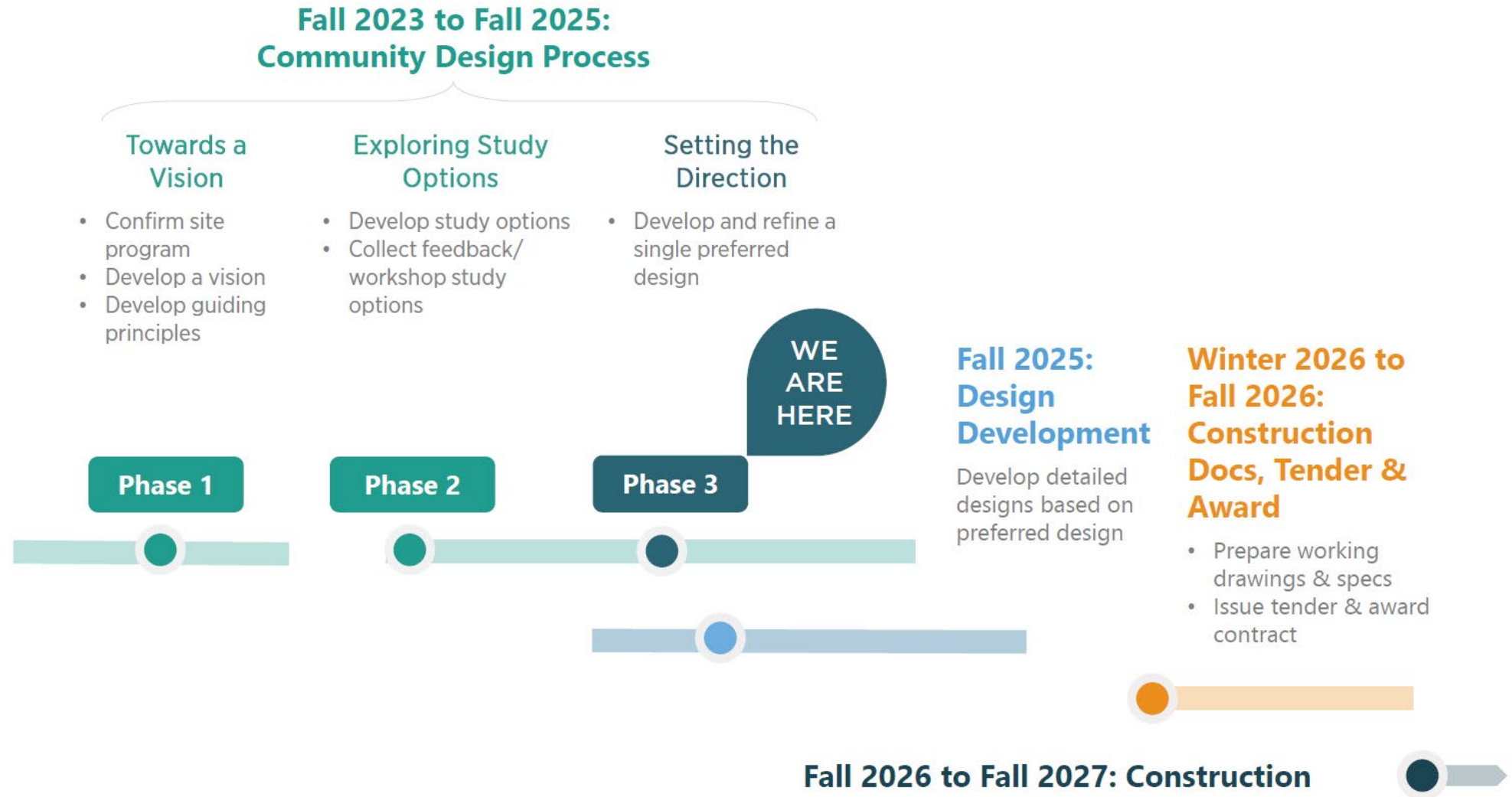
- **Guillaume Paradis**
Senior Landscape Architect
- **Carlos Portillo**
Intermediate Landscape Architect
- **Shaina Coulter**
Landscape Designer

Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU)

- **Abraham Russom**
Urban Planning Graduate
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Associate Professor
School of Urban and Regional Planning

Project Overview

Project Timeline



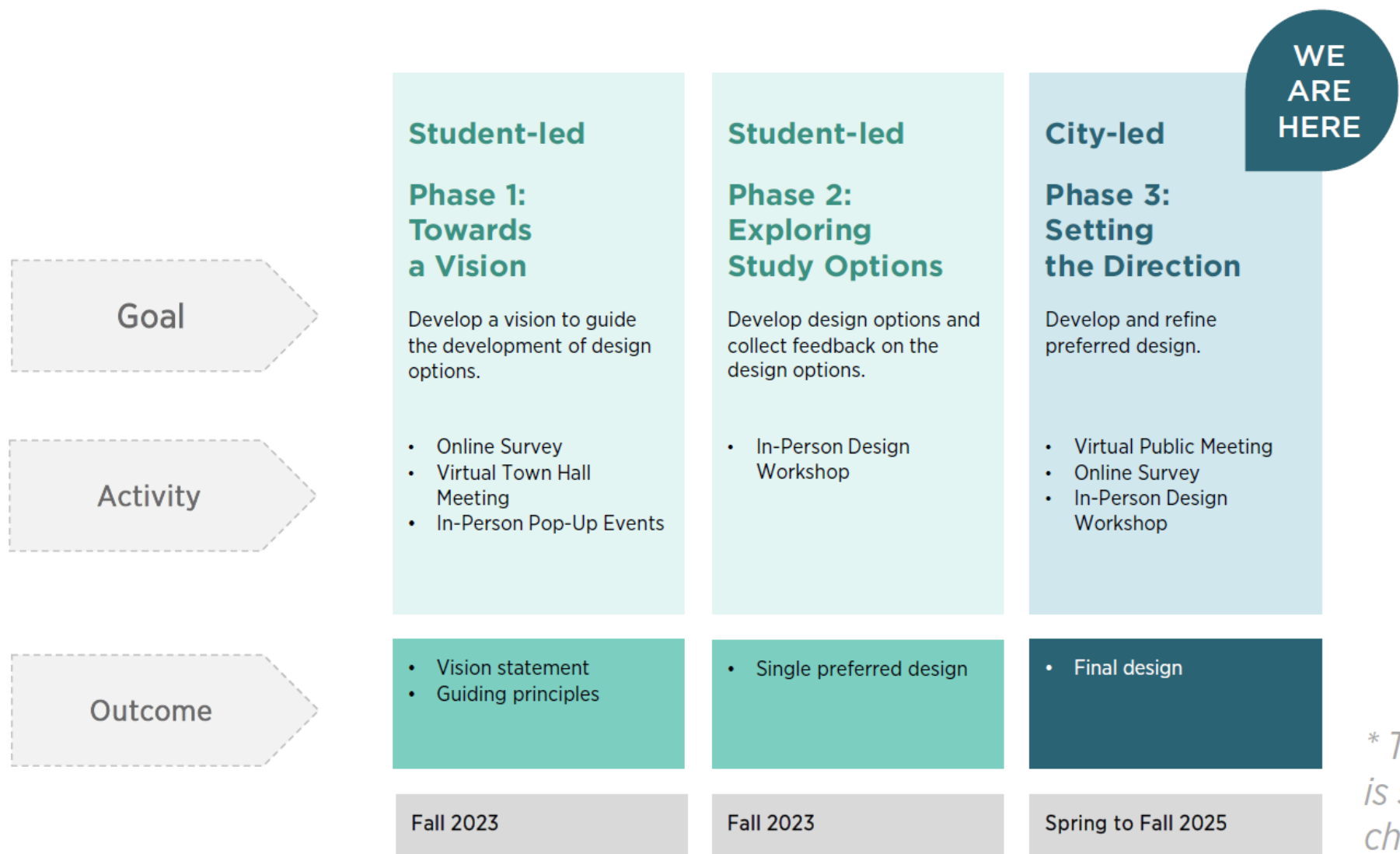
Project Background



- The project was initiated when a resident-led community steering committee, with the support of Councillor Saxe, approached TMU
- The community steering committee included the Thornwood II Development Committee, North Rosedale Resident Association, South Rosedale Association, and ABC Resident Association
- The Pricefield Park Design Group was a student-led team and formed through an urban planning and design studio class
- Supervised by Professor Shelagh McCartney, the group undertook a re-conception of Pricefield Road Playground through the application of learned skills and knowledge
- The design process was guided by feedback from local residents and stakeholders
- The group maintained communications with local residents, Councillor Saxe's Office and other City staff throughout the project
- The project was driven by local residents and TMU students, and supported by City staff

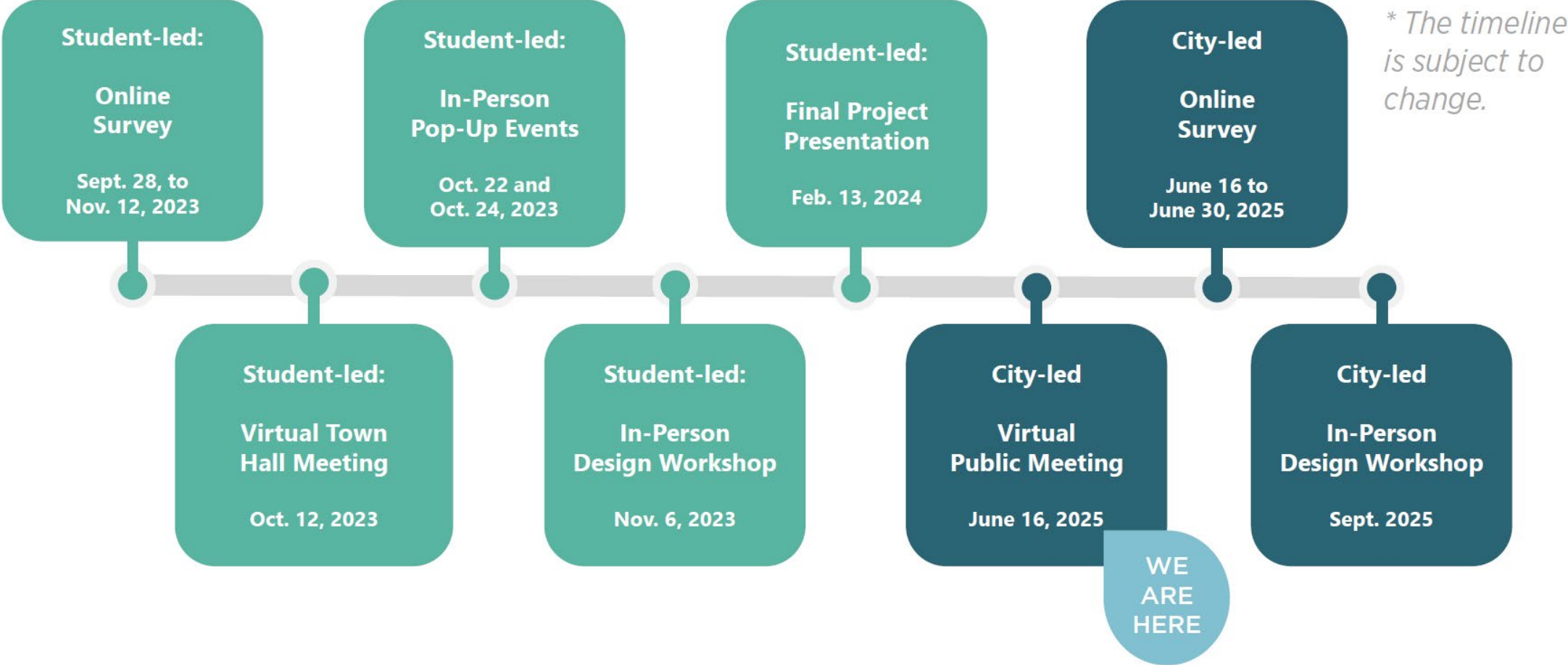
Community Engagement To Date

Community Engagement Plan



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Community Engagement Timeline



Community Engagement To Date



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What We Heard: Areas for Improvement

- Recreation opportunities for a broader range of age groups
- Improving sightlines and lighting
- Additional seating
- Improve wayfinding and connectivity to the surrounding neighbourhood context
- Improve existing amenities in the park (such as playground facilities)

PHASE 1

What We Heard: Opportunities

- The additional capacity to facilitate social interaction
- Increased opportunities for circulation and walking paths in the park
- The ability to incorporate Indigenous and ecological stewardship into park design
- Increase signage and wayfinding
- The ability to increase safety and visibility through lighting and adaptive maintenance
- Increase in accessibility by increasing amenities that include all residents

PHASE 1

What we Heard: Diverging Opinions

- The incorporation of an off-leash or unfenced dog area within the park
- The current or future state of facility maintenance, particularly in reference to snow removal and winter maintenance
- Improved connections to Toronto's Core Circle and Ravine System
- How to address community safety and ways to mitigate interference with the existing sense of safety in the neighbourhood

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Vision Statement

“Pricefield Road Playground will function as a community hub that enhances public life by fostering social connections. It will serve all community members’ recreational needs and desires as the neighbourhood grows over time. The park will maintain its existing natural beauty while acting as a gateway into the City’s wider ravine and trail system to strengthen visitors’ connections to the natural landscapes of Toronto.”

- Pricefield Park Master Plan, Pricefield Park Design Group, December 2023

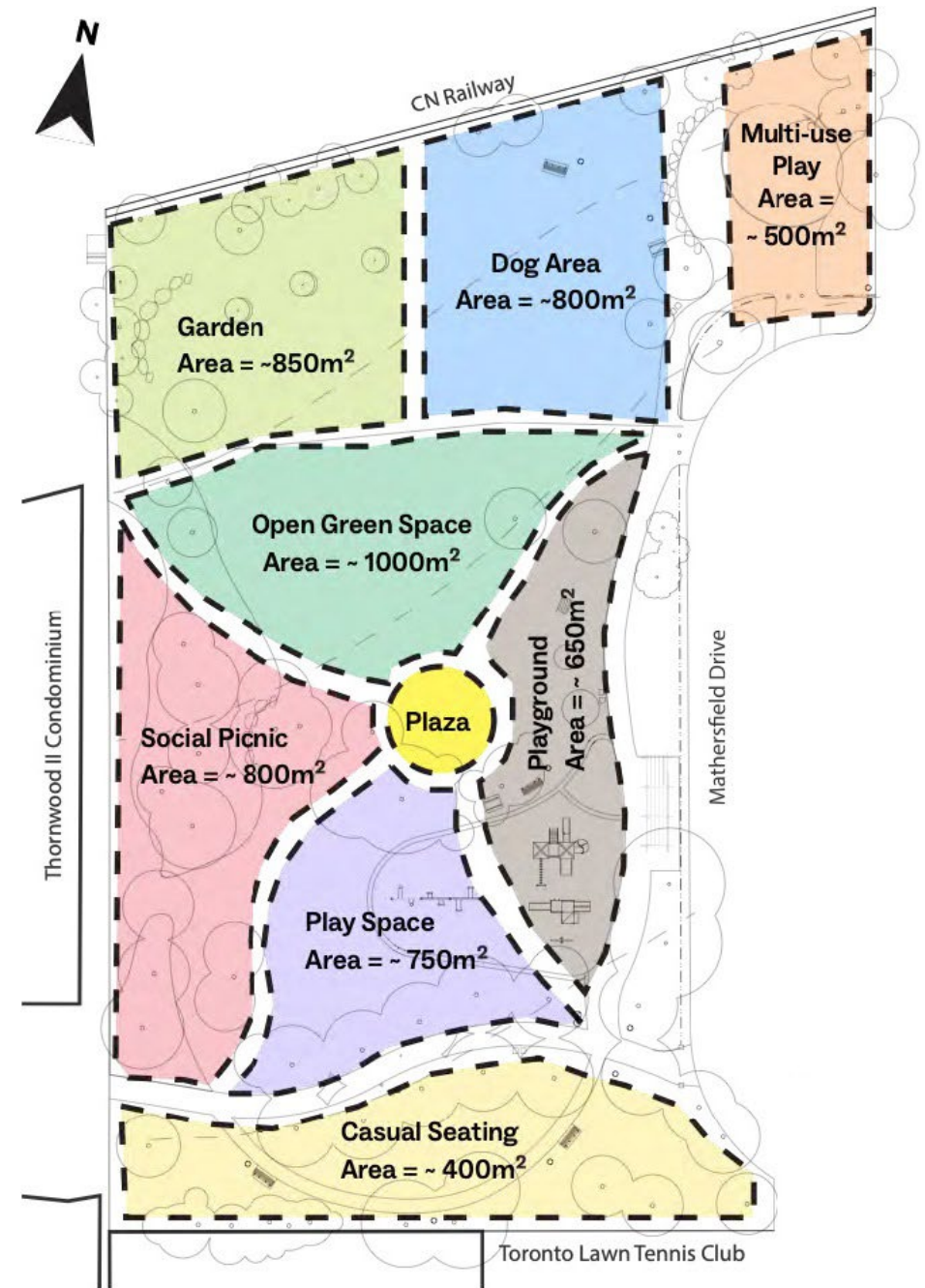
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Guiding Principles

- Improving accessibility and active recreational opportunities for seniors
- Broadening recreational opportunities for girls and youth of different ages and abilities
- Restoring connections to natural and Indigenous heritage through access to local ravines and native horticulture

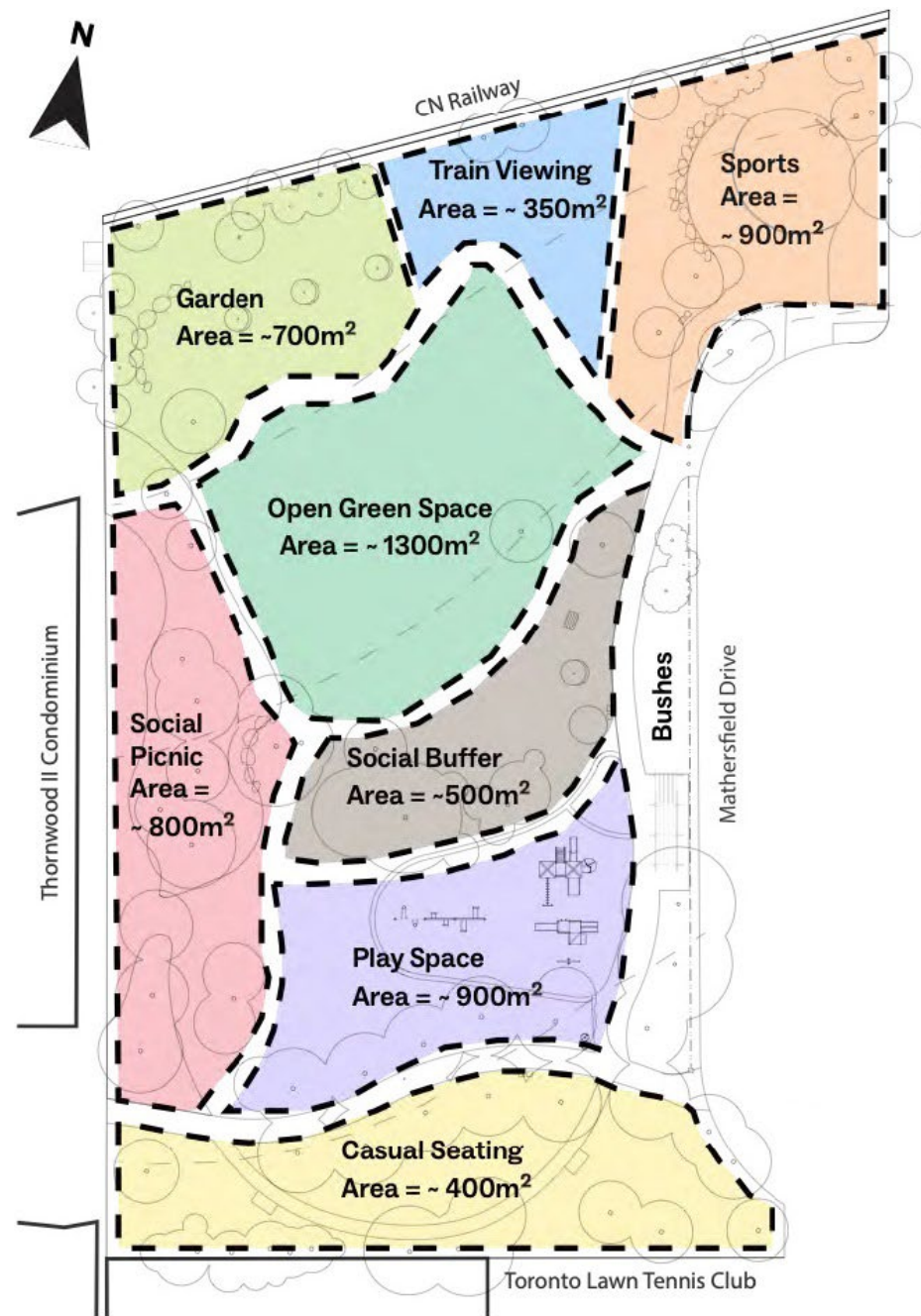
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Student Study - Option 1: The Web

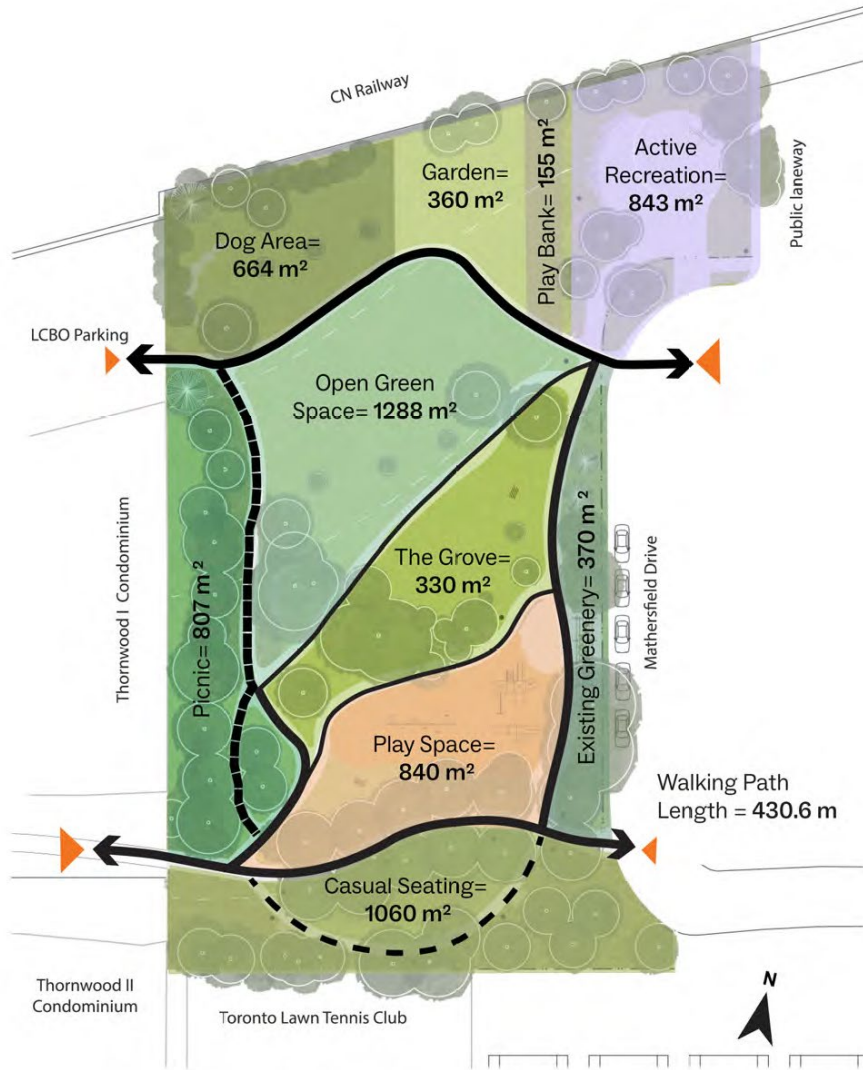


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Student Study Option 2: Gathering Hub



Student's Final Concept



“After consolidating and analyzing the feedback from public engagement, the final design was created. The engagement process from community members informed the design culminating in eight outdoor rooms that appeal to the identified needs. This process demonstrated the need to include comprehensive improvements outside of these rooms. The design concept consists of adding three major and three minor paths that connect the park entrances and the different uses throughout. In addition, improvements to park entrances, seating, and lighting have been considered.”

- Pricefield Park Master Plan, TMU Students/ Pricefield Park Design Group, December 2023

The students presented this diagram to Councillor Saxe with the Community Steering Committee and CCxA in February 2024.

Donation Agreement



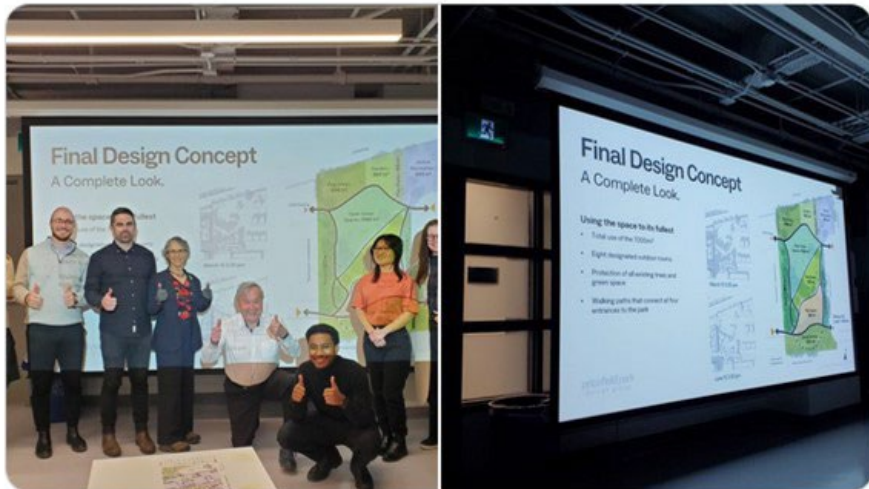
Dianne Saxe - Toronto City Council Ward 11, UR ✓

@DianneSaxe

Grateful to be with @TorontoMet Urban and Regional Planning students today as they unveil their final design concept for enhancing Pricefield Park!

It will be exciting to have Cormier landscape architects, who have produced some of the city's most celebrated public spaces, produce the final design here in University-Rosedale.

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#communitybenefits



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- In early 2024, CCxA Landscape Architects joined TMU students and the community steering committee to help develop their design concept.
- February 13, 2024: TMU students presented their final design concept to Councillor Saxe. See photos at left.
- April 15, 2024: CCxA submitted a park visioning report outlining the TMU student visioning and community outreach as well as their initial concept plan for potential improvements.
- September 13, 2024: CCxA submitted a refined visioning report.
- March 27, 2025: City Council authorized the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to accept an in-kind donation of up to \$620,000 from Scrivener Square Nominee Inc. (the donor) for design and construction administration services by CCxA for playground enhancement and park improvements at Pricefield Road Playground ([Motion 2025.M28.4](#)).
- City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Division undertakes and leads project implementation, ensuring design is developed through public engagement and City standards and regulations are met.
- Construction funds will be allocated from community benefit funding source.
- City to oversee and manage construction of approved design.

Preferred Design

Existing Conditions



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Existing Conditions – Opportunities for Improvement

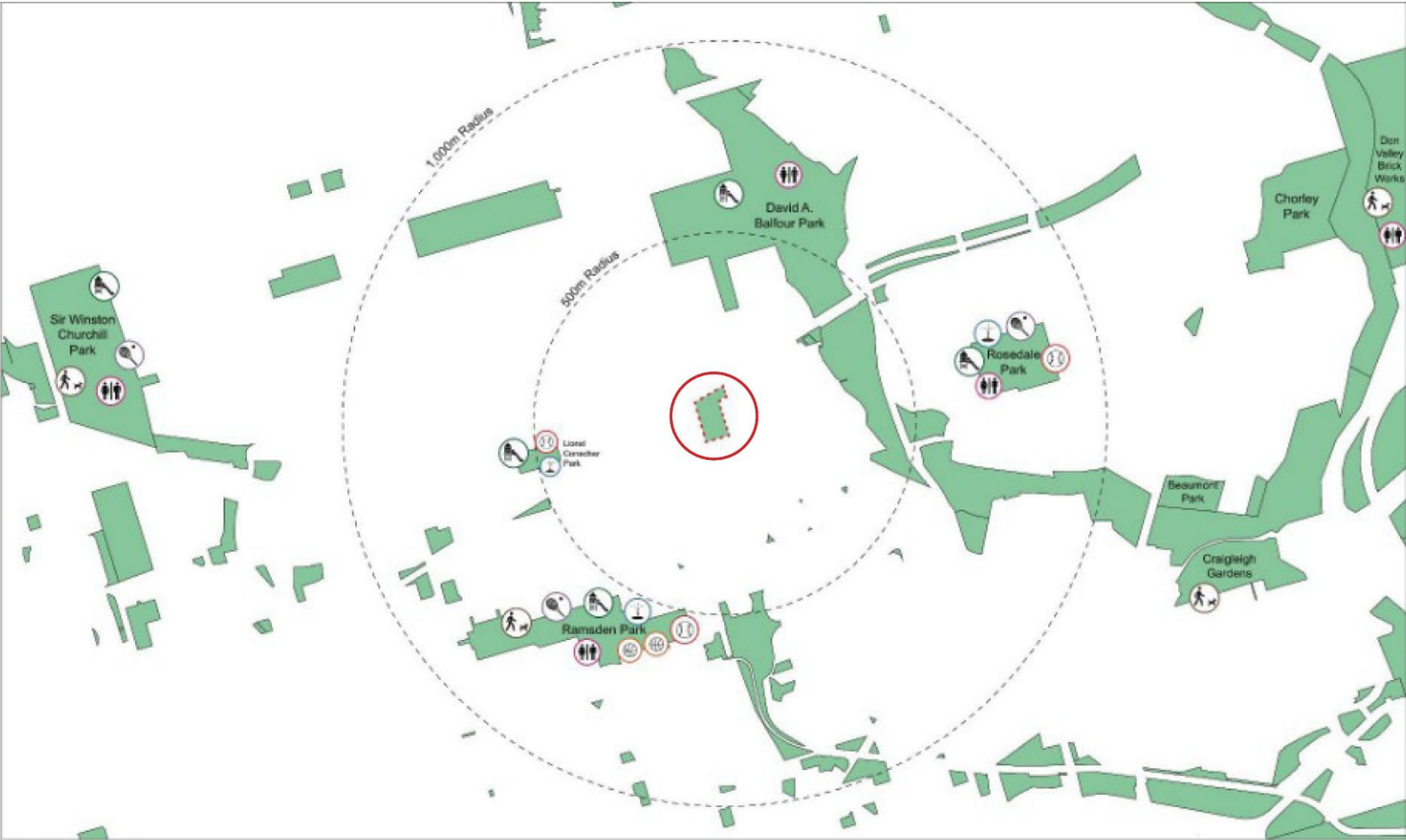


- Congested southern half of park
- Dense shade (groundcover can't thrive)
- Tree species (existing aggressive trees like Norway Maples)
- Dirt and mud under tree canopy
- Program is not intentional (missing for teens and adults)
- Safety (train track proximity and lighting)
- Pedestrian traffic and movement

Big Moves

- Lengthen the walk through the park, improve accessibility and circulation
- Provide play for all ages: Multi-generational activities
- Provide moments for group gatherings
- Increase comfort: Green buffers around park perimeter
- Improve park furniture
- Maximize spatial structure: Occupy entire park, make it feel intentional
- Preserve healthy/relevant tree canopy
- Provide sensory experiences through art/water feature
- Increase safety: Lighting updates (TBD)
- Connect the city with the ravine

Park Network – Rosedale-Moore Park Neighbourhood



Park Inventory
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| Subject Site | Playground | Basketball Court | Splash Pad/Wading Pool |
| Washrooms | Dog Off-Leash Area | Ball Diamond | Tennis Courts |

Enhancing Connections to The Neighbourhood and The Ravine

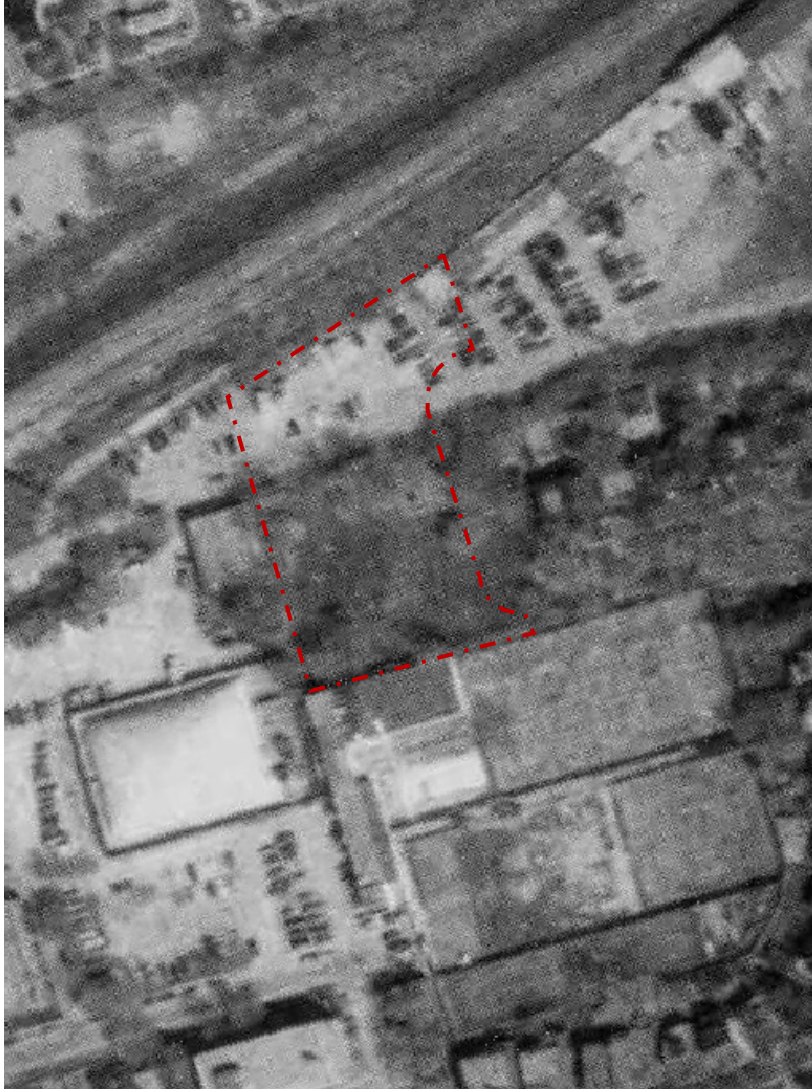


Referencing the Grapefruit at The James



Bringing Two Parks Together

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Preferred Design

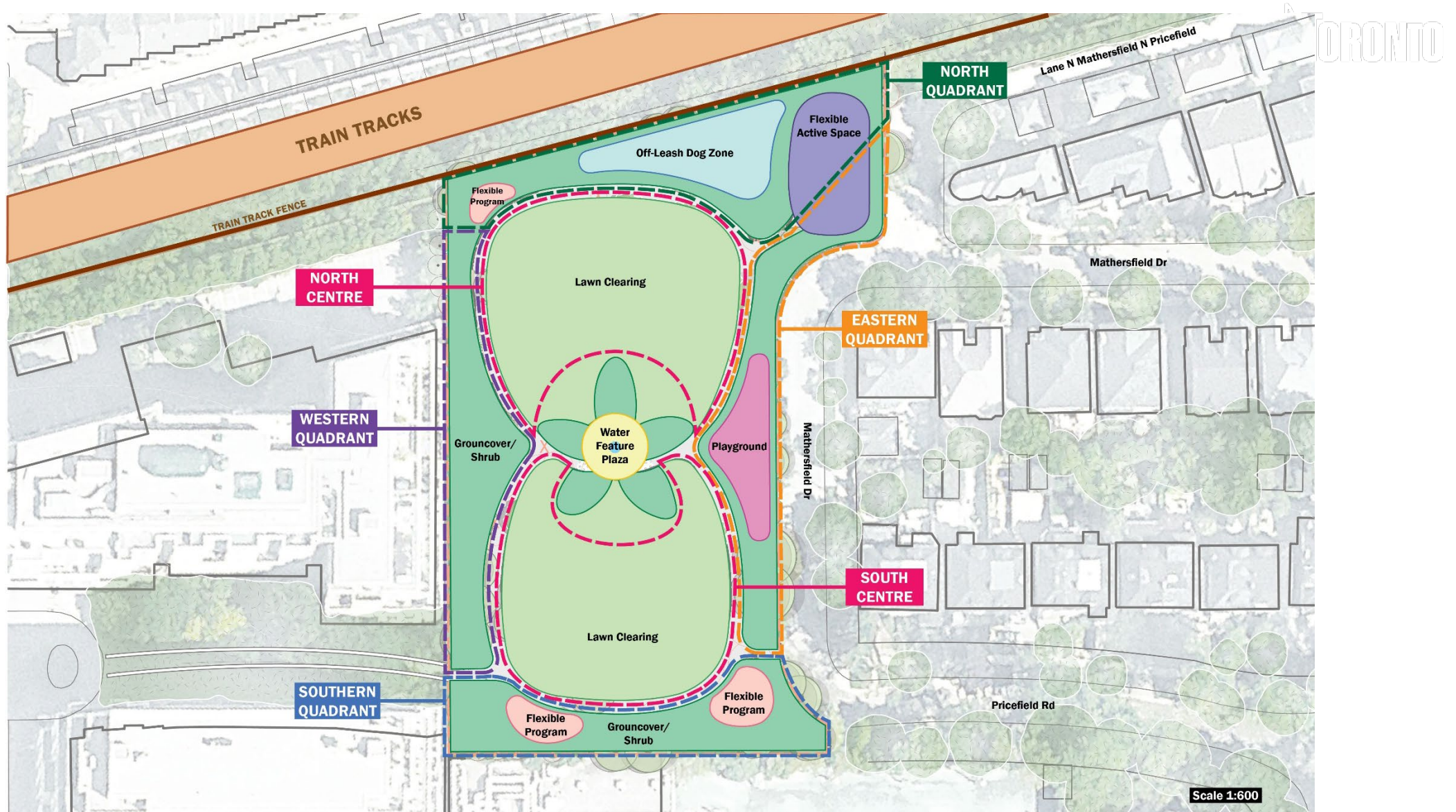


Preferred Design



1. Northern Open Lawn
2. Southern Open Lawn
3. Improved Flexible Active Space (i.e. Multi-Sport Court)
4. New Fenced Dog Off-Leash Area
5. Relocated and Improved Playground (i.e. New Play Equipment)
6. New Plaza with Water Feature
7. New Picnic Table
8. New Fitness Station (i.e. Exercise Equipment)
9. New Communal Table
10. New Informal Path
11. New "Figure 8" Path
12. New Park Bench
13. New Tree
14. Existing Tree
15. Removed Tree

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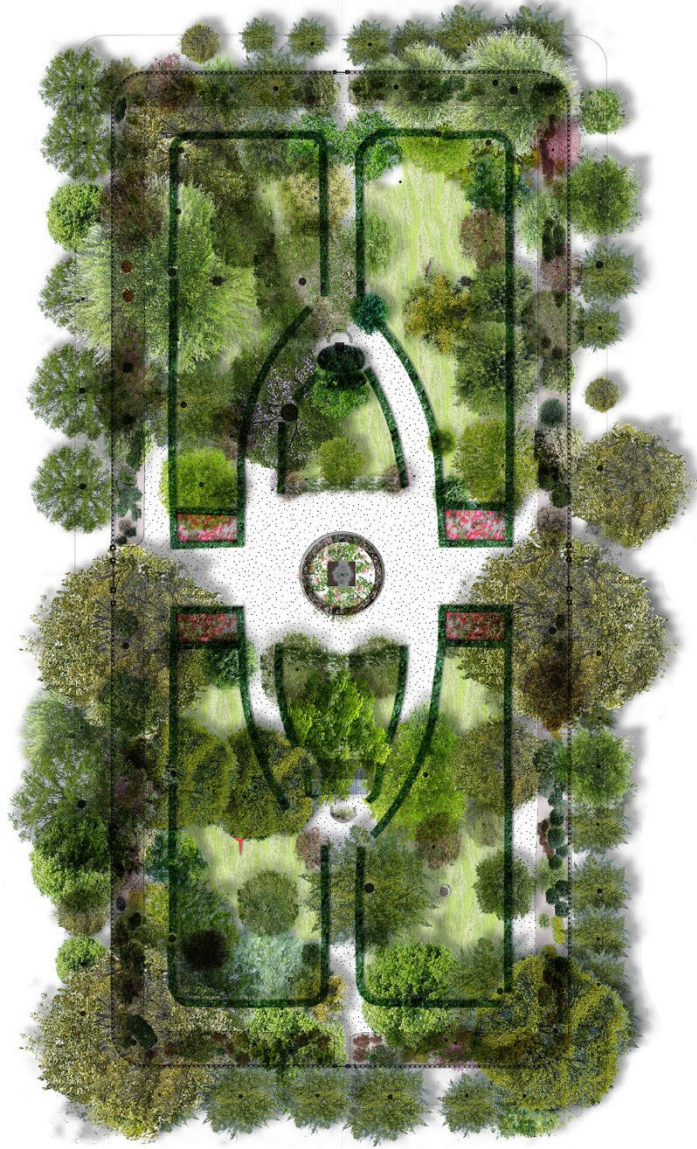
Preferred Design Precedents

Precedent Gramercy Park, NYC



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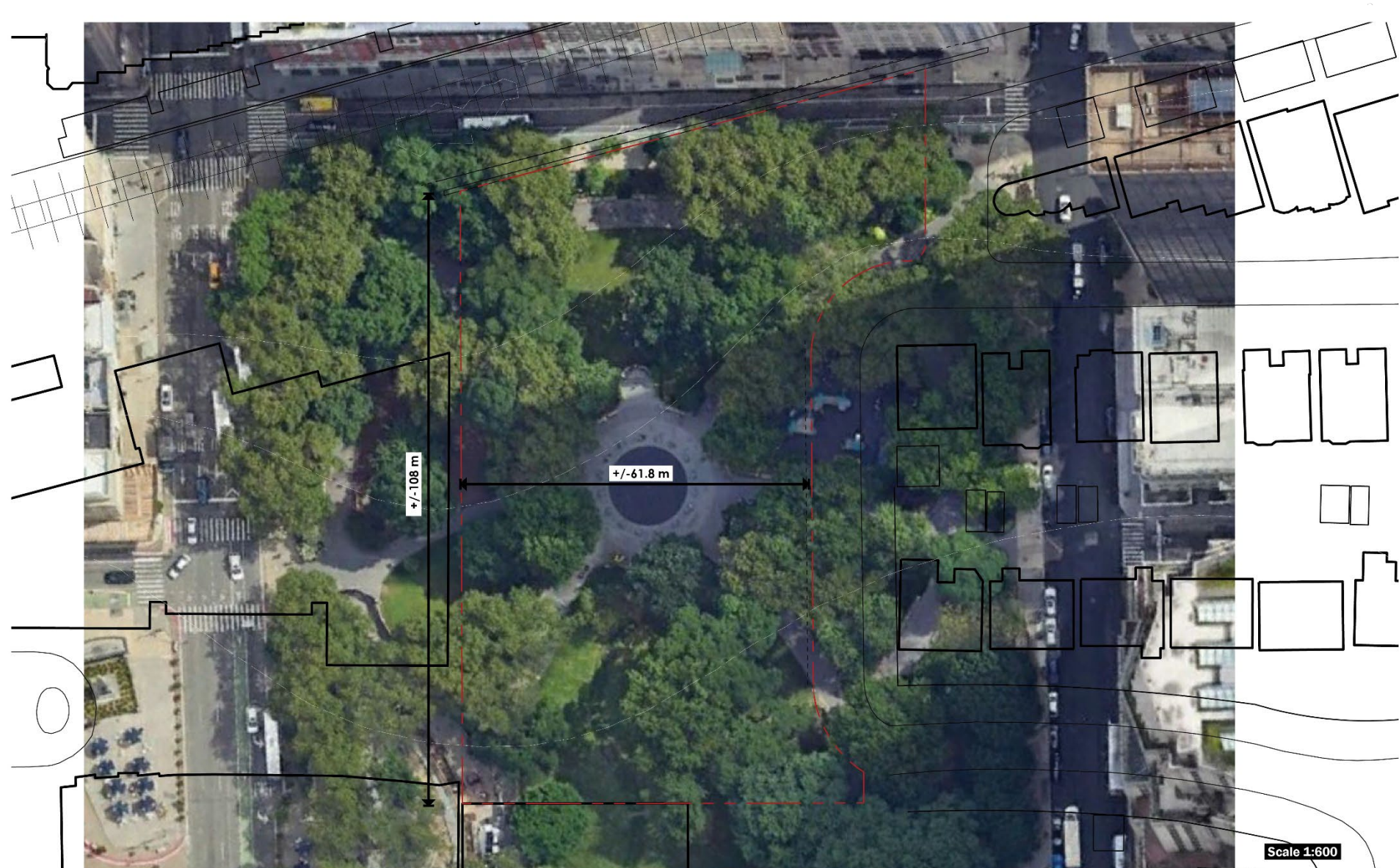
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Precedent Cristina Enea Park, Spain



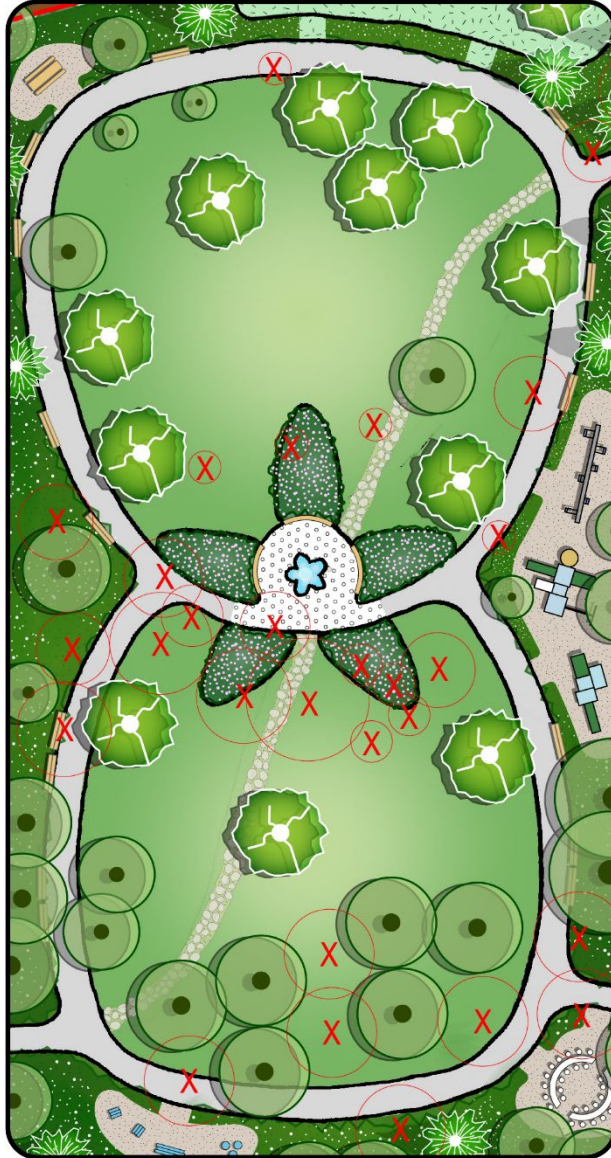
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Precedent Cristina Enea Park, Spain

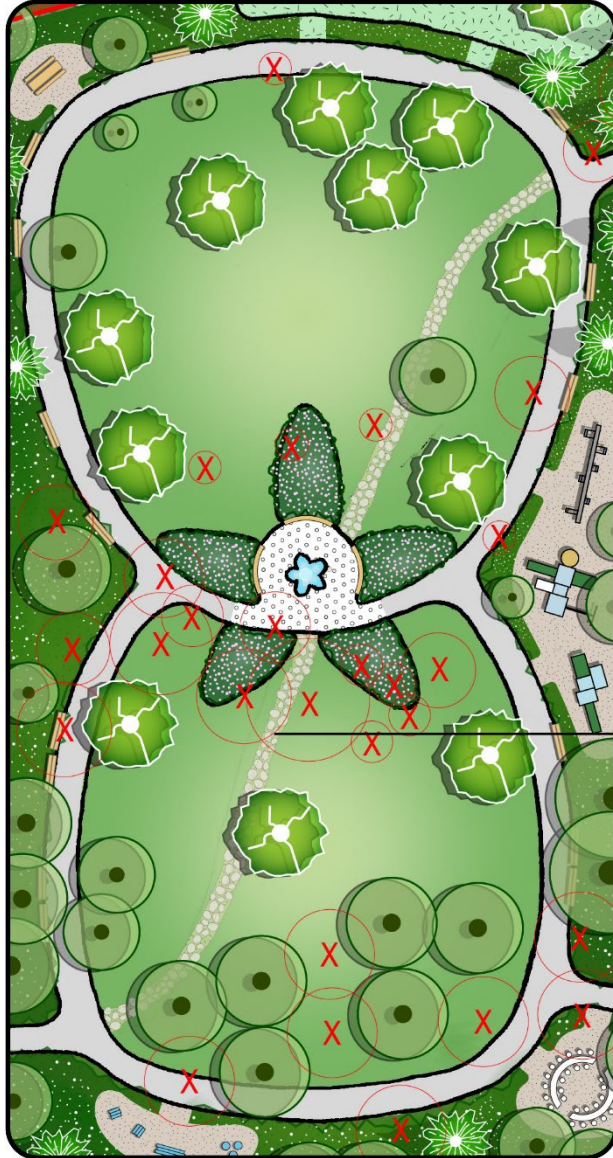


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Precedent Cristina Enea Park, Spain – Formal Paths



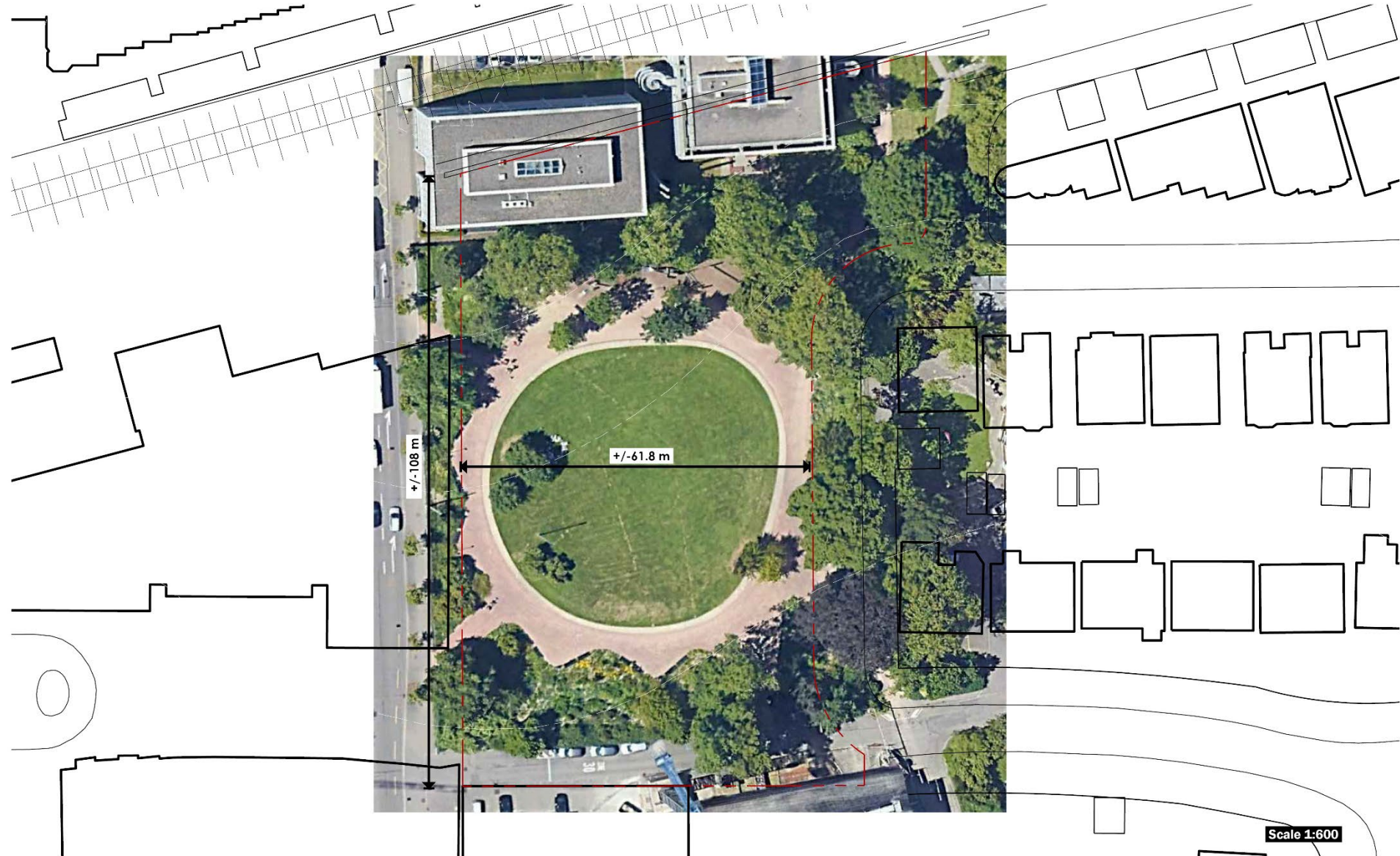
Precedent Cristina Enea Park, Spain – Informal Paths



Precedent Love Park, Toronto – No Straight Paths



Precedent Brühlgutpark, Switzerland



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Softscape Buffer Precedents



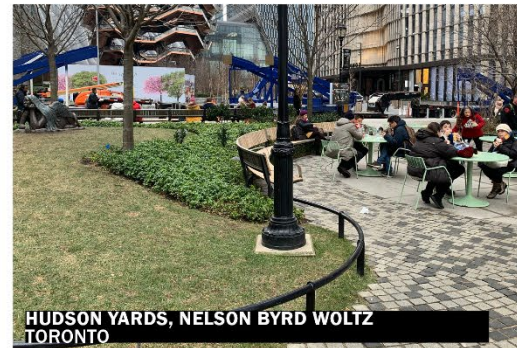
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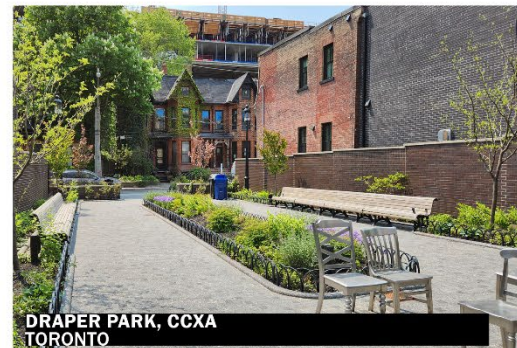
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PIER 3, MVVA
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DRAPER PARK, CCXA
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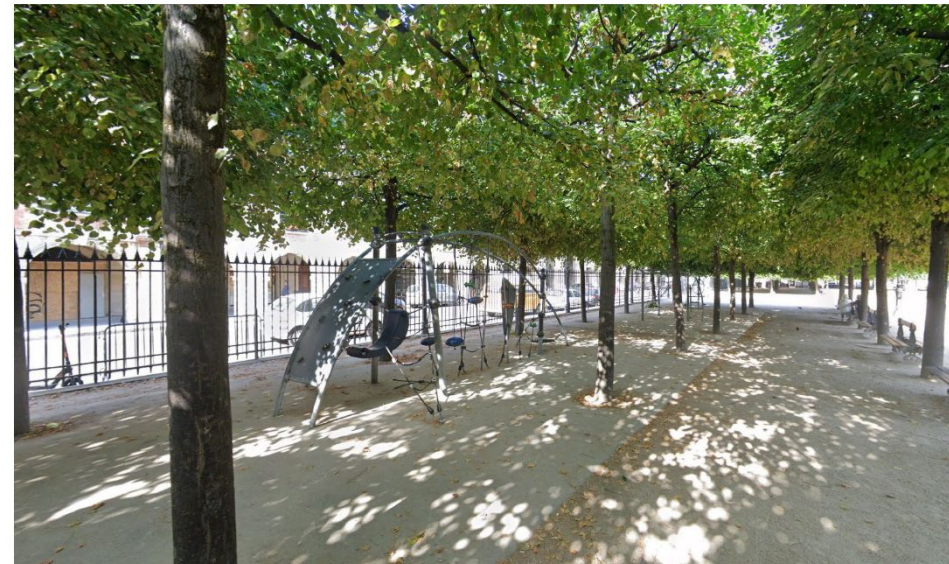


WELLINGTON STREET AT THE WELL, CCXA
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Precedent Activation Under Trees - Place des Vosges, Paris



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Precedent Moveable Furniture - Berczy Park



Precedent Moveable Furniture - Jardin du Luxembourg

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Precedent Moveable Furniture - Jardin du Luxembourg

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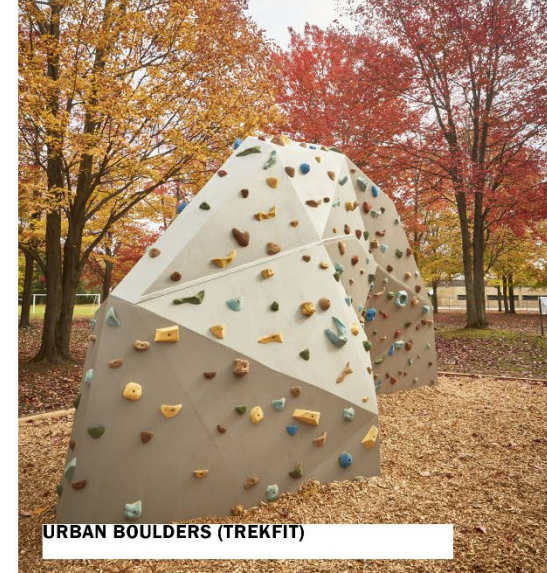
Precedent Program & Improved Play Opportunities



PING PONG TABLES (FIELD OPERATIONS)
PHILADELPHIA



COMMUNAL TABLE AT MIDDLE PATH
KENYON COLLEGE



URBAN BOULDERS (TREKFIT)



URBAN FITNESS (TREKFIT)
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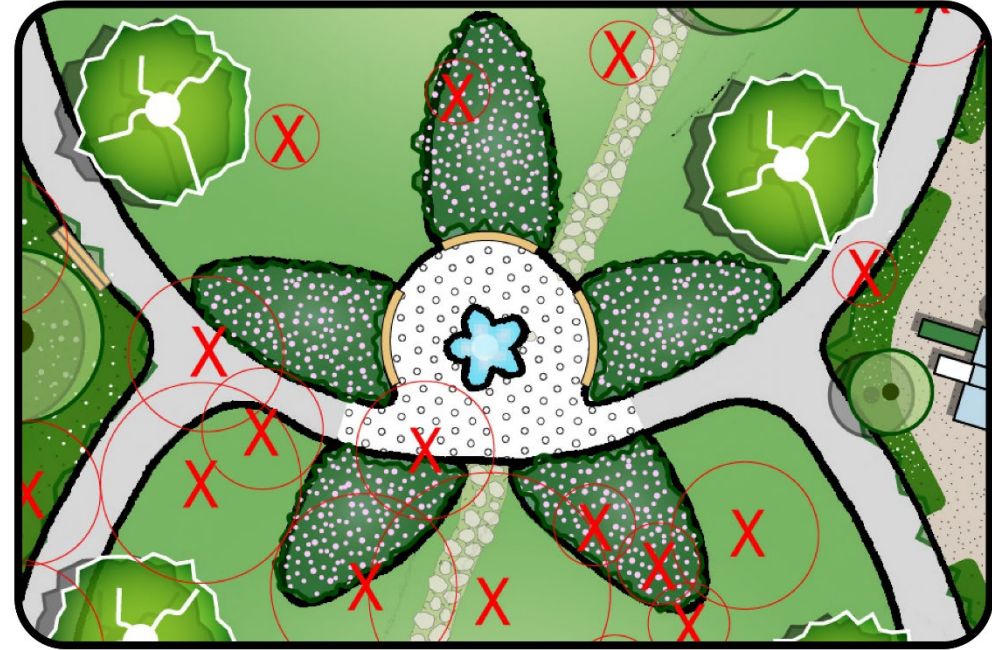


CADENCE PARK WAYFINDING (RSM DESIGN)
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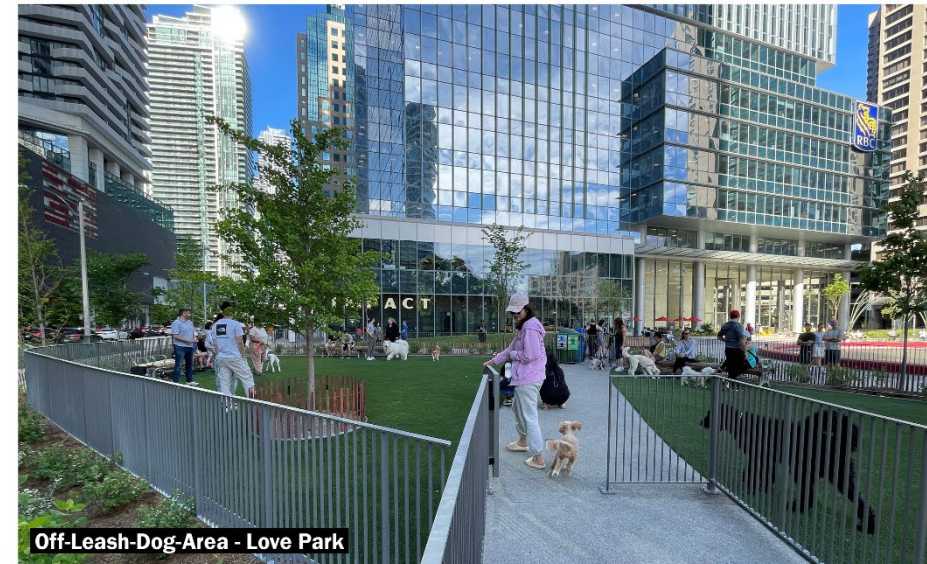
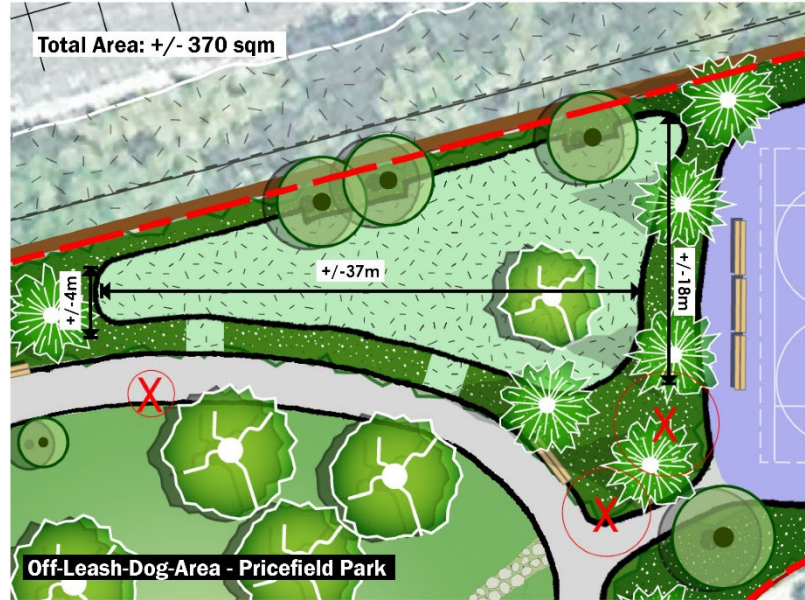


PLAYGROUND FOX (KOMPAN)
SOUTH CAROLINA

Precedent Water Basin



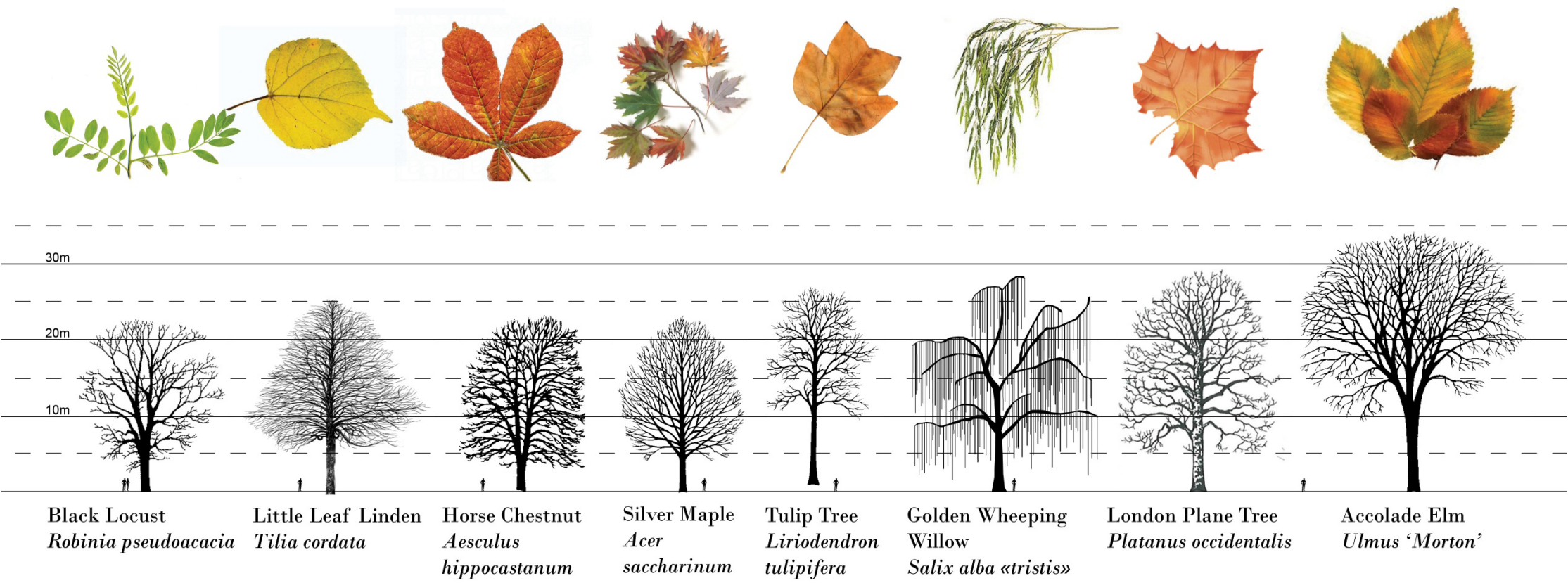
Precedent Off-Leash-Dog-Area - Love Park



A Forest Canopy of Many Trees



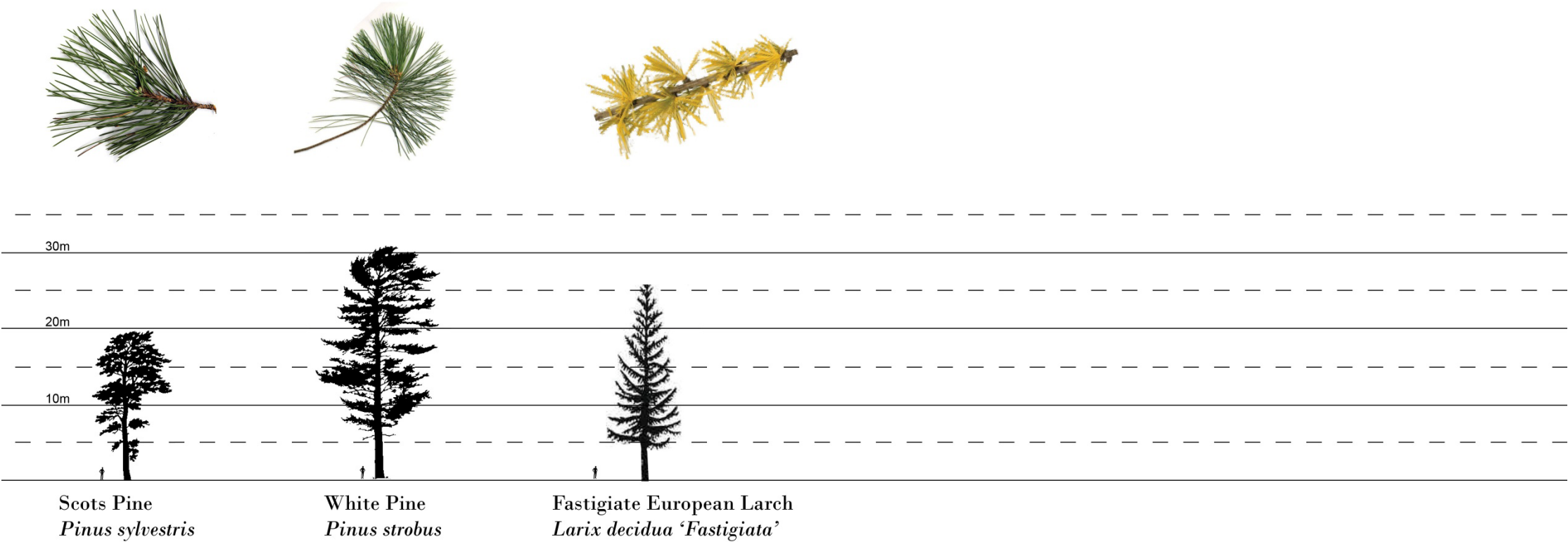
A Mix of Large Canopy Trees (8 Species)...



Deciduous Species

A Forest Canopy of Many Trees

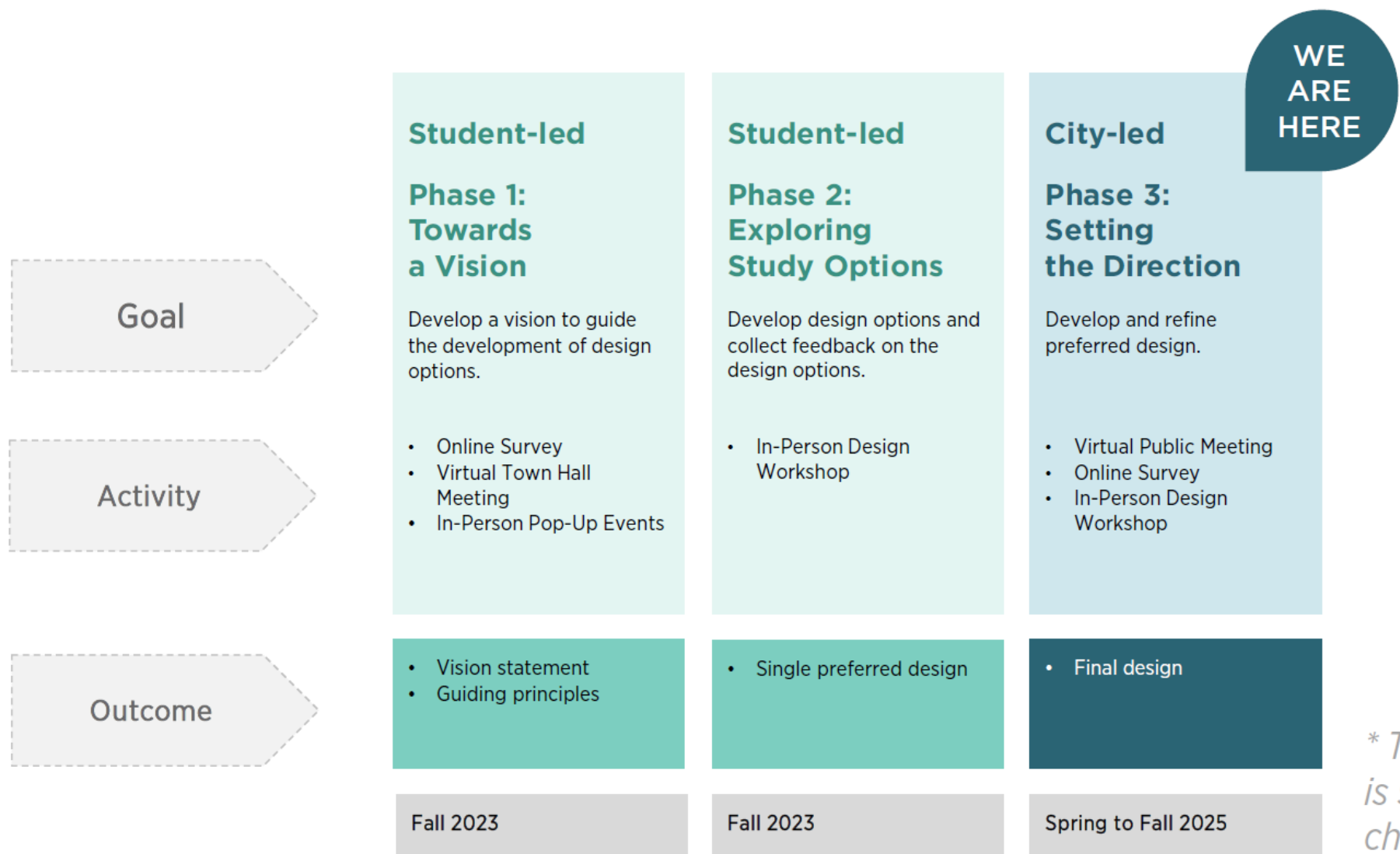
...And an Accent of Conifers (3 Species)



Coniferous Species

Current and Upcoming Community Engagement

Community Engagement Plan



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Questions and Comments



To learn more about the project, visit:

toronto.ca/PricefieldRoadPlayground