

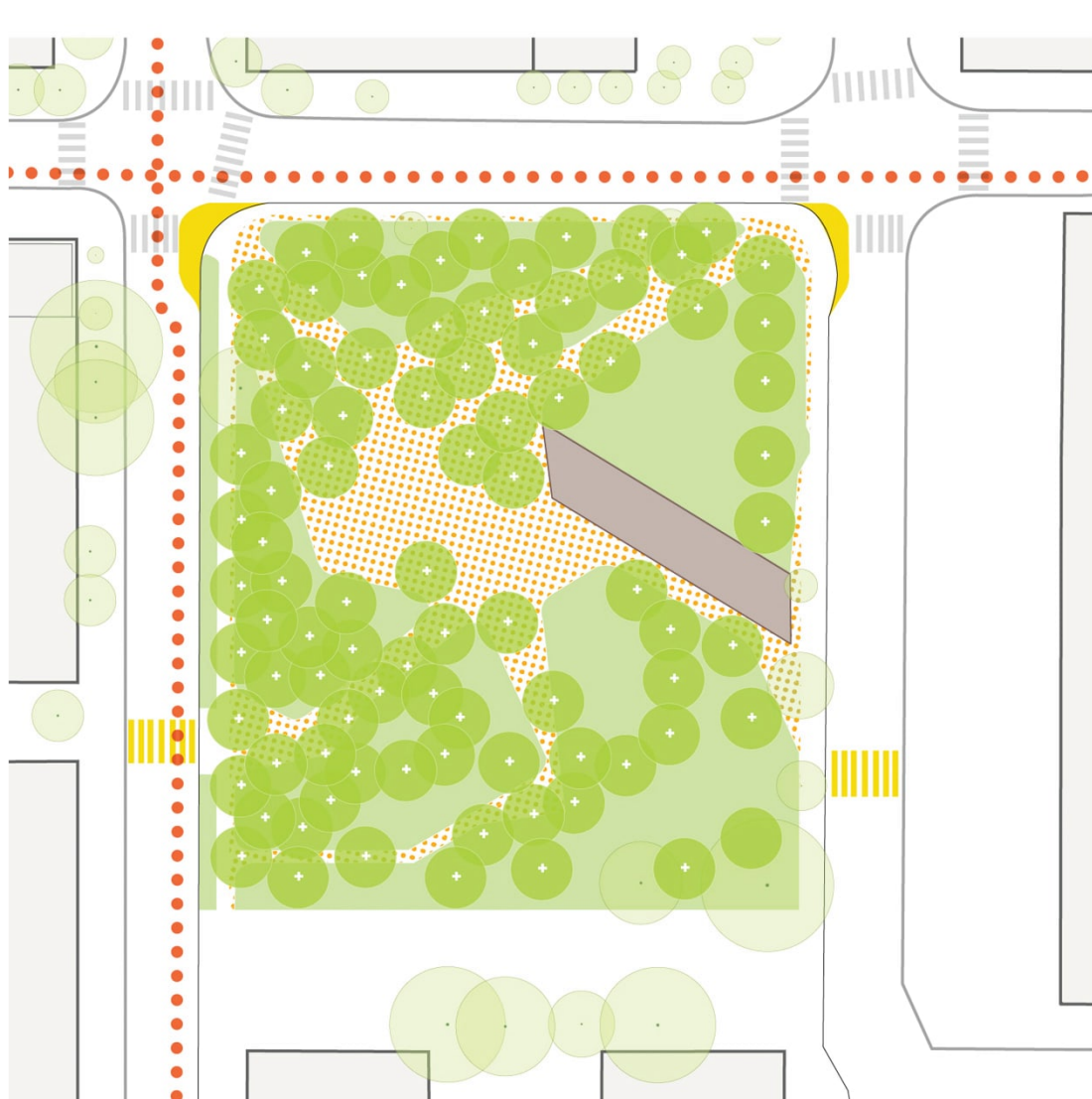
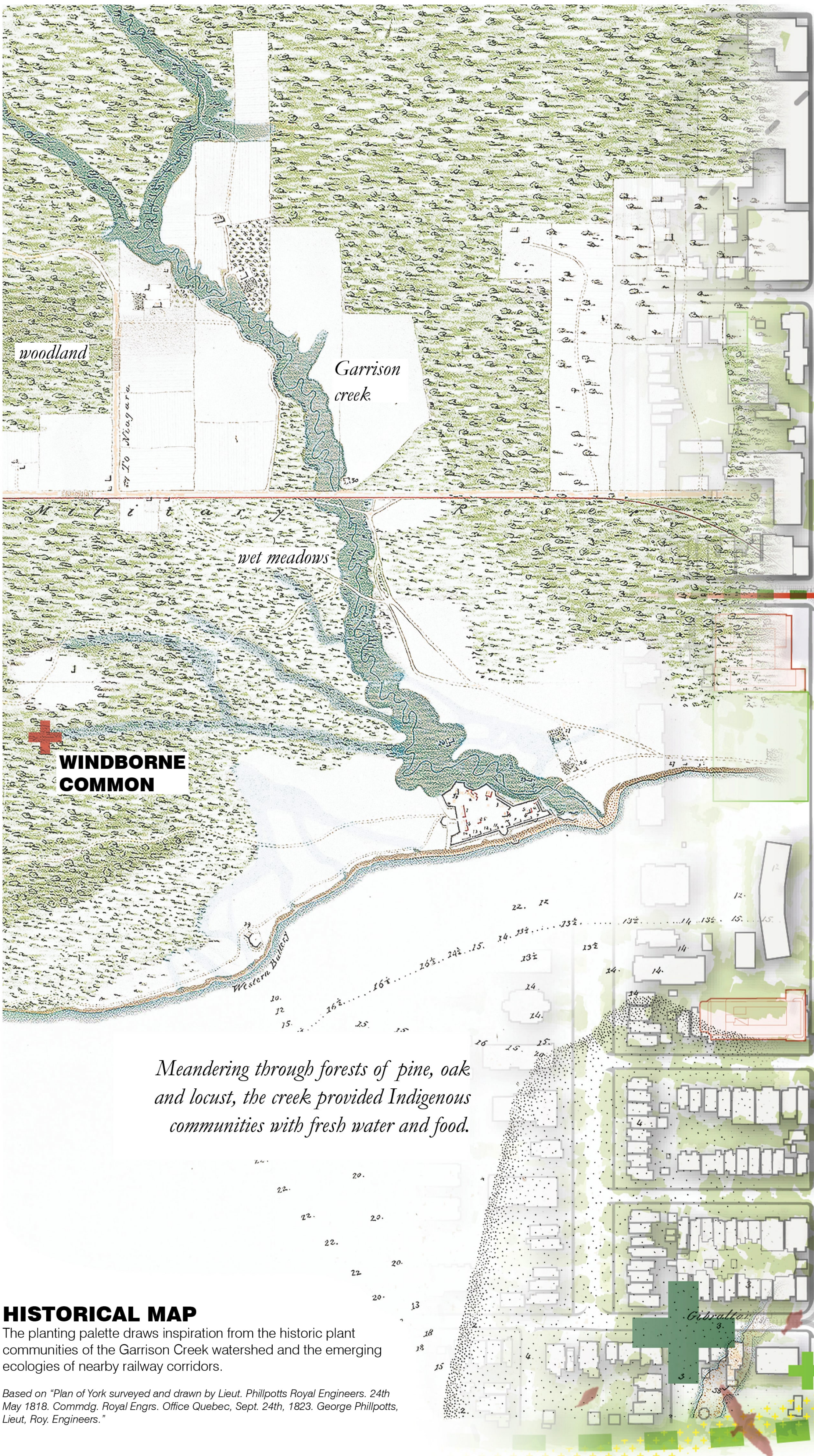
WINDBORNE COMMON

Windborne Common transforms a former industrial landscape and parking lot into a living system organized around a new civic heart. Inspired by the forces that once powered machines at 34 Hanna Avenue, movement becomes the catalyst for a distinctive and dynamic landscape that converges at the Common and radiates outward into Liberty Village.

This idea finds playful expression in the simple ingenuity of a paper pinwheel. Its folded form inspires a carefully crafted ground where paths bend, planted surfaces rise and low areas receive water. Rather than a literal motif, the pinwheel becomes an understated framework for movement, interaction and the shaping of a living landscape.

The proposal responds to the City's ambition for a playful, inclusive and resilient public space through a landscape that can shift between everyday life and collective events, quiet retreat and discovery. More than a new green space, Windborne Common is a living piece of neighbourhood infrastructure: supporting biodiversity, collecting water, expanding shade and creating shared ground for community life.

Landscape, art and architecture do not sit here as separate layers. Each grows from the same founding idea, offering a complimentary expression of the forces once harnessed by the windmills manufactured on this site.



IMPROVE THE STREETSCAPE

Quick-build streetscape improvements developed in collaboration with the community extend the park into the surrounding public realm, reclaim pedestrian space and strengthen active connections.

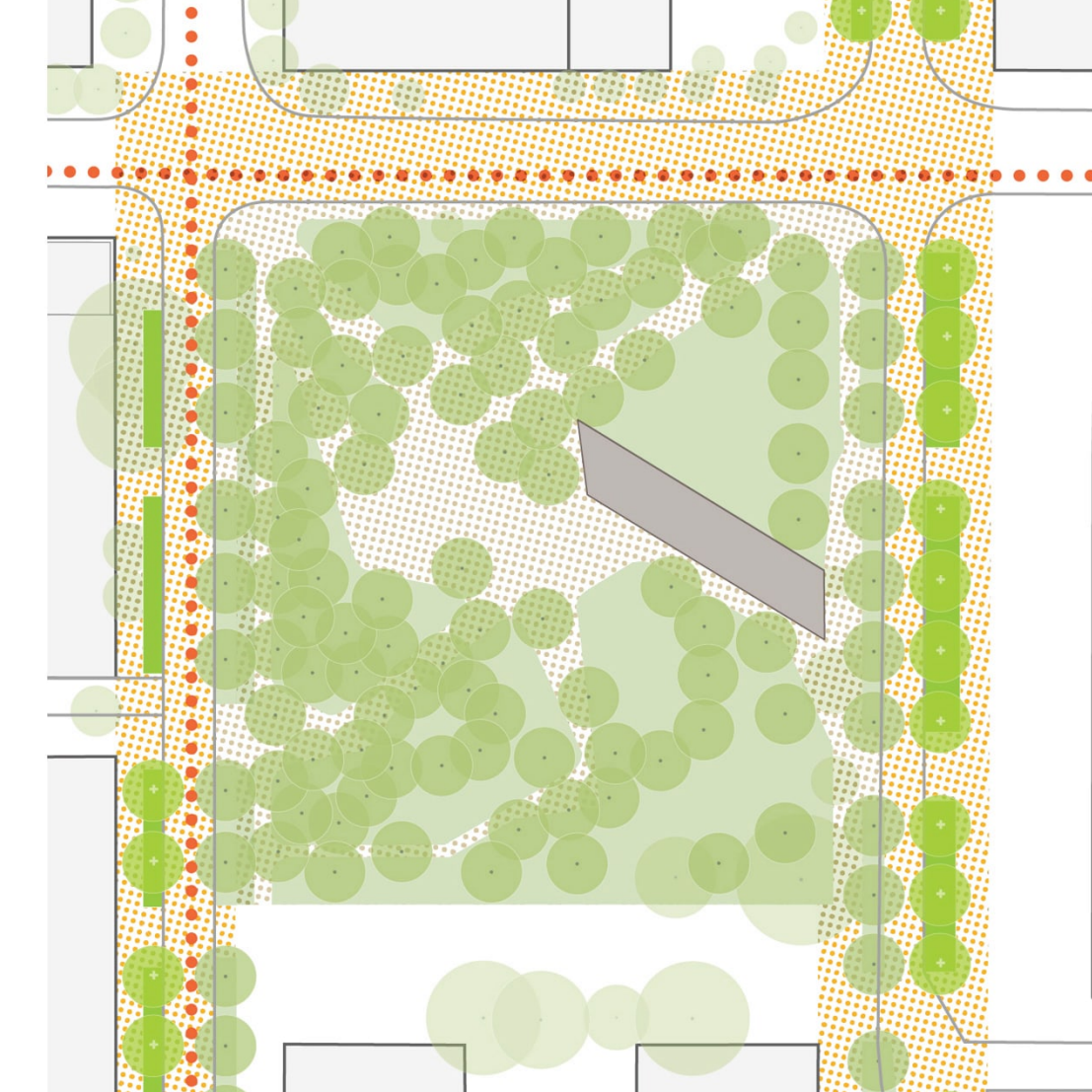
CONTEXT DIAGRAMS - PHASES

NIPPAYSAGE +
SHIFT SAUCIER-PERROTTE LUDOVIC BONEY
ARUP BLACKWELL SMITH-ANDERSEN
HA/E CLIMATE DESIGN PHYTO-HO RIDER LEVETT BUCKNALL



GROW THE PARK

Move from quick-build interventions to permanent transformation, expanding the park into the street through wider sidewalks, narrower roadways and a new layer of planting.



TRANSFORM THE PUBLIC REALM

Reimagine surrounding streets as shared public space, prioritizing active transportation, selectively removing vehicles to create a greener, more connected public realm throughout the neighbourhood.

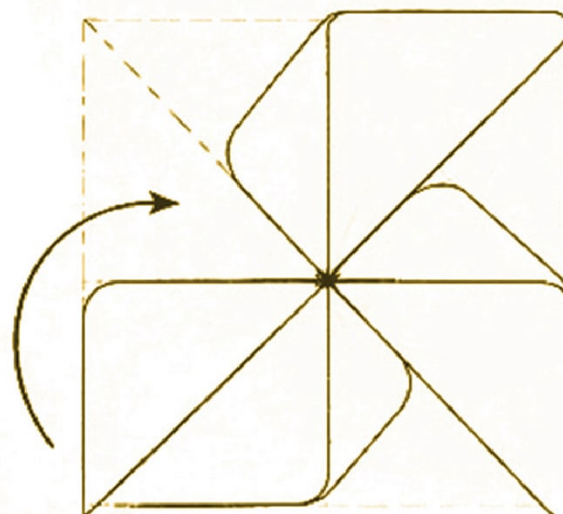


A NEW SPIN ON HISTORY.
Across the street, the Ontario Wind Engine and Pump Company once manufactured machines powered by natural forces. The park carries this cultural heritage forward, not through imitation, but through wind, water, movement, energy and transformation.

Fig. 1
THE SITE

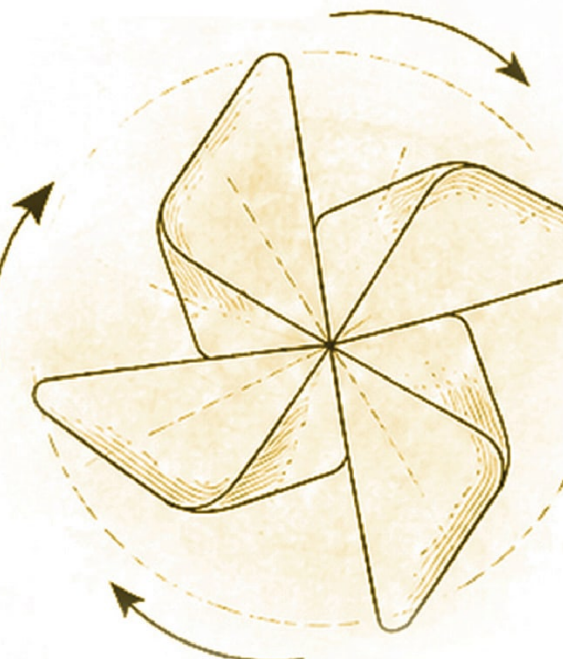


Fig. 2
FOLDING THE LANDSCAPE



1. fold
2. elevate
3. create low point

Fig. 3
A DYNAMIC FORM



1. movement
2. rotation
3. continuity

Fig. 4
FLOWS AND EXCHANGES



1. people
2. water
3. nature
4. connection

Fig. 5
A CRAFTED LANDSCAPE

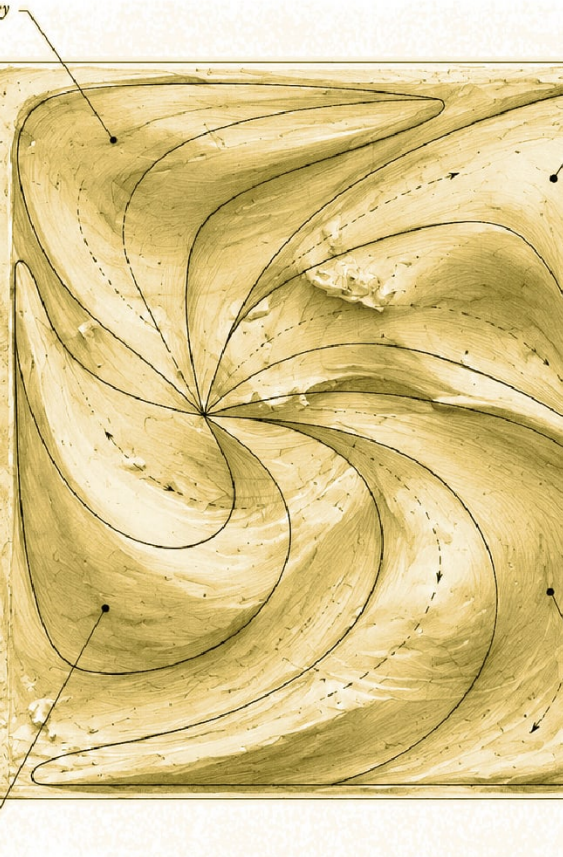


Fig. 6
SITE STRUCTURE



PINWHEEL GENESIS

A simple paper pinwheel provides a playful bridge between the site's industrial history and a more collective experience. Like the wind-powered machines once manufactured here, it is animated by invisible forces. Its folded form evokes lightness, movement and delight, while its geometry provides an organizational framework for the park: landscapes gathered around a shared centre and extending outward into the neighbourhood.

CONTEXT PLAN

Strategically positioned within the neighbourhood, the park becomes more than a destination: it is a catalyst for change beyond its boundaries. Like seeds carried by the wind, it's ecological character, social energy and green identity can take root elsewhere, inspiring new connections and incremental greening throughout Liberty Village.

