

# Welcome

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# Introduction

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# Friends of Colman Park Vista

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## Founded:

March 18, 2014

## Members:

~20

## Representation:

Mt. Baker, Lakewood,  
Seward Park, Leschi  
communities and beyond

## Involvement:

Steering committee,  
monthly community  
meetings, outreach and  
more



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# Taking Action

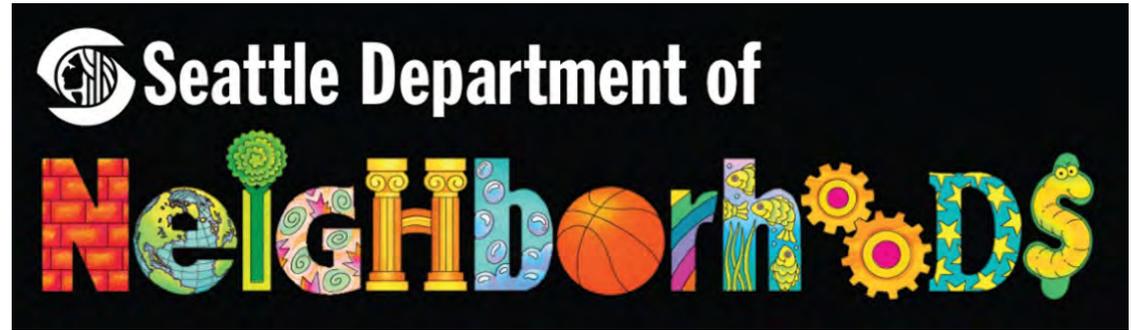
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## Neighborhood Matching Grant

### Objectives

- Public process
- Assessments:
  - Plant Community
  - Slope
- Design Concepts



### Next Steps

- Wednesday July 13

### Future Work

- Design Development
- Permitting
- Implementation



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# Upcoming Meetings

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## 1. Discovery

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

## 2. Vision

Monday, June 6, 2016

## 3. Consensus

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

7:00 – 9:00 PM

St Clement's Church

1501 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S

Seattle, WA 98144

# Summary of Discovery Meeting

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- Restore historic views along 31<sup>st</sup> Ave S
- Improve safety for pedestrians and park users
- Identifiable entry to the park from Upper Colman
- Holistic approach to improving the entire park
- Address equity concerns
- Beautify the slope

# Scope Of Work

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## Project Site:

- “Upper” Colman
- “Colman Vista”
- “Upper slope”
- “West entryway”

## Borders:

- S Massachusetts St
- S Holgate St
- Colman Park P-Patch
- 31<sup>st</sup> Ave S





## Two Paths to Meet the Desired End Result

### Full/Immediate Removal

- Immediate change in light and views

### Partial/Phased Approach

- Thinning of trees over time and adding/managing vegetation to reach the desired views
- Longer (years) period of time depending on implementation period

# Arborist Recommendations

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## Full/Immediate Removal Considerations

- Immediate change in light and views
- Quickly reach the desired design result
- Stumps treated with herbicide to prevent re-sprouting
- Creates safety to adjacent vegetation and potential run-off issues to below slope areas (P-Patch)
- Immediate change in light could result in suppression or loss of existing desirable shade species
- Likely an increase in aftercare demand to water and weed new plantings



Example of restorative planting on steep slope

# Arborist Recommendations

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## Partial Removal Considerations

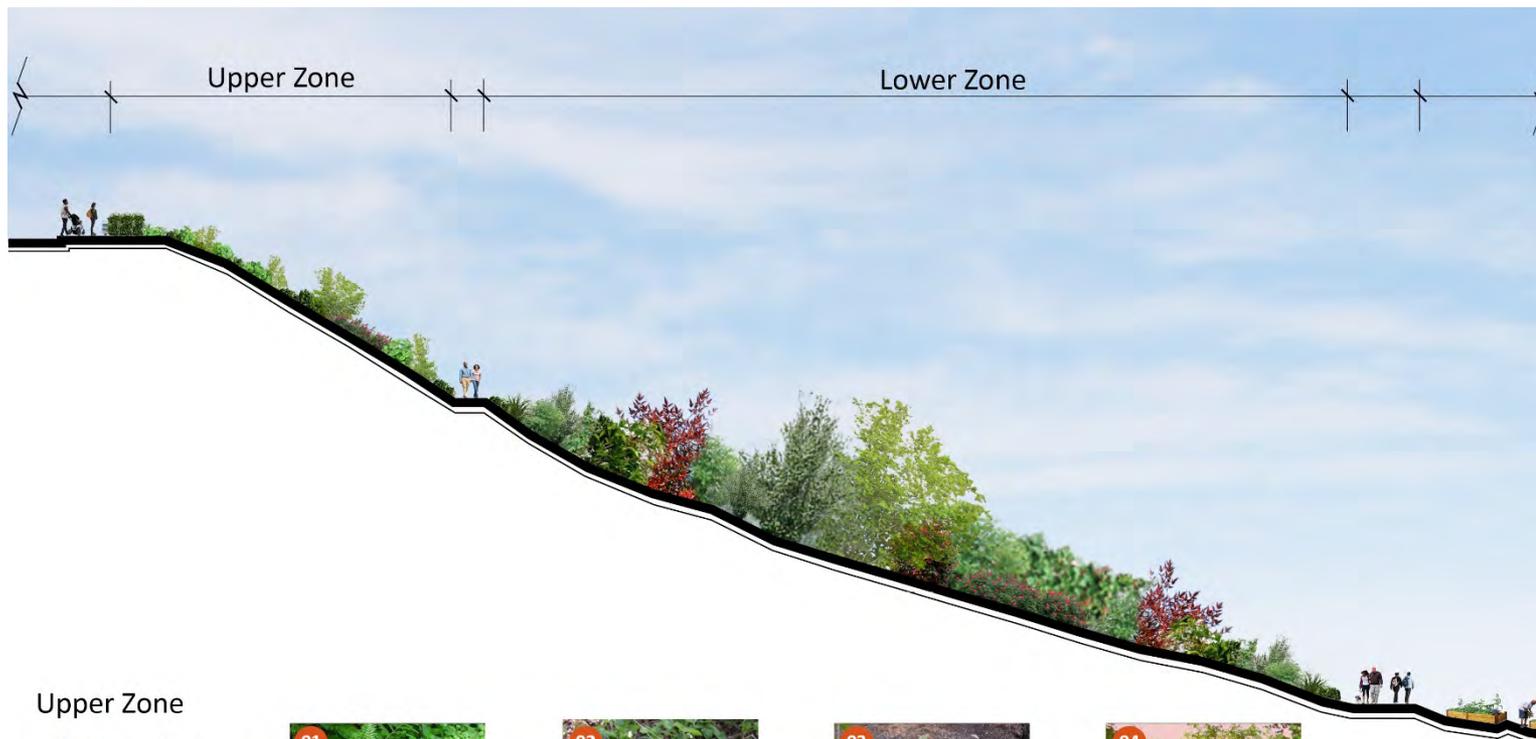
- Removal of the big leaf maples and other tall trees in an organized sequence of stages
- Offers benefit of intermittent light and changing the vegetation content with less severe ecological and maintenance impacts over the long run
- Selective tree removal and thinning to let in more light and open views between trunks, then plant the exposed areas broadly with sword fern and groundcover
- Create a planting scheme of low cover and high canopy with sightlines between the two
- Less demand for workers to traverse the slope for maintenance
- Slow implementation period without immediate results



Example of planting rapidly spreading groundcovers (Oregon oxalis, woodland strawberry) between well spaced sword ferns on a newly planted naturalized slope

# Vegetation Concepts

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## Upper Zone

- 01 Sword Fern
- 02 Wild Strawberry
- 03 Nootka Rose
- 04 Creeping Oregon Grape



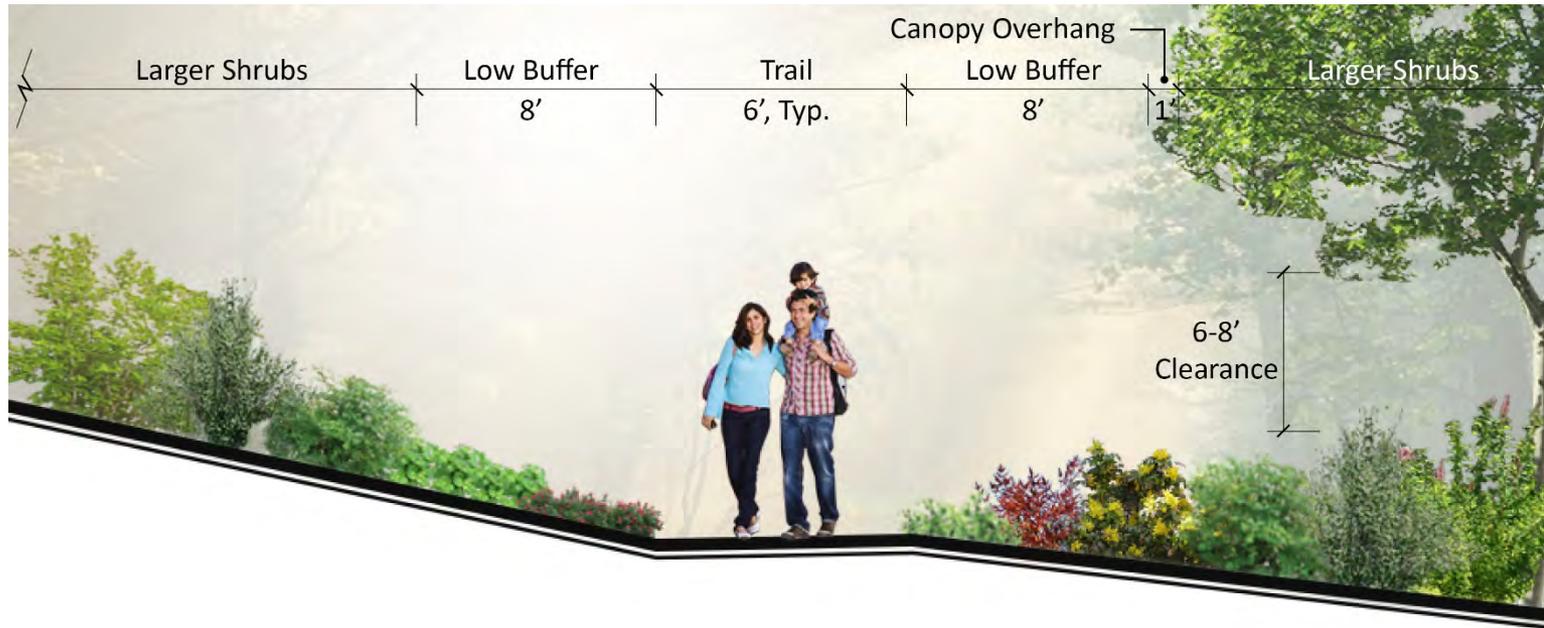
## Lower Zone

- 05 Kinnikinnick
- 06 Cranberry Bush
- 07 Dogwood
- 08 Serviceberry



# Vegetation Concepts

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## Low Buffer (6" - 3' Height)

- 01 Oregon Oxalis
- 02 Dwarf Fothergilla
- 03 Evergreen Huckleberry
- 04 Dwarf Leucothoe



## Larger Shrubs (3'+ Height)

- 05 Box Honeysuckle
- 06 Red Flowering Currant
- 07 Salal
- 08 Laceleaf Staghorn Sumac



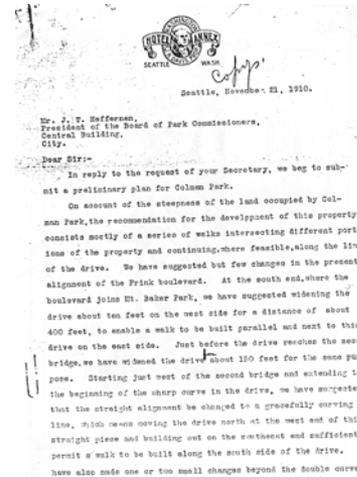
# Olmsted's Vision

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*“By introducing a number of walks and clearing out irregular patches of wild growth and replacing the same with lawns and with numerous plantings of attractive shrubbery along the borders, we think that this park can be developed into an attractive recreation and scenic park.”*

-Letter from the Olmsted Brothers to J.T. Heffernan, President of the Board of Park Commissioners, November 21, 1910



the drive in order to provide for a walk next to the drive. We have also proposed a drive with walks on the west side of the pumping station connecting Lake Avenue with the Mt. Baker park drive. Better the pumping station we recommend that the filling be extended further into the lake and provision be made for a level concourse with shade trees along the walk as shown by our plan.

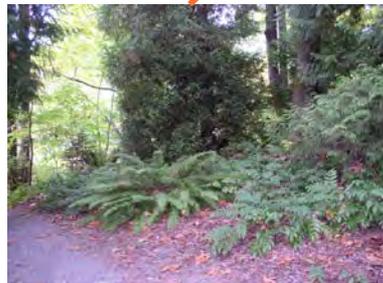
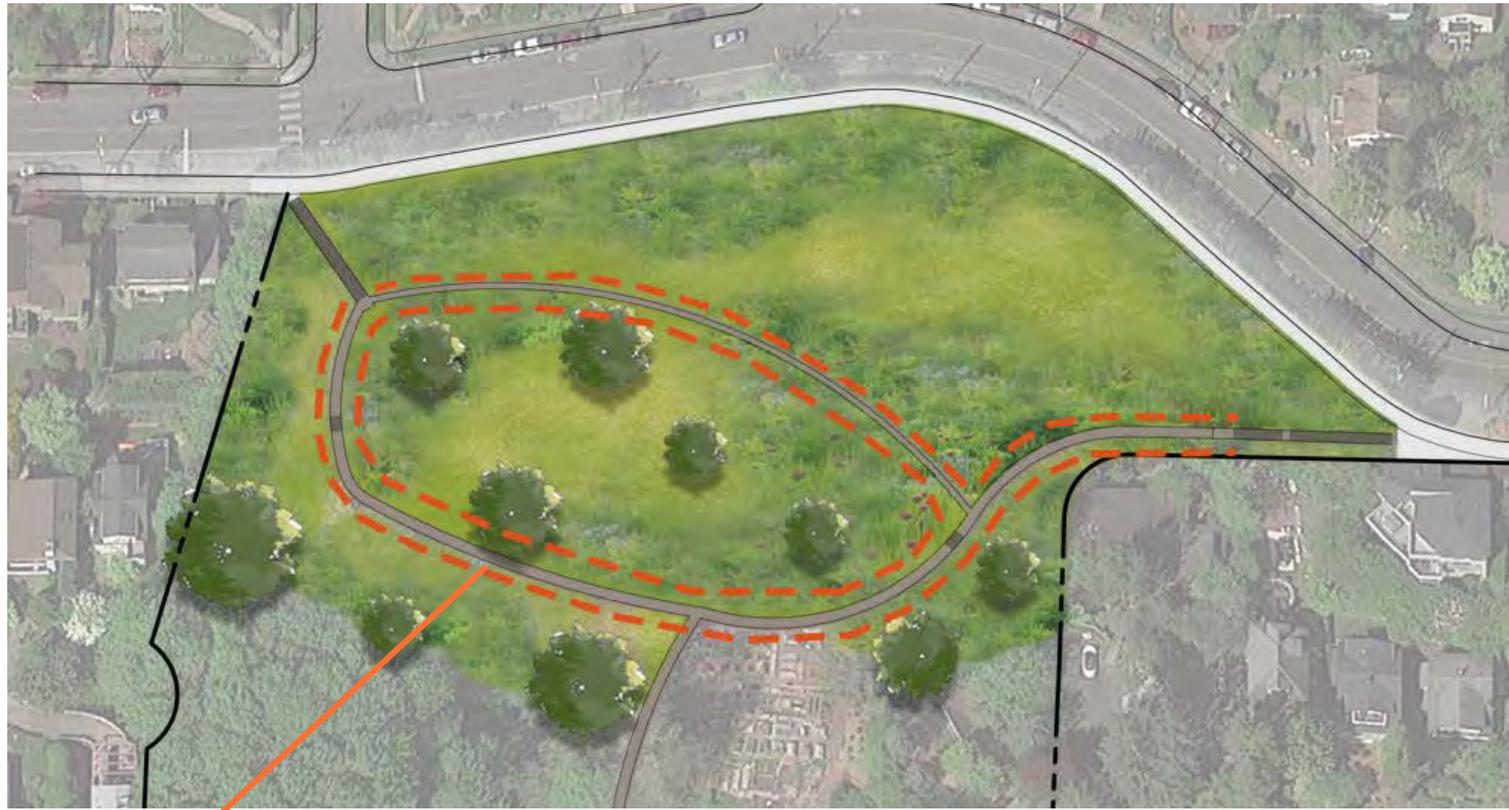
As stated before, the topography of this property is very steep and does not permit of any level areas for playground purposes. By introducing a number of walks and clearing out irregular patches of wild growth and replacing the same with numerous plantings of attractive shrubbery along the borders, we think that this park can be developed into an attractive recreation and scenic park. The steep slopes along the drive and walks, as well as the borders of the property, should be carefully planted with trees and shrubs and wherever the topography will permit it, broad stretches of open lawn should be provided.

Some of the elevations shown on the adjoining streets are only assumed and may have to be changed when we get more definite information from your engineers. It is also likely that some of the walks will have to be changed when studied on the ground. Mr. Damon expects to give further study to this while he is in Seattle and such changes as seem essential to him will be made on a revised plan which will be submitted to you later.

Respectfully yours,  
Olmsted Brothers

# Option 1: View Concept

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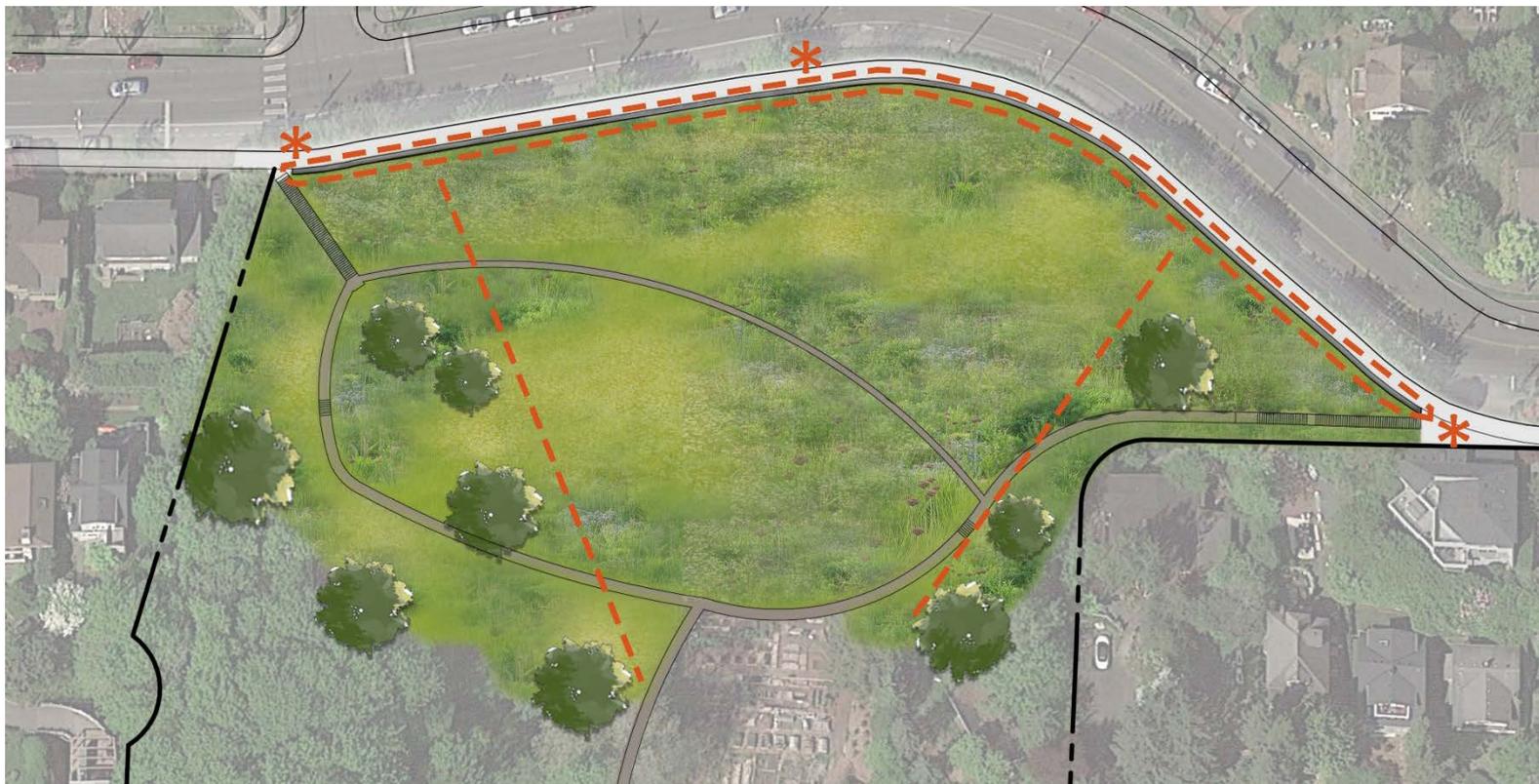


Trail Edge Plantings

Additional Sample Vegetation

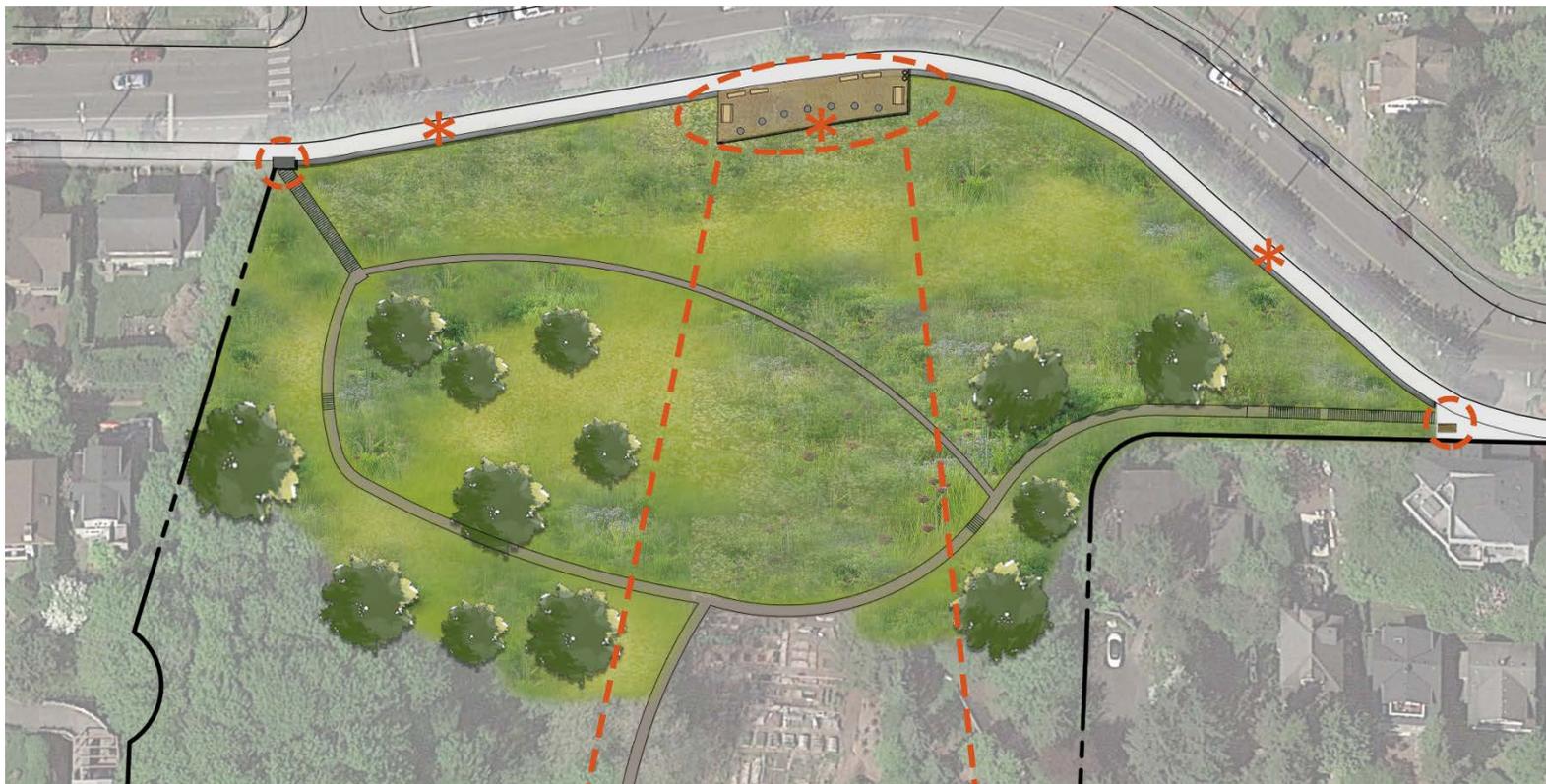
# Option 2: Wall & Enhanced Signage

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# Option 3: Viewing Platform

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# Feedback Exercise

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## Guidelines For Participating In Public Process:

- Have fun
- Be non-judgmental; listen to understand
- Allow all voices to be heard
- Take no more than two minutes to speak to allow others the chance to be heard in our limited timeframe
- Limit distractions – silence or turn off your cell phone
- Agree to disagree
- Listen and empathize with differing perspectives
- Be respectful

- Everyone received (2) green dots and (1) red dot
- Green = YES
- Red = NO
- Poster boards are placed around the room
- Place dots on the poster boards
- If additional comments or feedback please use the notecards provided

# Thank You For Joining Us

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## Next Meeting

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

- Presentation of preferred, refined concept for Upper Colman Park

7:00 – 9:00 PM

# QUESTIONS