

Elliott Bay Connections

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT



The Seattle Waterfront is situated on the land of the Coast Salish Peoples, who have resided here since time immemorial and continue to thrive.

With respect and humility, we acknowledge the history of the waterfront, the dispossession of land from the Coast Salish people, and, most importantly, the strength and resilience of the Native people and their culture through this history to the present.

This acknowledgment serves only as a first step in honoring the land that we occupy and the first peoples of this land.

PROJECT TEAM



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INDIGENOUS PLANTING + INTERPRETATION | TAHOMA PEAK SOLUTIONS

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT | STEPHERSON & ASSOCIATES

SIGNAGE | STUDIO MATTHEWS

AGENDA



01. VISION

02. CONTEXT

03. GOALS

04. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Greenway

Myrtle Edwards +
Centennial Parks

VISION



Elliott Bay Connections will help bring people together by connecting, restoring and revitalizing parks along the central Elliott Bay waterfront.

CONTEXT



WATERFRONT PARK
PIER 62 AT PINE STREET



FUTURE GREENWAY
ALASKAN WAY AT VINE ST



OLYMPIC SCULPTURE PARK
POCKET BEACH



MYRTLE EDWARDS PARK



CENTENNIAL PARK



PROPERTY OWNERSHIP



LEGEND

 SDOT RIGHT-OF-WAY

 PROPERTY OWNERSHIP LINE

GOALS

Create a continuous, connected experience for park users along the Elliott Bay waterfront

Respond to the public's desire for park amenities including restrooms and concessions

Make the parks inviting and accessible for people of all ages and abilities

Provide opportunities to touch the water and experience nature close to the center of the city

Deepen connection to the Salish Sea and the Indigenous people and culture of this place

Support habitat and environmental sustainability

PROJECT AREAS



NEW GREENWAY

- 2** acres
- 9** city blocks on Alaskan Way
- 6** street intersections
- Trolley tracks + sidewalks

RESTORED & REVITALIZED PARKS

- MYRTLE EDWARDS PARK
- 5** acres
- 2** beach coves

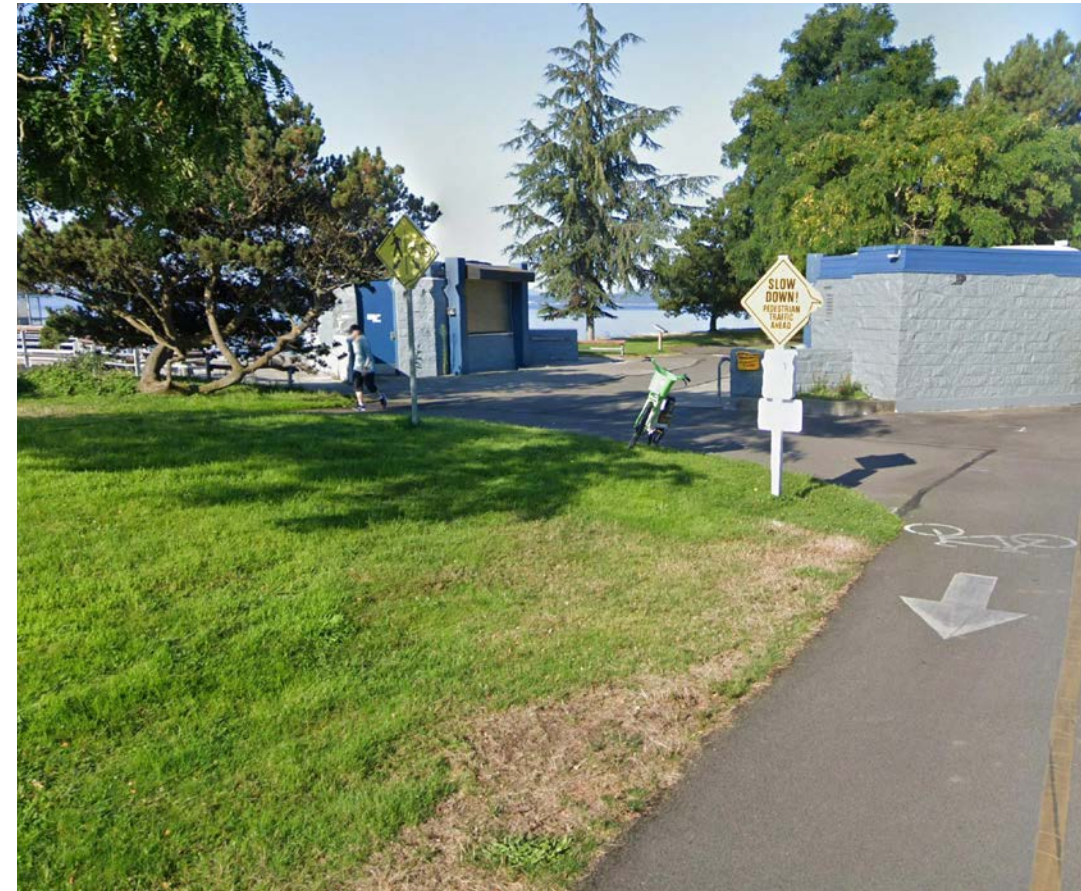
- CENTENNIAL PARK
- 11** acres
- Restroom + concessions buildings

← Elliott Bay Trail: pedestrian and bike paths →

EXISTING CONDITIONS | GREENWAY



EXISTING CONDITIONS | PARKS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Modeled on processes for other park improvement projects.

Three touch points with opportunities for feedback.

First phase webinar and online survey (330 respondents).

Second phase in April.

Third phase in early summer.

Project website

elliottbayconnections.infocommunity.org

EBC foregrounds Indigenous community and narrative, informed by indigenous team and community members.

Outreach includes a **broad range of constituent organizations and neighboring institutions**.

EBC considers **community input from early waterfront planning**, going back 12 years.

FIRST PHASE INPUT

KEY TAKEAWAYS*

70% use the Elliott Bay Trail as a commuting route but do not spend much time in Myrtle Edwards or Centennial Parks

Lack of Restrooms

No food for purchase

Difficult to access

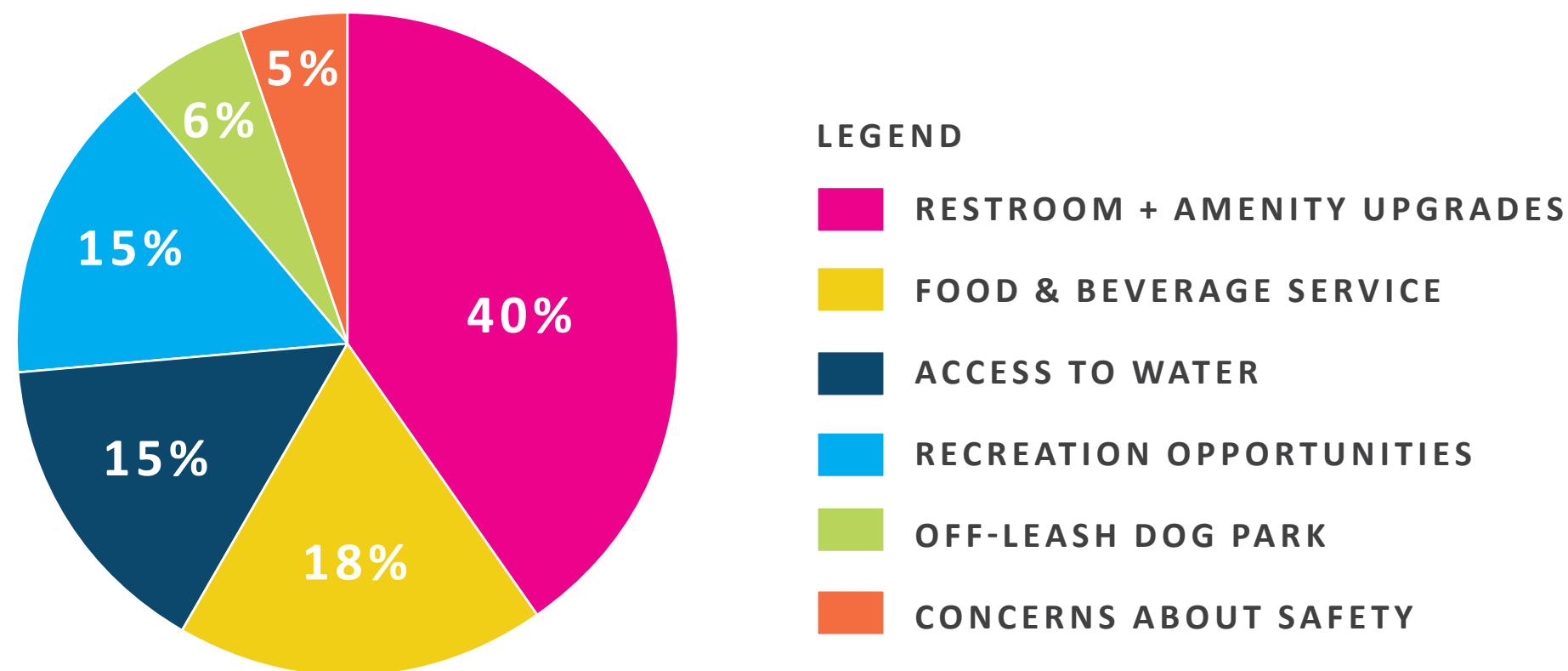
No activities for kids

Desire for more seating options

Safety concerns, including potential pedestrian/cyclist collisions

**Results from online survey November-December 2023 with 330 respondents*

Is there anything else you wish you could do at Myrtle Edwards and Centennial Parks?



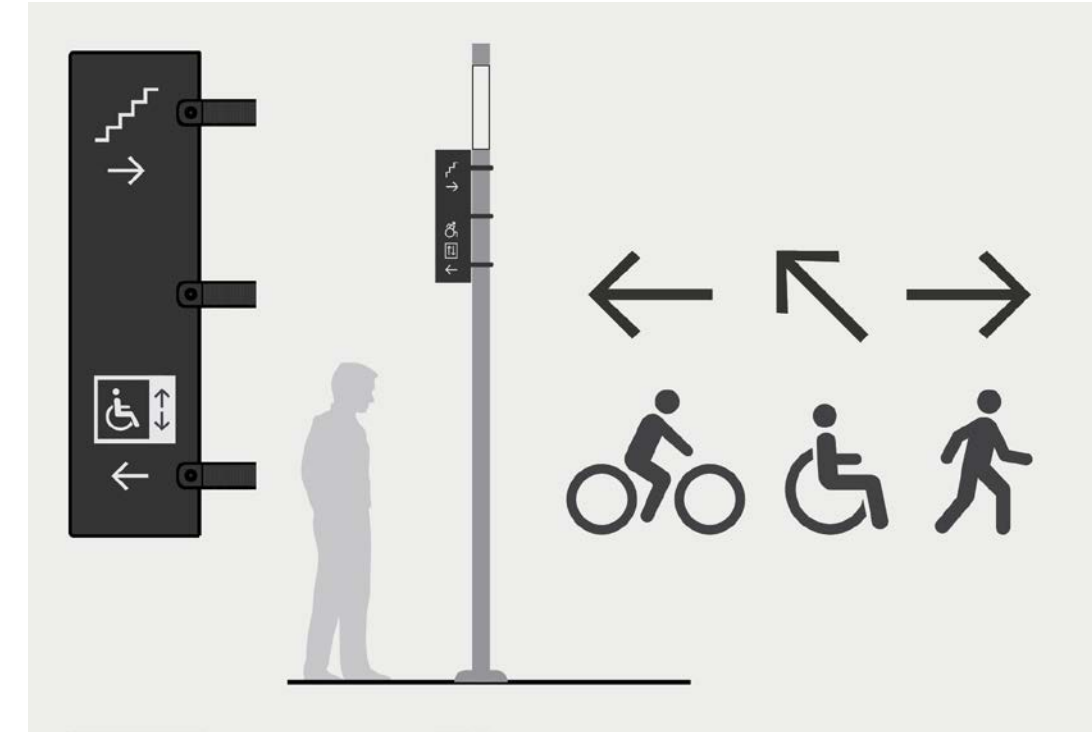
A CONNECTED WATERFRONT



SEPARATED BIKE + PEDESTRIAN TRAILS



LIGHTING



SIGNAGE

LAND MORPHOLOGY

CONNECTIONS TO THE CITY



GREENWAY CONNECTIONS

- 1 Waterfront Park to Downtown
- 2 Elevator to Lenora Street Pedestrian Bridge to Belltown
- 3 Elevator to Bell Street Pedestrian Bridge to Belltown
- 4 Vine Street to Belltown
- 5 Wall Street to Belltown
- 6 Clay Street to Belltown
- 7 Broad Street to Seattle Center/Olympic Sculpture Park

PARK ENTRANCES

- 8 Olympic Sculpture Park
- 9 Thomas Street Pedestrian Bridge to Uptown and Seattle Center
- 10 Pier 86 Grain Terminal Public Parking and Helix Pedestrian Bridge to Elliott Ave. W. Transit
- 11 Beach at Expedia and Elliott Bay Trail to Magnolia

GREENWAY PLAN



LEGEND

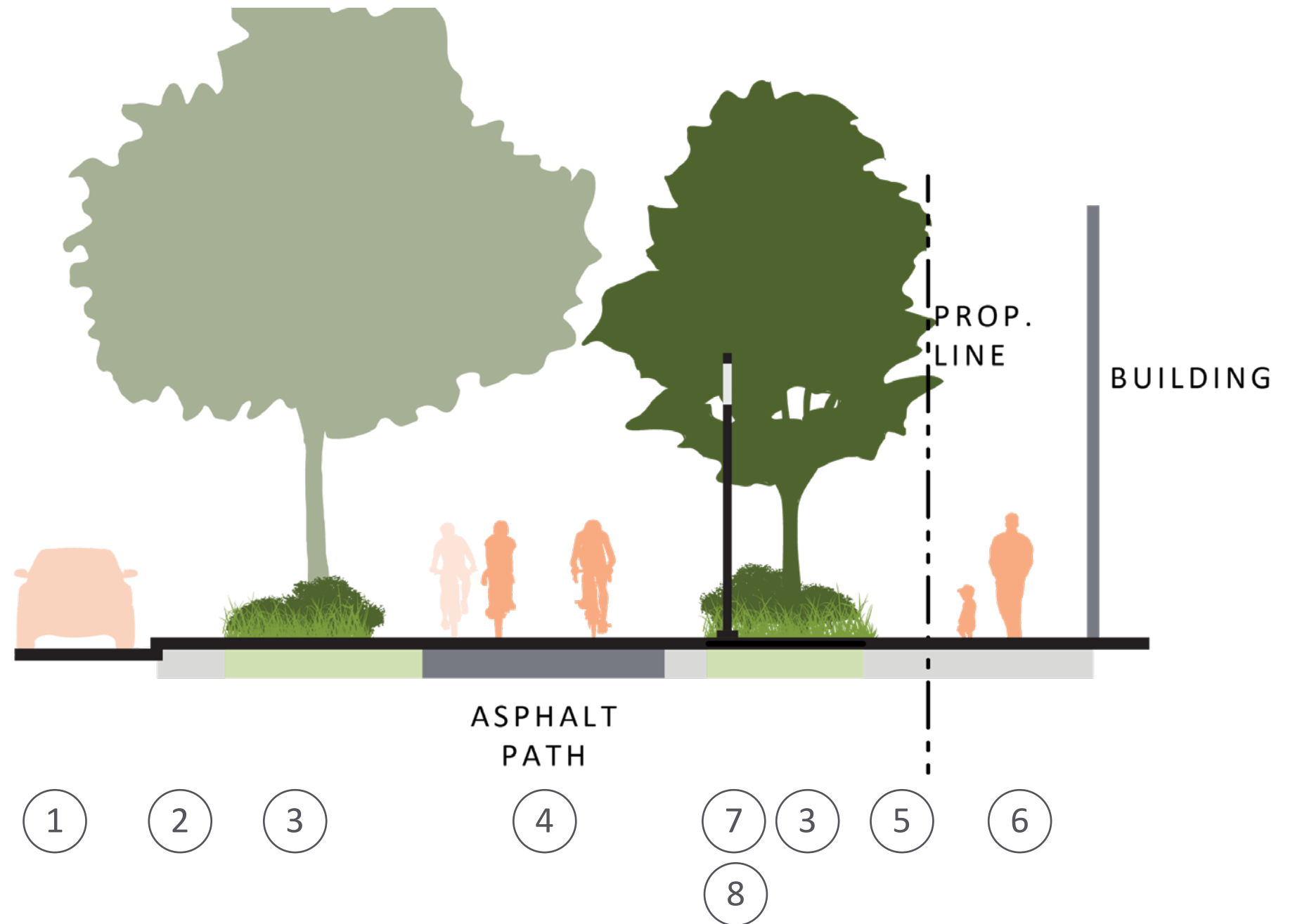
- PLANTING
- PEDESTRIAN PAVING (CONCRETE OR FLEXIPAVE)
- SHARED USE PATH (ASPHALT)
- SDOT ALASKAN WAY SAFETY PROJECT
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- SPECIALTY PAVING
- LANDSCAPE/FURNITURE ZONE
- PROPERTY LINE
- CLEARANCE FROM BNSF
- PROPOSED TREES
- EXISTING TREES

GREENWAY ELEMENTS

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1. Existing street parking or travel lane
2. Greenway edge along Alaskan Way
3. Landscape/ furniture zone
4. Shared use path with shoulder areas
5. Concrete walk
6. Eastern Greenway edge: walkway, building, plaza, or BNSF
7. Light Poles to match Waterfront Park
8. Signage (locations TBD) based on waterfront park system

CONCEPTUAL GREENWAY SECTION



PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN



ELLIOTT BAY

0' 80' 320'

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SOUTH BEACH

NORTH BEACH

RE-GRADED PICNIC LAWN

POTENTIAL LIGHT PROJECTIONS ON GRAIN TERMINAL

PUBLIC AMENITIES BUILDING

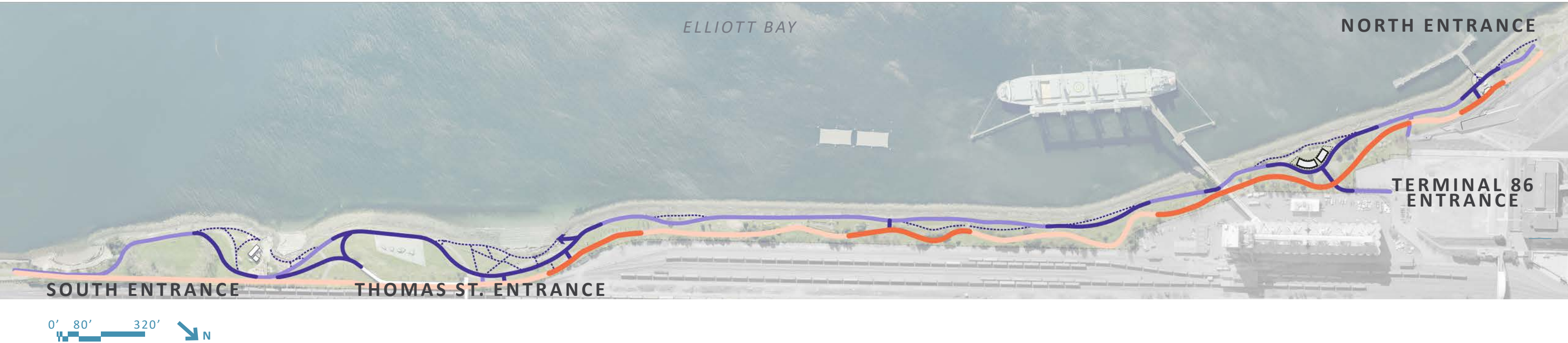
IMPROVED BIKE TRAIL WITH LIGHTING

IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN PATH

LEGEND

- PLAY OR RECREATION AREA
- VIEWPOINTS WITH SEATING
- EXPANDED BEACH
- PEDESTRIAN PATH
- FOOT PATH
- BIKE TRAIL
- RE-GRADED LAWN OR POLLINATOR LAWN
- MEADOW
- NEW PLANTING
- NEW TREES

PARK ELEMENTS | TRAILS + PATHS



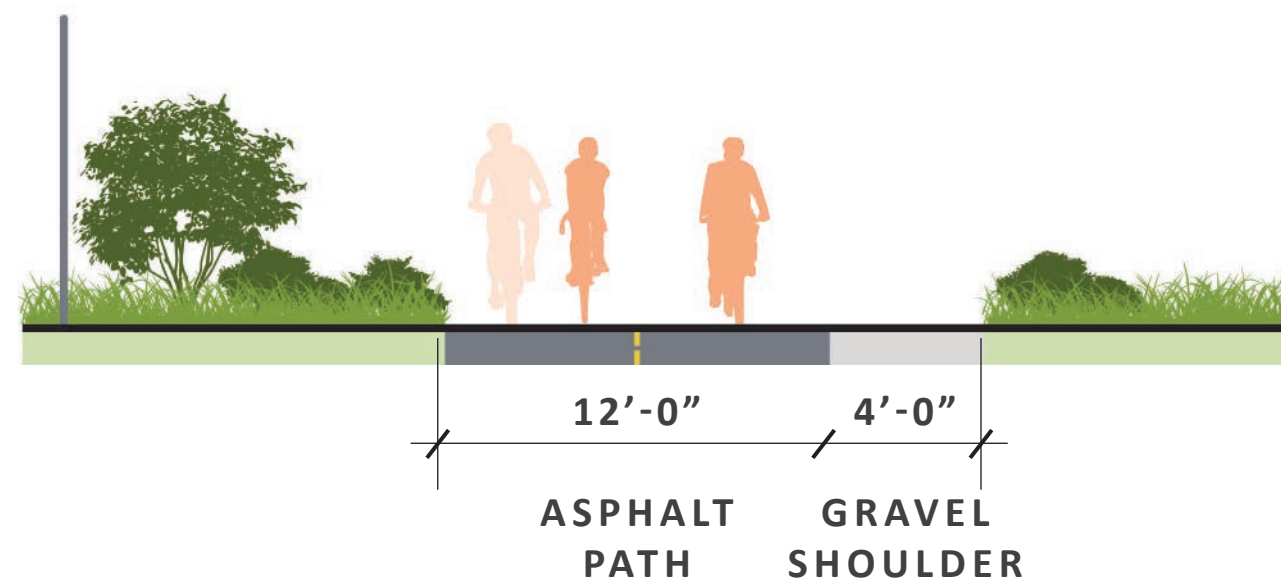
Bike trail and pedestrian paths remain separate.
 Improvements focus on safety, legibility and accessibility.

LEGEND

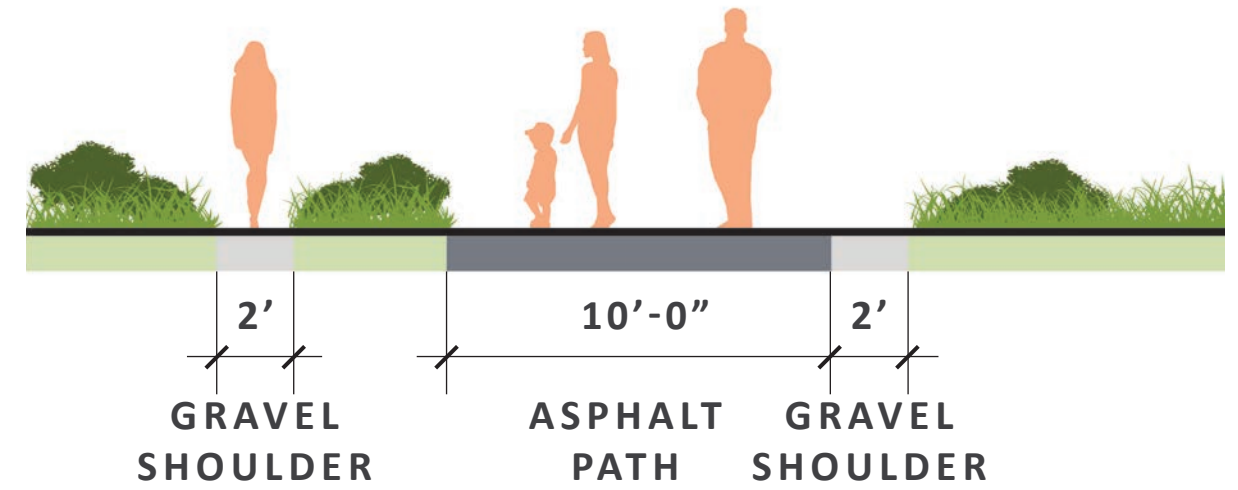
- PEDESTRIAN PATH - REALIGNED
- PEDESTRIAN PATH - REPAIRED AS NEEDED
- ⋯ FOOTPATH
- BIKE TRAIL - REALIGNED
- BIKE TRAIL - REPAIRED AS NEEDED

PROJECT ELEMENTS | TRAILS + PATHS

PROPOSED BIKE TRAIL

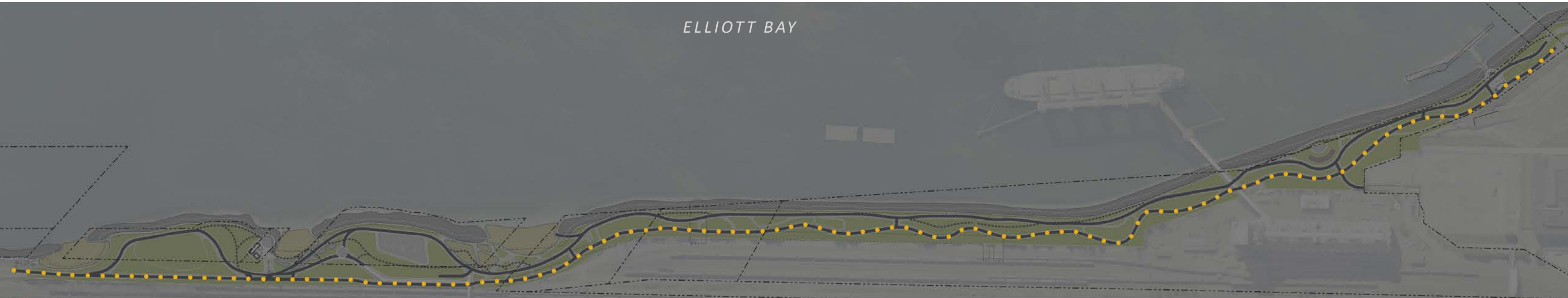


PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN PATH



PROJECT ELEMENTS | LIGHTING

LIGHTING CONCEPT



LIGHT POLE
SAME FIXTURE AT WATERFRONT
PARK & GREENWAY



LIGHT POLE NEXT TO BIKE TRAIL

LEGEND

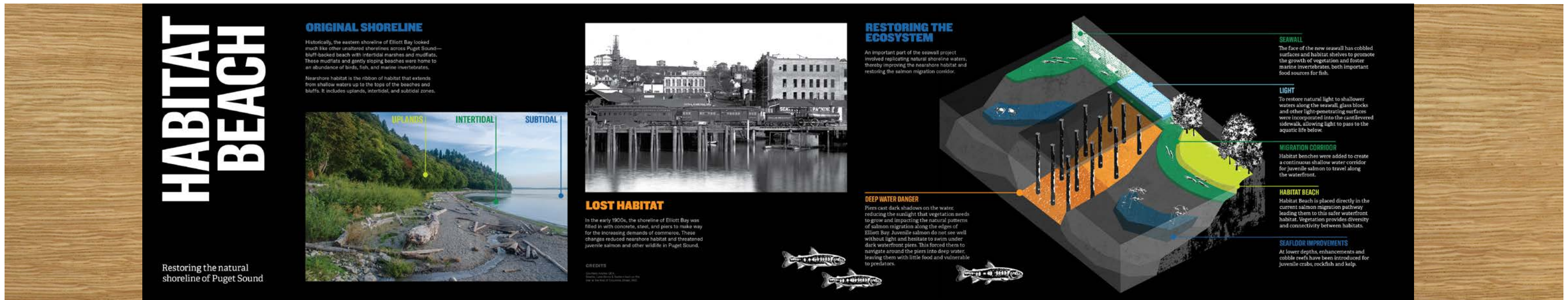
--- PATH OF LIGHTING
(DOES NOT REPRESENT NUMBER OF
FIXTURES)

SIGNAGE

WAYFINDING FAMILY OF SIGNS - WATERFRONT PARK SYSTEM



INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE - WATERFRONT PARK SYTEM



LANDSCAPE PLAN



GOALS:

- Retain 700 existing trees and plant new trees
- Steward diverse landscape typologies
- Plant more native species
- Restore shorelines
- Support habitat and environmental resilience

LANDSCAPE TYPOLOGIES



ELLIOTT BAY

LAWN (RESTORED AS NEEDED)



POLLINATOR LAWN



MEADOW - NATIVE BEACH GRASS



MEADOW - NATIVE + CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT SPECIES



SHORELINE PLANTING



UNDERSTORY SHRUBS + BUFFER PLANTING



BEACH PRECEDENTS

PIONEER SQUARE HABITAT BEACH



OLYMPIC SCULPTURE PARK POCKET BEACH



EXPEDIA BEACH LANDSCAPE
















BEACHES



0' 40' 80'

LEGEND

-  PLAY OR RECREATION AREA
-  VIEWPOINTS WITH SEATING
-  EXPANDED BEACH
-  PEDESTRIAN PATH
-  FOOT PATH
-  BIKE TRAIL
-  LAWN
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-  TREES



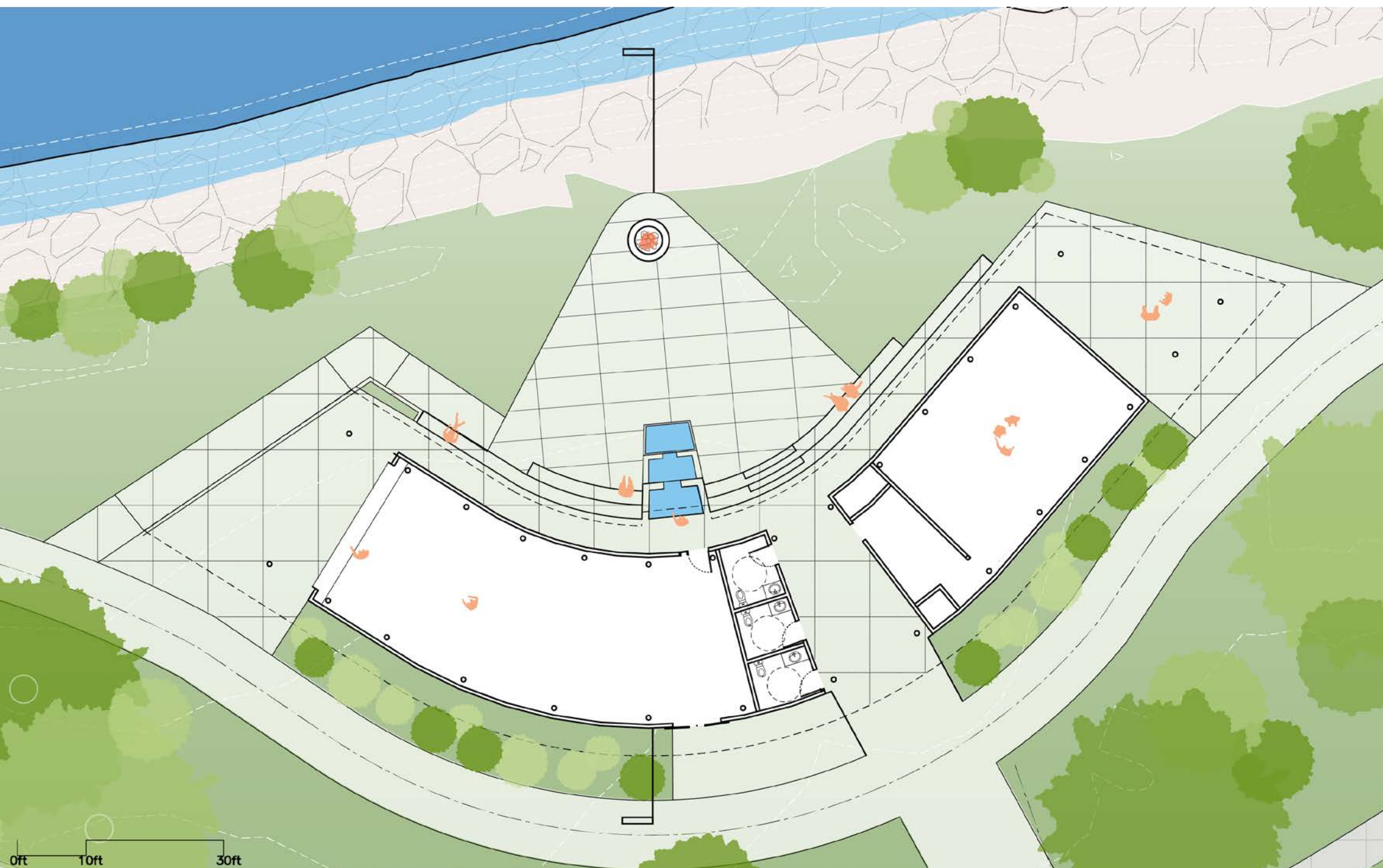
PRECEDENT IMAGES OF INTERPRETIVE, NATURE BASED PLAY



PUBLIC AMENITIES BUILDING



PUBLIC AMENITIES BUILDING | PROGRAM

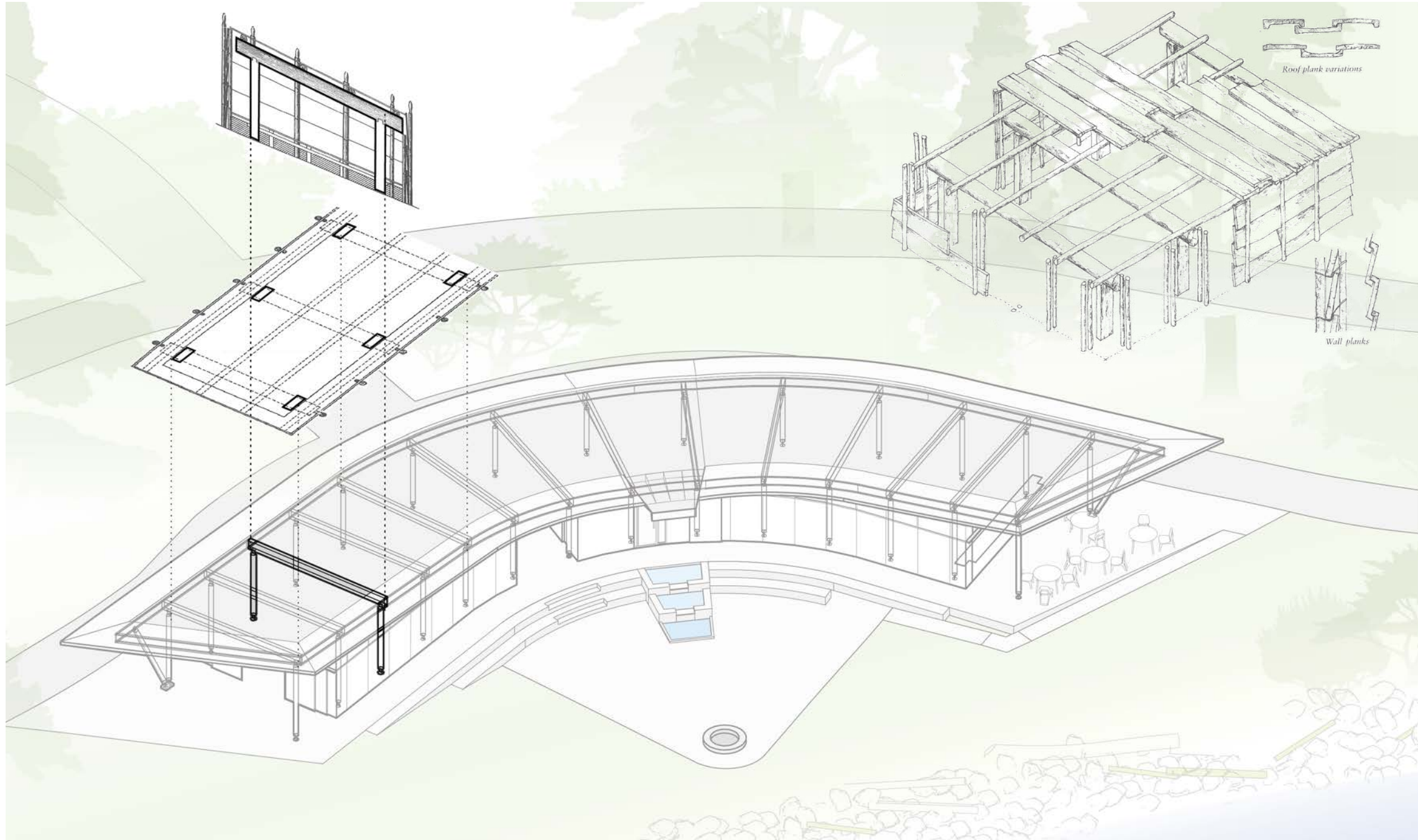


PRELIMINARY BUILDING PROGRAM:
 CONCESSIONS, THREE (3) GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOMS, FLEX SPACE, COVERED
 OUTDOOR SPACE, PLAZA WITH SEATING, RAIN WATERFALL POOL AND FIRE PIT

GOALS

- Respond to public need for restrooms & concessions
- Replace existing cinderblock structures
- Relocate building to enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety
- Create a destination in the northern half of the parks

PUBLIC AMENITIES BUILDING | INDIGENOUS CONNECTION



PROJECT SCHEDULE

We are here: Concept Design



