



South Park Water Quality Facility

Seattle Design Commission

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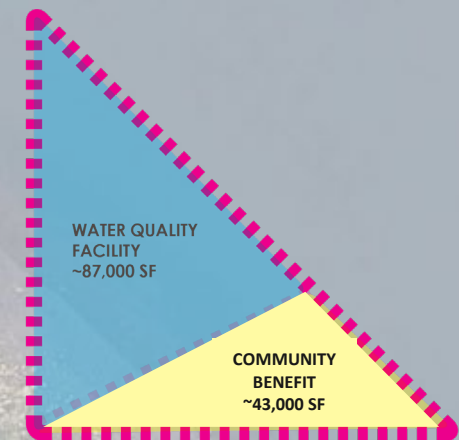
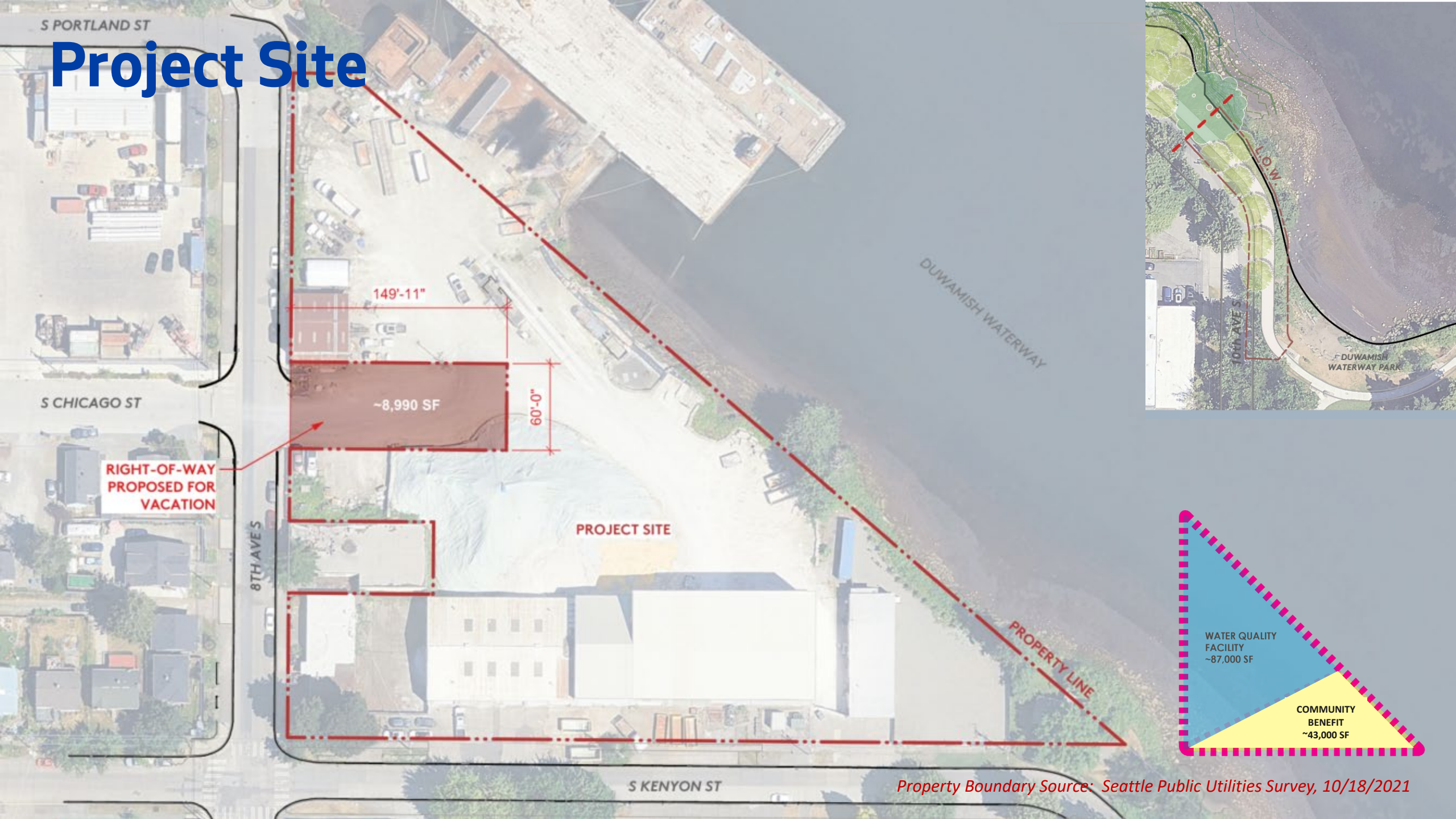
Agenda

- I. Introduction & Site Context**
- II. Community Engagement & Co-Design Process**
- III. Street Vacation Public Trust Analysis**
- IV. Street Vacation Public Benefit**

Project Location



Project Site



Property Boundary Source: Seattle Public Utilities Survey, 10/18/2021

Water Quality Facility Goals

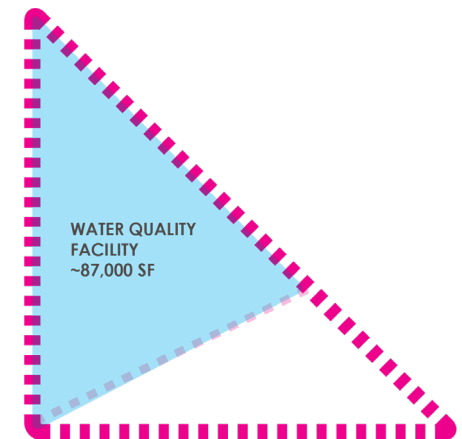
- **Remove pollutants from stormwater** before it flows into the Duwamish River
- **Clean soil and groundwater** from a historically contaminated site
- Contribute to the **network of shoreline natural areas** and increase river access
- **Explore partnerships and innovative engagement** to deepen community involvement in shaping the site experience



At Marysville Stormwater Park, WA



At Port of Anaeles, WA



Community Guided Project Design Goals

- 1 Create habitat-friendly green spaces & human connections to nature



- 2 Restore salmon habitat & promote environmental education



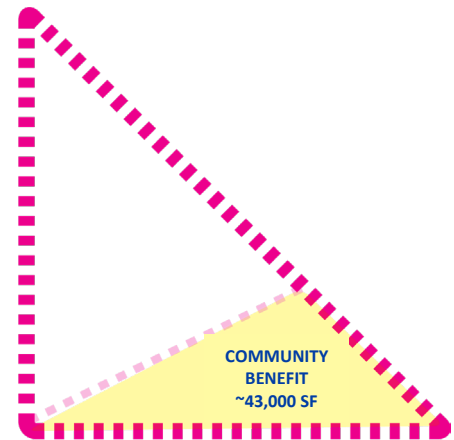
- 5 Integrate Water Quality Facility design and public art into site and neighborhood experience



- 3 Provide community spaces that support flexible use by local organizations and small businesses



- 4 Enhance connectivity to Duwamish River and downtown South Park

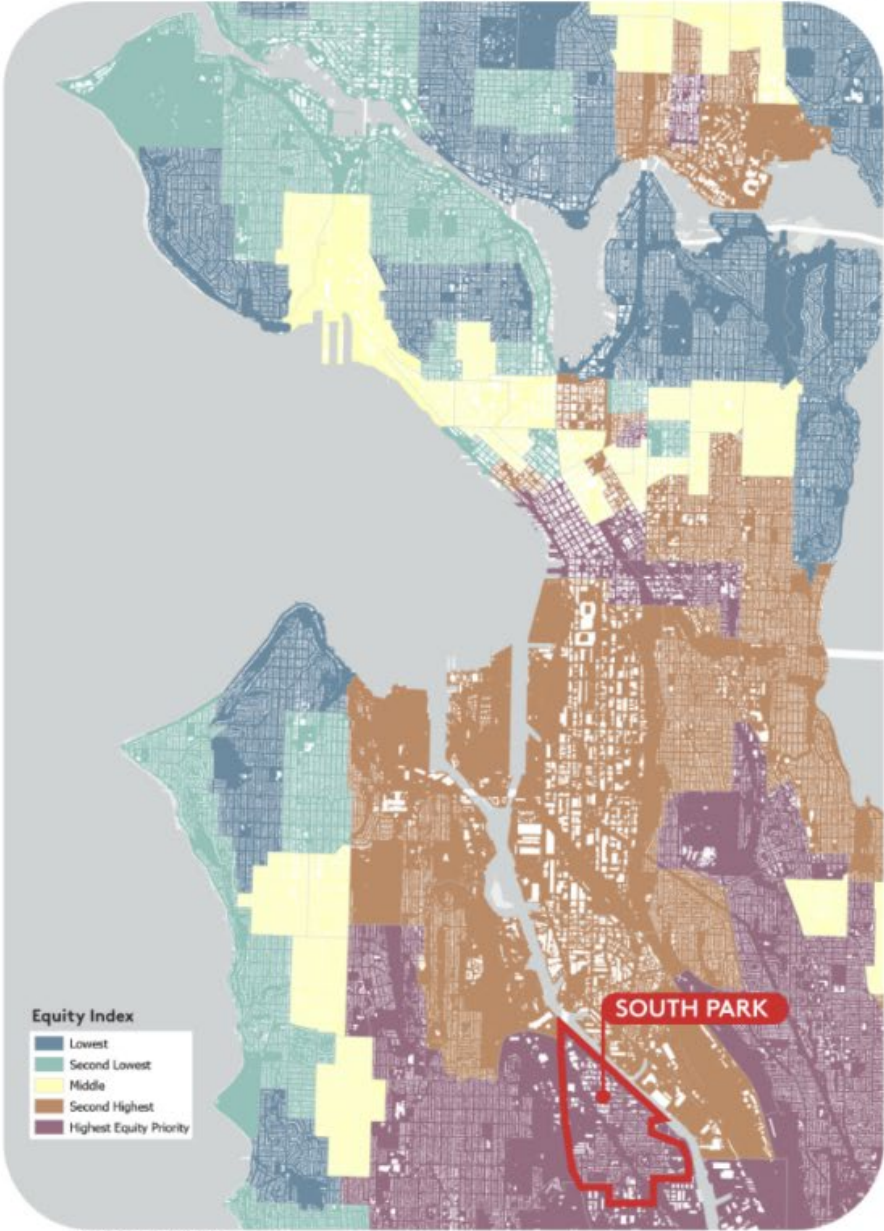


"The River That Made Seattle"



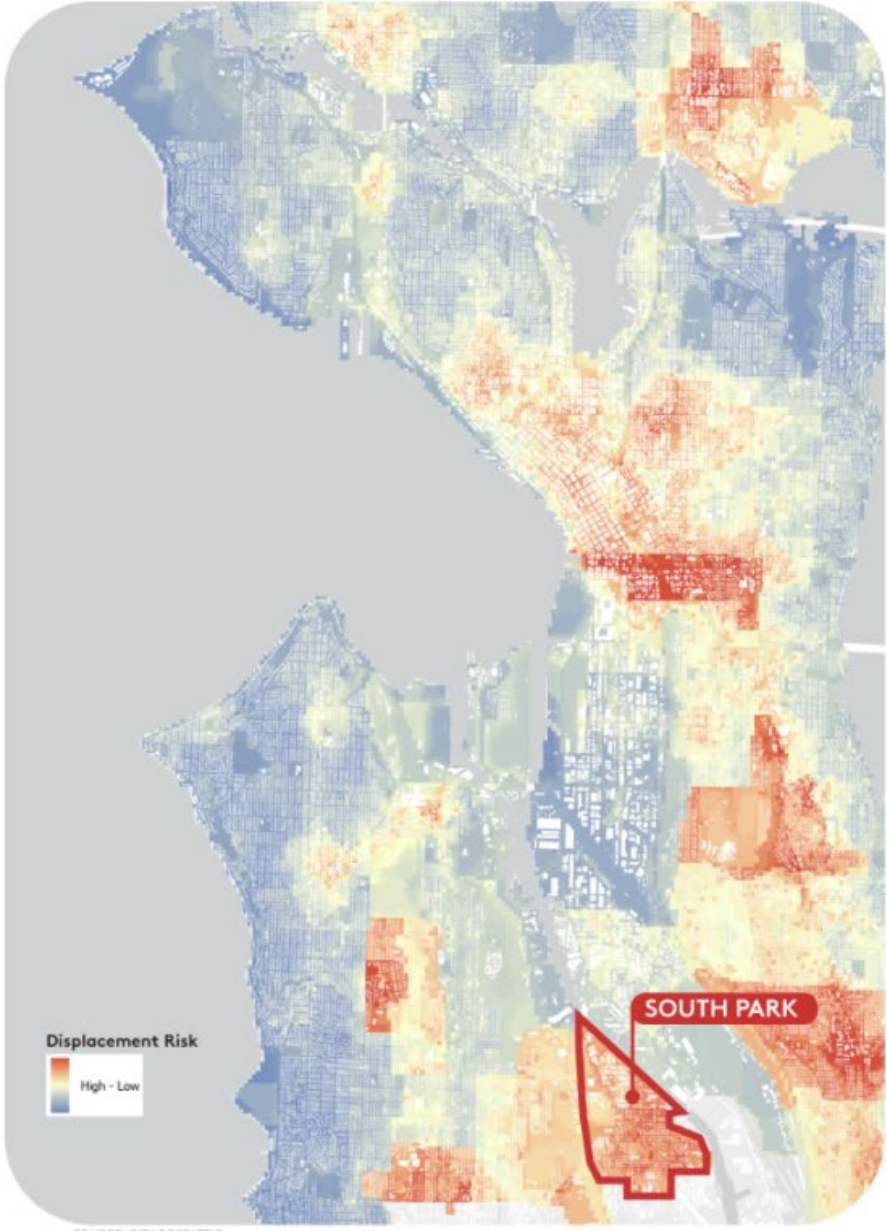
Priority Location

RACIAL AND SOCIAL EQUITY INDEX (2020)



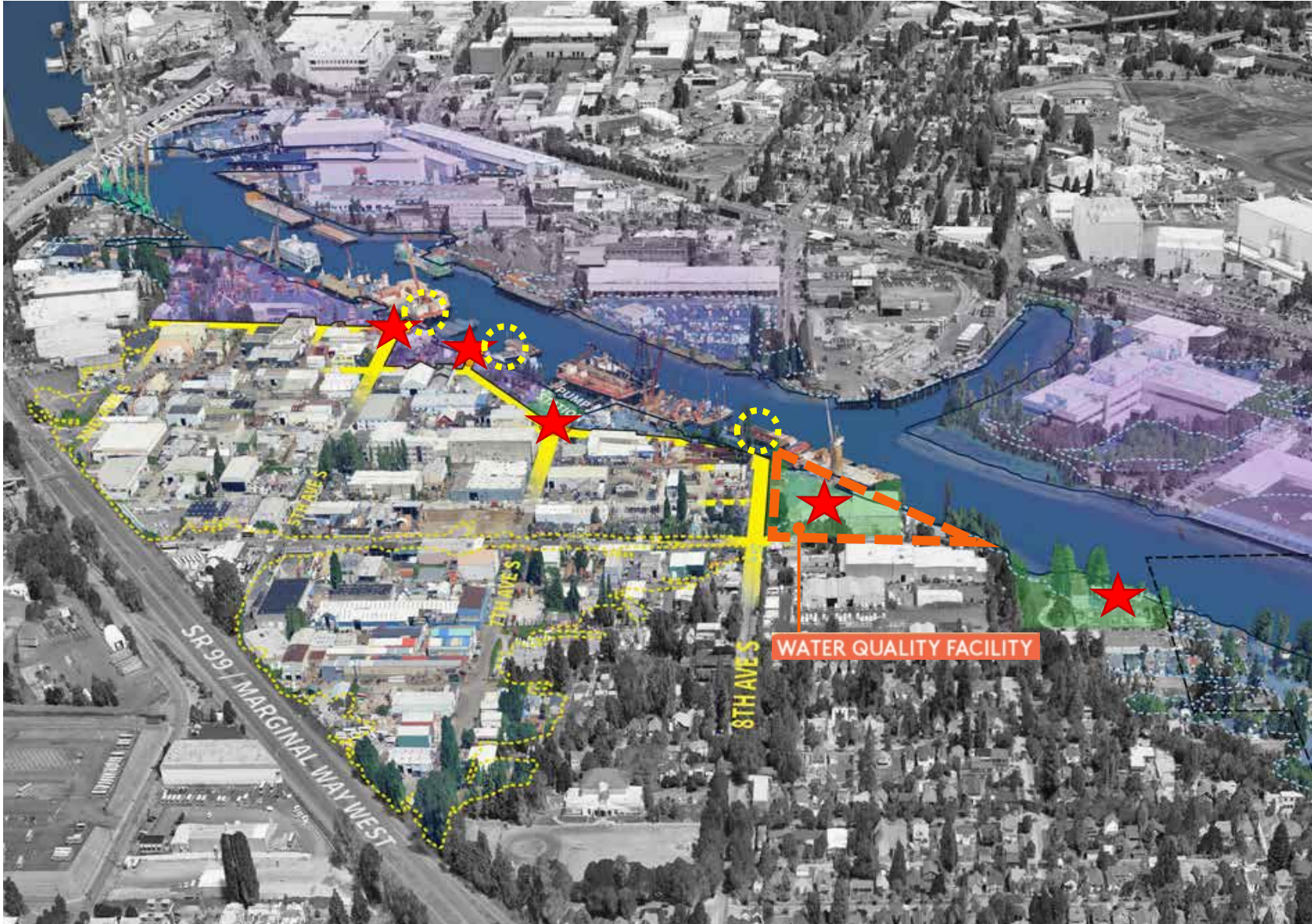
SOURCE: CITY OF SEATTLE

DISPLACEMENT RISK (2022)



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Climate Resilience - Lead With Public Property

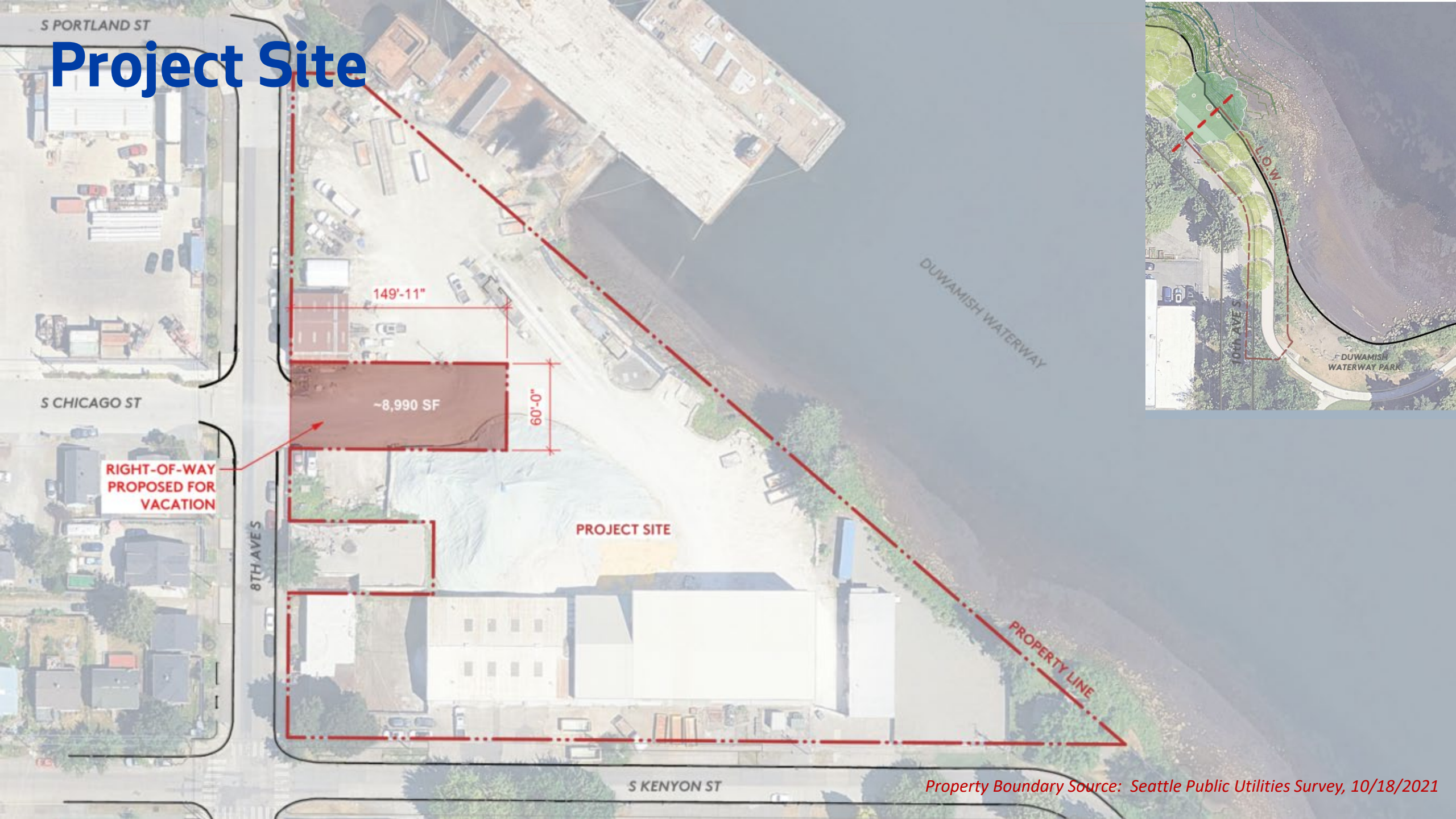


- **Drainage Project**
(SPU - 2030)
- **Water Quality Facility**
(SPU - 2030)
- **Duwamish Waterway Park Expansion**
(SPR - 2030)

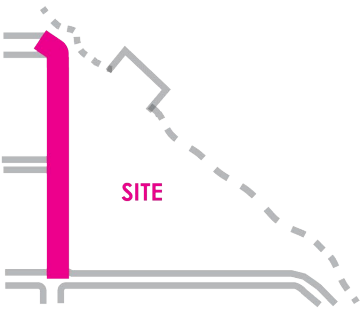
 Approx. flood entry points 12/27/22

 low bank public land areas potential for flood management infrastructure

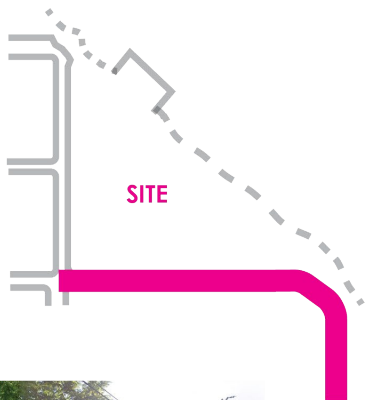
Project Site



8th Ave Elevation



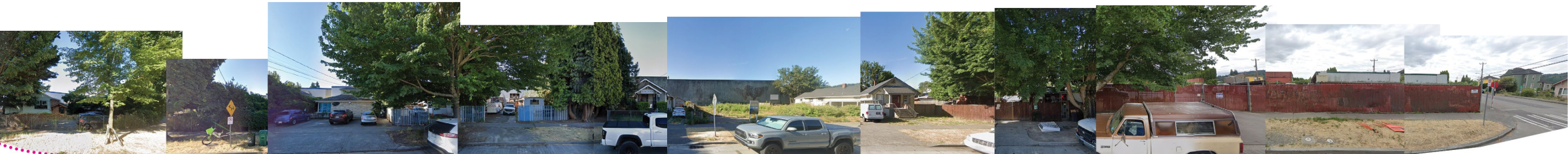
S Kenyon St & 10th Ave Elevation



8TH AVE S

S Kenyon St Looking North (Towards WQF Property)

10TH AVE S



10TH AVE S

S Kenyon St Looking South

8TH AVE S



DUWAMISH WATERWAY PARK

S KENYON ST

10th Ave S Looking East

S ELMGROVE ST

Community Engagement and Co-design Process

Youth Engagement & Exchange Workshop Series (Nov 2024)



Duwamish Valley
Sustainability Association
(DVSA)



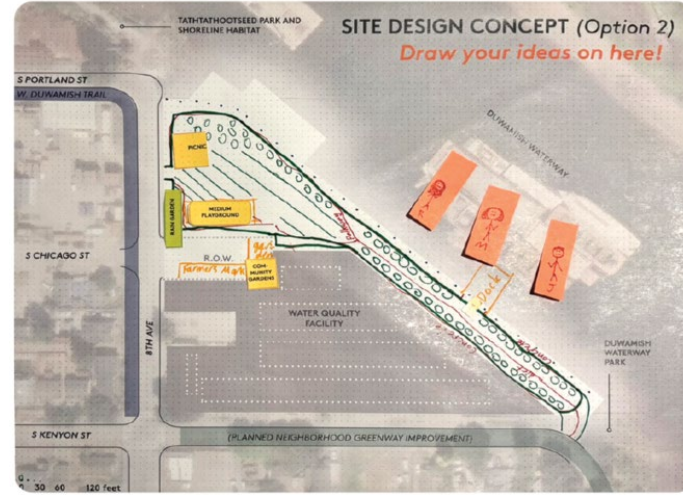
Duwamish Valley Youth
Corps (DVYC)

DVYC and DVSA Youth Ideas / Sketches

DVYC Group Concept 1 : For the Duwamish



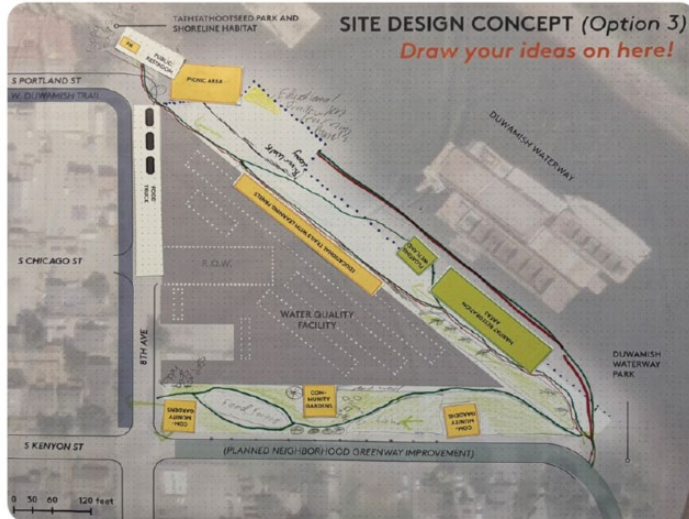
DVYC Group Concept 3 : Awesome Awesome Park



DVSA Group Concept 1 : Green Project



DVYC Group Concept 2 : Go walk/ Eco Walk



DVYC Group Concept 2 : Un Rio Para Todos (River for Everyone)

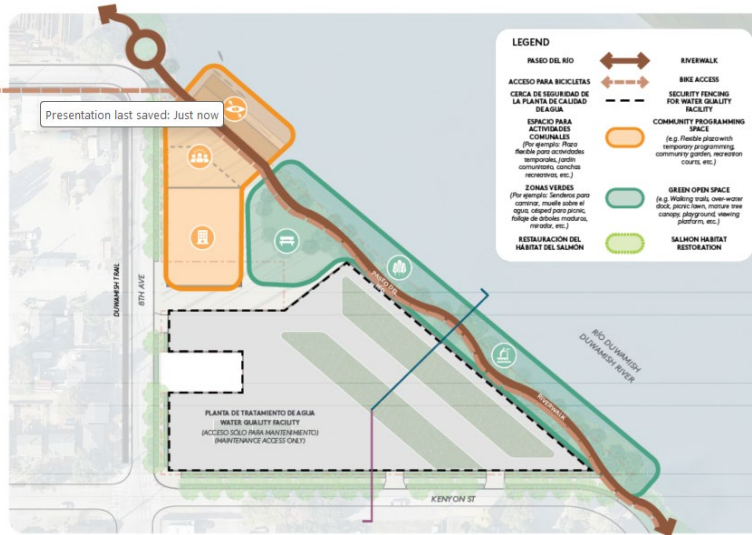


DVSA Group Concept 3 : Future Duwamish

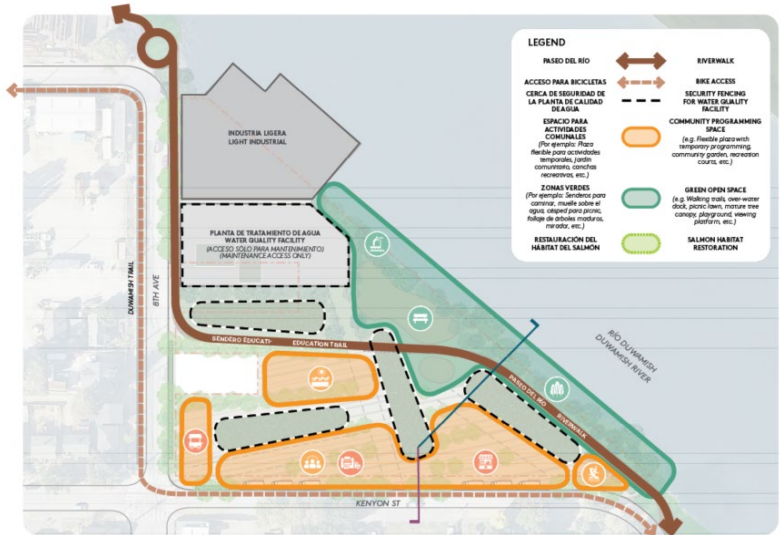


Preliminary Site Plan Options

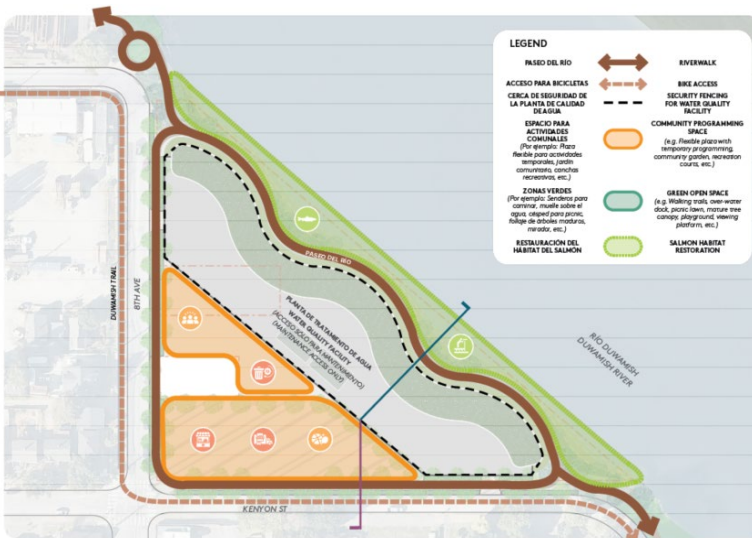
Option 1
Riverfront
Hub



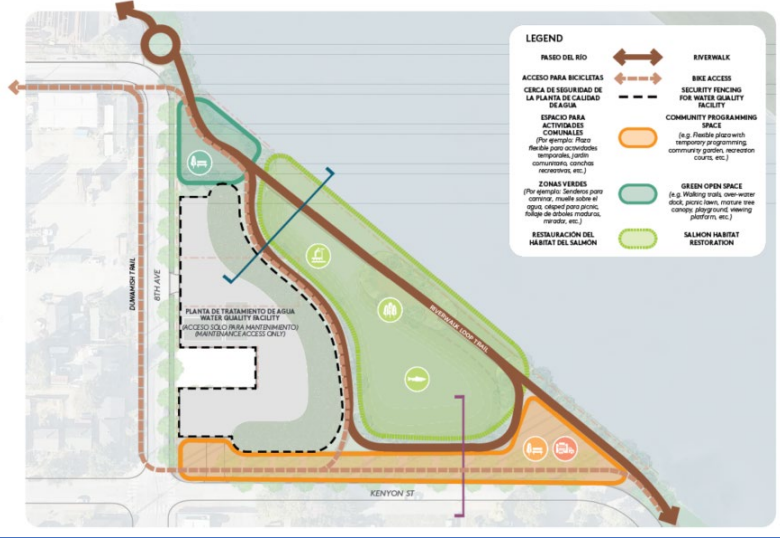
Option 2
Interpretive
Park



Option 3
Community
Street Corner



Option 4
Habitat
Park



¡Rellene las siguientes cubetas con su calcomanía azul!
Fill the bucket below with your blue dot!



South Park Water Quality Facility - Community Investment Plan

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South Park Water Quality Study 2002 City Investment Plan

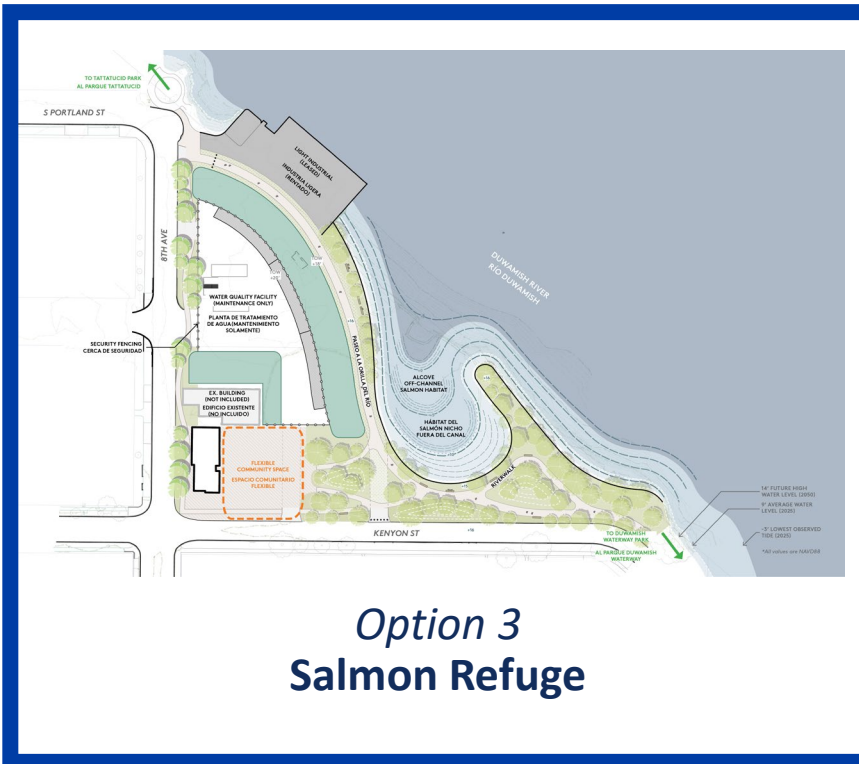
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Community Corner

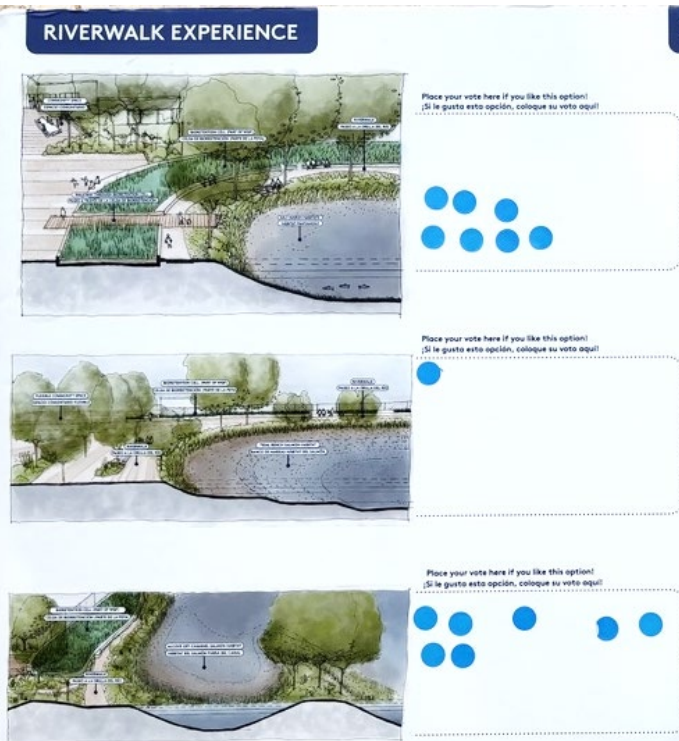


Option 2
Shared Cove



Option 3
Salmon Refuge

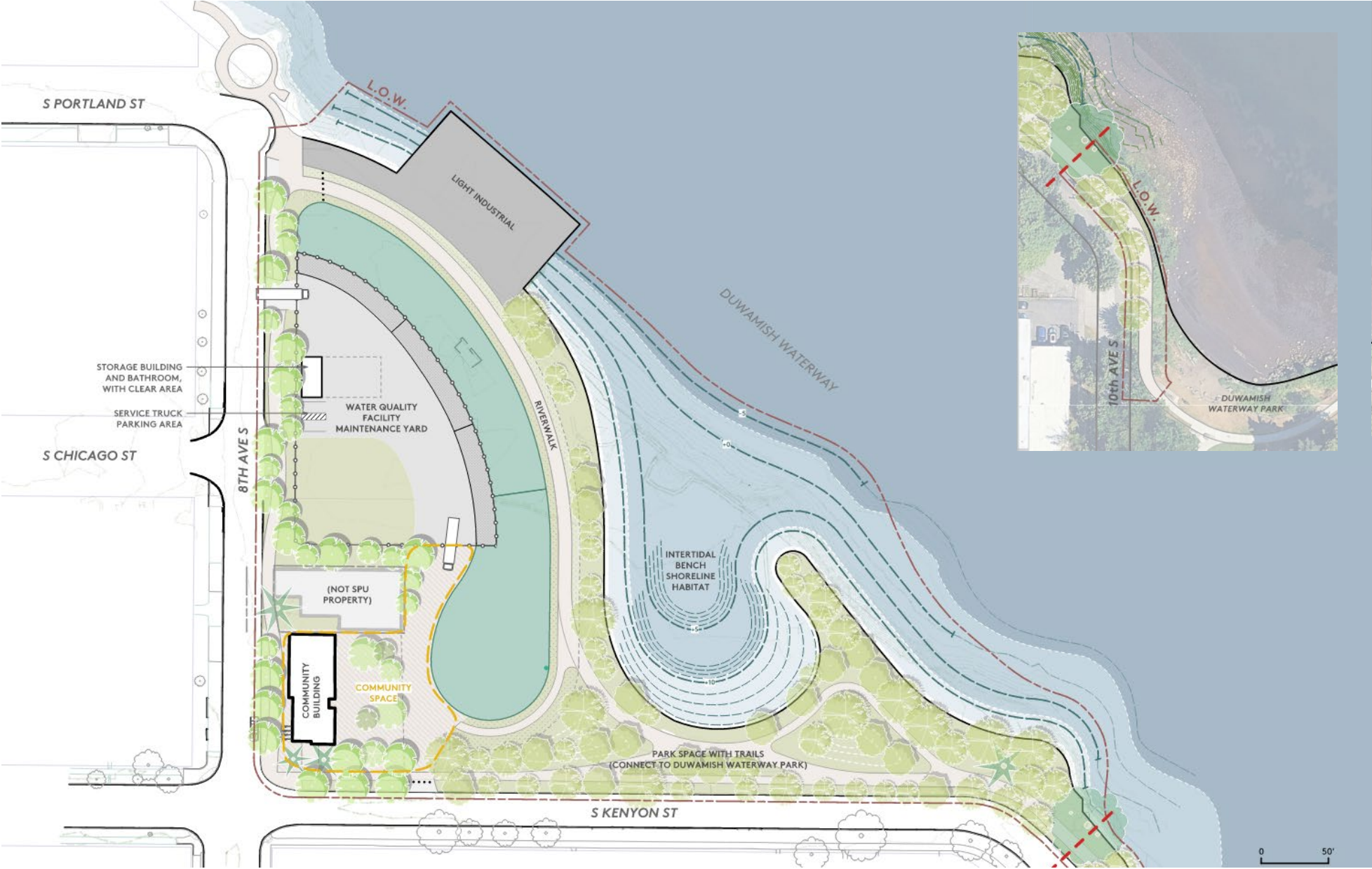
Phase 2 Engagement (Jul-Sep 2025)





Clockwise from top left: Denita and Joey Holmes, Suquamish Cultural Resources Department; Paulina Lopez, Executive Director, Duwamish River Community Council (DRCC); Crystal Perez, DRCC's Duwamish Valley Youth Corps Program manager; Sean and Emily Lucey, next door neighbors to the SPU WQF site; Lupine Miller, Head Librarian and Xioamara Melgar, director of Spanish Story Hour, South Park Library; Crystal Brown, Melanie Grainger, and Emily McLaughlin from Cultivate South Park; Amanda and Campbell Scarborough, local business owners

Preferred Site Plan



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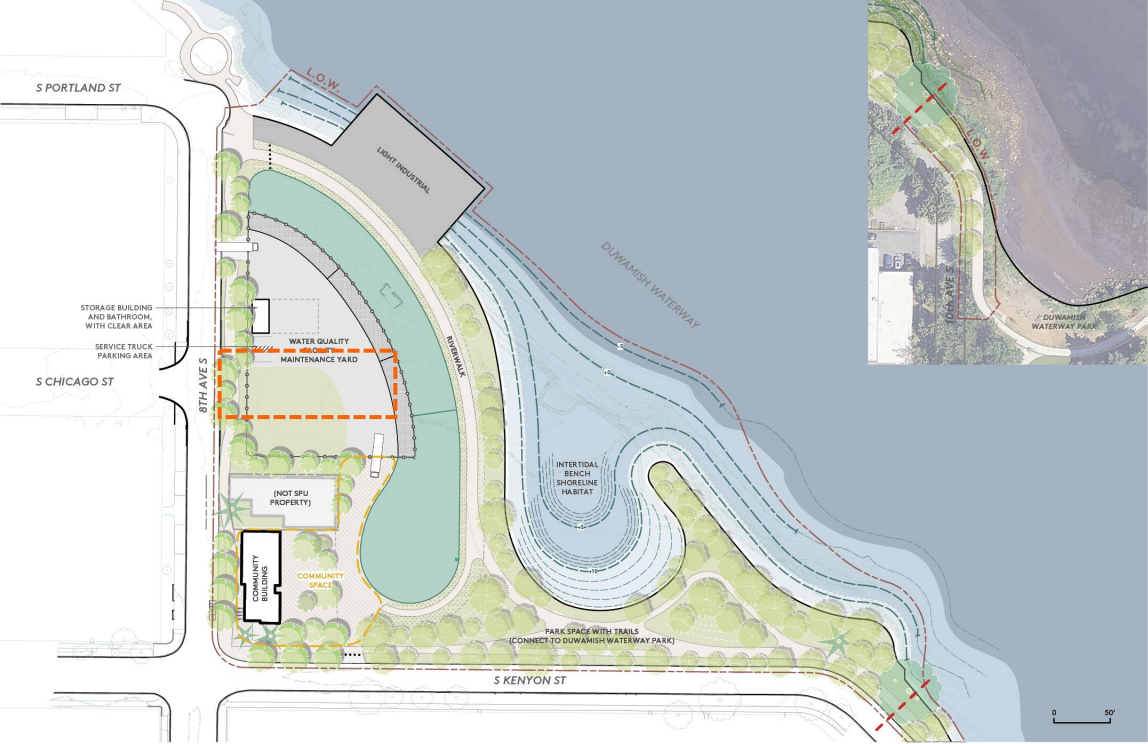
Street Vacation Public Trust Analysis

Existing Condition



S Chicago St is a dead-end street. It is currently not accessible to the public and has been used by the outgoing tenant under an annual long-term storage permit.

Site Plan Comparison

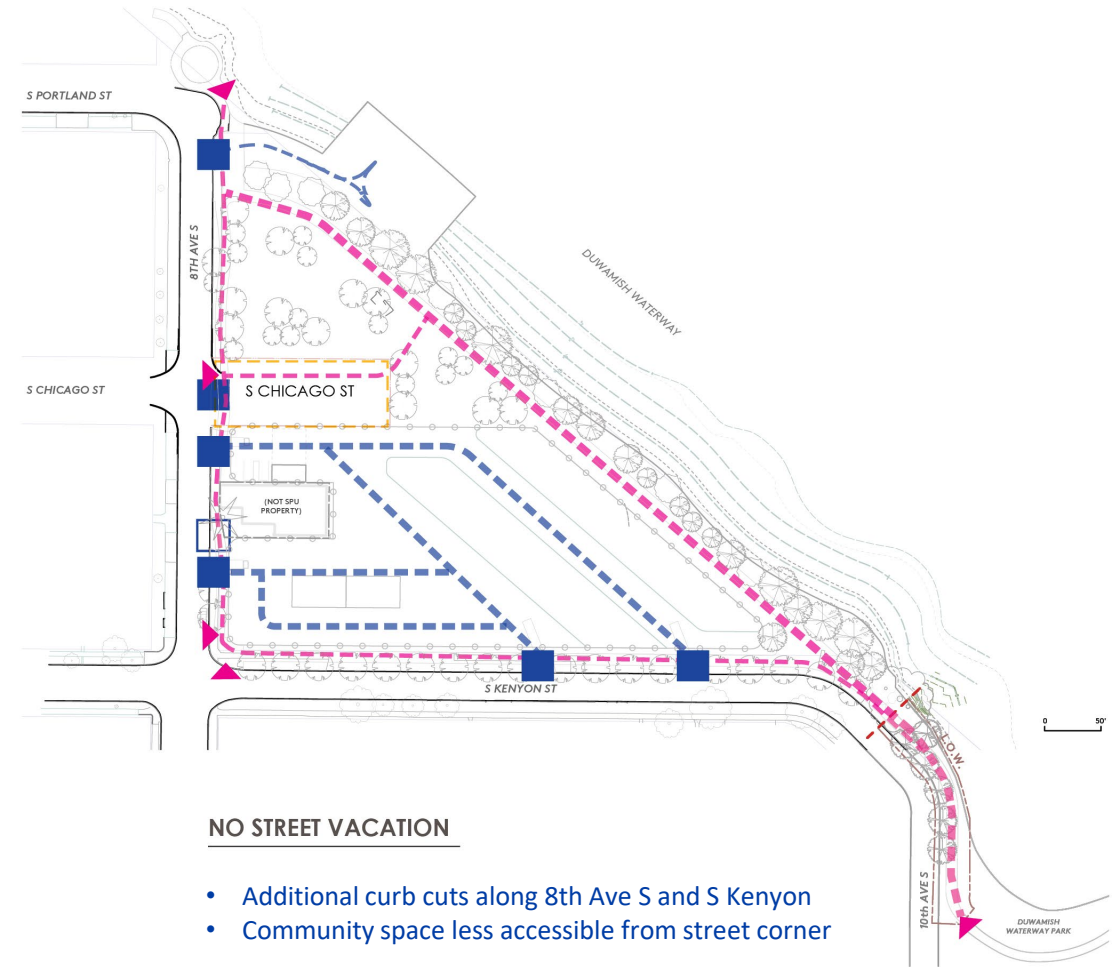
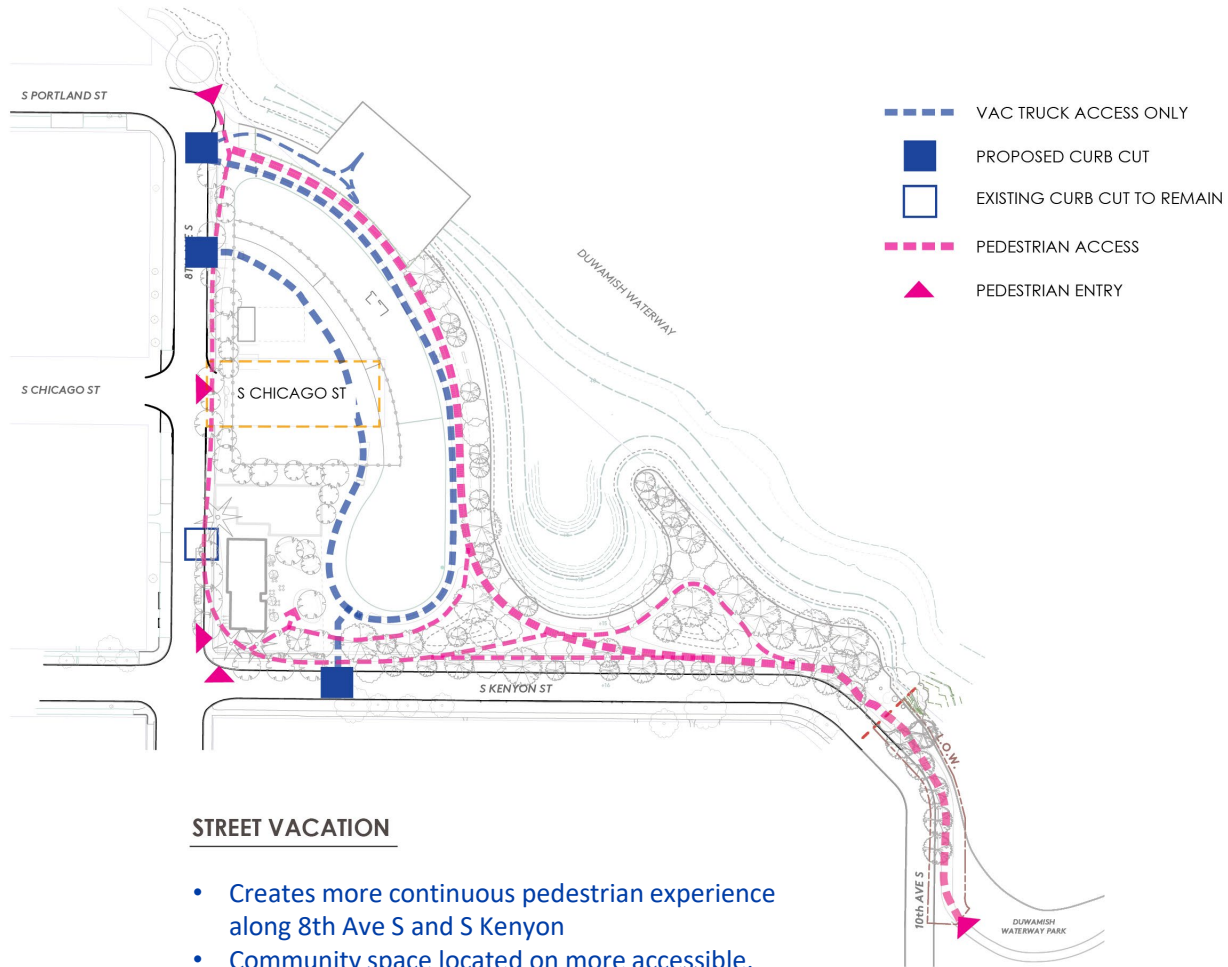


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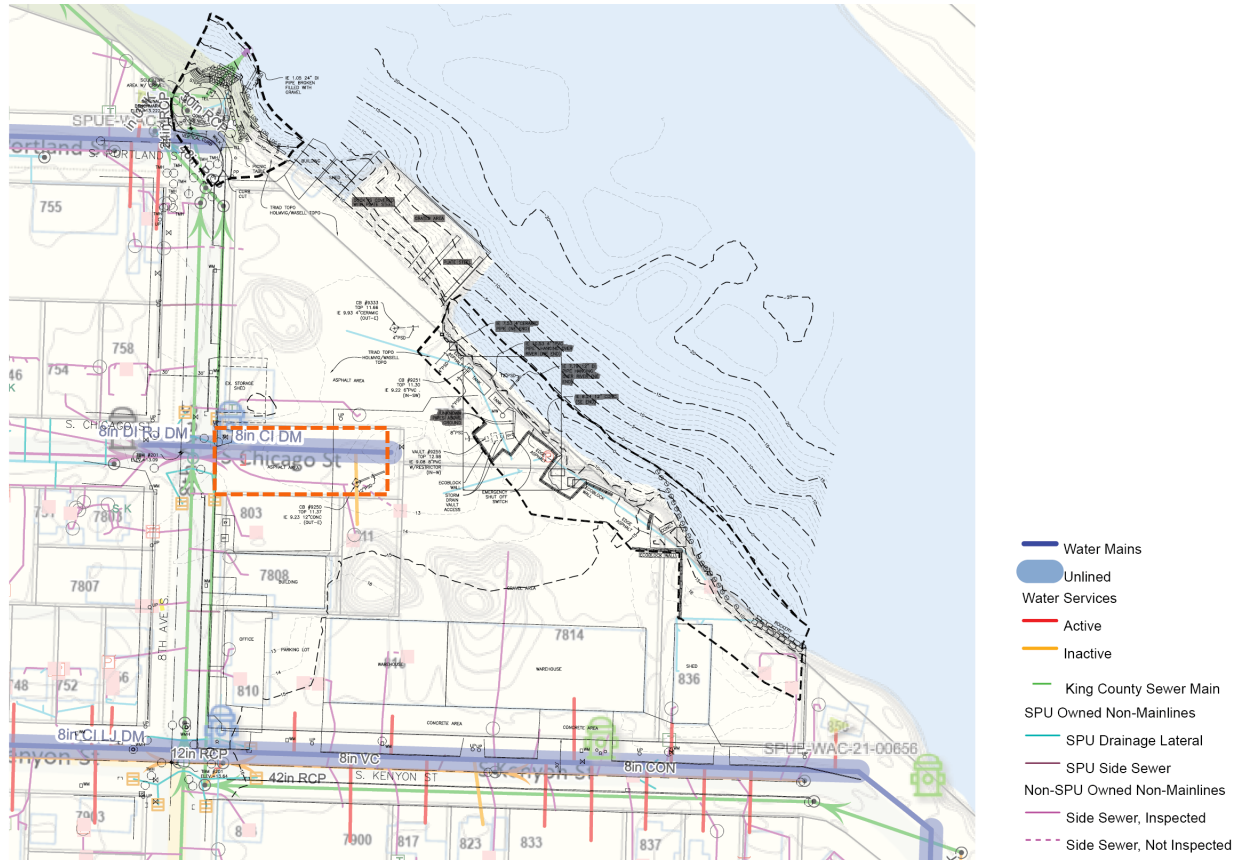


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Circulation & Access



Utilities



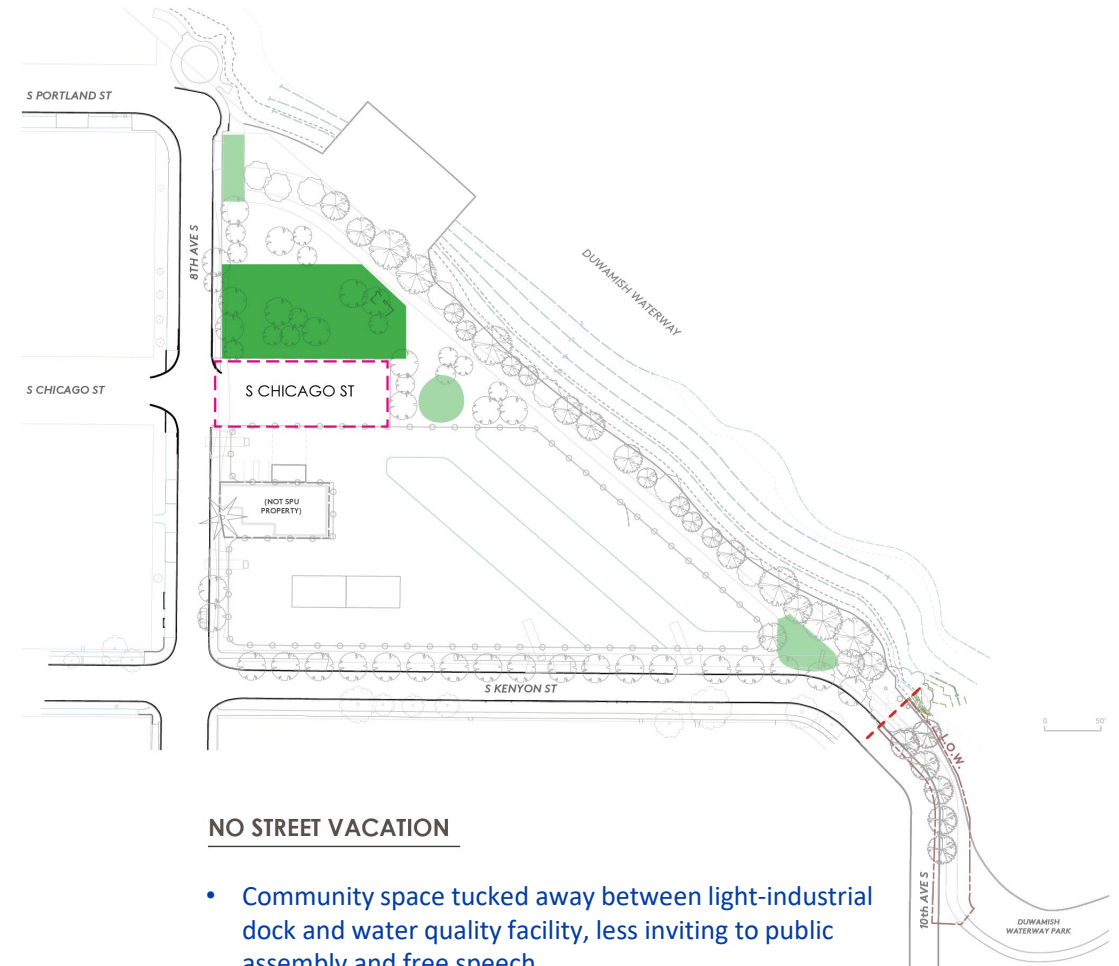
- No difference between street vacation vs no vacation options
- SPU owns the water main on S Chicago; water service line is inactive from this portion of water main.

Free Speech & Public Assembly



STREET VACATION

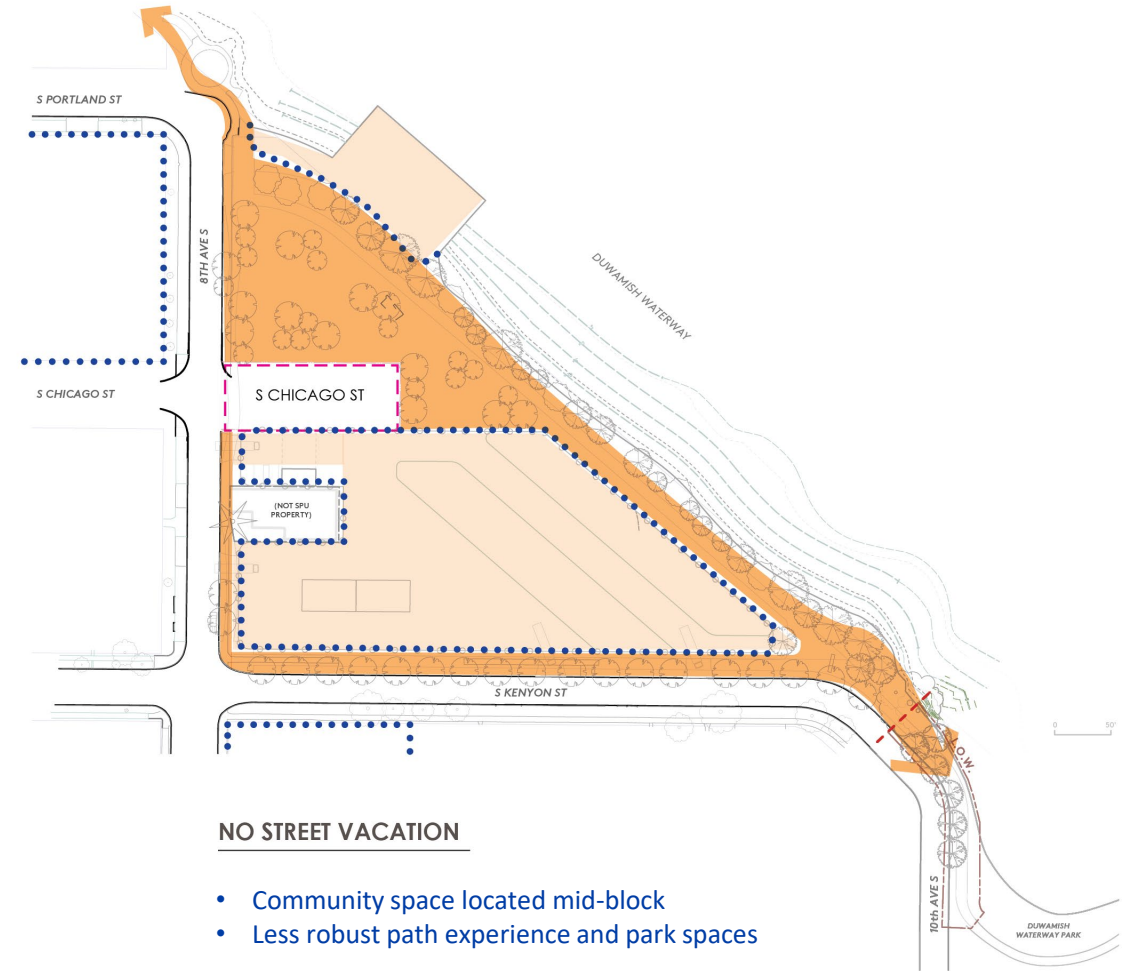
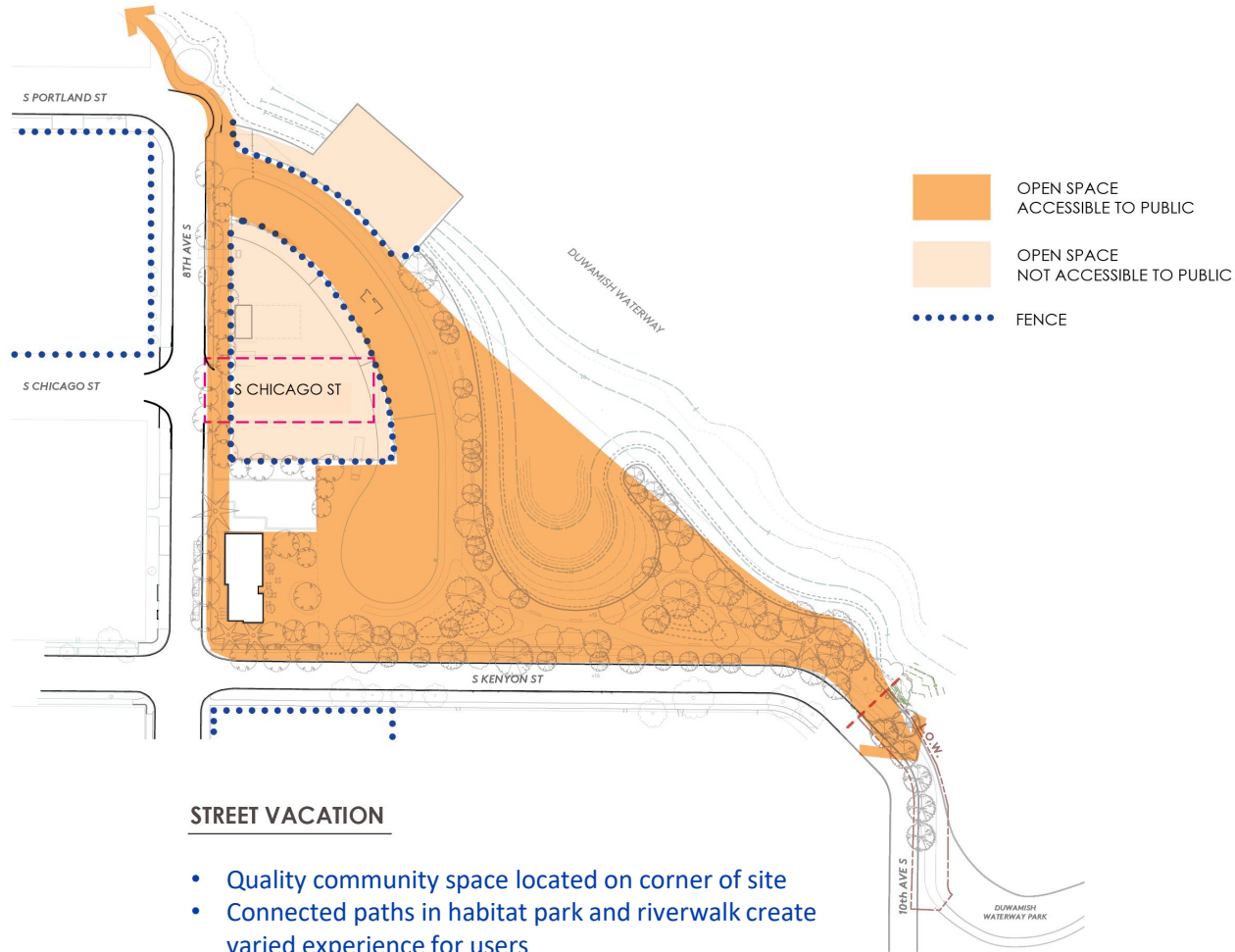
- Community space in gateway location, promotes free speech and enables public assembly
- More park-like green space along riverwalk creates more opportunities for gathering in different sized groups
- ROWs will be more welcoming to public use and assembly



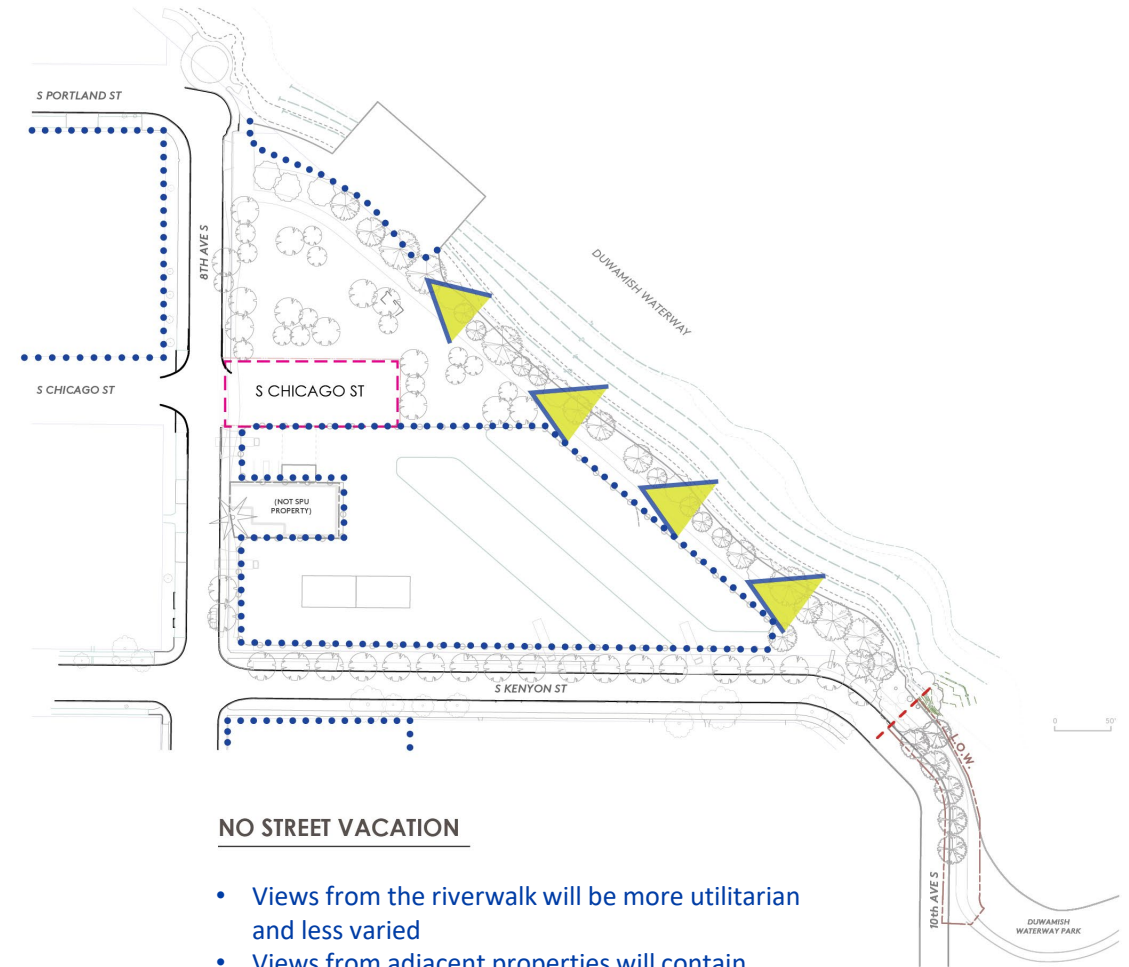
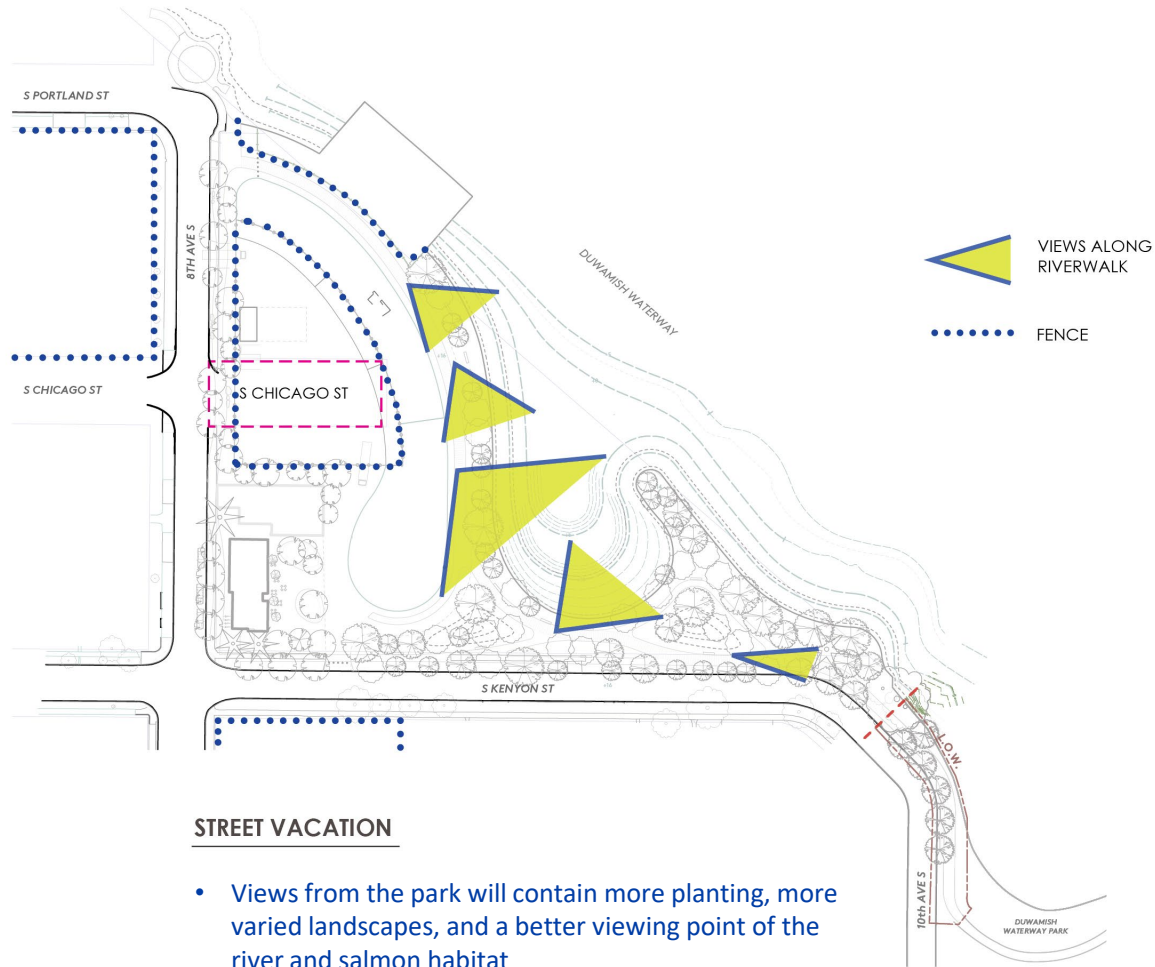
NO STREET VACATION

- Community space tucked away between light-industrial dock and water quality facility, less inviting to public assembly and free speech
- Riverwalk more linear and less inviting to gathering
- ROWs have more curb cuts and are less pleasant for public use and assembly

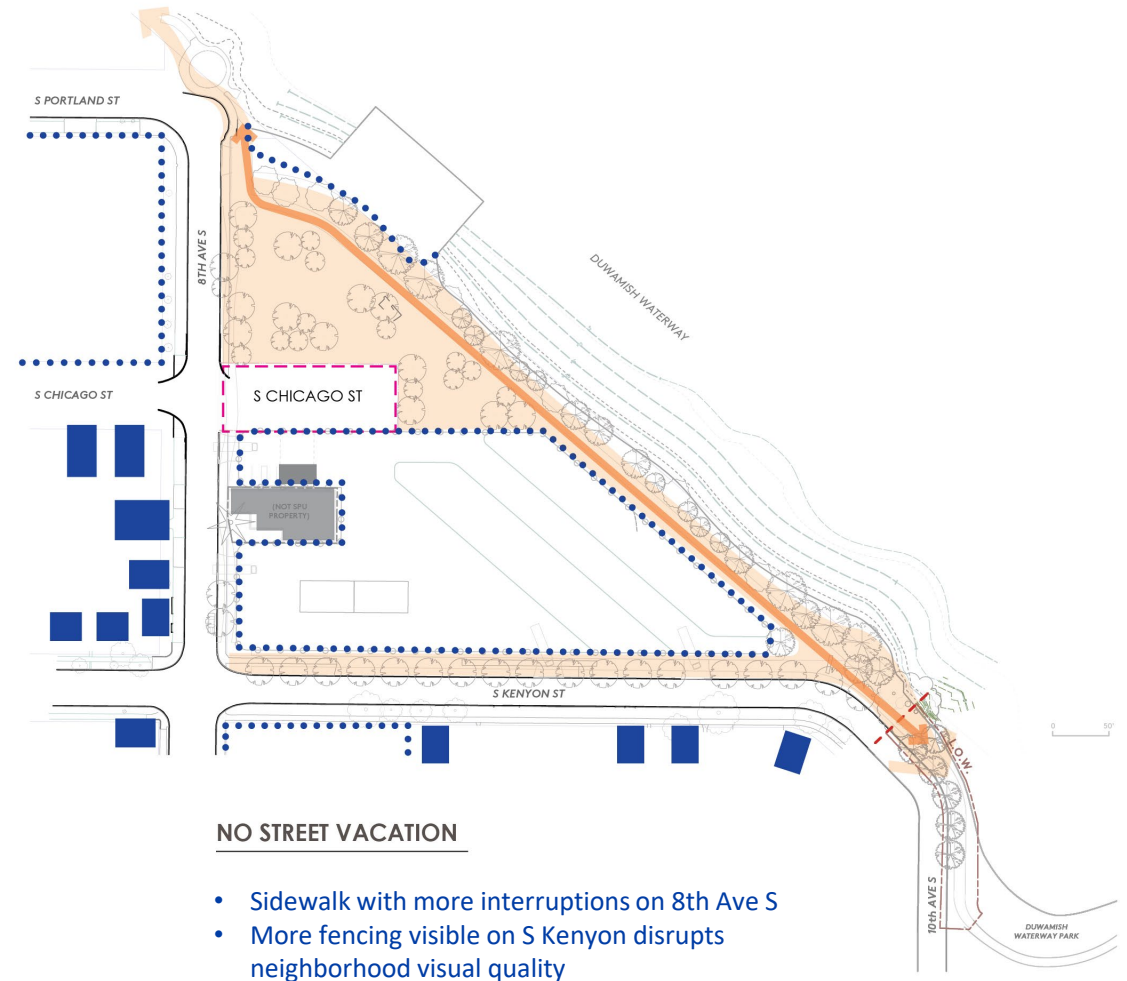
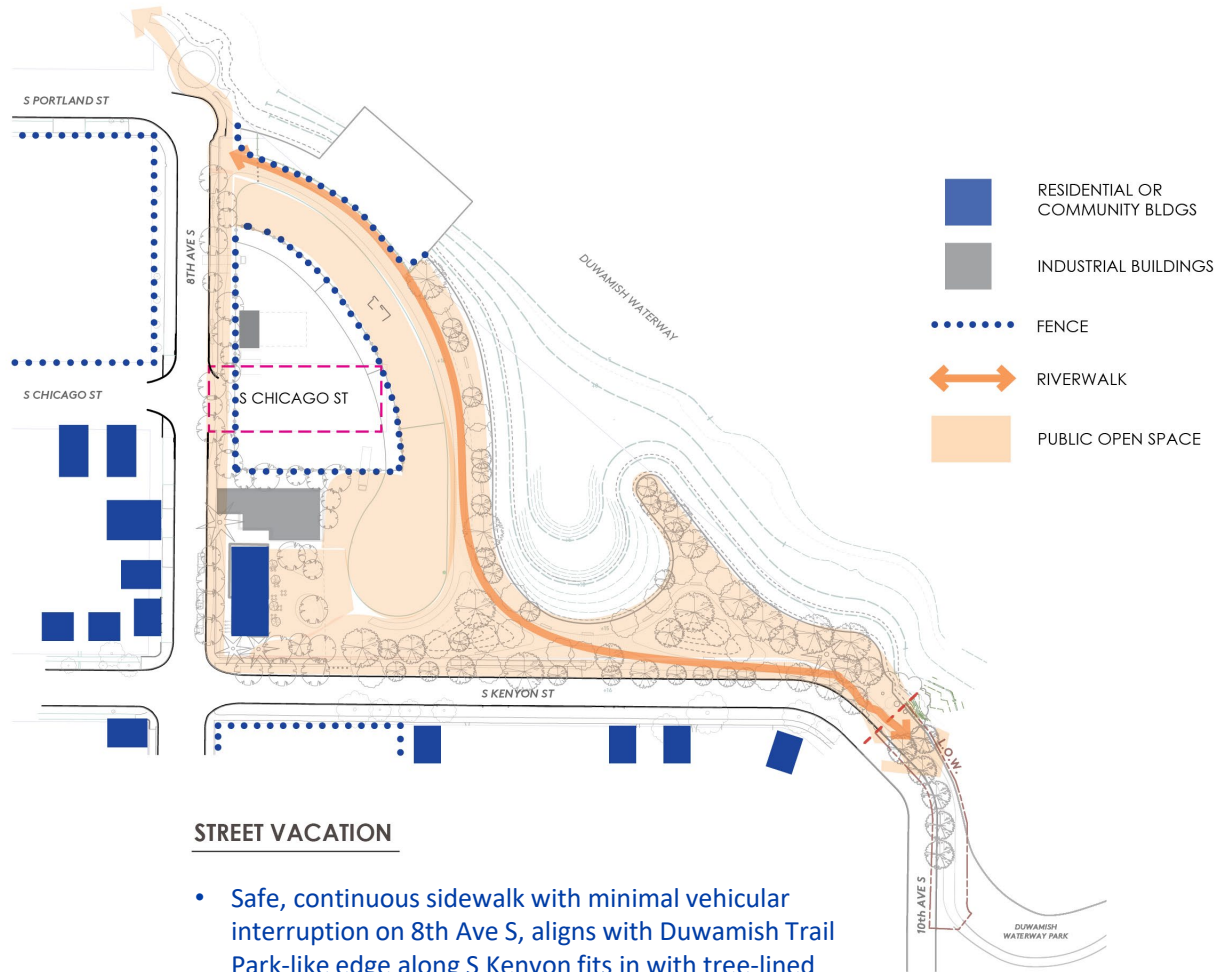
Open Space, Light & Air



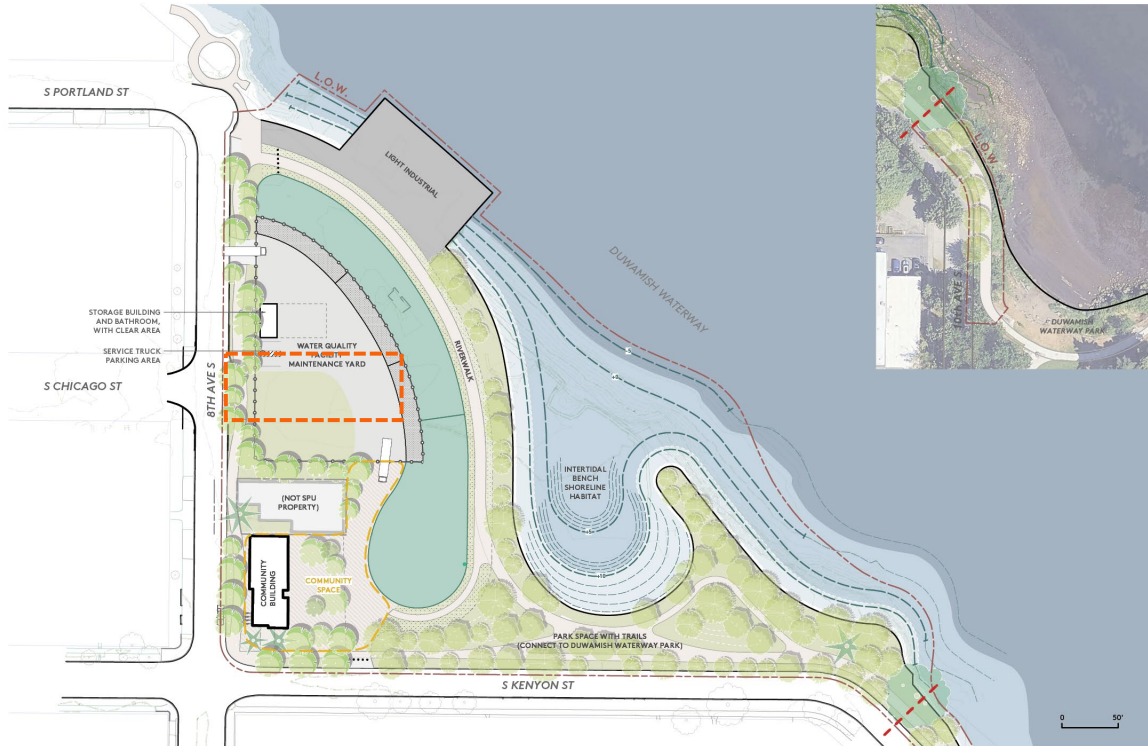
Views



Land use and urban form

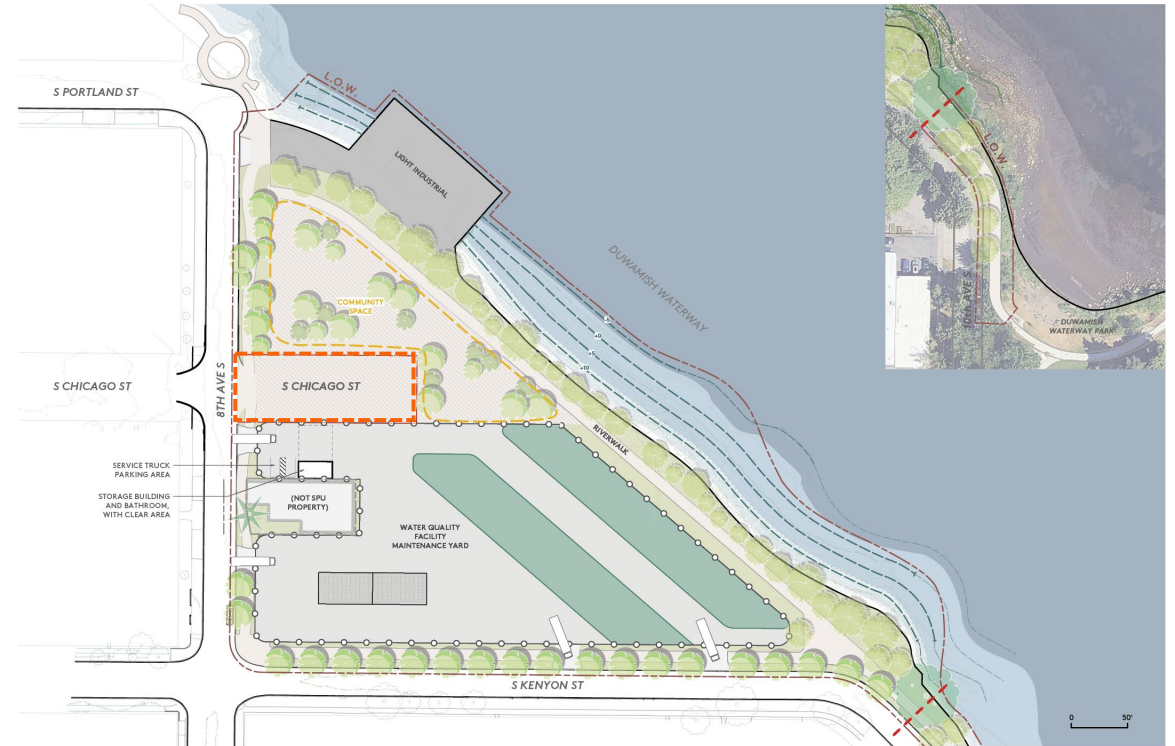


Summary



Preferred Site Plan

- Fewer curb cuts, more continuous sidewalk on 8th Ave S
- Public open space at street corner
- Green frontage along S Kenyon St
- More dynamic and spacious river walk

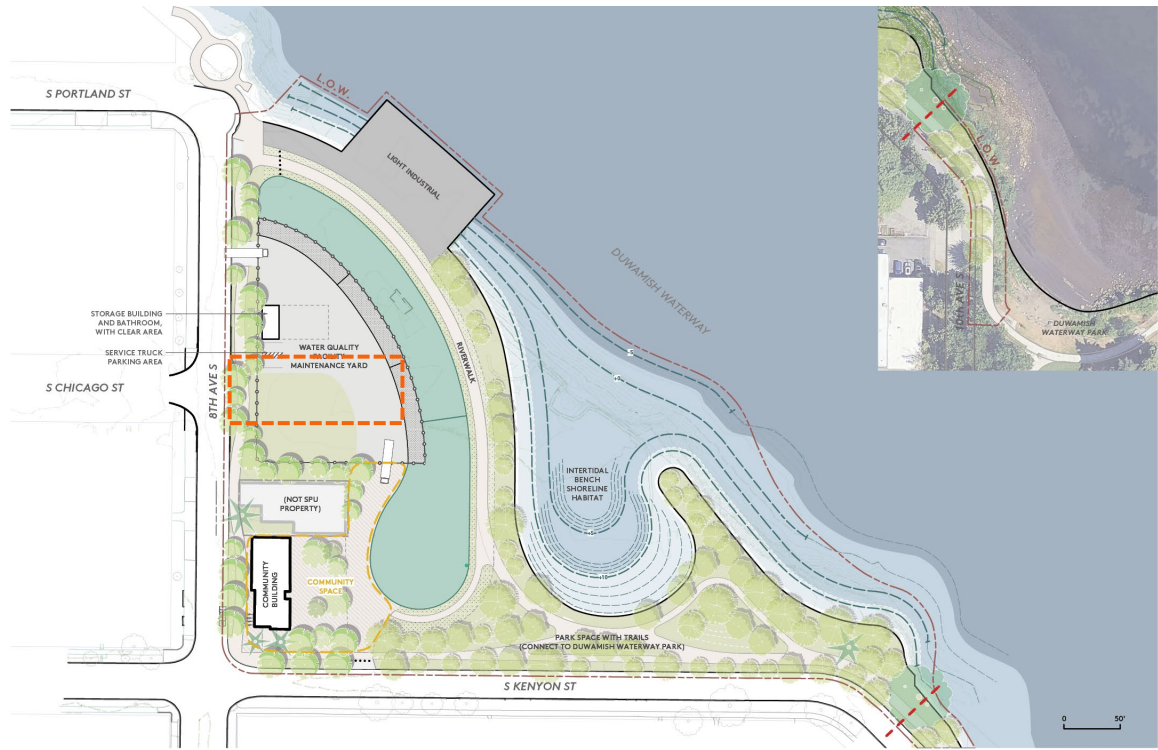


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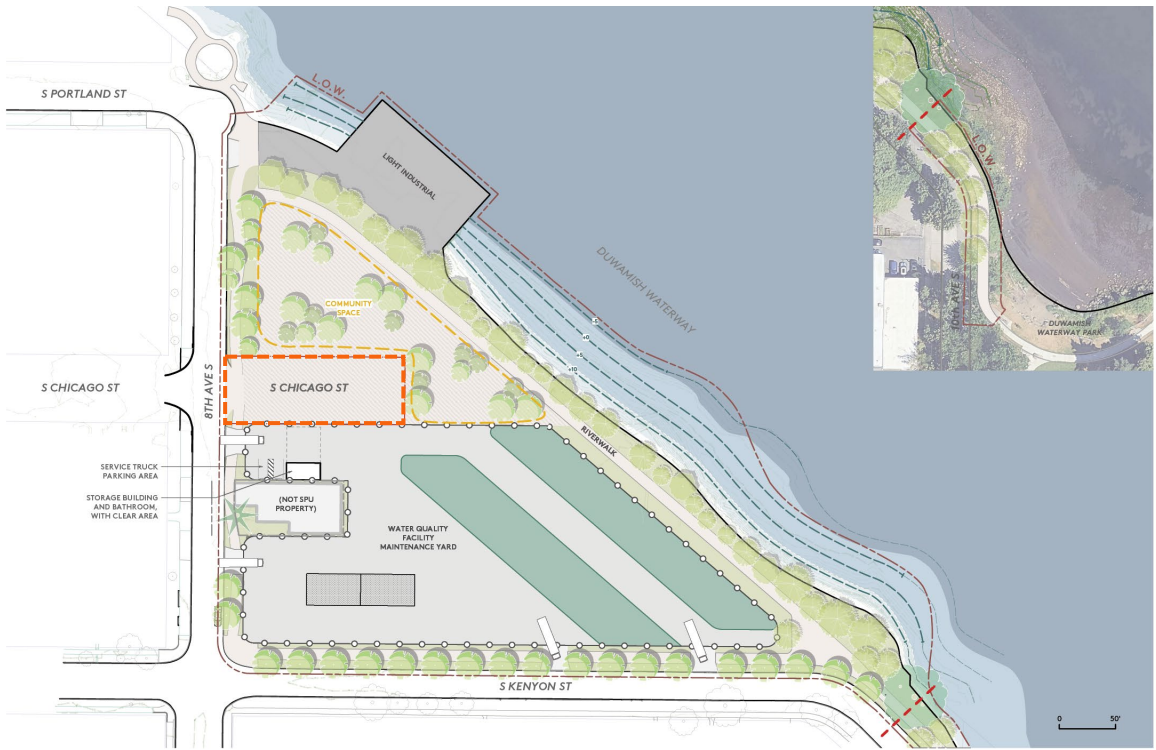
- More curb cuts, fragmented sidewalk on 8th Ave S
- Public open space more isolated
- Visible fence along S Kenyon St
- Linear, more uniform river walk

Street Vacation Public Benefit

Site Plan Comparison

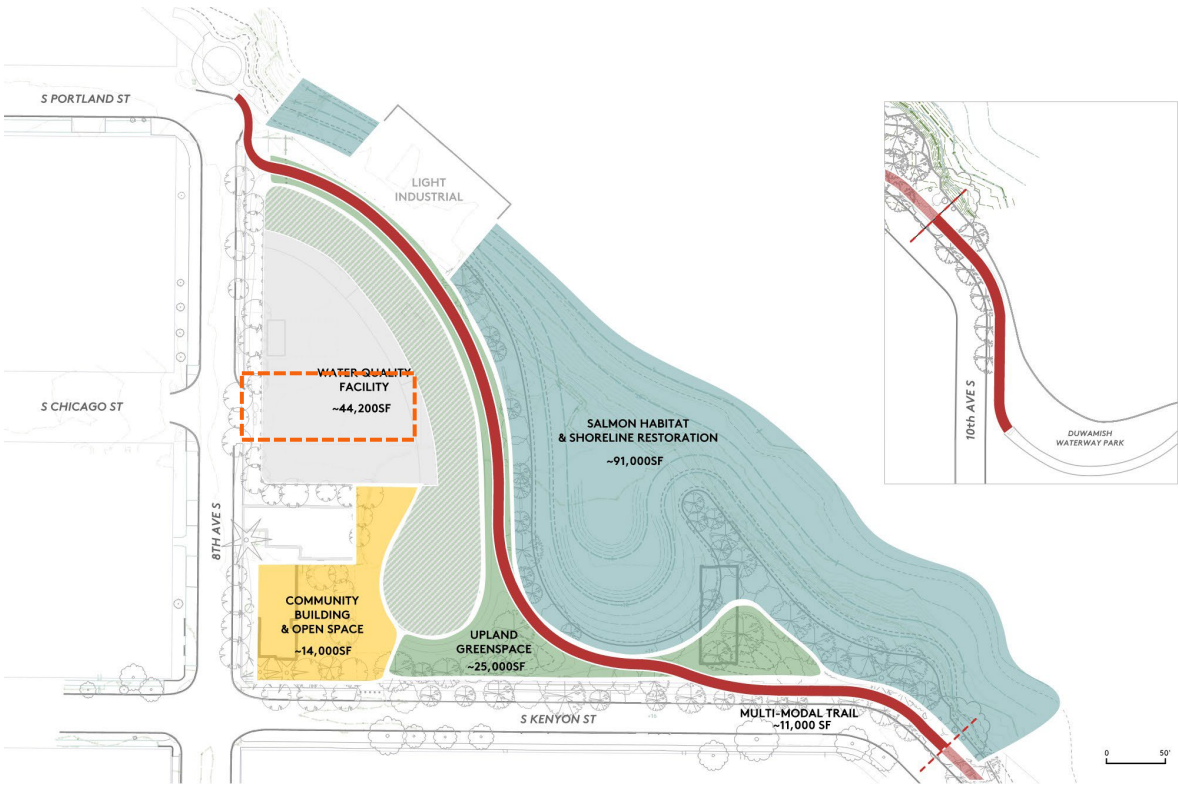


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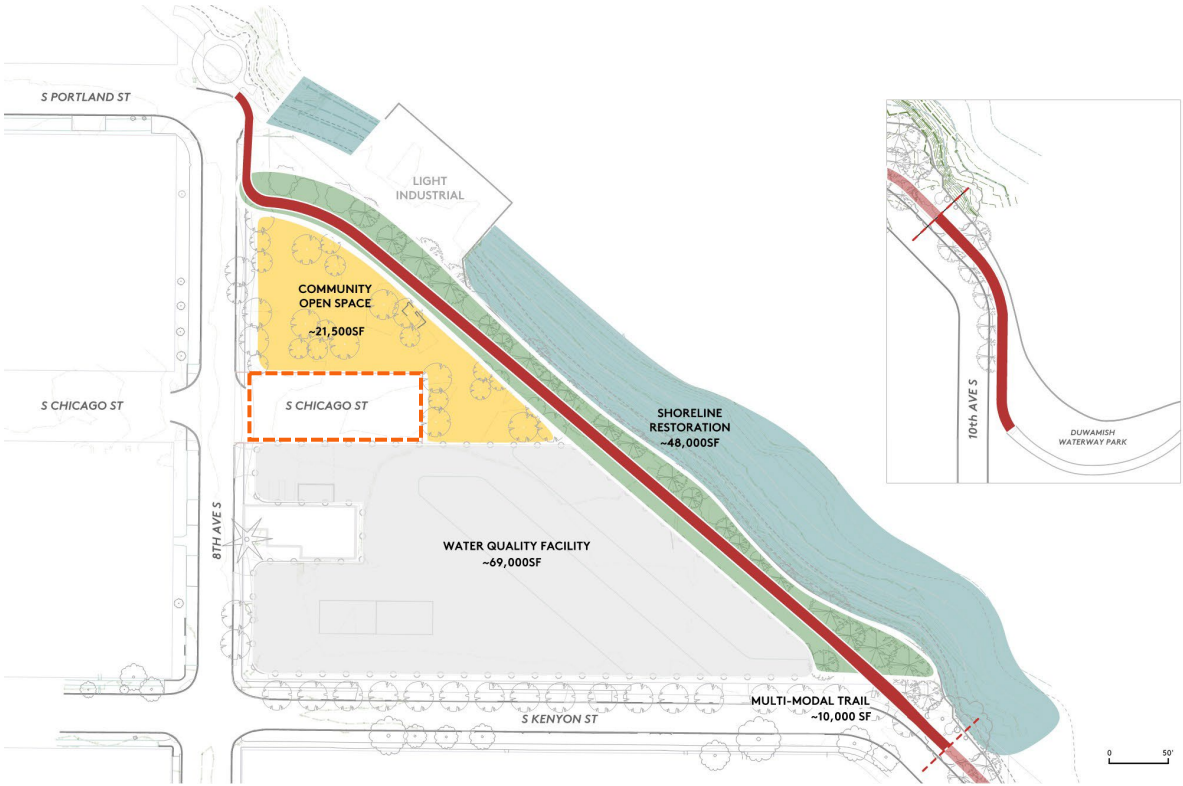


No Street Vacation Site Plan

Public Benefit Comparison



Preferred Site Plan



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Key Public Benefits of Street Vacation

- 1. Complete and connected S Kenyon streetscape**
- 2. Centrally located community space**
- 3. Expanded shoreline habitat restoration**

Key Public Benefit 1

Complete and connected S Kenyon streetscape



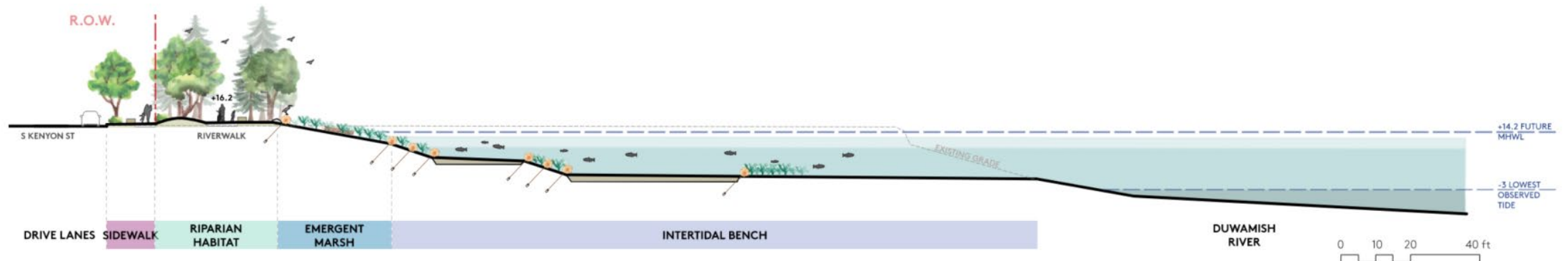
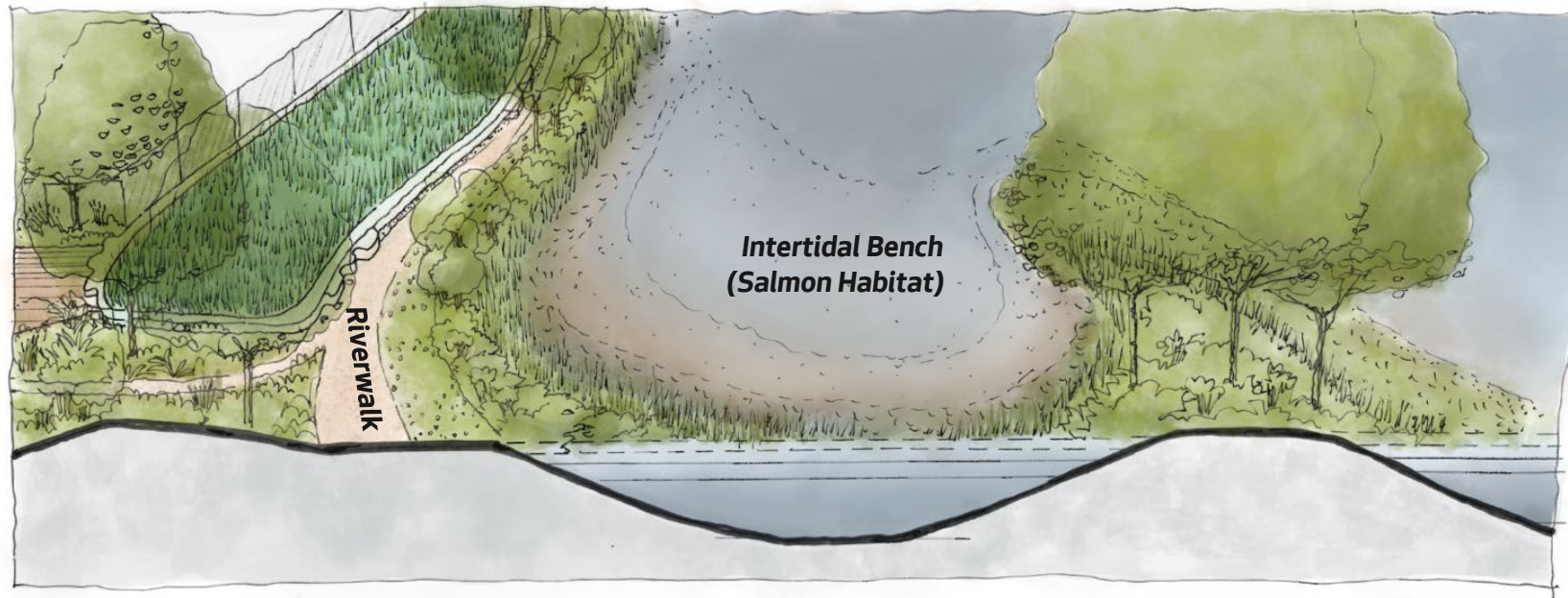
Key Public Benefit 2

Centrally located community space



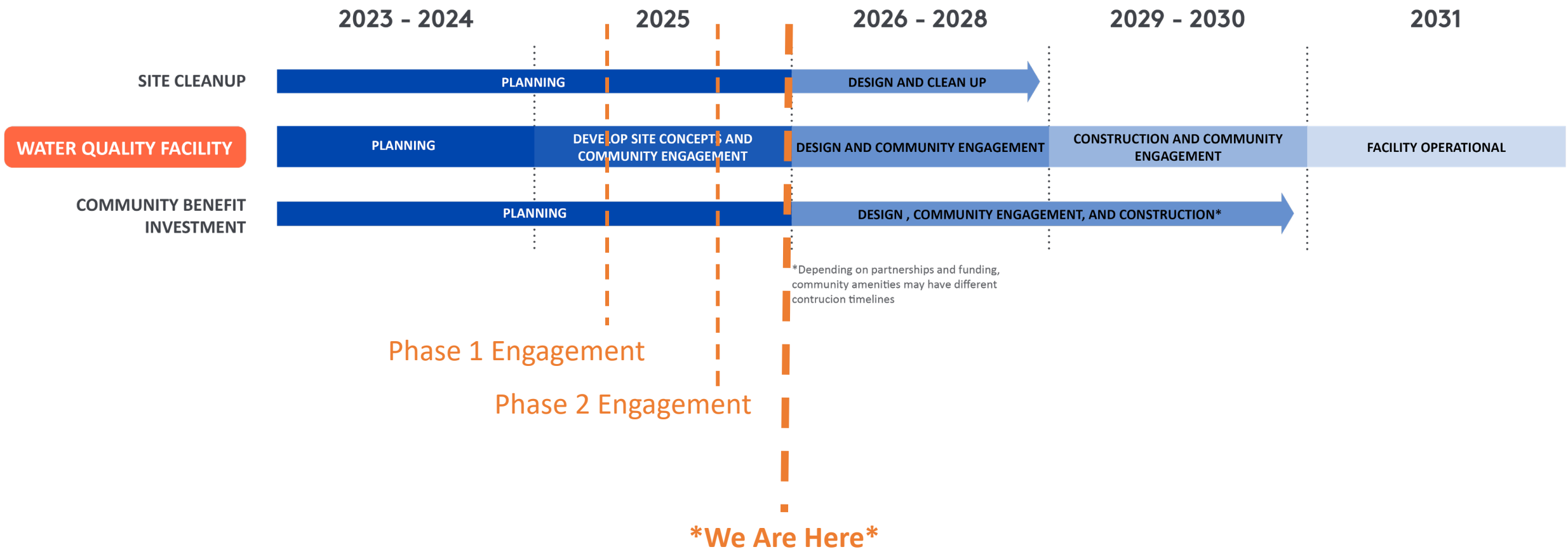
Key Public Benefit 3

Expanded shoreline habitat restoration



Next Steps

Project Timeline



Next Steps

- 1. 30% Design and Engineering**
- 2. Ongoing Community Engagement**
- 3. Public Art Plan Drafting and Refinement**
- 4. Temporary Artwork During Construction**



THANK YOU!

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