

Dorothea Dix Park

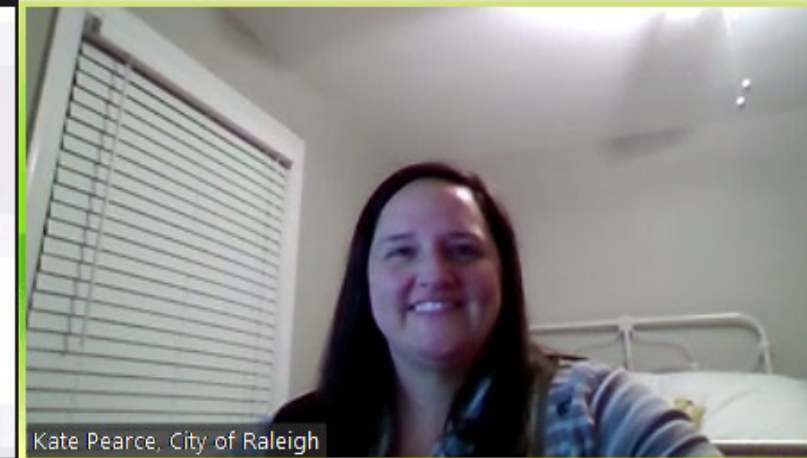
Plaza & Play

Public Meeting #2

January 19, 2021

A photograph of a playground scene with a blue color overlay. Three young boys are in the foreground, jumping over a series of large, horizontal logs that serve as a play structure. The boy in the center is wearing a blue and white striped shirt, while the other two are in orange and grey shirts. In the background, a man in a white shirt is pushing a stroller with a child inside, and other people are visible in the distance. The scene is set on a paved path next to a grassy area with trees.

Welcome!



Tonight's Purpose

- Discuss the role of **community** leadership & participation
- Share the **design** for the project
- **Hear** from you!

Tonight's Schedule

Part 1: Community Leadership
15 minutes

Part 2: Design Update
35 minutes

Part 3: [Live Q&A](#)
30 minutes

We Want to Hear from You!

At any time, please submit your comments and questions into the comment box.

All received comments will be answered after the meeting and posted online.

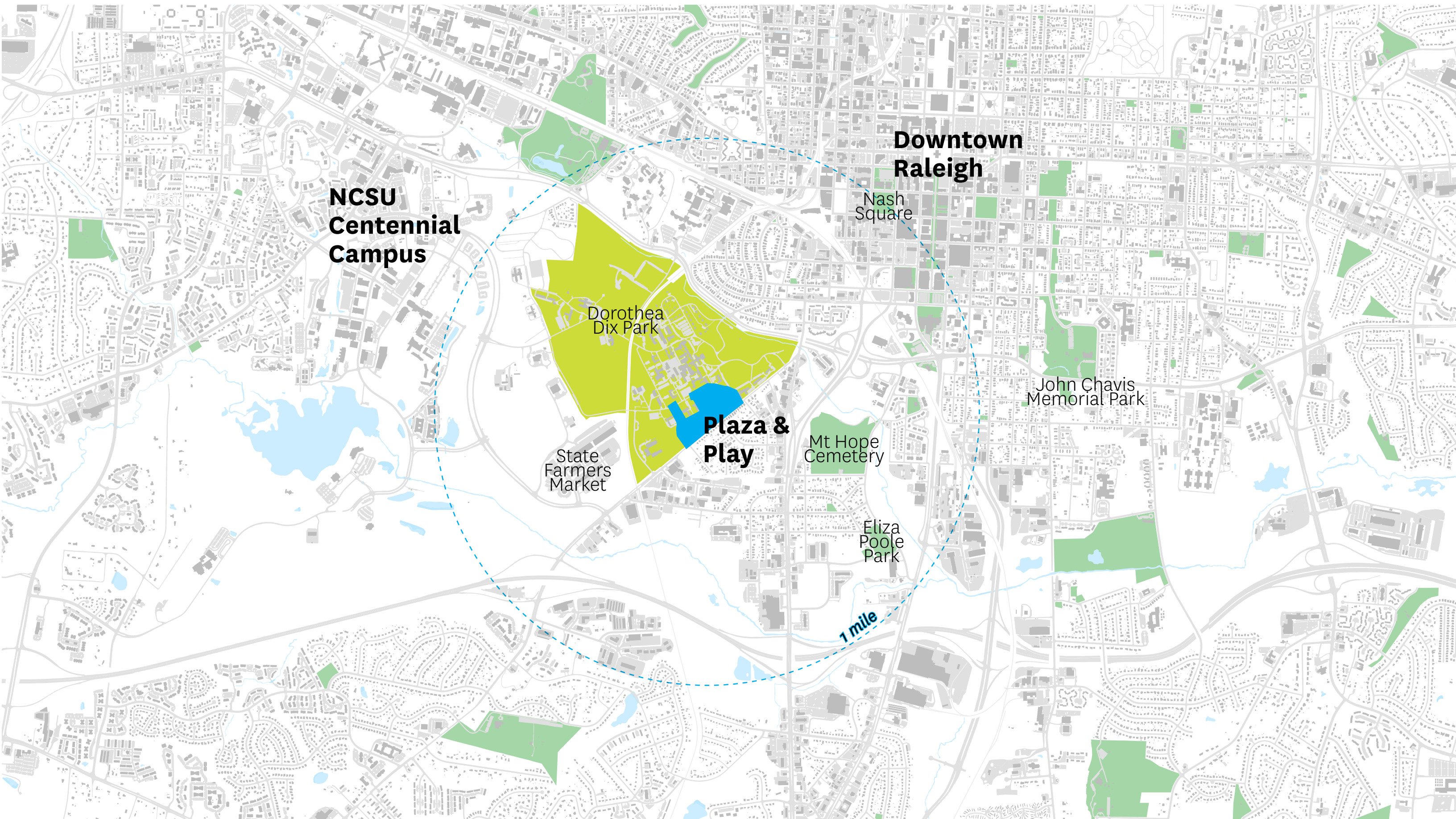
www.publicinput.com/plazaplay

Project Partners



**Dix Park
Conservancy**

Context

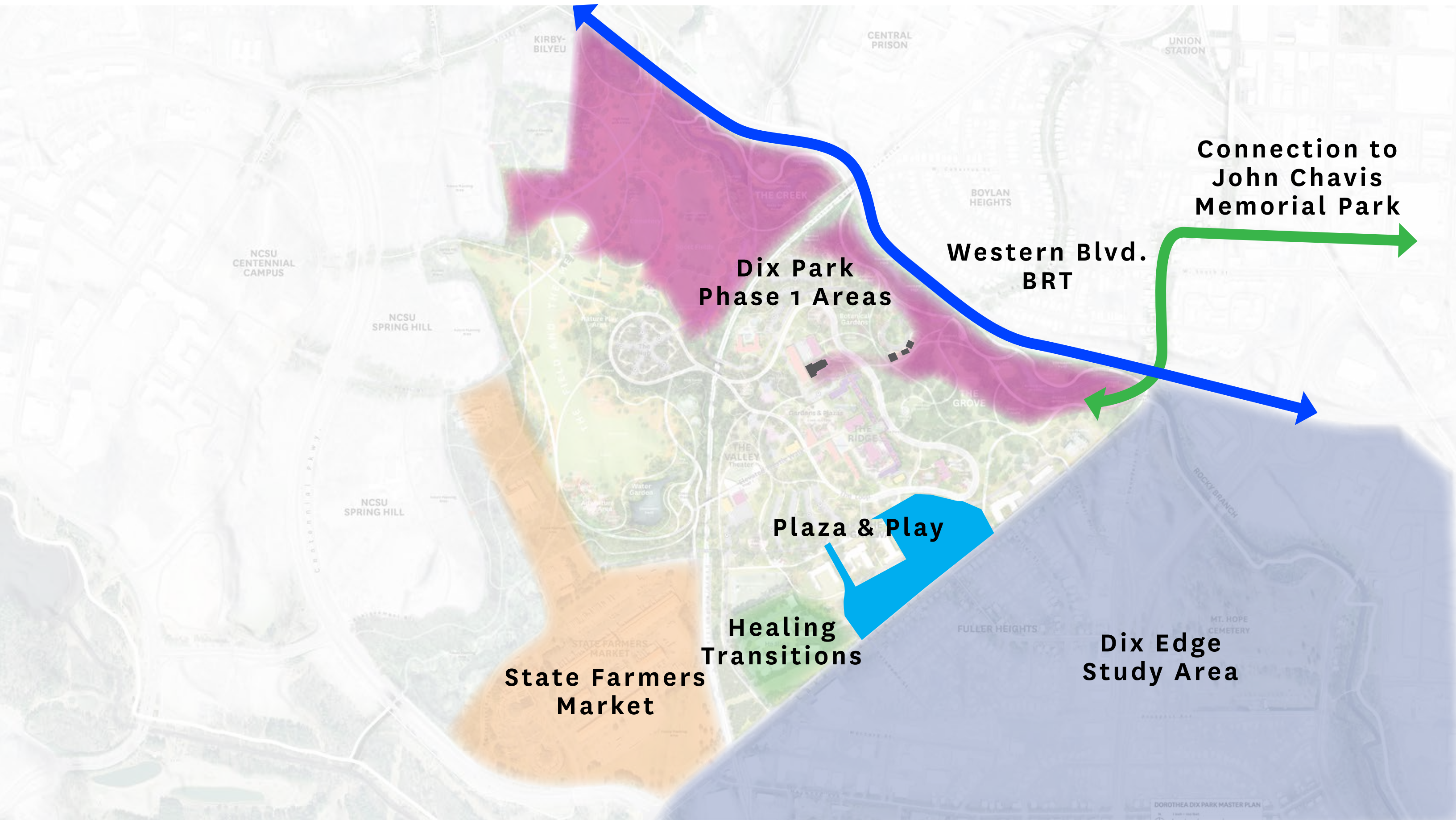


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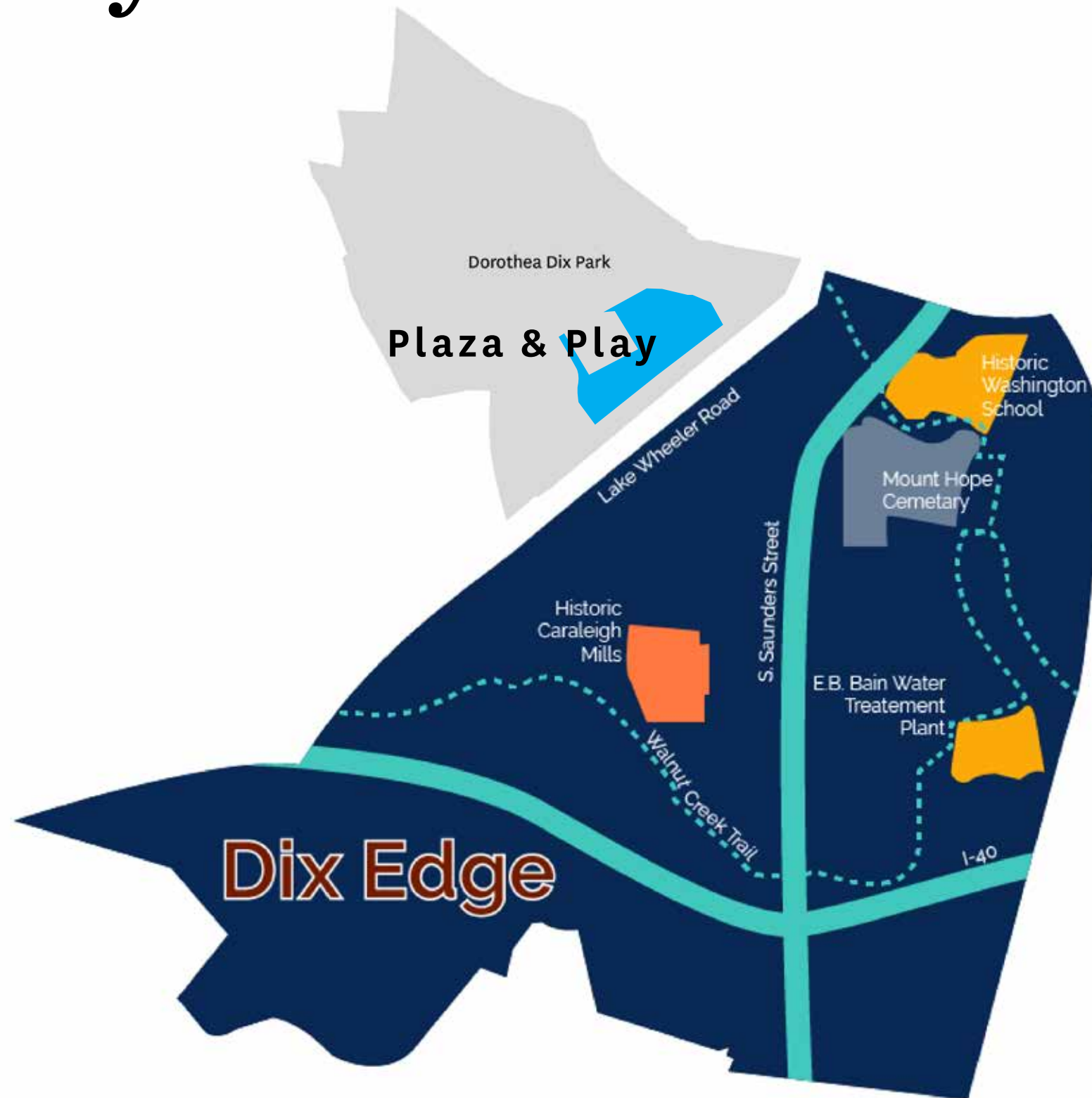


Plaza & Play

Neighboring Projects



Dix Edge Study Area



<https://raleighnc.gov/dix-edge>
We heard your concerns, now let's find some solutions.

The Dog Park



Project Site

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Project Site

This aerial map illustrates the Project Site, a large, irregularly shaped area outlined in white. The site is situated in Chicago, near the intersection of Lake Wheeler Road and the city's grid. Key features include:

- Dorothea Dix Park:** Located to the northwest of the site, featuring a large, open grassy area and several buildings.
- House of Many Porches:** A building located to the northeast of the site, near the intersection of Lake Wheeler Road and the city's grid.
- Fuller Heights:** A residential neighborhood located to the southeast of the site, characterized by dense housing and trees.
- Lake Wheeler Road:** A major road running diagonally across the site, separating the park area from the residential neighborhood.

The map also shows various other buildings, parking lots, and green spaces within the project area and surrounding neighborhoods.

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Project Site

This aerial map illustrates the Project Site, a large, irregularly shaped area outlined in white. The site is situated in the Fuller Heights neighborhood, bounded by Lake Wheeler Road to the south and east, and Dorothea Dix Park to the west. The site itself is a mix of open land, trees, and some existing structures. A specific building within the site is labeled 'House of Many Porches'. The surrounding area includes various residential and commercial buildings, parking lots, and green spaces. The map is titled 'Project Site' in the top left corner.

Project Site

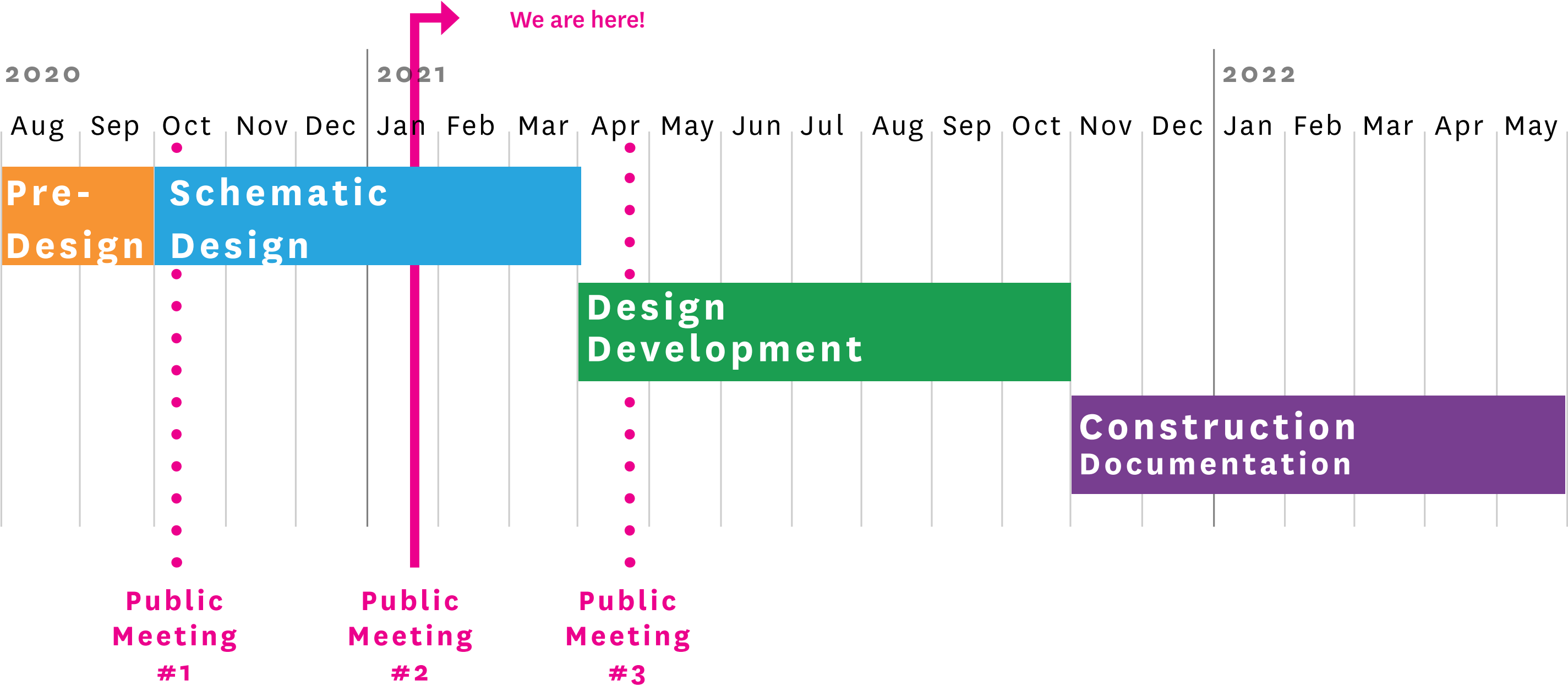
Dorothea Dix Park

House of Many Porches

Lake Wheeler Road

Fuller Heights

Design Schedule



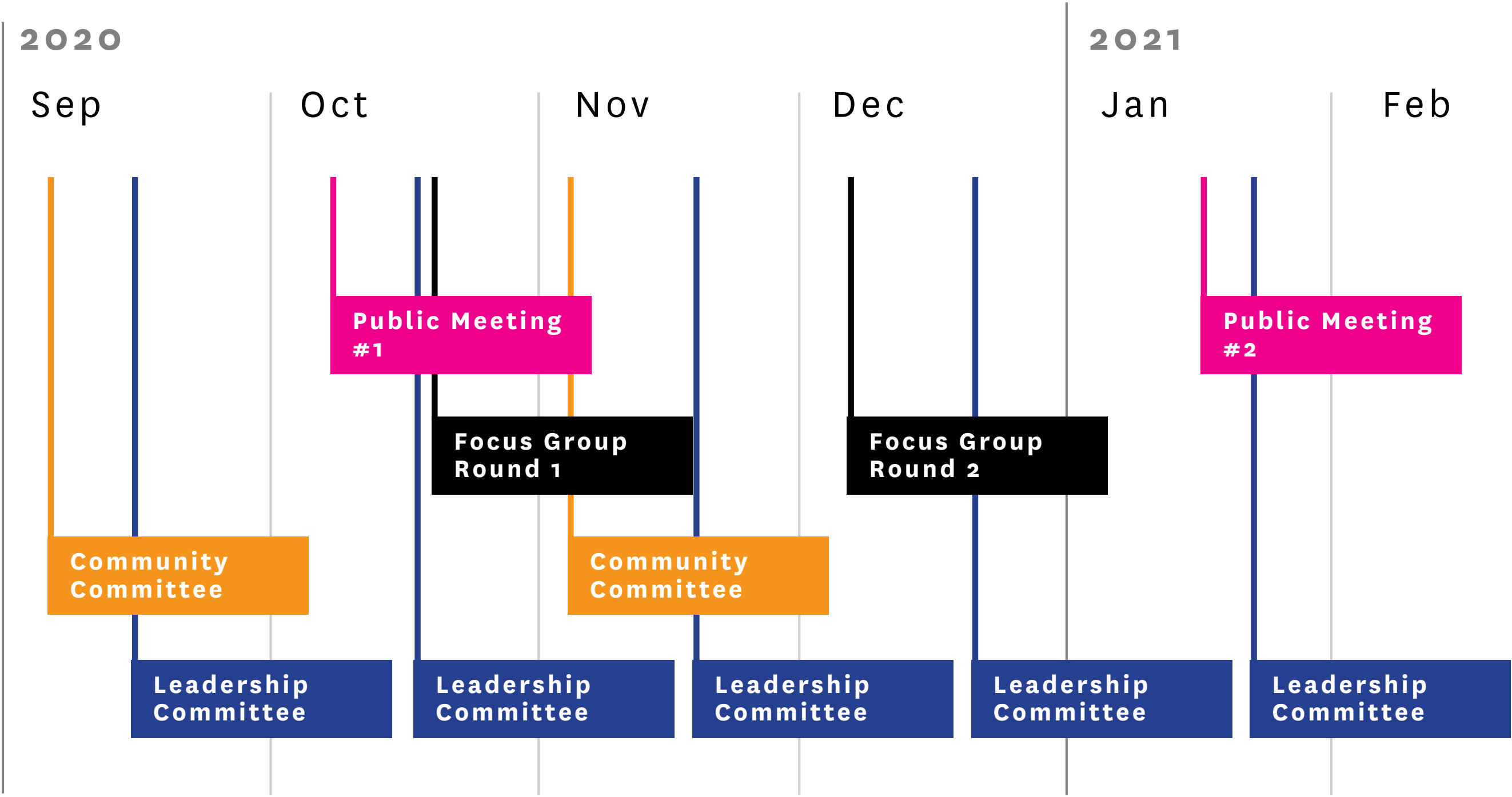
Why This Matters



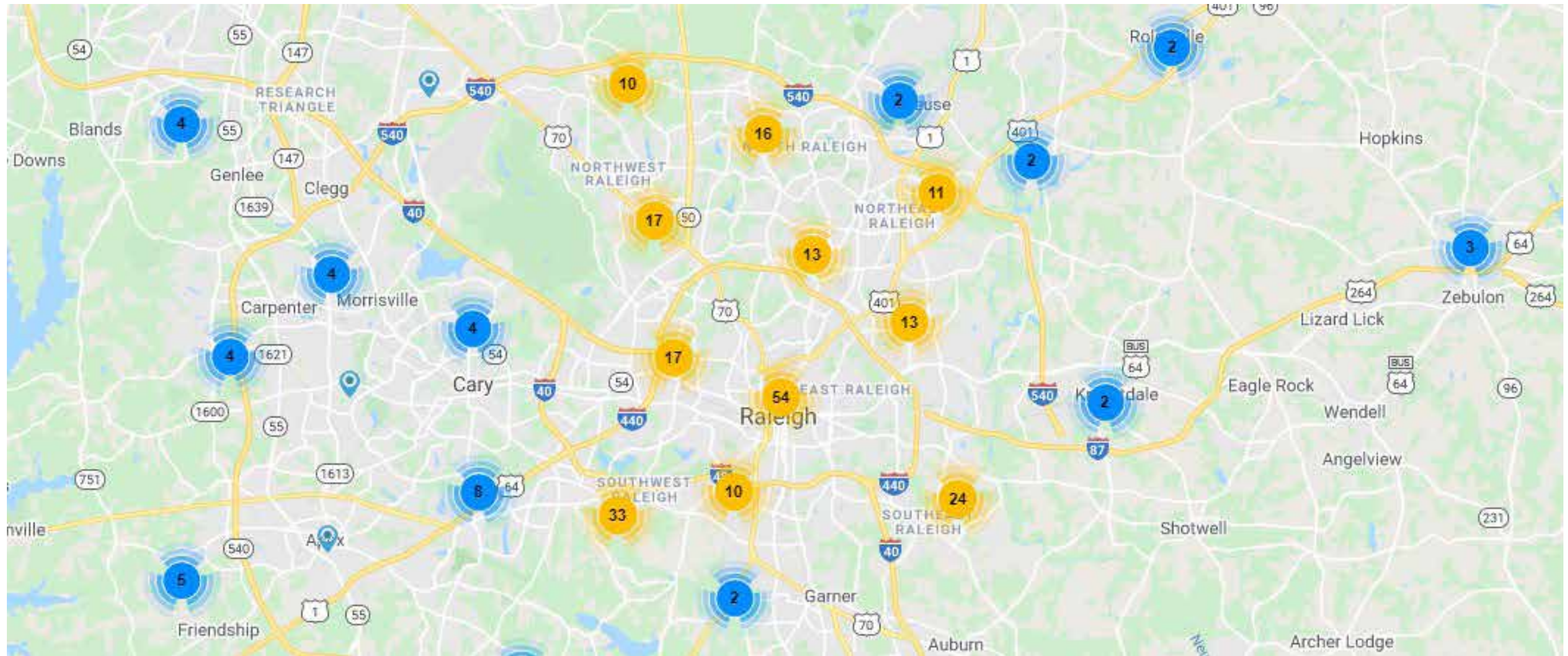
Role of Public Engagement



Meetings To-Date



Feedback From Across Raleigh



Public Ambitions & Concerns

A **large, impressive, fountain** that kids can play in.

Interest in native plants and **natural** landscapes

Eager for a **new place** to come together with **diverse offerings**

Potential for **change in adjacent neighborhoods**

Most concerned about **accessibility for all.**

Multi-modal transportation

An **oasis** in the middle of the city.

I'm concerned about the park **losing some of its natural, untouched areas.**

Accessible park for **multi-generational gatherings.**

While I feel that something for everyone is a noble idea and a logical goal, I hope that doesn't mean **that we won't take risks** in this next stage.

A space where all kinds of people **feel welcome** and want to / are able to visit.

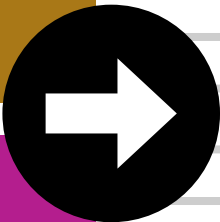
I am most concerned that history of the land will be forgotten and hope the park will continue to **incorporate the legacy of the land** to provide healing and rest.

More interesting **defined spaces** being established inside the park.

Focus Groups: Shaping the Design

Focus Groups

- Wellness & Play
- Gardens & Ecology
- History & Reflection
- Arts & Culture
- Food & Commerce
- Community Leadership / Stewardship

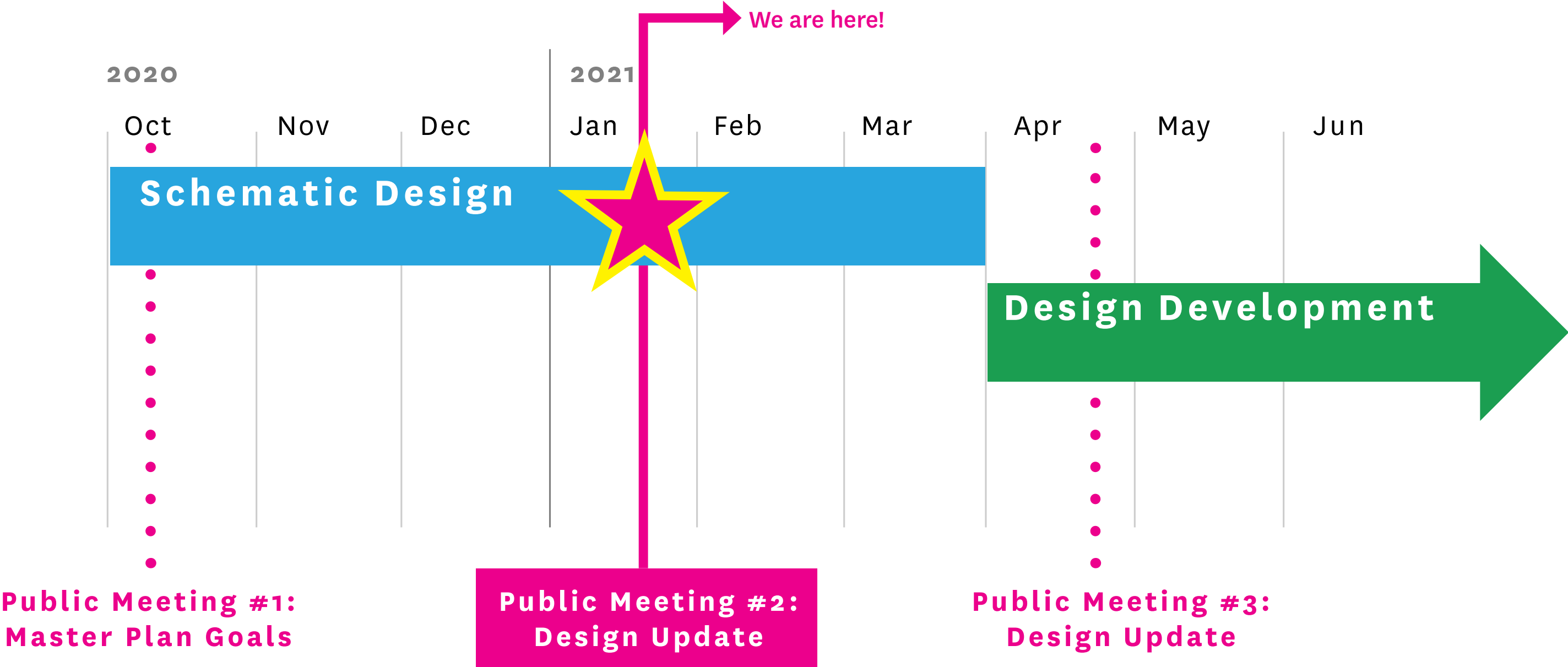


Key Priorities



The Design

Where We Are Today



Design Update!

Master Plan Principles



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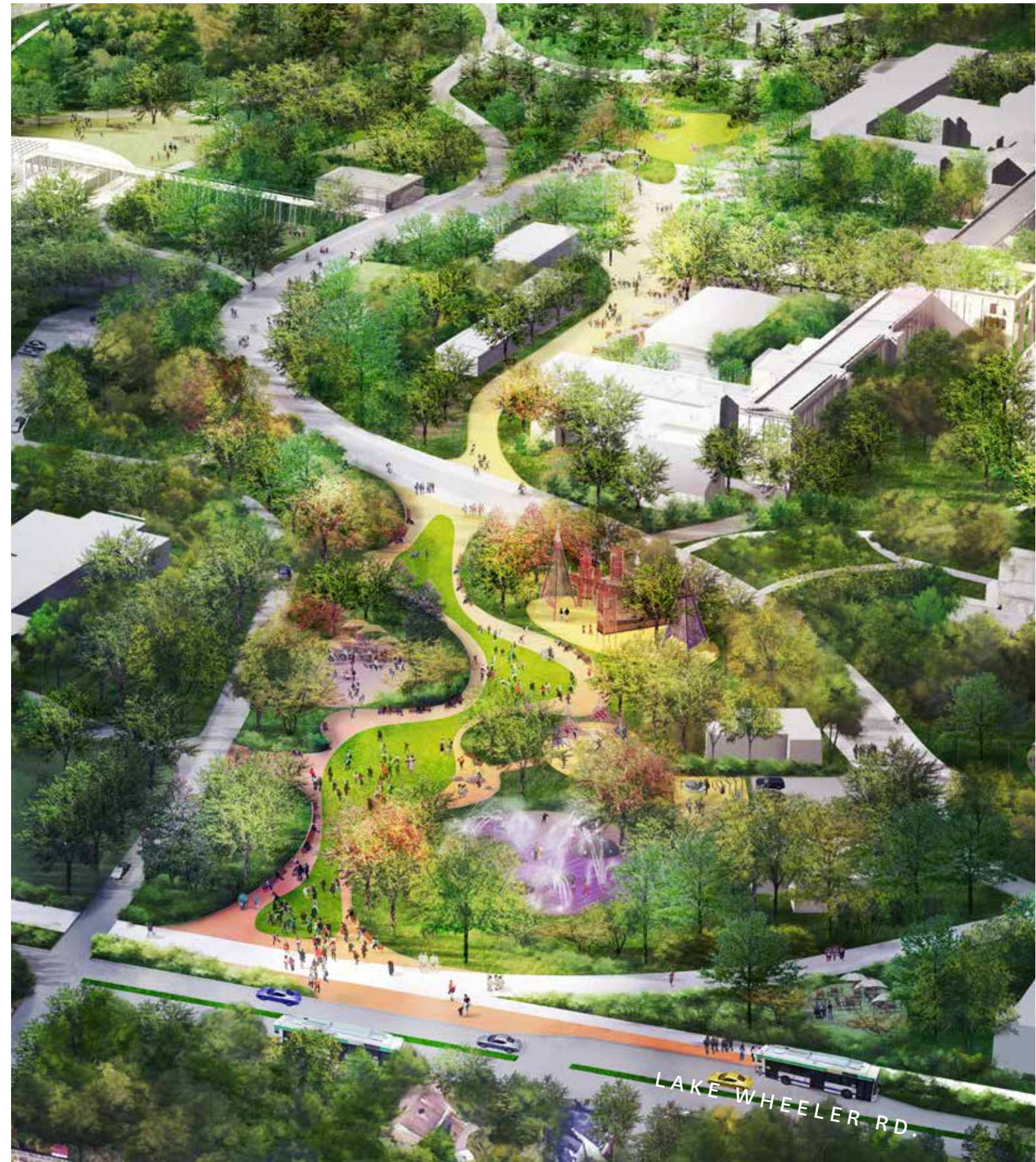


Open Up and Connect



Offer Something for Everyone

Master Plan Concept



Schematic Design



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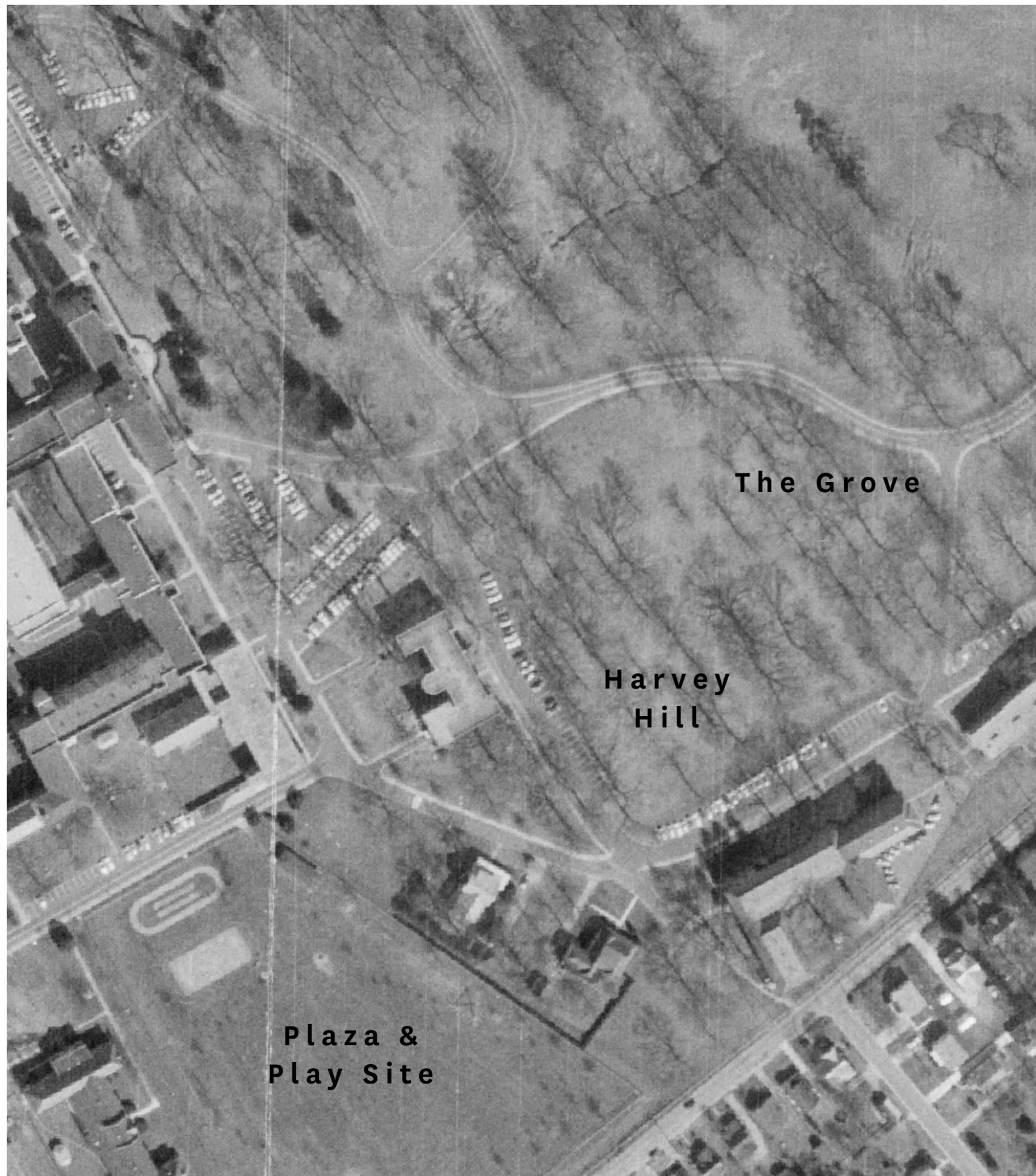
The Plaza & Play



A Collection of Zones Rooted in Play



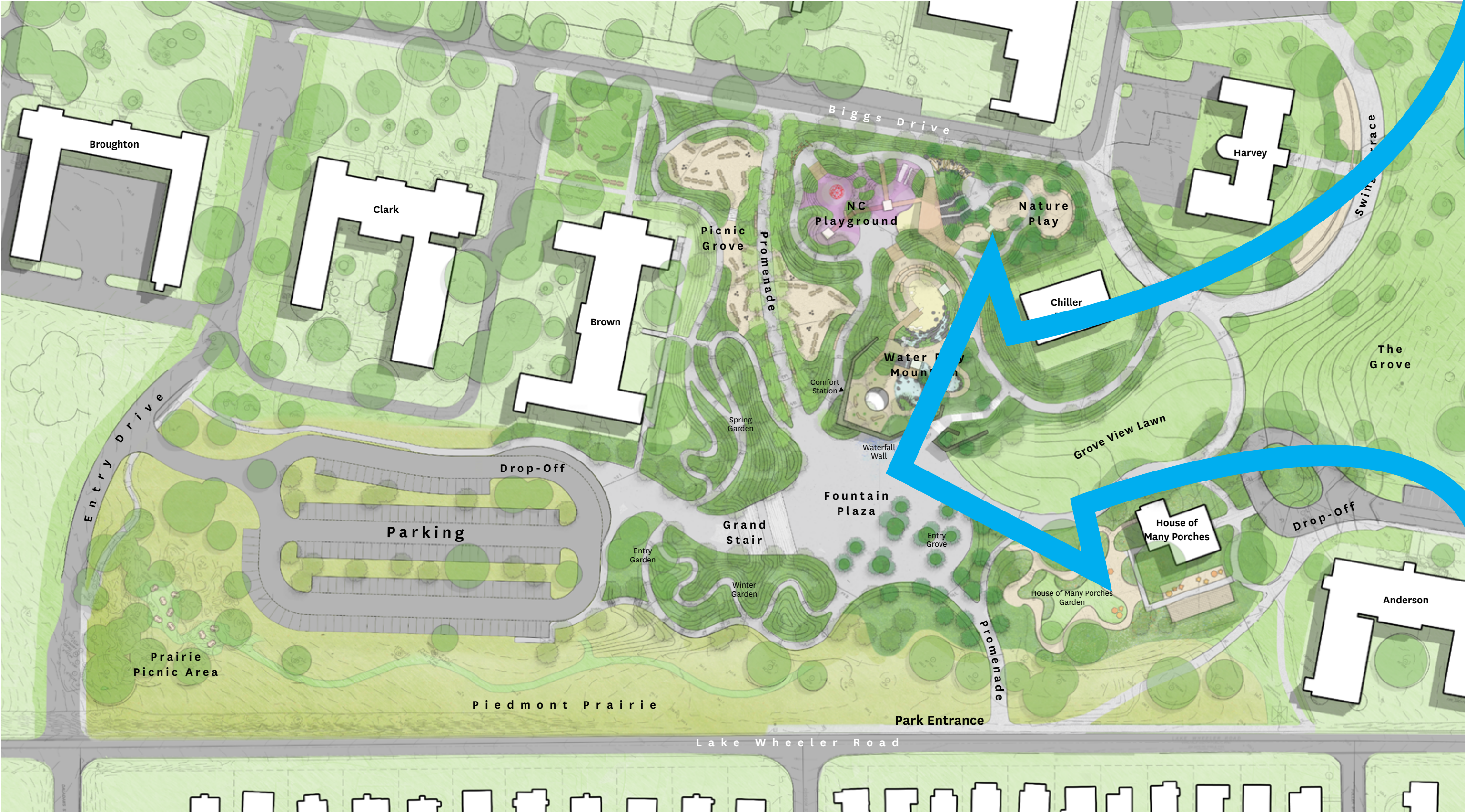
The Grove



Harvey Hill



Extension of the Grove



Picot Drive Today



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Extending the Grove to Plaza & Play

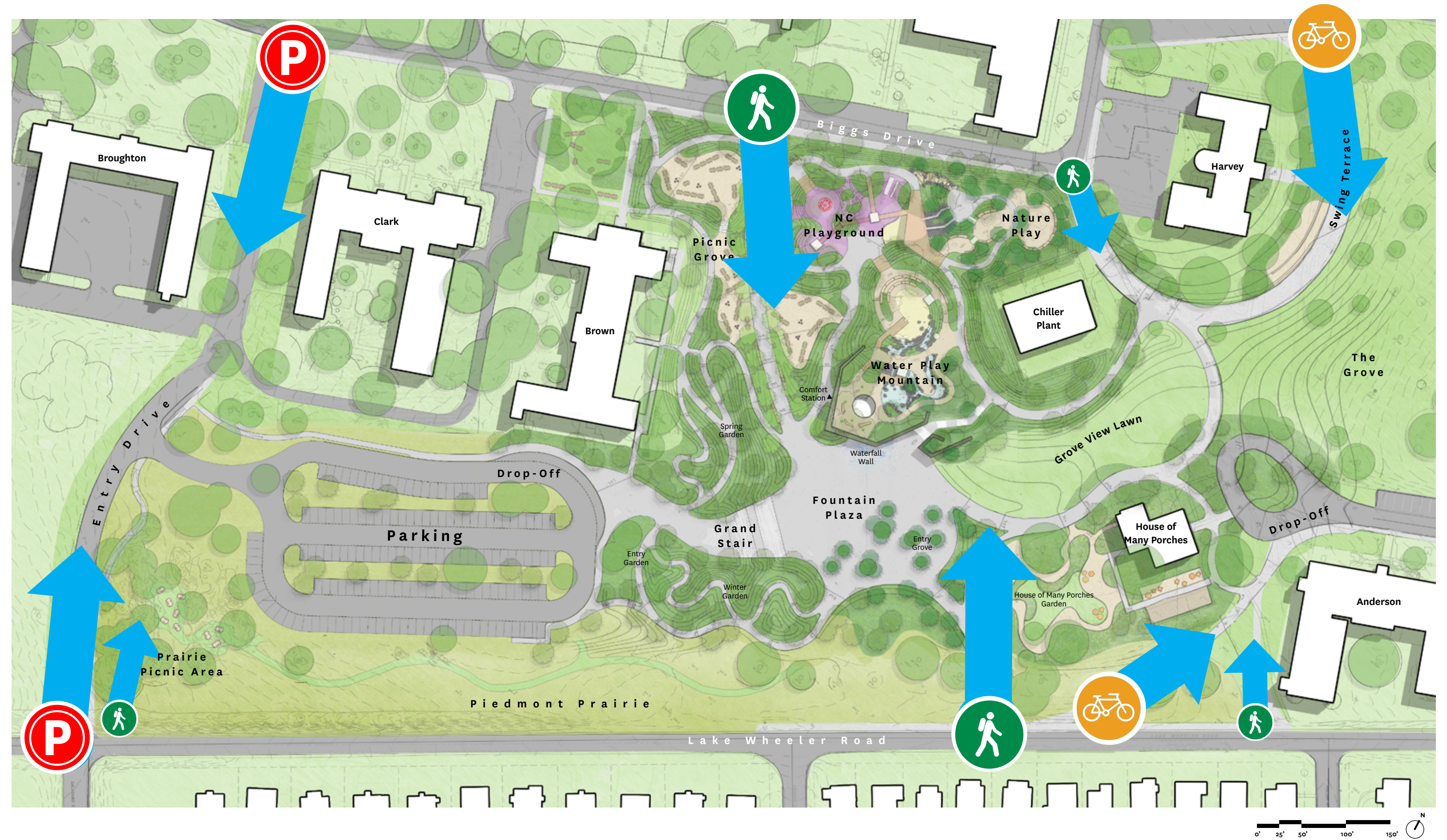


Entry Landscapes



Open Up and Connect

A Gateway for Dix Park



At Public Meeting 1 We Asked:

How would you like to travel to the Plaza & Play?



Drive



Bike

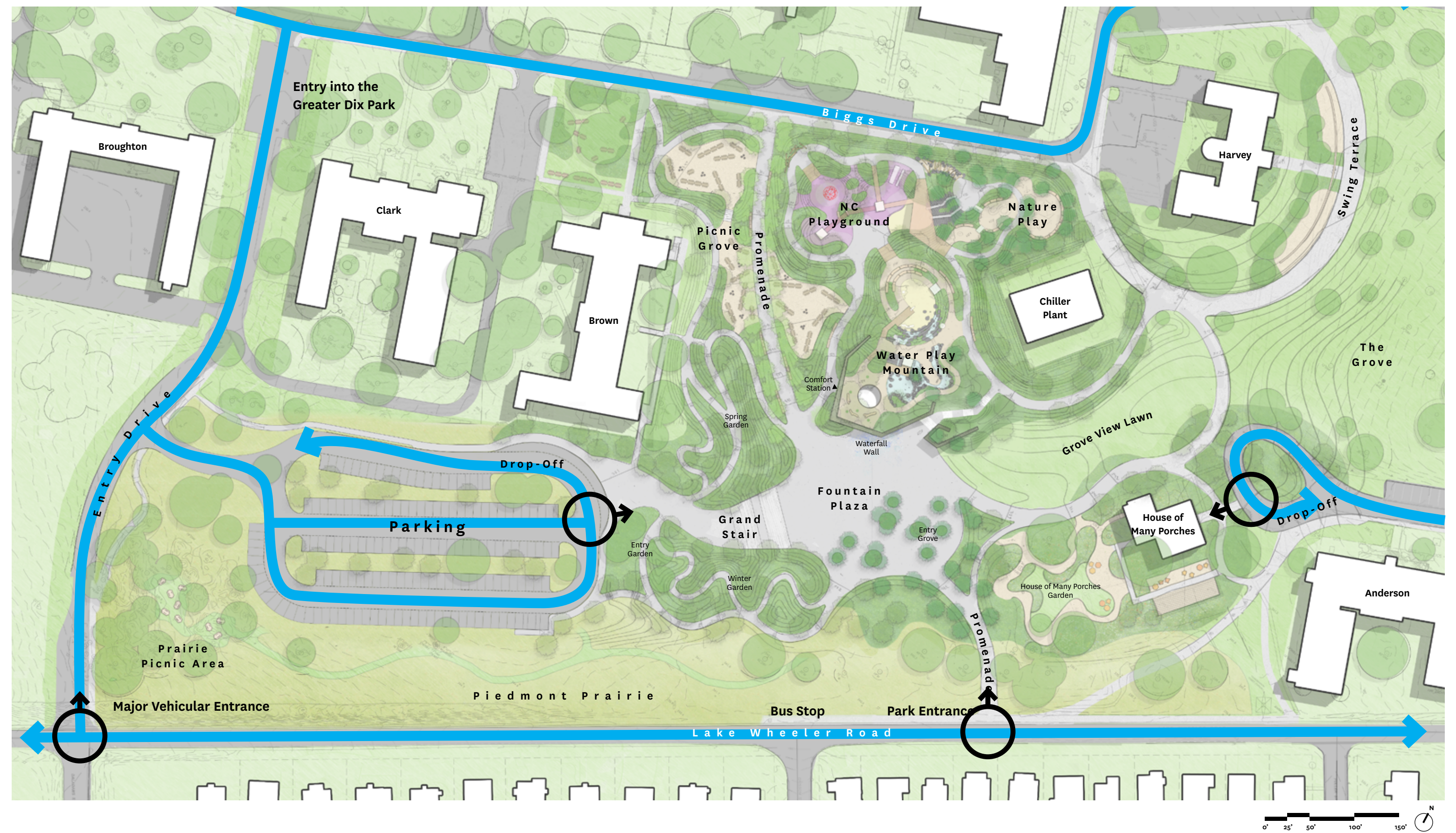


Walk

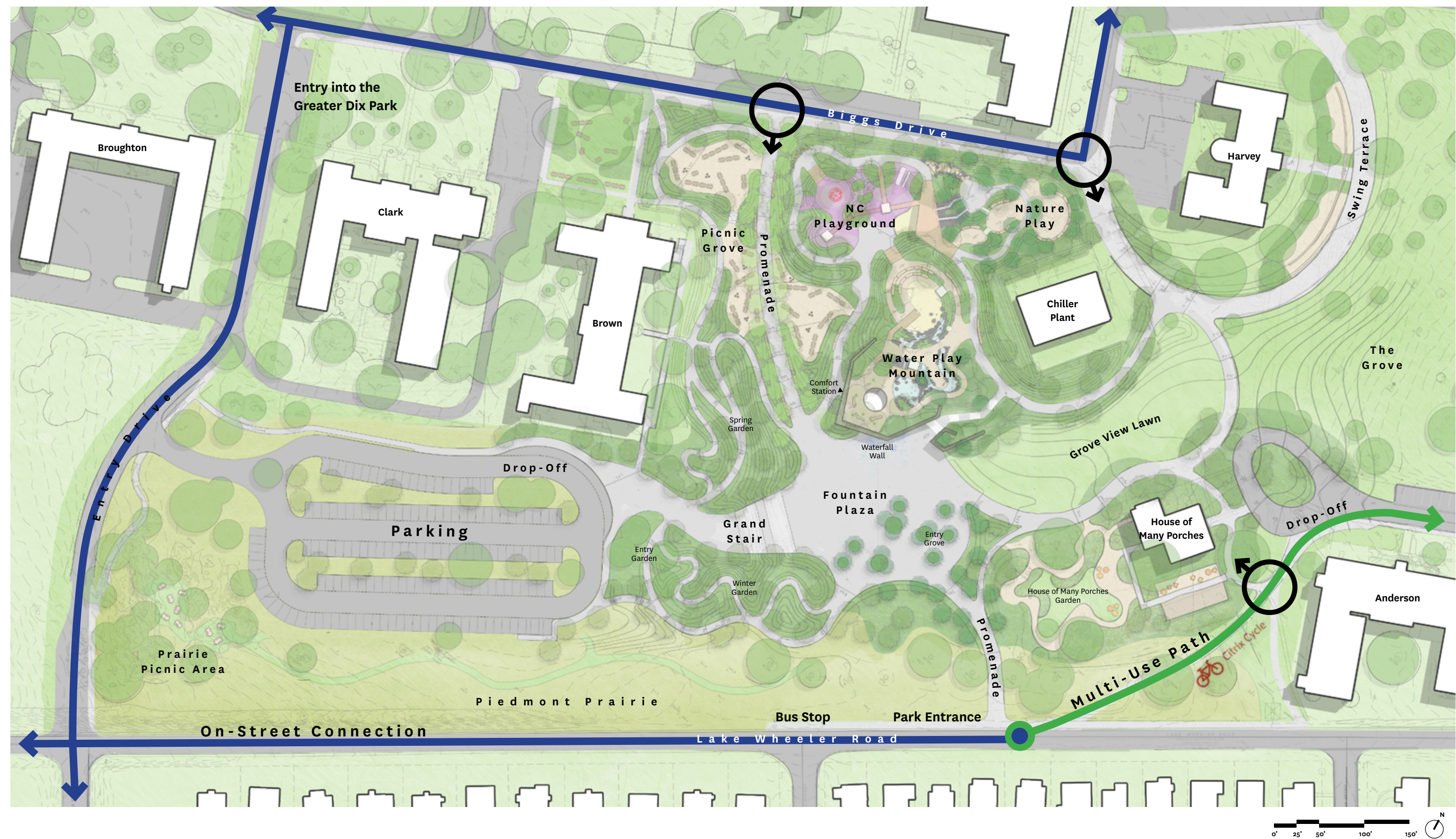


Bus

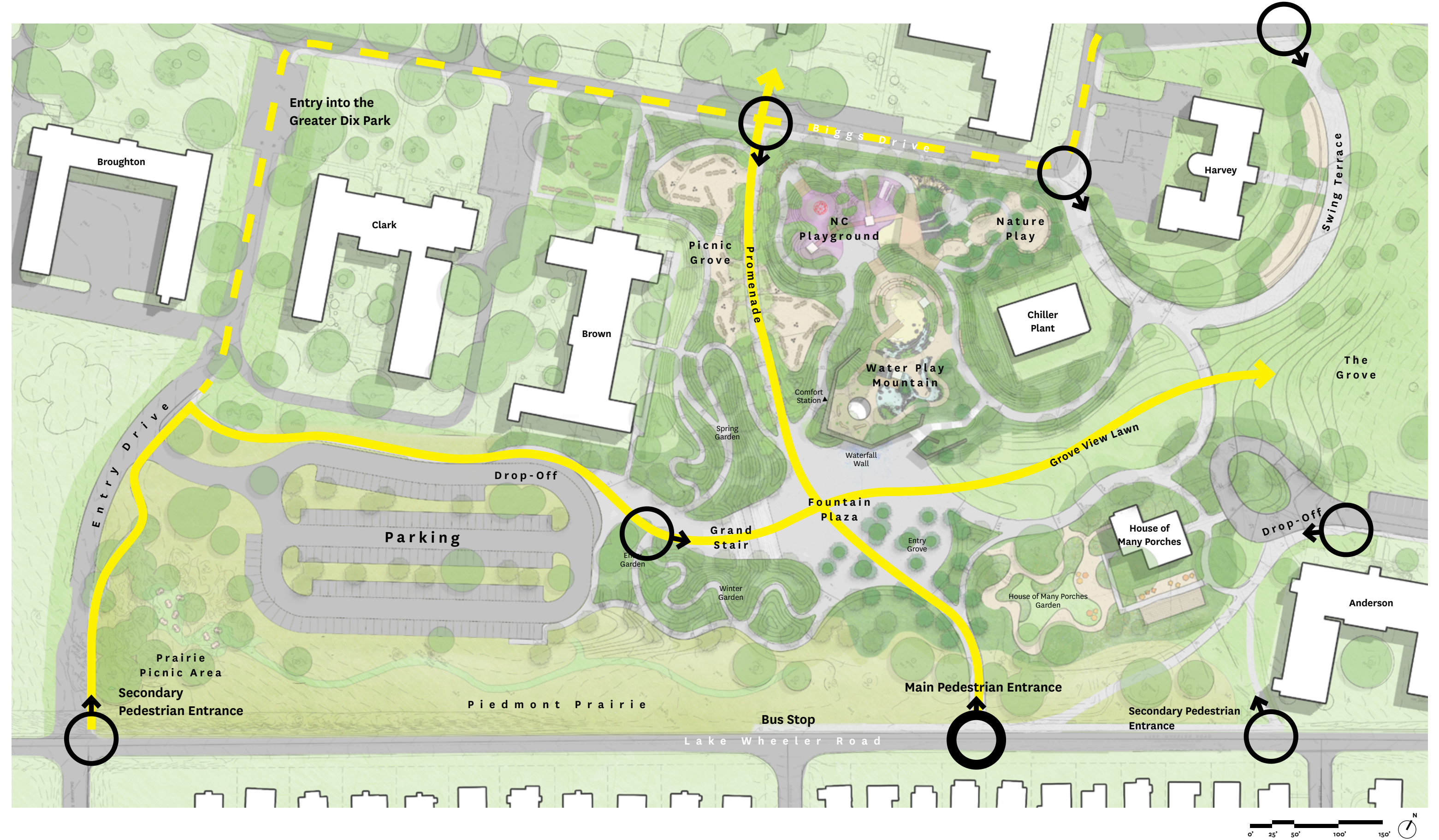
Vehicular Arrival



Bike Arrival



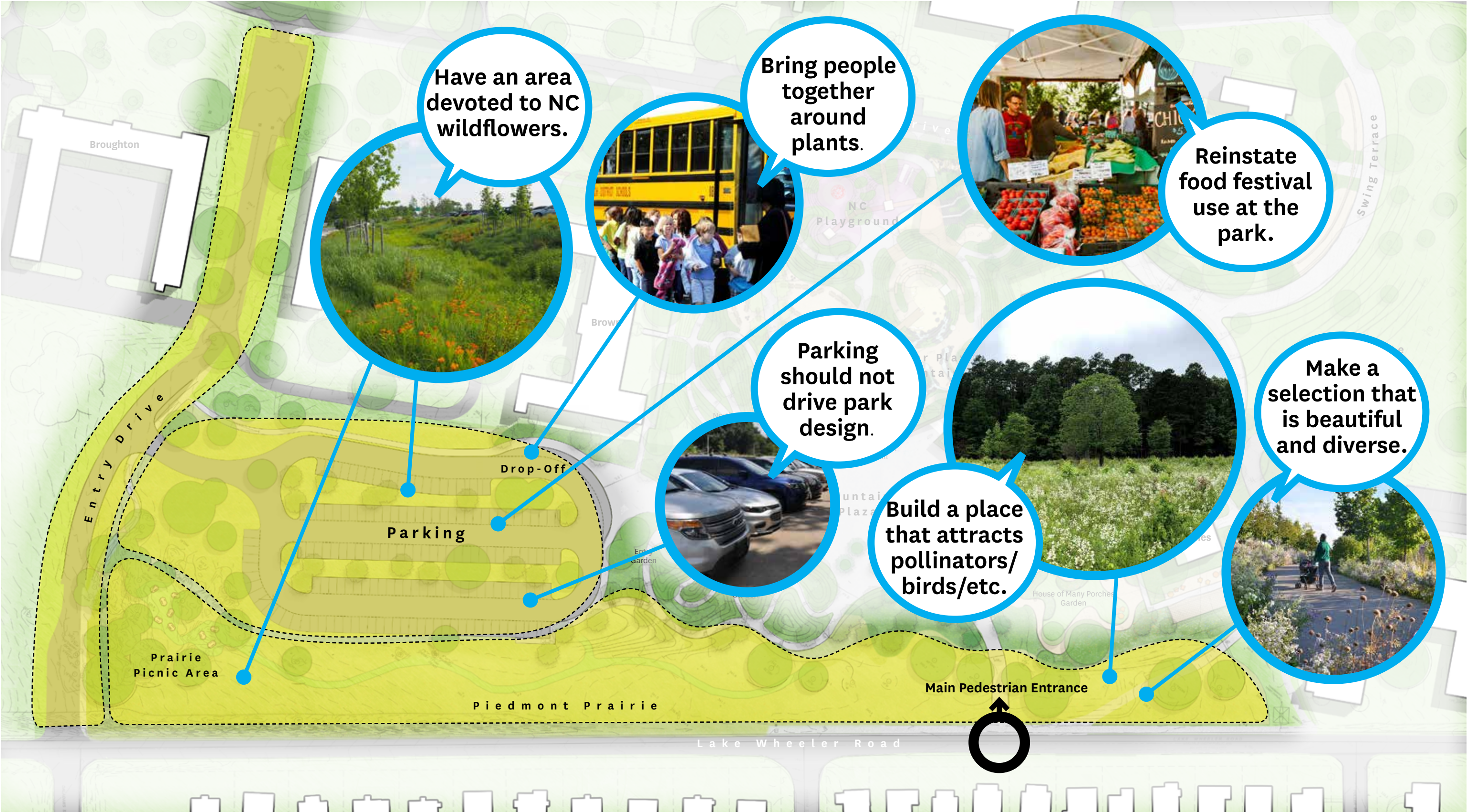
Pedestrian Arrival



Accessibility



Integrating What We Heard



Lake Wheeler Road Landscape



Lake Wheeler Road Landscape



Civic Landscapes

A DJ with long dreadlocks, wearing a pink shirt and a black cap, is performing at an outdoor festival. The DJ is standing behind a table with Pioneer turntables and a mixer. In the foreground, there are two electronic keyboards. A large, diverse crowd of people is sitting on the grass in the background, watching the performance. The scene is set in a park-like area with trees in the distance. The text "Offer Something for Everyone" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Offer Something for Everyone

At Public Meeting 1 We Asked:

What landscape elements are most important to you?



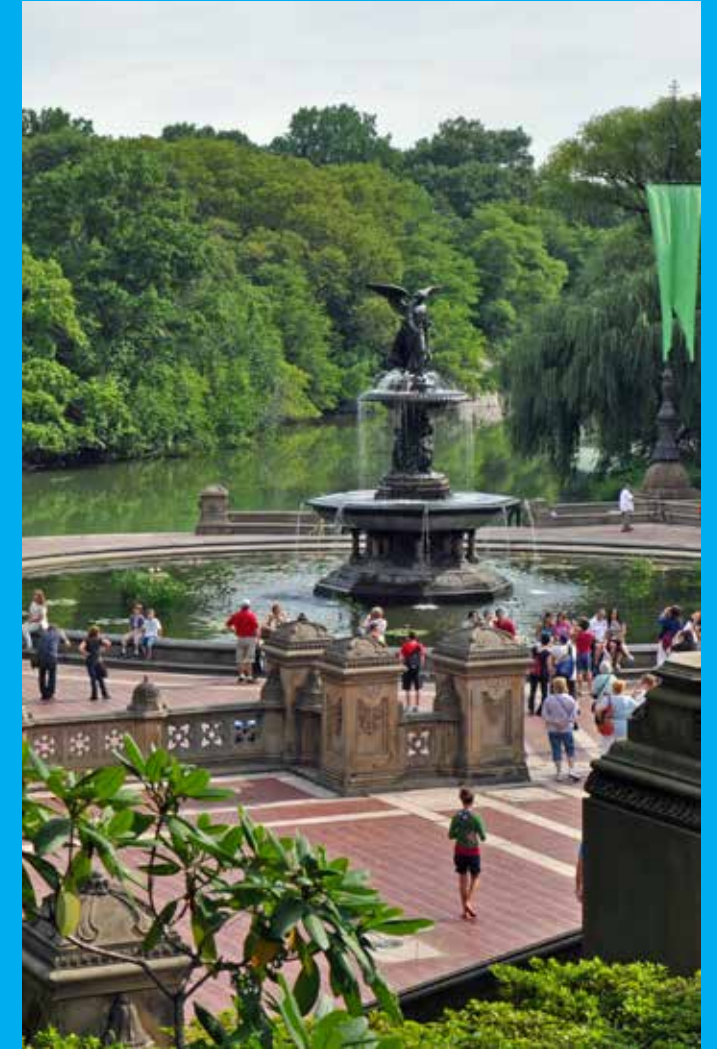
Iconic Elements



Deep Sightlines



Grand Entry

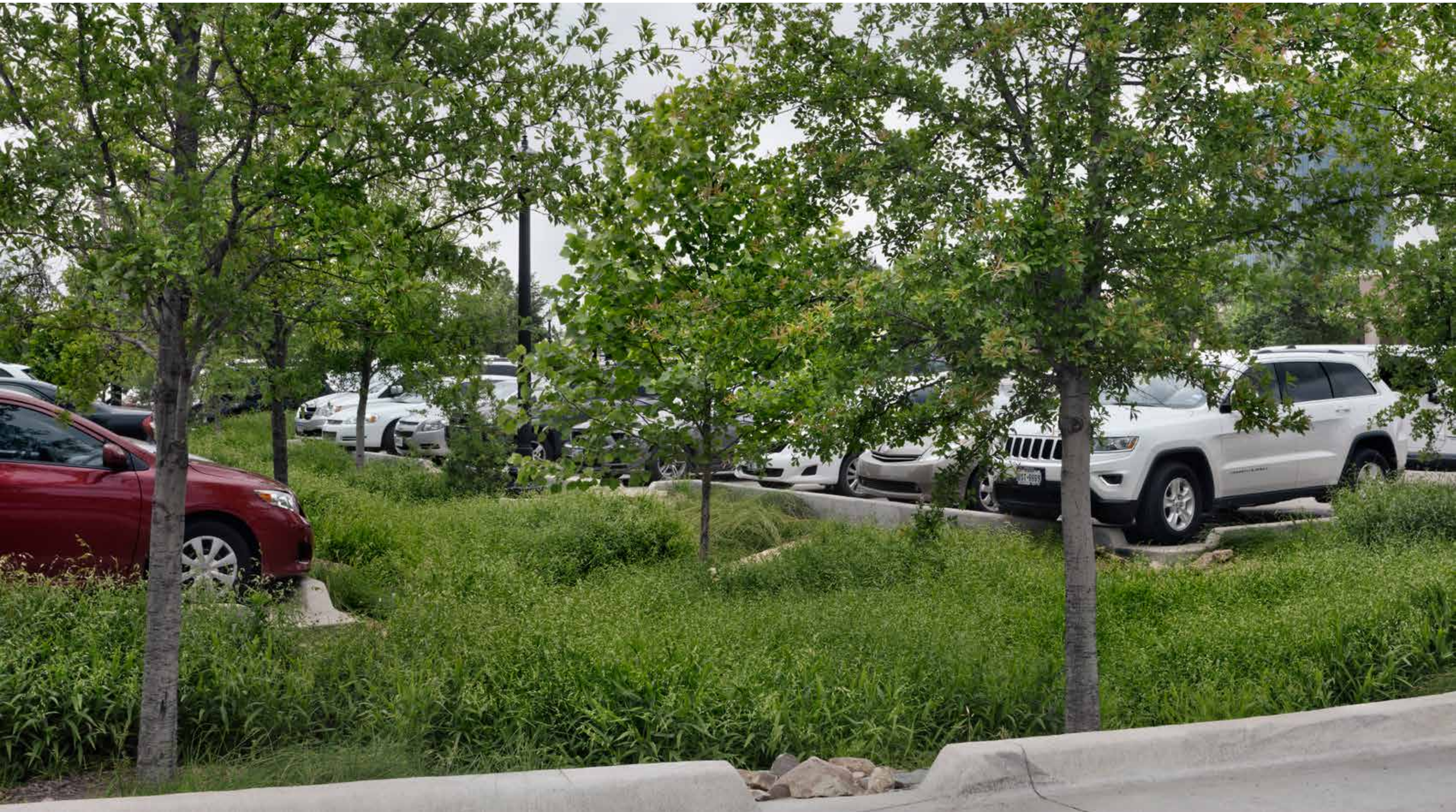


Civic Fountain

Gathering Spaces



Parking Lot Concept



Overlook Terrace



Grand Stair



Fountain Plaza



Grove View Lawn



Swing Terrace



At Public Meeting 1 We Asked:

What types of play are most important to you?



Nature Play



Imaginative Play



Playful Objects



Water Play

Inclusive Play for All Ages & Abilities



Playgrounds



Lake Wheeler Road Entrance



Fountain Plaza



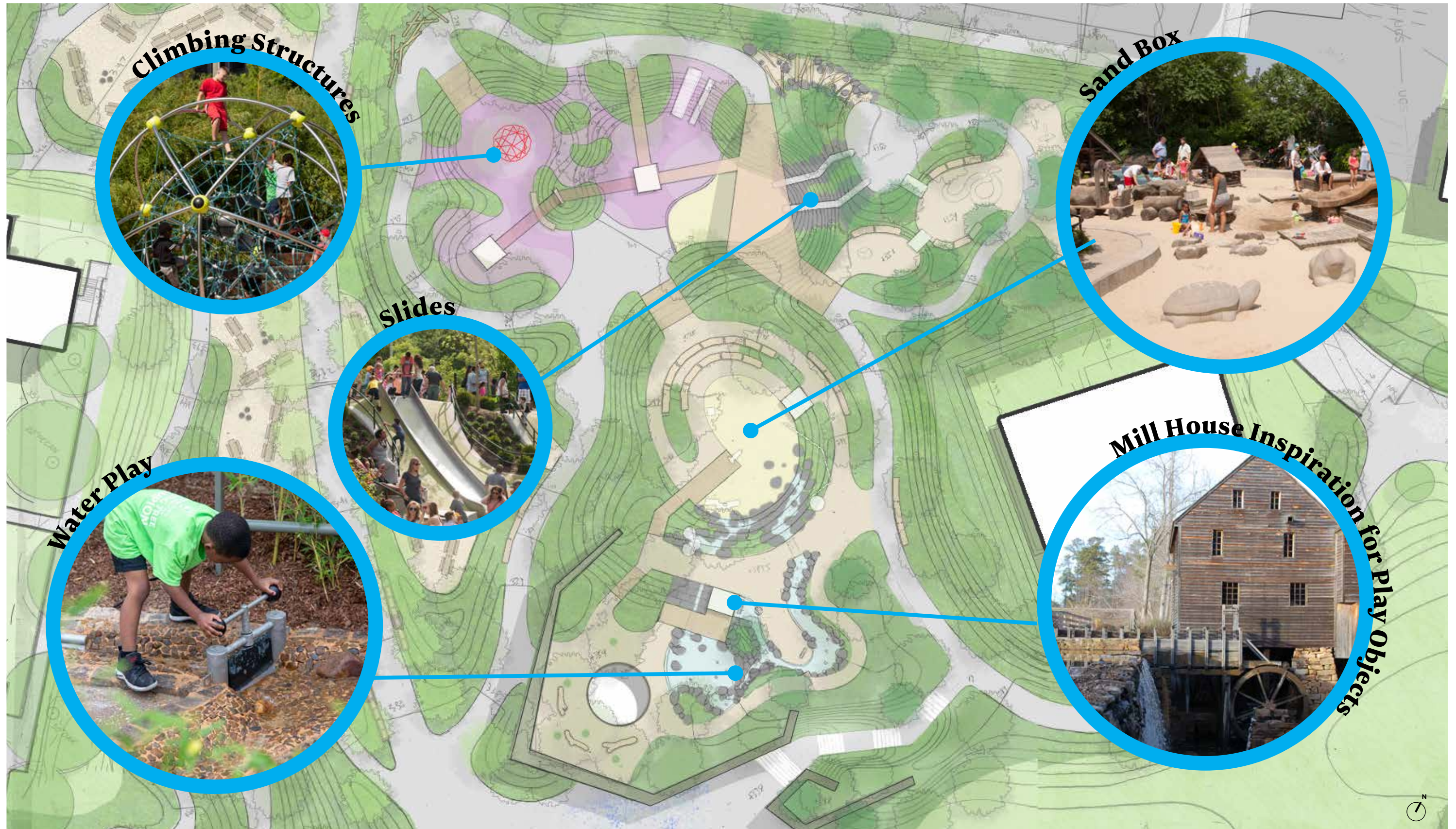
NC Playground



Sand Bowl



Play Landscapes



Imaginative Play



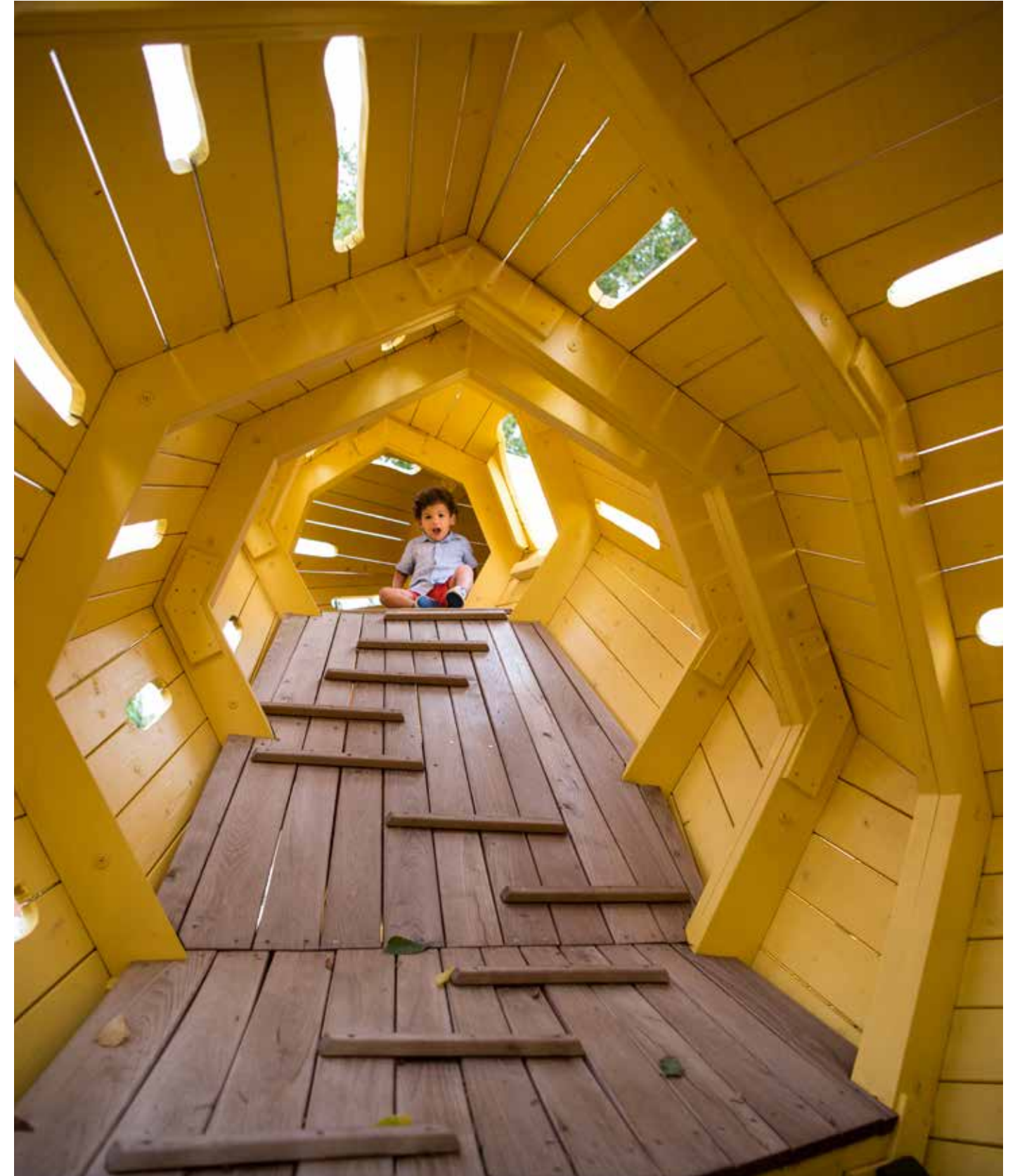
Imaginative Play



Water Play



Playful Objects



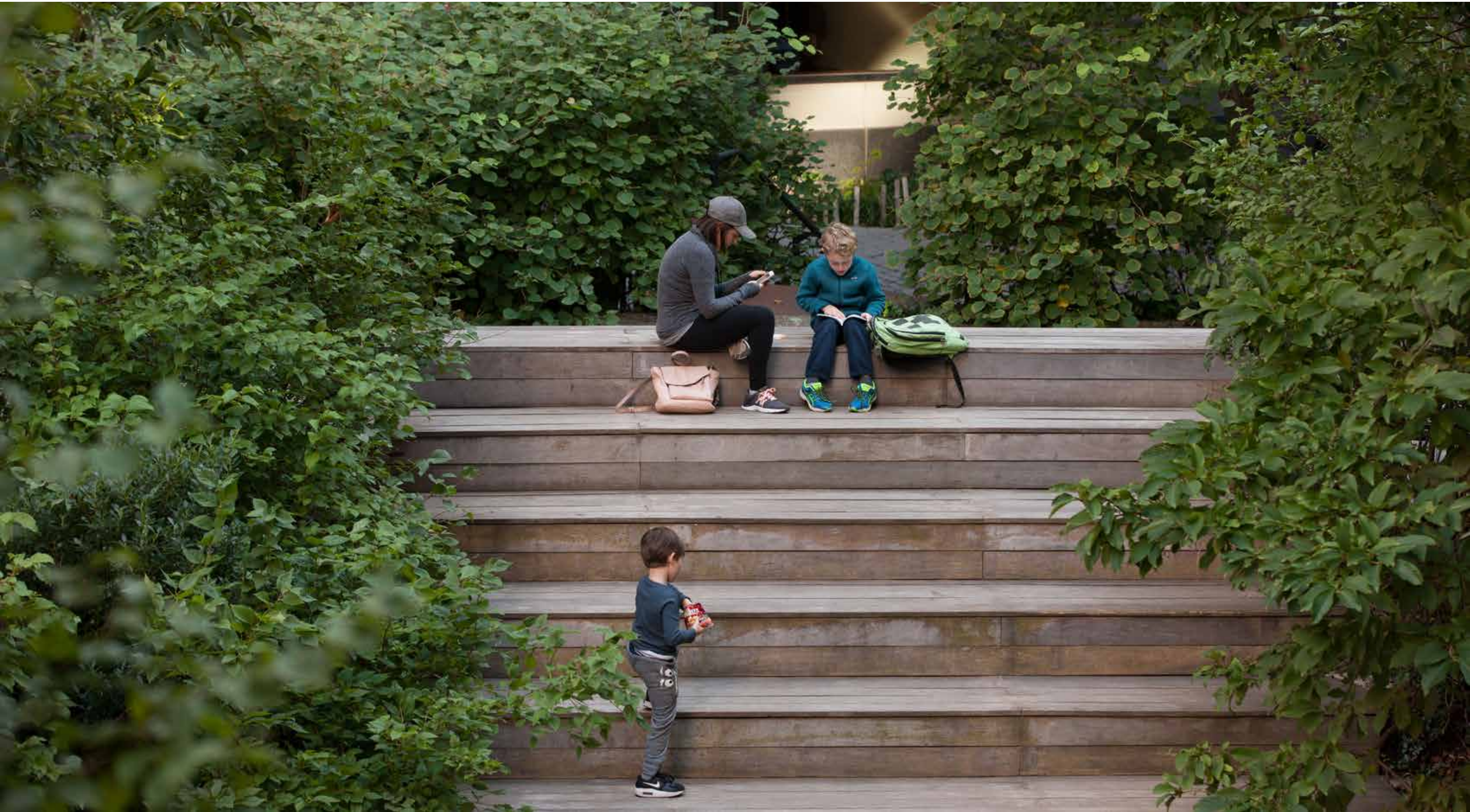
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Nature Play



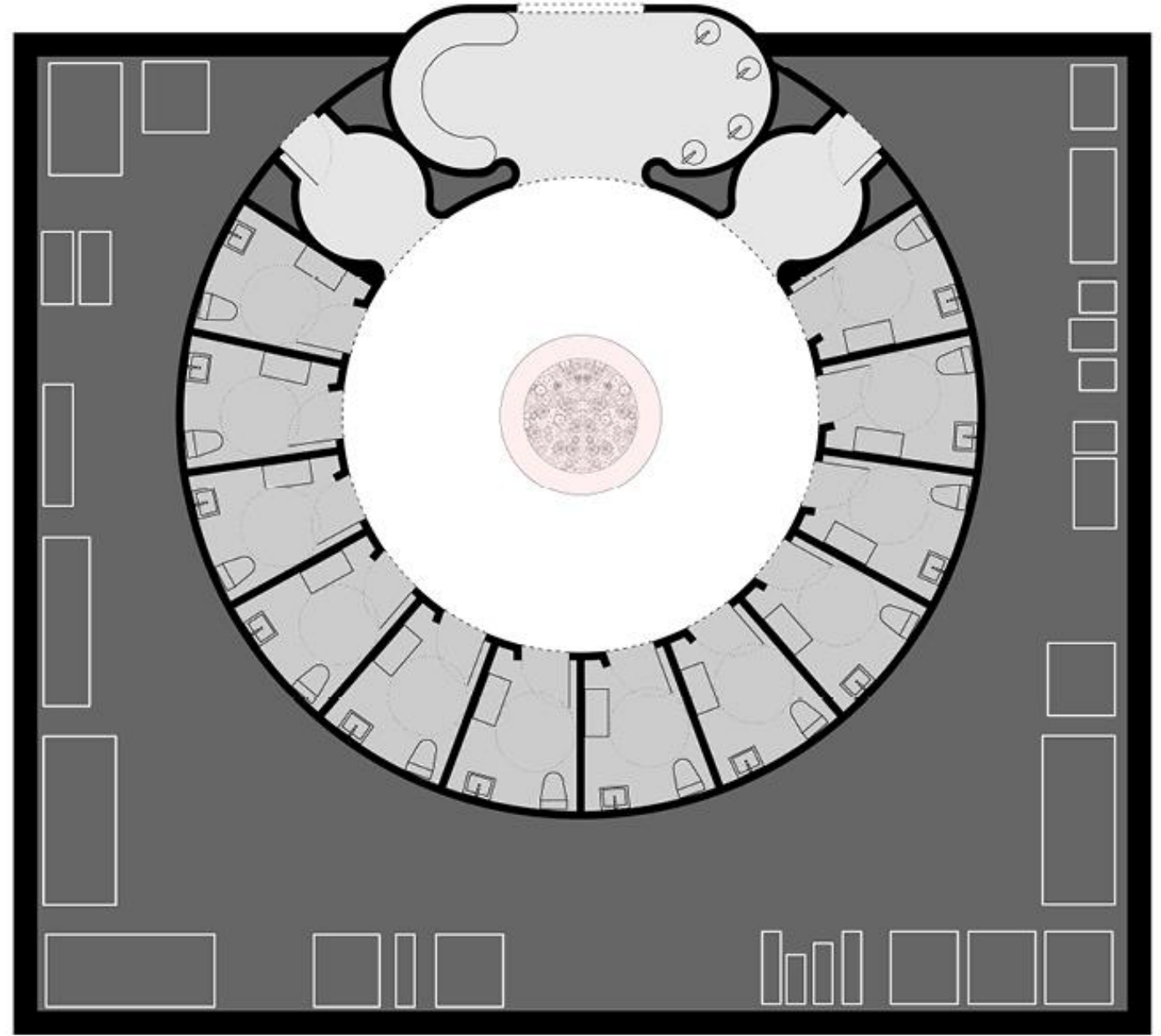
Caretaker Seating



Comfort Station



Comfort Station Concepts



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Comfort Station Model



Gardens



Offer Something for Everyone



Gardens



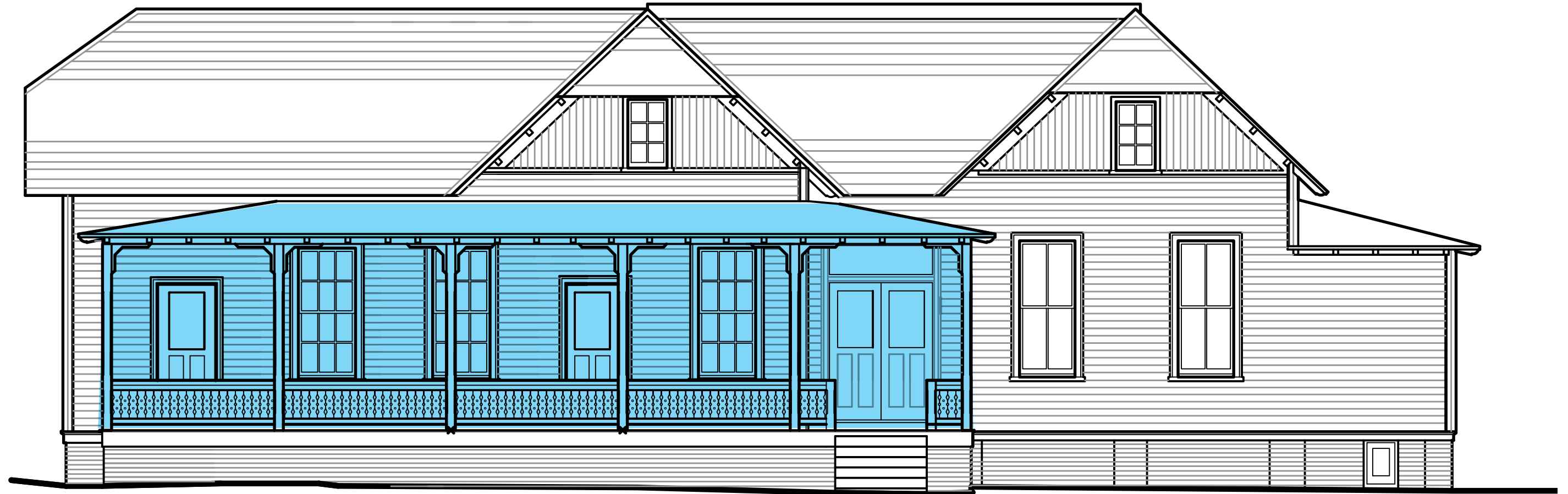
Promenade at Picnic Grove



Picnic Grove



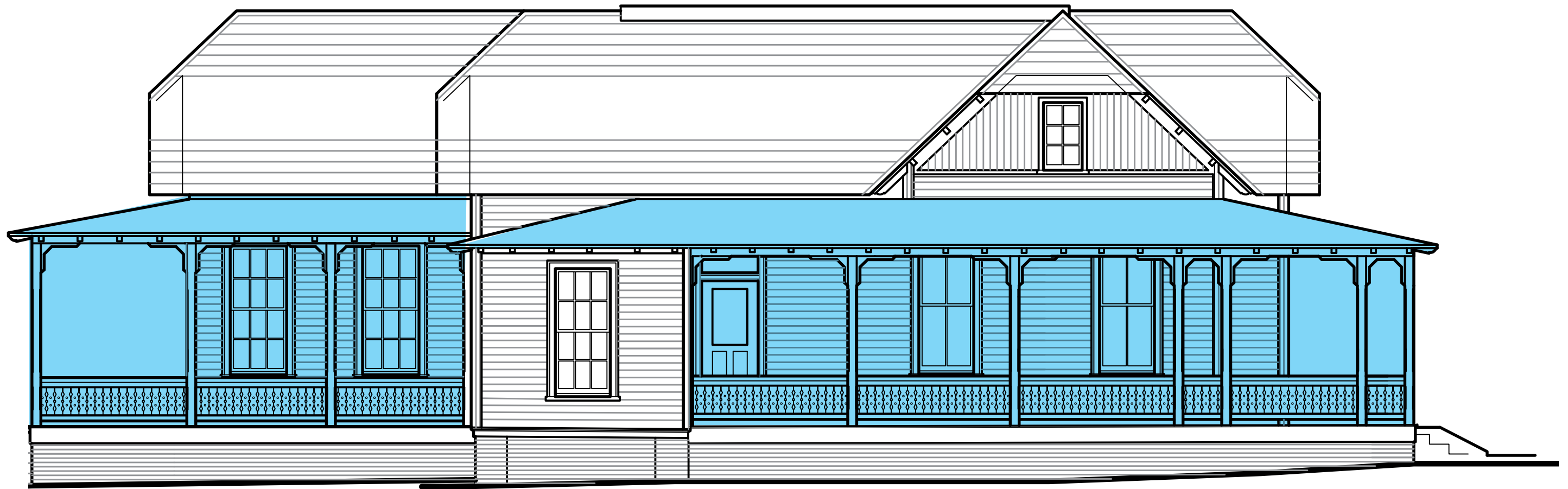
House of Many Porches



Rear Entrance Historic Porch Restoration



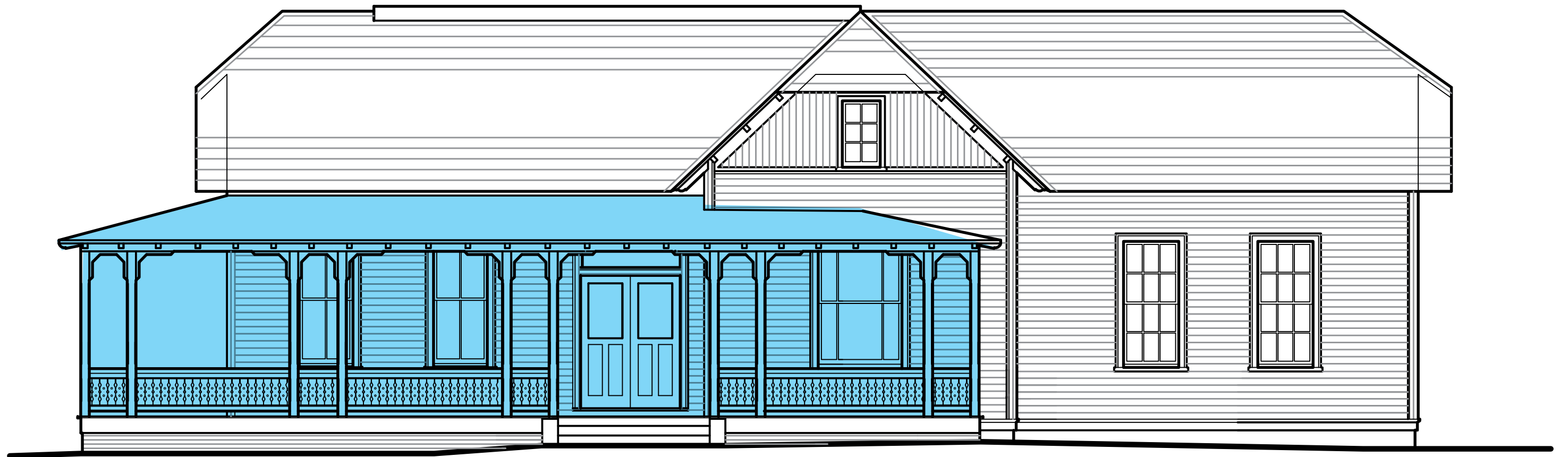
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South Side Historic Porch Restoration



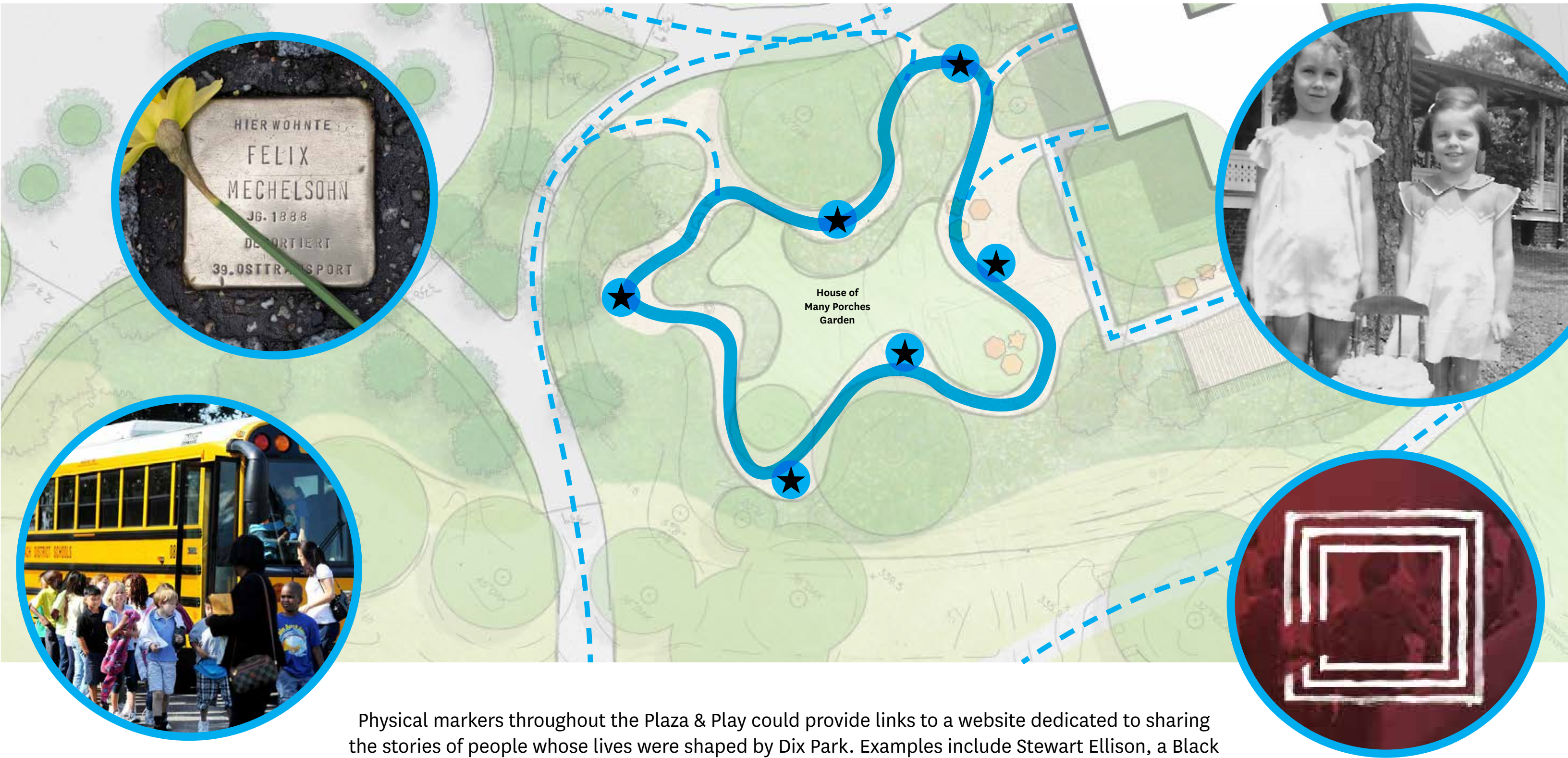
House of Many Porches



Front Entrance Historic Porch Restoration



Honoring History



Physical markers throughout the Plaza & Play could provide links to a website dedicated to sharing the stories of people whose lives were shaped by Dix Park. Examples include Stewart Ellison, a Black craftsman who was enslaved during his work on the original hospital building and went on to become a legislator after Emancipation, and Mildred Simon who grew up in the House of Many Porches.

Reflection & Discovery

For 150 years this land
was part of the
Spring Hill Plantation.



1848

“Active exercise in the open air,
moderate labor in the gardens,
pleasure grounds, or upon the farm,
afford good results ... in advancing
the cure of the patient.”

Dorothea Lynde Dix

Historic Markers: Signage sharing the history, stories, and legacy of the site

Incorporating Art



Local Woodworking Sculptural Elements



Permanent or Rotating Art Installations at the House of Many Porches



Permanent or Rotating Art Installations at the Gardens

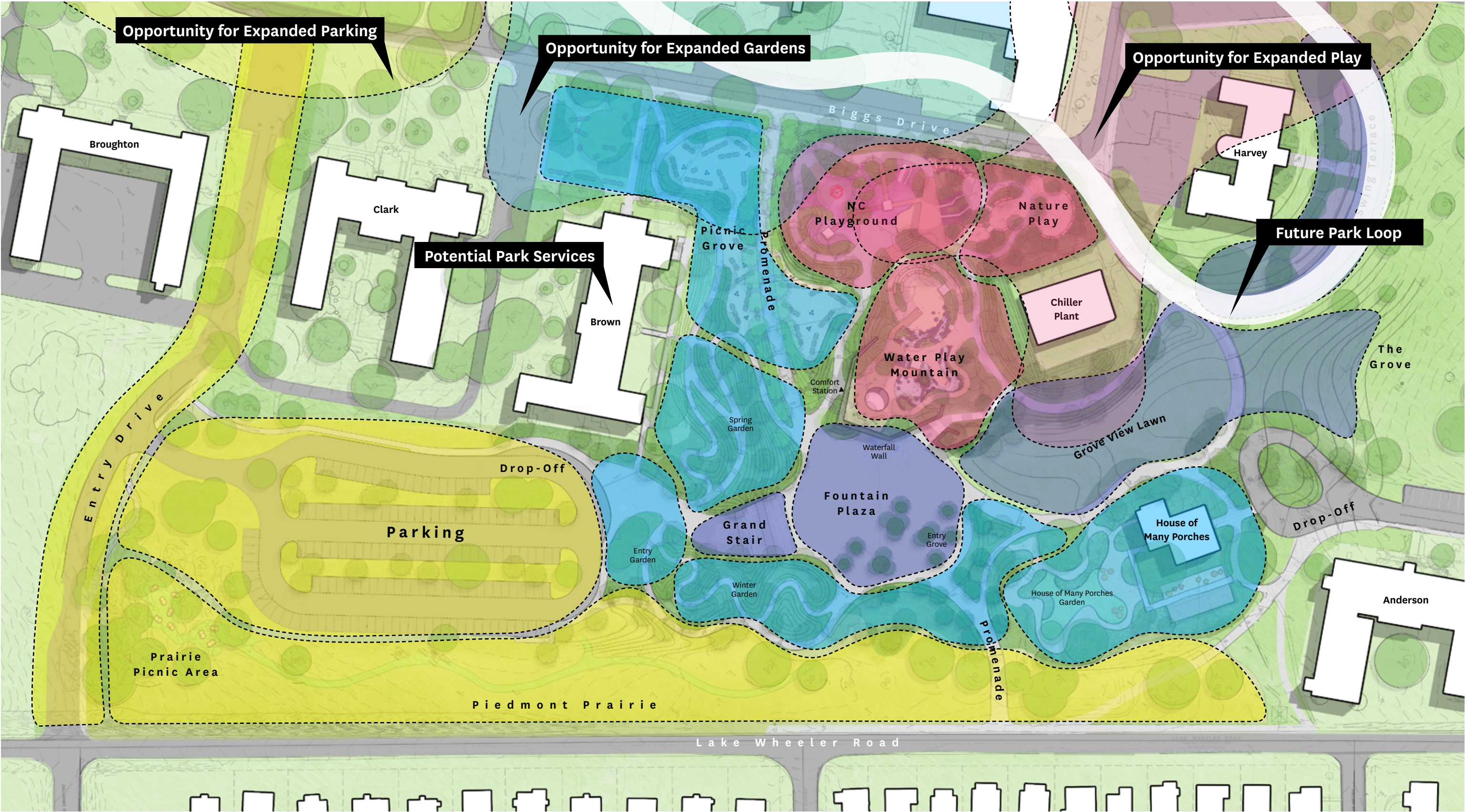


Local Woodworking Tables

A Balance of Places to Play & Gather



Plaza & Play in the Master Plan



A Park for Raleigh



Q&A

How to Stay Involved



Plaza & Play Website
Plaza & Play Feedback Hub
Dix Edge Area Study

www.DixPark.org/plazaplay
www.publicinput.com/plazaplay
www.raleighnc.gov/dix-edge

Follow-Up Survey

www.publicinput.com/plazaplay

Chalk Challenge!



Post a photo of yourself within a chalk drawing showing what you love to do in parks or what you hope to find at Plaza & Play. Be imaginative!!

Tag @dixpark on Instagram or Facebook and we'll share the top submissions!

Thank You!