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Buckley Park Master Plan

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AGENDA & OBJECTIVE

AGENDA:

4:00-4:15 Welcome!

4:15-4:45 Presentation by HDR

4:45-5:20 Facilitated Q & A

5:20-6:00 Open House Mingle

OBJECTIVE:

To close the loop on how our community helped shape the vision for the park.

Answer questions on how we got there.





WHY A MASTER PLAN?

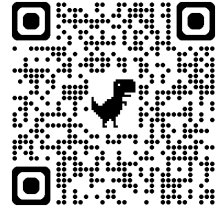
- Existing Conditions & Potential Improvements
- Plans for the Future
- Guides Future Decisions
- Planning, Not Construction



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Workshop #1
Design Charrette

Workshop #2
Presentation of
Concepts



Existing Conditions

Feedback	Response
Restroom Location • Need for permanent restrooms. • Concerns about safety and visibility. • Concern that a restroom at 12th & Main would detract from the park's appearance and downtown gateway.	• 2-stall permanent restroom in location evaluated for accessibility, safety, utilities connections and surrounding uses. • Preserves existing trees, including the large holiday evergreen. • Compact footprint and complementary architecture to minimize visual impacts. • Locates the facility in active public area, consistent with police input on visibility and safety.
Trees & Park Character • Preserve trees, lawn, views, openness and informal character. • Protect the hillside for sledding.	• Preserves open lawn, significant trees and the primary sledding area • Integrates planting, seating and improvements while maintaining the park's open, informal character.
Accessibility & Circulation • Improve ADA access. • Limit unnecessary pathways and hardscape.	• Provides an accessible route from Main Ave. to key park amenities. • Minimizes new hardscape and coordinates pedestrian, bicycle and event circulation.
Event Needs • Improve event functionality, including stage support, loading access and seating. • Balance events with everyday park use.	• Incorporates flexible event infrastructure, improved utilities, back-of-house access and integrated seating. • Balances event functionality with everyday recreation and allows improvements to be phased as funding permits.



Given the proximity to the City Hall/Police Department project, we selected the same design team working on that project - HDR. They have a talented team of architects, landscape architects and planners that help support seamless coordination between the two projects and leverages resources already engaged in the design of those facilities.

Tony Mazzeo, RLA
HDR Site Design Principal

An aerial photograph of a town nestled in a valley, surrounded by mountains. The trees are in peak autumn foliage, showing vibrant yellows and oranges. The sky is a mix of blue and soft white clouds. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and date.

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Community Report Out

10.12.2026

An aerial night photograph of a mountain town covered in snow. The town's lights are visible against the dark landscape. In the background, snow-capped mountains rise under a twilight sky. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is positioned on the right side of the image, containing the text 'Project Overview'.

Project Overview

Project Overview
Site Context & Existing Conditions



Project Overview

Buckley Park Tree Inventory: Tree Health



An aerial photograph of a town nestled at the base of a large, rugged mountain range. The town features a mix of residential houses and commercial buildings, with a prominent street running through the center. The mountains in the background are characterized by steep, rocky slopes and some sparse vegetation. The sky is blue with light clouds.

Workshop #1

Summary

Community Engagement Workshop #1

Overview

June 15, 2026





Design Concepts

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Design Elements Informed by Community Input



OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

Multi-Use Lawn
Event Space



FLEXIBILITY AND FUNCTIONALITY

Stage / Pavilion
Reinforced Paths



AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

Restrooms
Durable Surfaces
Utility Access



UNIVERSAL DESIGN & CIRCULATION

Paths
Hillside Improvements
Bus Stop Improvements



COMMUNITY CHARACTER

Welcoming Entires
Gathering Spaces
Regional Materials



STEWARDSHIP

Existing Trees & Succession Plan
Regionally Appropriate Vegetation

Design Concepts Overview

CONCEPT 1: ENHANCED EXISTING



- Formalize existing path
- Maintain natural hillside path
- 13th Street amenities
- Corner stage / pavilion

CONCEPT 2: STRENGTHENED CONNECTIONS

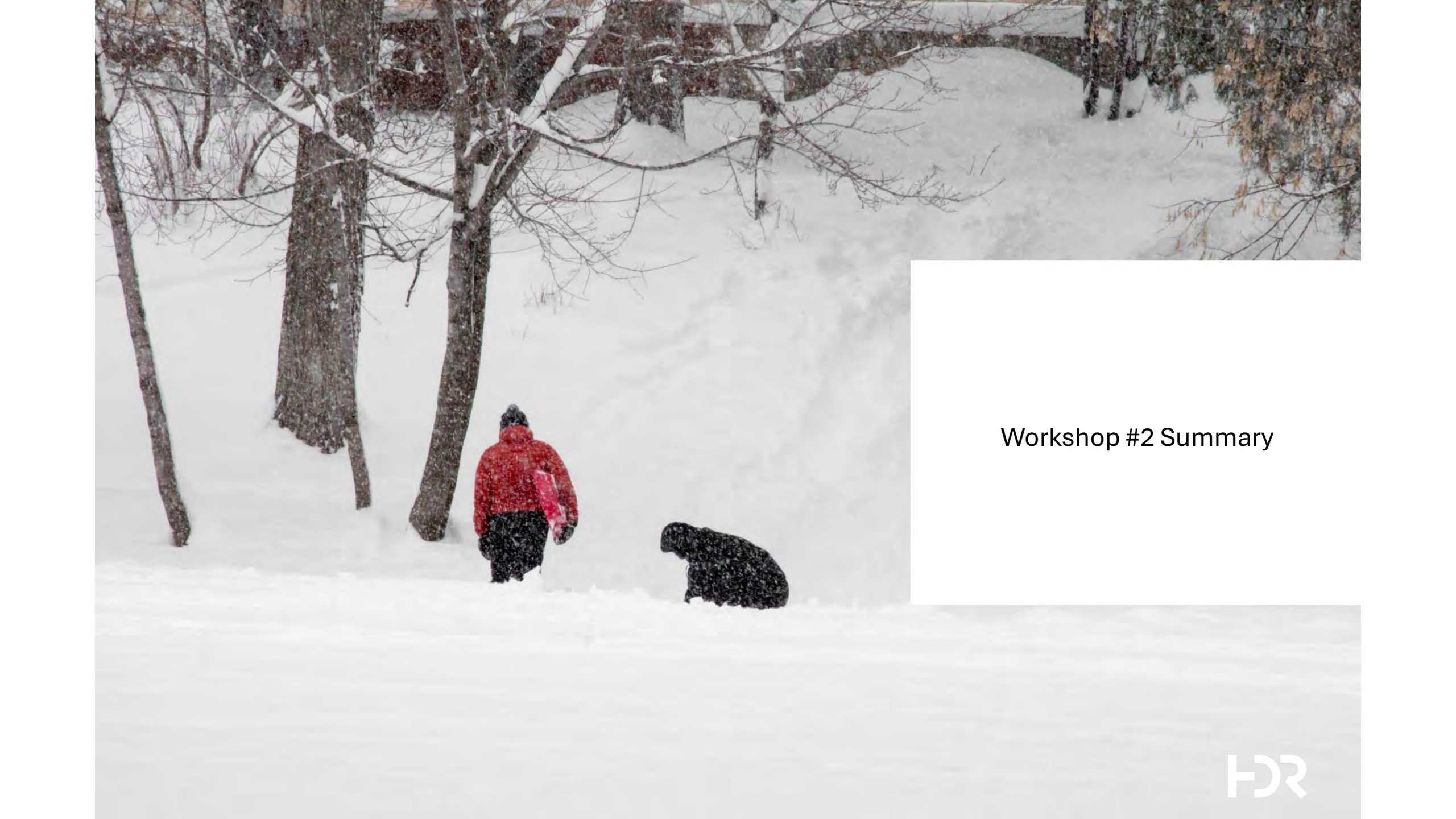


- Extend accessible path to 12th
- Return hillside to nature
- Open access from 13th St and Main Ave
- 13th Street stage / pavilion

CONCEPT 3: CENTERED FOCUS

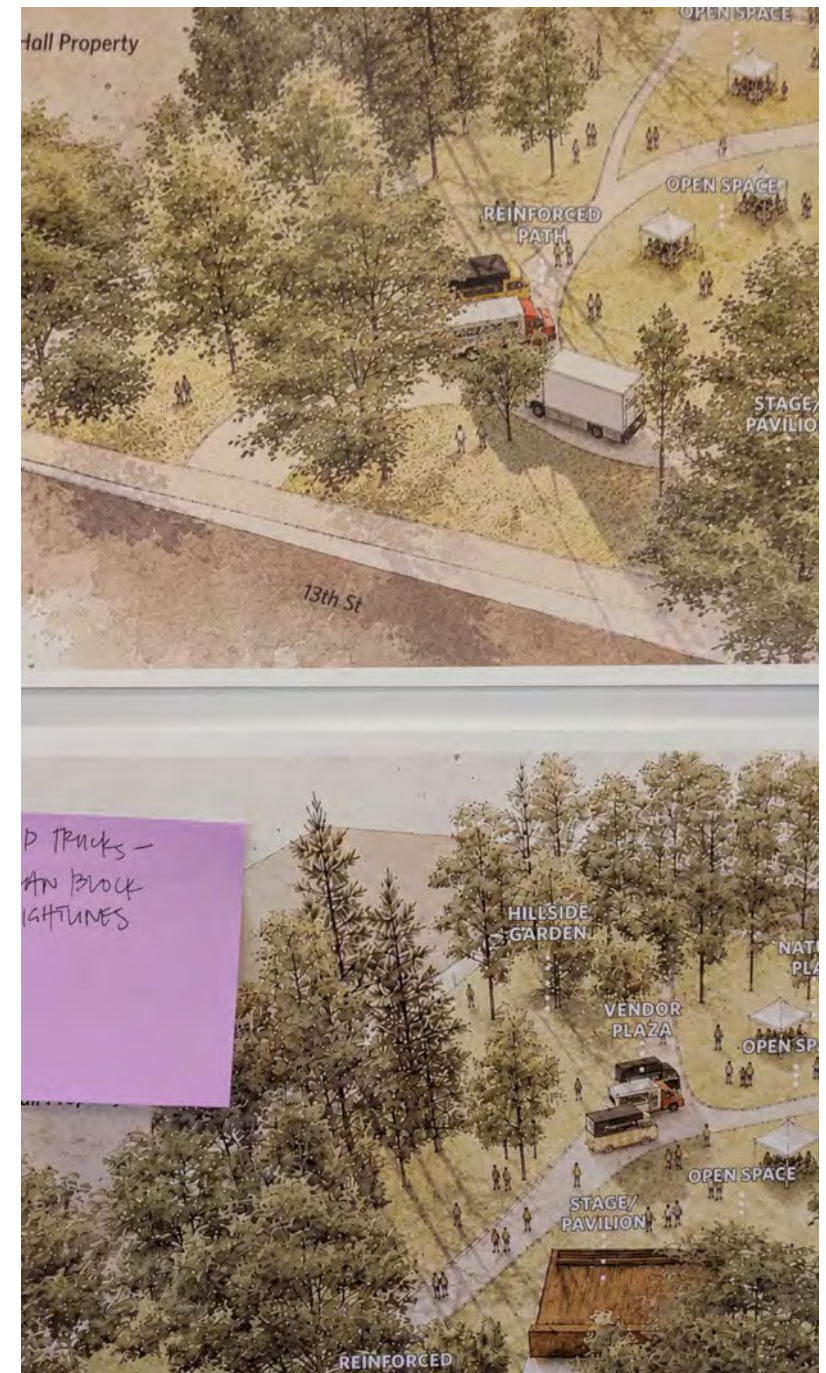
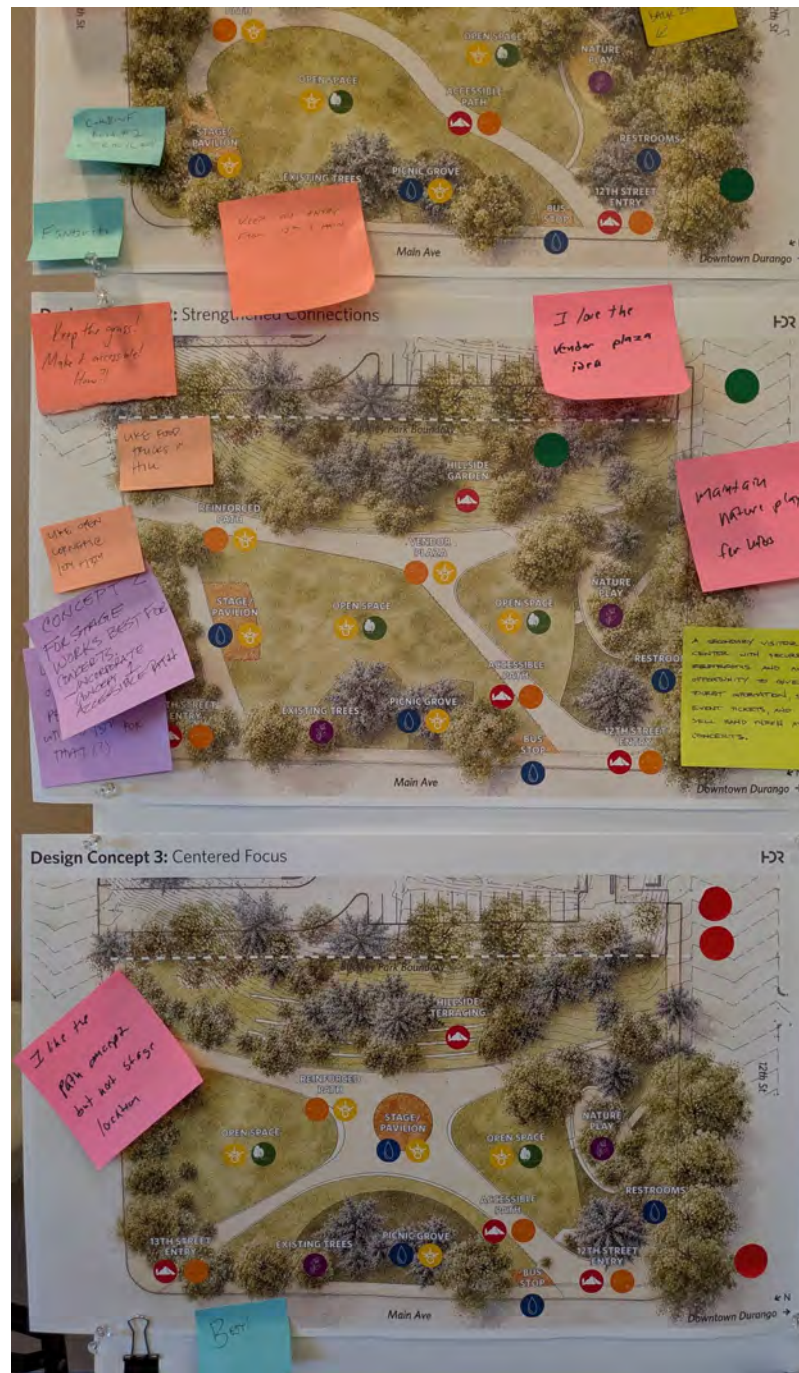
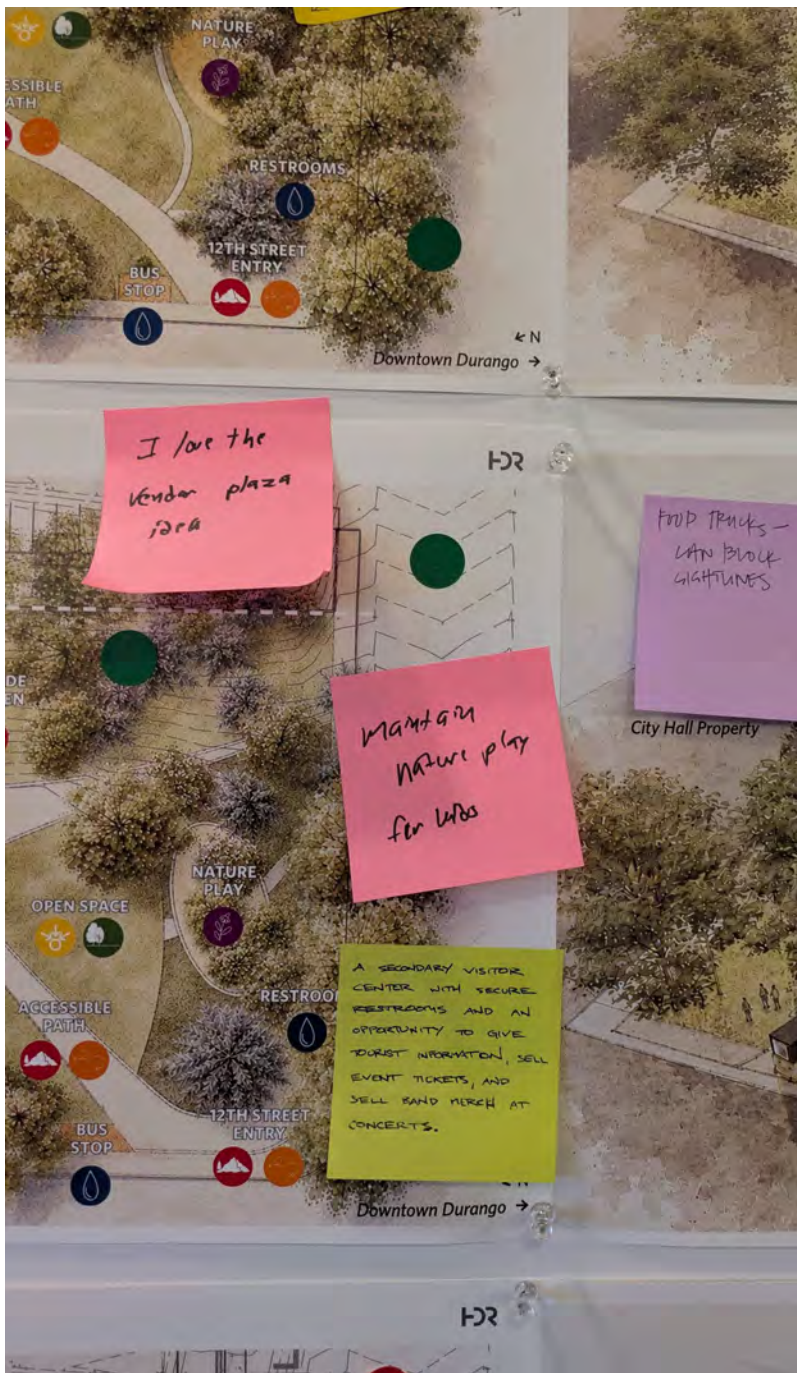


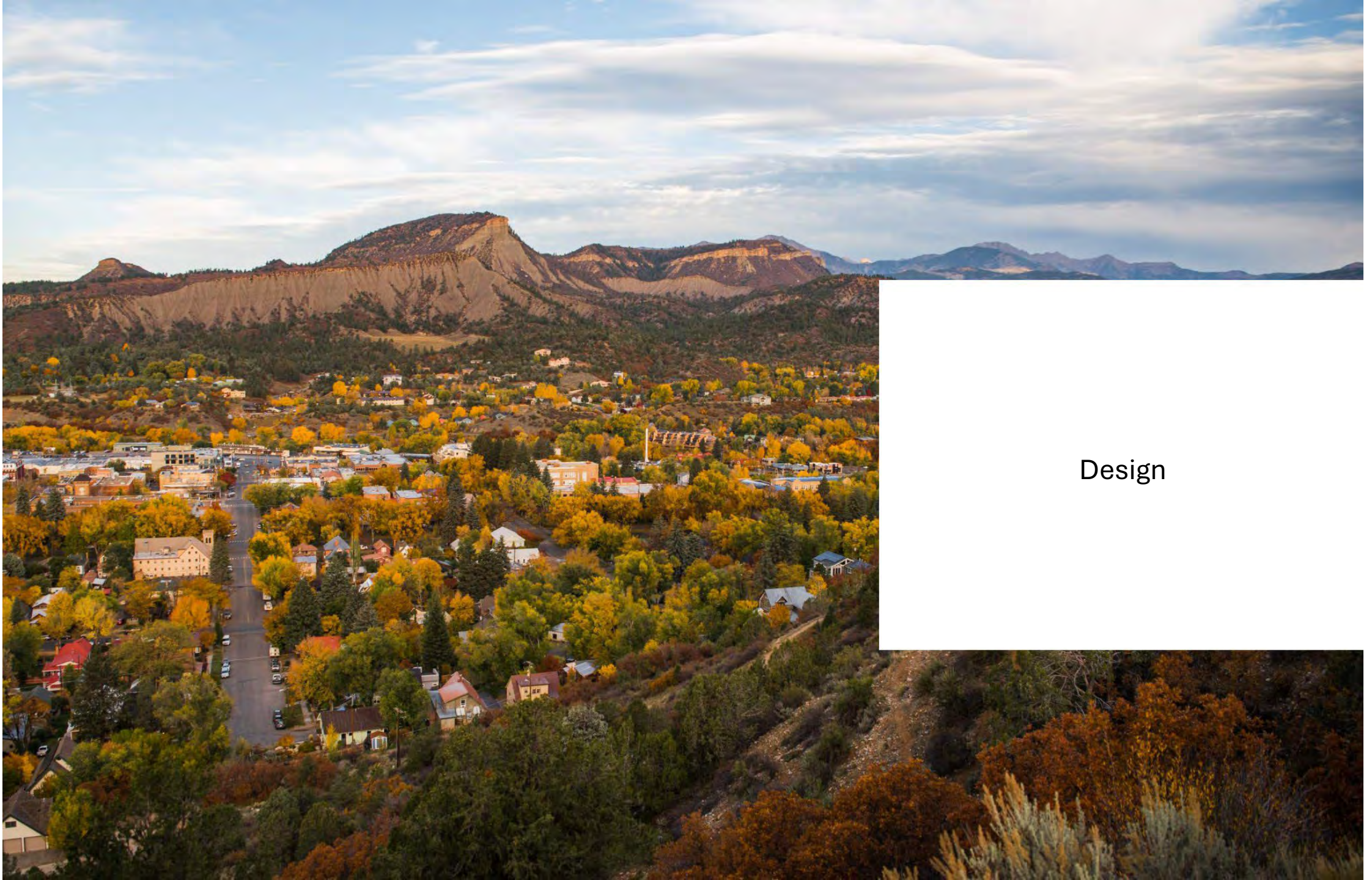
- Connect park corners with accessible paths
- Integrate terraced seating into hillside
- 12th St and 13th St entries
- Central stage / pavilion



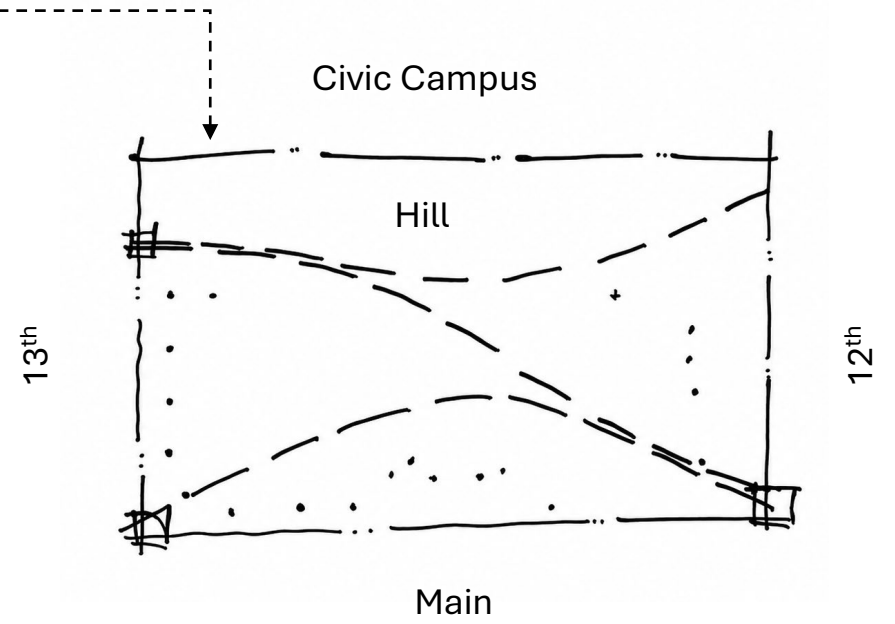
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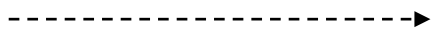
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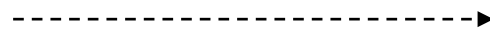
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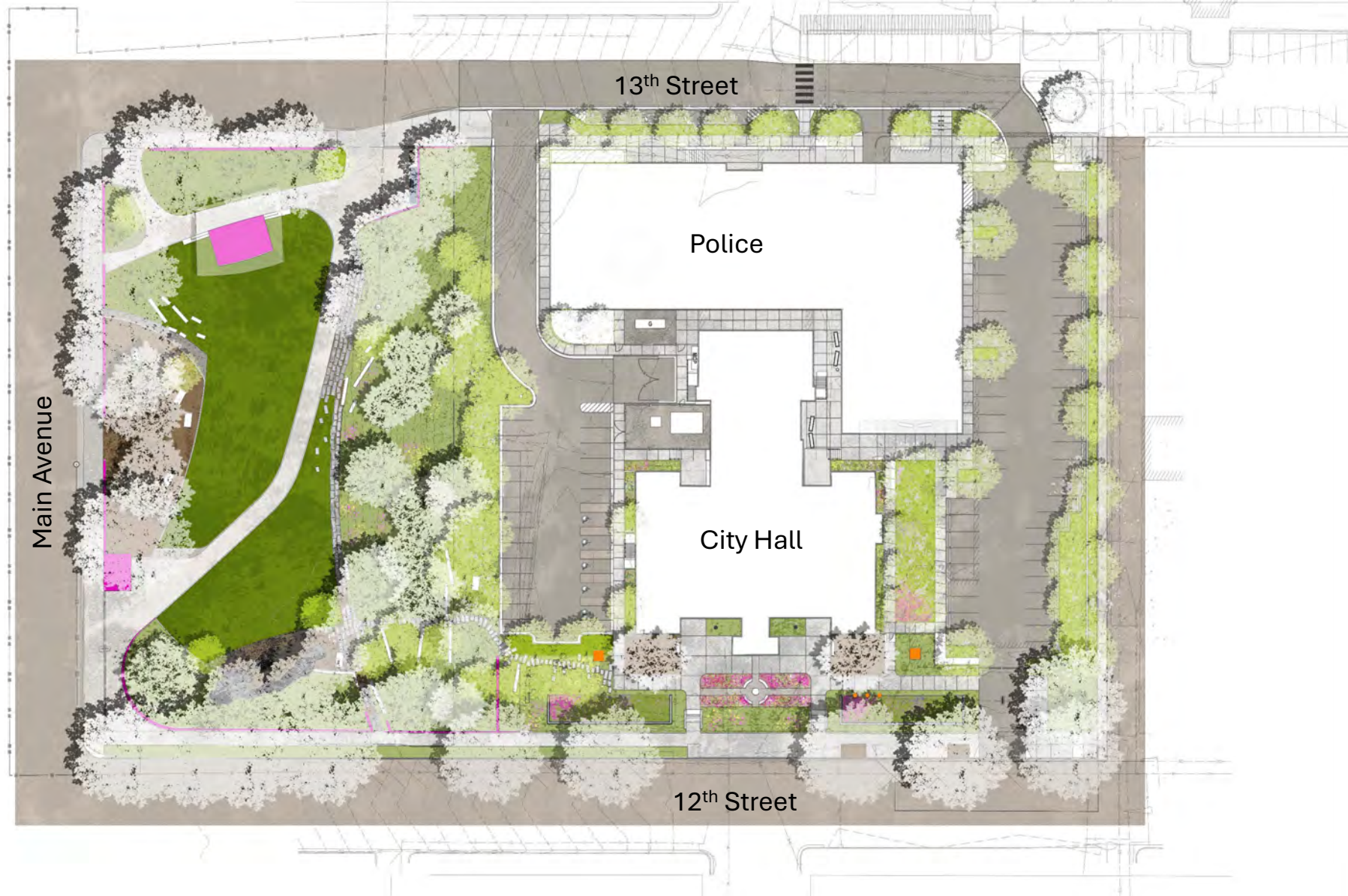
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Buckley Park Illustrative Plan



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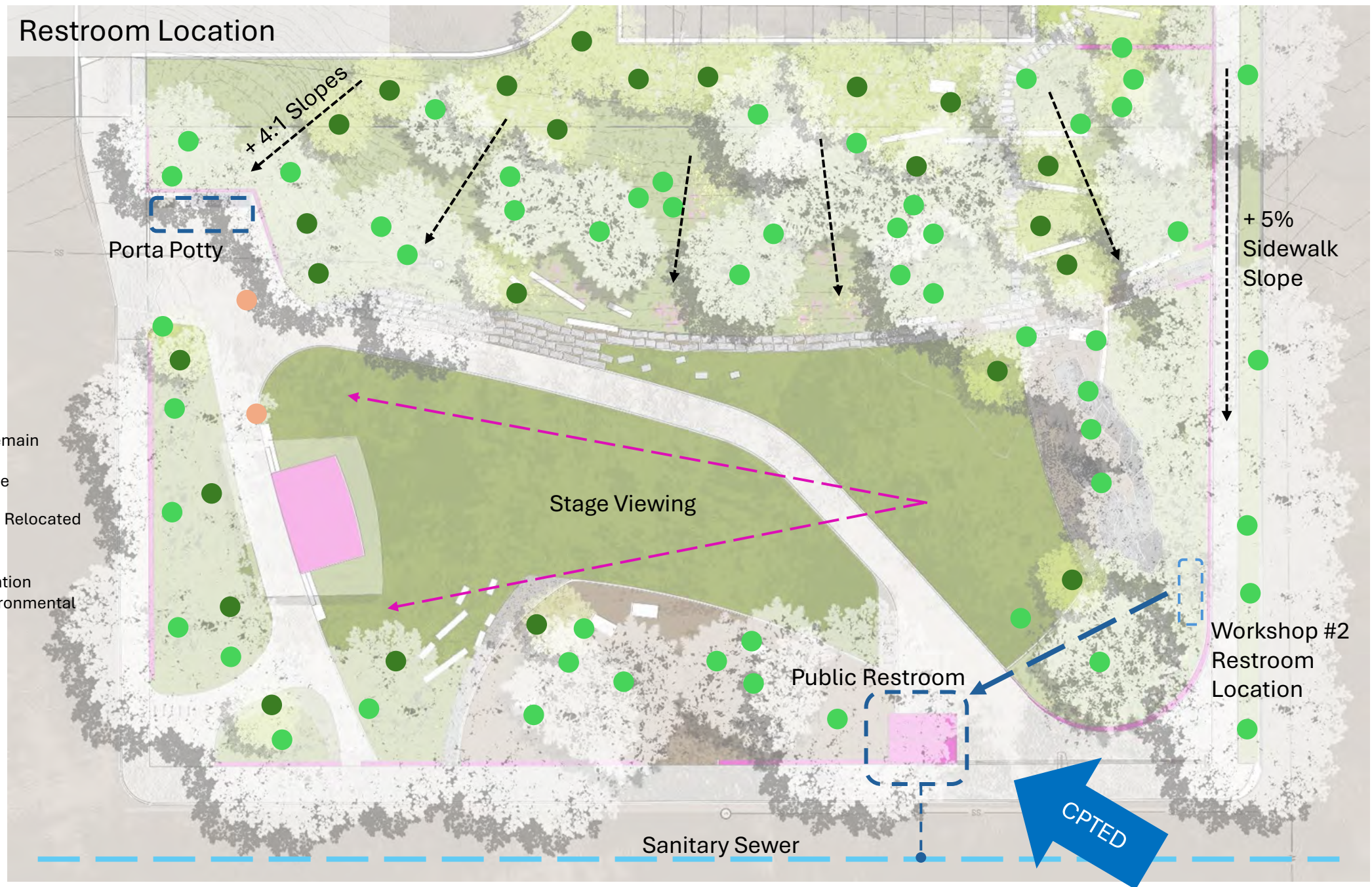
Restroom Location

KEY

- Ex. Tree to Remain
- Proposed Tree
- Ex. Tree to be Relocated

CPTED

Crime Prevention
Through Environmental
Design



Trees + Park Character



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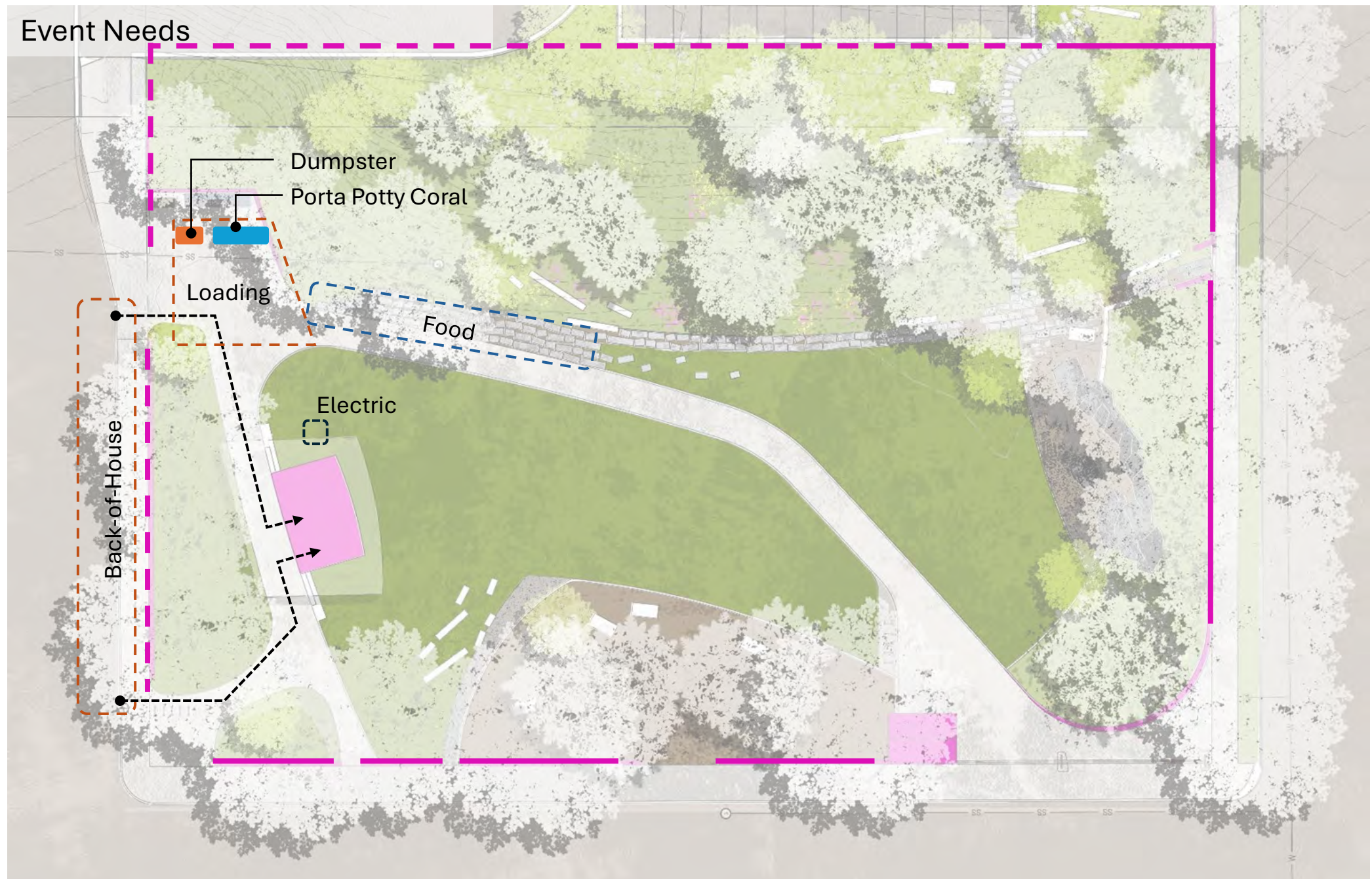
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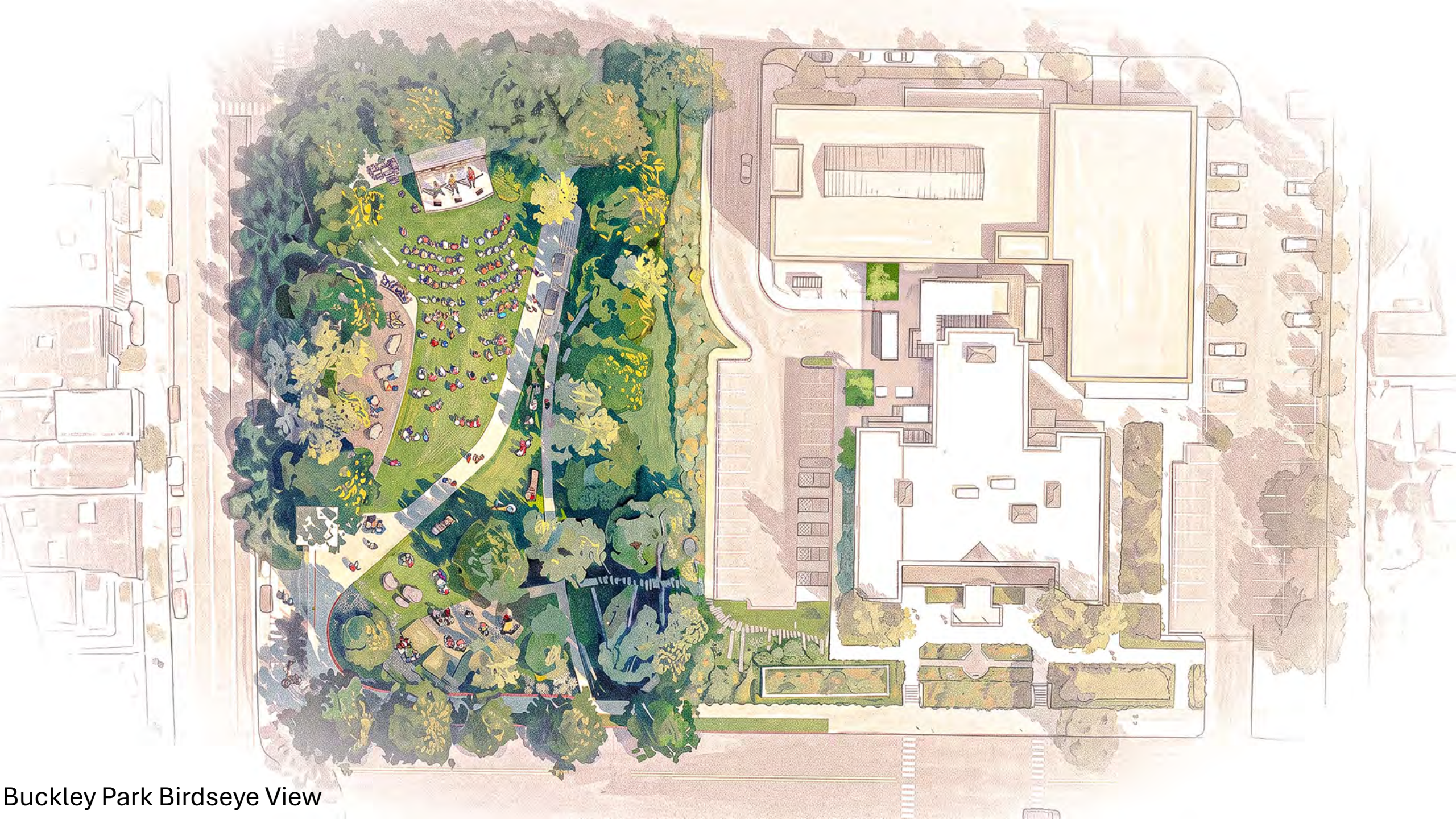
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Accessibility + Circulation



Event Needs





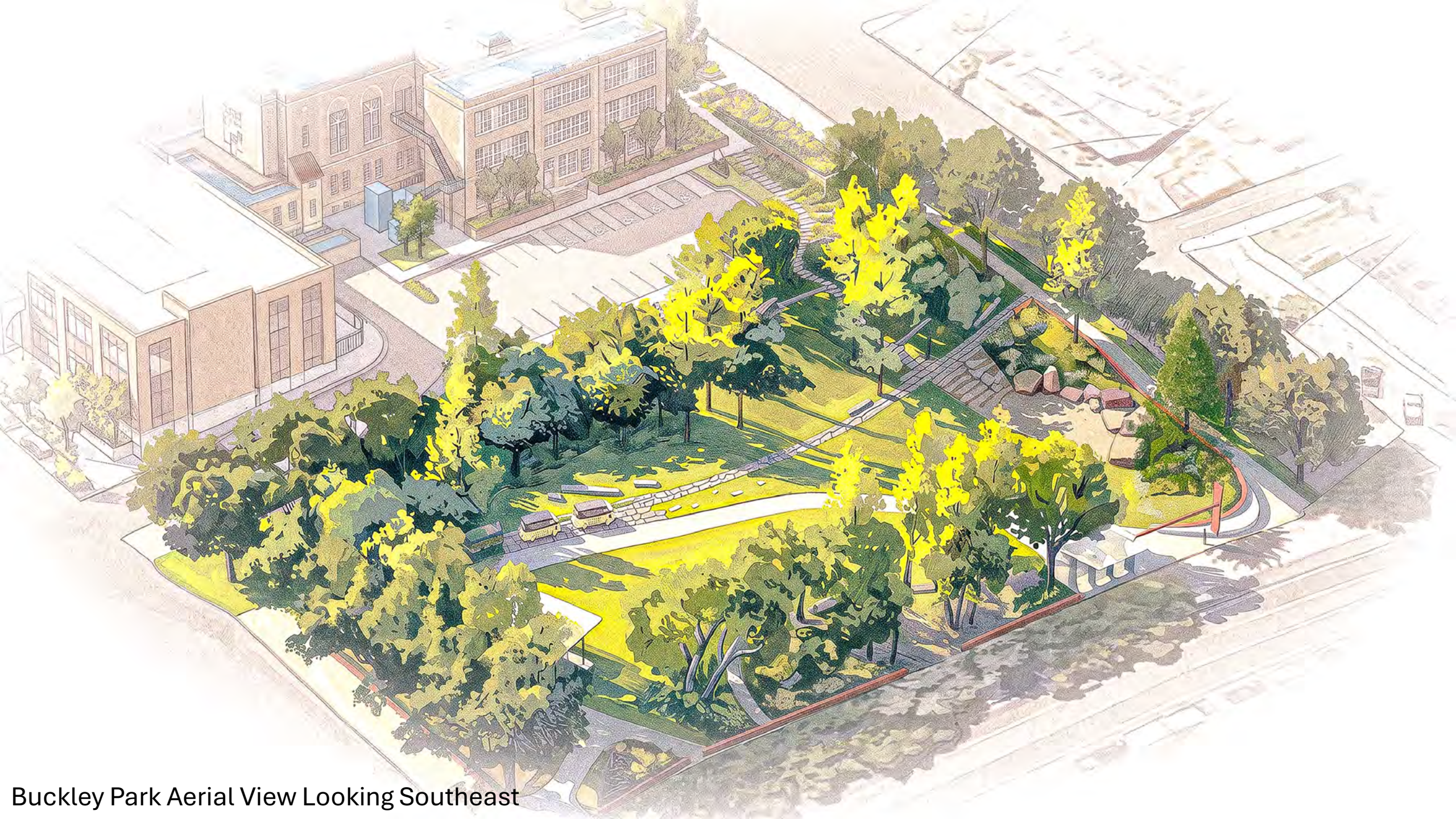
Buckley Park Birdseye View



Buckley Park Aerial View Looking Northeast



Buckley Park Aerial View Looking Northwest



Buckley Park Aerial View Looking Southeast

Thank You



NEXT STEPS



- Presentation and recording posted to Engage Page
- Nov 06 HDR finalizes Master Plan
 - Concept plan, costs, phasing
- Present Master Plan to Council for future consideration
- Master plan may evolve into construction project with prioritization and funding.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER



Jessica Morrison

- 15 yrs Durango local with deep roots in Southwest Colorado
- 20+ years in education, nonprofit leadership, and community collaboration
- Founder of the Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative
- Experienced in facilitation, strategic partnerships, and stakeholder engagement
- Active community leader and volunteer
- Dedicated to **equity, access, and ensuring all voices are heard**

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION AGREEMENTS

Listen to Understand

Listen with curiosity and respect, recognizing that others may have different experiences and perspectives.

Share Your Perspective

Speak openly and honestly from your own experiences. Different viewpoints, concerns, and ideas are welcome.

Make Space for All Voices

Be mindful of how much time you speak so others have an opportunity to participate.

Respect People, Even When You Disagree

Challenge ideas, ask difficult questions, and express concerns while treating others with respect.

All Questions Are Welcome

No question is too basic or too difficult. We may not have every answer today, but we will be transparent about what we know and what requires follow-up.

Respect Our Shared Time

Stay focused on the topic and honor time limits so we can hear from as many community members as possible.

QUESTION & ANSWER

- **My role as a facilitator**
 - Keep us on track
 - Ensure everyone has the opportunity to ask questions
 - Step in and redirect if we veer from the outline format

For This Evening

- We will have a 30 minute Q&A session followed by an open house where individuals can engage in printed copies of the project on the back tables and with HDR and City members
- We invite participants to ask **one question per participant** to ensure everyone here is able to engage. If we have time for more questions I will ask if anyone has follow up questions.
- You are also welcomed to write questions and feedback on the white cards at the tables and hand them to me at the end of our session. These engagement cards are all read and if you leave your contact information, someone from this project will respond to you.

CONTACT

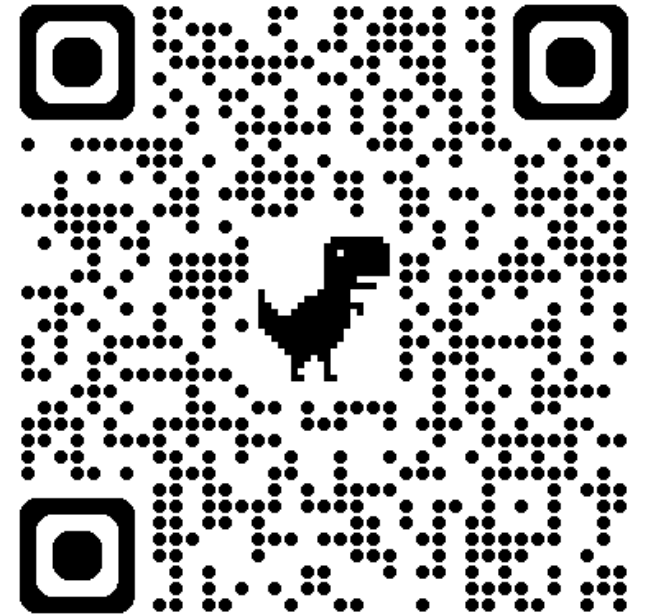


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