Exchange Street Playground Park Improvements

Public Meeting | December 14, 2022
Carlson Commons

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Agenda

- Team Introductions
- Goals of This Project
- Feedback Received to Date
- Concept Plan
- Open House Discussion

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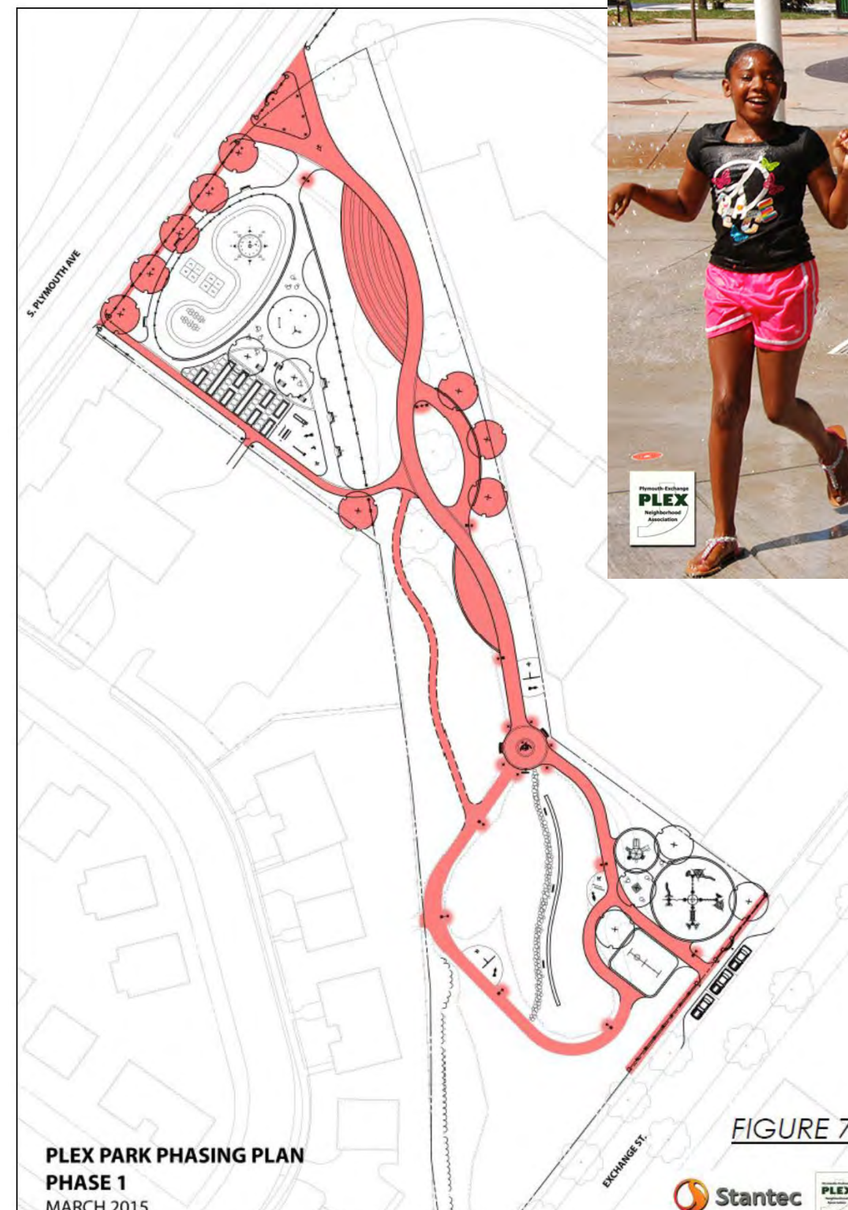
Goals of the Project

- **Implement Phase 1 of the community driven** PLEX Community Park Master Plan completed in 2015
- To provide an **ADA accessible pedestrian pathway** Through park between Exchange Blvd and S. Plymouth Ave
- Create a **safe and welcoming environment** for the PLEX neighborhood to enjoy
- Set the stage for future improvements to **fulfill the community's park vision**
- Provide a **direction connection from the PLEX neighborhood to the Genesee River** & the West River Wall Phase 2 project.



Phase 1 of the PLEX Community Park Master Plan identified improvements to the pedestrian pathways in 2015

Existing Site

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Exchange-Plymouth Sight Lines

open up a wide central sight line to Plymouth

open up a wide central sight line to Exchange

n. maples blocking view from Exchange sidewalk

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low branching oaks blocking view from Plymouth

Existing Photos - Exchange

"flat" area near Exchange, (former) playground location

n. maples along railroad siding wall

Exchange Street and sloped area

brush and maples along east edge

extensive poison ivy along railroad siding wall

extensive poison ivy along pathway

Existing Photos - Middle Area

drainage issue area, looking towards Plymouth

drainage issue area along path and (plugged?) inlet

drainage issue area and adjacent property retaining wall

drainage issue & debris, looking towards Exchange

ponding in low area after rain

adj. property / wall view between english and red oak

Existing Photos - Plymouth Area

pavement area with unknown circle feature

view from Plymouth, "goat pathing" line in foreground

looking south on Plymouth sidewalk

view from Plymouth sidewalk to site and adj. building

green ash near Plymouth, looking towards street

former fire station property with fencing, wall, etc.

Existing Photos - Site Features / Misc.

one of several interesting and sculptural root flairs (n. maple)

unknown surface and subgrade railroad siding infrastructure

parking lot and cut through "goat pathing" (Plymouth to Ford St.)

wall drain hole (1 of dozens) with undercut

building drainage into site (roof?)

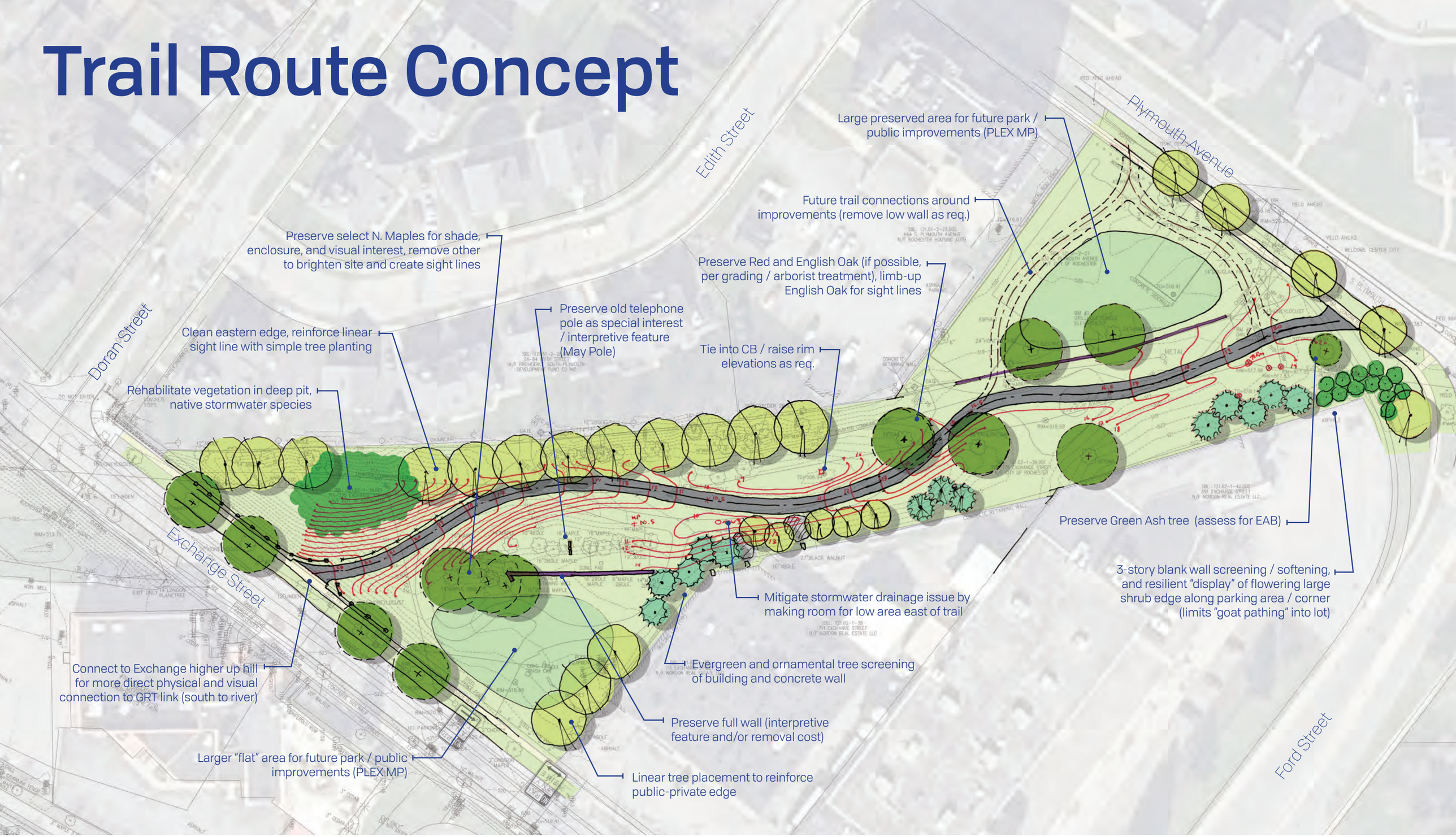
trash collection within eastern brush line (also along adj. prop. wall)

Phase 1 | PLEX Community Park Master Plan

Phase 1 Items Identified in Master Plan

- Cleaning Up Existing Vegetation
- Earthwork/Grading
- ADA Accessible Pathways
- Lighting
- Shade Tree Plantings

Trail Route Concept



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PLEX Community Outreach

- **Virtual Presentation with PLEX Neighborhood Association | August 16, 2022**
- **On-site Meeting with PLEX Neighborhood Association | October 16, 2022**
- **Public Meeting | Today!**

Key Themes

- Safety is number one priority.
- Vegetation is important, but so is keeping views open for safety.
- Lighting will be key for enhancing the sense of safety.
- Future parking for the park should be though about.
- Signage to identify the park is important, especially for events.
- Maintenance is a concern.

Next Steps

- Evaluate feedback received to date.
- Modify concept plan to address feedback within the identified scope and budget for the project.
- Complete construction documents with a goal of going out to bid in 2023.
- Construction 2023/2024

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