

Erie Harbor Enhancements Phase 2

PUBLIC MEETING #1
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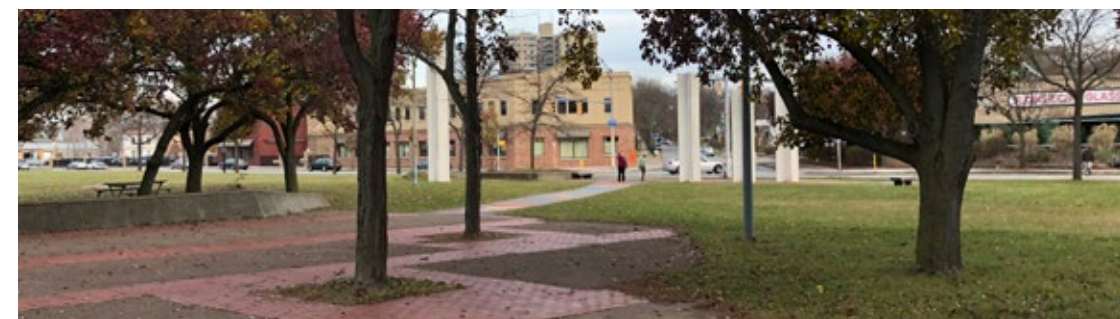
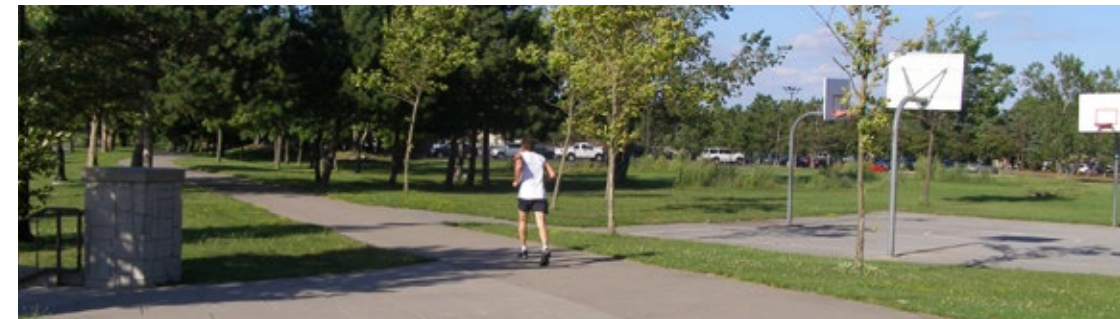
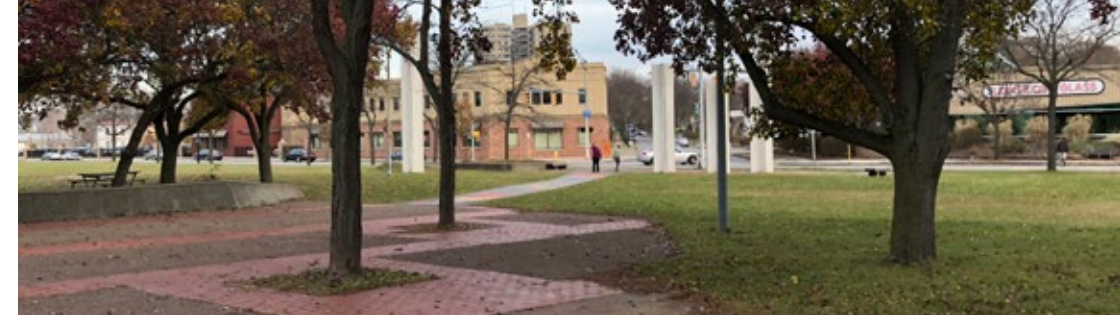
Agenda

PRESENTATION (~30 Min.)

1. Project Overview
2. Public Input & Participation
3. Finding Meaning / Community Lore
4. Concept Plan Alternatives (3)

OPEN HOUSE (1.5 hours)

Review displays of each
concept alternative.
Provide feedback.



Project Phases

1. Preliminary Investigations

Advisory Committee Meeting #1

2. Schematic Design Phase

Advisory Committee Meeting #2

Public Meeting #1

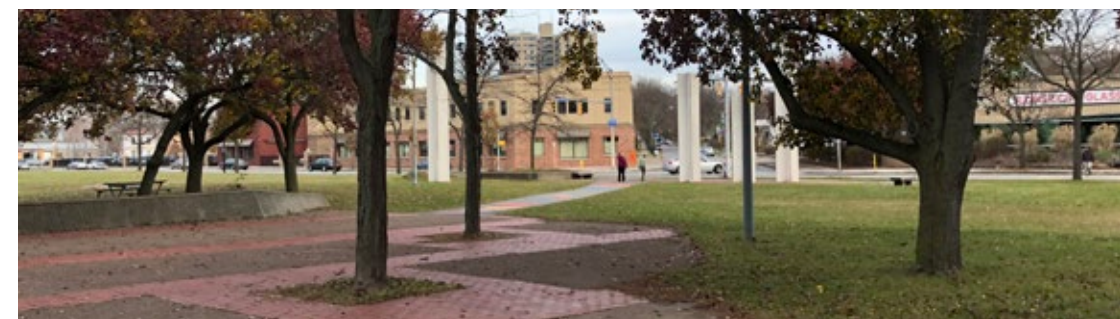
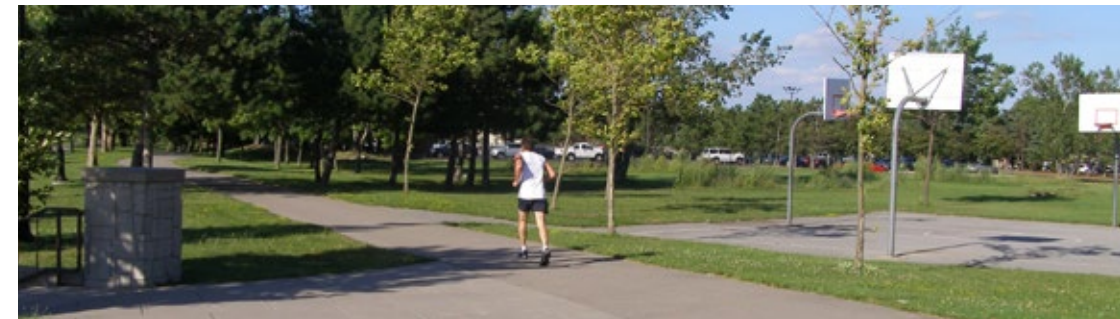
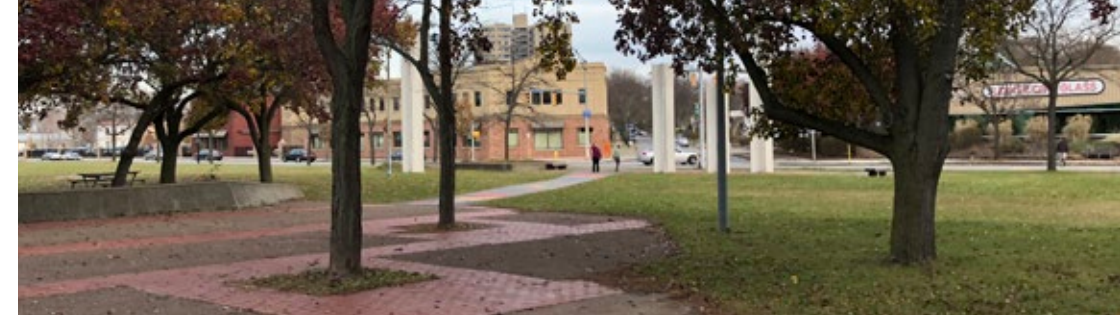
3. Preliminary Plans Phase

Advisory Committee Meeting #3

Public Meeting #2

4. Final Design Phase

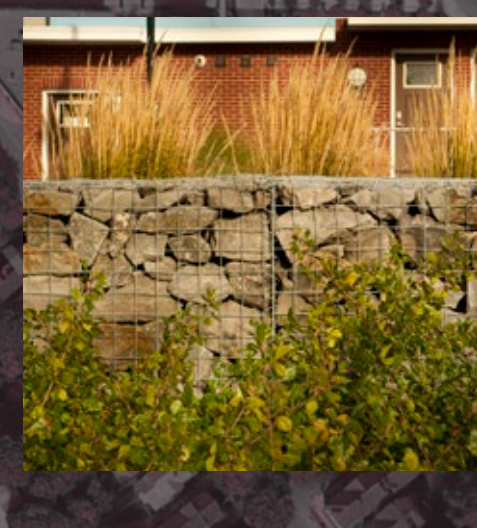
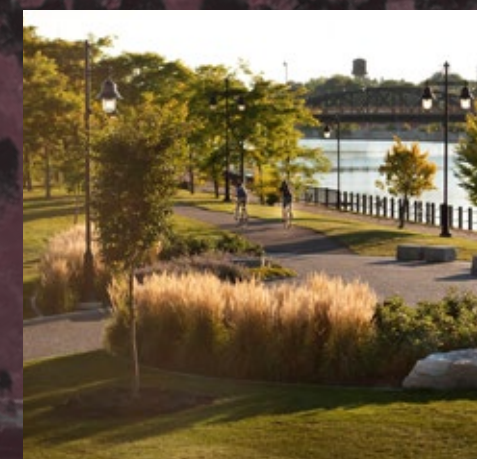
Advisory Committee Meeting #4





Project Site

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Project Site - Phase 1 Improvements (~2012)

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NORTH

Exchange Boulevard

Genesee River

Ford Street

151 Mount Hope Ave.

Mount Hope Avenue

Genesee Gateway Park (North)

Genesee Gateway Park (South)

Gregory Street

Hickory Street

Averill Ave

Hamilton Street

Alexander Street

Phase 2 Project Site

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2011 Master Plan (Phase 1)

- Phase 2 revisits plan
- Provides updated master plan
- Added public input
- Increased focus on river

“nobody knows it’s a park...”



Context

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Existing Park - South End

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Existing Park - Trail Corridor

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Existing Park - North End

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Input Opportunities

- 1 Phase 1 Master Plan** (2011)
Resulted in 2011 Master Plan
- 2 Community Forum** (3/29/17)
151 Mount Hope Ave community meeting with park input.
- 3 SWFM Event** (10/5/17)
South Wedge Farmers Market booth.
- 4 Public Intercept** (10/21/17)
Stations along riverfront (warm fall Saturday).
- 5 Online Surveys**
Survey #1 (Dec 2017 - Feb 2018, 229 responses)
Survey #2 (Apr - May 2018)
- 6 Hamilton Tenant Meeting** (3/7/18)
Tenant group meeting with Hamilton residents.
- 7 Public Meeting #1** TODAY!
Display of park design concepts.
- 8 Public Meeting #2** (TBD)
Upcoming public display of preliminary park design plans.

Project Advisory Committee

Department of Recreation and Youth Services

SE Neighborhood Service Center

SW Neighborhood Service Center

SW Neighborhood Service Center RPD

Hamilton Tenant Association

Conifer

South Wedge Farmers Market

Business Association South Wedge Area (BASWA)

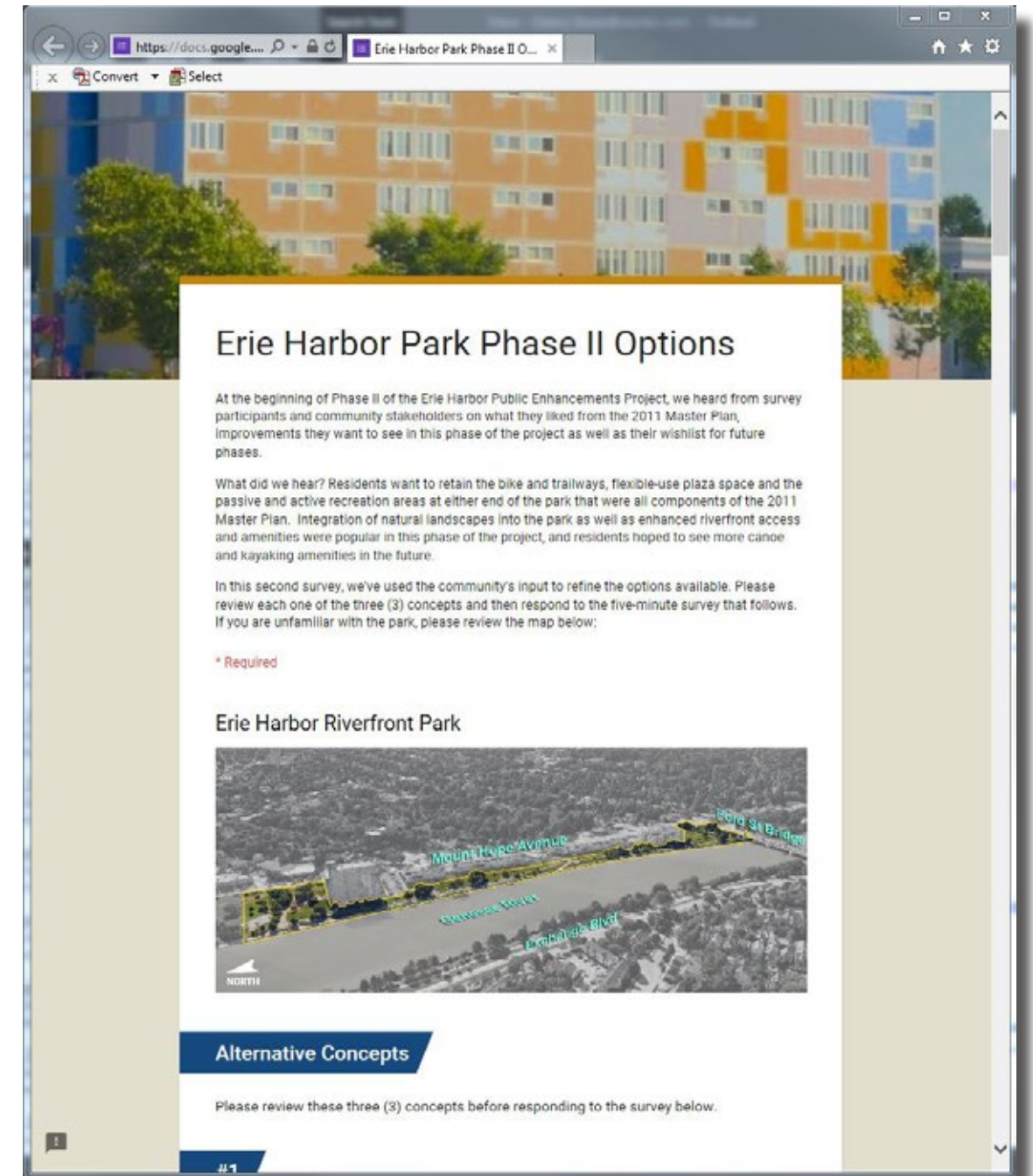
South Wedge Planning Committee (SWPC)

Survey #2

Link to survey at project website:

www.cityofrochester.gov/ErieHarbor2

- Links to each concept alternative plan.
- Download plans if desired.
- Quick, simple preference questions.
- Open ~3 weeks.



Compiled Desires / Program

Based on complete stakeholder input to-date

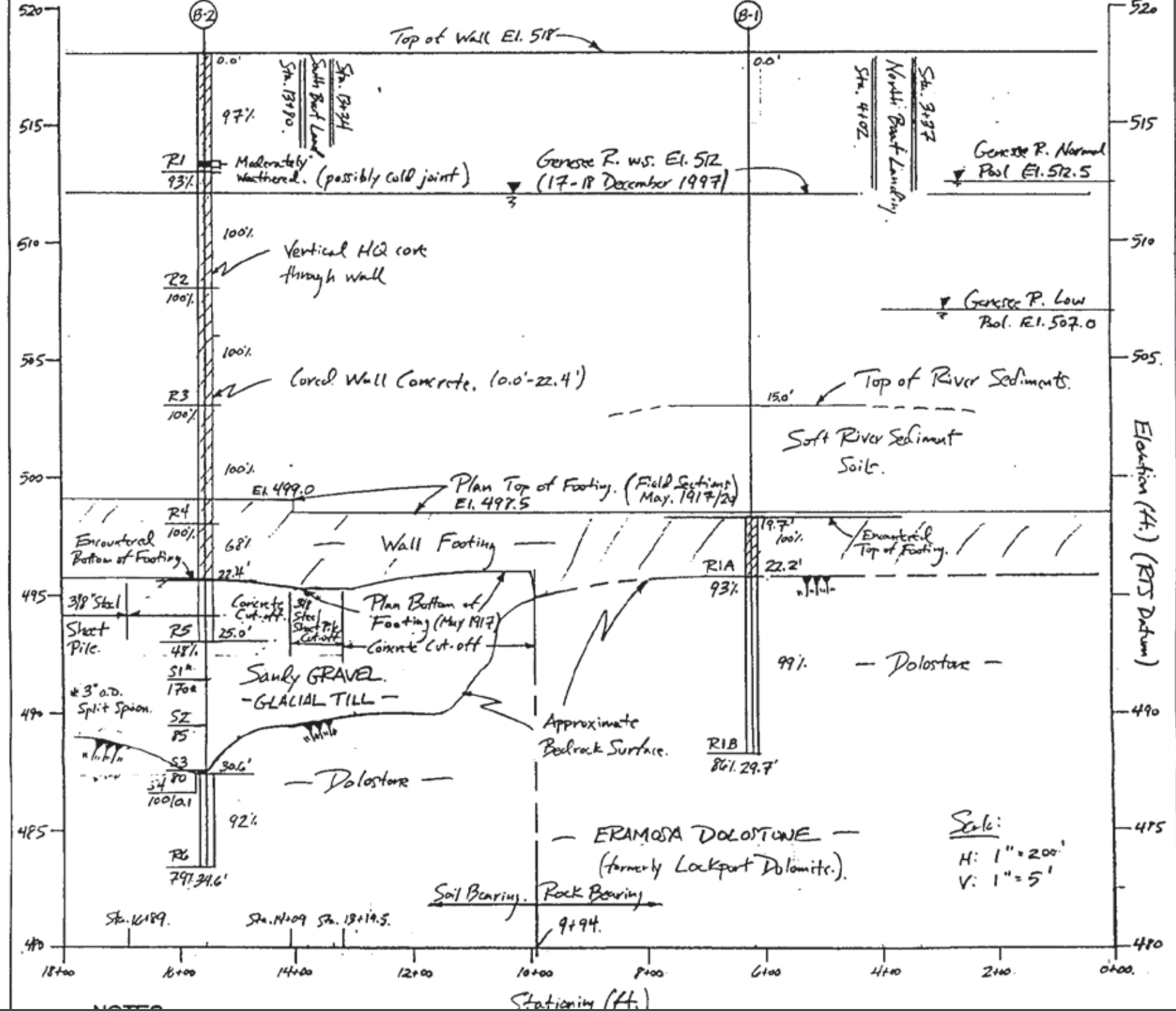
- **Kayak / Canoe Access** (TBD funding)
- Easy Access to the River
- **Basketball** Court
- More **Seating**
- Playground (more fun)
- Flexible Plaza (**Farmers Market**)
- Grills
- **Identity as a public park**
- New Lighting
- Fix What Exists
- Water Spray Feature
- More Varied / Some Limited Planting Areas
- Contained Pollinator / Habitat Garden Areas
- Open Lawns
- Small Performance Space
- **Maintain / Enhance Views**
- New Signage and **Wayfinding**
- **Basketball Court (great experience)**
- **Trail Safety Improvements**
- Continue Themes from Phase 1 (stone, plantings)



Finding Meaning & Creating Community Lore

1998 Soil Boring Test Report

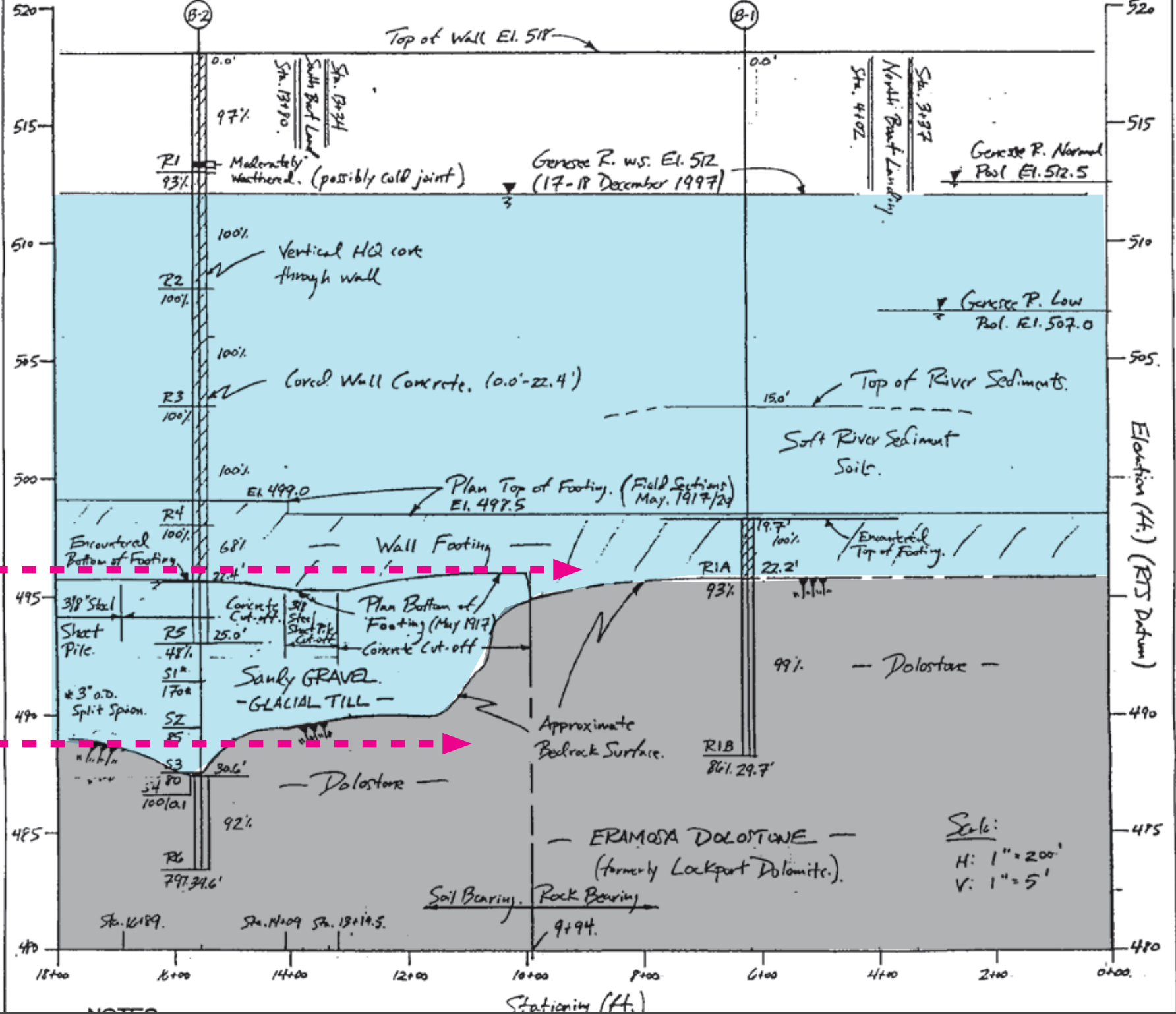
Page excerpt from
East River Wall project



Natural Condition of the River


6 ft cascade

Would it be visible without the Court Street dam?



A scenic view of the Erie River in Buffalo, New York. The river flows from the left towards the center. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a clear blue sky, featuring several skyscrapers and a prominent bridge with a curved arch. In the foreground, a paved walkway runs along the right side of the river, bordered by a dark metal railing. A row of trees with sparse, light-colored leaves lines the walkway, and a modern building with a blue and white facade is visible on the far right.

Use our understanding
of how we now see
the river...

An aerial photograph of a river with a rocky bank on the left. The water is a murky brown color with white foam from rapids. Green bushes and trees are visible on the bank and in the foreground. The text 'vs. what the river used to be...' is overlaid in white on the right side of the image.

vs. what
the river
used to
be...



to create
a park that
“reveals”
hidden natural
process...



by recycling & reclaiming the past



for unique
enjoyment by
our future.



Concept Plan Alternatives



SOUTH END PARK AREA

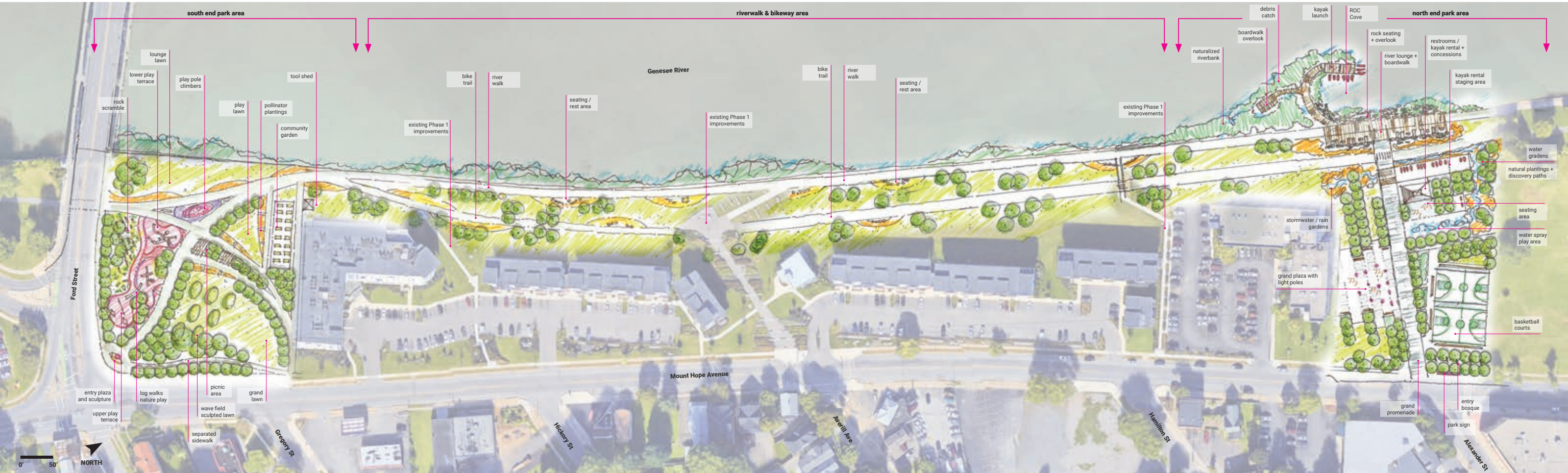
- Expansive play area
- Community garden
- Picnic area & seating
- Sculpted landscape berms
- Great lawn

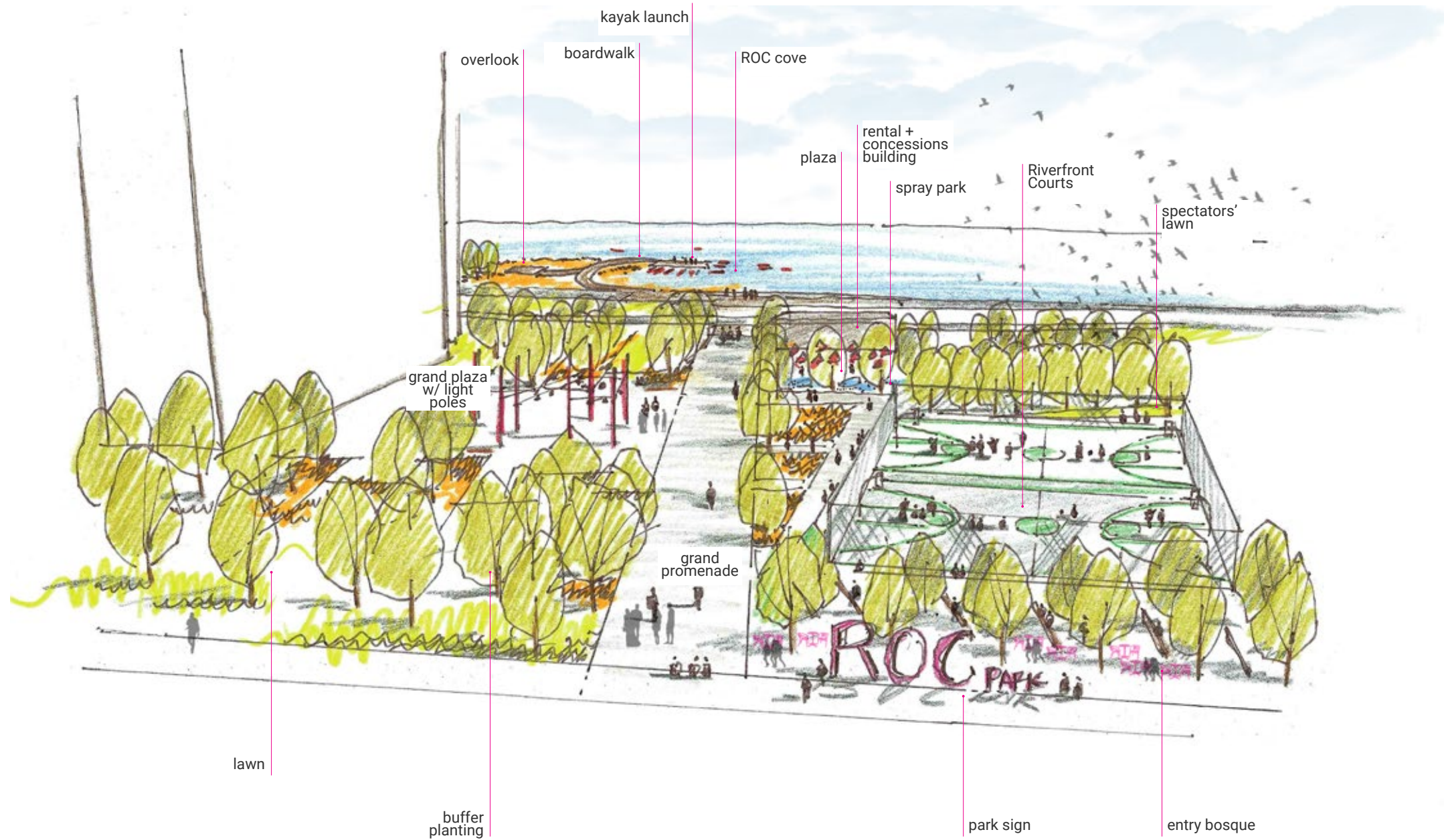
RIVERWALK & BIKEWAY AREA

- Bikeway improvements (safety, width, striping)
- Bikeway alignment adjustments
- Riverwalk pavement repairs
- New seating areas along bikeway & riverwalk
- Pockets of naturalistic plantings

NORTH END PARK AREA

- “Roc Cove” with boardwalk Kayak launch / boat dock
- Naturalized river bank areas
- Boardwalk lounge seating area
- Rain gardens & natural discovery paths
- Restrooms / kayak rental / concession building
- Water spray play area
- Basketball courts
- Market plaza



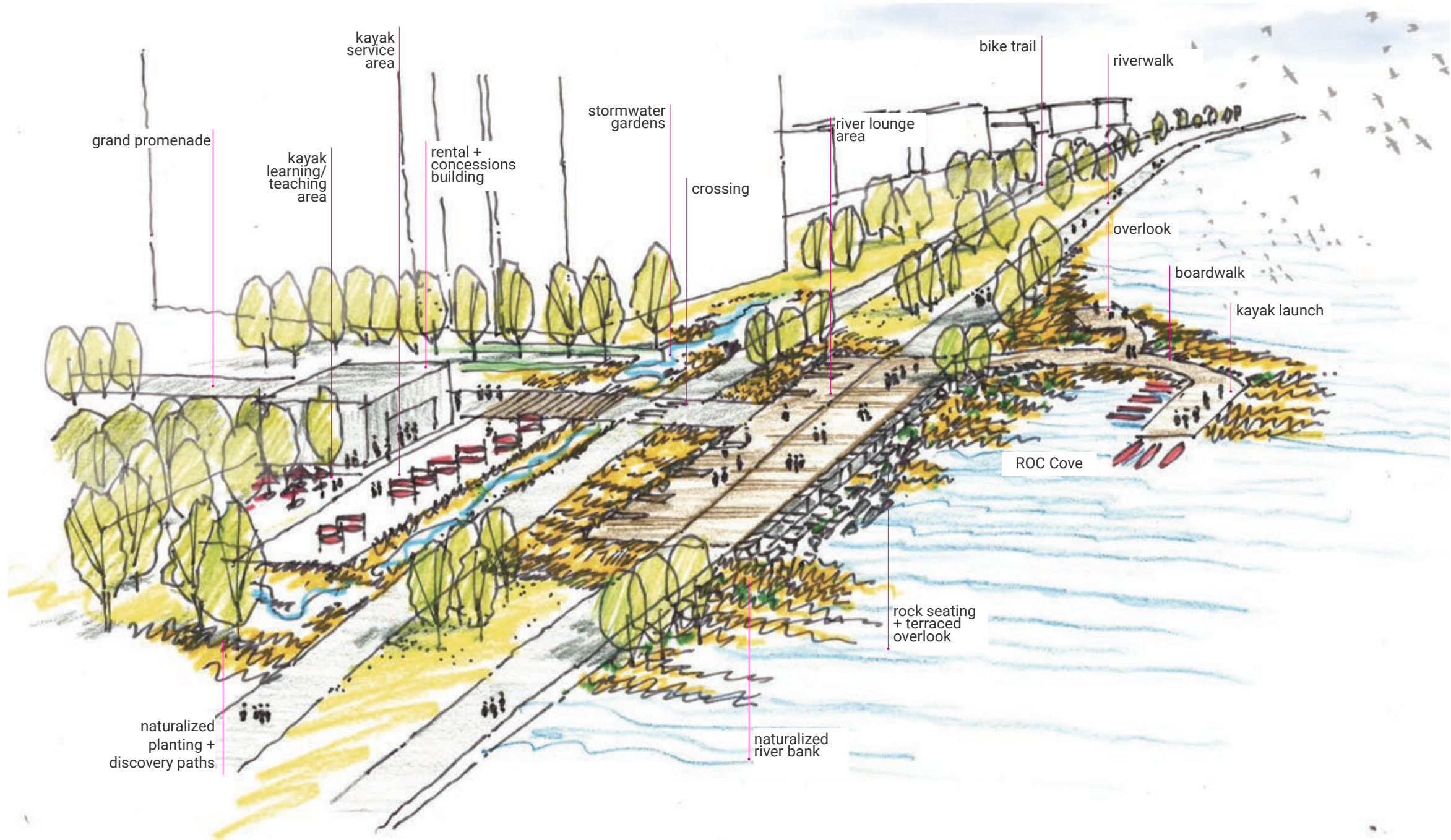


Birdseye view, Mount Hope Ave side - north end

Concept Plan Alternatives

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Concept 1



Birdseye view, river side - north end

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Concept 1

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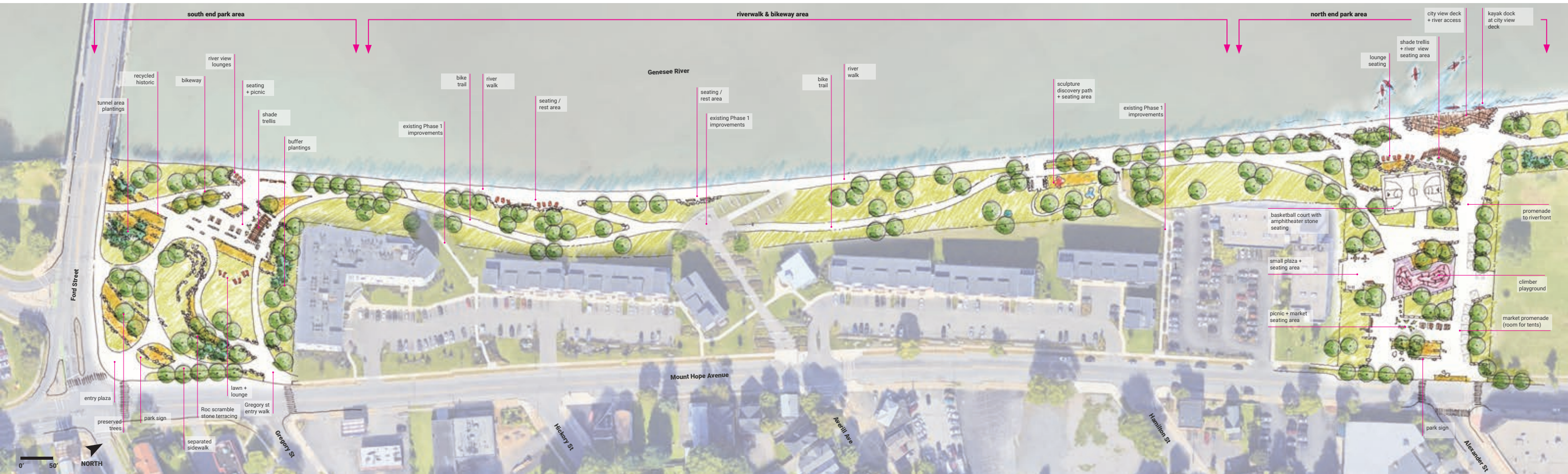
- Community picnic / block party area
- Shade trellis / small performance space
- Reclaimed historic stone rock scramble
- Naturalistic plantings / pollinator gardens
- Great lawn with lounge seating

RIVERWALK & BIKEWAY AREA

- Bikeway improvements (safety, width, striping)
- Bikeway alignment adjustments
- Riverwalk pavement repairs
- New seating areas along bikeway & riverwalk
- Sculpture discovery path + seating area

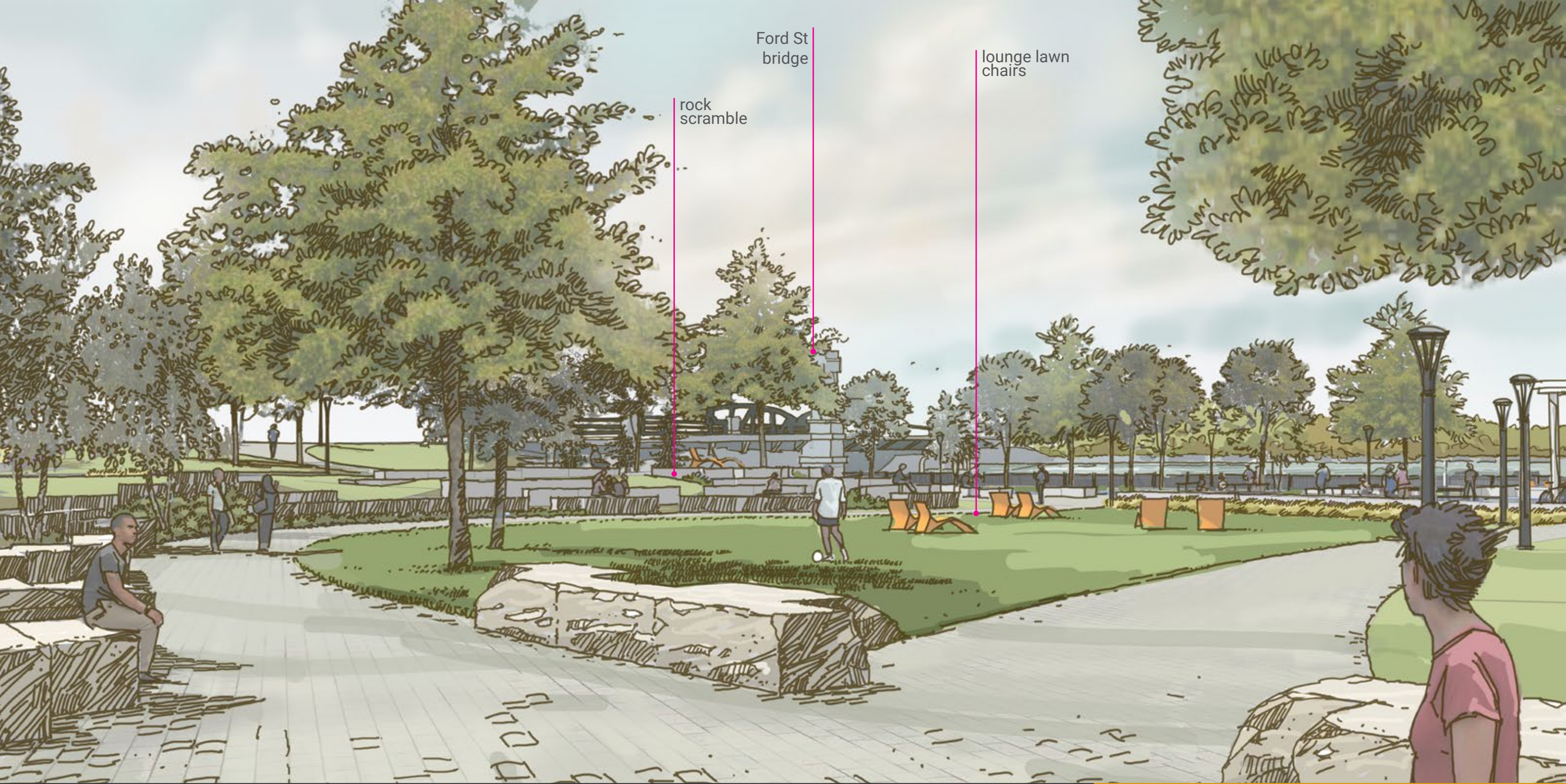
NORTH END PARK AREA

- “City view” deck at river edge
- Deck functions as kayak launch / boat dock
- Shade trellis and seating area
- River view lounge seating
- Adventure / climber playground
- Basketball court with seating
- Wide market promenade
- Park signage
- Picnic / market seating area





Birdseye view - south end



Ford St
bridge

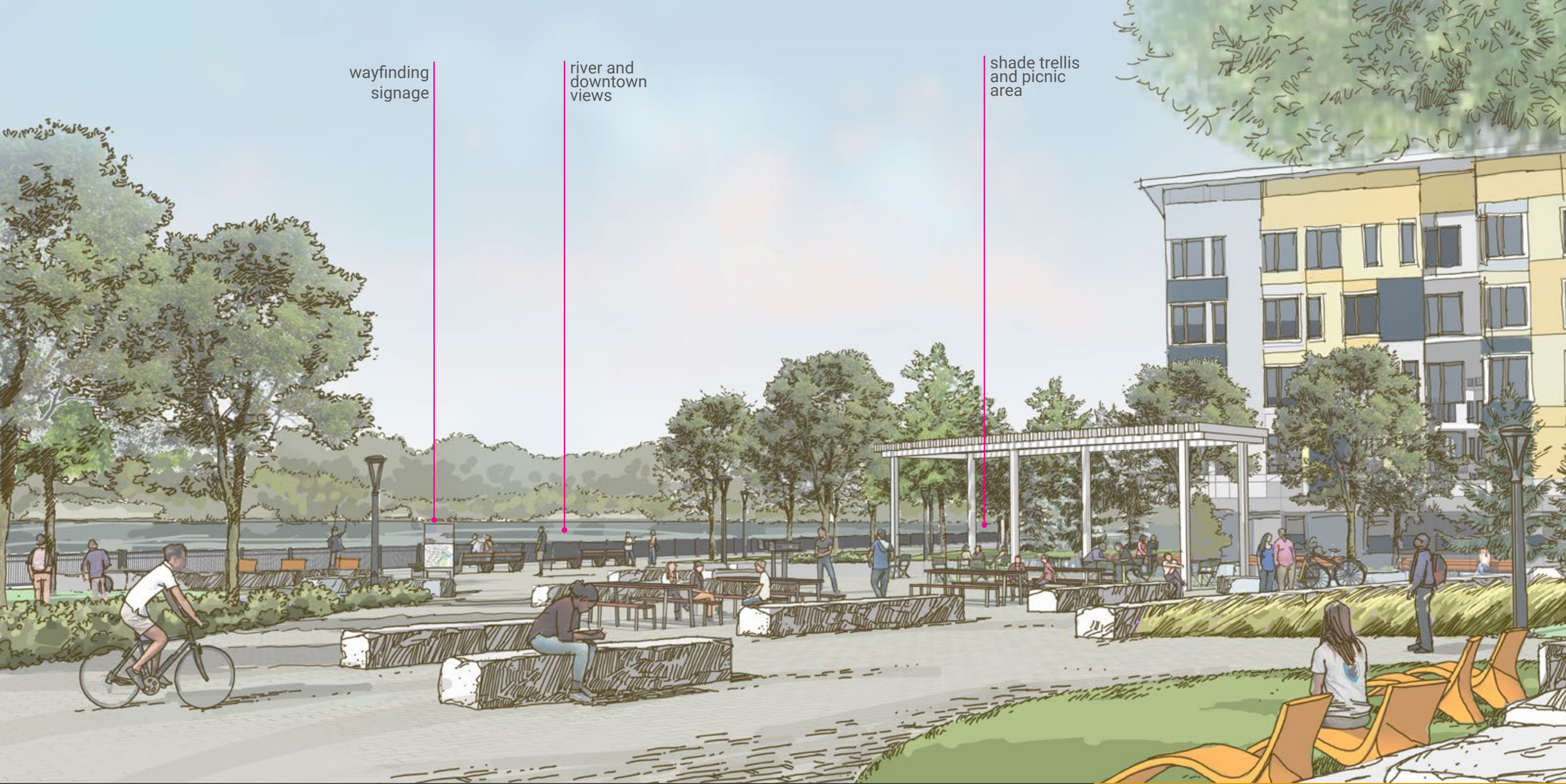
rock
scramble

lounge lawn
chairs

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Concept 2



wayfinding
signage

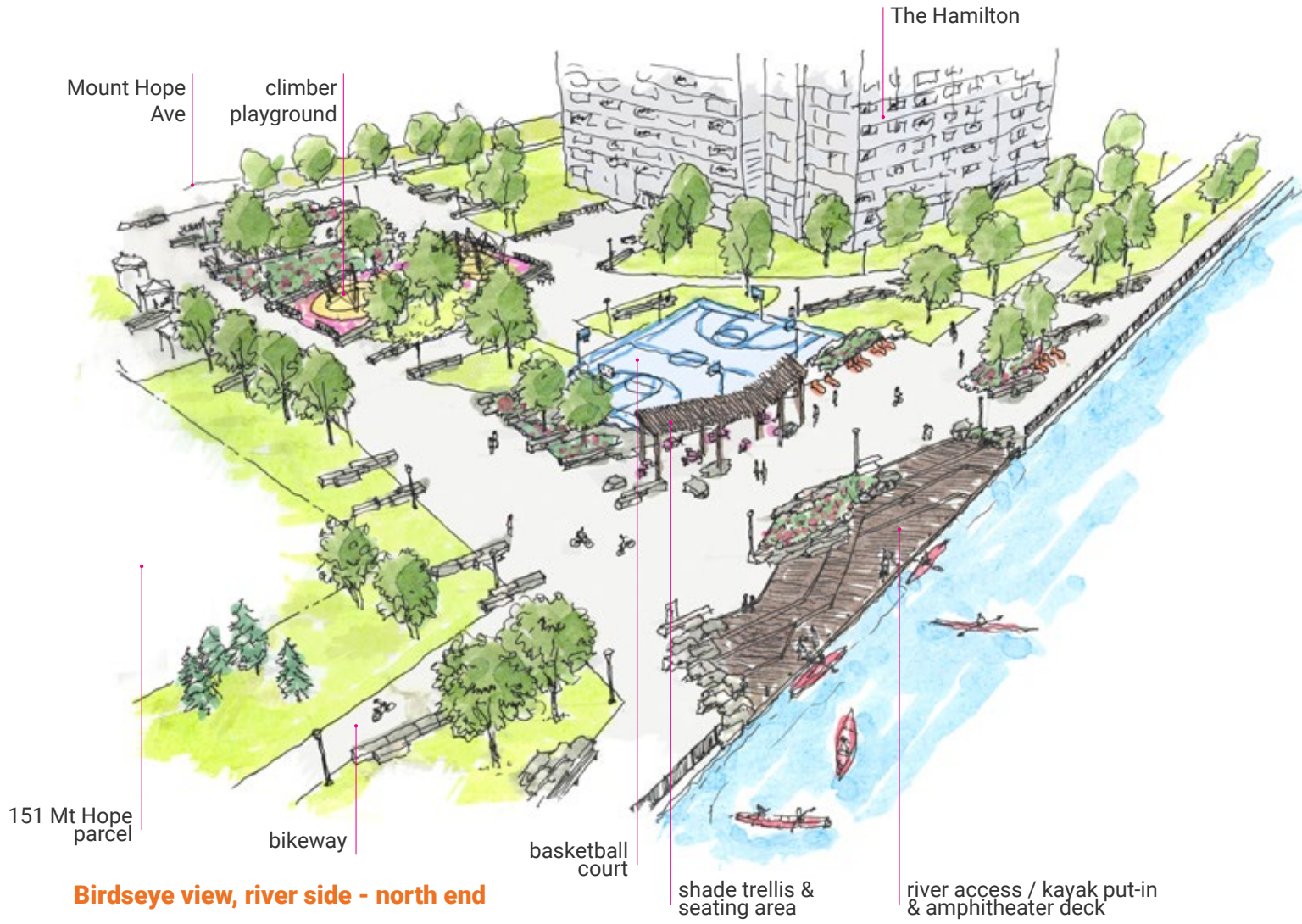
river and
downtown
views

shade trellis
and picnic
area

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adventure
playground

river view
promenade

market tents

shade trellis &
seating area

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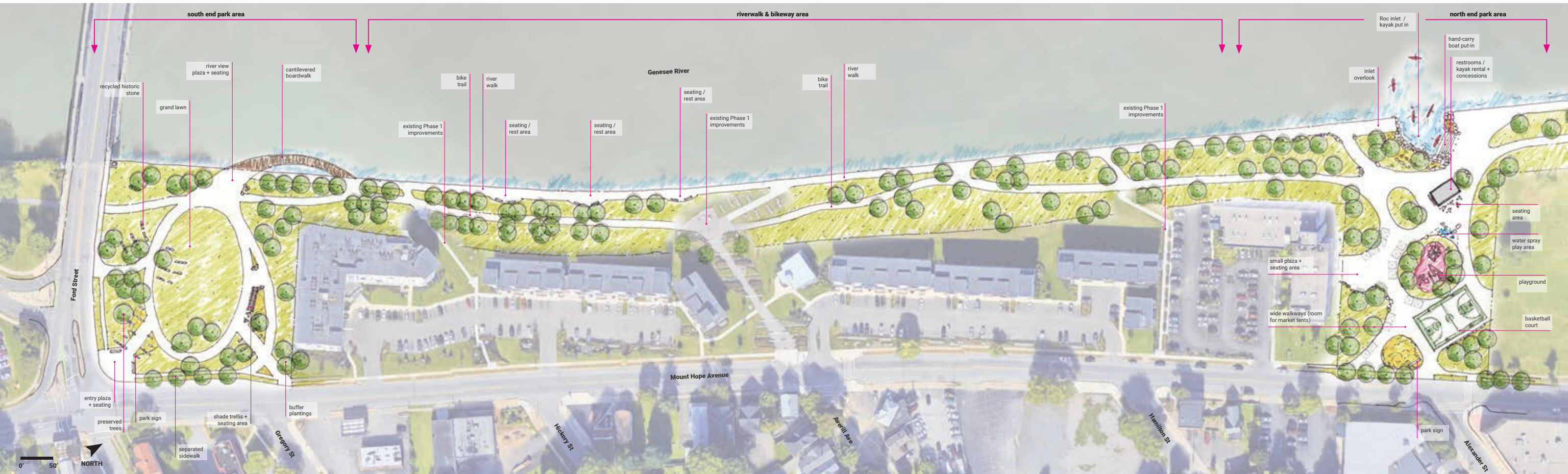
- Cantilevered boardwalk over river with views
- Shade trellis / small performance space
- Reclaimed historic stone accents
- Minimal plantings / pollinator gardens
- Large 'great lawn' area

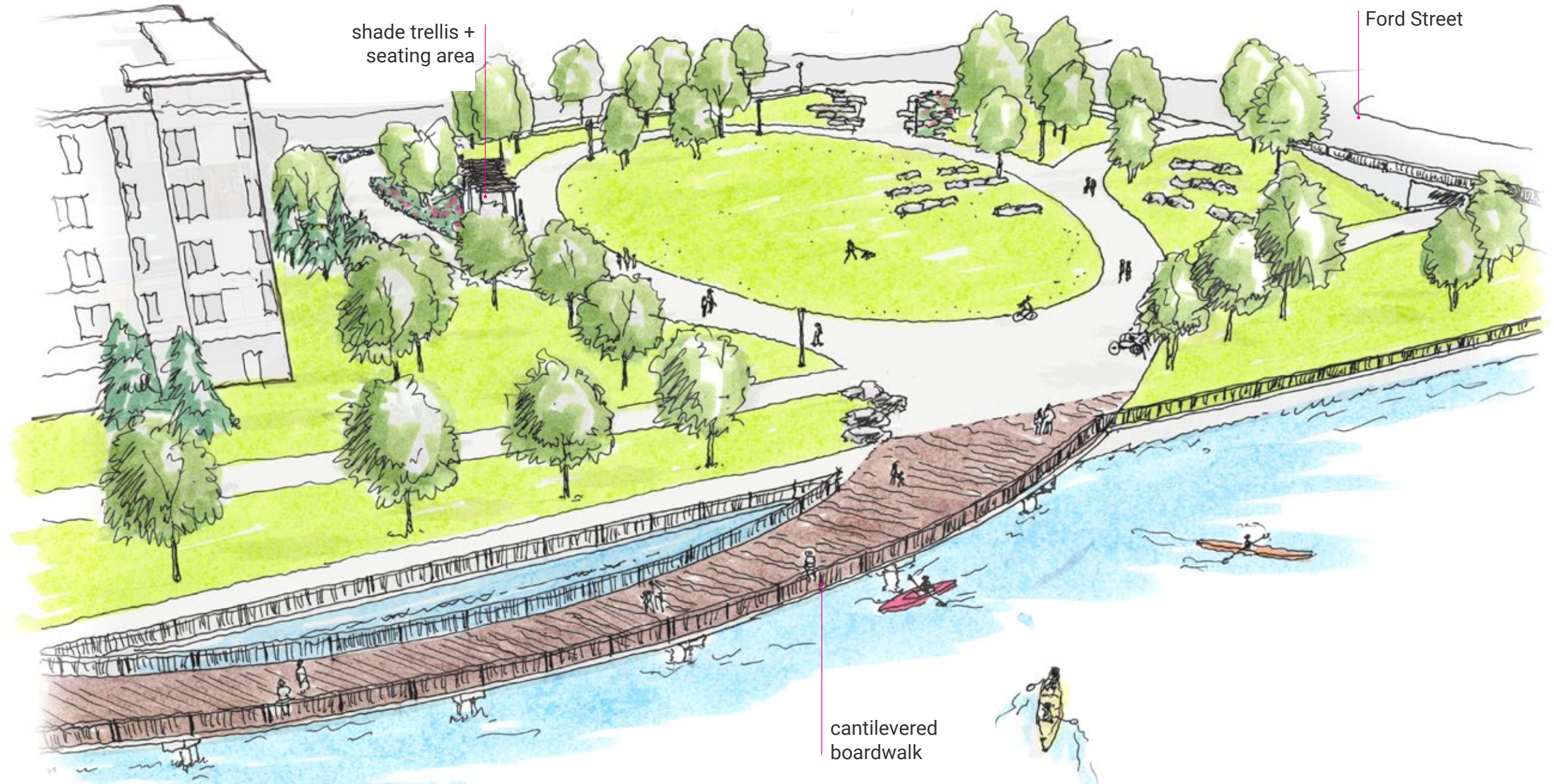
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- Bikeway improvements (safety, width, striping)
- Bikeway alignment adjustments
- Riverwalk pavement repairs
- New seating areas along bikeway & riverwalk

NORTH END PARK AREA

- "Roc inlet" kayak / river access area
- Restrooms / kayak rental / concessions building
- Inlet overlook boardwalk
- River view lounge seating
- Playground
- Basketball court with seating
- Wide paths for market use
- Park signage
- Limited plantings





Birdseye view, river side - south end



cantilevered boardwalk

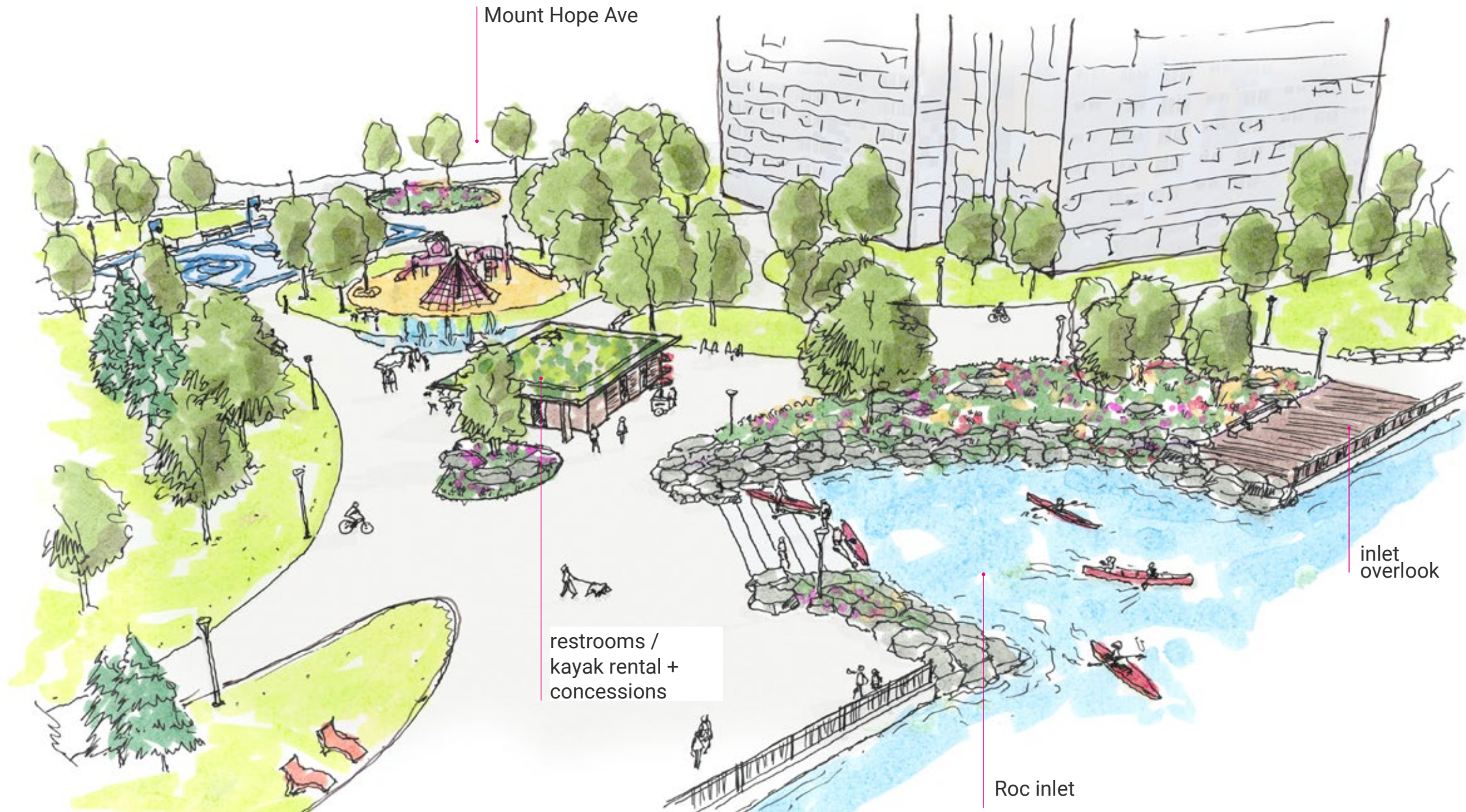
Erie Harbor apartments

shade trellis + seating area

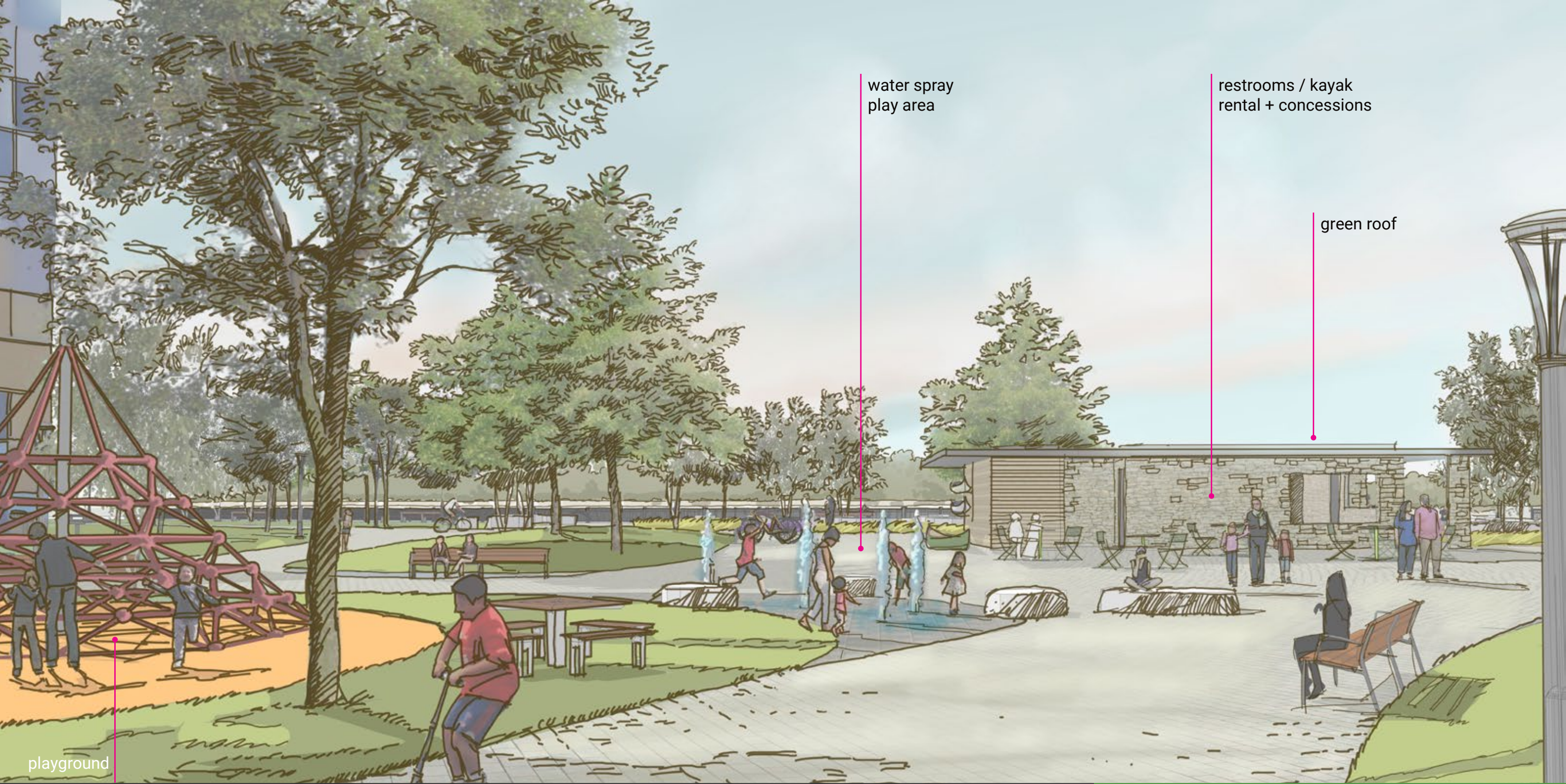
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Concept 3



Birdseye view, river side - north end

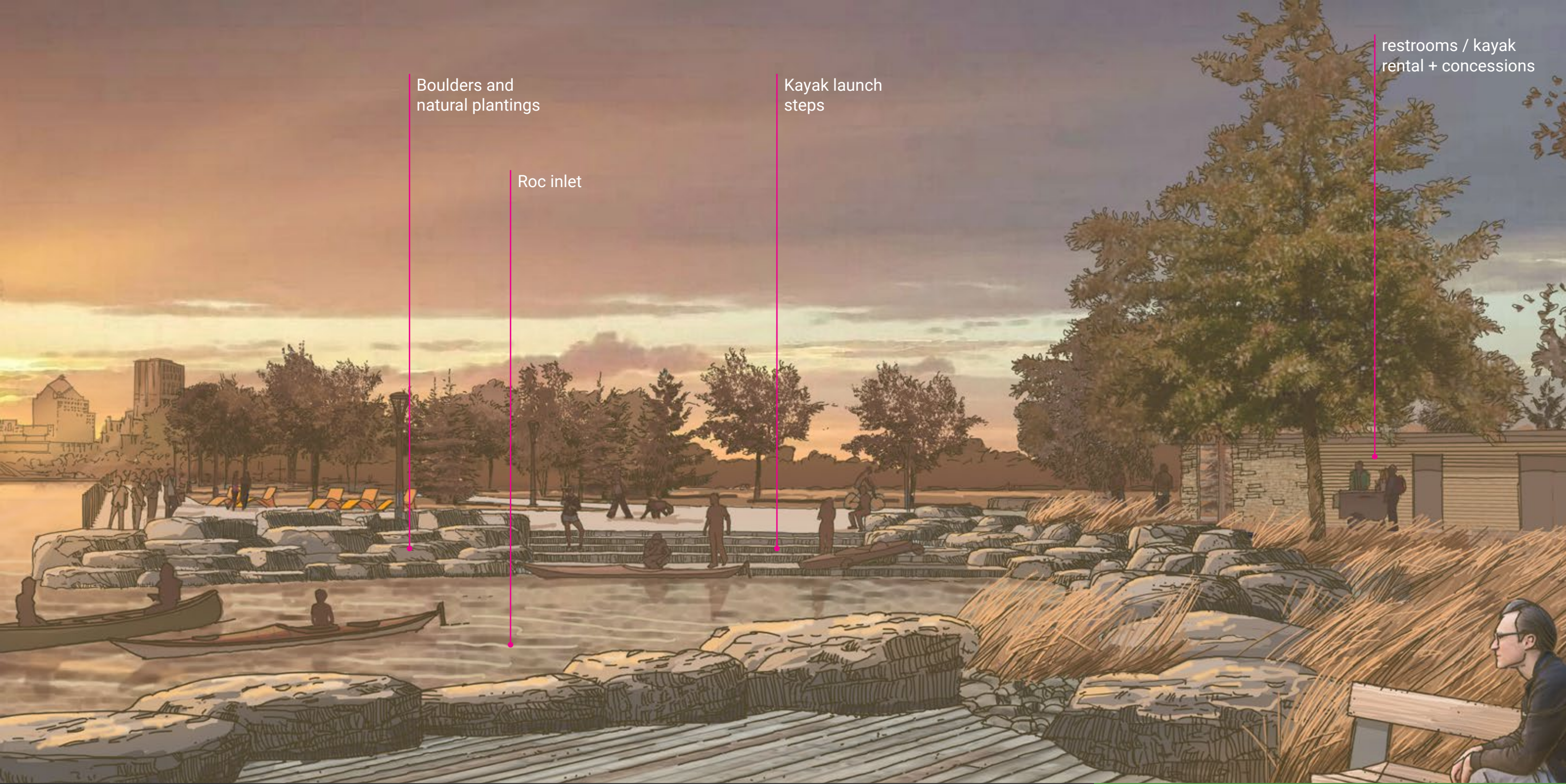


water spray
play area

restrooms / kayak
rental + concessions

green roof

playground



Boulders and natural plantings

Kayak launch steps

restrooms / kayak rental + concessions

Roc inlet

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Please provide feedback!

