

Shape the Future of Prospect Park

June 18, 2025, from
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.



Project Background

The City of Kitchener approved a city-wide Stormwater Master Plan in 2016.

75% of Kitchener has no stormwater management facilities – including neighbourhoods around Prospect Park.

Prospect Park is one of twelve locations identified for potential stormwater management retrofit opportunities.

With this project, we will make changes in Prospect Park to:



Protect and
improve water
quality



Respond to
community needs

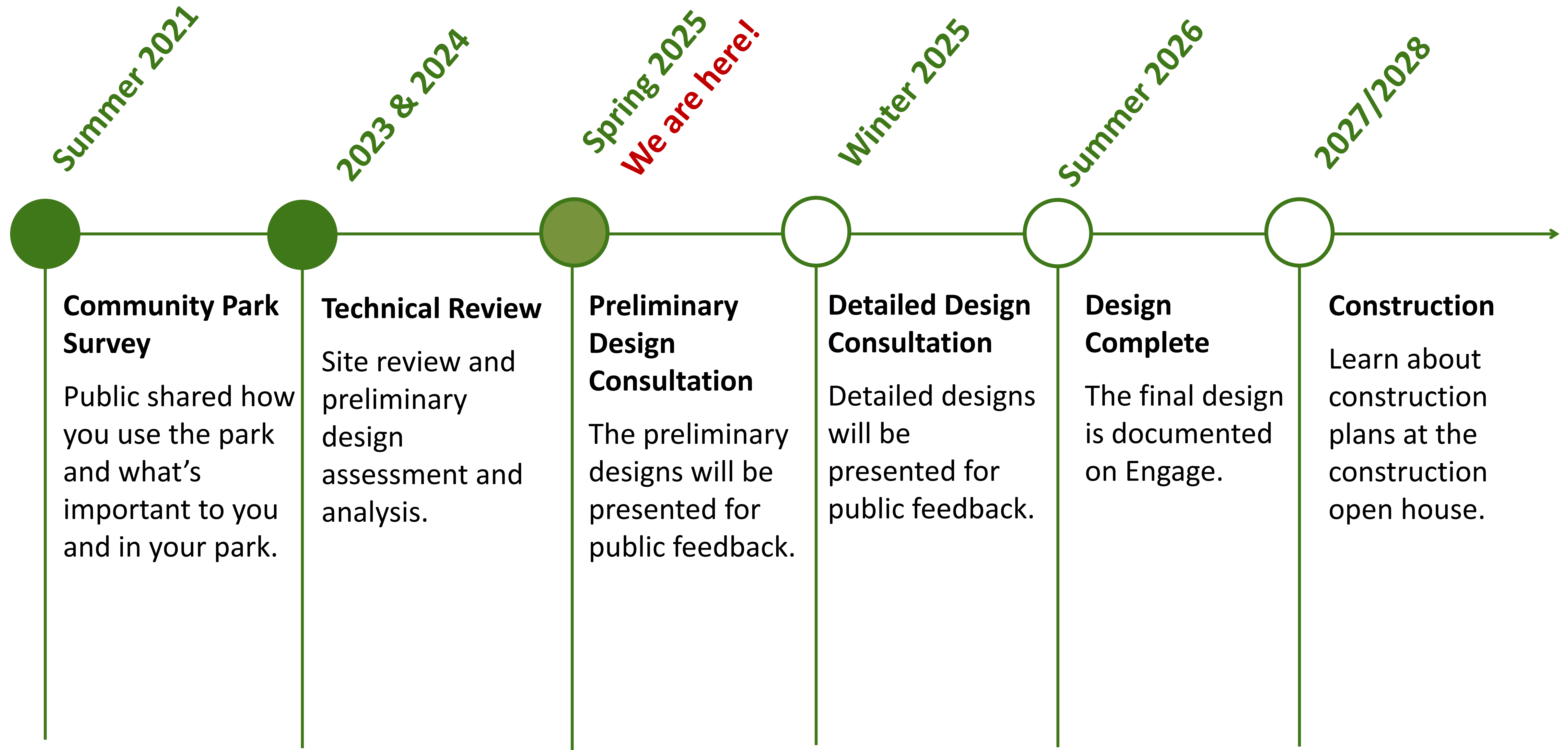


For more information about the City of Kitchener's partnership with the Government of Canada through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund, visit kitchener.ca/Stormwater

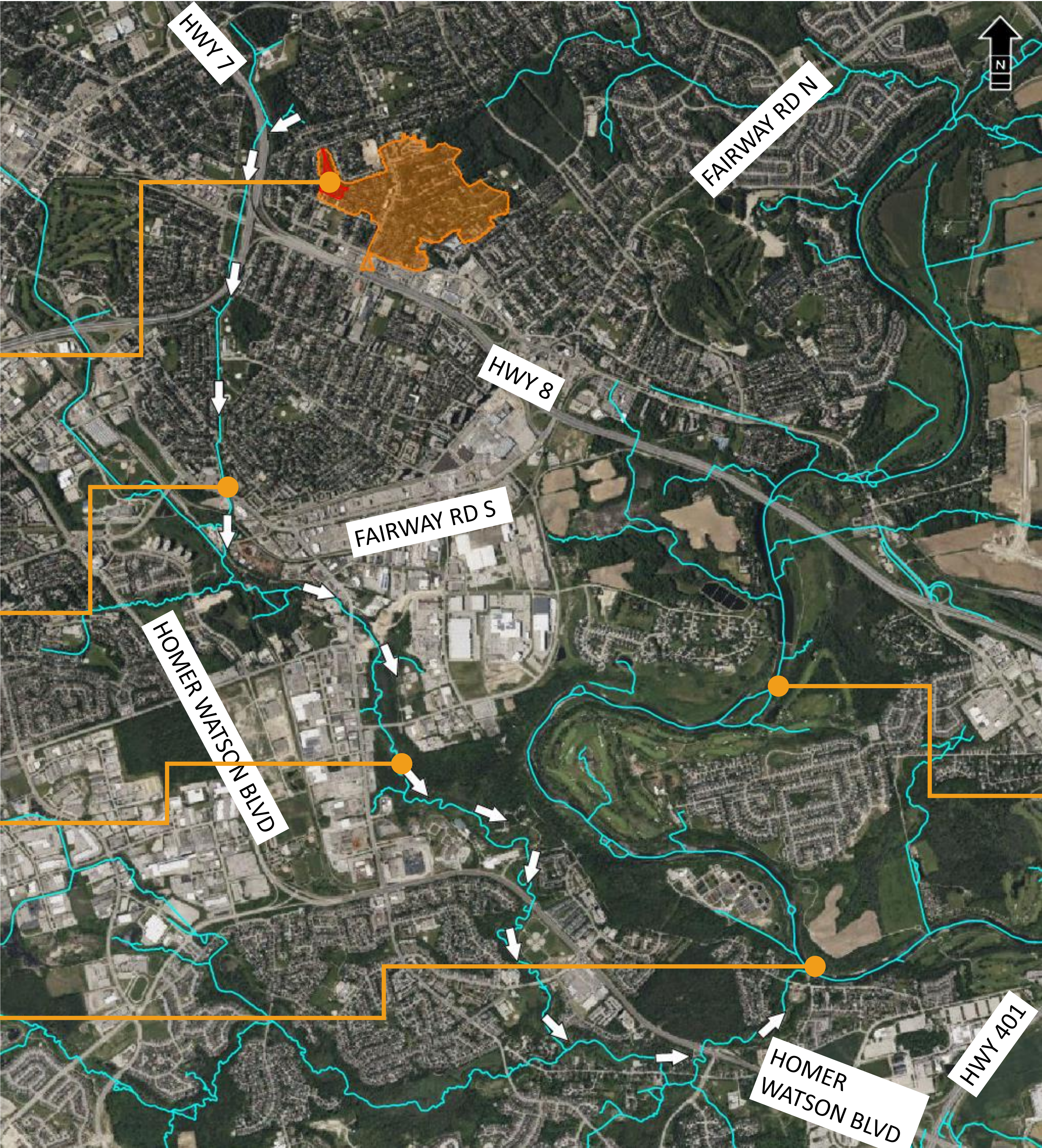
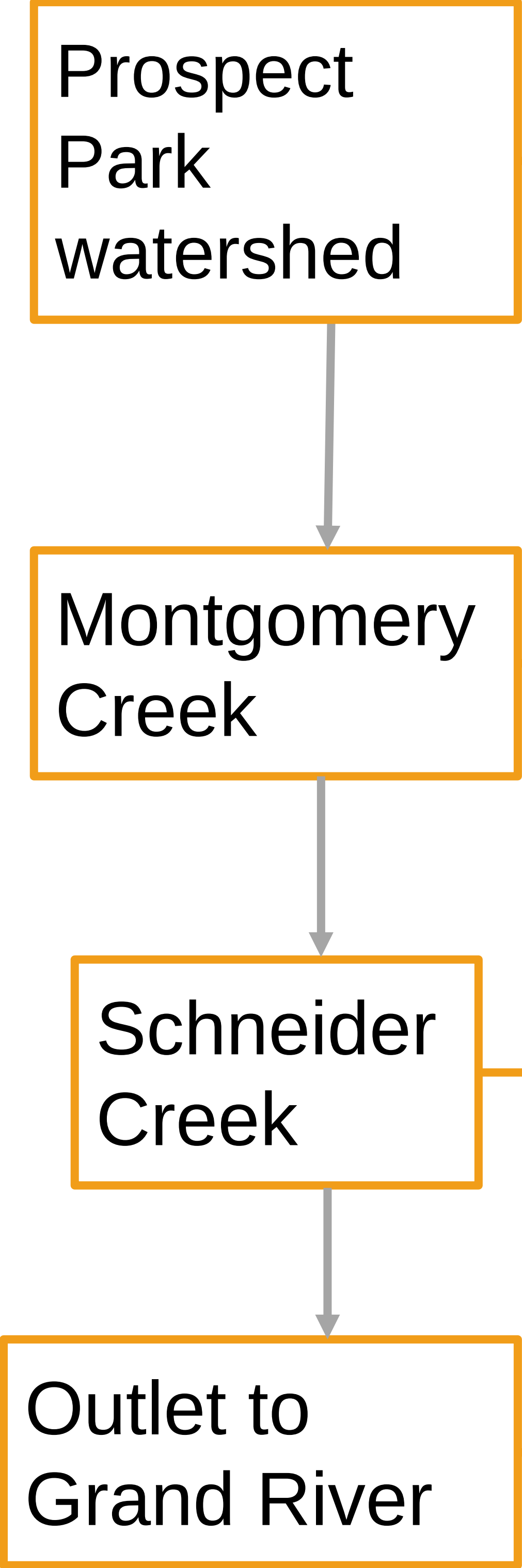
Locating Stormwater Infrastructure: Criteria from the Master Plan

Master Plan Criteria	Prospect Park
Space available > 1 hectare	Prospect Park is 1.8 hectares
Land is not privately owned	Prospect Park is owned by the City of Kitchener
Catchment area large enough	51.2 hectares drains to Prospect Park and doesn't currently receive water quality treatment
Site does not have significant treed areas or wetland	There is some wooded space and some open area at Prospect Park
Possible to meet water quality criteria (DMAF Funding Criteria)	A facility at Prospect Park could remove 70% of suspended solids in the runoff over the long term

Timeline



Where does our stormwater go?

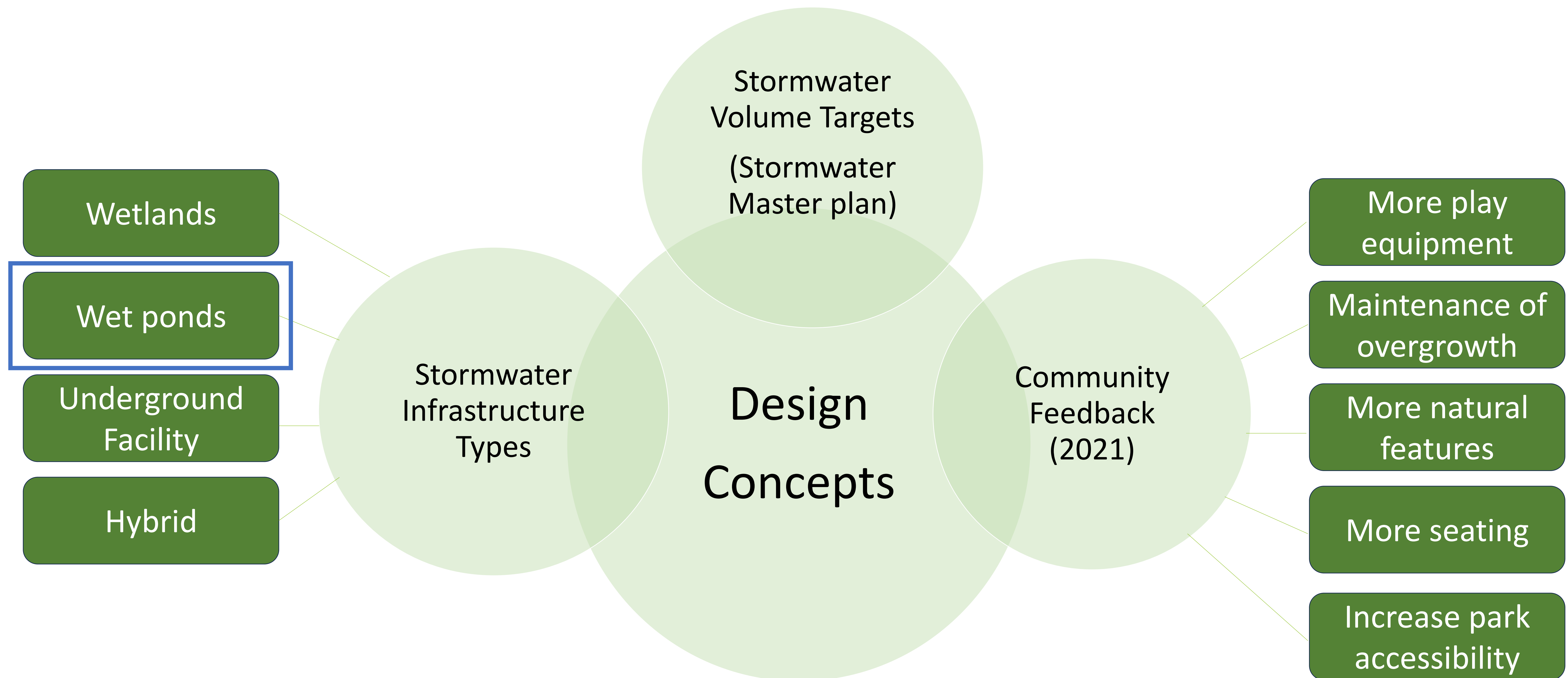


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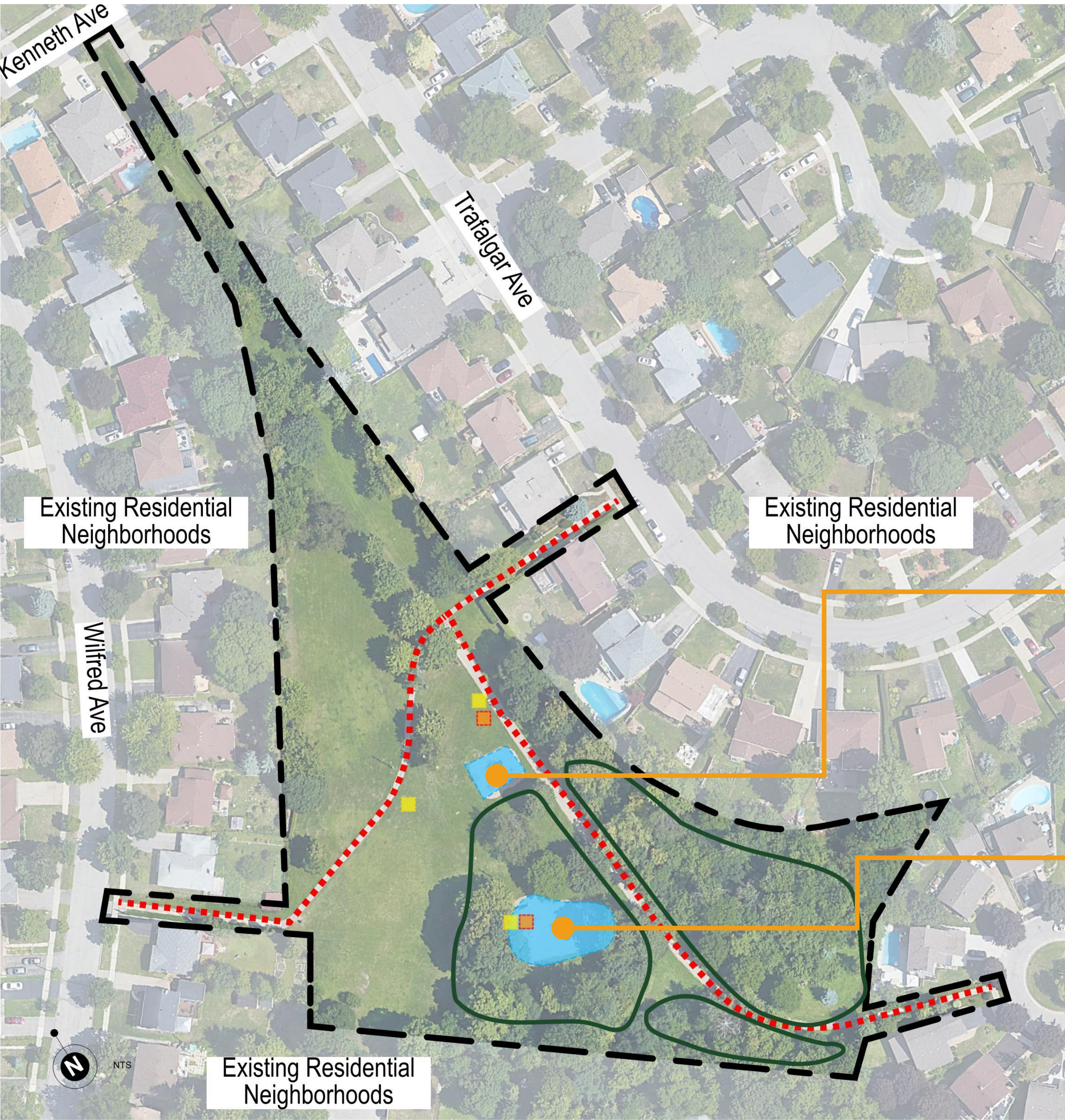
Prospect Park Drainage Area



Design Development Process



Prospect Park Existing Removals



LEGEND

- Existing pathways to be removed and upgraded
- Existing playgrounds to be removed to accommodate new stormwater management pond
- Existing hydro amenities to be removed (Concept 1)
- Existing hydro amenities to be removed (Concept 2)
- Existing Trees to be removed



Design Constraints within Prospect Park

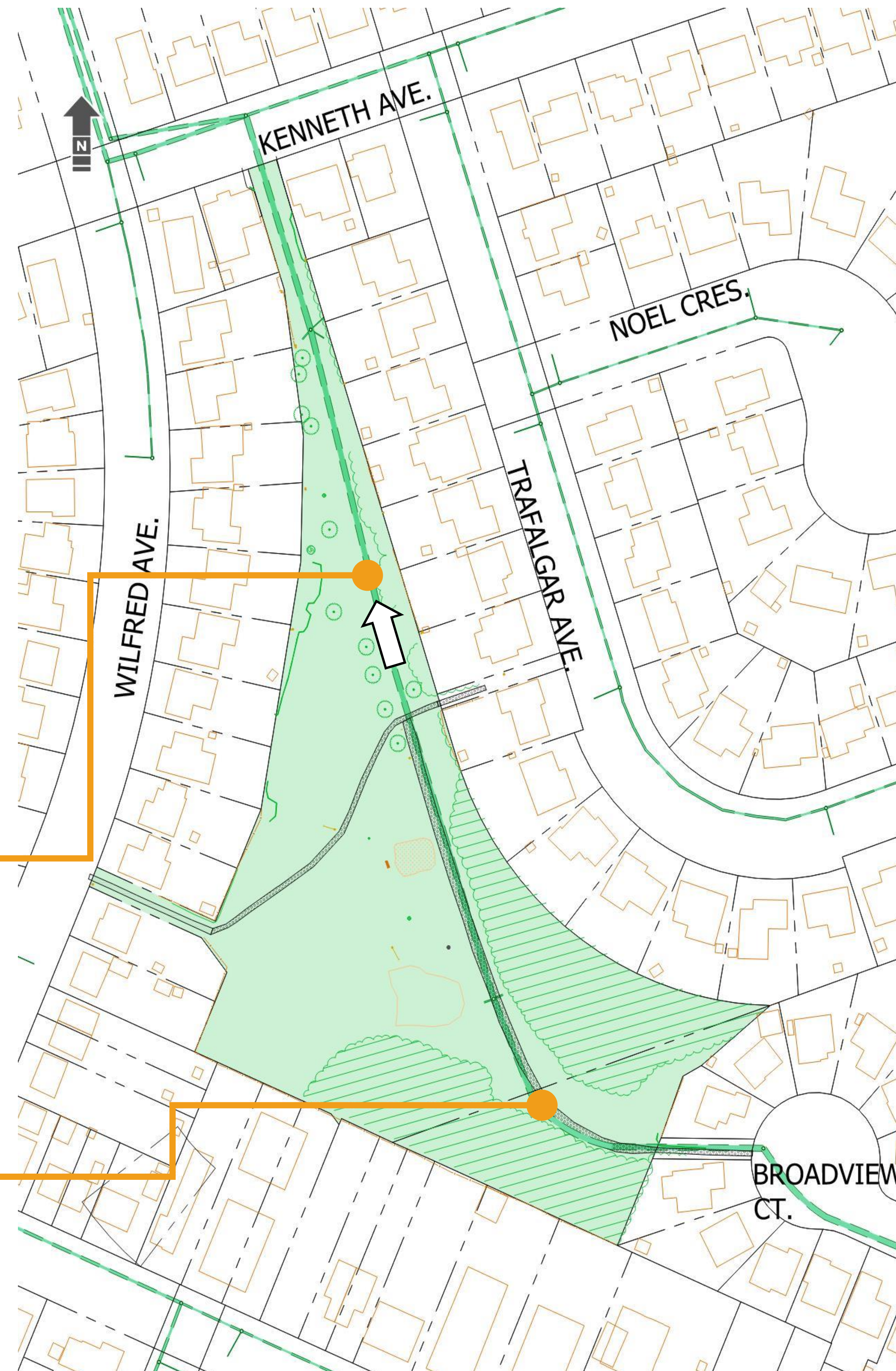
Technical studies undertaken in 2023 informed the following constraints for the stormwater designs:

- Park elevations range by up to 3.5 metres
- Shallow groundwater 1.5m below ground surface
- A 1350 mm diameter storm sewer runs through the park from the Broadview Court access to the Kenneth Avenue access

These factors constrain what stormwater options are available.

Storm sewer continues through the park to Kenneth Avenue

Storm sewer located under trail





LEGEND

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|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| ① Sr. playground | ⑤ Active node | ★ Park entry |
| ② Jr. Playground | ⑥ Retaining wall | ● Ex. trees to preserve |
| ③ Sports Court | ⑦ Individual seating | ○ Ex. trees to remove |
| ④ Open lawn area/
gathering space | ⑧ Naturalized landscape
surrounding pond | ● Proposed trees |

Prospect Park CONCEPT ONE - ACTIVE & PLAY



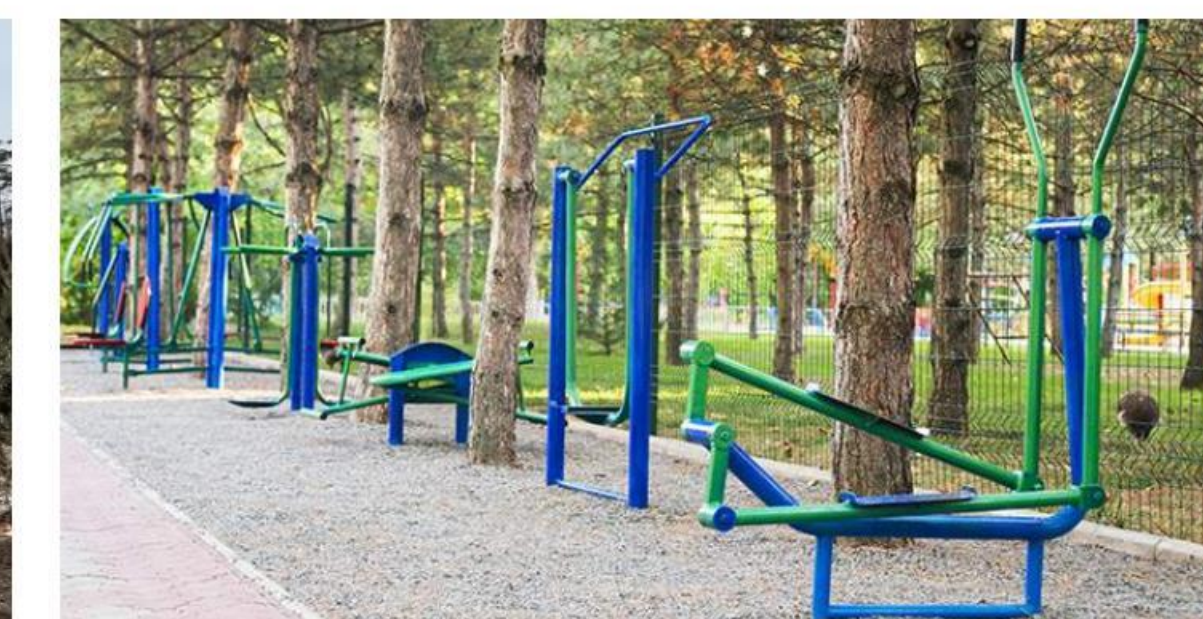
① ② Jr. and Sr. Playground



③ Sports Courts



④ Sodded active / gathering space

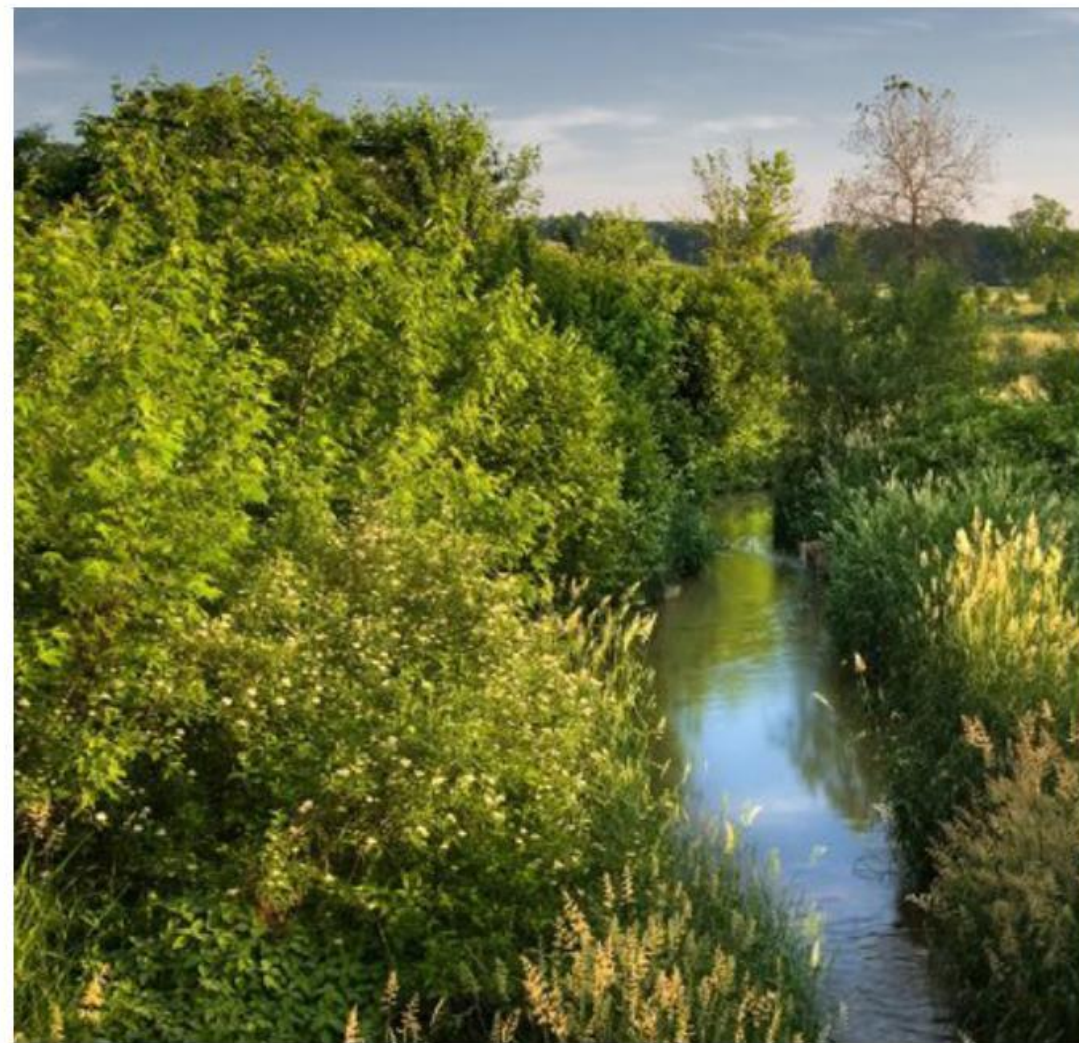


⑤ Active Node

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Active Areas

Naturalized Riparian Area



Sr. & Jr. Playground

Connected Accessible Trail Network



Sports Courts

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Prospect Park

CONCEPT TWO - PASSIVE & NATURE CONNECTION



1 Main Gathering Node / Amphitheater



2 Passive Node



3 Picnic Space



4 Sodded Active/Gathering Space

5 Naturalized pollinator area

LEGEND

- 1 Main Gathering Node / Amphitheatre
- 2 Passive node
- 3 Picnic Space
- 4 Open lawn area / Gathering space

- 5 Naturalized pollinator area
- 6 Naturalized landscape surrounding pond
- 7 Retaining Wall
- 8 Individual Seating

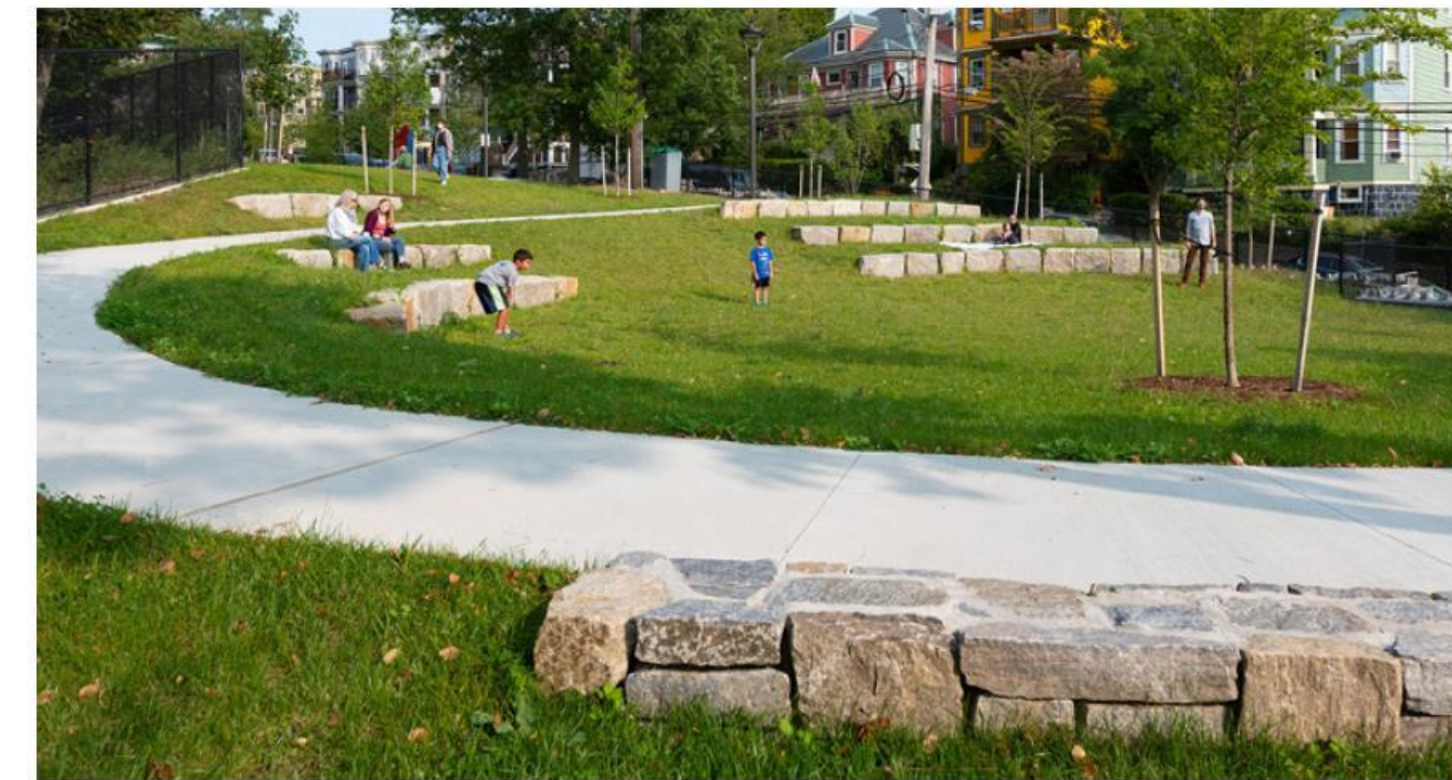
- Yellow star: Park entry
- Green circle: Ex. trees to preserve
- Red circle: Ex. trees to remove
- Green circle: Proposed trees

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Retaining wall



Picnic Area



Individual Seating



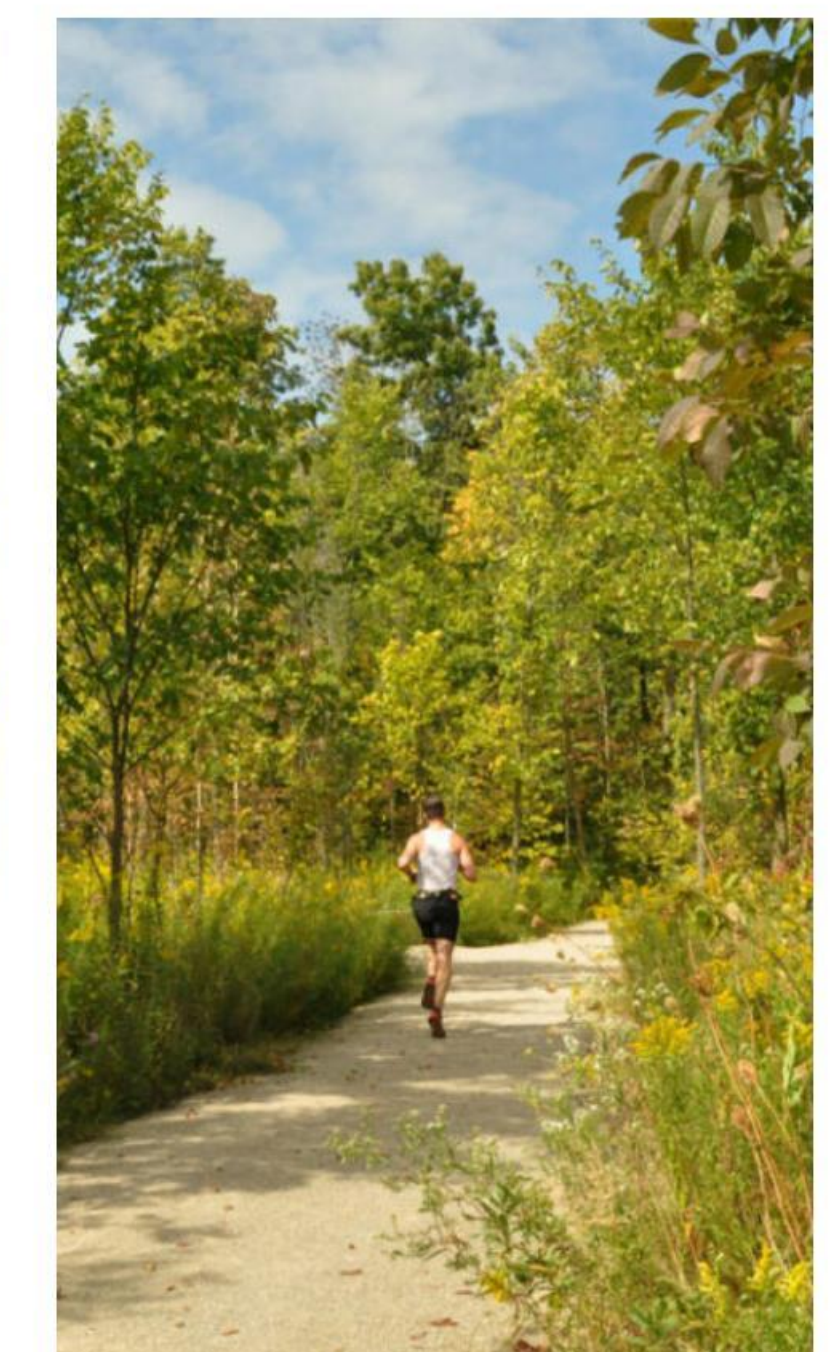
Naturalized Pollinator Plantings



Main Gathering Node / Amphitheater



Connected Trail Network

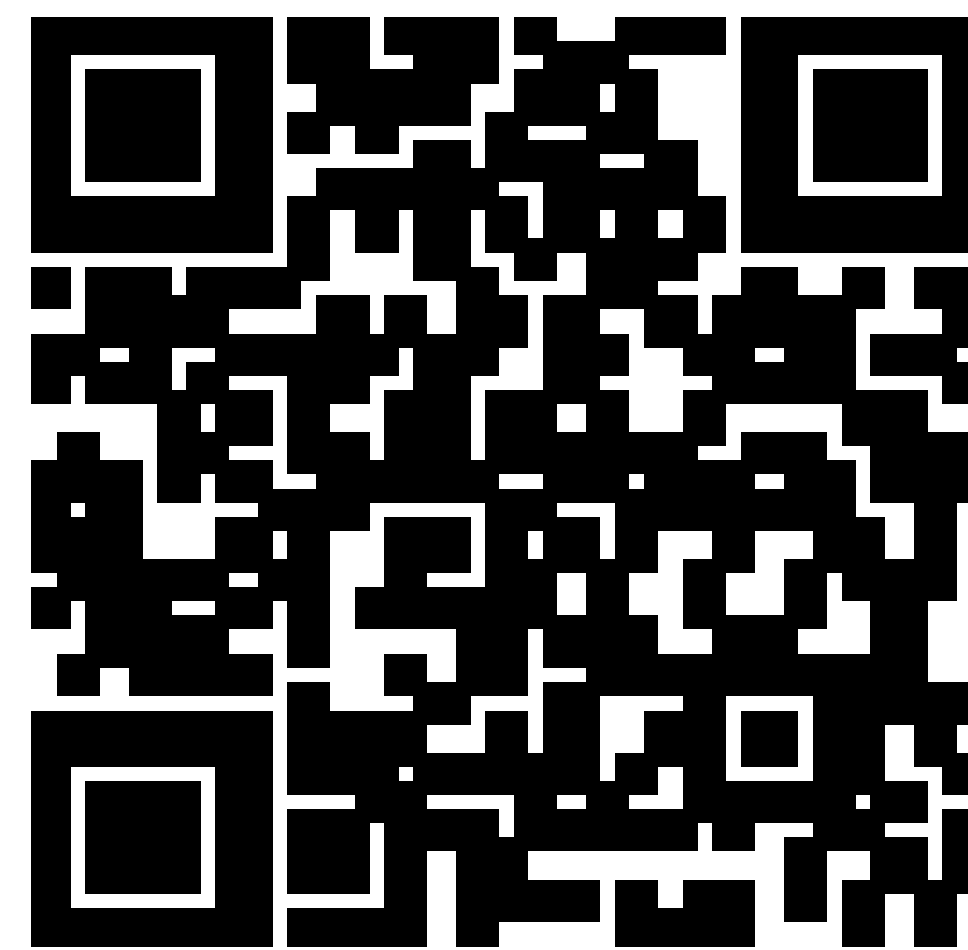


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Thank You

Have more ideas? We want to hear from you!

Share your feedback either here tonight in person or through the Virtual Open House until July 2, 2025, at engagewr.ca/prospectpark



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