

KETRINGTON-GALLUP PARK
MASTER PLAN

Ketrington-Gallup Park
Preliminary Master Plan

June 2024

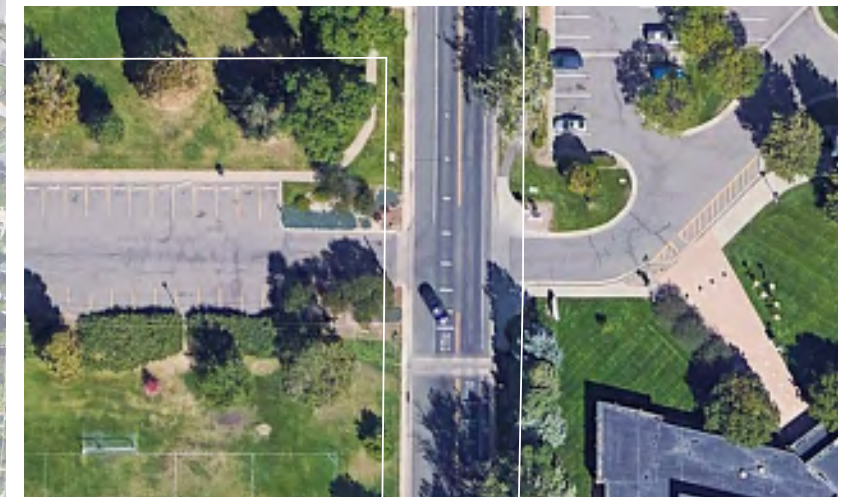


Introduction

Ketring Park, Gallup Gardens, and Gallup Park comprise approximately 55.5 acres collectively around Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum, about a mile southeast of Historic Downtown Littleton. These parks feature passive and active spaces, Ketring Lake (also known as Gallup Reservoir), a mature tree canopy, rich vistas, public artworks, pedestrian trails, and multiple parking areas.

The City of Littleton, in partnership with South Suburban Parks and Recreation, identified the need for an overarching master plan of all three parks, which will serve as a guiding document in realizing a more comprehensive vision that celebrates and fosters the cultural amenities of the site.

This Preliminary Master Plan was developed based on feedback gathered during Survey #3, which presented two different conceptual alternatives for the design of Ketring-Gallup Park. The Preliminary Master Plan was presented to the Littleton City Council and SSPRD Board in March and is now available for public review and comment.



Master Plan Goals

At the outset of this planning effort, the following objectives were formulated in conjunction with the City of Littleton, South Suburban Parks & Recreation, and Littleton Museum and Bemis Library leadership.



Unify the parks & promote their identity as Littleton's cultural core.



Increase accessibility to the park for the community as a whole.



Facilitate partnerships between project stakeholders that continue beyond this planning effort.



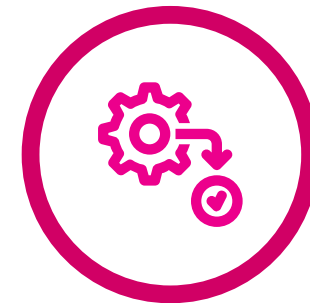
Consider the security implications.



Address equity areas and needs.



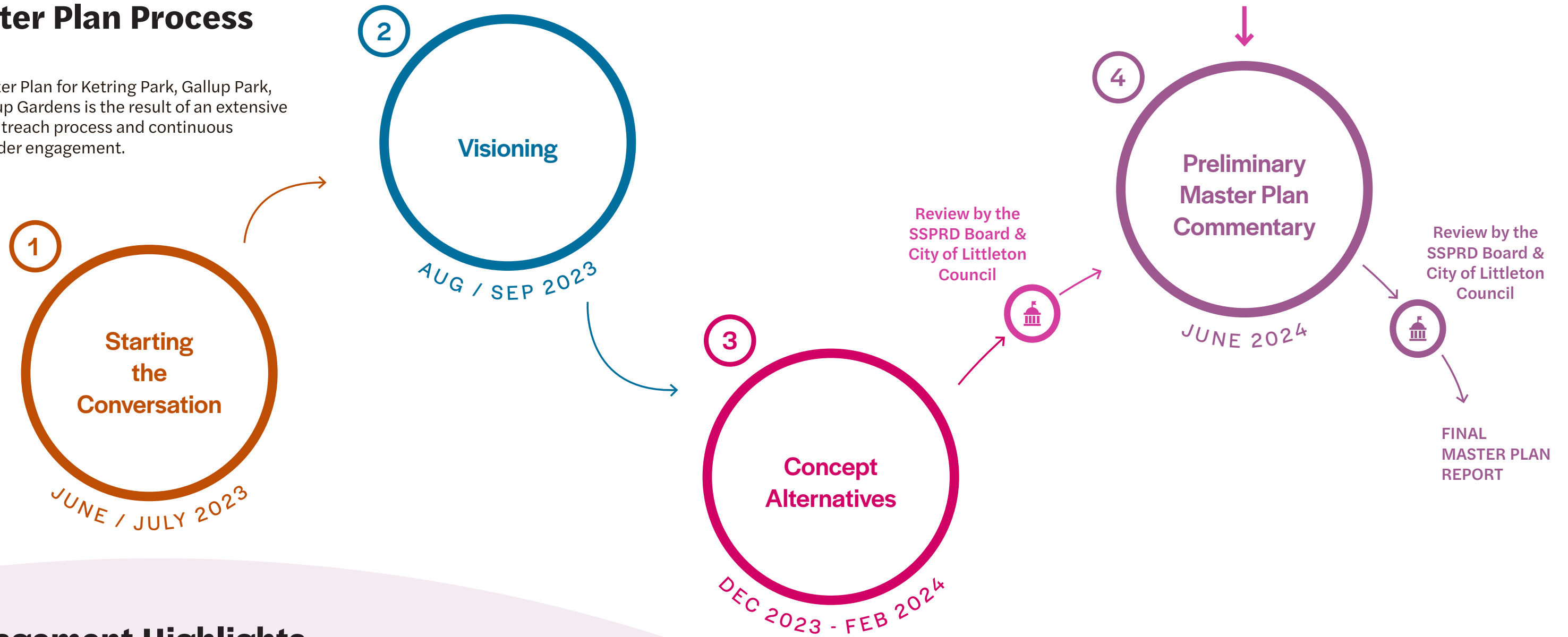
Utilize this opportunity to provide or incorporate program or park elements that may not exist nearby.



End with a solid implementation strategy.

Master Plan Process

The Master Plan for Ketrington Park, Gallup Park, and Gallup Gardens is the result of an extensive public outreach process and continuous stakeholder engagement.



Engagement Highlights

- **3 online surveys** with a total of 1,014 respondents
- **8 small group meetings**
- **4 large community events**
- **2 door-to-door canvassing efforts**
- **1 interactive park installation**
- **3 stakeholder meetings**
- **9 public newsletter publications**
- **3 social media campaigns** with a combined reach of over 7,000 viewers



Phase 1

Starting the Conversation

JUNE / JULY 2023

Survey #1:
564 responses

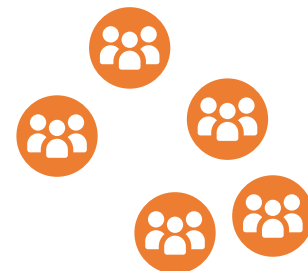


Objectives:

- Build trust and relationships with the community and project stakeholders.
- Raise awareness of the Ketrington-Gallup Park Masterplan.
- Understand current perceptions of the park through a simple online survey and small group discussions.

Door-to-door Canvassing
July 2023
250 residences

Littleton Museum Summer Concert Series
(Concert #2)
June 21, 2023



5 small group meetings



1 stakeholder meeting

Phase 1: What We Heard

What you said you would like to see in the future

The full results of Survey #1 and a more comprehensive summary can be found on the [project webpage](#).

More seating and shade will make the space seem more inviting.



38 people asked for more shade in the park



I just want the upkeep of the park to continue to keep the park beautiful! I would love a dog park if possible as well!

107 people expressed a desire to not see the park's character change

The water quality of the lake needs to be addressed.



139 people expressed concern regarding Ketrington Lake

Protect the mature tree canopy. Maintain the natural beauty and also plant native flowers and bushes.



69 people mentioned protection of the mature tree canopy

The area east of the Ketrington pond could be better landscaped/maintained. It often ends up as weeds or a dirt patch, which makes lingering near the lake not particularly pleasant.

76 people named overall upkeep as priority



New playground equipment and larger space for play – there can be large amounts of children and some of the equipment needs updating.

35 people asked for playground improvements



Phase 2

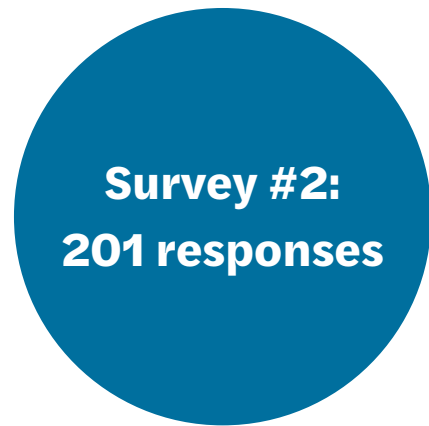


Visioning

AUG / SEP 2023

Objectives:

- Discover the community's vision for the future of Ketring-Gallup Park.
- In addition to a second online survey, create an interactive installation within the park to solicit ideas and opinions of possible improvements.



Survey #2:
201 responses



Library Lane

Library Lane currently functions as parking and vehicular access between Datura and Gallup streets, providing a connection between Bemis Library and Littleton Museum. Formal pedestrian access is limited, and an accessible crossing of Street does not currently exist.

list identifies potential opportunities for Library Lane community members and project first round of

Online StoryMap



Postcard mailers
August 2023
1,600 residences



Craft Fair at the Western
Welcome Week Grand Parade
August 19, 2023



In-park installation
Aug - Sep 2023



3 small group meetings



2 on-site stakeholder walks

Phase 2: What We Heard

Most Desired Program

Survey #2 gathered public preferences on potential improvement opportunities within 11 different areas within the parks.

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Bemis Library Grounds



Gallup Gardens



Library Lane



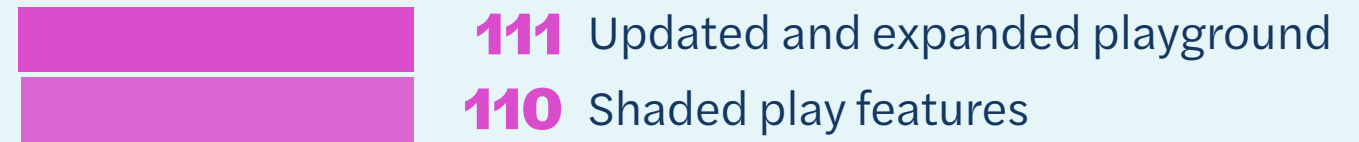
Gallup Street



Gallup Park



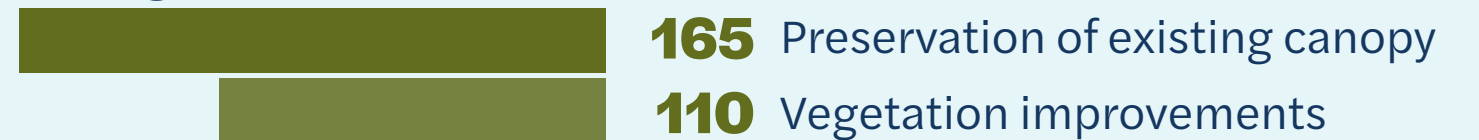
Gallup Park Playground



Ketring Park



Ketring Park Natural Areas



Ketring Lake



Ketring Lake East Open Space



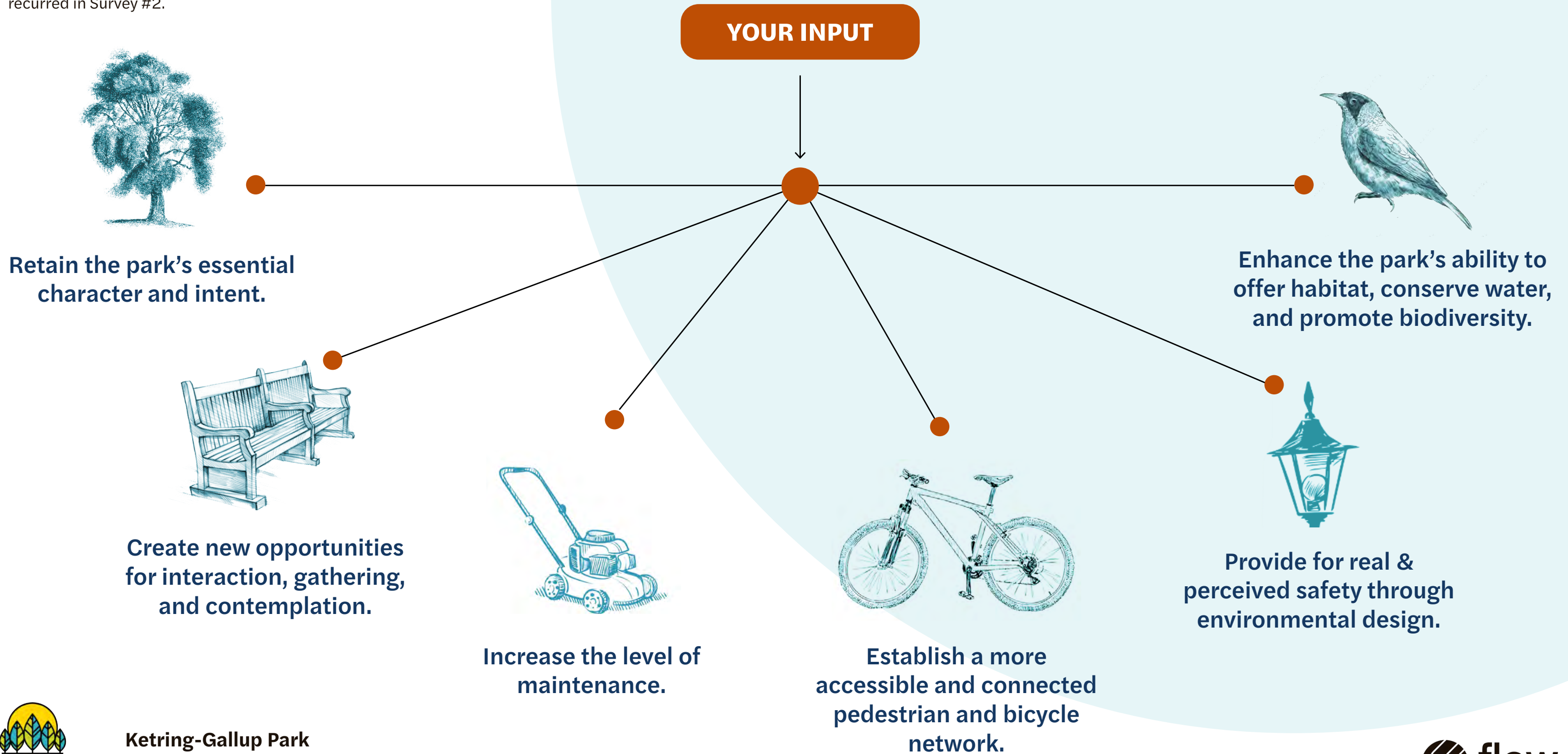
Southern Trail Connection



Phase 2: What We Heard

Community-Identified Design Priorities

Six objectives for the master plan were formulated based on the outstanding themes that surfaced in Survey #1 and recurred in Survey #2.



Phase 3

Concept Alternatives

DEC 2023 - FEB 2024

Objectives:

- Solicit the community's feedback on two conceptual alternative plans for Ketring-Gallup Park.
- Feedback gathered in this stage will help refine the vision for development into a **preliminary master plan.**

Survey #3:
250 responses

Welcome to the Ketring-Gallup Park Master Plan Virtual Public Meeting!

We will get started shortly.

Virtual Public Meeting
December 7, 2023



Open House Event at the Bemis Public Library
December 11, 2023



2 small group meetings

Phase 3: What We Heard

Preferred Alternative

Survey #3 sought to share two conceptual park improvement alternatives based on feedback received in the first and second phases of engagement.

The concept alternatives differed from each other primarily in the level of change they offered, with Alternative 1 offering a “lighter touch” that focused on rejuvenating existing park program and amenities in their current locations, while Alternative 2 proposed more dramatic change.

Understanding the love the community has for the parks, Alternative 1, called “Restore & Connect,” aimed to take a light touch in improving aspects of the parks that are special to people, while rejuvenating select spaces to improve access, increase safety, and expand natural diversity.

In addition to many of the same improvements proposed in Alternative 1, Alternative 2 primarily focused on re-envisioning the Bemis Library / Gallup Gardens campus to create a dynamic “Cultural Core” of the three parks.

Overall, Alternative 2 received more support, with the exception of select proposed changes to Gallup Park. The community expressed a preference to not add parking to support the tennis courts and multi-use fields near Parkhill Avenue.

The full results of Survey #3 and a more comprehensive summary can be found on the [project webpage](#).

“Restore & Connect”



#1

“Cultural Core”



#2

(Preferred Alternative)

Key Master Plan Recommendations



#1

Development of a “Cultural Core” between the Bemis Library and Littleton Museum



#2

Formation of new park connections & improvements to the existing circulation network



#3

Tree canopy preservation and transition plan



#4

Native area vegetation improvements for increased biodiversity and reduced water use



#5

Additional seating opportunities and shade provision



#6

Safety improvements through dark-sky friendly pedestrian lighting



#7

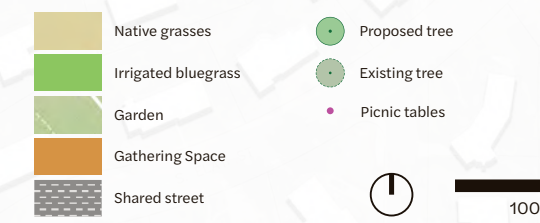
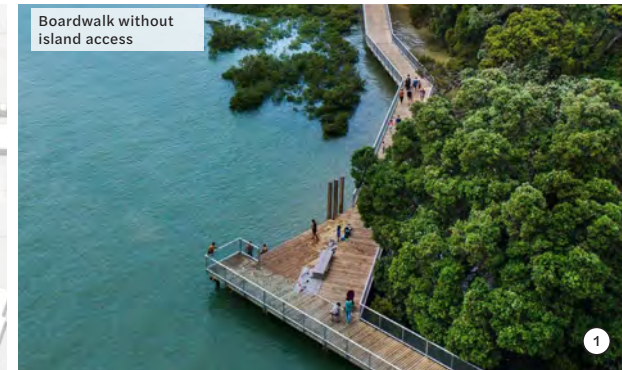
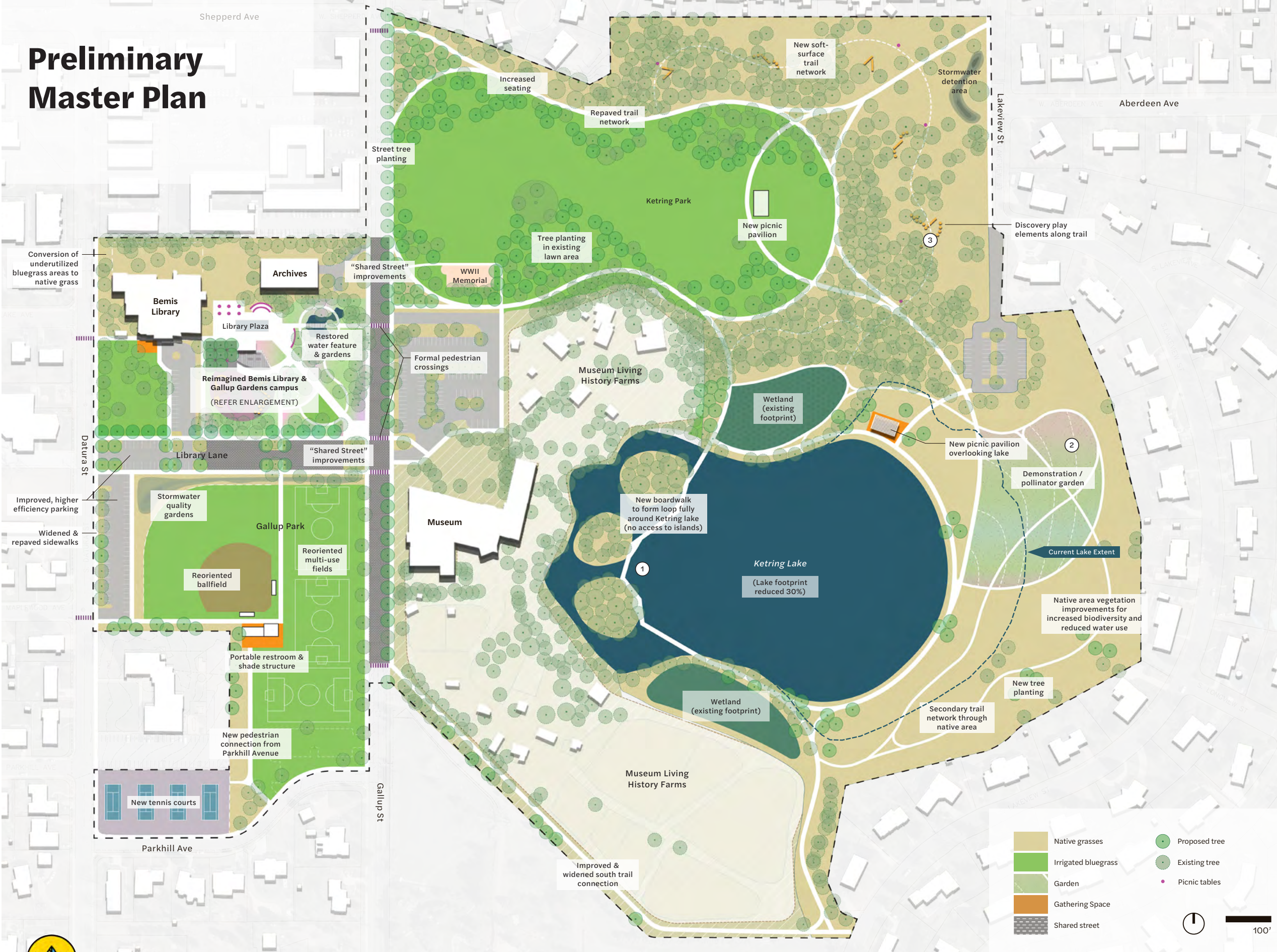
“Shared Street” traffic calming and multimodal improvements to Library Lane & Gallup St



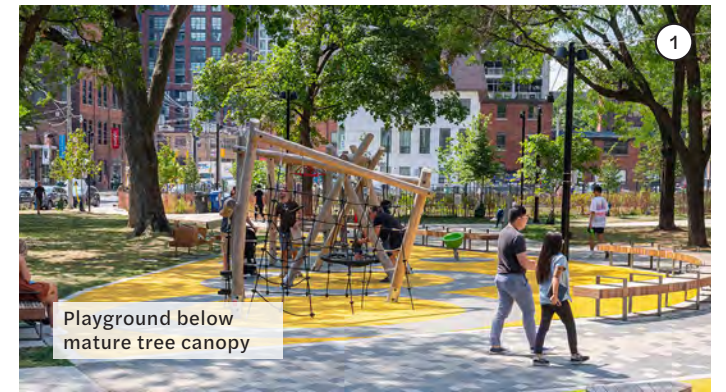
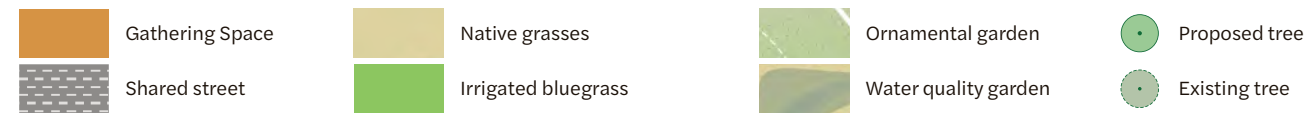
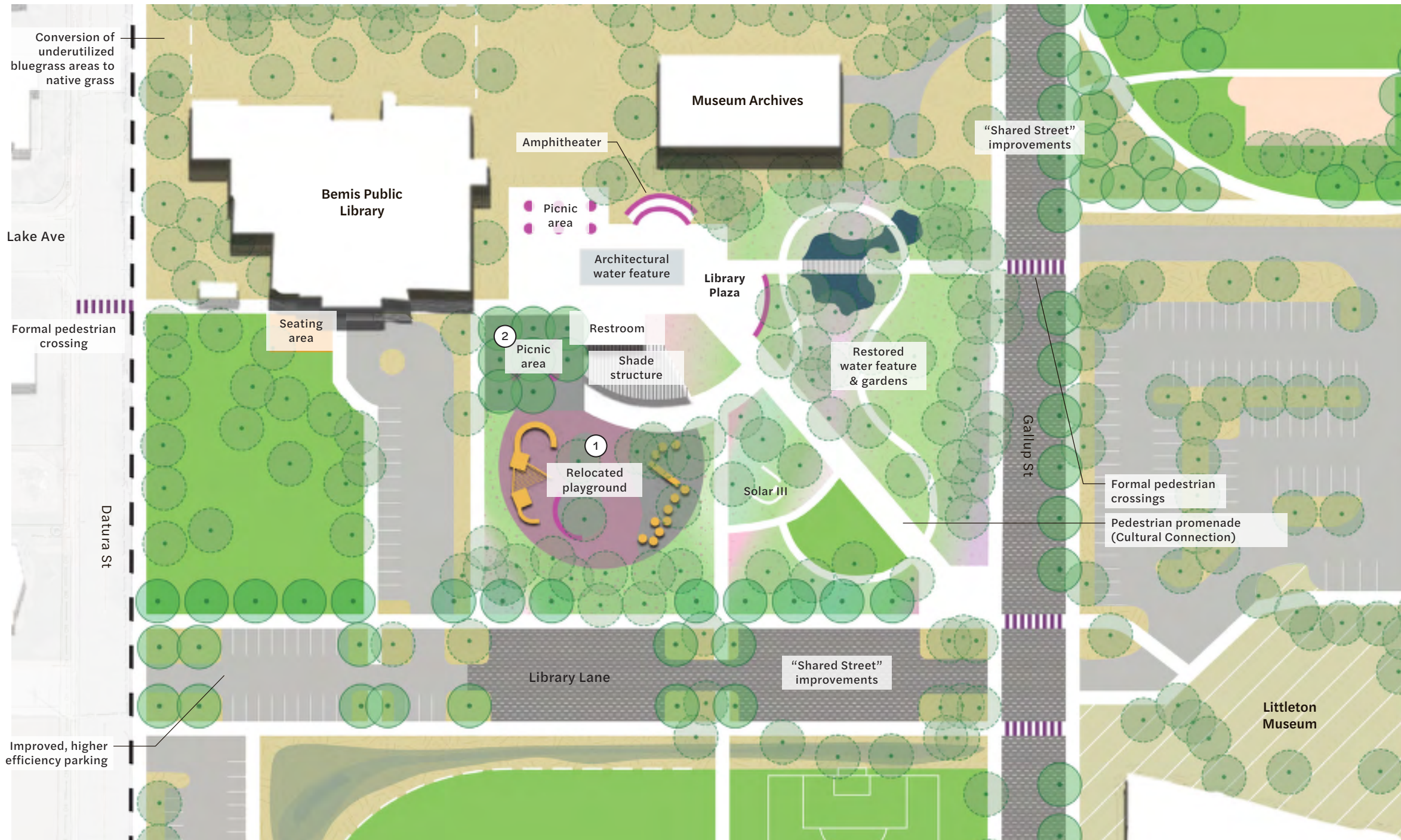
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South trail connection improvements

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Cultural Core Enlargement



Key Master Plan Recommendations

Cultural Core



Key Master Plan Recommendations

Ketring Lake Eastern Open Space



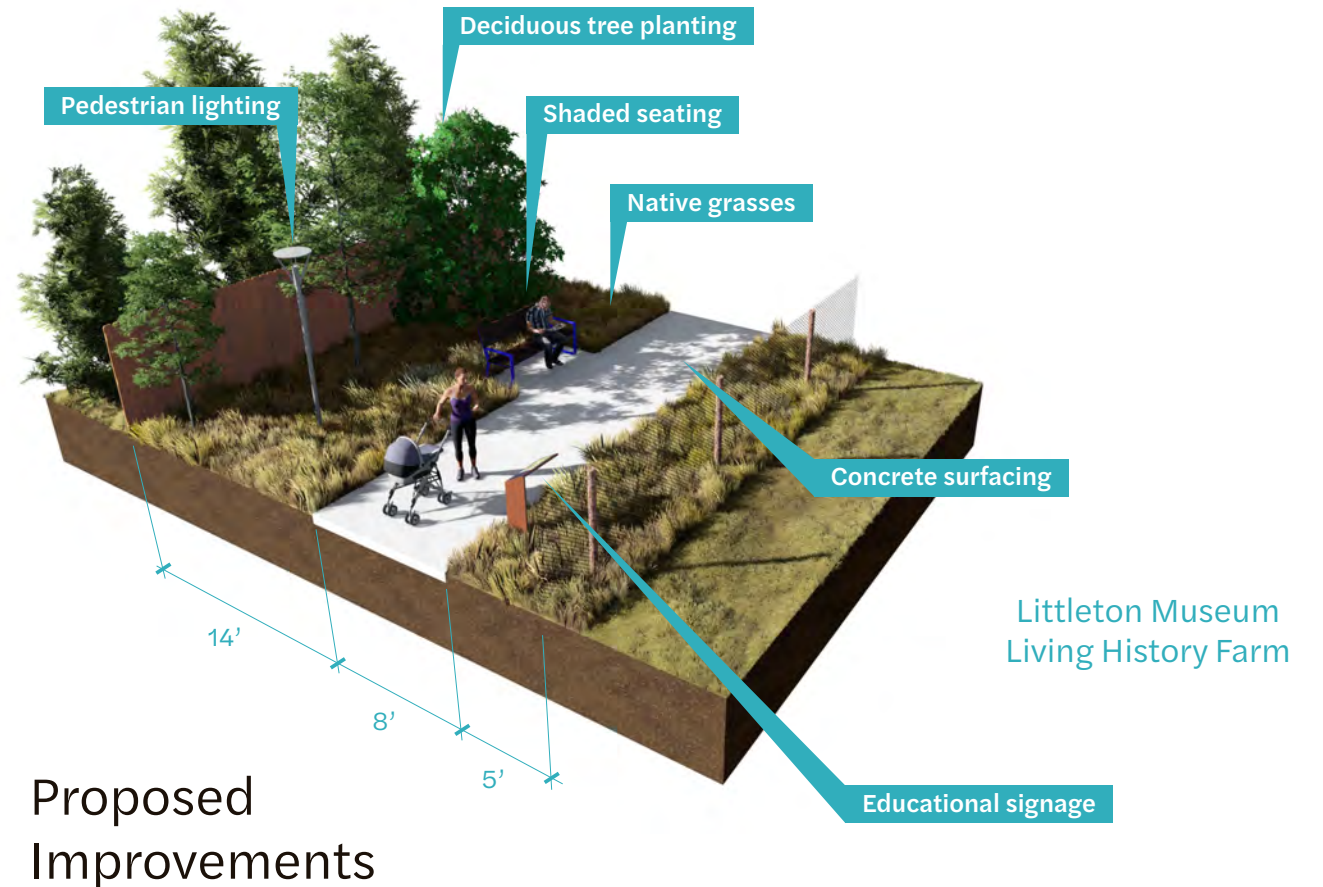
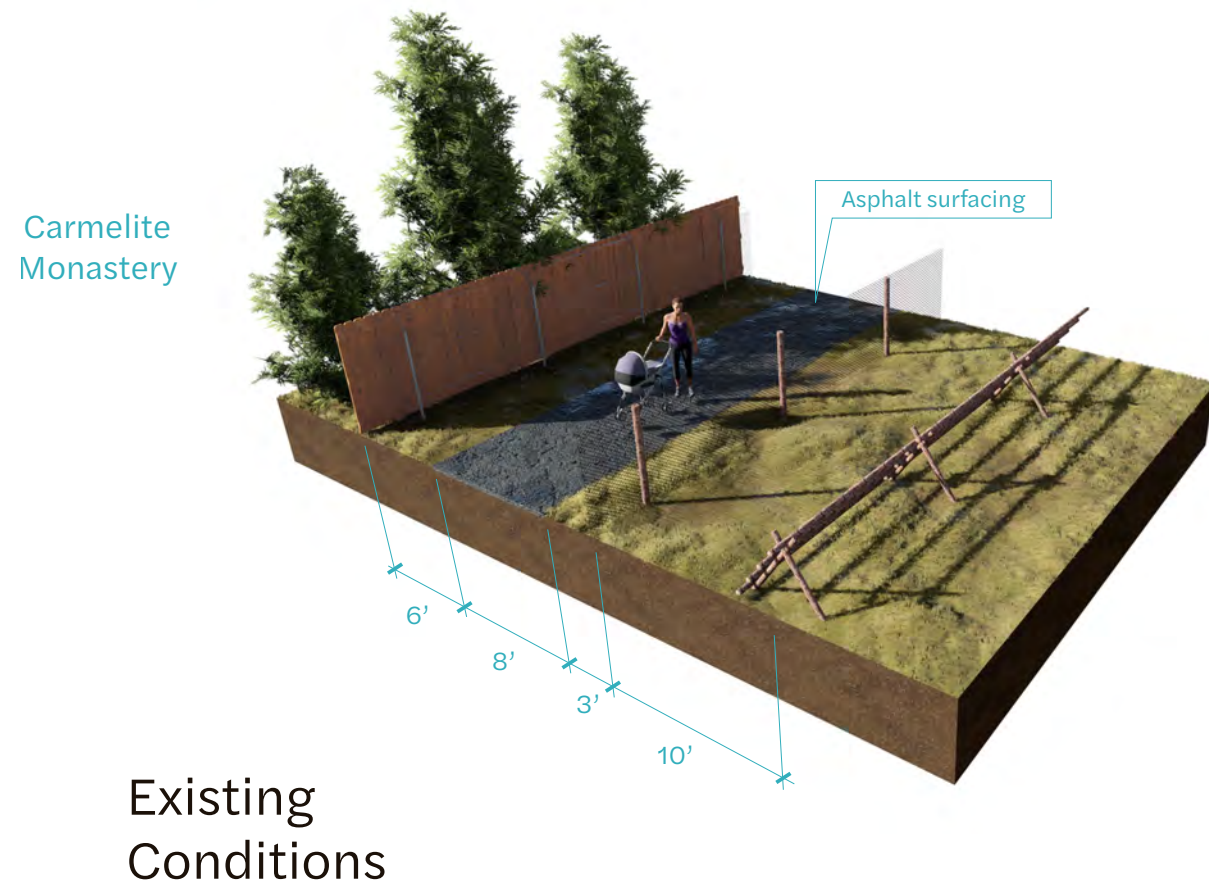
Key Master Plan Recommendations

Ketring Lake Boardwalk



Key Master Plan Recommendations

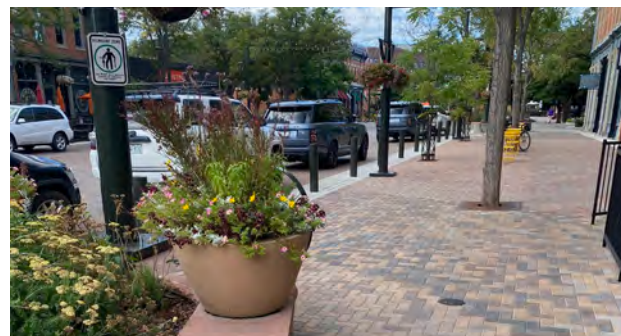
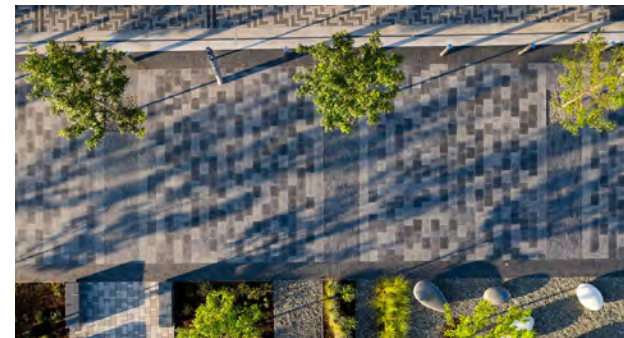
South Trail Connection Improvements



Key Master Plan Recommendations

Shared Street Improvements

Local Precedents



39th Avenue Greenway
Denver, CO

Fillmore Plaza
Denver, CO (Cherry Creek)

Linden Street
Fort Collins, CO

Vermijo + Sierra Madre Streets
Colorado Springs, CO

Key Master Plan Recommendations Shared Street Improvements

Gallup Street

Existing Conditions



Proposed Improvements



Key Master Plan Recommendations

Shared Street Improvements

Library Lane

Existing
Conditions



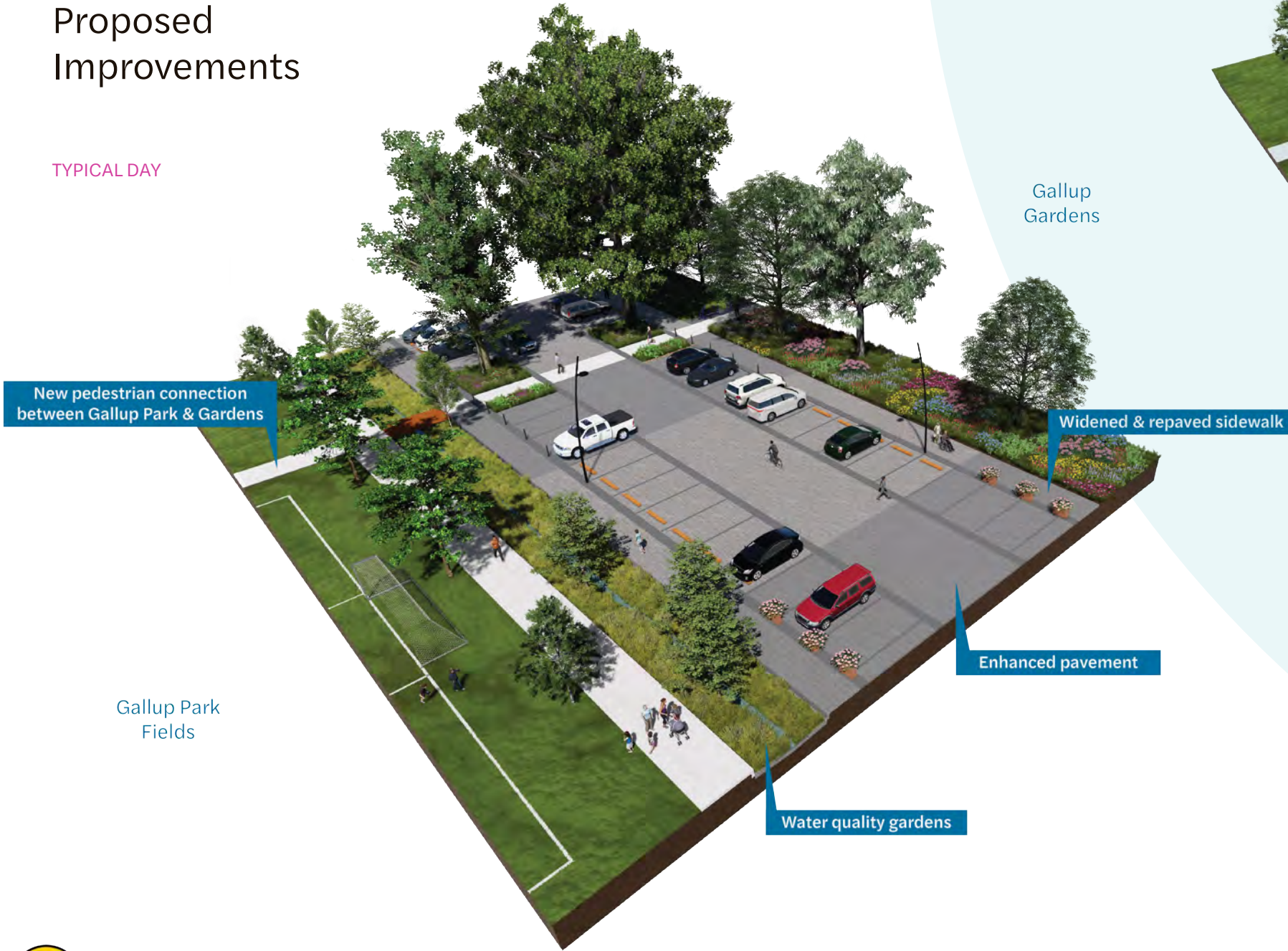
Key Master Plan Recommendations

Shared Street Improvements

Library Lane - Option 01 (90° Parking)

Proposed Improvements

TYPICAL DAY



CLOSED FOR A MARKET



Key Master Plan Recommendations

Shared Street Improvements

Library Lane - Option 02 (Parallel Parking)

Proposed Improvements

TYPICAL DAY

