

# Prescott Park Master Plan



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## Meeting Format

1. Presentation – Prescott Park Master Plan
  - The Physical Plan
  - Governance
2. Breakout Sessions
  - The Overall Plan (Design/Cost/Phasing)
  - The Stage
  - Governance
3. Summary Report by Breakout Session Captains
4. What We've Heard
5. Public Comment



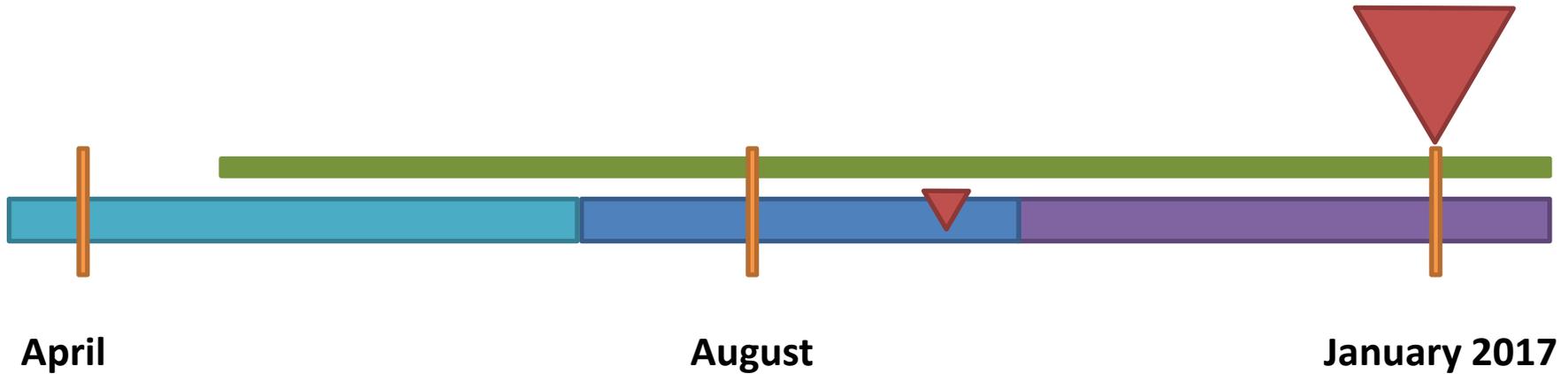
# Phases

- Site Analysis
- Public Input & Participation
- Conceptual Design
- Master Plan & Facilities Plan

# Timeline

- Spring / Summer
- Project Duration
- Summer
- Fall / Winter

**WE ARE HERE!**



# The Master Plan | What it Means?

What it represents | What it doesn't represent

And what happens next



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## Design Tenets

- 1. Recognition of City-owned nature of the park**
2. Use “for park and recreational purposes” per the trust
3. Pedestrian through-route accessibility at all times
4. Maximize waterfront connection
- 5. Integrate coastal resilience/adaptation strategies**
6. Maintain and enhance maritime historical connection
7. Integrate into the neighborhood
- 8. Ensure presence for theater, dance, music and visual arts (including public art)**
9. Maintain different areas for a variety of park experiences
10. Plan for gatherings (informal and formal)
11. Maintain a Public Forum area
12. Include meaningful invitations for youth to play



# The Park First Approach

- A waterfront park for the people of Portsmouth



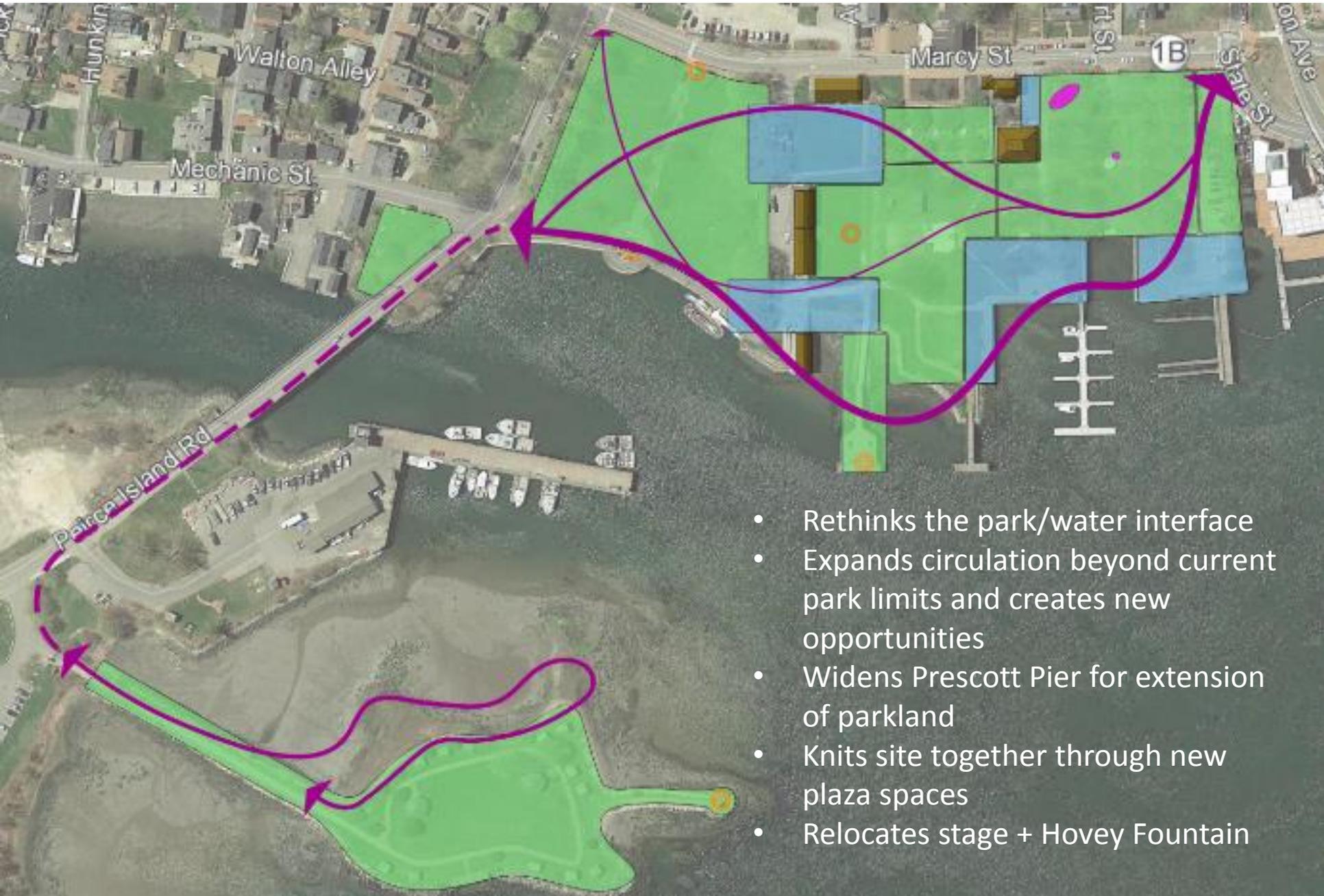
- A venue for all arts



- Front line defense to the impacts of climate change



# Concept 3 – Water Connections



- Rethinks the park/water interface
- Expands circulation beyond current park limits and creates new opportunities
- Widens Prescott Pier for extension of parkland
- Knits site together through new plaza spaces
- Relocates stage + Hovey Fountain

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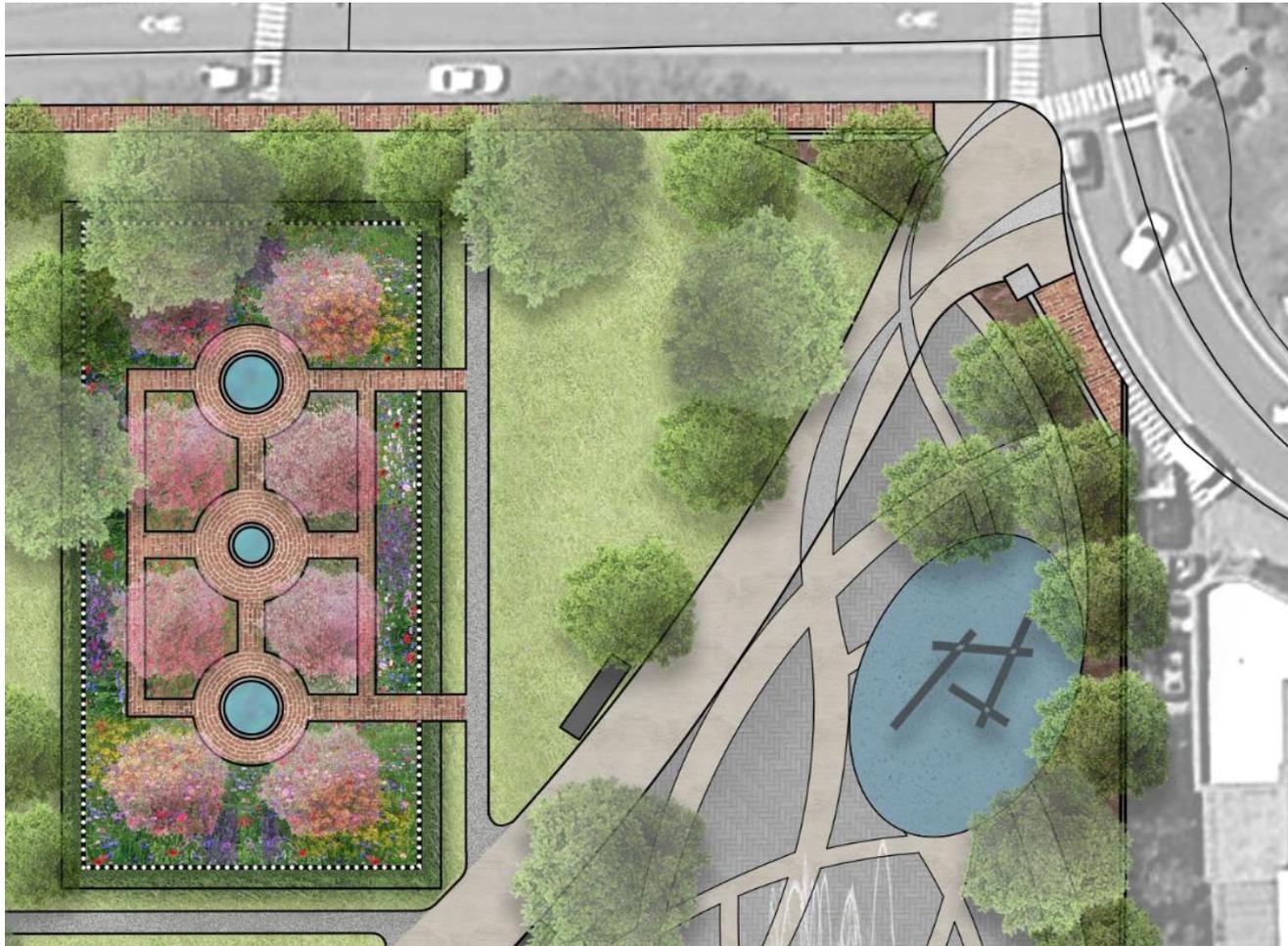
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# Park Entrance at Marcy Street & State Street



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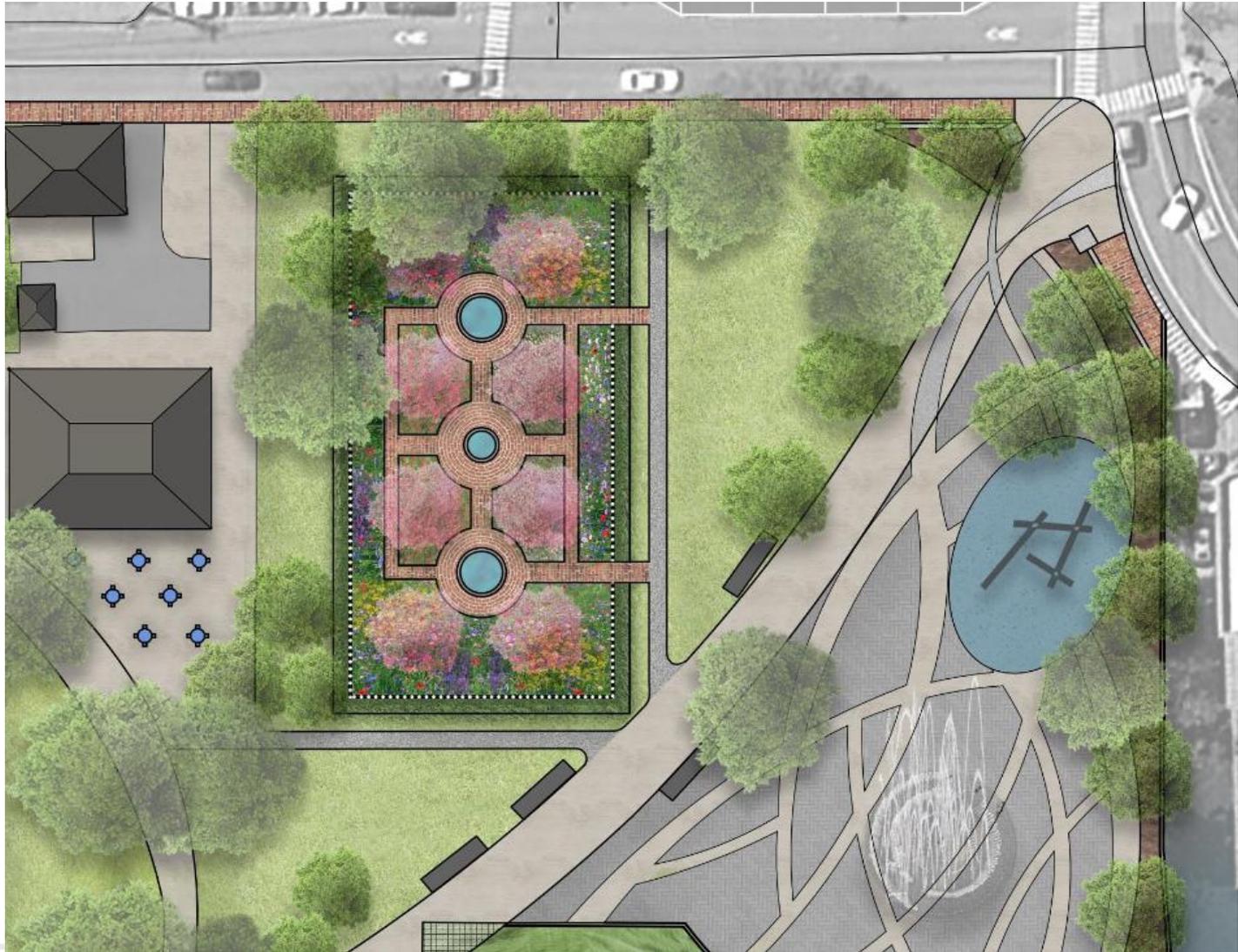
# Public Art & Play



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# Formal Garden



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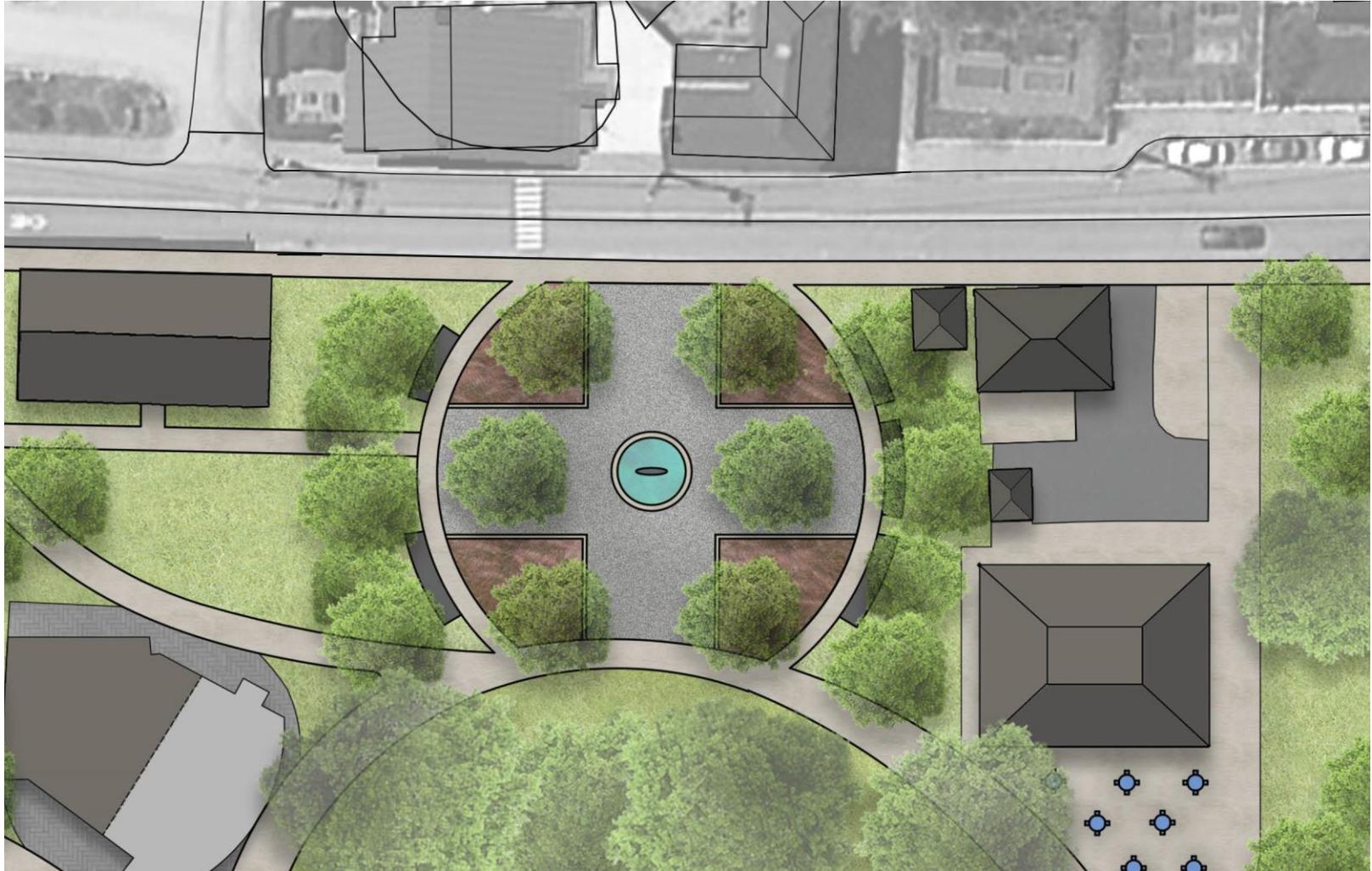
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# Hovey Fountain Entrance on Marcy Street



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# Original Hovey Fountain at Post Office



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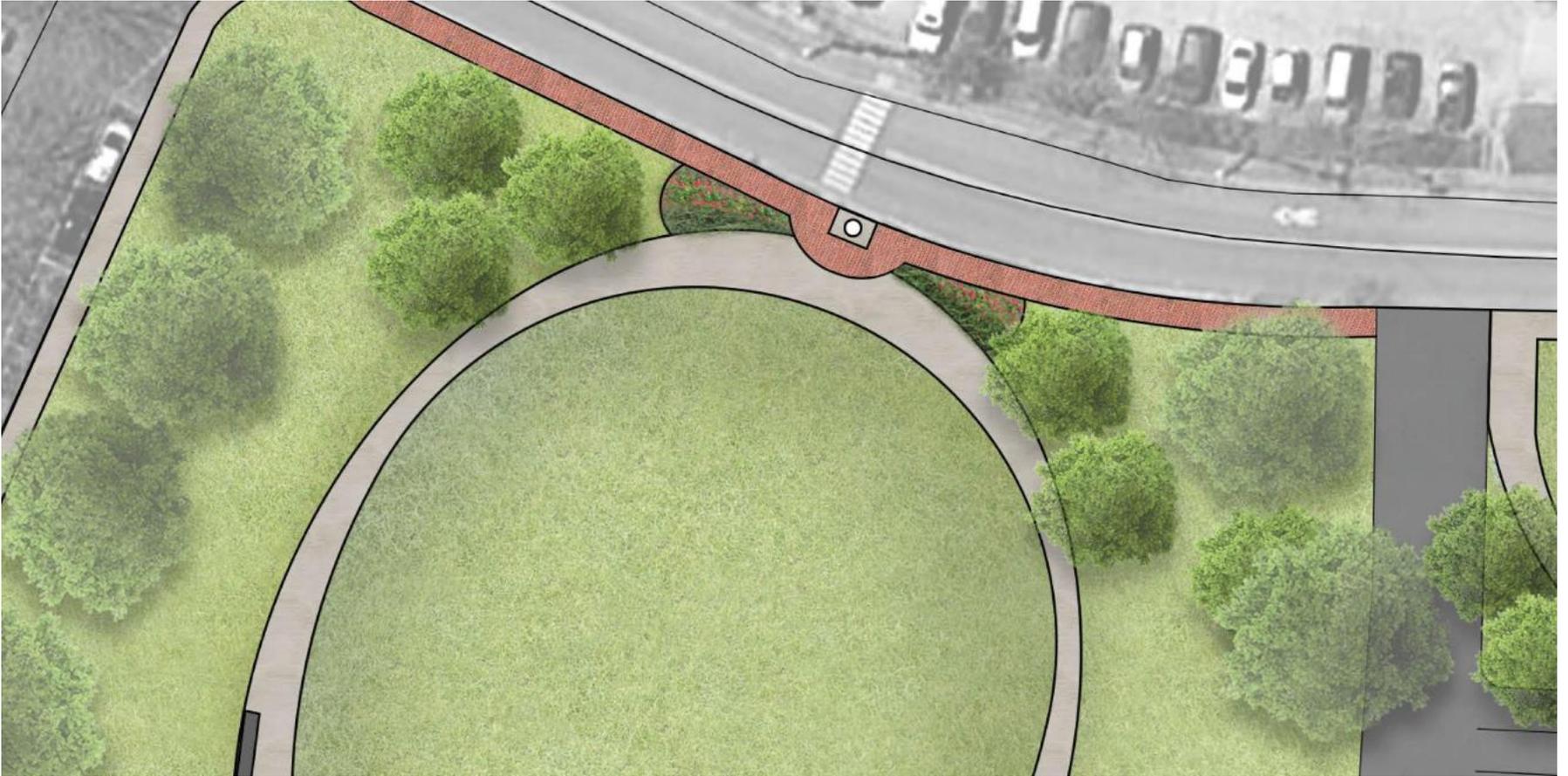
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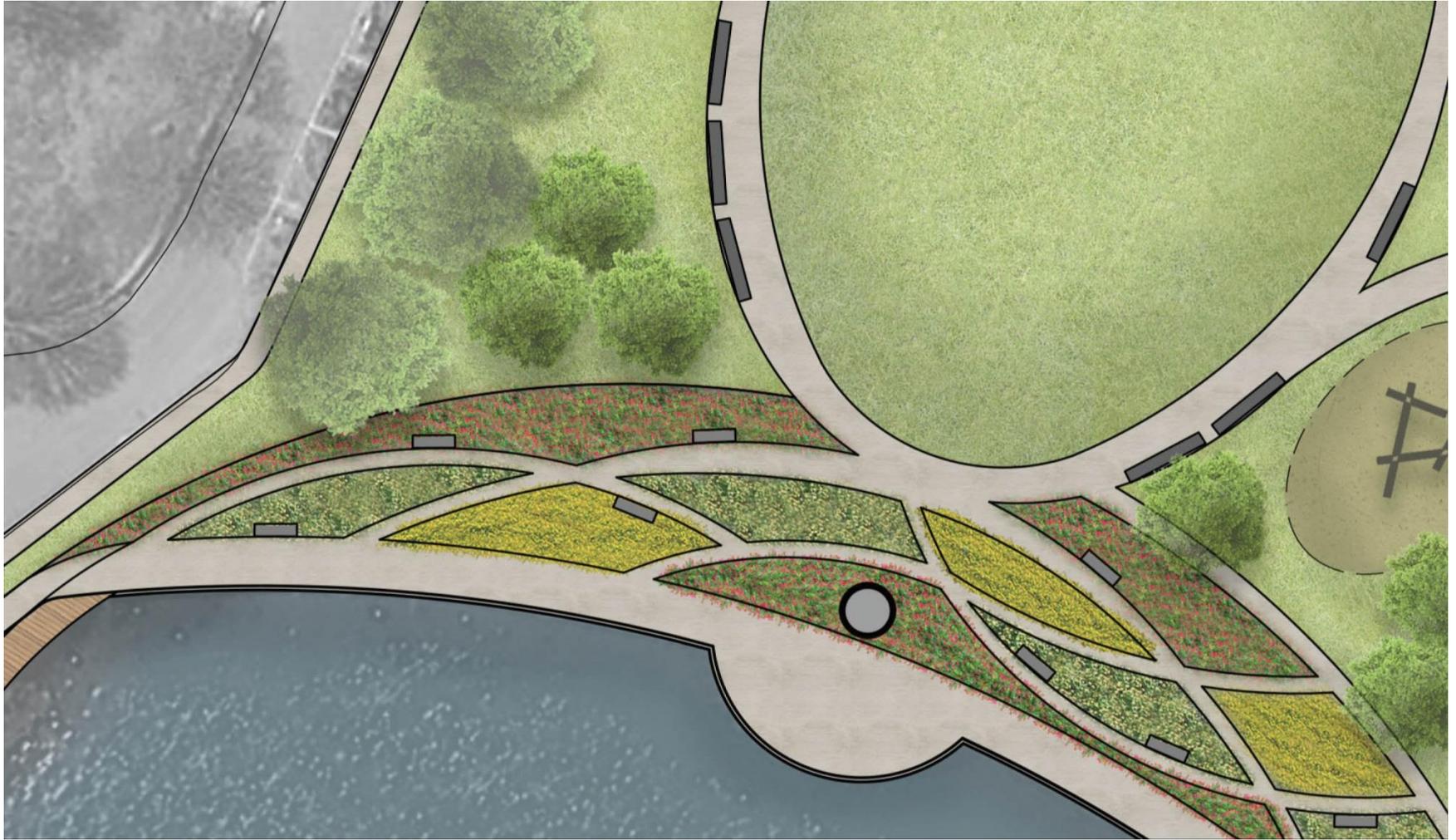


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# Display Gardens (Former Trial Gardens)



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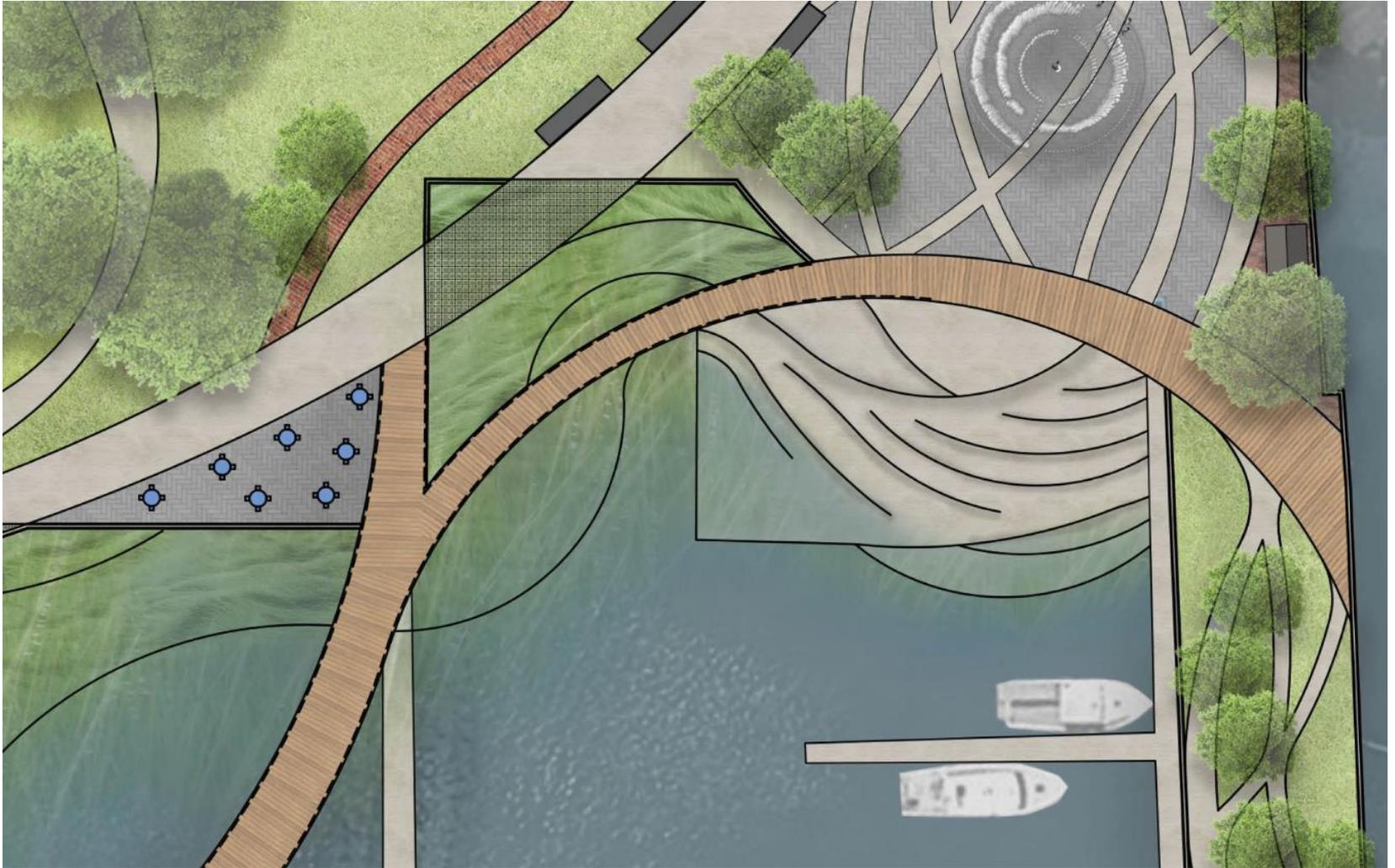
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# Waterfront



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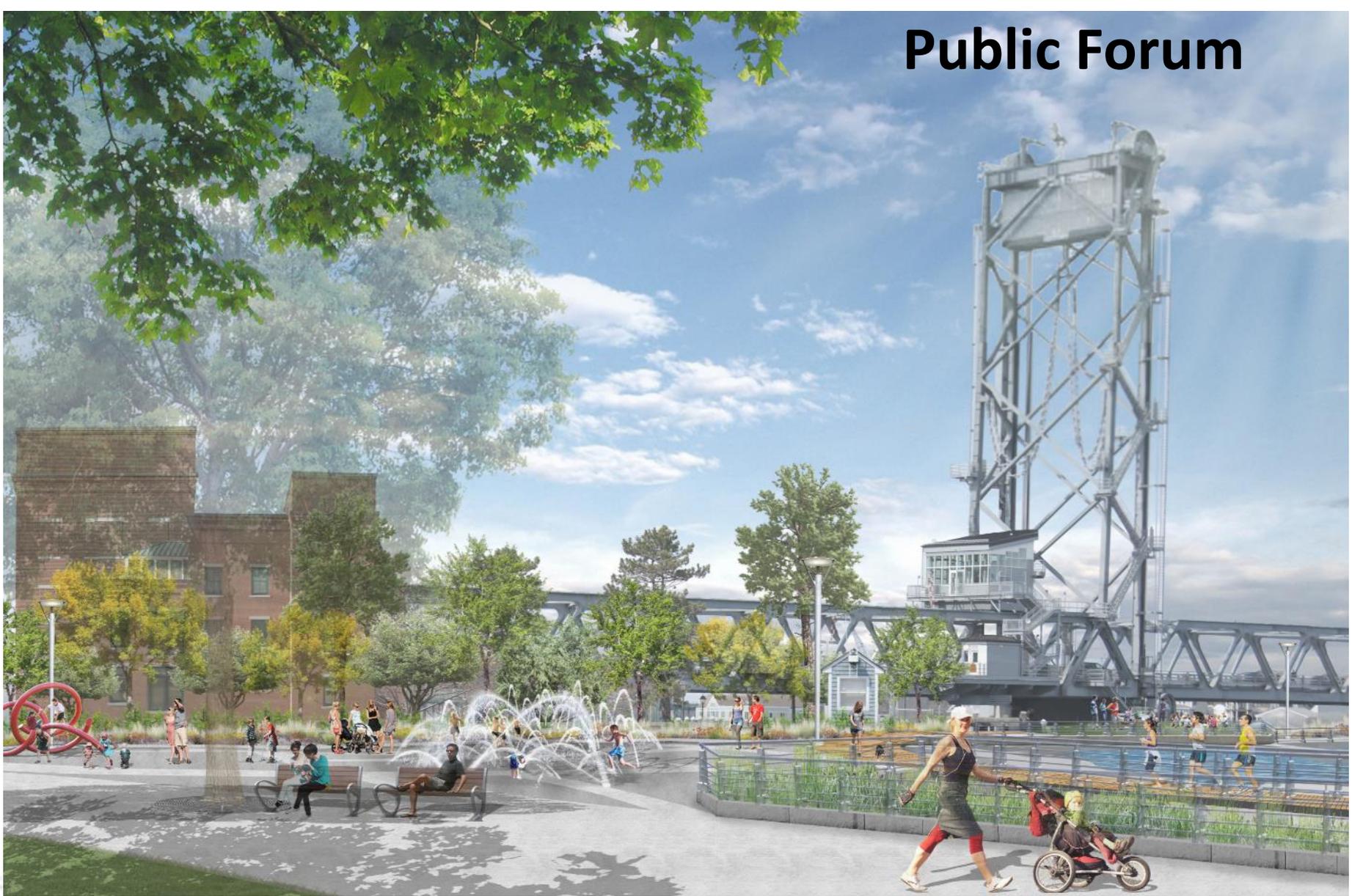
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# Public Forum



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# Hudson River Park + Piers



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# The Bowl



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# A Seasonal Use Stage Facility



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# Current Stage and Lawn Conditions



- Permanent stage platform located in the center of a large open lawn
- Movable trusses, rigging, set, and backstage facilities for seasonal use are inspected every year



# Informal Use of The Bowl



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# Theater Performance

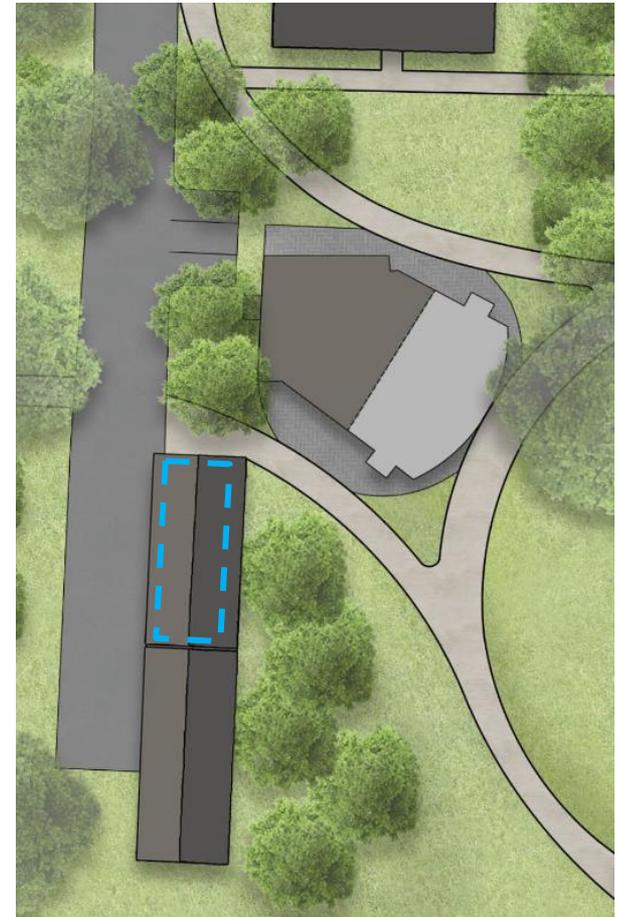


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# A Movable Stage Facility for Seasonal Use

- A significant improvement over current conditions
- Safety is **uncompromised**. Design, installation, and operations are all reviewed and permitted by Inspectional Services
- Consistent with the Park First Approach
- The Shaw Warehouse would be reconfigured to accommodate uses currently in trailers
- Endorsed by industry professionals, building department inspectors, and structural engineers
- Professional companies will store, set up, inspect, take down and transport the stage facility
- Severe weather protocols are in place for all outdoor venues

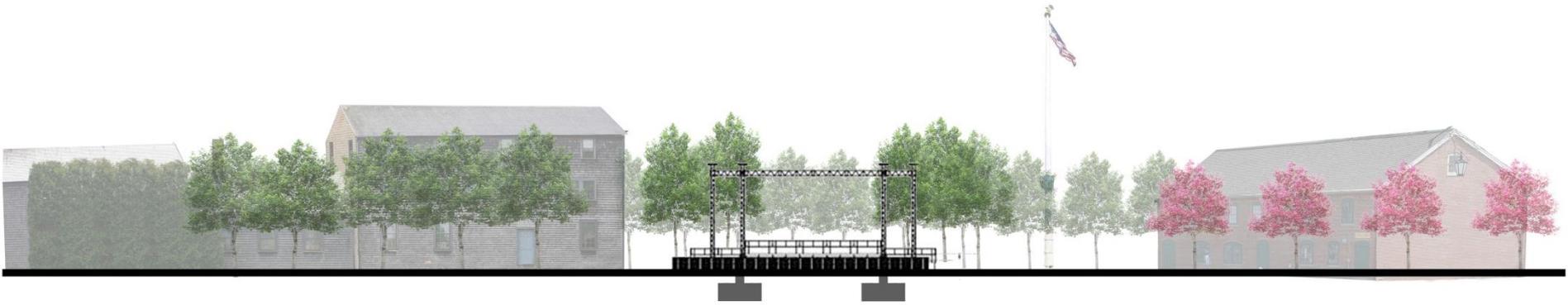


# A Movable Stage Facility for Seasonal Use

- Earth anchors would be built into the park to provide ballast for the staging, rigging, and trusses.
- Subsurface utility chases will house connections for sound and lighting control connections.
- The design of the stage would take into consideration the possibility of a cover over the performance area.
- A seasonal tent would be integrated to cover the back stage marshalling area.
- Returns the park to public use for the rest of the year.

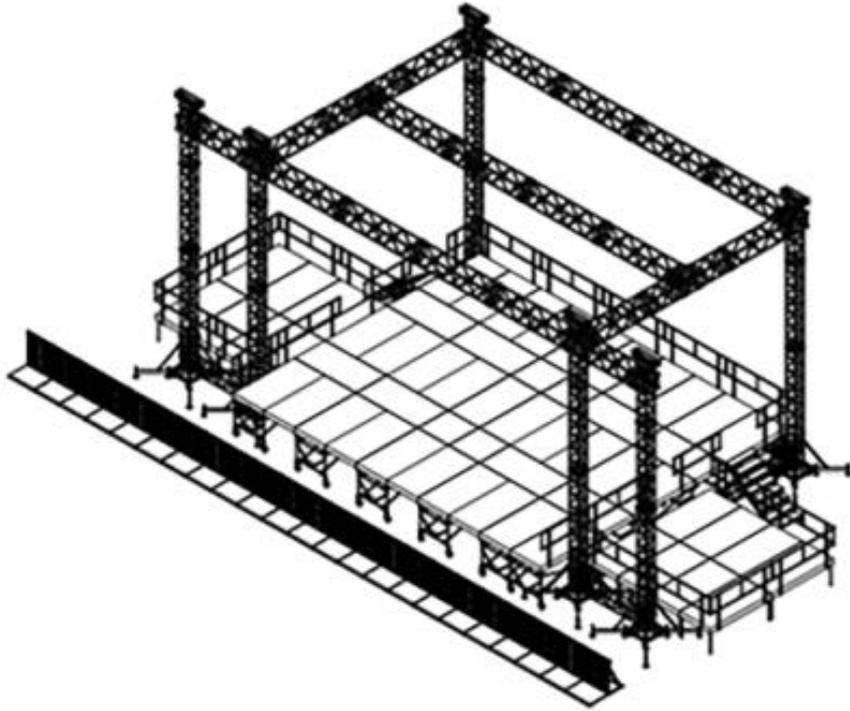


# Stage Section



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## Summer at the Plaza



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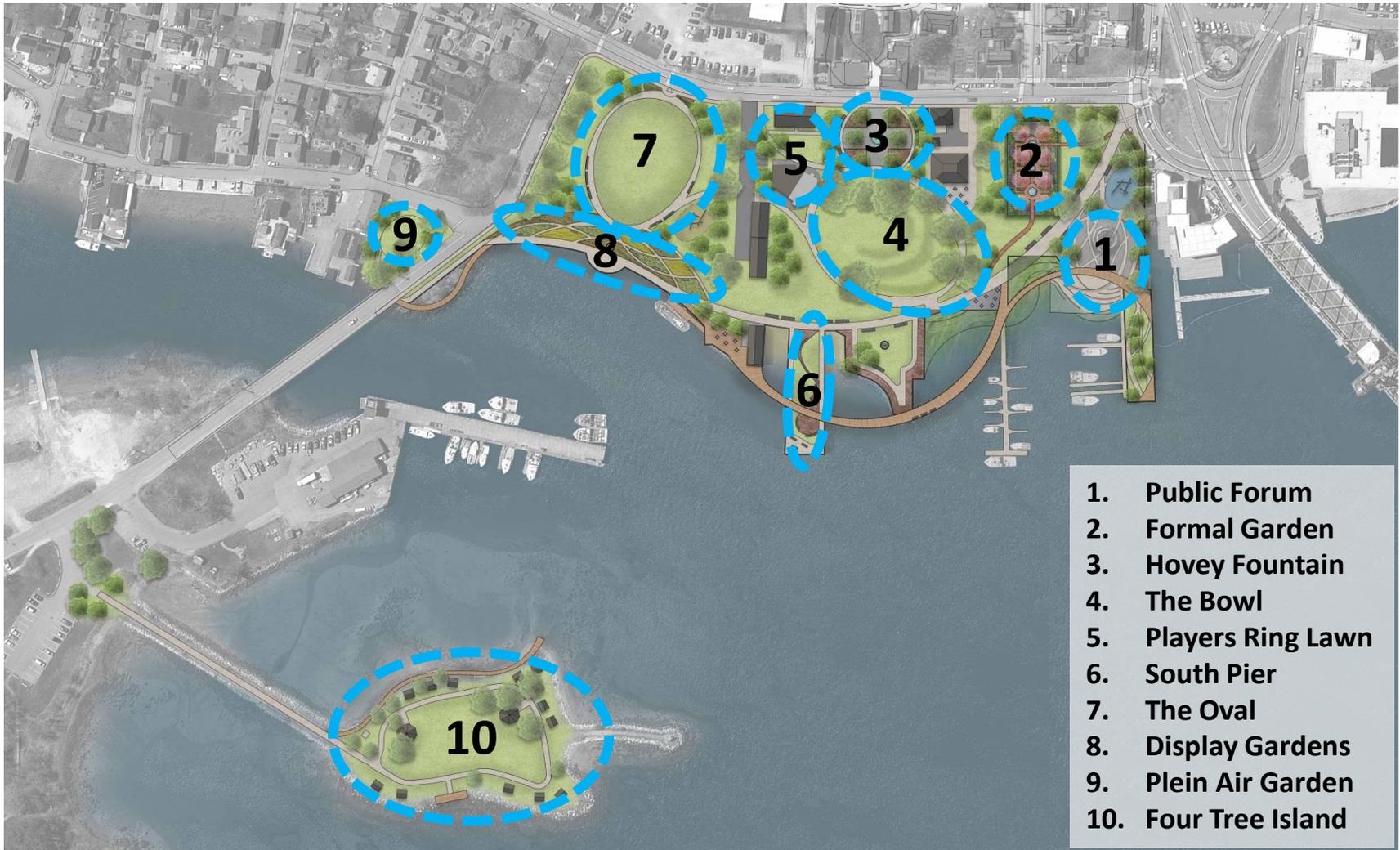
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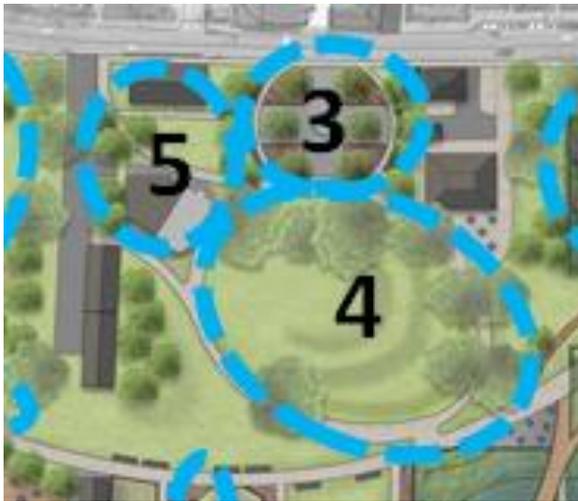
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# Park Usage & Capacity Diagrams



# Hovey Garden, The Bowl & Players Ring Lawn



## Hovey Garden

5,500 SF

50 person capacity

## The Bowl

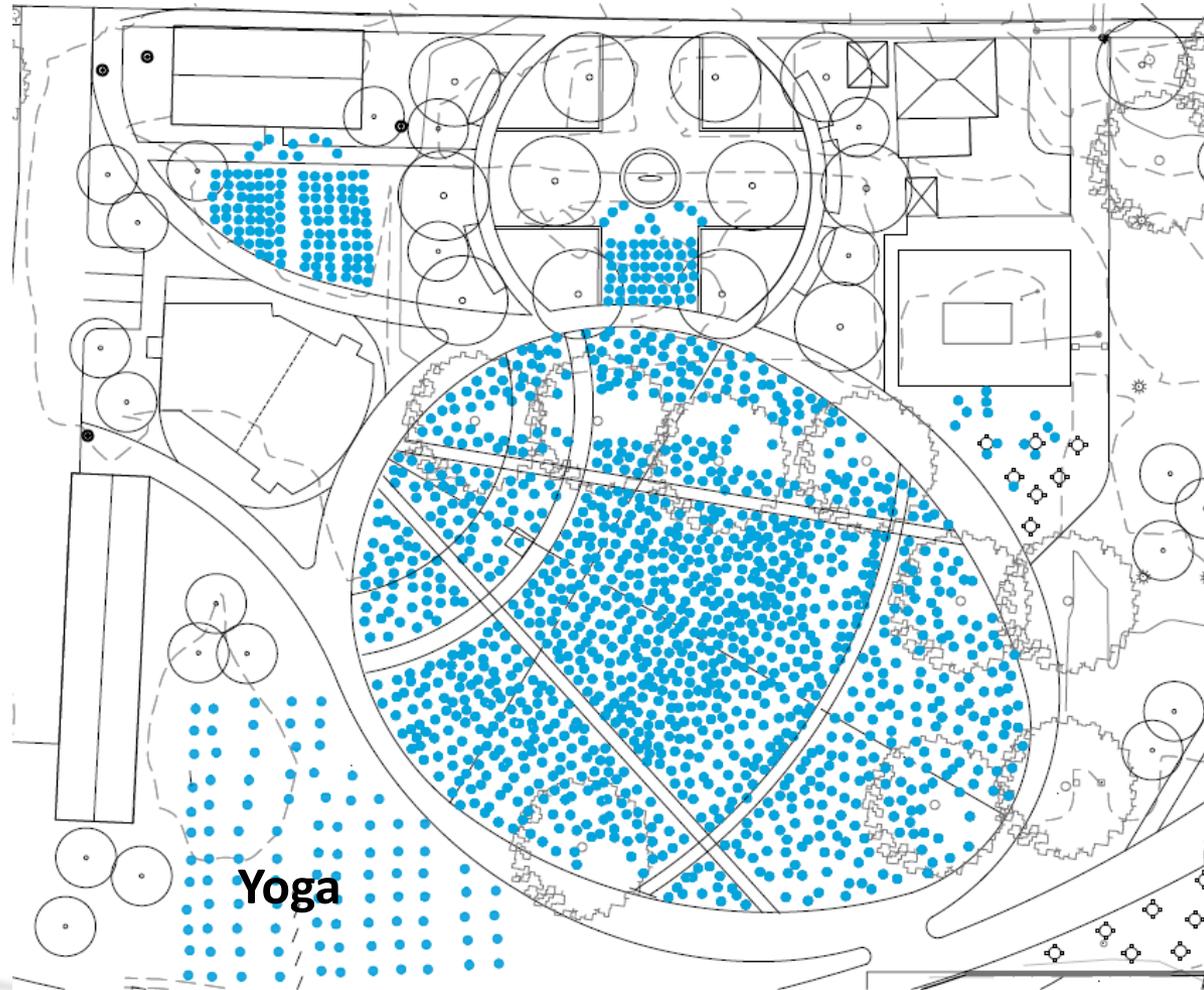
32,000 SF

1,200 person capacity

## Players Ring Lawn

2,700 SF

100 person capacity

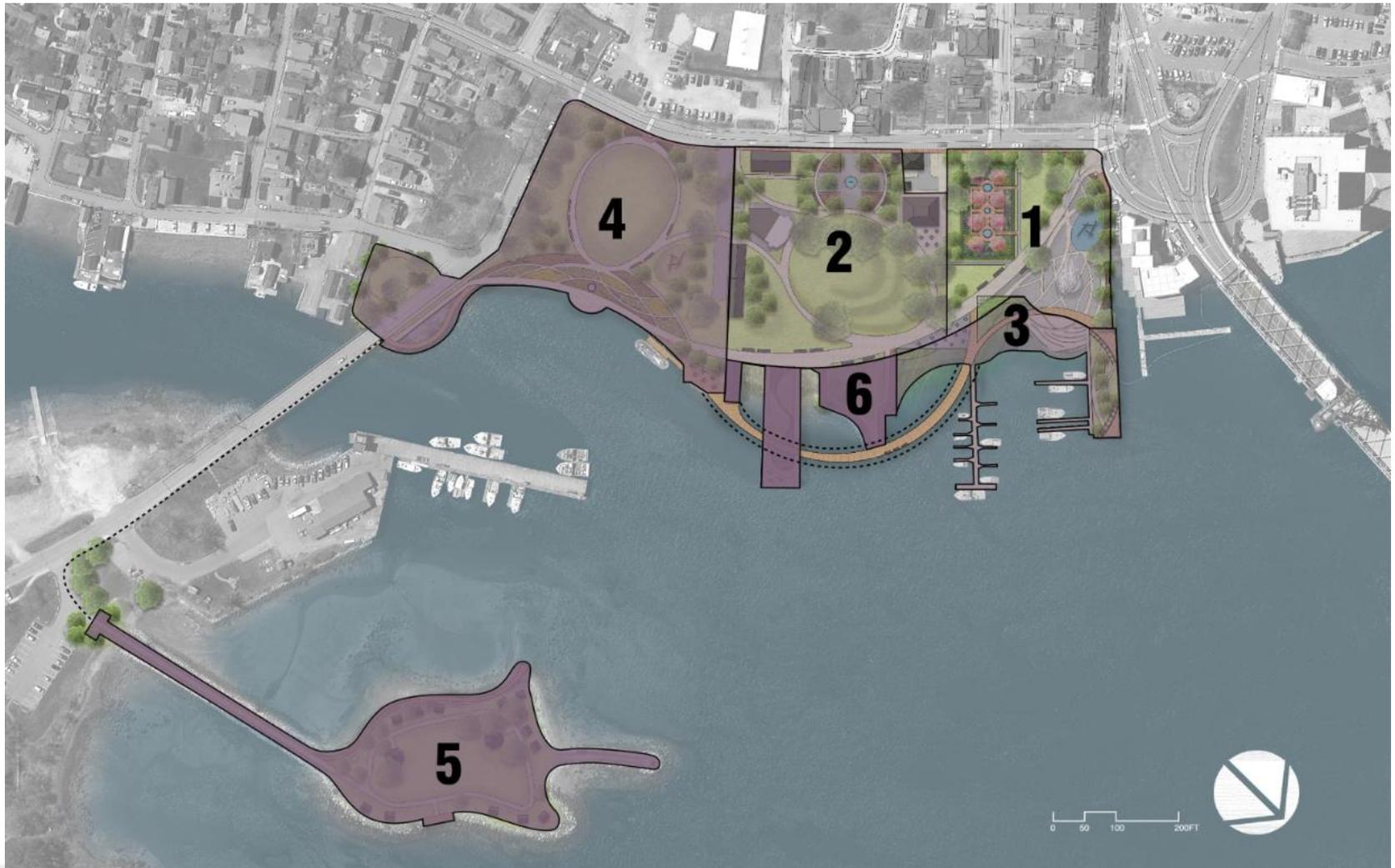


# Cost / Phasing of Park Improvements

- Costs will be significant (whatever plan is adopted)
- Capital investments have been delayed until a comprehensive plan is in place
- Infrastructure needs are great



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PHASE		OPINION OF CONSTRUCTION COST
1	Grand Entrance	\$ 3,250,000
2	The Bowl	\$ 1,400,000
3	North Waterfront	\$ 2,350,000
4	The Oval	\$ 2,100,000
5	Four Tree Island	\$ 1,250,000
6	South Waterfront	\$ 1,800,000
	Boardwalk	\$ 1,000,000
	Four Tree Island Ped Link	\$ 900,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$14,050,000</b>



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Total Potential Renovation Cost Averages about \$30/sf

Prescott Park Proper + Boardwalk: \$11,900,000

Four Tree Island + Pedestrian Link: \$2,150,000

Design + Permitting (15% of construction): \$2,000,000



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## Breakout Sessions



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