

Frick Environmental Center **Sensory Classroom**

Development Activities Meeting | July 11, 2023



Today's Agenda

01.....

Introduction

- PPC
- The FEC
- The Project Area
- Vision and Goals

02.....

Engagement

- Strategy and Methods
- Process and Results

03.....

The Plan

- The Nature Exploration Space
- The Sensory Trail
- Adaptive Resources
- Next Steps
- Questions and Comments



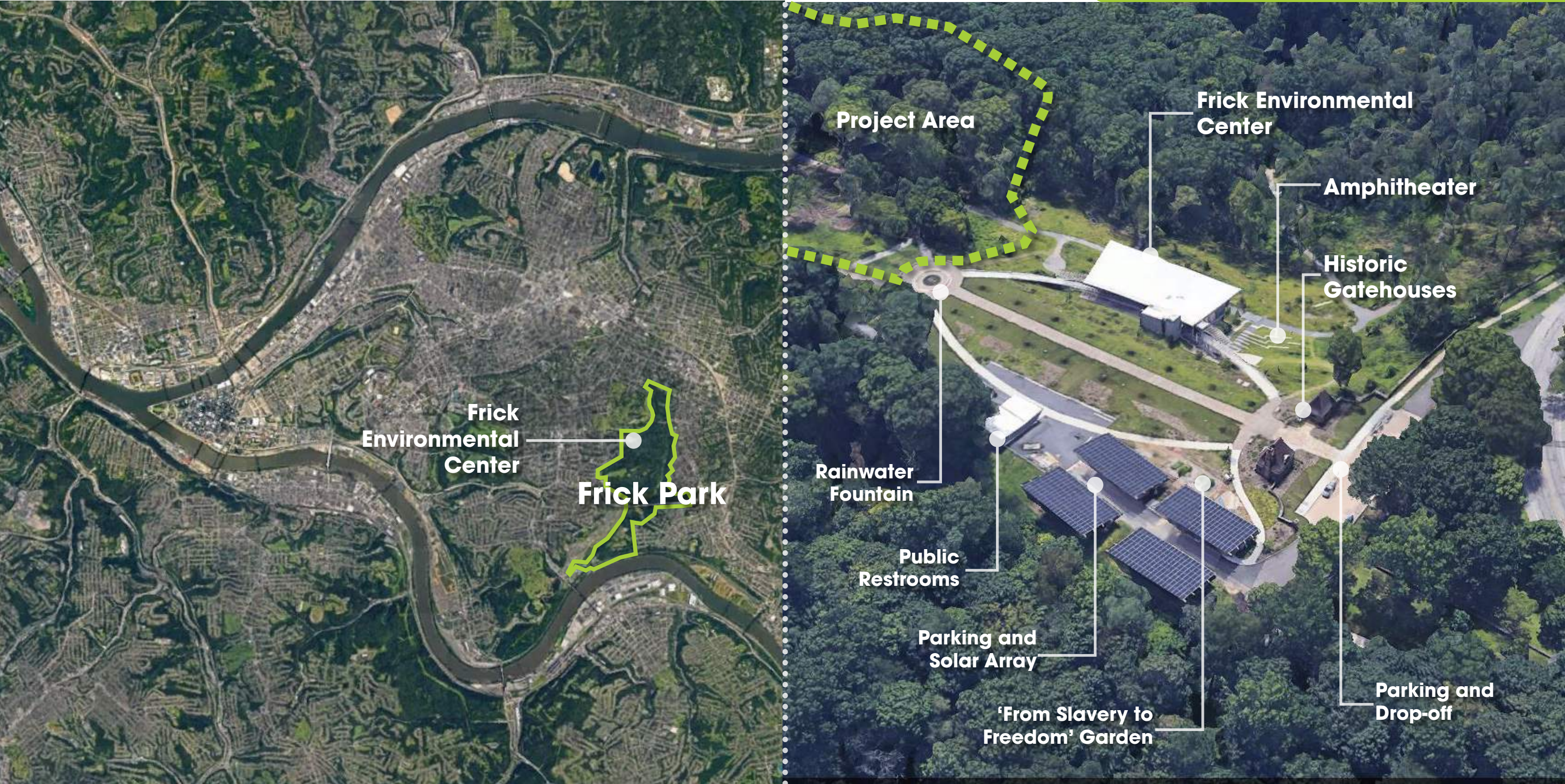
01 - INTRODUCTION

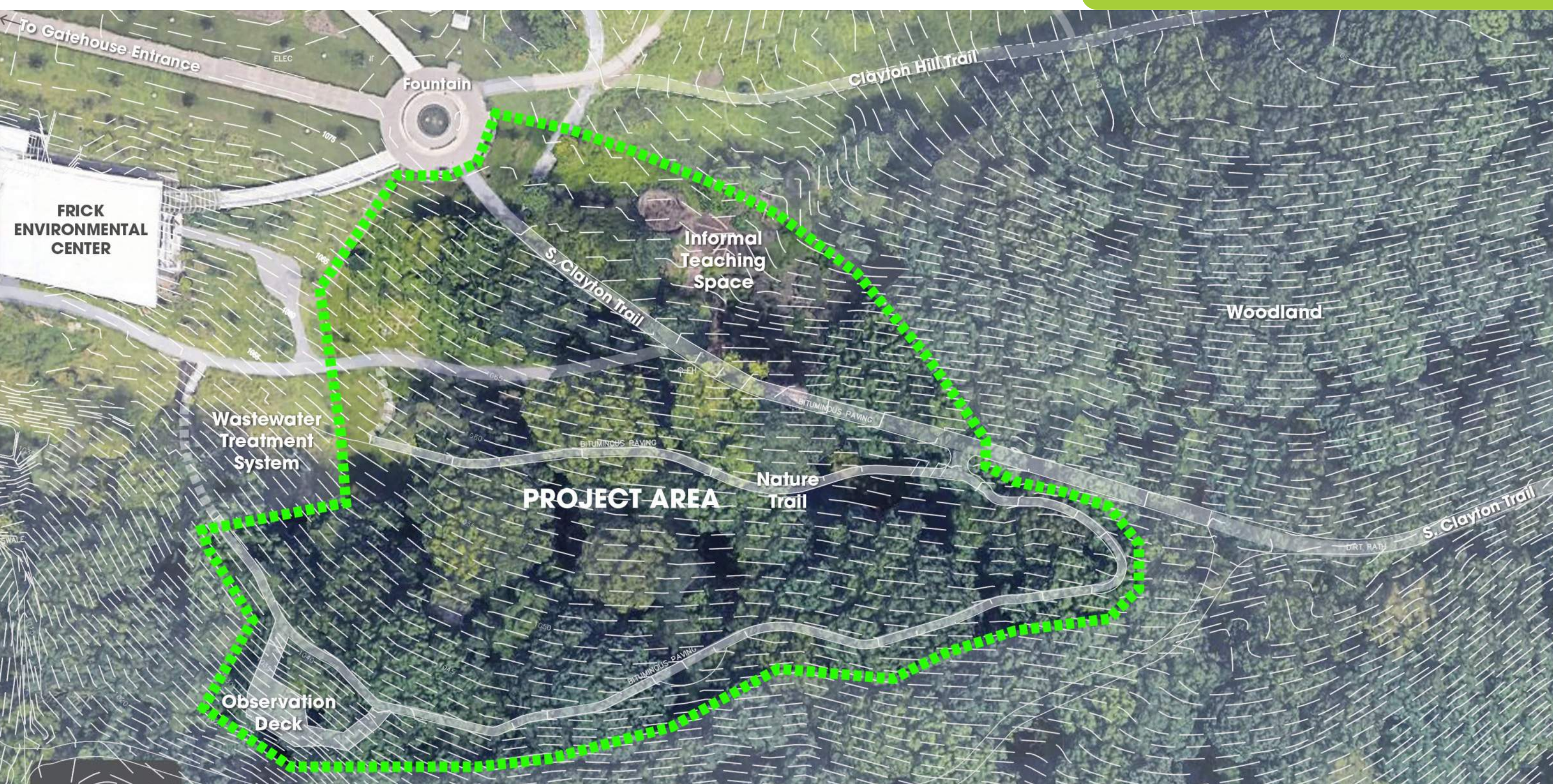
What We Do

Improving quality of life for the people of Pittsburgh by restoring the park system to excellence in partnership with government and the community. Projects and programs are conducted with respect for the environment, historic design, and the needs of our diverse region.

The Frick Environmental Center is a welcome facility, education hub, and gateway to Frick Park. Free and open to all, this cutting-edge facility enhances visitor experience and inspires learners to discover one of Pittsburgh's largest parks.







The informal nature play and teaching space provides seating and enclosure for gathering.



The 'mud kitchen', climbing logs, and other amenities provide opportunity for learning and informal play.



01 Introduction

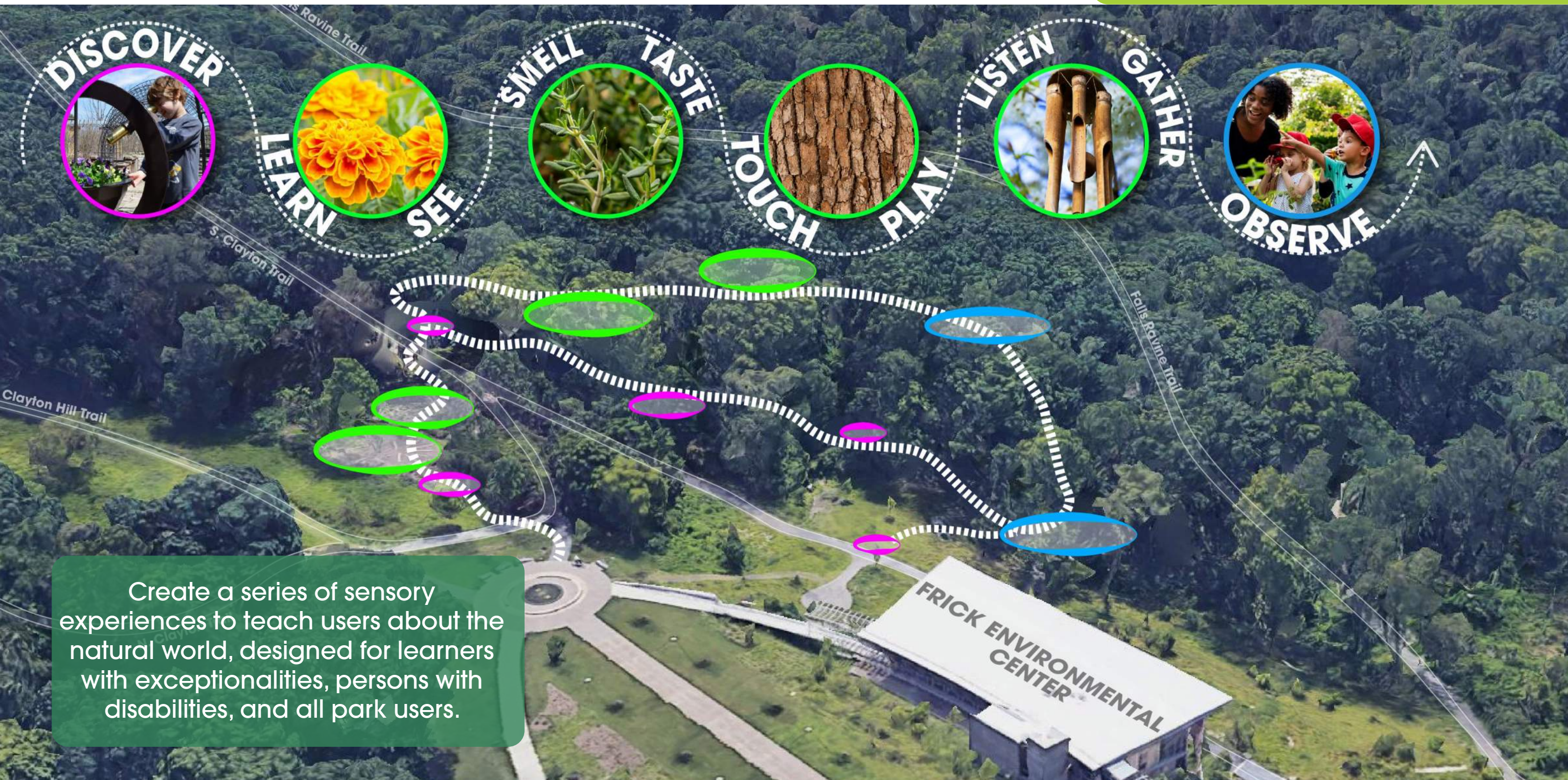
The paved nature trail winds through large canopy trees with logs, leaves and other natural items to explore.

The Nature Trail

The observation deck provides a unique gathering space encapsulated by the trees and overlooking Frick Park.



The nature trail and informal nature play space are used for camp programming and nature hikes by PPC staff, however they are also frequently used by childcare providers and other park users.



Learning through sensory experiences

Nature is the classroom

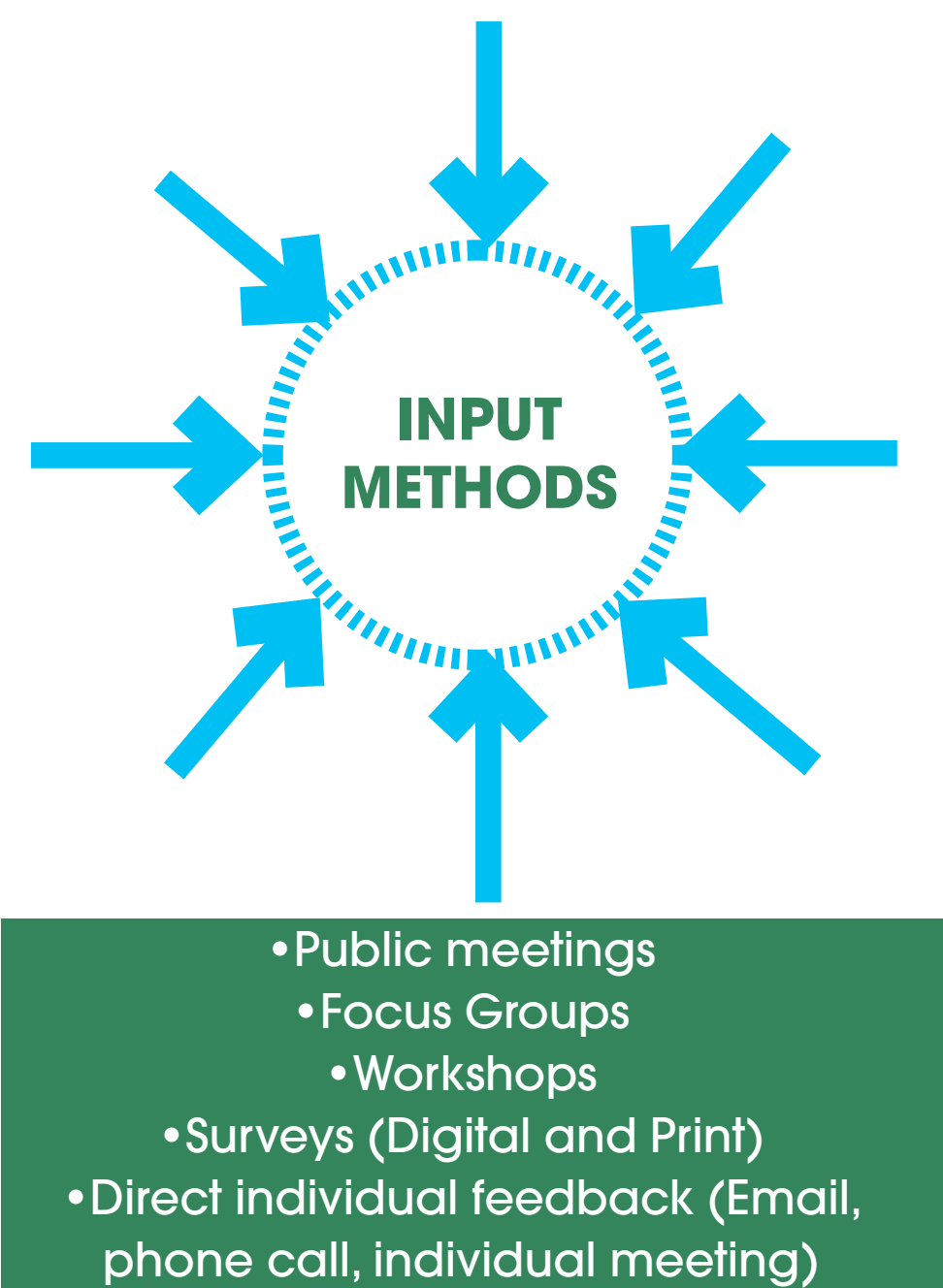
UDL and inclusivity-driven design

Immersive, intuitive, flexible

Open and accessible to everyone



02 - ENGAGEMENT



LISTEN & ANALYZE
OCT 2022 to NOV 2022



Advisory Committee Meeting #1
•October 6, 2023



Site Investigation and Analysis
•Month of October 2022



Focus Group Meetings
•November 9&10



Public Survey
•Mid to Late November 2022

IDEATE
NOV 2022 to FEB 2023



Concept Development
•November 2022 to January 2023



Advisory Committee Meeting #2
•January 19, 2023

HOLIDAY BREAK



Stakeholder Meetings
•January 24, 26, & 28



Public Survey
•Late January to Mid February

REFINE
FEB 2023 to APR 2023



Plan Refinement
•Late January to Early April 2023



Advisory Committee Meeting #3
•April 13, 2023



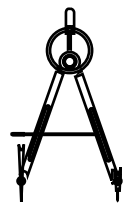
Stakeholder Meetings
•April 18,19, & 23



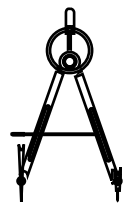
Public Survey
•Late April to Mid-May

DOCUMENT
MAY 2023 to JUL 2023

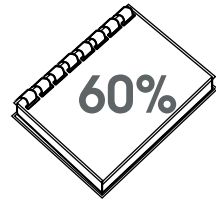
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Meeting
July 11, 2023

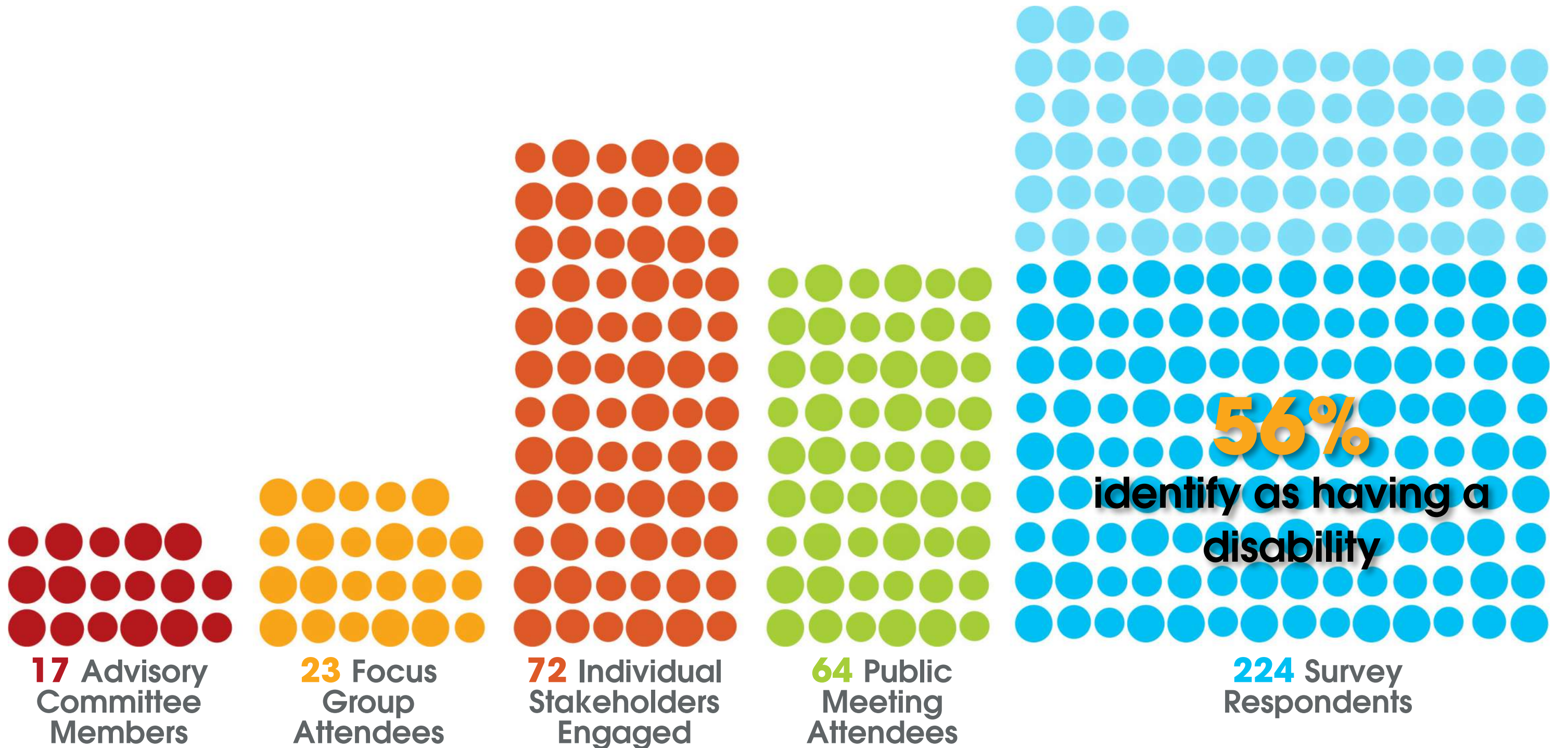


Plan Refinement
June to July 2023



60% Construction Document Submission to City
•Mid-July 2023

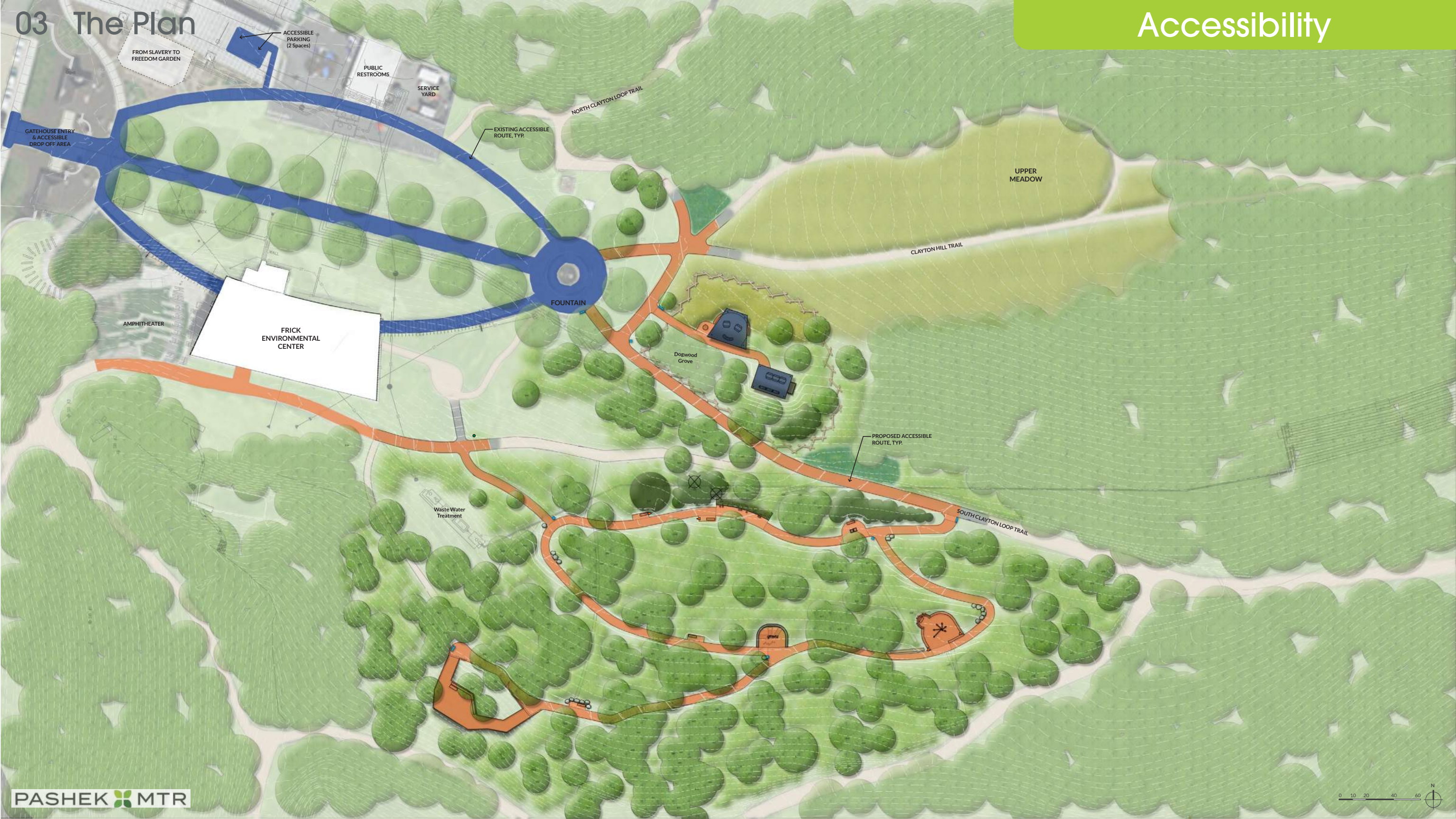
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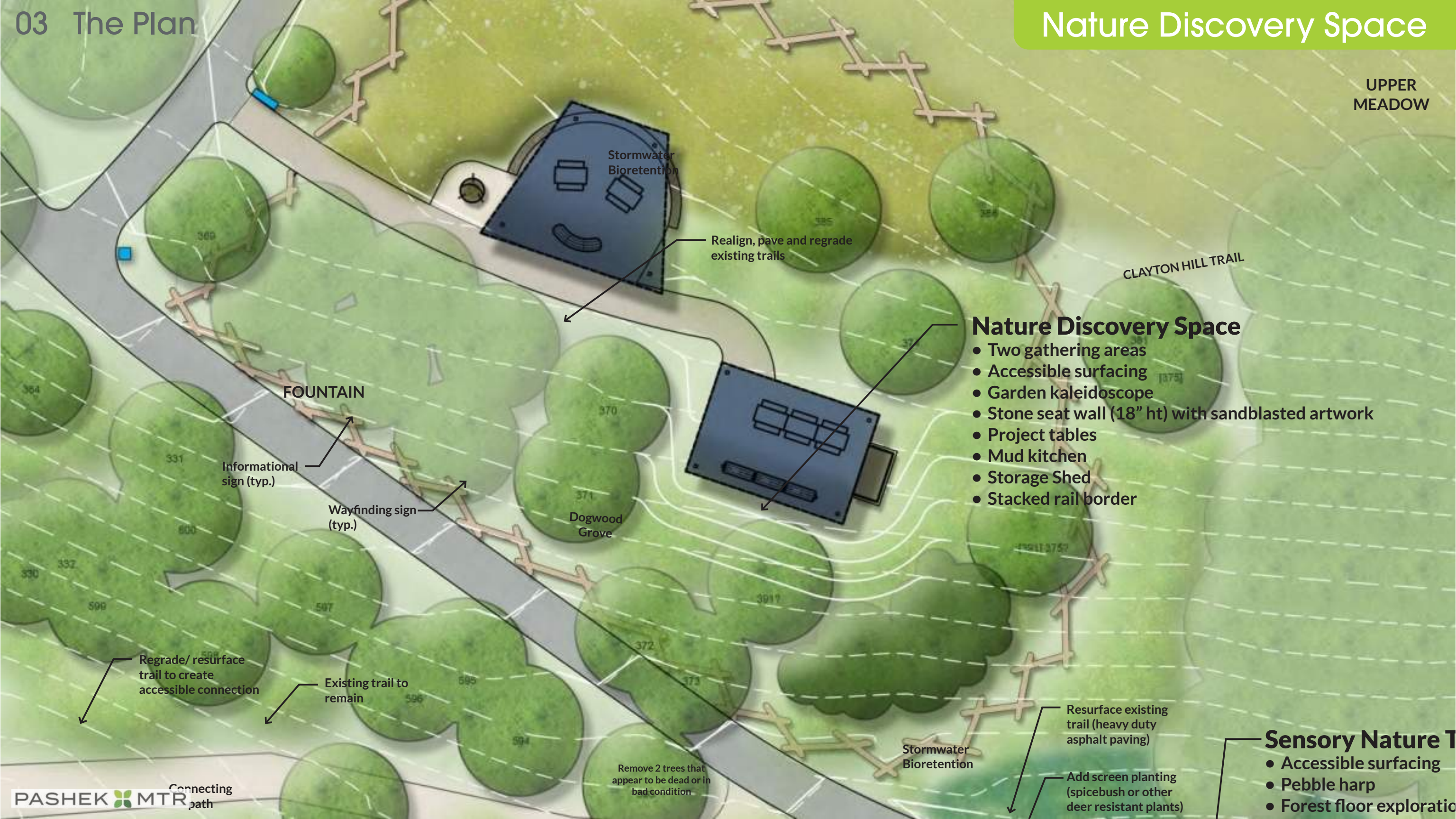
03 - THE PLAN







UPPER MEADOW



Stormwater Bioretention

Realign, pave and regrade existing trails

CLAYTON HILL TRAIL

Nature Discovery Space

- Two gathering areas
- Accessible surfacing
- Garden kaleidoscope
- Stone seat wall (18" ht) with sandblasted artwork
- Project tables
- Mud kitchen
- Storage Shed
- Stacked rail border

FOUNTAIN

Informational sign (typ.)

Wayfinding sign (typ.)

Dogwood Grove

Regrade/ resurface trail to create accessible connection

Existing trail to remain

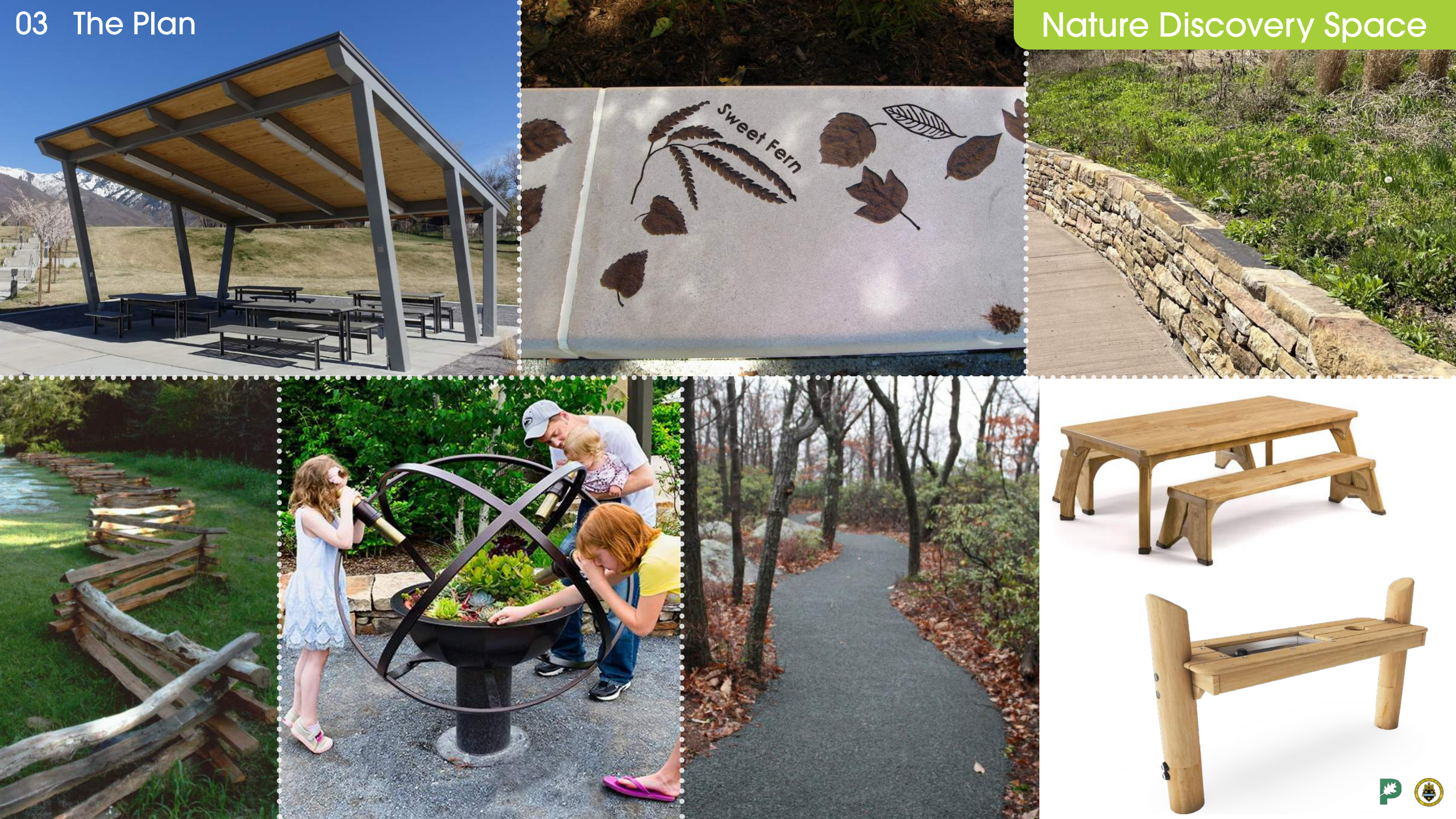
Remove 2 trees that appear to be dead or in bad condition

Resurface existing trail (heavy duty asphalt paving)

Add screen planting (spicebush or other deer resistant plants)

Sensory Nature T

- Accessible surfacing
- Pebble harp
- Forest floor exploration





Regrade/ resurface trail to create accessible connection

Existing trail to remain

Connecting path

Waste Water Treatment

Existing trail to remain

Observation Deck

- Replace decking, railing, and retaining walls
- Long bench with accessible table

Wayfinding Sign (Typ.)

Fir tree

Whisper station

Bench (typ.)

Forest floor exploration

Stormwater Bioretention

Oak

Pebble harp station

Wayfinding sign (typ.)

Red oak stump

Red oak trunk

Oak

Oak

Relocate red oak log

Timber Fort and Nest

Fallen white oak
Red oak trunk

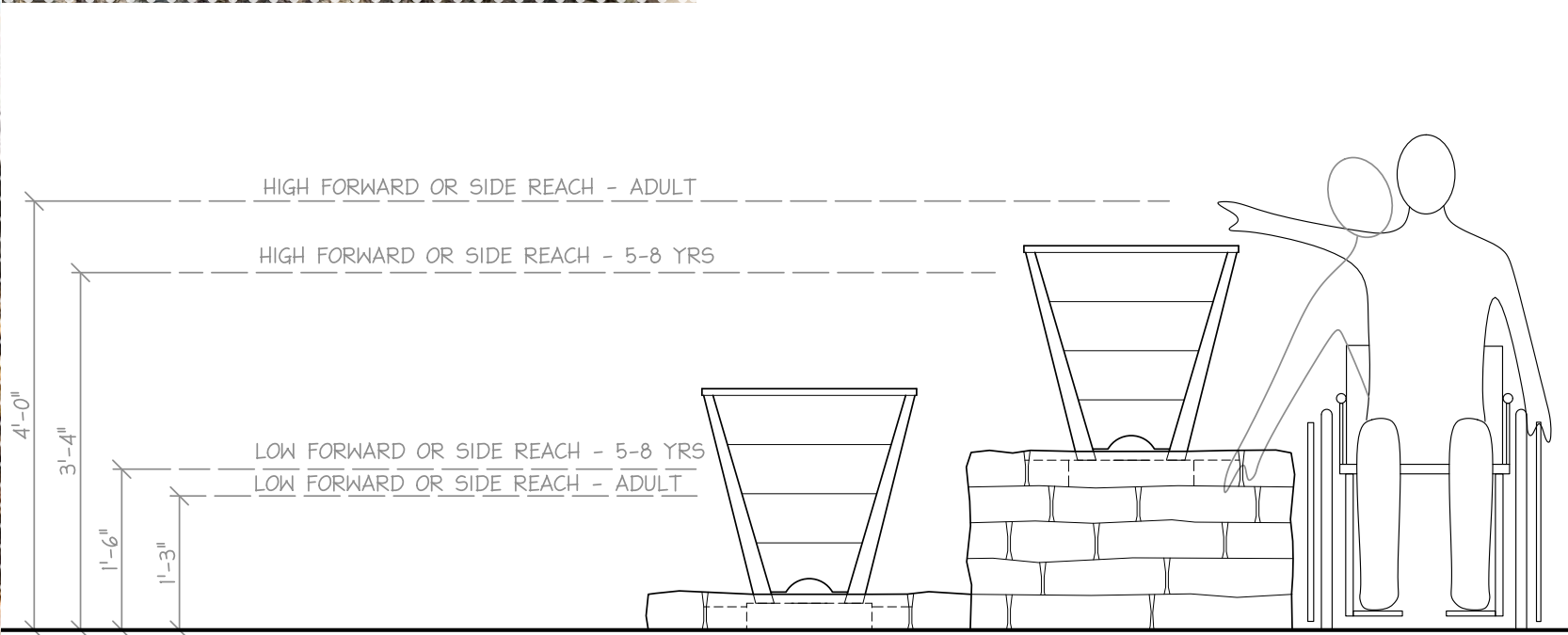
Sensory Nature Trail

- Accessible surfacing
- Pebble harp
- Forest floor exploration
- Balance steppers
- Timber fort and nest
- Resting areas with timber benches

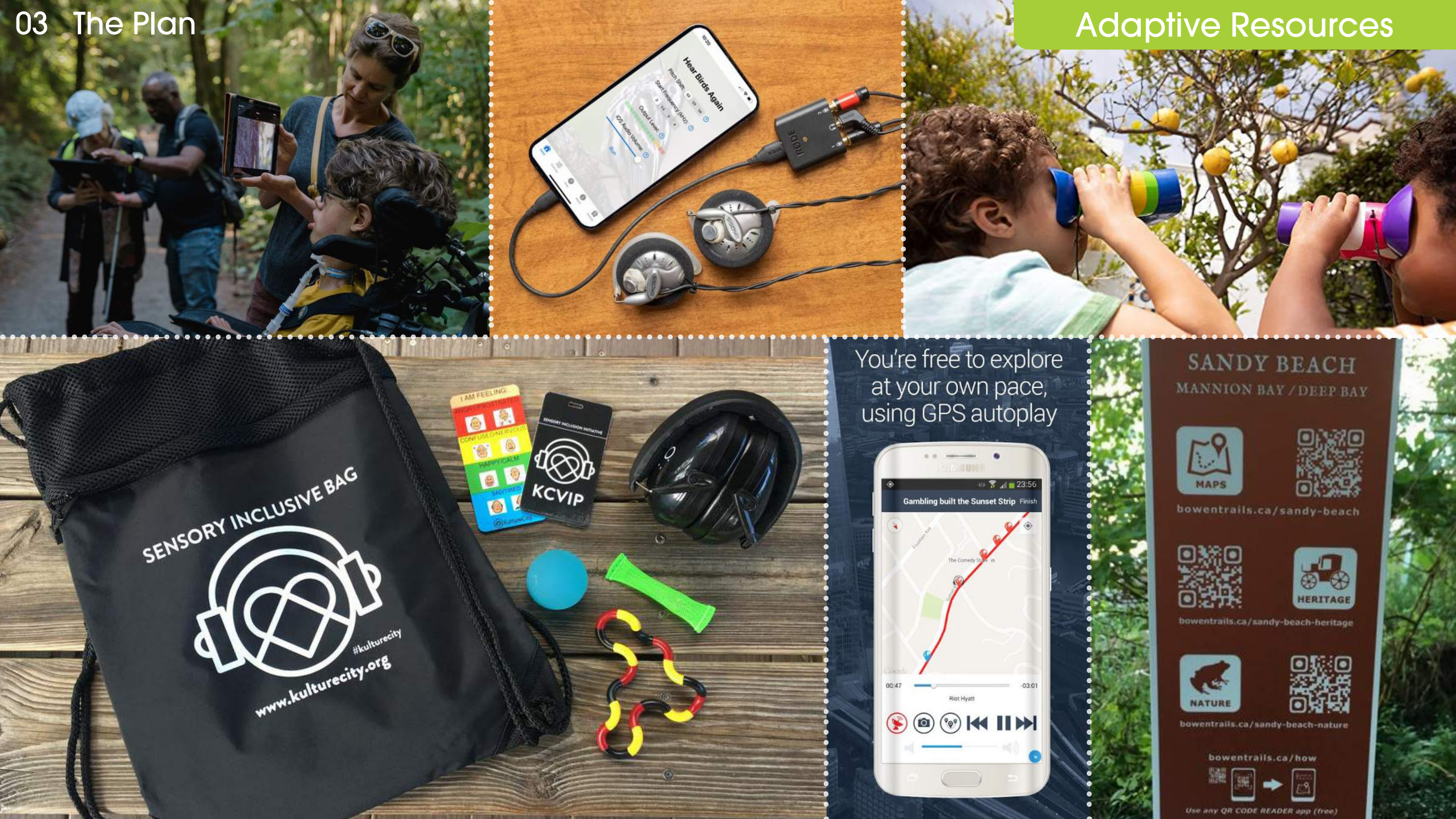
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Informational sign (typ.)

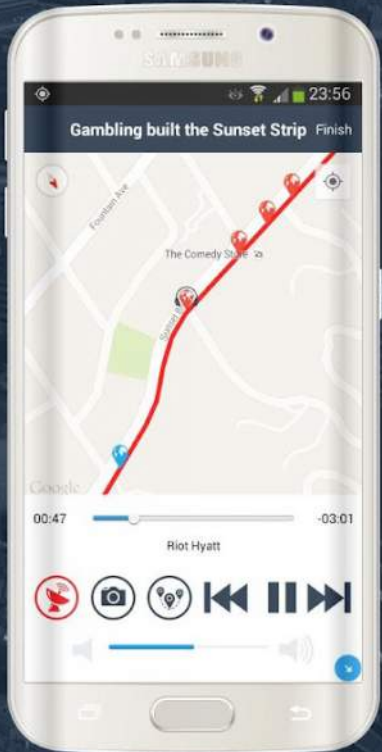
SOUTH CLAYTON LOOP TRAIL







You're free to explore
at your own pace,
using GPS autoplay



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Date of Issue: 2023-05-24

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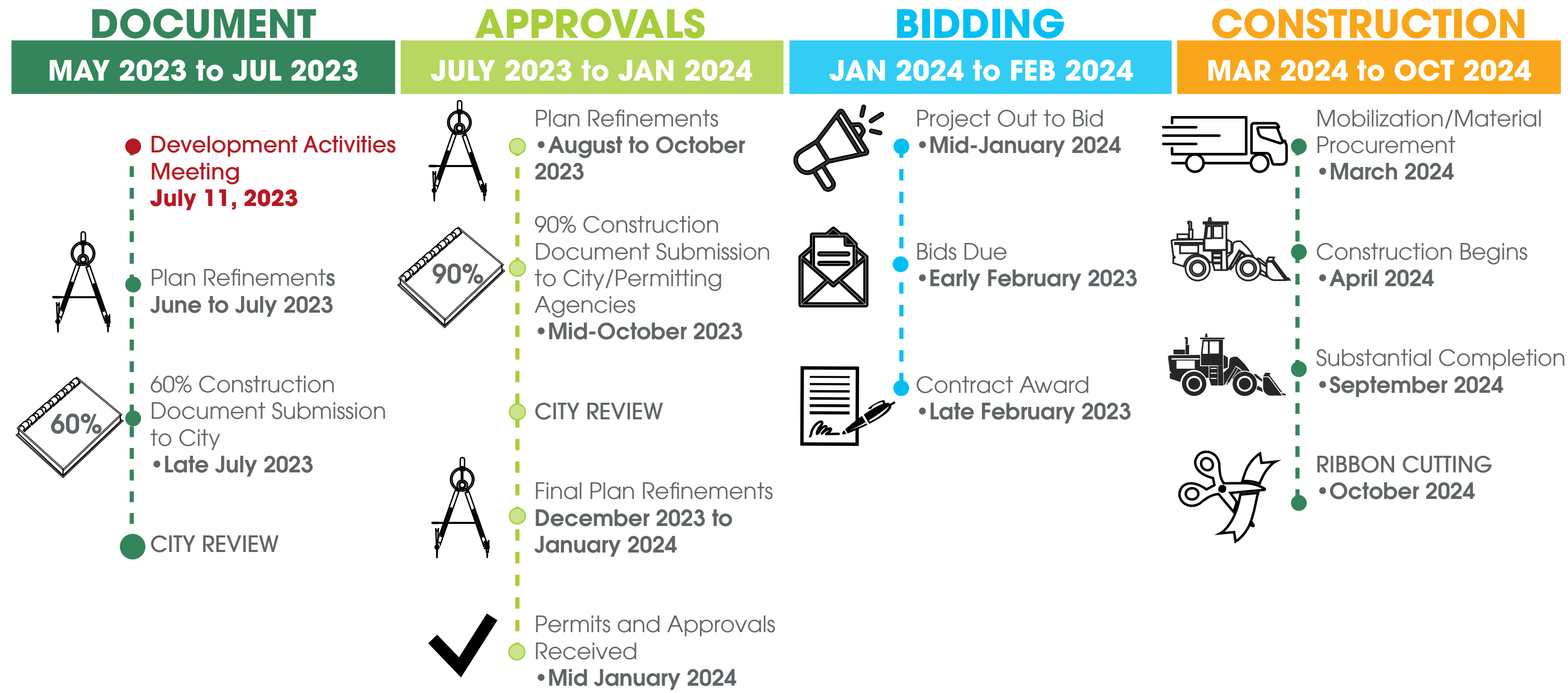
CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

PENNSYLVANIA LAW REQUIRES
3 WORKING DAYS NOTICE FOR
CONSTRUCTION PHASE AND 10 WORKING
DAYS IN DESIGN STAGE - STOP CALL

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Overall Site Plan





A rustic wooden bench and table are positioned in a field of tall grass and trees. The bench is made of dark, weathered wood and has a slatted back. The table is also made of dark, weathered wood and has a flat top. The background is a dense forest of green trees, with some yellow leaves visible on the right side. The sky is overcast.

Thank you!
Questions or comments?