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REIMAGINING BECK PARK

TUESDAY, OCT 3 | NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING #4

6-8PM | ETHS TEAMS TRANSITION HOUSE | 1742 LEMAR AVE.

MEET THE TEAM

Together, Let's Reimagine Beck Park

YOU!



**NEIGHBORHOOD
STAKEHOLDERS**

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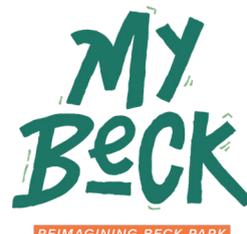
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**All
Together.**

BHH Brian H. Hurd



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PROJECT PROCESS

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PROJECT PROCESS

Beck Park Expansion: Project Timeline



2022-2023

2024 and beyond

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PHASE 1

- Site Evaluation
- Concept Design
- Public Engagement



PHASE 2

- Site Investigation
- Construction Documents



PHASE 3

- Permitting & Bidding
- Construction



TASK 1: SITE EVALUATION

TASK 2: CONCEPTUAL DESIGN



Neighborhood Meeting #01:
Park Amenity Preferences
11/29/22



Neighborhood Meeting #02:
Review Initial Concept Designs
3/4/23



Neighborhood Meeting #03:
Review Refined Concept Designs
6/6/23



Neighborhood Meeting #04:
Final Concept Design
10/3/23

TODAY!

*-Targetted dates are not fixed and may shift during the project duration



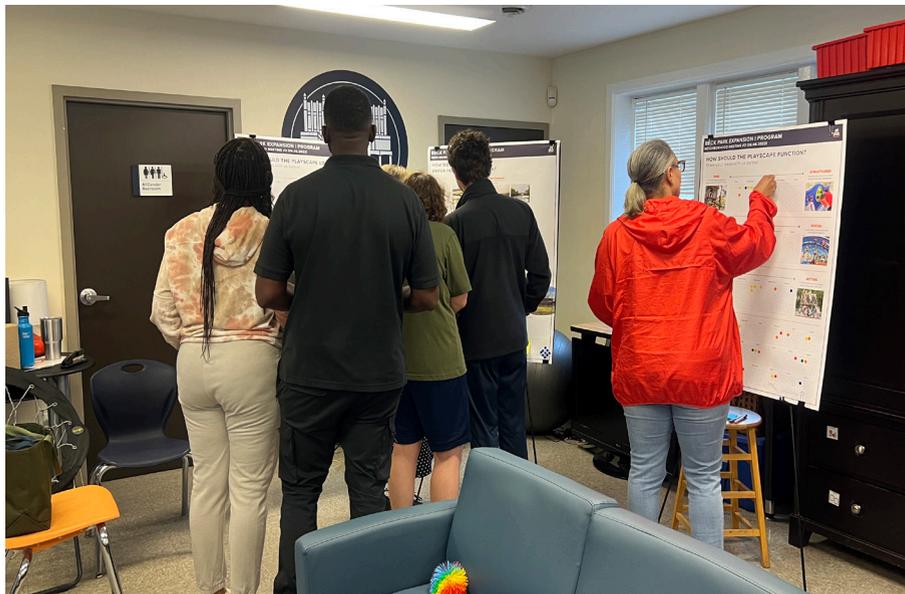
MEETING #3 SUMMARY

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NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMARY

Neighborhood Meeting #03 - ETHS Transition House, Tuesday June 6, 2023



BREAKOUT EXERCISE FEEDBACK

Design Preference

CONCEPT A FEEDBACK

Neighbors gathered around a table to provide feedback on Concept A by writing on sticky notes, sharing thoughts with the project team, and placing poms in jars.



What did you love about the concept?

"Love the continuous bike path to Church, the safe passageway under Emerson, and the overlooks."

What would you improve about the concept?

"I do not like paths close to my house, pull paths into the park."

"Develop area here for teens. Could be natural like a series of rocks/boulders to sit on."

Jar Exercise: What are your thoughts overall?



IT'S NOT FOR ME



IT COULD BE BETTER



IT'S OKAY



I LIKE IT



THIS IS THE ONE!

CONCEPT B FEEDBACK

Neighbors gathered around a table to provide feedback on Concept B by writing on sticky notes, sharing thoughts with the project team, and placing poms in jars.



What did you love about the concept?

"Access to the canal is very attractive."

"The play areas are incorporated in an organic and natural way, looks great."

What would you improve about the concept?

"I like a more centralized pavilion away from the potential restrooms and parking."

"I prefer the upper overlook."

Jar Exercise: What are your thoughts overall?



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BREAKOUT EXERCISE FEEDBACK

Programmatic Priorities



RANKING QUESTIONNAIRE

Neighbors ranked thirteen (13) park design elements from one (1), most prioritized to thirteen (13), least prioritized for the future implementation of Beck Park. This prioritization will serve to guide future phasing of the park implementation over time.

- #1 **Bike Trail Extension to Church**
- #2 **Improved Parking Lot**
- #3 **Emerson Trail Underpass**
- #4 **Park Shelter**
- #5 **Playground**
- #6 **Sidewalk Along McDaniel Ave**
- #7 **Channel-Side Trails**
- #8 **Channel Overlooks**
- #9 **Naturalized Planting + Ornamental Trees**
- #10 **Access to Restrooms**
- #11 **Water Feature**
- #12 **Heritage Trail**
- #13 **Interactive Art**

HIGHEST RANKED



LOWEST RANKED

Neighbors shared their thoughts on potential water features and restroom usage/location for Beck Park by placing stickers on interactive boards.

How do you feel about a water feature at Beck Park?

YES I believe a water feature is a must-have.	NO I could do without a water feature.
10	2

- “Love the idea of linking the water feature to the history of the canal.”
- “A mechanical, interactive water feature that kids can turn on and off and reverse flow.”
- “I really appreciate the combined water feature concept that looks at the history and the aesthetic elements.”

Does Beck Park need restroom access?

YES I believe restroom access is a must-have.	NO I could do without restroom access.
7	1

- “Restroom access is really tricky. People need restrooms but when they are misused it’s a big problem.”
- “Consistently maintained, 1-2 restrooms locked at night.”

FINAL CONCEPT PLAN

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FINAL CONCEPT PLAN

Site Plan



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LEGEND

- Deciduous Tree (Existing)
- Deciduous Tree (Proposed)
- Ornamental Tree (Proposed)
- Naturalized Planting (Proposed)
- Open Lawn (Proposed)
- Bike Path (Proposed)
- Concrete Walks (Proposed)
- Engineered Wood Fiber (Proposed)



FINAL CONCEPT PLAN

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Ornamental Trees



Naturalized Plantings



Upper Channel Overlooks



Water Level Overlooks



Naturalized Water Feature



Skate Element



Landscape Art & Heritage Walk



Expanded Parking



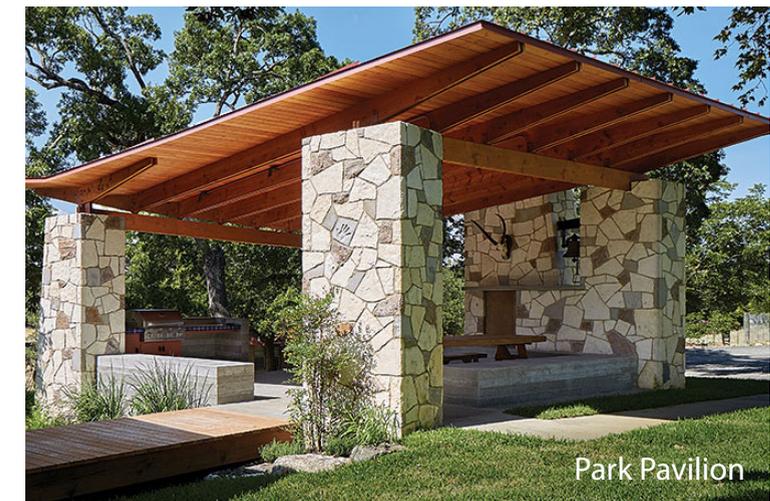
Bike Path Underpass



Meandering Paths



Improved Bike Path



Park Pavilion

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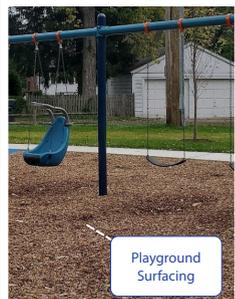
Hardscape



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LEGEND

- Bike Path (Proposed)
- Asphalt (Proposed)
- Concrete Walks (Proposed)
- Playground Surfacing (Proposed)
- Mulch Nature Trail (Proposed)
- Rustic Stone Steps (Proposed)



FINAL CONCEPT PLAN

Landscape Understory



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LEGEND

- Native Naturalized Plantings
- Native Ornamental Plantings
- Channel Edge Plantings-Meadow
- Channel Edge Plantings-Wooded
- Open Lawn



NORTH

100'

FINAL CONCEPT PLAN

Site Furnishings



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LEGEND

- Bench Seating
- Picnic Tables
- Play Equipment
- Lighting
- Sculpture

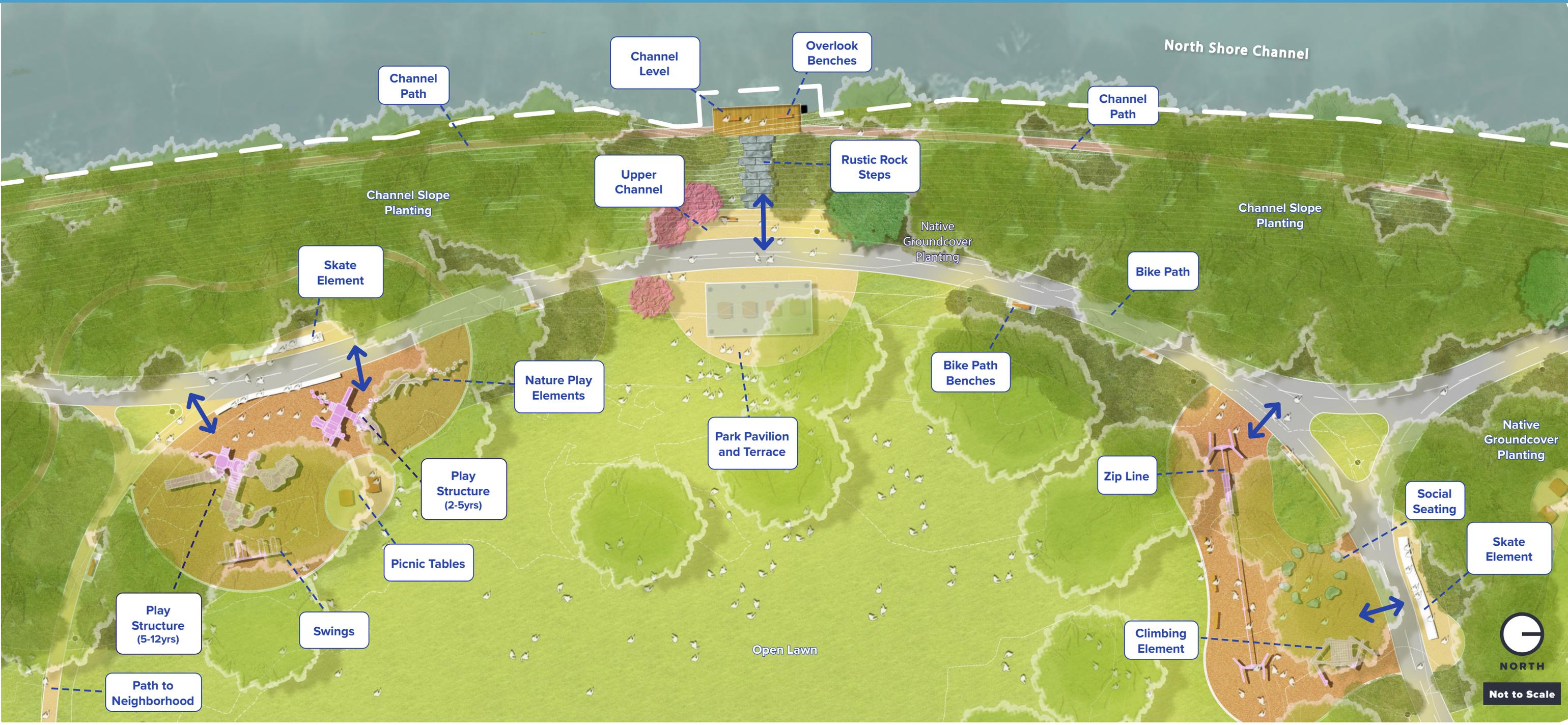


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Community Green



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NORTH

Not to Scale

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Play Equipment



Natural Play Elements



Park Pavilion



Zip Line



Accessible Play



Rustic Stone Steps



Skate Element

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Water Feature



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Church St.

Improved Parking

Existing Service Drive

Picnic Area

Restroom

Picnic Area

Patterned Concrete Plaza

Ornamental Trees

Asphalt

Open Lawn

Improved Parking

Heritage Path

Expanded Parking

Bike Path

Naturalized Water Feature

Picnic Area

Church Street Crossing

Bike Path

Added On-Street Parking

Sidewalk

McDaniel Ave

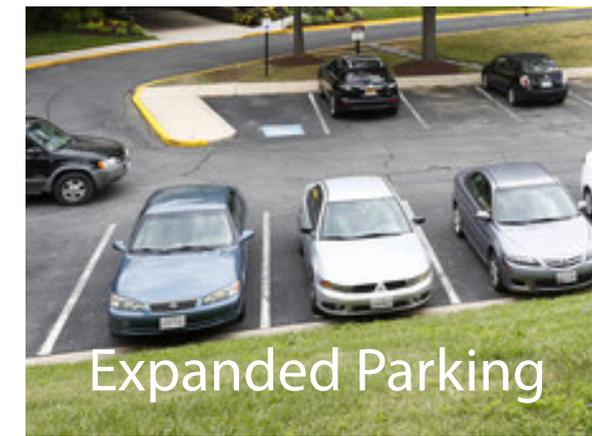
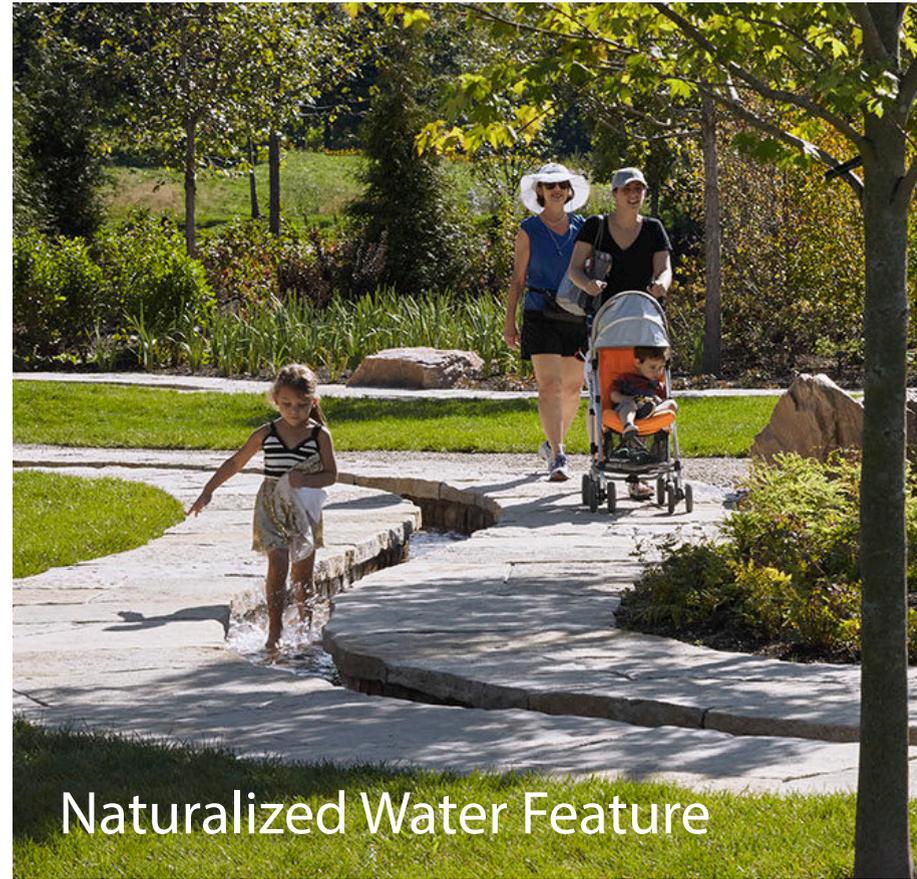


NORTH

Not to Scale

FINAL CONCEPT PLAN

Water Feature



Naturalized Water Feature

Naturalized Water Feature

Heritage Trail

Picnic Area

Expanded Parking

IMPLEMENTING THE DESIGN

EXISTING CONDITIO

DOG PLAY
AREA
FENCED-IN

Kids going
to playground

legons

McDaniel

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IMPLEMENTING THE DESIGN

Phasing Construction

• PHASE I:

- Bike Trail Extension to Church (including lighting)
- Improved Parking Lot
- Park Pavilion
- Playground
- Naturalized Plantings & Ornamental Trees
- Heritage Trail
- Skate Elements

• PHASE II:

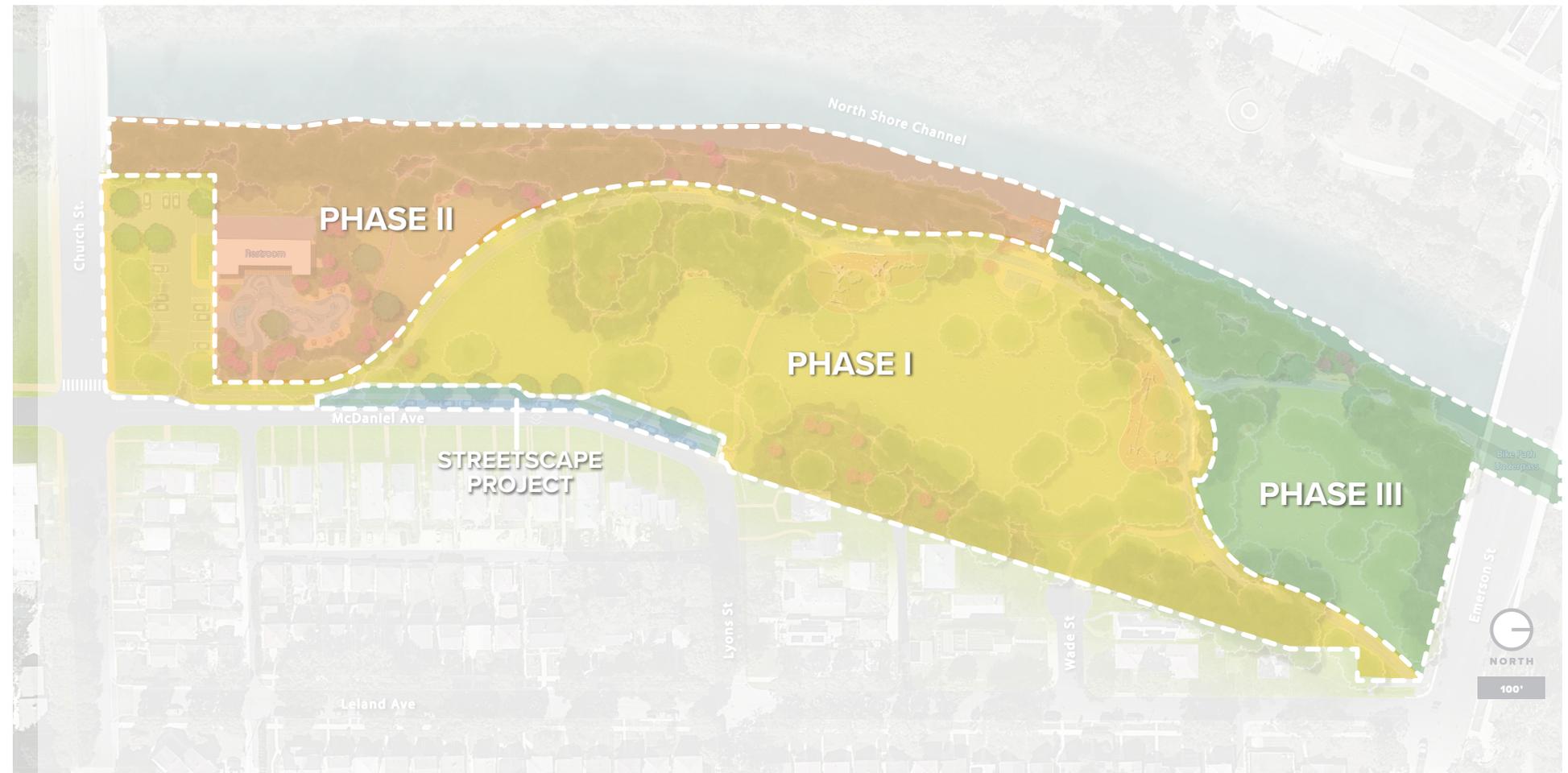
- Channel Side Trails
- Channel Side Overlooks
- Access to Restrooms
- Water Feature
- Heritage Trail Extension

• PHASE III:

- Emerson Trail Underpass
- Channel Side Trail Extension
- Channel Side Overlooks

• STREETSCAPE PROJECT:

- On-Street Parking
- Sidewalk along McDaniel Ave



QUESTIONS + ANSWERS

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BREAKOUT EXERCISES

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