

City of Evanston, IL

Independence Park Improvements

Community Workshop #3 | Final Concept Plan

07/06/2023



Today's Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

Project Updates

Final Concept Plan

Close & Discussion



Project Team

Overview of Consultants & Collaborators

You!

Neighbors &
Stakeholders

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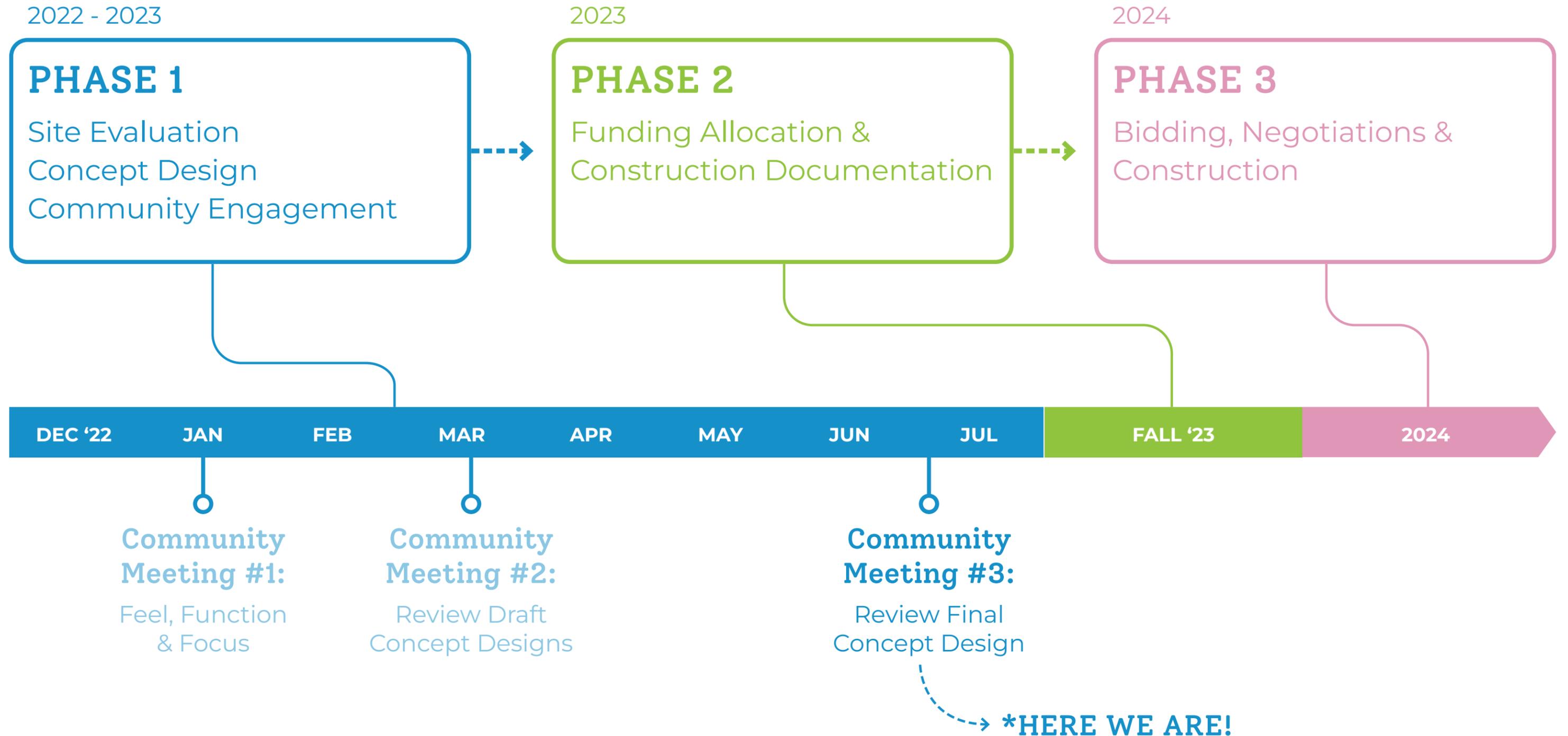
Project
Team

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Project Roadmap

Overview of Schedule & Milestones



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Community Workshop #2

Overview of Exercises & Feedback



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Concept A



Pleasure Ground

Emphasis On The Natural Environment

“Love the mix of seating with terrace chairs and picnic tables with lights and adirondacks ”

“Love the ground of the playground!”

“Picnic grove looks very pleasant.”

Concept B



Destination Play

Emphasis On Movement & Play

“Love the aesthetic of nature play near gathering spaces!”

“Expanded play areas for more age ranges is preferred! Other parks nearby are too small.”

“Stage facing to the play is great to include all.”

Concept C



Civic Commons

Emphasis On Community Gathering

“This concept engages Central St. brilliantly!”

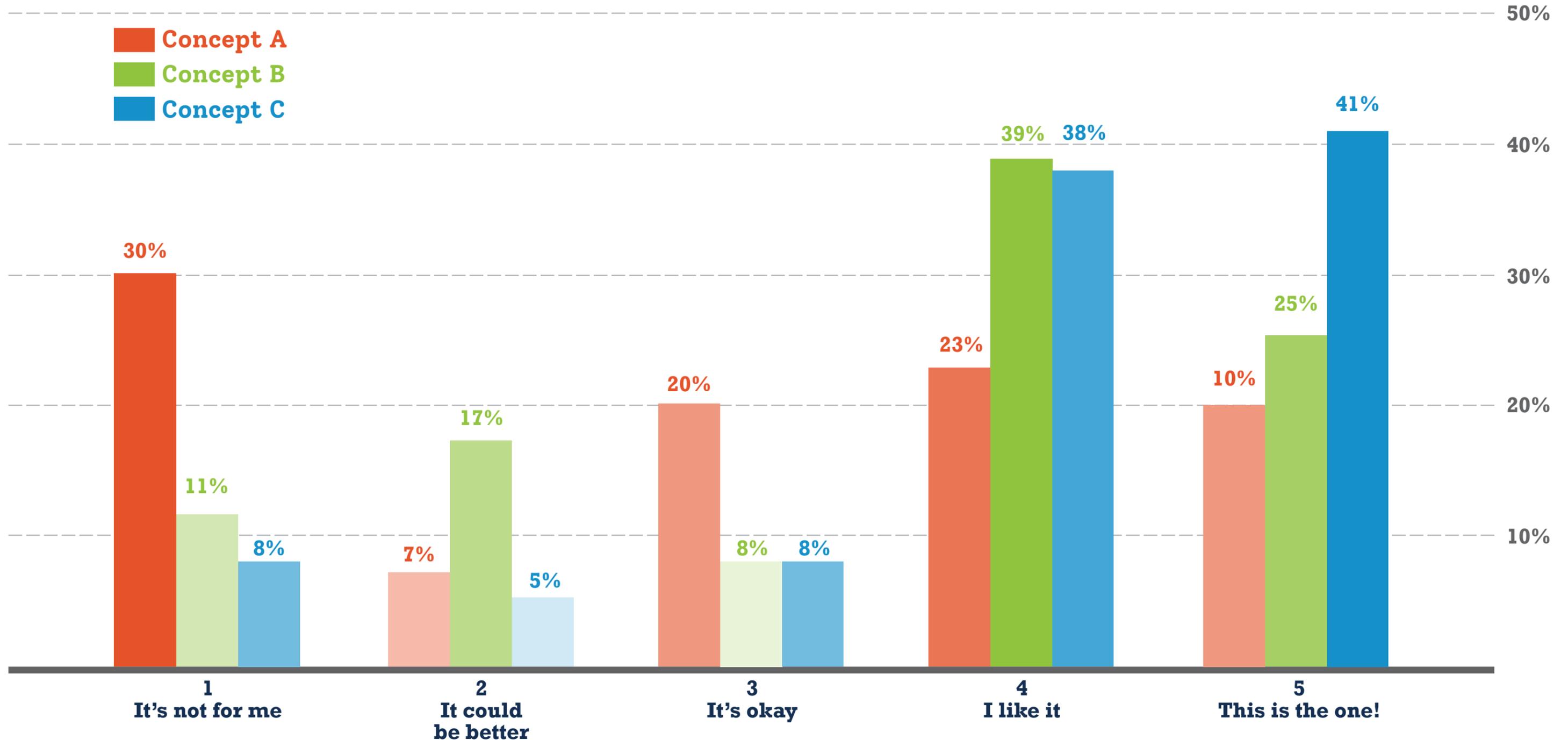
“Seems to foster more community gathering than the other concepts.”

“I like two picnic areas that are close to play equipment.”

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Overview of Exercises & Feedback

How you feel about these Concepts?



Independence Park
Final Concept Plan

Independence Park

Existing Conditions



Livingston St

Independence Park

Prairie Ave

Stewart Ave

Alley

Central St



Civic Commons

Final Concept Plan

LEGEND

-  Holiday Tree (Proposed)
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-  Deciduous Tree (Existing)
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-  Open Lawn (Proposed)
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Hardscape

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Livingston St

Independence Park

Playground

Stewart Ave

Alley

Plaza

Central St

Enhanced Crossing

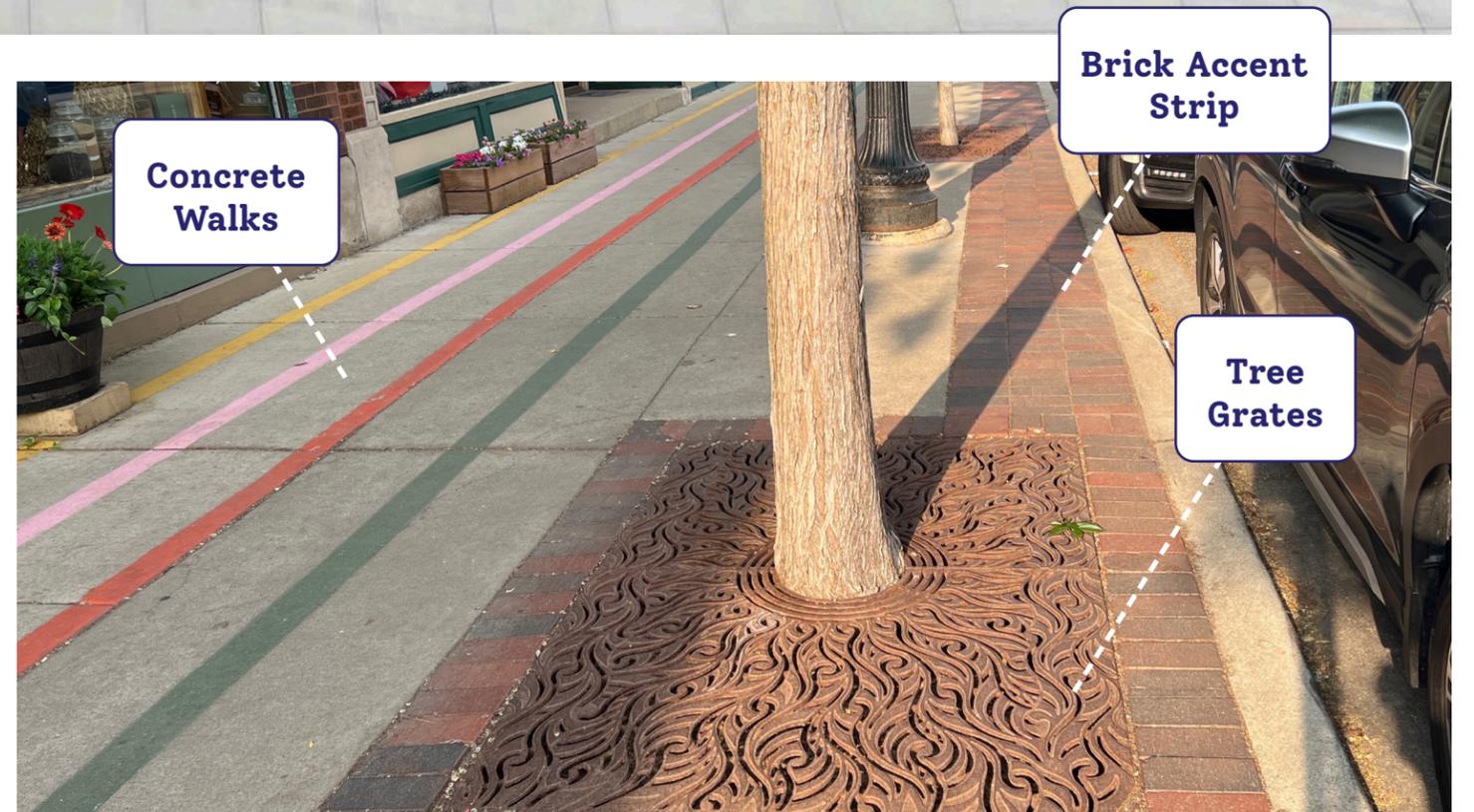
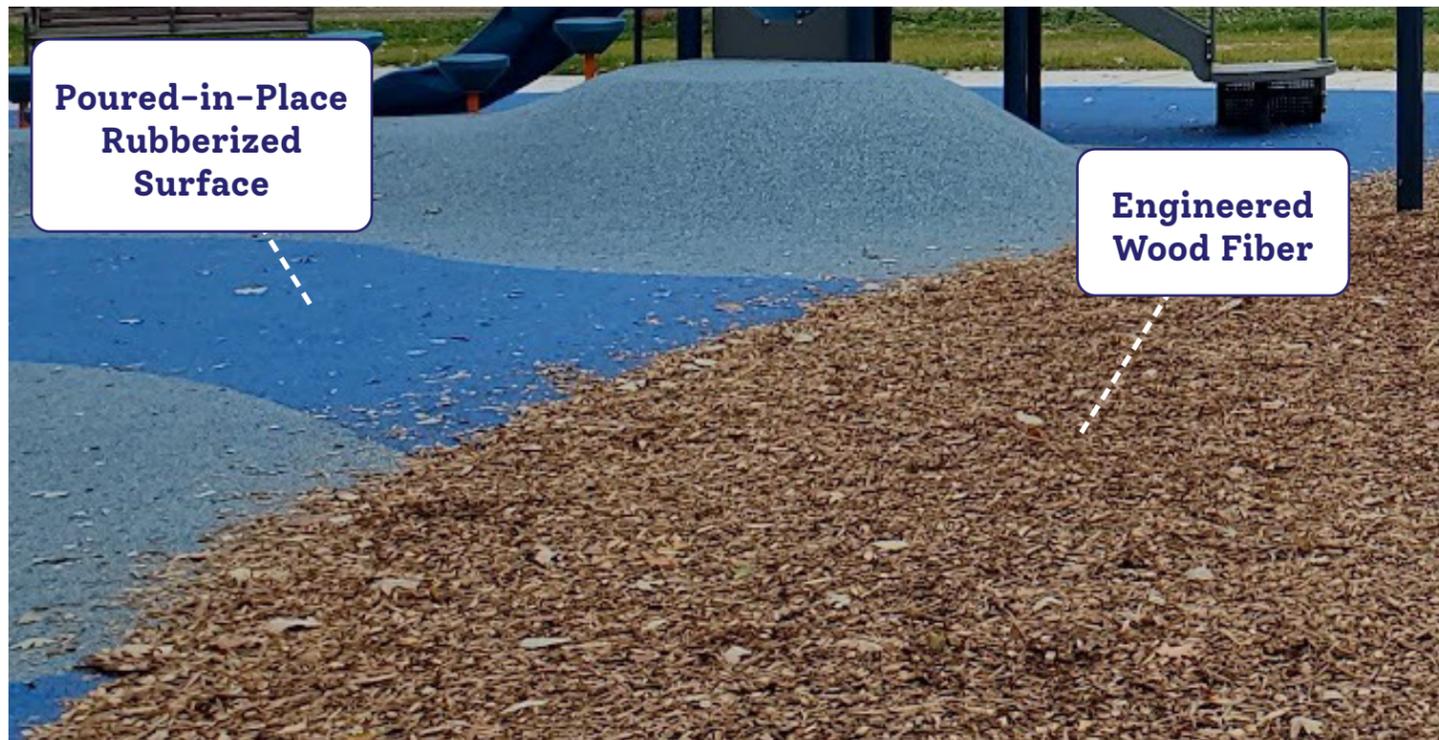
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-  Primary Circulation
-  Concrete Plaza (Proposed)
-  Concrete Walks (Proposed)
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Hardscape

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Landscape

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Landscape

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-  **Trees to be Removed**



Landscape

Final Concept Plan



**Ornamental
Plantings**



**Groundcover
Planting**



**Preservation of Healthy,
Mature Tree Canopy**

**Preservation
of Culturally
Significant Trees**

**Open
Lawn**

Furnishings

Final Concept Plan

LEGEND

-  Boulders
-  Water Fountain
-  Park Sign
-  Play Equipment
-  Seating | Fixed
-  Seating | Movable
-  Lighting



Furnishings

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Bistro Tables
& Chairs



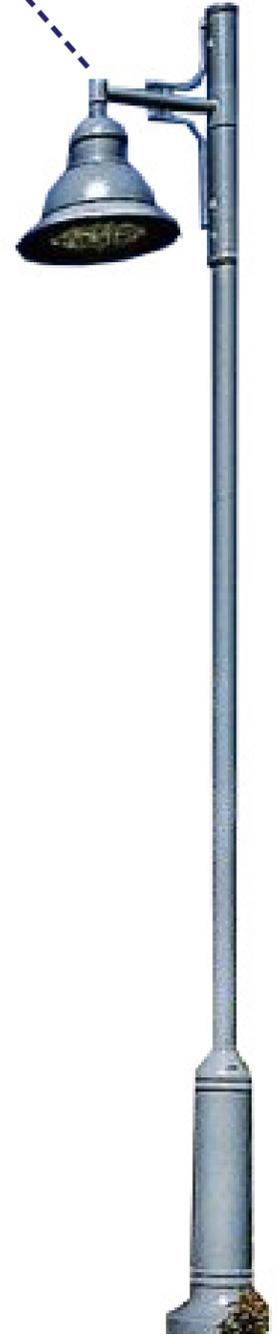
Curved
Benches



Picnic
Tables



Light
Fixture



Trash & Recycling
Receptacles



Water
Fountain



Bike Rack



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Playscape

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Swings

Play Structure
(2-5yrs)

Seating

Nature Play
Elements

Serenity
Garden

Native
Groundcover
Planting

Engineered
Wood Fiber

Native
Ornamental
Planting

Engineered
Wood Fiber

Rubberized
Surface

Picnic
Area

Play
Structure
(5-12yrs)



Playscape

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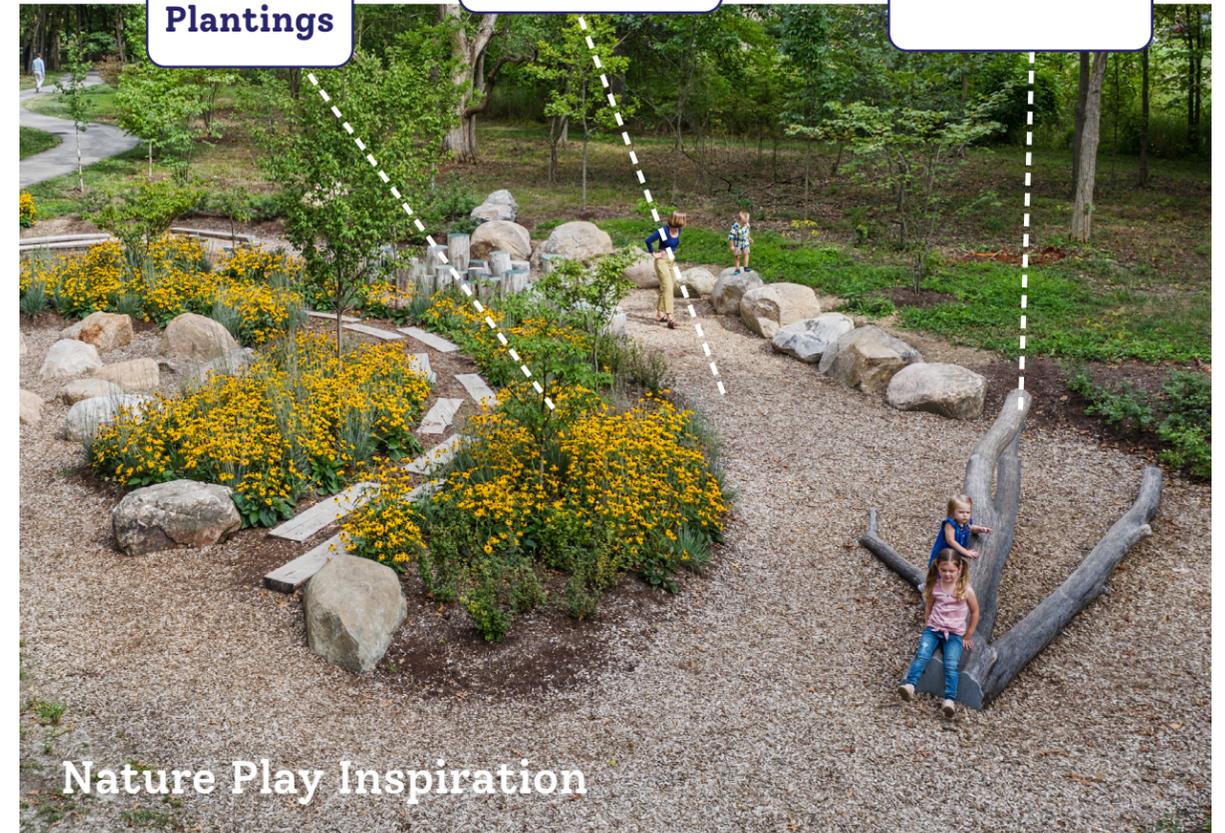


Nature Inspired Play Equipment

Structured Play Inspiration

Engineered Wood Fiber Surfacing

Rubberized Surfacing



Native Plantings

Engineered Wood Fiber Surfacing

Nature Play Elements

Nature Play Inspiration



Rock Seating

Serenity Garden

Plaza

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Open Lawn

String Lights

Stage

Picnic Tables

Drinking Fountain

Flagpole

Native Plantings

Sign w/
Banner

Tree Grove

Specialty Paving

Concrete

Light Fixtures

Holiday Tree
(Existing)

Holiday Tree
(Proposed)

Bistro Tables
& Chairs

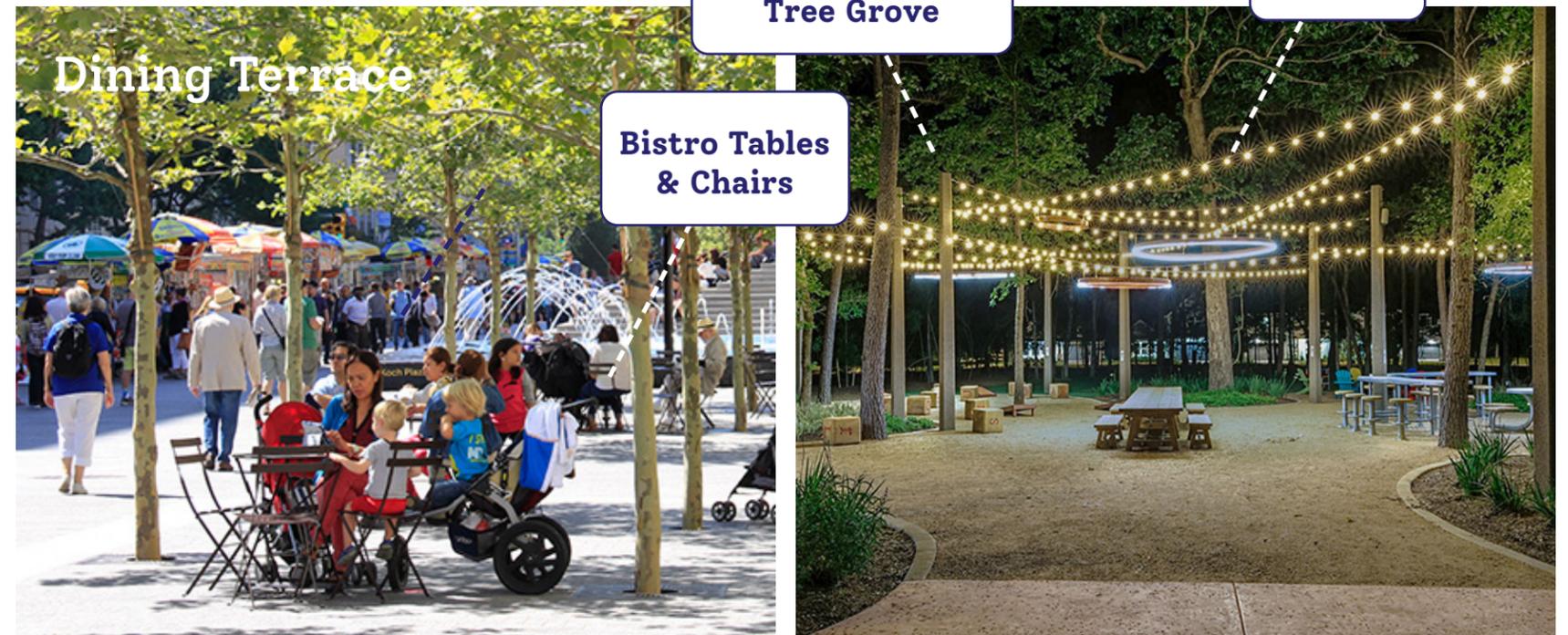
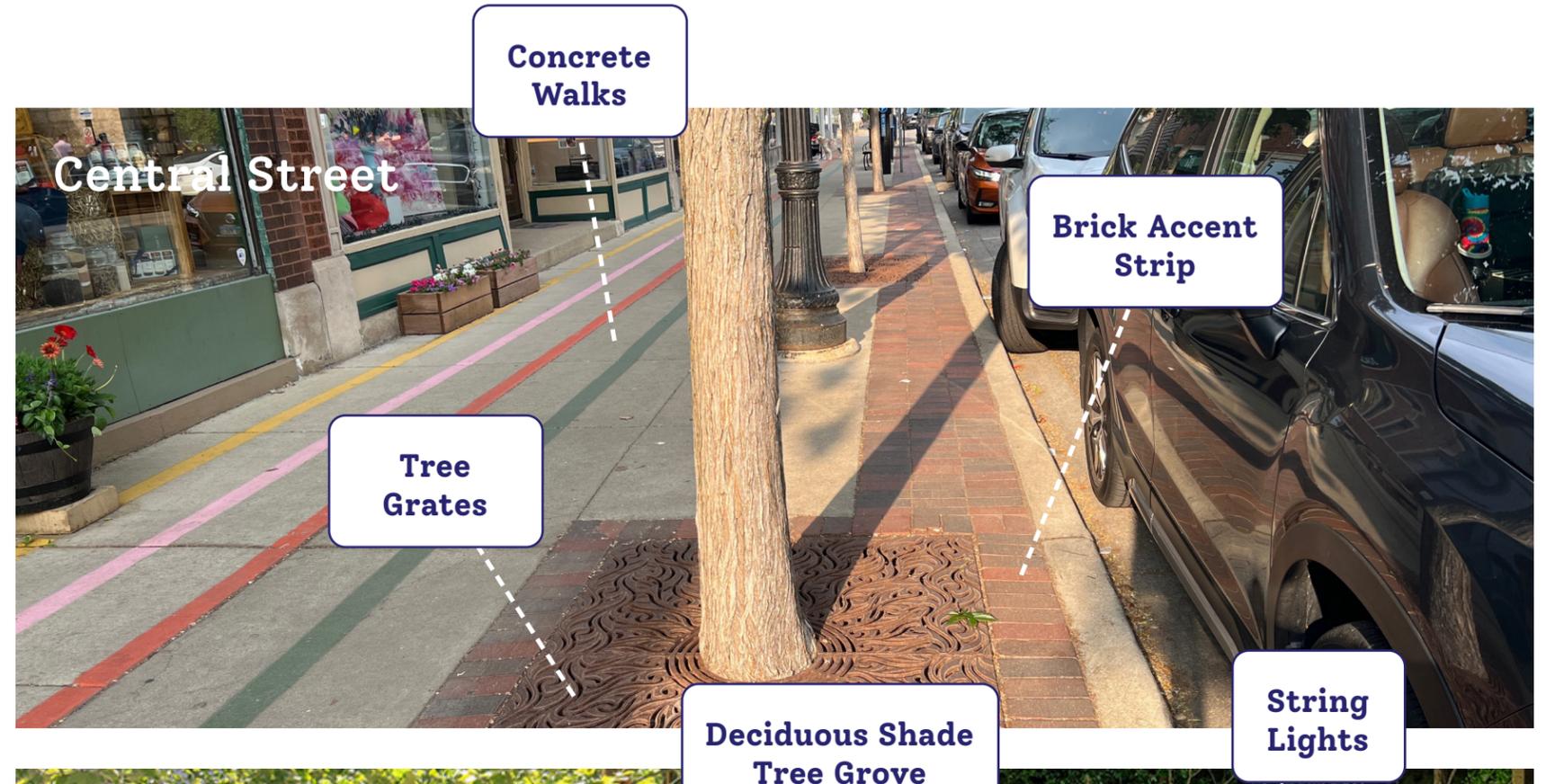
Benches

Enhanced Crosswalk



Plaza

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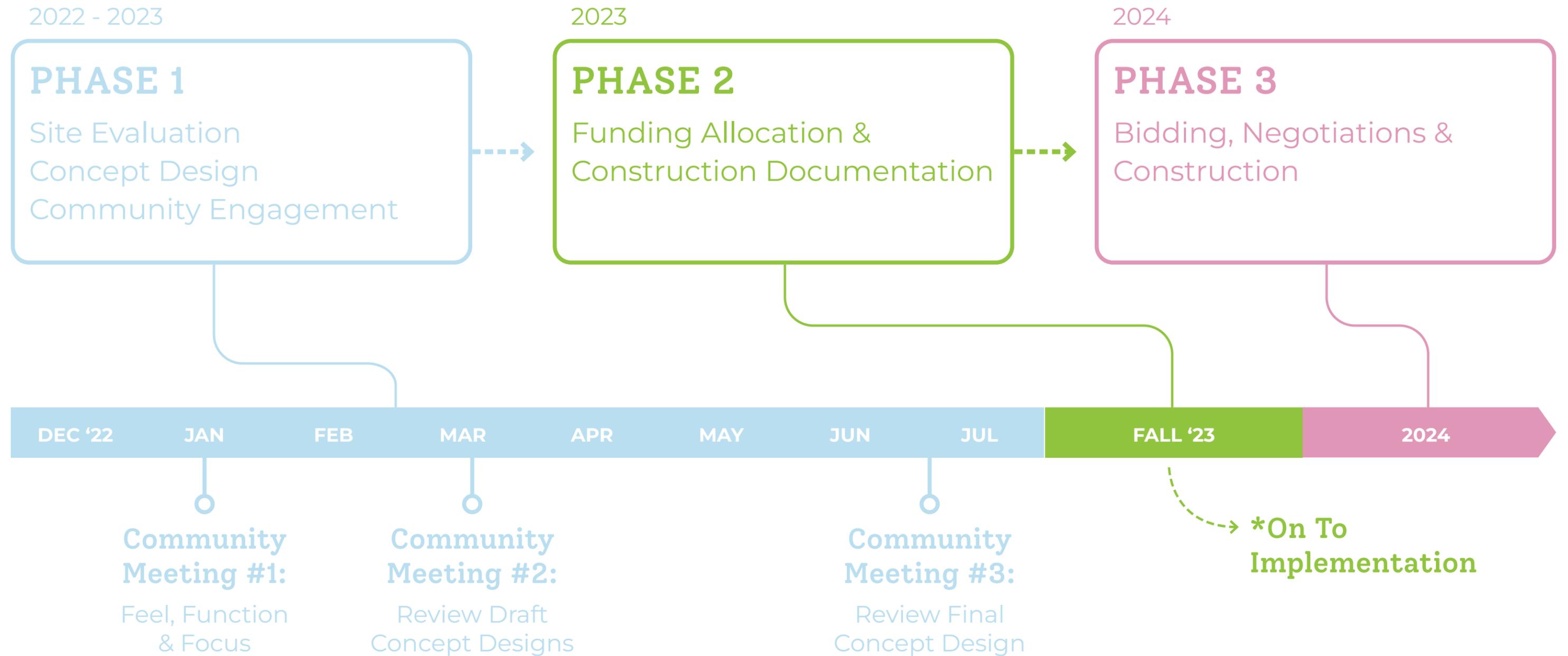
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Next Steps

Where We Go From Here



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