

# Sun Valley Riverfront Park

**PREFERRED CONCEPTUAL  
DESIGN DRAFT**

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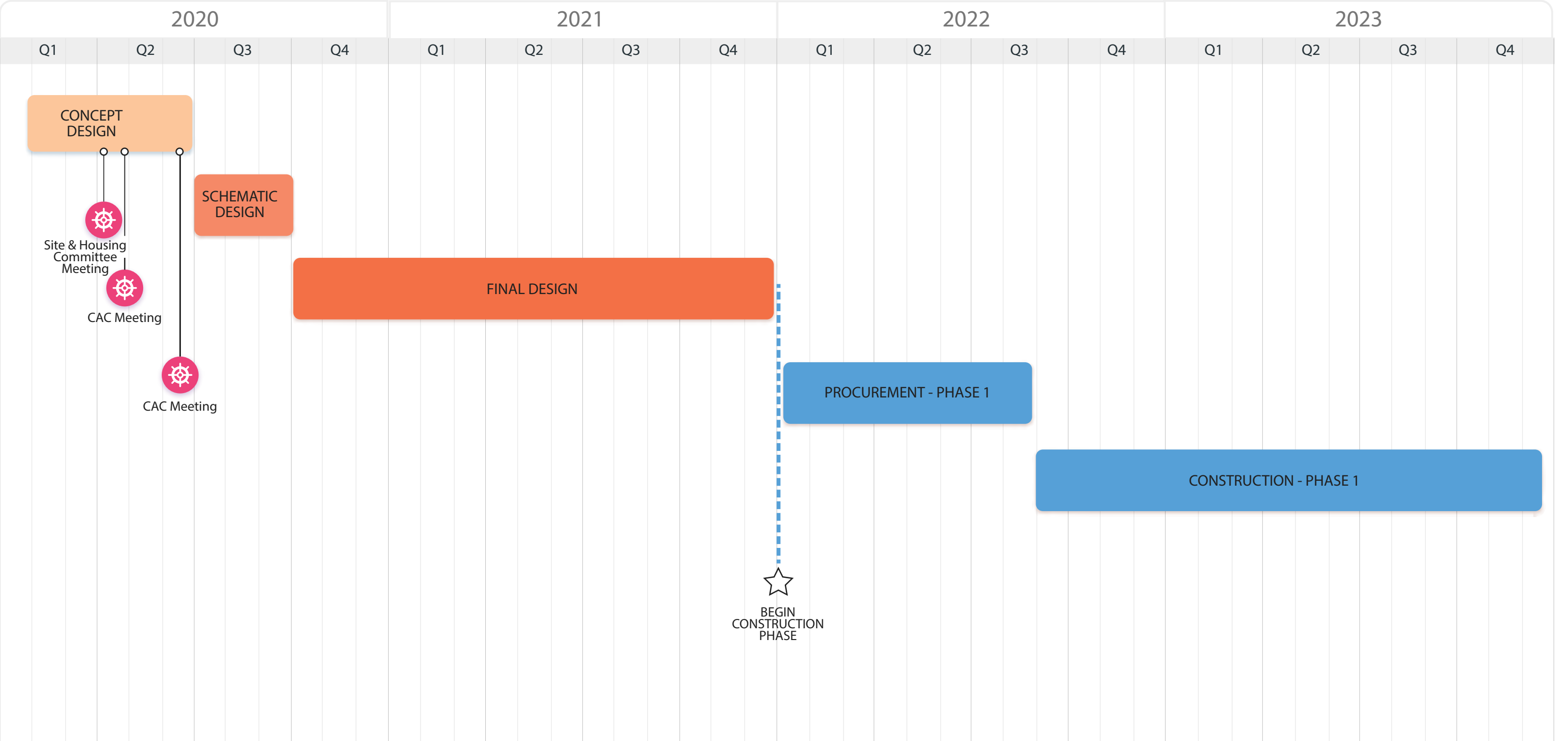


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# Schedule

The preliminary schedule below includes three phases of design and planned construction of Phase 1 in 2022 and 2023. The schedule is preliminary and subject to change.



# Summary of Goals & Vision

The goals and vision captured below summarize feedback received from the community as well as Denver Housing Authority and Denver's Department of Parks and Recreation.

## GOALS FROM COMMUNITY:

1. Create an active recreation destination
2. Provide places for large and small community gatherings
3. Incorporate food opportunities and/or places for food trucks in or nearby the park
4. Celebrate the cultures of the community in the park design

## GOALS FROM DENVER HOUSING AUTHORITY AND/OR DENVER PARKS AND RECREATION

1. Where possible, integrate water quality elements into the park design
2. Incorporate River Sisters concepts seamlessly into the park
3. Protect in place or relocate the existing playground elements
4. Maintain the South Platte River trail connectivity



Images from previous community meetings



# Summary of Desired Community Amenities

## 12 PREFERRED PARK AMENITIES

 : ALIGNS WITH RIVER SISTERS PARTNERSHIP

Previous community input, and feedback from the River Sisters Partnership team, helped identify the preferred list of uses and activities for Riverfront Park.



COMMUNITY GARDEN / URBAN FARM



OPEN LAWN



BASKETBALL / FUTSAL COURTS



BOAT LAUNCH



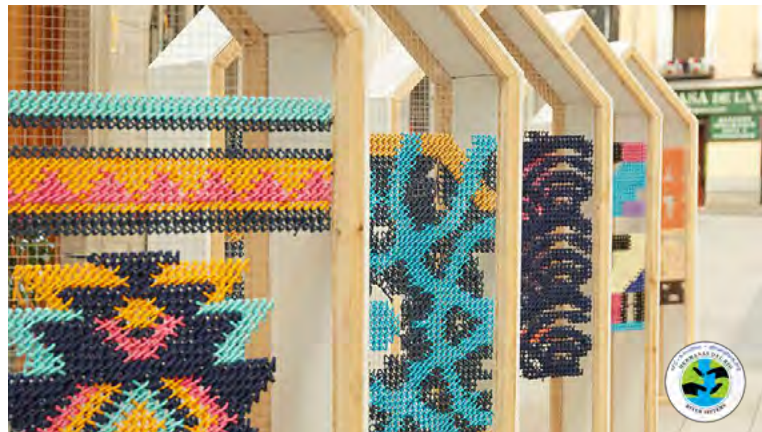
CULTURAL PLAZA



SKATE PARK + PUMP TRACK



NATIVE LANDSCAPE / BOTANIC GARDEN



PUBLIC ART



NATURAL PLAY



LARGE SPORTS FIELD



WATER PLAY














TRANQUILITY GARDEN

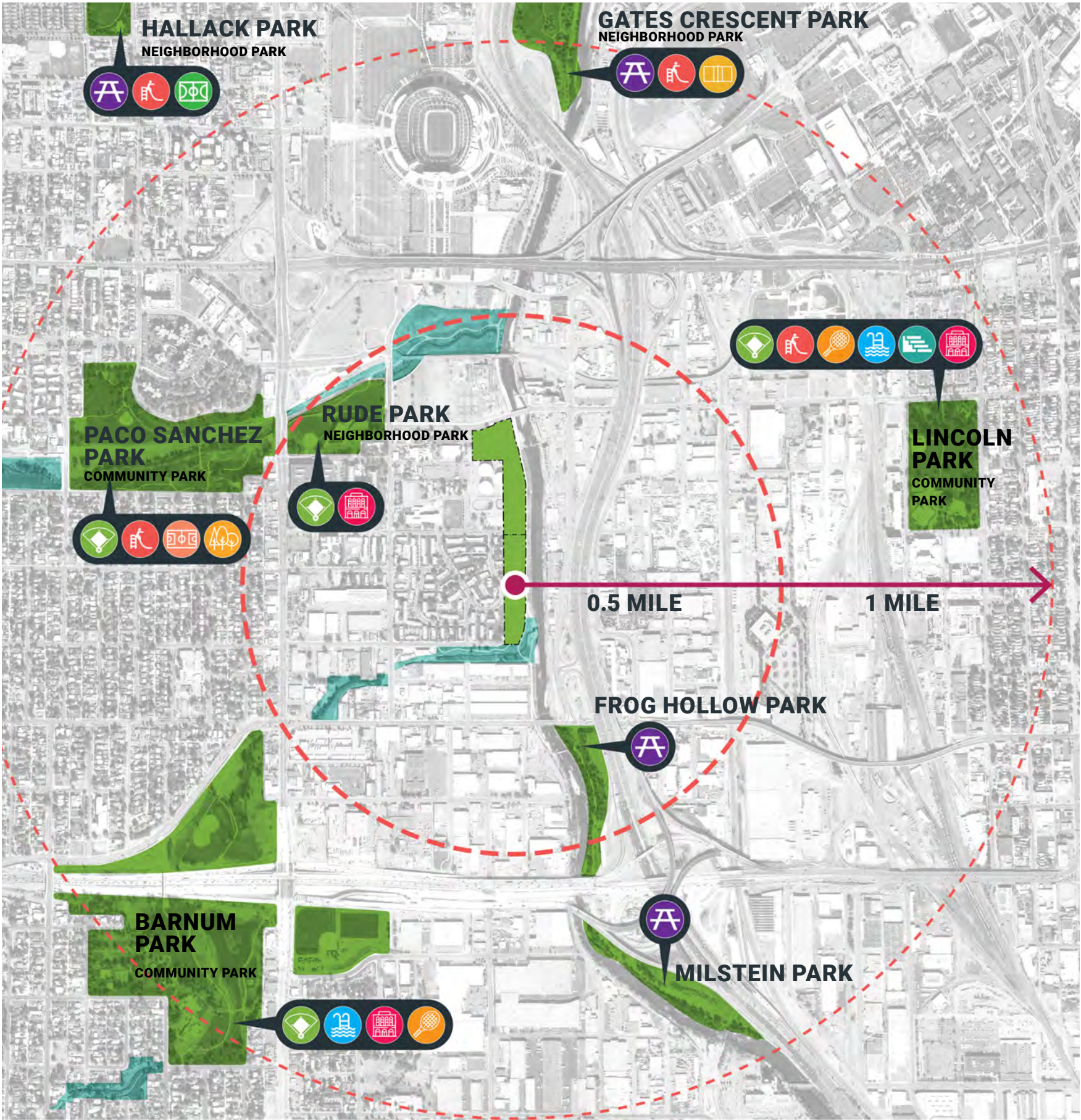


# Relationship to Nearby Community and Neighborhood Parks

## ADJACENT PARKS AND THEIR AMENITIES

Sun Valley’s Riverfront Park has four community or neighborhood parks within a 1-mile radius. Each of the surrounding parks have a variety of amenities, from traditional and destination playgrounds to softball fields and recreation centers, that help inform what amenities should be included in the park.

-  PICNIC TABLE
-  SOFTBALL FIELD
-  RECREATION CENTER
-  PLAYGROUND
-  NATURE PLAY
-  POOL & WATER PARK
-  BASKETBALL COURT
-  TENNIS COURTS
-  AMPHITHEATER
-  SAND VOLLEYBALL
-  SOCCER FIELD



Sun Valley Riverfront Park in relation to the surrounding parks



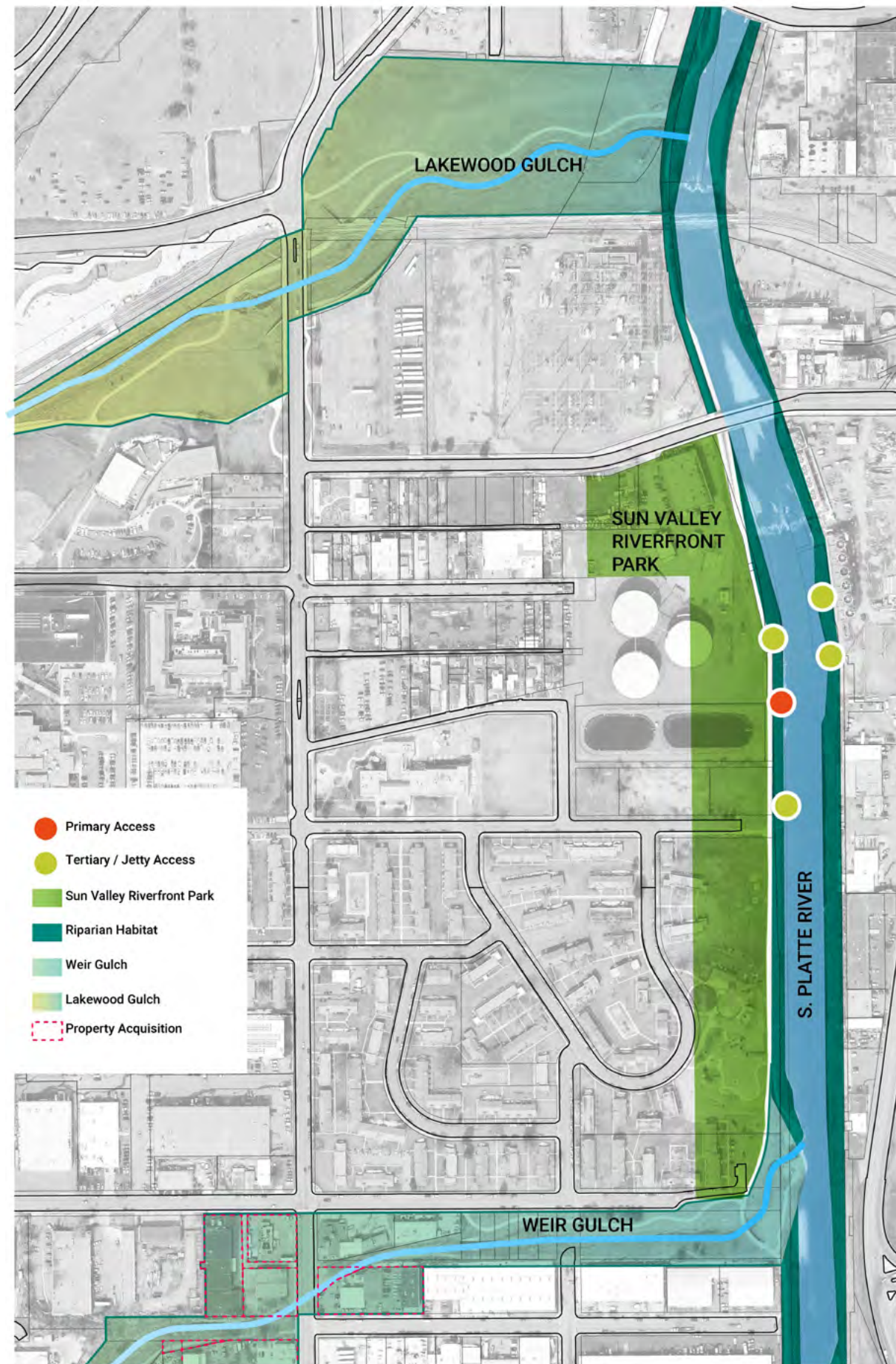
# Relationship to Surrounding Open Space Network and Waterways

## ADJACENT OPEN SPACE AND TRAIL ACCESS

Sun Valley Riverfront Park is an important part of the surrounding open space network and waterways. The park will be an active destination with direct access to the larger regional trail network along the South Platte River, Lakewood and Weir Gulch.

The water and drainage functions of Weir Gulch and the South Platte River are also an opportunity to feature the sustainability goals of Sun Valley, enhance the natural ecology, improve water quality/riparian habitat, and celebrate role water plays as a part of the Colorado River watershed.

New river access points, overlooks, and trails can provide new opportunities to interact with the water and engage with the natural river habitat and riparian areas.



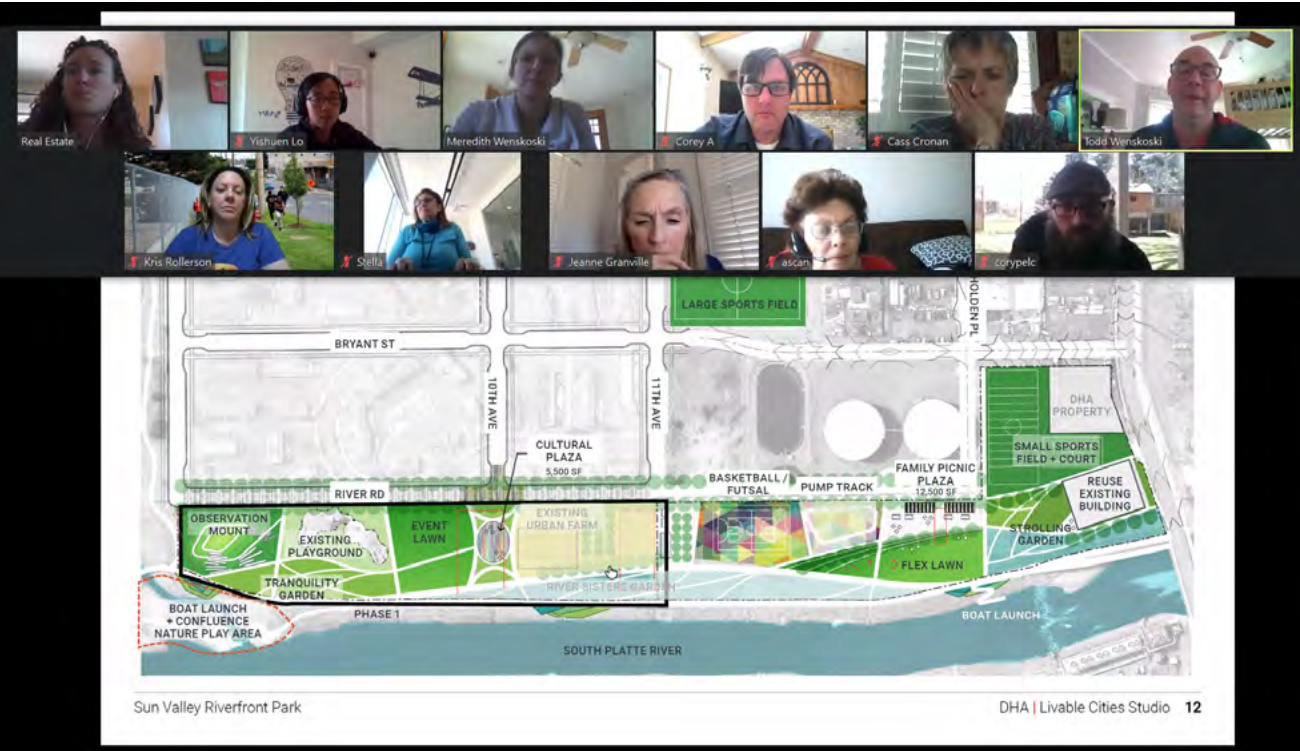


# What We've Heard

## COMMUNITY INPUT AND FEEDBACK

Community input from April provided additional feedback that was used to inform the development of the preferred concept. Virtual meetings were hosted to present initial concepts for discussion and community input.

Safety, relationship to surrounding parks and the river, location of active uses, and integration of art and culture were common themes.



*"Take into consideration the regional amenities, such as the natural play/playground at Paco Sanchez, the basketball courts at Fairview."*

*"Keep existing community garden and improve existing playground"*

*"Grow Garden near the plaza in the hub of the park will promote fresh food access"*

*"Dog park will be an important component"*

*"Keep active programs away from South Platte River"*

*"Safety is a major concern for all partners and entities involved. We all know the river and the safety around it is an integral part of this community"*

*"Wayfinding and art and cultural integration are a big strong and important component of this plaza and riverfront park."*

*"Linear quality of this park and the regionality of the bike trail that is existing already are being taken into consideration for trail building and use as a secondary mode of moving through the park safely."*

*"Gardening will take a couple of considerations, both education and production will be brought into mind."*

*"Ensure that playgrounds are close to the youth in the development"*

*"Ensure strong access to the park at 10th and Bryant and the proximity of the cultural plaza to the intersection"*

*"Rude Field is currently not large enough to host regional sports events. Need to ensure that the field will be the correct size"*

*"Safety around access to the river – this will require some additional signage"*



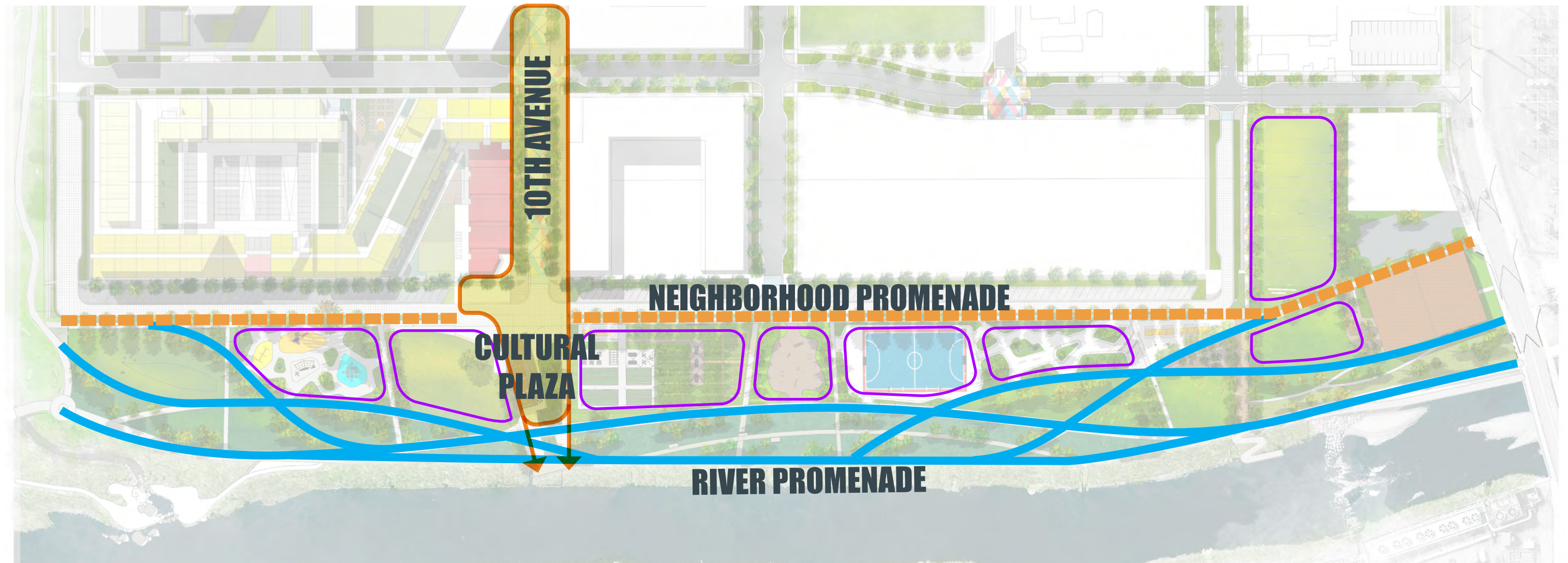
# Preferred Concept | Outdoor Living Room of Sun Valley

## CONNECTING COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD TO THE RIVER

The River Promenade and Neighborhood Promenade frame a series of smaller rooms that organize the various park amenities and programs for residents.

The **Neighborhood Promenade**, which sits alongside River Road, provides a community front porch to the park where residents and visitors can congregate, socialize, hang out and stroll along the edge of the neighborhood and enjoy the various activities within the park.

The **River Promenade** creates a larger immersive experience along the water's edge by weaving braided pathways through large river gardens that provide spaces for tranquility, contemplation, relaxation, and mental restoration.

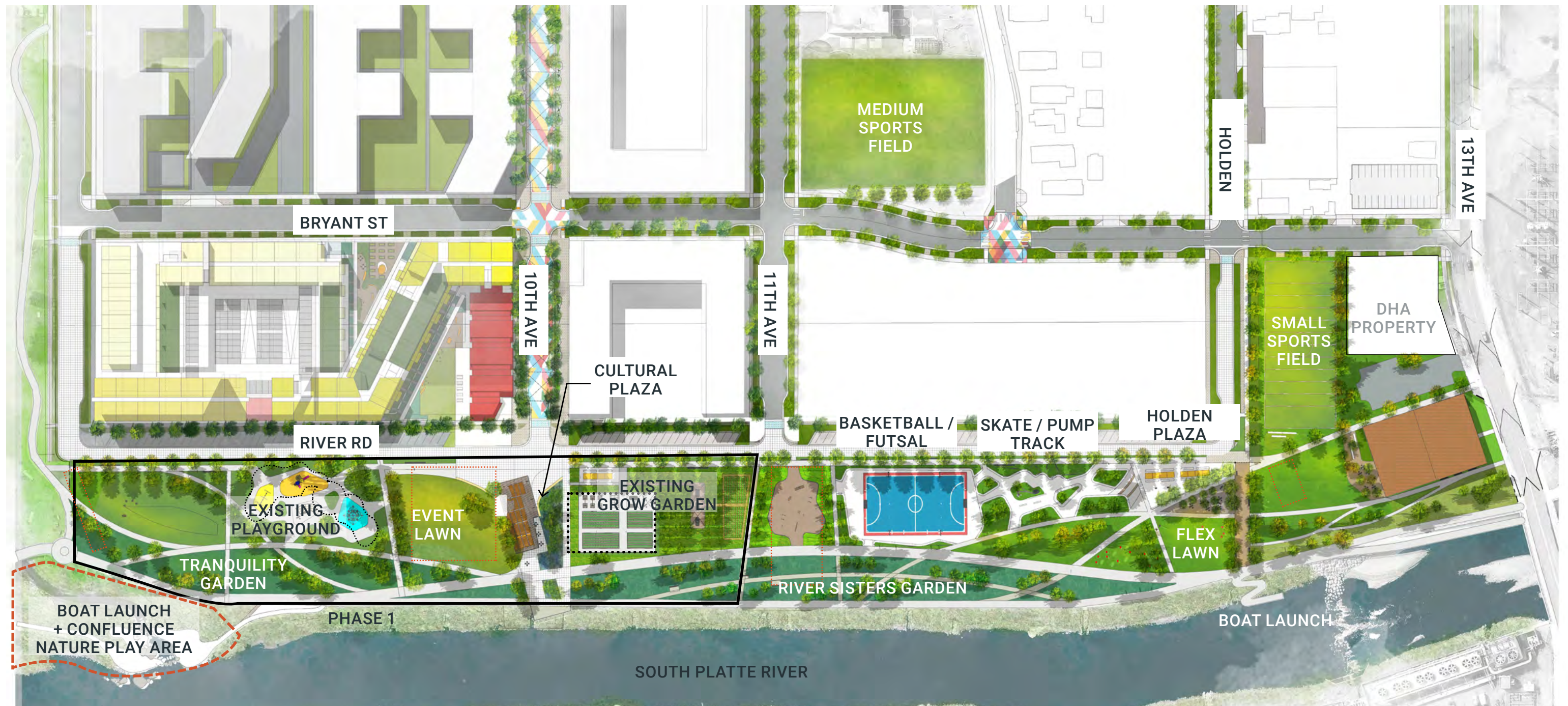




# Preferred Concept | Plan Illustrative

## PREFERRED CONCEPT PLAN

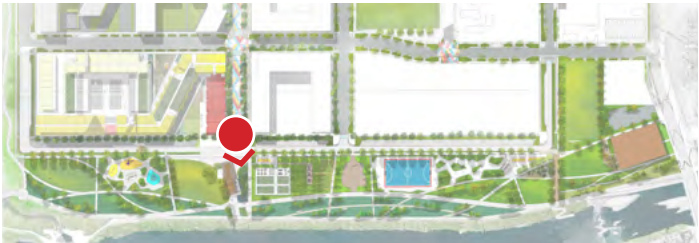
\*Boundary of Phase 2 is only conceptual and may be refined





# Cultural Plaza

## 10TH AVE ENTRANCE



Reference Plan



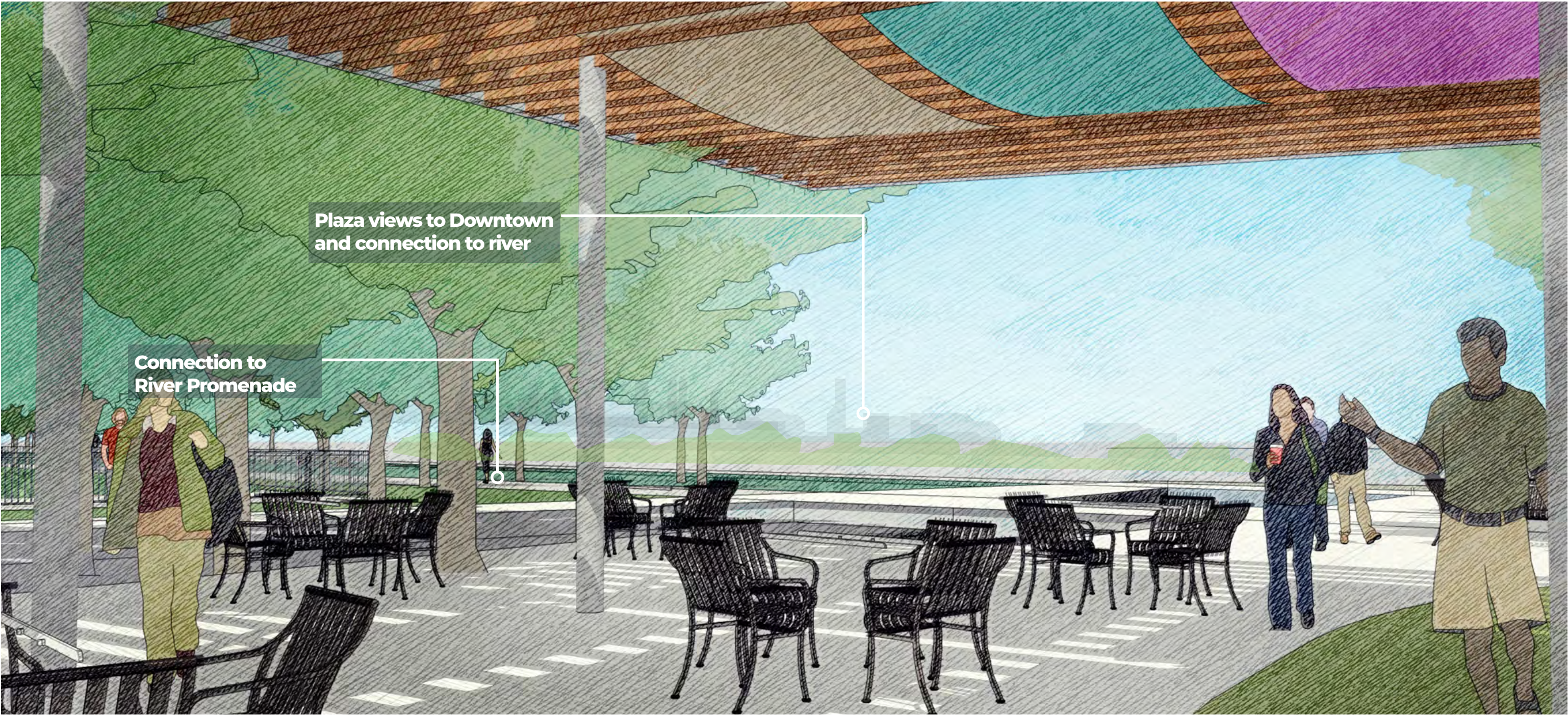


# Cultural Plaza

## VIEW TOWARDS DOWNTOWN & RIVER



Reference Plan





# Cultural Plaza

## VIEW SOUTH FROM CULTURAL PLAZA TOWARDS LAWN



Reference Plan



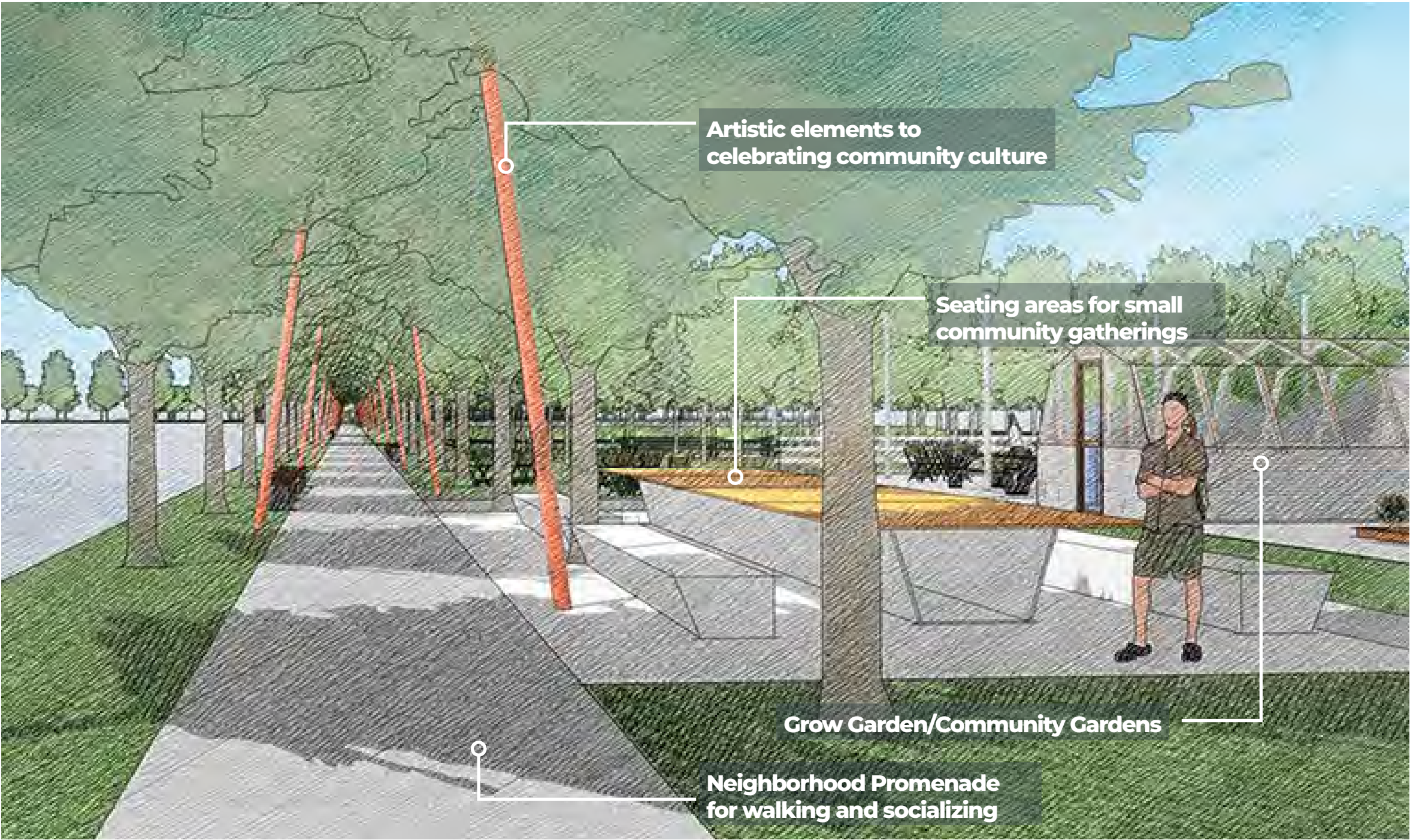


# Neighborhood Promenade

**VIEW NORTH ALONG RIVER ROAD**



Reference Plan





# Park Room

## VIEW NORTH TO IMPROVED EXISTING PLAYGROUND



Reference Plan



Preservation of  
existing large trees

Existing playground  
area/features integrated  
into new park

\*MODEL PLACEHOLDER FOR EXISTING PLAY STRUCTURE.  
NOT ACTUAL PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE.



# Park Room

## VIEW OF IMPROVED GROW GARDEN/COMMUNITY GARDEN



Reference Plan



Garden gathering and picnic  
areas for families and residents

Production gardens for GROW Market



# Park Room

## VIEW OF SKATE PARK



Reference Plan





# River Promenade

## VIEW FROM XCEL BUILDING LOOKING SOUTH TO RIVER PROMENADE



Reference Plan



Sculpted native  
landscape and River  
Promenade pathways

Holden Plaza and  
community picnic tables

Community open lawn  
and gathering area  
next to Xcel building



# River Promenade

## VIEW WALKING ON RIVER PROMENADE THROUGH HOLDEN PLAZA



Reference Plan





# River Promenade

## VIEW OF RIVER PROMENADE CENTRAL AREA



Reference Plan



Views to Skate Park and other park amenities along the promenade

Strolling pathways and trails through River Promenade

South Platte River Trail



# River Promenade

## VIEW OF RIVER SISTER GARDEN AREA



Reference Plan



South Platte River Trail  
and river landscape

Native river plantings and  
natural landscape

Seating areas for tranquility  
and contemplation



# River Promenades

## VIEW FROM SOUTH REGIONAL TRAIL ENTRANCE LOOKING NORTH



Reference Plan





# Phasing

## PHASE 1

