

WELCOME

Meeting #5
March 19, 2013
Victoria Park Design Advisory Committee

Department of Parks and Recreation Design Section

Monthly meetings - 4th Tuesday of the Month (when possible)

Meeting 1 (September 17, 2012): focused on familiarity with site and understanding of committee process

Meeting 2 (October 23, 2012): goals and objectives for park, brainstorming event, establish preliminary program for park

Meeting 3 (December 4, 2012): site analysis focusing on existing site constraints/opportunities, connections to surrounding environment, history

Meeting 4 (January 22, 2013): design charrette to develop conceptual ideas for Victoria park based on goals, objectives and site analysis

~~**Public Open House (February)** — held in conjunction with District Council Meeting~~

Meeting 5 (March 19, 2013): refined concept (s) based on feedback from Design Advisory Committee Design Charette

Meeting 6 (April 24, 2013): Fort Road Federation Annual Meeting - Public Open House to receive input on conceptual designs

Meeting 7 (May, 2013): further refinement of master plan based on Open House Comments

MEETING SCHEDULE

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- 1) Welcome
- 2) Presentation on water systems by EOR, Inc. (30 minutes)
+ Kevin Biehn, RLA, CPESC, LEED AP BD+C
- 3) Recap from Mtg. #4 (20 minutes)
+ Summary of comments received from Design Charette
- 4) Presentation of Conceptual Designs (20 minutes)
- 5) “Parking Lot” Items (15 minutes)
- 6) Questions/Comments from Committee and Public (30 minutes)
- 7) Conclusion/Next Steps (5 minutes)
+Fort Road Federation Annual Meeting: April 24, 2013, 7:00 pm at Summit Brewery

Recap from Mtg #4



Preferred Charette Plans



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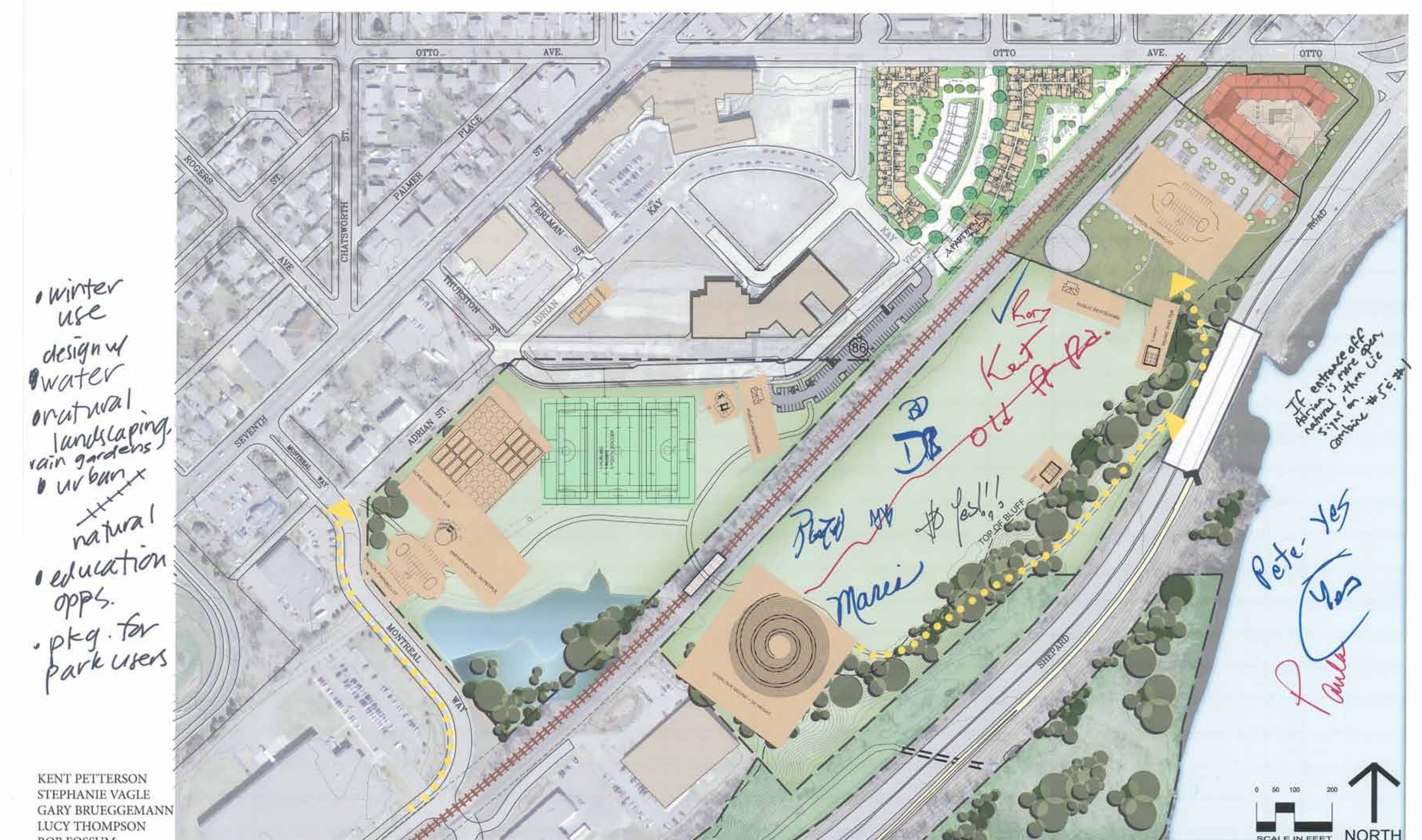


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Common Ideas

- A. Large support for plans #1 and #5.
- B. Large support for active on north side and passive on south side.
- C. Greater support for multi-use fields on north side near Victoria Way as opposed to Adrian Street.
- D. Limited interest in Patrick's Mound.
- E. Large support for boardwalk through wetland.
- F. Interest in community orchards.
- G. Interest in community gardens on site with preference of garden sites on north side of property.
- H. Additional parking preferred on north and south side.
- I. Amphitheater preferred near wetland.
- J. Play area preferred on north side.
- K. Preference for rest rooms and picnic shelter on both active and passive sides of park.

- L. Preference for canoe and kayak storage to be located on top of bluff near park entrance off Stewart Street.
- M. Limited interest in bread oven.
- N. Limited interest in funicular.
- O. Some interest in meditative labyrinth or garden.
- P. Interest in tennis courts being provided on Nova property.
- Q. Interest in native plantings on site.

Additional Comments

“Usable, open space is in short supply in this area”

“Park users love Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, but they are often discouraged because Parks does not provide open space for picnicking or community events”

“Younger child play area to make up for play area adjacent to Nova, which is designed for older kids”

“Informal flat area for kite flying, pick-up games, open practice field”

“Create viewing points along the bluff”

“Create a mediation labyrinth memorial space rather than grand mound”

“The access down the bluff needs to be welcoming. We need to encourage people to make the trek down the hill – more people using this area will improve safety”

Conceptual Designs

“Minor details should be ignored and the focus is to create a coherent solution that encompasses the project as a whole.”



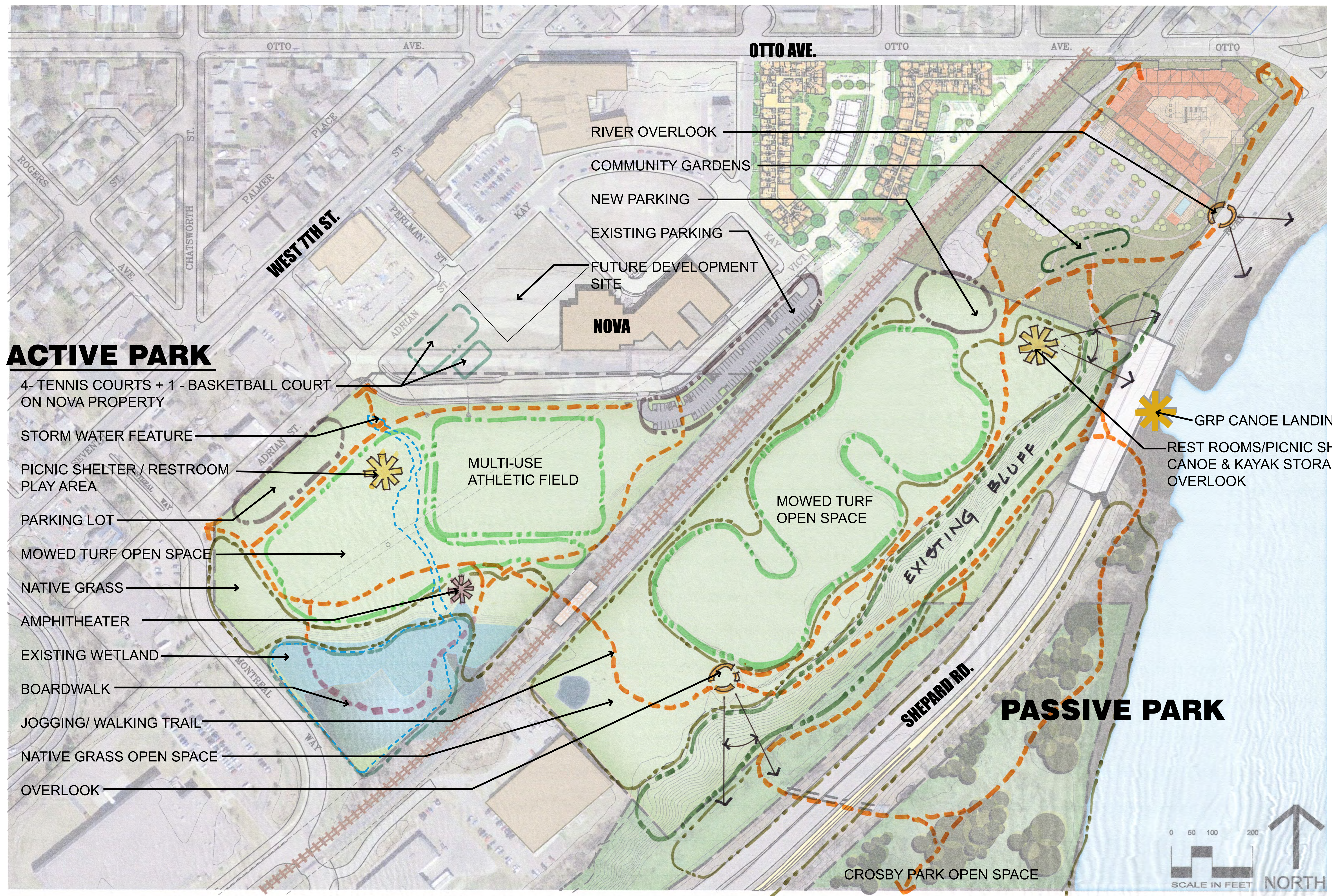
- Legend
- Park Property
 - Existing Trails
 - Proposed Trails
 - Proposed canoe/kayak route

CONNECTIONS

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Contrast between mown open space and native short grass prairie



CONCEPT 2

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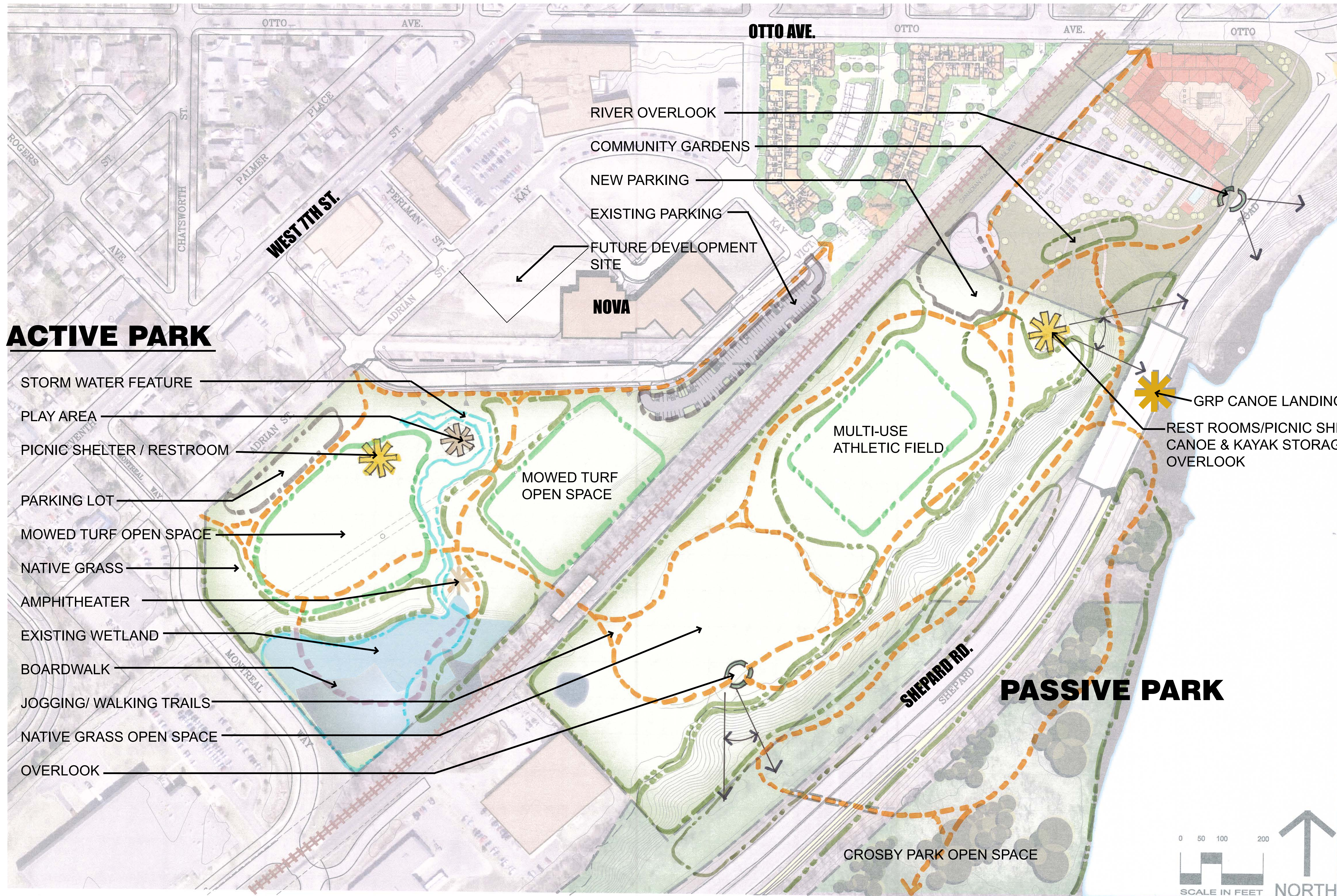
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Multi-use athletic field surrounded by native grass open space

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CONCEPT 3

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Parking Lot Items

- A. Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES)
- B. Funicular
- C. Basketball
- D. Funding
- E. Cooperative Maintenance
- F. Great River Passage (GRP)
- G. Critical Area
- H. Water and Bluff
- I. ADA
- J. Native History
- K. Name Change
- L. Easement on HRA
- M. Master planning committee is an advisory committee not a design committee
- N. Bread Oven
- O. Community Gardens
- P. Bluff Overlook
- Q. Railroad Tracks
- R. Patrick's Memorial
- S. Immediate Neighbors
- T. Spring Lake Park

QUESTIONS / PUBLIC COMMENTS?

Next Steps:

Fort Road Federation Annual Meeting :

Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m.

Summit Brewing Company

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