

WELCOME

Together let's get this park built

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DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE for MIDWAY PEACE PARK

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Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

AGENDA

MEETING 1 (TODAY) - MARCH 28, 2018

Skyline Auditorium

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Purpose of the Committee

- a) Role and Expectations of Design Advisory Committee
- b) Decision Factors
- c) Project Outcome
- d) Project Goals and Objectives

3. Project Introduction

- a) Project Timeline
- b) Site Description
- c) Site History Summary
- d) Site Analysis: Park challenges, constraints, opportunities, and program ideas

4. Wrap-up

- a) Next Steps and Schedule
- b) Questions
- c) Evaluations



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ROLE AND EXPECTATIONS

THE ROLE OF THE DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

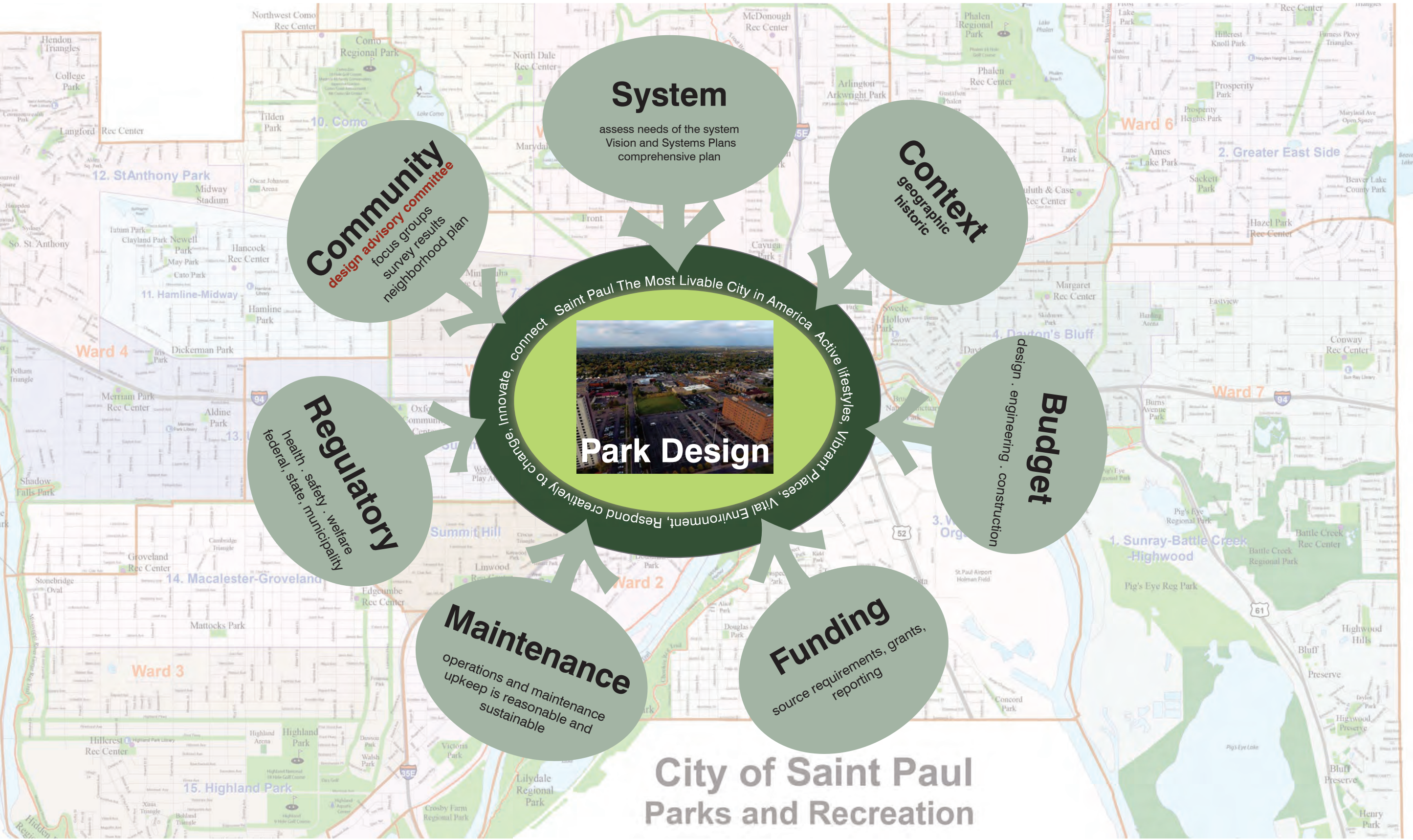
- **Determine community needs for the park**
Action item - ask group(s) you are representing what they want in the park
- **Review plan concepts and provide input**
Action item - Contribute constructive feedback
- **Tell us your neighbors' or organizations' opinion**
Action item - ask friends and co-workers about the park design
- **Help communicate project progress to the community**
Action item - talk about the project with your neighbors, coworkers, and friends
- **Provide guidance on final design**
Action item - Actively contribute at meetings

COMMITTEE MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

- Represent and communicate the community needs and desires for the site
- Attend every meeting or send a representative
- Be courteous
 - Do your best
 - Contribute in a positive way
 - Respect other perspectives



DECISION FACTORS



PROJECT OUTCOME

VISION

This park will serve this neighborhood, and be a place where everyone is welcome, from children of any age, to workers taking a lunch break, to high school students, and adults.



PROCESS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

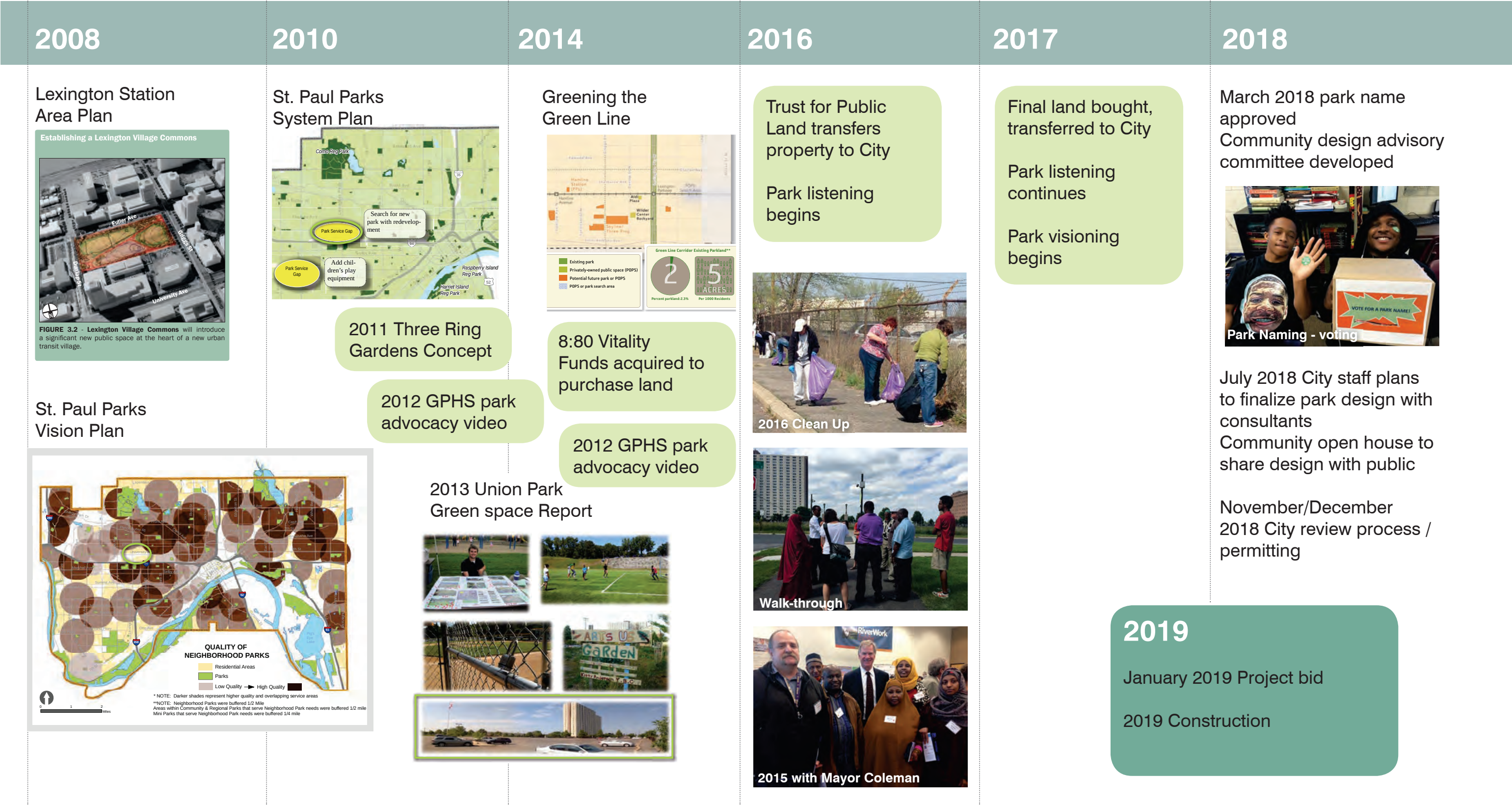
GOAL

Working collaboratively as neighbors and employees of neighboring businesses, come to agreement on components of Midway Peace Park so that it can be designed, engineered, and built. Construction will begin in spring 2019.

OBJECTIVES

1. Work as a team to develop a vision for a park that is accessible and welcoming to everyone,
2. Put forth group recommendations for amenities to include in Midway Peace Park,
3. Provide recommended priorities for the park development recognizing the need of the design team to balance construction costs, value, design objectives, and long-term costs and benefits of the desired amenities

PROJECT TIMELINE



SITE DESCRIPTION



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SITE HISTORY SUMMARY

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THIS AREA

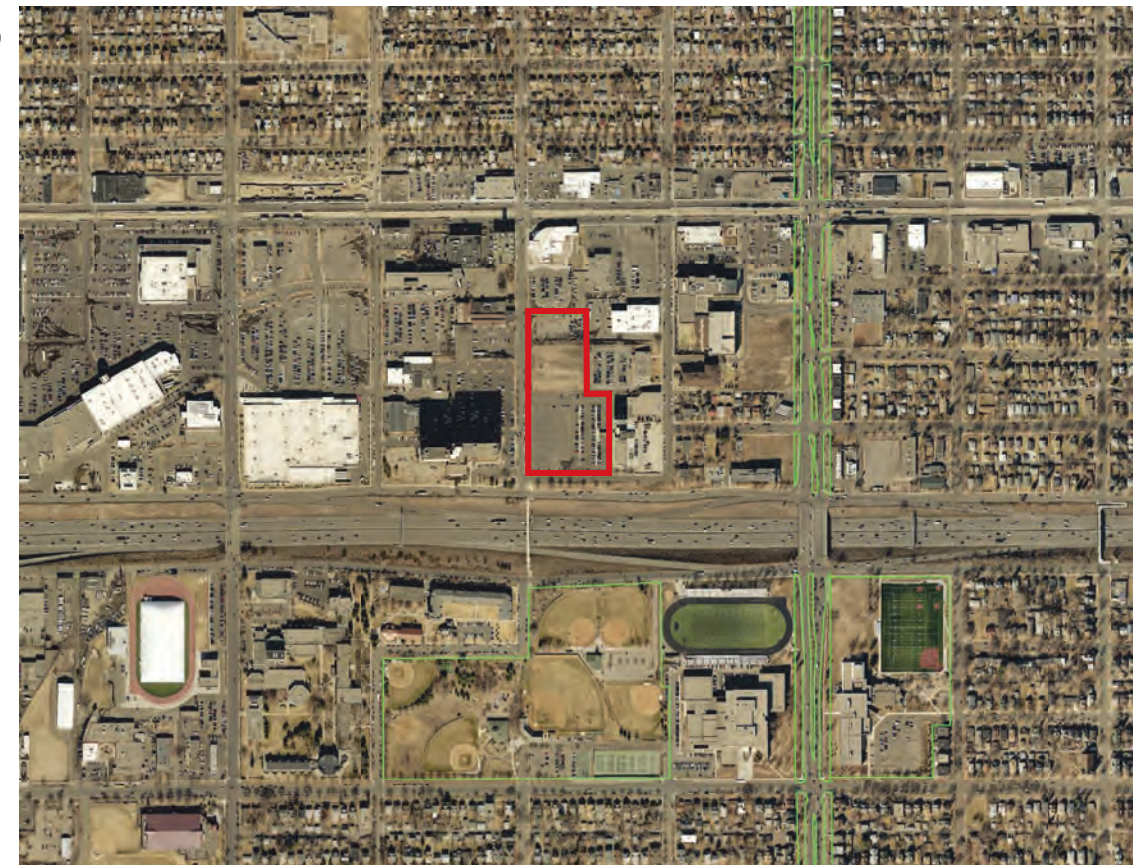
- **1890 -1965 (ca.)**
This area was known as Circus Hill
- **1897-1956**
Baseball field next door was “Lexington Ball Park,” home of the Saints
- **1956 into the 1960s**
Interstate highway planned; neighborhood opposition
- **1966**
Central Midway Building constructed, and then the parking lot at Bigelow and Griggs was built
- **1967**
Open Cities health clinic opens at Dale St and Central Ave
- **1968**
Interstate 94 is opened
- **1965 - 2000**
The two northern parcels are used for vehicle storage

1945



Image source: 1945. Minnesota Historical Aerial Photos Online (MNHAPO) accessed via <http://geo.lib.umn.edu/twin-cities-metro-area/1945/A-2-153.jpg>

2015



PARK CHALLENGES



Currently two north parcels are fenced with barbed wire



Fences and Walls (looking from GPHS toward HSRA)



18 feet from top of wall/hill to bottom



Skyline has small play area near target



Walls / No Access from East Side (in HSRA parking lot)



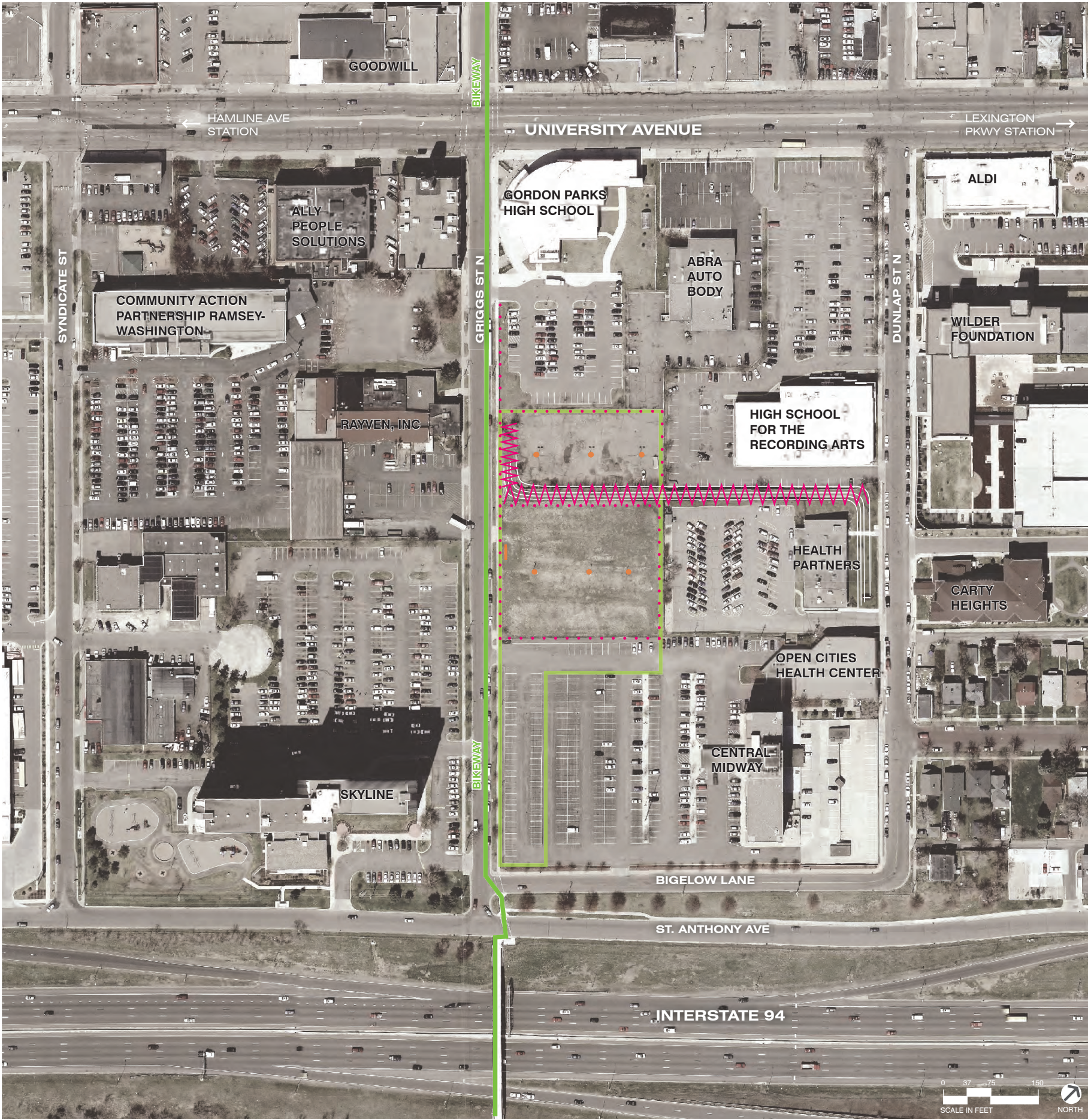
Wall and hill above

PARK CONSTRAINTS

SITE CHALLENGES

- Steep hill and wall
- Parking easement on south parcel
- Utility poles and fences create barriers

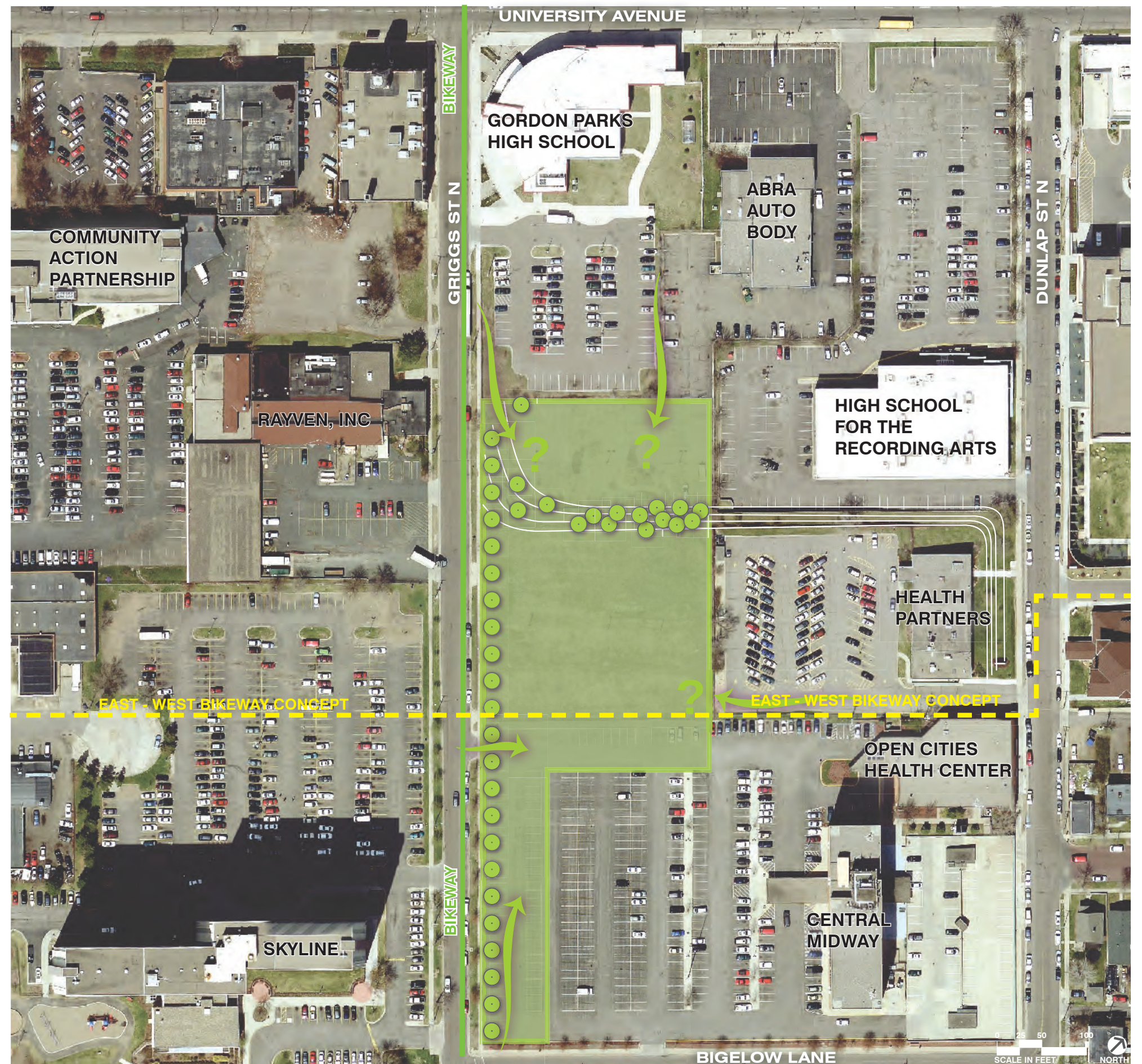
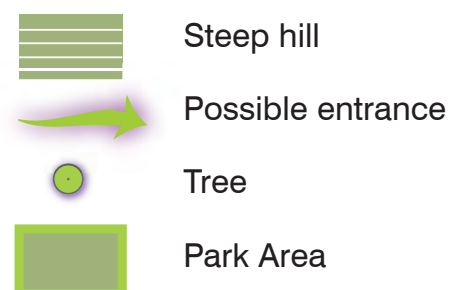
-  Steep hill and wall
-  Sign and light pole
-  Fence
-  Future Park Area



PARK OPPORTUNITIES

SITE POSSIBILITIES

- East west bikeway is a concept only, parks system plan identified a need in this area, no route identified
- Connection from the east is difficult, City does not own connecting property
- Will need to work with neighbors to identify possible entrance from east, and create entrance with least possible impacts

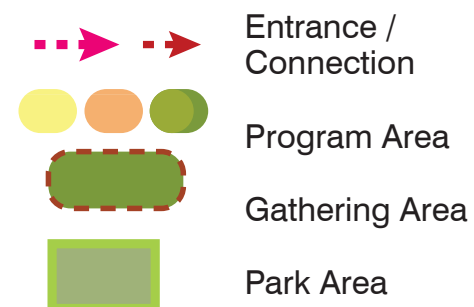


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PARK PROGRAM

CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT

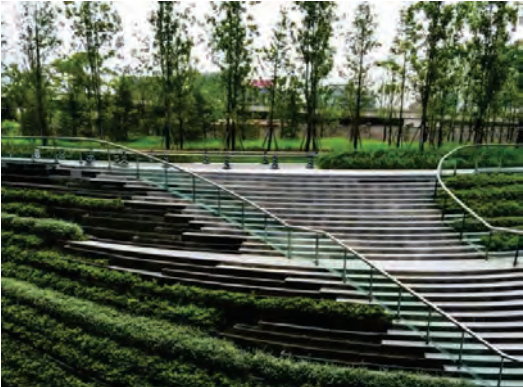
- Middle parcel presents best area for large open space (green oval)
- Will need ramps and stairs to navigate the steep grade change between northern parcel and middle parcel
- Steep slope will also need stabilization by planting or improved wall
- Adjusting southern parking lot allows for some gathering / seating areas



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PROGRAM IDEAS

THESE ARE FOR IDEAS AND DISCUSSION - NOT WHAT WILL BE BUILT



NEXT STEPS AND SCHEDULE

SPRING CLEAN-UP - APRIL 21, 2018

www.stpaul.gov/citywidecleanup

MEETING 2 - APRIL 25, 2018

Gordon Parks High School

Park Functions: ecological,
social, maintenance

Similar Parks: uses, sizes, style

Visual Preference Voting

MEETING 3 - MAY 23, 2018

OPEN HOUSE - JULY 2018

Fence at middle parcel will be open through the summer

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS 2019

PARK OPEN LATE 2019



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QUESTIONS & EVALUATION

THANK YOU!

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