

MacLean spray park renewal

Background



Context map

What's happening?

MacLean Park is a 1.21-hectare community park in the Strathcona neighbourhood bounded by Keefer Street, East Georgia Street, Heatley Avenue and Hawks Avenue. The park includes a baseball diamond, grass sports field, playground, public washroom and spray park.

We're renewing the spray park and fieldhouse washrooms at MacLean Park. This work involves replacing these aging features, improving accessibility, and supporting a safe, inclusive neighbourhood space.

The upgrades include:

- **Spray park renewal:** new water spray features, surfacing, and mechanical system upgrades to replace the aging spray park.
- **Washroom renewal:** universal washrooms will accommodate greater accessibility and comfort to meet the needs of all community members.

The design will include references to local character including historic Strathcona architecture.

The Vancouver Park Board gratefully acknowledges that this project resides on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷə́yəm (Musqueam), skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.



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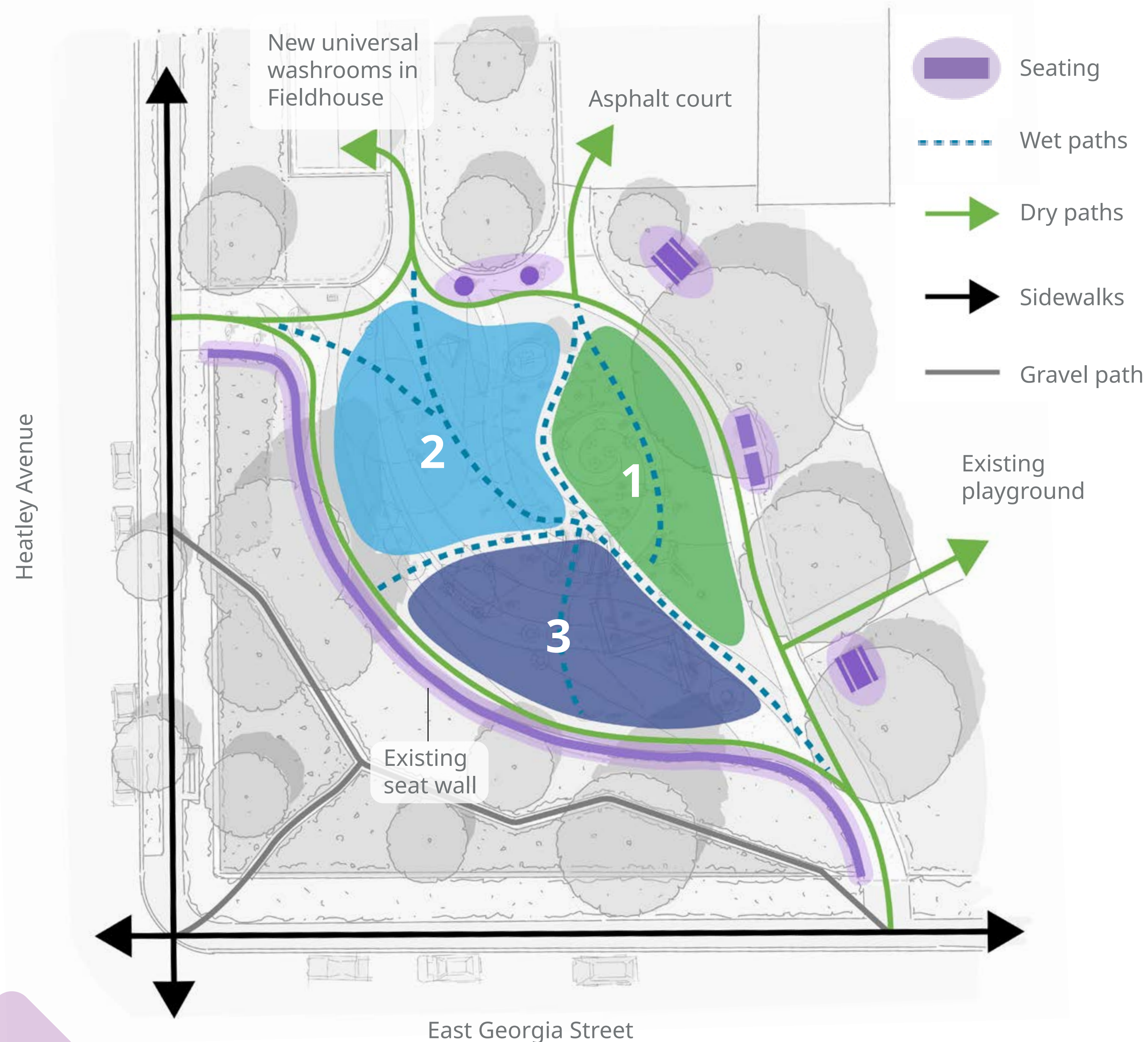
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Vision and objectives



Vision

When developing the design for this renewal the vision was to provide an inclusive and refreshed recirculating spray park that meets the needs of the community.

Project objectives

The project objectives below demonstrate how the spray park renewal will connect with the Park Board's VanPlay and VanSplash master planning documents.

- Expanding the quality and diversity of features for users of all ages (VanPlay and Playground Strategy).
- New spray park features provide additional community cooling during extreme weather events (VanPlay).
- Place accessible spray parks near washroom facility to improve community access (VanSplash).
- Additional seating opportunities in the sun and shade create more connections to the overall park.
- Providing areas of varying water intensities to splish, splash and sploosh allows for more choice when using the spray park.

1 Splish



Features in these areas focus on sprays that just bubble above the surface, stay tight to the features, and the movement of water.

Kids can splish around only getting as wet as they want to.

2 Splash



For the puddle jumpers. These sprays allow for some action and surprise while not getting you totally soaked – unless you want to! Kids control where they go and how wet they get but in this area everyone's getting splashed a little.

3 Sploosh



For the people who love the action. Water, water everywhere! Big dumps of water from every direction.

Even if you don't splash you'll get splooshed.



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Draft spray park concept plan

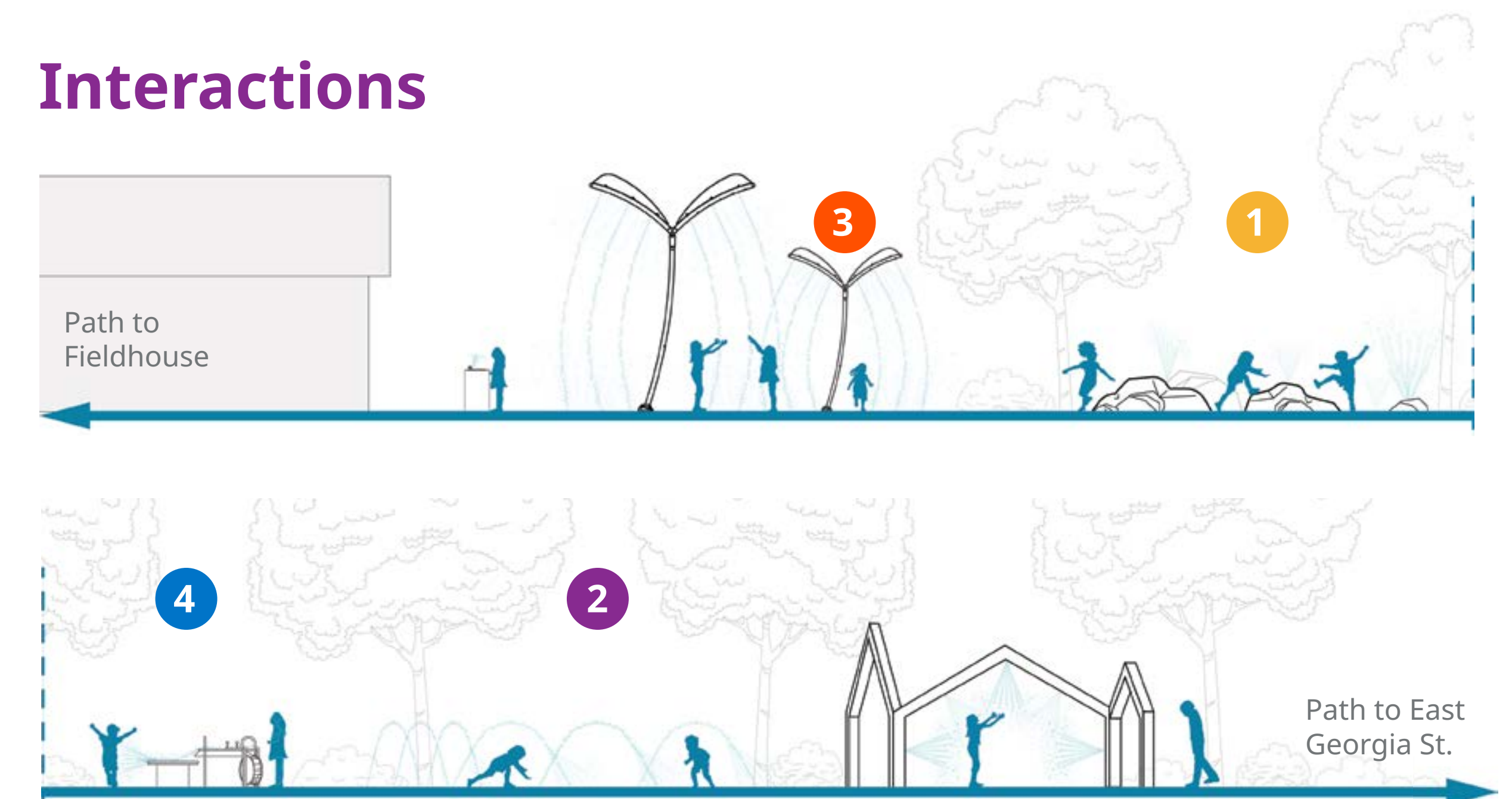


The draft concept design is inspired by the wind and clouds as they move through the pitched roofs that are common in Strathcona. These shapes will be reflected on the ground through colourful patterns as well as in some of the features.

The proposed mix of above ground and in-ground spray features would allow for a range of interactions with the site.

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| 1 Misting Sprays | 6 Existing seat wall |
| 2 Ground sprays | 7 Drinking fountain |
| 3 Overhead feature | 8 New universal washrooms in Fieldhouse |
| 4 Interactive play | 9 Proposed seating |
| 5 Custom spray features | |

Interactions



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Proposed spray park features

The spray park features are grouped into five key categories. Final features to be selected during detailed design.

1 Misting sprays



Misting features mist water to allow for community cooling. These features are often for users just looking to cool off as opposed to playing in the spray park.

2 Ground sprays



Ground sprays encourage interaction with water on the surface of the spray park. They can send water in a variety of directions and intensities.

3 Overhead features



Overhead features typically drip, spill, or spray water on users. Some features allow for the directing and turning of features for further interaction.

4 Interactive play



Interactive play allows users to adjust the flow of water from a nozzle or spigot. The tables direct the water in different ways depending on user interaction with wheels, weirs, and flaps.

5 Custom spray features



Custom spray features are elements created to connect the spray park with the community. They often resemble a theme, style, or character connected to the park's context.

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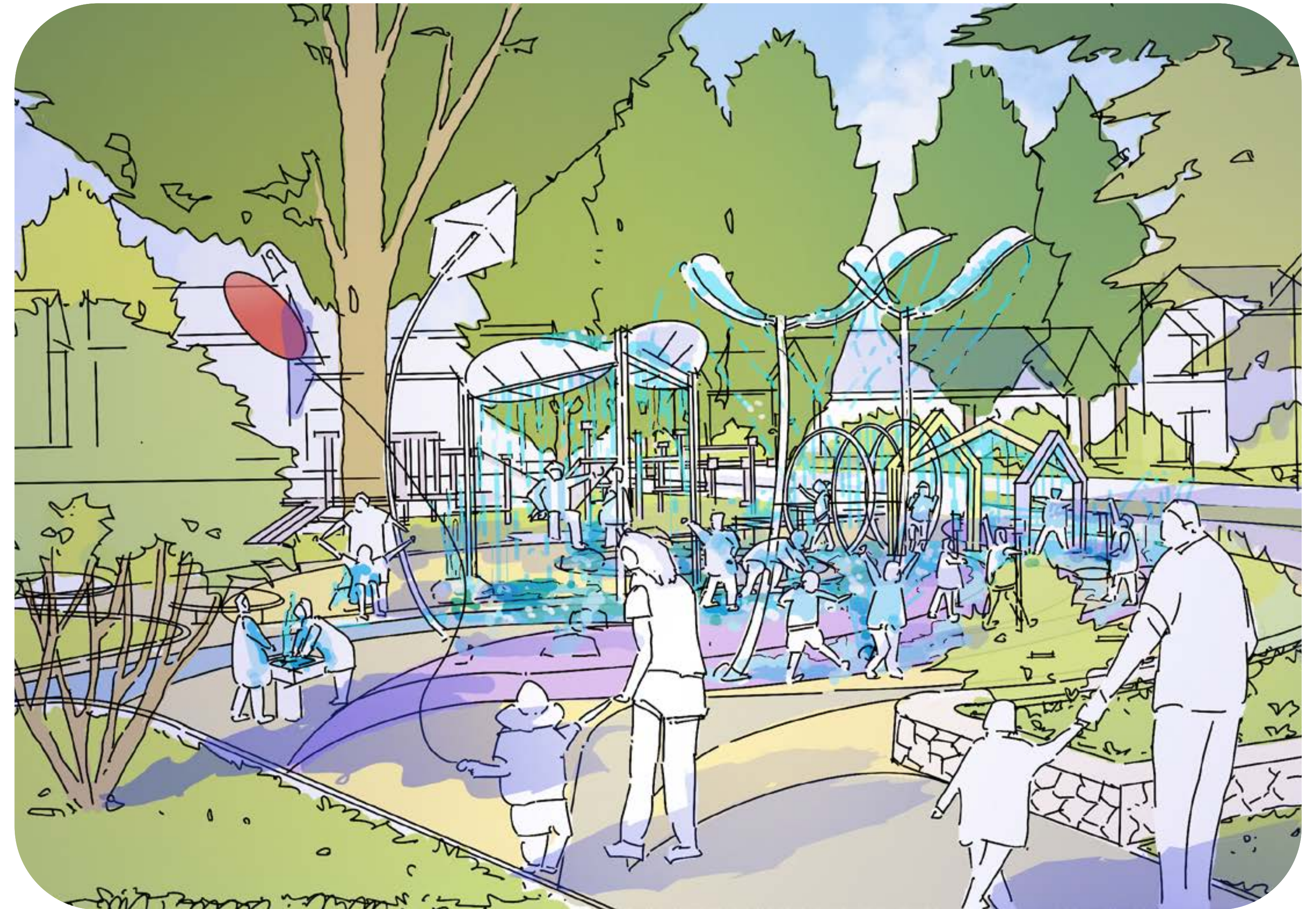


Key Plan

1 View looking into the spray park from the pathway off Heatley Avenue



2 View looking into the spray park from the pathway off East Georgia Street



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Project timeline and updates



Aerial image showing existing spray park

Spring 2025

Concept development

Fall 2025

Finalized concept

Fall/Winter 2025

Detailed design and tender

2026

Construction

Thank you!

Thank you for your interest in the spray park and washroom updates.

The plan will be further refined and presented to the Park Board in late 2025.

Once approved, the concept plan will be developed to a detailed design level with the anticipation of construction in 2026.

Contact us!

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