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KEY GUIDING PRINCIPLES



UNITE THE PARK

Join disconnected public open spaces and parks—Andy Livingstone Park, Skate Plaza, Creekside Park, and new Creekside Extension park—into one coherent park. Unify with a common design language, seamlessly connect each piece, and create landmark connections.



ORIENT TO THE WATER

Capture, open and orient the public open spaces and parks in Northeast and Southeast False Creek to the creek basin. Embrace the basin as a public place, preserving open water views.



STRENGTHEN CONNECTIONS

Reinforce connections to streets and neighbourhoods surrounding the park. Establish new pedestrian + cyclist connections through the park along the Carrall water-to-water axis, Dunsmuir Elevated Park, and the Seaside Greenway.



HONOUR

Vancouver is situated on the unceded traditional homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations and is home to people from around the world.

Create settings to tell and evolve the programming of the place from its historical and ecological uses to its future social and cultural experiences.



Views + Vistas

DESTINATION

Open spaces are oriented along three major view axes: down the length of the False Creek, at the creek basin and the city skyline. The design for the park preserves these views and opens others in a series of dramatic places and overlooks to pause, soak up the sun and experience the waterfront. In these large family-oriented park spaces, residents and visitors can stretch out a blanket for a picnic, throw a frisbee or immerse themselves in a dense grove of trees.











Extend and Connect

DESTINATION



CARRALL CONNECTION



Carrall Passerelle

The waterfront extends deep into the park following the historic Carrall Street along a water-to-water, North-South axis, and features a series of social and play spaces framed by an elevated pedestrian bridge over Pacific boulevard.



DUNSMUIR ELEVATED PARK



An elevated East-West pathway and bikeway connects the city to the park, allowing for views out to the park space and the mountain & creek horizons beyond.



SKATE PLAZA + ACTIVITY BOSQUES



Downtown Skateboard Park, Vancouver

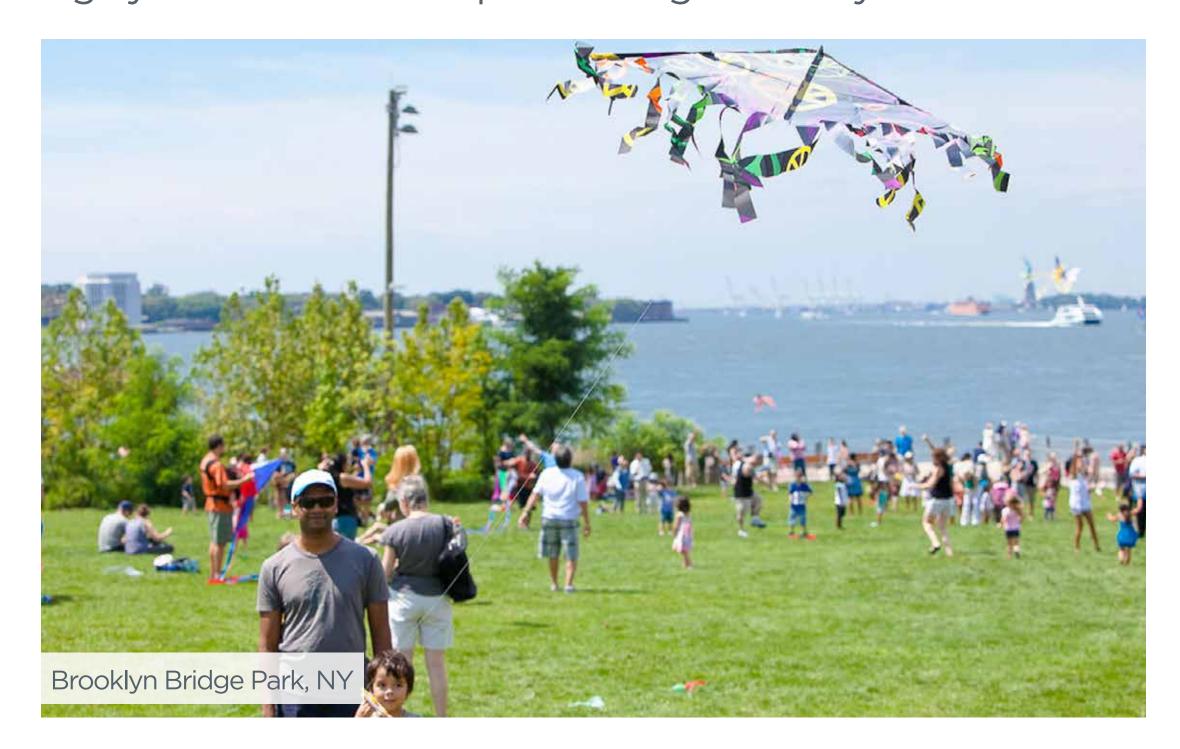
The Skate Plaza anchors the active corner of Quebec Street and Pacific Boulevard. The highly visible canopy above the plaza both serves as a welcoming beacon and provides cover for skaters and spectators alike.

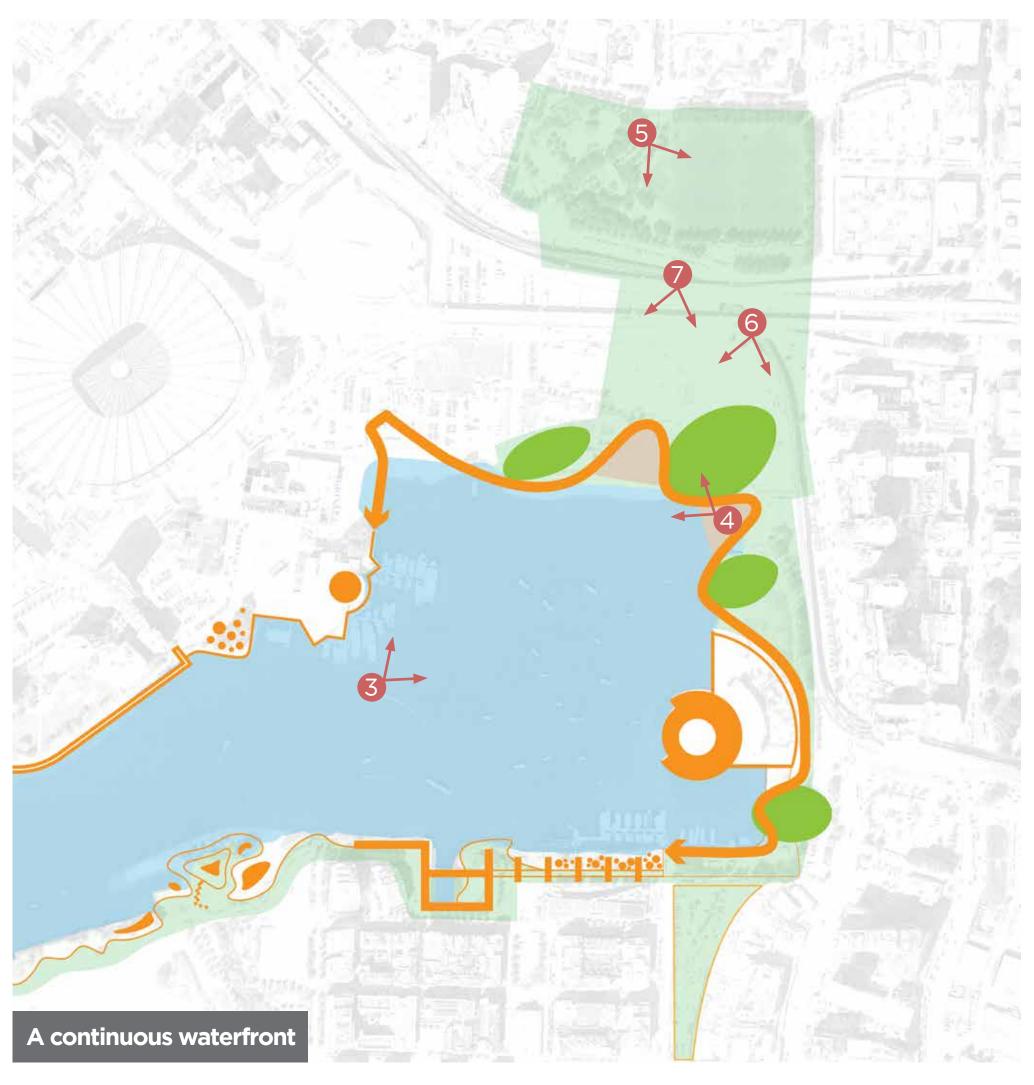


A Continuous Waterfront

COMMUNITY

A continuous waterfront promenade enhances continuity along the shoreline, tying together the east basin of False Creek. The promenade undulates, lengthening the shoreline and connecting the major features of the park. Visitors, commuters, lunch goers, and residents can stroll, jog, meander, sit and gather along the promenade, making it a highly active and social space throughout the year.











Activity

COMMUNITY



PLAY



The park integrates a rich mix of spaces, multipurpose features and landscape elements that encourage play for all ages.



MEET



A simple pavilion offers flexible community event space and a food and beverage destination within the park with plenty of space for tables and chairs under the tree canopy or open to the sky.



RELAX



The park offers intimate spaces for urban repose: here, elevated south facing promontories extend from Dunsmuir, providing uninterrupted views over the park and to the creek beyond.



Enhance Ecology

NATURE

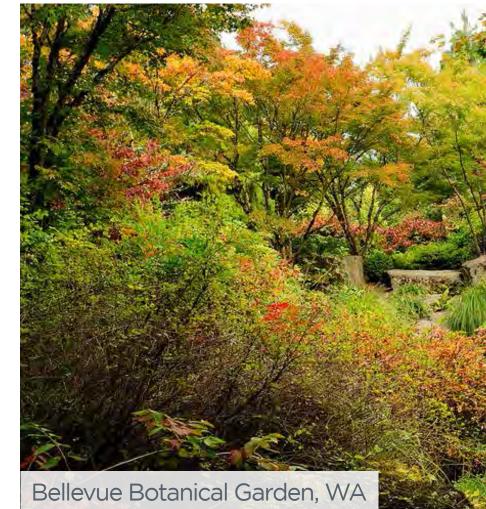
Northeast False Creek Park aims to expand ecosystems of the creek, enhance natural systems, and help to mitigate impacts of sea-level rise. The park descends to the water in intertidal inlets, where cascades of steps and ramps provide access to gravel beaches that register the changing tide and host intertidal habitat. A diverse offering of planting types fill the park, giving each area a distinct quality, ranging from porous and open to dense and enclosed.





Play Spaces

UPLANDS



Upland planting provides shade, habitat and frames open space. The rich diversity bolsters the habitat value of the park supporting bird life and other fauna.



GARDENS



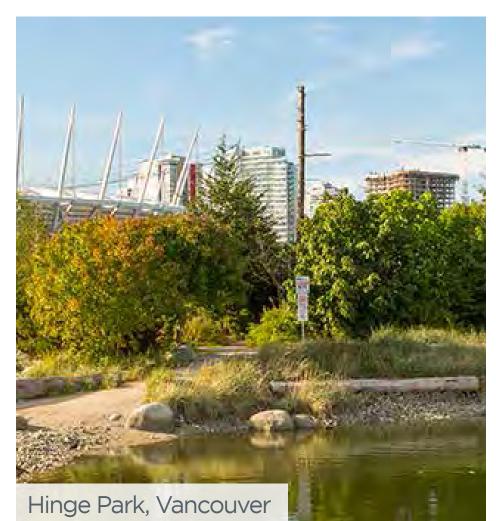
A collection of sculptural garden beds, richly planted with a mixture of seasonally-diverse meadow grasses, perennials, bulbs and flowering shrubs allow for a tranquil and ever-changing park experience.



Water NATURE



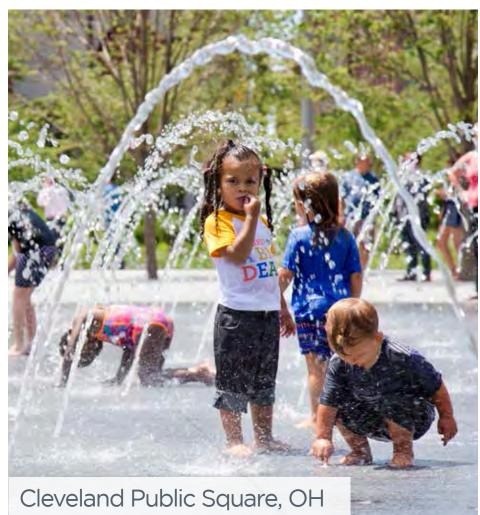
INTERTIDAL ZONES



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WATER PLAY



The Splash Plaza offers a safe opportunity to interact with water, reinforcing the connection to the creek. It is a flexible feature that can support play, public art, and programmed events.



WETLAND GARDENS



Gates Foundation Campus, Seattle WA

Rainwater is collected from parkland and conveyed through a sequence of wetlands, serving to purify the water in a diverse habitat display.

