

NEFC PARK DESIGN

STAGE 2: CONCEPT DESIGN REPORT

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A PARK FOR NEFC

STAGE 2 ENGAGEMENT

During Stage 2, the design team continued to work with the Park Design Advisory Group. This 12-member advisory group provided input on the design which included the following:

- Create meaningful connections to neighbouring communities and strengthen the north-south connection across Pacific Boulevard
- Cultivate a relationship with the water through preservation of habitat and enhance stewardship opportunities
- Design clear pedestrian paths and cycling routes that reduce conflicts
- Create flexible spaces that support diverse programming from intimate to events.

A stakeholder workshop on April 19, 2017 had 28 participants representing environmental design, residents, public space design, event organizers, governmental agencies, active transportation and accessibility, food advocacy, active recreation, heritage, community centres, non-profit groups, arts and culture. Participants worked through a series of focused discussions on the following topics:

- Continuous Park Experience and Cycling Experience
- Opening the Park and Andy Livingstone Park
- Water + Shoreline and Nature + Stewardship
- Open Table Discussion - for any other ideas people wanted to explore

Participants provided feedback that supported the waterfront ribbon as a connecting feature along False Creek for pedestrians and the Seaside Greenway for cyclists along the edge of the park. They highlighted the need to accommodate various festivals while providing a community park for nearby residents. They liked the design of the shoreline's push and pull with the tides but urged the design team to further enhance the naturalized landscapes and create habitat for fauna. Participants also expressed their interest for incorporating foodscapes into the park through partnerships and programs.

The City of Vancouver and the Park Board continue to build government-to-government relationships with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations (MST) and meet with their representatives. Staff also met with the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee (UAPAC) in May. After these introductory meetings on the park design and the area plan processes, two in-depth meetings were held early June with representatives of MST and members of the UAPAC. Rich ideas were brought forward to bring meaningful recognition of Urban Aboriginals and Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh in the park. These ideas will be integrated into the next stage of design.

A presentation by James Corner on June 7, 2017 showcased the draft concept park design to the general public. This event gave about 300 people an opportunity to comment and ask question about the project.



Stakeholder workshop April 2017

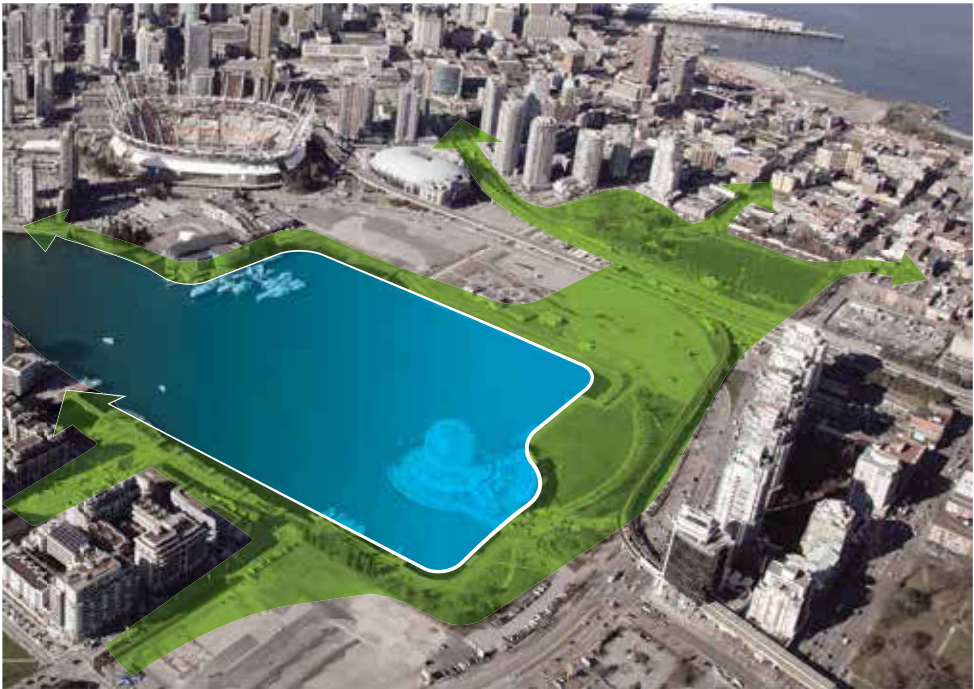


KEY GUIDING PRINCIPLES



UNITE THE PARK

Join disconnected public open spaces—Andy Livingstone Park, Skate Plaza, Creekside Park, and Creekside Extension—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.

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STRENGTHEN CONNECTIONS

Reinforce connections to the streets and neighbourhood surrounding the park. Establish new pedestrian and 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 Tsliel-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.

STRATEGIES

Northeast False Creek (NEFC) Park Park is a new waterfront and community destination park filled with people, activity and nature. The park creates a series of settings for diverse programs, links together various communities, and enhances upland and shoreline ecologies. It unifies the disparate and disconnected pieces of the site to create a strong central open space in the neighborhood by using the following strategies:

- 1) A continuous waterfront
 - Creating a continuous, generous waterfront promenade linking promontories and embayments
- 2) Extend and connect
 - Connecting the various pieces of the park to each other and extending those connections into the surrounding neighborhoods
 - In the North-South direction along Carrall Street,
 - In the East-West direction along the Dunsmuir Elevated Park
- 3) Enhance ecology
 - Enhancing the natural environment of the site by adding a variety of upland and wetland vegetation and habitat opportunities.
- 4) Activity for all
 - Providing opportunities for users of all ages and abilities to use the park in different contexts and for a variety of activities in all seasons.

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DRAFT CONCEPT DESIGN:

A PARK FOR NORTHEAST FALSE CREEK

LEGEND

1.

FITNESS PARKETTE
2.

CARRALL ENTRY
3.

NORTHEAST PLAZA
4.

SPORT COURTS
5.

GRASS STEPS
6.

PLAYGROUNDS
7.

CARRALL PLAZA
8.

SPORTS FIELDS
9.

DOG PARKETTE
10.

BOSQUE
11.

CARRALL PASSERELLE
12.

FIELDHOUSE
13.

DUNSMUIR ELEVATED PARK
14.

SKATE PLAZA
15.

DUNSMUIR STEPS
16.

DUNSMUIR OVERLOOKS
17.

ACTIVITY BOSQUE
18.

SEASONAL GARDENS
19.

PICNIC GARDENS
20.

PARK PAVILION
21.

SPLASH PLAZA
22.

WETLAND GARDENS
23.

ABBOTT PARKETTE + CANOPY
24.

CARRALL TERRACES
25.

GREAT LAWN
26.

FALSE CREEK CRESCENT
27.

FALSE CREEK MARSH
28.

PLAYGROUNDS
29.

CREEKSIDE LAWN
30.

PLAYGROUNDS



1. A CONTINUOUS WATERFRONT

THE RIBBON

A continuous social waterfront promenade preserves and enhances continuity along the shoreline, tying together the NEFC basin. 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.



Waterfront promenade



Waterfront promenade

OPEN SPACES ON THE WATERFRONT

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



Great Lawn

A CONTINUOUS WATERFRONT



Great Lawn

INLETS: WATER CONNECTIONS

The park connects to the water with a series of embayments: intertidal zones that are located in between the open space promontories. These inlets allow people to get closer to the water and provide space for shoreline habitat.



Carrall terraces

A CONTINUOUS WATERFRONT



Carrall terraces

2. EXTEND AND CONNECT

CARRALL CONNECTION: NORTH - SOUTH

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.

The passerelle not only marks the historic water-to-water connection from the Burrard Inlet to False Creek, but also marks the alignment of the Ontario Street Greenway, linking False Creek to the Fraser River.



A water-to-water connection from Burrard Inlet, through False Creek, to Fraser River



Carrall water-to-water connection

CARRALL PASSERELLE

In addition to the at-grade Pacific Boulevard crossing, the park provides an elevated pedestrian passerelle along the Carrall Connection. This landmark connection joins Andy Livingstone Park to the waterfront in a dramatic way, allowing pedestrians to clear the street and skytrain below and enjoy elevated views to the mountains and the water.



Carrall passerelle

Nature Play



Grass terraces



Splash Plaza



Waterfront Terraces



EXTEND AND CONNECT



Carrall passerelle

WATER-TO-WATER CONNECTION: 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.



Cleveland Public Square, Cleveland OH



Splash Plaza

EXTEND AND CONNECT



Splash Plaza

DUNSMUIR ELEVATED PARK: EAST - WEST CONNECTION

The Dunsmuir Elevated Park is an elevated East-West pathway and bikeway that connects the city to the park, allowing for views out to the park space and the mountain and creek horizons beyond.



Highline, New York, NY



Dunsmuir Elevated Park

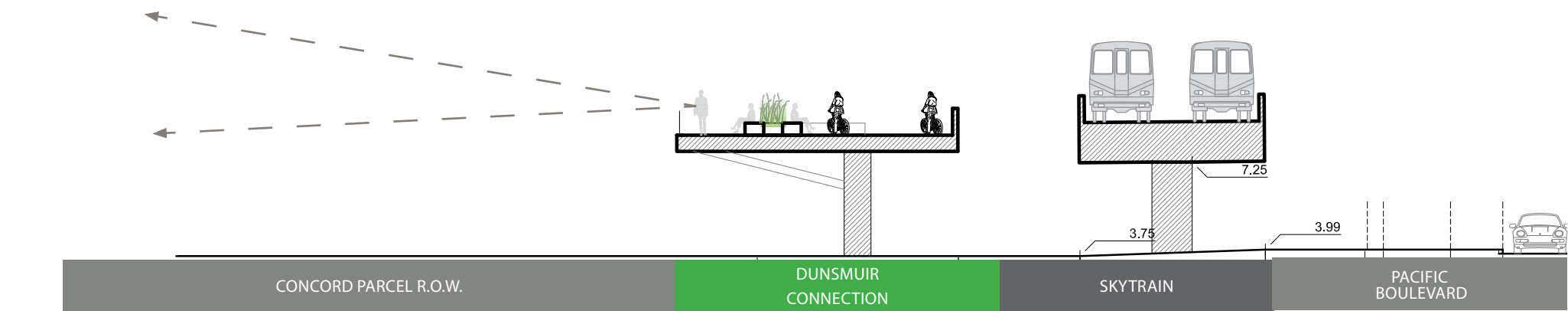
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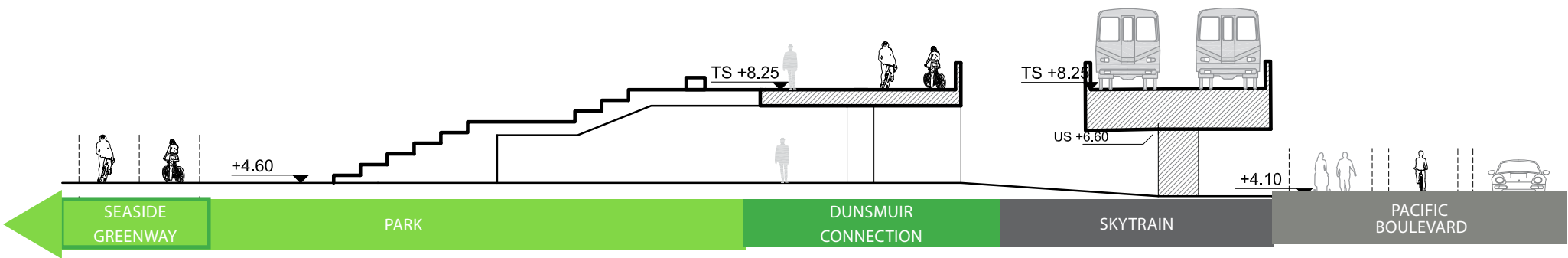
Dunsmuir Elevated Park

DUNSMUIR ELEVATED PARK CHARACTERS

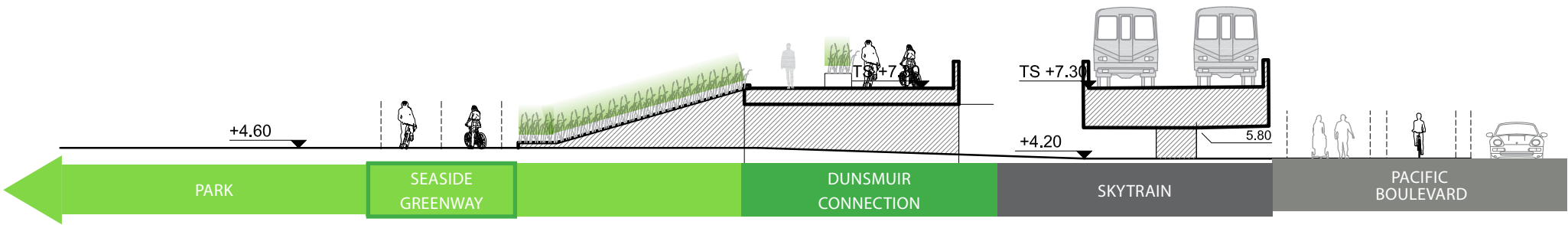
1) Over street right-of-ways, the Dunsmuir Elevated Park extends South, allowing for seating and views.



2) At the Carrall Connection, the Dunsmuir Elevated Park cascades down into the park through a series of south-facing steps



3) The Dunsmuir Elevated Park connects to into the lower waterfront with a sloped meadow.



EXTEND AND CONNECT



DUNSMUIR ELEVATED PARK VIEWS AND LOOK OUTS

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



Battery Waterfront, NY,NY



Look out

EXTEND AND CONNECT



Look out on the Dunsmuir Elevated Park

WATERFRONT PROMENADE AND SEASIDE GREENWAY

The park balances pedestrian and cyclist circulation: An undulating pedestrian waterfront promenade features various overlooks, seating areas, get-downs and sculpted areas for protection from the wind and weather. The Seaside Greenway lines the waterfront along the new Concord neighbourhood and then woven into the park around the open lawns, the colourful gardens, and planted groves. These two path networks allow users to experience a dramatic sequence of diverse park spaces.



Deck on Waterfront Promenade



↔ seaside greenway (cyclists)
↔ waterfront promenade

EXTEND AND CONNECT



Deck on Waterfront Promenade

RELAX ON THE WATERFRONT

The park will feature distinct, urban-scaled furniture for people to rest, relax, and bask in the sun.



Hafencity Park, Hamburg



False Creek Crescent

EXTEND AND CONNECT



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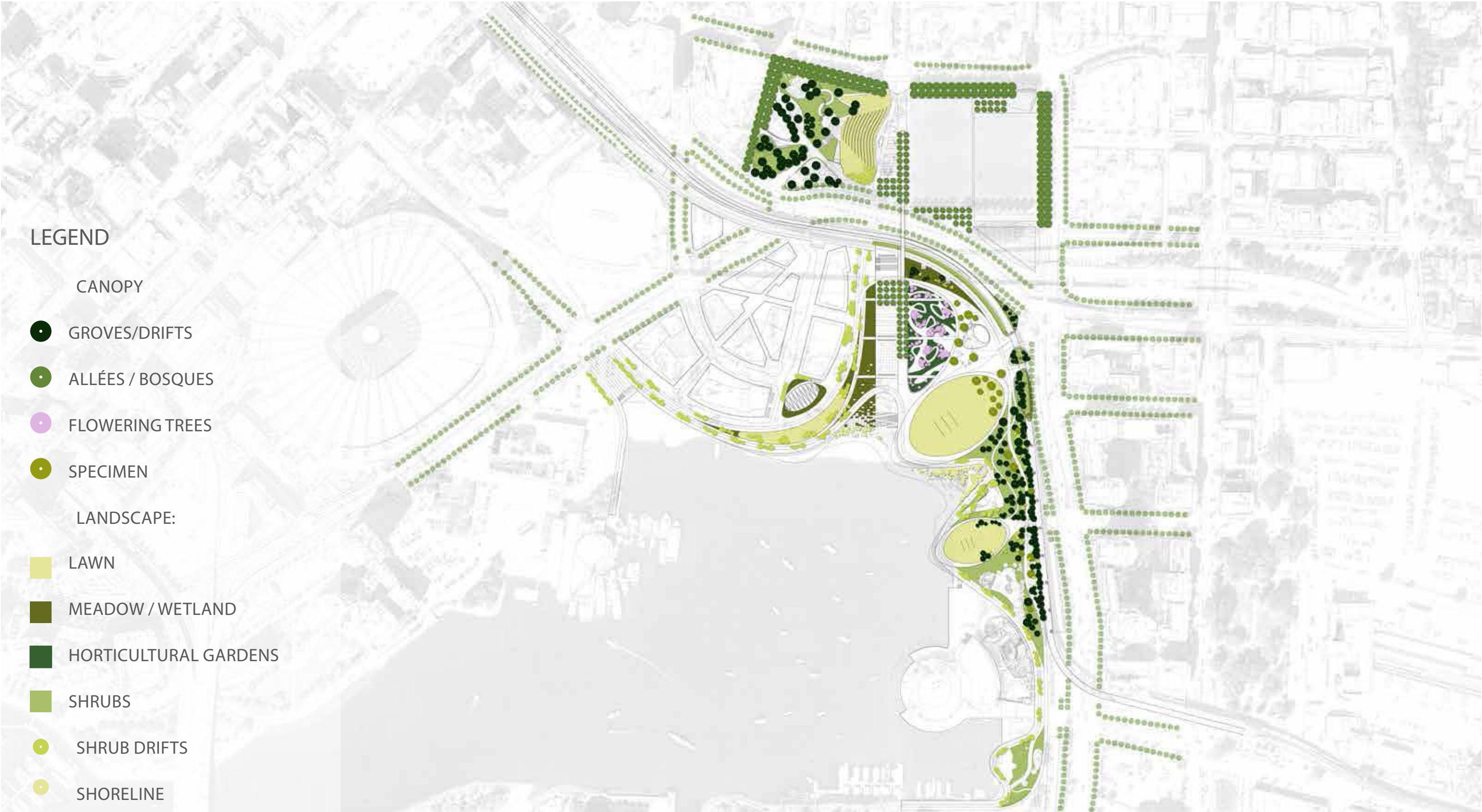
False Creek Crescent

3. ENHANCE ECOLOGY

NEFC Park aims to expand ecosystems of the creek, enhance natural systems, and help to mitigate impacts of sea-level rise. A diverse offering of planting types fill the park, giving each area a distinct quality, ranging from porous and open to dense and enclosed.



Brooklyn Waterfront: layers of history, resilient shoreline, habitat, and skyline.



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.



Tongva Park, Santa Monica CA



Horticultural Gardens

ENHANCE ECOLOGY



Horticultural Gardens

INTERTIDAL ZONES

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.



Intertidal marsh



South East False Creek, Vancouver

ENHANCE ECOLOGY



Intertidal marsh

WETLAND GARDENS

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



Wetland Gardens



Gates Foundation, Seattle WA

ENHANCE ECOLOGY



Wetland Gardens

4. ACTIVITY FOR ALL

ANDY LIVINGSTONE PARK

Andy Livingstone Park is reconfigured to allow for welcoming park entries and fluid circulation. Existing community amenities such as the water feature, sports fields, playground and dog off-leash area are retained and complemented by new features such as fitness areas, grass terraces, open plazas and bosques.

Bosques



Water Feature



Grass terraces



Fitness Areas



Off-leash dog area





LEGEND

1. NORTHWEST ENTRY
2. KEEFER STREET ALCOVE
3. NORTHEAST PLAZA
4. EXISTING WATER FEATURE
5. FITNESS COURT
6. SPORTS COURT
7. CARRALL STEPS
8. CARRALL PLAZA
9. EXISTING PLAY AREA
10. PLAY FIELDS (64X105M)
11. OFFLEASH DOG AREA (1100M²)
12. SOUTHWEST ENTRY
13. BOSQUE
14. SKATE PLAZA
15. FIELD HOUSE

SKATE PLAZA + ACTIVITY BOSQUES

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.



Activity Bosque: Skate Plaza + sports field behind



Downtown Skate Plaza, Vancouver

ACTIVITY FOR ALL



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Activity Bosque: Skate Plaza + sports field behind

PLAY

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



Battery Park Lawn, NY,NY



Playground

ACTIVITY FOR ALL



Playground

VENUES: SPACES

The park offers a range of simple open spaces that allow for play or to take in the view, while also allowing for both structured and unstructured activities. These same spaces can be used to host various community events and cultural celebrations: activities as diverse as First Nations gatherings, art and other forms of art programming, large-scale festivals and markets, fireworks, sports events and performance. Given the context, the possibilities for creating really extraordinary and unique events and occasions are endless, and are what will really make the Northeast False Creek a destination.



Grass Steps



Park Event Venues

ACTIVITY FOR ALL



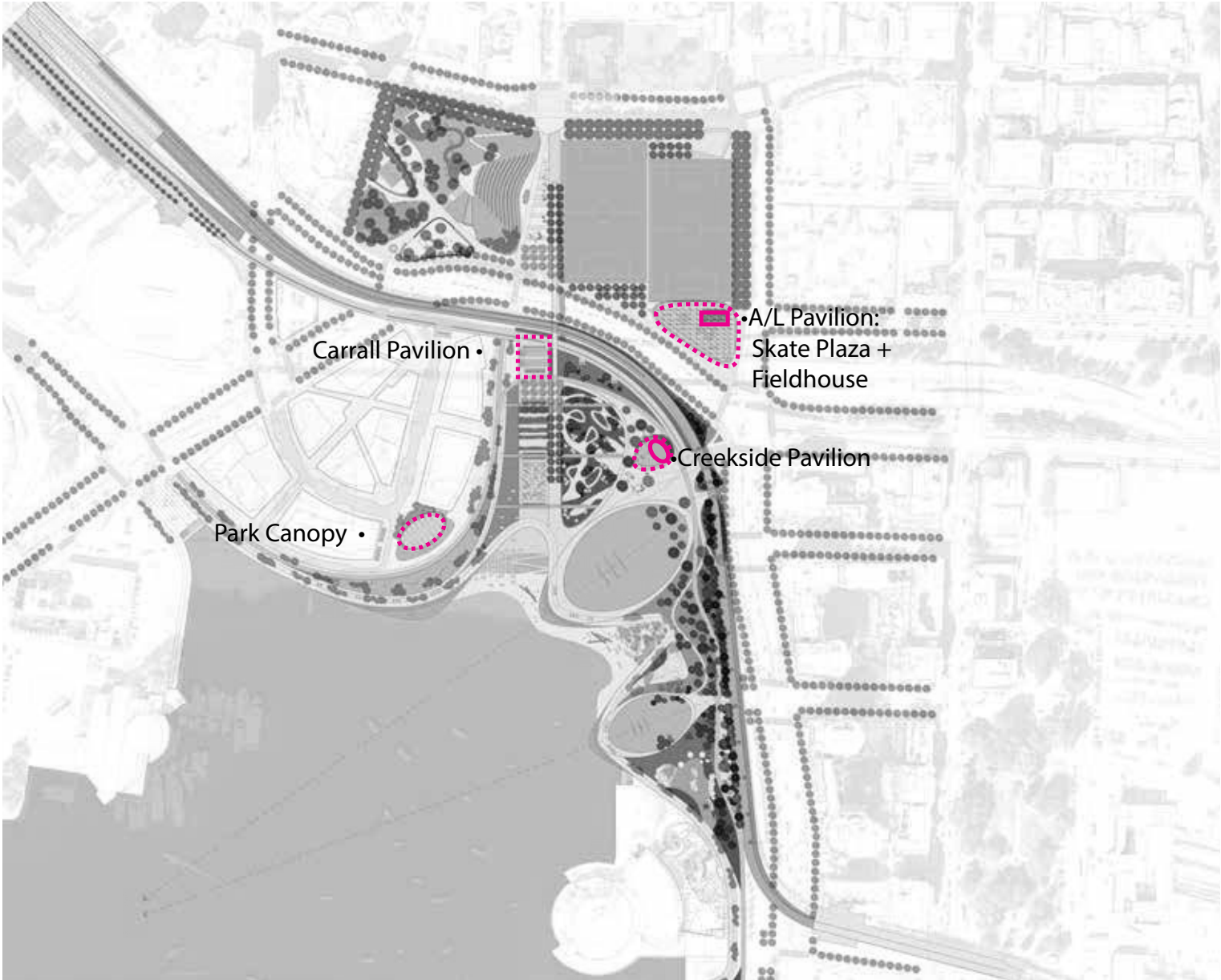
Carrall Plaza + Grass Steps in Andy Livingstone Park

VENUES: STRUCTURES

Simple canopy structures such as the Park Canopy and Andy Livingstone Pavilion offer covered outdoor space. The Creekside Pavilion offers flexible indoor space for community events and a food & beverage destination within the park with plenty of space for tables and chairs under the tree canopy or open to the sky.



Creekside Pavilion



Park Structures

ACTIVITY FOR ALL



Creekside Pavilion

