

HELP US IMAGINE SAINT PAUL'S RIVER BALCONY!



SAINT PAUL
MINNESOTA



GREAT RIVER PASSAGE
CONSERVANCY

Community Workshop
February 10, 2022
6:00-7:30 p.m.

This first workshop will include a short design presentation of initial ideas for the River Balcony, followed by breakout discussion groups, and a large group discussion to share feedback and ideas.

greatriverpassage.org/projects/river-balcony/

TONIGHT'S CONVERSATION

- **RESPECT:** Please maintain a tone of respect during tonight's conversation. We reserve the right to remove anyone who communicates in a way we perceive to be discriminatory or harmful to other community members in attendance.
- **MUTE:** Please keep yourself muted during the presentation. You will have the opportunity to unmute and speak when we move to smaller group conversations following our presentation.
- **CHAT:** We encourage you to use the chat feature if you have questions during the presentation.
- **RAISE HAND:** We encourage you to use the raise hand function in the breakout rooms. Our team will be monitoring for people who have raised their hands and will call on you speak in the order which you raise your hands.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RAISE HAND

Computer or Laptop: If you're joining on a computer or laptop, you can access the raise hand function by clicking on the icon labeled "Reactions" in the toolbar on the bottom center of your screen. A new window should pop out on your screen after clicking "Reaction". At the bottom right of the screen, you should see the button labeled "Raise Hand." Click that button.

Mobile Phone: If you're joining on a mobile phone, click on the three horizontal dots, labeled "More" located in the toolbar in the bottom right corner of the screen. In the pop-up at the bottom of your screen, tap "Raise Hand."

You'll know your hand is raised as a participant when you see an emoji hand on the screen next to your name.

TONIGHT'S CONVERSATION

PURPOSE

- Share progress & initial ideas
- Foster conversation & feedback to inform the design
- build community support

AGENDA

- Welcome & Overview
- Design Presentation
- Breakout Conversations
- Report Back & Share Key Takeaways
- Next Steps & Adjourn

DESIGN TEAM

James Corner Field Operations
project management / landscape architecture & urban design

HR&A Advisors
M&O planning / partnerships, governance & funding strategy

106 Group
community engagement lead / cultural resources

Claim Our Space
community engagement / equity & inclusion consultant

Forecast Public Art
community engagement / public art planning & strategy

SEH
engineering / phasing & implementation strategy

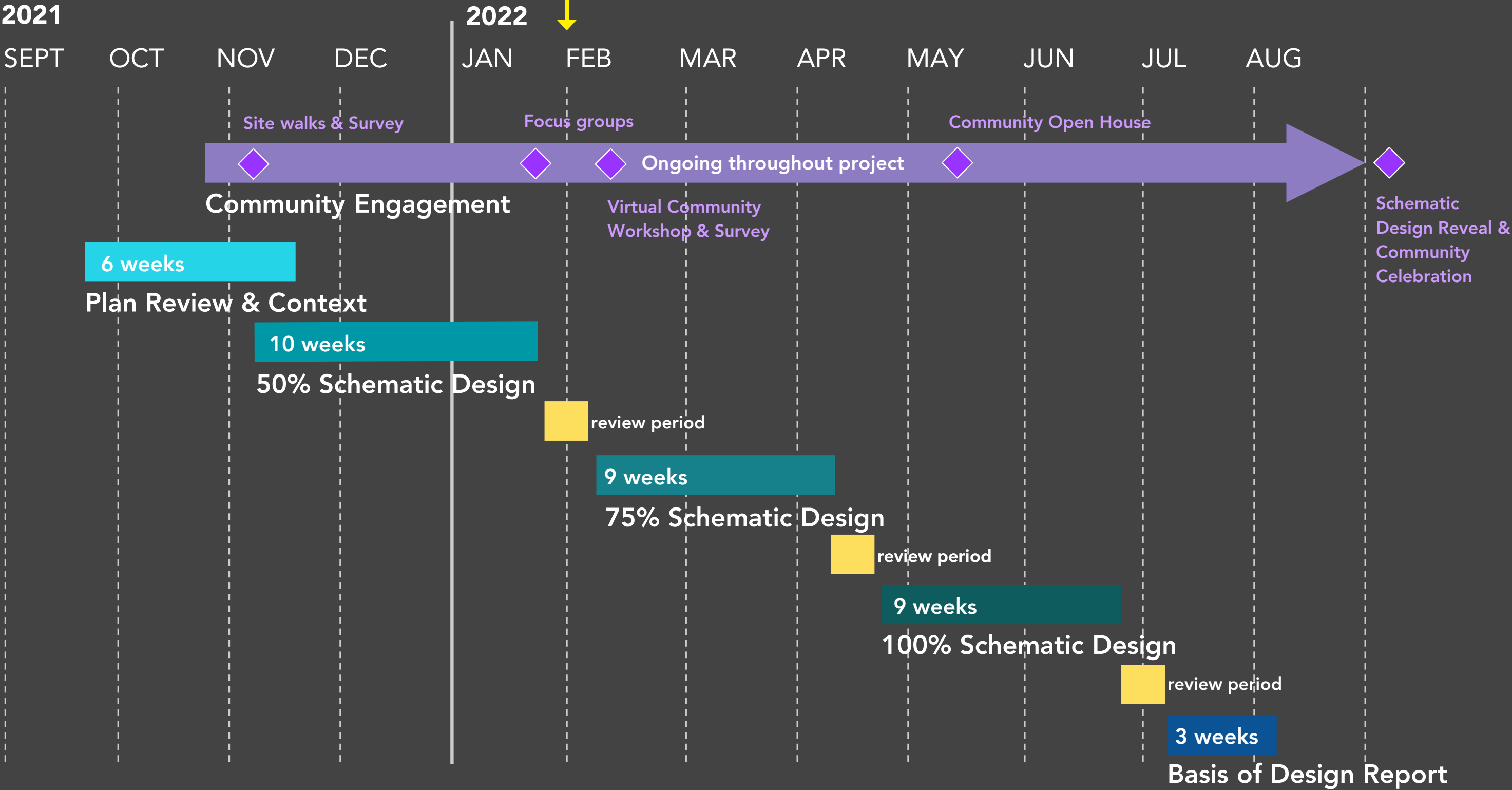
Dharam Consulting
cost estimating

SCHEMATIC DESIGN SCOPE

- **Schematic Design** - site analysis, exploring design concepts, basic features and programming, and getting a general idea of the look and feel of the project.
- **Preliminary Estimates** - capital costs and long-term maintenance, and operations costs.
- **Preliminary Phasing Plan & Implementation Strategy**
- **High-level funding strategy**
- **Preliminary Partnerships and Governance Approach**
- **Preliminary Public Art Approach & Strategy**

SCHEMATIC DESIGN TIMELINE

Project Schedule



ENGAGEMENT

ENGAGEMENT TEAM

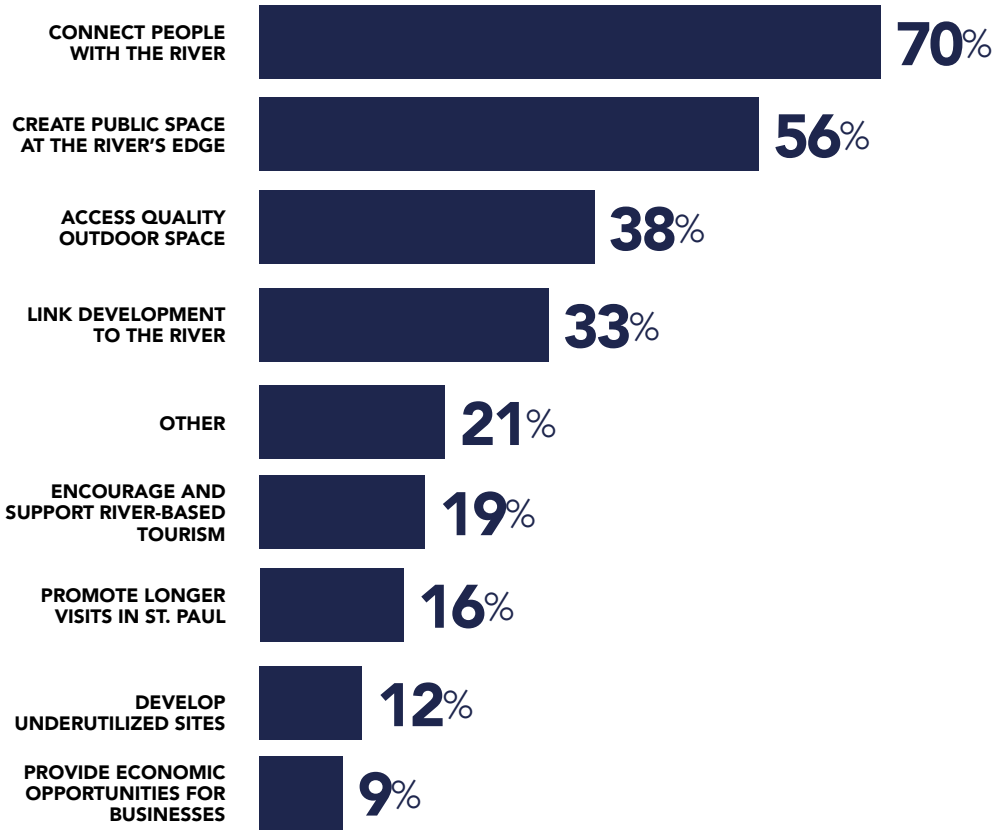
- 106 Group
- Claim Our Space
- Forecast Public Art
- Sam Olbekson (GRPC's Tribal Consultant)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY

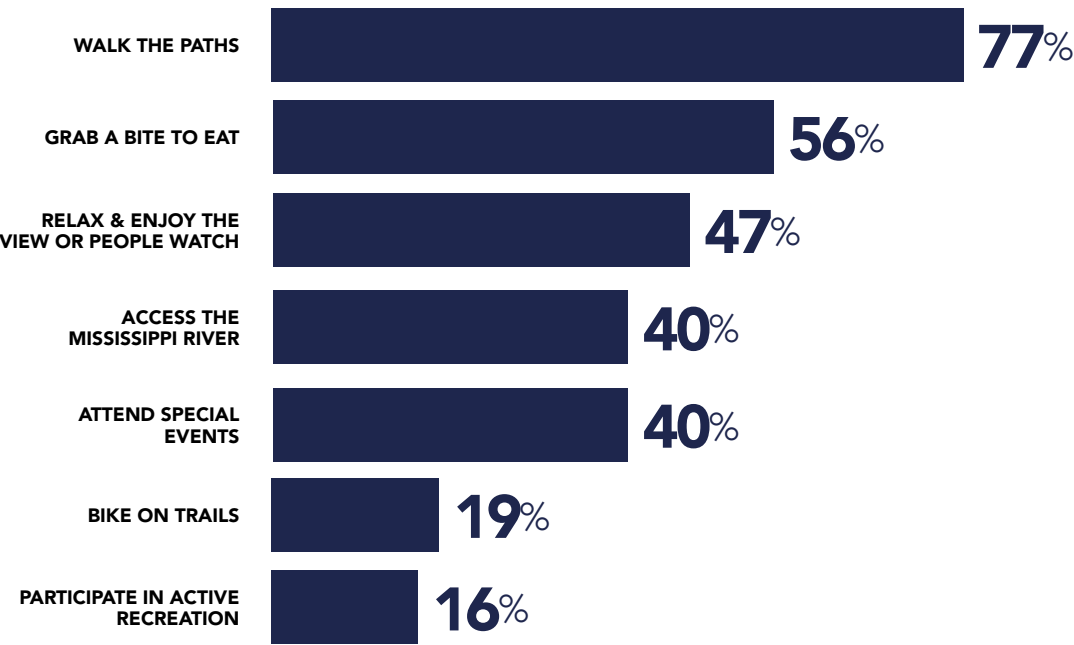
- Technical, Advisory & Stakeholder Committees;
- Focus Groups (with historically under-represented populations including Hmong, Somali, Black & Latinx/Hispanic communities);
- Public Community Workshops;
- Surveys;
- Passive Engagement (large scale boards in lobbies of institutions and project partners with information about the project and link to website);
- Translation in Spanish, Hmong, Karen and Somali;

WALKING TOURS & SURVEY

Top 3 Priorities



Top 3 Uses

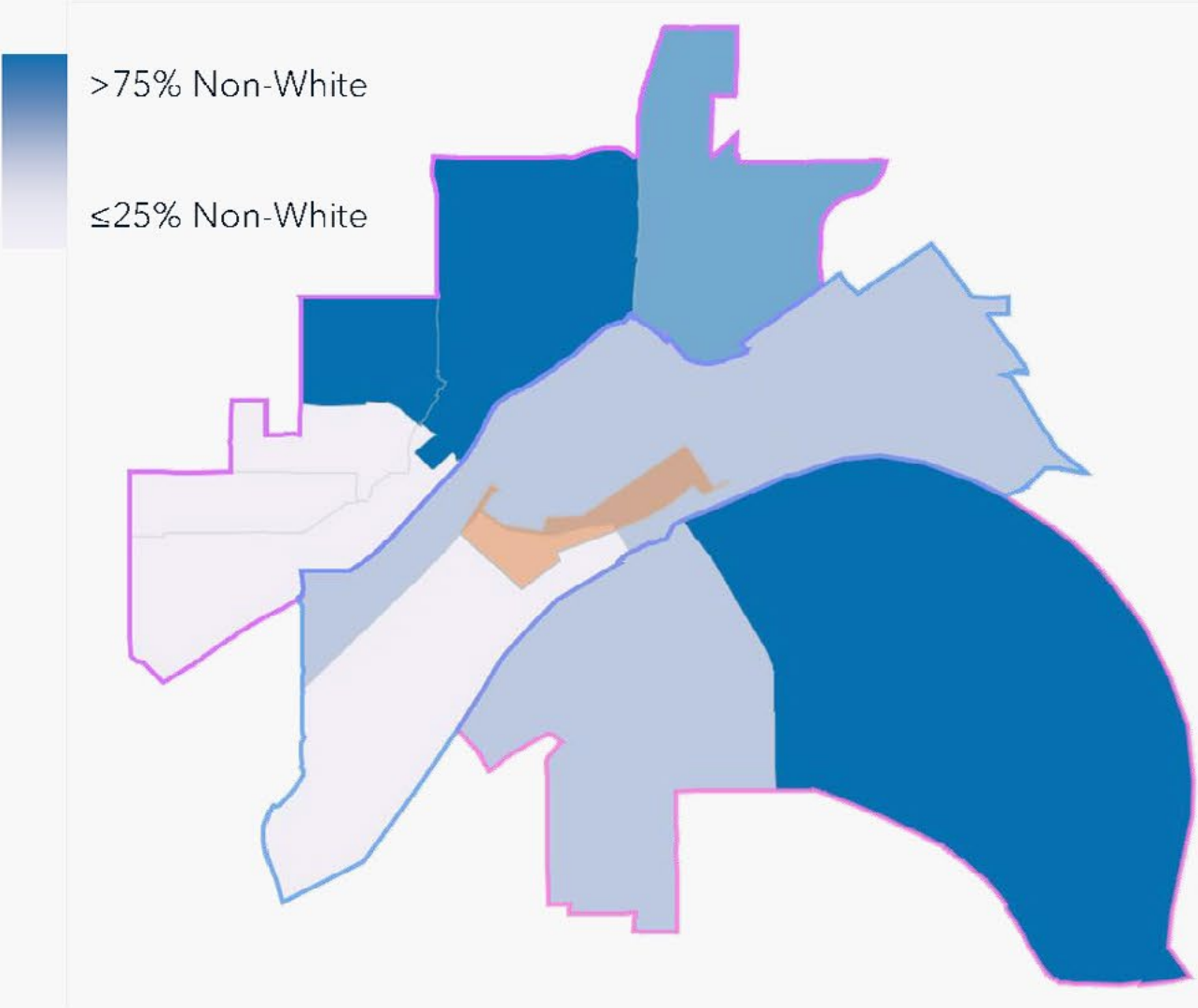


RIVER BALCONY AUDIENCE



INITIAL DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

Downtown St. Paul is growing - attracting not only highly-educated, younger people, but also families and older adults, including immigrants.



NORTH AREA

+470 older adults **24%** foreign-born **25%** Black

DOWNTOWN CORE

+400 children **+520** older adults **60%** Bachelor's or higher

SOUTH AREA

+220 Asian pop. **21%** foreign-born **27%** Hisp./Latx.

Demographic analysis is based on the 2010 Census and 2019 ACS 5-Year Survey. "Children" are defined as 0-18, "Older Adults" are 65+.

INITIAL ESTIMATED VISITATION

While local residents may be the most frequent visitors, the River Balcony will serve diverse groups across the region.

Local Visitor Audiences

Adjacent Immigrant and BIPOC Communities
Affluent, Well-Educated Downtown Residents

+

Regional Visitor Audiences

Residents From Across the Metro Region
Downtown Workers
Downtown Tourists

2.9M

estimated annual visitation to the River Balcony

Benchmark Analysis

2.2M – 5.0M

annual visits to comparable parks

60%

share of annual River Balcony visits that are St. Paul residents

BENEFITS

Parks deliver a range of benefits that are aligned with Saint Paul’s goals for equitable economic development.



Real estate value



Equity and inclusion



Green infrastructure



Attraction/retention of residents/ jobs



Earned income/ entrepreneurship



Health



Tourist spending



Career tracks

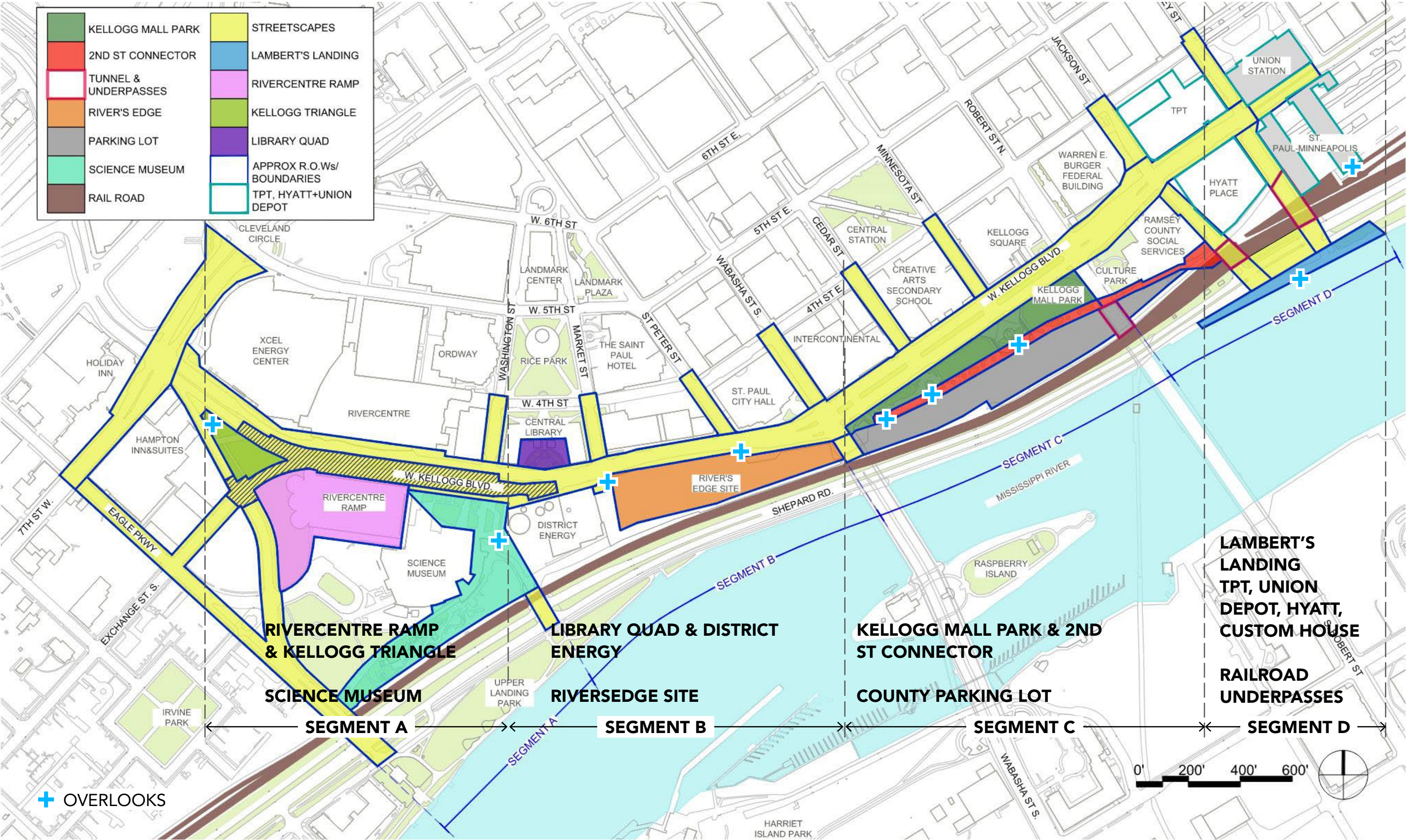


Safety



Park operator spending

FRAMEWORK PLAN



STAKEHOLDERS

STREETSCAPE

- CITY OF ST. PAUL
- RAMSEY COUNTY
- XCEL ENERGY CENTER
- RIVERCENTRE
- RIVERCENTRE RAMP
- SCIENCE MUSEUM
- LIBRARY
- AMTRAK
- UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
- CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILROAD
- MNDOT
- KELLOGG CONDOS

KELLOGG TRIANGLE

- CITY OF ST. PAUL
- XCEL ENERGY CENTER
- DISTRICT ENERGY

RIVERCENTRE RAMP

- CITY OF ST. PAUL
- RIVERCENTRE
- XCEL ENERGY CENTER

SCIENCE MUSEUM

- SCIENCE MUSEUM OF MINNESOTA
- NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
- DISTRICT ENERGY

LIBRARY QUAD

- GEORGE LATIMER CENTRAL LIBRARY
- FIRST & FIRST CREATIVE REAL ESTATE

RIVER'S EDGE

- CITY OF ST. PAUL
- RAMSEY COUNTY
- DISTRICT ENERGY
- AECOM

KELLOGG MALL PARK

- CITY OF ST. PAUL
- KELLOGG SQUARE DEVELOPMENT
- DOROTHY DAY CENTER
- HIGHER GROUND
- NAOMI FAMILY RESIDENCE
- THE FAMILY PLACE
- SALVATION ARMY

2ND ST CONNECTOR

- CITY OF ST. PAUL
- RAMSEY COUNTY
- CUSTOM HOUSE
- UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
- CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILROAD

PARKING LOT

- CITY OF ST. PAUL
- RAMSEY COUNTY

LAMBERT'S LANDING

- CITY OF ST. PAUL
- RAMSEY COUNTY
- US ARMY CORPS
- VIKING RIVER CRUISES
- VISIT ST PAUL

TUNNEL & UNDERPASSES

- CITY OF ST. PAUL
- UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
- CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILROAD
- MNDOT
- RAMSEY COUNTY

UNION DEPOT, HYATT, TPT,CUSTOM HOUSE

- TPT
- HYATT PLACE HOTEL
- UNION DEPOT
- REGIONAL RAIL
- RAMSEY COUNTY

OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

- WEST SIDE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
- EX: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GROUPS
- CAPITAL RIVER COUNCIL (DISTRICT 17)
- OTHERS

OVERARCHING PRINCIPLES

- **Build on what is already here**
- **Establish critical connections**
- **Create discrete and distinctive elements**
- **Prolong and extend the stay**
- **Foster programmatic extensions and synergies**
- **Cultivate connection to place and a sense of belonging**
- **Build excitement and activate through interim use**
- **Meet the needs of local communities and residents and attract the larger St. Paul community**

INSPIRATIONS

RIVER



DAKOTA



COMMUNITY



BLUFF



RIVER BALCONY - 50% SCHEMATIC DESIGN

ECOREGIONS

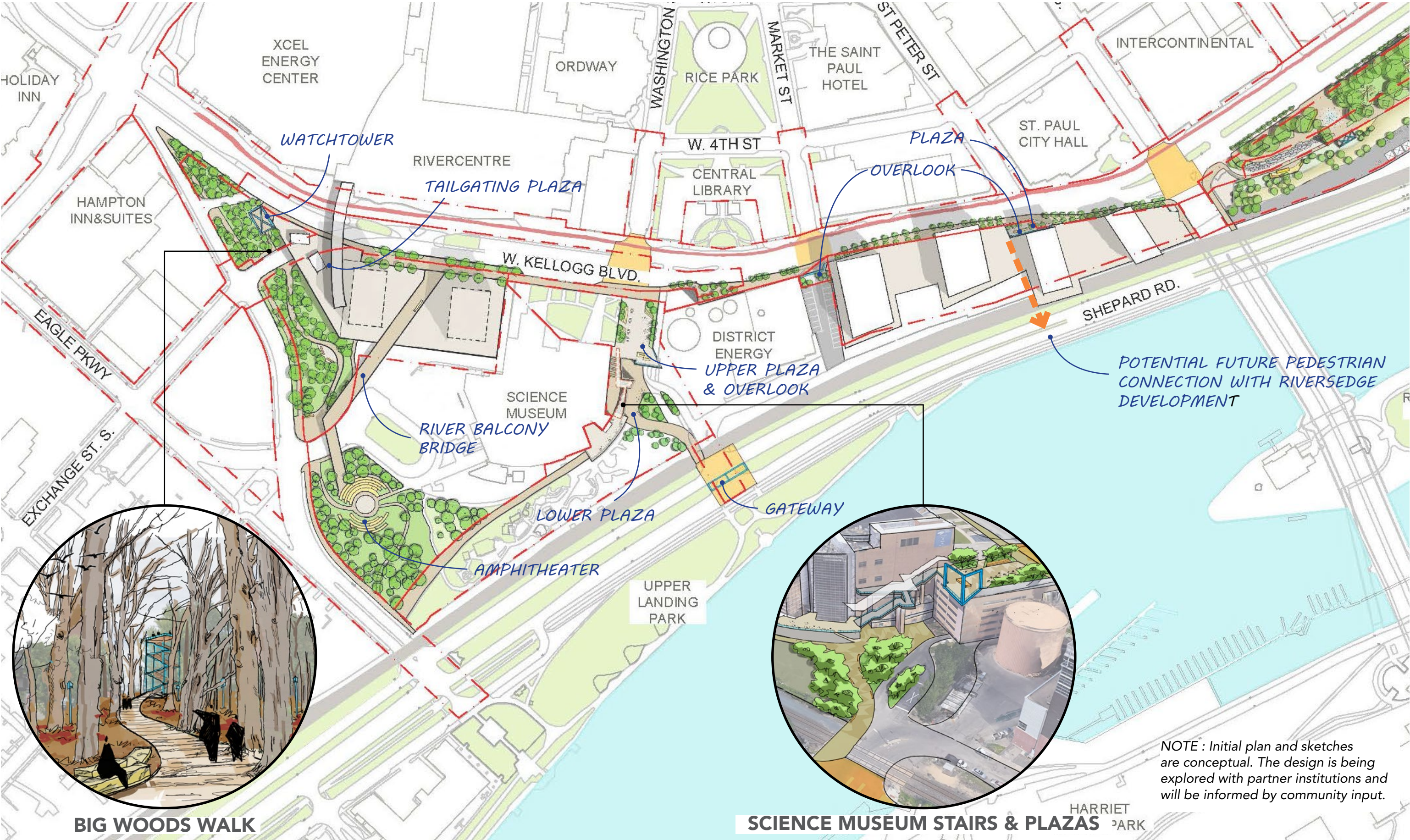


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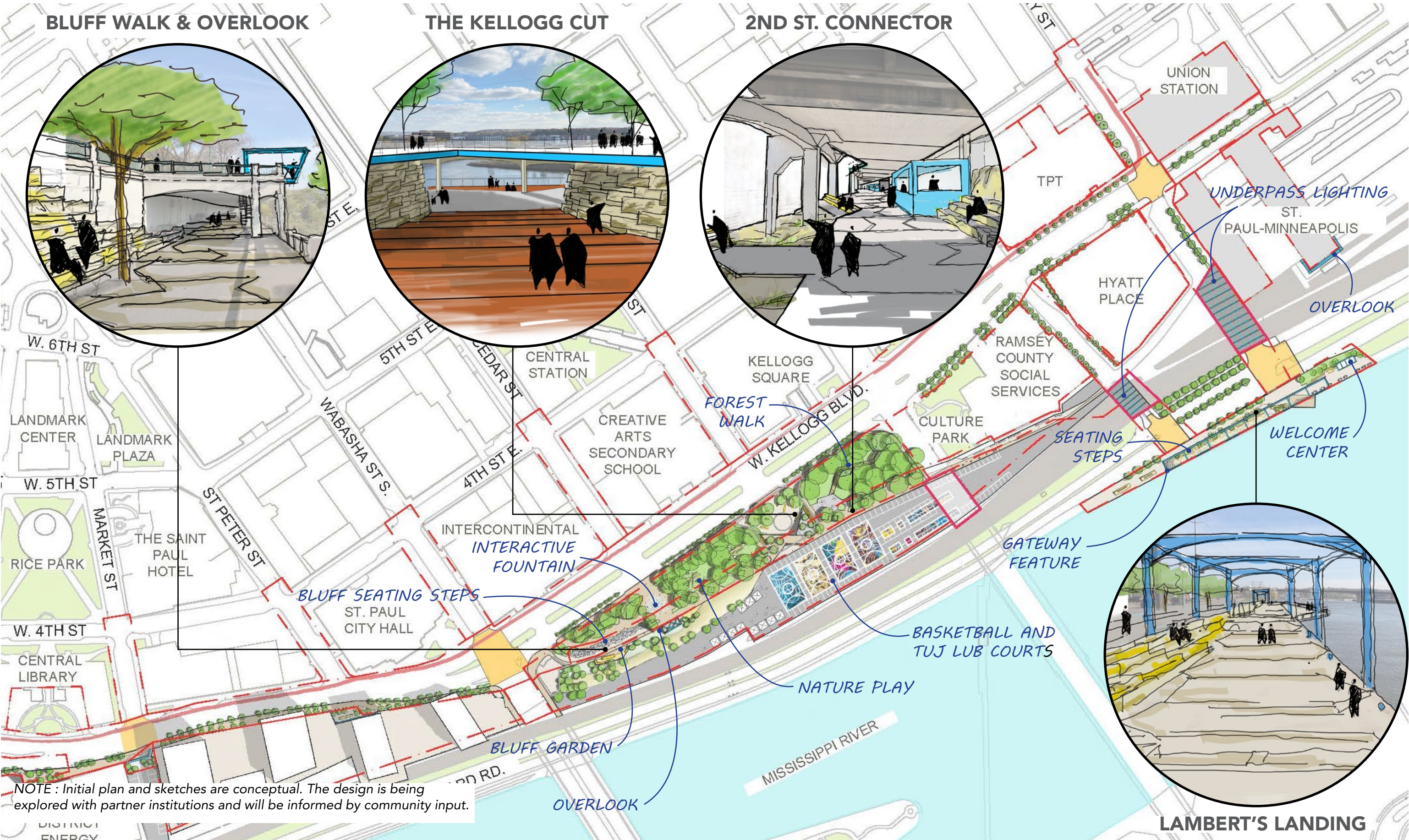


FIELD OPERATIONS

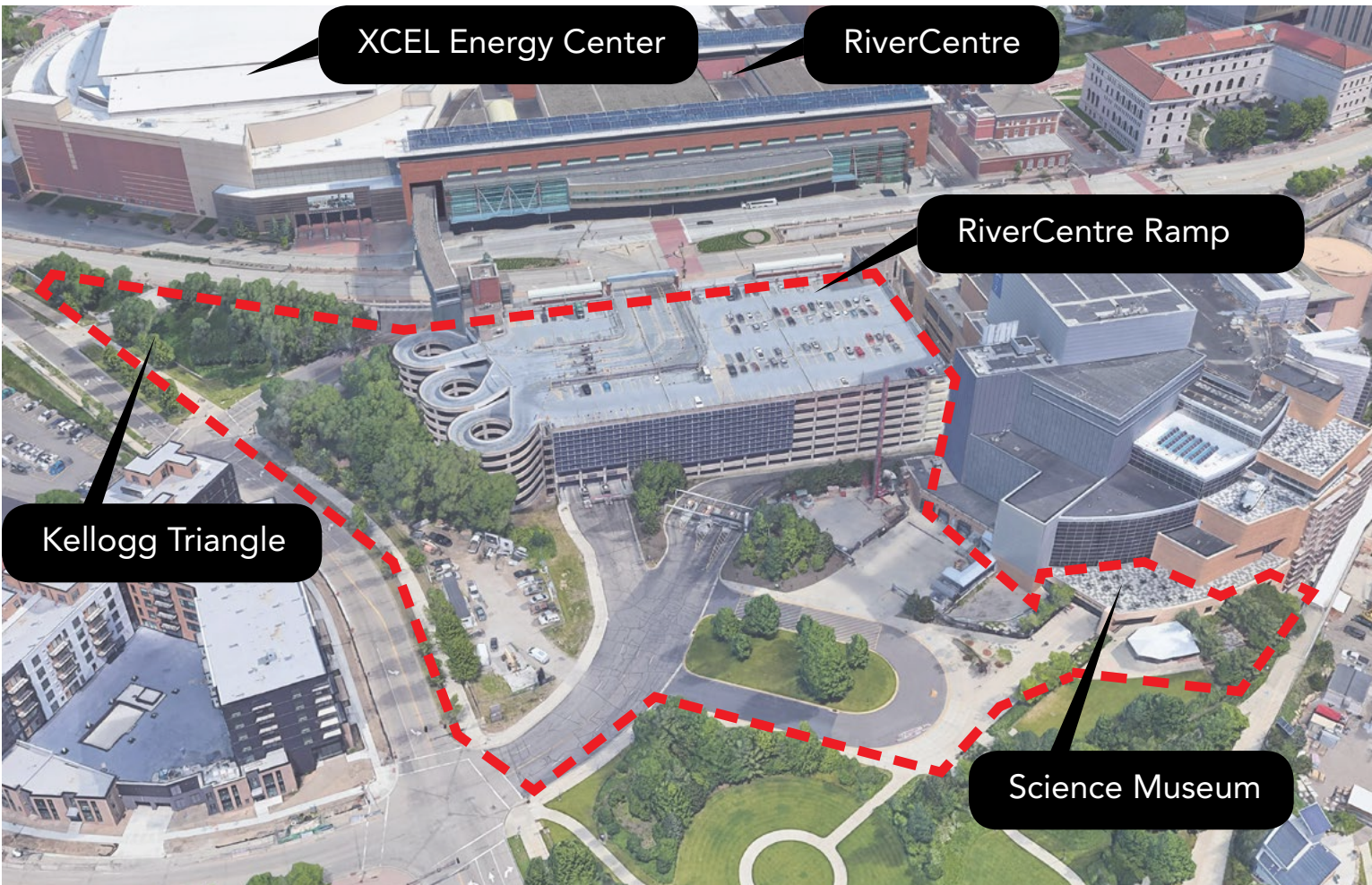
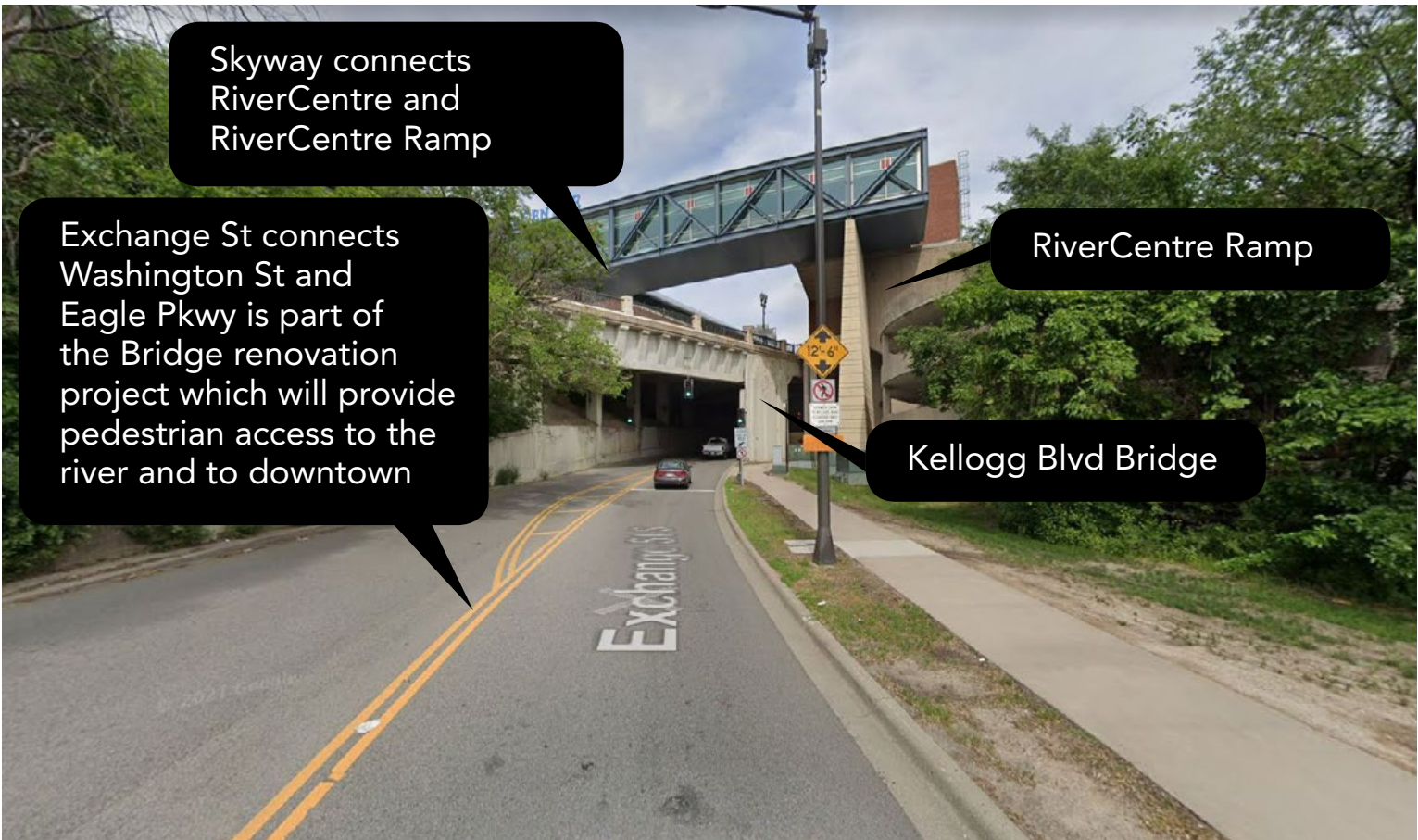
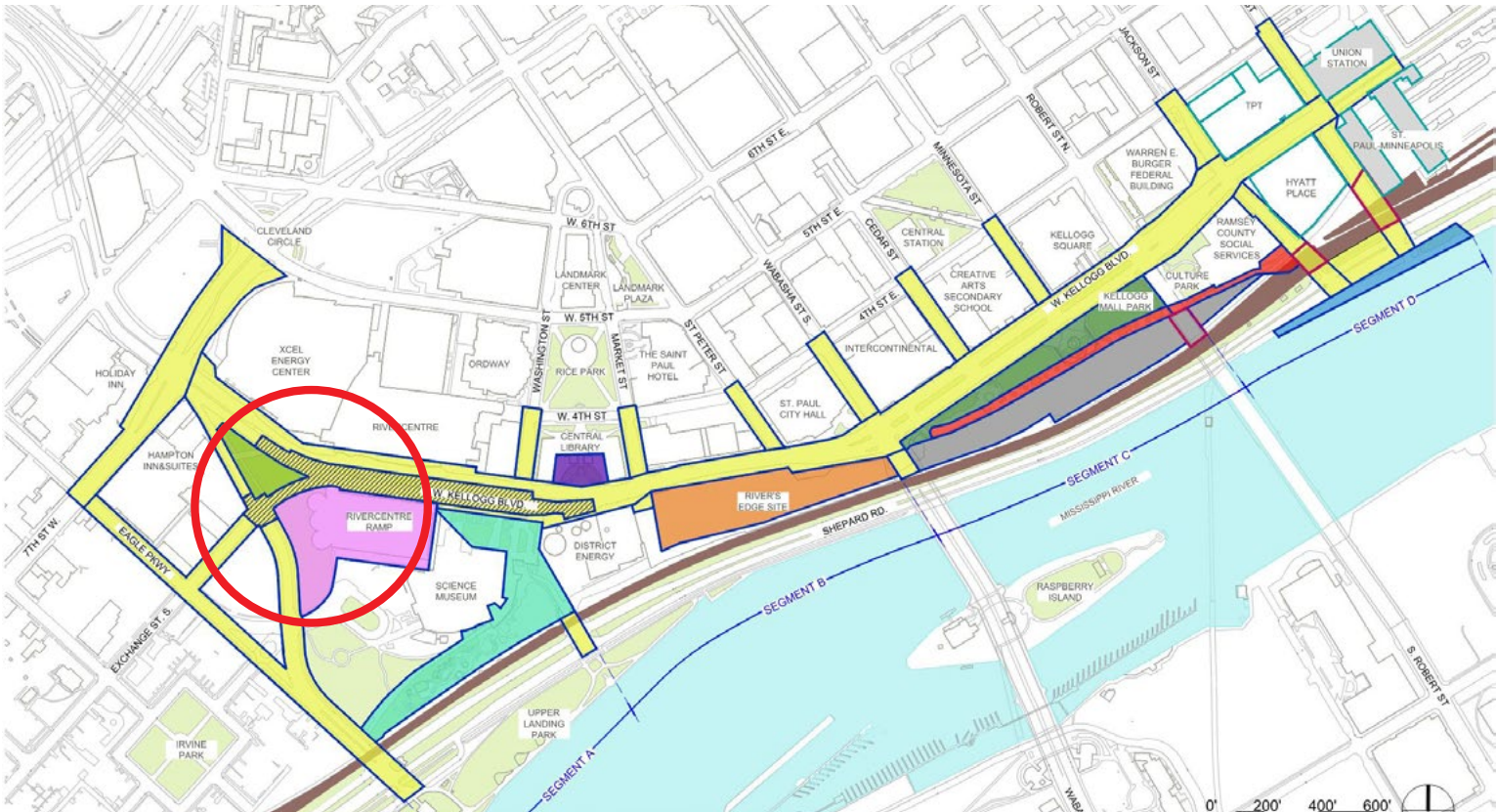
PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN - WEST



PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN - EAST



LOCATION & EXISTING CONDITIONS



PRELIMINARY PLAN

RIVERCENTRE RAMP & KELLOGG TRIANGLE

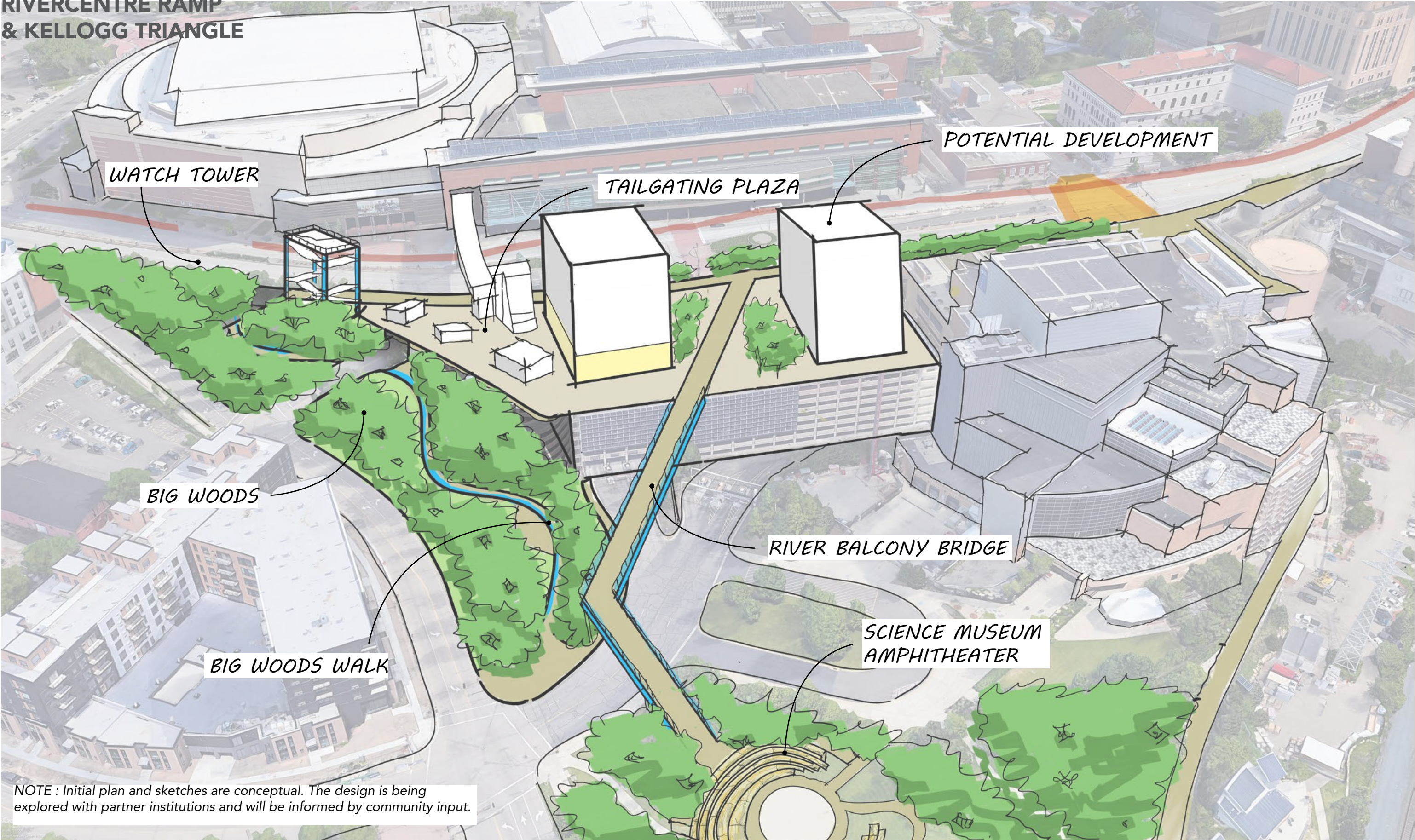


EXISTING



PRELIMINARY SKETCH

RIVERCENTRE RAMP & KELLOGG TRIANGLE



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EXISTING - EAGLE PARKWAY



PROPOSED - BIG WOODS WALK



REFERENCE IMAGES



Forest Pavilion, Thailand



University Campus Park Umea, Sweden



Strandskogen Arninge Ullna, Sweden

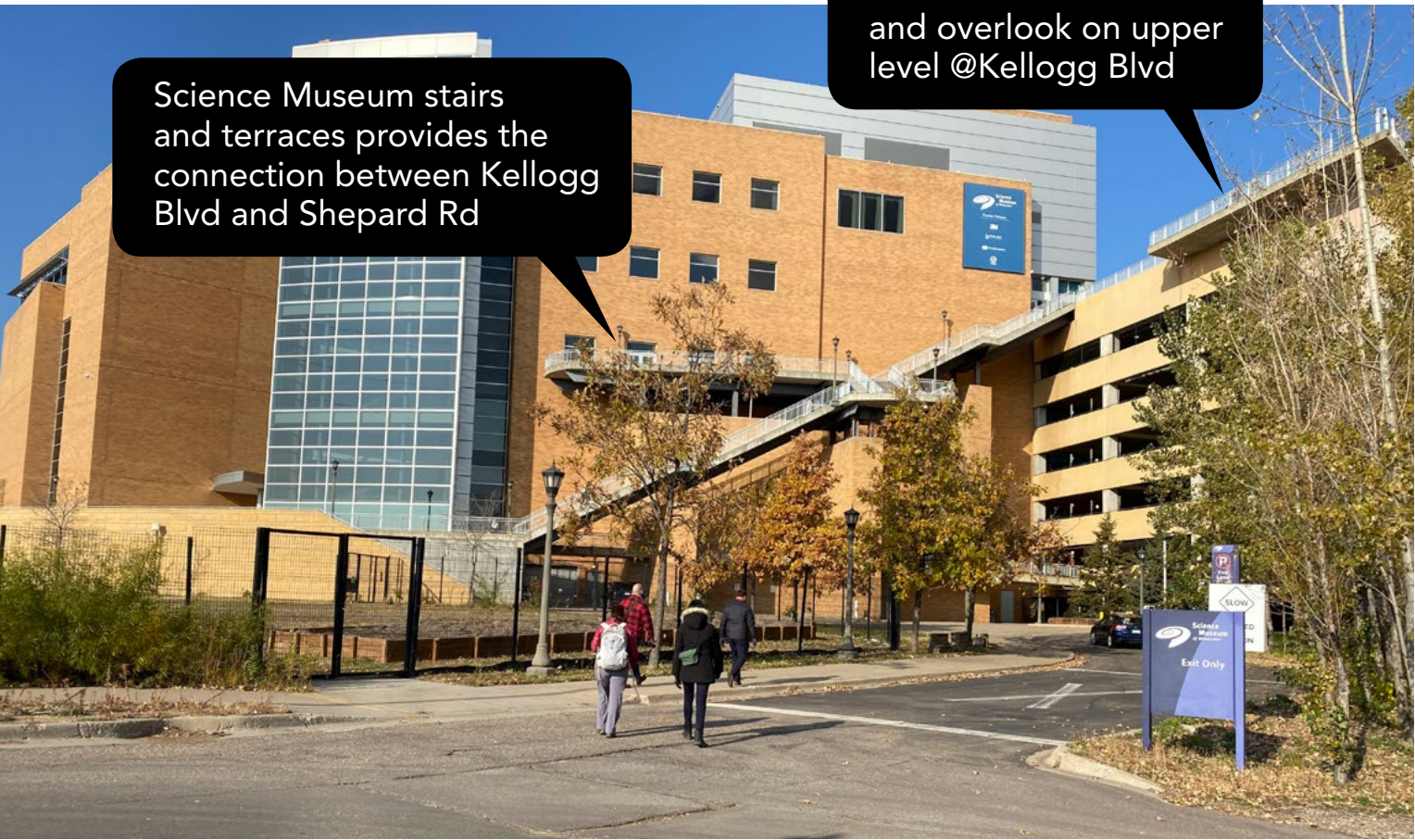
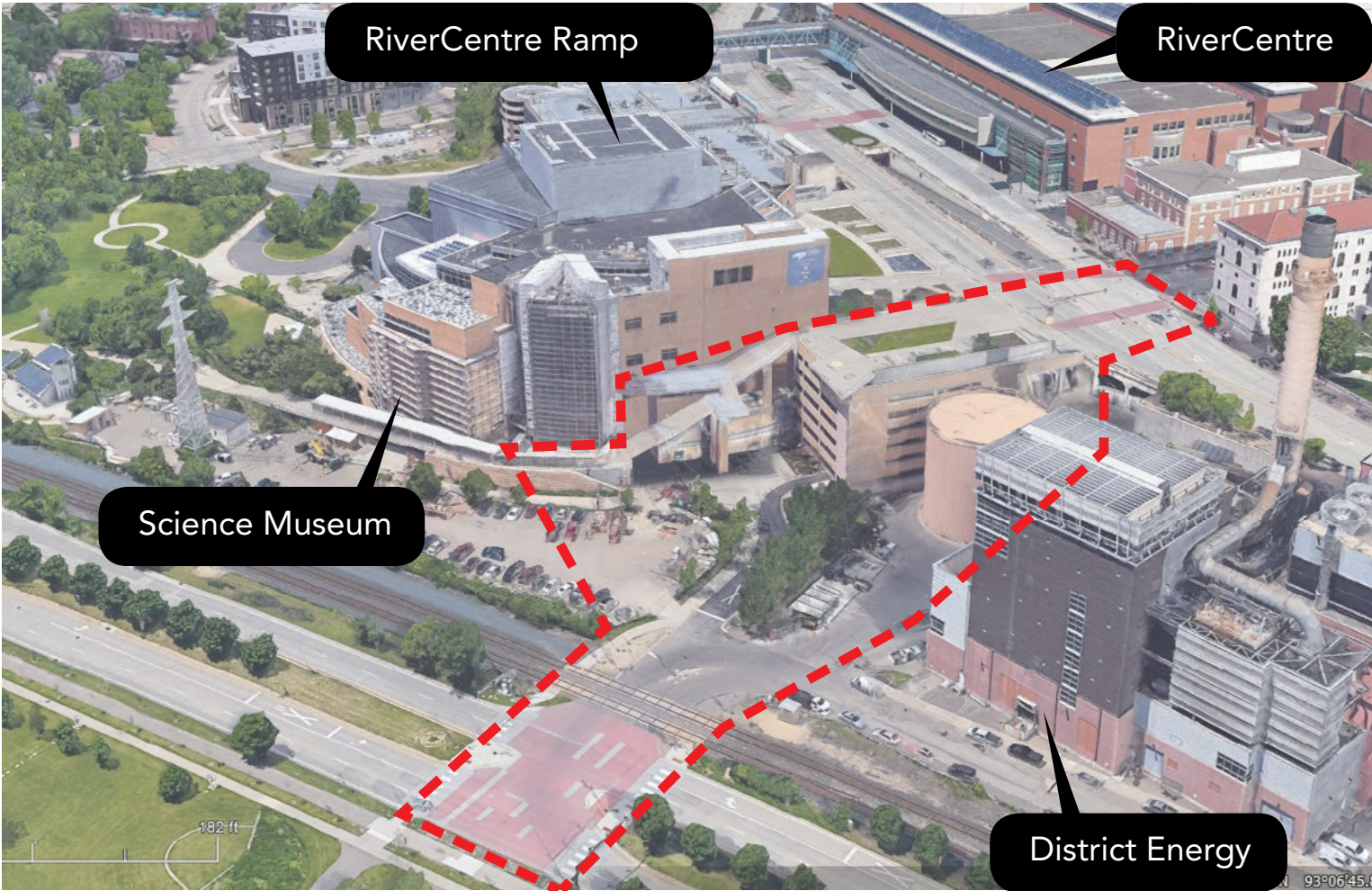
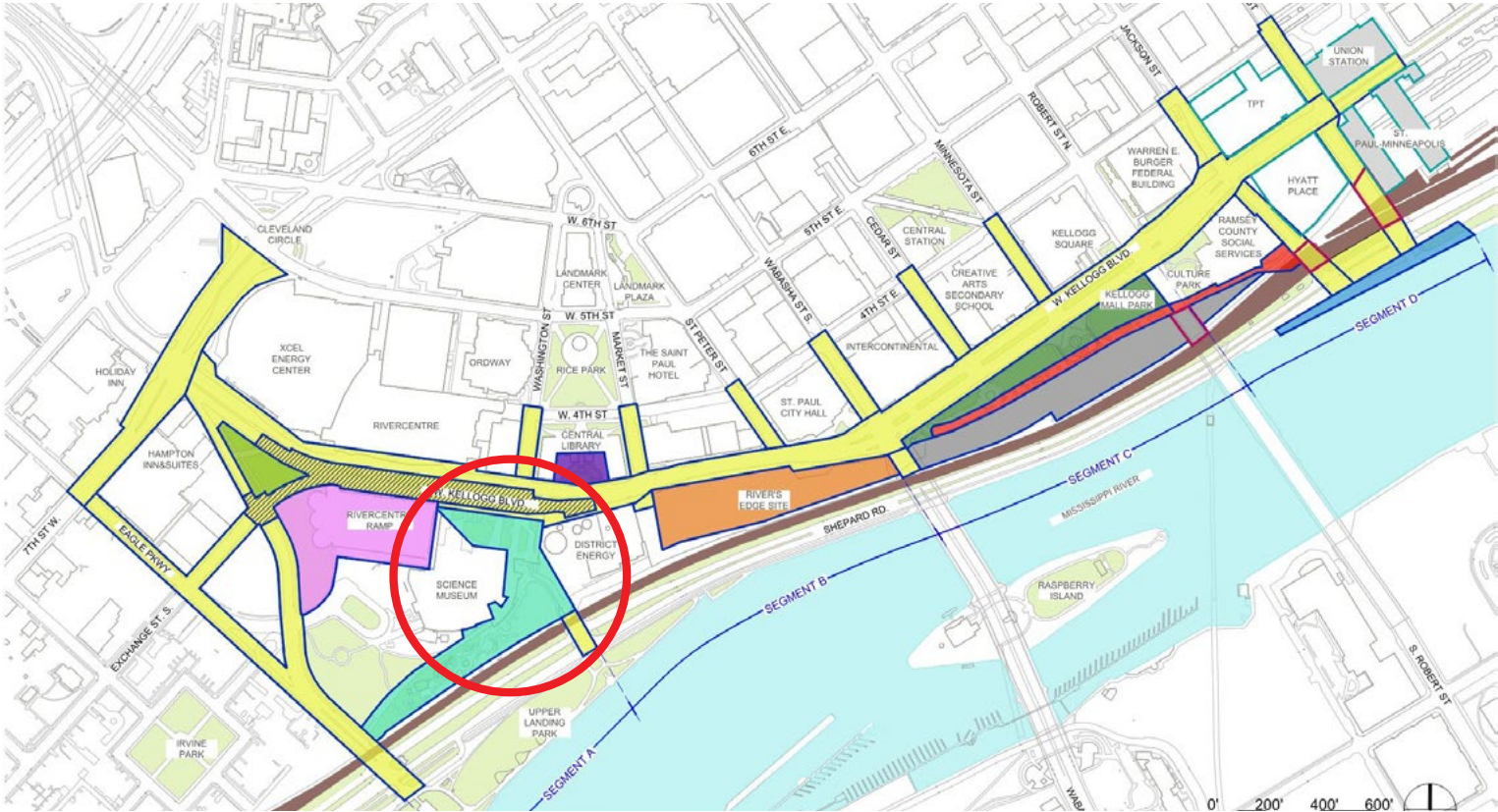


Taopu Central Park, China



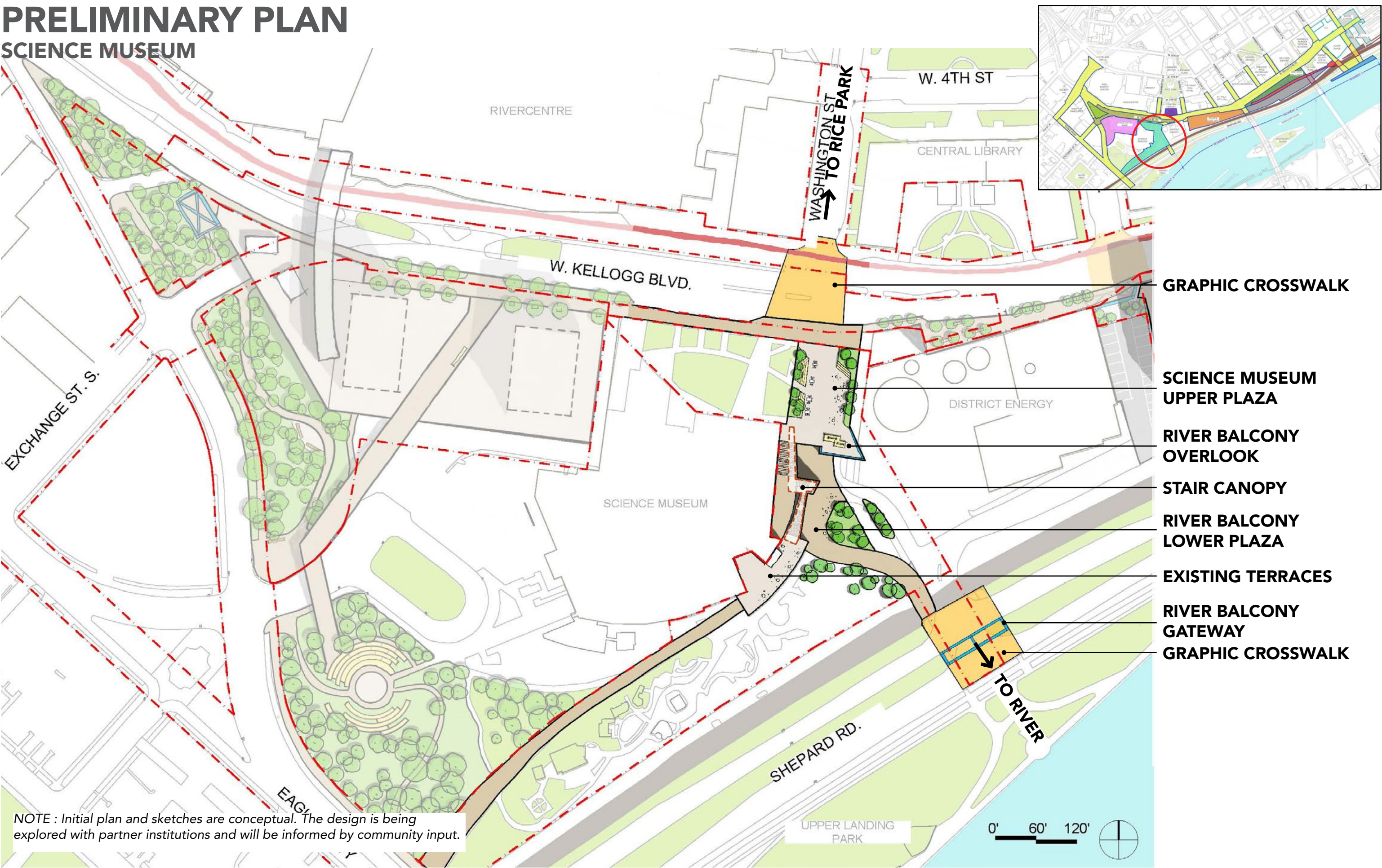
The High Line, New York

LOCATION & EXISTING CONDITIONS



PRELIMINARY PLAN

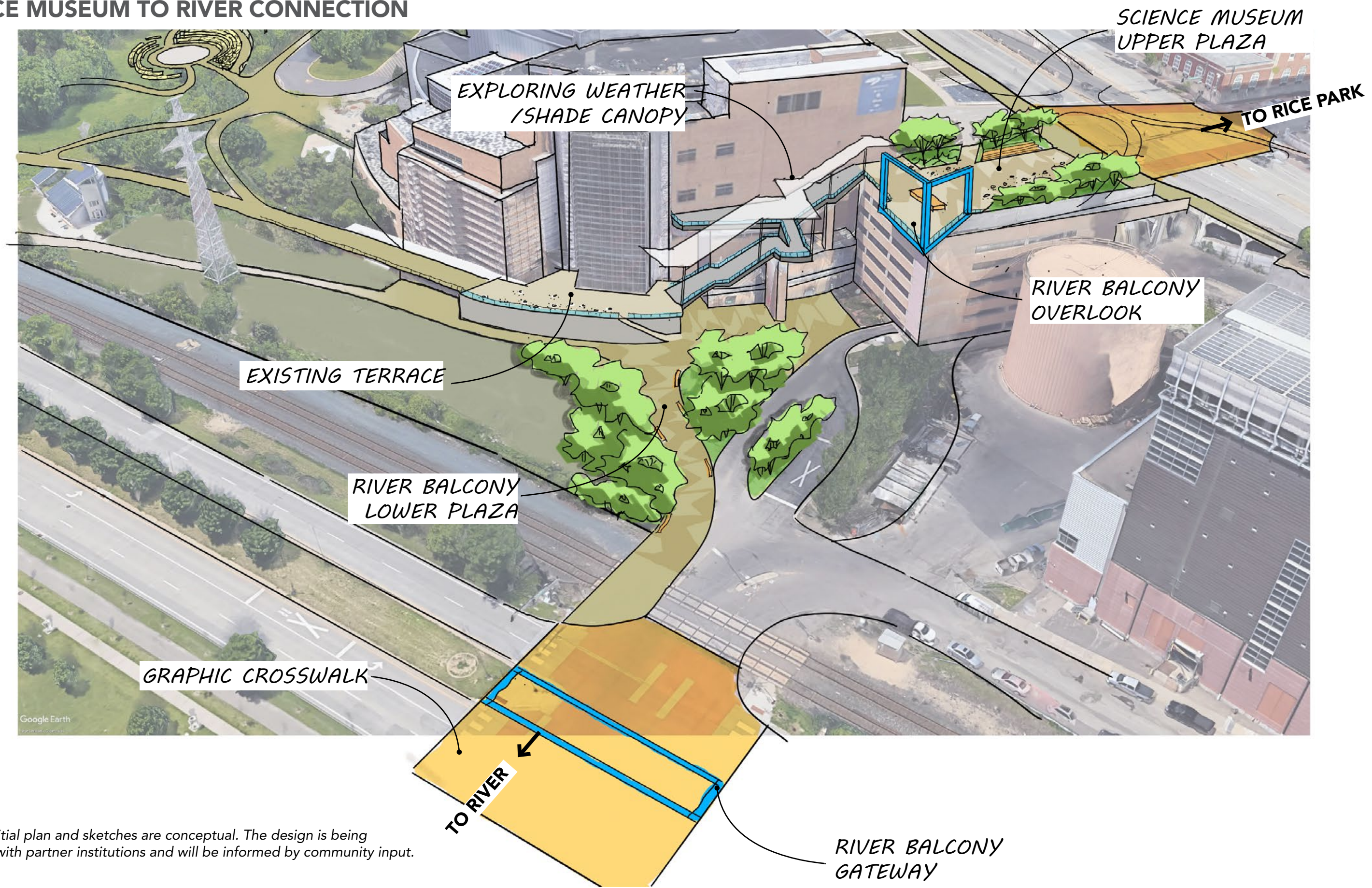
SCIENCE MUSEUM





PRELIMINARY SKETCH

SCIENCE MUSEUM TO RIVER CONNECTION

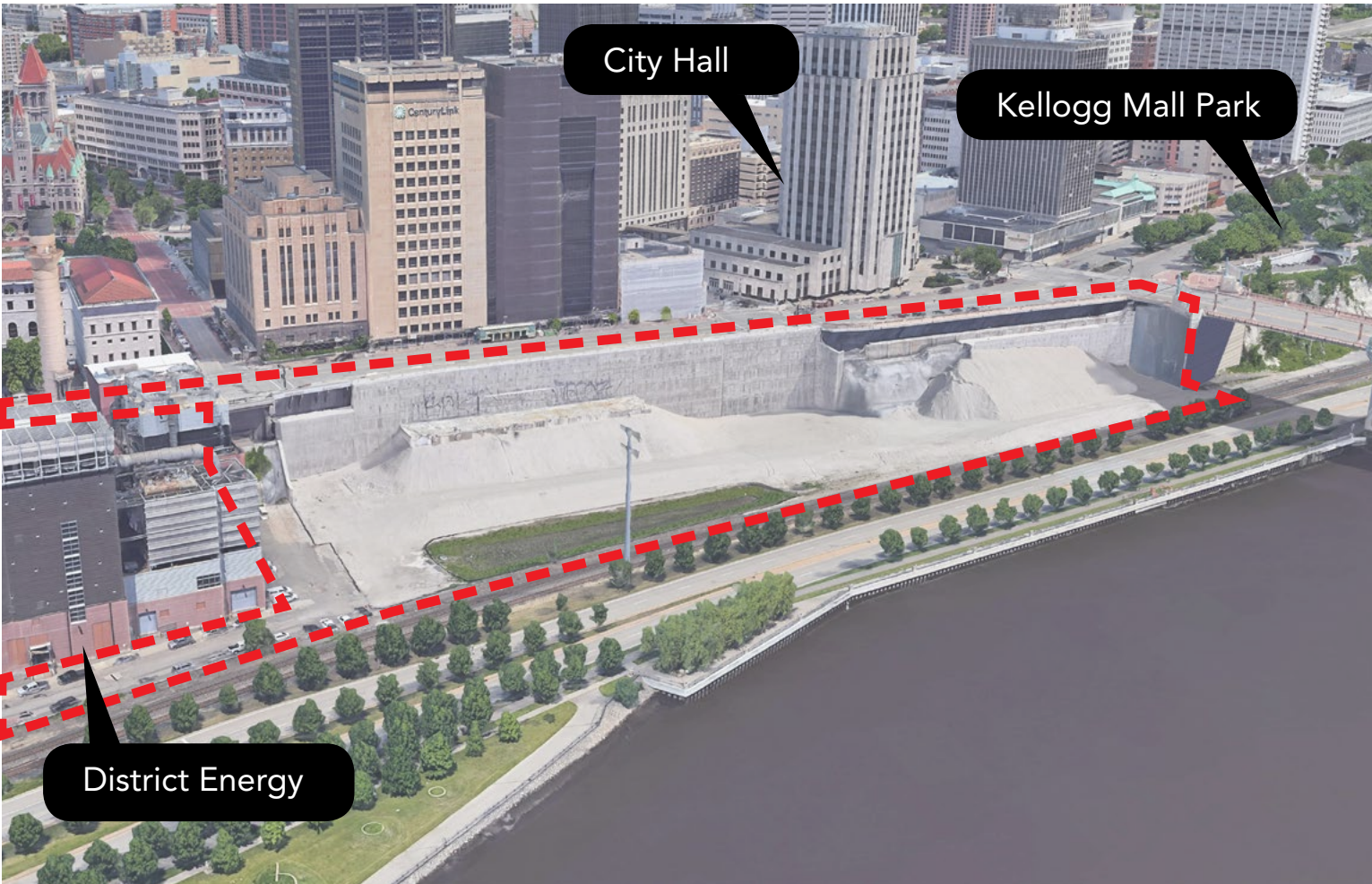
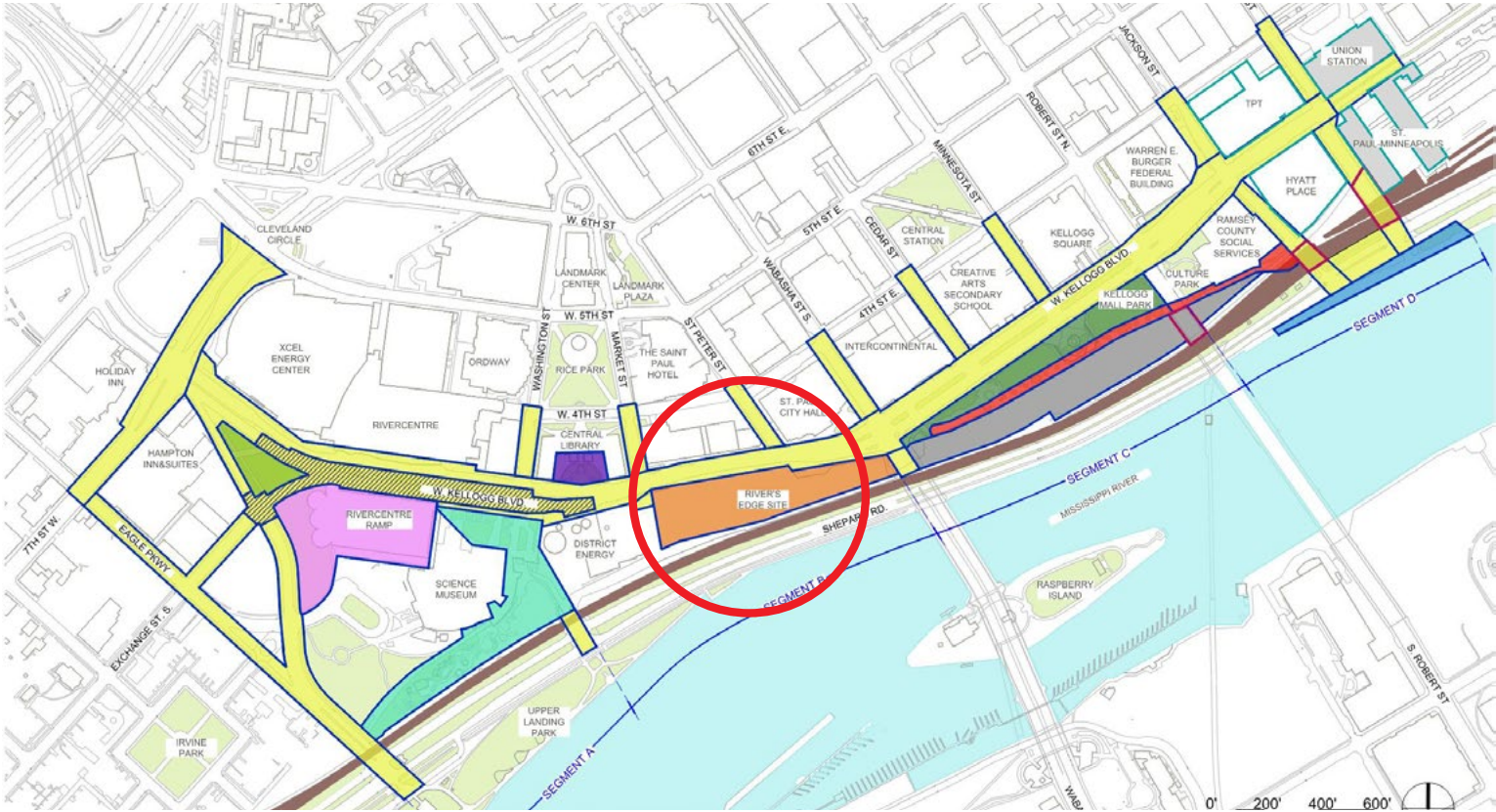


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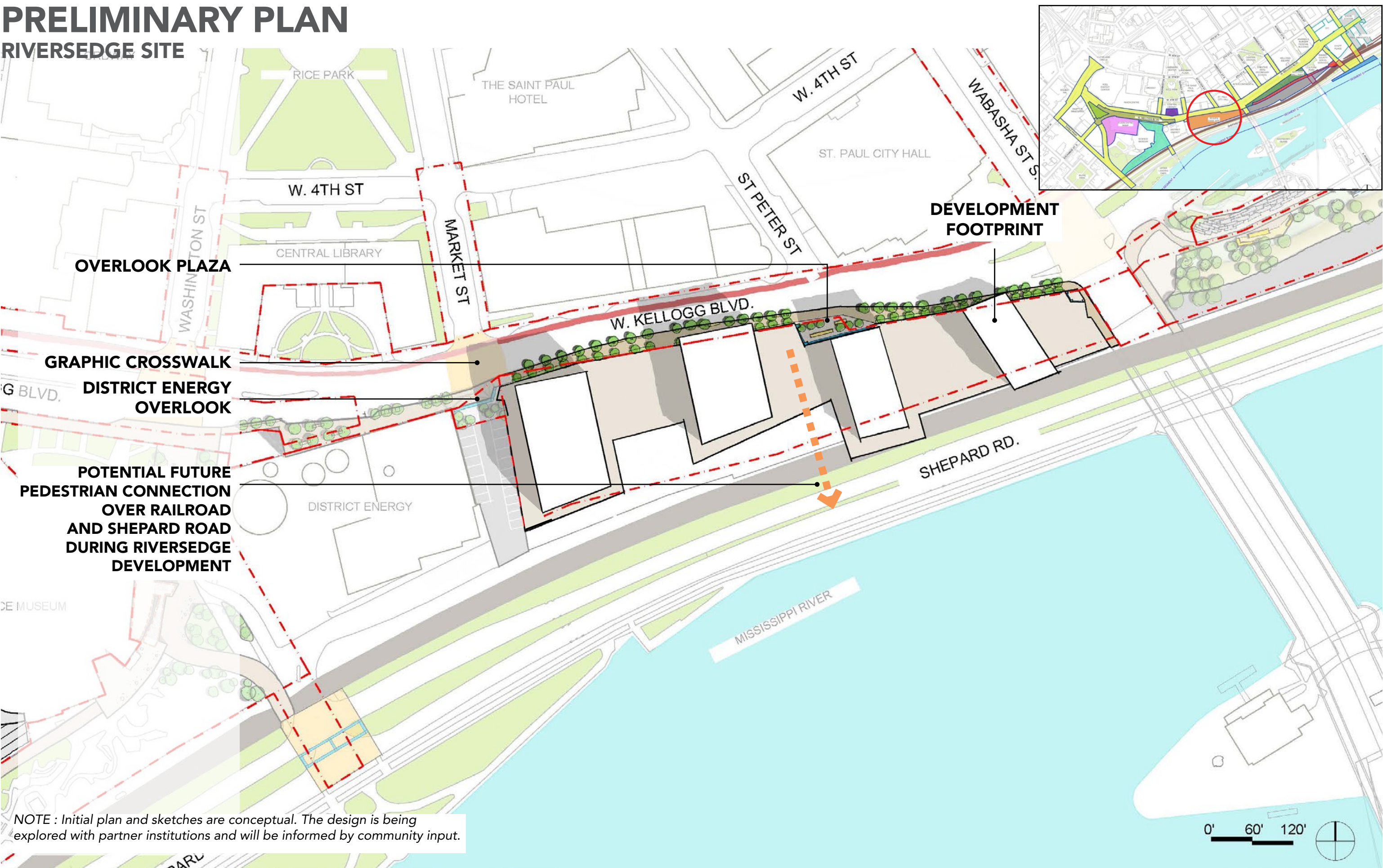


LOCATION & EXISTING CONDITIONS



PRELIMINARY PLAN

RIVERSEEDGE SITE



REFERENCE IMAGES - PLAY FEATURES



REFERENCE IMAGES - INTERIM USE PROGRAMS



Pump Track, Brooklyn



The Lodge at Waterfront Winterfest, Philadelphia



Urban Wind Turbines

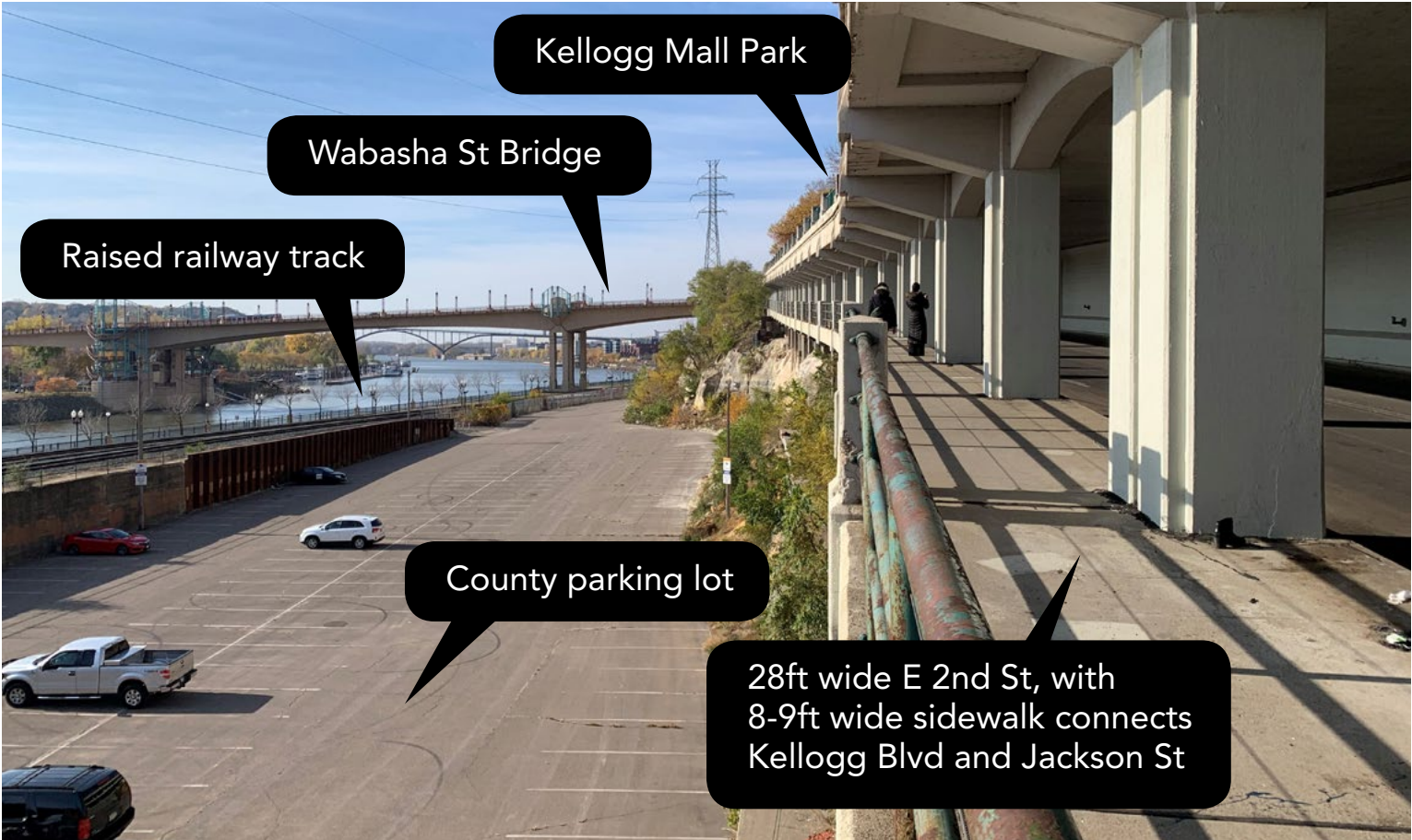
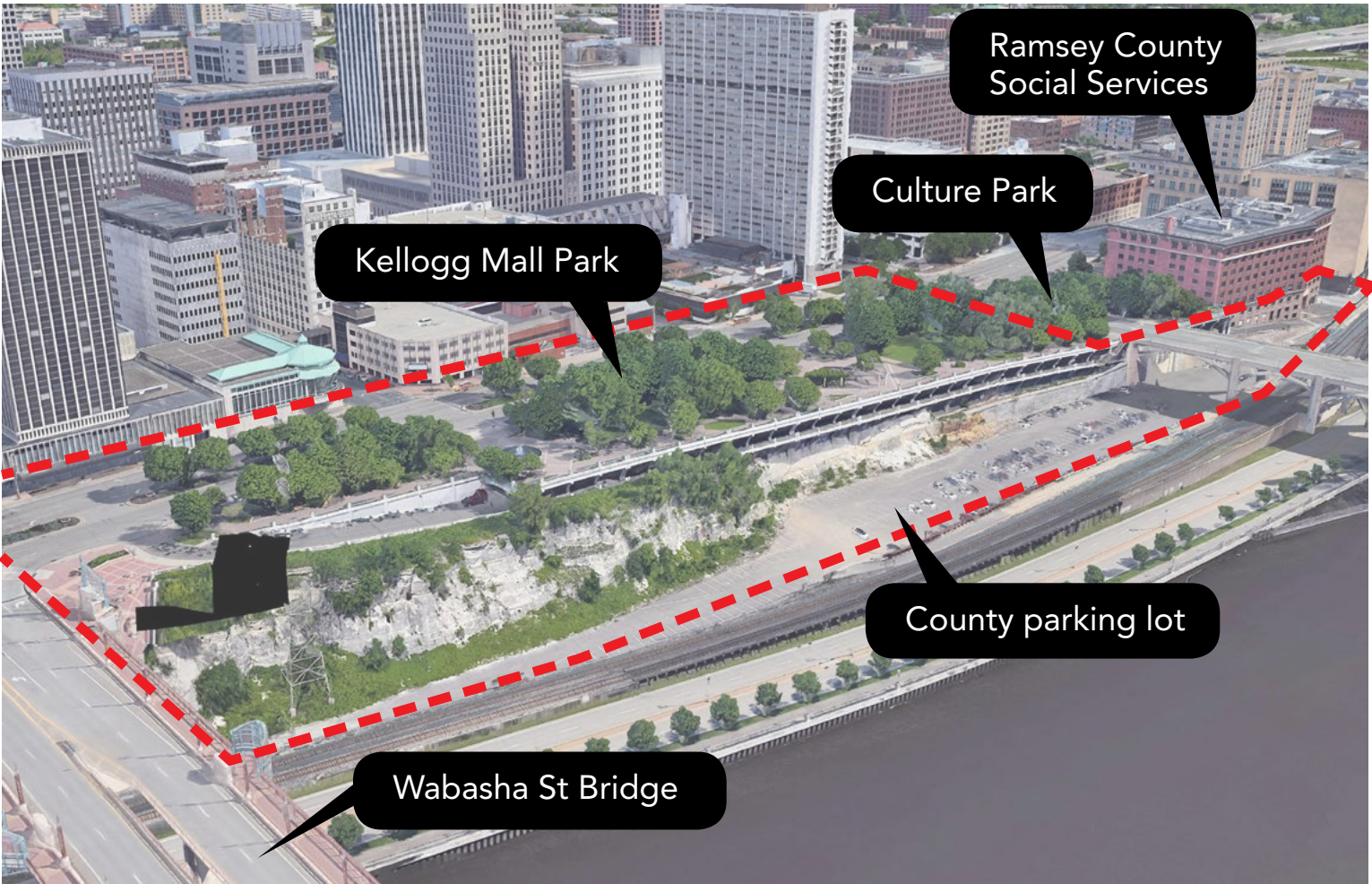
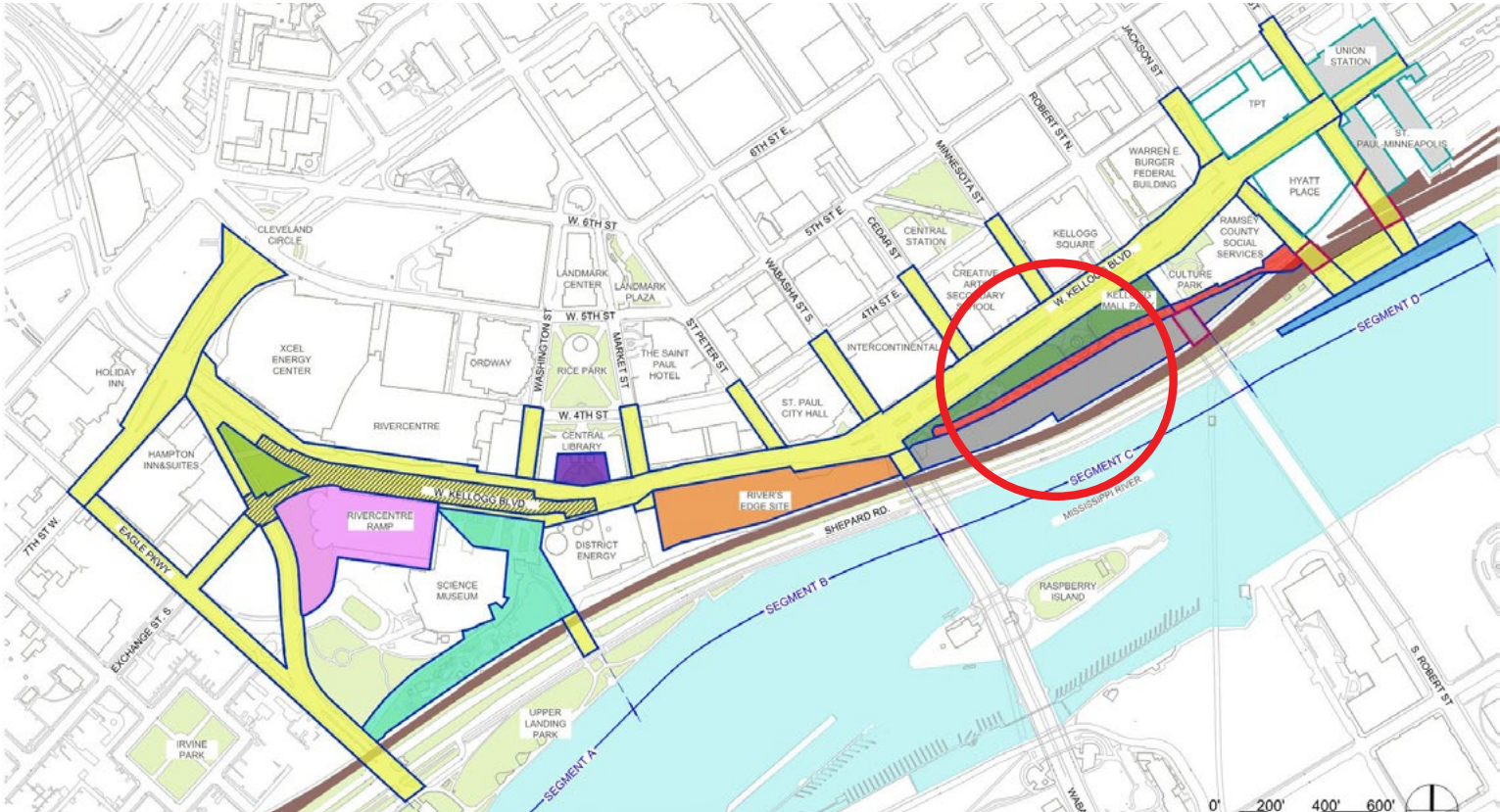


Beer Garden



Urban Tree Nursery

LOCATION & EXISTING CONDITIONS



PRELIMINARY PLAN

KELLOGG MALL PARK (PARK LEVEL)



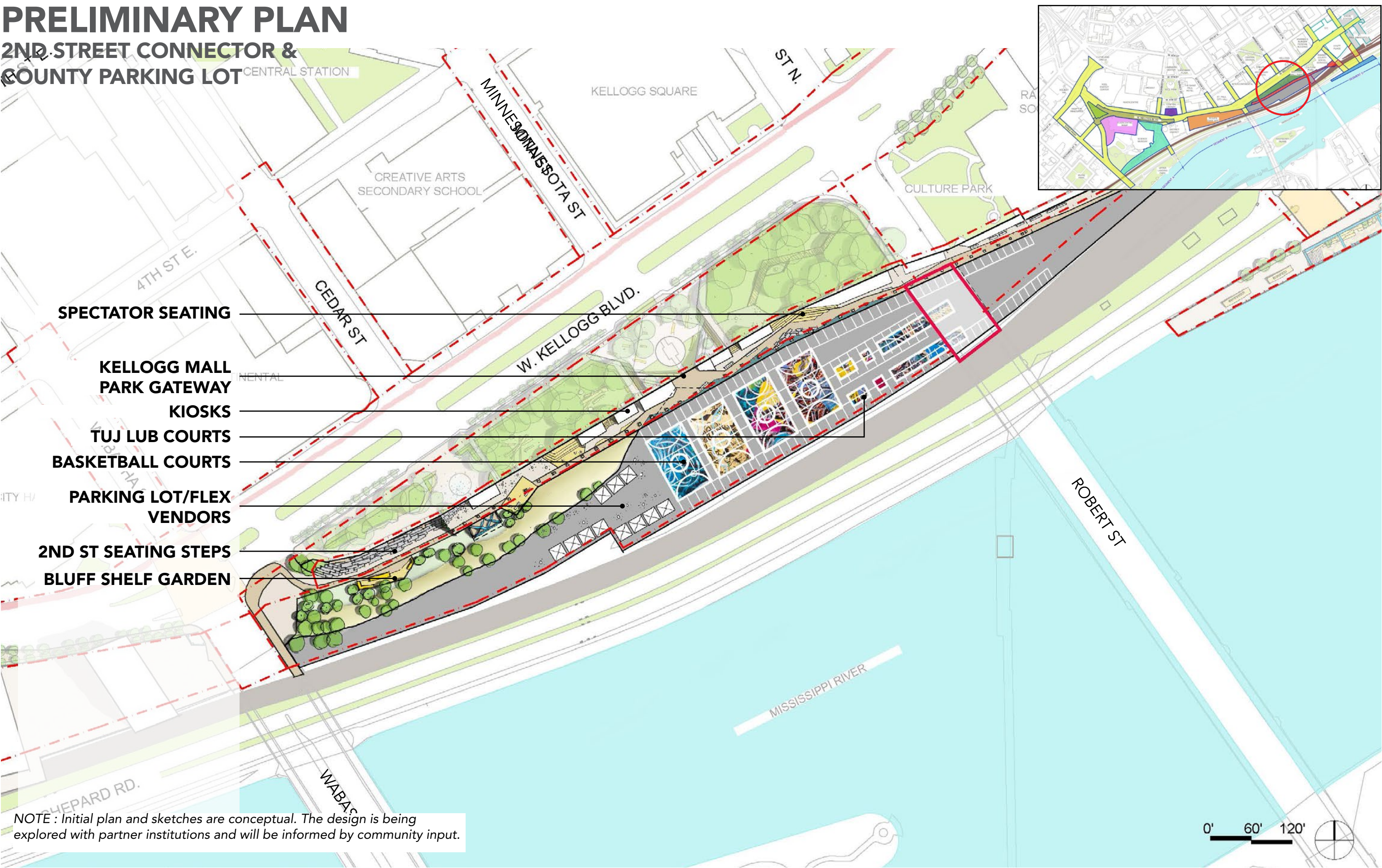
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REFERENCE IMAGES - KELLOGG MALL PARK



PRELIMINARY PLAN

2ND STREET CONNECTOR & COUNTY PARKING LOT



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REFERENCE IMAGES - 2ND ST CONNECTOR



Left Bank of Seine, France



Mural Wall, Hastings



The Bentway, Canada



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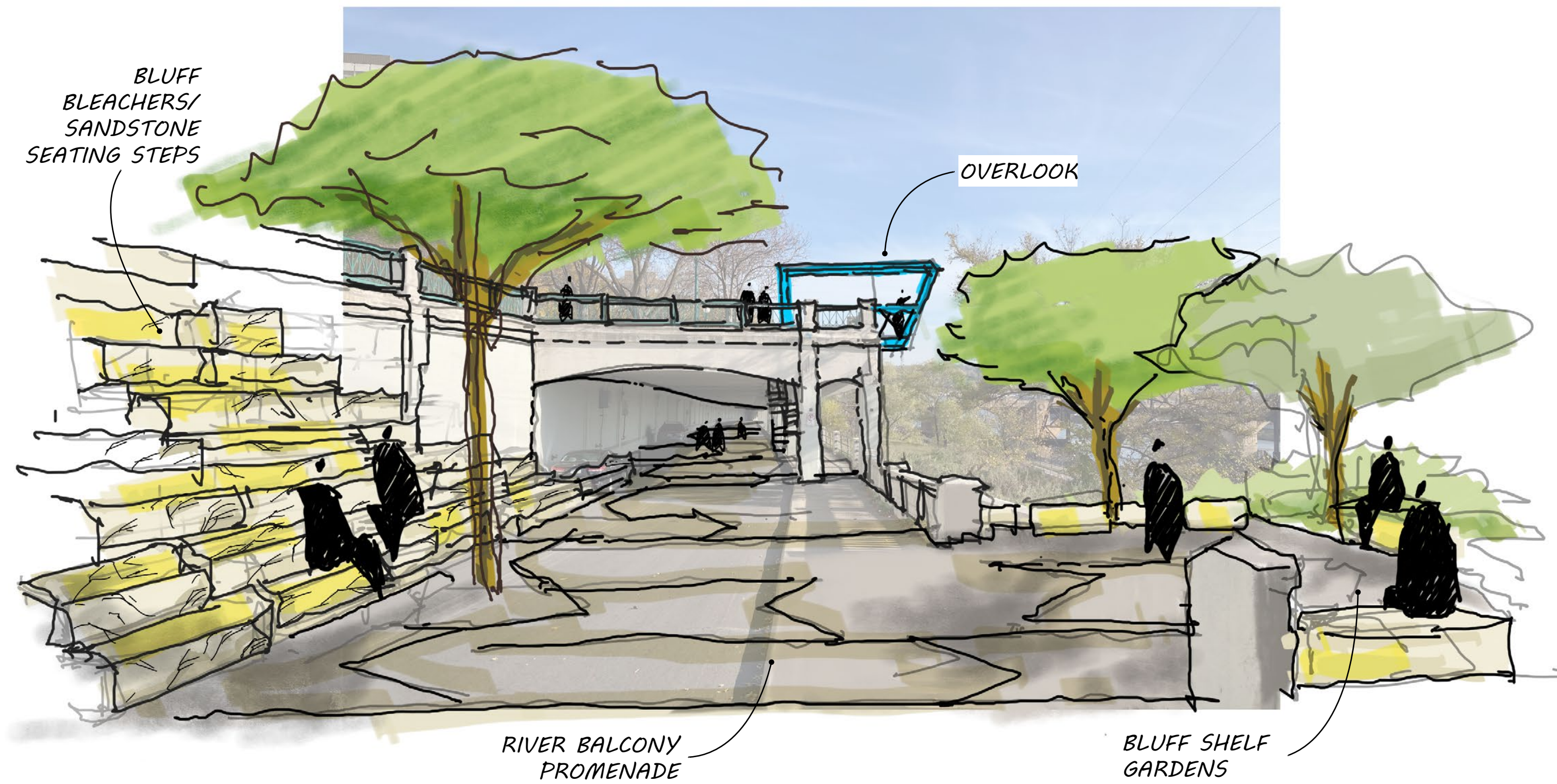
REFERENCE IMAGES - PARKING LOT



EXISTING - E. 2ND STREET



PROPOSED - BLUFF WALK & OVERLOOK



EXISTING - E. 2ND STREET



PROPOSED - 2ND ST. CONNECTOR



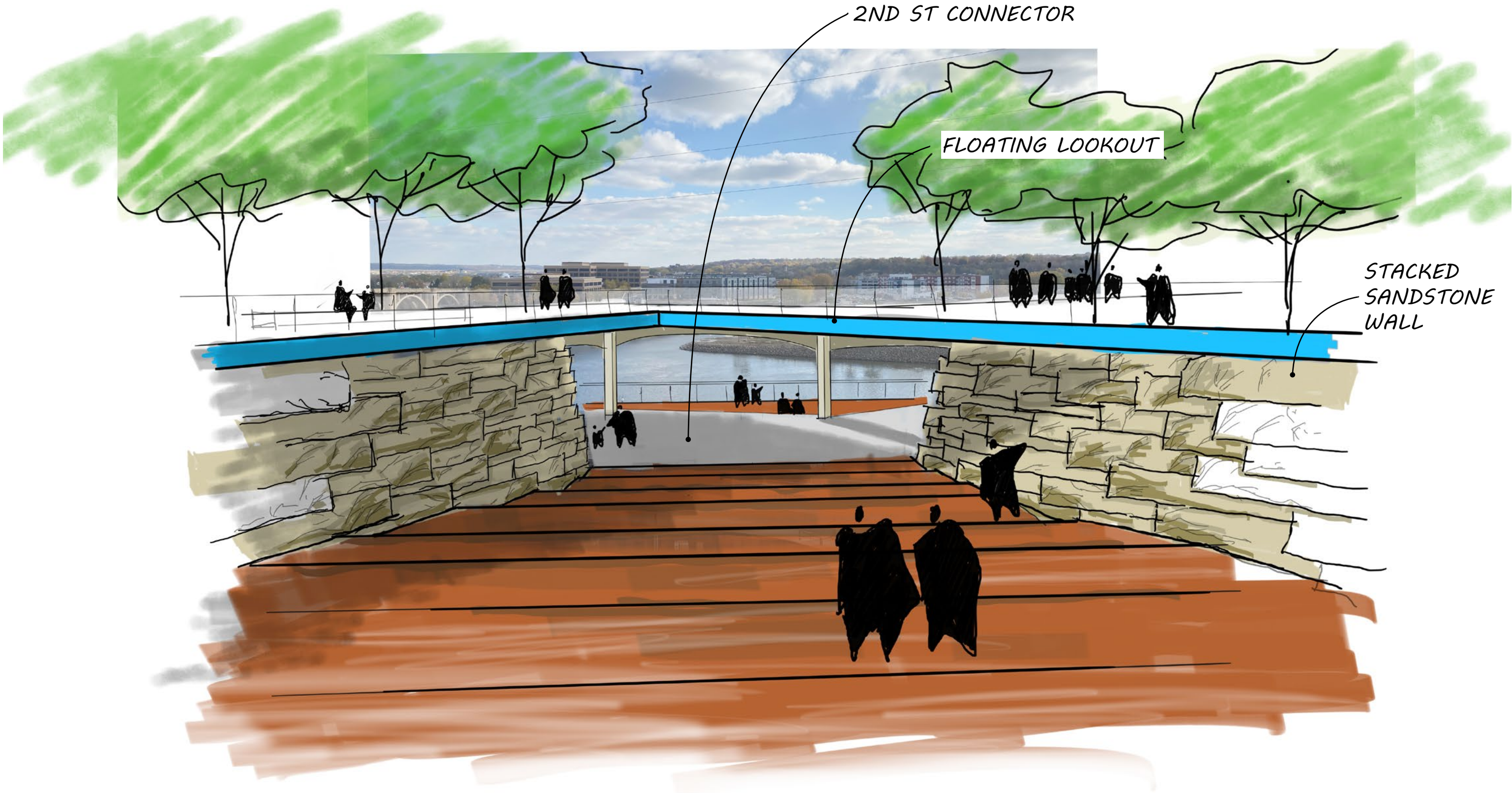
REFERENCE IMAGES - MATERIALS & ATMOSPHERE



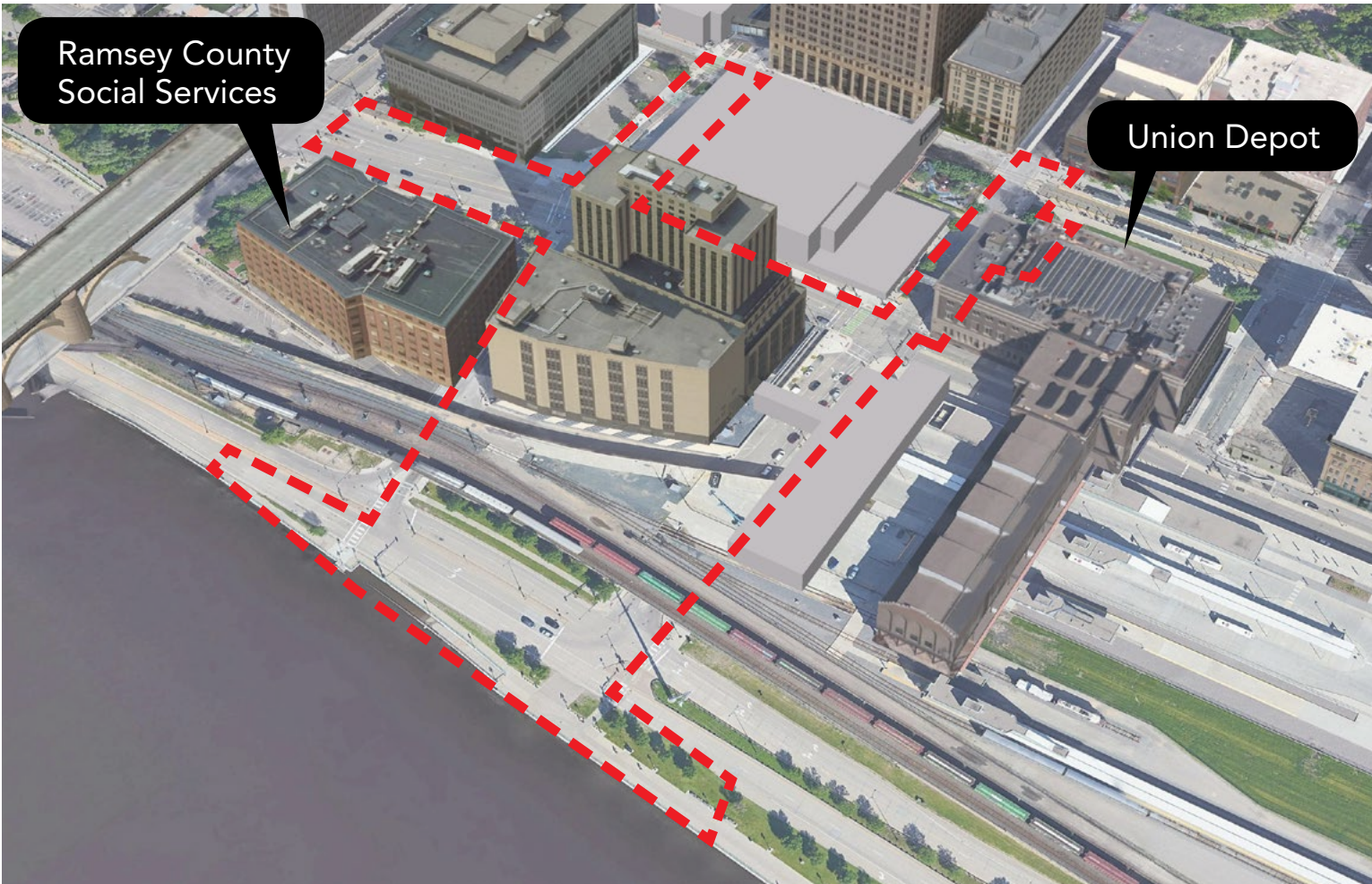
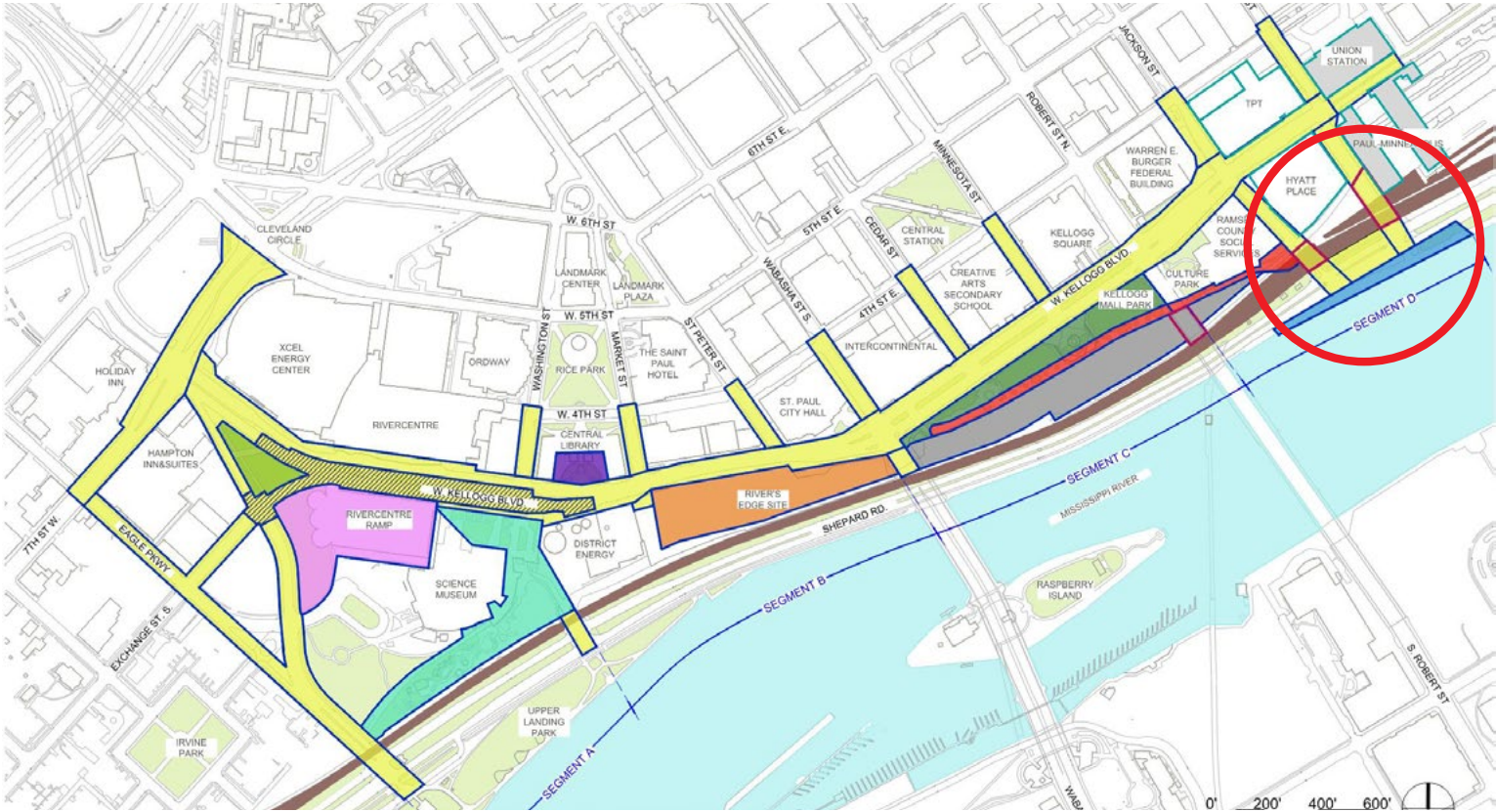
EXISTING - KELLOGG MALL PARK & MINNESOTA ST.



PROPOSED - KELLOGG CUT



LOCATION & EXISTING CONDITIONS



PRELIMINARY PLAN

LAMBERTS LANDING, UNION DEPOT & RAILROAD UNDERPASSES



REFERENCE IMAGES - UNDERPASS



Sensing WATER, Silicon Valley, San Jose



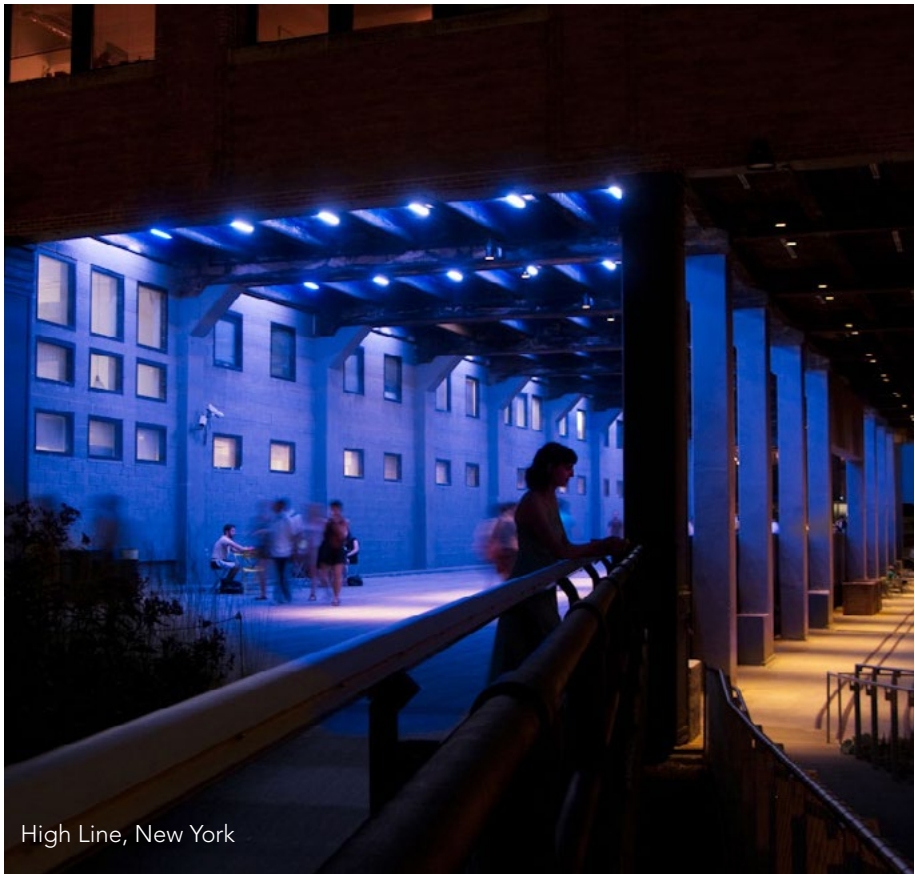
Columbia Ave I-95 Underpass, Philadelphia



Race St Pier I-95 Overpass, Philadelphia



Prismatic_NYC, New York

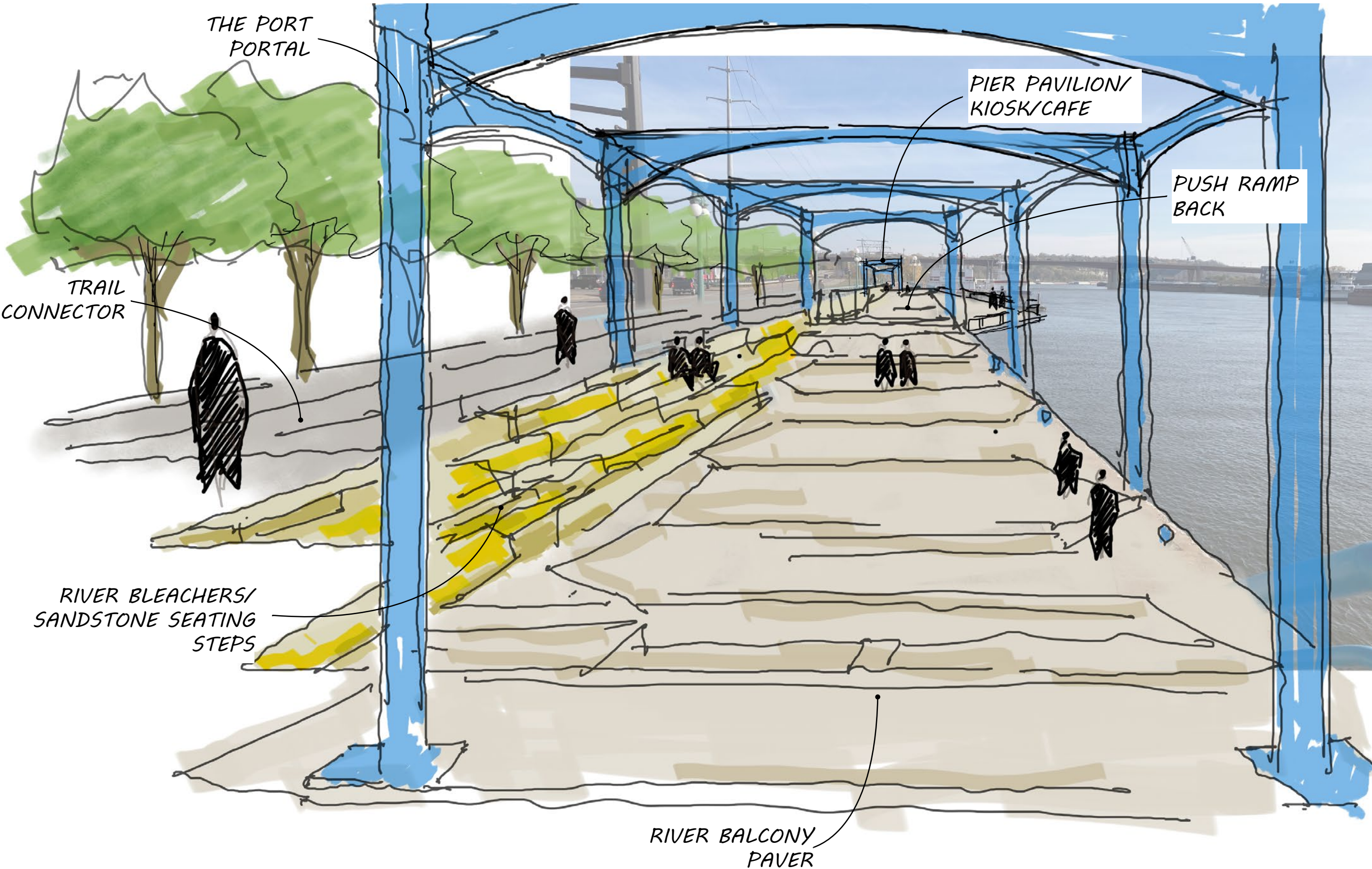


High Line, New York

EXISTING - LAMBERT'S LANDING



PROPOSED - THE LANDING



REFERENCE IMAGES - LAMBERT'S LANDING



Barangaroo Reserve, Australia



Samuel-de-Champlain Promenade, Canada



Rail Park, Philadelphia

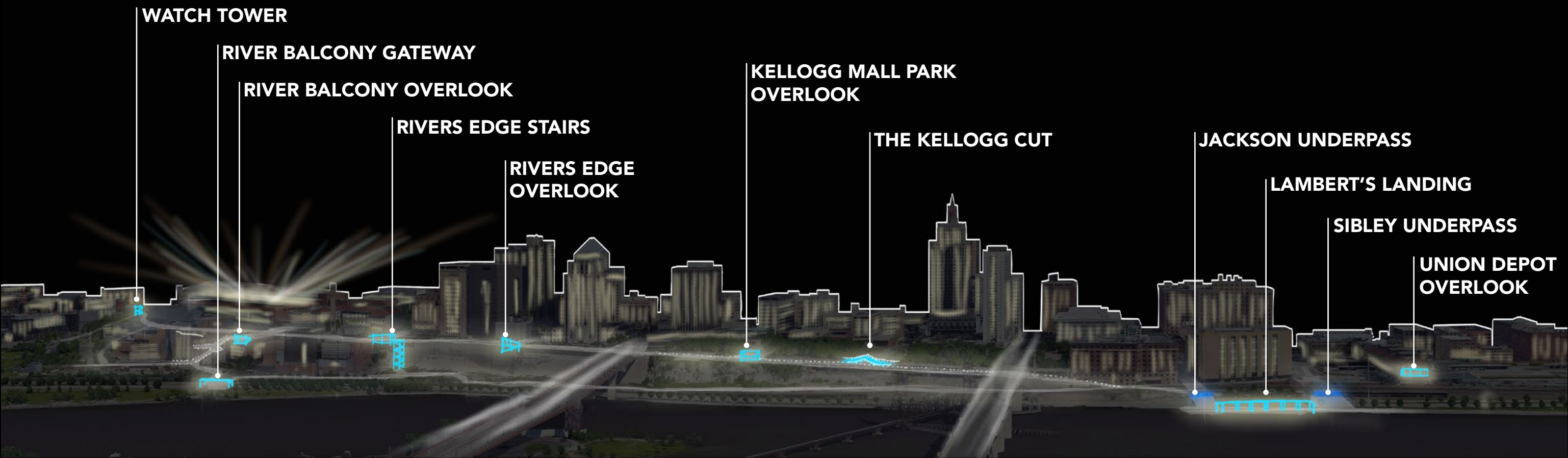


Riverwalk, Chicago

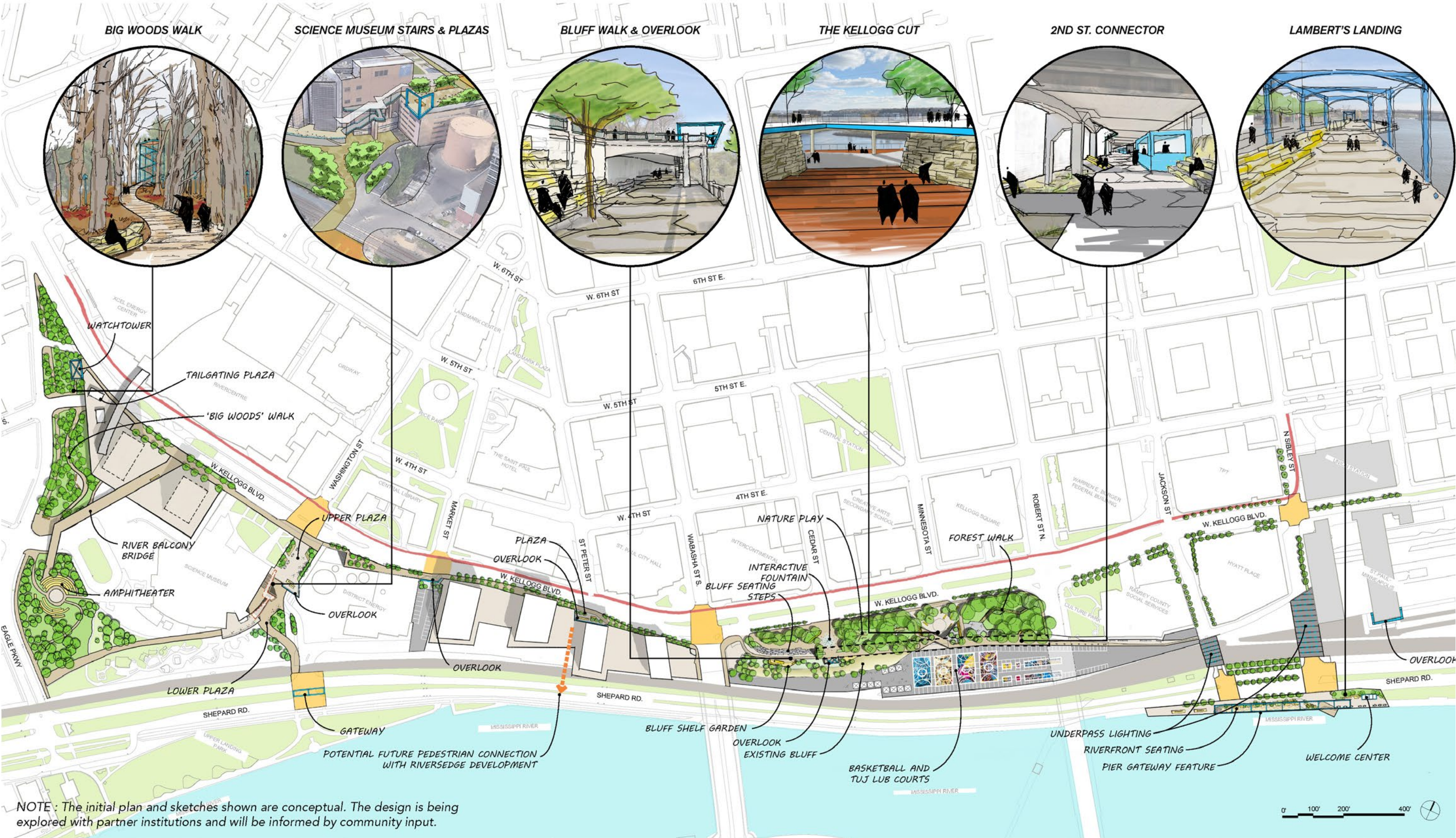


Cherry Street Pier, Philadelphia

RIVER BALCONY AT NIGHT



INITIAL SITE PLAN



BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS

Thank you!

We will now move into breakout rooms so we can have conversations in smaller groups. There will be a facilitator and scribe in each room.

BREAKOUT ROOMS

- 5 questions / discussion**
- Identify Key-Takeaways**
- Please designate a community participant to report-back to the larger group**

THANK YOU!



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Stay connected by
visiting the project website:

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