

**You are invited to a Community Workshop
to help create the vision for a new park
system that will serve the Larimer and East
Liberty communities!**

**YOUR
NEW PARK
HERE**

**Wednesday, December 9th
6:00 - 8:00pm**

**@ Kingsley Association, 6435 Frankstown Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15206**

**Bring your family, friends &
neighbors**

**CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES
REFRESHMENTS & CHILD CARE!**

 **LARIMER/EAST LIBERTY
PARK PLANNING + DESIGN**

Public Meeting Agenda

PART I 6:00-6:40pm (Doors Open)

I. Welcome & Introduction of Project Team

Tom Cummings, URA Director of Housing

II. Brief Overview of Park Planning & Design Process

Garlen Capita, WRT

III. Outreach & Engagement Process

Karen Brean, Brean Associates

IV. What we understand (Summary of key findings)

David Ostrich, WRT

V. What we need to find out from you and goals of breakout stations

Garlen Capita, WRT

VI. Next Steps

Community Wide Meeting in February/March to present Conceptual Plans



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Sign-in + Map “Where do you live?”

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Vision + SEED

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Pre-School+School Age and Pre Teens + Teen

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**“Parking Lot”
other non-park
issues/ideas/questions**



OUR TEAM

Our team will work closely with community stakeholders, the URA, and the URA Project Team to align neighborhood revitalization goals with well-designed park amenities that can serve existing and future residents and to attract additional investment for other neighborhood services. This planning effort will build on the City's successful Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant and previous planning efforts.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH (URA)

URA PROJECT TEAM

[Department of City Planning, Department of Public Works (DPW), East Liberty Development Inc., Housing Authority of City of Pittsburgh (HACP), Kingsley Association, Larimer Community Watchers, Larimer Consensus Group, Mayor's Office, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA)]

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS



BREAN ASSOCIATES

Outreach + Stakeholder Engagement

KAREN BREAN, PRINCIPAL

LILLIAN DENHARDT PROJECT ASSOCIATE

STUDIO FOR SPATIAL PRACTICE

Playscapes/Environmental Art

JEN GALLAGHER, PRINCIPAL IN CHARGE

CHRISTINE BRILL ARCHITECTURE SUPPORT

JONATHAN KLINE URBAN DESIGN + GIS SUPPORT

SCI-TEK CONSULTANTS INC.

Geotechnical Engineering + Site Survey

CHARLES TORAN, PRESIDENT

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS GROUP

Civil, Structural, MEP, Landscape Architecture, Planning + Urban Design Support

PATTY FOLAN

DAVE GILMORE

RYAN A. SEACRIST, SR. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

JAYSON S. LIVINGSTON SR. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

JOHN COYNE SR. DIRECTOR, ENGINEER

WRT

Prime Consultant; Landscape Architecture, Planning and Urban Design

ERIC TAMULONIS, RLA, ASLA, LEED AP PRINCIPAL IN CHARGE

GARLEN CAPITA PROJECT MANAGER / URBAN DESIGNER

DAVID OSTRICH PROJECT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

ANDREW DAWSON LANDSCAPE DESIGNER

LOCAL ENGAGEMENT PARTNER

The Project is being led by WRT.

WRT is a national collaborative practice of city and regional planners, urban designers, landscape architects, and architects headquartered in Philadelphia.

Project Manager: Garlen Capita



Vital Urban Parks



Steel Stacks Park
Bethlehem, PA

Healthy Neighborhoods



North Central Philadelphia Choice Neighborhood
Philadelphia, PA

Green Infrastructure



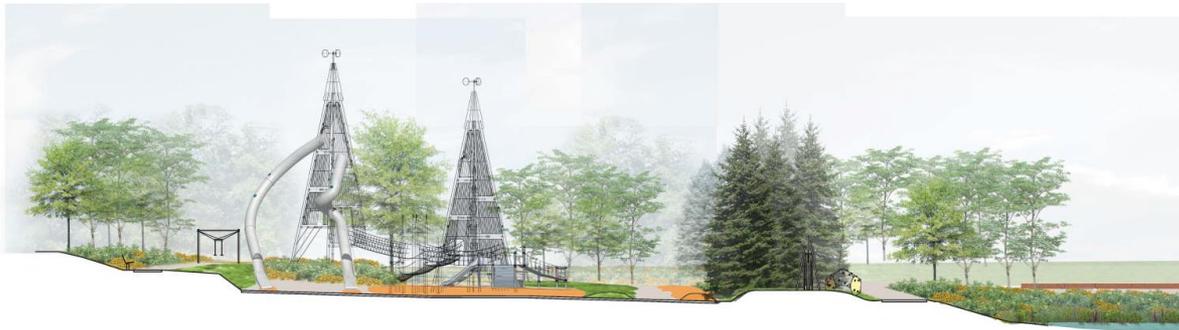
Green City Clean Waters
Philadelphia, PA

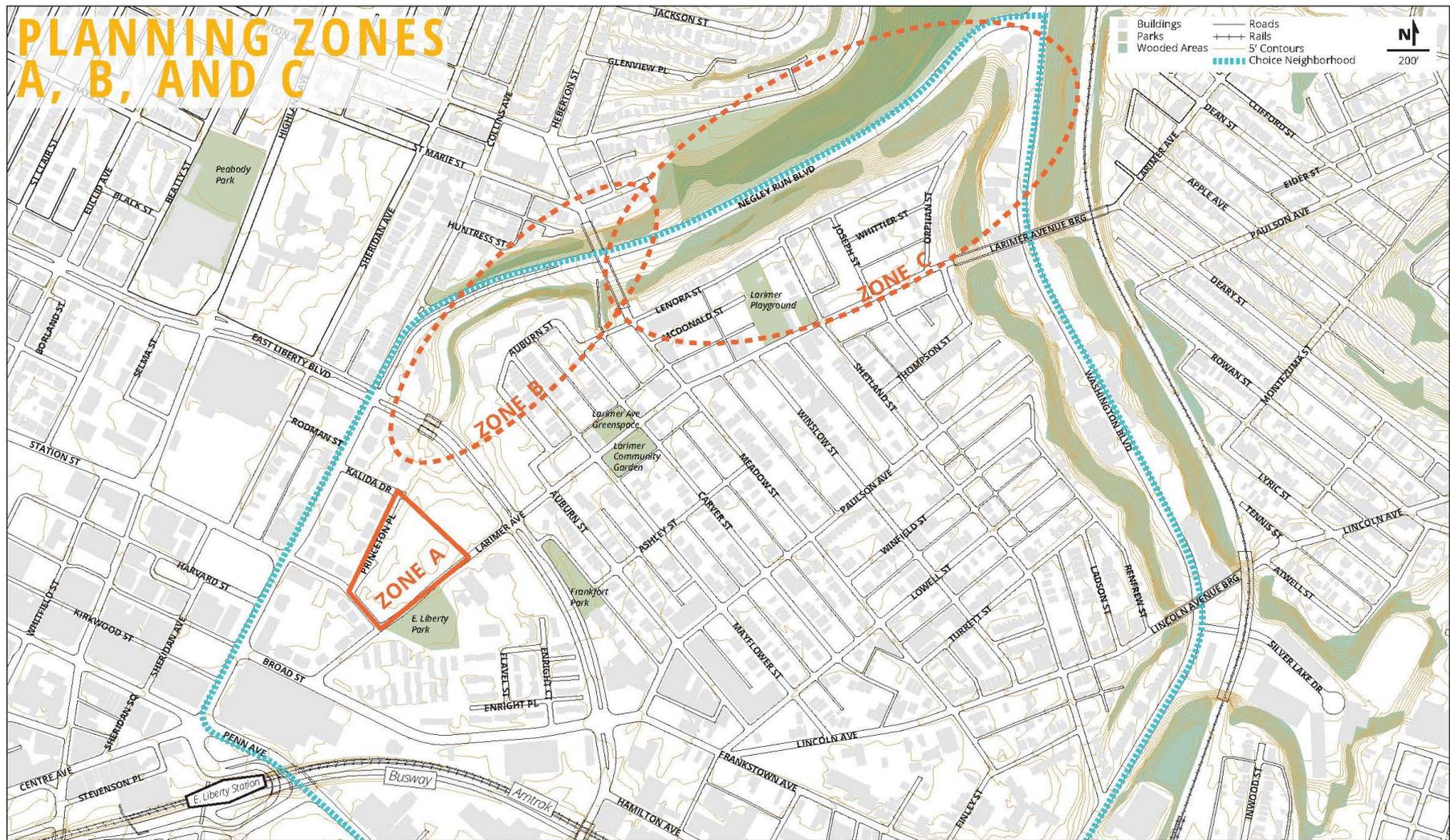
The Team will utilize our collective experience to design a park system that:

- Respects the past
- Understands the present
- Aspires to the future
- Leverages neighborhood investment – including \$30million Choice Neighborhoods Grant + other committed resources
- Builds on efforts of active and engaged citizenry
- Leverages open space as a community focal point, image, placemaking, identity and catalyst for additional investment
- Designed to be attractive, implementable and well maintained for many generations

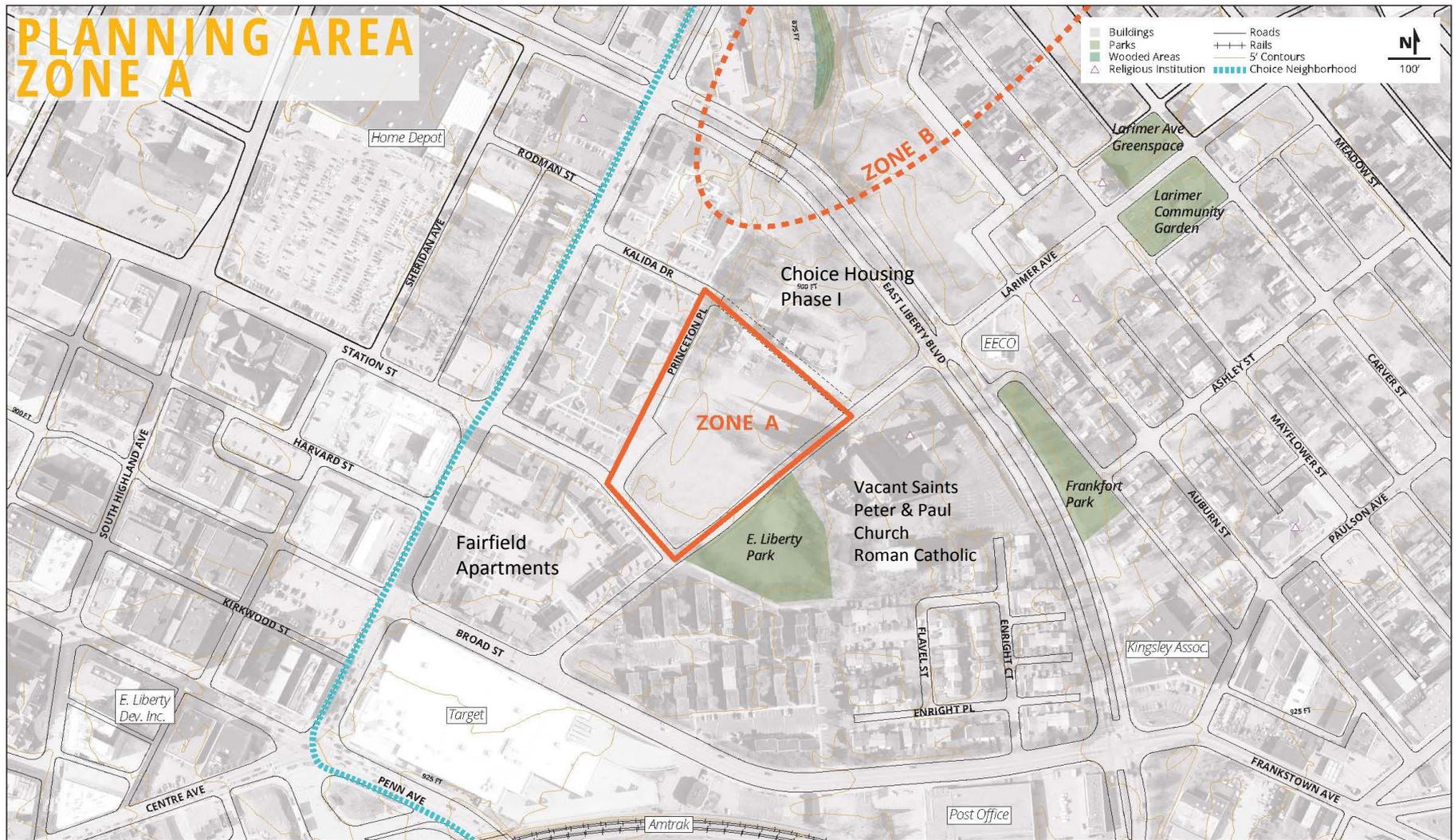


Kemp Mill Urban Park (WRT)
Silver Spring, MD





The WRT Team will be developing an overall plan for the open space network (Zones A, B, C). This conceptual plan will build off of existing and ongoing planning and development efforts in the neighborhood.



The WRT Team will then refine the design and develop construction drawings for Zone A (3 acres) - the first phase of the park system.

Park Planning & Design Process



September – November 2015

December – January 2016

Public Meeting 1
Programming &
Visioning

January – March 2016

Public Meeting 2
Conceptual
Development
Options

May – October 2016

Public Meeting 3
Preferred
Development
Option and Material
Selection



Pease Park Master Plan (WRT)
AUSTIN, TX

Harnessing Community Capacity

Refined Public Outreach & Stakeholder Engagement Plan

PROJECT TEAM

Monthly meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month

(Sept.2015-June 2016)

Members:

- 4-H City
- Allegheny Land Trust
- Citiparks
- East End Youth Advisory Council
- East Liberty Development, Inc.
- East Liberty Gardens
- Enright Court Residents
- Fairfield Apartments
- Housing Authority of Pittsburgh
- Kingsley Association
- Larimer Consensus Group
- Living Waters of Larimer
- McCormack-Baron Salazar
- Mike's Auto
- Office of Mayor Peduto
- Penn State Extension
- Pittsburgh Department of City Planning
- Pittsburgh Department of Public Works
- Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
- Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA)
- Tree Pittsburgh
- URA

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

3 Meetings at critical points of the process.

- 1: Programming & Visioning
- 2: Conceptual Development Options
- 3: Preferred Development Option and Material Selection

Optional Plan Unveiling Event

May be combined with another community activity (Playful Pittsburgh 2016 Play Day; Larimer/East Liberty Community event...)



Refined Public Outreach & Stakeholder Engagement Plan

PROJECT TEAM

Purpose:

- Represent a broad range of interests (residents, environmental organizations, local businesses, youth, government)
- Review and guide progress

Responsibilities:

- Co-convene three public workshops
- Act as ambassadors of the project
- Help reach a broad audience by using existing communication channels (existing meetings, social media, newsletters)

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Who are the stakeholders?

- Residents
- Business owners
- Children and youth organizations
- Community-based advocates
- Developers
- Environmental organizations
- Faith-based communities
- Local/regional funders
- Government
- Schools

How will we reach people?

- Door-to-door outreach by community liaisons
- Postcard mailing
- **Announcements at community meetings and events**
- Flyers to schools, libraries, stores
- Email invitations
- **Postings on stakeholders' media outlets**

(We'd like your help with the bolded items!)





Getting the word of for tonight's meeting

- Announced park planning process and **distributed flyers** at November Choice Neighborhoods Meeting
- **Mailed postcards to all households (approx. 3,100)** in East Liberty and Larimer
- **Emailed flyer to 99 individuals/organizations**, including schools and places of worship
- Emailed flyer to Project Team for distribution to their networks
- **Distributed flyers and postcards in-person** (Households, Businesses / places of worship)
- Postcards given to Brightside Academy; Fairfield Apartments; Made Right Here youth program coordinator at Techshop
- Attended LCG Monthly Community Open Meeting; made brief presentation; distributed postcards and flyers
- **Online / social media**



What we learned

- We visited the site
- We met with community leaders and organizations that are part of the Project Team
- We reviewed previous and ongoing planning efforts in the area to understand what are the issues, opportunities and challenges

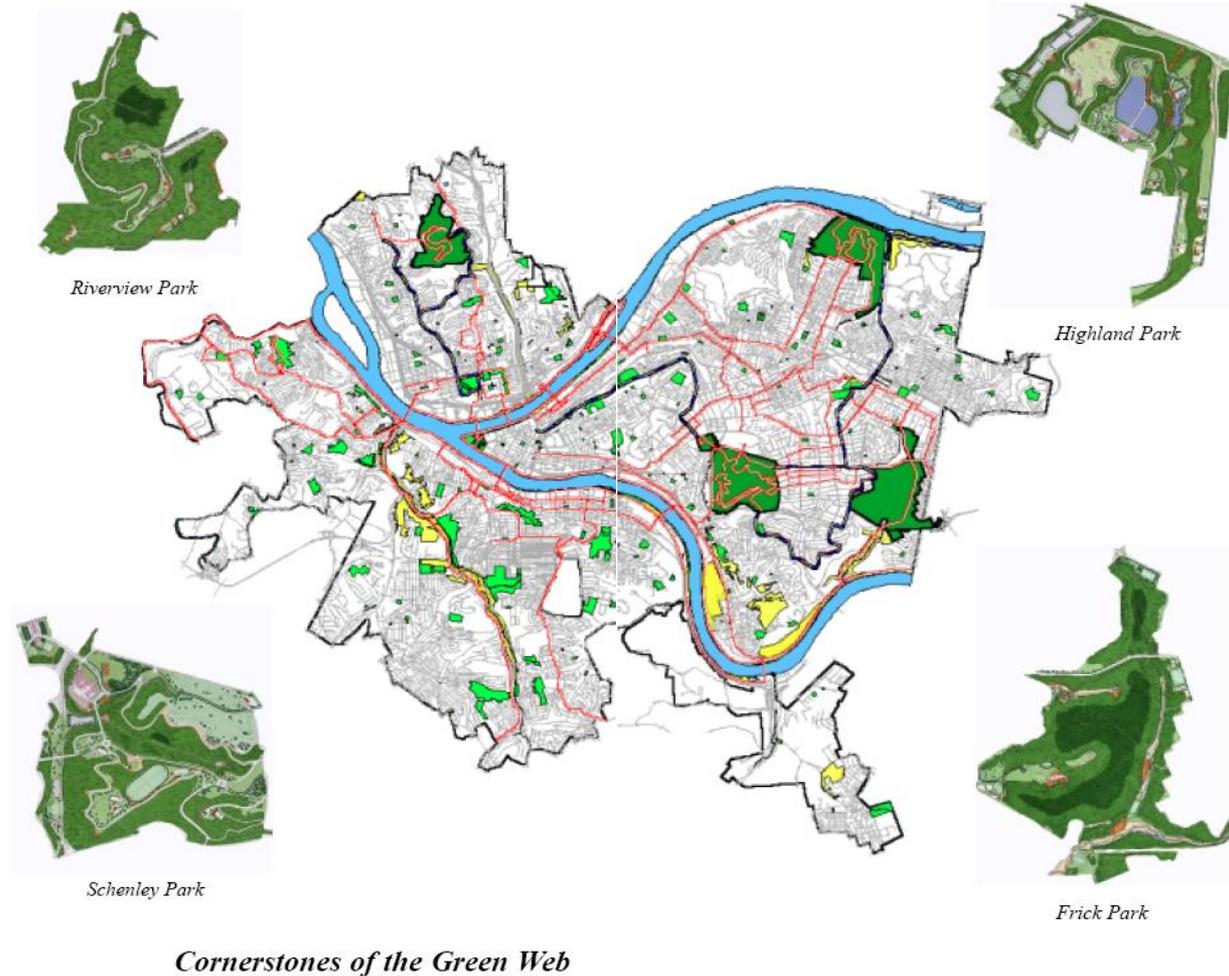


WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

Pittsburgh's Regional Parks Master Plan

Source: LaQuatra Bonci (2000)

- Foundation for a new way of thinking about the "cornerstones of the green web"
- Build stewardship
- Focus resources and investment

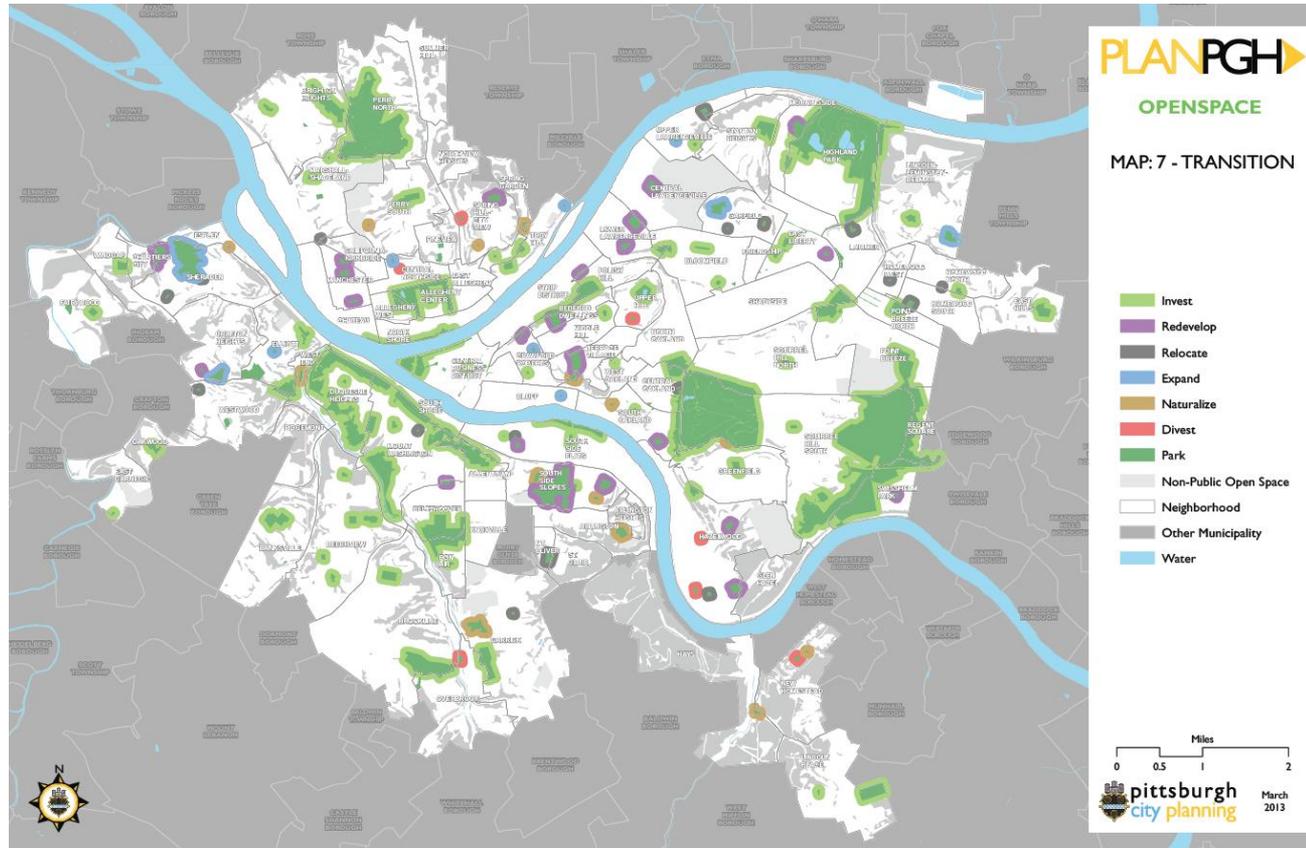


WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

OpenSpacePGH

Source: Pittsburgh City Planning (2013)

- Classifies and prioritizes the transition of open spaces in Pittsburgh
- Invest vs. divest
- Redevelop vs. naturalize
- Larimer has two parks that fall into the “Redevelop” category
 - East Liberty Park
 - Larimer Playground



1. WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

LARIMER CONSENSUS GROUP REPORT

Source: Jackson/Clark

- Builds on Larimer Community Plan
- Portrays a vision for a large active recreational park along Larimer Ave
- Proposes infill housing in core neighborhood

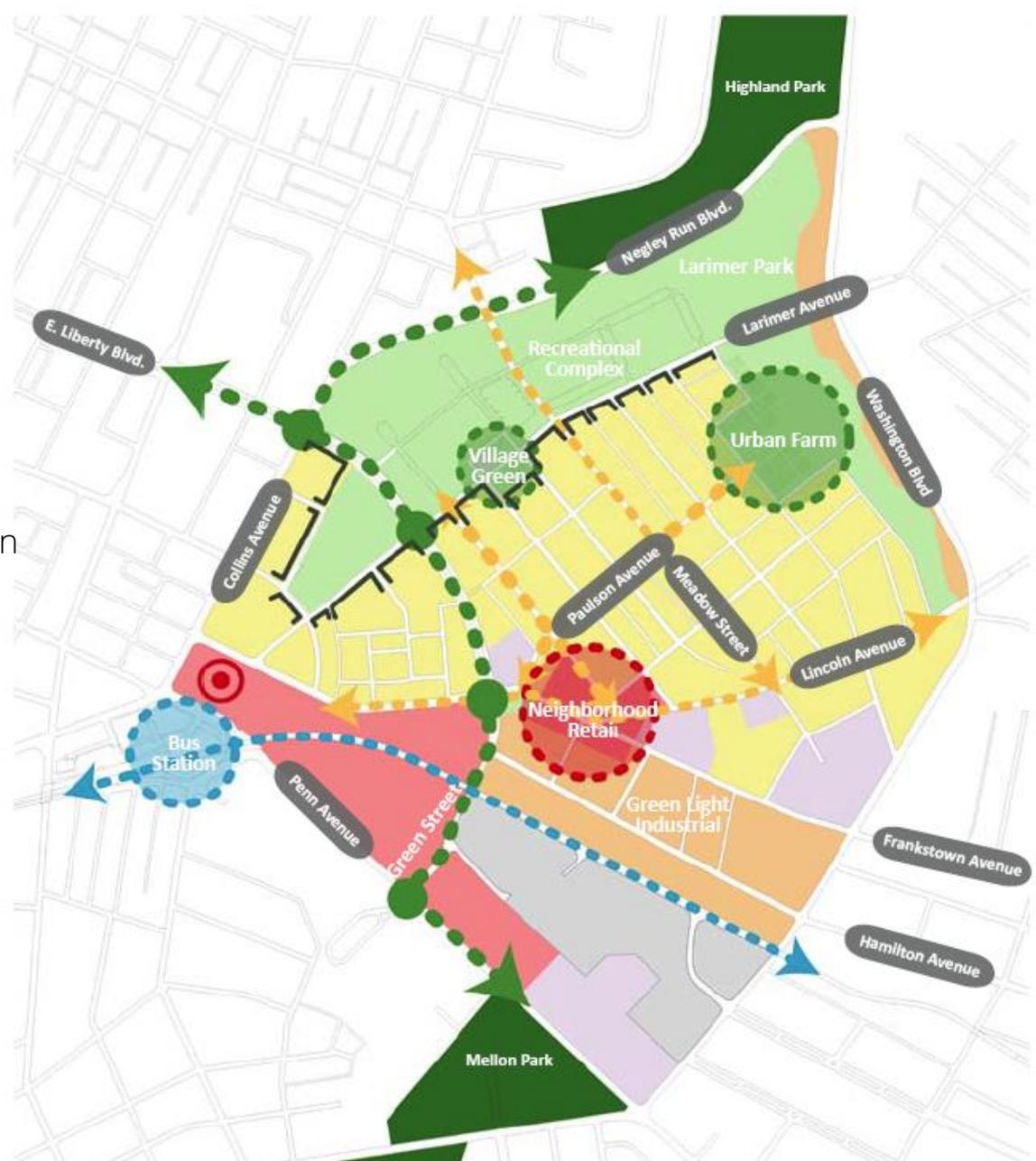


WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

LARIMER VISION PLAN

Source: Strada Architecture (2010)

- Presents a comprehensive planning analysis of the neighborhood and its context
- Calls for a large “Larimer Park”
- Identifies neighborhood nodes and key corridors
- Includes green infrastructure plan

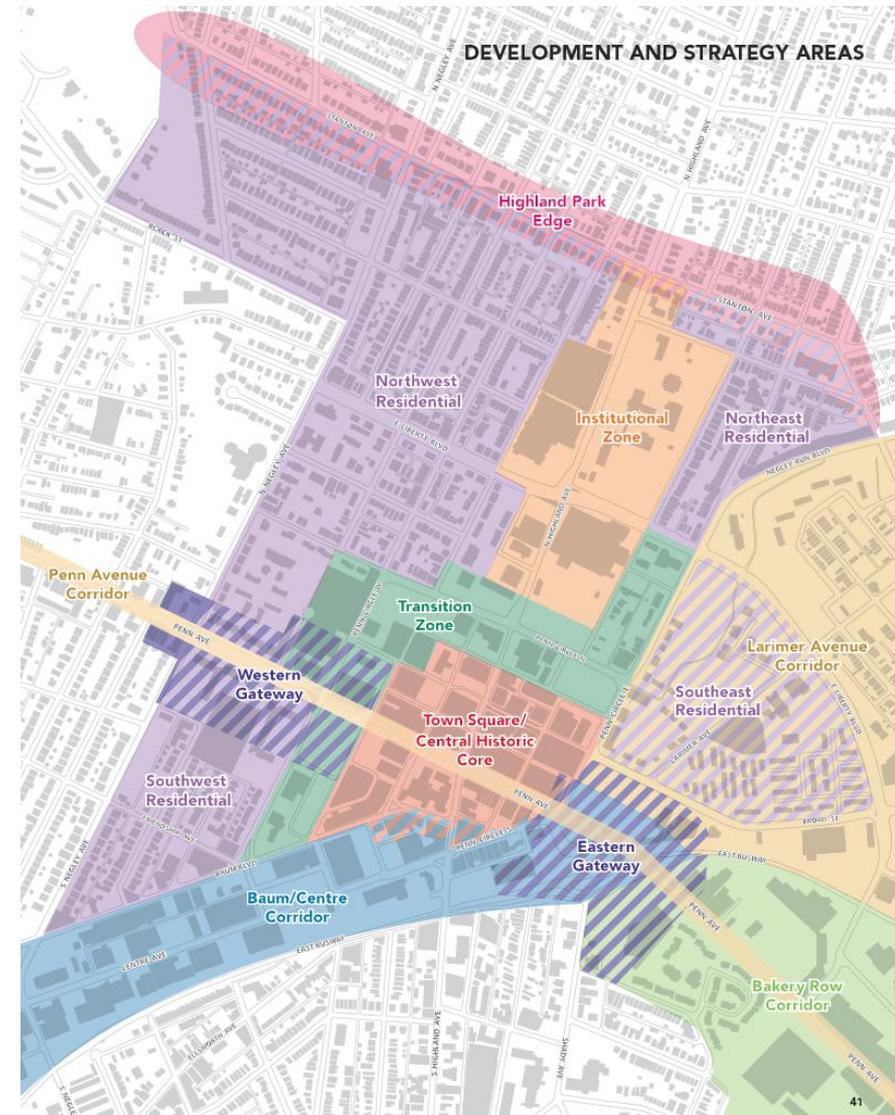


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EAST LIBERTY COMMUNITY PLAN

Source: E. Liberty Development (2010)

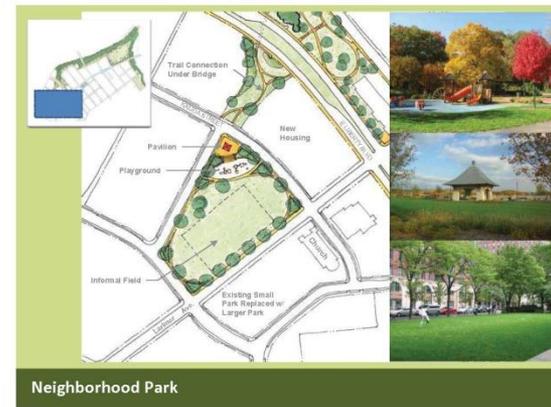
- Development strategy for East Liberty neighborhood
- Focused on gateways, corridor, and central core
- Includes inter-neighborhood connection strategies



WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PARK SYSTEM

Source: Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhood Community Meeting (2013)



Neighborhood Park



Hillside Park



Community Park

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

LARIMER VISION TO ACTION PLAN

Source: McCormack Baron Salazar, et al (2013)

- Clarifies 4 park typologies;
 - Neighborhood park
 - Hillside park
 - Community park
 - Urban farm
- Cohesive Larimer Park System
- Extend Highland Park across Negley Run
- Comprehensive stormwater proposal and housing strategy

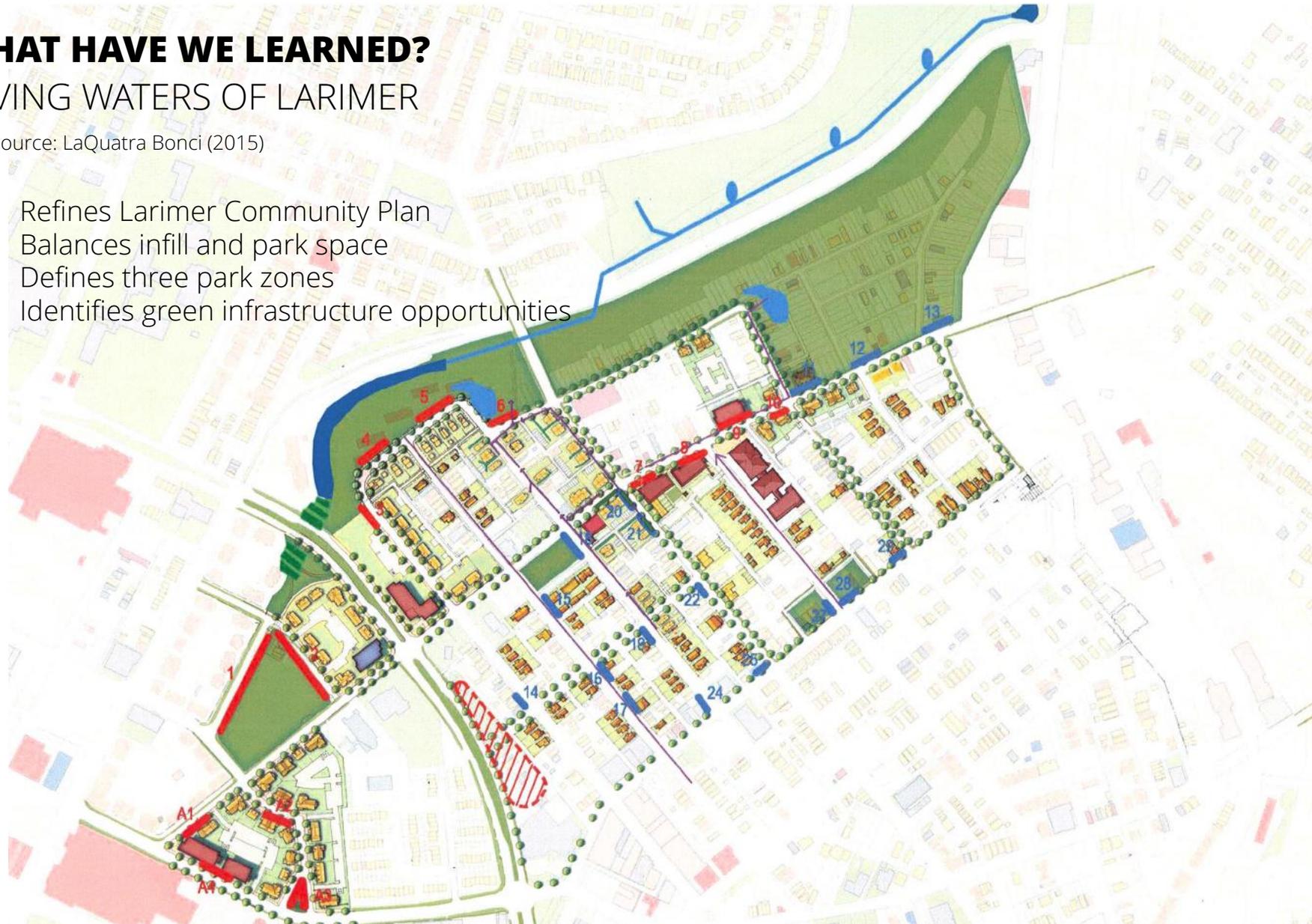


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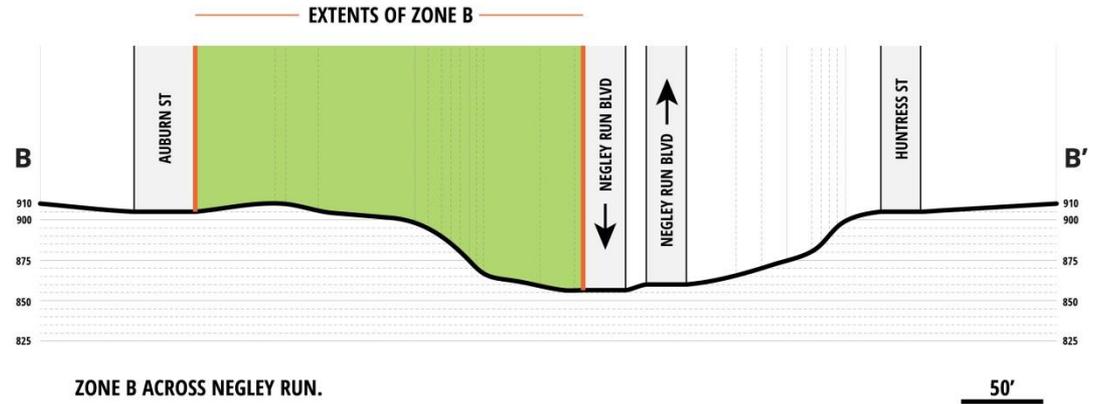
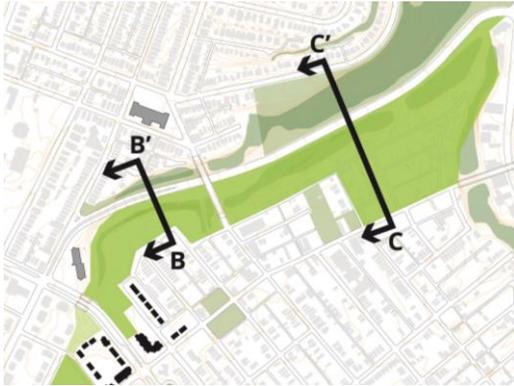
LIVING WATERS OF LARIMER

Source: LaQuatra Bonci (2015)

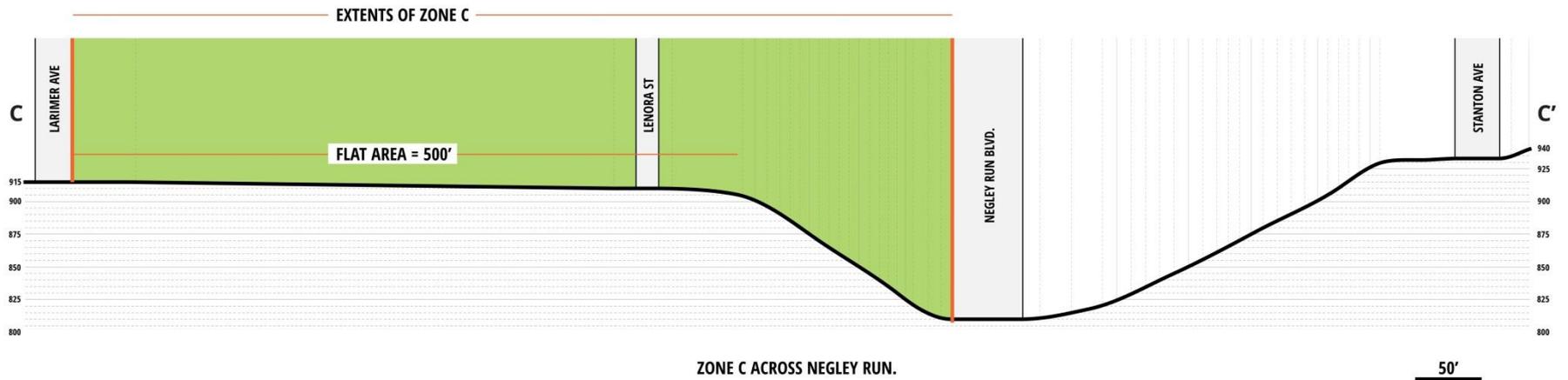
- Refines Larimer Community Plan
- Balances infill and park space
- Defines three park zones
- Identifies green infrastructure opportunities



WHAT IS THE CONTEXT?



ZONE B ACROSS NEGLEY RUN.



ZONE C ACROSS NEGLEY RUN.

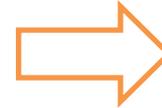
WHO ARE WE SERVING?



USER GROUPS



WANTS / NEEDS / ABILITIES



PROGRAMMING

LARIMER RESIDENTS
E. LIBERTY RESIDENTS
CHILDREN
ELDERLY
SCHOOLS
SPORTS TEAMS
HIGHLAND PARK USERS
HIGHLAND PARK RESIDENTS
SHADYSIDE RESIDENTS
GREATER PITTSBURGH
TOURISTS

COMMUNITY IDENTITY
GATEWAY TO HIGHLAND PARK
PLAY AREAS
PASSIVE AREAS
GROUP AREAS
STRUCTURED FIELDS

WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL ART?

What is environmental art's value to the park system?



'GRAVITY' BY DMITRI XENAKIS



STORMWATER DRAIN BY JANE MUDD



ROCK HILL'S 'AINT MISBEHAVIN' BY PATRICK DOUGHERTY



FAIR PARK LAGOON BY PATRICIA JOHANSON



STORMWATER COLLECTION BY JACKIE BROOKNER



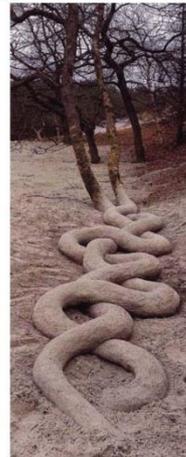
'RIDGE AND VALLEY' BY STACY LEVI



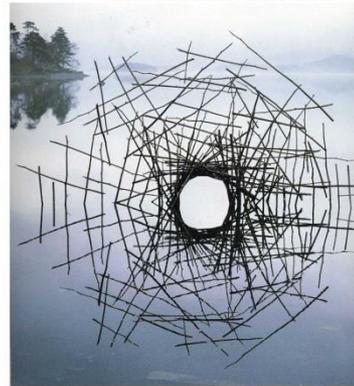
'FENCE' BY ANDY GOLDSWORTHY



STONE STRUCTURE BY THEA ALVIN



'INCREDIBLE SERPENTINE ROOT' BY ANDY GOLDSWORTHY



'MELT' BY ANDY GOLDSWORTHY



1000 LITTLE ICE MEN PROTEST GLOBAL WARMING BY NELE AZEVEDO



ENVIRONMENTAL ART BY JAAKO PERNU

WHAT IS CREATIVE/ CONTEMPORARY PLAY?

Creative play brings health, learning and other benefits to a community



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WHAT IS CREATIVE/ CONTEMPORARY PLAY?

Nature play: unstructured child play in 'wild' areas



WHAT ARE PITTSBURGH'S BEST PARKS?

Gathering spaces, gardens, playgrounds, and more



BLUE SLIDE PLAYGROUND - FRICK PARK (SLIDE INTEGRATED INTO SLOPE)



PANTHER HOLLOW LAKE AT SCHENLEY PARK



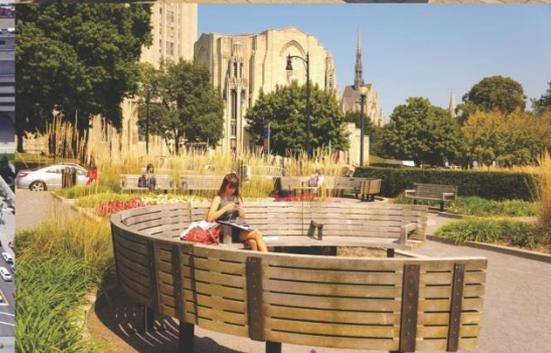
FLAGSTAFF HILL AT SCHENLEY PARK



DORIS AND OCTAVIA OF THE OCTOPUS GARDEN- COMMUNITY FARM/ GARDEN IN FRIENDSHIP



SCHENLEY PLAZA - 2 ACRE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK WITH VARIETY OF GATHERING SPACES, FOOD KIOSKS, GREAT LAWN, CAROUSEL, FREE WIFI



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Next Steps

- Summarize input from public meeting
- Meet with community groups and organizations on specific park and open space elements
- Present conceptual alternatives and gather input at Community-wide Meeting to present Conceptual Development Options (February/March)

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