

# Community Meeting

**WELCOME!!**

**BIENVENIDOS!!**



# Community Meeting

# PUBLIC STREET PROJECT

June 25, 2024



# AGENDA

## 01 Welcome + Introductions

Introduction  
Meeting Purpose + Community Agreements  
Land Acknowledgement

## 02 Project and Site Context

Project Background and Community Feedback  
Design Concepts  
Next Steps

## 03 Community Discussion

Community Discussion Stations :

- Project Boards (Sustainability Department / Fuss & O'Neill)
- Project Mode (Design Under Sky)
- Survey Station (CIVIC)
- Letter Writing Station

Report Out

## 04 Debrief and Wrap Up

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**People's Port Authority**

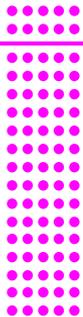
DESIGN UNDER SKY  
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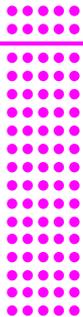


- *Be Present*
- *Be Generous*
- *Be Patient*
- *Be Curious*

## COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

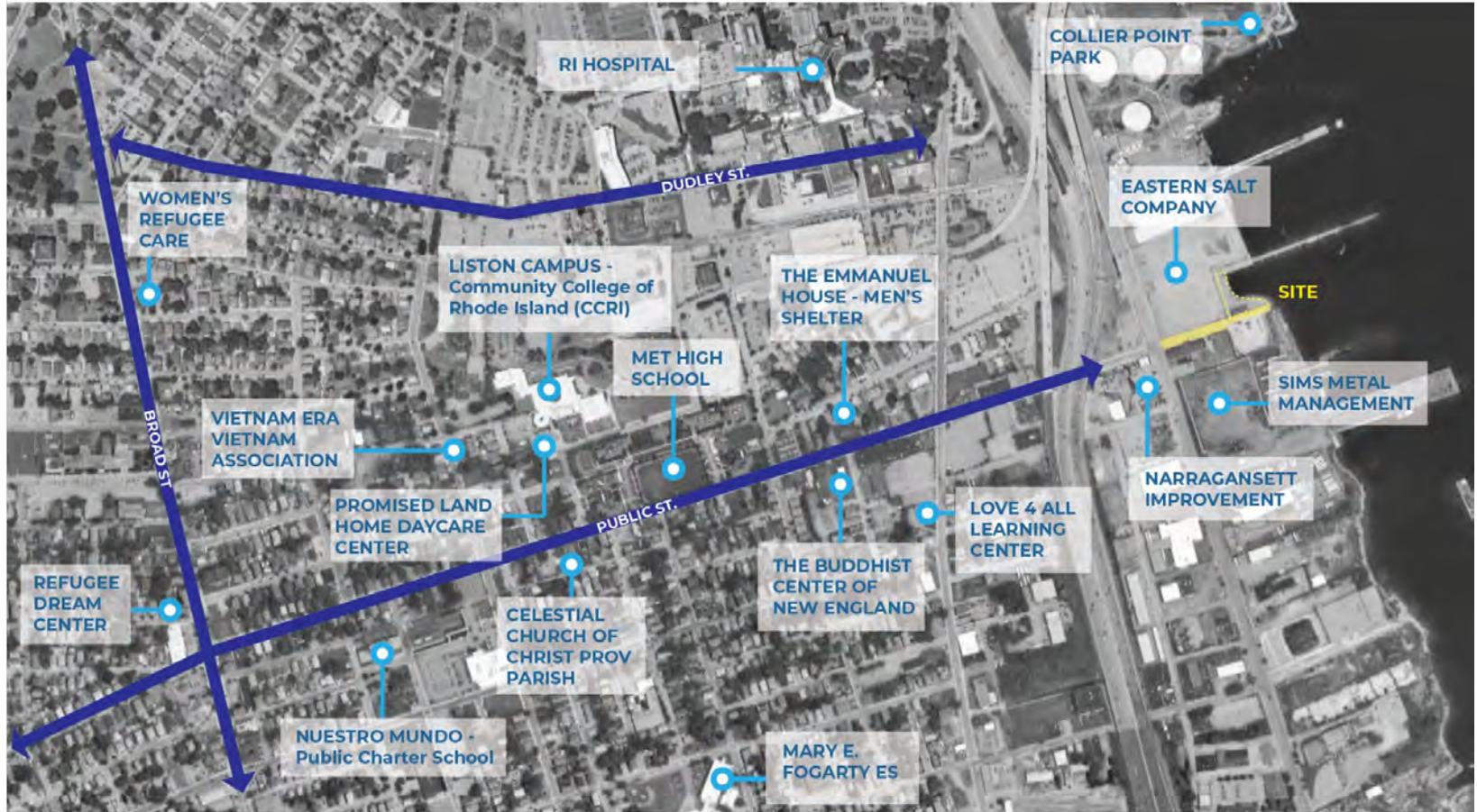


# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



# SITE + ANALYSIS

# PUBLIC STREET - CONNECTIONS



# PUBLIC STREET - SITE LOCATION



## PUBLIC STREET - SITE

### Public St. has three distinct areas:

**(A)** Wider portion of Public St. consisting of a paved asphalt street. Business located on the block requiring vehicle access and parking.



**(B)** Narrower unpaved and capped portion of the right-of-way extending into the waterfront. This is a narrow stretch extending into high tide line.



**(C)** Waterfront areas adjacent to Public Street lot that are visible during low tide. These areas are a sandy “beach” and habitat for shoreline wildlife.



1858

Providence, R.I., harbor view, taken from the grounds of  
Geo. W. Rhodes, Esq. 1858, J.B. Bachelder  
Credit: Library of Congress

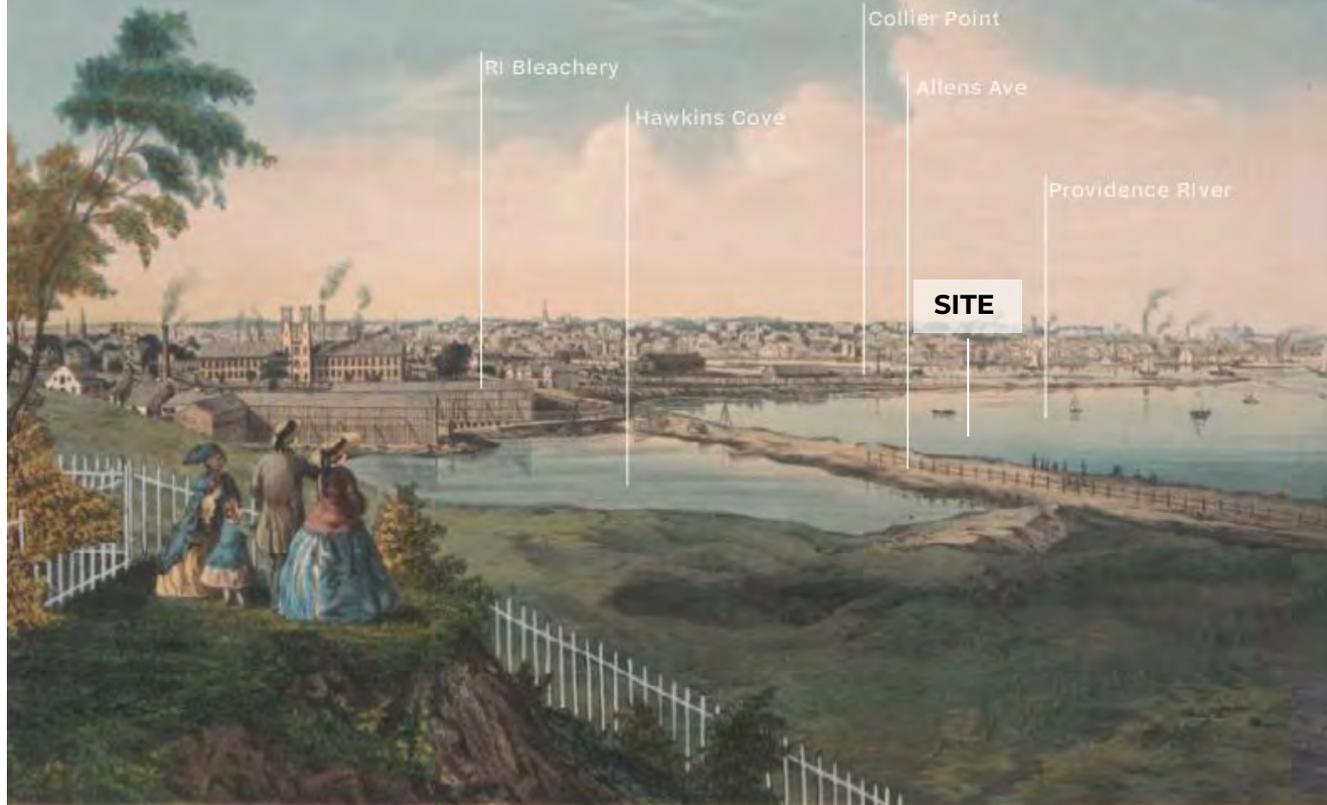


Image Source: Site Analysis + Recommendations for Public St. + Allens Ave - Fatema Maswood

2022

Collier Point Park

Providence River

The historic waterfront has been altered, with bluffs flattened, wetlands filled and paved, and commercial development and industrial infrastructure situated in the river's floodplain.

SITE.

Public St.

Allens Avenue

## State Pier 01

Not far from this site, the State Pier was once on the entry point for immigrants at the turn of the century.



STATE PIER, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

EXISTING DRAIN OFFFALL AT -2.06' CAPPED ADJACENT LOT DRAINING INTO BIO-RETENTION AREA. EXPLORE UTILIZING FOR STORM DETENTION. POTENTIAL DISTURBANCE OF EXISTING SUBSURFACE CONTAINMENT WALL.



POTENTIAL SCREENING OF ADJACENT LOT FOCUSING VIEW TOWARDS BAY AREA IN GREEN INDICATES EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS ONLY. POTENTIAL FOR MORE GREEN SPACE IN THIS AREA. EXISTING DRAIN LINE RUNS THROUGH PUBLIC ST.



LEAVE CLEAR FOR TIRE BARN OPERATIONS. CONFIRM TRUCK SIZE + FREQUENCY TO DETERMINE SPATIAL REQUIRES. ALSO, GATE TO ADJACENT PARCEL TO REMAIN CLEAR FOR TRUCK ACCESS



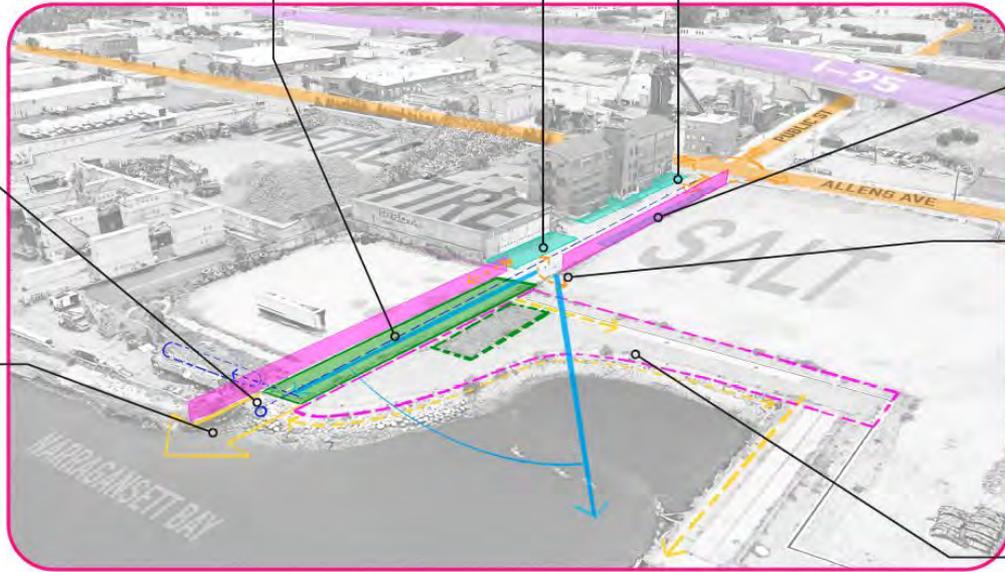
LEAVE OPEN FOR POTENTIAL FUTURE STORE FOREFRONT. POTENTIAL PARKING AREA



SALT PILE SIZE FLUCTUATES THROUGHOUT YEAR. CONSIDER SCREENING AT THIS PORTION. POTENTIAL AREA FOR PARKING



POTENTIAL WATER ACCESS AND/OR LAND/PIER EXTENSION. CLEAR VIEWS TO BAY. MEAN HIGH TIDE AT -1.23' (NGVD 29) MEAN LOW TIDE AT -6.07' (NGVD 29). SEA LEVEL RISE SEEMS LESS OF A THREAT THAN STORM SURGES.

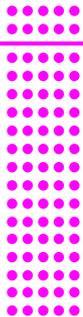


SALT PILE ENDS AT ACCESS GATE. MAINTAIN 25' CLEAR FOR TRUCK TURNING. VIEWS OPEN UP TO BAY AT THIS POINT. RETHINK FENCE AS WE MOVE TOWARDS THE BAY?



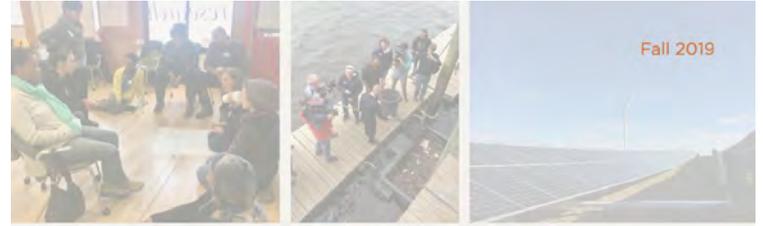
RHODE ISLAND ENERGY CAPPED PARCEL W/ SAND FILTER (GREEN DASH). POTENTIAL ACCESS AT EXISTING CONCRETE FOREBAY. OR EXPLORE ACCESS AT EXISTING FENCE/RIPRAP EDGE. EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF CONNECTING TO EXISTING PIER





# CONNECTING DESIGN TO **COMMUNITY** VOICES

# CLIMATE JUSTICE PLAN



## The City of Providence's **CLIMATE JUSTICE PLAN**

Creating an equitable, low-carbon, and climate resilient future.



Photo Credit: Sarah Thomas, and RECYCLE-A-BIKE

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# Engagement Meetings

The goal of the Public Street Waterfront Project is to transform the area into a safe and accessible space for the neighborhood residents. The Steering Committee organized a series of in-person meetings, a virtual meeting, and a survey to gather community input, in recognition of the importance of understanding how the site is currently being used and to develop a shared vision for the site's future. Feedback and responses were distilled into this report.

## STUDENT VISIONING WORKSHOP - 01

November 18, 2022  
360 High School

## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP - 02

December 13, 2022  
MET School - 325 Public Street

## WPNA / PPA WORKSHOP - 03

January 12, 2023  
Washington Park Library

## REJC / SPNA WORKSHOP - 04

January 31, 2023  
Lifespan Community Center - Prairie Ave.

## VIRTUAL MEETING - 05

February 23, 2023  
Via Zoom

## ONLINE SURVEY



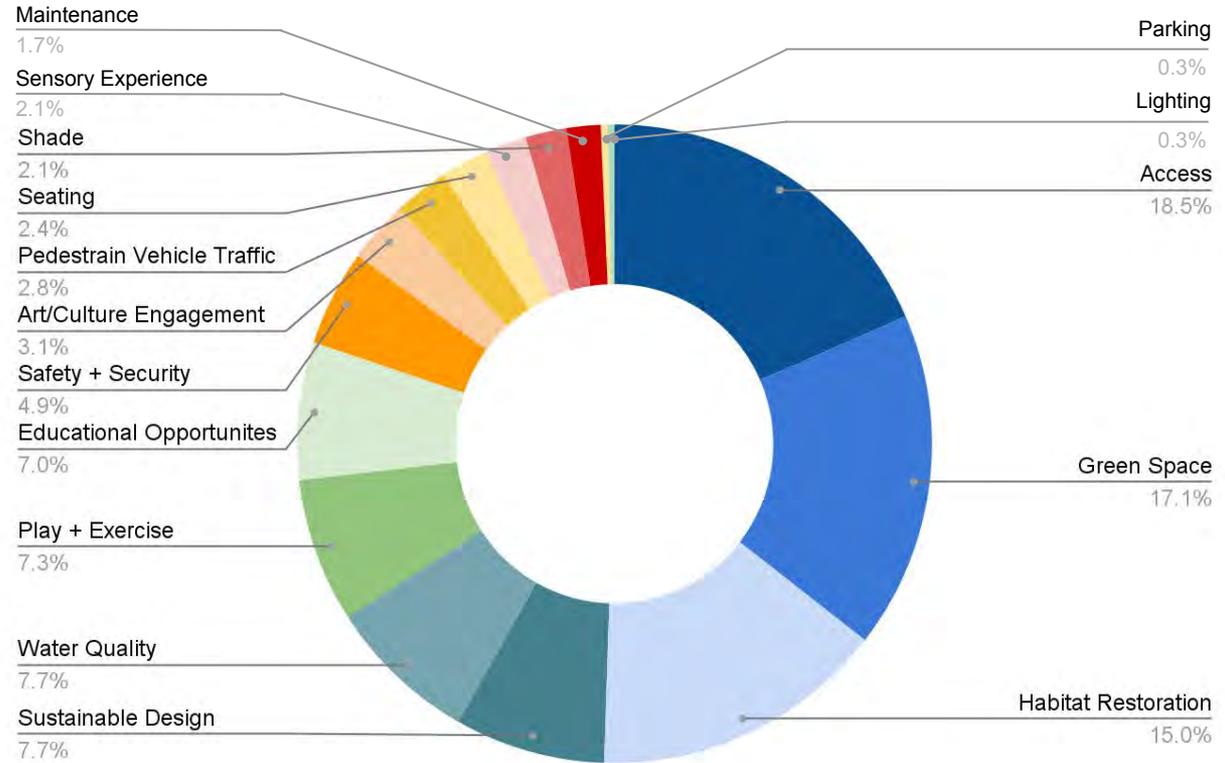
Public Street - MET School Community Workshop

# Goals for Public Street

The participants expressed that an important goal for Public Street is to provide the residents with a space that will uplift and bring hope to the community. According to participants, this space should give the people a place to relax, rest, and allow for easy access to walk along the water. Participants favored a design that is aesthetically beautiful but functional; it should have a complete message with a clear statement of intention.

The pie charts documents the top goals for Public Street:

1. Access
2. Green Space
3. Habitat Restoration
4. Sustainable Design
5. Water Quality



# 1. Access - Overview

Included here are some highlights of feedback for each of the top goal categories.

## ACCESS

The South Providence waterfront is sealed off from the citizens; the community needs a space that allows everyone to capture the benefits of the views, nature, and connection to the water.

### CONNECTION TO THE WATER



### FAMILY ORIENTED

Need more spaces that welcome the community access to the river. May expand beyond just the end of the street, both along the shore and into the river.

### CONNECTIVITY



### SCOOTER/ BIKE STATIONS



### DEFINED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY



### CONNECT TO EXISTING BIKE PATHS

This project could connect with other Allens Ave open areas including Collier Point, STB / J&W shoreline and other waterfront projects. Opportunity to bridge together other green spaces (Roger Williams Park)

### BRIDGE TOGETHER



### POINTS - PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The design should extend elements onto Allens Ave and Public Street, to funnel people into the site.

### EXTEND DESIGN



### RESTORE I-95 UNDERPASS

## 2. Green Space - Overview

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### GREEN SPACES

Take into consideration the natural landscapes of the site's history - return of a natural-like green space

#### LANDSCAPE HISTORY



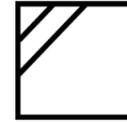
#### HEALTH BENEFITS

An outdoor space for the people of South Providence and guest to frequently utilize and explore/interact with nature

#### CALM SPACE



#### IMPROVE AIR + SMELL



#### SHADE



#### NATIVE FLORA + FAUNA

Introduce big native canopy trees. It is currently difficult to find spaces for large trees and lush native planting and farming

#### NATIVE PLANTING + FARMING



#### PERMEABLE SURFACES

Provide a green healthy space within South Providence's Urban contaminated area.

#### ADDRESS POLLUTION



#### SALT TOLERANT VEGETATION

### 3. Habitat Restoration - 4. Education Overview

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## HABITAT RESTORATION

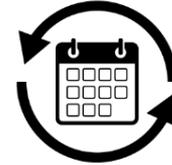
The river needs to be cleaned for the health of the rest of the Bay, to preserve existing wildlife and all that is connected.



Wildlife habitat that will attract nature and allow for observation throughout the site (birds, aquaculture).

## EDUCATION

Create an opportunity for persons of all ages to be familiarized with the natural world in which they occupy.



Provide historical, cultural, environmental, ecological information, and how the waterfront has changed (QR code/ vandalism proof).

#### HEALTH

#### ECOLOGICAL CHANGE OVER TIME

#### ATTRACT

#### ACROSS ALL AGE GROUPS

#### YEAR ROUND

#### ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION



Can the current environment we occupy sustain us if our system could not provide? By restoring habitat, there is an increase ability to create food source space.



Gathering space containing paced educational opportunities. Possibility of supporting field trips (K-12) and research site (college + universities)



#### RESTORE THE ENVIRONMENT

#### FOOD SOURCE

#### PRESERVATION + RECLAIM HABITAT

#### CENTER FOR YOUTH VOICES

#### OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

#### GARDENING COURSES

# Priorities for Public Street



## Design Elements:

**Signage** - Clear, provide diverse languages, consistent and **bold, large signage** at the entrance, staggered signs with small amount of information, sign located at the corner of Allens and Public St to preview the site

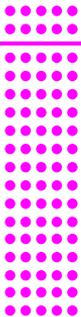
**Aesthetic** - Preference of old industrial, cobblestone stamped surfaces, integration of the rich history including indigenous, less of a modern/sleek design

**Greenery** - Wetland plants, creative gardening, less asphalt based and more soil based, asymmetrical contours of trees and rocks, native meadows and mowed path, habitat creating barrier islands, **permeable and planted areas**

**Materials** - **Comfortable materials** that can be used throughout the year and at different seasons, bamboo screen, pavers, glass bottom deck, stone path

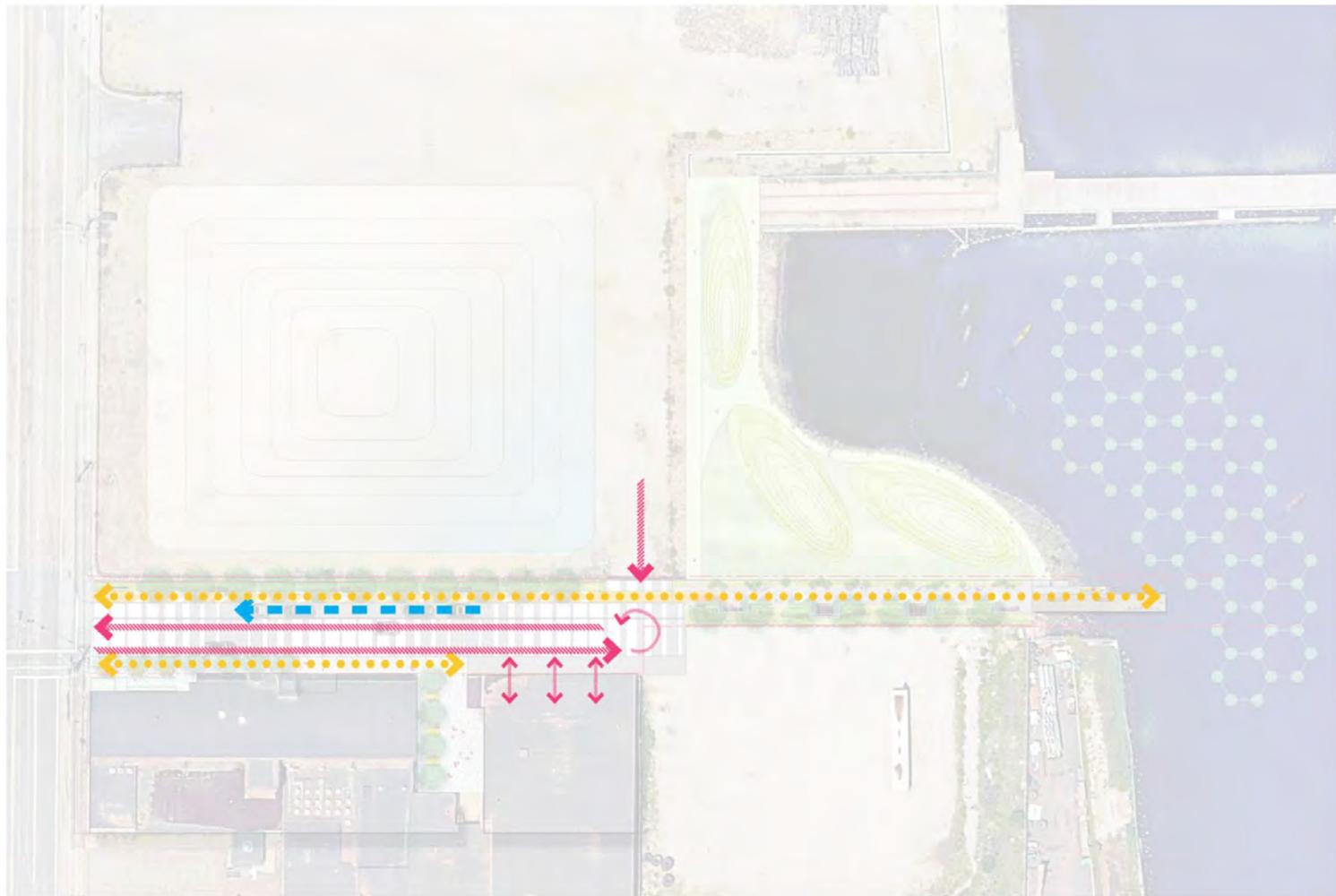
**Lighting** - Solar power lights, **decorative lighting** with name of the street

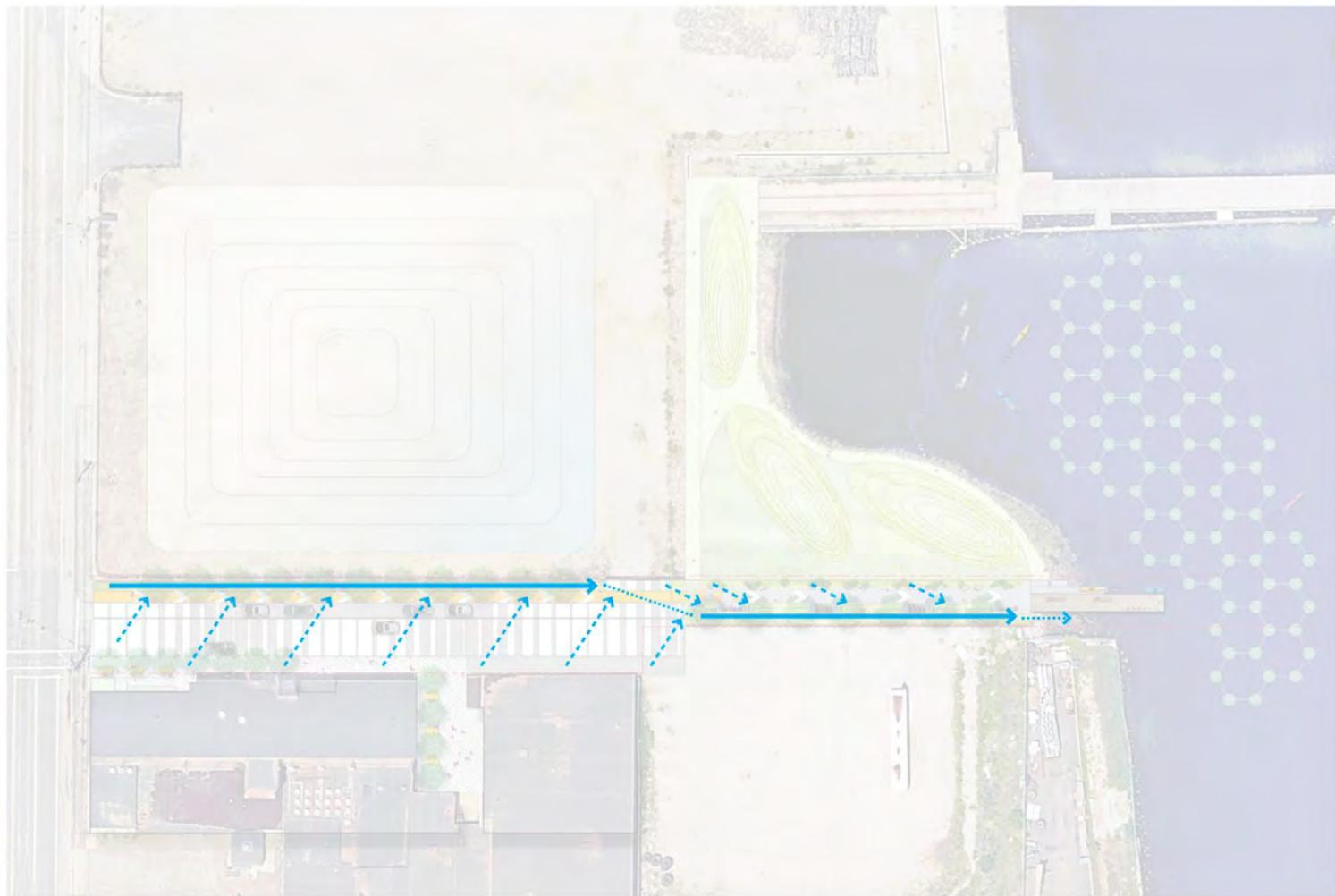
**Features** - **Painted super graphic**, allow for creativity and color, Avenue concept art, amphitheater, benches and wooden seating, place for kayaks, seating at water's edge (with viewing windows), winding path to the water, bold design features/text, minimal fencing



# DESIGN CONCEPTS





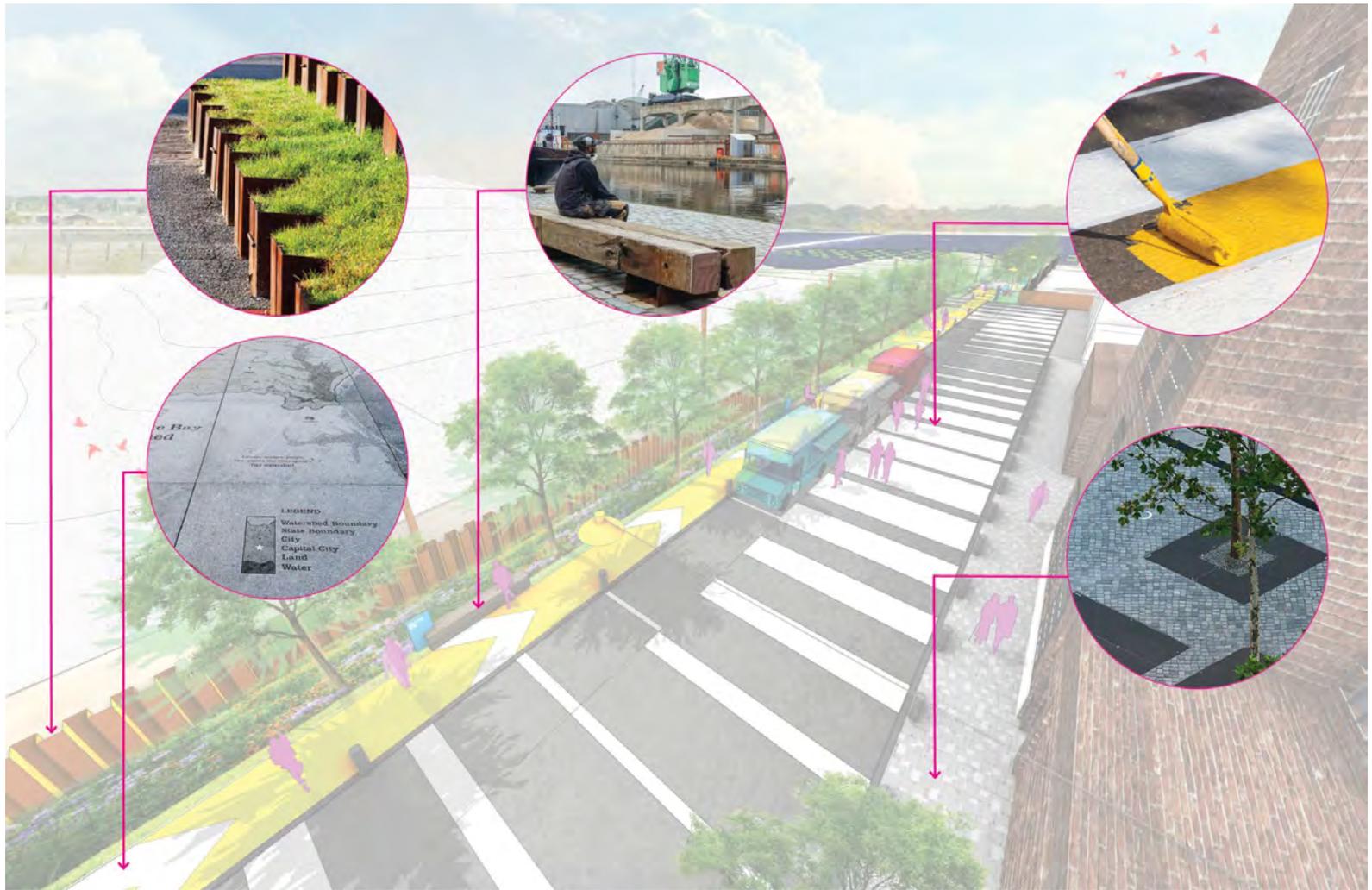










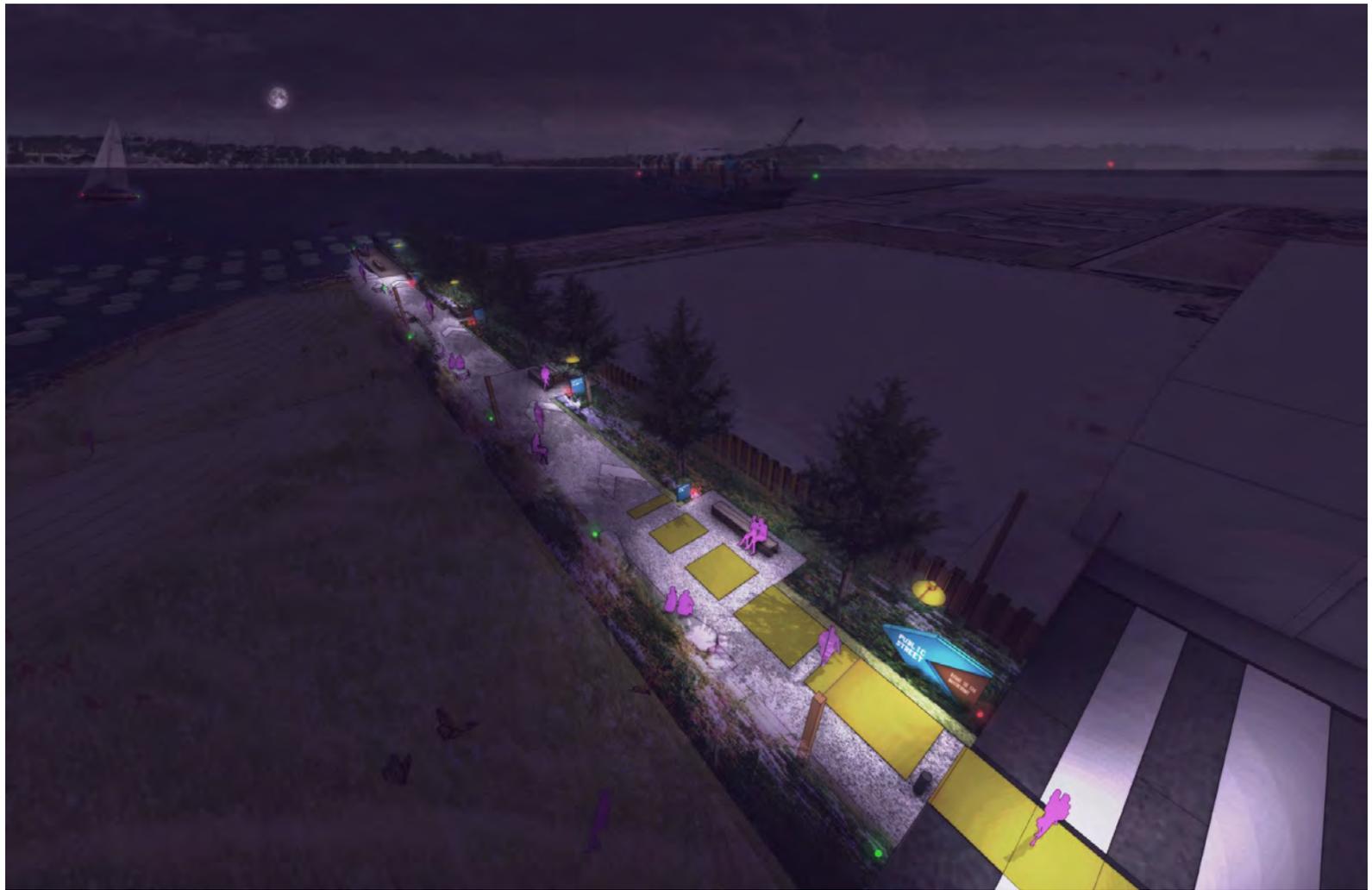




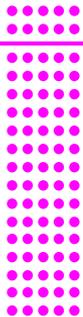




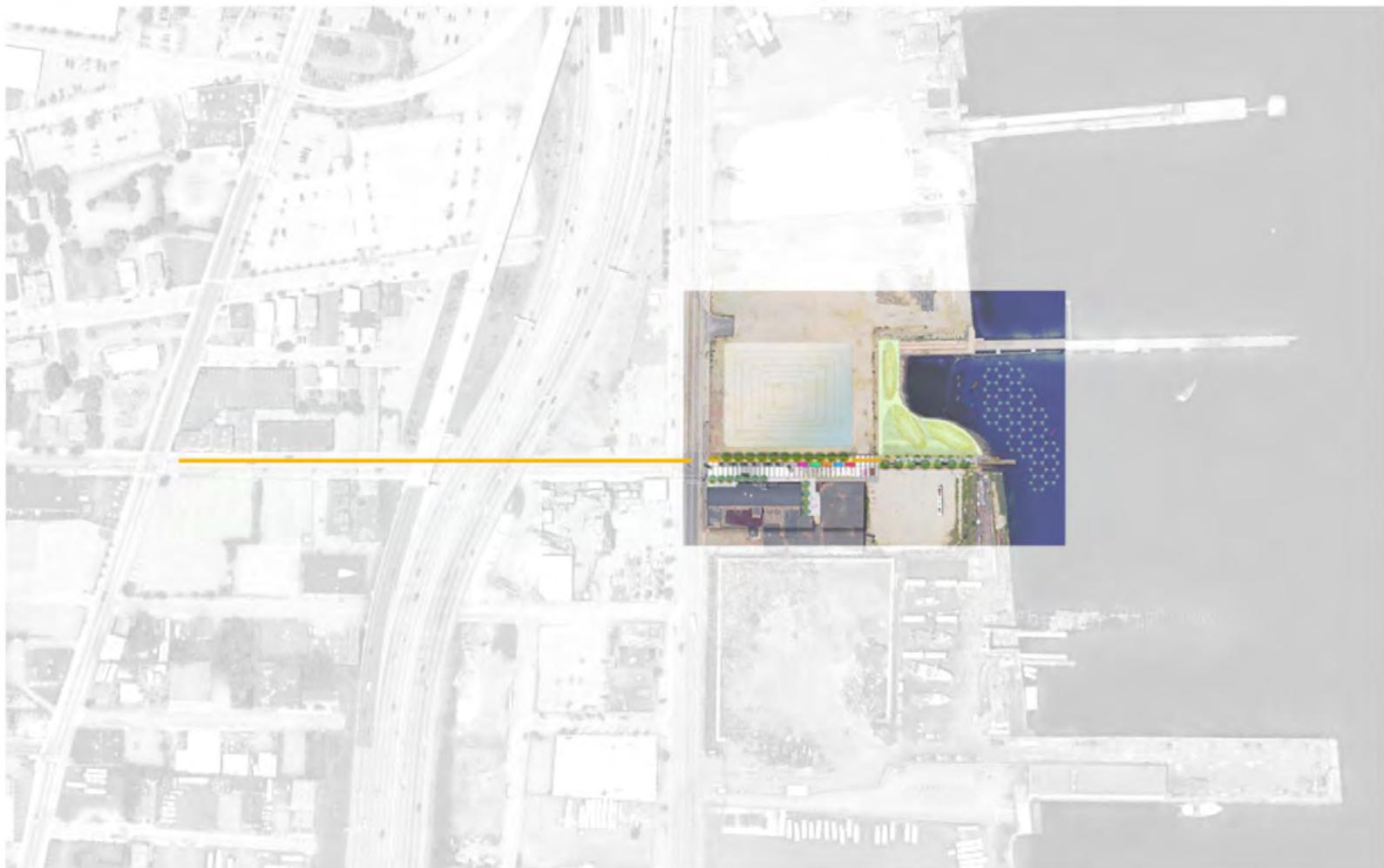




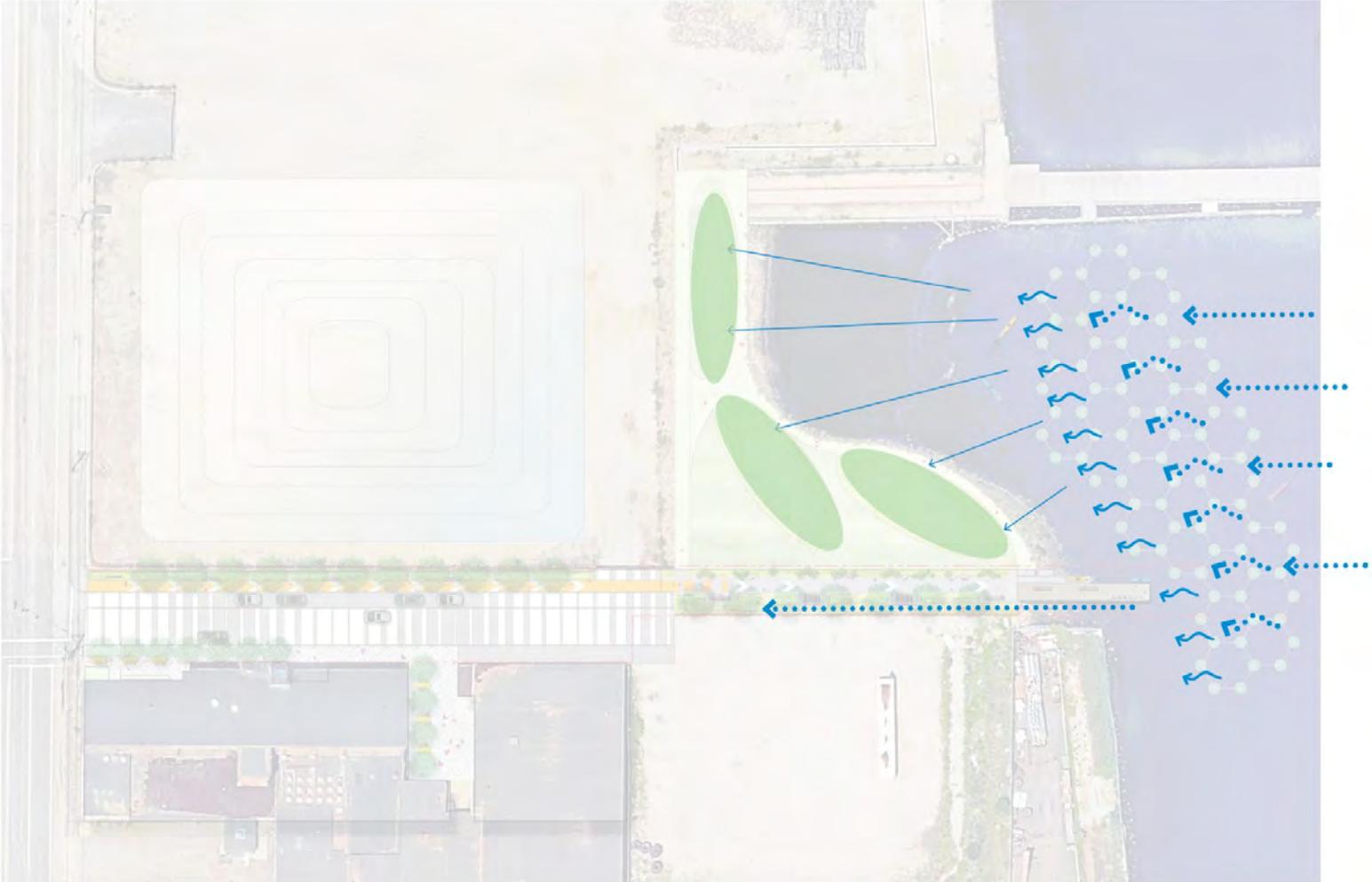




# POSSIBLE FUTURE STAGES













TIDE DIAGRAM

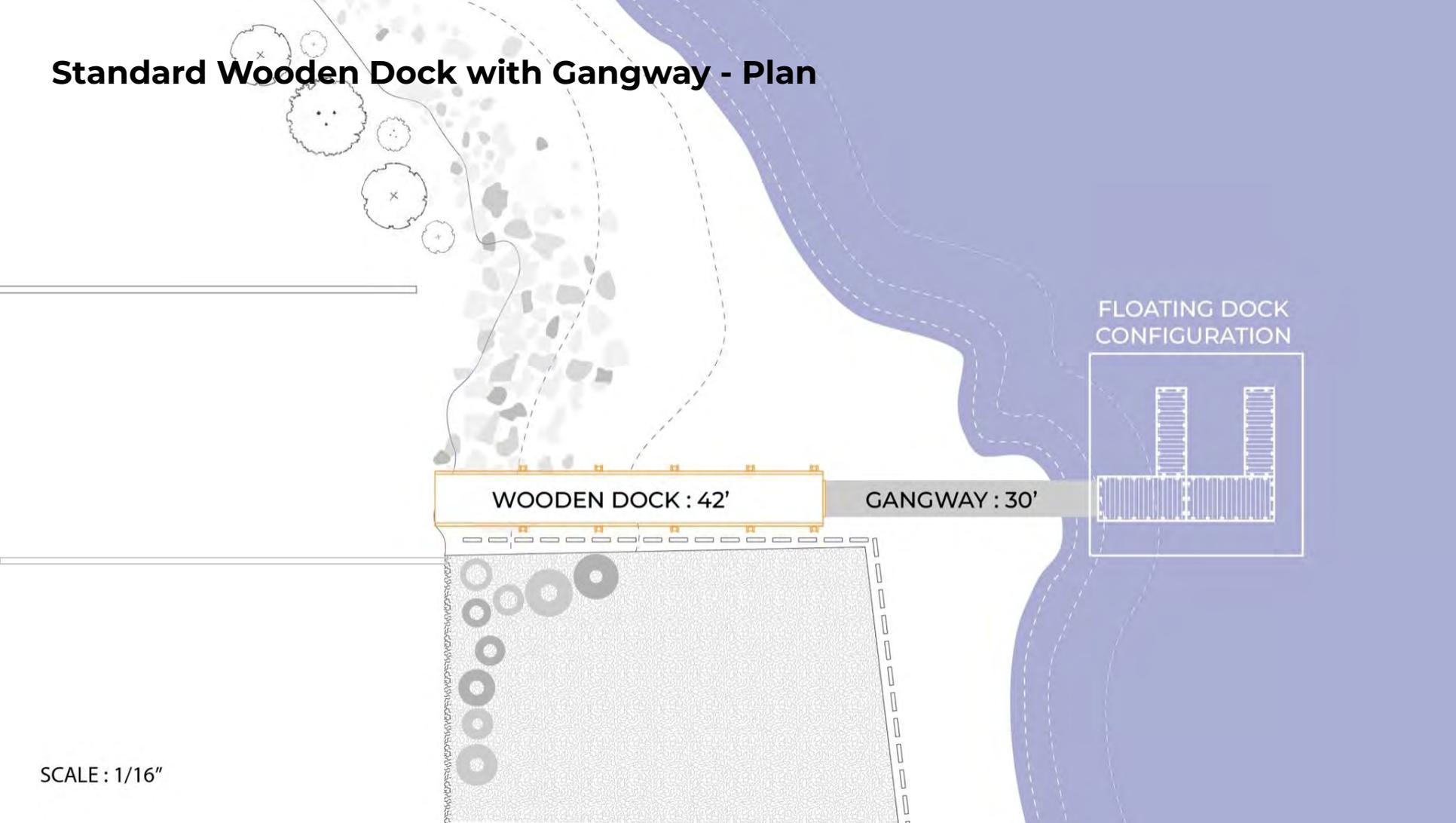


HIGH TIDE

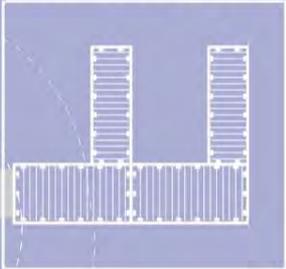
MID TIDE

LOW TIDE

# Standard Wooden Dock with Gangway - Plan

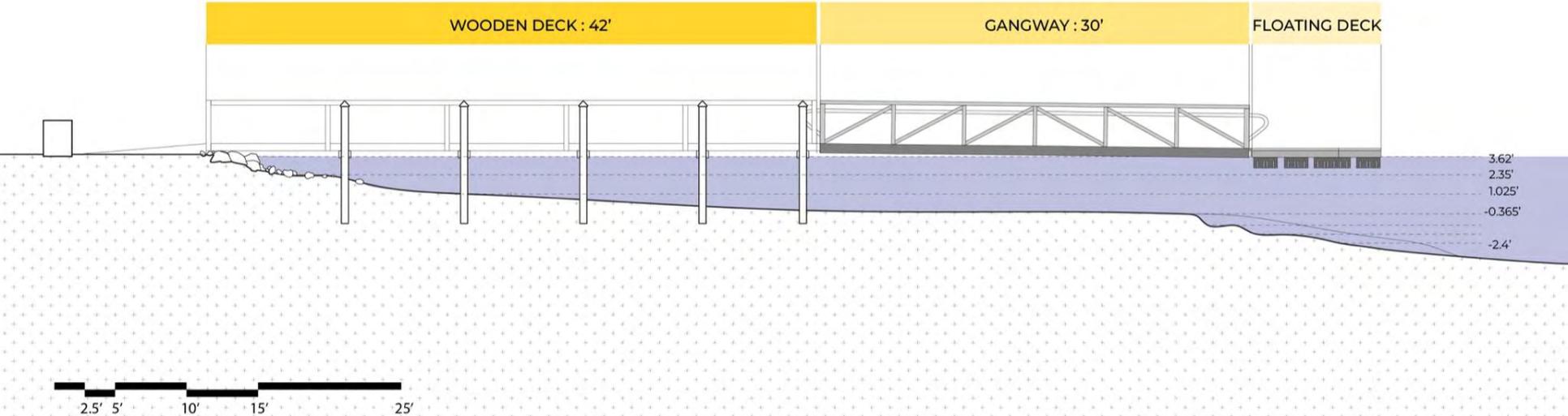


FLOATING DOCK  
CONFIGURATION

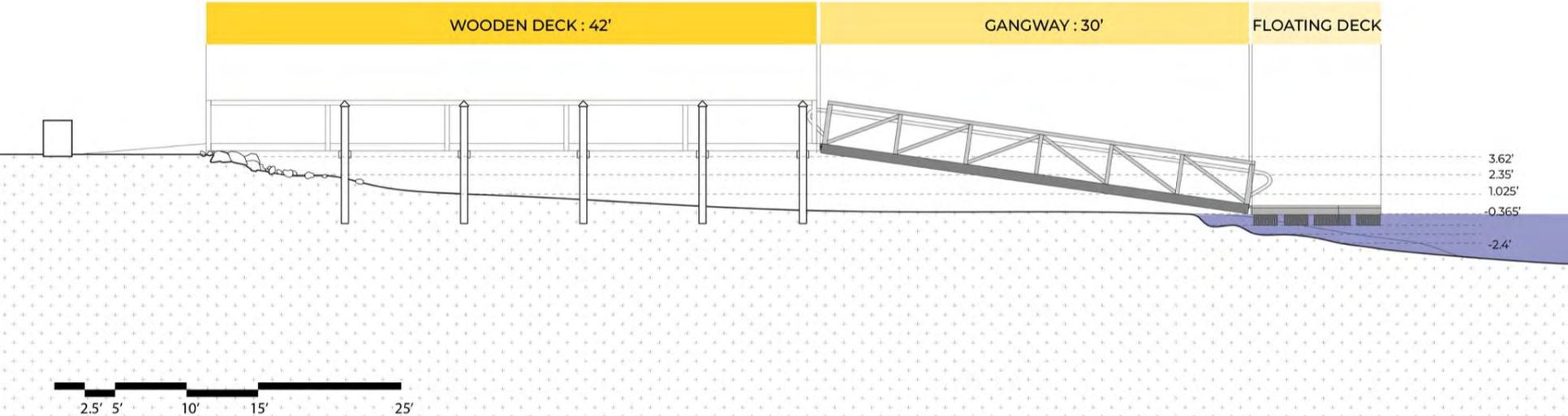


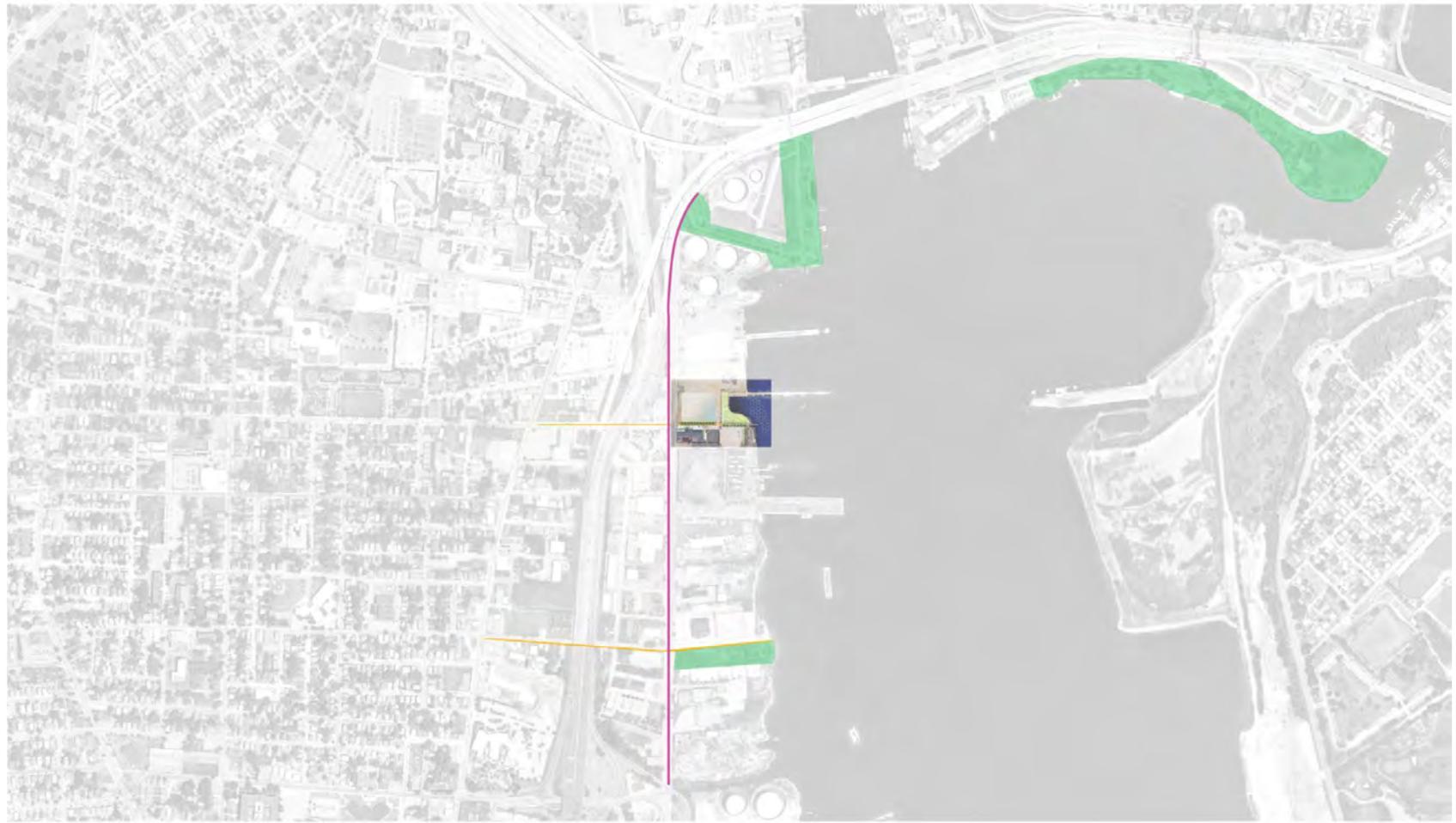
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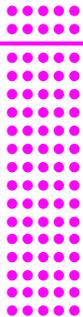
# Standard Wooden Dock with Gangway @ High Tide



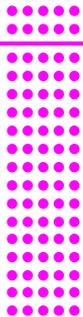
# Standard Wooden Dock with Gangway @ Low Tide







# PROJECT TIMELINE



# COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

# Community Discussion Stations

- **Project Boards**

*Provide feedback on design elements.*

- **Project Model Stations**

*Provide feedback on design elements.*

- **Survey Station**

*Scan the QR code and take a quick survey.*

- **Letter Writing Station**

*Imagine by writing or drawing.*



# Instructions

Go to

[www.menti.com](https://www.menti.com)

Enter the code

**4952 9288**



Or use QR code



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