



Waterways and Parks Commission

Agenda

January 26, 2022

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a meeting of the City Waterways and Parks Commission on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually through online meeting systems and will be available to the public via Webex using a computer, tablet, or smartphone (Webex app required) or telephone (audio only) on the following agenda items:

Waterways and Parks Commission Connection Info:

Event address for attendees:

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Election of Officers**
 - a. Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary
4. **Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.**
5. **Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda**
6. **Business Agenda Items**
 - a. New Commission Members
 - i. Charlotte Hudgins and Gina Keenan
 - ii. Appointments are through December 31, 2024
 - b. Recommendation to approve Cannery Park Conceptual Plan
7. **Discussion and Direction**
 - a. Future Agenda Items
 - b. Announcements
 - c. Director's Report
8. **Adjournment**

Vacant, Chairperson
c: News Media

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Minutes

December 8, 2021

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:04pm by Commissioner Ball
2. Roll Call
 - a. Members Present: John Bodkin, Ellen Faulkner, Ron Doering, Meredith Ball, Jessica Schoen, Megan Holmes, Christopher Johnson, Kirk Dahl
 - b. Members Absent: Joe Maurer, Kate Beaton, John Lor
 - c. Staff Present: Steve Plaza, Carson Coffield, and Ty Fadness
 - d. Also Present: Amber Sirianni
3. Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting, October 27, 2021.
 - a. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bodkin, seconded by Commissioner Ball. All votes in favor, minutes approved as submitted.
4. Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda
 - a. Commissioner Bodkin expressed concern regarding the trail from approximately Phoenix Park to Grand Avenue. Bodkin urged the City to grate and pave that section of the trail in the near future.
5. Business Agenda items
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 - b. Amber Sirianni presented her proposal to the commissioners regarding her Eagle Scout Advancement project regarding the installation of directional signs as well as a map to better identify the trail system in Mt. Simon Park. Sirianni further explained how she would raise money for the installation costs, as well as how the project would be implemented. Manager Plaza explained that City staff does walk through the trails to clean up litter, but they are not maintained in the winter. Commissioner Dahl also shared suggestions about exploring different names for some of the proposed trails. Sirianni is hopefully that the project would be done by late spring if approved. Motion to accept Amber's proposed project made by Commissioner Doering. Motion seconded by Jessica Schoen. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
6. Discussion and Direction
 - a. Announcements
 - a. Steve Plaza thanked John Bodkin and Ron Doering's tenure on the Waterways and Parks Commission and how much they have contributed over the years.
 - b. Steve Plaza also would be giving all Commissioners the survey to the Cannery District conceptual plans.
 - c. The next scheduled meeting for the Waterways and Parks Commission will be on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
 - b. Director's Report (Information only)
7. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Bodkin, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner. All votes in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



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**PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY
STAFF REPORT
PROJECT NAME: Cannery Park Conceptual Plan**

To: Waterways and Parks Commission

Date: 1/26/2021

From: Steve Plaza - Parks, Forestry, Cemetery, Building & Grounds Manager

Description: Recommend approval of the Conceptual Plan for the Cannery Park

Location: Cannery Park off of Oxford and Maple

Background: In 2021, the City of Eau Claire entered into an agreement with Confluence to design Cannery Park, this agreement included Confluence to conduct public input meetings, surveys and stakeholder meetings to gather information to see how the park would be designed. A major focus of the planning process was to engage the public through a community survey and meetings with various groups who utilize the park. These meetings were conducted in the fall of 2021 and ran through December. Confluence has provided a summary of community engagement efforts and a preferred conceptual park drawing of the Cannery Park. Input from these stakeholder meetings, citizens survey, staff input and online comments were coalesced to produce the final recommendations.

Justification: Cannery Park will replace Kessler Park which is a vital Park in the Upper Westside Neighborhood of Eau Claire. This park will need to be a neighborhood park first, but we also realize that this area along the Chippewa River will bring in a variety of people from outside the neighborhood. As good stewards of this park and our park system, it is our responsibility to plan for the neighborhood needs and visitor's needs as we design this park. Confluence's conceptual plan is a representation of the input from our neighborhood, user groups, community surveys and staff input.

Mission Statement: To support the beautification and awareness of local parks or trails while encouraging and recognizing neighborhood and community involvement.

Proposed Motion: I propose we approve the Conceptual Plan of Cannery Park and send it to the Planning Commission and City Council for review and approval

Proposed Location: Cannery Park – Oxford Ave, and Maple Street

Facilities Features: Conceptual Plan for Cannery Park

Storm Water: No impact at this time

City of Eau Claire Park and Open Space Master Plan: Goal "C" subsection 3: "Promote joint public-private ventures in developing park and waterway facilities"

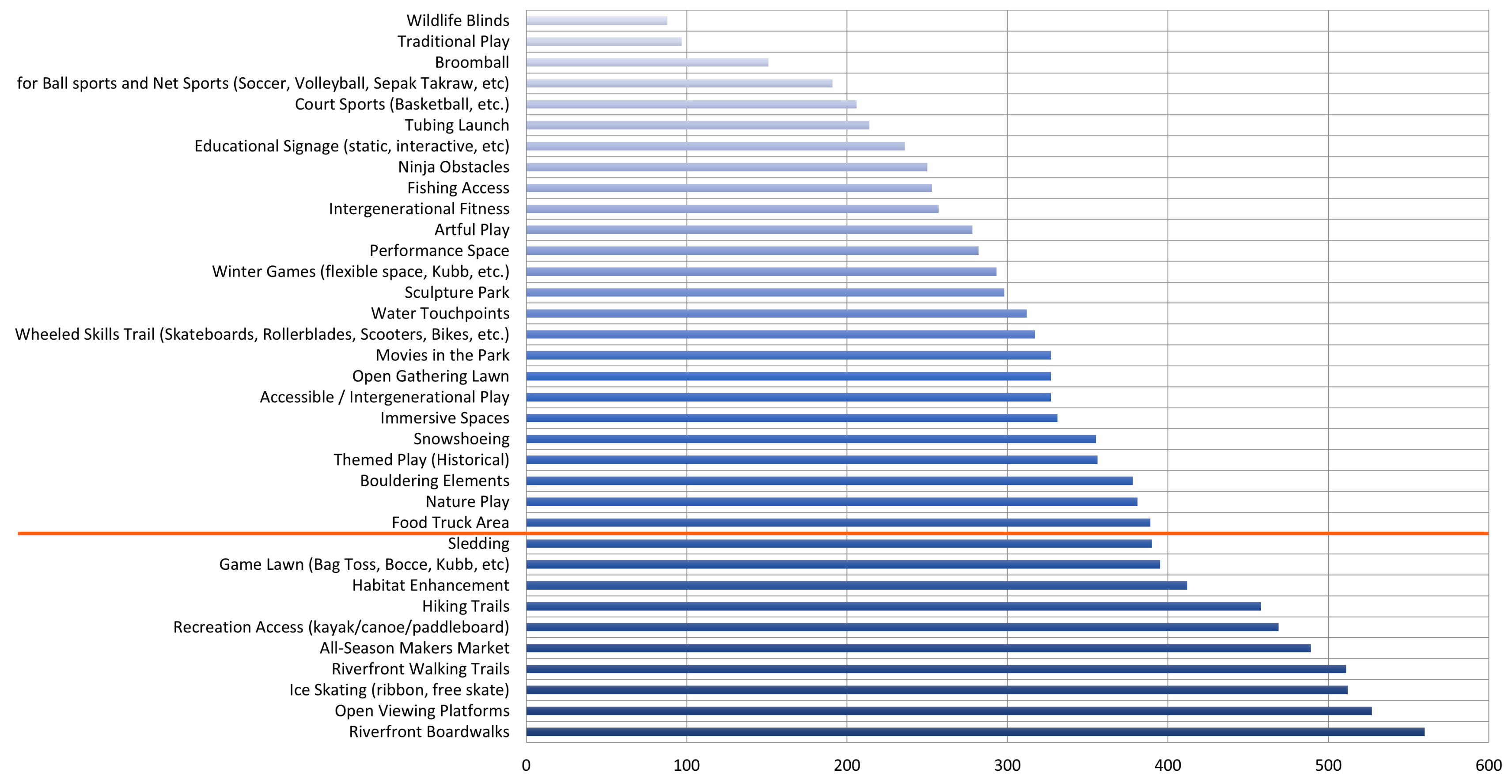
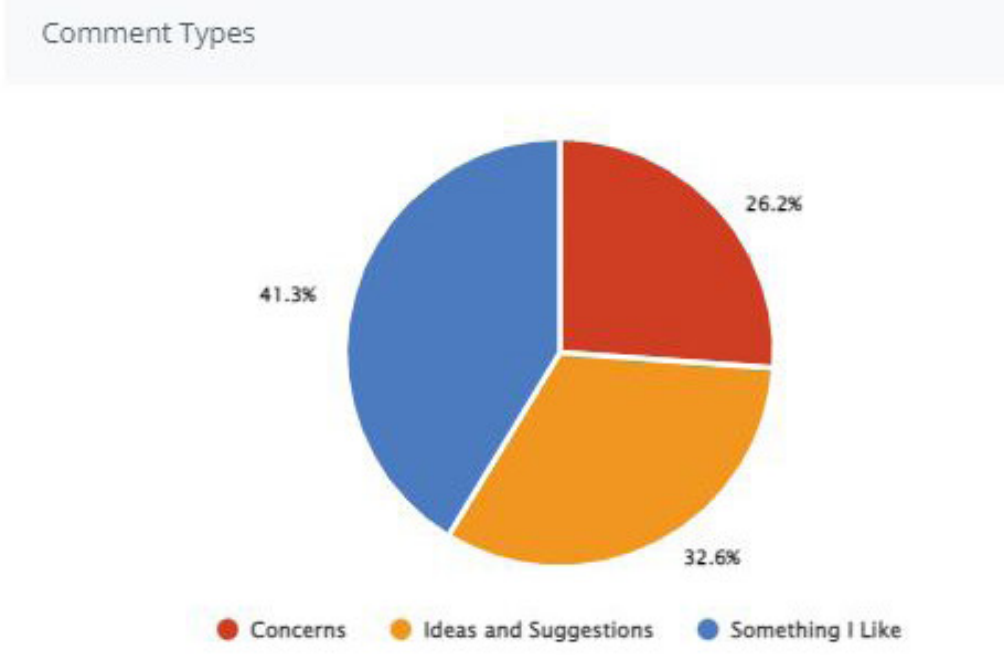
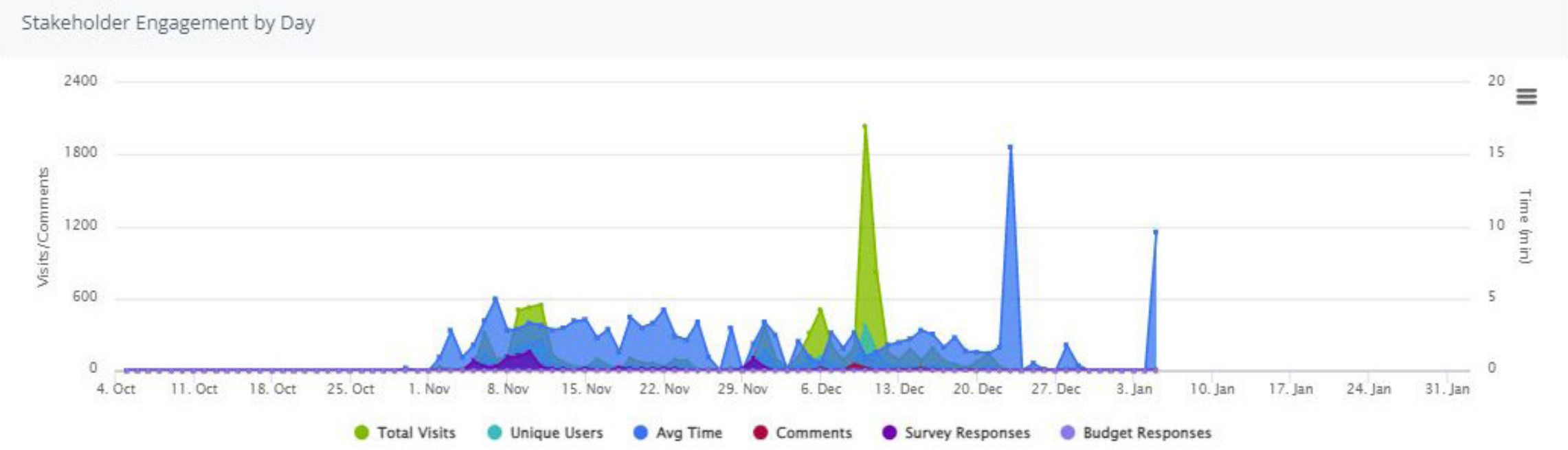
City Comprehensive Plan: Consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Financial: The City budgeted 3.4 million dollars for the construction of Cannery Park in the 2022 and 2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

LAWCON: None

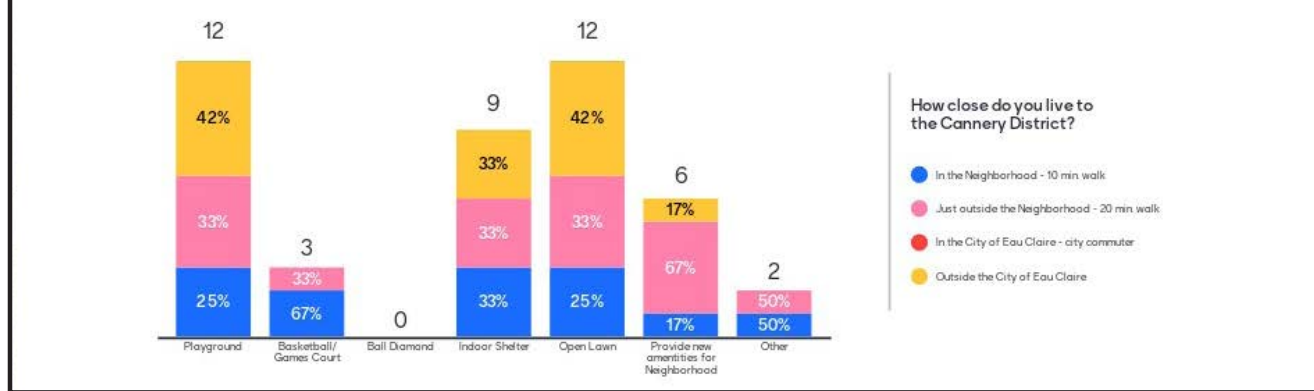
DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT TOOL

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 2718 Unique Users
 1:51 Avg Time (min)
 863 Unique Stakeholders
 172 Comments
 801 Survey Responses
 105 Document Downloads

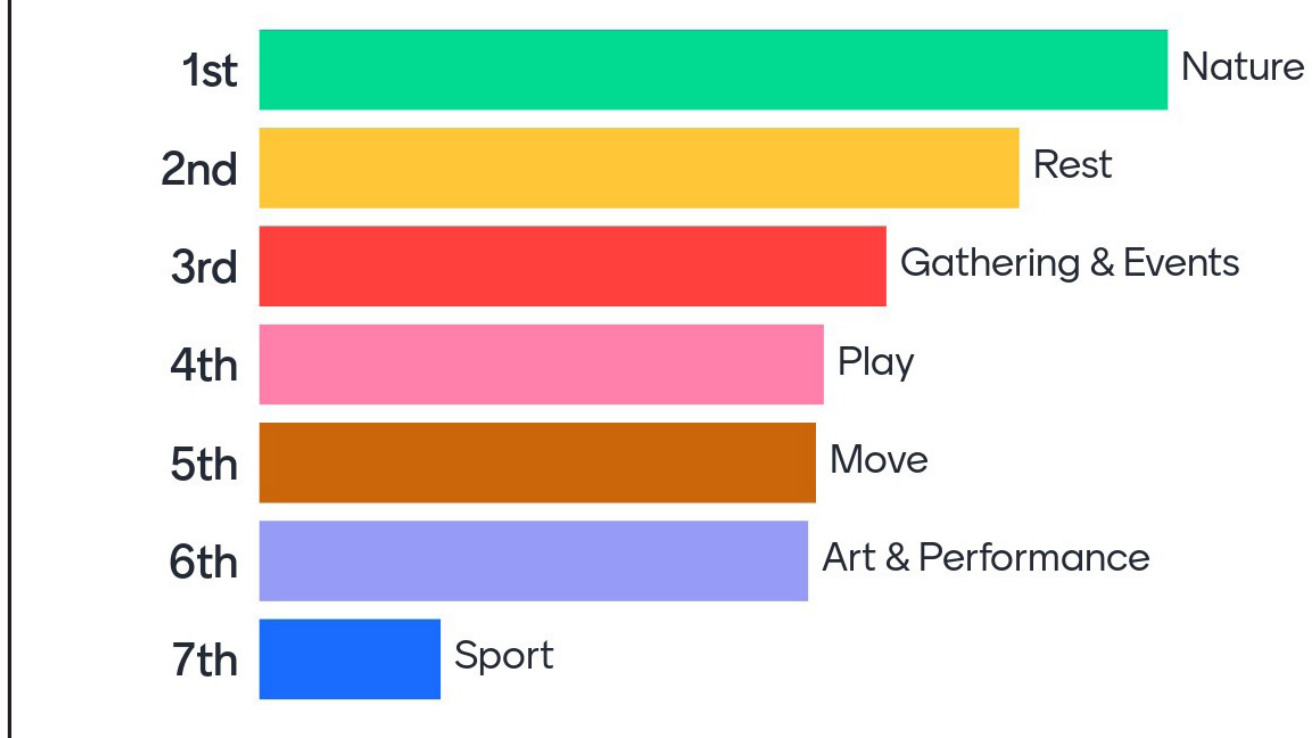


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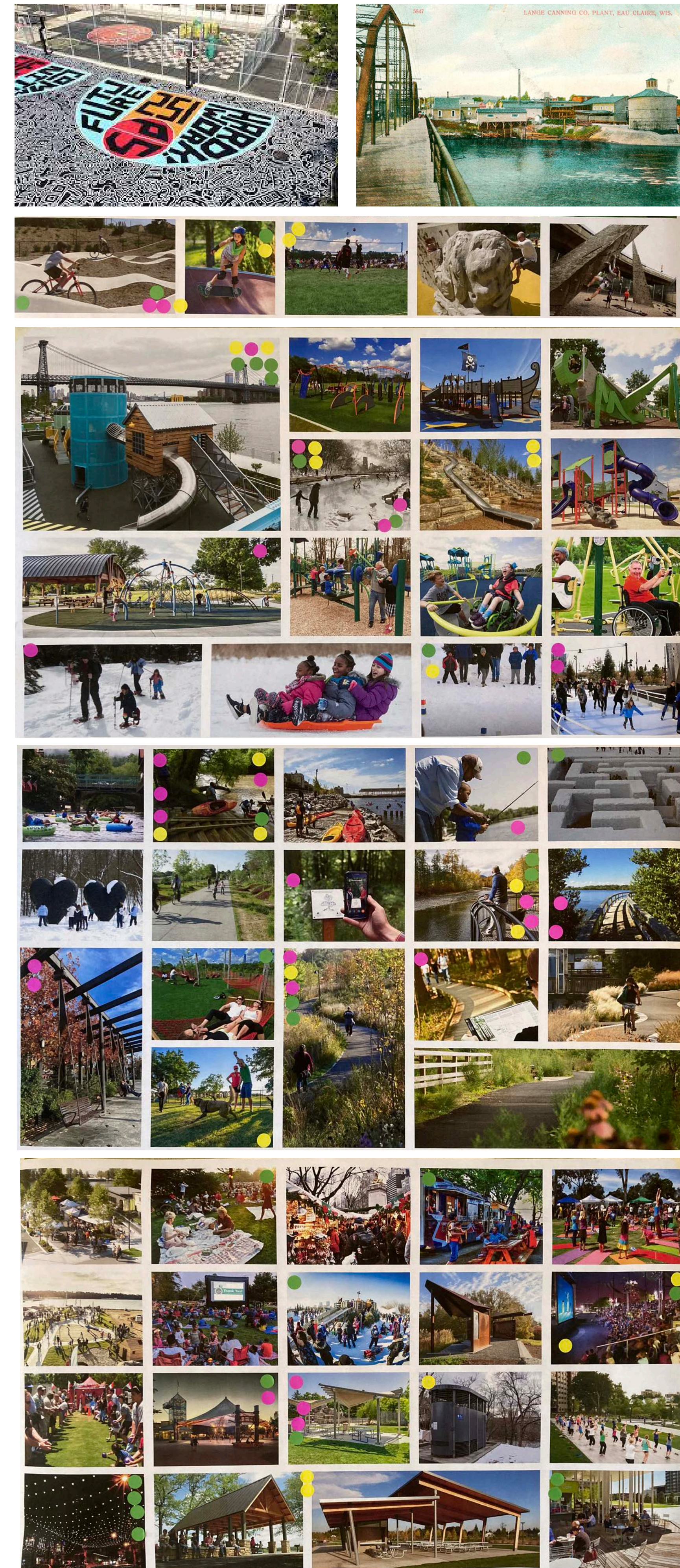
The New Park will replace functions of Kessler Park. Are there Kessler Park amenities that should be included in the new park (choose 3)?



Rank the PARK THEMES in order of your preferred Priority at Cannery.

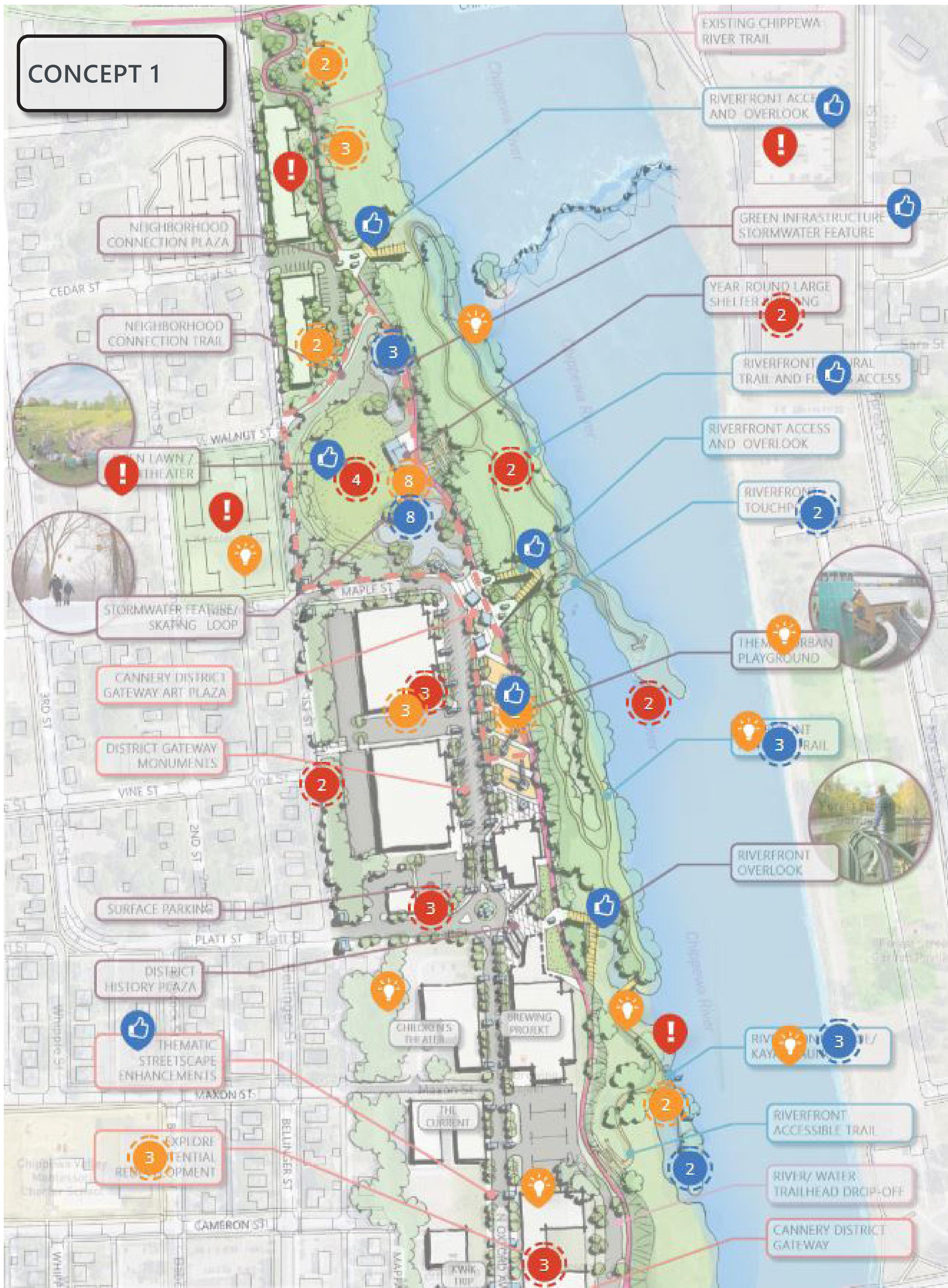


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CANNERY DISTRICT PARKS - ENGAGEMENT GROUPS SUMMARY

CONCEPT 1



CONCEPT 2



PREFERRED CONCEPT 2 W/ MODIFICATIONS

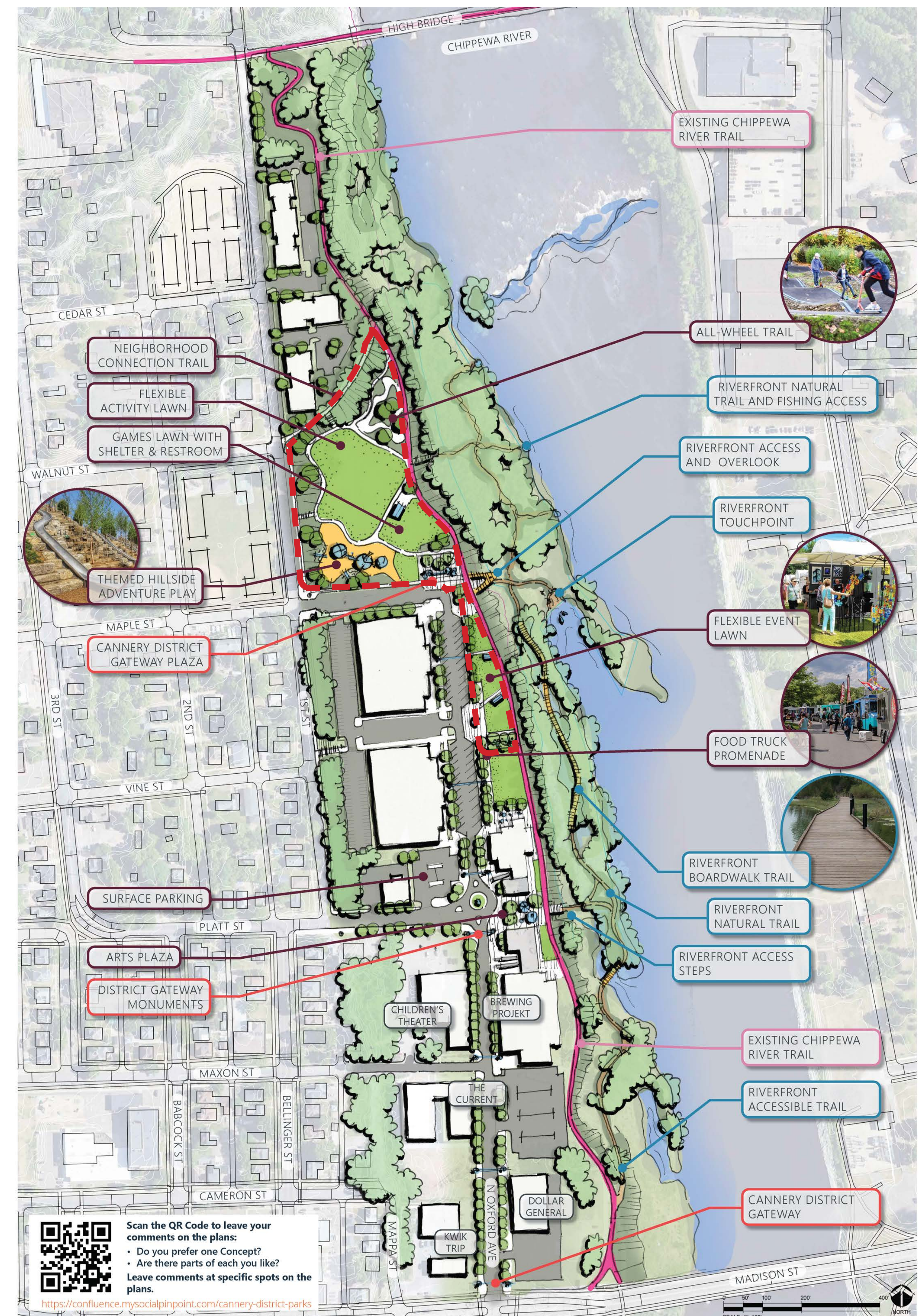
- ICE SKATING TRAIL INTEGRATION
- OVERLOOKS ALONG TRAIL
- EAST DOLLAR STORE - CANOE DROP-OFF LOT?

PHASE 1 KEY FEATURE PRIORITIES:

1. RIVER ACCESS, TRAIL, AND BOARDWALK
2. PLAYGROUND
3. RIVER OVERLOOK
4. PARK WALKWAYS
5. RESTROOM
6. LIGHTING, ELECTRICAL
7. GATHERING SHELTER
8. 1ST ST. HILL AND OPEN LAWN AREAS
9. SITE FURNISHINGS (BENCHES, WASTE, ETC.)
10. BRANDING/ SIGNAGE
11. ICE SKATING TRAIL
12. ALL-WHEEL SKATE FEATURE
13. BASKETBALL/ COURT FEATURE
14. PORTLAND LOO

OTHER CITY PROJECT IMPACTS:

1. STREETS - MAPLE ST. AND OXFORD
2. RE-DEVELOPMENT CONNECTIONS (WALKS)
3. RE-DEVELOPMENT STORMWATER
4. RE-DEVELOPMENT FILL (HILLSIDE)
5. AMBIENT INKS - DESIGN/ FUNCTION, GRAPHIC COURT
6. ARTS PROGRAM





CANNERY DISTRICT PARKS - PREFERRED CONCEPT PLAN

JANUARY 2022 CONFLUENCE AEC

