

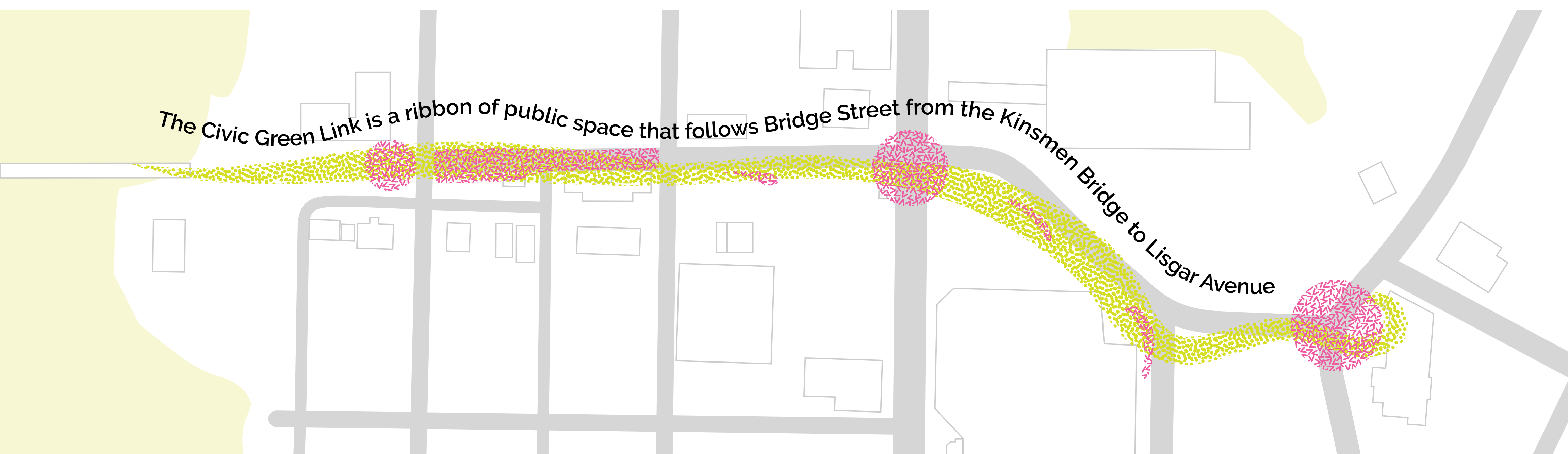
WHAT IS THE BRIDGE STREET STREETScape PLAN?

The streetscape plan will provide a long-term vision for the public realm along Bridge Street and create a foundation to guide future projects and studies that may happen in tandem with other development and Town initiatives.

THE VISION

Bridge Street is an important link to downtown Tillsonburg that supports public spaces and important cultural landmarks. **The street is deeply connected to the history of the Town, and with anticipated new development, it will be a vital part of Tillsonburg's future.** The streetscape concept envisions Bridge Street as a ribbon of vibrant and flexible public space that connects the Kinsmen Bridge with the future Town Hall on Lisgar Avenue. This ribbon weaves along the street, between existing spaces including Veteran's Memorial Walkway, Station Arts, the Clocktower Plaza, and a public plaza at Town Hall.

The concept - **the Civic Green Link** - supports all modes of transportation, with a focus on an improved pedestrian experience, dedicated space for cycling, and carefully considered updates to vehicle traffic flow and parking. It anticipates future development and works to provide a future-ready vision for the Town's public realm.



PROJECT GOALS

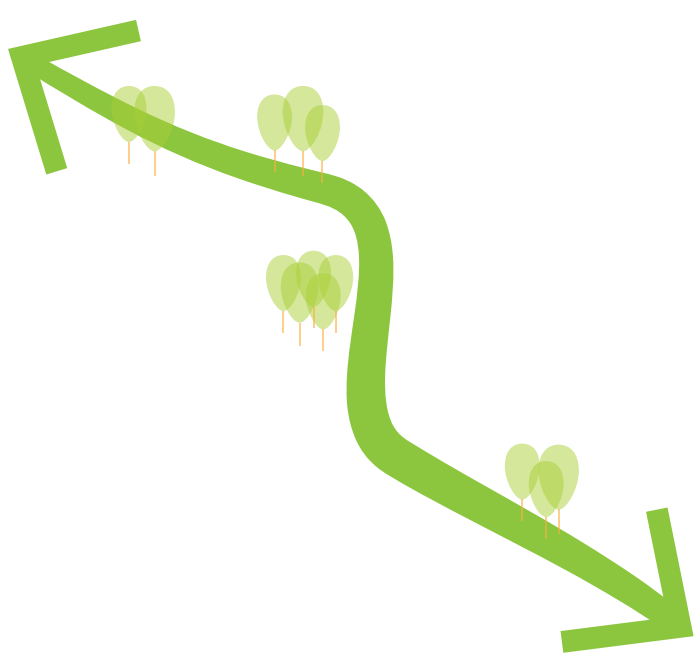
1. Establish an identify for Bridge Street that **creates a continuous experience** across its entire length, from the Kinsmen Bridge to Town Hall.
2. Create **functional, adaptable, and comfortable meeting spaces** which can accommodate large events and day-to-day, passive uses.
3. Integrate historic and cultural elements into the streetscape, **telling the story of Bridge Street** and the Town through the public realm.
4. **Integrate green spaces** and planting throughout the entire street.
5. **Improve services and infrastructure** to support future development and integration of sustainable technologies (e.g. low-impact design, stormwater management).
6. Support accessibility, ensuring that Bridge Street is **a safe and comfortable space for all users**.
7. Strategically provide appropriate resources, including parking, in locations that **enhance rather than restrict the public realm** and access to facilities.
8. Explore **how future development along the Bridge Street corridor can be integrated** to enhance the public realm.

BRIDGE STREET TERMINOLOGY



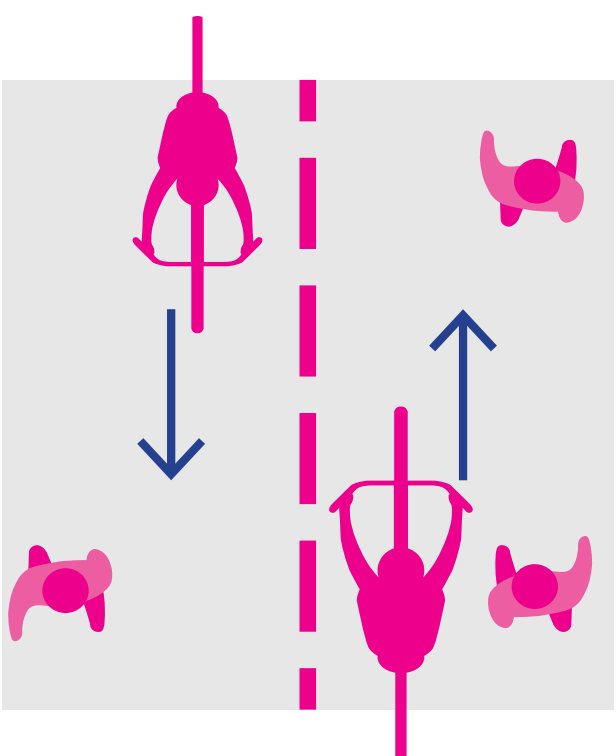
PUBLIC REALM

The publicly owned places and spaces that belong to and are accessible by everyone. These can include municipal streets, lanes, squares, plazas, sidewalks, trails, parks, open spaces, and civic buildings and institutions. It can be a passive environment, such as a small seating area, or an active environment, such as a bike lane, or a combination of both.



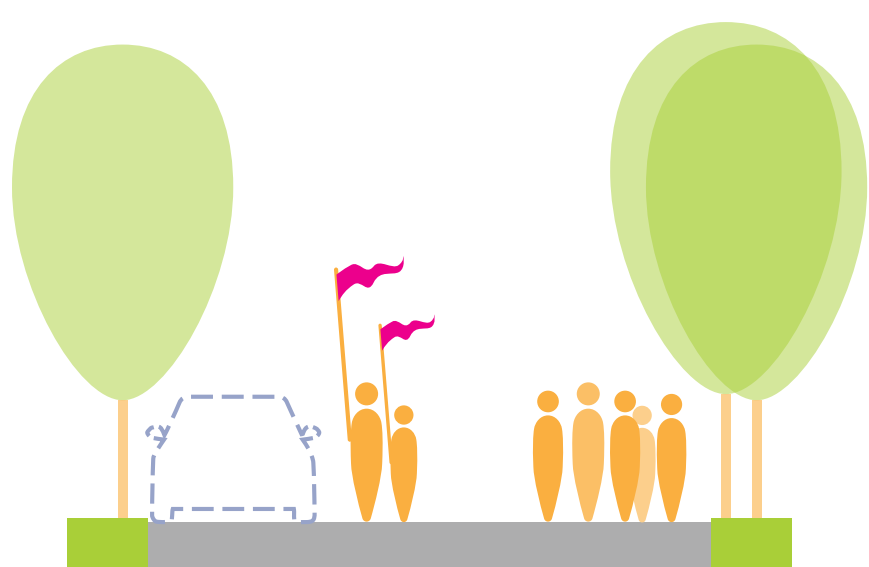
THE LINEAR PARK

A connected, continuous, and narrow band of public space that provides various amenities and functions along its length, including pathways, seating, and green space.



MULTI-USE PATH

A trail separated from road traffic that can accommodate shared use by a variety of active transportation users (i.e., walking, running, cycling, wheeling).



PEDESTRIAN STREET

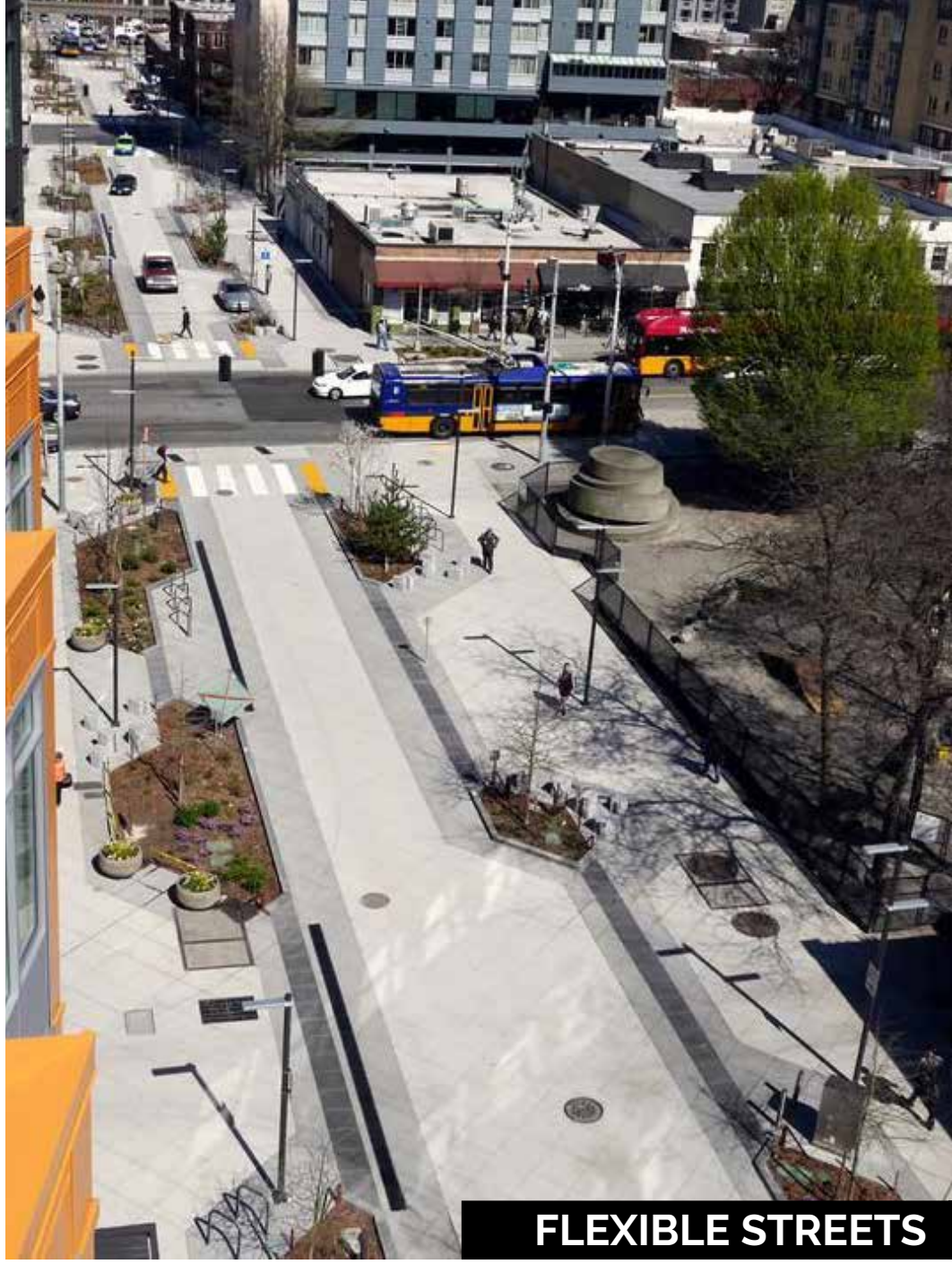
A section of road that can be closed to vehicles and support pedestrian-focused activities and events. For example, a road may be open to vehicles throughout the week and closed to traffic on the weekends for a market.



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Using your own power to get from one place to another. This includes: walking, cycling, skateboarding, rollerblading, jogging, using a non-motorized wheelchair, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing, among other self-propelled modes of transportation.

CHARACTER IMAGES



FLEXIBLE STREETS



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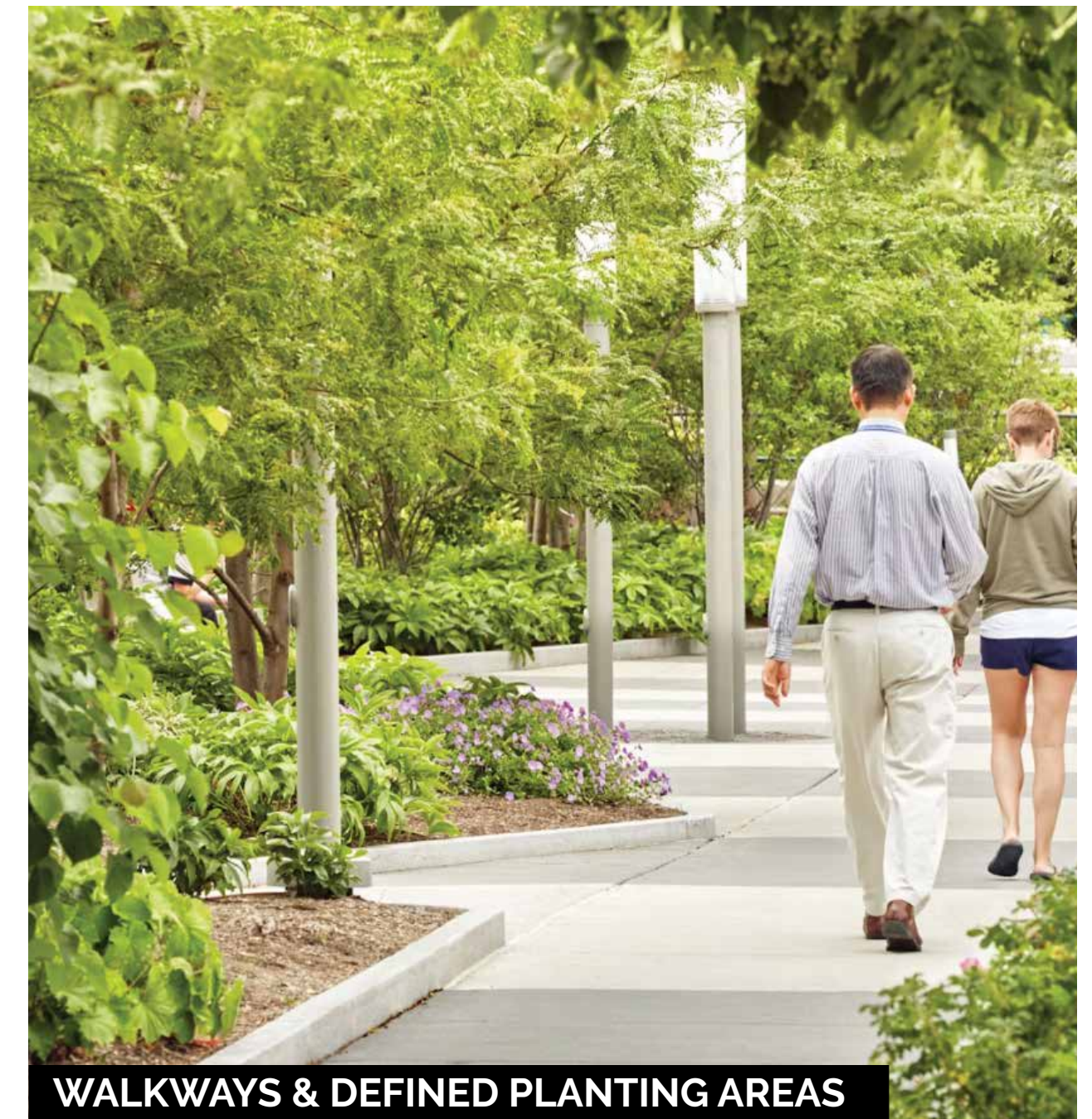
SHARED ROAD SPACES



PEDESTRIAN-FOCUSED PUBLIC SPACE



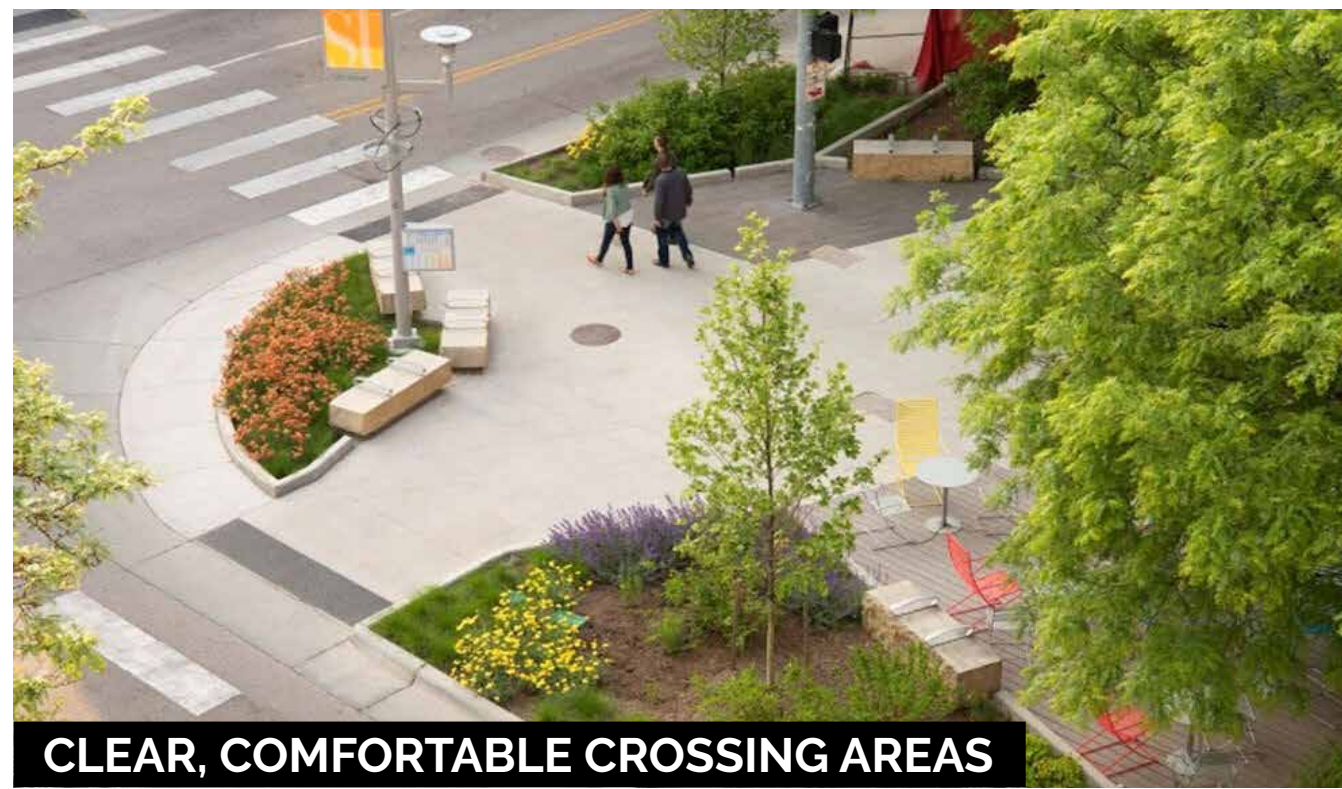
SEPARATED MULTI-USE PATHWAYS



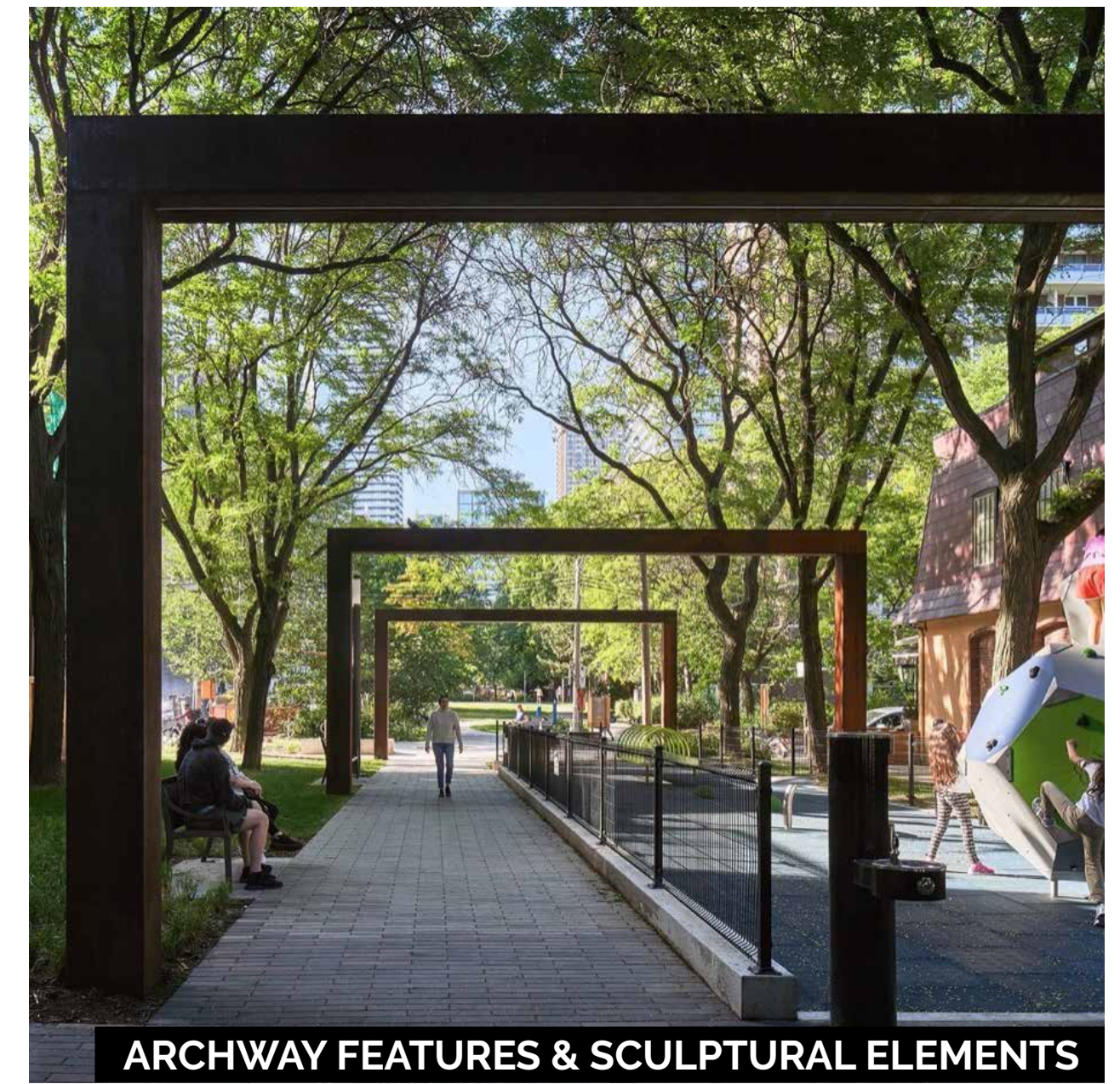
WALKWAYS & DEFINED PLANTING AREAS



PLAYFUL STREETScape FEATURES



CLEAR, COMFORTABLE CROSSING AREAS



ARCHWAY FEATURES & SCULPTURAL ELEMENTS



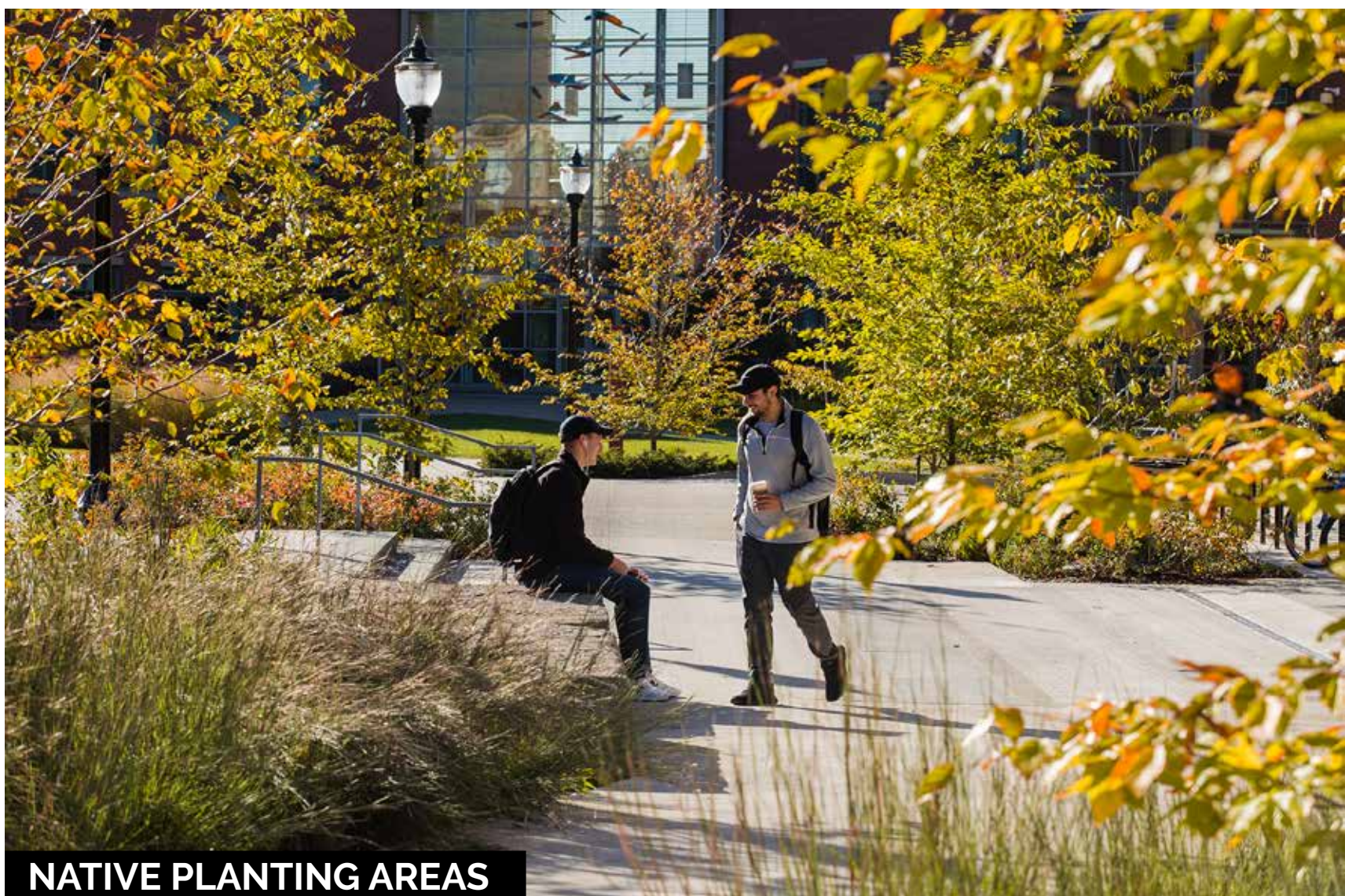
POLLINATOR PLANTING & GATHERING AREAS



INTERACTIVE PUBLIC ART



PLAYFUL STREETScape FEATURES



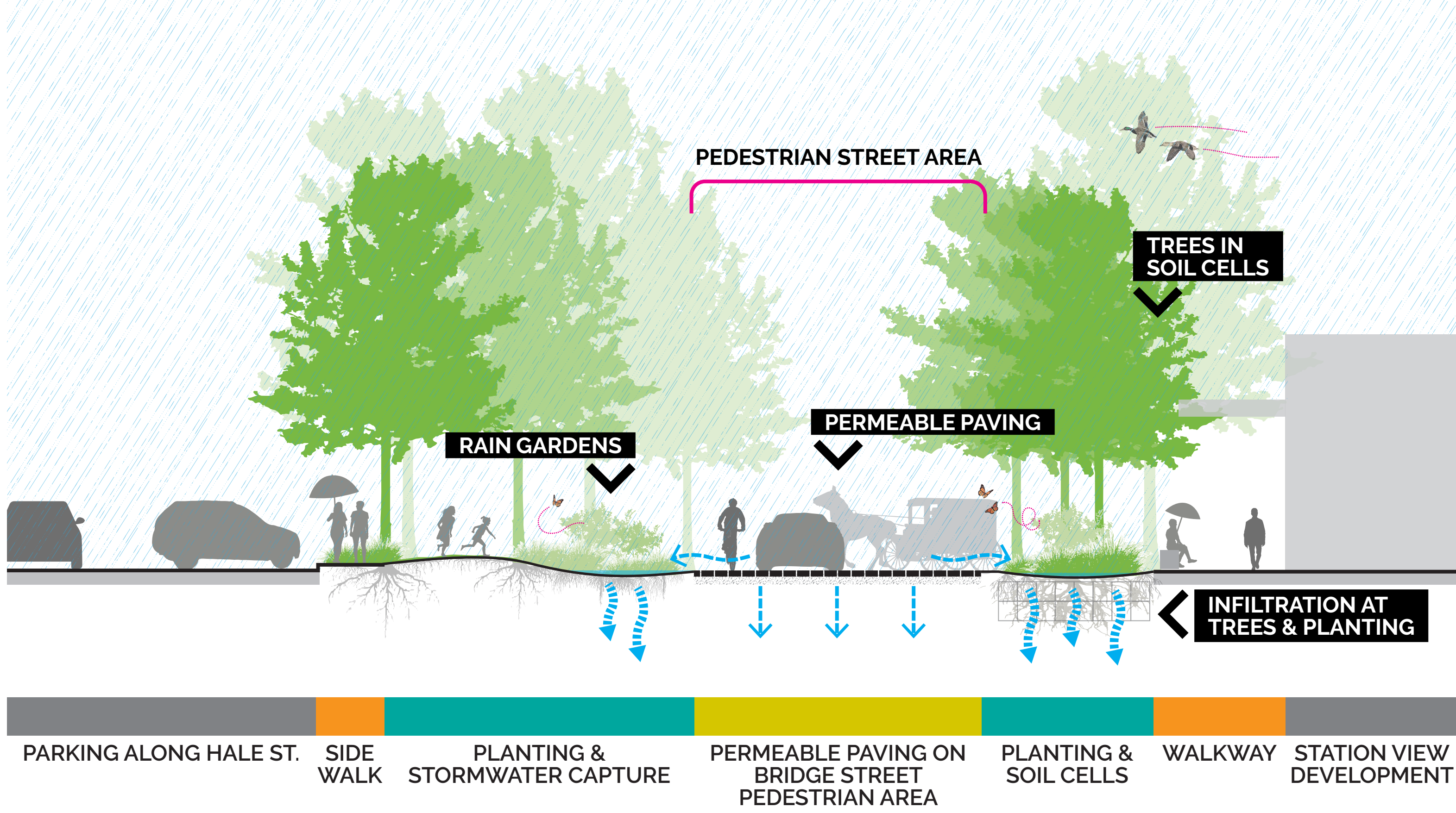
NATIVE PLANTING AREAS



INTERPRETIVE HISTORIC ELEMENTS

SUPPORTING ECOLOGY & LOW IMPACT DESIGN

STREET SECTION BETWEEN BIDWELL & ROLPH ST.



CAPTURING STORMWATER

The image at the left is a section through the potential Bridge Street streetscape between Bidwell and Rolph Streets.

The streetscape design provides an opportunity to capture stormwater through progressive, low impact development techniques and approaches. Along with current infrastructure (storm sewers), these techniques can increase infiltration into the soil and reduce runoff into nearby creeks and rivers.

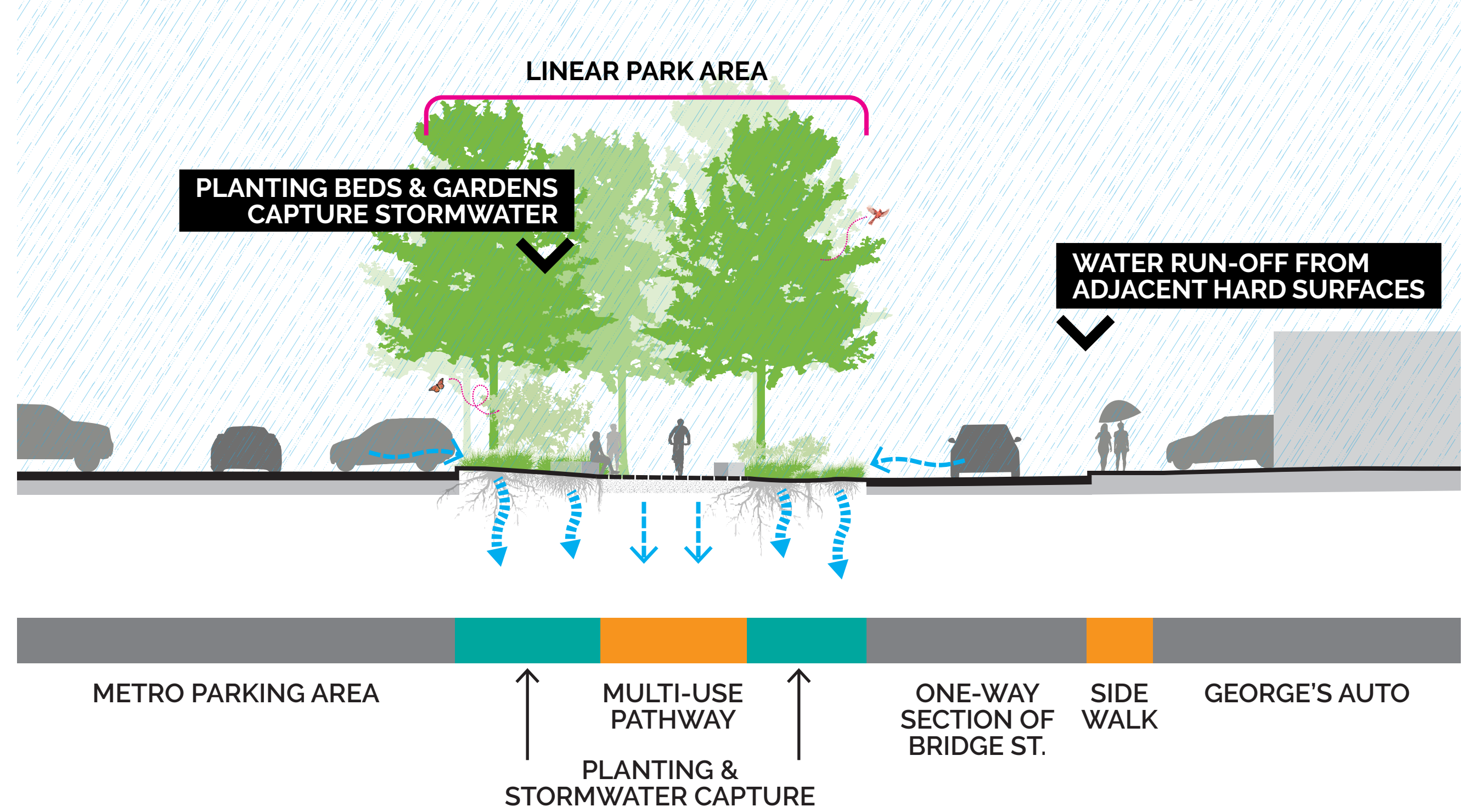
Water that runs off of roads, parking areas, and other hard surfaces can be captured in green areas, garden spaces and other areas. The green spaces that are created support both an improved streetscape experience and a more functional environment.

FUNCTIONAL GREEN SPACE

The image at the right shows a section through the potential Bridge Street streetscape at Bidwell Street, near George's Auto. In this condition, the linear park and multi-use pathway areas can be tools to manage stormwater through permeable paving, planting, and runoff capture.

The proposed approach to the streetscape design supports both stormwater infrastructure as well as improved ecological function. Planting and green space can provide a better experience for the people and wildlife that will use the space, supporting important natural processes.

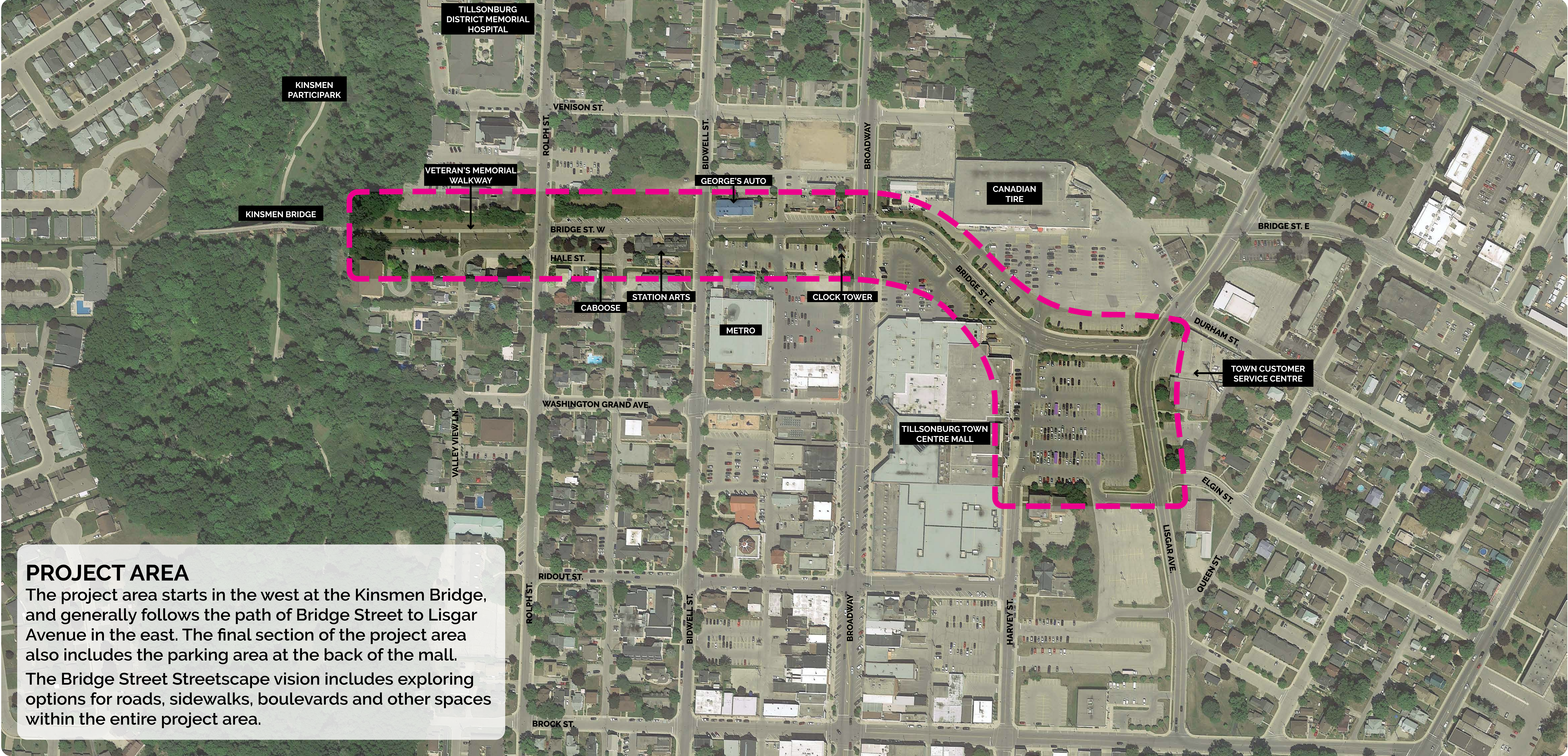
STREET SECTION BETWEEN BROADWAY & BIDWELL



EXAMPLES OF LOW IMPACT DESIGN & SUPPORTING ECOLOGY



EXISTING CONDITIONS



PROJECT AREA

The project area starts in the west at the Kinsmen Bridge, and generally follows the path of Bridge Street to Lisgar Avenue in the east. The final section of the project area also includes the parking area at the back of the mall. The Bridge Street Streetscape vision includes exploring options for roads, sidewalks, boulevards and other spaces within the entire project area.



VIEW FROM ROLPH ST. TO BIDWELL ST.



VIEW FROM BROADWAY, LOOKING EAST ALONG BRIDGE ST.



VIEW OF THE CLOCKTOWER AT BRIDGE ST. & BROADWAY

OVERALL BRIDGE STREET STREETScape PLAN

SECTIONS OF THE PROJECT

The project area is divided into four sections, shown below. Each section generally corresponds to an area between two streets, recognizing that there will be overlap and connections between various sections.



SECTION 1:

Focus on the connection between the Kinsmen Bridge and Bridge Street, creating a park space, a multi-use pathway, new seating, interpretive spaces, and a small gathering space: Veteran's Memorial Plaza. A connection across Rolph Street is also included.

SECTION 2:

Introduction of a pedestrian street that can be easily closed for events between Rolph and Bidwell St. The flow of traffic is also proposed to be one-way, moving from Broadway to Rolph St. Throughout this section, features include improved function and use for markets or other events, a multi-use pathway, and the beginning of a linear park space on the south side of Bridge St. This section also include improvements to the plaza at the corner of Bridge Street and Broadway, creating a "Gateway Plaza".

SECTION 3:

A linear park and multi-use path is created on the south side of Bridge St., continuing from the previous section. The road is also narrowed, reducing the left turn lane, with the goal of slowing vehicle traffic and increasing safe crossings for pedestrians. At the intersection of Bridge and Lisgar Ave., a gathering space is also proposed at the future Town Hall location, creating a terminus to the overall linear park.

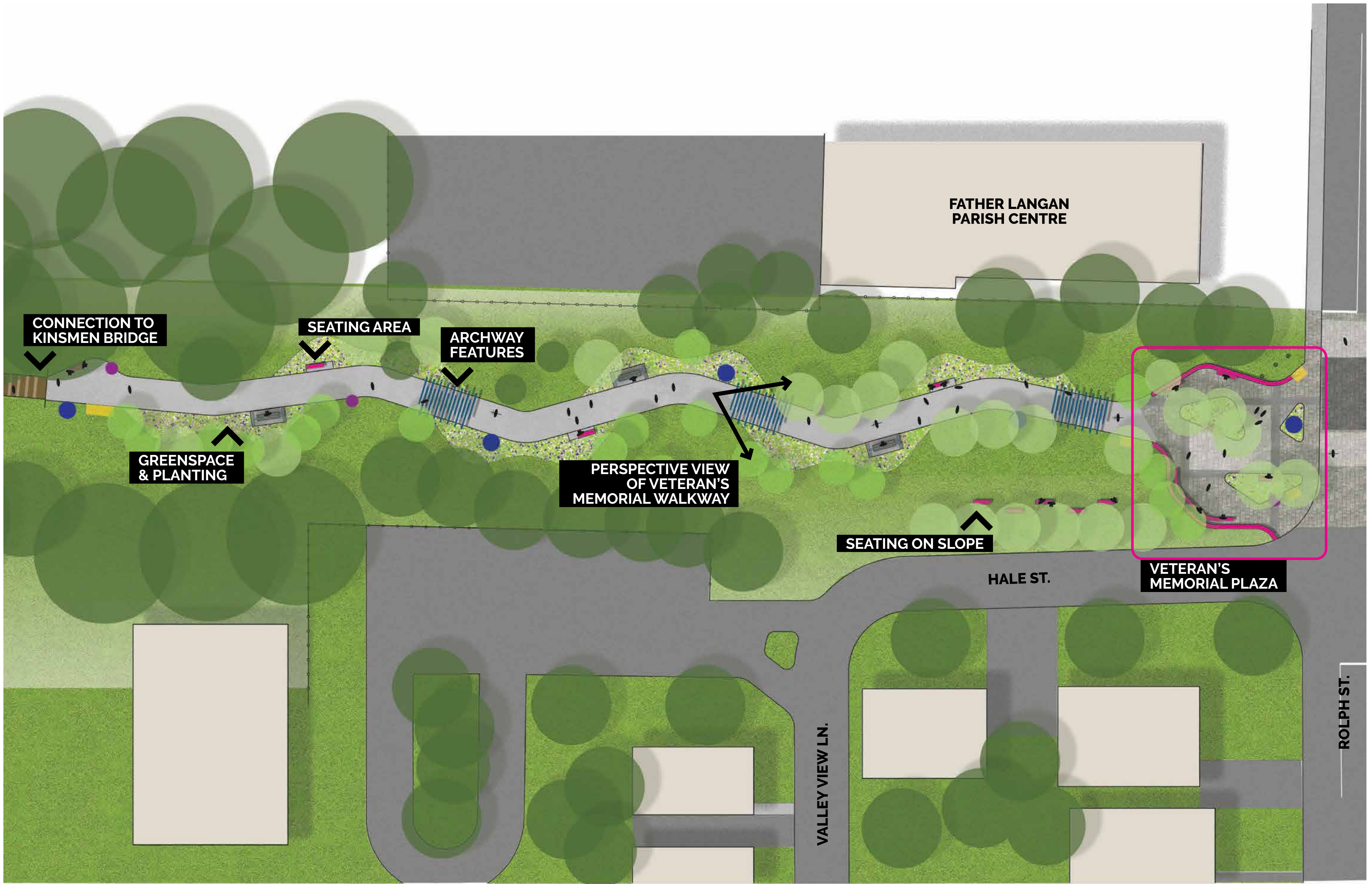
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VETERAN'S MEMORIAL WALKWAY & PARK

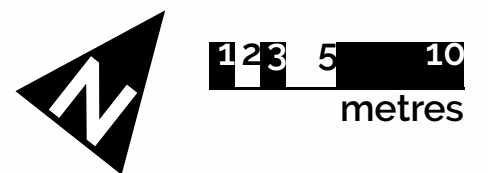
SECTION 1

KINSMEN BRIDGE TO ROLPH ST.



LEGEND

	ART/SIGNAGE		PROPOSED TREE
	WASTE RECEPTACLE		EXISTING TREE
	BOLLARDS		CONCRETE PAVERS
	SEATING		CONCRETE
	BIKE RACK		PEOPLE
	SHADE STRUCTURE / ARCHWAY		

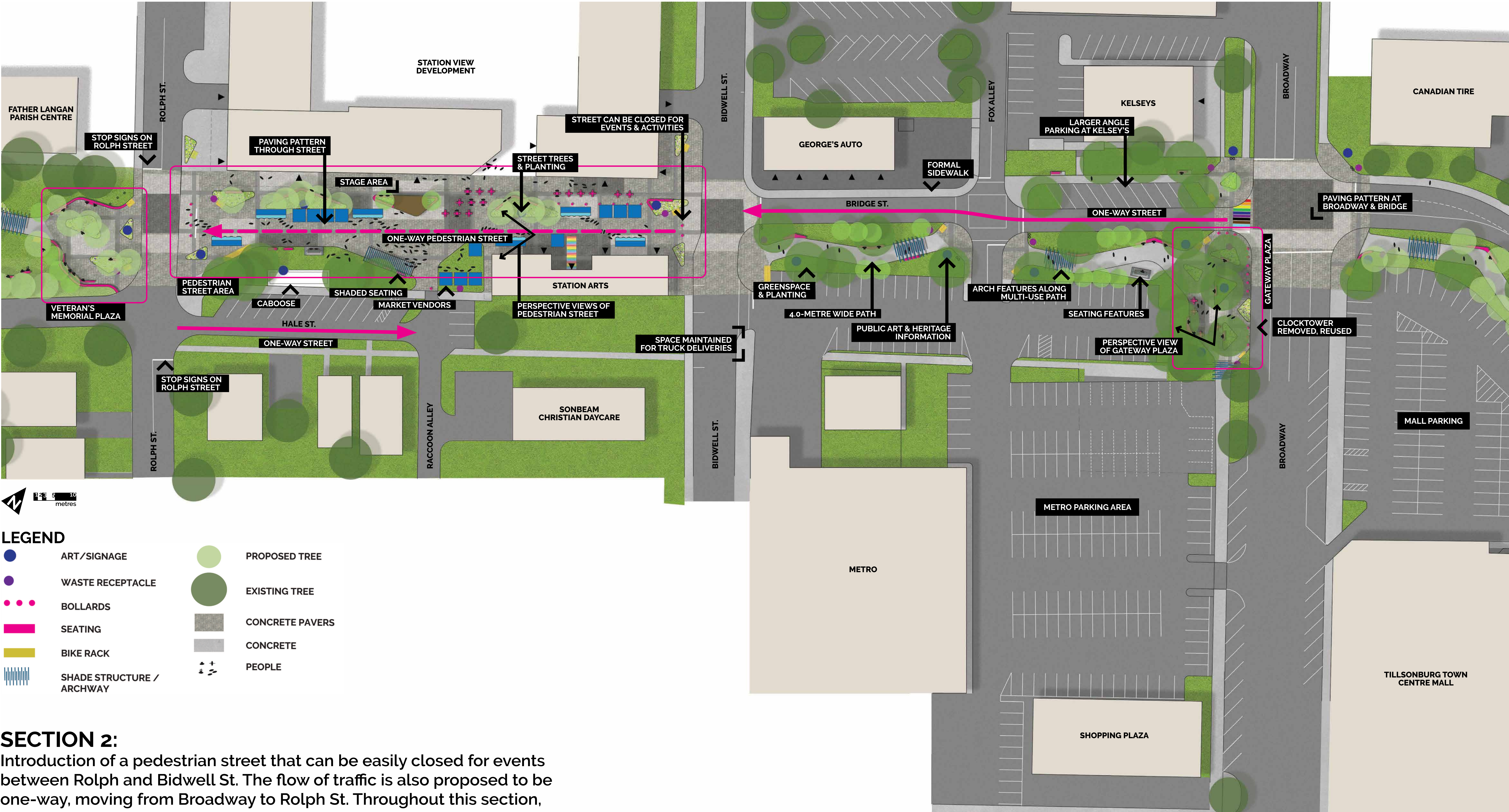


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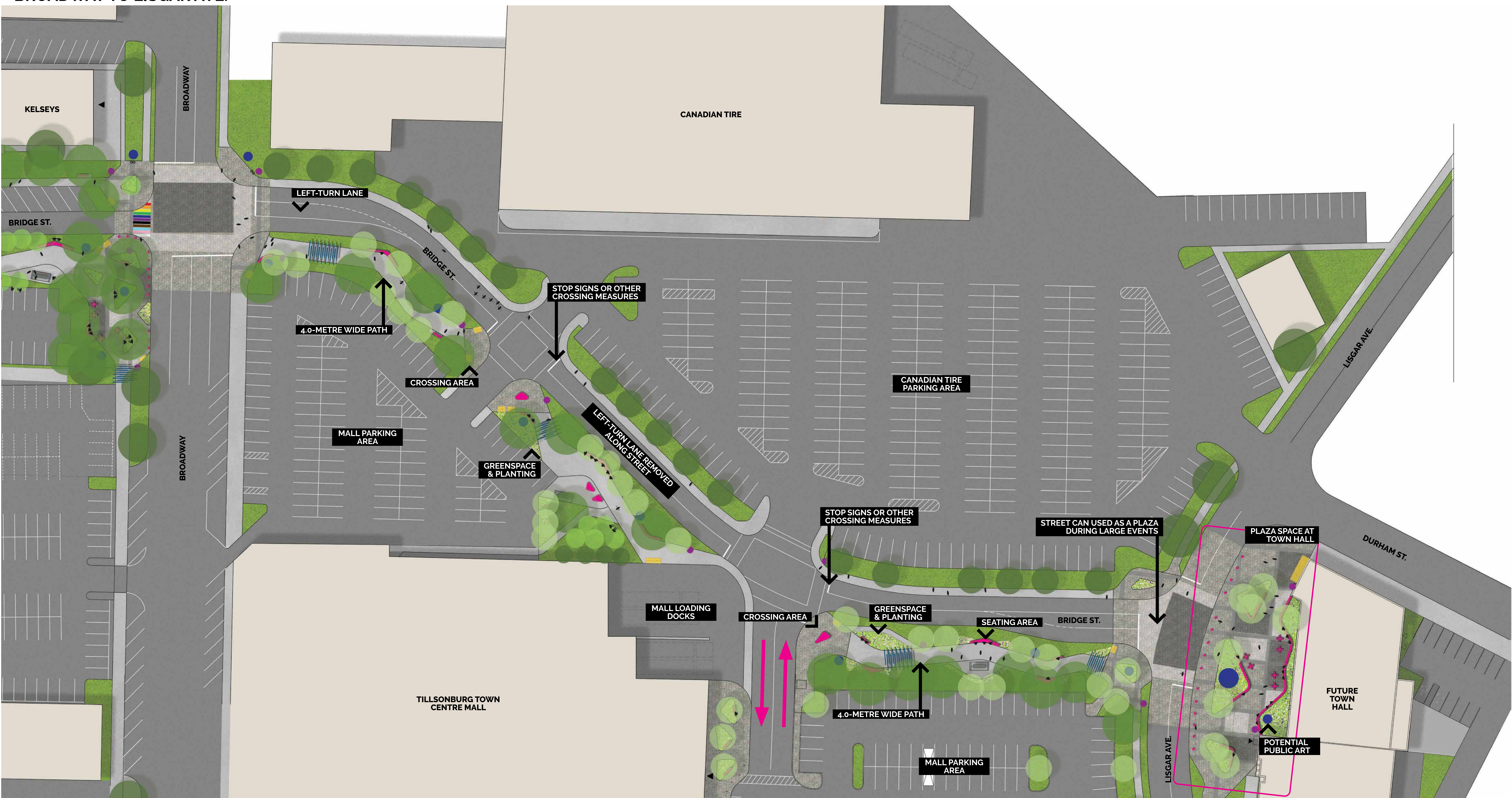
BRIDGE ST. PEDESTRIAN STREET & ONE-WAY ROUTE

ROLPH ST. TO BROADWAY



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BROADWAY TO LISGAR AVE.

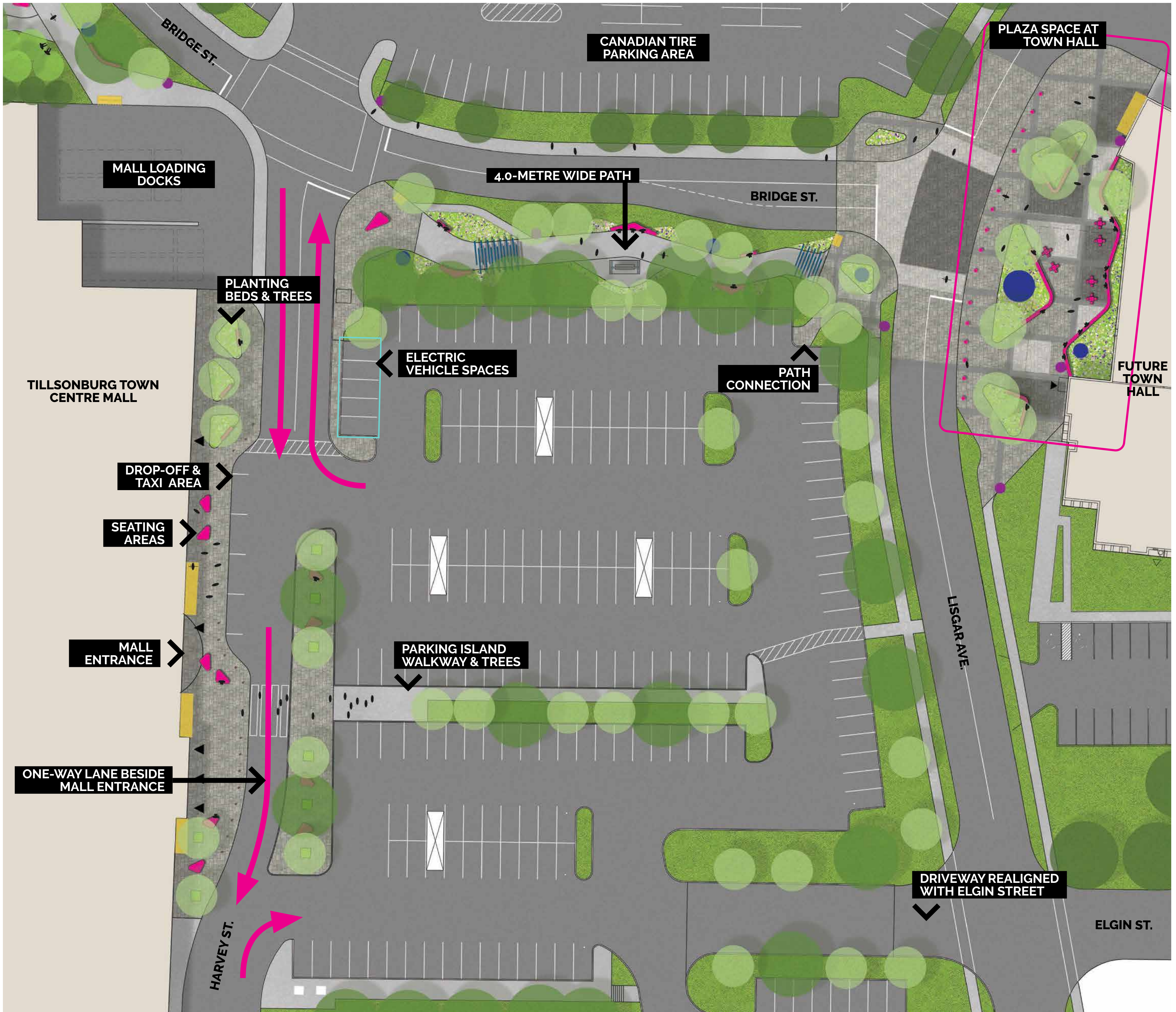


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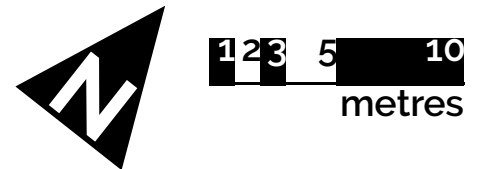
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HARVEY STREET & MALL PARKING



LEGEND

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|--|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
|  | ART/SIGNAGE |  | PROPOSED TREE |
|  | WASTE RECEPTACLE |  | EXISTING TREE |
|  | BOLLARDS |  | CONCRETE PAVERS |
|  | SEATING |  | CONCRETE |
|  | BIKE RACK |  | PEOPLE |
|  | SHADE STRUCTURE / ARCHWAY | | |



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MARKET ON BRIDGE ST. AT STATION ARTS



SHADE CANOPY/ARCHWAY FEATURE

CABOOSE

VETERAN'S
MEMORIAL WALKWAY

SEATING SPACES

NATIVE PLANTING,
STORMWATER CAPTURE,
TREES IN SOIL CELLS

SPACE FOR MARKETS,
VENDORS & EVENTS

PERFORMANCE STAGE

SEATING AREAS

PERMEABLE PAVING THROUGH STREET

EVERYDAY ON BRIDGE ST. AT STATION ARTS



SHADE CANOPY/ARCHWAY FEATURE

CABOOSE

VETERAN'S
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URBAN PLAY ELEMENTS

PARKING SPACES

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VEHICLE & ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION LANE

SEATING AREAS

PERMEABLE PAVING THROUGH STREET

VISION FOR VETERAN'S MEMORIAL WALKWAY



COVERED CANOPY/ARCHWAY FEATURE
RECALLING THE HISTORIC RAIL LINE

SEATING ON SLOPE

OPEN LAWN SPACES

URBAN PLAY ELEMENTS
& SEATING AREAS

POLLINATOR PLANTING

MULTI-USE PATHWAY

VISION FOR A GATEWAY PLAZA AT BRIDGE ST. & BROADWAY



SEATING SPACES

MULTI-USE PATHWAY

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NATIVE PLANTING & STORMWATER CAPTURE

PERMEABLE PAVERS THROUGHOUT PLAZA

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