



Hamilton

SAM LAWRENCE PARK MASTER PLAN

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

March 26, 2019

5:30pm – 7:30pm

AGENDA

Project Background

Purpose of the Meeting

Master Plan Process

Site Context

Site Assessment and Conditions Review

Next Steps

Questions / Comments

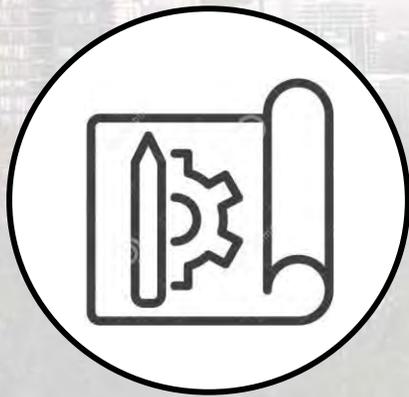
THE PROJECT

- An important first step in considering existing and future uses of the park.
- A Master Plan has not been undertaken in over 30 years



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A MASTER PLAN?

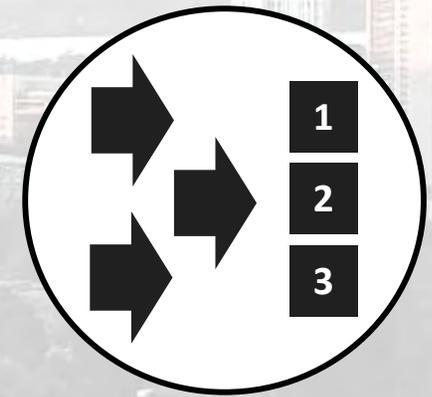
The Master Plan is an important planning tool for shaping our parks and provides the opportunity to:



- *Frame a planning vision'*



- *Allow ideas to be heard*



- *Set a direction for future works*

Essentially ... A 'blueprint' for future park improvement projects and careful allocation of funding

PROJECT MASTER PLAN PROCESS

WE ARE HERE

MILESTONE	ANTICIPATED TIMELINE
<i>Initiate</i> the project	Winter 2018
<i>Compile</i> inventory / analysis, existing conditions, site history	Spring 2019
<i>Generate</i> criteria for success	Spring 2019
<i>Establish</i> vision / goals / objectives	Spring 2019
<i>Develop</i> and <i>evaluate</i> alternative design concepts	Summer 2019
<i>Select</i> preferred Master Plan design concept	Summer / Fall 2019
<i>Prepare</i> Master Plan report	Winter 2019
<i>Adopt</i> the Master Plan (Public Works Committee)	Spring 2020

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



- Advisory Group Meetings



- Public Meetings
- 'Pop-up' Display at community events



- Website Updates



- Surveys



- Walking Tour

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK

FEBRUARY 2019: HAMILTON BULLDOGS HOCKEY GAME; LIME RIDGE MALL WINTER WALK

Enjoy the views **Add drinking fountains**
Patio with a view **Wedding photos** **Use native plants**
Add a playground **Picnic tables**
More seating areas **A place to kick a ball**
Pedestrian connection over Jolley Cut
Beautiful garden displays **Ice skating rink**
Tourist destination **Improve trail lighting**
Better pathway connections **Watching fireworks**
Improve parking **Music in the park** **Dog park**

KEY OUTCOMES

The Master Plan report will include:

- ***Guidelines*** for open space planning and park management;
- Park ***design concept***;
- ***Action plans*** to guide future capital improvements;
- High level capital project ***cost estimates***

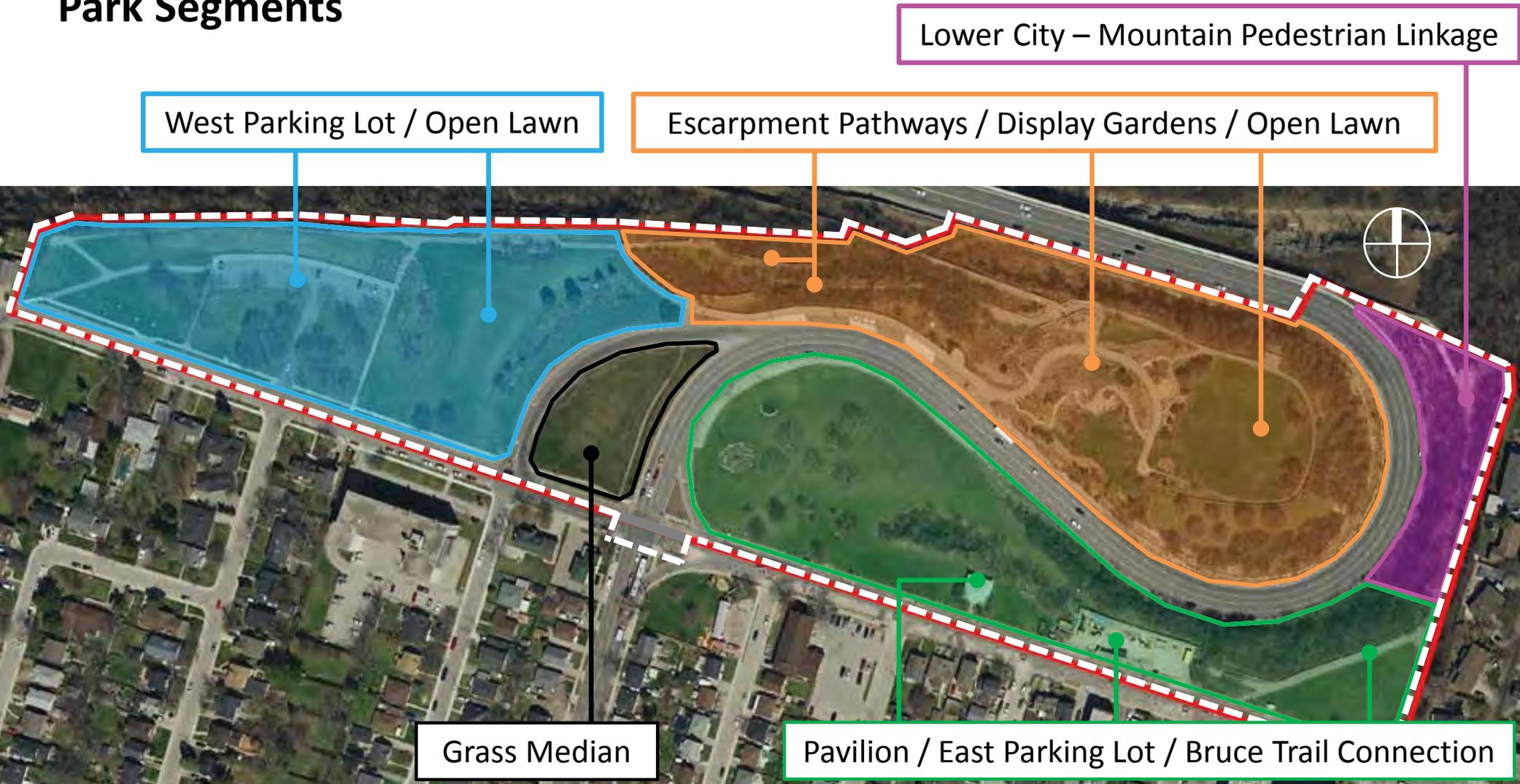
STUDY AREA / PLANNING CONTEXT

- 7.53 ha (18.6 ac) in size
- *Cultural Heritage Landscape*
- *City-Wide* park designation
- Straddles Wards 7 and 8



PARK SPACES

Park Segments





PARK FEATURES

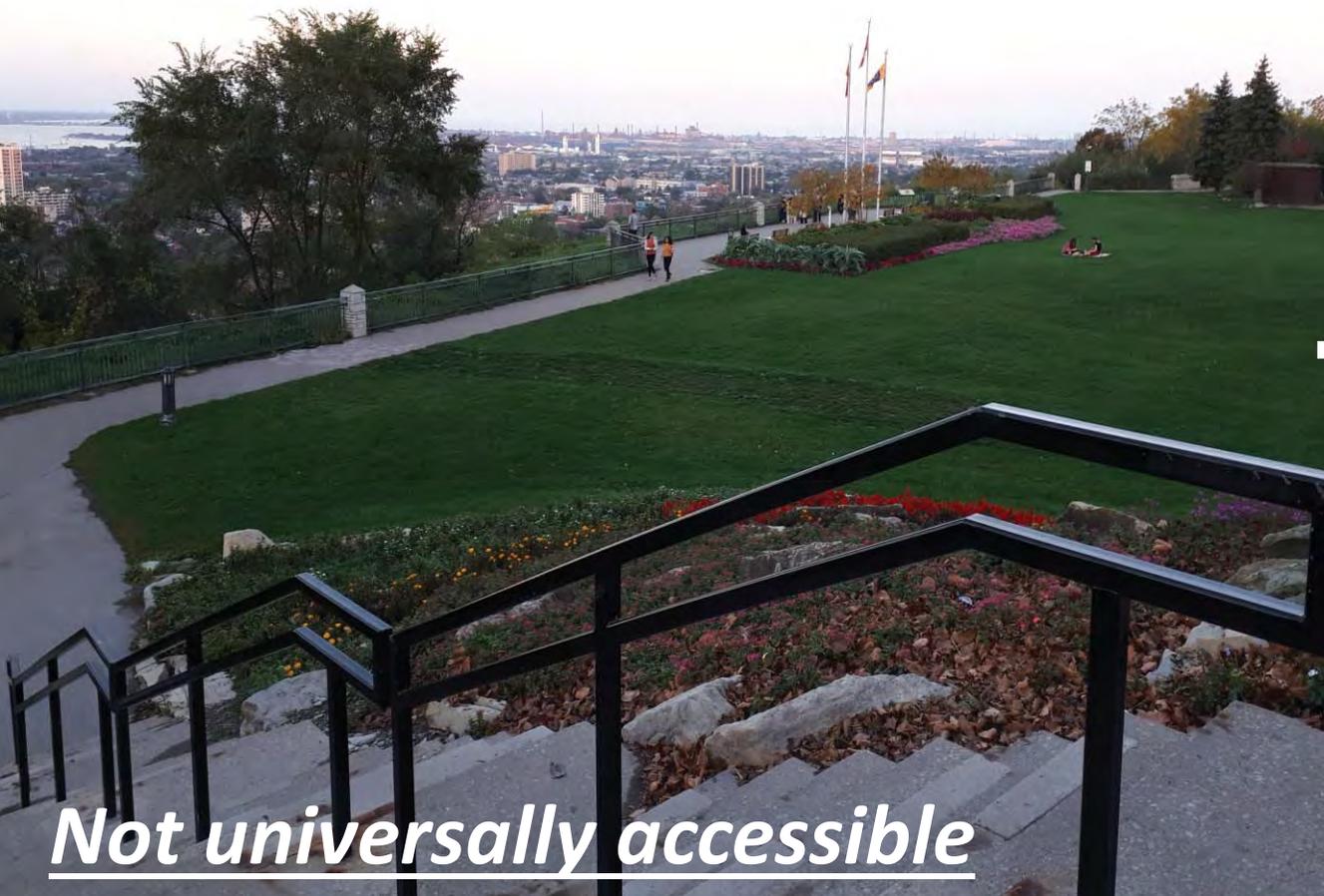
PARK FEATURES

Panoramic views



PARK FEATURES

Varying Topography



PARK FEATURES

Horticultural Display Gardens



PARK FEATURES

Open Green Space



Underutilized open lawns

PARK FEATURES

Bruce Trail Network Connections



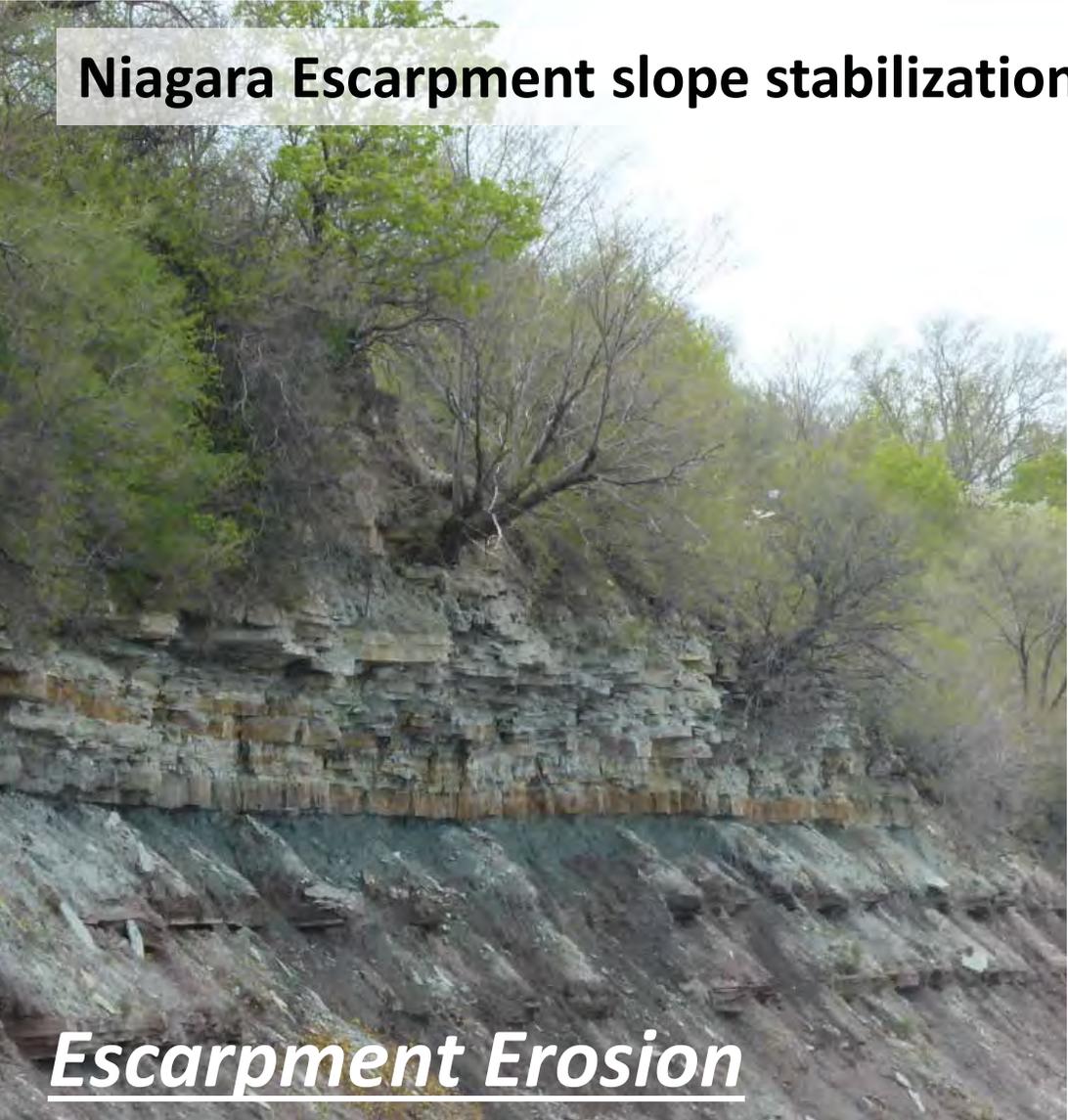
Perceived safety concerns

An aerial photograph of the Hamilton city skyline, featuring numerous high-rise buildings and a dense urban area. In the foreground, a park with green trees and a stone balustrade is visible, suggesting a scenic overlook. The overall image has a soft, slightly hazy quality.

PARK ASSESSMENT & CONDITIONS

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Niagara Escarpment slope stabilization



Escarpment Erosion



PARK ASSESSMENT & CONDITIONS

Deterioration of the multi-level pathway system



Failing walkway



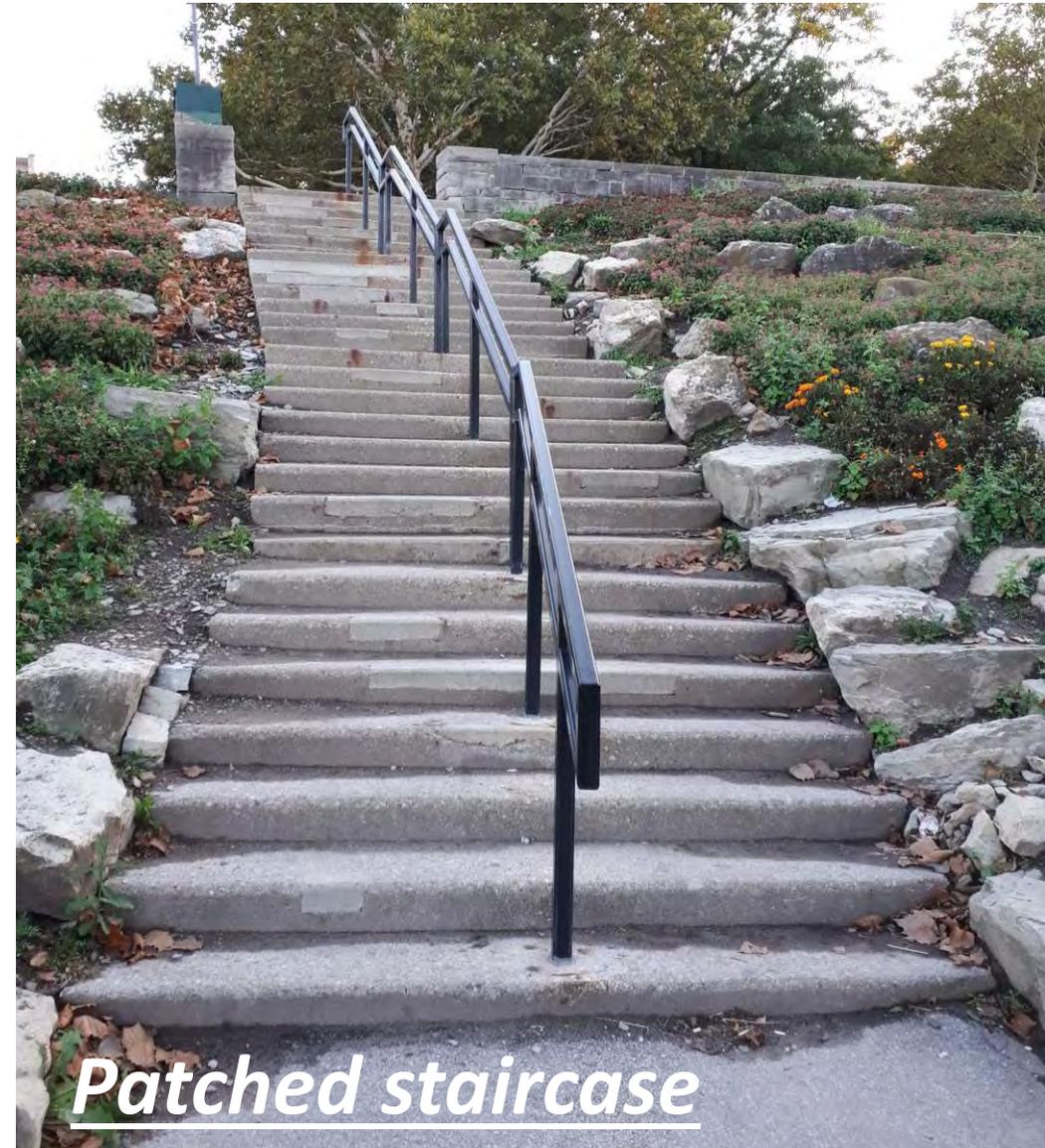
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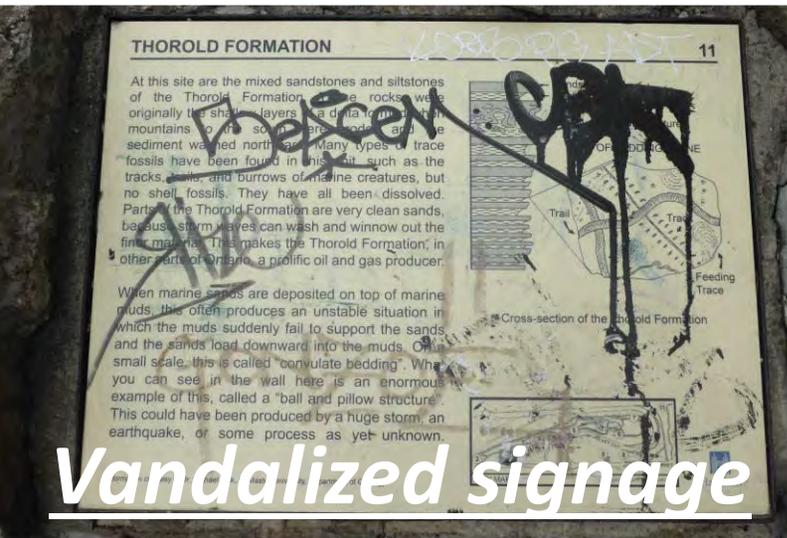


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Deterioration of other park features



Patched staircase



Vandalized signage



PARK ASSESSMENT & CONDITIONS

Assessment of existing facilities



Parking lot capacity



Pavilion use



*Parking lot movement /
circulation*



*Need for parks
maintenance shed /
washroom facilities?*

PARK ASSESSMENT & CONDITIONS

Current and future traffic patterns at the intersection

Can we rethink the current intersection configuration?

*Underutilized
grass median*

OTHER ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Other issues to address

New
Facilities?

Barrier-free
Design

Tourism / Tour
Bus Parking?

Park Safety

Views / Vistas

Parking /
Vehicular
Circulation

Historic
Integrity

Active /
Passive Open
Space

Wayfinding /
Pedestrian
Circulation

OTHER ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Others? ...

... we want to hear from you!

COMPLETE A USER SURVEY!



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NEXT STEPS

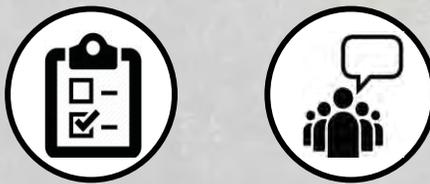
NEXT STEPS

SPRING 2019:



- User survey
- Advisory Group meetings
- Park walking tour – early May

SUMMER 2019:



- Pop-up display booth at summer festivals
 - Review park design concept alternatives
 - Select a preferred park design concept



QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

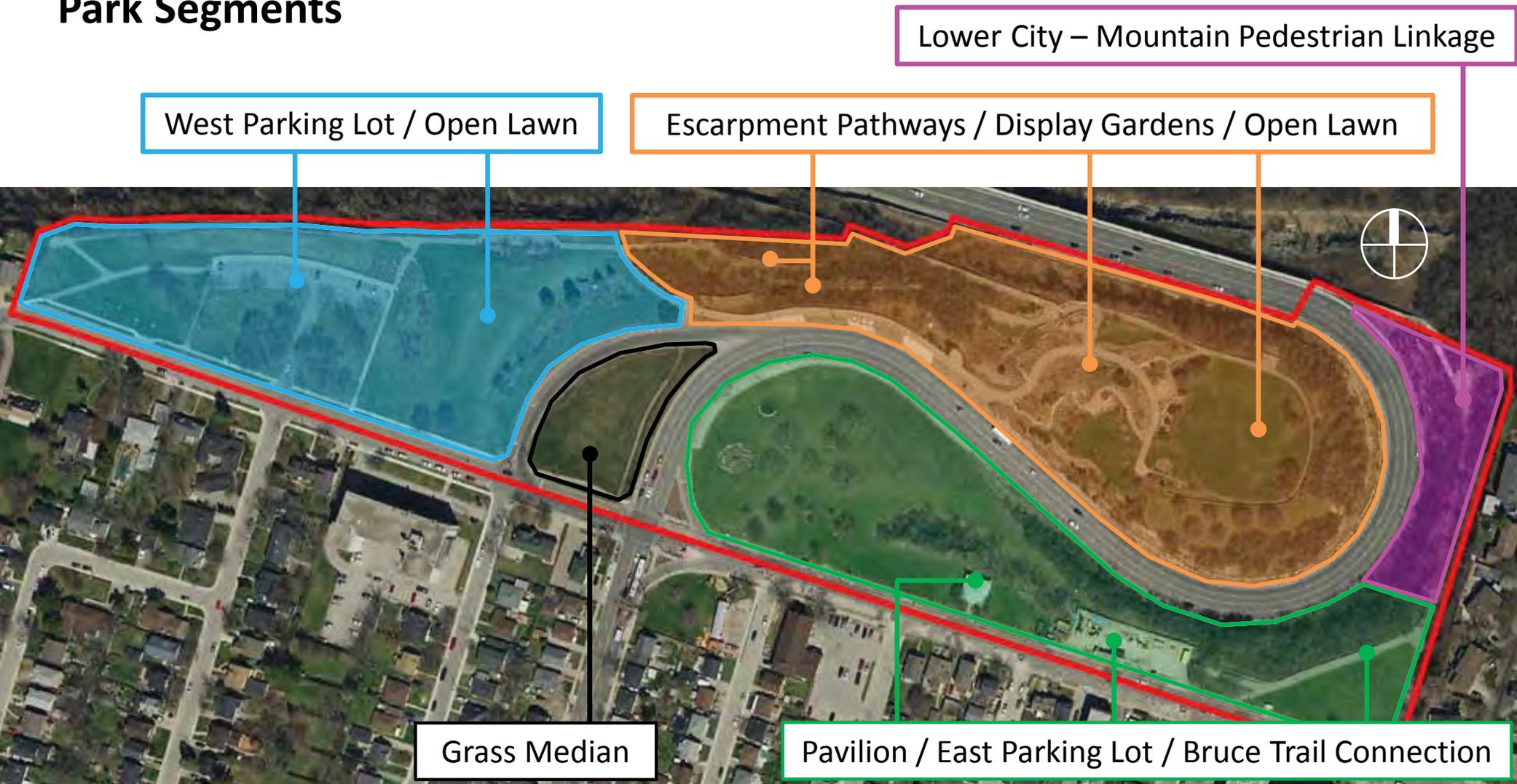


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ISSUES / CONCERNS

Discussion Topics / Questions:

- Failure of walkways: inaccessible, safety concerns
- Escarpment slope stability: safety concerns, geotechnical concerns
- Park features (lighting, signage, furnishings) at end of life-cycle
- Does the park remain a park for 'passive' uses? Is there a need for more active uses? (playground, dog park, programmed field space?)
- Does the park need new facilities? (public washrooms, storage space, tour bus turning loop?)
- How can we better-connect spaces through pedestrian circulation?
- Can we rethink the Jolley Cut / Concession Street intersection?