



Hamilton

# MOUNTAIN DRIVE PARK MASTERPLAN

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# PURPOSE OF A MASTERPLAN

A Masterplan is a  
PLANNING TOOL  
used to:



Establish a vision  
for future park  
improvements



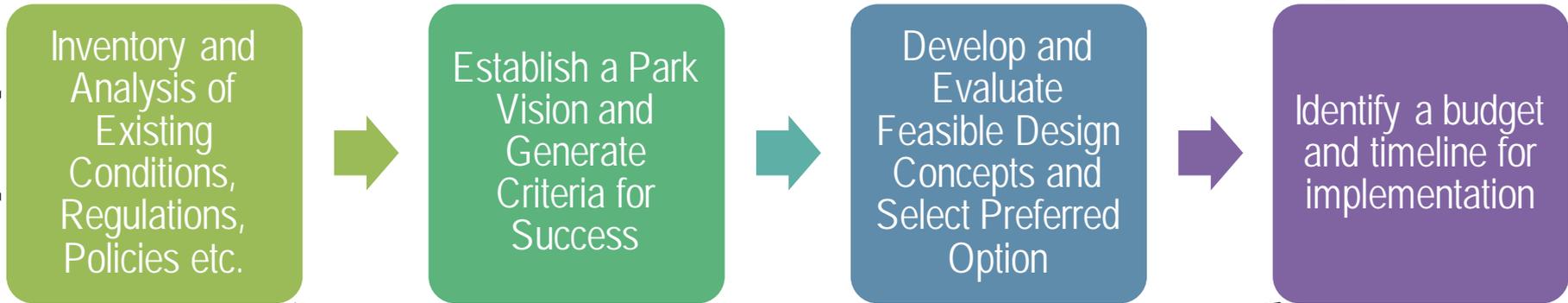
Identify a budget



Identify a timeline  
for implementation

# COMPONENTS OF A MASTERPLAN

Receive Community, City Staff  
and Stakeholder input



# MASTERPLAN EXAMPLE



## Proposed Park Improvements

### General Enhancements

- Improved paving
- New lighting strategy
- New furnishings (benches, bins, etc.)
- New interpretive/ way-finding signage
- Repair masonry walls, railings and steps
- Update servicing as needed

### Mobility

- 1 • Multi-use path w/ cycling infrastructure
- 2 • Improvements to the Concession St. & Jolley Cut intersections
- 3 • New barrier free pedestrian pathways
- 4 • Improve sense of arrival for Bruce Trail

- 5 • New food truck access
- 6 • Relocate east parking lot
- 7 • Replace west parking lot with on-street parking
- 8 • Decommission lower pathway

### Gardens & Open Space

- Rejuvenate existing gardens and plantings
- 9 • New gardens associated with new pathways
- 10 • Plant street trees along Concession St.
- Tree succession plan
- Invasive plant species management

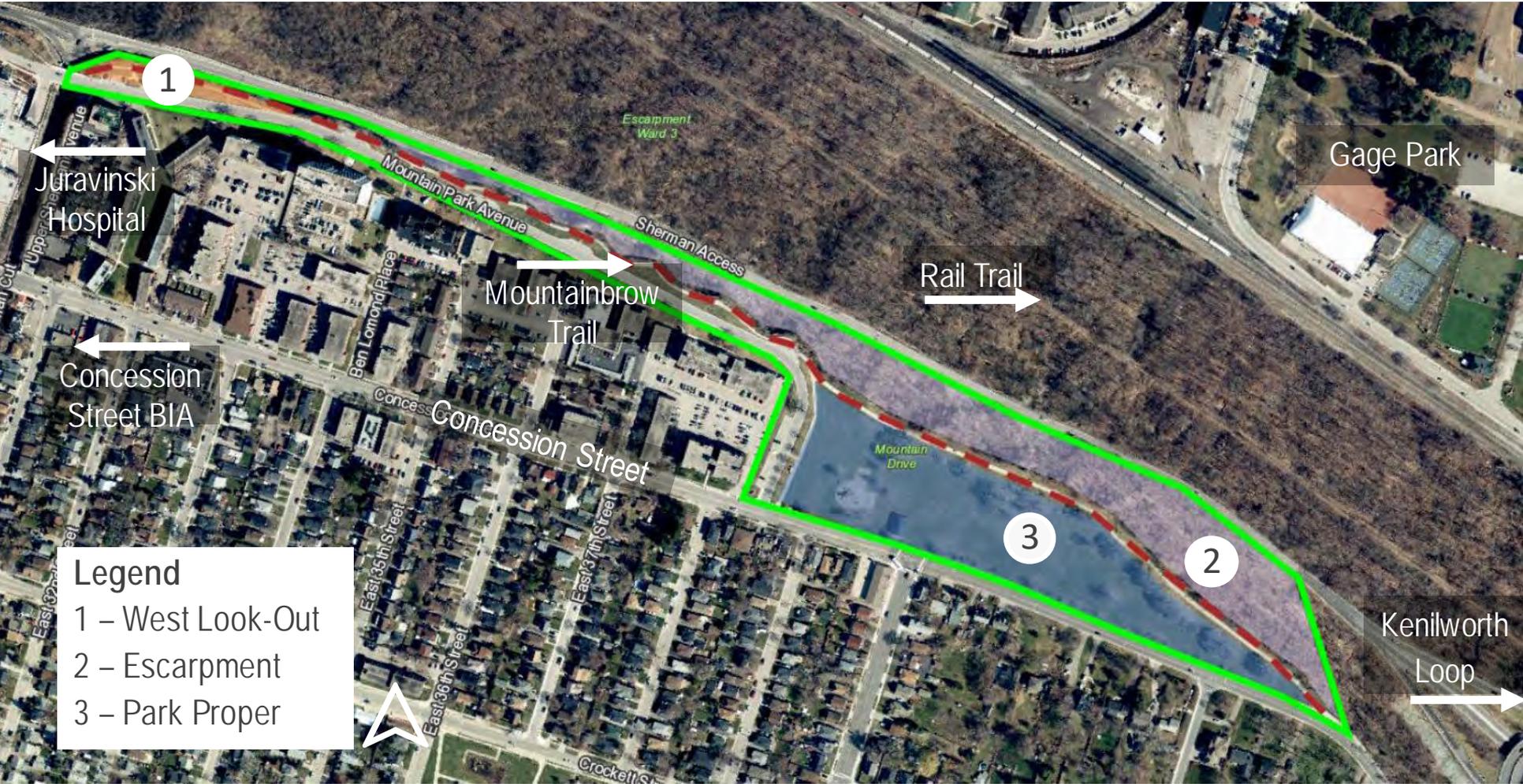
- 12 • Amphitheatre seating
- 13 • Flat lawn (potential festival area)
- 14 • Expand existing west tree grove
  - Native gardens replace lawn on steep slopes
- 15 • Maintain memorial daffodil garden
- 16 • Replace/ relocate annual gardens
- 17 • Cluster of deciduous trees in traffic median

### Structures

- 18 • Bridge connection over Jolley Cut
- 19 • Park sign
- 20 • New facility building (maintenance and

- 21 • Existing pavilion to be relocated
- 22 • New observation deck with amenities
- 23 • Play moments throughout park
  - Public art opportunities

# BOUNDARY AND CONTEXT



# EXISTING PARK FEATURES



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*Image courtesy of Marc Kirouac*



*Image courtesy of Dani Rob*



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# WHAT WE'VE DONE AND WHERE WE ARE

## Mountain Drive Park Masterplan Timeline

Establish Task Force Committee and On-going Meetings	January, March, April and July 2021
Inventory and Analysis including relevant studies (geotechnical, CPTED review with Hamilton Police, surveys)	February – March 2021
Stakeholder Engagement (internal staff, external stakeholders, task force, community, ACPD)	February – October 2021
Establish Project Vision and Priorities, and Creation of Development Options	April – September 2021
 Evaluate Development Options and Select Preferred Option	July – September 2021
Prepare Masterplan Report	July – December 2021
Finalize Masterplan Report and make available to the Public	December 2021

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

November  
2020

- Call to residents to serve on the Mountain Drive Park Task Force
  - Meetings held in January, March, April and July 2021
  - Meetings minutes, presentations, Q&A available on project web-page

March  
2021

- Launch of Survey #1 "Inventory and Analysis" (closed March 23, 2021)
  - Installation of site poster
  - Launch of mail drop (~7,000 recipients)
  - Advertisement on City's social media platforms

Aug. – Sept.  
2021

- Launch of Survey #2 "Park Improvements" (closes September 30, 2021)
  - Site poster, mail drop, advertisement on social media
  - Public Information Centre, September 09, 2021

# SURVEY #1 RESULTS

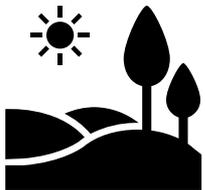
76% of survey respondents visit the park a few times a month (46%) or daily (30%)



63% of survey respondents walk to the park, the remaining majority bike (17%) or drive (17%)

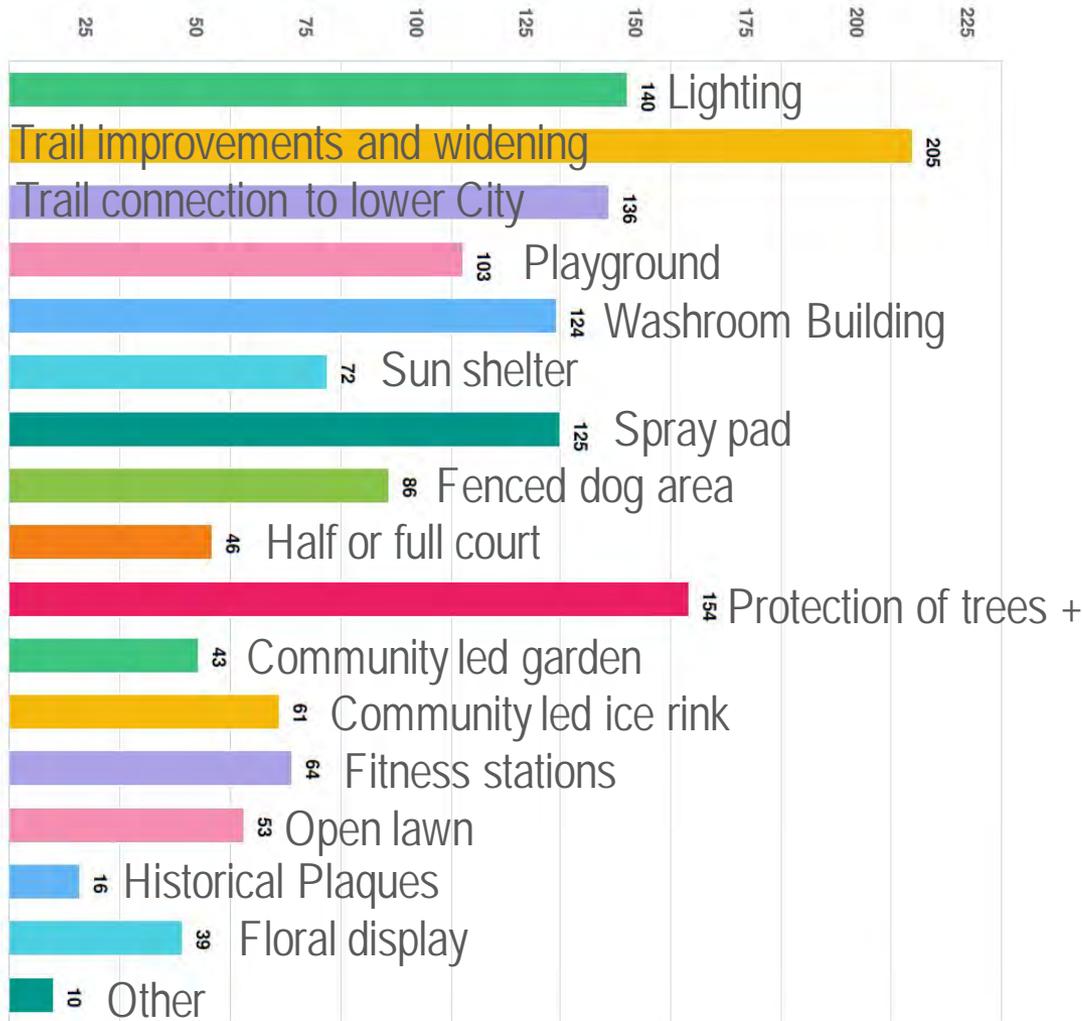


68% of survey respondents supported the removal of 1 or more lay-by parking areas while 32% did not support the removal of any parking areas



The top three existing elements most valued about the park are the trail system (#1), the views (#2), and the mature trees (#3)

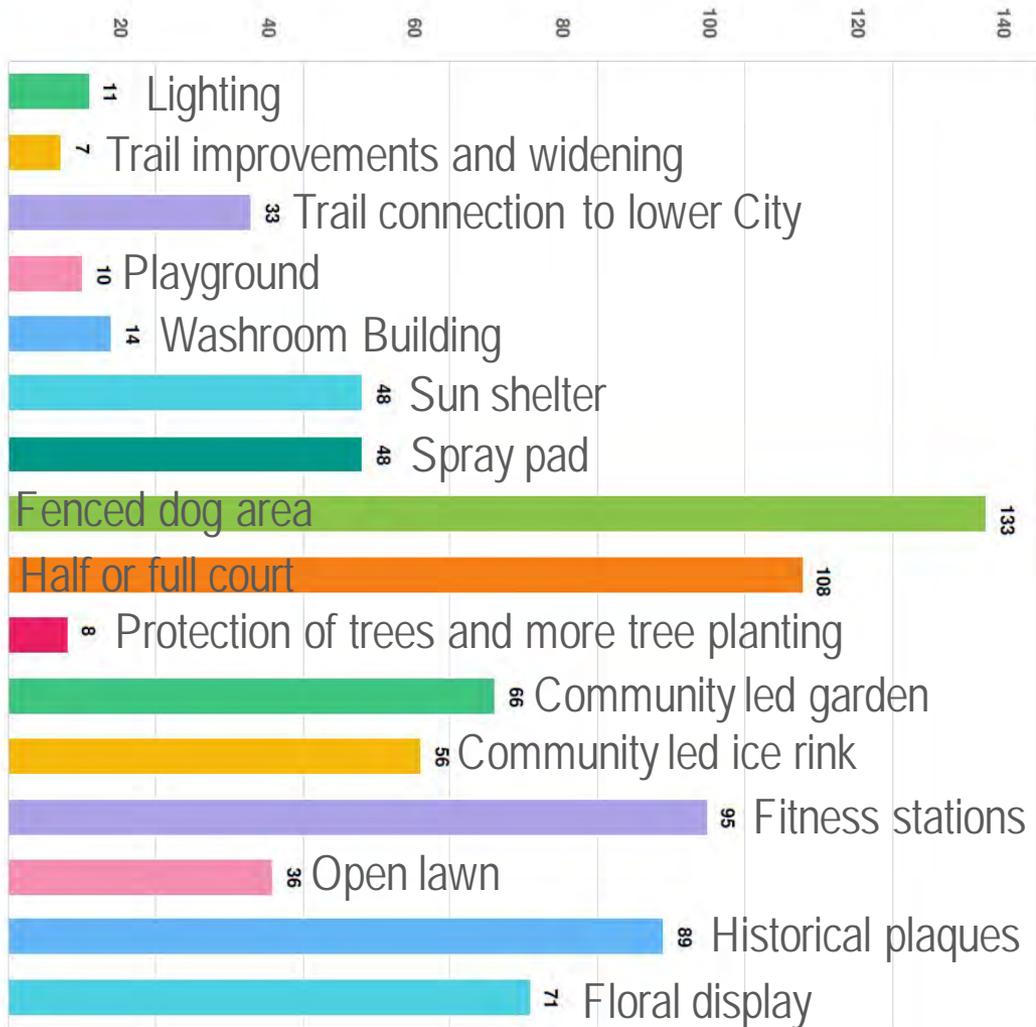
# SURVEY #1 RESULTS



The amenities survey respondents **MOST** wanted to see improved and / or added are:

- #1. Trail system improvements
- #2. Protection of mature trees and tree planting
- #3. Lighting
- #4. Trail connection to lower city
- #5. Spray pad and washroom building

# SURVEY #1 RESULTS

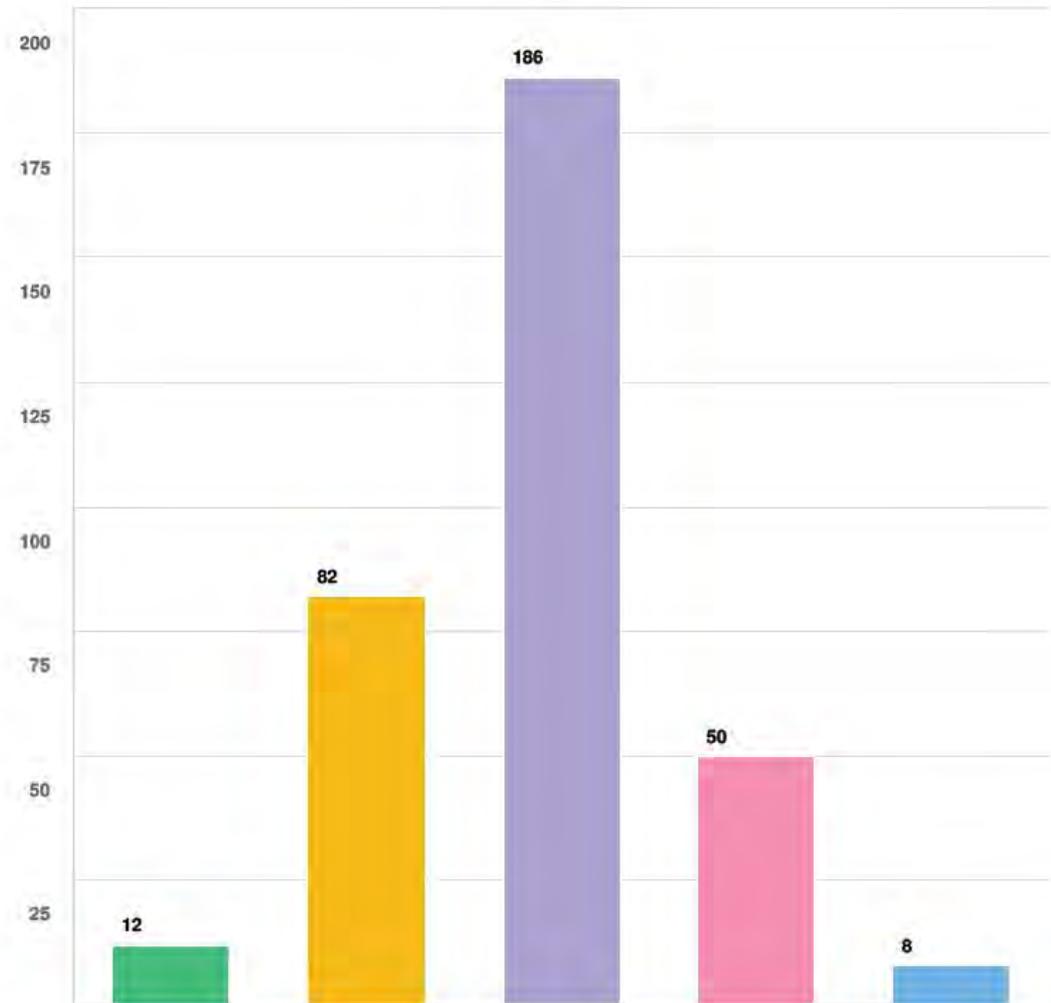


The amenities survey respondents LEAST wanted to see improved and / or added are:

- #1. Fenced in dog area
- #2. Half court or full court (basketball, ball hockey)
- #3. Fitness stations
- #4. Historical plaques
- #5. Floral display

# SURVEY #1 RESULTS

Over 50% of survey respondents indicated that they want to protect the mature trees and passive feel of the park and would like to see the existing elements improved with one or two additions that are active



# VISION STATEMENT

Protect the natural beauty and passive feel of the park through conservation, while enhancing access and opportunities for inclusive recreation and play.

Protect the passive feel of the park, mature trees and viewsheds to provide a place of respite for the community.

Enhance trail connectivity and accessibility within the park and to the broader community and ensure people come first to create a place for all to safely enjoy.

Introduce one or two active elements that are inclusive, and respect and pay homage to the natural beauty of the park and be mindful of potential impacts to the natural environment and people.

# COMMUNITY PRIORITIES



- Trail system i.e. lookouts with binoculars, trail widening and pedestrianizing Mountain Park Ave., loop path, etc.
- Biodiversity, tree planting and groupings
- Playground accessibility, challenge and inclusivity
- Sun shelter
- Washroom building
- Other: enhance park identity using history

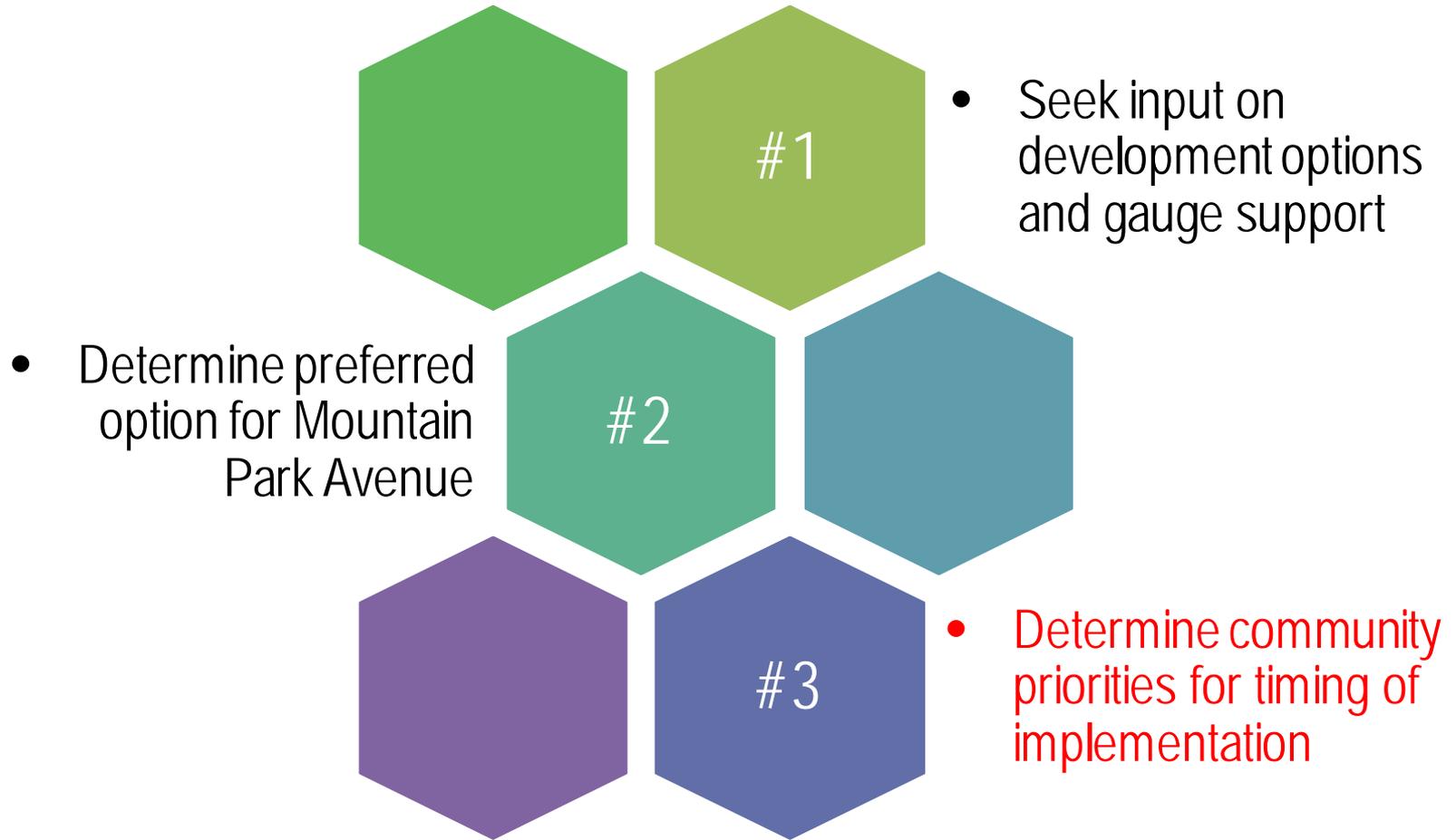


- Lighting, with trail being priority
- Spray pad
- Trail connection to lower City, including review with approval agencies

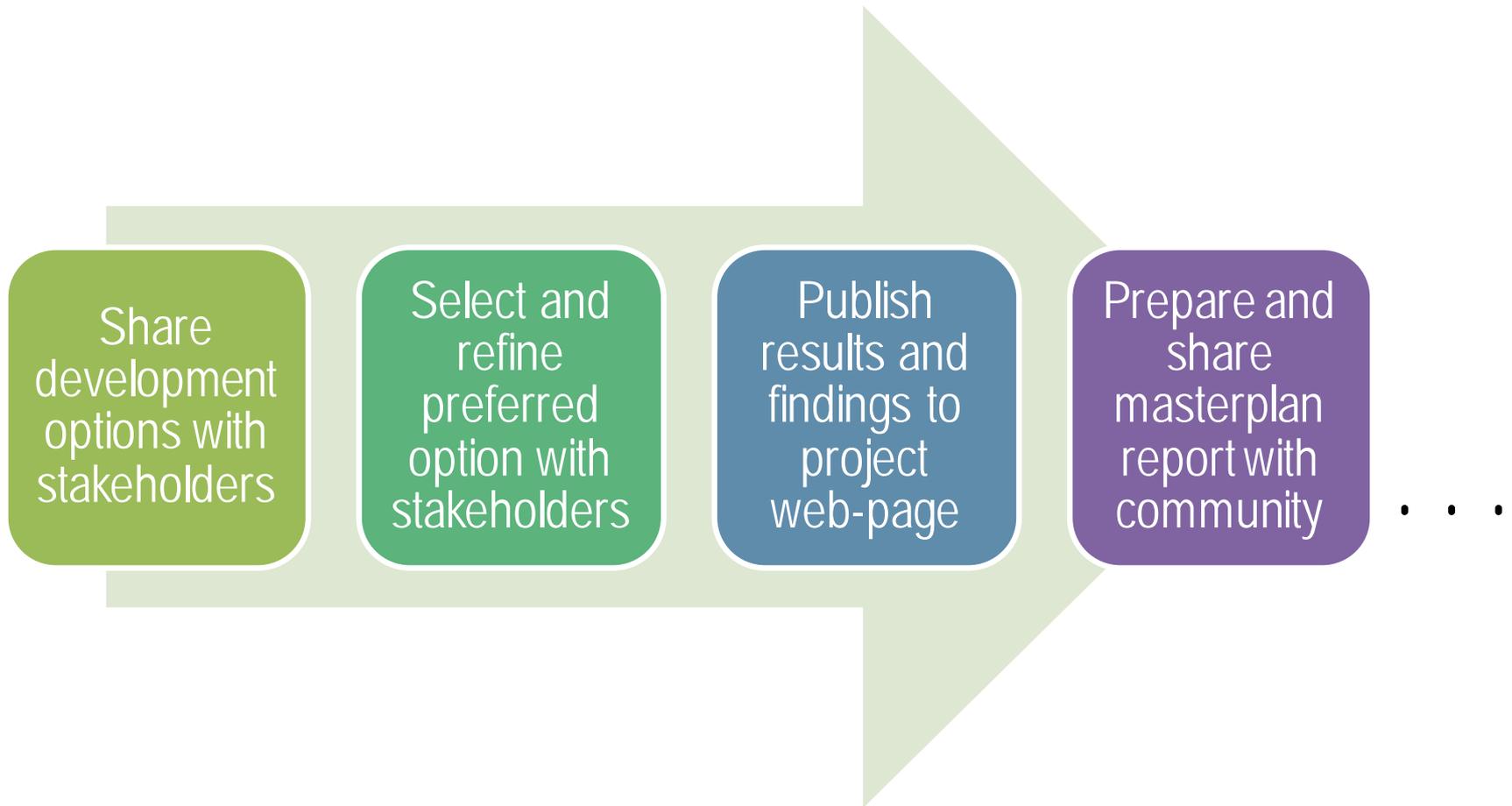
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# SURVEY #2 GOALS



# NEXT STEPS



# FACILITIES UPDATE

## Key Building Highlights



### Multiple Washroom Options

- Universal & Accessible, Male and Female Washrooms

### Vandal Resistant Building Design

- Pre-fabricated Concrete Structure
- Fast erection on site
- Metal Roof

### Open for Winter Use

- Facility open 12 months of the year
- Insulated to maintain the asset

# FACILITIES UPDATE



## Storage Room for User Groups

- Suitable size for SUPIE and winter rink users
- Will include a hose bib for ice rink user group



## Small Covered Entryway

- Covers washroom entry doors
- Complete with drinking fountain / water bottle filling station



## Blank Wall for Future Mural

- To be coordinated with City of Hamilton Public Art

## Project Schedule



# PUBLIC ART



“Unlost” Becky Katz

## Possible Public Art Mural on Washroom Building

- Artist and subject matter to be selected through a public process to be meaningful to the local community
- Discourages graffiti tagging
- Provides colourful focus at the center of the park



“Carter Park Mural” Bryce Huffman



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THANK YOU