

# Larimer Parks Public Meeting #3



LARIMER/EAST LIBERTY  
PARK PLANNING + DESIGN SERVICES

**PUBLIC MEETING #3**  
August 10, 2016



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## Agenda

### **I. Park Planning & Design Process (20 min.)**

1. Park Planning and Design Process and Design Team (URA)
2. Brief Overview of Zones A, B, C (WRT)
  - Design
  - Play
  - Material Selection
3. SEED Metrics & Art Opportunities (SfsP)
4. Stormwater Approach (CSG)

### **III. Park Design Q&A (URA/WRT) (15 min.)**

### **III. Breakout Stations (25 min.)**

STATION 1: Zones A, B, C (Lead by WRT)

STATION 2: Creative Play & Play Equipment Selection (Lead by SfSP)

STATION 3: Stormwater Approach (Lead by CSG)

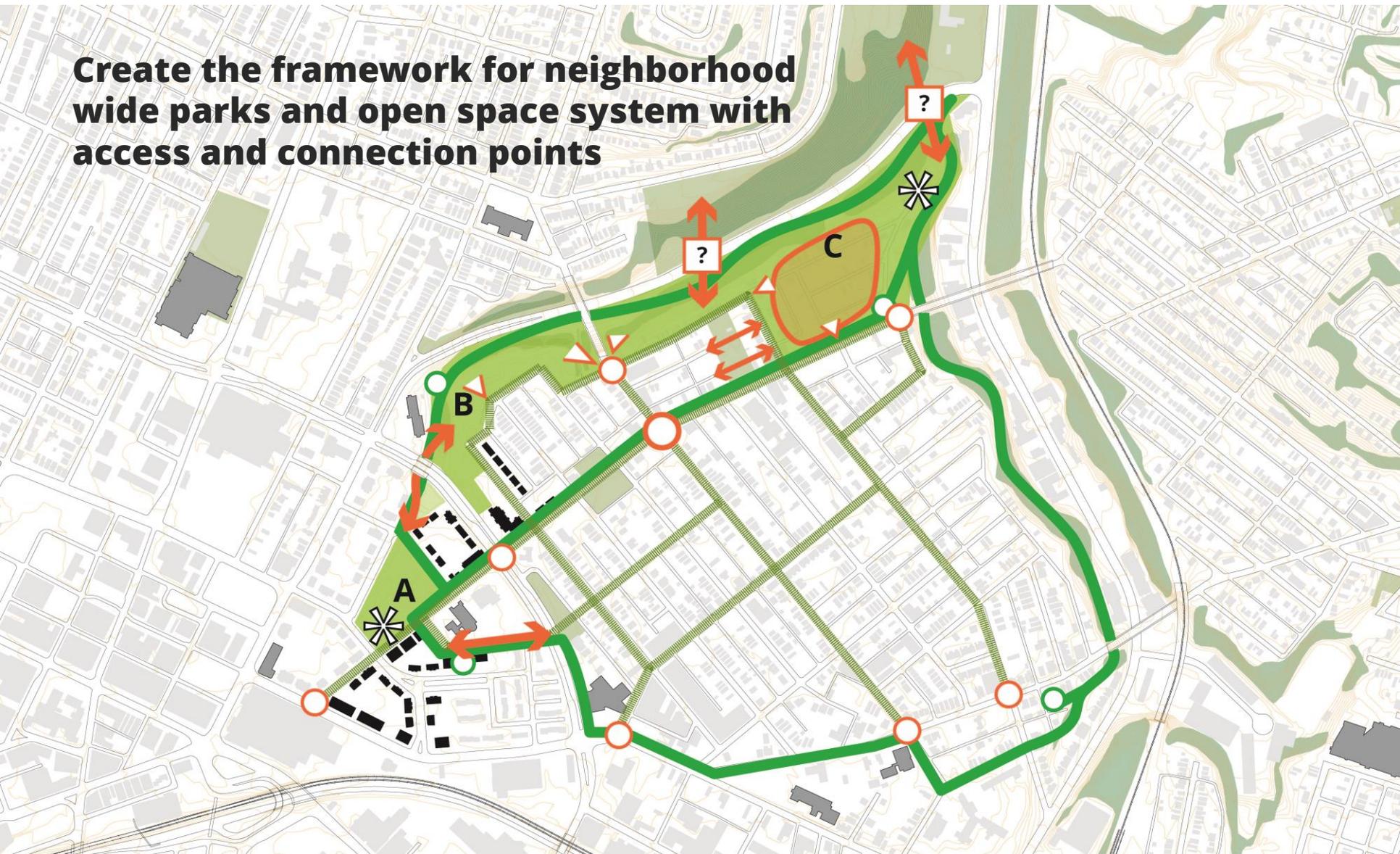
STATION 4: Other Park Questions/Comments (Lead by URA)

STATION 5: Children's Activity (Lead by Brean Associates)





# Create the framework for neighborhood wide parks and open space system with access and connection points



0.25 Mile

0.5 Mile





Following the conceptual design, more detailed drawings will be developed for Zones A and A1 including construction drawings.

# Project Team Work Sessions

## PROJECT TEAM MEETINGS

### Monthly meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month

(Sept. 2015–August 2016)

- Members include:
- Office of Mayor Peduto
  - Penn State Extension Pittsburgh
  - Department of City Planning Pittsburgh
  - Department of Public Works Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
  - Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA)
  - Tree Pittsburgh
  - URA
  - 4-H City
  - Allegheny Land Trust
  - Citiparks
  - East End Youth Advisory Council
  - East Liberty Development, Inc.
  - East Liberty Gardens Residents
  - Enright Court
  - Fairfield Apartments
  - Housing Authority of Pittsburgh
  - Kingsley Association
  - Larimer Consensus Group
  - Living Waters of Larimer
  - McCormack-Baron Salazar
  - Mike's Auto



# Stakeholder Sessions

## STAKEHOLDER SESSIONS

**Additional stakeholder meetings and work sessions to reach a broad cross-section of the community.**

### Youth

- Lincoln Elementary School –Mr. Allen’s Science Class
- Youth Workshop Hosted by East End Neighborhood Employment Center
- East Liberty Gardens Youth

### Housing Groups

- Co-Housing
- Larimer Homeowner’s Group

### Seniors

- Vintage Seniors
- (Future) Harriet Tubman Senior Housing
- Kingsley Senior Luncheon



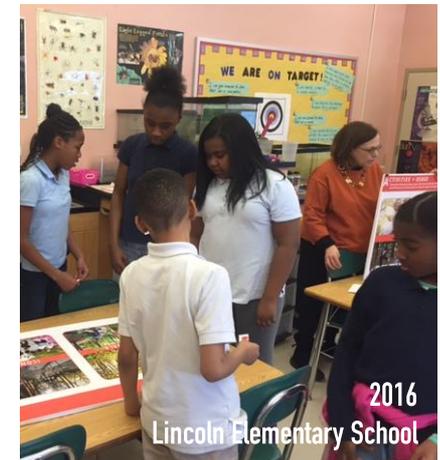
2016  
Ultimate Play Day



2016  
Vintage Seniors



2016  
Lincoln Elementary School



2016  
Lincoln Elementary School

# SOCIAL ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

## SEED IS A TOOL TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE PUBLIC-INTEREST DESIGN

SOCIAL

### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

Reinforcing a sense of fellowship and shared interests among people living in Larimer

- Creating 3+ acres of high-quality, community-supporting park space actively used by local residents.
- The # of programmed activities / events held in the park

ECONOMIC

### JOB CREATION

Paid work and / or training

Quantifying the # of jobs and training positions that are created for local residents,

ENVIRONMENTAL

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Limit disruption of natural water hydrology by reducing impervious cover and increasing on-site infiltration

Quantifying the amount of stormwater/ rainwater runoff that may be diverted from entering the combined sewer system



# Conceptual Design

## PARK AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM - Overview of Zones A, B, and C



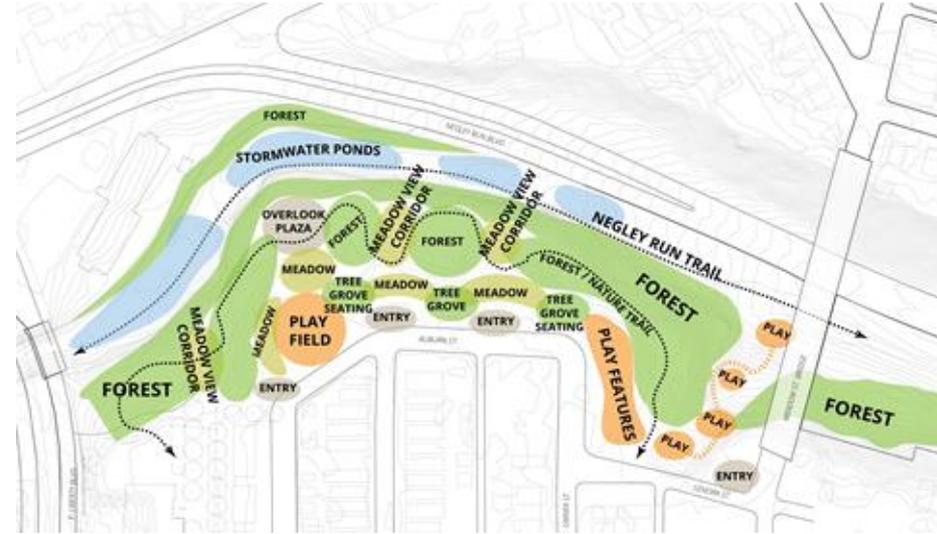


Zone B - Option 1

Concept Diagram

Zone B - Option 2

Concept Diagram





# Zone C - The Bluff (Open Space and Recreation Opportunities)



# First Phase of Park Implementation will focus on Zones A-A1



# Play Equipment Selection

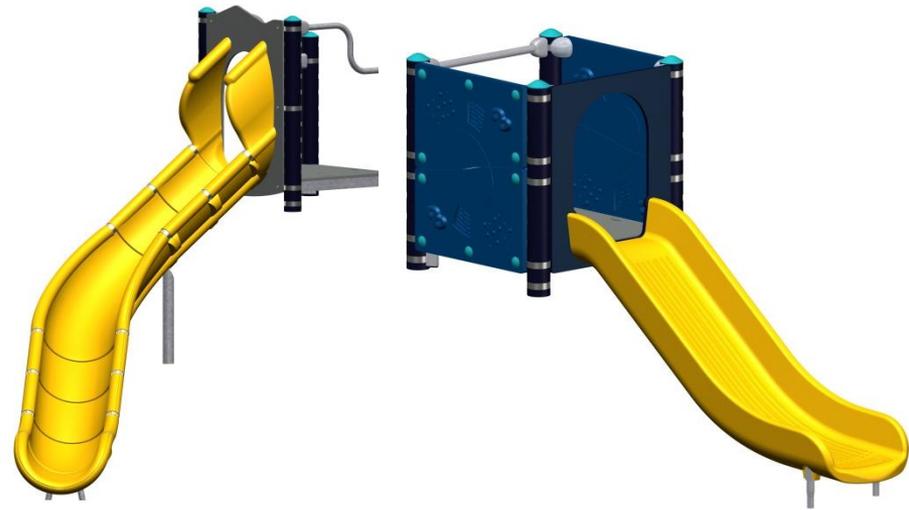


- The design team has been working with DPW to ensure that play equipment selected will meet requirements for safety and ability for future maintenance.
- The Team has preliminary approval to use this type of equipment provided that equipment meets all required ASTM/ADA Codes. Separate Age Groups Play Areas (2-5 years) and (5-12 years).
- Goals of Play Equipment
  - Dynamic multiple opportunities for play
  - Creativity
  - Wider range of movement
  - Physical challenges will attract older kids



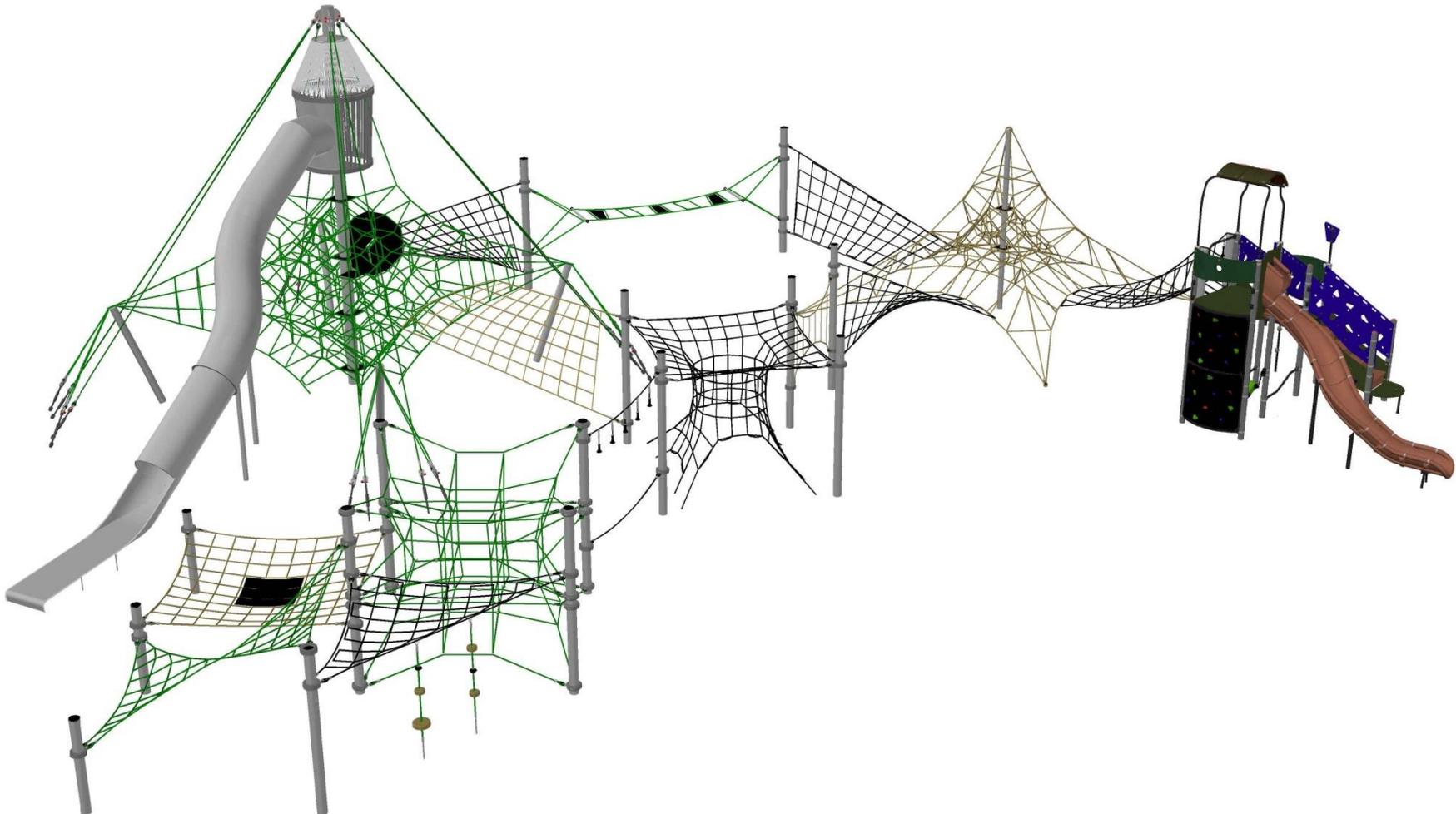
# Proposed Play Equipment

Typical 2-5 Year Old Play Equipment being proposed



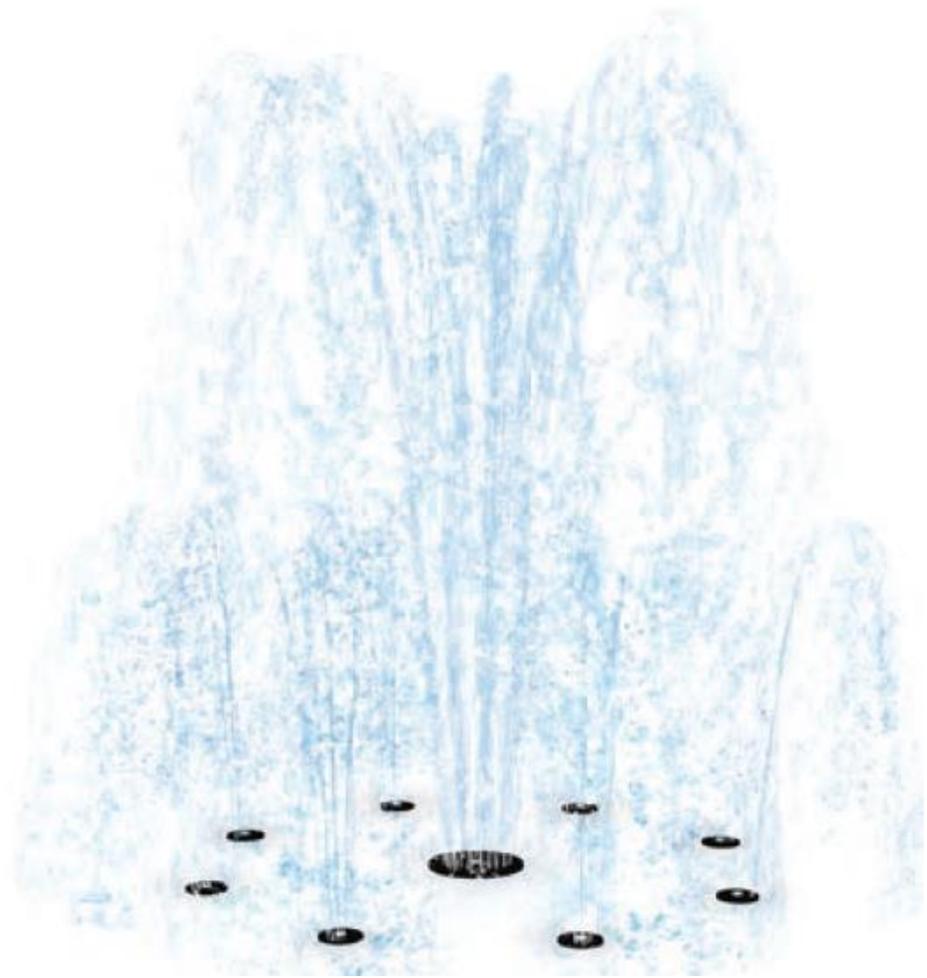
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Typical 5-12 Year Old Play Equipment being proposed



# Proposed Play Equipment

## Water Play



# Making Play Special and Inclusive



## Design Approach for Larimer

- We will be exploring opportunities to make the playground as inclusive as possible.
- 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) adopted stringent standards that require playgrounds to have surfaces and equipment that can be used by disabled children
- Meet ADA accessibility guidelines for play areas
- Some of the aspects we will consider are:
  - Safety surfacing throughout
  - Accessible pathways
  - Play activities at ground level
  - Access to equipment from ground level
  - Equipment that offers equal access opportunities for all abilities
  - Clear color and design signals



# Making Play Special and Inclusive



The 'Cacoon' structure is one example of a piece of equipment that is designed for fun for all children, but specially designed for those with autism spectrum disorders. Enclosed space for one child to escape the playground when s/he becomes over stimulated.



Access to equipment from ground level offers equal opportunities for play for all abilities.

# Site Furnishings

## City Standards



Light Standard



Bench



Bicycle Rack



Trash Receptacle



Signage

# Planting Considerations

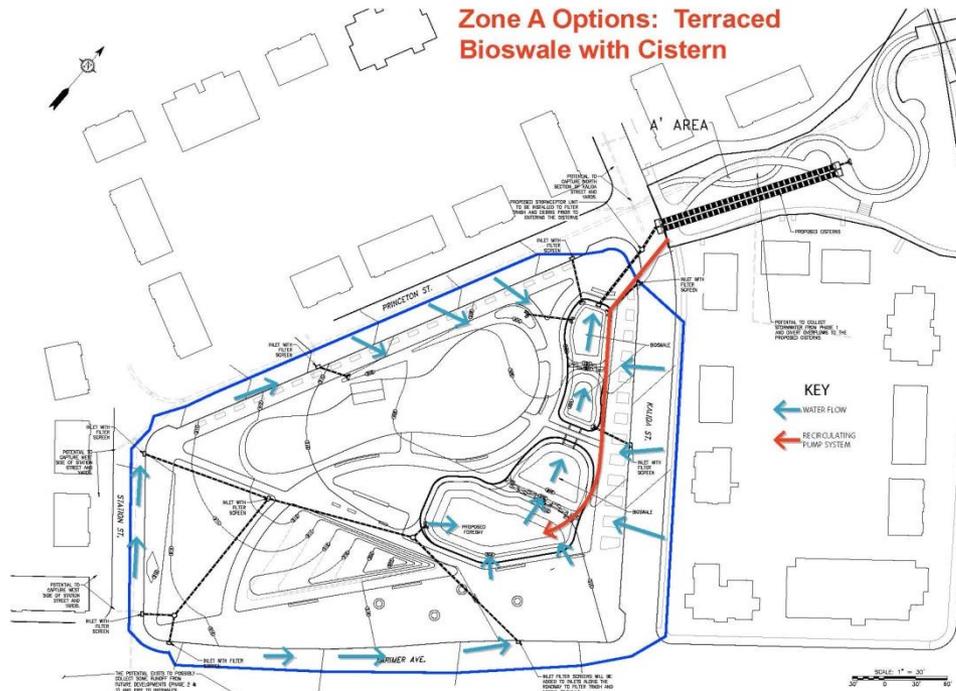


## Plant Selection

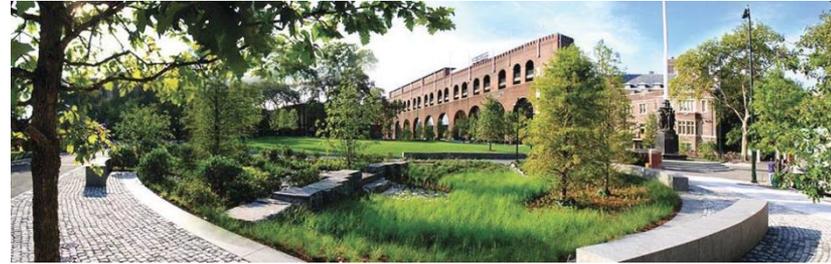
- Smart plant selection will support project sustainability goals as well as beautification; seasonal interest/high enjoyment
- Recommended Tree Species for Pittsburgh
- Avoid invasives in favor of native plants
- Resistance to disease and insects
- Water conservation
- Education
- Habitat
- Provide sensory stimulation for children
- Plant types may include:
  - Trees
  - Shrubs
  - Vines
  - Ground cover
  - Ornamental grasses
  - Herbs



# Stormwater Approach Zone A and A'



- Incorporate stormwater from adjacent streets and park
- Utilize cistern to increase landscape value and provide more consistent water flow
- DPW to maintain bioswale
- PWSA to maintain pipe from bioswale to existing public storm sewer
- Schematic design – refine scale



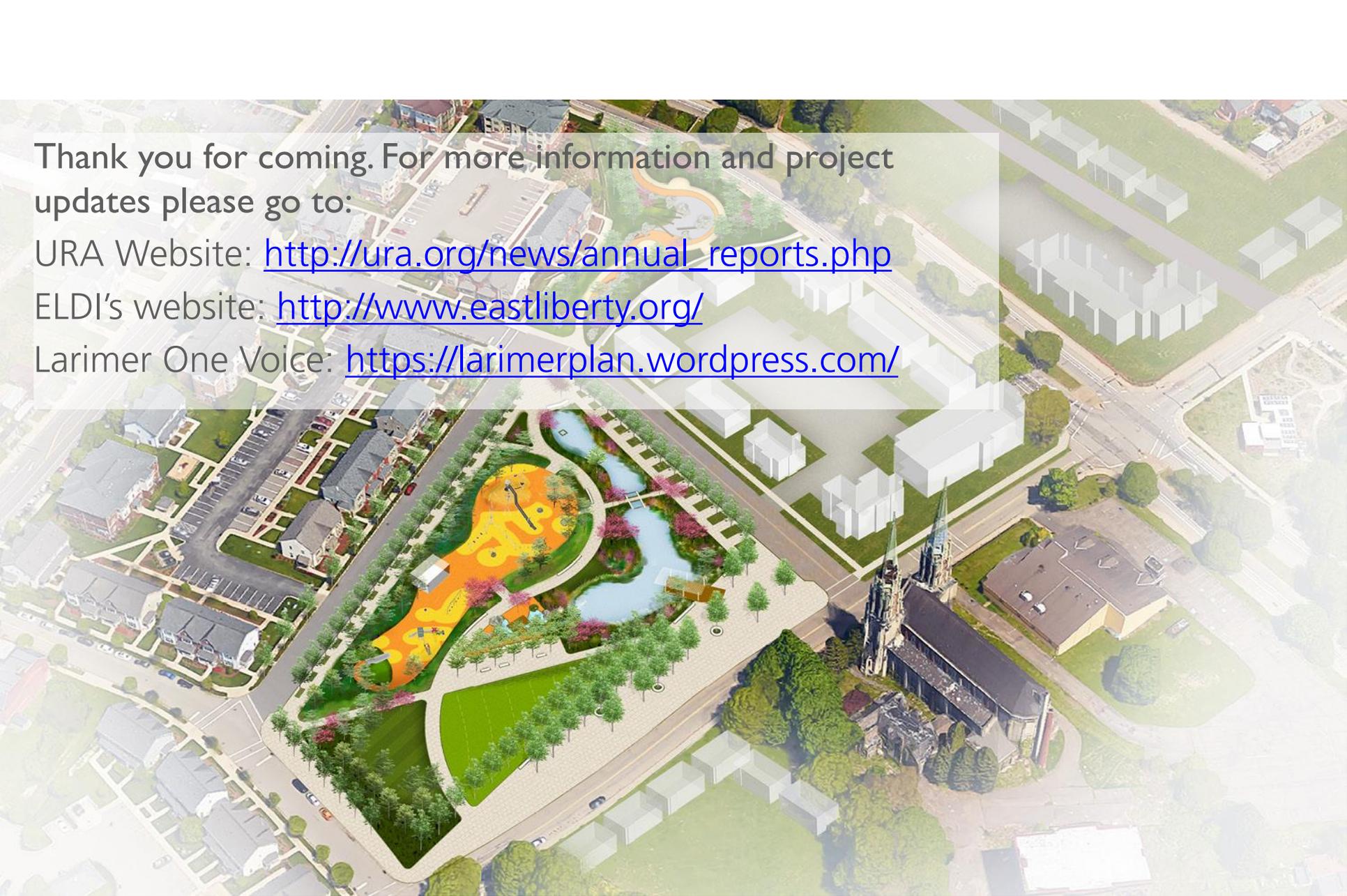
Precedent  
Shoemaker Green  
University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia)





# Questions





Thank you for coming. For more information and project updates please go to:

URA Website: [http://ura.org/news/annual\\_reports.php](http://ura.org/news/annual_reports.php)

ELDI's website: <http://www.eastliberty.org/>

Larimer One Voice: <https://larimerplan.wordpress.com/>