



Liberty State Park Revitalization Program

November 28, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Blue Comet Auditorium

Design Task Force Meeting





Agenda

Call to Order

Background and Task Force Charge

Presentation of Phase 1B Alternatives

Phase 2 Planning Launch

Next Steps



1941



1954



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Phased Approach and Status Updates





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Role of the Design Task Force

Task Force established to
provide advice to DEP on

Short-term actions
to improve public
use and enjoyment
of conservation and
recreation areas

LSP-NORTH



Planning of longer-
term improvements
of park facilities,
programs, and
amenities

LSP-SOUTH



PHASE 1B: IMMEDIATE RECREATION, ARTS & CULTURE

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PHASE 2: HOLISTIC LONG-TERM MASTER PLAN

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OVERVIEW MAP

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Liberty State Park

Revitalization Program

Phase 1B: Northern Area Recreation, Arts & Culture





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LIBERTY STATE PARK PHASE 1B - CONCEPT





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Phase 1B Focus and Objectives

Recreation

- Encourage Visitors to experience a variety of outdoor activities

Nature

- Restore ecological function and promote visitor engagement with nature

History and Culture

- Celebrate cultures throughout history, today

Athletics

- Provide opportunities for exercise and team sports

The Train Shed

- Bring new life to the train shed and tell the history of the site

The Community Center

- Provide public indoor and outdoor amenities at park entry point

Arts

- Express the spirit of the place through art

Circulation

- Prioritize pedestrians and non-motorized access

Transportation

- Improve multi-modal activity to, from and with-in the park

RECREATION

OBJECTIVE: ENCOURAGE VISITORS TO ENGAGE IN A VARIETY OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



HISTORY + CULTURE

OBJECTIVE: CELEBRATE CULTURES THROUGHOUT HISTORY TODAY

LENAPE HERITAGE



1836-1924 - MORRIS CANAL



1860 -1967 - CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW JERSEY



1892-1954 - GATEWAY TO AMERICA



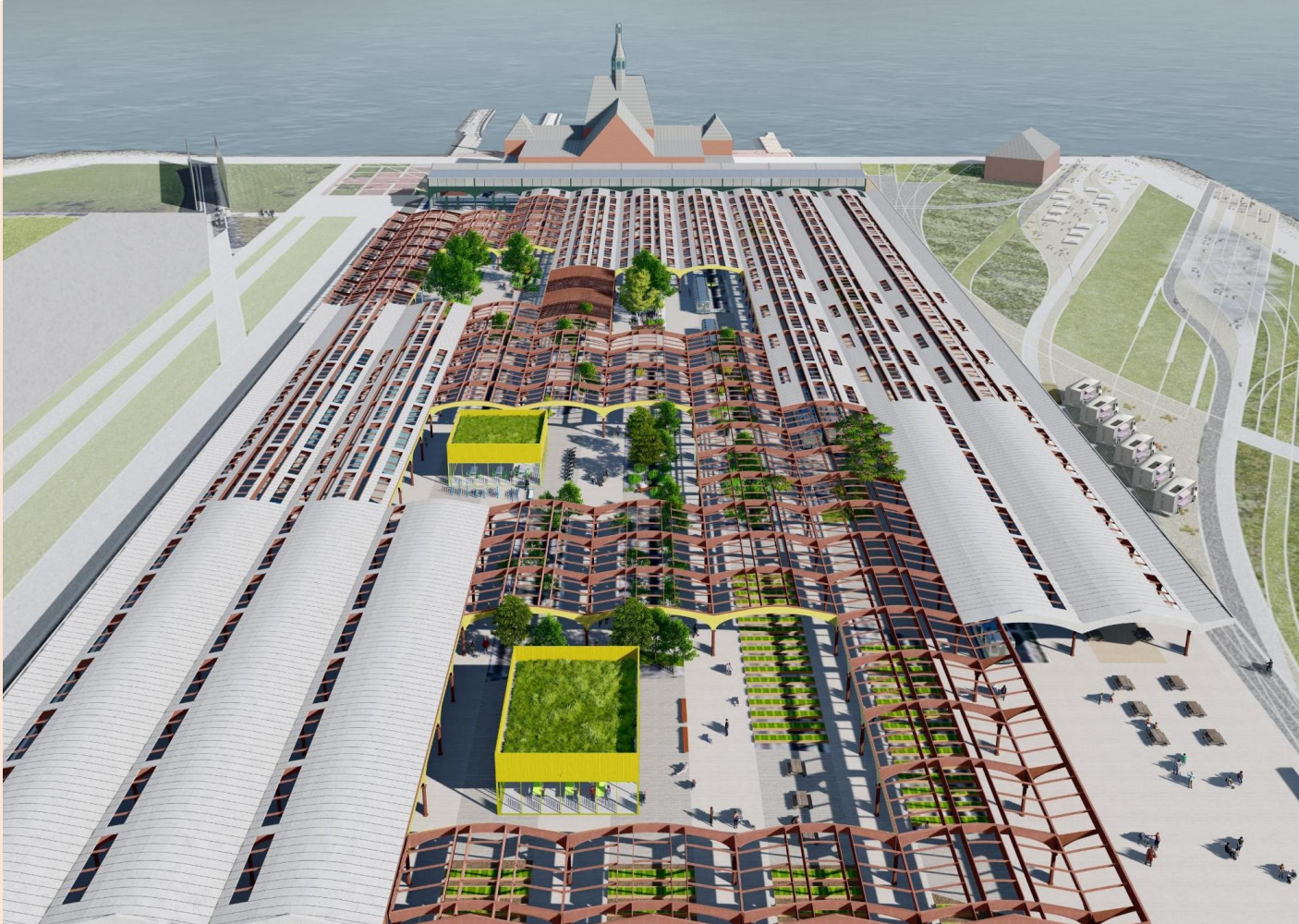
ATHLETICS

OBJECTIVE: PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXERCISE + TEAM SPORTS IN A PARK SETTING



THE TRAIN SHED

OBJECTIVE: BRING NEW LIFE TO THE TRAIN SHED & TELL THE HISTORY OF THE SITE



VIEW B: THE GARDEN WALK, TRAIN CAR EXHIBITION AND FITNESS COURTYARD



VIEW A: COURTYARD, LOOKING TOWARDS CRRNJ TERMINAL HEAD HOUSE



COMMUNITY CENTER

OBJECTIVE: PROVIDE PUBLIC INDOOR & OUTDOOR SPACES & AMENITIES AT PARK'S ENTRY POINT



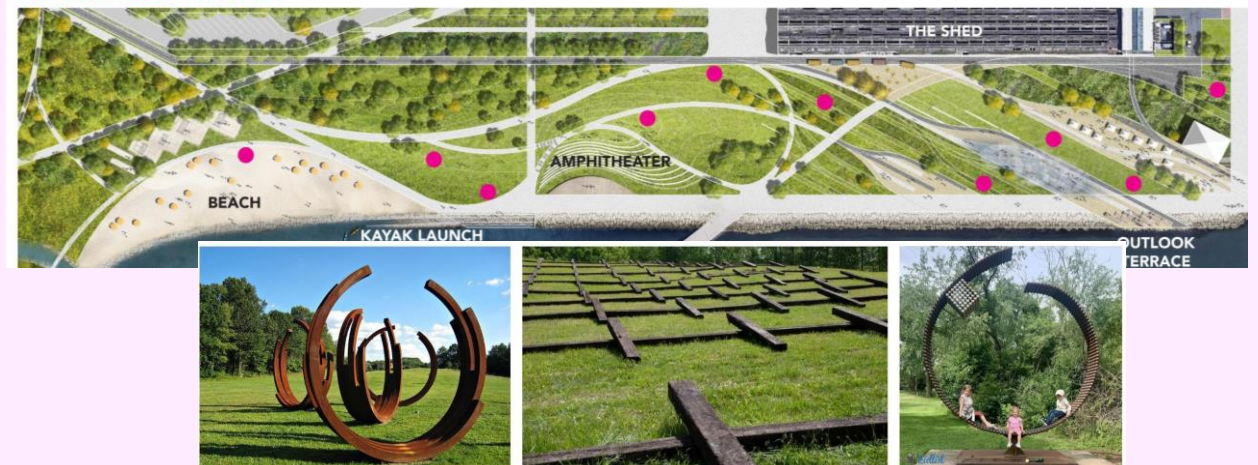
ARTS

OBJECTIVE: EXPRESS THE SPIRIT OF THE PLACE THROUGH ART

ART INSPIRED BY COASTAL ENVIRONMENTS



ART INSPIRED BY HISTORY

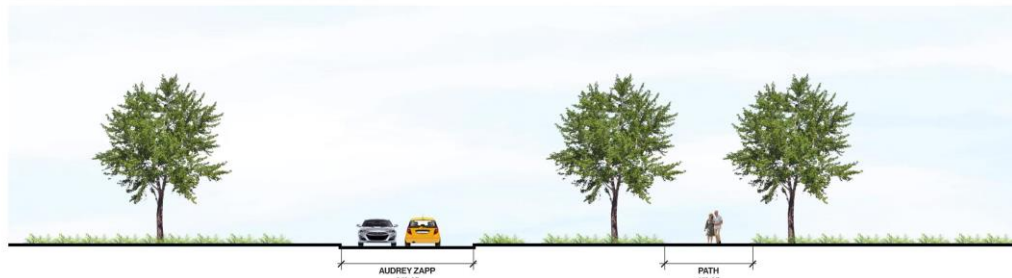


CIRCULATION

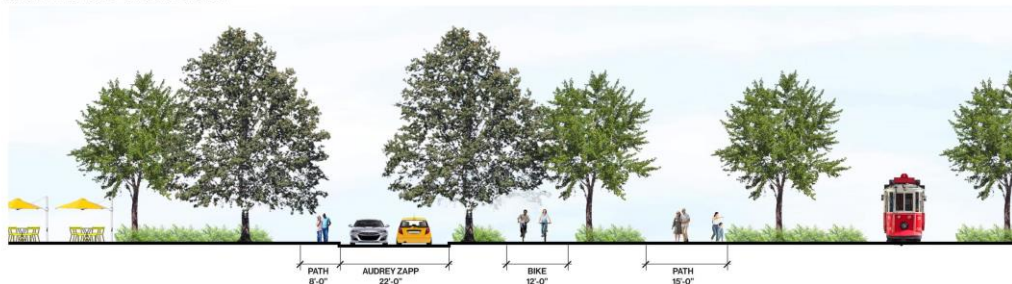
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AUDREY ZAPP DRIVE - EXISTING CONDITIONS



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	PEDESTRIAN		RAIL

TRANSPORTATION

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PARK SHUTTLE BUS



ON-DEMAND SHUTTLES



SCENIC TRAIN



WALKING-ONLY PATHS



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MULTI-PERSON BIKES



HIGH-SPEED BIKE LANES

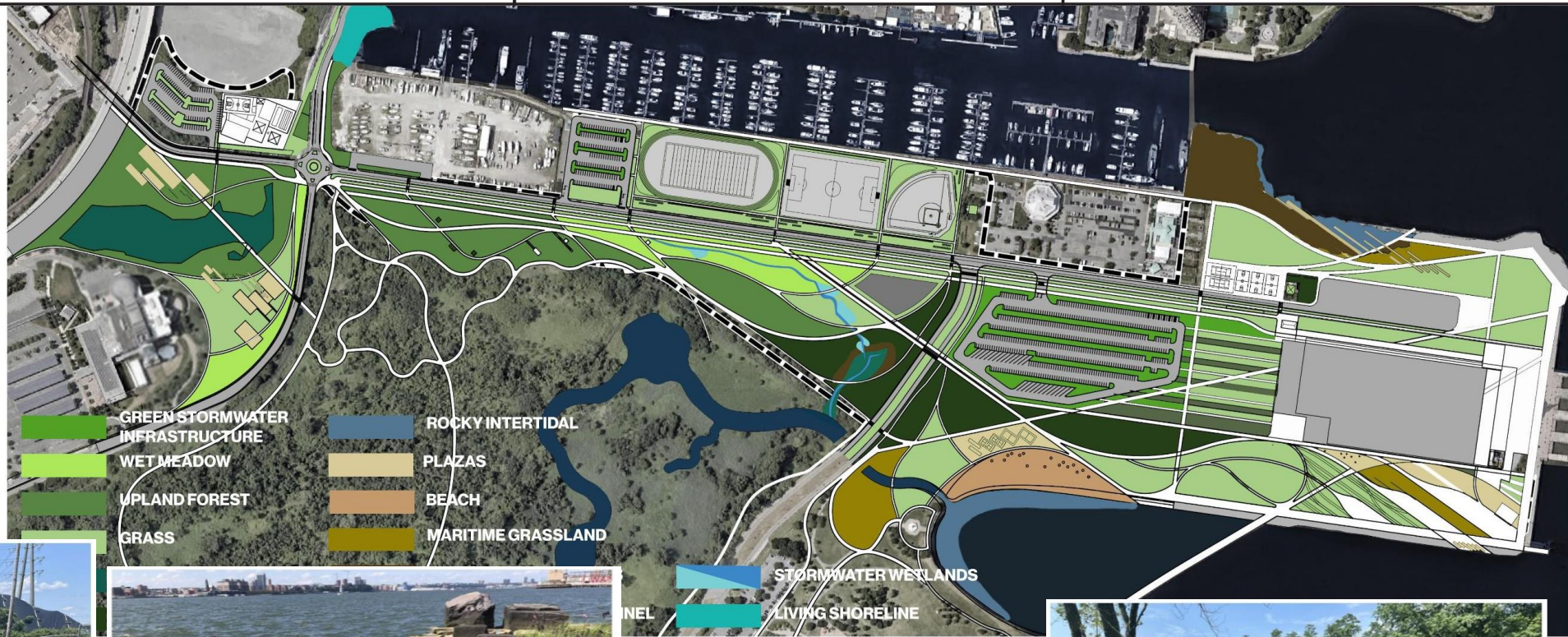


LOW-SPEED BIKE LANES



NATURE

**OBJECTIVE: RESTORE ECOLOGICAL FUNCTION TO LIBERTY STATE PARK
AND PROMOTE VISITOR ENGAGEMENT WITH NATURE**



Liberty State Park Revitalization Program – Open House



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Comment on Phase 1B – Northern Area Recreation, Arts & Culture

See below for proposed improvements in each section.
You can just answer questions or sections that interest you or you can comment on all of the sections.

Comments will be accepted until Friday, November 17.


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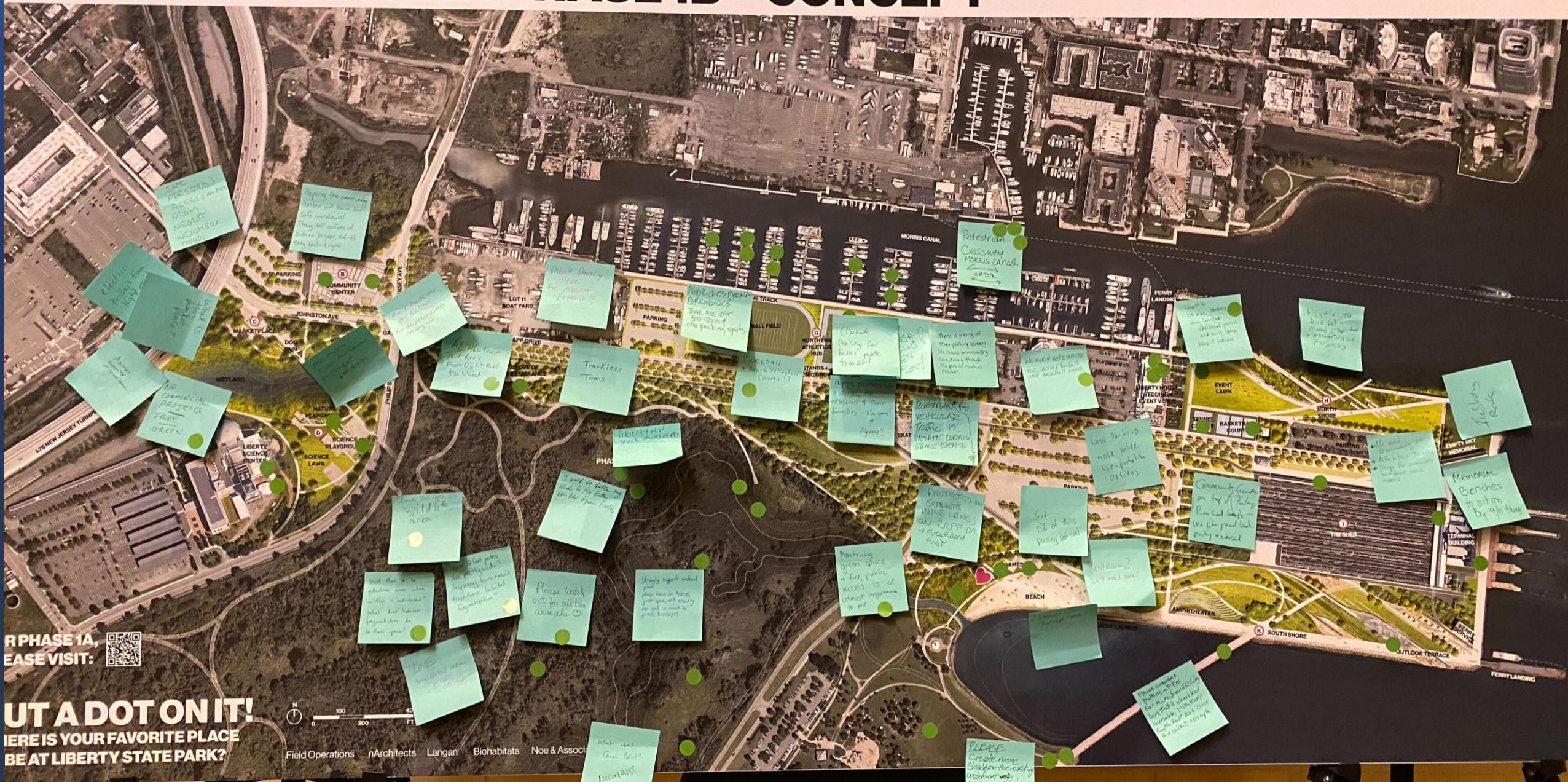
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LIBERTY STATE PARK PHASE 1B - CONCEPT





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Public Comment

OCTOBER 18th, 2023 PUBLIC MEETING GENERAL IMPRESSIONS



209 Public Comments
October 18 Open House

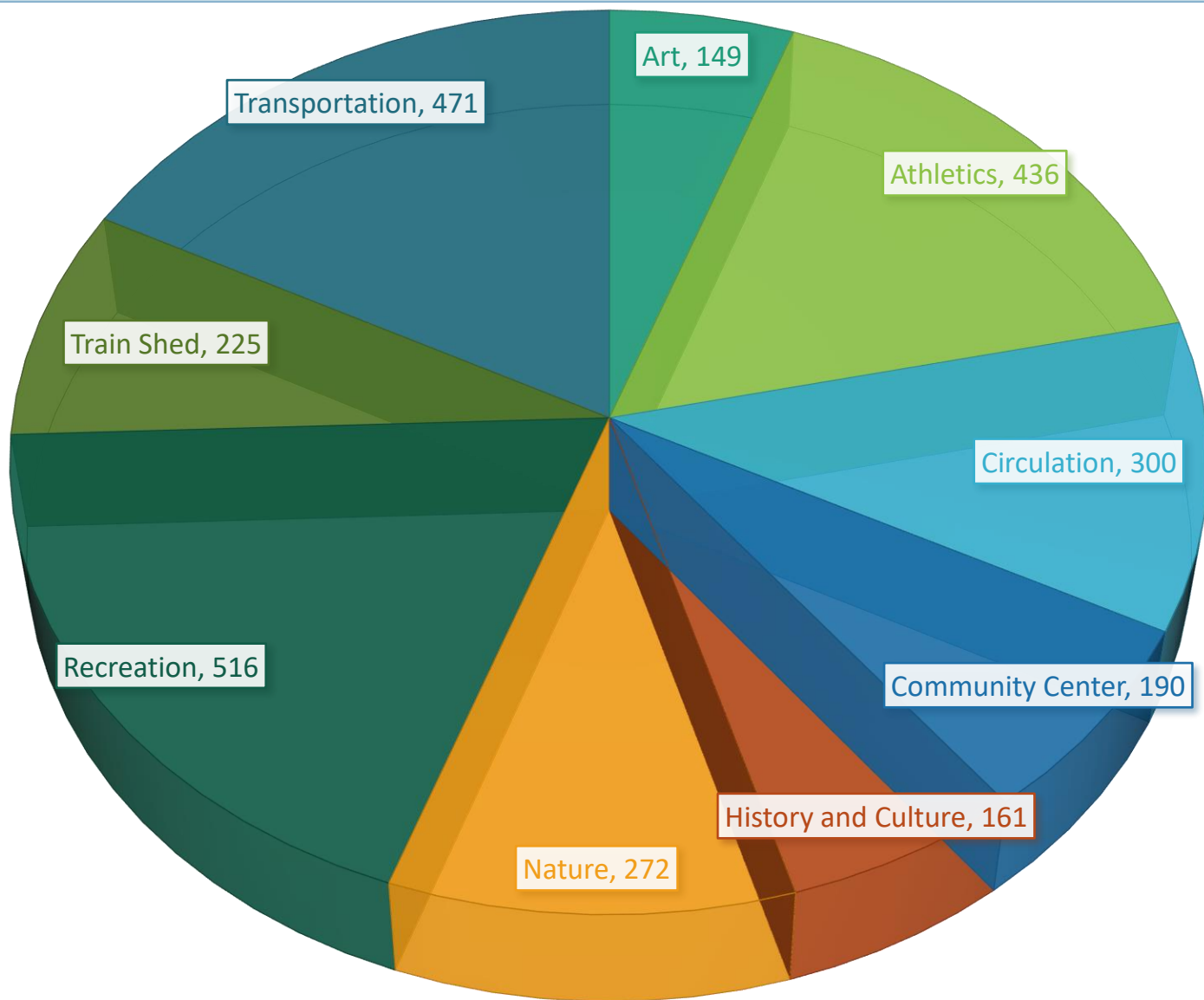
2511 Public Comments
Online

Category that Received the
Most Comments:
Recreation



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2720 Total Comments



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DESIGN TASK FORCE DISCUSSION & DEEPER CONSIDERATIONS

ATHLETICS TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY CENTER CIRCULATION THE TRAIN SHED AMPHITHEATER



ATHLETICS

OBJECTIVE: PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXERCISE + TEAM SPORTS IN A PARK SETTING







SKATE PARK

Positioned south of Zapp Drive, between the Grove of Remembrance and Freedom Way, is a ½ acre skate park, designed to provide a new type of recreation at Liberty State Park. Ample seating within and around the park allows for spectators to take in the action and the area will be designed to provide a range of skating opportunities for different skill sets.



A. SKATE PARK,
HUDSON
RIVER PARK
B + C. SKATE
PARK, VENICE
BEACH







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Phase 1B Athletics

DISCUSSION

- Advice on field considerations – multipurpose or dedicated?
- Advice on supporting components – storage, seating (structured / unstructured)
- Other amenities, considerations?



THE TRAIN SHED

OBJECTIVE: BRING NEW LIFE TO THE TRAIN SHED & TELL THE HISTORY OF THE SITE

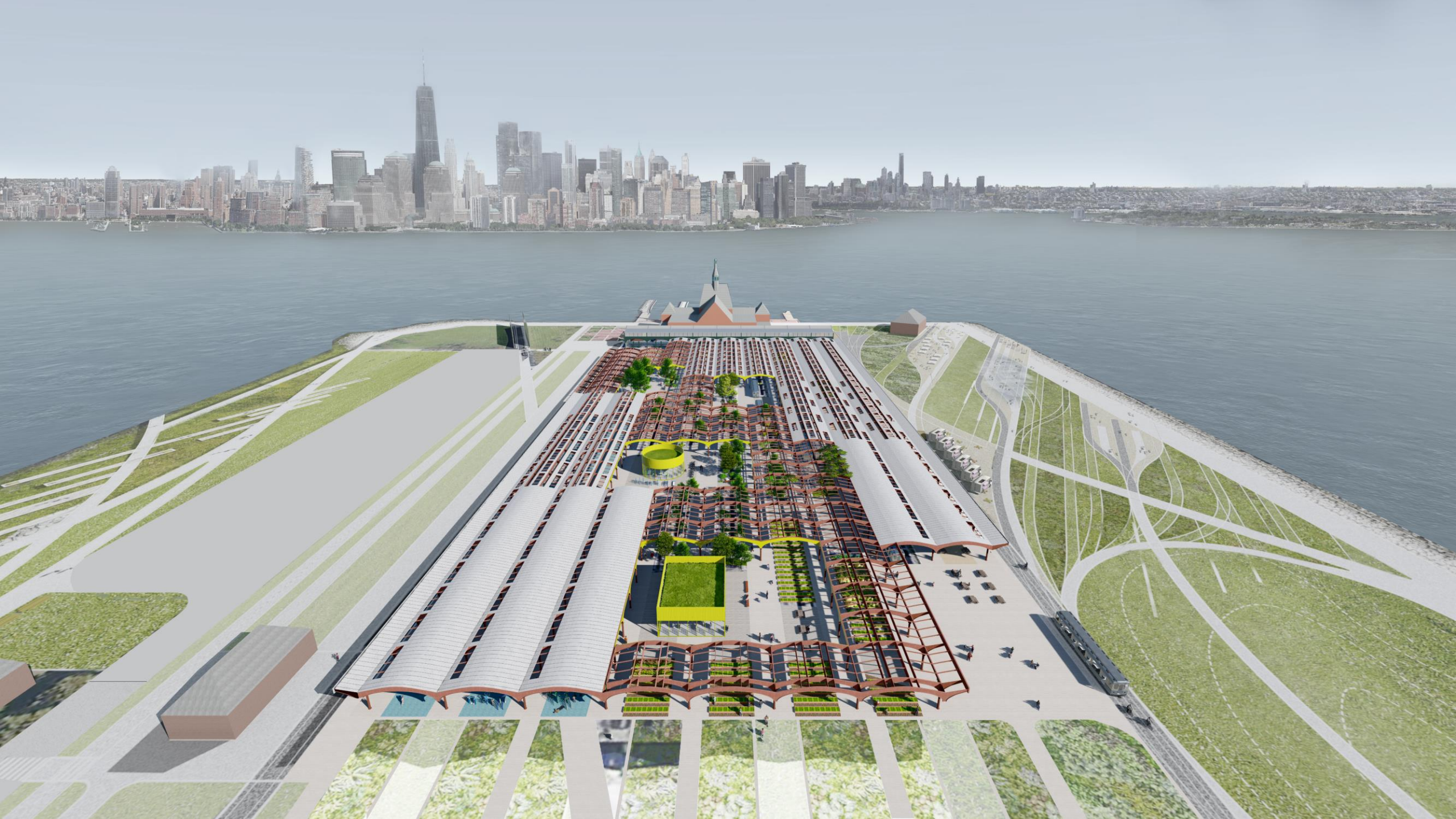


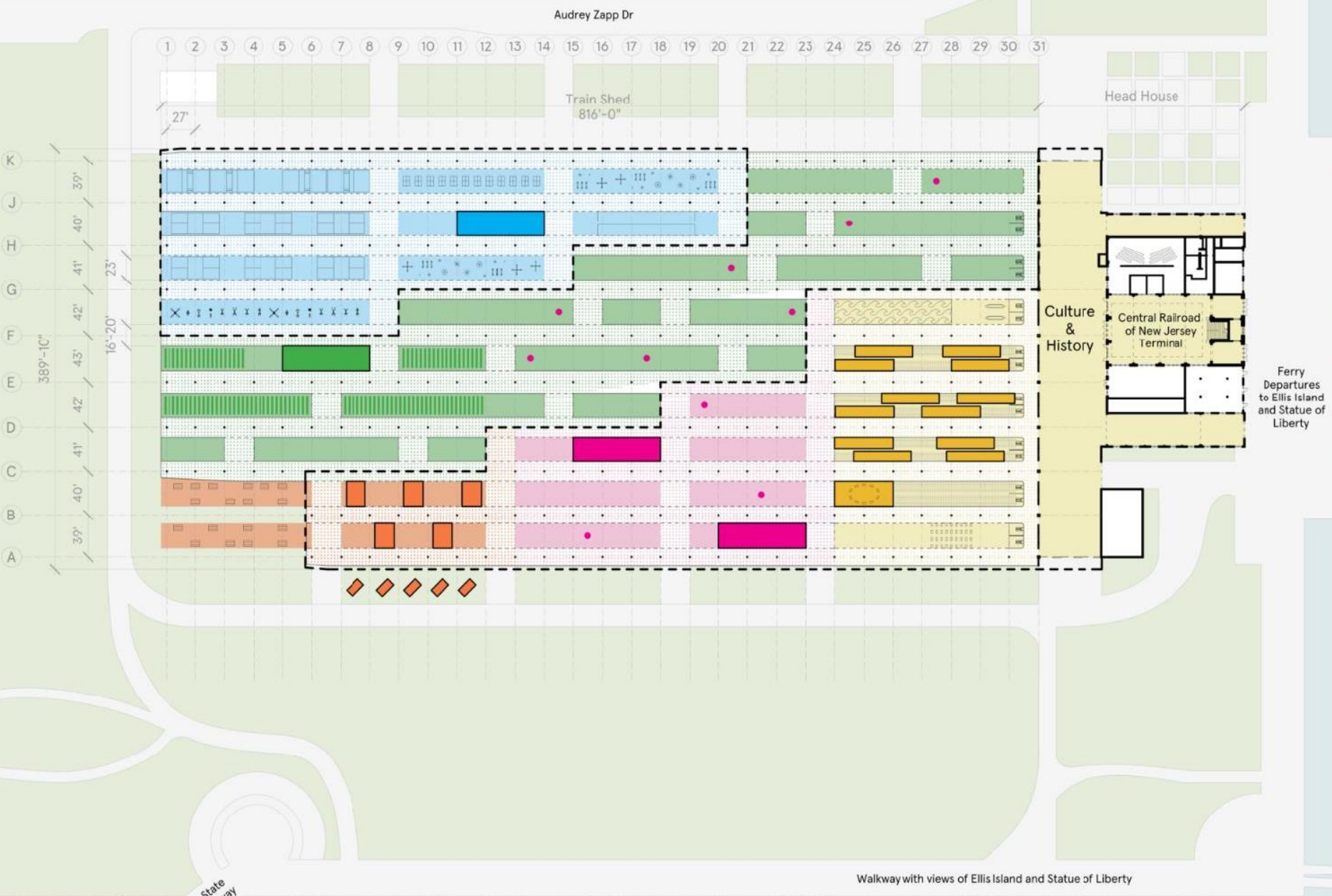
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Program Key

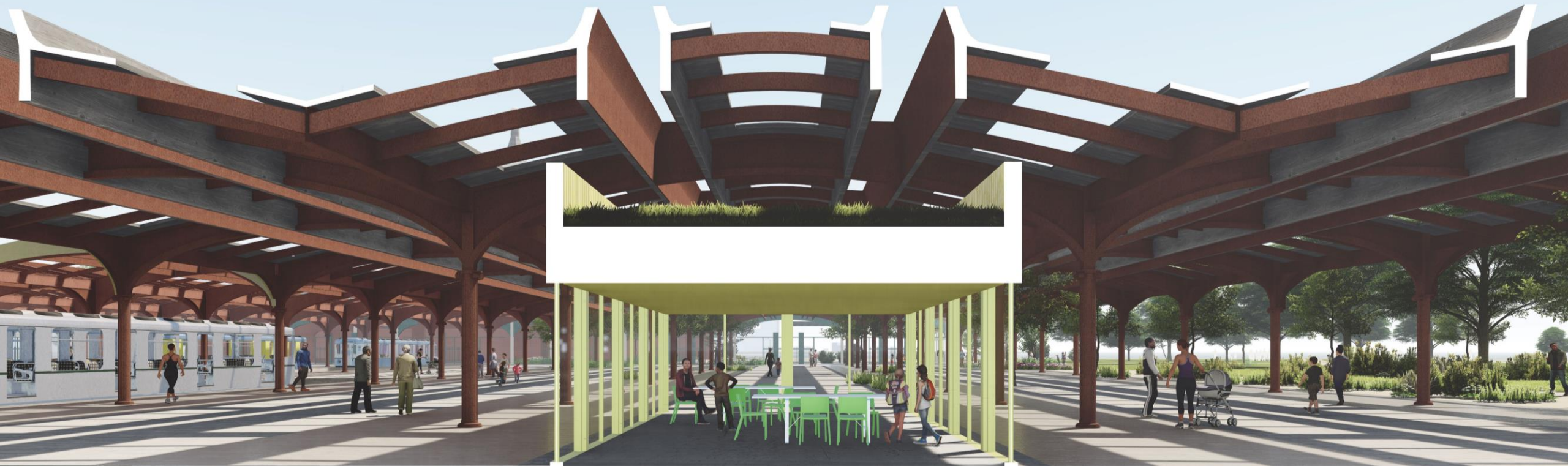
		Nature & Urban Farming
		Food & Beverage
		Culture & History
		Play
		Art & Education
		Sculptures





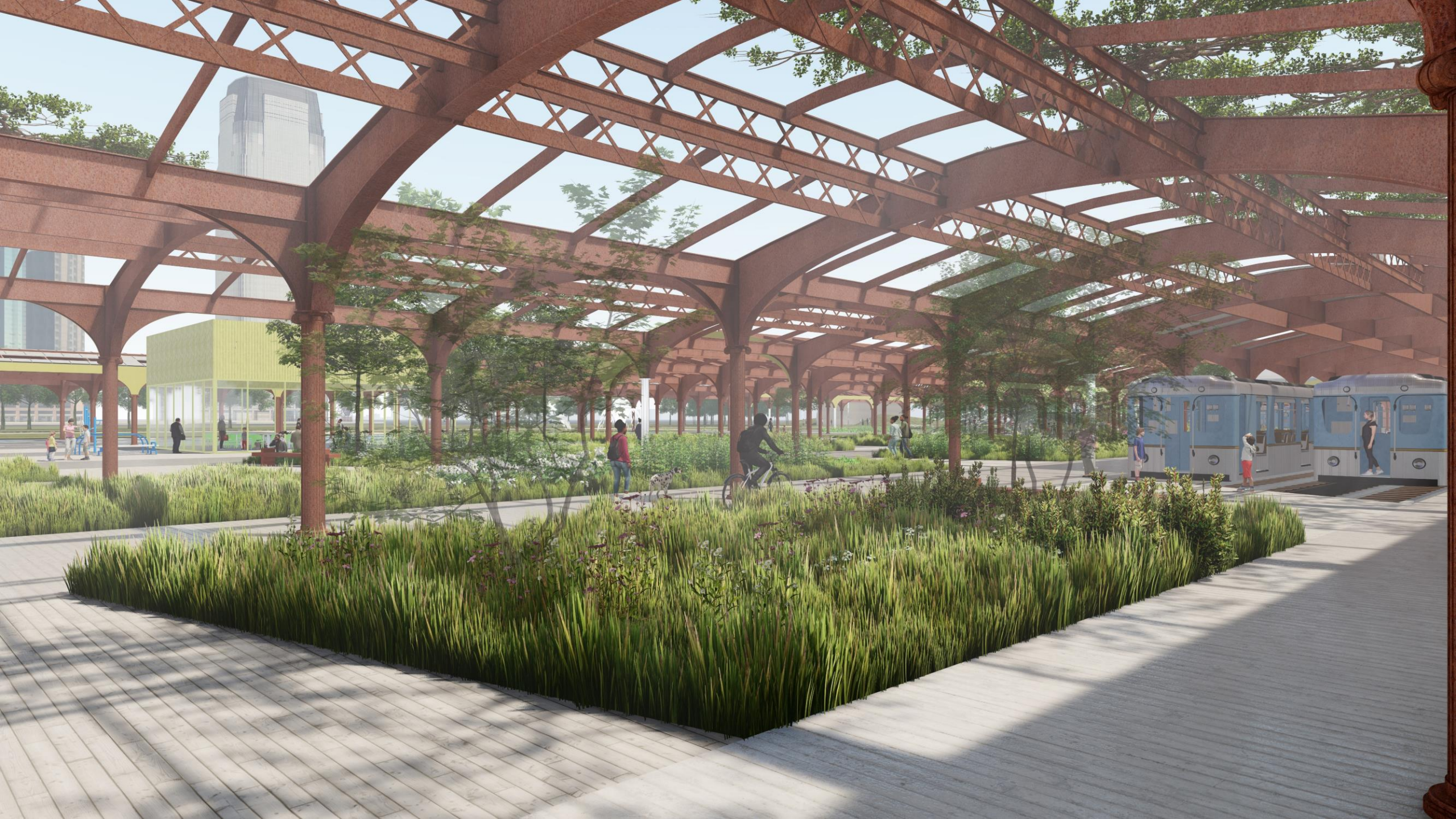












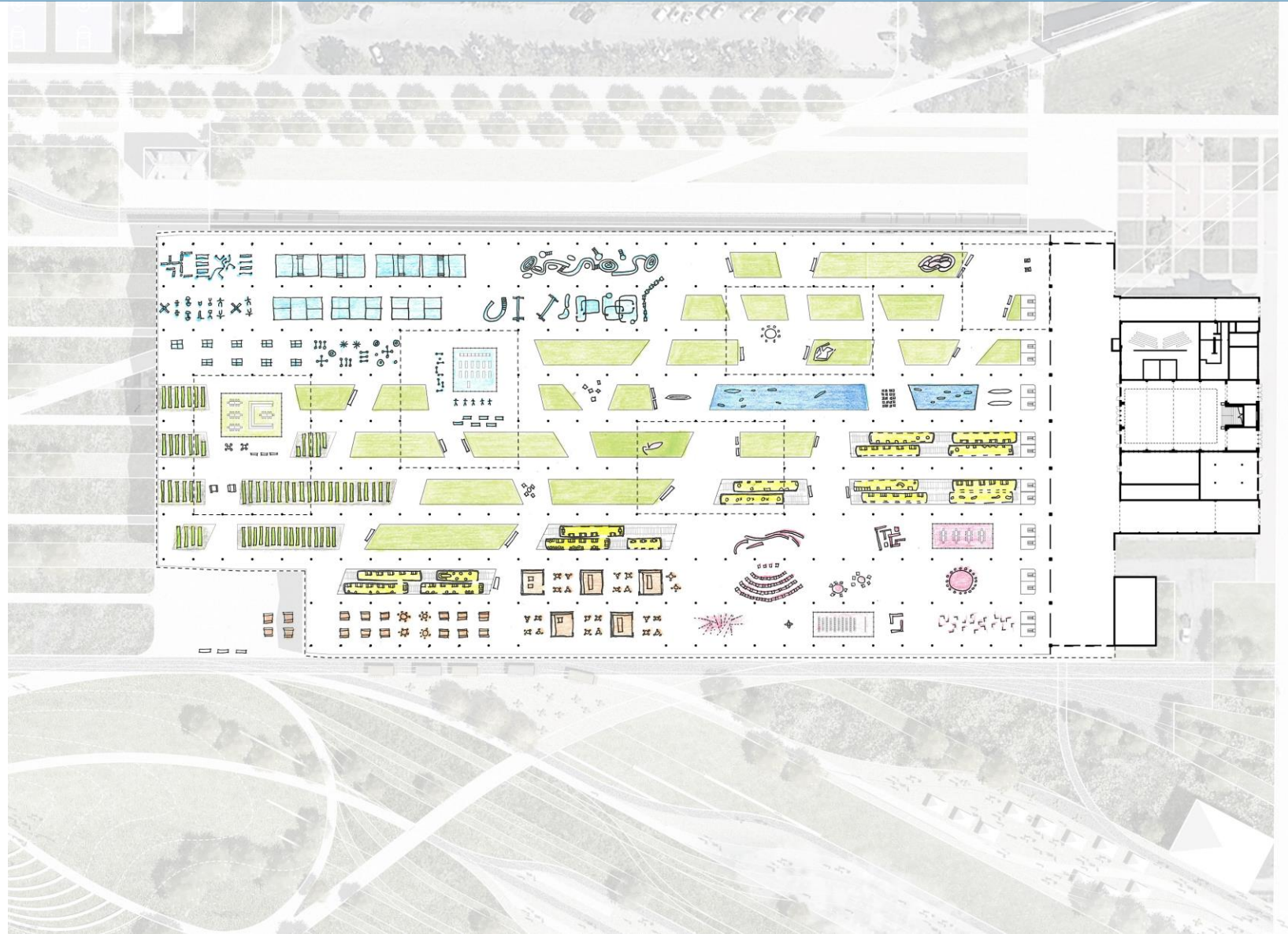


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Phase 1B The Train Shed

DISCUSSION

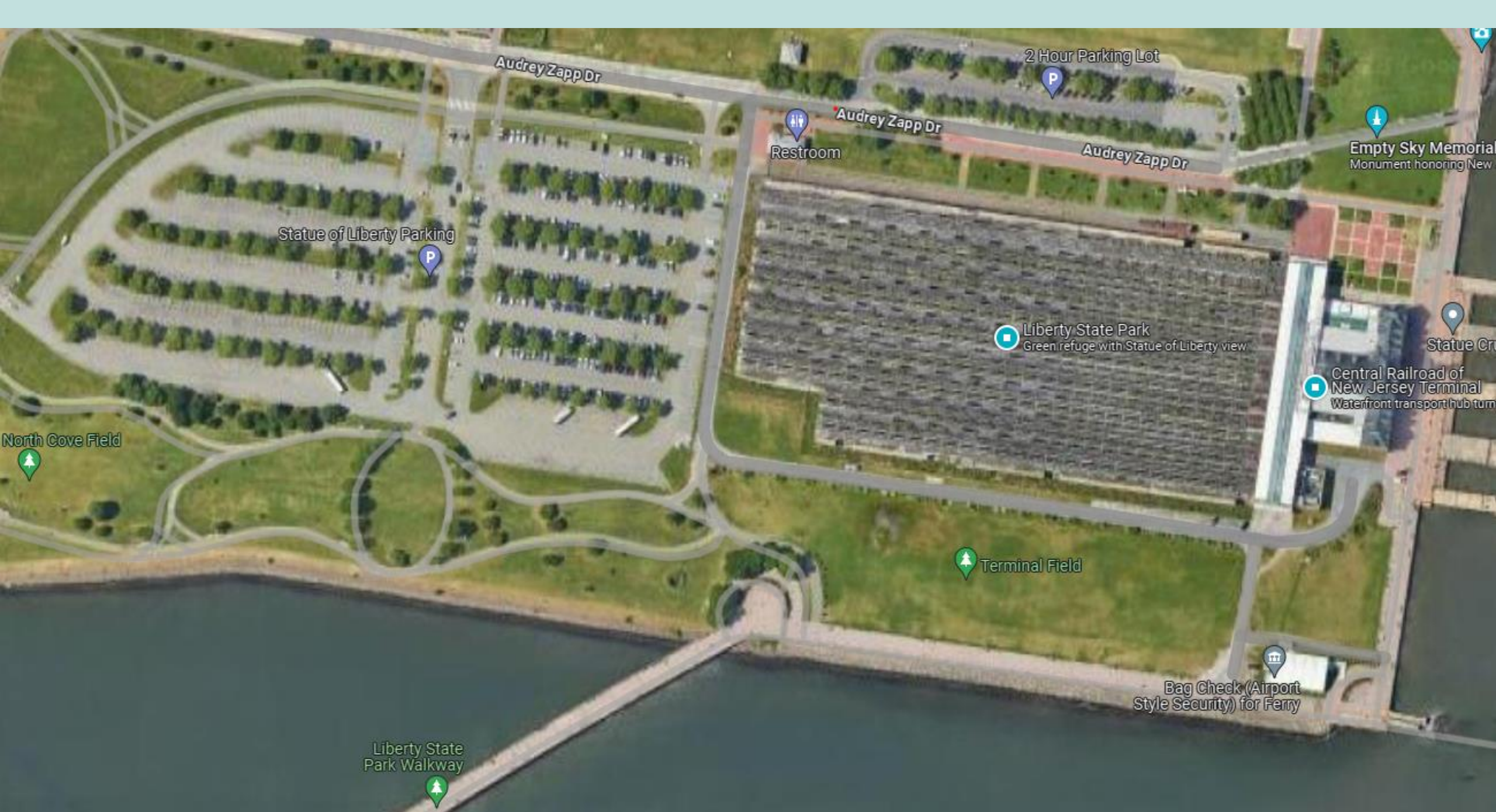
- Advice on blend of programming and space allocation?
- Community space, concessions, interpretive programs?
- Other considerations?





AMPHITHEATER





Audrey Zapp Dr

2 Hour Parking Lot

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Statue of Liberty Parking

Restroom

Empty Sky Memorial
Monument honoring New

Liberty State Park
Green refuge with Statue of Liberty view

Statue Cr

Central Railroad of
New Jersey Terminal
Waterfront transport hub turn

North Cove Field

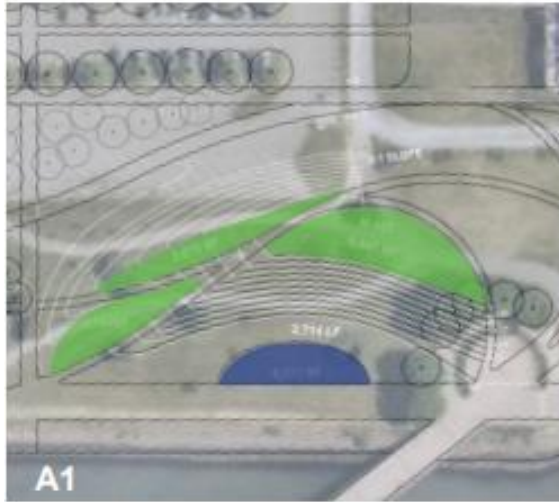
Terminal Field

Bag Check (Airport
Style Security) for Ferry

Liberty State
Park Walkway

AMPHITHEATER STUDY

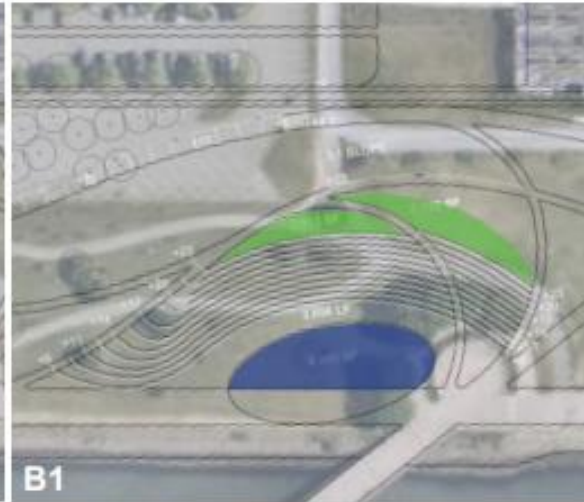
CAPACITY COMPARISON



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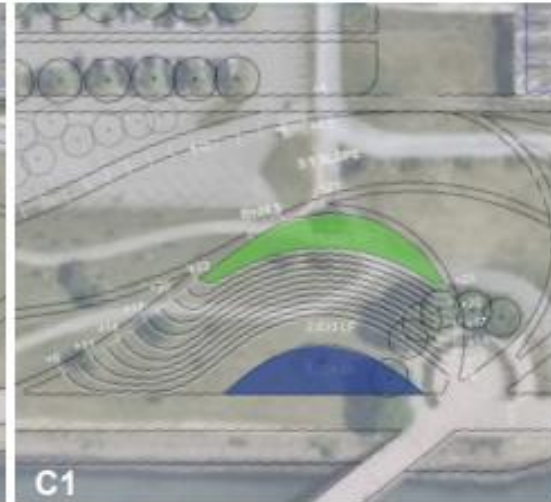
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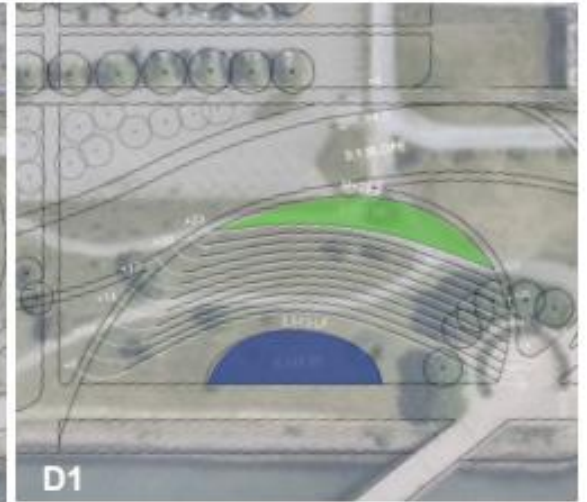
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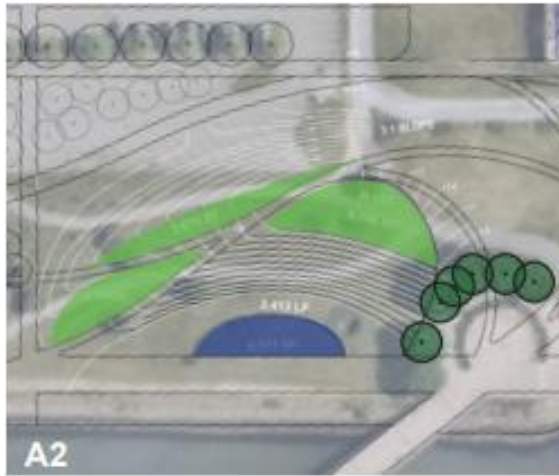
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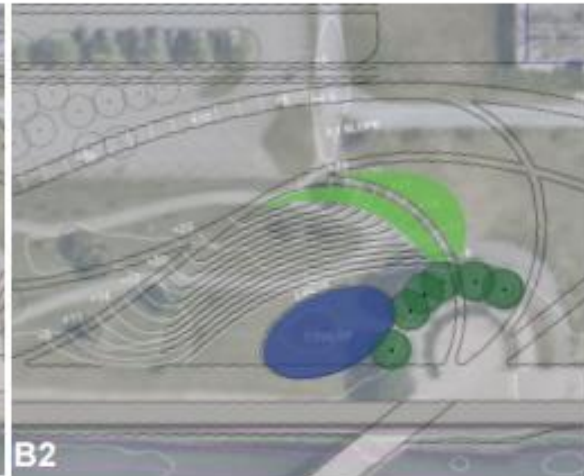
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KEEP TREES & ADD WALL

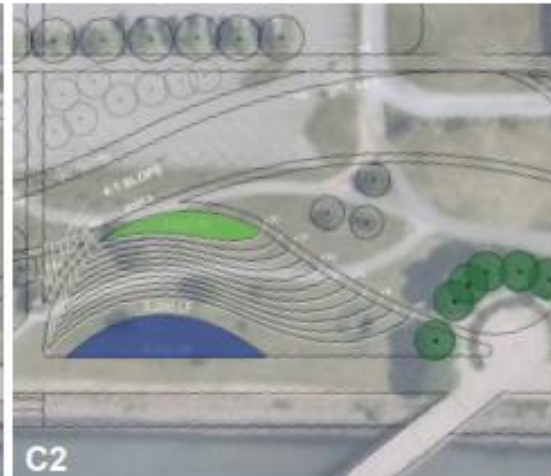
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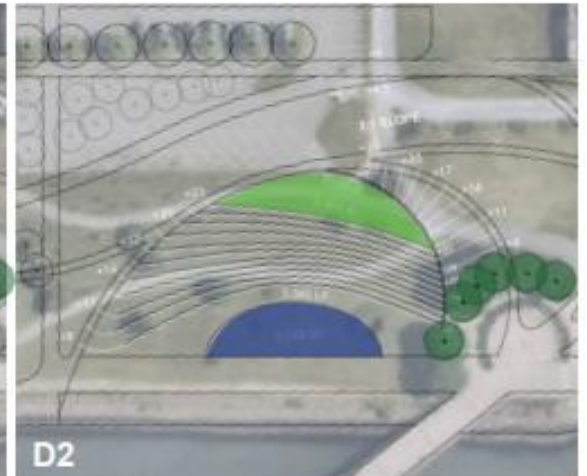
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C2

KEEP TREES

DENSE: 1,008
LOOSE: 545



D2

KEEP TREES & ADD WALL

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LOOSE: 848



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Amphitheater Options

AMPHITHEATER STUDY CAPACITY COMPARISON



DISCUSSION

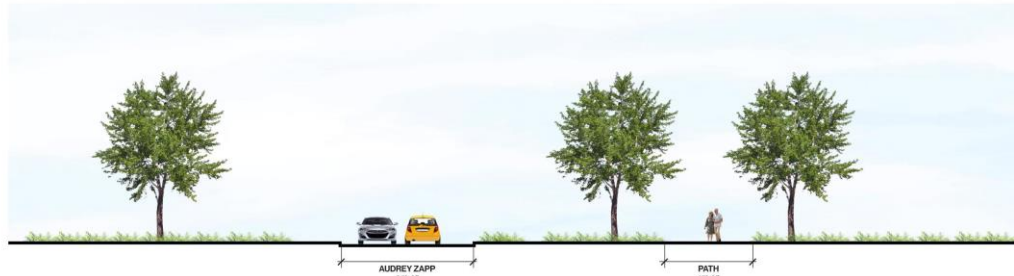
- Tradeoffs of larger versus smaller amphitheater?
- Advice on seating, structured or unstructured, dense or loose?
- Advice on integrated or separate amenities, restrooms, concessions?
- Other considerations?

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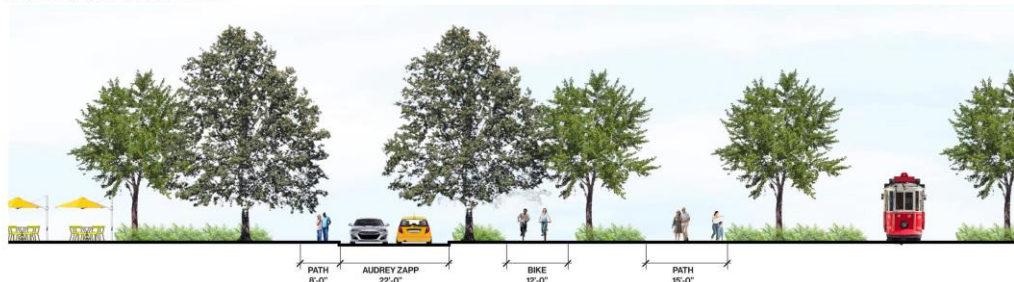
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Understanding the Community's Mobility Needs and Aspirations

10/18 Public Meeting Attendees most strongly preferred the following mobility options:



Shuttle Service



Scenic Train



Walking Paths



**Dedicated Bicycle
Facilities & Amenities**

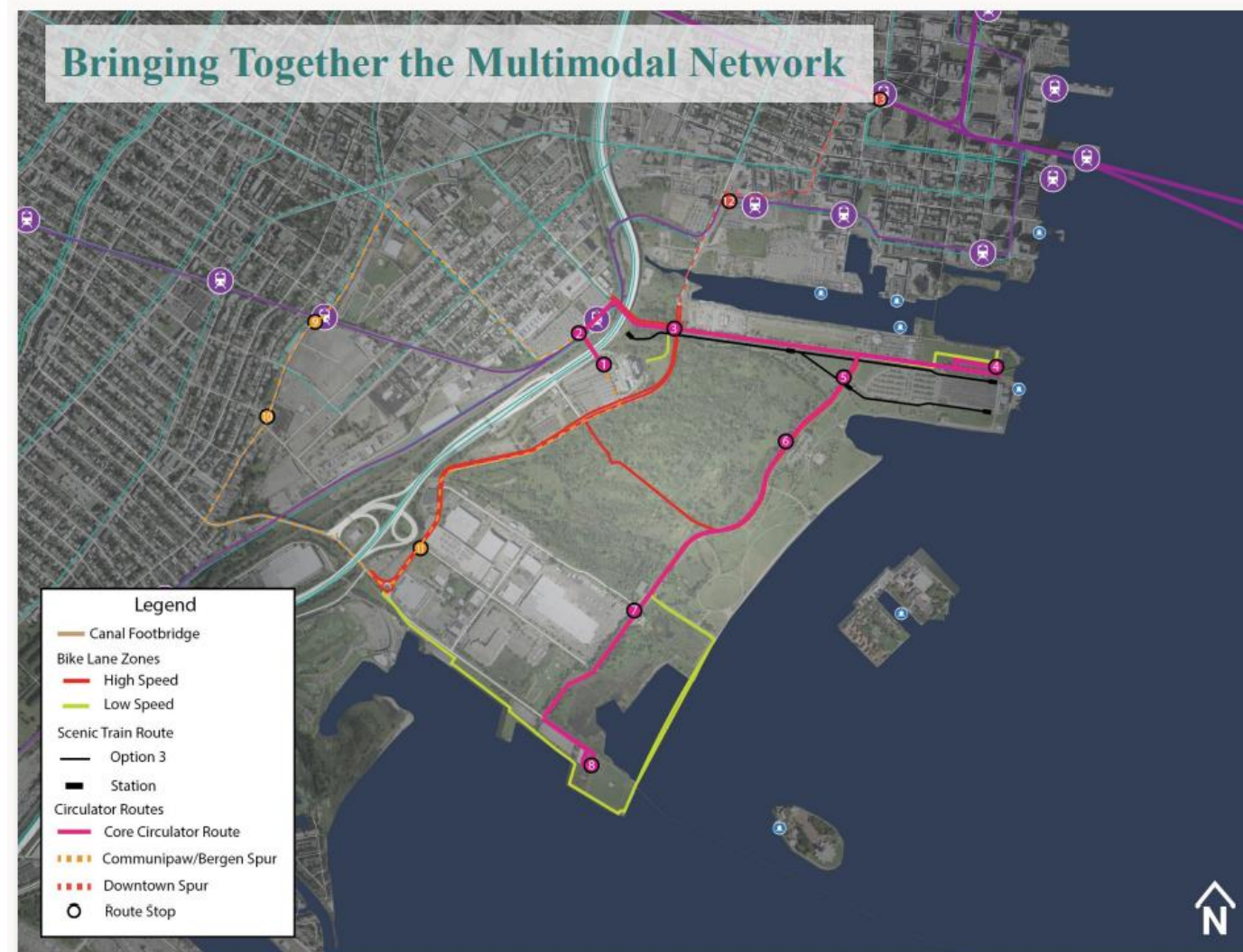


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Phase 1B Transportation

DISCUSSION

- Feedback on or other modes to consider in addition to: Shuttle, Scenic Train, Improved Bike and Walking Paths?
- Importance of transport only or role for interpretation, recreation, or other integrated amenities?
- Other considerations?



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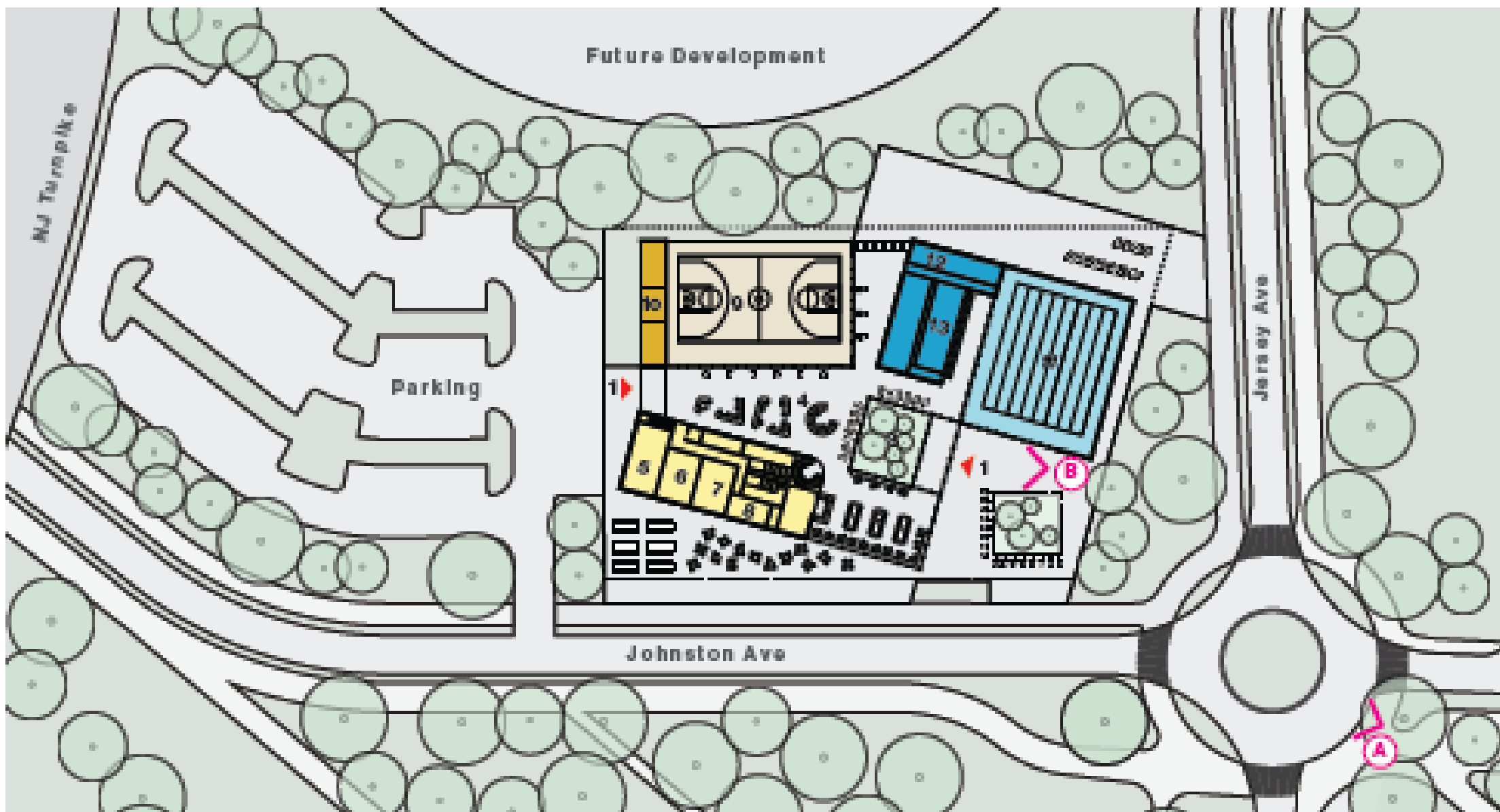












FLOOR PLAN KEY

1. Entry & Park Plaza
2. Cafe / Co-Working
3. Courtyard
4. Lobby / Flex Space
5. Community Room
6. Classroom
7. Community Kitchen
8. Admin
9. Basketball Court
10. Gym Storage
11. Pool
12. Pool Support
13. Lockers
14. Upstairs Gym + Fitness Studios

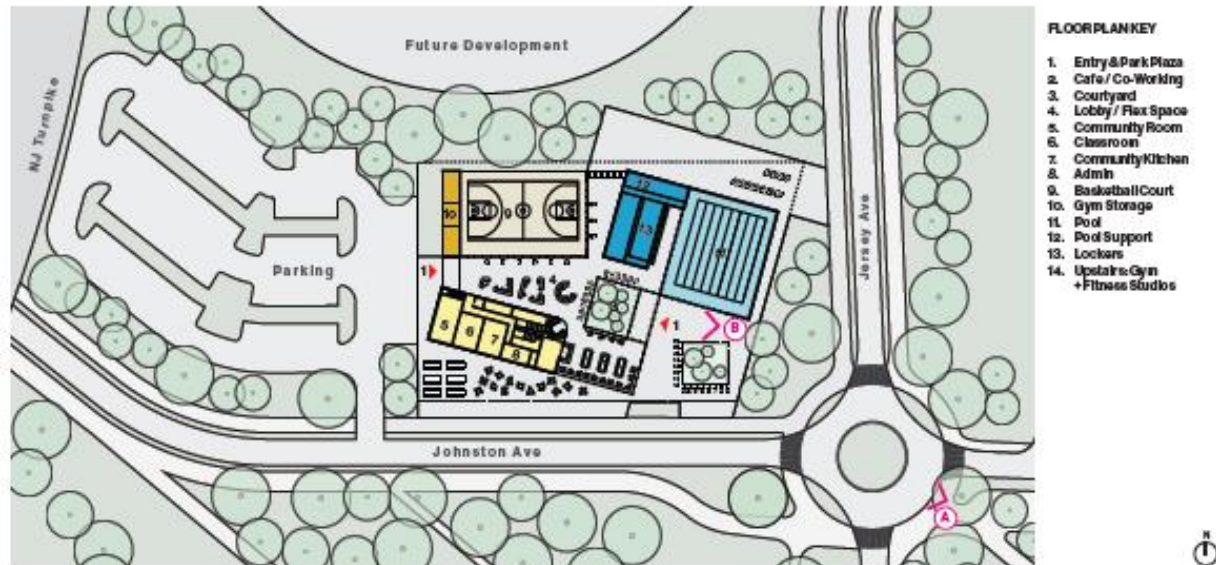


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Phase 1B The Community Center

DISCUSSION

- Could serve as one major gateway to the park; consideration of programming and amenities?
- Advice on serving as part visitor center, community space, indoor swimming, courts, other options?
- Other considerations?





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Phase 2: Holistic Long Term





PHASE 2: HOLISTIC LONG-TERM MASTER PLAN

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Phase 2 Next Steps



- Launch LSP-South master planning process (waterfront and southern areas)
- Conceptual design of active recreation elements along Thomas McGovern Drive
- Restoration and improvements along waterfront, including unstructured recreational
- Identify a phased development approach
- Final Product:
LSP-South Master Plan



Thank you.

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