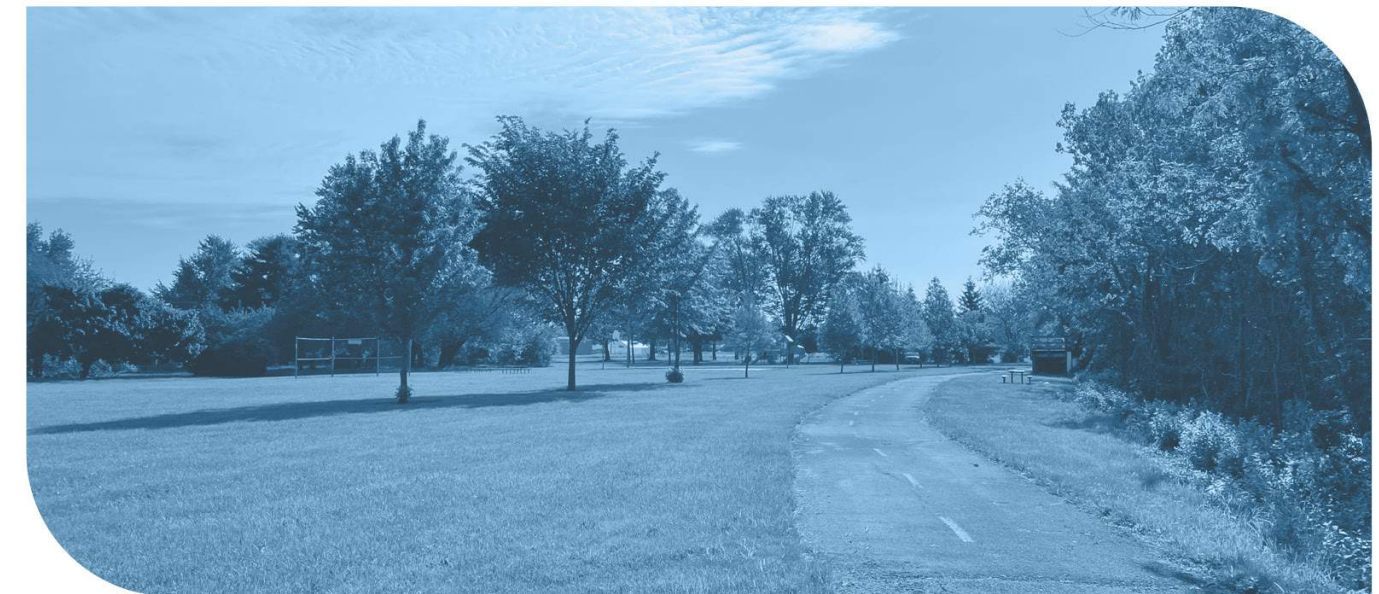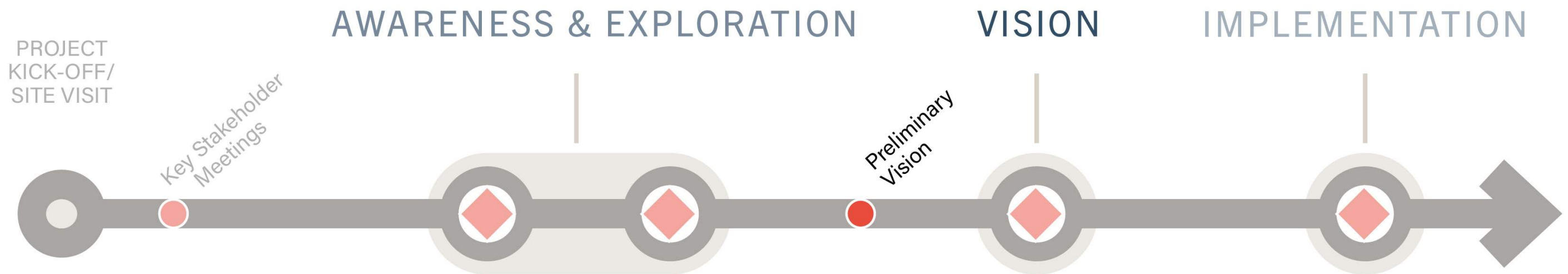# CITY OF FINDLAY

PRELIMINARY VISION

CIVITAN PARK MASTER PLAN

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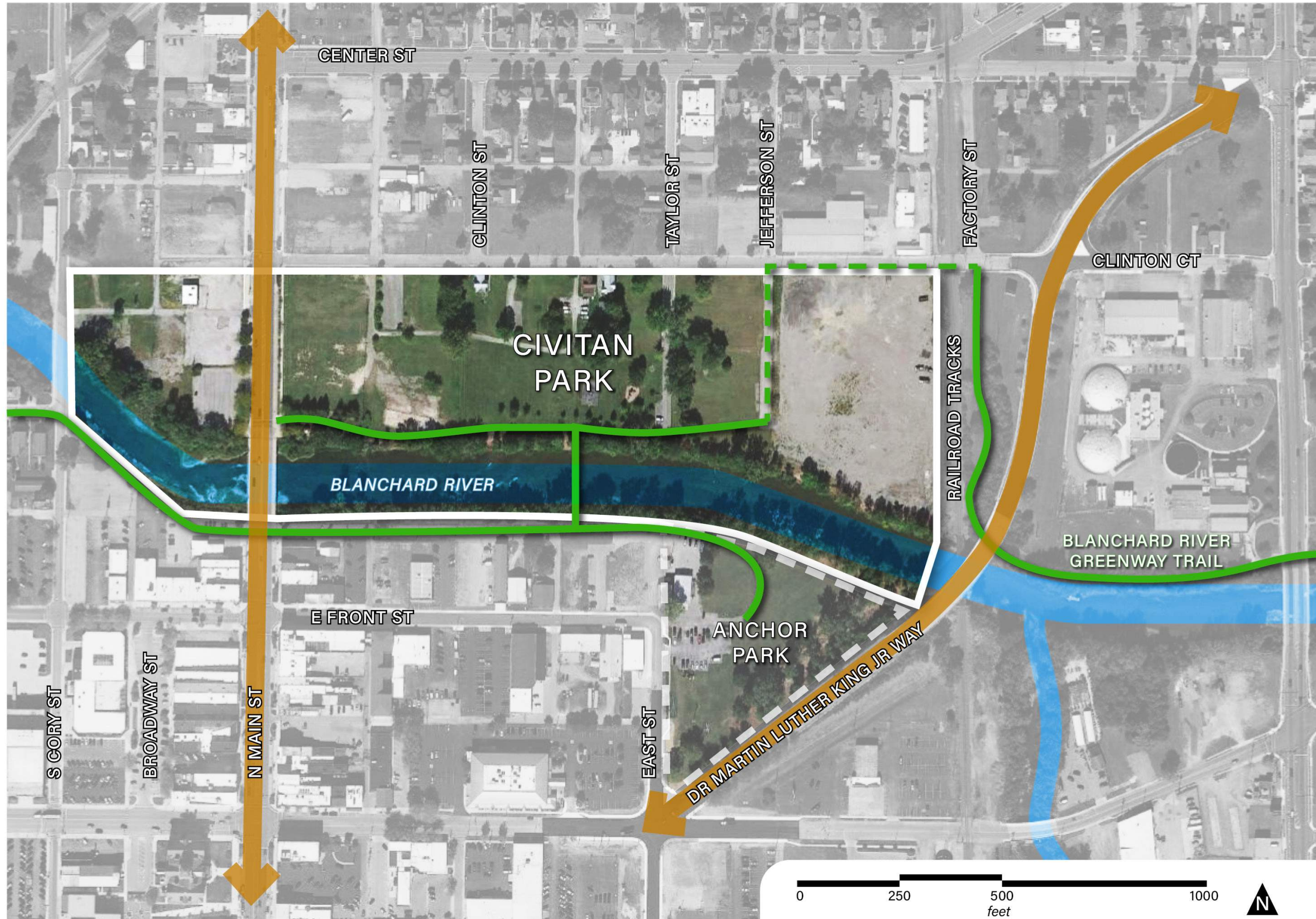
GOALS & OBJECTIVES

To create a vision for Civitan Park that:

- **Coordinates** with the technical requirements of the **flood control** project and related grading

- **Complements and doesn't compete** with the facilities and features found in other parks throughout the city

- Establishes this important open space as **the community's "living room"** – a place where there is something for everyone and there is always something going on

- Provides a spatial framework and the necessary infrastructure to support **a wide array of community programs, events and spontaneous activities**

- **Celebrates the linkage between the downtown area and the Blanchard River** (both sides) by providing points of access for fishing and canoeing/kayaking, as well as riverbank treatments that are beautiful, sustainable, and cost effective

- Strengthens connections to downtown and adjacent neighborhoods, while also **providing continuity and an important destination** as part of the Blanchard River Greenway/Trail/Blueway

- Integrates themes, forms, features and materials that **celebrate Findlay's unique sense of place**, cultural values and priorities

- **Stimulates investment and revitalization** around it

STUDY AREA

The study area is located north of Downtown Findlay along the Blanchard River between S. Cory St to the west and the railroad to the east.

REGIONAL CONTEXT

CENTER ST

CLINTON ST

TAYLOR ST

JEFFERSON ST

FACTORY ST

CLINTON CT

CIVITAN PARK

RAILROAD TRACKS

BLANCHARD RIVER

BLANCHARD RIVER GREENWAY TRAIL

E FRONT ST

ANCHOR PARK

S CORY ST

BROADWAY ST

N MAIN ST

EAST ST

DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY

0   250   500   1000
feet

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CONCEPT SUMMARY

Several concepts were developed to test the following design factors and relationships as a way to bring the best ideas to surface:

- Gateways + Path Locations and Layout
- Community Structure Locations and Types
- Picnic & Play Location
- Recreation Location and Type
- Memorial Integration
- Parking + Arrival
- Serves as Community "Living Room"
- Support Community Programming
- Engagement of the River

CONCEPT A

A Amphitheater
B Parking
C River Access/Fishing Spot
D Multi-Purpose/Wellness Lawn
E Nature-inspired Play
F Shelter/Restrooms
G Picnic Grove/Beer Garden
H Walking Paths/Fitness Circuit
I Restaurant
J Enhancements to Existing Bridge
K Landscape Buffer for Railroad
L Trees Along Roadway
M Promenade
N Improved Pedestrian Crossing
O Trail Connection
P Friendship City Connection (Cherry Trees)

Selective Clearing to Promote Views of Park Hub

DOWNTOWN   ANCHOR PARK

Tree-lined Promenade   Kayak Launch and River Access   Amphitheater pulling from the language of the river   Nature-inspired Play

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CONCEPT B

A Stage/Pavilion
B Parking
C River Access/Fishing Spot
D Multi-Purpose/Wellness Lawn
E Nature-inspired Play
F Shelter/Restrooms
G Picnic Grove/Beer Garden
H Interactive Water Feature
I Restaurant
J New Iconic Bridge
K Landscape Buffer for Railroad
L Trees Along Roadway
M Pergola/Swings
N Improved Pedestrian Crossing
O Trail Connection
P Friendship City Connection (Cherry Trees)

Selective Clearing to Promote Views of Park Hub

DOWNTOWN   ANCHOR PARK

River-facing restaurant   Shade and Swings overlook the river   Interactive Water Feature   Food Truck/Beer Garden

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CONCEPT C

A Amphitheater
B Parking
C River Access/Fishing Spot
D Multi-Purpose/Wellness Lawn
E Activity Nodes
F Shelter/Restrooms
G Picnic Grove/Beer Garden
H Storybook Path/Interpretive Nodes
I Restaurant
J Enhancements to Existing Bridge
K Landscape Buffer for Railroad
L Trees Along Roadway
M Interactive Water Feature/Plaza
N Improved Pedestrian Crossing
O Trail Connection
P Friendship City Connection (Cherry Trees)

Selective Clearing to Promote Views of Park Hub

DOWNTOWN   ANCHOR PARK

Trails connecting the park to the river   Activity Nodes offer diverse experience along trail   River Access & Kayak Launch   Open Lawn Accommodates Diverse Activities

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CONCEPT D

A Stage/Pavilion
B Parking
C River Access/Fishing Spot
D Multi-Purpose/Wellness Lawn
E Discovery Gardens
F Shelter/Restrooms
G Picnic Grove/Beer Garden
H Multi-purpose Paths
I Restaurant
J New Iconic Bridge
K Landscape Buffer for Railroad
L Trees Along Roadway
M Interactive Water Feature/Plaza
N Improved Pedestrian Crossing
O Trail Connection
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DOWNTOWN   ANCHOR PARK

Multi-use trails traverse the park   Multi-purpose pavilion and plaza serve as Hub   Discovery Gardens offer nature exploration   Dramatic new iconic bridge connection

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WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU

- **Lighting** is critical to attracting and making visitors feel safe

- **Iconic bridge** connection into Anchor Park

- **Promote visual and physical access to the river** with selective vegetation along the river, paths and river access points, and riverview swings.

- **Tree-lined promenade** to bring people into the park

- **Parking** distributed throughout the park

- **Centrally-located amphitheater,** tiered with plug-n-play

- **Define a gateway** in and out of Downtown

- Provide **convenient boat loading/river access**

- **Centrally-located play,** not just small pockets

- **Pedestrian pathway** UNDER Main Street Bridge

- Create **food truck hub** for daily use

- **Size "main" path to facilitate festivals and events** without making them look like a road

- Keep **cherry trees** out of frequently flooded areas

- **Make Clinton Court one-way** east from Main Street to railroad tracks with angled parking

- No need for restaurant spaces

- Locate **skate park** west of Main Street

- **Make South Bank a feature** with stone work and natural habitat to make it more attractive from the park and to encourage investment

- Create **shaded picnic areas**

- **Add overflow parking to City/County-owned blocks***

- **Extend Riverwalk east to MLK Mural***

CLINTON CT

BLANCHARD RIVER

CORY ST

MAIN ST

DOWNTOWN

ANCHOR PARK

DR MLK JR WAY

CSX RAILROAD

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LEGEND

A Amphitheater

B Parking

C River Access/Fishing Spot

D Multipurpose Lawn

E Adventure Play

F Sculptural Play

G Food Truck/Picnic Grove

H Walking Paths/Fitness Circuit

I Glacialscape Skate Park

J Iconic Bridge

K Landscape Buffer for Railroad

L Promenade of Peace

M Court of Pillars (Park Hub)

N Improved Pedestrian Crossing

O Trail Connection

P Friendship City Connection (Cherry Trees)

Q Riverview Memorial Garden & Swings

PAVILION & AMPHITHEATER

DOG PARK

RIVERVIEW SWINGS & MEMORIAL GARDENS

SHELTER & RESTROOMS

PICNIC GROVE

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MAIN STREET GATEWAY

COURT OF PILLARS

GLACIAL-SCAPE

SHELTER/RESTROOM

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FOOD TRUCK / PICNIC GROVE

PILLARS OF COMMUNITY (DONOR OPPORTUNITY)

ADVENTURE PLAY

FOUNTAIN PLAZA

SCULPTURE PLAY

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UNDER BRIDGE PATH CONCEPT

Bridge Bottom: 772

Bridge Abutment

8' Clearance (min)

WSE @ US end of Bridge: 760+/-

12' Bike Path: 762-764 max
3:1 embankment
Undetermined Fill Volume

River Bottom/Ground @ US end of Bridge
(estimated for demonstration)