

# VISIONING A NEW PARK ON LOWER PAUL AVENUE



Community Meeting  
March 10, 2022



## WHAT WILL BE COVERED IN THIS MEETING?

- Who is Park Pride?
- What is park visioning?
- Process so far
- Survey results
- Guiding principles
- Preliminary concepts
- Next steps/Open house



## What is Park Visioning?

- Record of community priorities for a public park
- Arrived at through community input
- Conceptual plan, not a fully engineered plan
- Advocacy and fundraising tool for the community
- Aspirational - typically phased-in over time

## What Park Visioning is NOT

- NOT automatically funded
- NO weight of law unless adopted by City Council
- NOT a promise NOR a mandate



## PROCESS SO FAR

- Steering committee of residents
- ~~Jan 22 – Survey~~
- ~~Feb 10 – First Community Meeting~~
- ~~Feb 28 – Survey closes~~
- Mar 10 – Second Community Meeting/2<sup>nd</sup> Survey opens
- April 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Survey closes
- April 30 – Third Community Meeting

March 2022  
 Public Meeting 2  
 Park Visioning Process  
 Facilitated by Park Pride for  
 the Riverside Community

# VISIONING A NEW PARK ON LOWER PAUL AVE

## CONCEPT FEEDBACK

Select your preferences on the back of this page and find your favorite plan!  
 Feel free to make notes/draw on this page if you like!

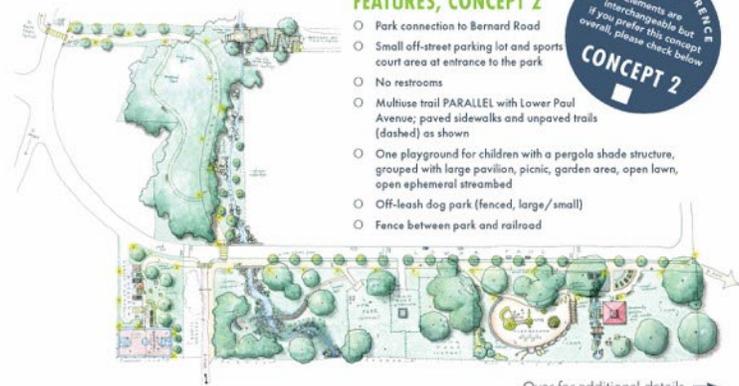
### FEATURES, CONCEPT 1

- Large main pavilion and active area at entrance to the park with restrooms, court area, community garden, lawn games, firepit, etc.
- Two play areas for children near pavilions at both ends of the park
- Multiuse trail weaves THROUGH the park
- Open drainage piped for increased open lawn
- Unpaved trails (dashed lines) connect through woodland, picnic area, and "Imagination Art Garden"
- Hedge between park and railroad
- On-street parking only (parking at pavilion reserved for loading/unloading and ADA access)



### FEATURES, CONCEPT 2

- Park connection to Bernard Road
- Small off-street parking lot and sports court area at entrance to the park
- No restrooms
- Multiuse trail PARALLEL with Lower Paul Avenue; paved sidewalks and unpaved trails (dashed) as shown
- One playground for children with a pergola shade structure, grouped with large pavilion, picnic, garden area, open lawn, open ephemeral streambed
- Off-leash dog park (fenced, large/small)
- Fence between park and railroad



Over for additional details →

See full Concepts 1 & 2 on opposite side

## CONCEPT FEEDBACK

**Big differences** The following are major areas of difference between the Concepts 1 & 2. Check the options you prefer. Options are interchangeable!

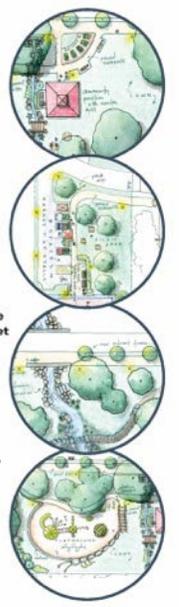
### CONCEPT 1

- Large Pavilion at entrance to park**  
Pavilion is the hub for community events and activities
- On-street parking only**  
Informal on-street parking devotes more space for park and slows traffic on the street
- Alignment of the multi-use trail through park**  
The paved multi-use trail meanders through the park in addition to a sidewalk along Lower Paul
- Two play options** within the park.
- Drainage swale piped** to allow for more lawn



### CONCEPT 2

- Small pavilion in the park's interior**  
Between the playground and the open lawn
- Small off-street parking lot**  
A small parking lot relieves street parking for residents, provides a place for farmers' markets
- Alignment of multi-use trail parallel with street**  
The paved multi-use trail is parallel with Lower Paul Avenue, separated by granite curb and street trees
- Playground central**  
Focuses structured play in one area with provisions for play for all ages, not just kids
- Drainage swale reconstructed as a dry streambed**



### More Big Differences

Check the box for your preference in each category

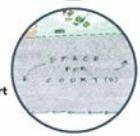
#### Bernard Road Connection

- Trail connection (via stairs)
- No trail access from Bernard Road



#### Type of Sports Courts

- Full basketball court
- Half basketball court
- Volleyball court
- One doubles tennis court
- No courts



#### Off-Leash Dog Park

- Yes
- No



#### Restrooms

- Yes
- No



#### Barrier between Park and Railroad

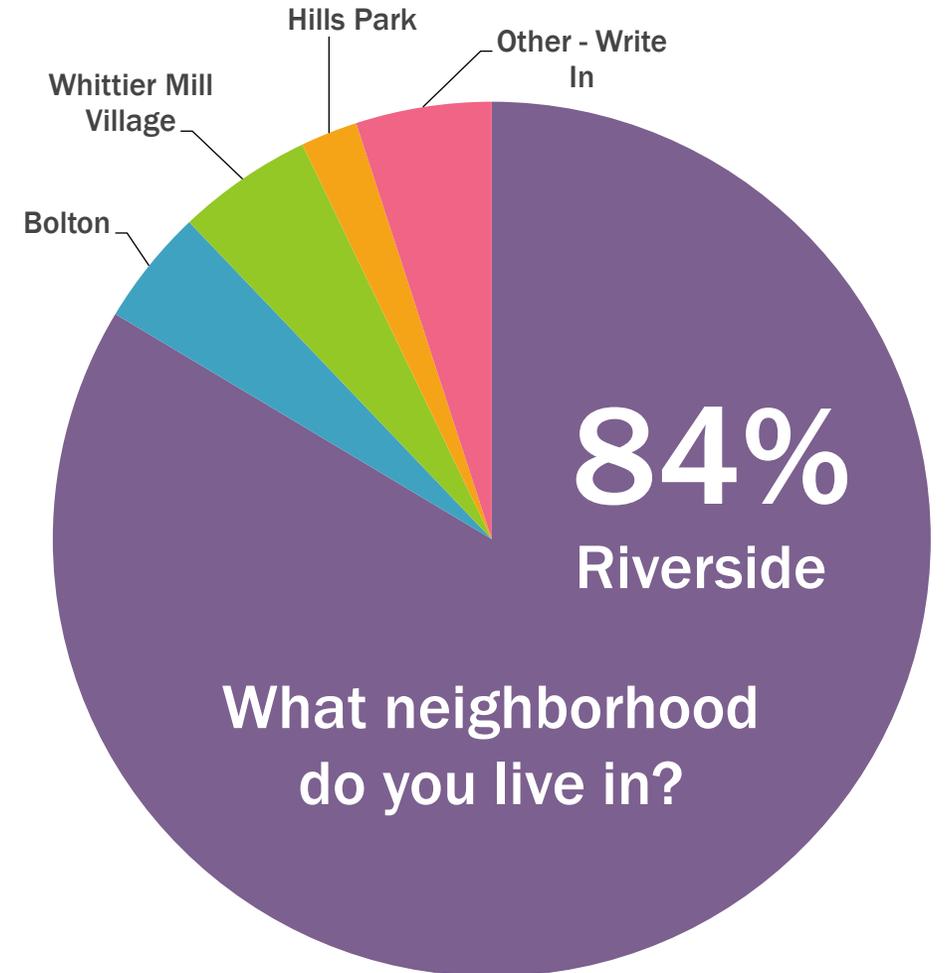
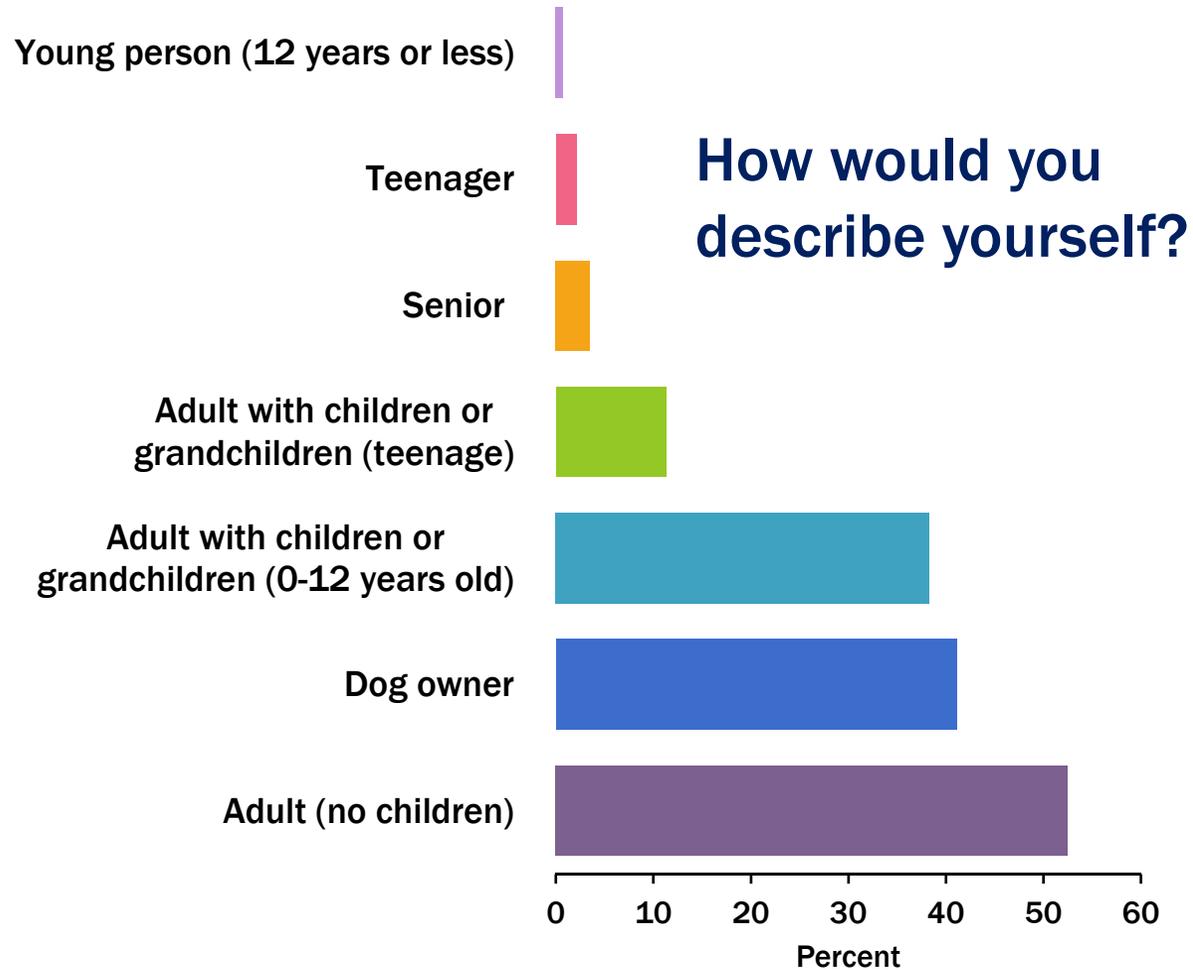
- Fence
- Hedgerow
- None

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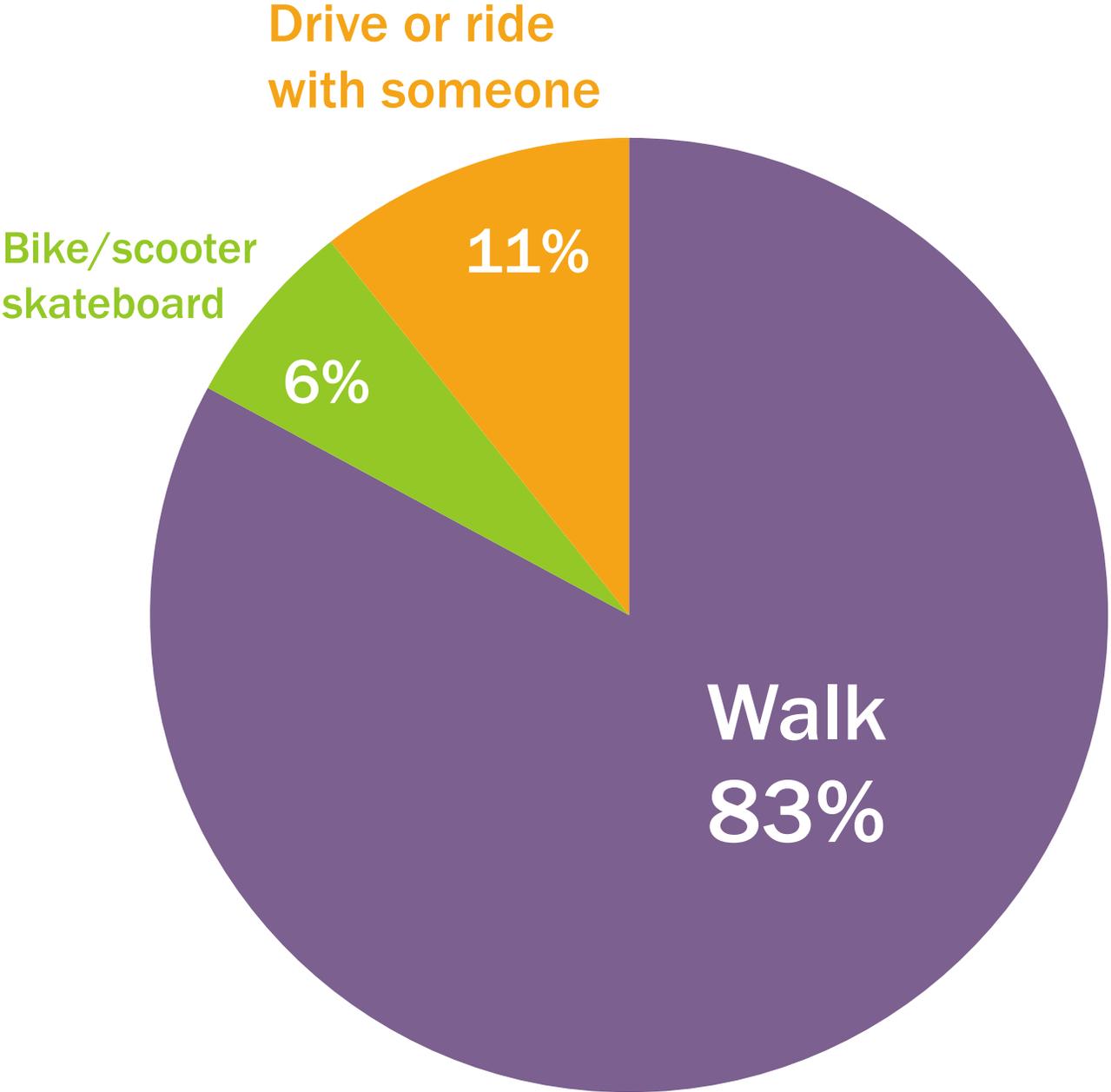
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# 144 responses!! (this is great)



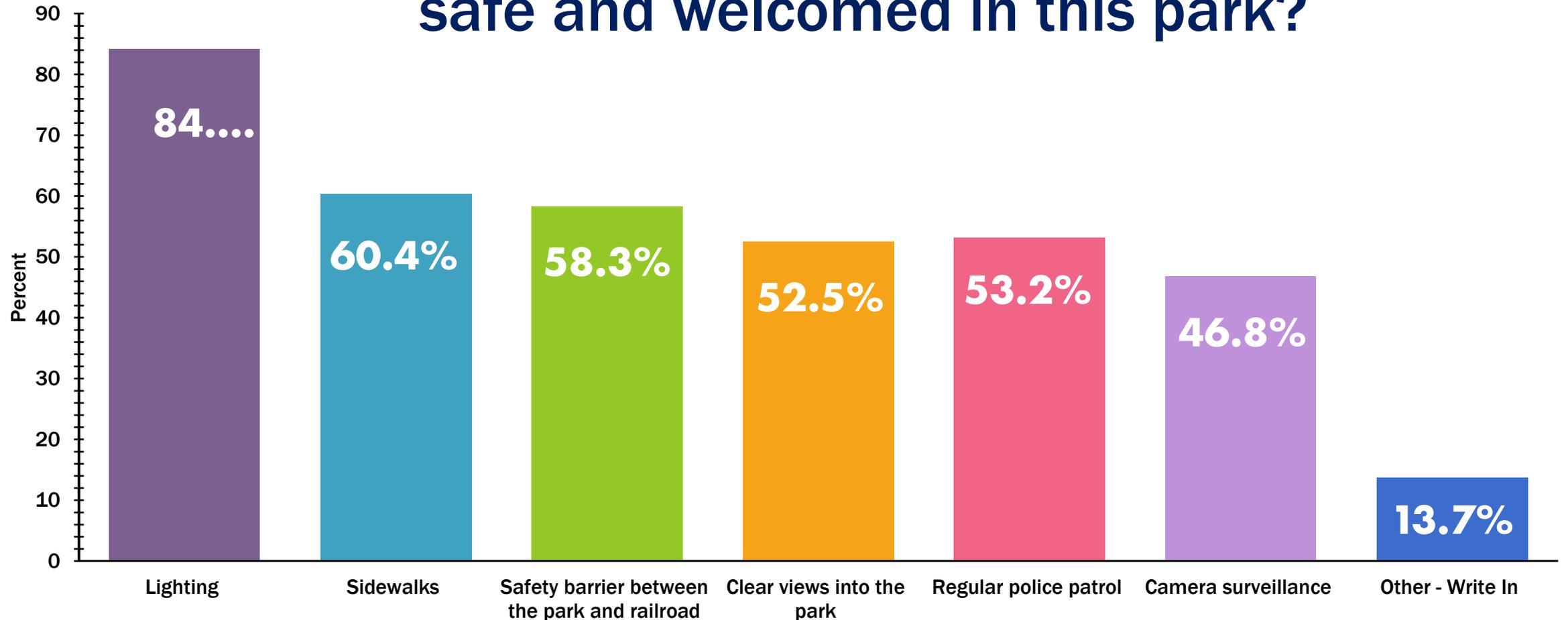
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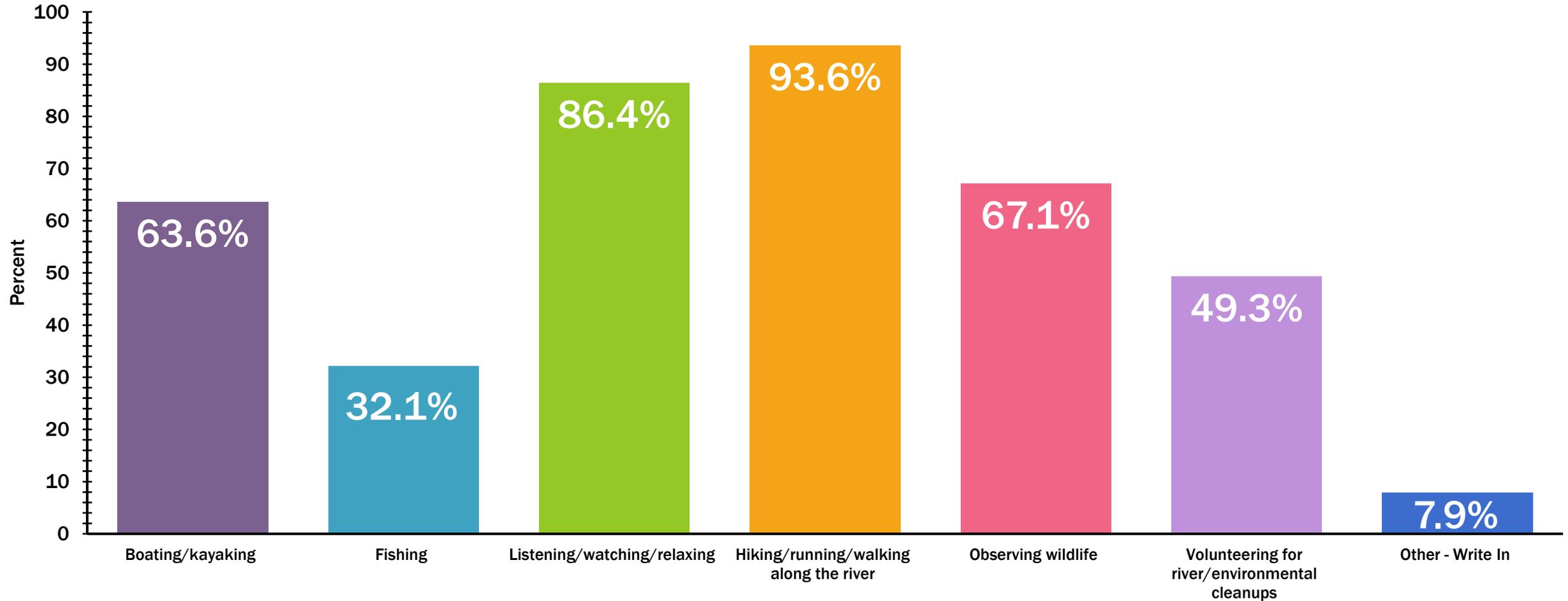
No respondents indicated that they would take public transit.

The closest bus stop is 0.5 miles away at Bolton Road and Paul Ave

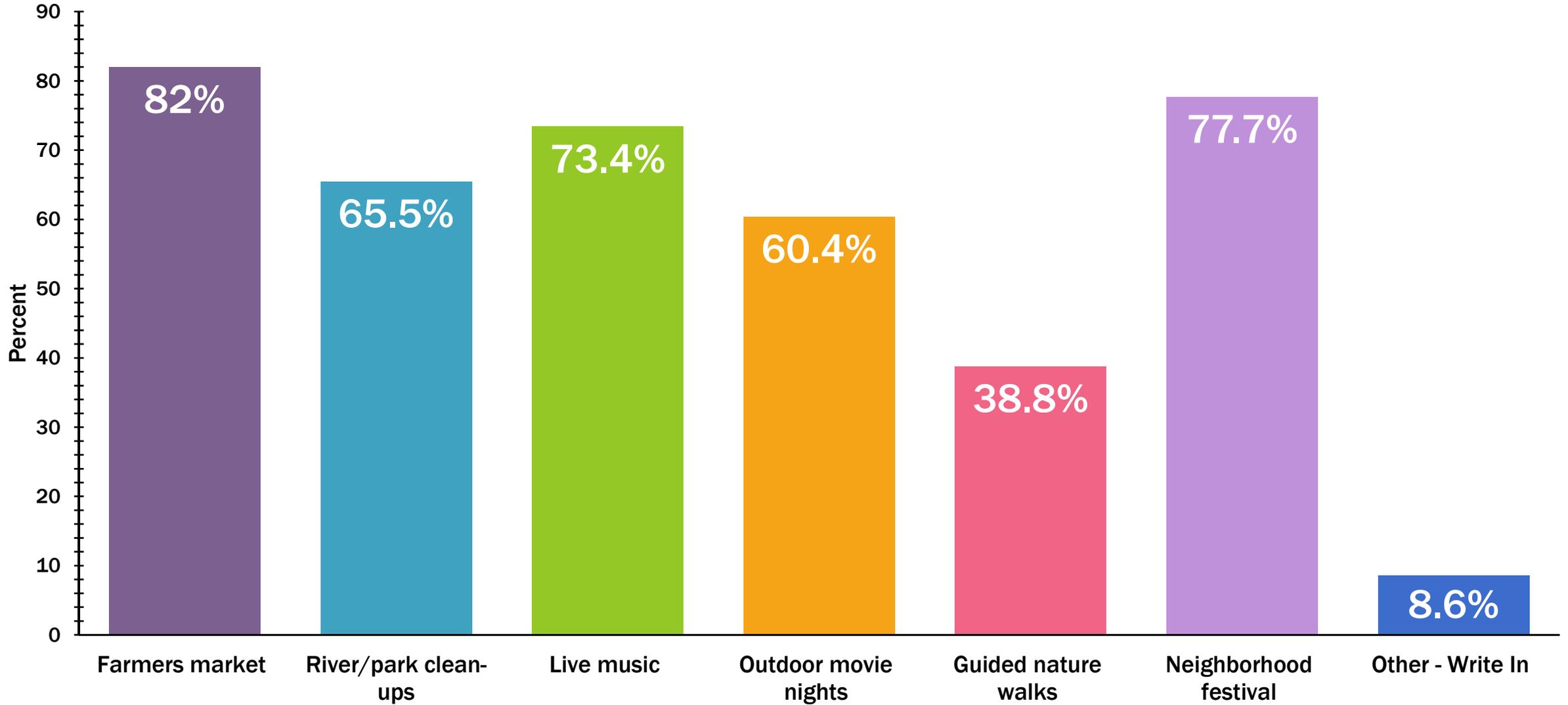
# Which improvements would most likely make you and your family feel safe and welcomed in this park?



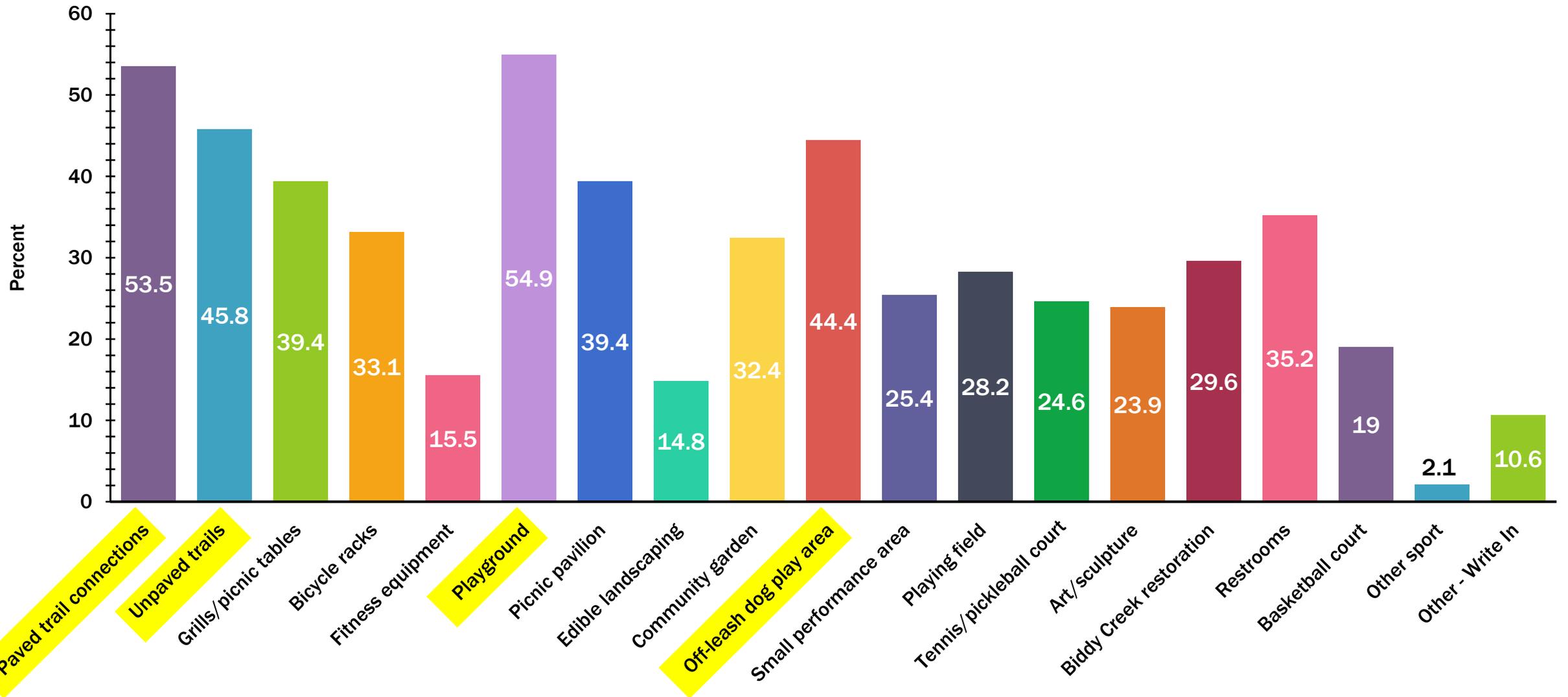
# Which of these activities do you see yourself enjoying on the river?



# What programs would you like to see in the park?



# What amenities would you most like to see in this new neighborhood park?





# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

These are the main ideas and goals that the design will strive toward

**1**

Create a **safe and welcoming** space that will foster **community spirit** and serve as a venue for neighborhood and casual **gatherings** while preserving the **natural beauty** of the site

**2**

Restore the local **environment** and **connect** visitors to the unique **ecology, culture, and history** of the **Chattahoochee River**

**3**

Prioritize **trail connections** and **well-marked entrances** to provide **safe access** and **connectivity** for residents and visitors

**4**

Design a **beautiful and resilient** space that can withstand the **rigors** of both the **human and natural environment**





**What's in both  
concepts**

# Multiuse Trail Connections



A photograph of a forest path in autumn. The path is covered in fallen brown leaves and leads into a dense forest of tall, thin trees. The ground is covered in a thick layer of brown leaves, and the trees are mostly bare, with some green foliage visible on the right side. The sky is visible through the canopy, appearing overcast.

# Nature Trails



# Lighting

# Biddy Creek Restoration





Playground





**Preserved  
Canopy**

# Rail Crossing To River





**Restored  
Curb Edge**



**Benches, Bins,**



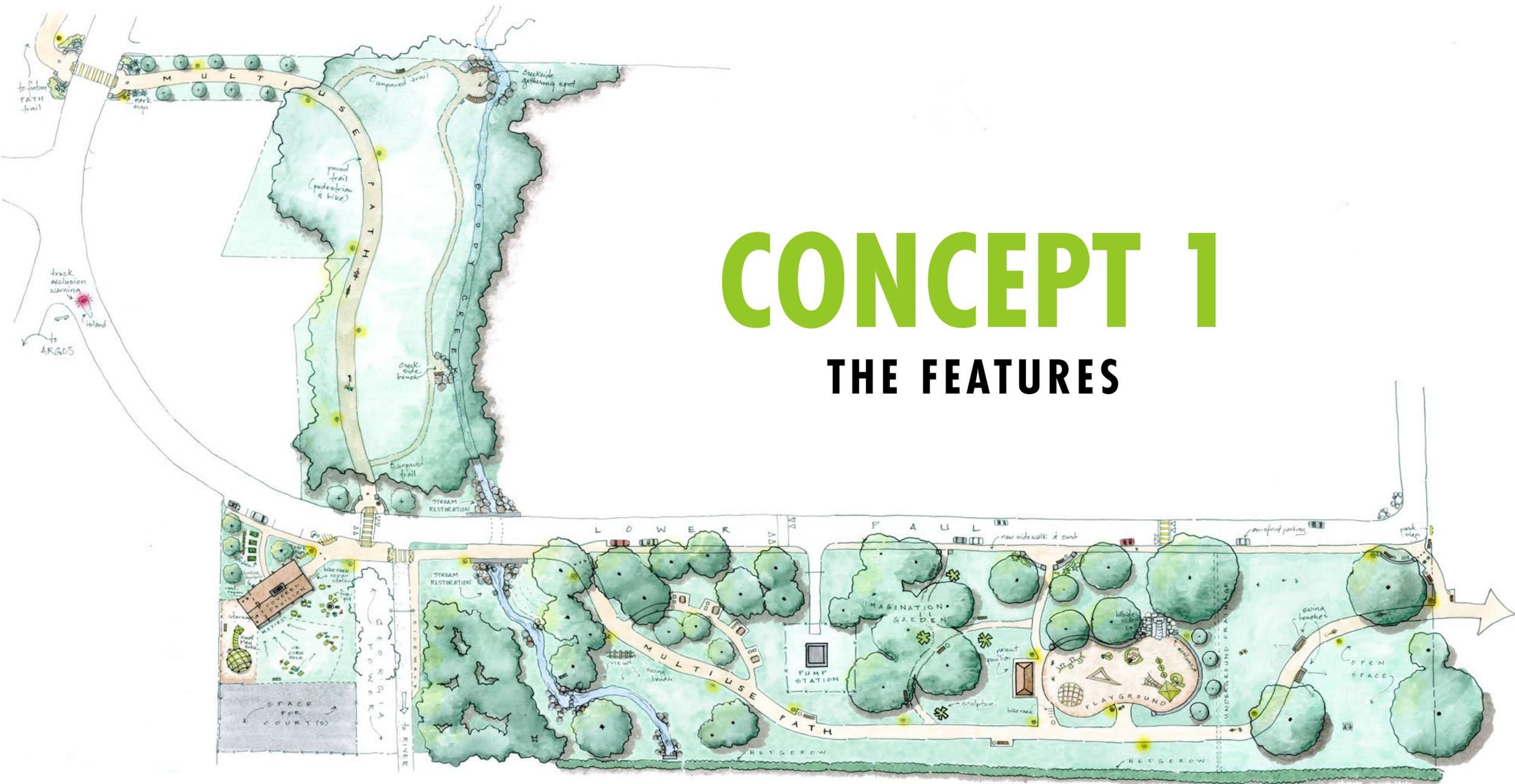
**and Bike Racks**



# **What's in Concept 1**

# CONCEPT 1

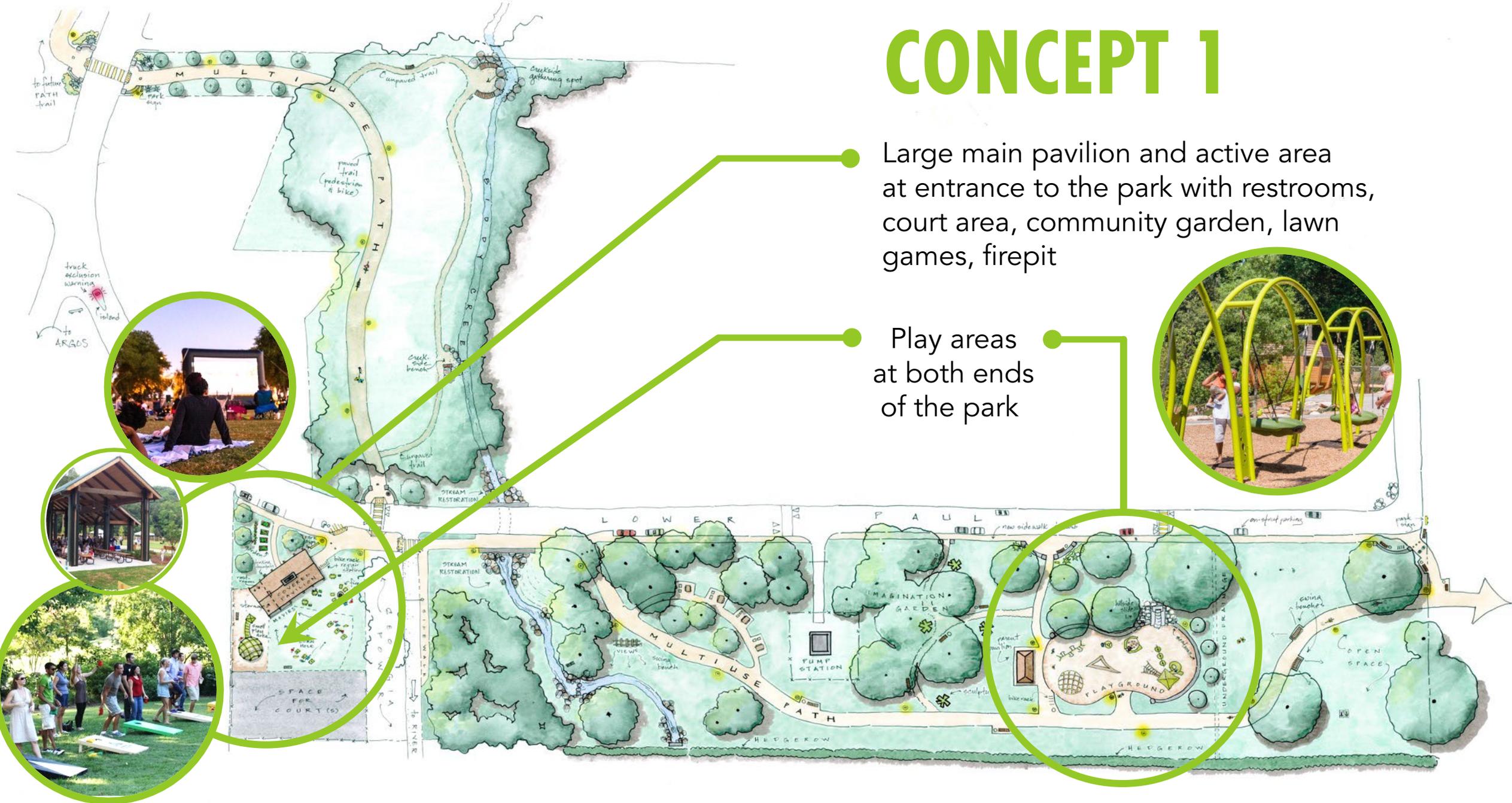
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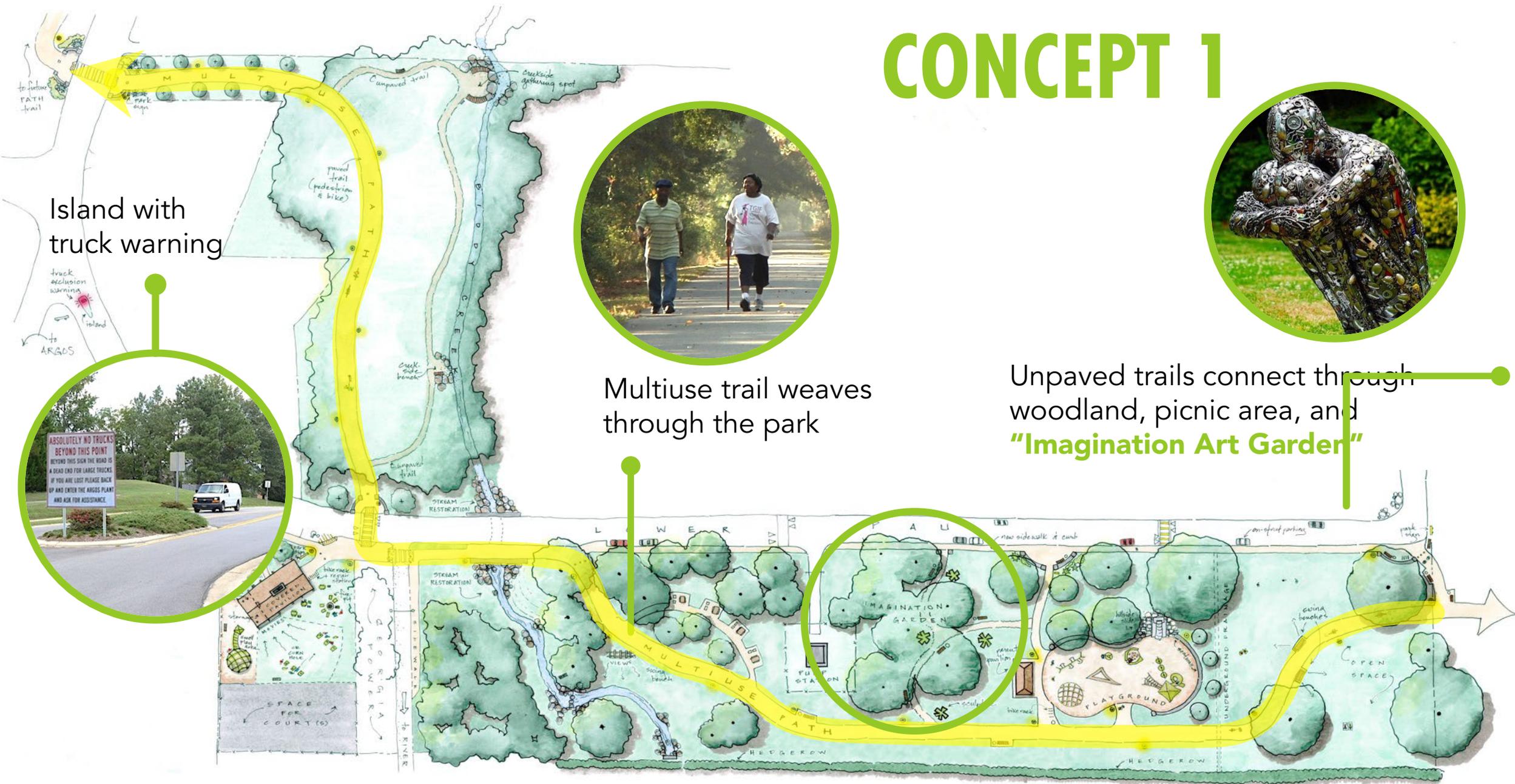
# CONCEPT 1

Large main pavilion and active area at entrance to the park with restrooms, court area, community garden, lawn games, firepit

Play areas at both ends of the park



# CONCEPT 1



Island with truck warning



Multiuse trail weaves through the park



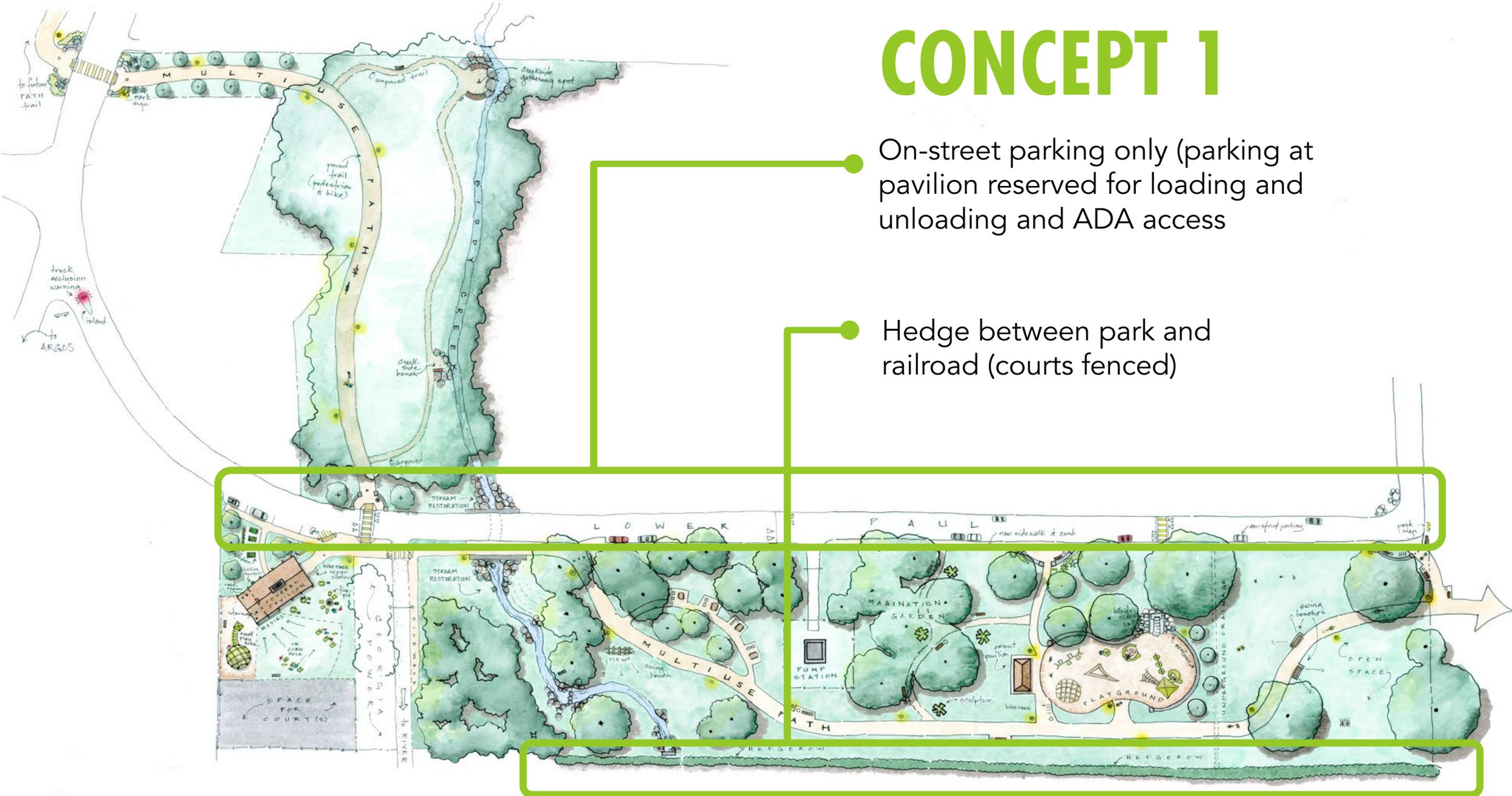
Unpaved trails connect through woodland, picnic area, and "Imagination Art Garden"



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On-street parking only (parking at pavilion reserved for loading and unloading and ADA access)

Hedge between park and railroad (courts fenced)

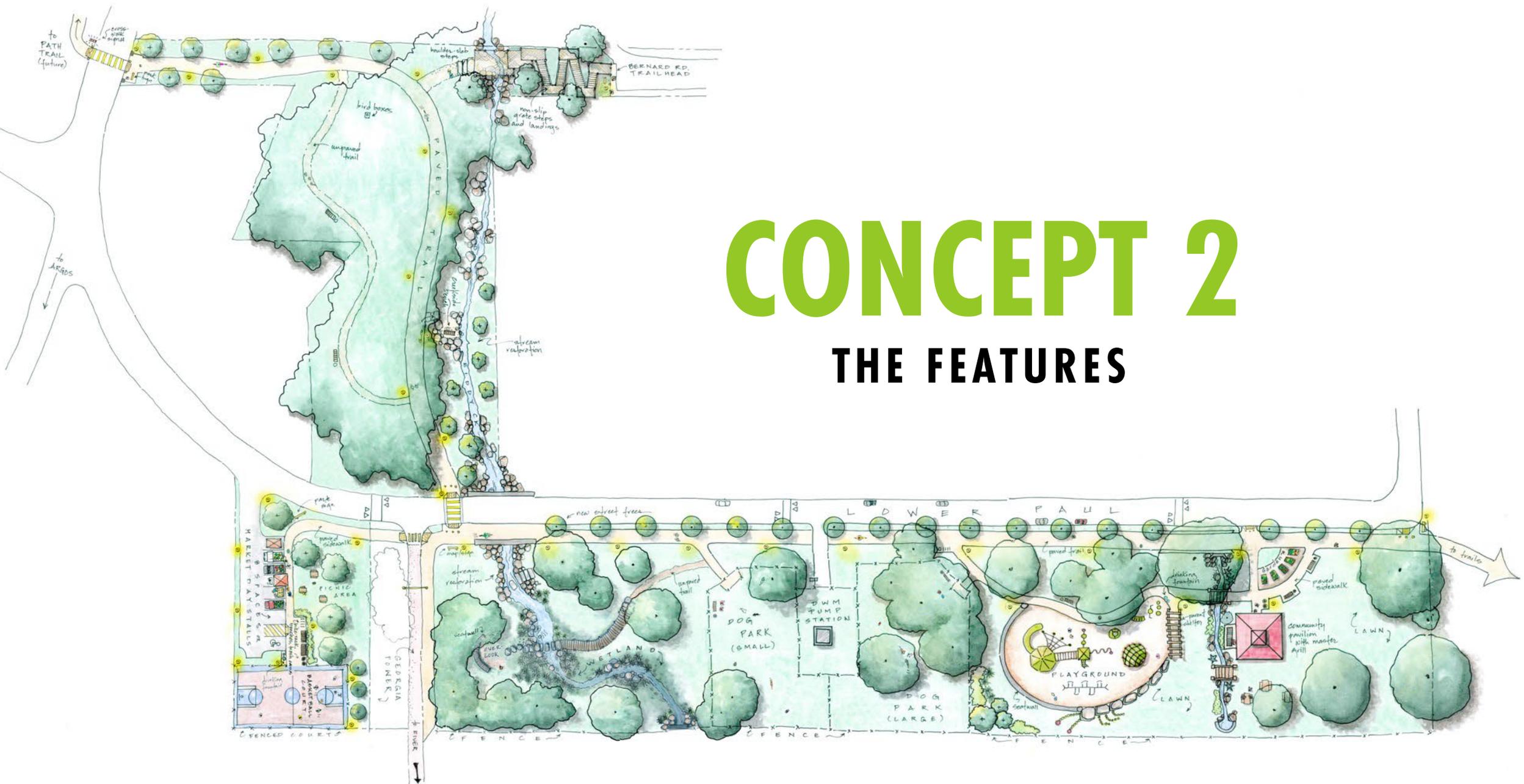




**What's in  
Concept 2**

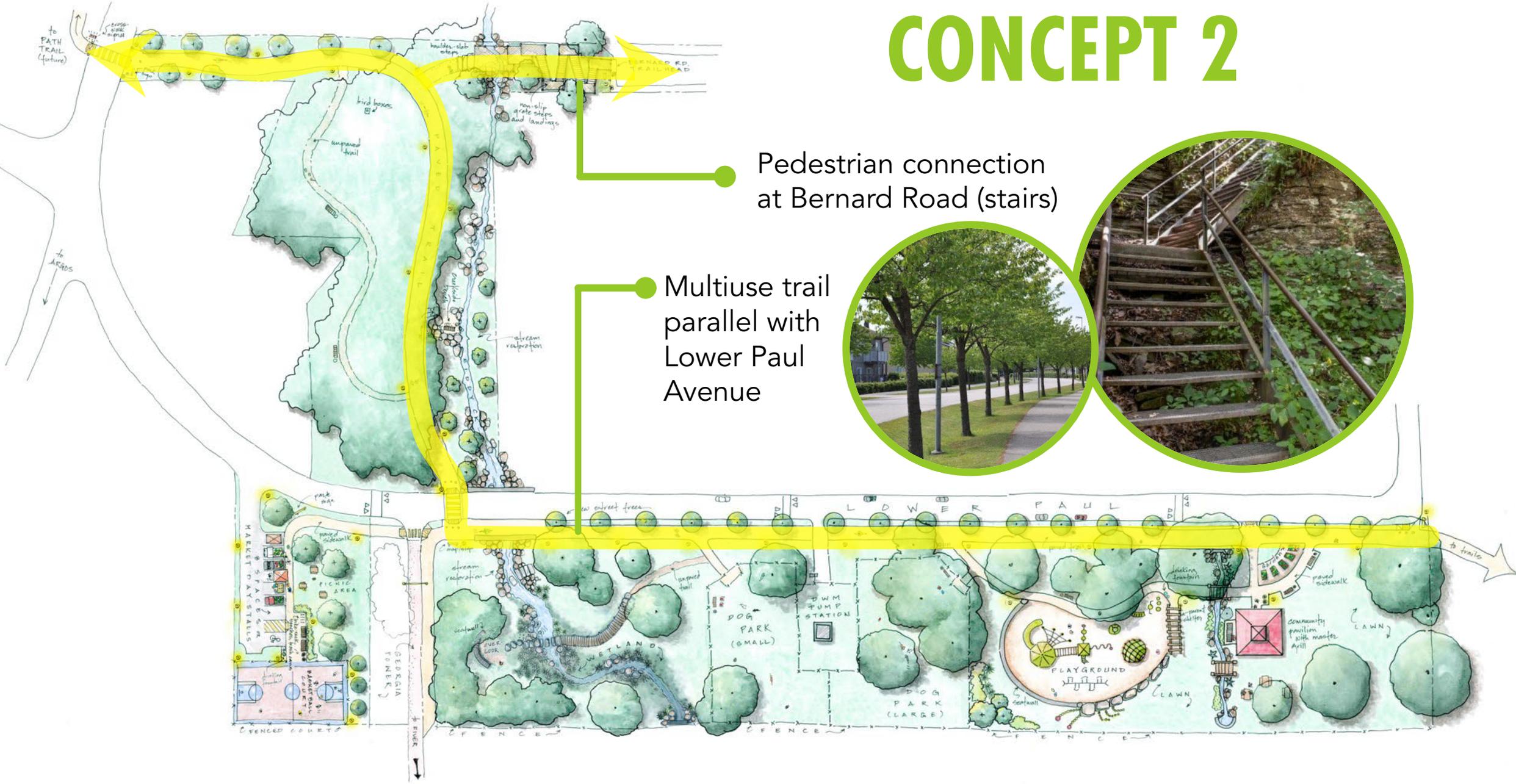
# CONCEPT 2

## THE FEATURES





# CONCEPT 2



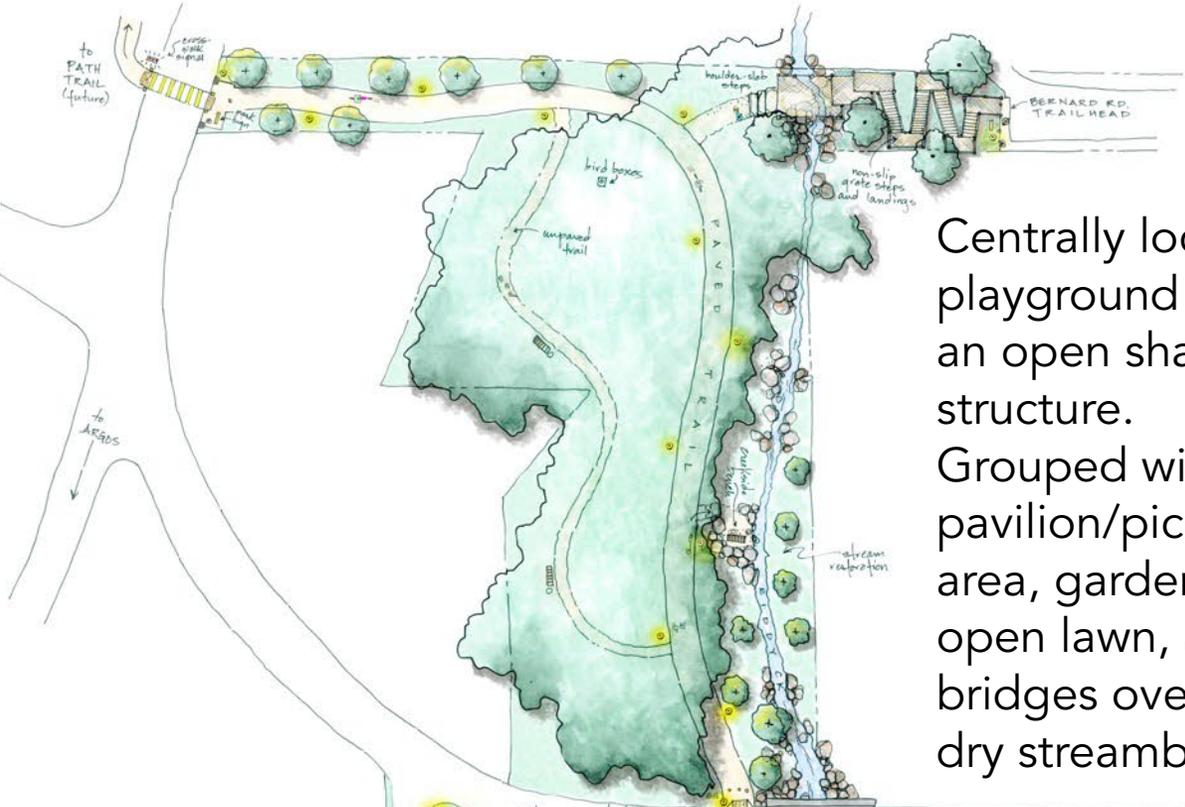
Pedestrian connection at Bernard Road (stairs)

Multiuse trail parallel with Lower Paul Avenue

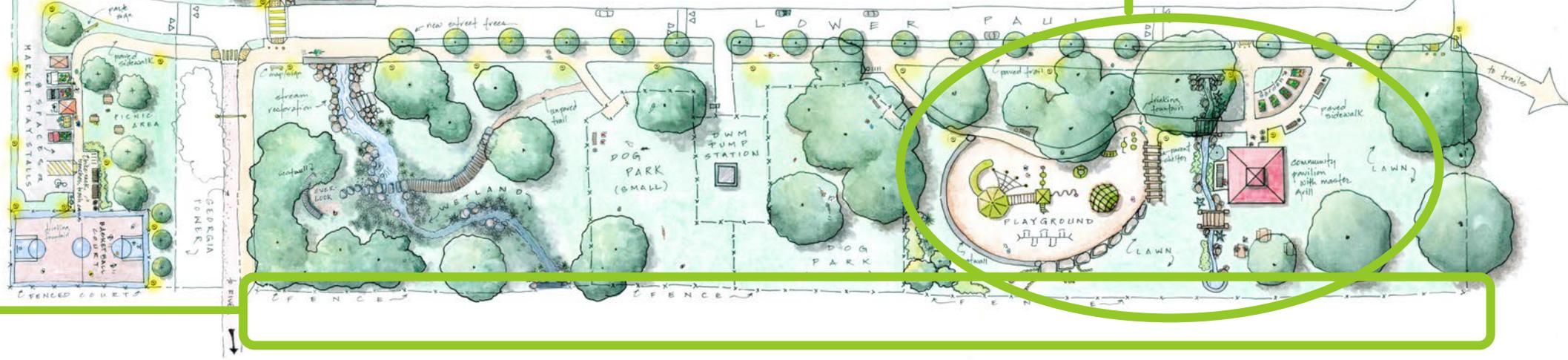


# CONCEPT 2

Centrally located playground with an open shade structure. Grouped with pavilion/picnic area, garden beds, open lawn, and bridges over dry streambed

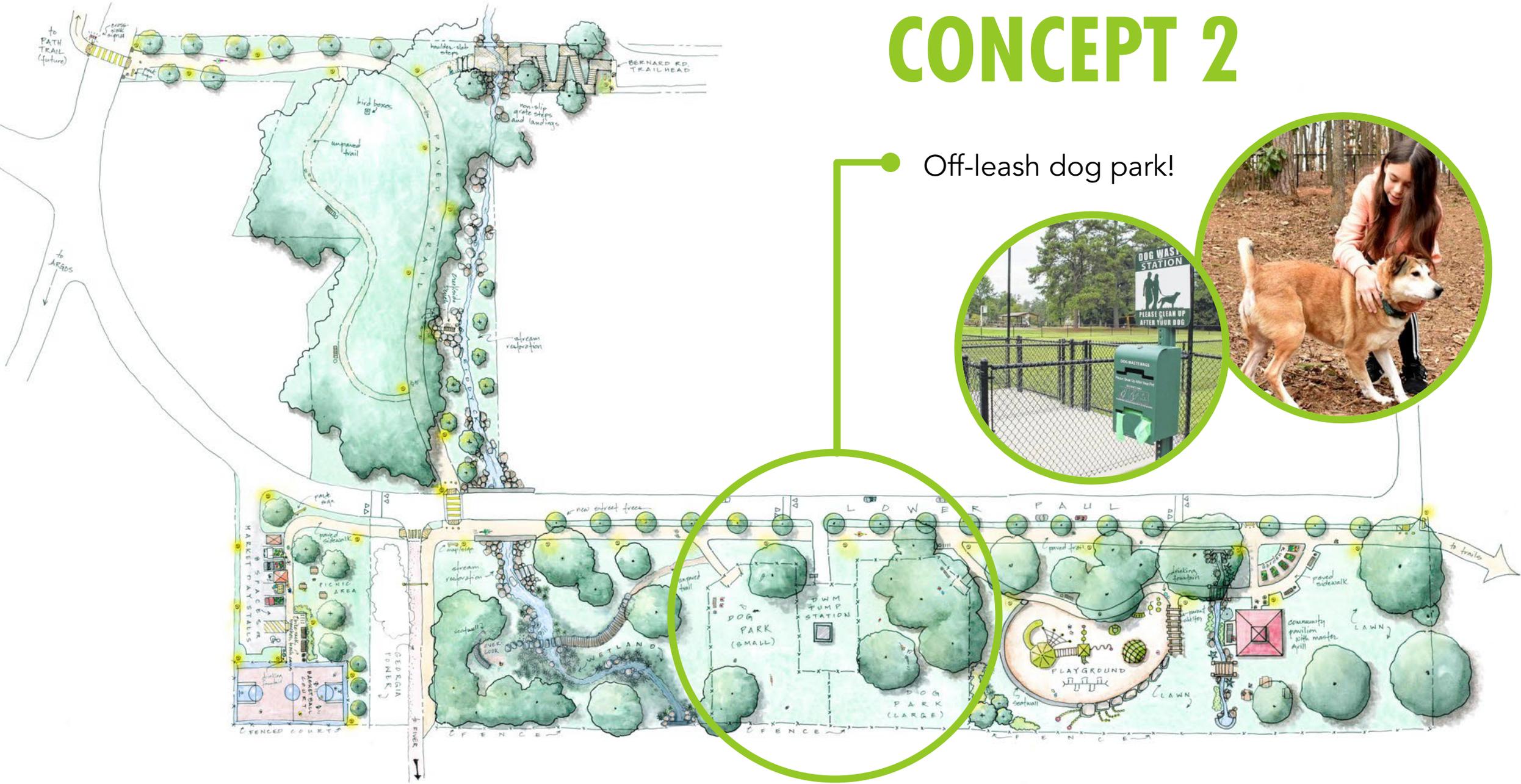


Fence between park and railroad



# CONCEPT 2

Off-leash dog park!



# NEXT STEPS

*We'll gather your input from this meeting and create a final hybrid design that will be presented at the public meeting on*  
**April 30, 2022, 10AM**  
**at the New Park on Lower Paul Ave!**

*Everyone please complete the paper concept survey tonight and return them to us before you leave.*

**CONCEPT SURVEY WILL CLOSE ON APRIL 1**

**QUESTIONS?**

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