



I-30 DECK PARK PLANNING STUDY

Community Engagement Meeting #2
Little Rock, Arkansas
Pulaski County

AGENDA

-  Meeting Logistics
-  Meeting Materials/Stations
-  Comment Period & Additional Resources
-  Contact Us



MEETING LOGISTICS



Community Engagement Meeting #2

Thursday, October 22, 2026
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

East Little Rock
Community Center (Gym)
2500 E. 6th St.
Little Rock, AR 72202

October 2026

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MEETING MATERIALS



Station 1 – Study Background

- Study Location Map
- Study Overview
- Purpose and Need
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Estimated Study Timeline

Station 2 – Site Context

- Reconnecting Communities Pilot and Study Grants
- Feasibility and Funding
- Reconnecting Downtown
- Site Context
- What is a Deck Park

Station 3 – Public Engagement

- Public Engagement
- CAB Members
- What's Happening Next

Station 4 – Amenities

- Guidance Board
- Amenity Preferences
- Inspiration & Ideas

Station 5 – Park Alternatives

- Deck Alternatives
- Park Alternatives
- Park Configuration Comparison

PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING



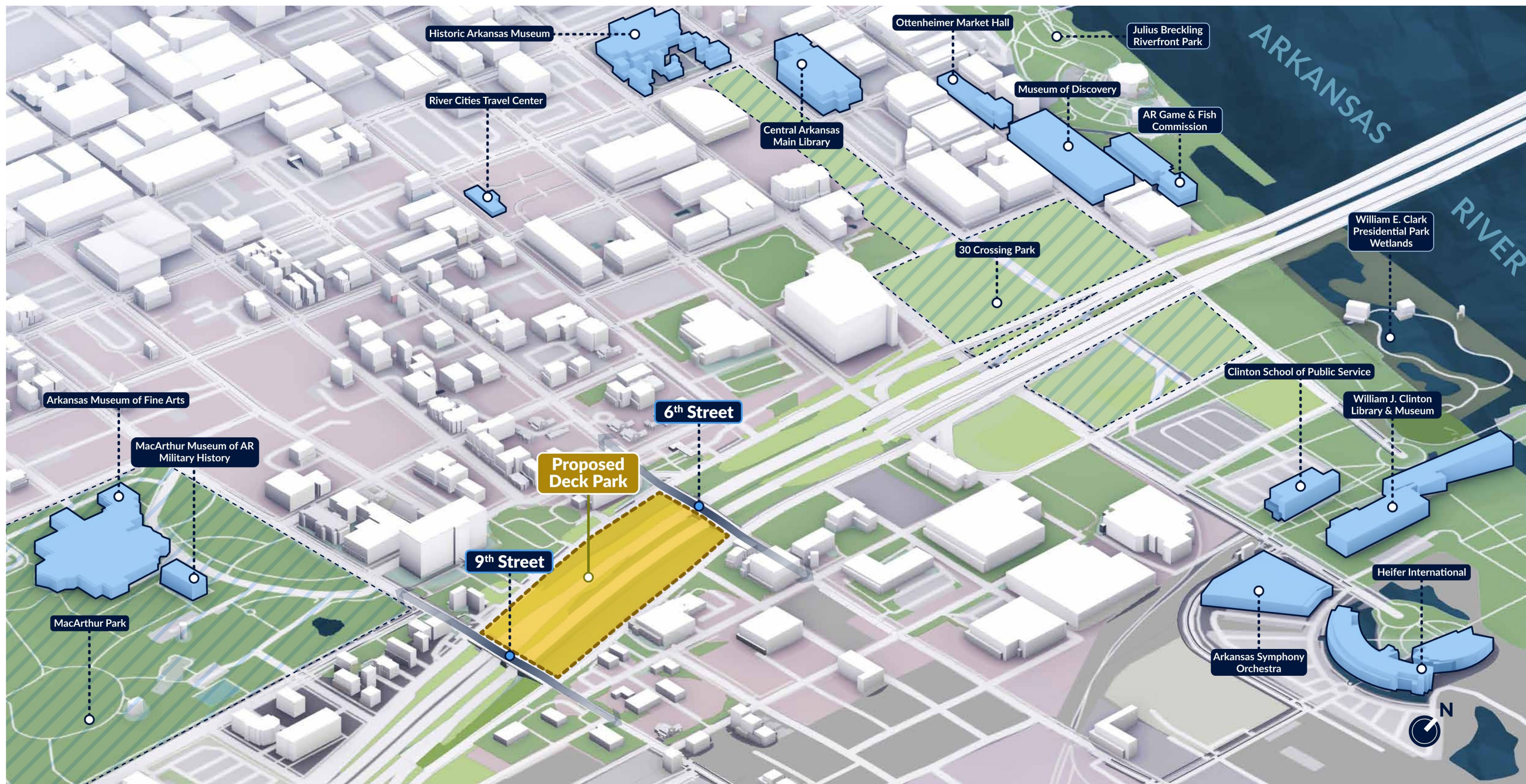
Community Engagement Meeting #2

- Present deck park alternatives between 6th and 9th streets in Little Rock, Arkansas
- Gather public input on the alternatives, potential park amenities, and other features to help inform future recommendations
- Open forum style with no formal presentation
- Meeting materials at Stations 1-5
- Study website available with all materials for future viewing at lri30deckpark.publicmtgs.com

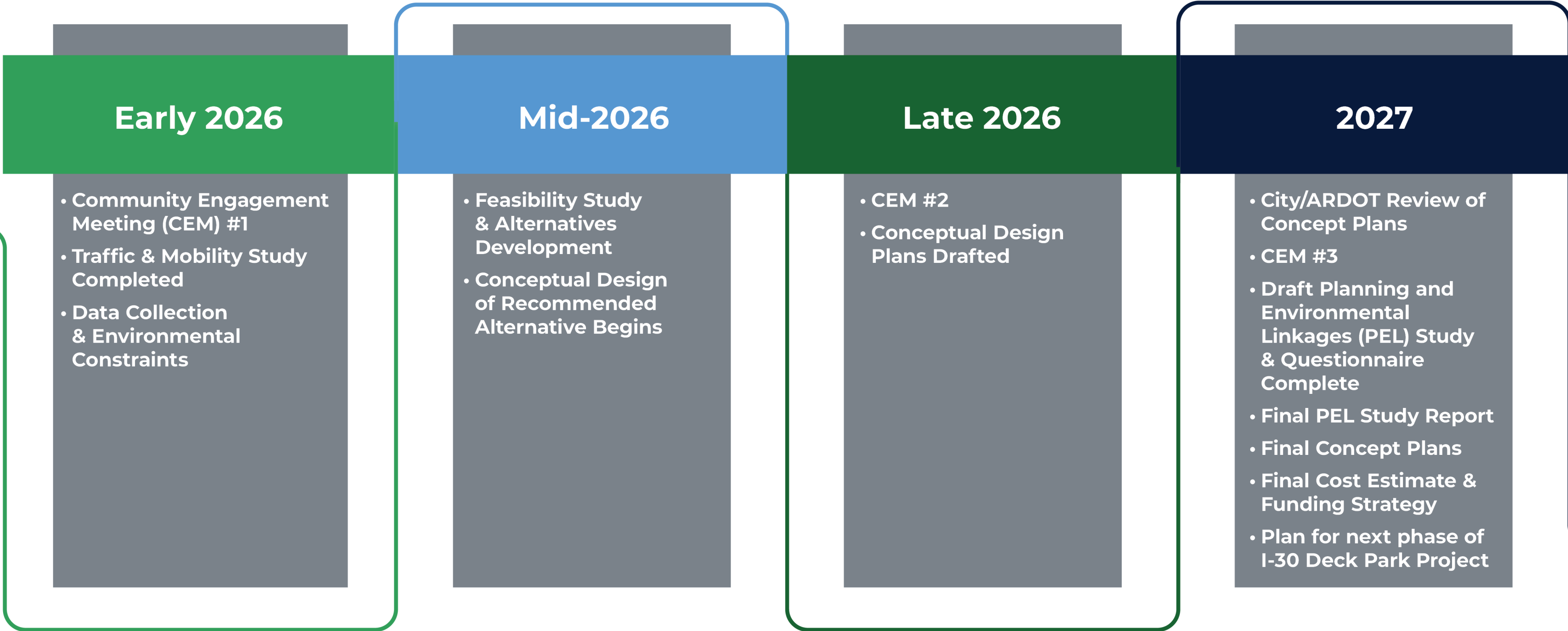


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SITE CONTEXT



ESTIMATED STUDY TIMELINE



WHAT'S NEXT?



Comments Received

- Comments received during the comment period (October 22 – November 6), following Community Engagement Meeting #2, will be reviewed by the City of Little Rock.

Schedule

Community Engagement Meeting #3

- Once a recommended alternative is selected for further development, it will be presented to the community to review.



STATION 1-3



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STATION 4

Amenities



GUIDANCE BOARD



EXPLORE THE ALTERNATIVES, SHARE YOUR PREFERENCES

Follow these four steps to understand how the possible amenities, deck structure, and park concepts come together. Then tell us which alternatives and amenities you prefer.

1.

CONSIDER THE AMENITIES

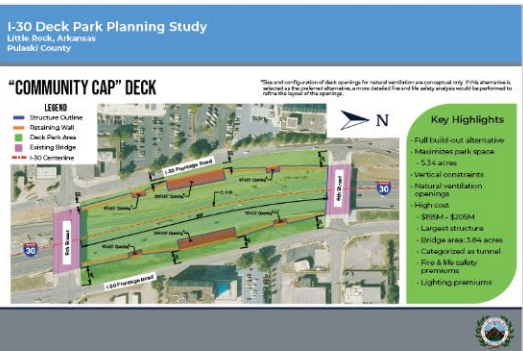
Explore the proposed park amenities. Identify the features you would most like to see, or suggest an amenity we may not have considered.



2.

UNDERSTAND THE DECK STRUCTURE

Review the deck concepts to see where park space could be constructed over I-30. Consider why the alternatives vary in size and configuration.



3.

EXPLORE THE PARK CONCEPTS

See how amenities could be arranged within each alternative. These concepts illustrate possible uses of the available space and are not final designs.



4.

COMPARE THE ALTERNATIVES

Review the comparison matrix to understand how deck size, park space, design considerations, and cost come together to shape each alternative.

Alternative	Community Cap (Full Build-Out)	Central Connector	Gateway Greens	Gateway Bridge
Deck Area	5.34 acres	1.0 acre	1.0 acre	1.0 acre
Park Space	5.34 acres	1.0 acre	1.0 acre	1.0 acre
Amenities	Full build-out alternative	Full build-out alternative	Full build-out alternative	Full build-out alternative
Cost	\$10M - \$20M	\$10M - \$20M	\$10M - \$20M	\$10M - \$20M

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

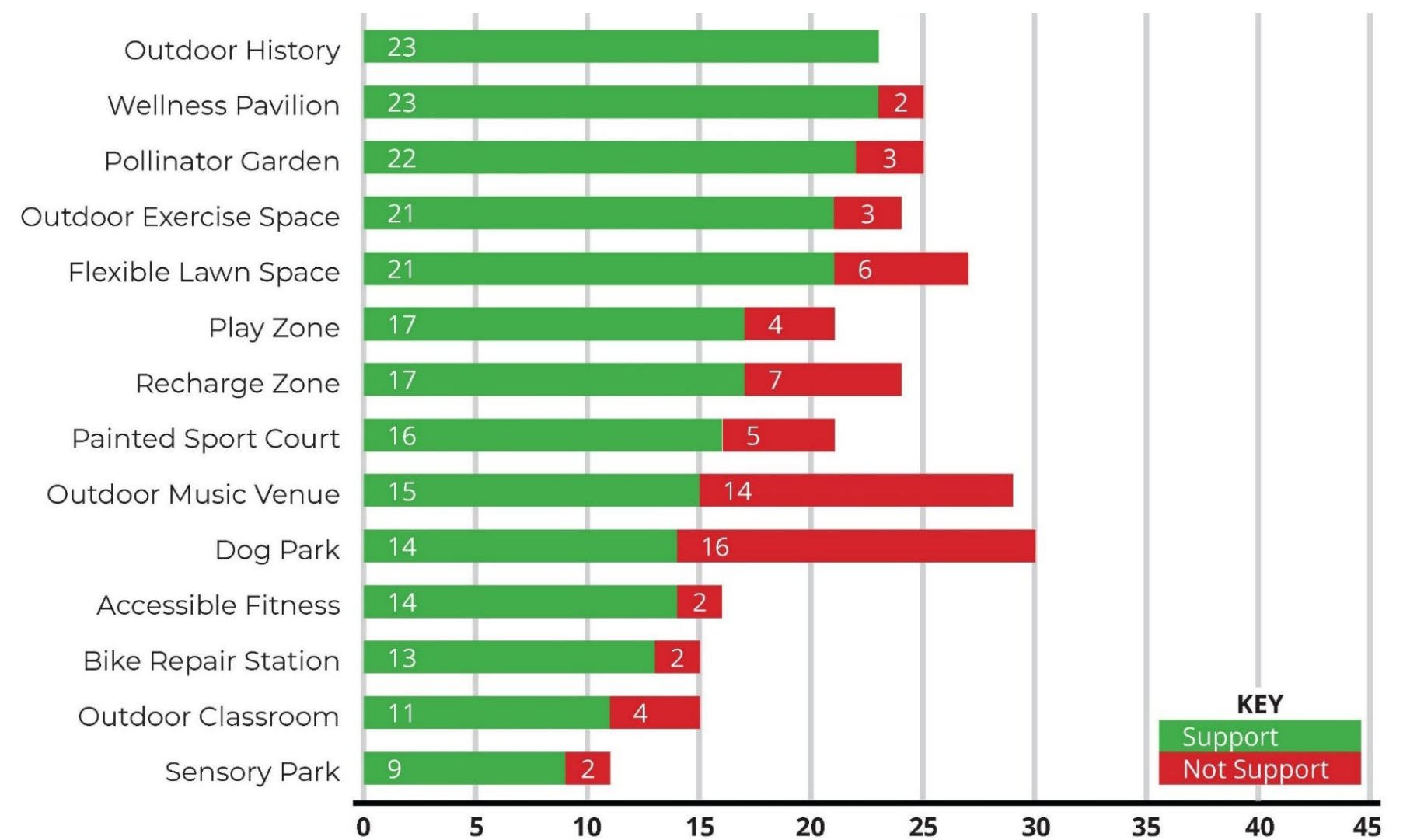
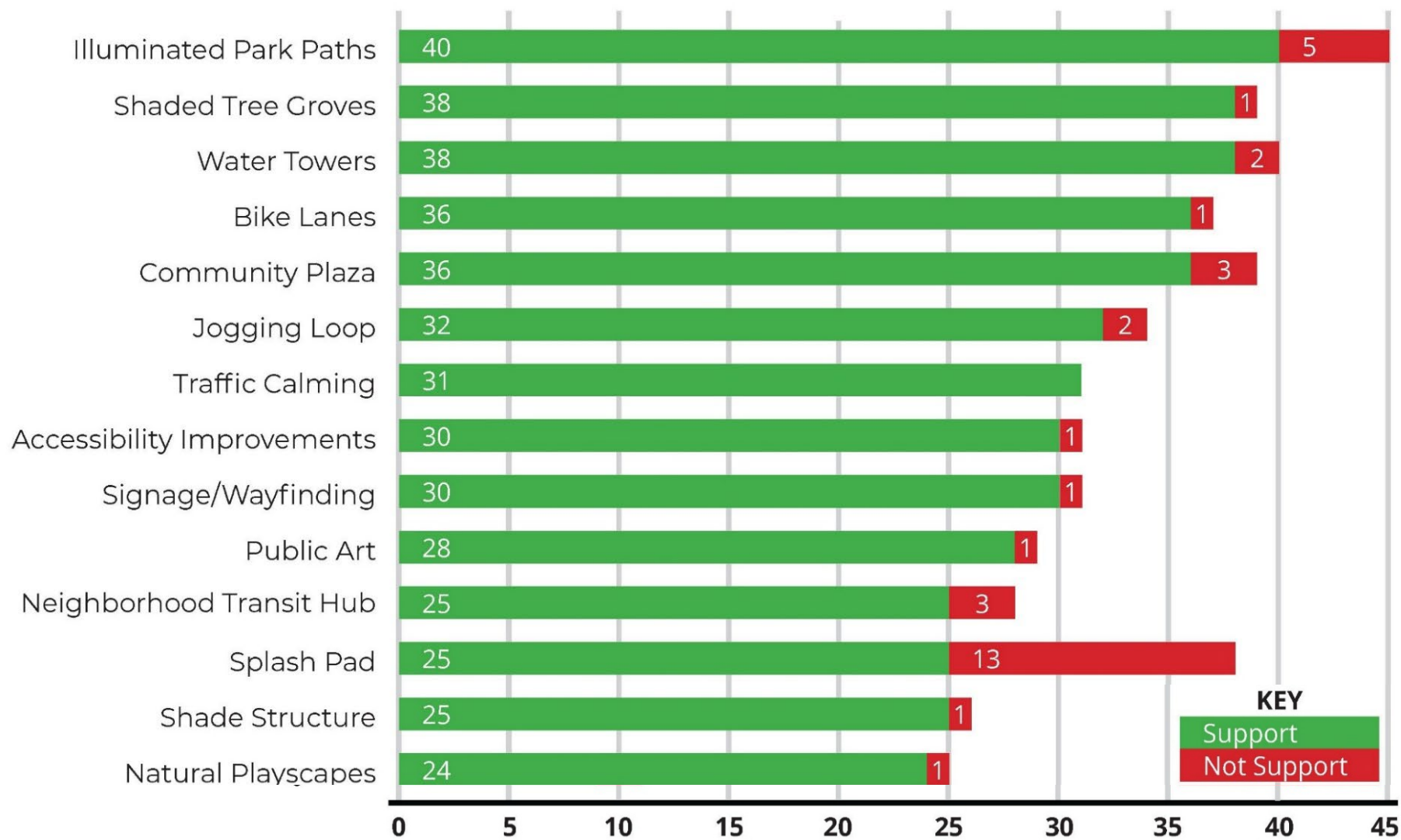
After reviewing the information, please provide your comments.

- Do you support the alternatives (Community Cap, Central Connector, or Gateway Greens)?
- Which park amenities do you prefer?
- What else do you want project team members to know?

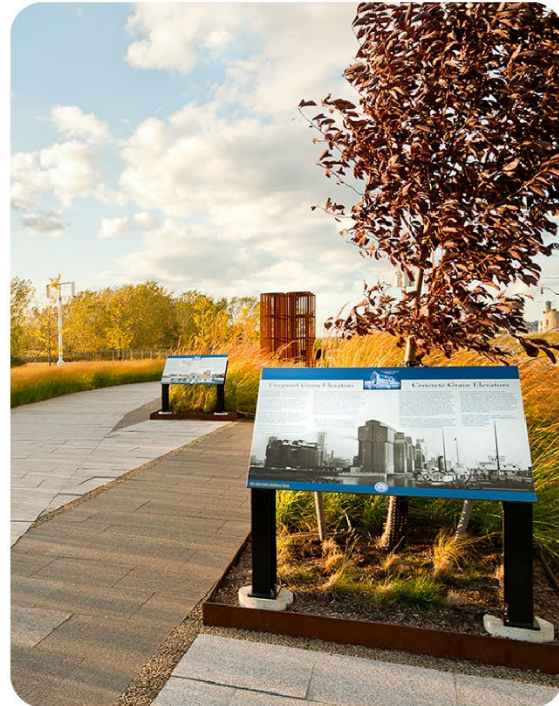
AMENITY PREFERENCES



Amenity preference results from sticker tallies at Community Engagement Meeting #1 in February 2026



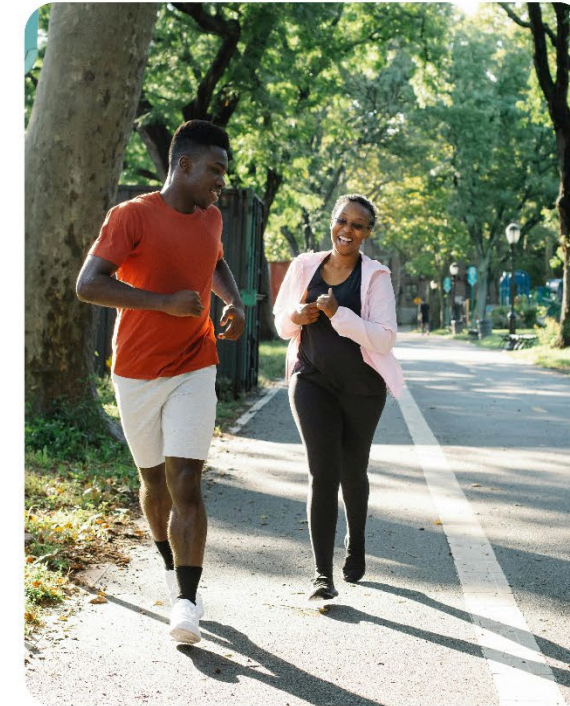
INSPIRATION & IDEAS



CULTURAL TRAIL



PLAYGROUND PLAYScape



JOGGING LOOP



COMMUNITY PLAZA



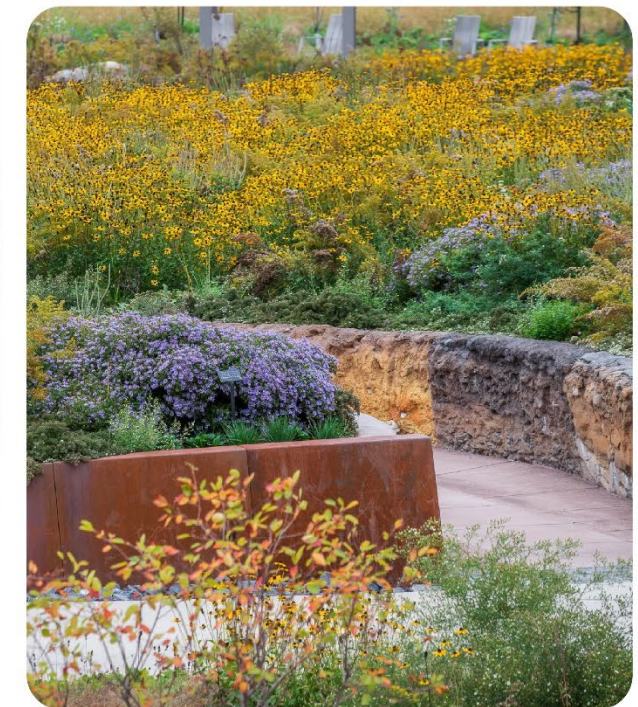
SHADE PAVILION



FLEXIBLE LAWN SPACE



MONUMENTAL SCULPTURE/ICON



GARDENS



STATION 5

Deck/Park Alternatives

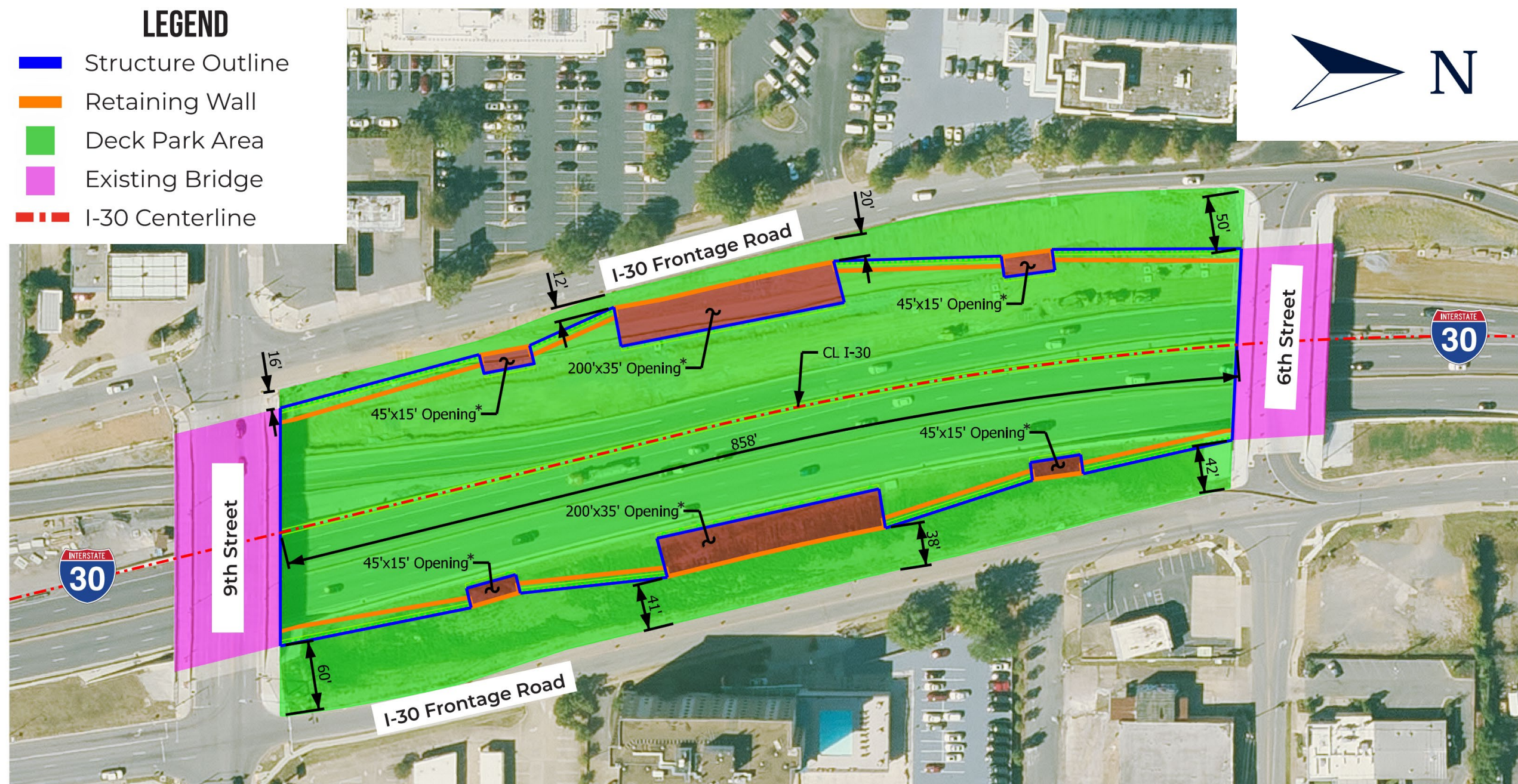


DECK ALTERNATIVE – COMMUNITY CAP



“COMMUNITY CAP” DECK

*Size and configuration of deck openings for natural ventilation are conceptual only. If this alternative is selected as the preferred alternative, a more detailed fire and life safety analysis would be performed to refine the layout of the openings.



Key Highlights

- Full build-out alternative
- Maximizes park space
 - 5.34 acres
- Vertical constraints
- Natural ventilation openings
- High cost
 - \$195M - \$205M
 - Largest structure
 - Bridge area: 3.84 acres
 - Categorized as tunnel
 - Fire & life safety premiums
 - Lighting premiums

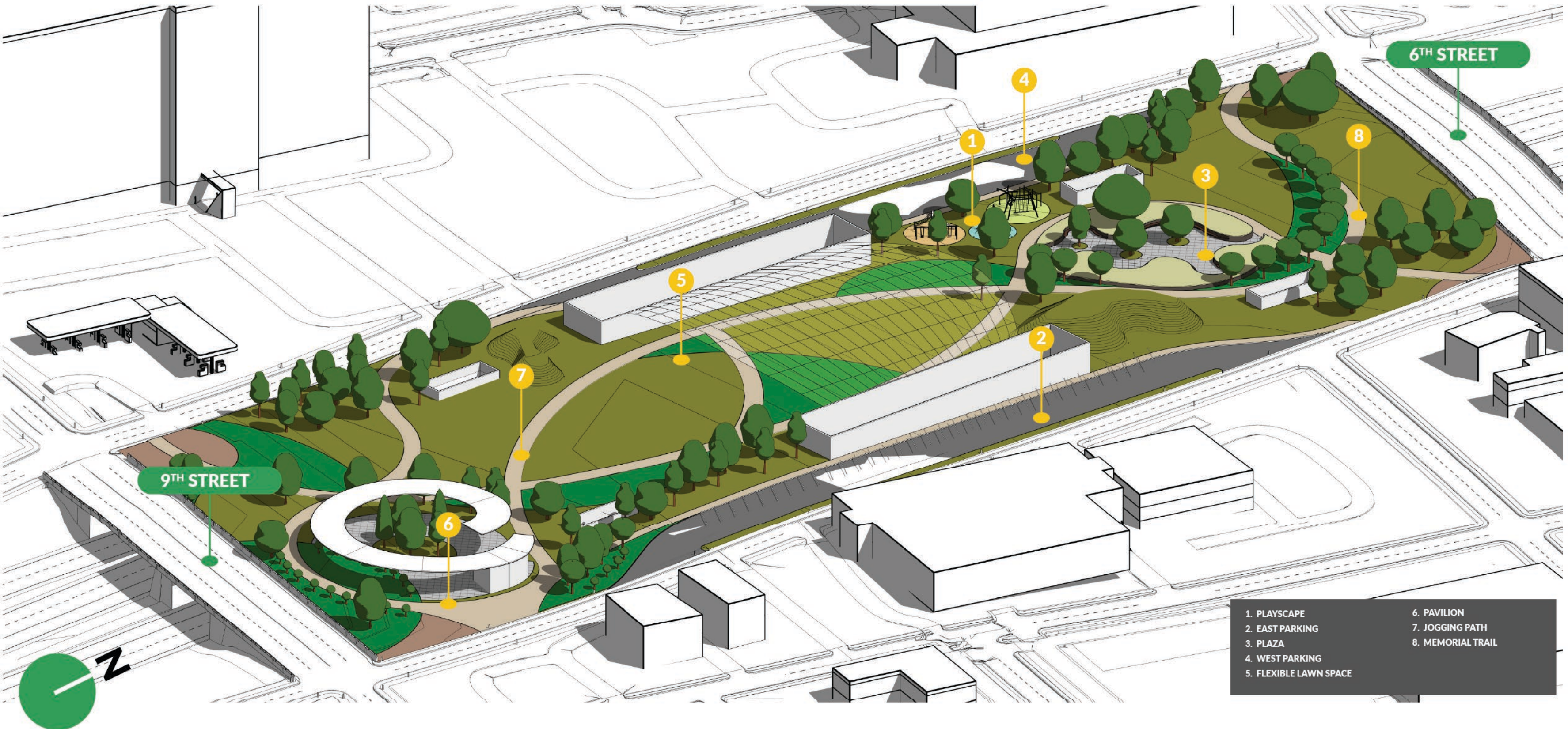
PARK ALTERNATIVE – COMMUNITY CAP – PLAN



SCALE 1/32" = 1'-0"

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| 1. PLAYScape | 6. PAVILION |
| 2. EAST PARKING | 7. JOGGING PATH |
| 3. PLAZA | 8. MEMORIAL TRAIL |
| 4. WEST PARKING | |
| 5. FLEXIBLE LAWN SPACE | |

PARK ALTERNATIVE – COMMUNITY CAP – AXON



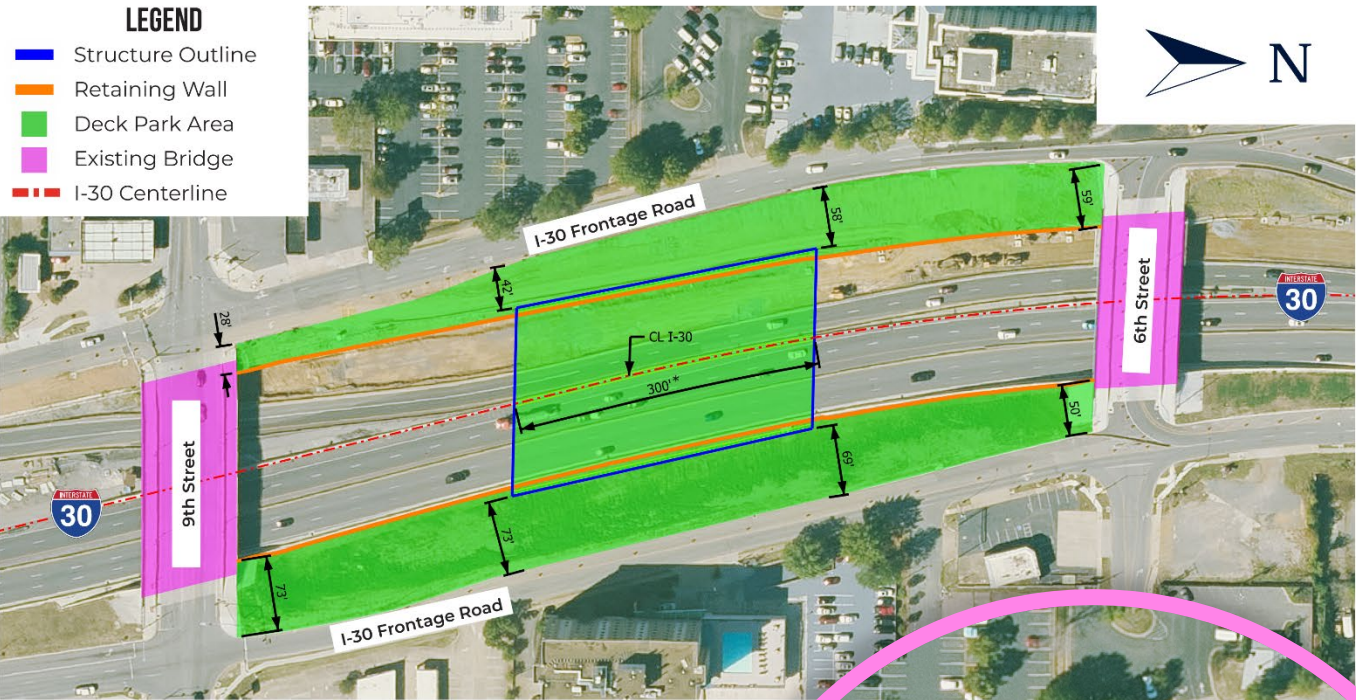
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DECK ALTERNATIVE – CENTRAL CONNECTOR



“CENTRAL CONNECTOR” DECK (OPTION A)

*Width of structure may be refined if this alternative is selected as the preferred alternative. Width could potentially increase depending on a more detailed fire and life safety analysis or decrease depending on possible funding strategies (to be performed or determined in the next phase of the study).



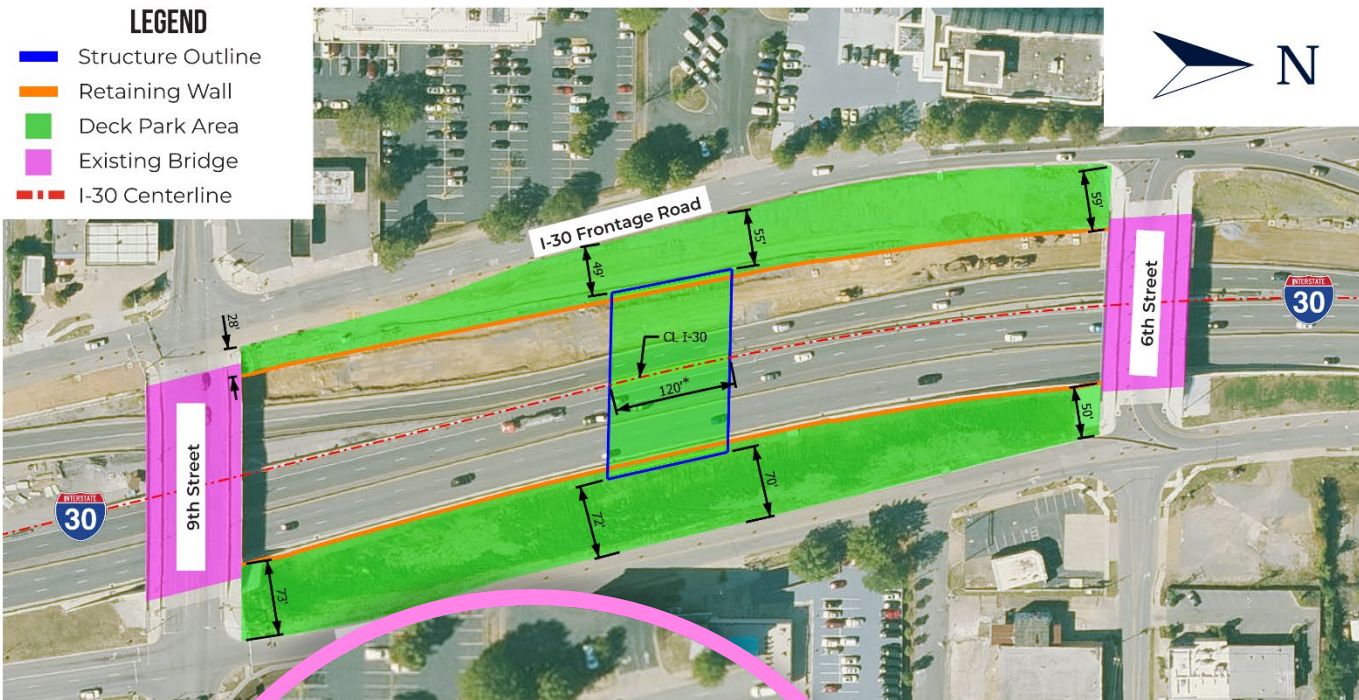
Key Highlights

- Smaller park space
- 3.71 acres
- Still provides connection
- Park areas behind walls
- Avoids existing structures
- No mechanical ventilation or openings required
- Lower cost
- \$75m - \$85m
- Smaller structure
- Bridge area: 1.30 acres
- Tunnel premiums avoided
- Lighting cost reduced (vs. full build-out)

Option A:
300' Wide Structure

“CENTRAL CONNECTOR” DECK (OPTION B)

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Key Highlights

- Smallest park space
- 2.97 acres
- Still provides connection
- Park areas behind walls
- Avoids existing structures
- No mechanical ventilation or openings required
- Lowest cost
- \$35m - \$40m
- Smallest structure
- Bridge area: 0.53 acres
- Tunnel premiums avoided
- Lighting cost reduced (vs. full build-out)

Option B:
120' Wide Structure

PARK ALTERNATIVE – CENTRAL CONNECTOR – PLAN



Option A:
300' Wide Structure

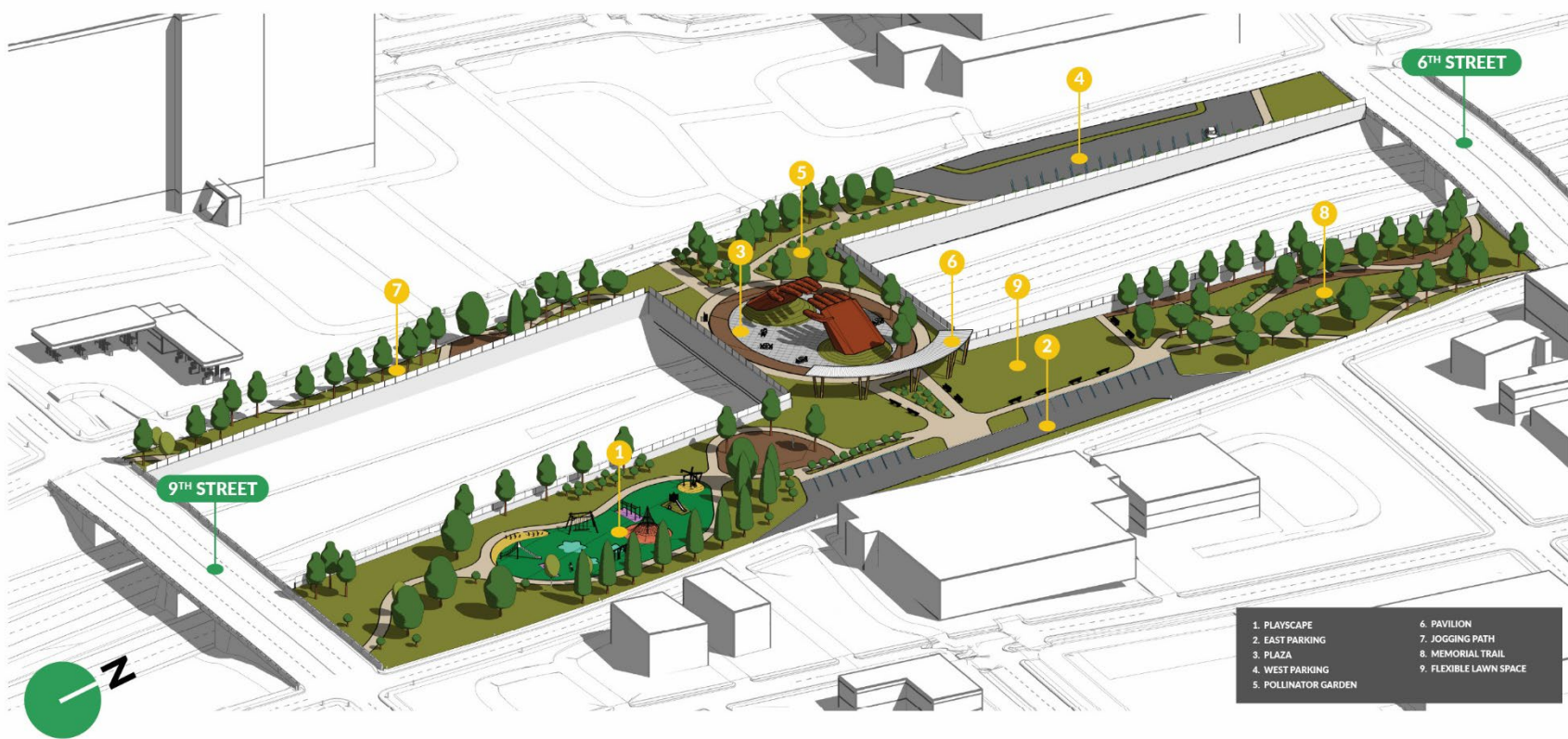


Option B:
120' Wide Structure

PARK ALTERNATIVE – CENTRAL CONNECTOR – AXON



Option A:
300' Wide Structure



Option B:
120' Wide Structure

DECK ALTERNATIVES – GATEWAY GREENS



“GATEWAY GREENS” DECK

LEGEND

- Structure Outline
- Retaining Wall
- Deck Park Area
- Existing Bridge
- I-30 Centerline



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Key Highlights

- “Medium” alternative
 - 3.35 - 4.21 acres**
- Connection at ends
- Park areas behind walls
- No mechanical ventilation or openings required
- Gap suitable for lighting
- “Middle” cost
 - \$60m - \$110m**
- “Middle” structure
 - Bridge area: 0.89 - 1.86 acres**
- Tunnel premiums avoided
- Lighting cost reduced (vs. full build-out)

** Ranges reflect one bridge (low) to both bridges (high)

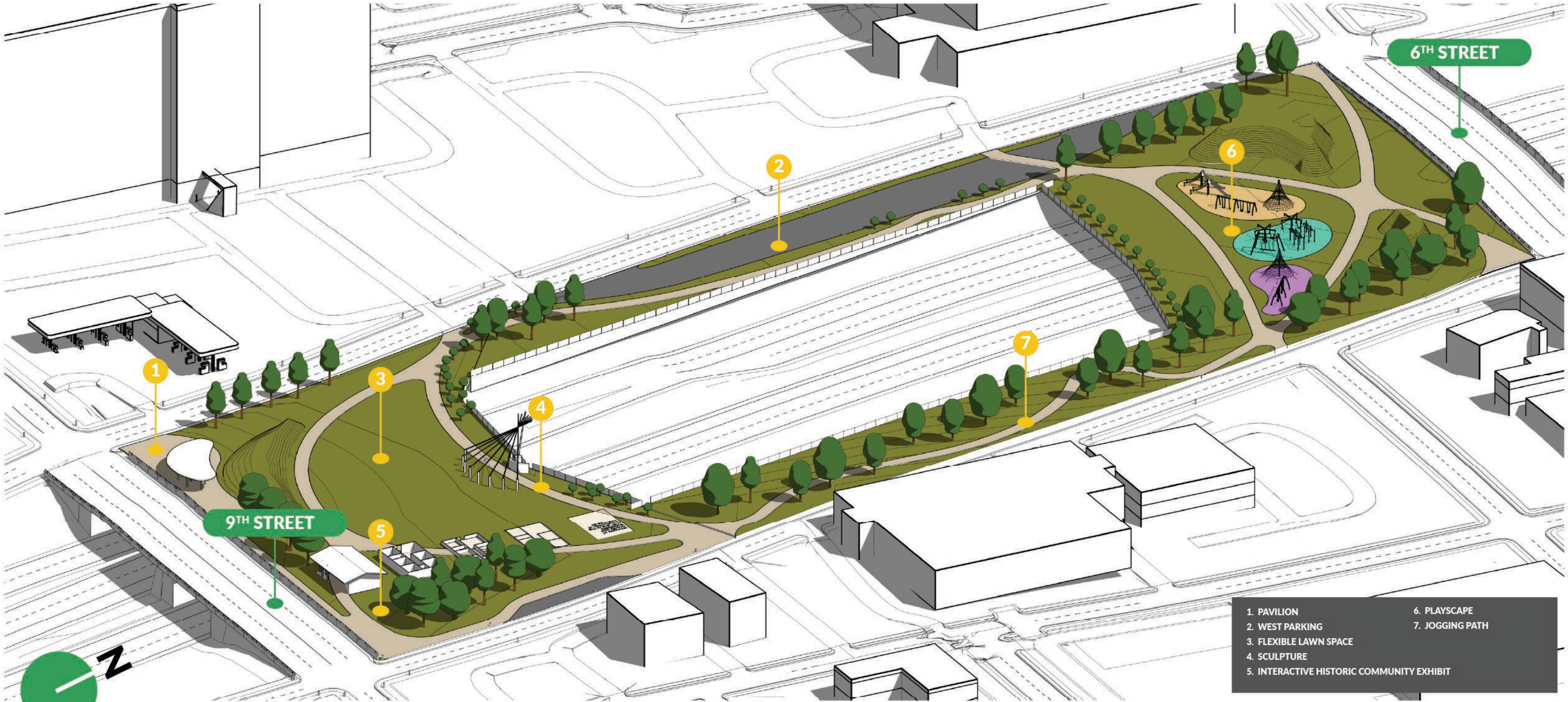
PARK ALTERNATIVES – GATEWAY GREENS – PLAN



SCALE 1/32" = 1'-0"

- 1. PAVILION
- 2. WEST PARKING
- 3. FLEXIBLE LAWN SPACE
- 4. SCULPTURE
- 5. INTERACTIVE HISTORIC COMMUNITY EXHIBIT
- 6. PLAYScape
- 7. JOGGING PATH

PARK ALTERNATIVES – GATEWAY GREENS – AXON



PARK CONFIGURATION COMPARISON



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Less Preferable Condition Moderately Preferable Condition More Preferable Condition

Element	Community Cap (Full Build-Out)	Central Connector		Gateway Greens	
		Option A: 300'-Wide Structure	Option B: 120'-Wide Structure	Both Bridges	One Bridge
Park Space Area	5.34 acres	3.71 acres	2.97 acres	4.21 acres	3.35 acres
Bridge Area	3.84 acres	1.30 acres	0.53 acres	1.86 acres	0.89 acres
% Park on Bridge	72%	35%	18%	44%	27%
Monumental Public Art	Strong	Strong	Strong	Strong	Strong
Trail Connectivity	Strong	Strong	Strong	Strong	Strong
Redevelopment Potential (Surrounding Parcels)	Strong	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Tunnel Designation	NFPA 502 Category B	Non-Tunnel	Non-Tunnel	Non-Tunnel	Non-Tunnel
Fire & Life Safety Systems	Several Systems (Very High Cost)	Likely Fire Protection Only	None Expected	Likely Fire Protection Only	Likely Fire Protection Only
Under Deck Lighting Requirements	Full Daytime Threshold-Lighting Requirements	50% Daytime Threshold- Lighting Requirements	Daytime Lighting likely not required	50% Daytime Threshold- Lighting Requirements	50% Daytime Threshold- Lighting Requirements
Construction Cost*	\$195M - \$205M	\$75M - \$85M	\$35M - \$40M	\$100M - \$110M	\$60M - \$65M

Note: A No-Build Alternative serves as the baseline condition against which the deck park alternatives are compared; however, it does not satisfy the project’s purpose and need.

* Construction Costs should be viewed as planning-level conceptual estimates intended for feasibility, funding discussions, and project screening; they are not intended for final budgeting, authorization, or procurement. Each estimate includes a 30% contingency to account for current uncertainties while establishing a realistic planning basis for future project development and funding discussions.

COMMENT PERIOD



October 22, through November 6, 2026

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COMMENT FORMS & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Visit Iri30deckpark.publicmtgs.com

CITIZEN COMMENT FORM
I-30 Deck Park Planning Study
City of Little Rock
Community Engagement Meeting #2
East Little Rock Community Center (GYM)
2500 E 6th St., Little Rock, AR
4:30 PM-6:30 PM
October 22, 2026

Make your comments on this form and leave it with City of Little Rock personnel at the meeting or mail/email it by 4:30 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2026, to:

Garver
ATTN: Caitlin Hetzel
RE: I-30 Deck Park Planning Study
4701 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118
Email: PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Study Purpose and Need

Interstate 30 is one of Arkansas's busiest highways and runs through downtown Little Rock, creating a division between neighborhoods. When the interstate was built in the 1960s, it removed direct connections and displaced homes and businesses impacting the economic and cultural vitality of communities like MacArthur Park and Hanger Hill. Today, this barrier continues to limit access and opportunities.

The proposed solution is a deck park spanning I-30 between 6th and 9th Streets. This deck park would reconnect neighborhoods, provide safe pedestrian and bicycle crossings, and create a vibrant public space with green areas, gathering spots, and opportunities for recreation and entertainment. The study aims to bridge the economic and social gap, support healthier lifestyles, and encourage economic development while minimizing construction impacts and costs.

Beyond restoring connectivity, the deck park is envisioned as a catalyst for revitalization. By offering spaces for community events, music, food, and outdoor activities, it will foster a sense of place and belonging. The park will not only improve mobility and safety but also strengthen the cultural and economic fabric of downtown Little Rock, helping transform a long-standing barrier into a shared community asset.

See next page for questions →





I-30 Deck Park Planning Study Summary Sheet

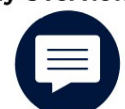
Community Engagement Meeting #2
Little Rock, Arkansas (Pulaski County)



Why Are We Having This Community Engagement Meeting #2?

The purpose of this meeting is to present deck park alternatives between 6th and 9th streets in Little Rock, Arkansas, and gather public input on the alternatives, potential park amenities, and other features to help inform future recommendations. This is an open-forum style meeting. You are encouraged to view exhibits, ask questions, and provide comments.

Study Overview



Community Input
Gather feedback.



Analyze Project Costs
Prepare a preliminary budget.



Traffic and Mobility Study
Evaluate current traffic patterns on I-30 and nearby streets.



Open Forum Community Engagement Meetings
Host public meetings where attendees can learn more.



Impact Mitigation and Evaluation
Evaluate the project's ability to mitigate impacts.



Feasibility Study, Alternative Evaluation, and Conceptual Design
Examine whether the project is feasible and cost-effective.

Estimated Study Timeline

Schedule is preliminary and subject to change

Early 2026	Mid-2026	Late 2026	2027
- Community Engagement Meeting (CEM) #1 - Traffic & Mobility Study Completed - Data Collection & Environmental Constraints	- Feasibility Study & Alternatives Development - Conceptual Design of Recommended Alternative Begins	- CEM #2 - Conceptual Design Plans Drafted	- City/ARDOT Review of Concept Plans - CEM #3 - Draft Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study & Questionnaire Complete - Final PEL Study Report - Final Concept Plans - Final Cost Estimate & Funding Strategy - Plan for next phase of I-30 Deck Park Project



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