

Children's Wharf Park

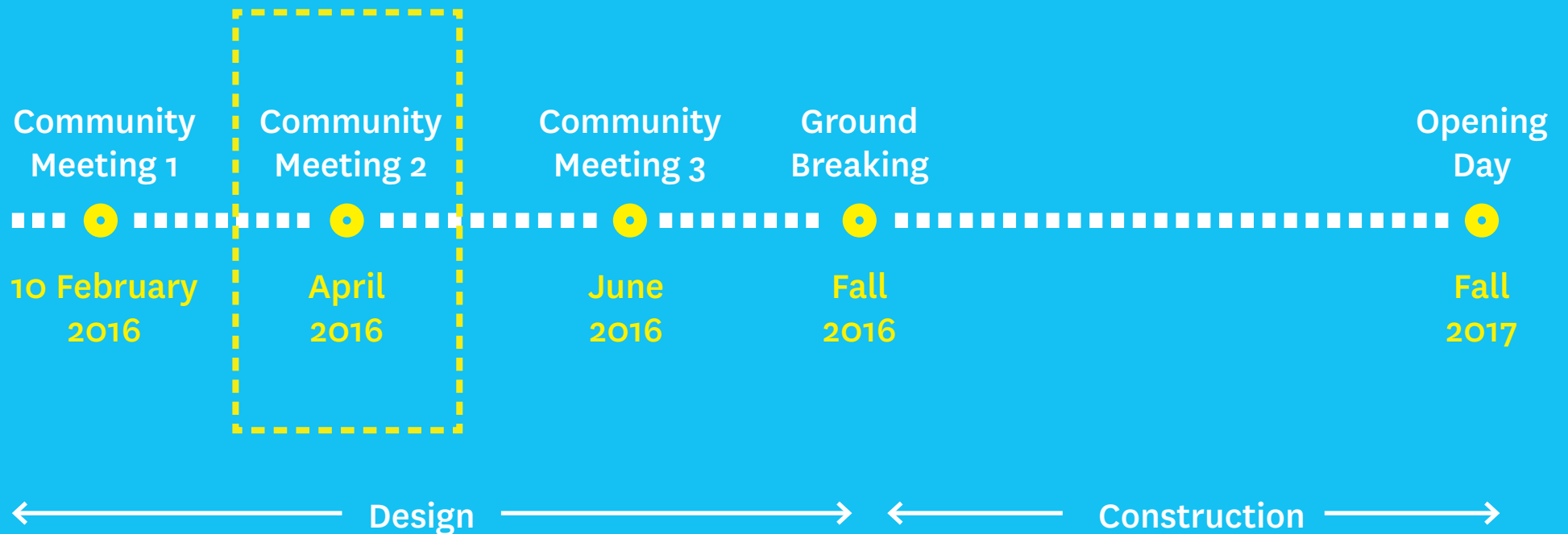
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Community Meeting 2

11 April 2016

Project Schedule



Project Goals

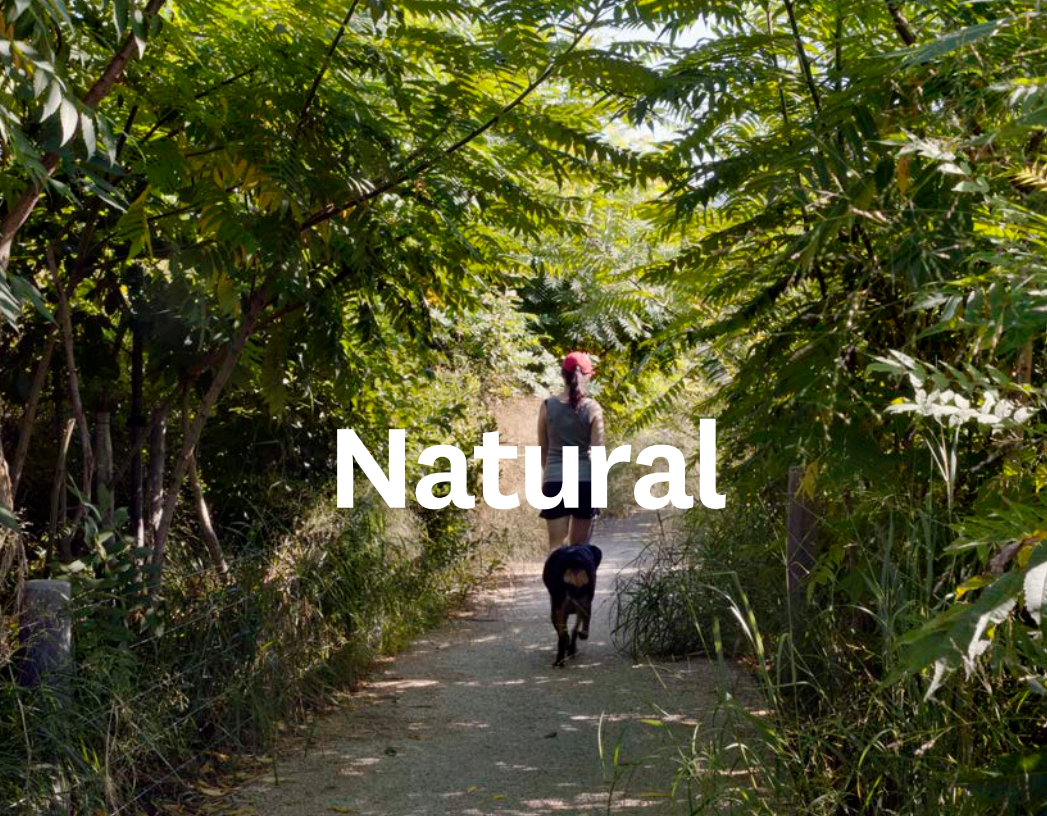
- Inclusive play
- Mixed recreation
- Improve Sleeper Street experience
- Improve pedestrian circulation and safety
- Activate Harborwalk edge
- Collaborative design process



Inclusive



Civic



Natural



Urban

Places to Explore

A group of children are exploring a lush, green forest. In the foreground, a boy in a red t-shirt and black pants is leaning over a large log, using a purple tool. Behind him, several other children are visible, some holding colorful tools like a blue one and a red one. The forest is dense with various green plants and trees.

Teardrop Park - New York
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Range of Experience

An aerial photograph of a playground at Brooklyn Bridge Park in New York. The playground is circular and features a variety of play structures: a large blue spherical climbing structure, a tall wooden tower with a slide, a large orange geometric climbing structure, and several slides including a long blue one and a silver one. The play areas are surrounded by lush green trees and a paved walkway. People are seen walking and playing throughout the park.

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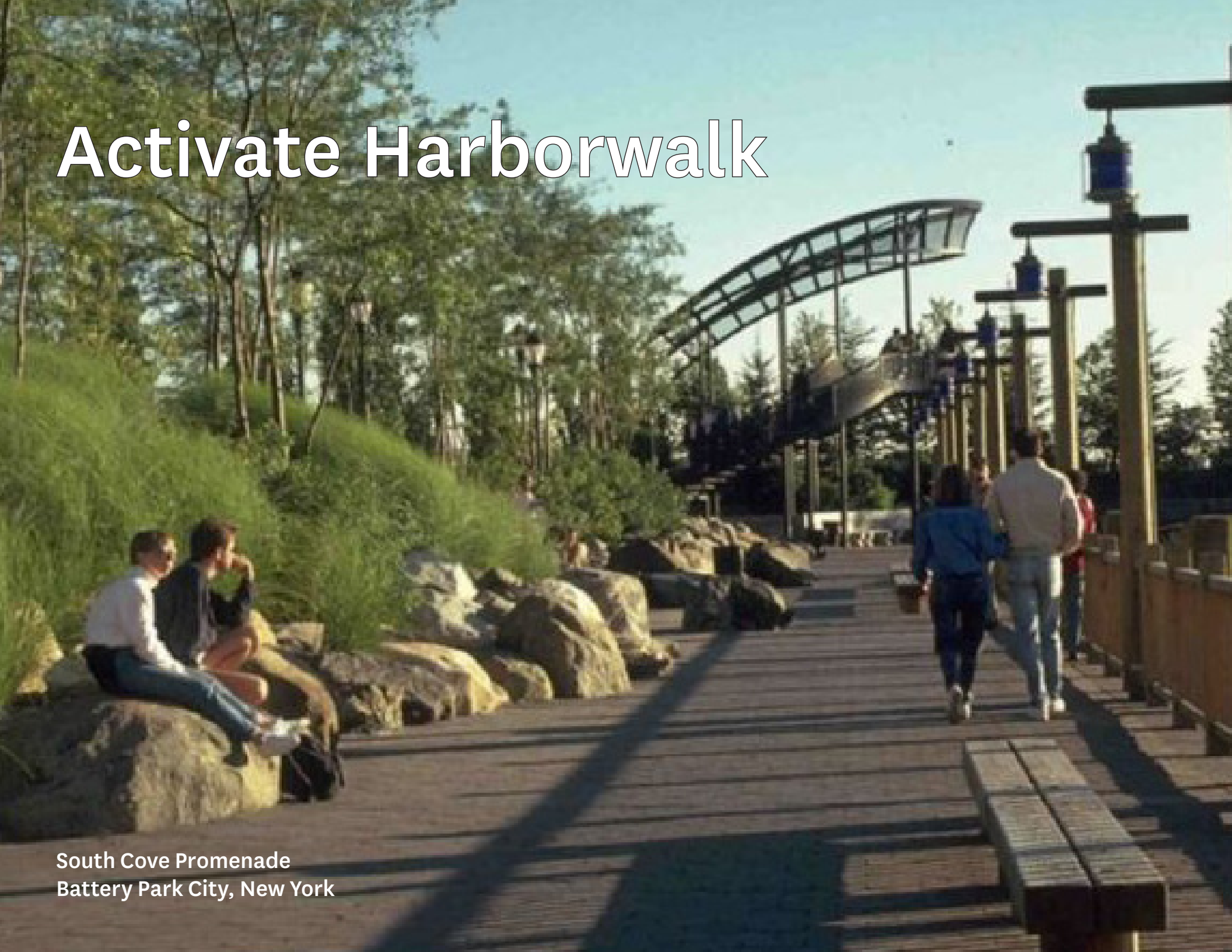
Range of Experience

A photograph of a park area with a playground, a waterfront promenade, and a city skyline in the background. The scene is captured during the golden hour, with warm sunlight filtering through the trees. In the foreground, a green play structure with a large horn-like opening stands on a blue safety mat. A woman is pushing a child on a blue and yellow seesaw. To the right, a paved walkway runs along a body of water, bordered by a metal railing. People are walking, some with bicycles, and two women are sitting on a low concrete wall. The background shows a dense urban skyline across the water, with various skyscrapers under a clear sky.

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Activate Harborwalk

South Cove Promenade
Battery Park City, New York



Activate Harborwalk



Brooklyn Bridge Park - New York
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Scale, Material, and Texture

A photograph of a playground structure made of large, textured, light-colored stone blocks. A woman and four children are interacting with the structure. A seagull is perched on a high ledge in the background. The ground is covered in snow.

Boston Children's Museum - Boston
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Existing Assets



**Boston Children's
Museum**



City Views



Cultural Context



**Seaport & Fort Point
Neighbors**

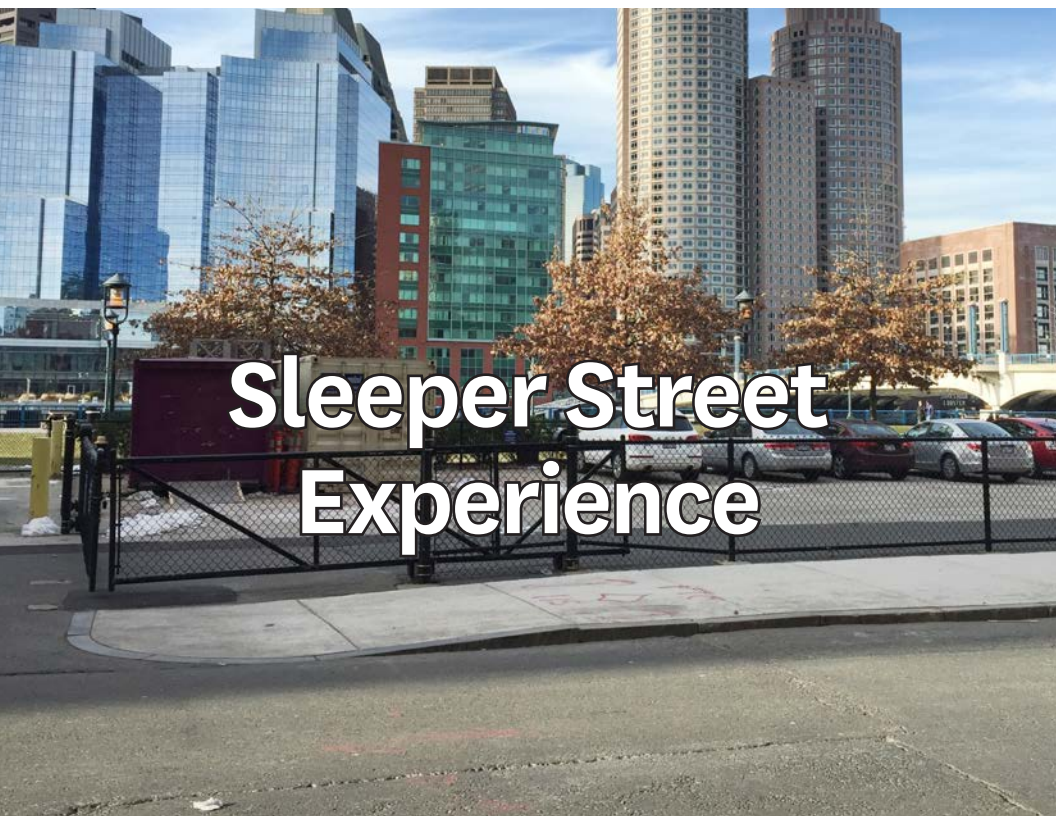
Existing Challenges



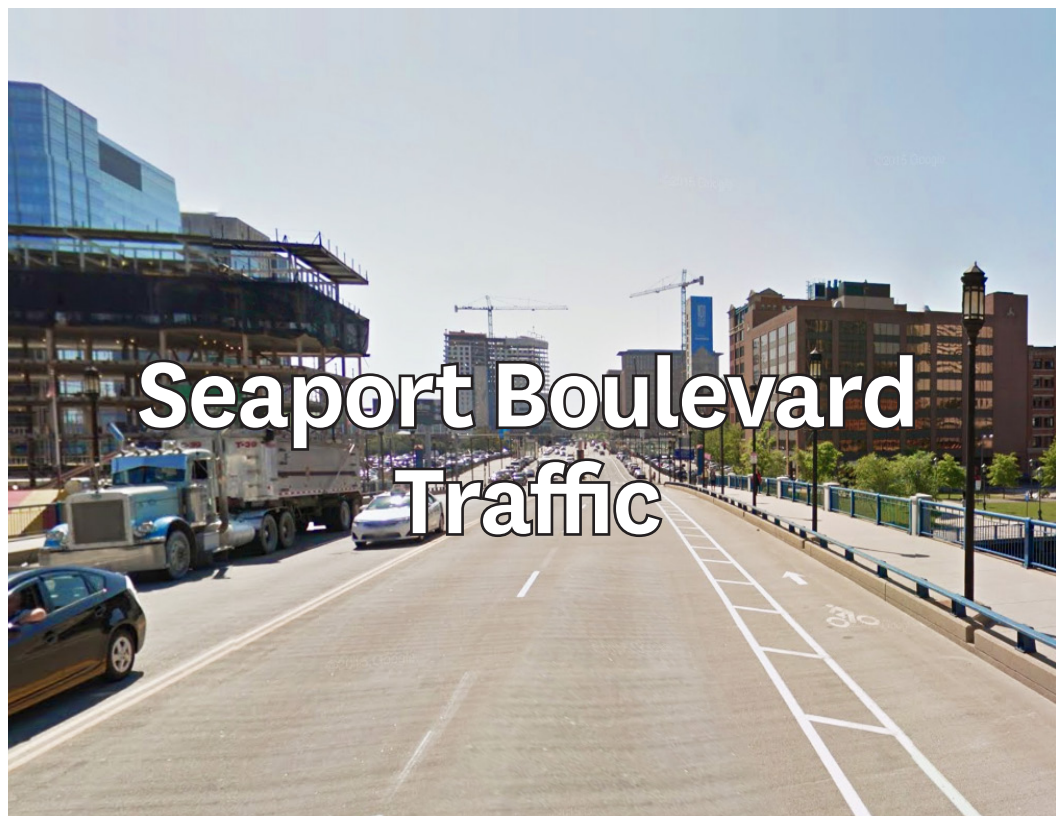
**Flat
1-Acre Site**



500,000 Visitors



**Sleeper Street
Experience**



**Seaport Boulevard
Traffic**

Community Input

- More playgrounds in Fort Point
- Potential for art collaboration or component
- Safely lighted paths through the park
- Shade - both for kids and adults
- Integrated seating close to play areas
- Potential for re-use of large stones on site
- Improve Sleeper Street experience - consider ways to screen BCM operations and expand site boundary

Existing Site

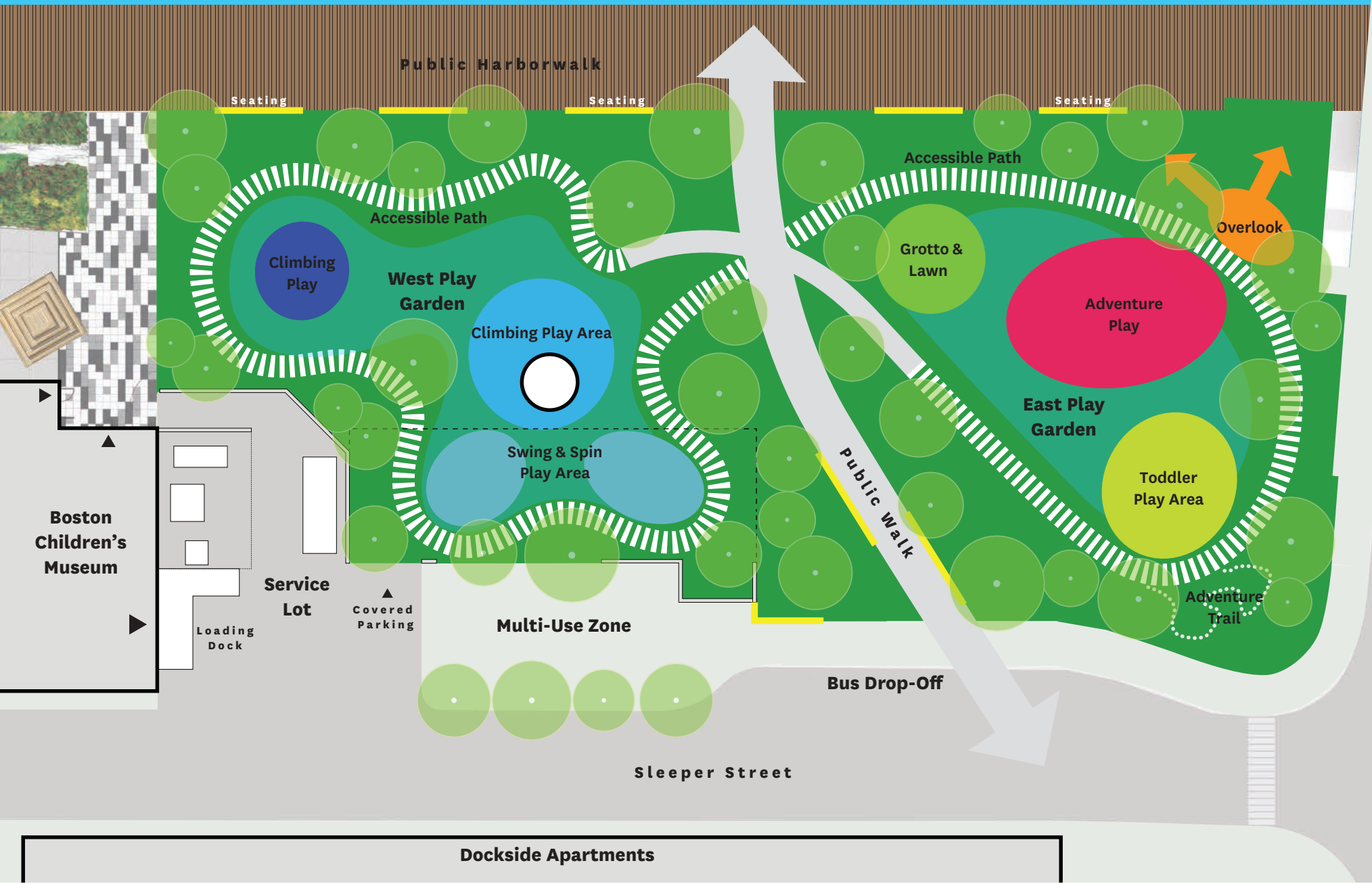


Expanded Site Boundary

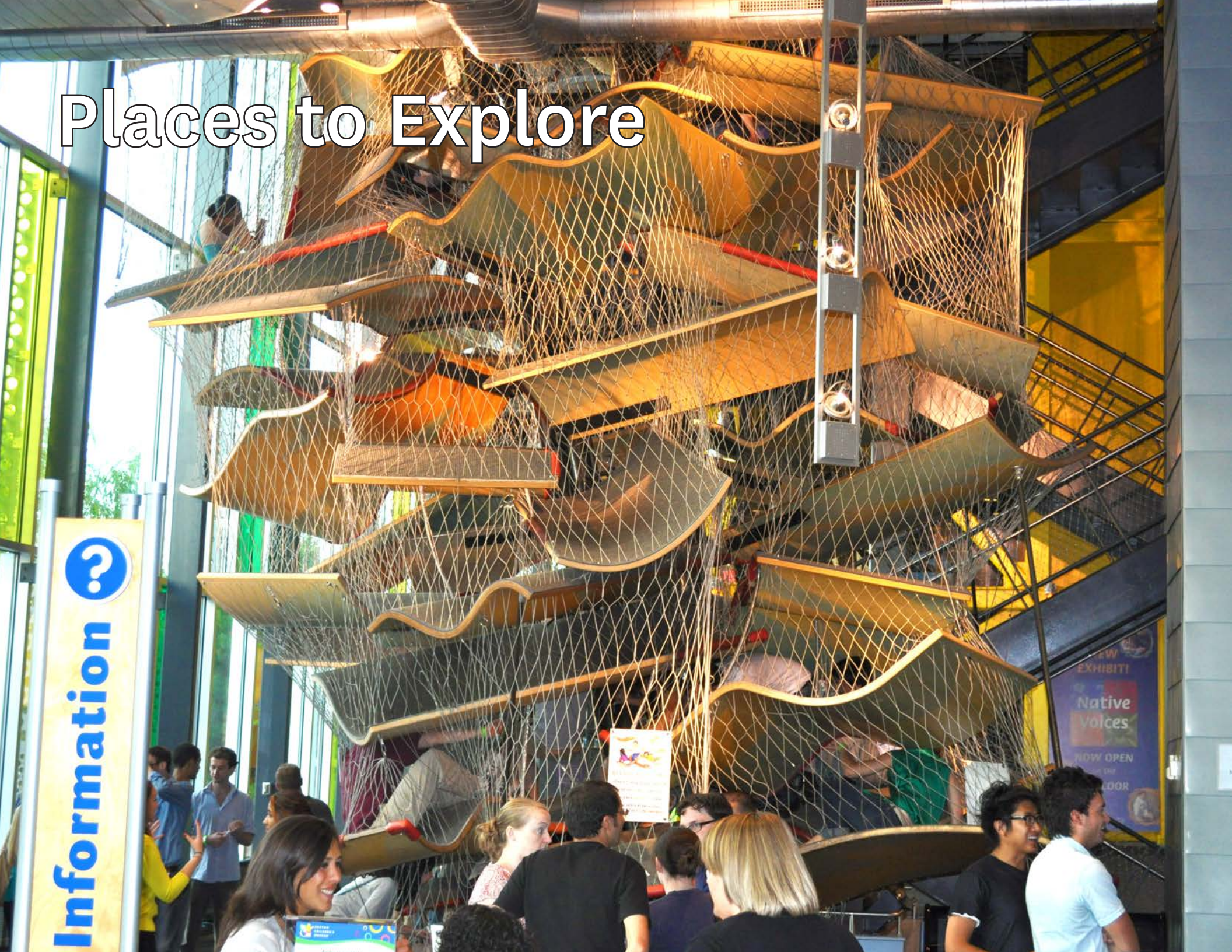


Range of Experience

Fort Point Channel



Places to Explore



Information

NEW EXHIBIT!
Native Voices
NOW OPEN
ON THE
FLOOR

Places to Explore



Places to Climb



Places to Slide



Places to Swing



Places to Swing



Places to Sit

A photograph of two women sitting on a wooden park bench. The woman on the left is wearing a patterned sleeveless top and a black bag with white letter patterns. The woman on the right is wearing a red and white plaid shirt and shorts. They are both wearing sandals. The bench is situated on a paved path next to a lush green hedge. In the background, a person is walking on a grassy area.

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Places to Sit



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Concept Plan



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Fort Point Channel

Accessible Furniture

Shade Trees

Benches

Boston Children's Museum

Multi-Use Zone

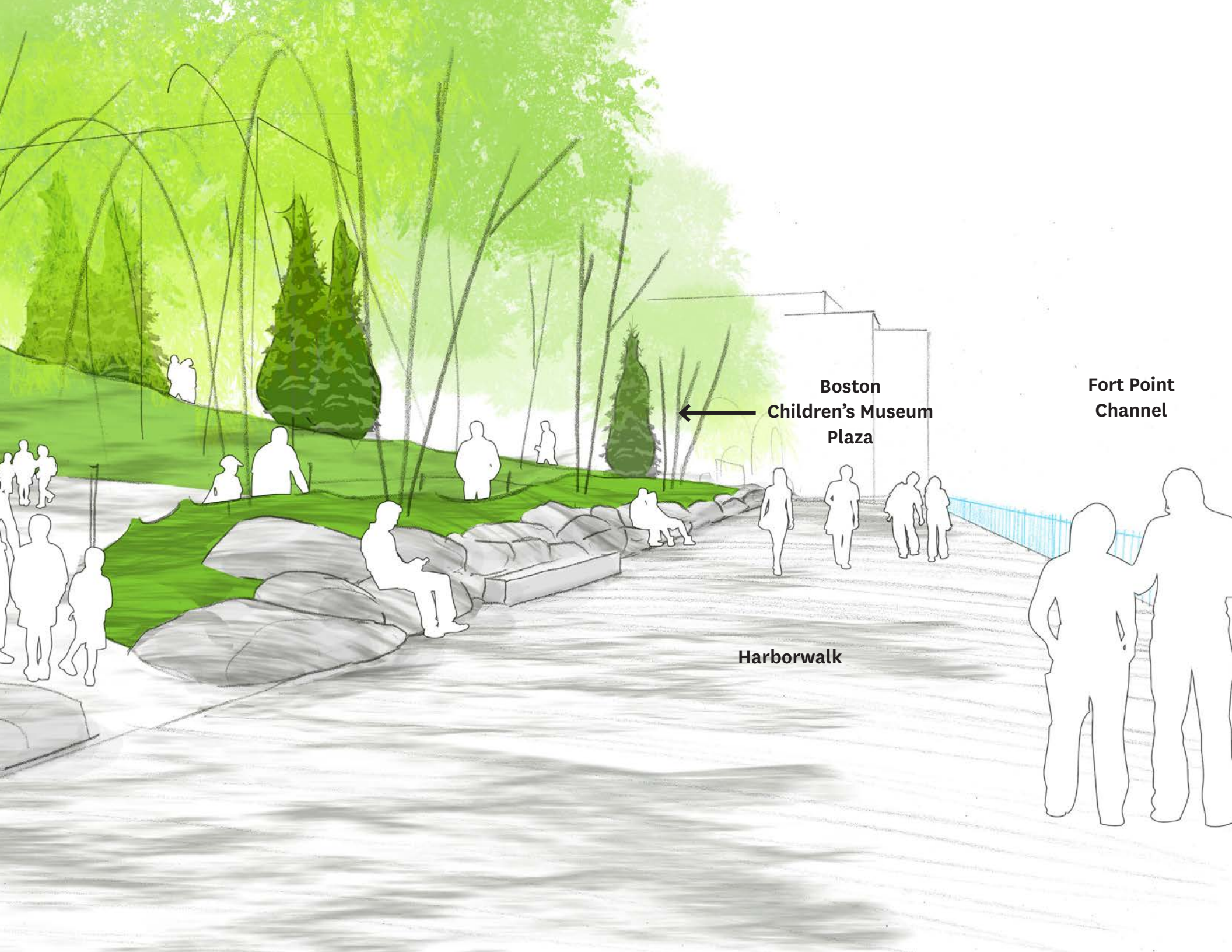
Bus Drop-Off

Sleeper Street

Seaport Boulevard

Activate the Harborwalk





**Boston
Children's Museum
Plaza**

**Fort Point
Channel**

Harborwalk



Fort Point Channel

Public Gathering Space

Access to Harborwalk

Comfortable Seating

Multi-Use Zone

Bus Drop-Off

Sleeper Street

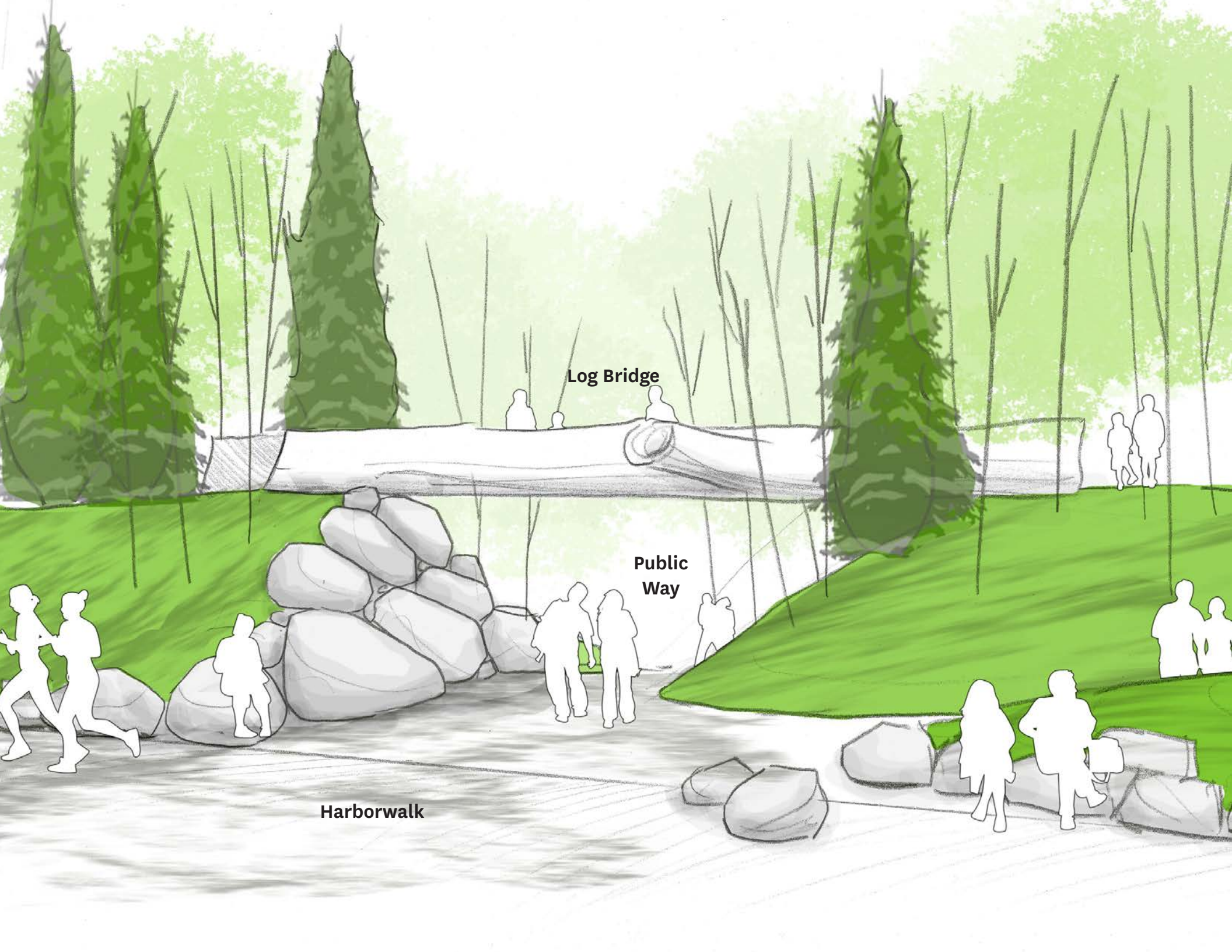
Street Trees

Boston Children's Museum

Seaport Boulevard

A Neighborhood Park

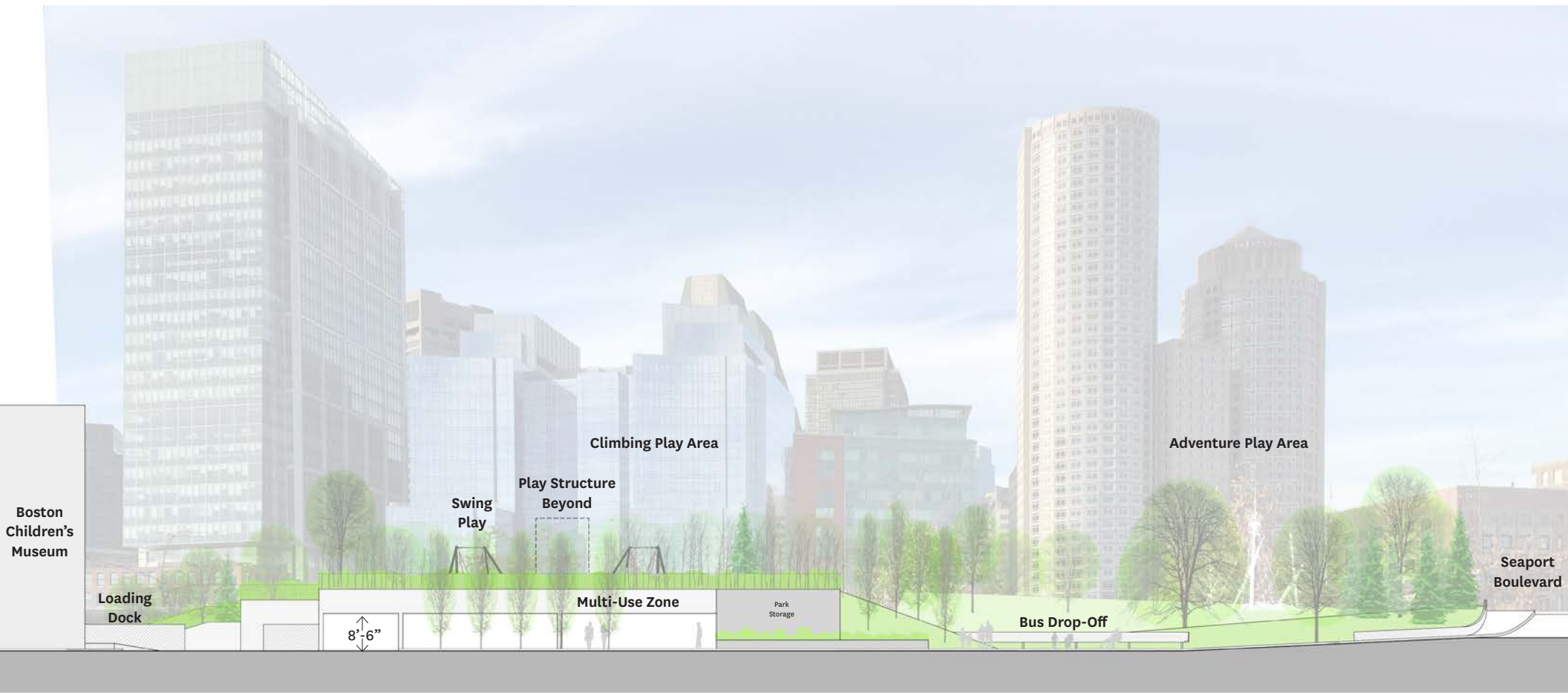




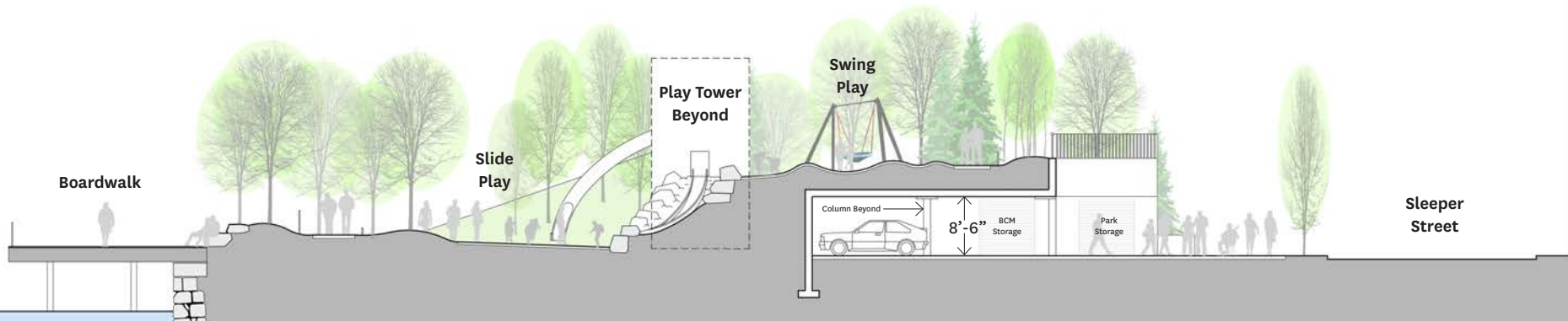
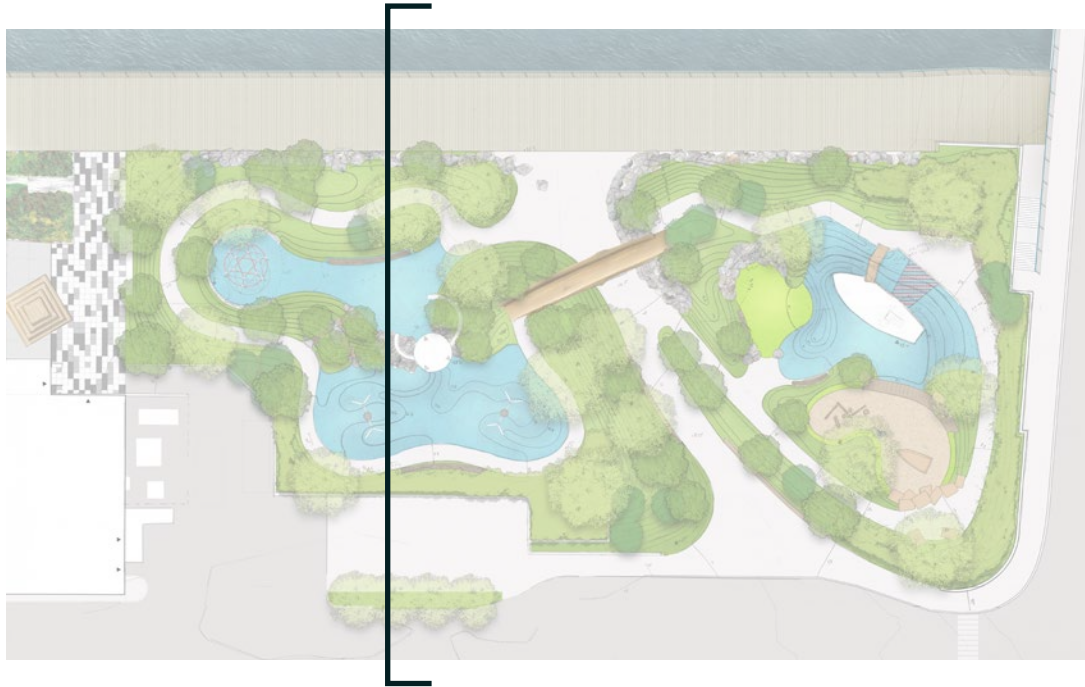
Log Bridge

Public Way

Harborwalk



Improve Sleeper Street Experience



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Fort Point Channel

Adventure Play

Log Bridge

Slides

Climbing Play

Toddler Play

Accessible Play Structure

Spinning

Swinging

Multi-Use Zone

Bus Drop-Off

Sleeper Street

Seaport Boulevard

Boston Children's Museum

Range of Inclusive and Accessible Play





Play Structure

Swing Play

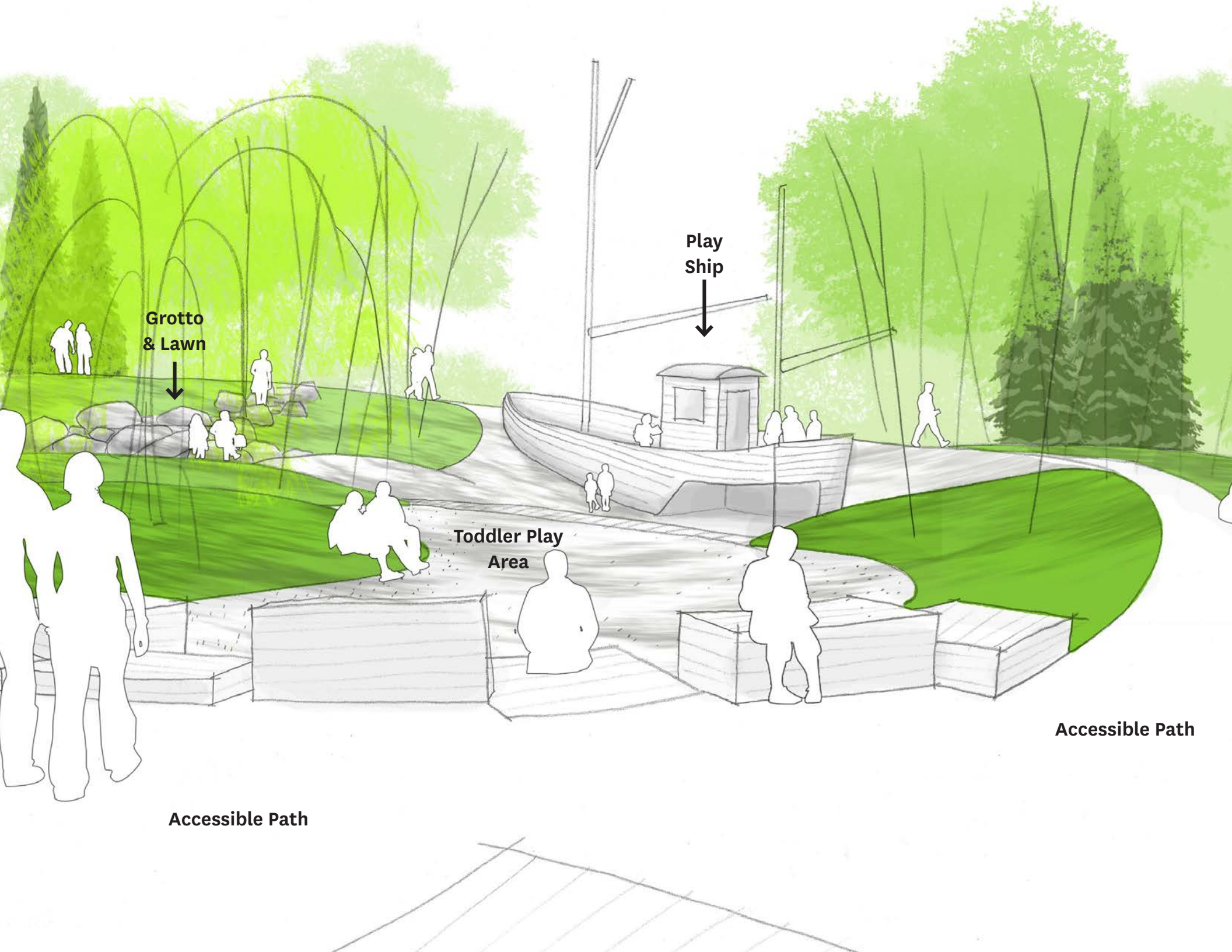
Slide

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Accessible Path

Climbing Play

Accessible Path



Grotto
& Lawn



Play
Ship



Toddler Play
Area

Accessible Path

Accessible Path

Next Steps

- Gather community input and feedback
- Design Refinement
- Community Meeting #3: *June 2016*
- Final Design
- Begin Construction: *Fall 2016*

To provide further input or to ask questions, please contact the Boston Parks Department:

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Martin's Park

