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Open House #3
Public Presentation I
16 September 2020

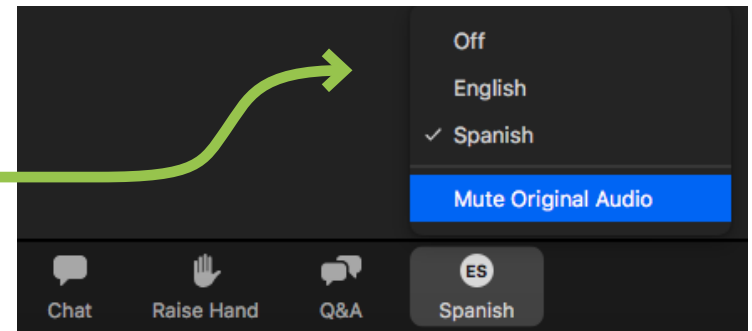
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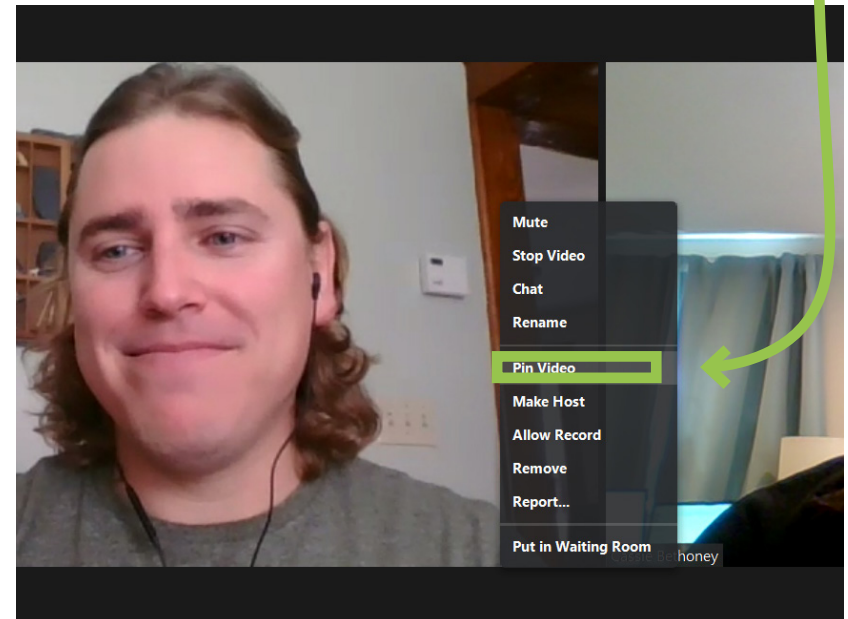
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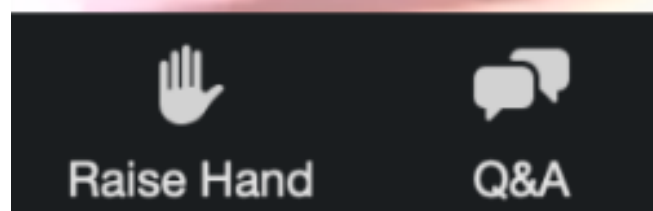


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Where do you live?



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TONIGHT'S AGENDA

Project Background

What We've Heard So Far

Guiding Principles

Park-wide Strategies

Proposed Improvements

General Q&A

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE #3 PROGRAM

Public Presentation #1 – Tonight!

Open Discussion Forums

- 1. Park-wide Strategies for Improvements**
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Public Presentation #2 (date tbd)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



MANY THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE



DESTINATION AND CROSSROADS



HISTORIC AND CONTEMPORARY



BALANCE PARK USE AND CARE



CHAMPION RESILIENT STRATEGIES



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For more on Guiding Principals,
Goals, and Objectives, visit:

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& Project Proponent



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OF THE
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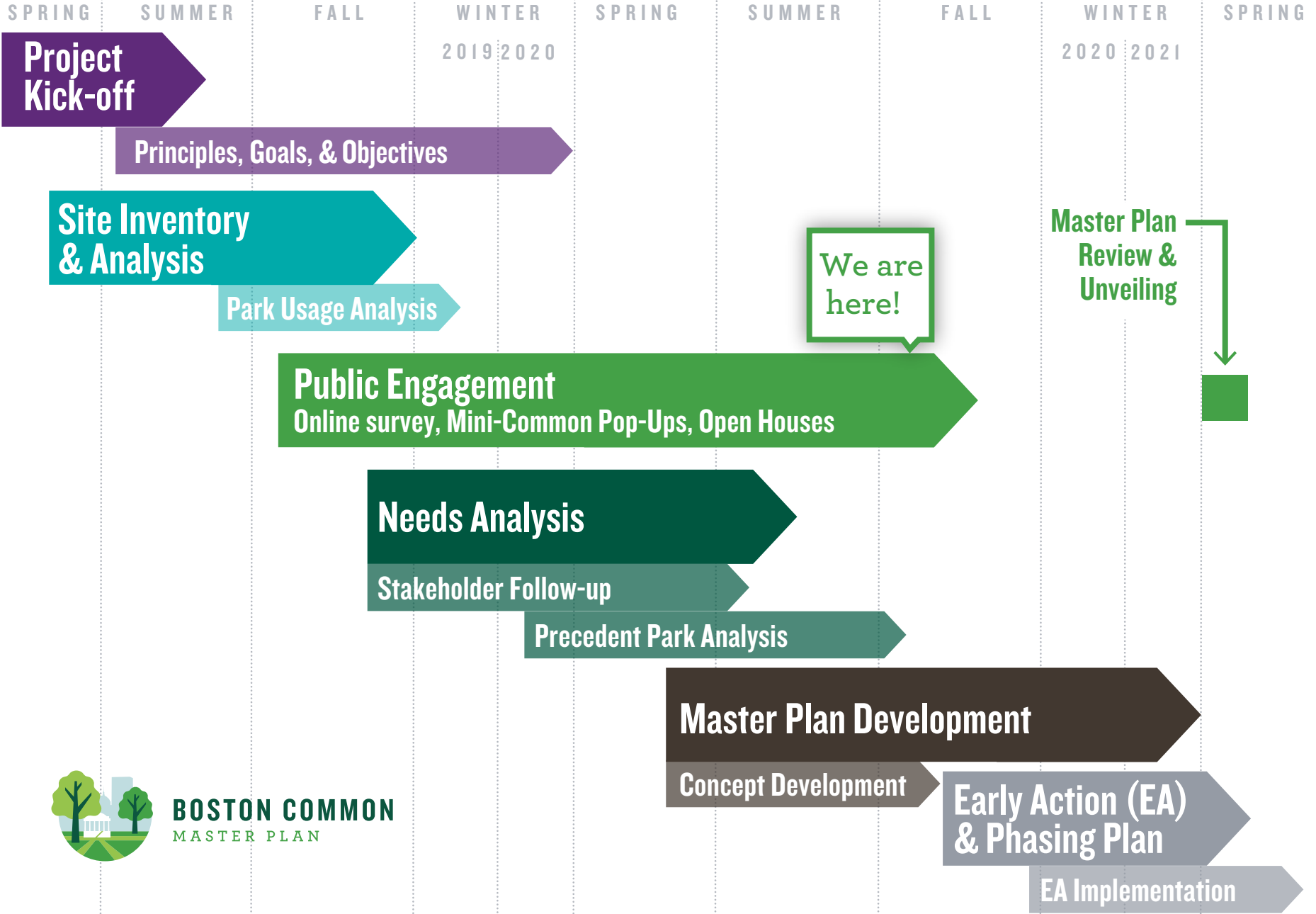
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PROJECT SCHEDULE



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ENGAGEMENT EVENTS TO DATE



MINI COMMON POP UPS & PARK PRESENCE DAYS



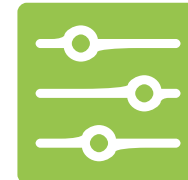
OPEN HOUSE #1



OPEN HOUSE #2



PROJECT WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA



ONLINE SURVEY



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An aerial photograph of a large city park during the golden hour of sunset. The park is filled with green grass, numerous trees (some bare, some with light foliage), and winding paths. In the foreground, there's a stone building and a parking lot with a few cars. In the middle ground, a prominent circular gazebo-like structure sits on a raised platform. The background shows a dense urban skyline with various skyscrapers and buildings, all bathed in the warm, orange light of the setting sun. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds.

Park-wide Strategies

PARK WIDE STRATEGIES



TREE CANOPY



BENCHES AND SEATING



CIRCULATION AND ACCESS



EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING



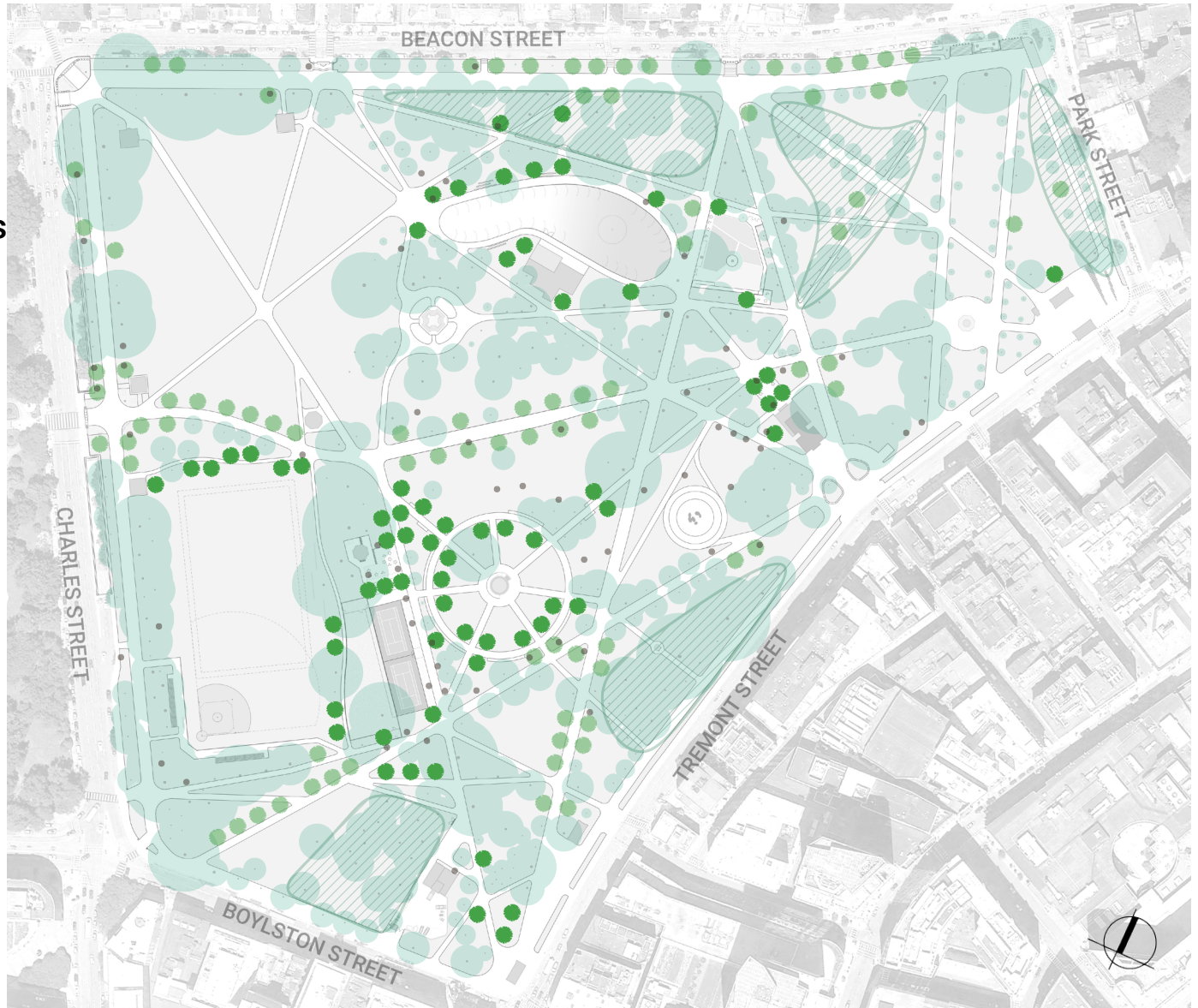
TREE PLANTING STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Enhance views, fill gaps in the tree canopy, and better define pedestrian malls
- Provide shady spots for comfortable seating
- Plant for the enjoyment and benefit of future generations

KEY:

- Tree Canopy
- Replace Tree
- New Tree
- ▨ Raise Canopy



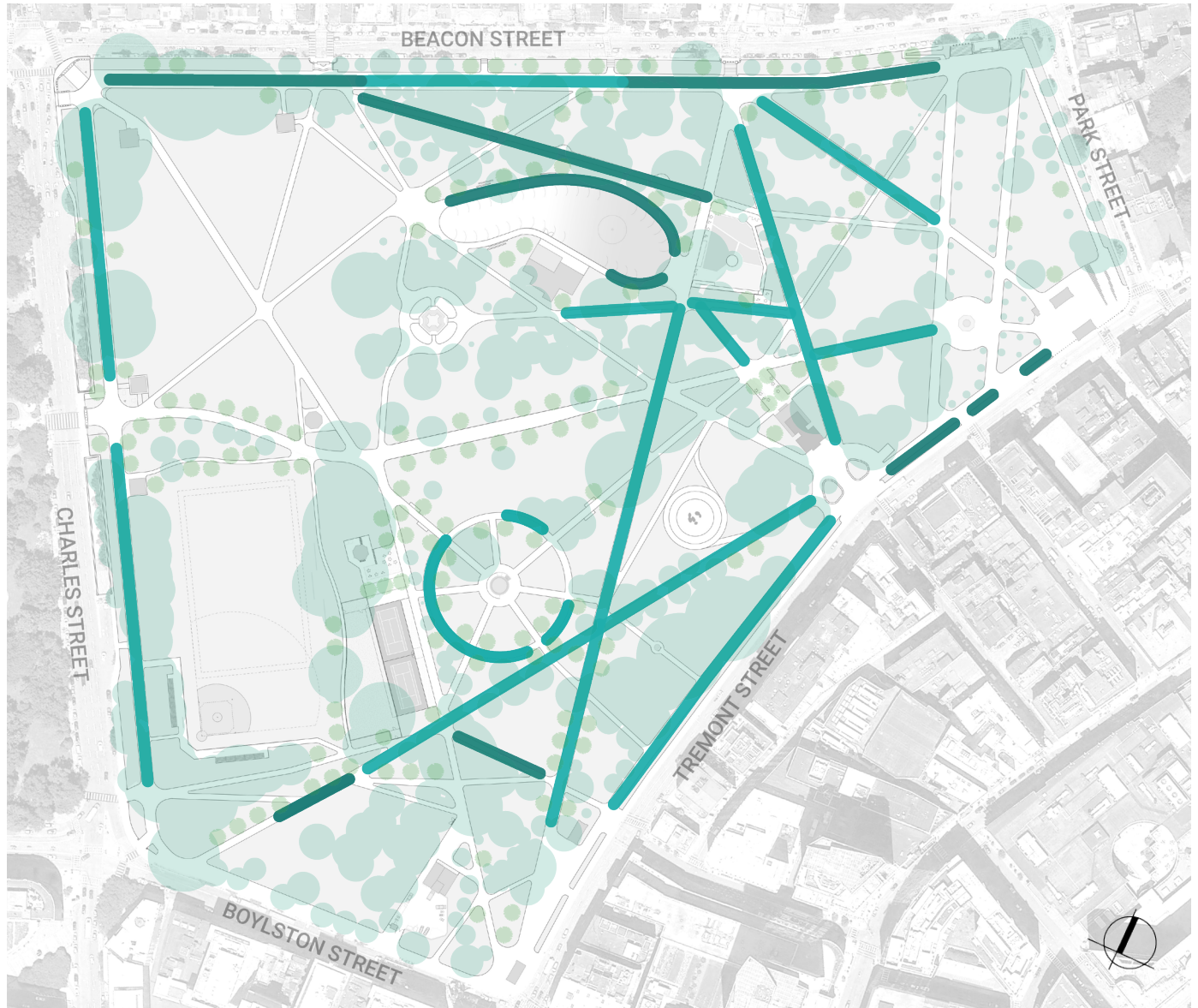
BENCHES AND SEATING STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Coordinate with tree planting
- Enhance visual qualities of pedestrian corridors
- Increase capacity
- Activate social nodes

KEY:

-  Benches Both Sides of Path
-  Benches One Side of Path



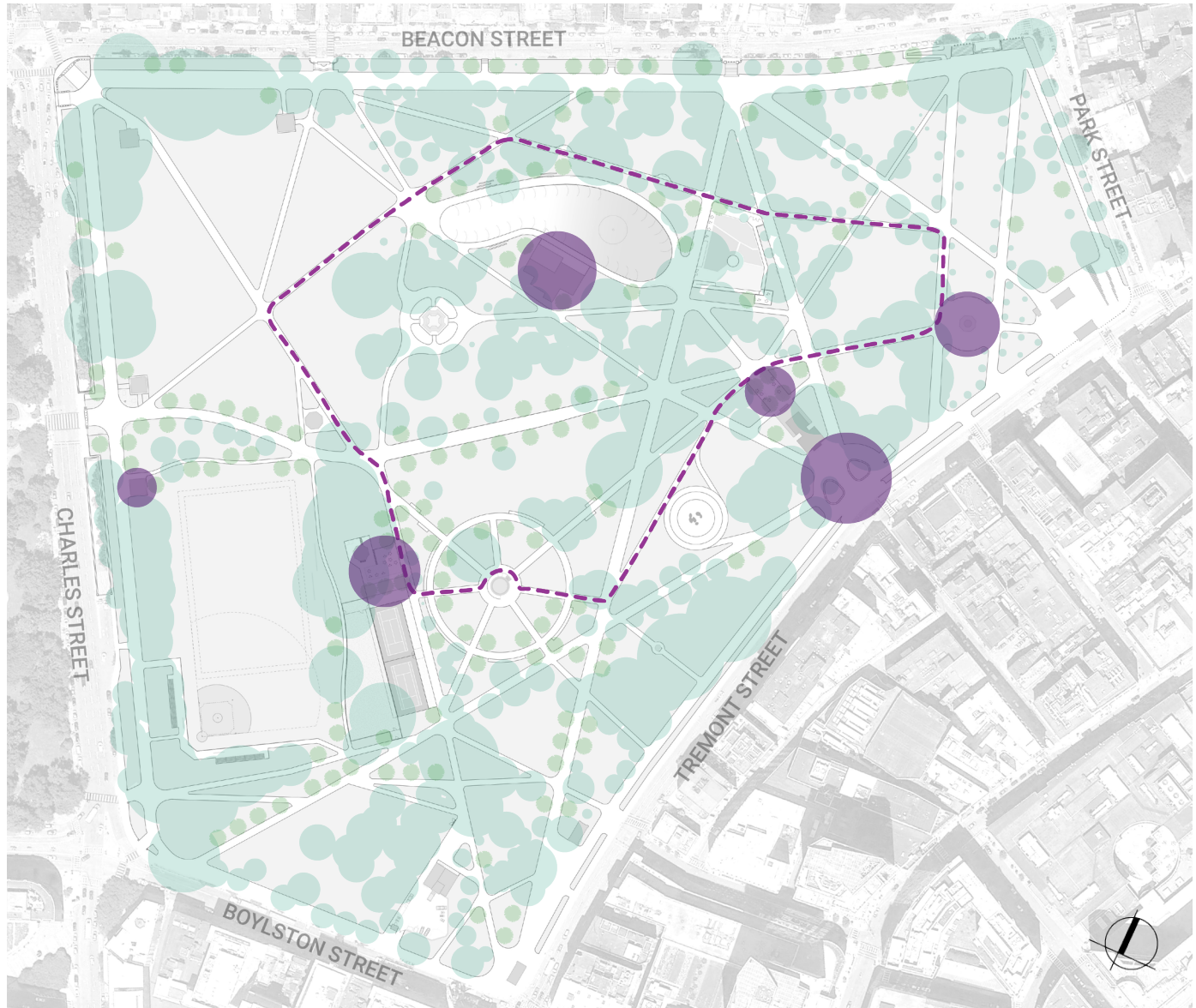
CIRCULATION AND ACCESS STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Designate an interior loop that connects amenities
- Provide direct ADA connections
- Add directional signage (wayfinding)
- Coordinate, clarify, and celebrate arrival at the Common

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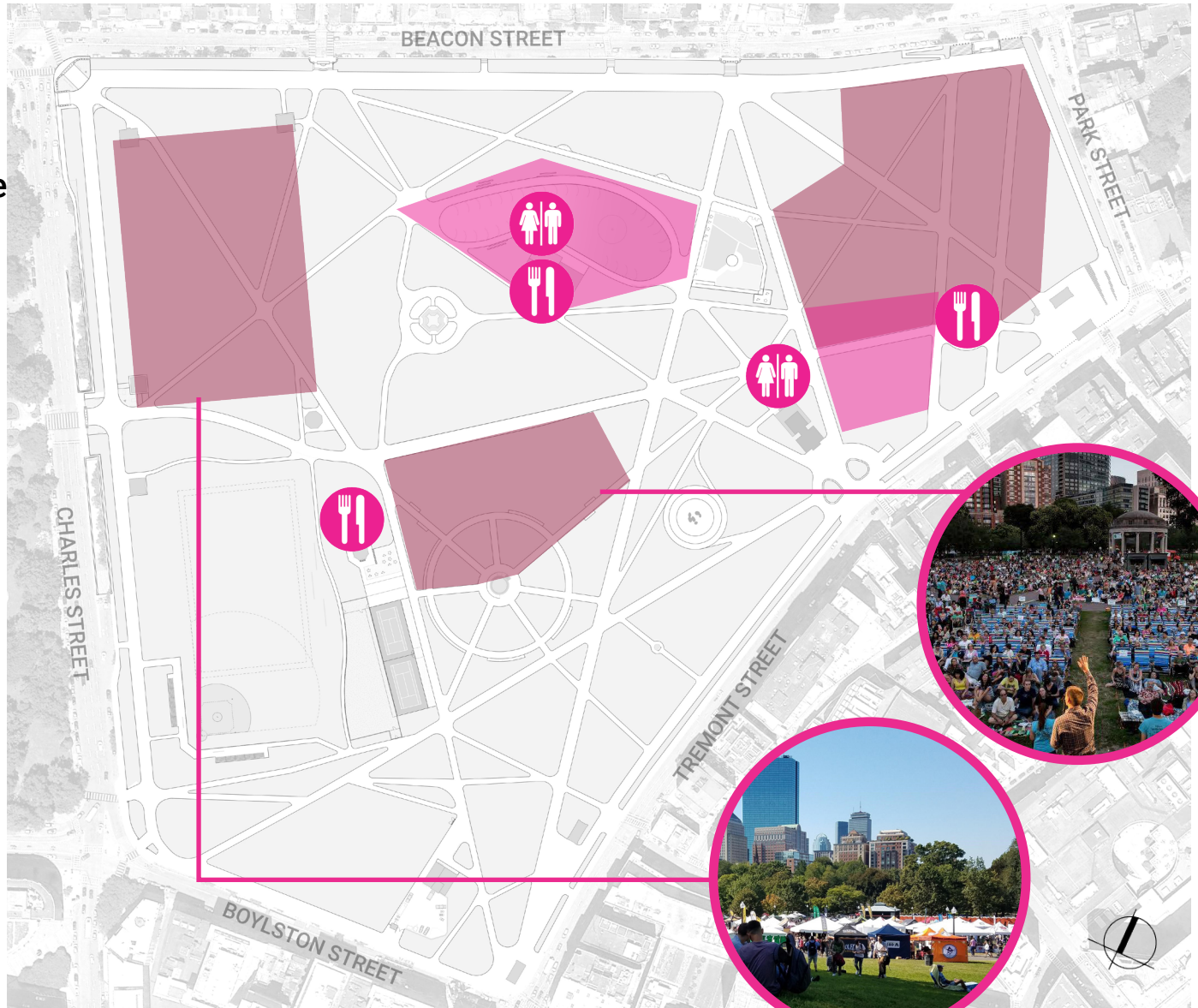
- Interior Loop
- Visitor Amenities



EVENTS AND PROGRAMS TODAY

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Major, large events leave damaging footprints on the landscape
- Infrastructure and amenities are limited in supporting events, programming, and daily park use



KEY:





- Large Events
- Small Events
- 🍴 🚼 Amenities

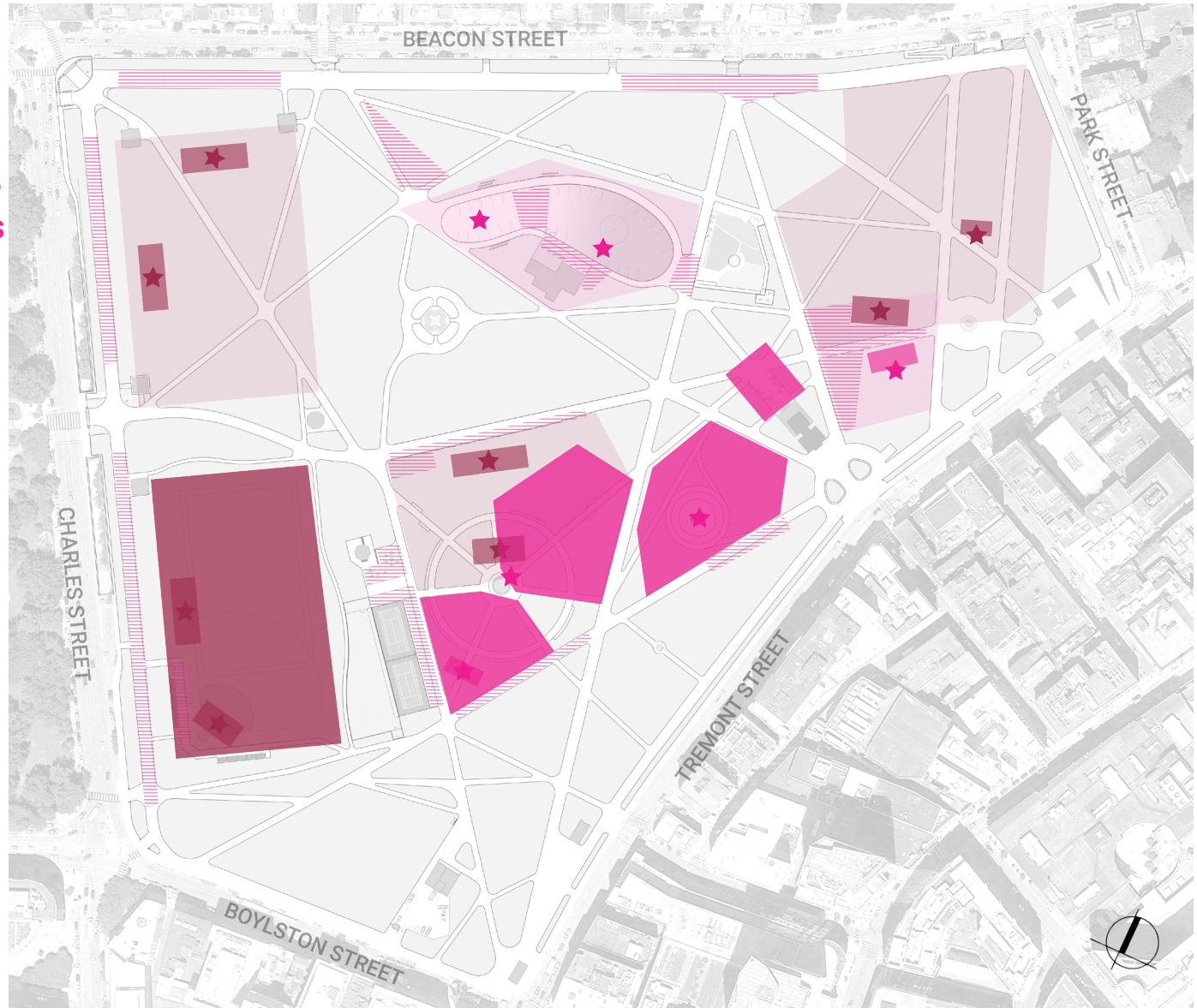
EVENTS AND PROGRAMS STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Allocate space by event size, better distribute
- Make better use of hard surfaces to support events and programs
- Improve infrastructure to better support events, programs, and daily park use
- Improve visitor conveniences

KEY:

-  Large Events
-  Small Events
-  Stage and podium
-  Back of House



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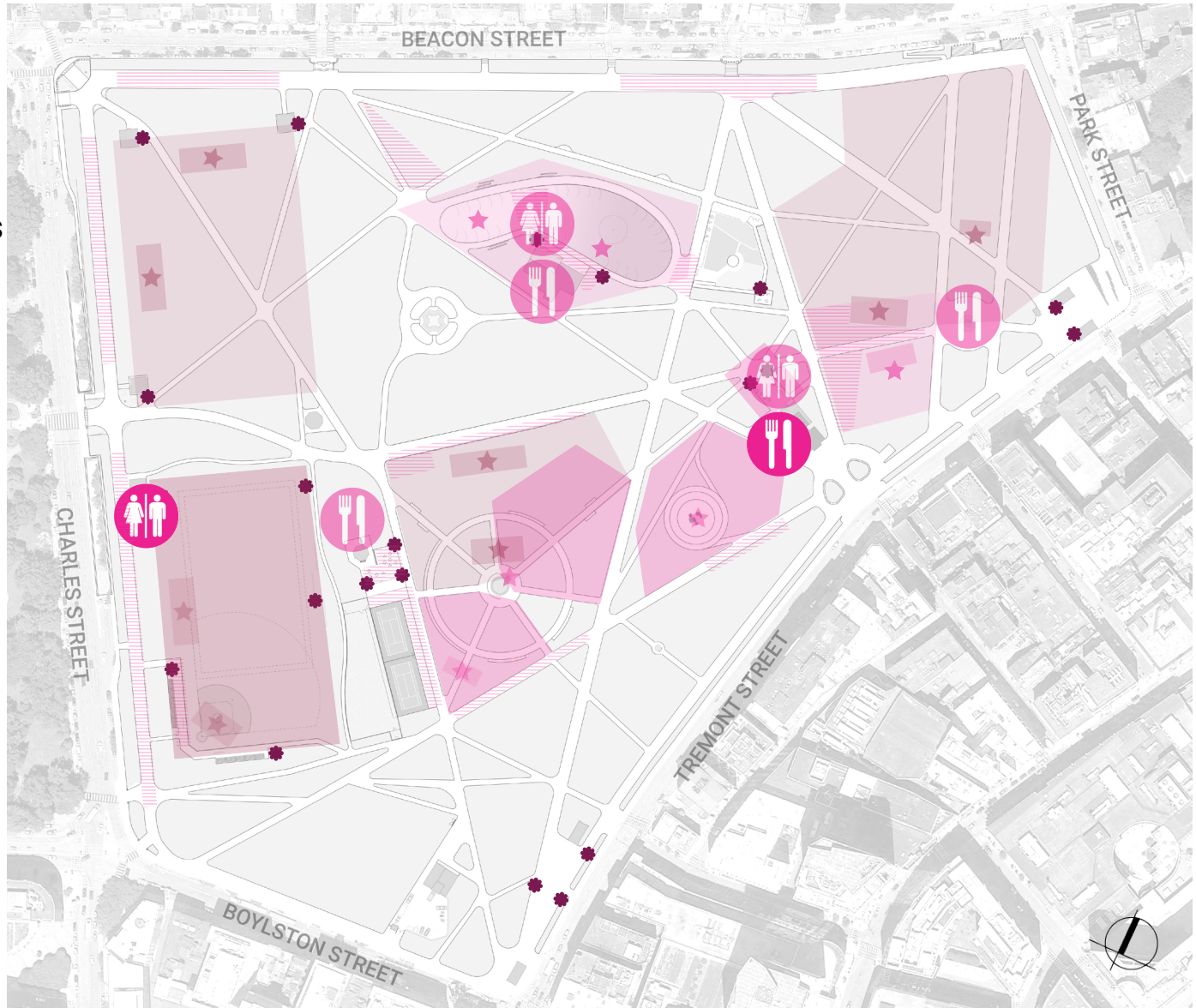
 Large Events

 Small Events

 Stage and podium

  Amenities

 Utility Hook Ups



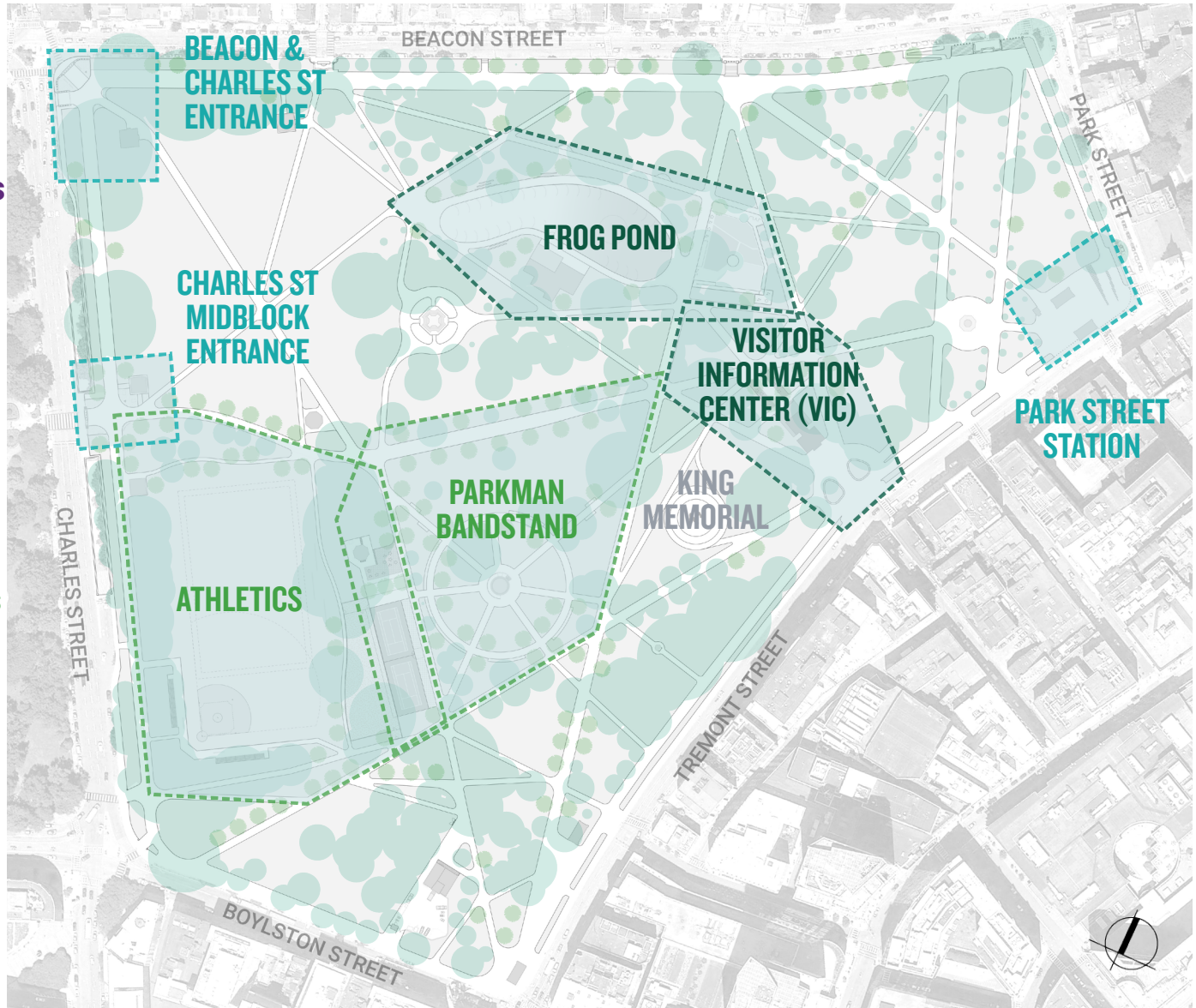
A large, leafy tree in the foreground of a park with people walking on a path. The scene is bright and sunny, with green grass and trees in the background. The text "Proposed Improvement Areas" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Proposed Improvement Areas

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT AREAS

OPEN DISCUSSION FORUMS

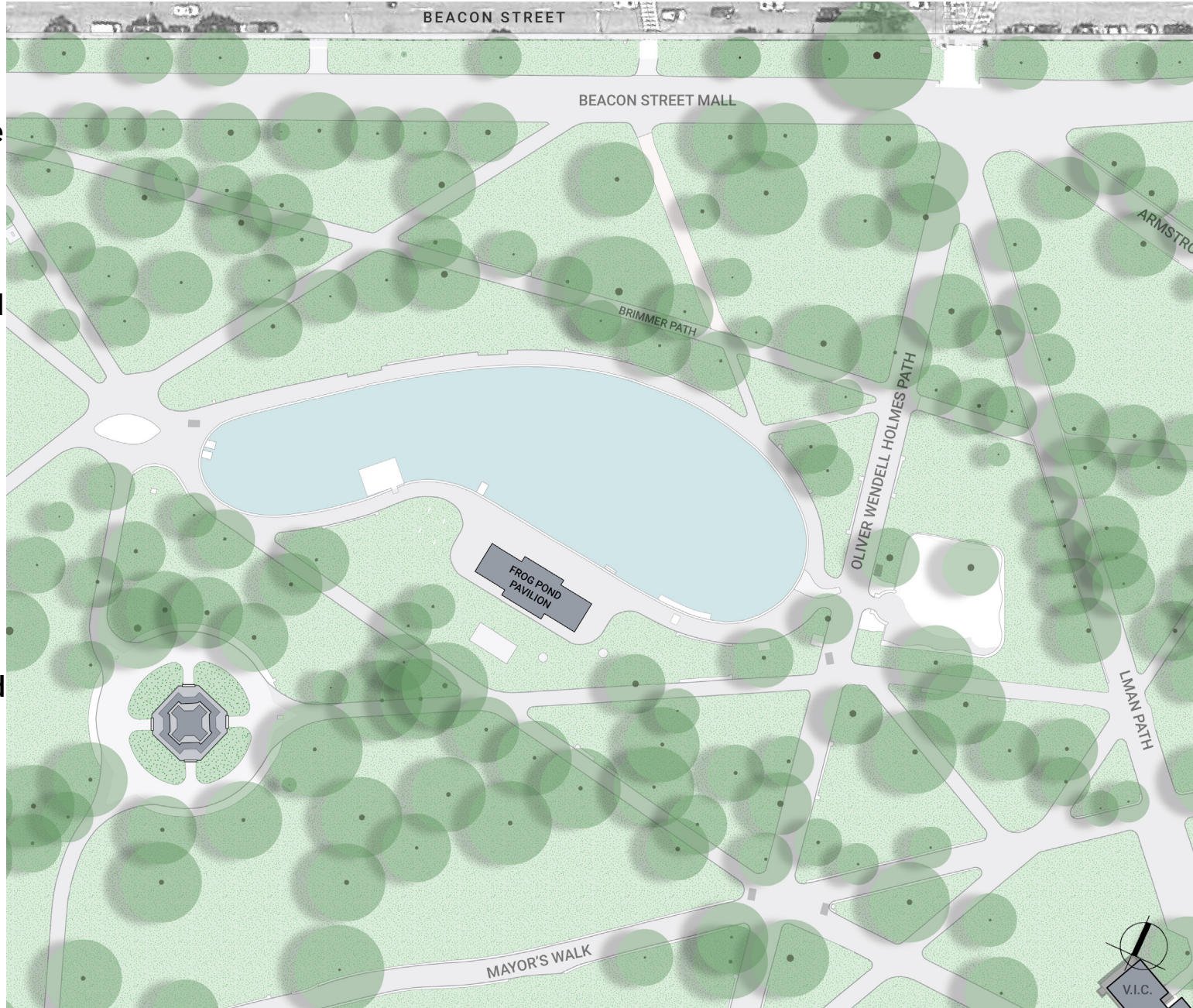
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FROG POND TODAY

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND PUBLIC FEEDBACK:

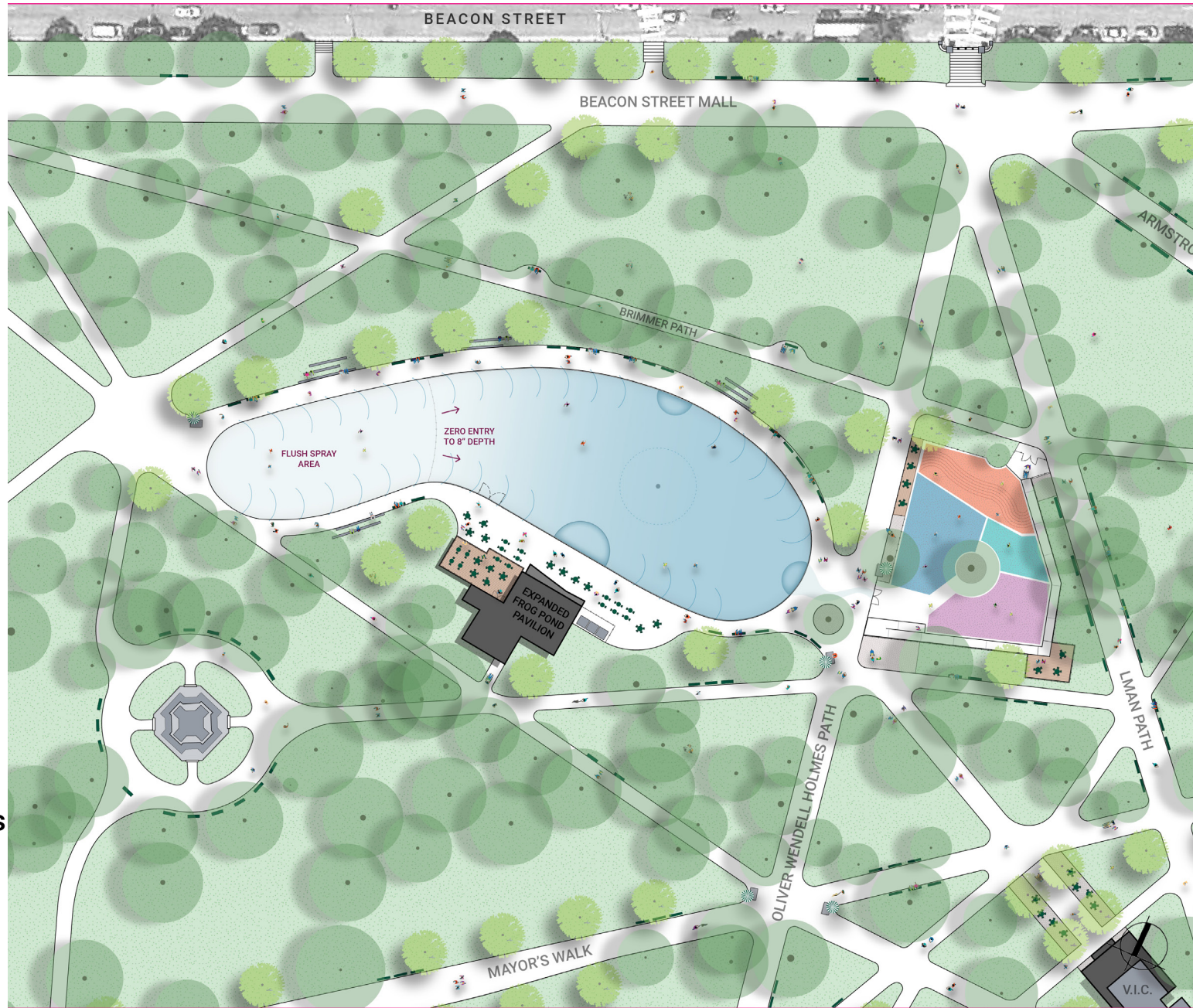
- Water play, ice skating, and playground activities are valued and often crowded
- More shady seating is needed
- More and different opportunities for play for big and little kids in the playground and Frog Pond are desired
- Frog Pond Pavilion does not adequately support staff and visitor needs



PROPOSED FROG POND PLAN

RECOMMENDED FEATURES:

- Expand the Frog Pond Pavilion with added amenities
- Plant trees to increase shade
- Expand the children's playground with diverse play opportunities
- Expand seating options
- Provide support infrastructure for multi-season events and flexible programmed use



FROG POND TODAY



PROPOSED FROG POND IMPROVEMENTS



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VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER TODAY

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND PUBLIC FEEDBACK:

- More restrooms are needed
- More space is needed inside and outside the Visitor Information Center (V.I.C.) for tourism and social gatherings
- Disconnected from the park interior; visual connections to Frog Pond and Parkman Bandstand will enhance the experience
- Connection to King Memorial will be needed



PROPOSED V.I.C. PLAN

RECOMMENDED FEATURES:

- Invest in visitor resources and amenities; expand the V.I.C. building footprint
- Establish a pedestrian connection between the V.I.C. and Mayor's Walk
- Provide pathway connections to the forthcoming King Memorial
- Expand seating options for increased convenience
- Increase park-wide wayfinding



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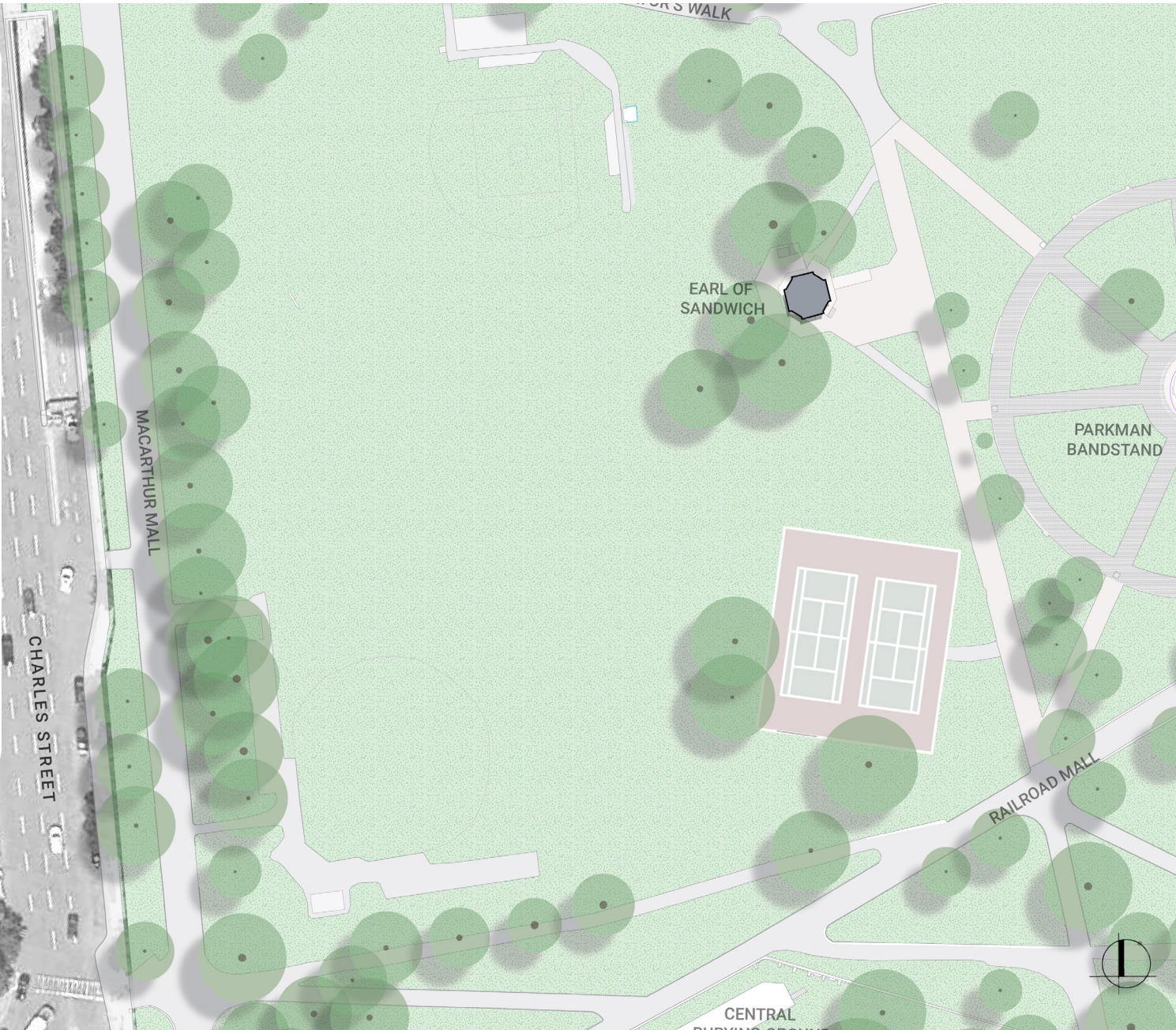
PROPOSED V.I.C. IMPROVEMENTS



ATHLETICS TODAY

EXISTING CONDITIONS:

- Far from park amenities like restrooms
- Outfield fence limits playability of the fields
- Tennis court alignment is incongruous with the pathway alignment
- Better integrate accessibility at Earl of Sandwich; the outdoor cafe space in front has potential as a hub of activity for this area



PROPOSED ATHLETICS PLAN

RECOMMENDED FEATURES:

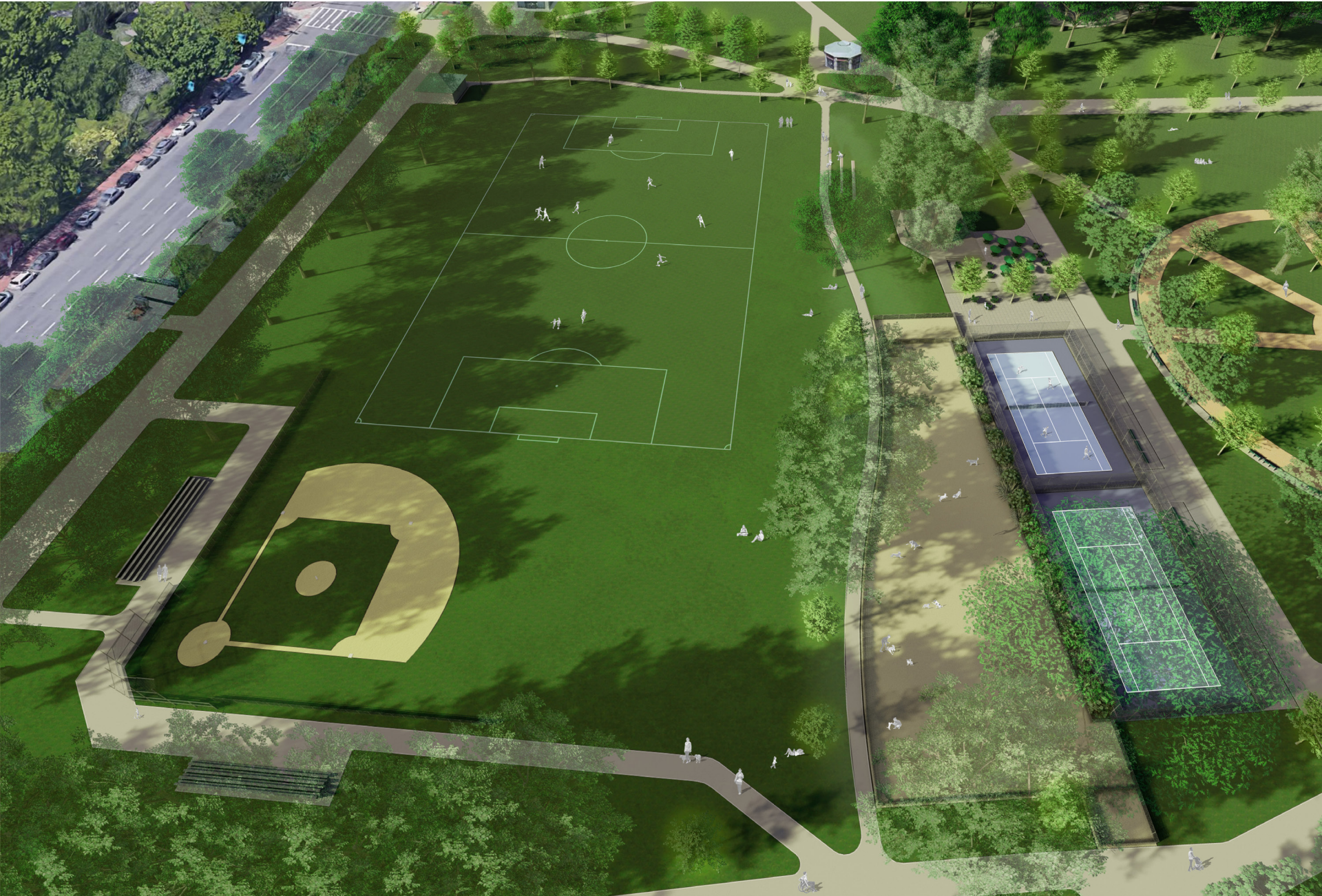
- Establish a fully accessible restroom facility
- Increase flexibility of the athletic field footprint - single 60' ballfield with a multi-use rectangular field
- Provide support infrastructure for events and diverse programmed use
- Improve visibility and access; establish new pedestrian routes
- Invest in a fenced-in dog park



ATHLETICS TODAY



PROPOSED ATHLETICS IMPROVEMENTS



PARK STREET STATION TODAY

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND PUBLIC FEEDBACK:

- Accessibility across the plaza is limited
- This corner lacks a strong sense of arrival
- Vending locations lack intention
- Spaces are not clearly defined (commuting and gathering spaces conflict)
- Circulation and wayfinding are difficult
- An increased level of security and safety are desired

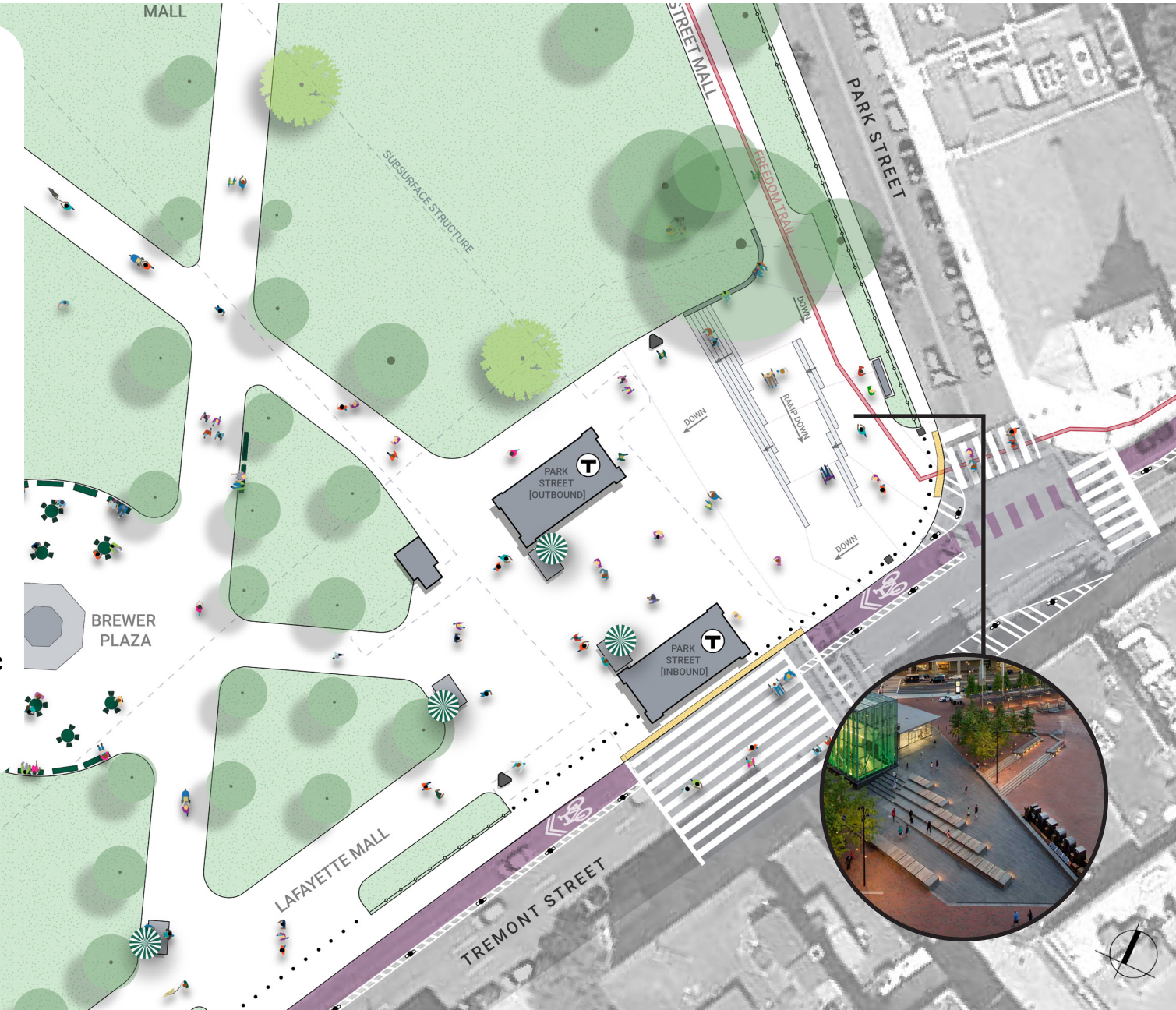


PROPOSED PARK STREET PLAN

RECOMMENDED

FEATURES:

- Establish a fully accessible route through the plaza to the MBTA headhouses
- Enhance pedestrian arrival with historic-based gateway
- Provide support infrastructure for vending and programmed use
- Increase park-wide wayfinding
- Protect the iconic viewshed to the State House



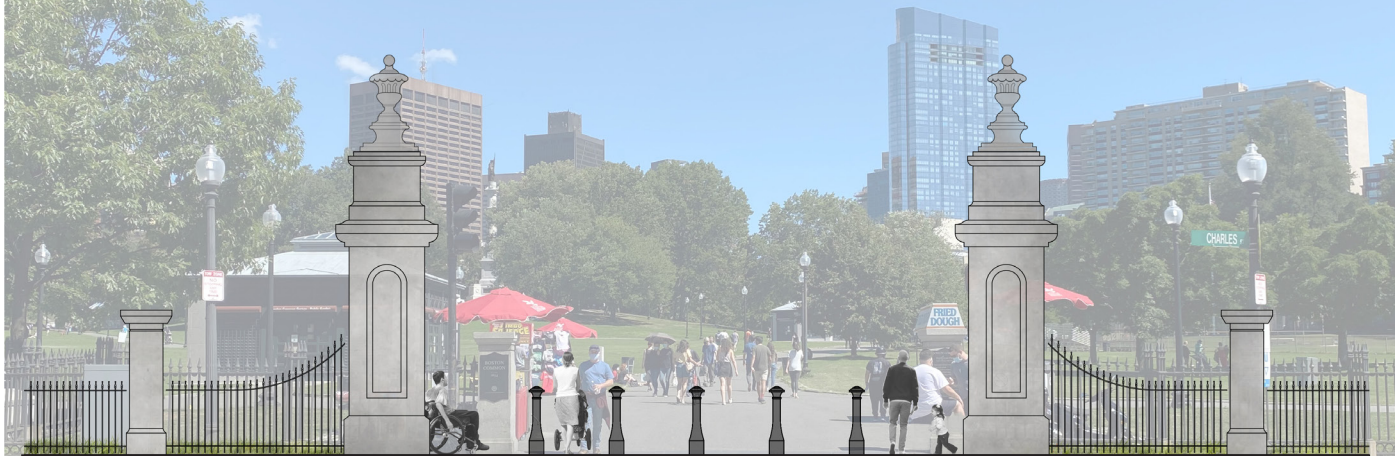
CHARLES ST. MIDBLOCK ENTRANCE



Toward the
Public Garden



Toward Boston
Common



PROPOSED
ORNAMENTAL
FENCE

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HISTORIC REPLICA
BOLLARDS

PROPOSED
LARGE PIER

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MEDIUM
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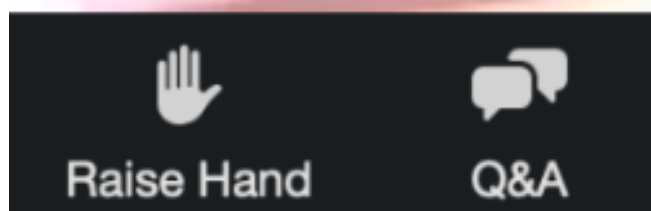
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