

FORT McMURRAY WATERFRONT PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT



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DESIGN UPDATE 2021-05-20

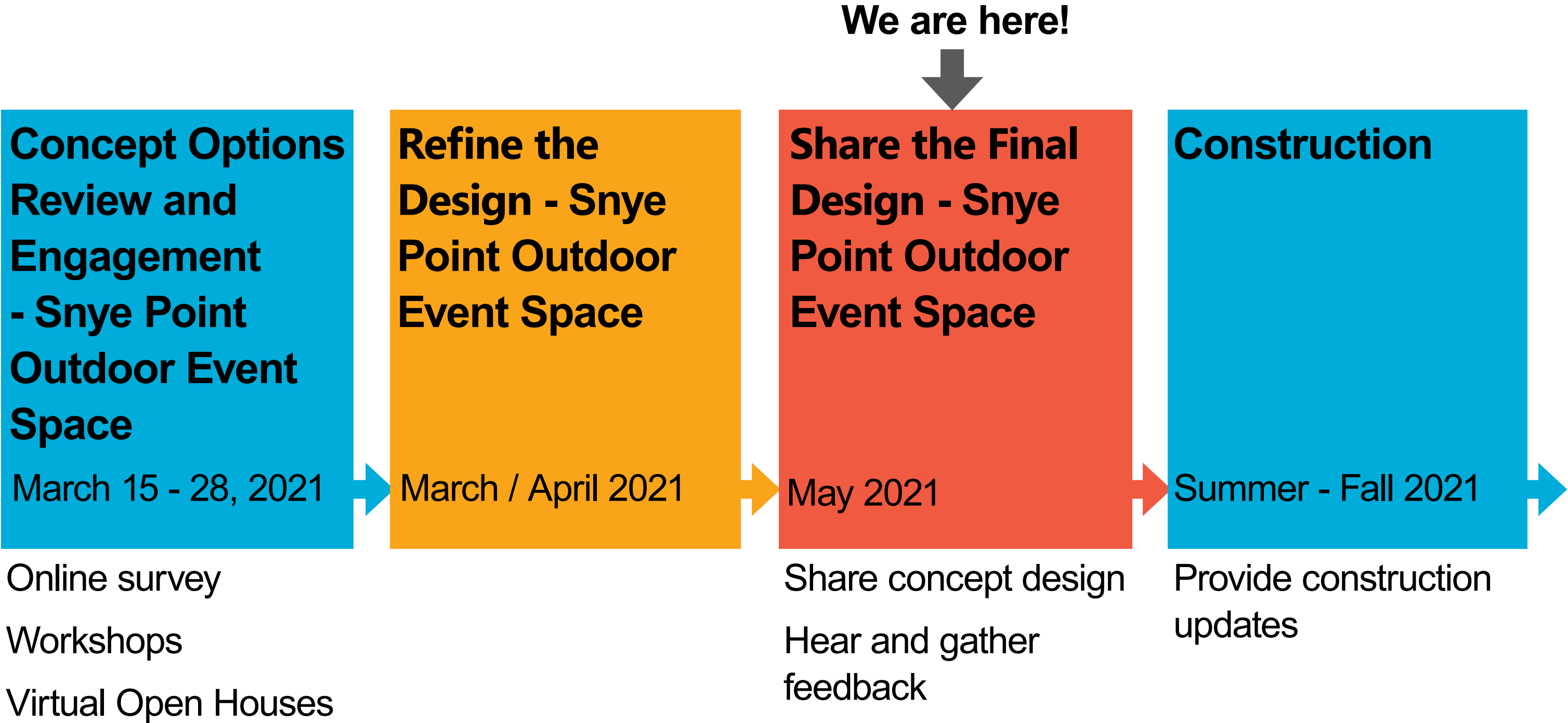
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STATUS UPDATE

PRIORITY AREA 1





PRIORITY AREA 1 KEY CONSIDERATIONS



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FINDING THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN:

- **Budget:** work within the budget for Priority Area 1
- Building in **floodplain** – consider damage and key investment locations. Support flood protection.
- Support **truth and reconciliation**
- **Flexible:** successful during large events, every day use and support different programming
- **Four season** park
- **Natural park** reflective of surrounding landscape
- **Accessible** and welcoming to all
- **Walking, cycling** and opportunity for **cross country skiing** important
- Work collaboratively to build a **community driven design** that everyone will be proud of
- **Parking** is important as is vehicular **access to Snye Point**
- **Touch the water** – both motorized, non-motorized and aeronautical

PREVIOUS CONCEPT OPTIONS



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OPTION DIFFERENCES

OPTION 1 - CLEARWATER COMMON



OPTION 2 - Snye LANDING



LEGEND

- ① PEDESTRIAN TRAIL (NAME TBC)
- ② GREAT LAWN / CEREMONY AREA
- ③ Snye POINT / FIRE PIT
- ④ BOAT LAUNCH
- ⑤ BEACH
- ⑥ FLEXIBLE USE AREA
- ⑦ PARKING
- ⑧ SUREKHA'S



PEDESTRIAN AREA



VEHICULAR ACCESS



PERIODIC VEHICULAR ACCESS



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SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HEARD

MARCH 2021



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SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HARD

- Support **truth and reconciliation**
- **Walking, cycling** and opportunity for **cross country skiing** important
- **Accessible** and welcoming to all
- Support **large outdoor events**
- **Parking** is important as is vehicular **access to Snye Point**
- **Support to move Morimoto Drive** to the south
- **Touch the water** – both motorized, non-motorized and aeronautical

- **Participate Wood buffalo**
Online Engagement:
450 survey submissions
- **Virtual Indigenous Partners and Stakeholders Engagement**
Workshops:
15 workshops - 65 participants
- **Virtual Open Houses:**
2 live events with 33 participants



PREFERRED CONCEPT



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PRIORITY AREA 1



PRIORITY AREA 1 - WEST



PRIORITY AREA 1 - EAST



PRIORITY AREA 1 - SECTIONS



SECTION 1



SECTION 2



SECTION 3

DESIGN DIAGRAMS



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SUPPORT TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

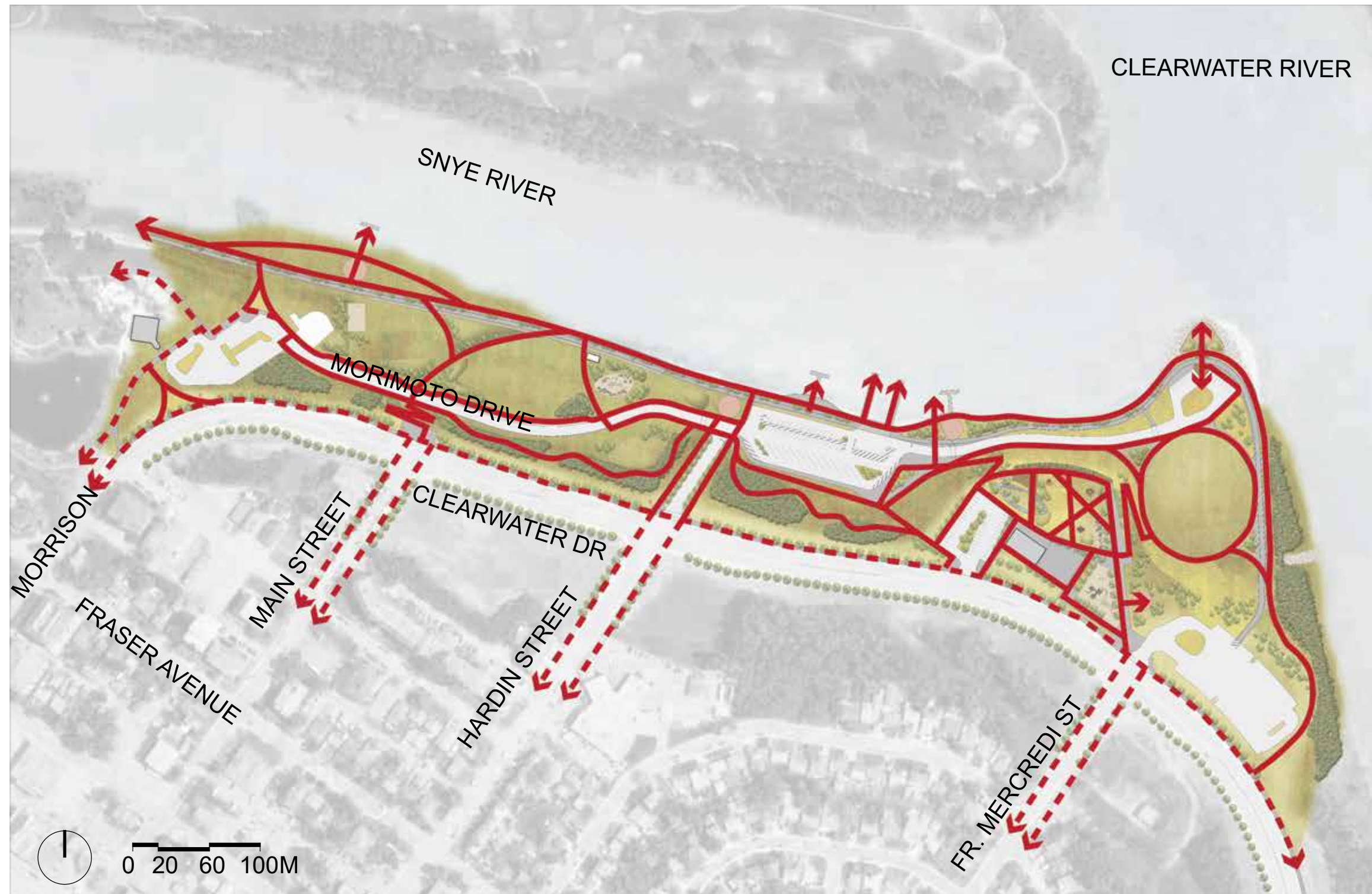


- Incorporate Indigenous and Métis art, history, culture, storytelling and significant plant material through:
- Marker poles
- Trail - name TBC
- Signage + wayfinding (four languages)
- Significant plant material throughout + around Welcome Circles
- Art incorporated in Discovery Moments + Art Plaza

Note: requires meaningful engagement to progress scopes



PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS



- Increase park porosity and accessibility
- Connections to Clearwater and downtown core
- Cross country skiing opportunities



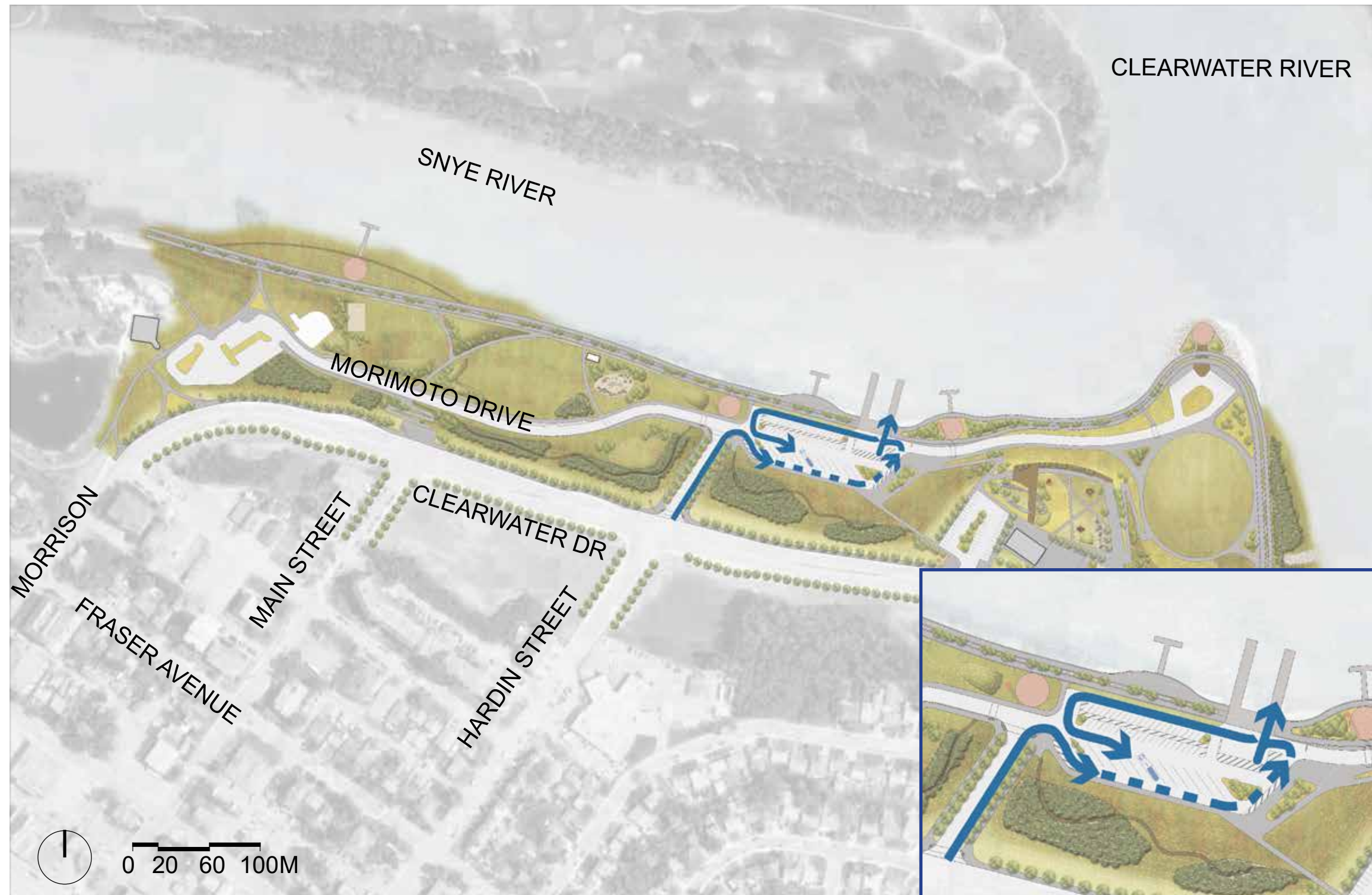
CYCLE CONNECTIONS



- Separated cycle track in park
- On-street connections to Clearwater Dr and downtown core



BOAT LAUNCH + PARKING LOT



- Improved safety
- Increased capacity.
Currently 7 stalls; 17 boat / trailer stalls
- Now accommodating 42 stalls; 12 boat / trailer stalls
- Simplified truck + trailer movement and parking
- Alternative pedestrian route along south edge of parking lot



VEHICULAR CONNECTIONS



- Vehicular movement within the park
- Connections to downtown core



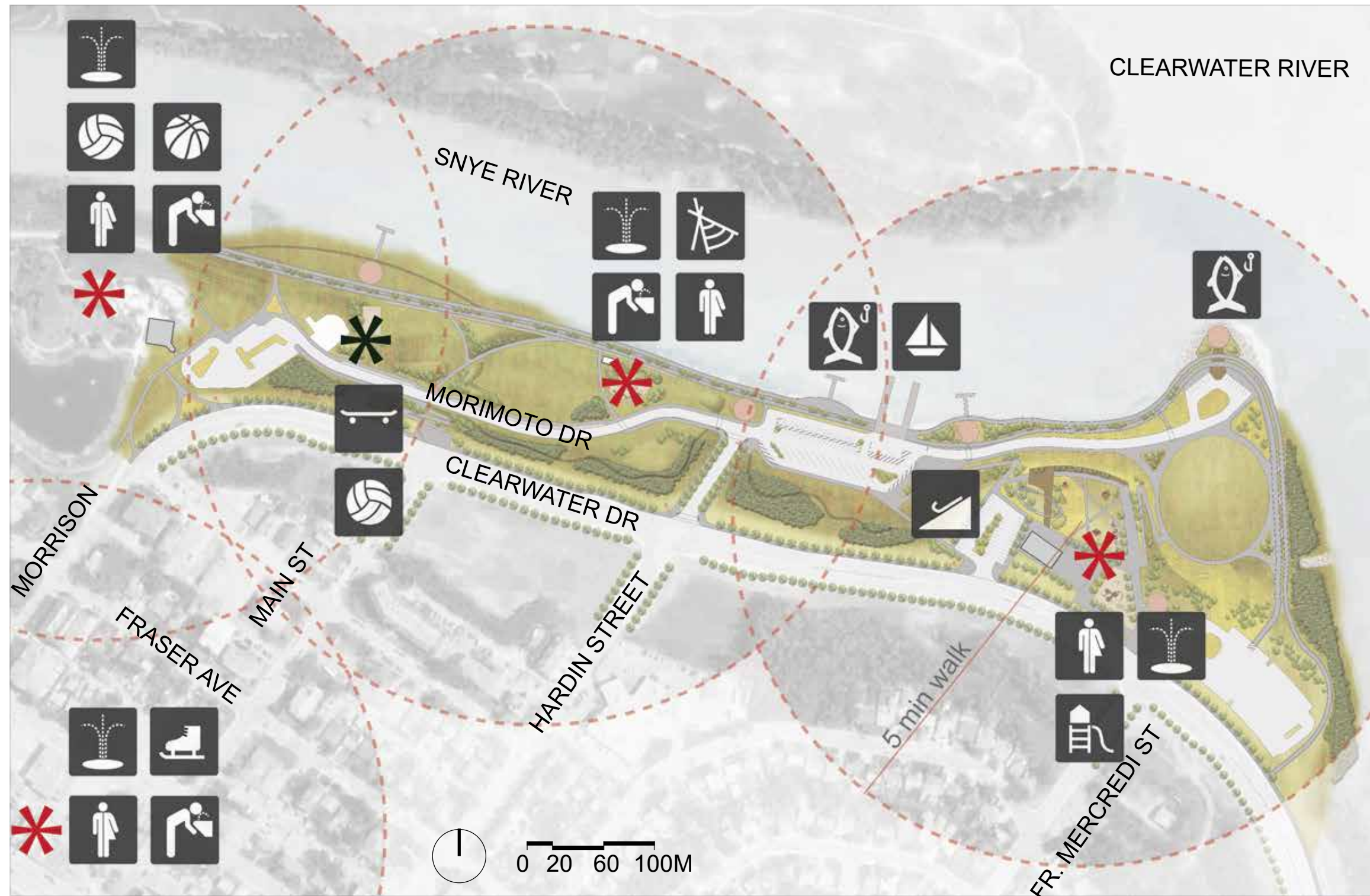
SITE MOVEMENT - LAYERS



- Combining all of the pedestrian, cycling, vehicular and boat launch movements



SITE + ADJACENT PROGRAM USES



Park Features:

- 1 additional WC in park
- 1 new natural play feature
- 1 new 'minor' play feature
- Volleyball relocated by skate park

(Note: 5-minute walking circles)

MP Program Suggestions:

- Civic plaza / playground
- Seasonal skate rink
- Enhanced parking
- Boat launch
- Restored natural areas
- Trans Canada Trail-head
- Event / heavy traffic area



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DISCOVERY MOMENTS



EVENT SETUP AND CIRCULATION



1. Primary large event space with power and reinforced turf: Great Lawn
2. Event vehicular movement
3. Secure vehicular entry
4. Public drop-off plaza
5. Alternative event area / Art Plaza
6. Alternative event area / west flexible use areas



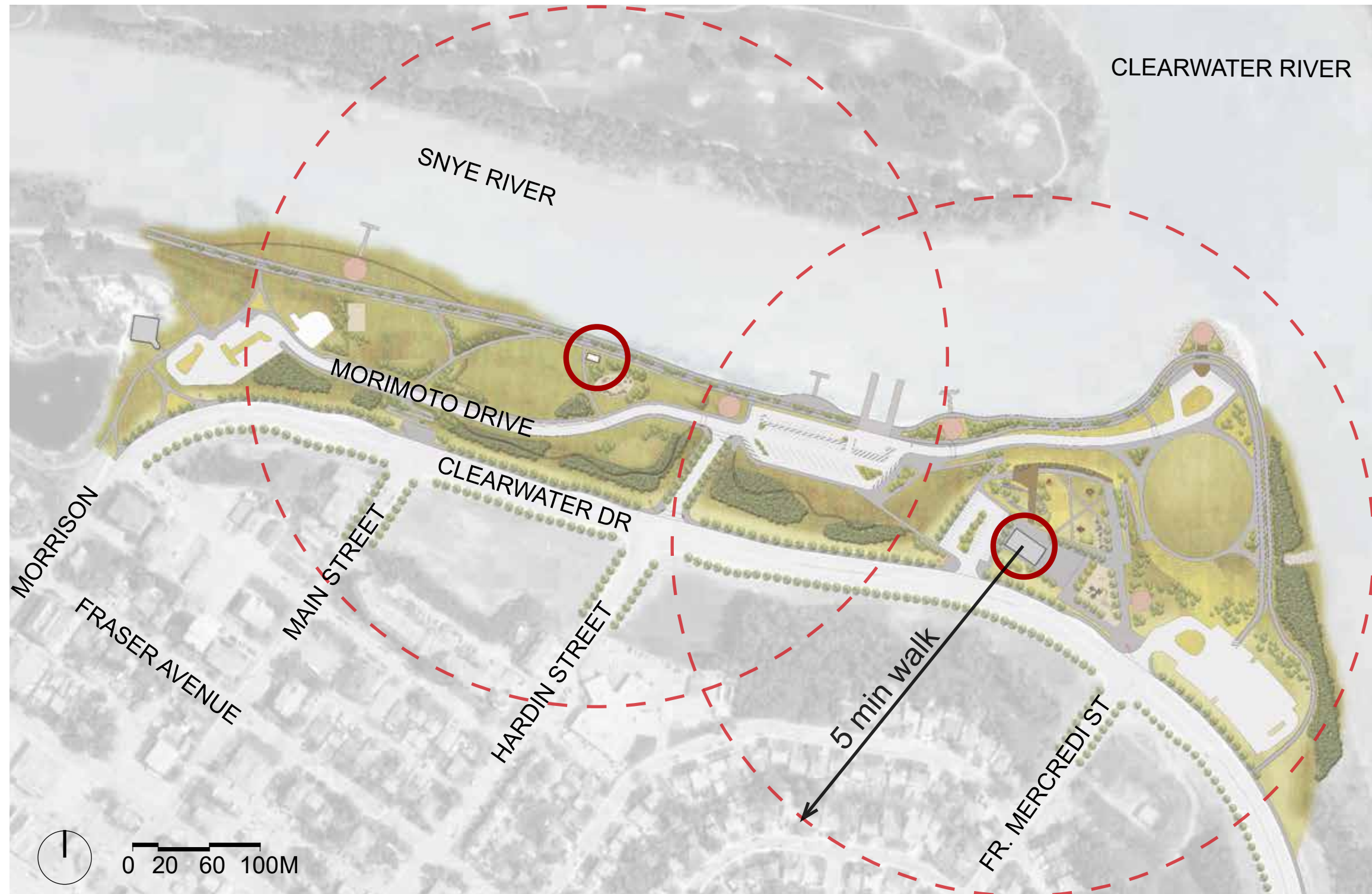
VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES



- Vendor opportunities south of cycle track
- Parallel parking along Morimoto Dr can include designated vendor opportunities
- During a large event, such as Ribfest, vendors can be located to the north and south of the large flexible pedestrian area



WASHROOMS



- Existing public washroom at restaurant
- One proposed washroom: new natural play feature + water element
- Located away from Snype Point due to potential ice damage

Note: 5 minute walking circles.



PERSPECTIVE ILLUSTRATIONS



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CULTURAL FESTIVAL IN GREAT LAWN



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SCULPTURAL EDGE IN ART PLAZA



NATURAL PLAY IN FLEXIBLE USE AREA



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WELCOME CIRCLE





WHAT MAKES THIS PARK UNIQUE?



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COMPLEX LAYERS - SIMPLE PALETTE



- Strong community driven design to create destination park
- Significant and meaningful truth and reconciliation engagement and future built representation
- Integrated signage and wayfinding (four languages)
- Natural park design
- Natural play opportunities
- Strong park 'bones' to support current uses and future evolving community needs
- Comfortably accommodate large events while being open to the public
- Balanced flood and capital investment programming locations
- Fully accessible + welcoming (physically and culturally)
- Incorporated guiding principles
- Resilient design



BIG MOMENT OPTIONS



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ART PLAZA CONTEXT



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BIG MOMENT 1: WATER SCULPTURE

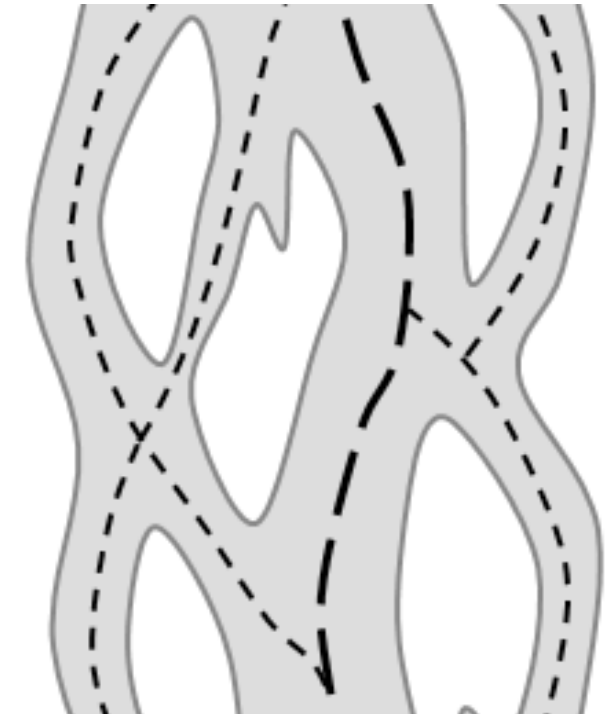


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BIG MOMENT 1: WATER SCULPTURE



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BIG MOMENT 2: TIPI



BIG MOMENT 3: WOOD BUFFALO



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BIG MOMENT 4: RIVER BRAID



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QUESTIONS + COMMENTS



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