



NEPONSET RIVER GREENWAY EDGEWATER TRAIL

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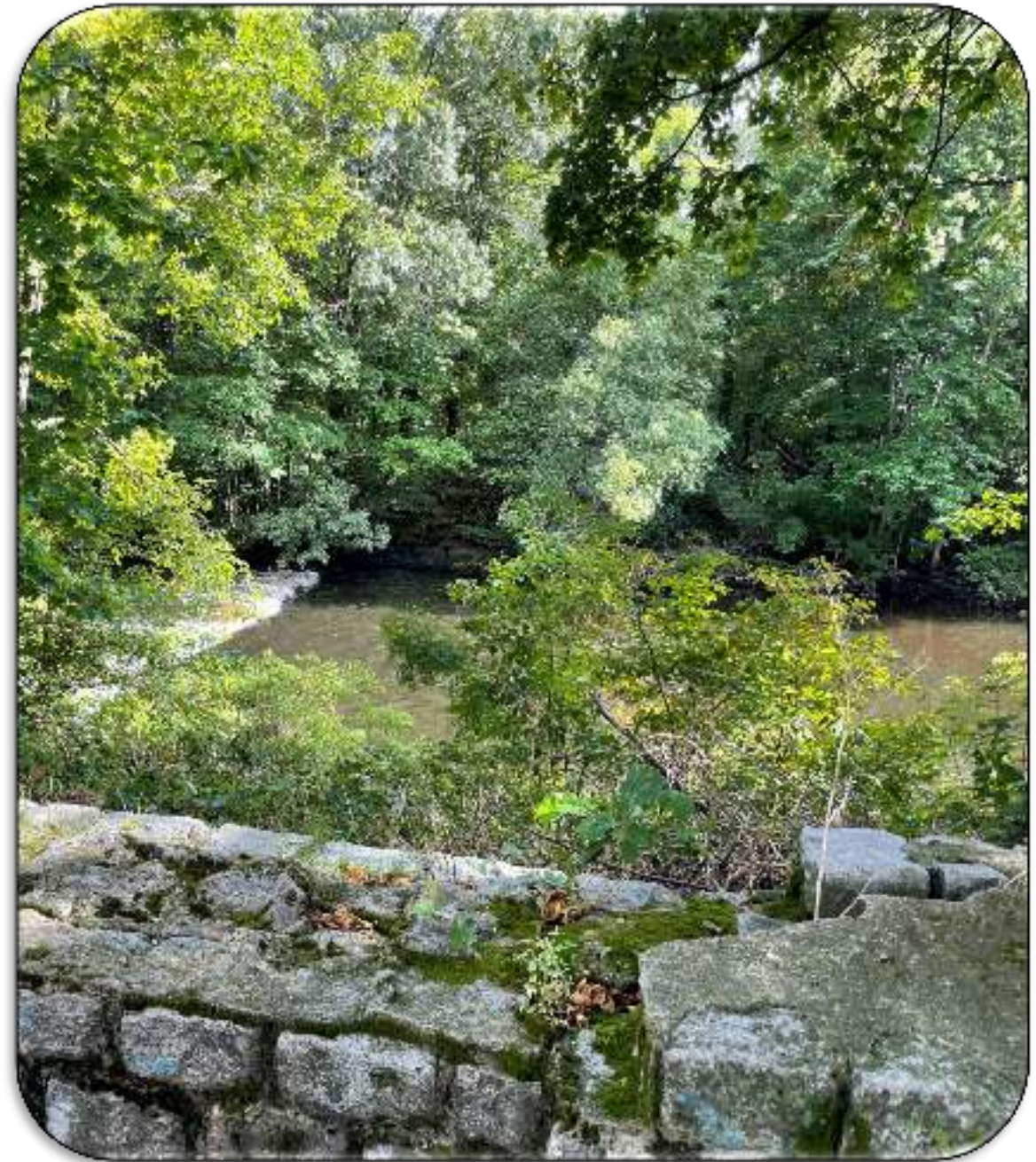
To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well-being of all.

Public Meeting Logistics

- Two ways to ask questions during the meeting
- Use chat feature
- Raise your hand using the Zoom function, and you will be given permissions to unmute and speak.
- The meeting will be open to questions and answers at the end of the formal presentation.

Agenda

- What we heard – community feedback update
- Project schedule
- Pedestrian bridge
- Presentation of 50% design
- Questions & Comments
- Next steps



Our partners are the people of Mattapan, Hyde Park and:



Belnel Family NA



Vision

To provide a safe accessible trail along the Neponset River and create a natural sanctuary for the community.

Goals for Edgewater Trail:

- Develop an inviting trail that connects the community to the river and its wooded banks.
- Provide opportunities for recreation, outdoor fitness and engagement with nature.
- Incorporate canoe launch, outdoor gathering spaces and viewing platforms.
- Enhance environmental equity and health benefits that also address climate resilience.
- Improve the ecological value of the corridor.
- Create a valued neighborhood resource that better integrates the community garden, playground and trail.
- Link and foster connectivity with the Neponset River Greenway.



Neponset River Greenway Development



TRUMAN PARKWAY -
NORTHERN
SECTION



TRUMAN PARKWAY -
SOUTHERN
SECTION



**PEDESTRIAN
BRIDGE KICKOFF
&
NEPONSET - BLUE HILLS
FEASIBILITY STUDY
KICKOFF**

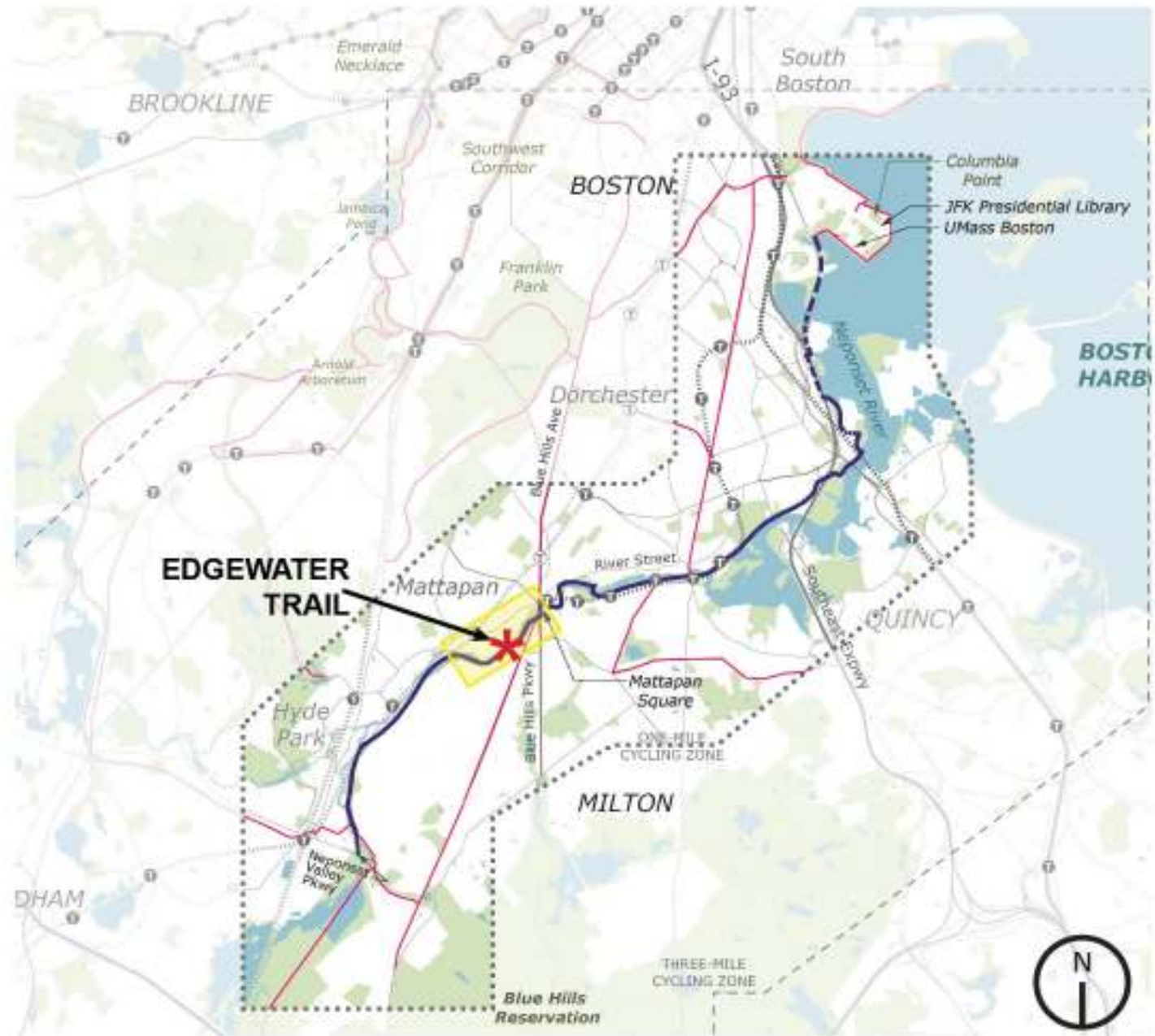
**EDGEWATER TRAIL
KICKOFF**

**BLUE HILL AVE TO
CENTRAL AVE**

**TENEAN BEACH TO
MORRISSEY
BOULEVARD
(ANTICIPATED)**



Neponset River Greenway

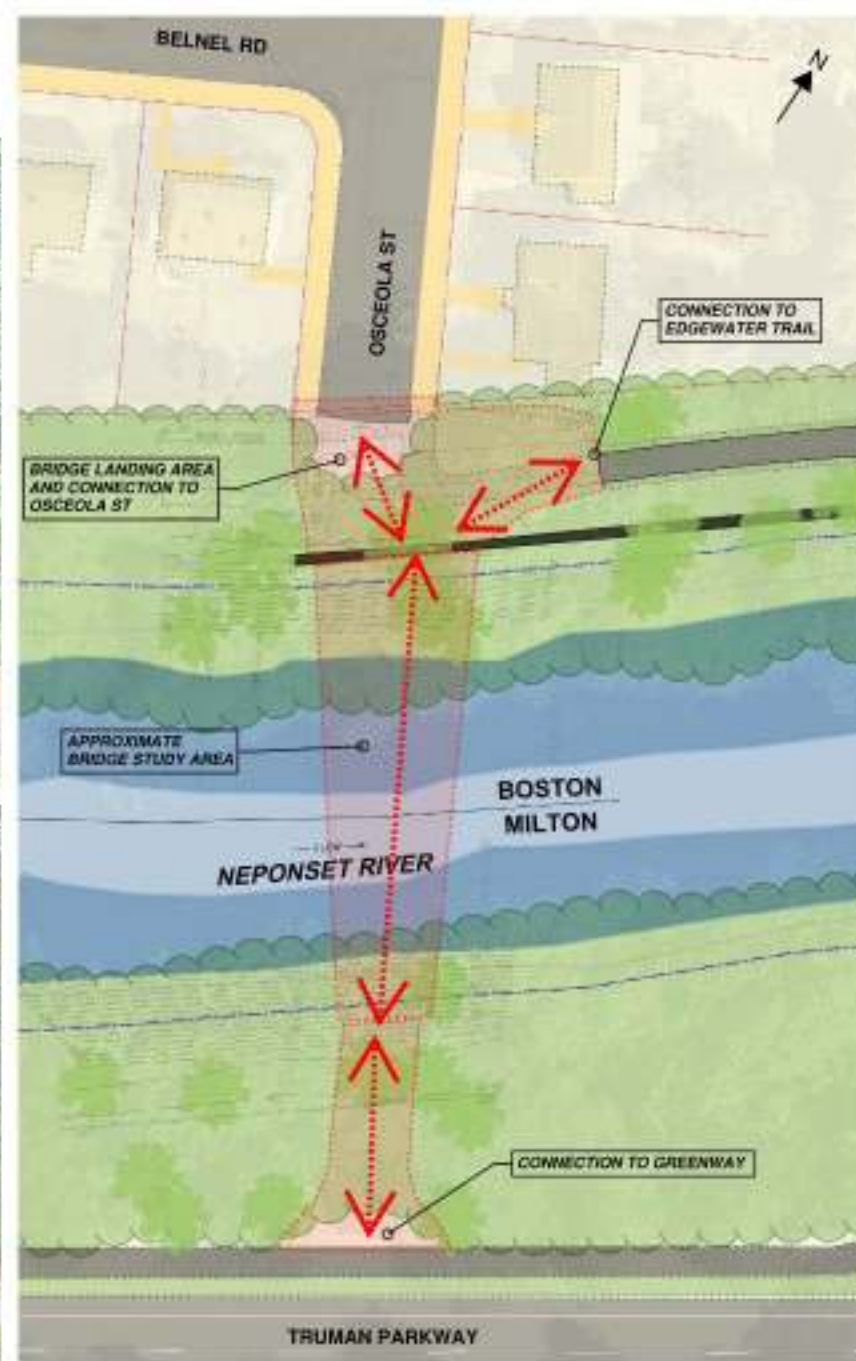
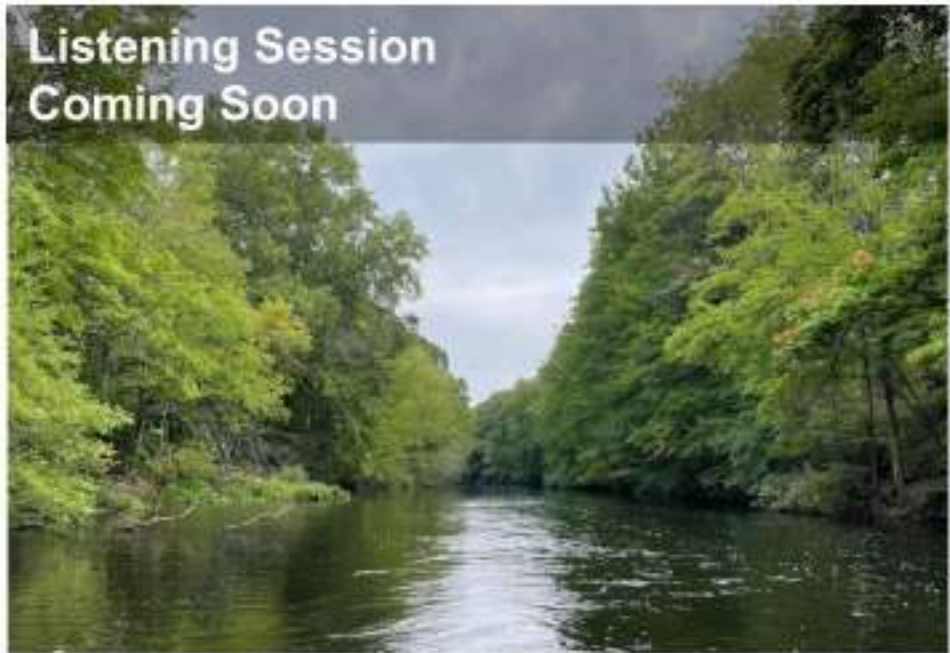


Site Context




Proposed Bridge Crossing at Osceola St

Listening Session
Coming Soon




Updated Survey Responses

Based on 25-50% design, Feb 2022



Updated Survey Overview

Key Takeaways



★ Prefer proposed trail behind wall (Riverfront Trail).	★ No removal of stone wall @ playground.
★ Prefer trail width = 8-feet.	★ Recreational Programming = Lawn area, overlook deck, & outdoor fitness.
★ Seat height options for wall cuts.	★ Install as many cameras as possible.
★ Benches at each wall opening.	★ As many openings as possible.
★ Would like to see a fence along neighborhood trail.	★ Walking path preferred.
★ No trail in Playground.	★ Dogs allowed with signage.
★ Asphalt preferred trail material.	★ Safety Concern and maintenance concerns.
	★ Would like to see an overlook deck.



***This information is from the report by the **Edgewater Neighborhood Association** in partnership with Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition, Lawrence and Lillian Soloman Foundation, Neponset River Watershed Association, Trust for Public Land, Fairmount Greenway Collaborative, Belnel Family Neighbourhood Association.*

Trail Alignment



LEGEND

- PROPERTY LINE
- RIVERBANK
- MEAN HIGH WATER
- 25 FOOT RIVERFRONT AREA
- EXISTING WALL

CIRCULATION LEGEND

- VEHICULAR CIRCULATION
- PRIMARY NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION
- TRAIL CIRCULATION
- LOWERED WALL TO SEAT HEIGHT
- LOWERED WALL TO 42"-48" HT
- WALL OPENING



OVERLOOK
DECK

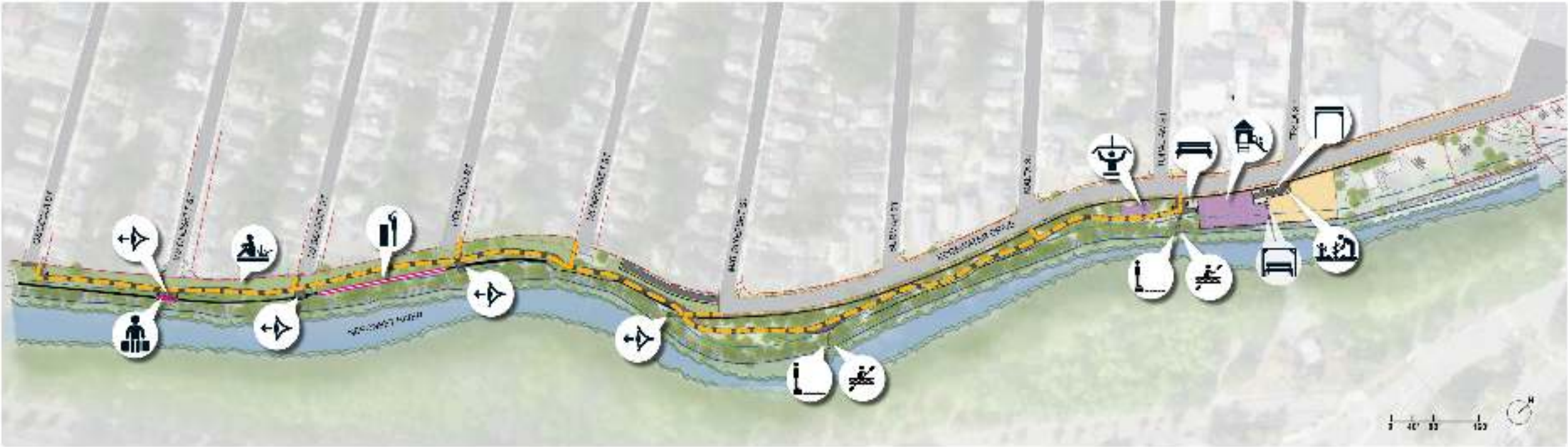


TIMBER
STEPS



FUTURE
BRIDGE
CONNECTION

Trail Amenities

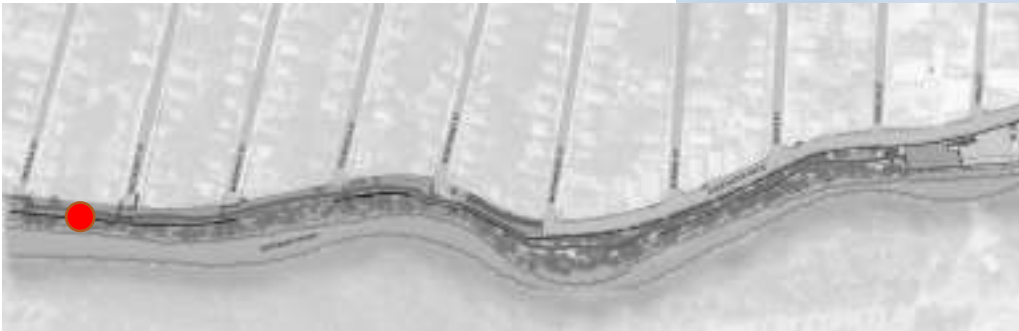
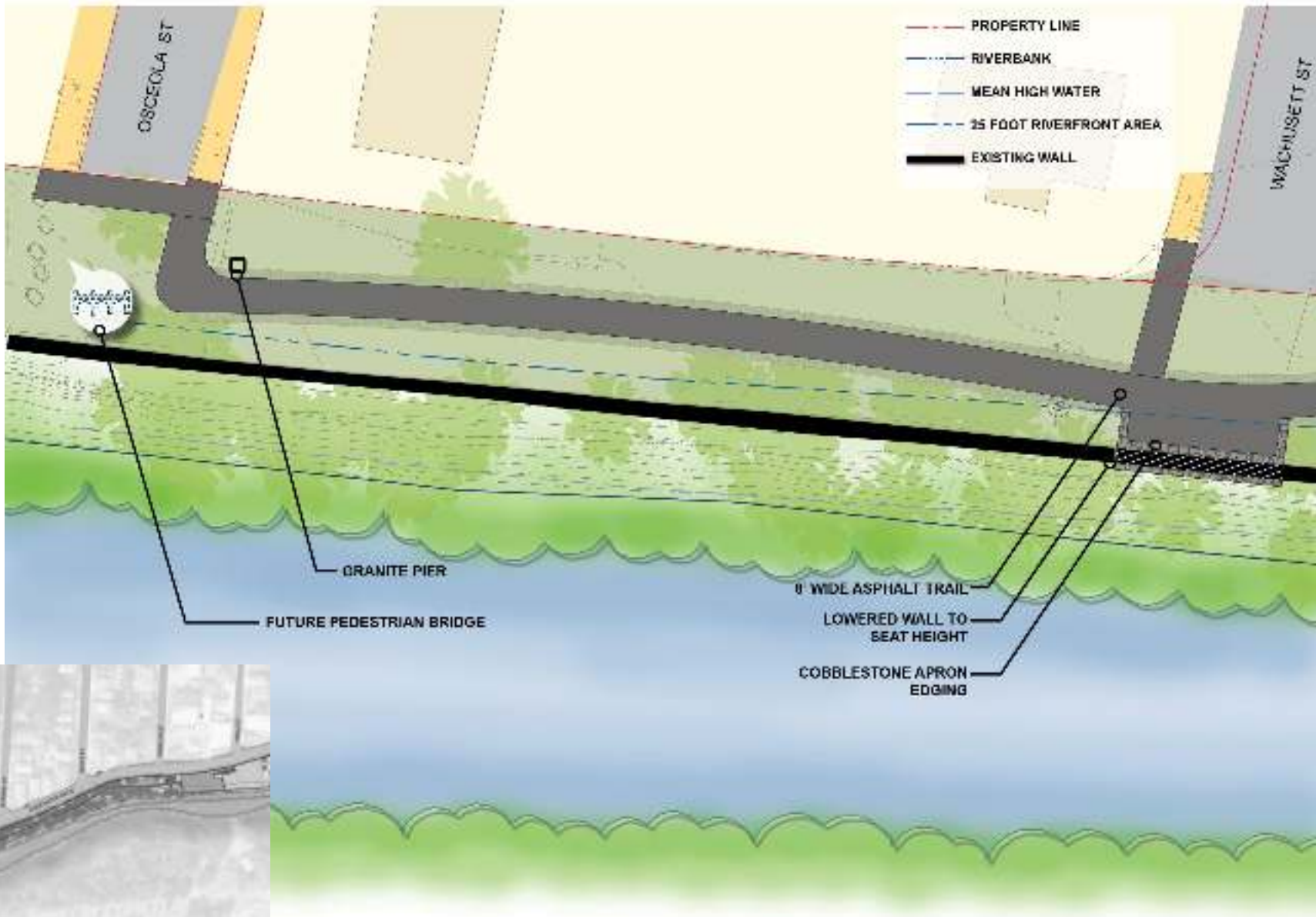


LEGEND

- PROPERTY LINE
- RIVERBANK
- MEAN HIGH WATER
- 25 FOOT RIVERFRONT AREA
- EXISTING WALL
- LOWERED WALL (HEIGHT VARIES)
- TRAIL CIRCULATION

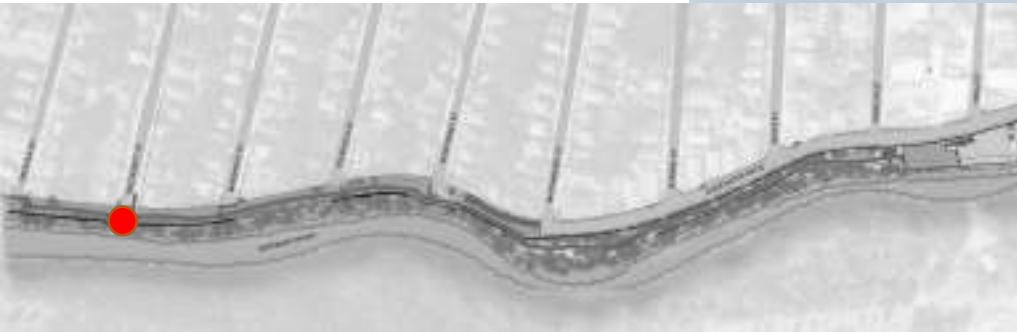
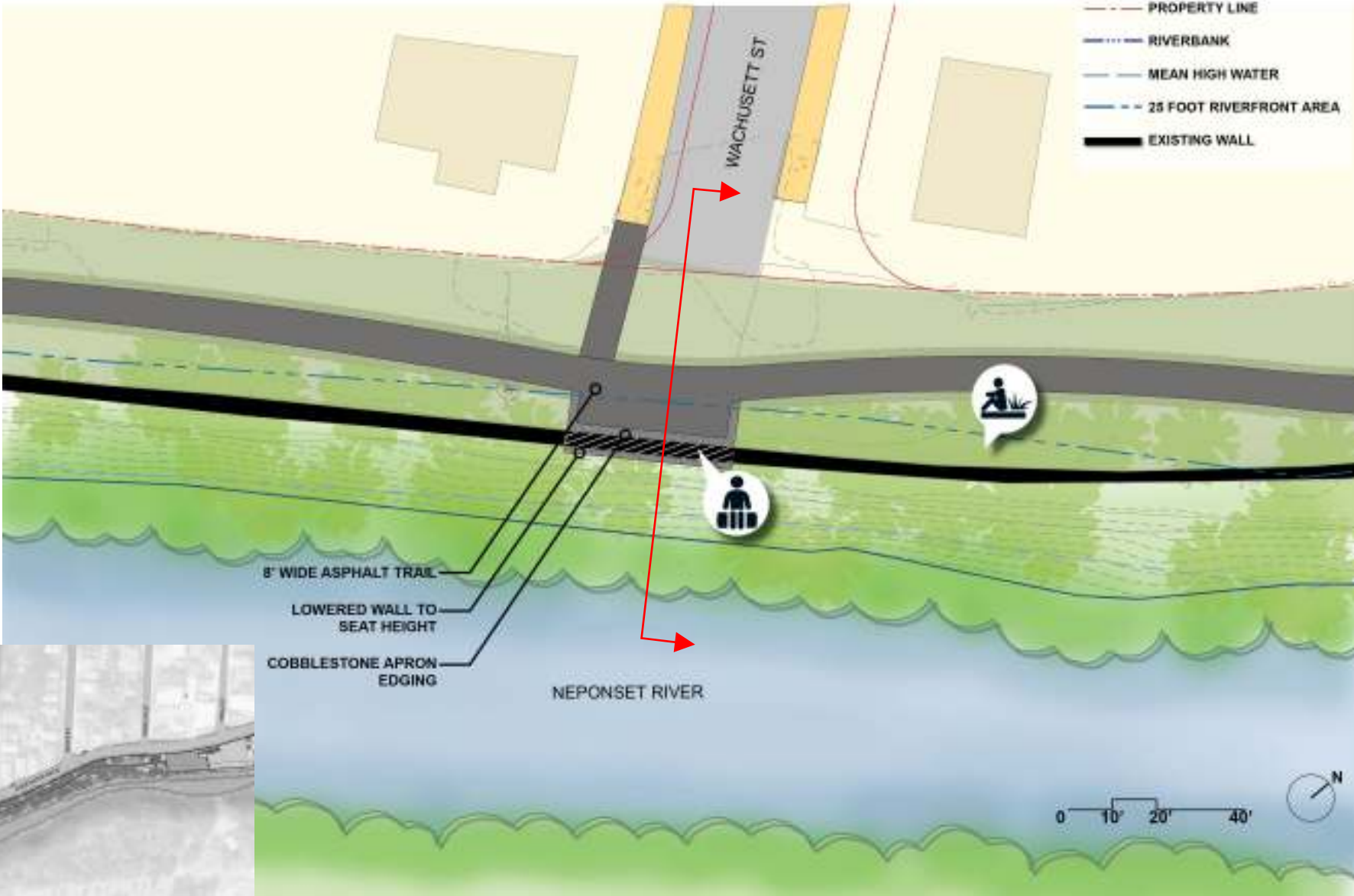
- PLAYGROUND
- OUTDOOR FITNESS
- WATER ACCESS
- KENNEDY CHILDREN'S GARDEN
- VIEWS
- WOOD BENCH
- BOAT LAUNCH
- PASSIVE RECREATION
- LOWERED WALL
- SEATWALL
- SHADE STRUCTURE WITH BENCH
- PAVILLION

Plan View at Osceola St



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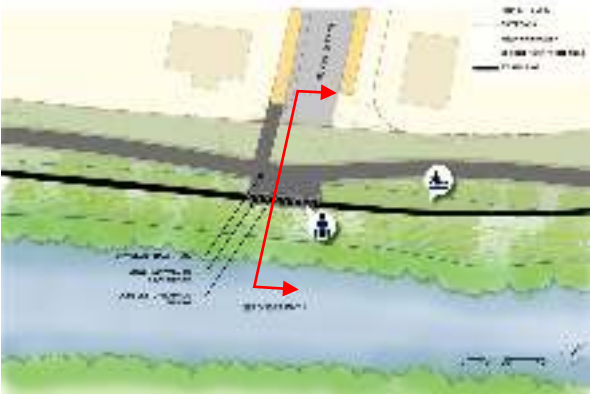
Plan View at Wachusett St



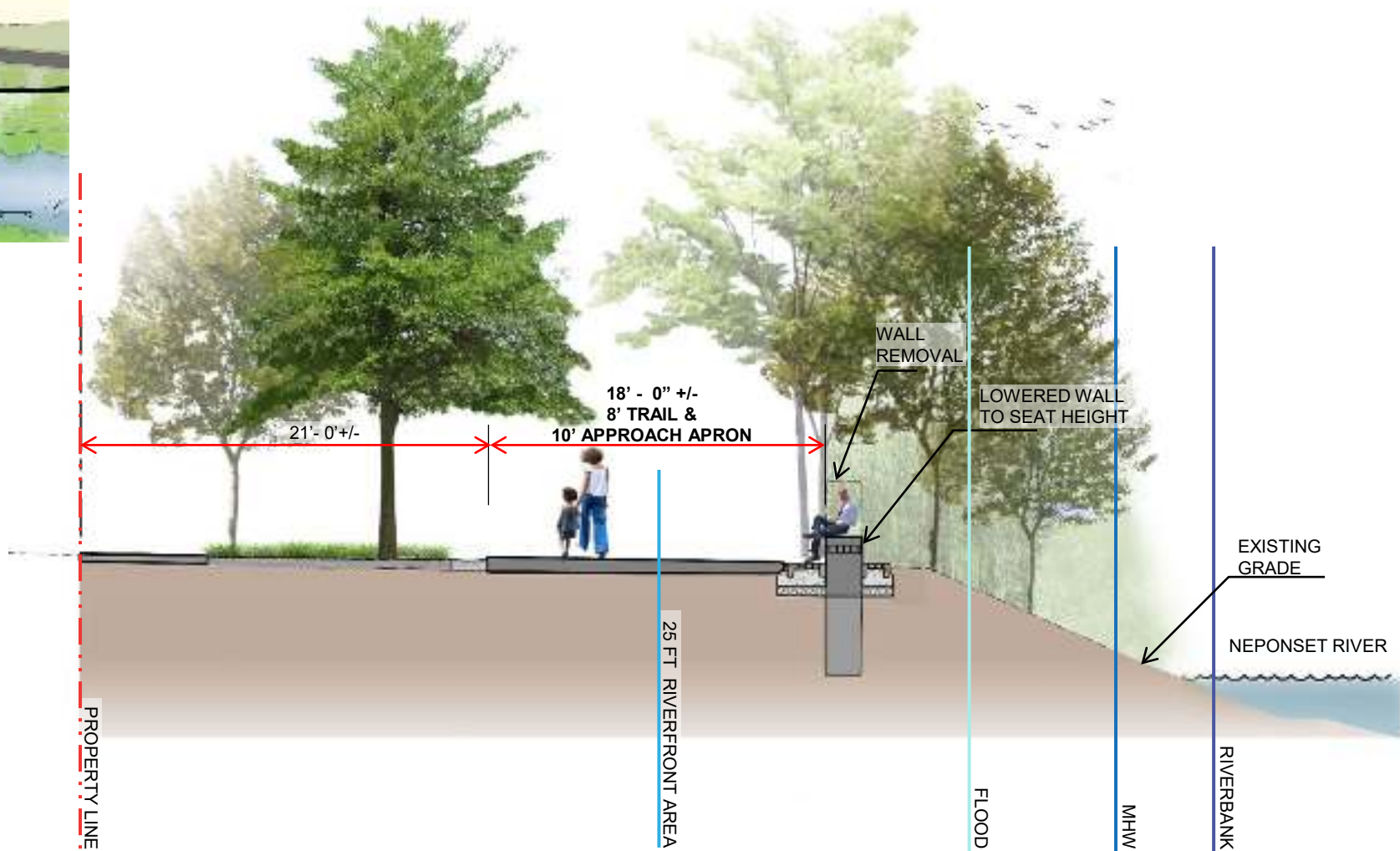
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SEAT WALL AT WACHUSETT ST



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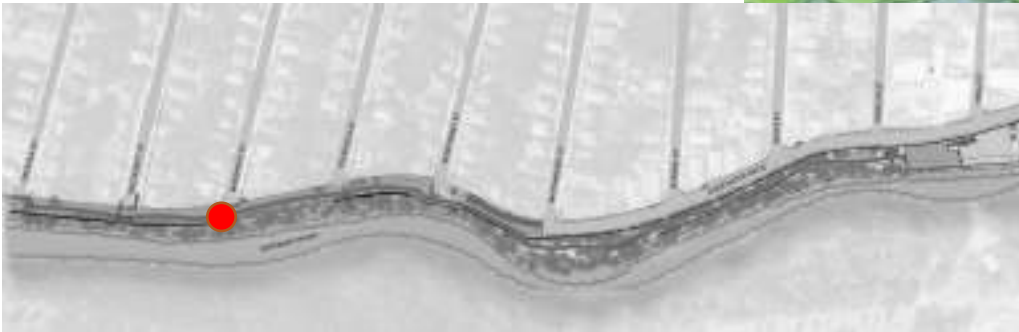
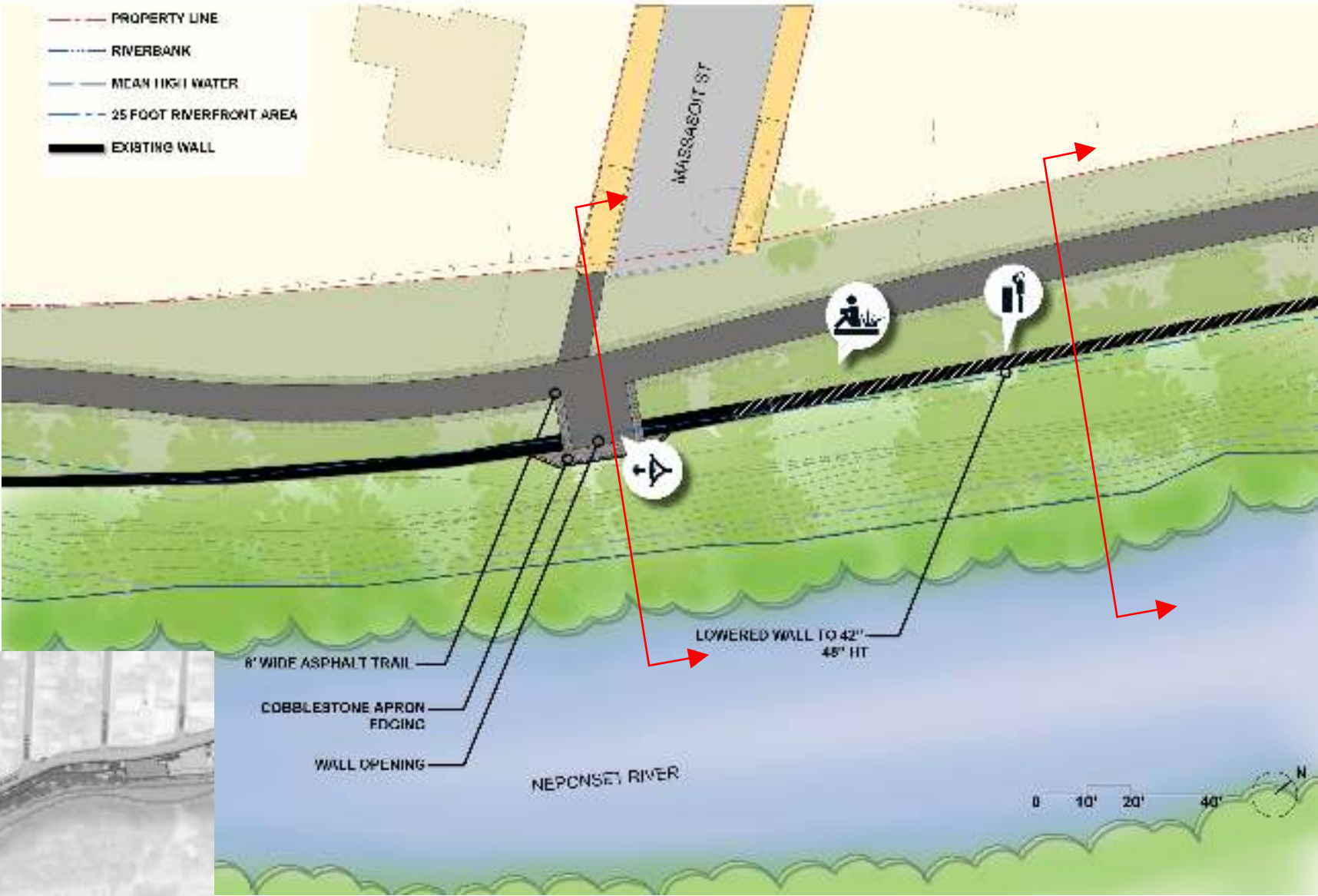
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SEAT WALL AT WACHUSETT ST



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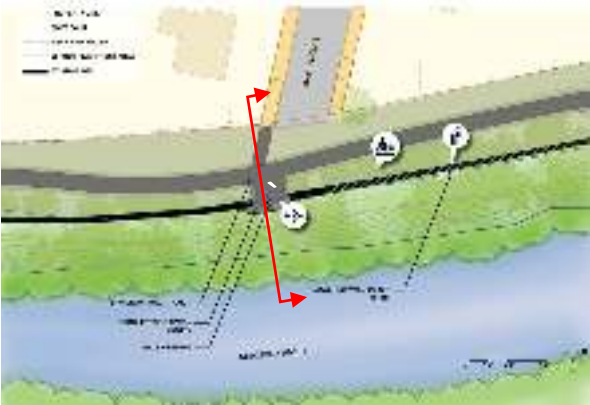
Plan View at Massasoit St



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WALL OPENING W/ RESTING AREA AT MASSASOIT ST

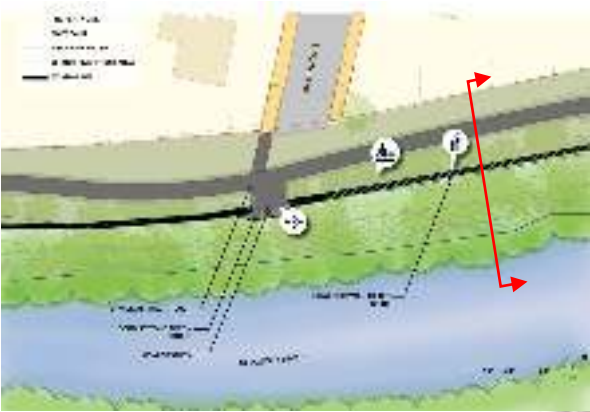


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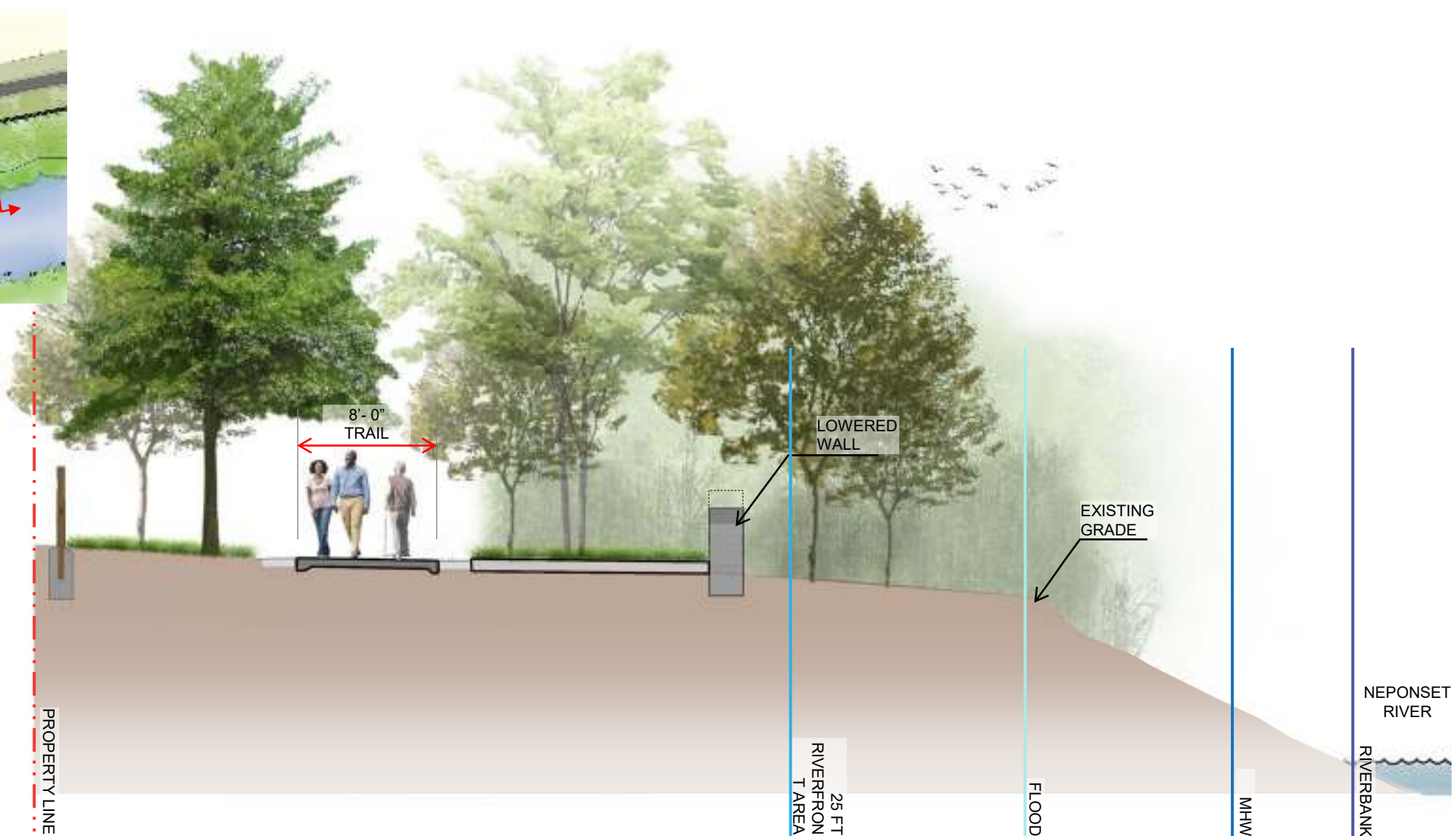


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LOWERED WALL BETWEEN MASSASOIT ST AND HOLMFIELD ST



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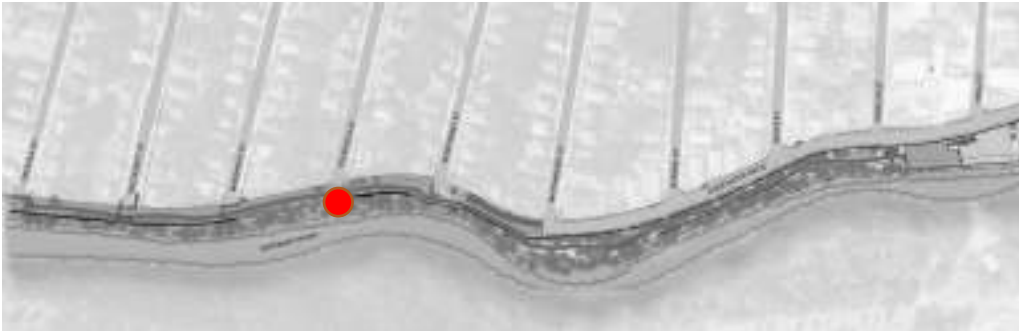
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LOWERED WALL TO 42"-48" HT. AT MASSASOIT ST

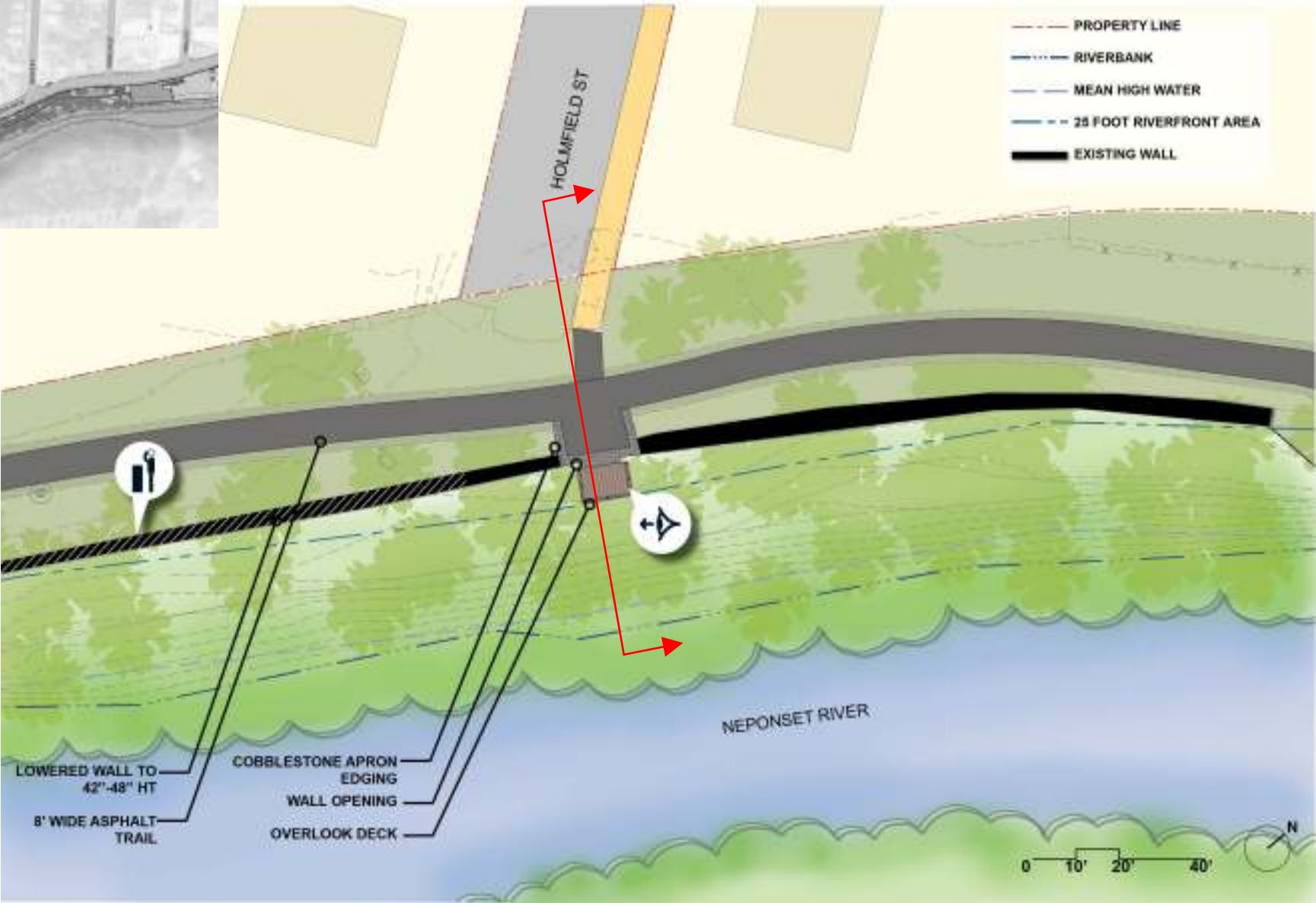


EXISTING CONDITION

Plan View at Holmfield St

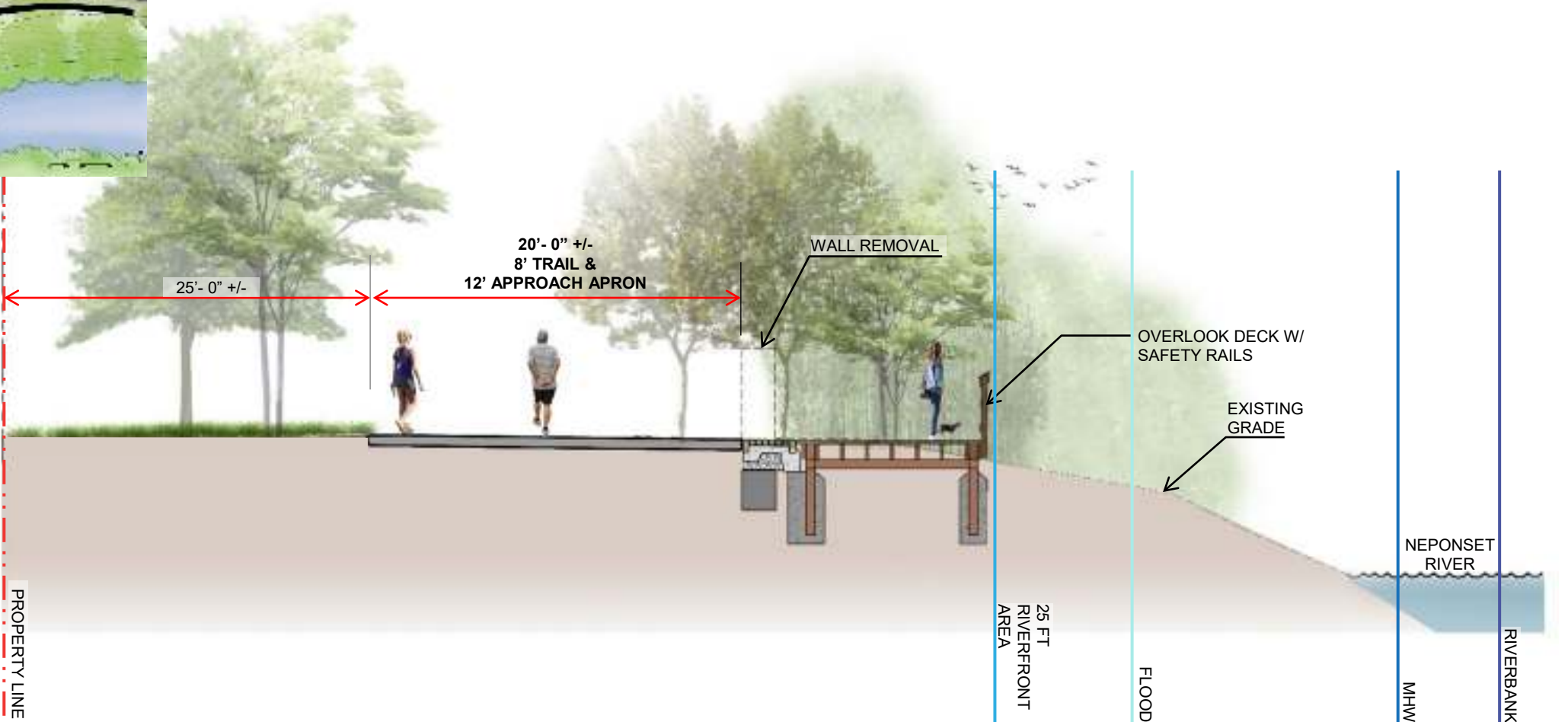


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WALL OPENING W/ OVERLOOK DECK AT HOLMFIELD ST



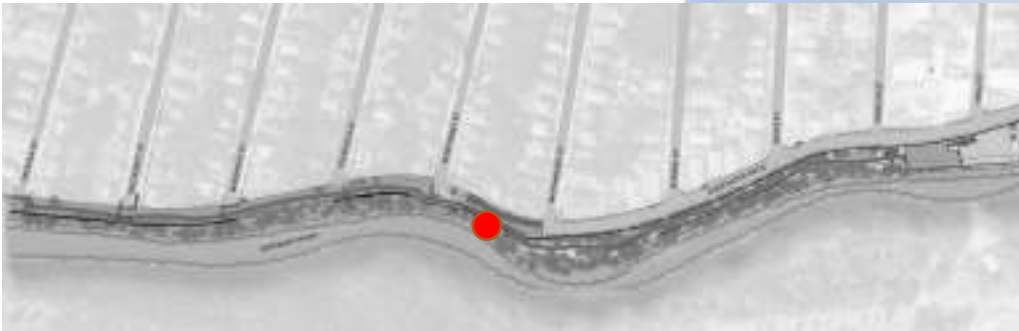
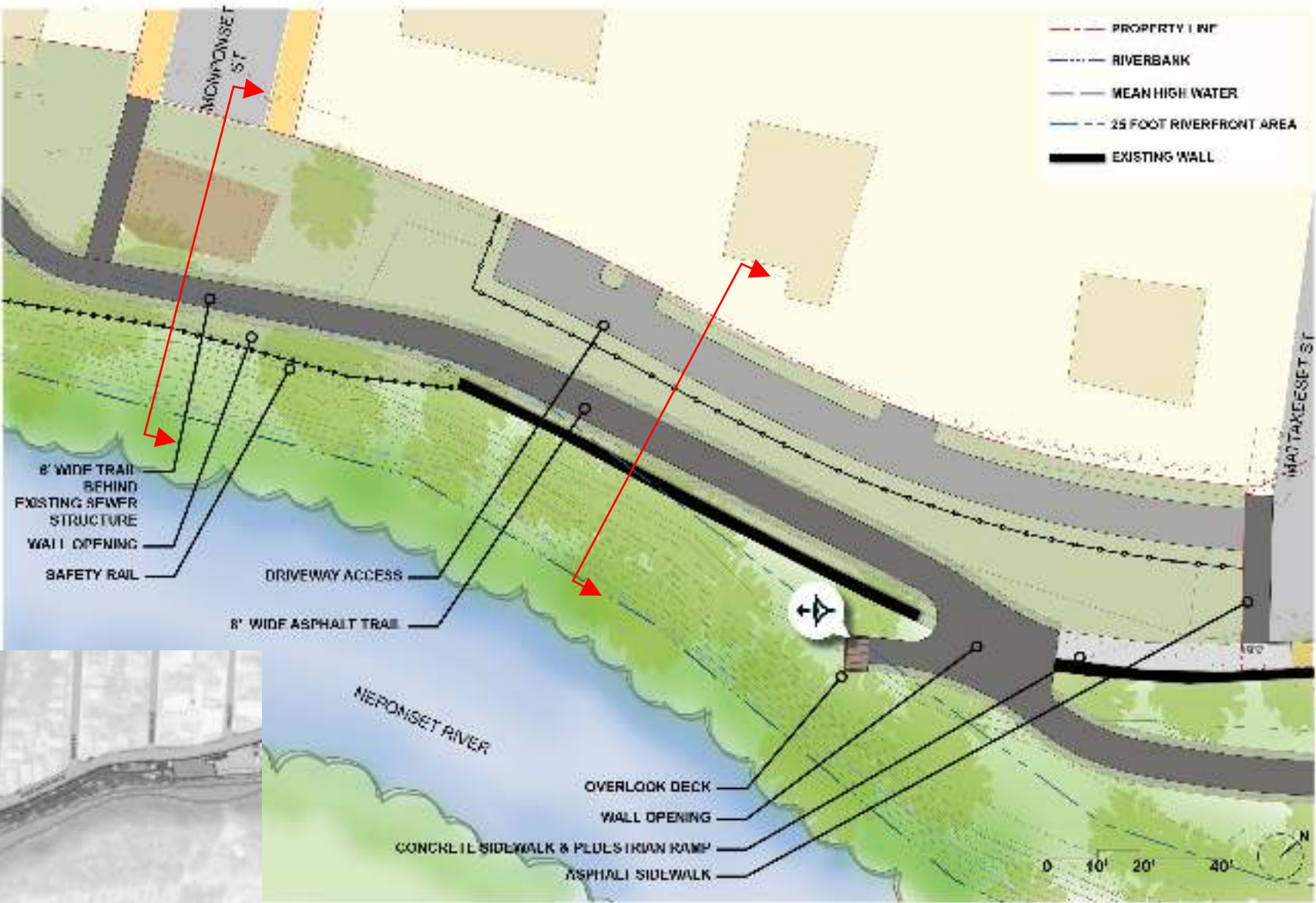
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EXISTING CONDITION

Plan View: Monponset St. - Mattakeeset St.



KEY PLAN

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TRAIL REDUCED WIDTH TO 6' -0" BEHIND SEWER SIPHON



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EXISTING CONDITION

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DRIVEWAY ACCESS AT MONPONSET ST. - MATTAKEESET ST.



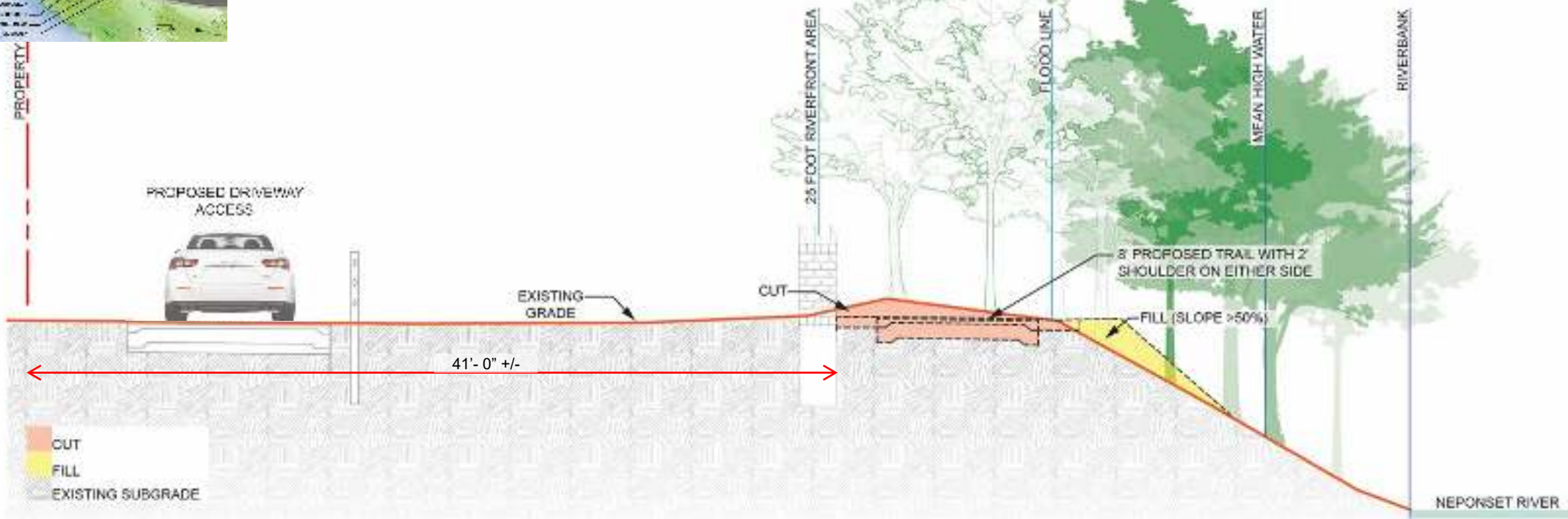
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Environmental Restrictions Prohibiting Location of the Trail between the Wall and the River



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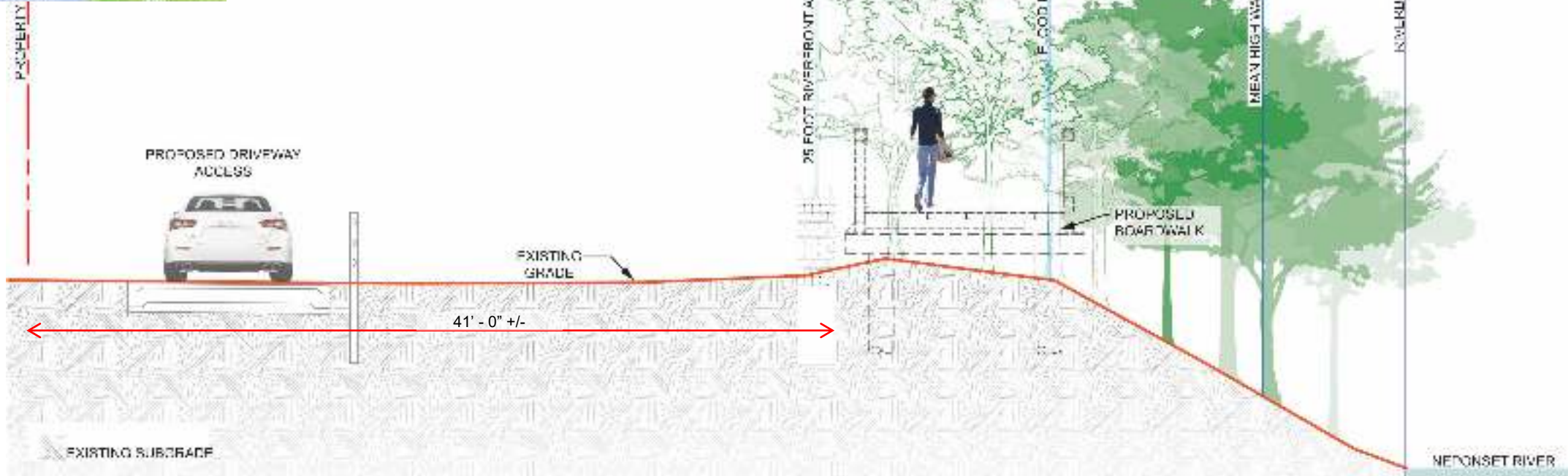


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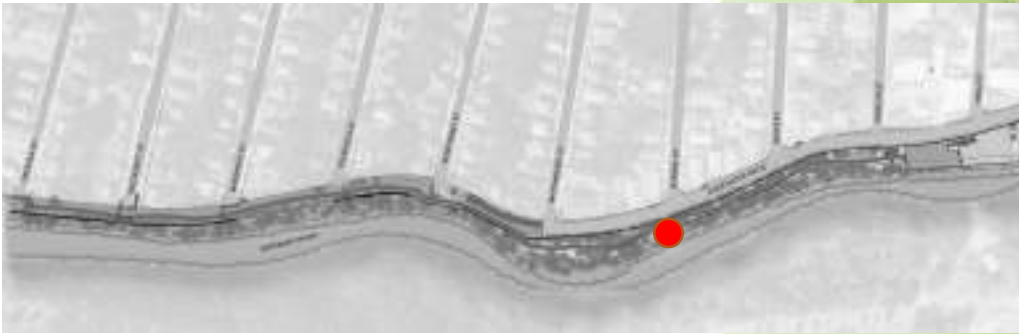
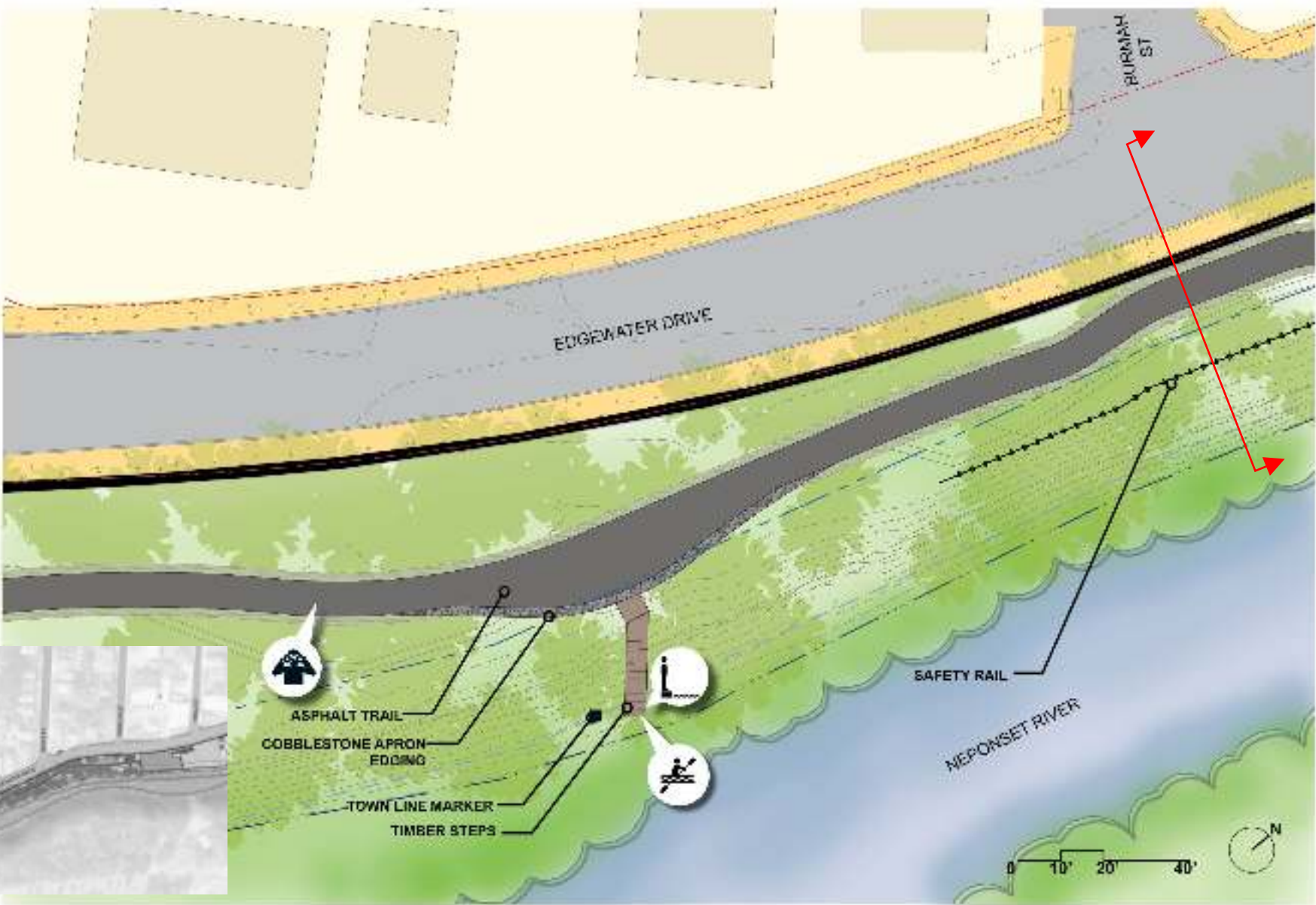


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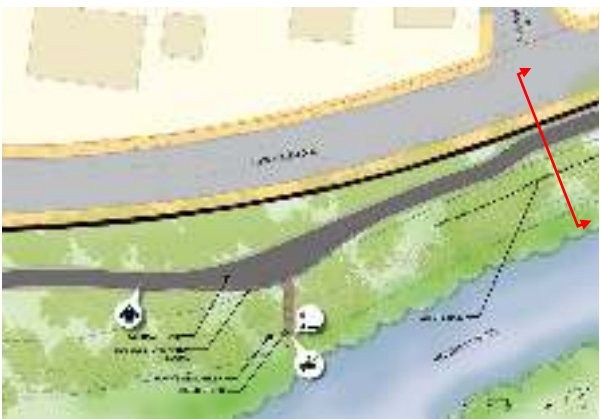
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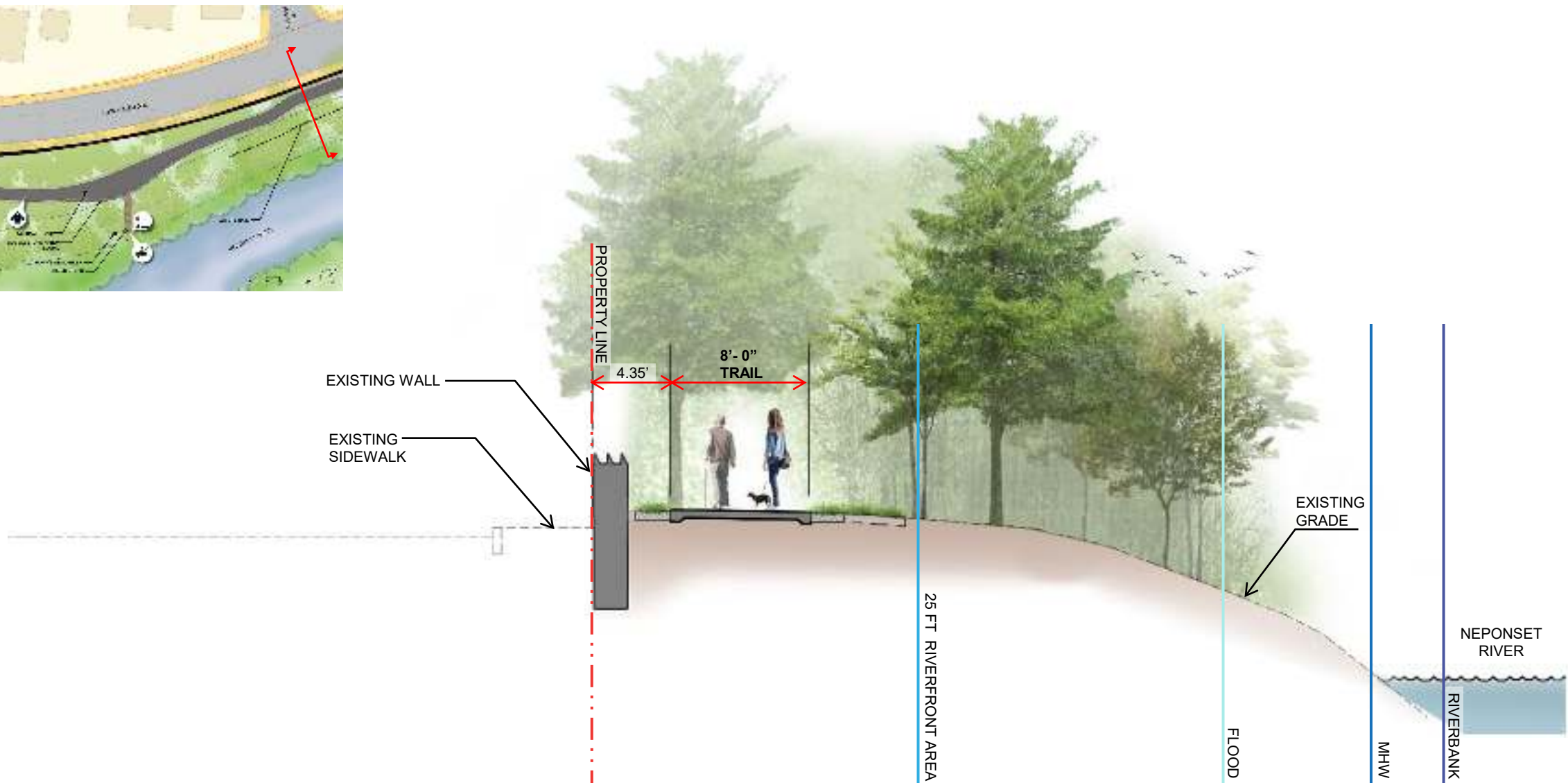
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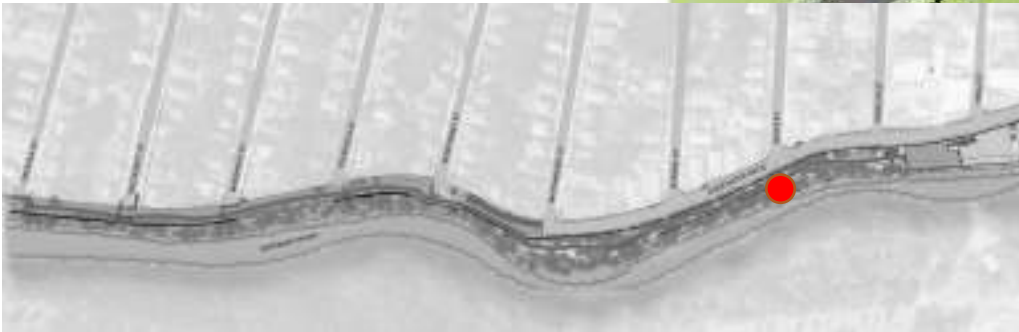
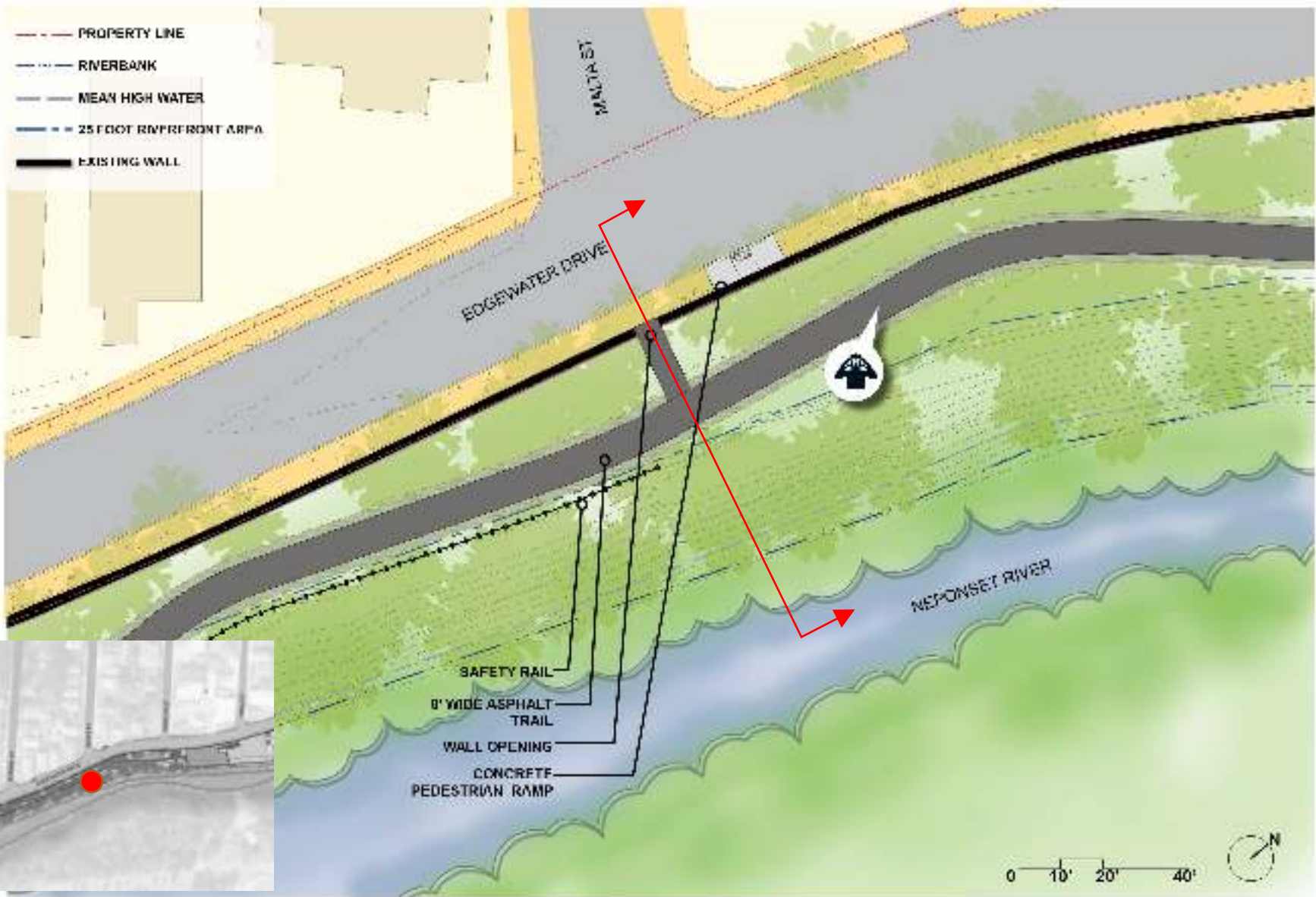
TRAIL IN WOODLAND/ WATERFRONT SIDE



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Plan View at Malta St



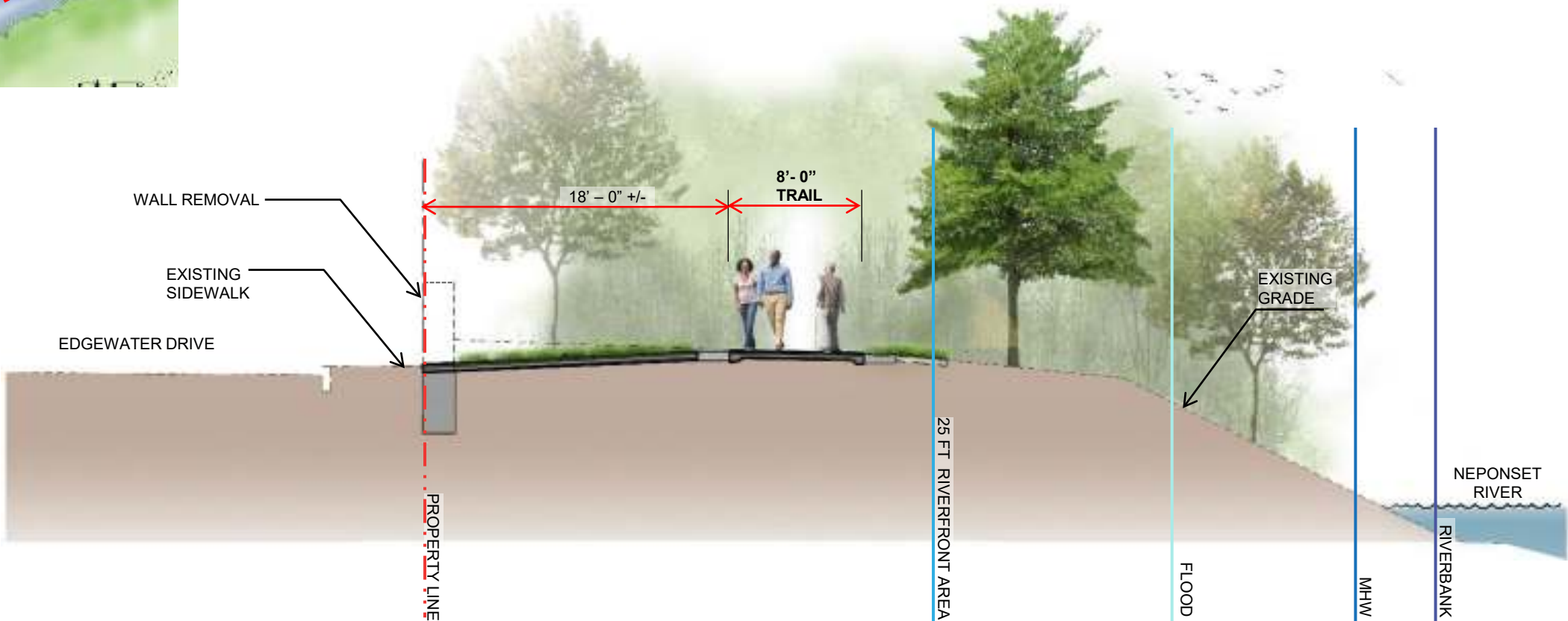
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WALL OPENING AT MALTA ST



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Proposed Adjustments of Wall

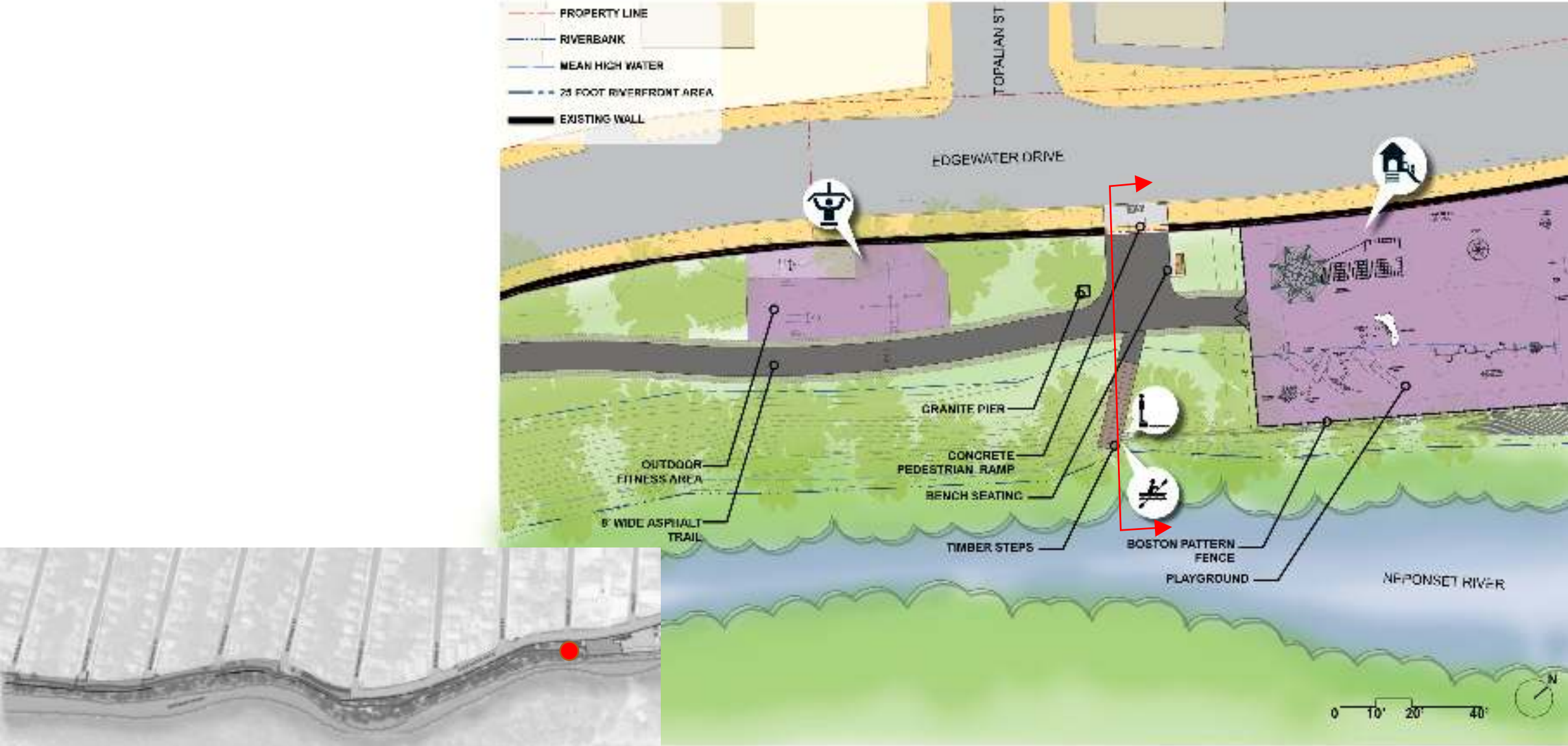
WALL OPENING W/ COBBLESTONE PIERS AT MALTA ST



EXISTING CONDITION



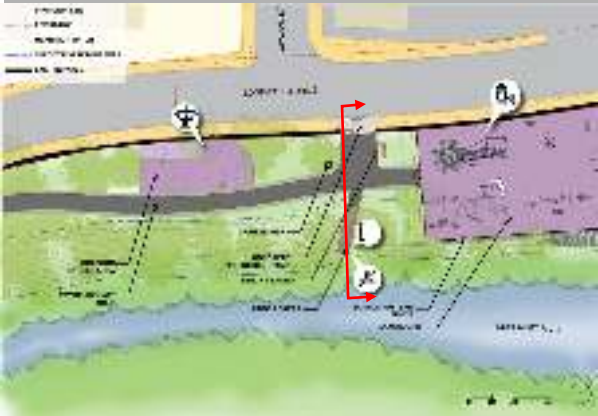
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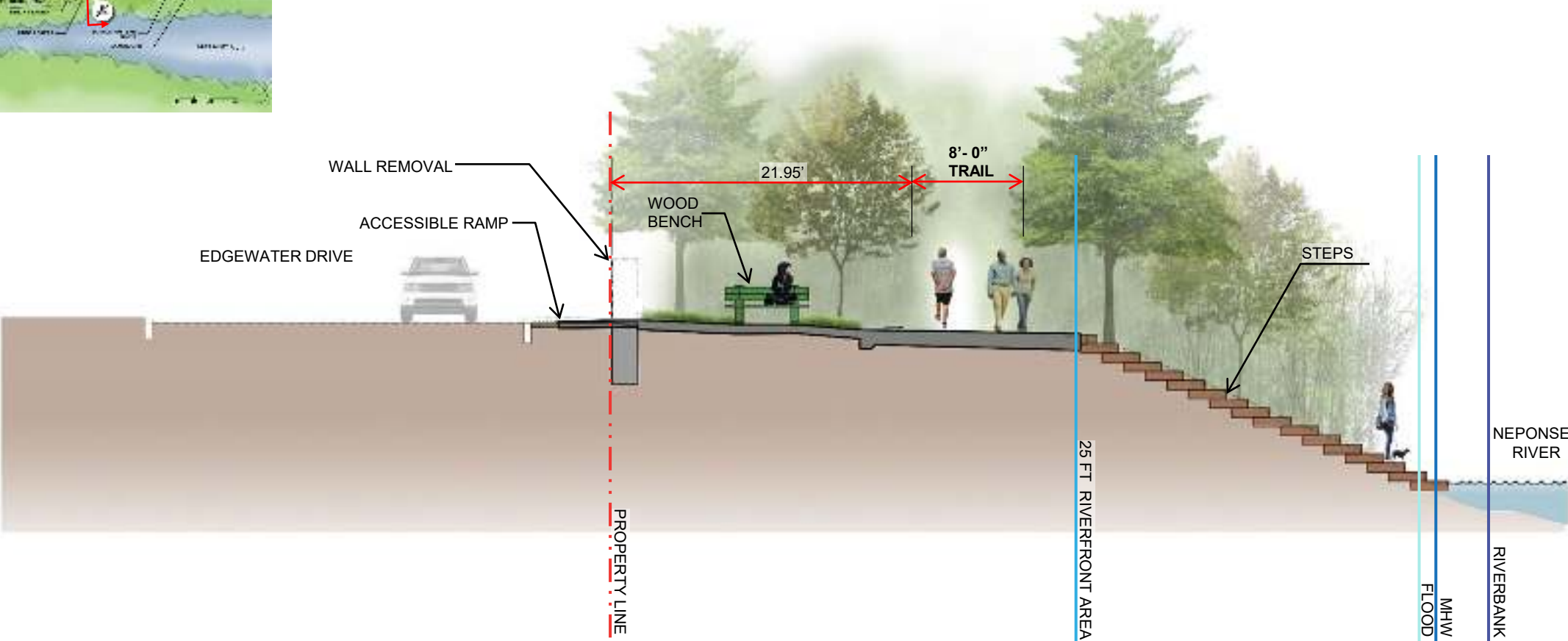
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WALL OPENING AT TOPALIAN ST



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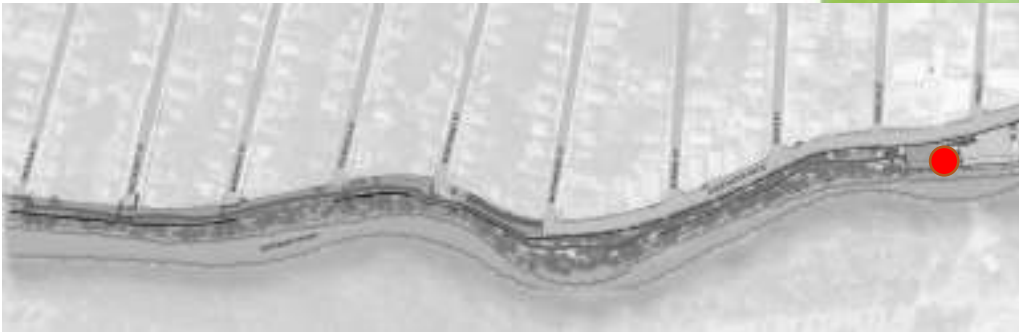
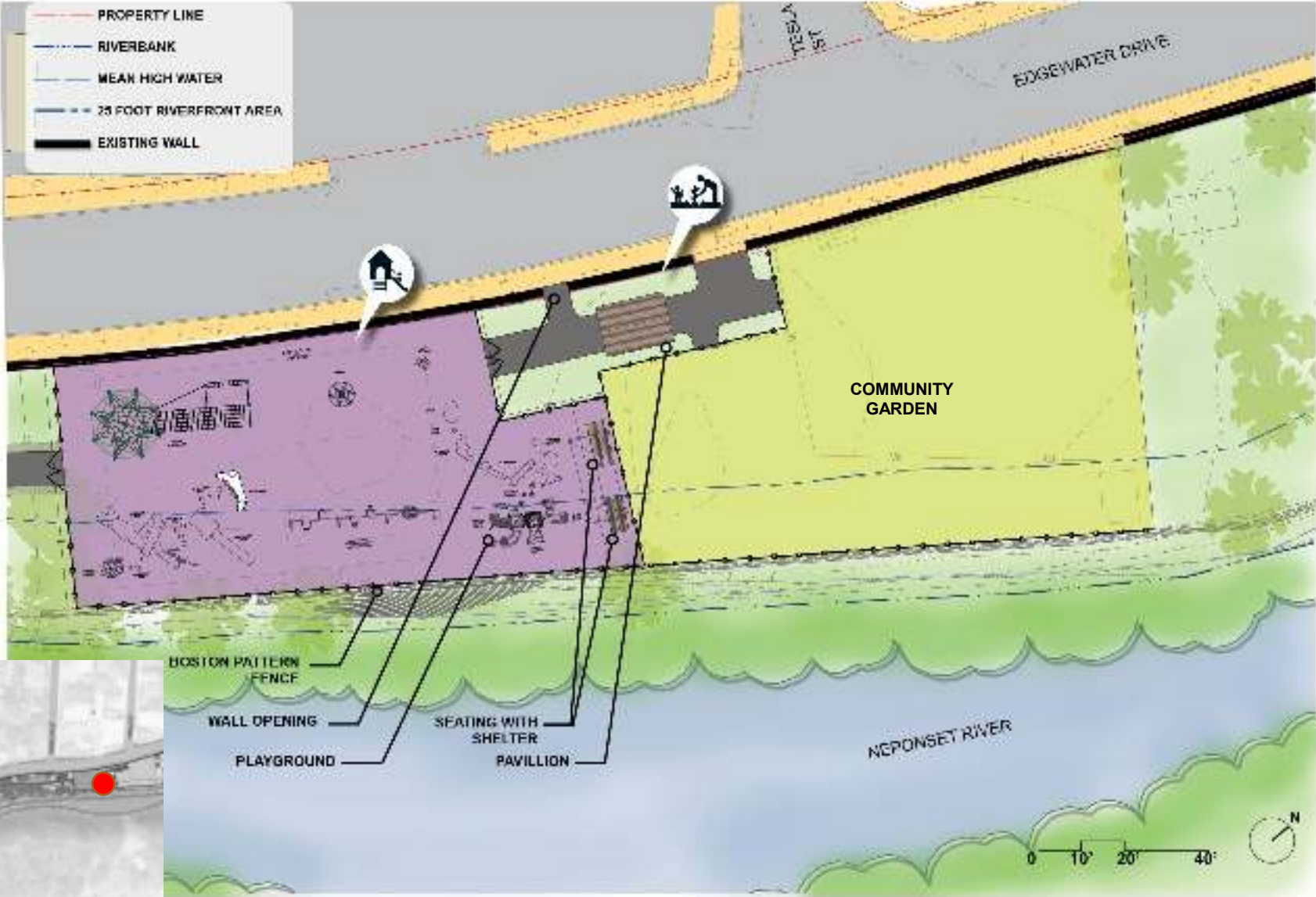
WALL OPENING W/ ACCESSIBLE RAMP AT TOPALIAN ST



EXISTING CONDITION



Plan View: Kennedy Playground



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FENCING ON TOP OF EXISTING WALL AT KENNEDY PLAYGROUND



KENNEDY PLAYGROUND & FITNESS AREA

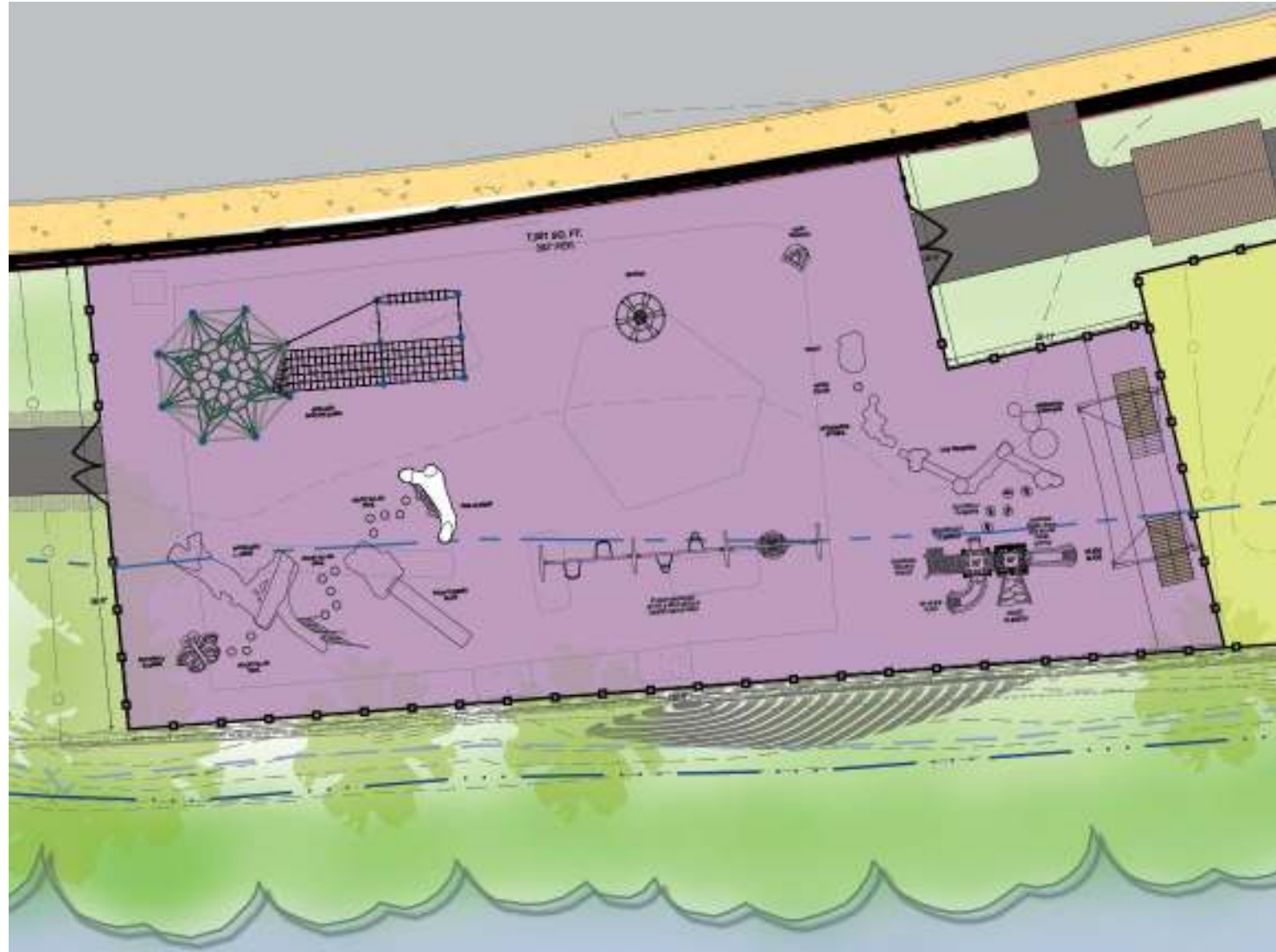
DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- **Age groups** are 2–5-year-olds and 5–12-year-olds for the playground and 13 and older for the fitness equipment.
- **All equipment meets safety regulations and exceeds accessibility codes.**
- **Colors** can be adjusted; there is a large color palette to choose from.
- **Entries** from both sides of the playground impact the layout.
- **Nearby playground features** are complemented, not duplicated, to provide the neighborhood a variety of play options.
- The same equipment distributor is used throughout for **maintainability**.



PLAYGROUND LAYOUT & ELEMENTS

OPTION 1



PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS

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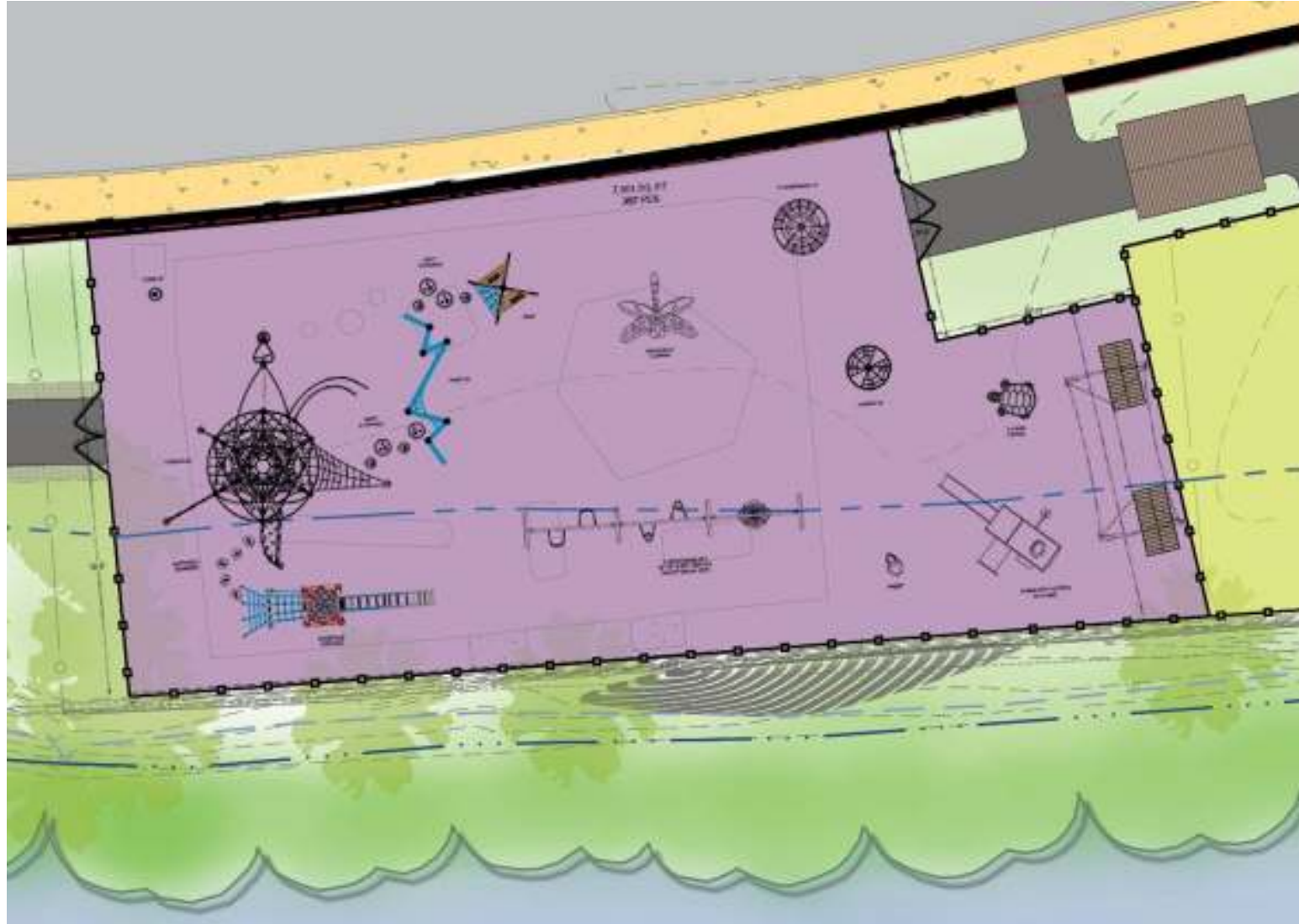
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PLAYGROUND LAYOUT & ELEMENTS

OPTION 2



PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS

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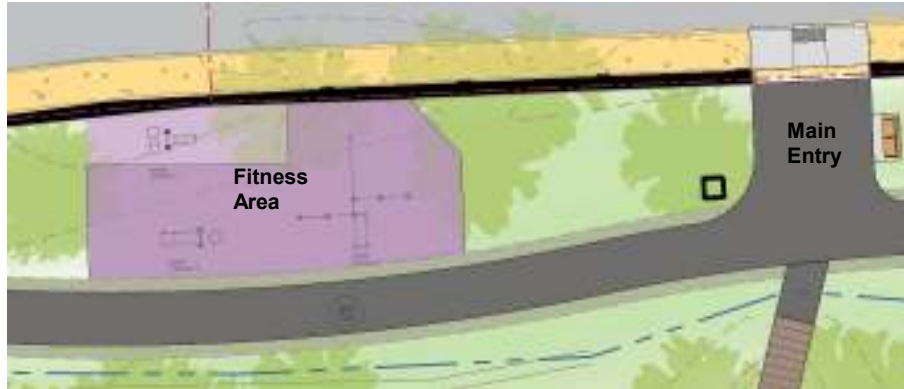


PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS

OPTION 2



FITNESS LAYOUT & EQUIPMENT



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PLAY CREATURE ELEMENTS



TP2175 Fish Trout
4' x 2'2" x 1'8"



#TP2104 Rabbit
3' x 1'10" x 1'8"



#TP2022 Monarch
4'8" x 6'2" x 3'6"



#TP2020 Tucson Turtle Climber
6' x 4'6" x 1'10"



TP2465 Dragonfly Ramp
8'4" x 9'4" x 3'2"



TP2358 Mushroom - Character Climbers
7' x 4'8" x 2'6"

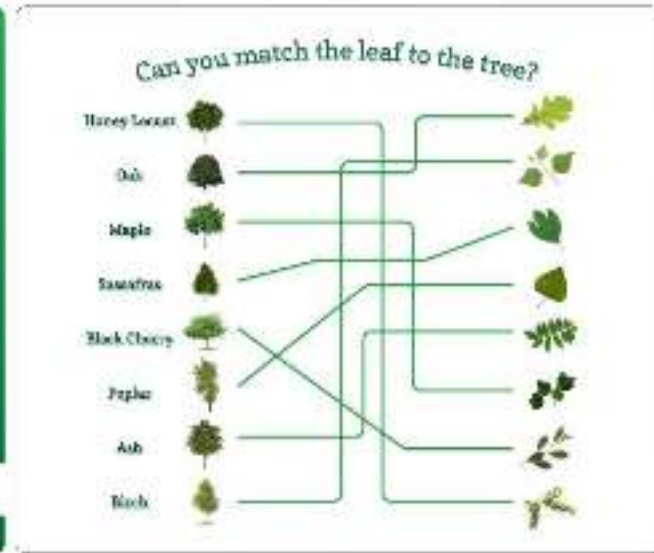


Butterfly
4'8" x 6'2" x 3'6"

ACTIVITY PANELS



FRONT



BACK



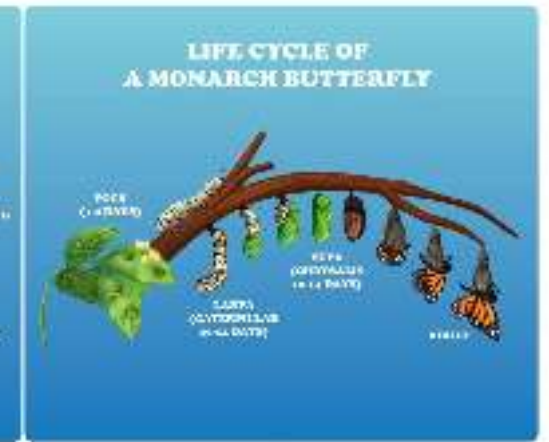
FRONT



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FRONT



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Questions & Comments



Additional Information

- Recording and tonight's slide deck will be available at:

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- If you have comments on this project:

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