

# NEPONSET RIVER GREENWAY EDGEWATER TRAIL

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## DCR Mission Statement

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

# Meeting Logistics

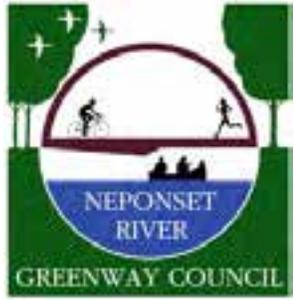
- You will have the opportunity to submit comments over the course of the next two weeks at:
  - DCR Public Comments  
<https://www.mass.gov/forms/dcr-public-comments>
- Two ways to ask questions during the meeting
  - Use chat feature
  - Raise your hand using the Zoom function, and you will be given permission to unmute and speak.

*Please note that this public information meeting will be recorded; the recording will be a public record.*

# 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.

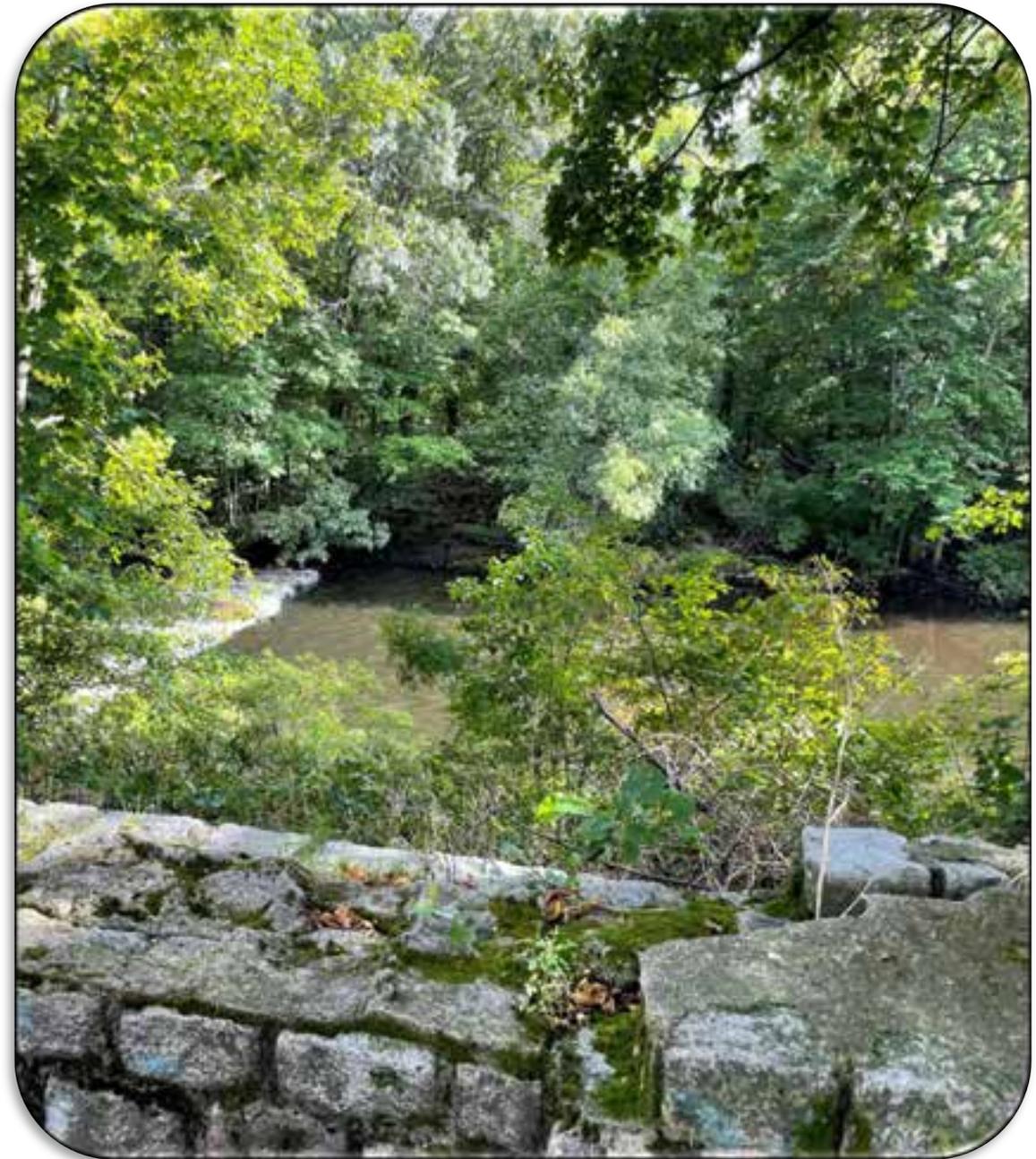
## Goals for Edgewater Trail:

- 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.



# Agenda

- What we heard – community feedback update
- Project permitting
- Presentation of final design
- Questions & Comments
- Next steps



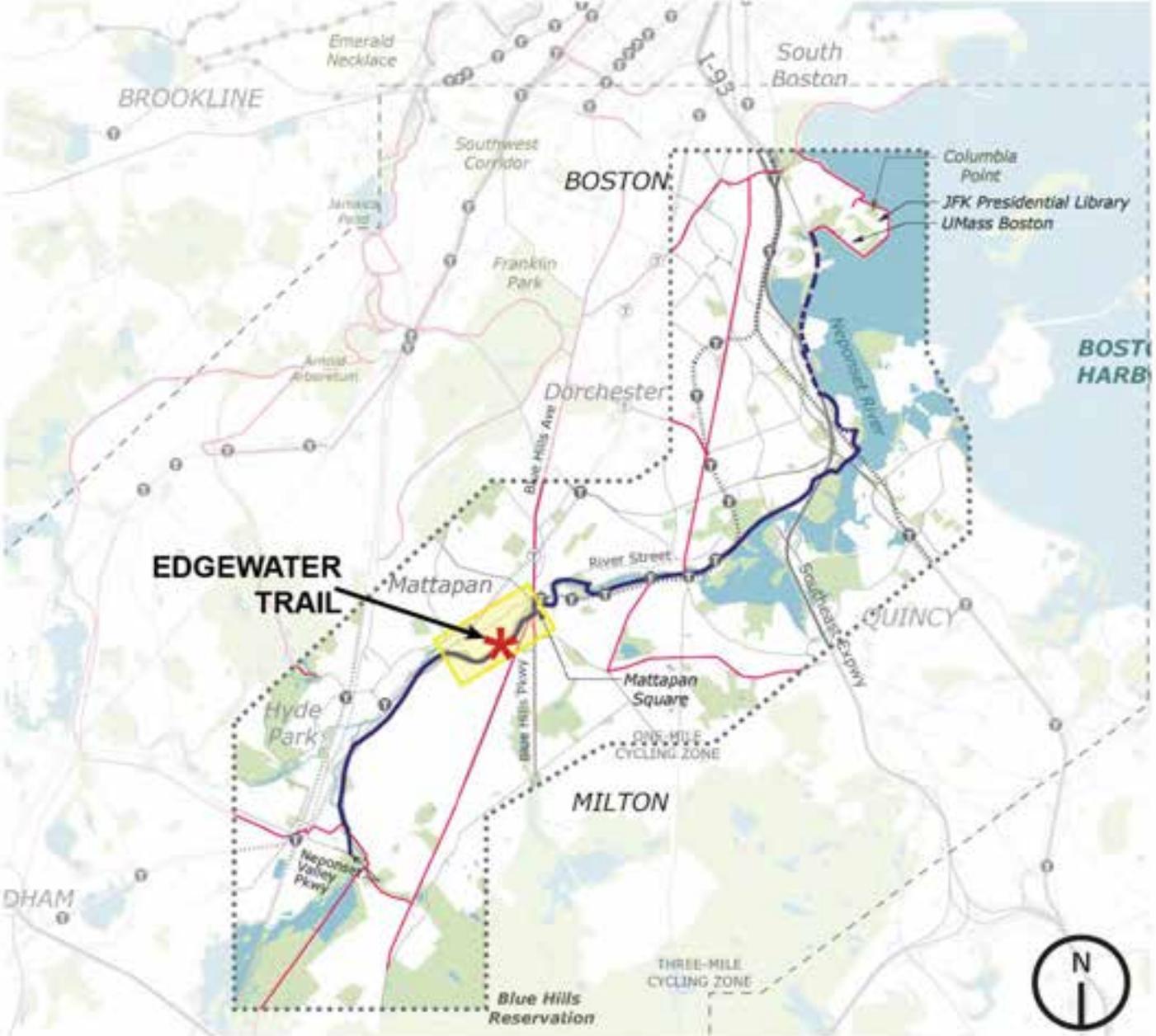
# Responses to Public Meeting Comments

Public Comments	Responses
<p>Ask DCR to go over the property lines and a detailed survey of property lines for abutters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A layout plan shows the dimensions of the property line from the existing wall along Edgewater Drive at 47 Monponset Street.</li> <li>- Identify the existing vinyl fence to be removed and reset in the 75% drawing set.</li> </ul>
<p>Neighbors would like specific measurements of where things will be positioned/located.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Layout Plans show the location of the proposed trail.</li> <li>- Typical sections show the relationship of the property line, the proposed trail, and the existing wall with dimensions at Wachusett Street, Massasoit Street, Holmfield Ave., and Monponset Street.</li> </ul>
<p>Overlook decks should be spread out.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are 2 proposed overlook decks.</li> <li>- One is at the end of Holmfield Ave. and the other is close to the end of Mattakeeset Street. They are more than 400 ft apart.</li> </ul>
<p>How did you address safety and maintenance?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lighting is proposed at Kennedy Playground and throughout the proposed trail.</li> <li>- Trash receptacle is proposed at the playground and the community garden and will be picked up by DCR maintenance crew.</li> </ul>

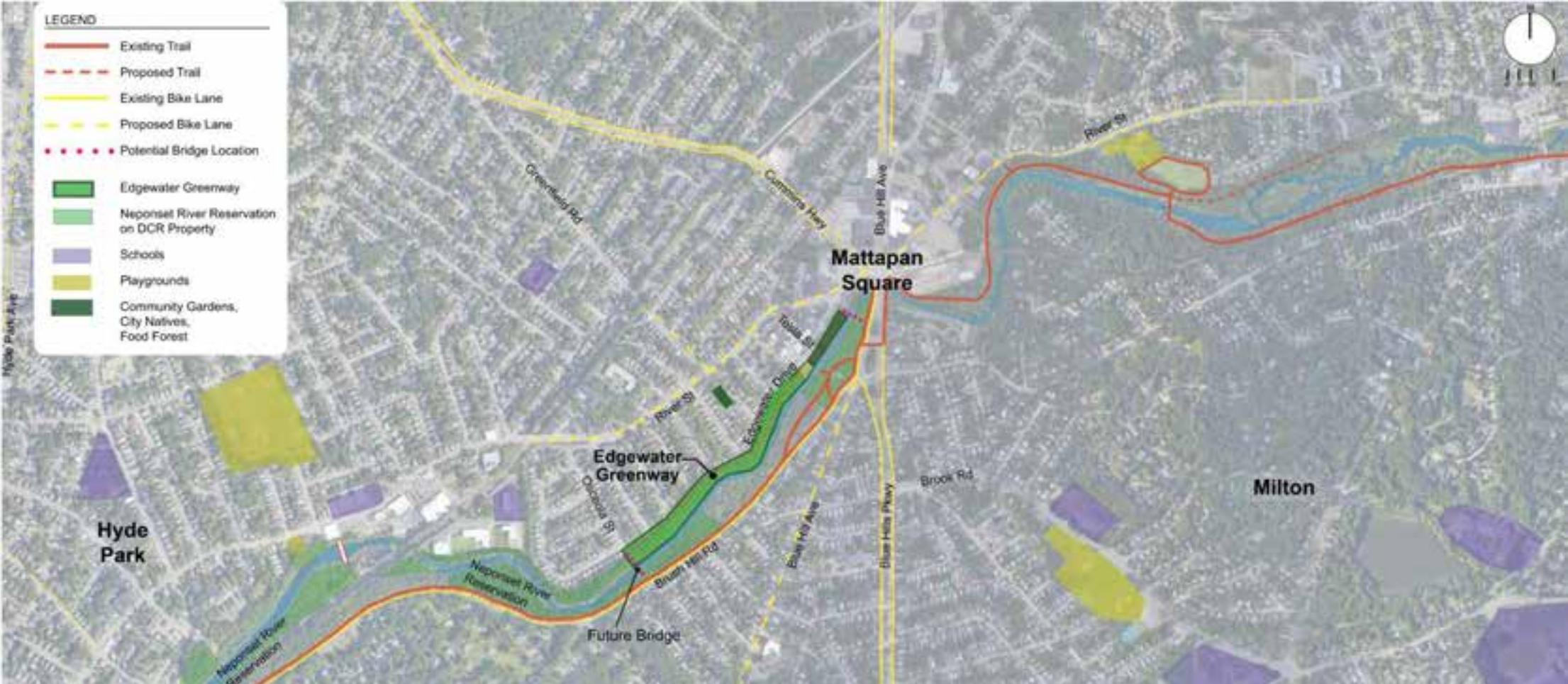
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Will cameras be installed at the opening and end of the path?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yes! Cameras will be provided.</li> </ul>
What are the playground options?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Option 1 is the preferred scheme.</li> <li>- Play creatures elements such as rabbit, butterfly, and mushrooms are shown as well as other play equipment in the playground layout.</li> </ul>
Neighbors like the proposed changes at Malta Street and Burmah Street. Another wall opening at Burmah Street has been requested.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is a 3' difference at the Burmah Street sidewalk and the proposed trail, making handicap accessibility cumbersome given the trail &amp; river right of way.</li> <li>- Lowering the wall is not an idea option because the drop between the proposed trail and the sidewalk is 3 ft difference. The code requires the we provide guardrails if the drop is more than 2.5 ft</li> </ul>
How will the space be transformed around abutters property lines?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A wood rail fence will be provided at the property line for delineation.</li> <li>- Proposed trees, shrubs, and seeded lawn will create a vegetative buffer for privacy.</li> <li>- We create new connections, that welcomes the community, and provide opportunities for recreation and connection with nature.</li> </ul>

# Neponset River Greenway



# Site Context



# Trail Alignment



## LEGEND

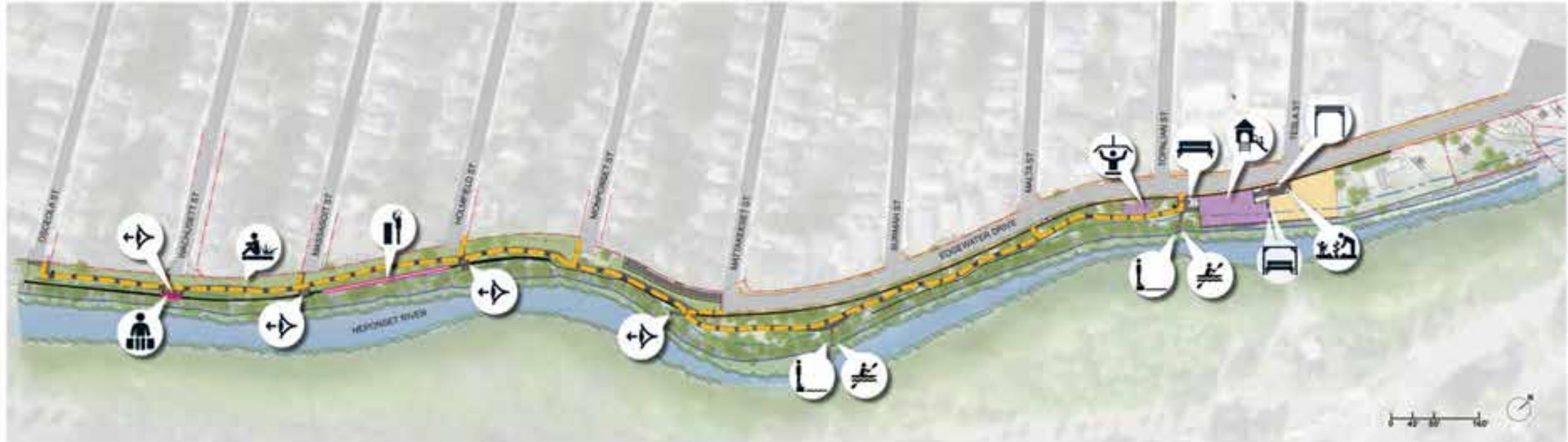
- PROPERTY LINE
- RIVERBANK
- MEAN HIGH WATER
- 25 FOOT RIVERFRONT AREA
- EXISTING WALL

## CIRCULATION LEGEND

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

- OVERLOOK DECK
- GRANITE STEPS
- FUTURE BRIDGE CONNECTION

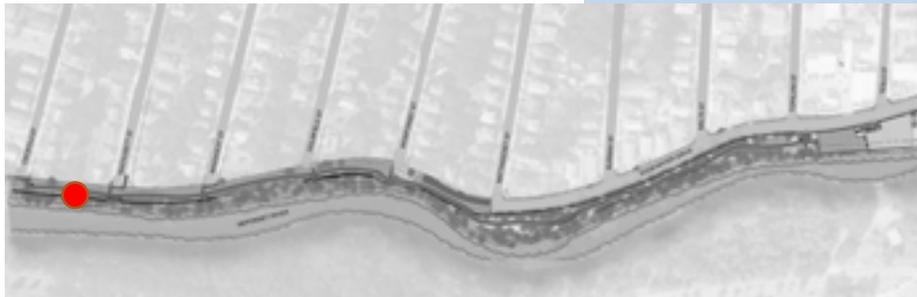
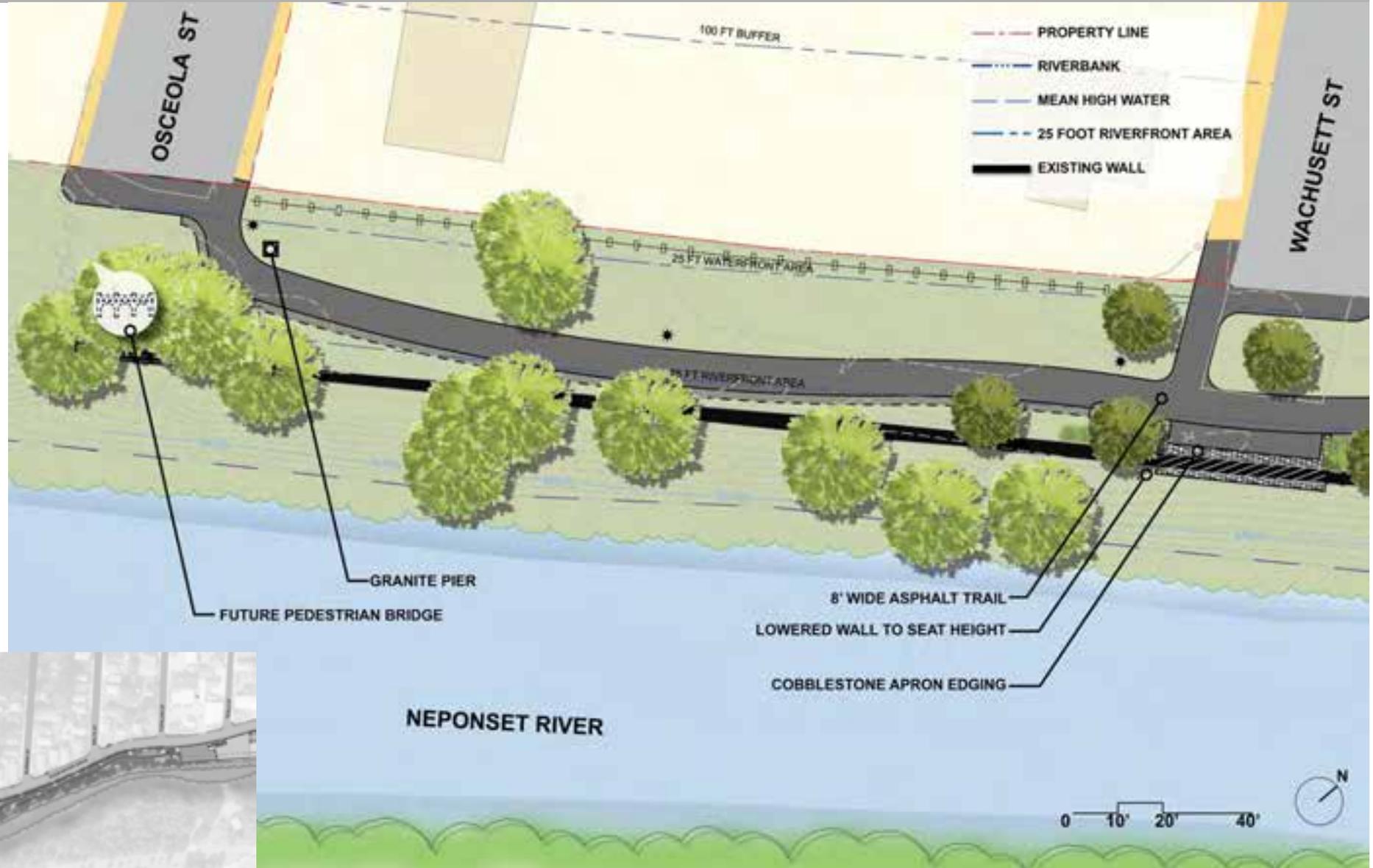
# Trail Amenities



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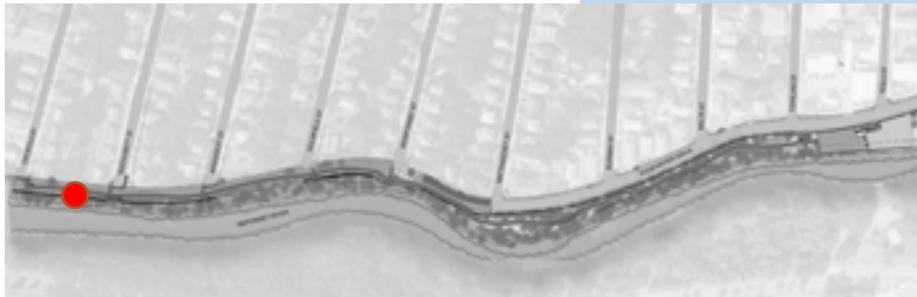
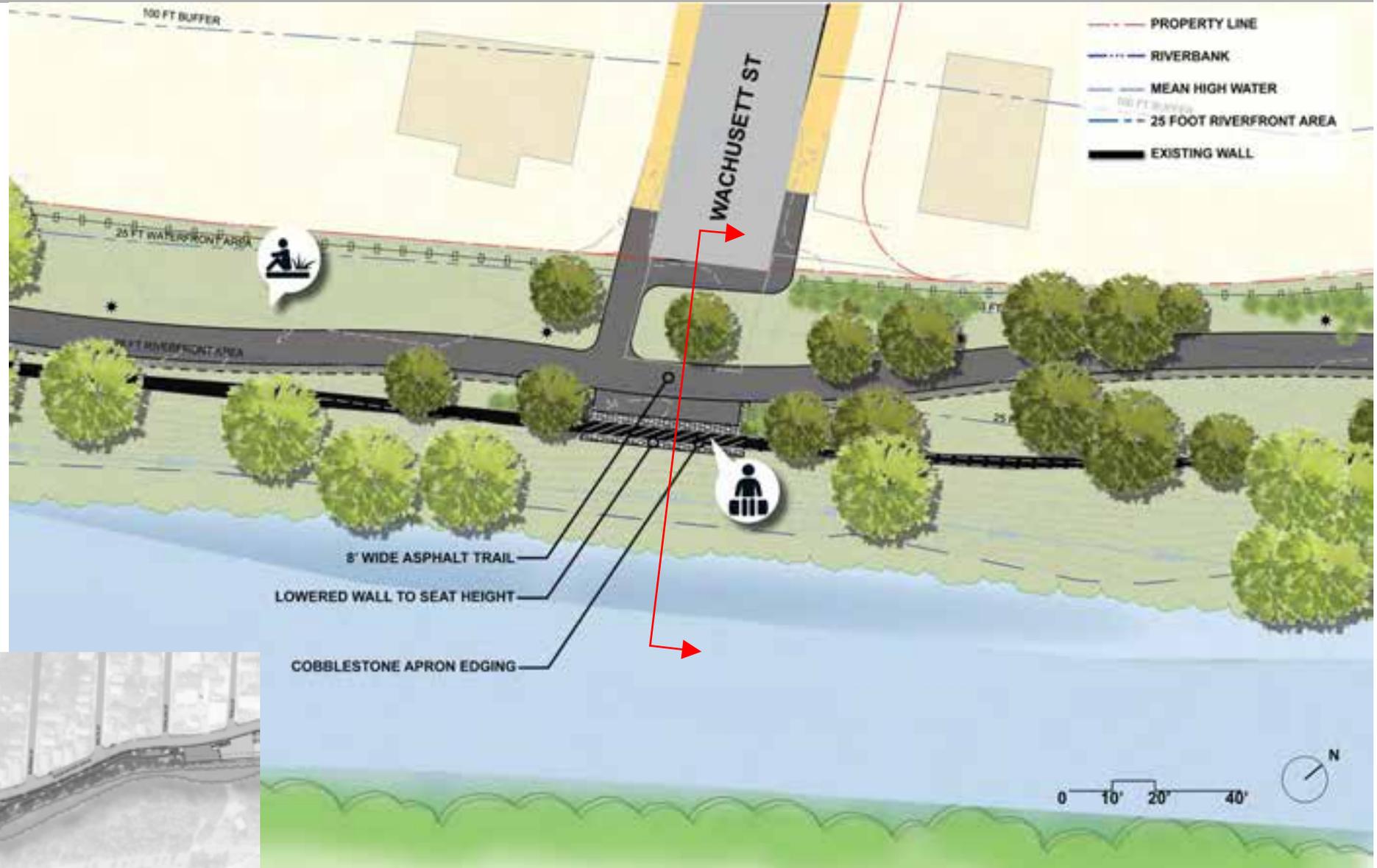
-  PROPERTY LINE
-  RIVERBANK
-  MEAN HIGH WATER
-  25 FOOT RIVERFRONT AREA
-  EXISTING WALL
-  LOWERED WALL (HEIGHT VARIES)
-  TRAIL CIRCULATION
-  PLAYGROUND
-  OUTDOOR FITNESS
-  WATER ACCESS
-  KENNEDY CHILDREN'S GARDEN
-  VIEWS
-  WOOD BENCH
-  BOAT LAUNCH
-  PASSIVE RECREATION
-  LOWERED WALL
-  SEATWALL
-  SHADE STRUCTURE WITH BENCH
-  PAVILLION

# Plan View at Osceola Street



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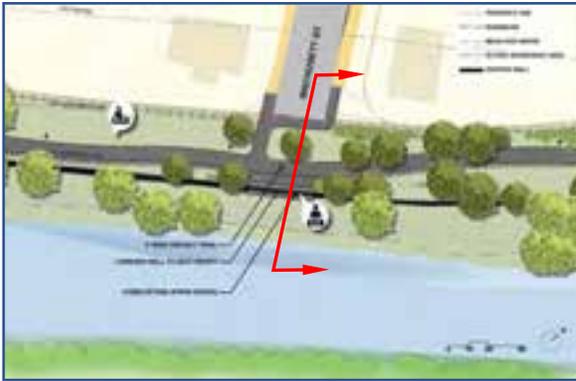
# Plan View at Wachusett Street



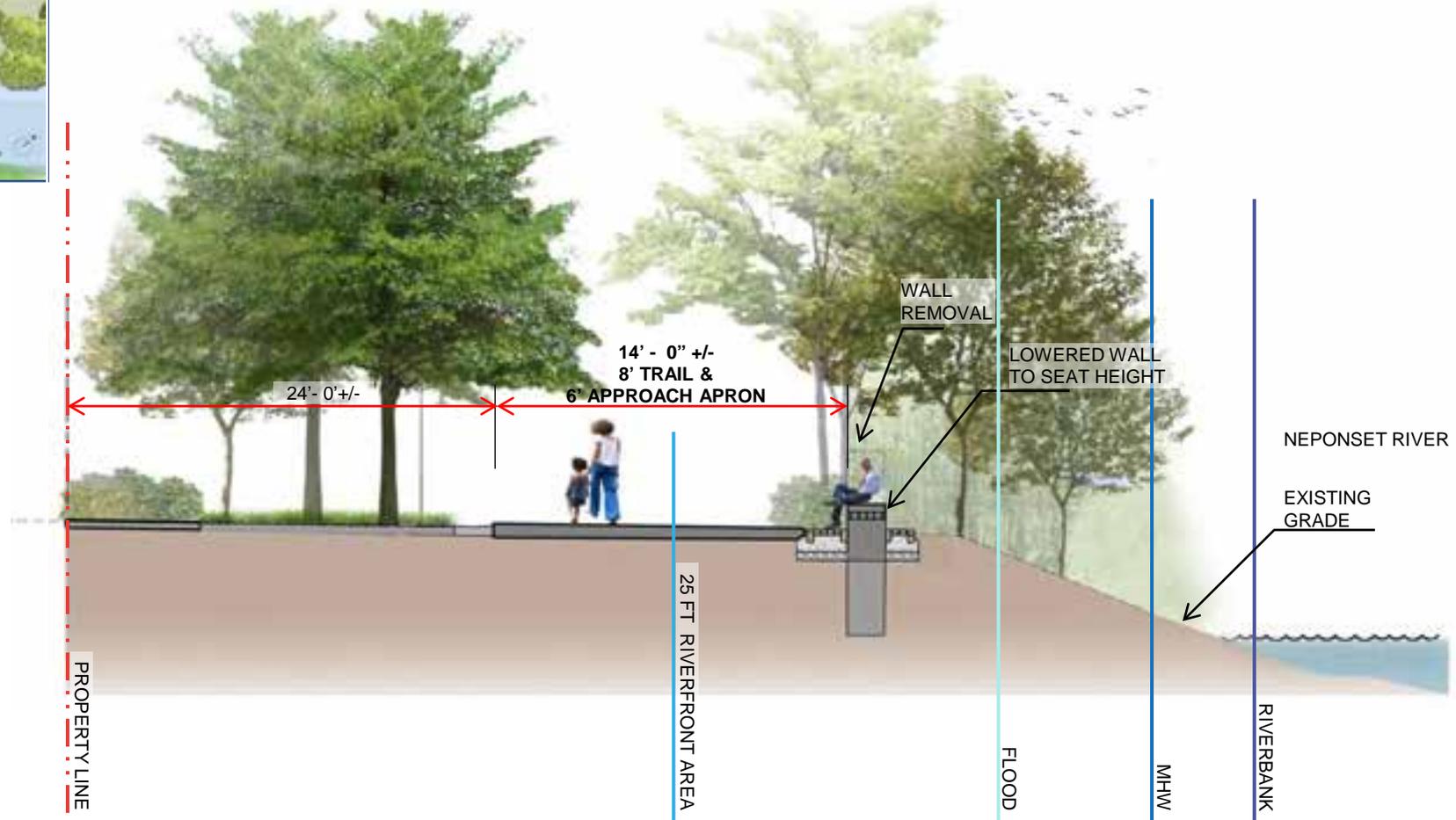
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# Section

## SEAT WALL AT WACHUSETT ST



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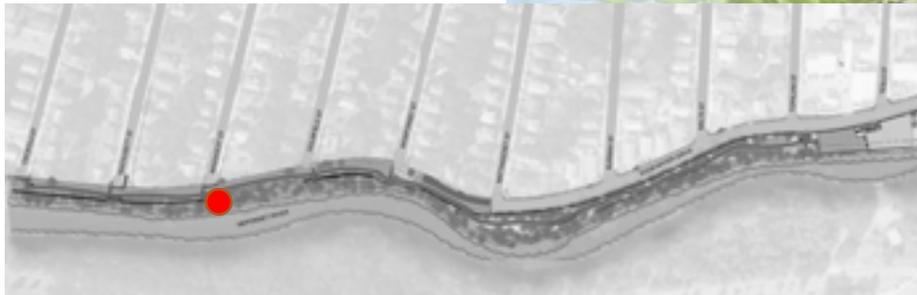
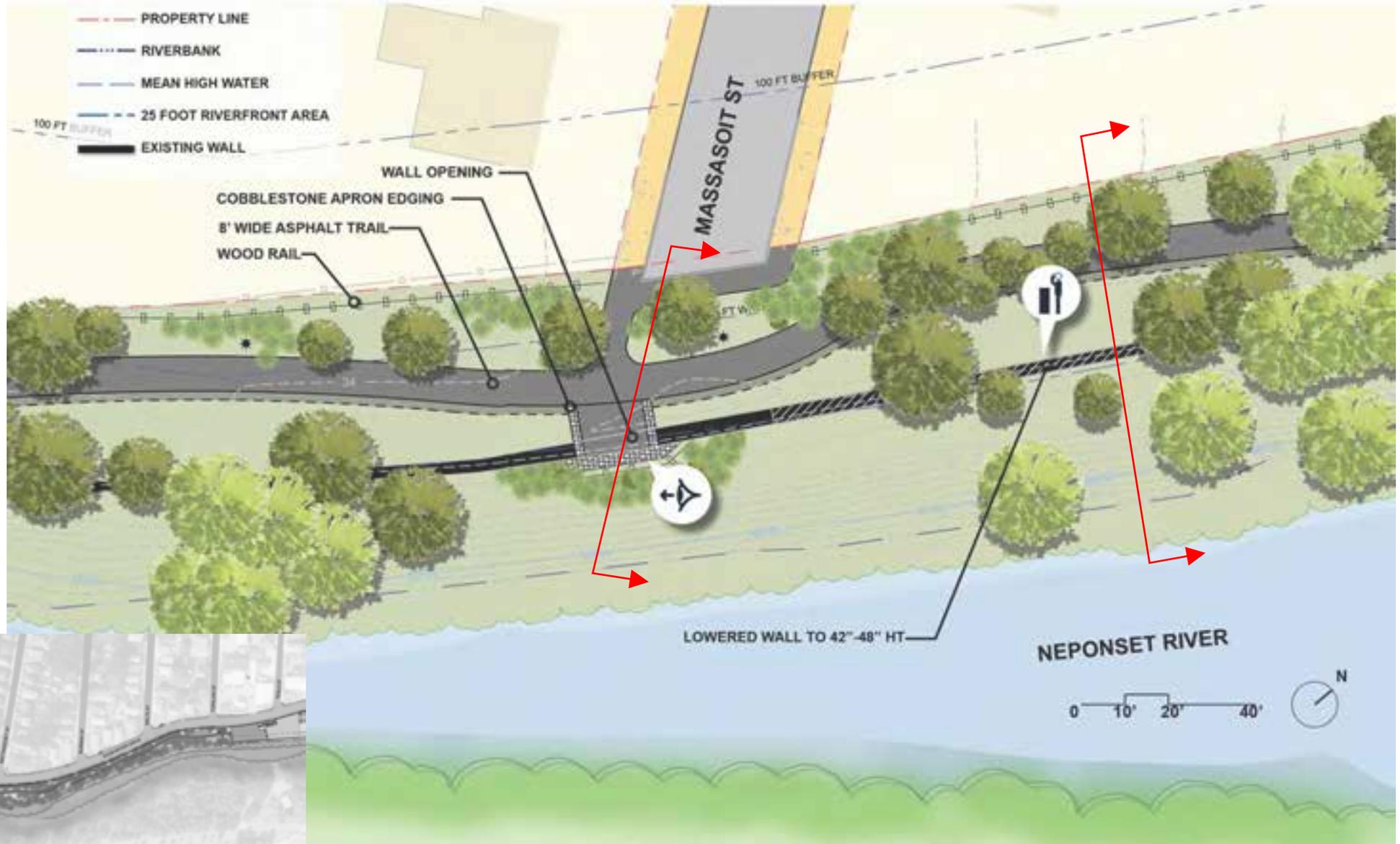
# Proposed Adjustments of Wall

SEAT WALL AT WACHUSETT ST



EXISTING CONDITION

# Plan View at Massasoit Street



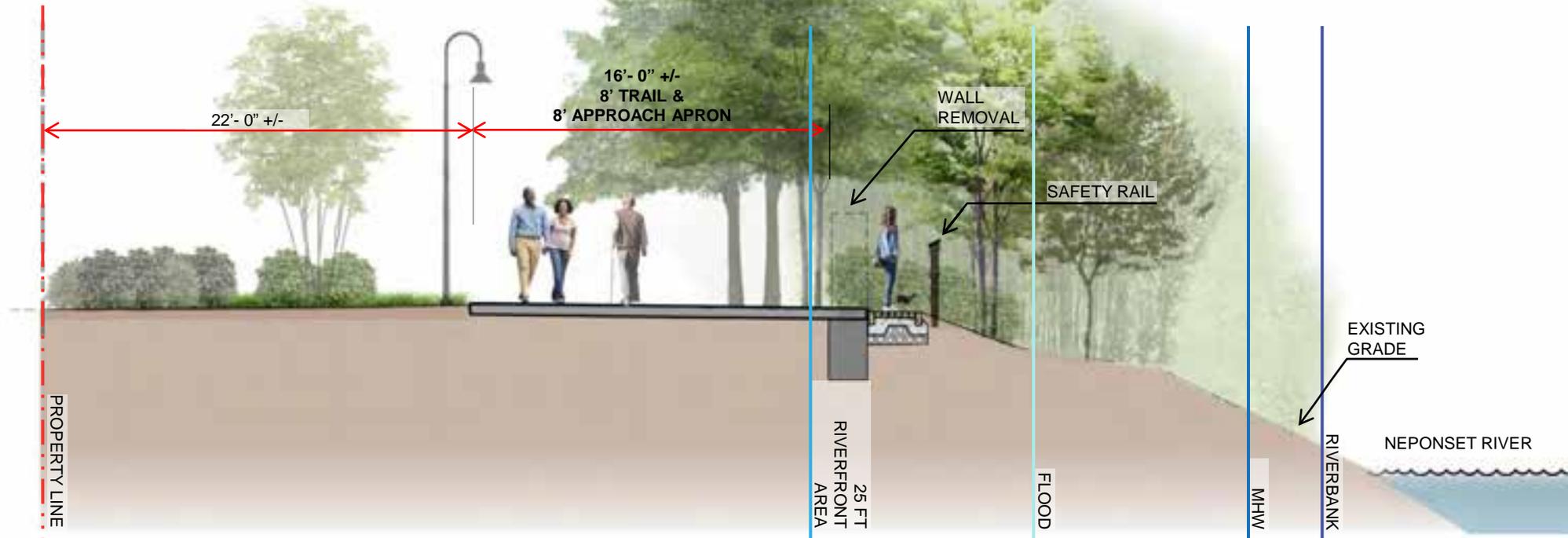
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## WALL OPENING W/ RESTING AREA AT MASSASOIT ST



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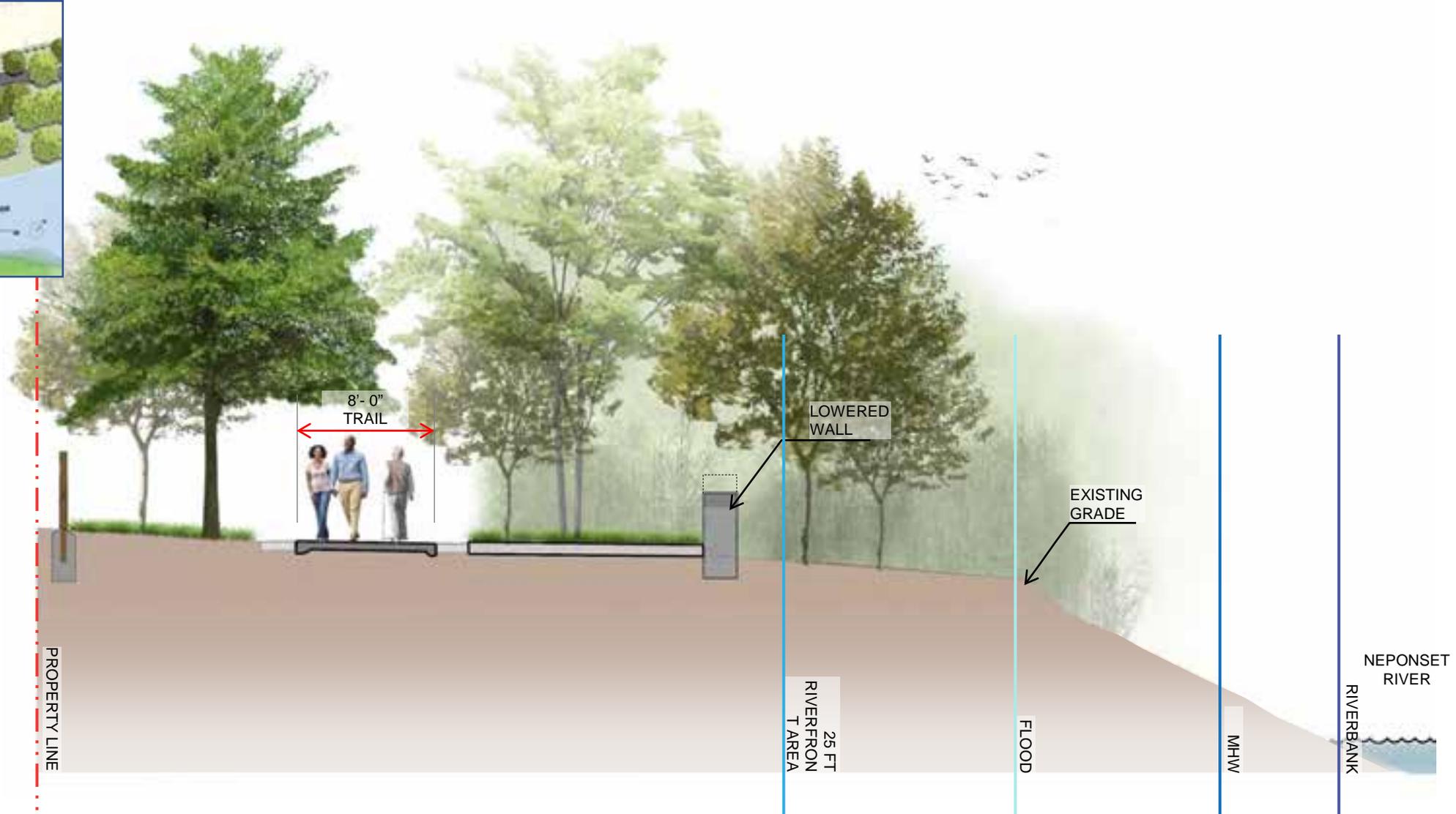


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## LOWERED WALL BETWEEN MASSASOIT ST AND HOLMFIELD AVE



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# Proposed Adjustments of Wall

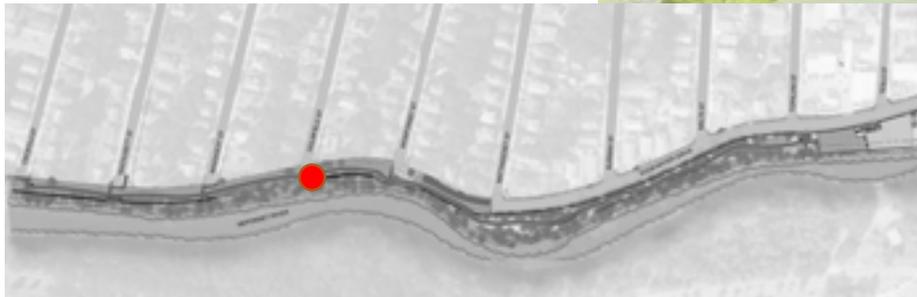
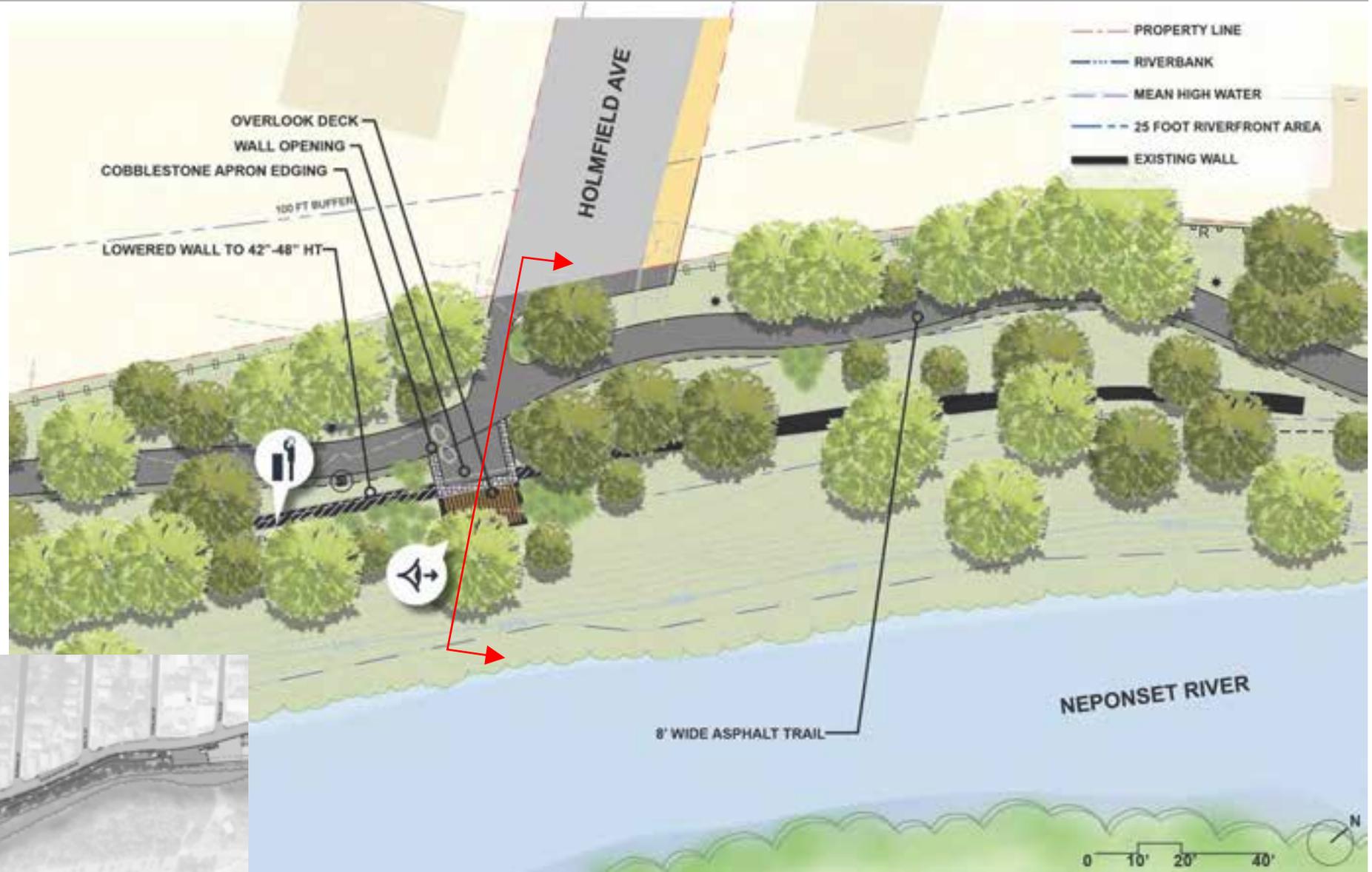
LOWERED WALL TO 42"-48" HT. AT MASSASOIT ST



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# Plan View at Holmfield Ave



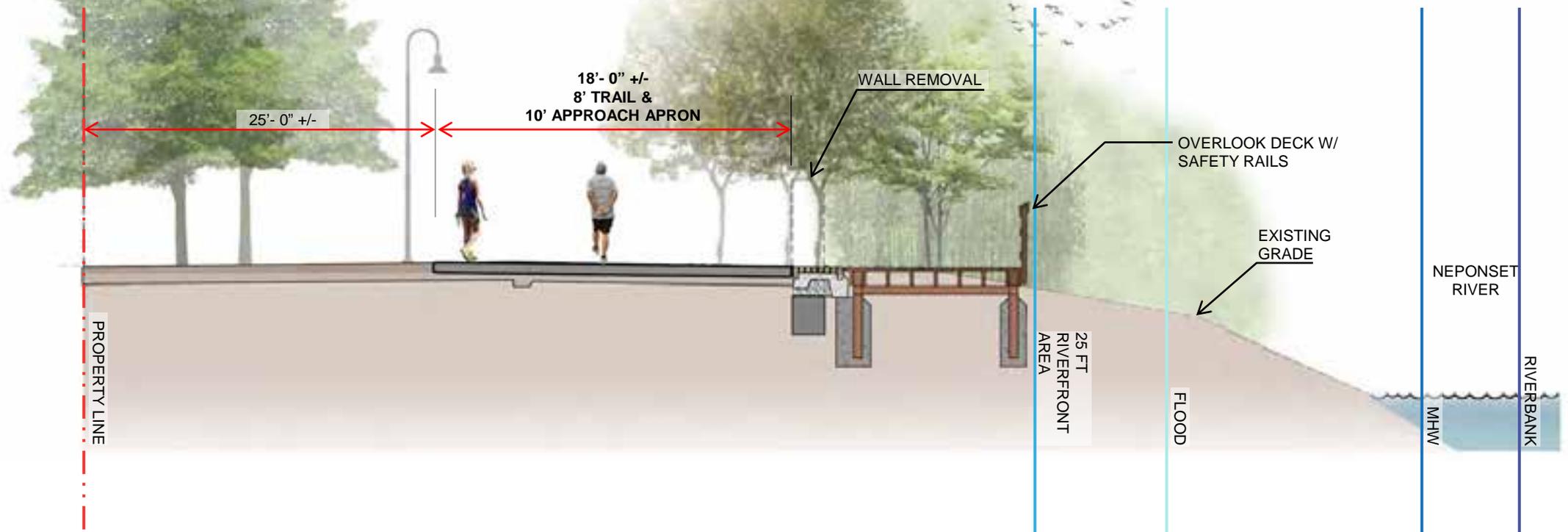
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## WALL OPENING W/ OVERLOOK DECK AT HOLMFIELD AVE



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# Proposed Adjustments of Wall

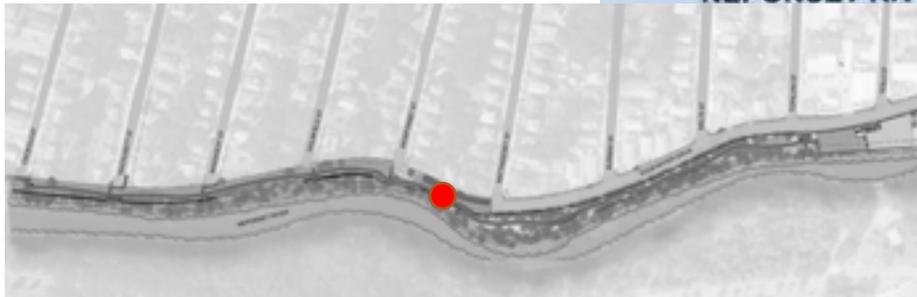
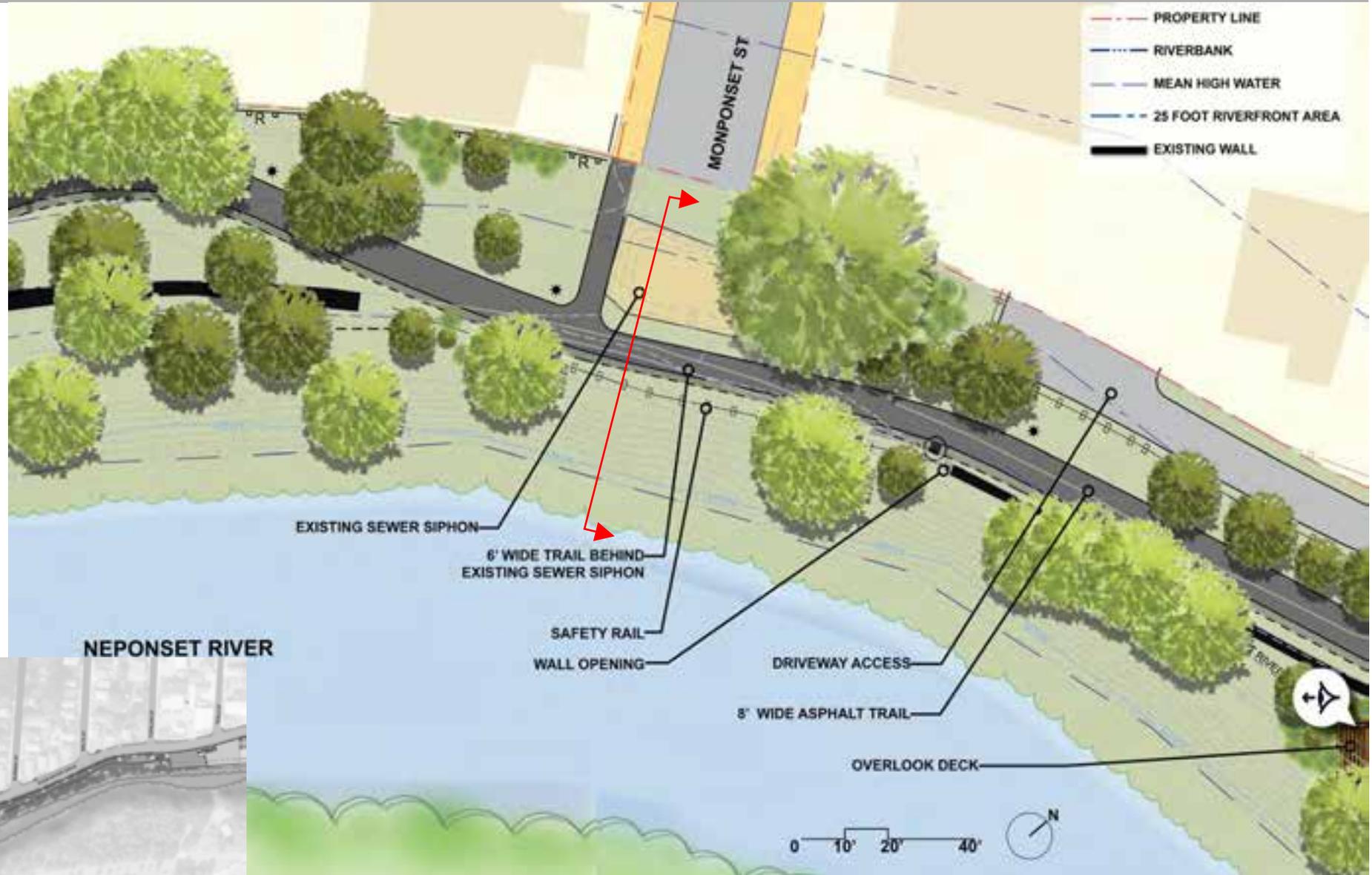
WALL OPENING W/ OVERLOOK DECK AT HOLMFIELD AVE



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# Plan View: Monponset Street - Mattakeeset Street



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

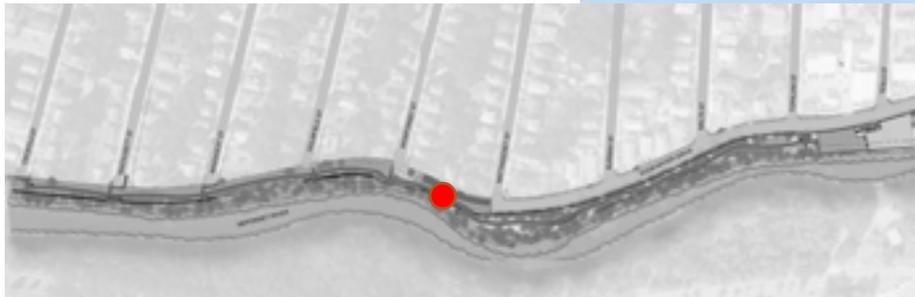
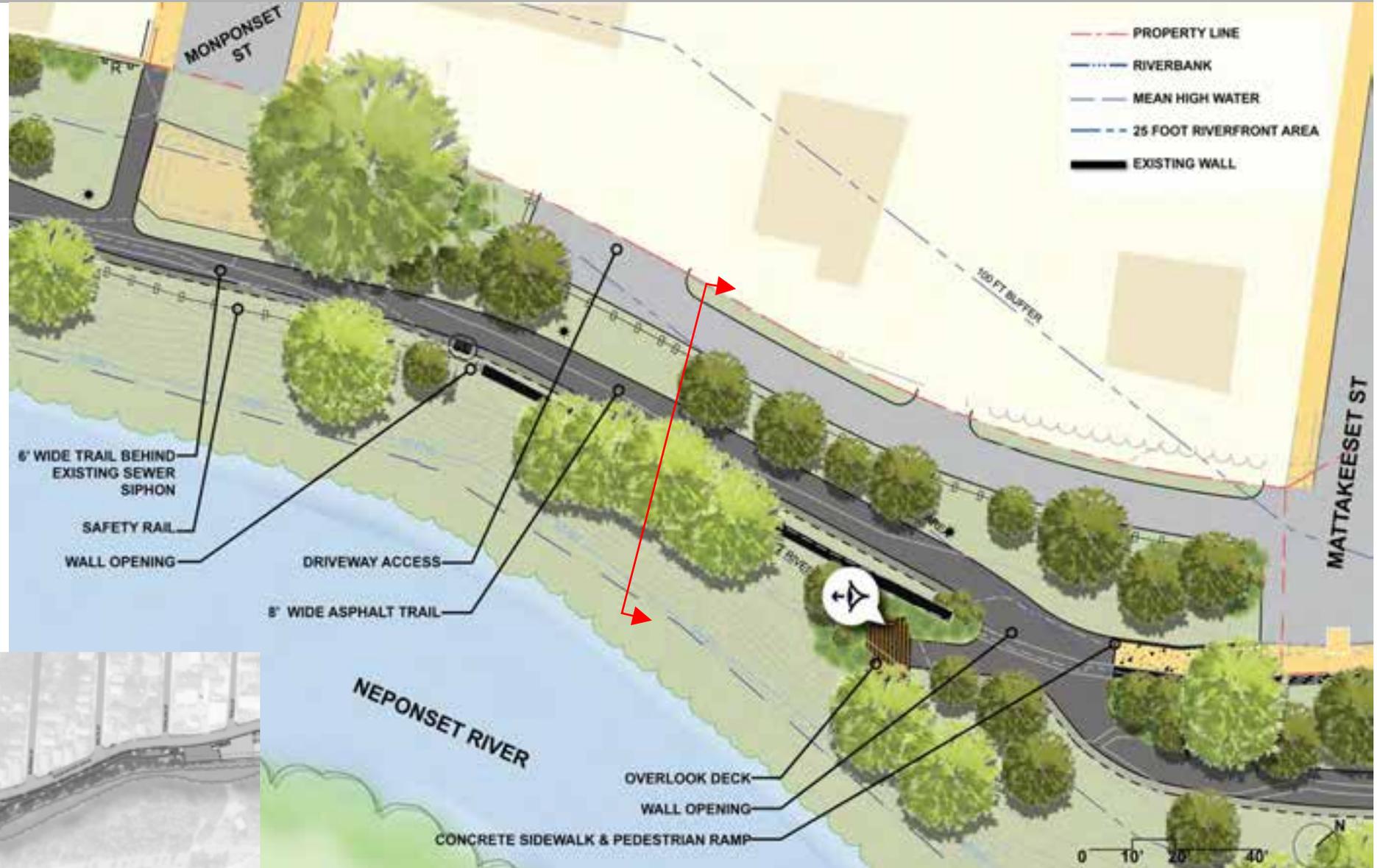


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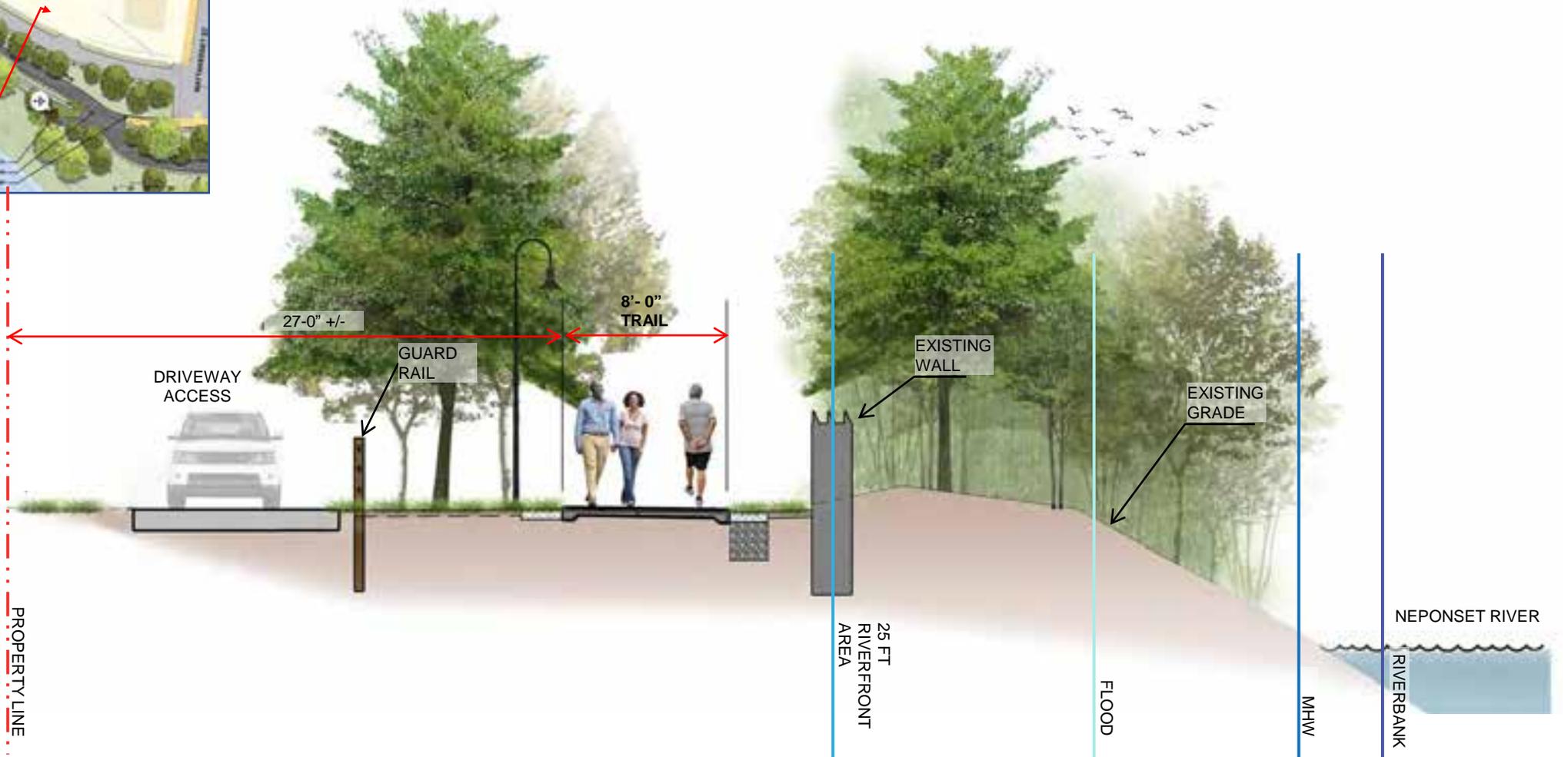


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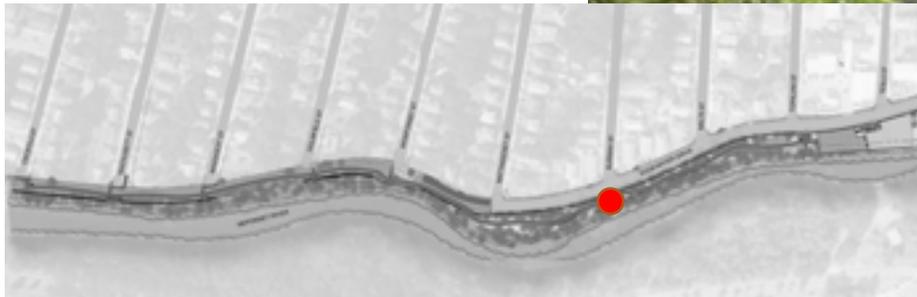
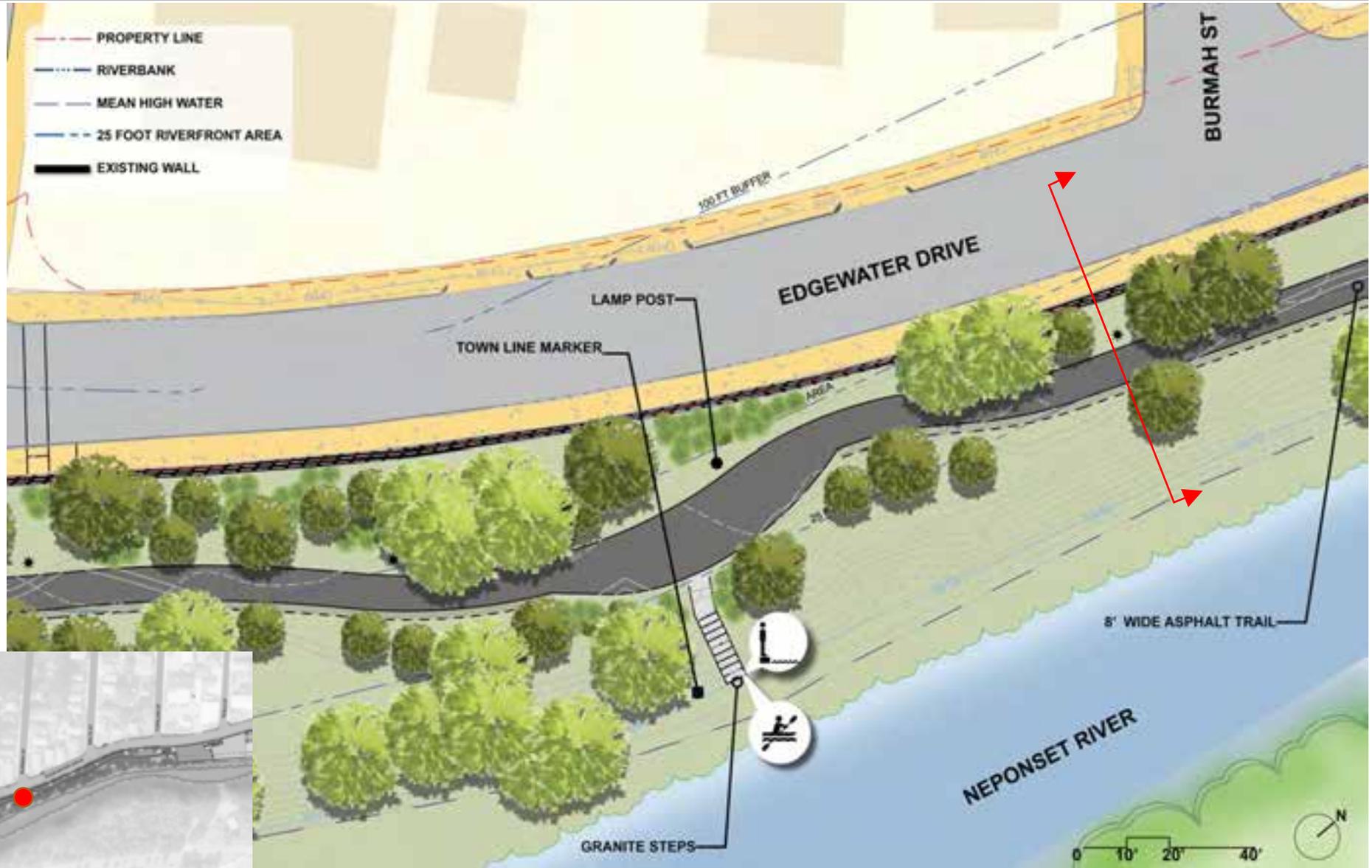
# Section DRIVEWAY ACCESS AT MONPONSET ST - MATTAKEESET ST



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# Plan View at Burmah Street



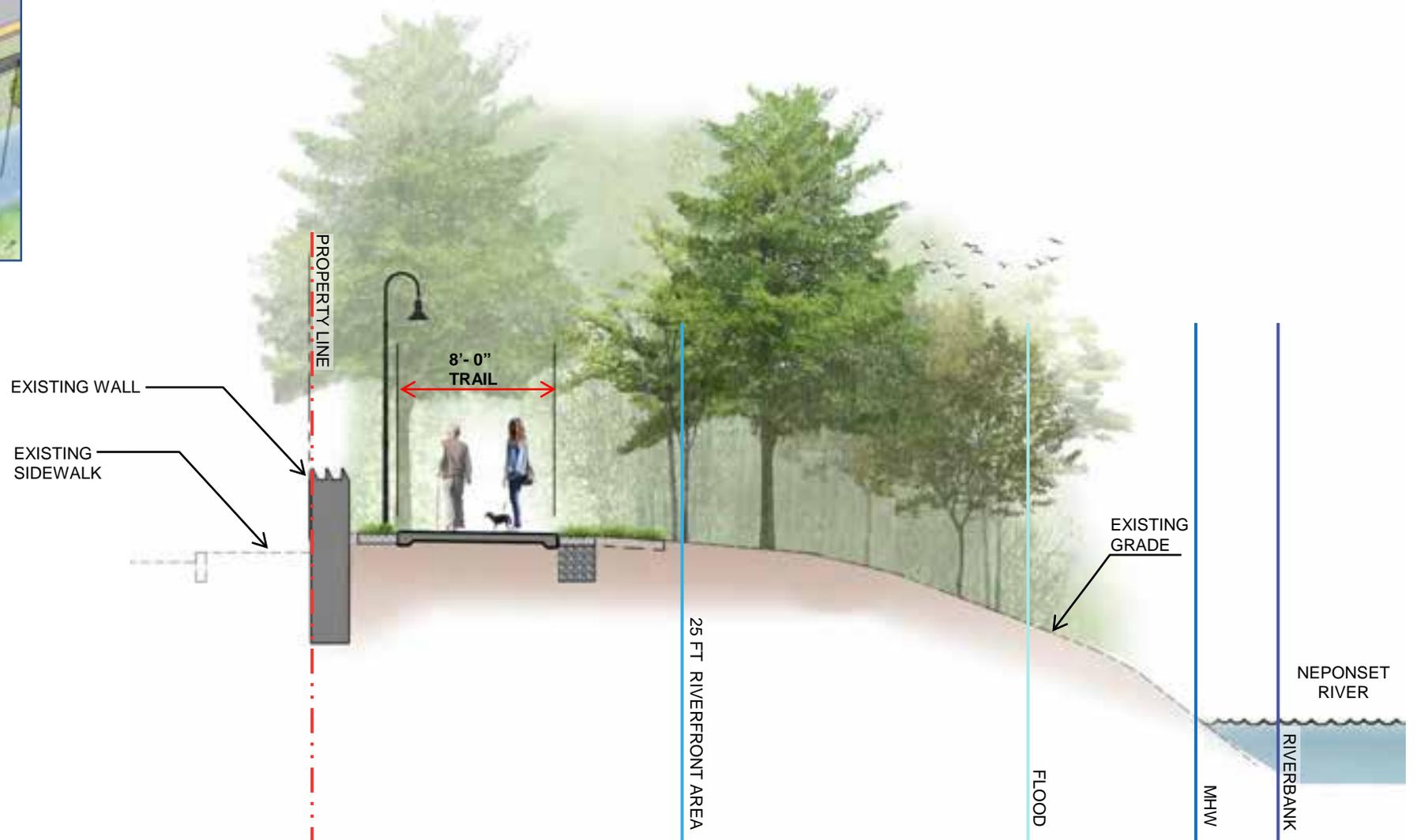
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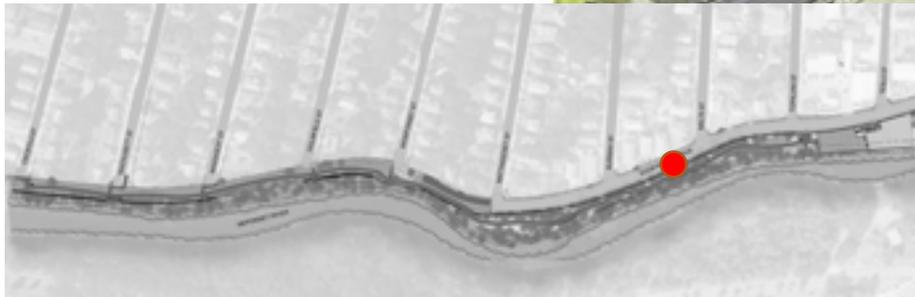
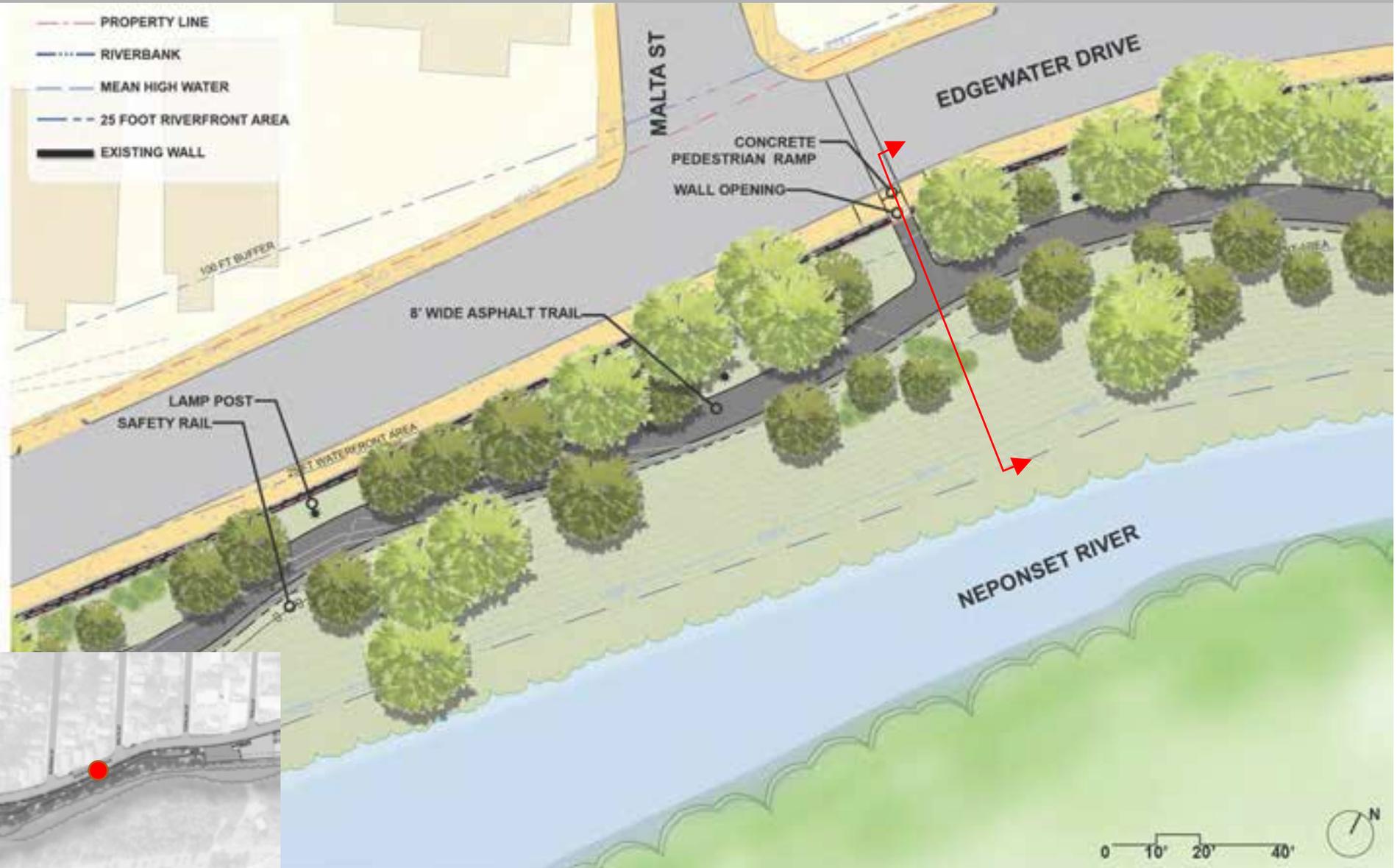
## TRAIL IN WOODLAND/ WATERFRONT SIDE



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# Plan View at Malta Street



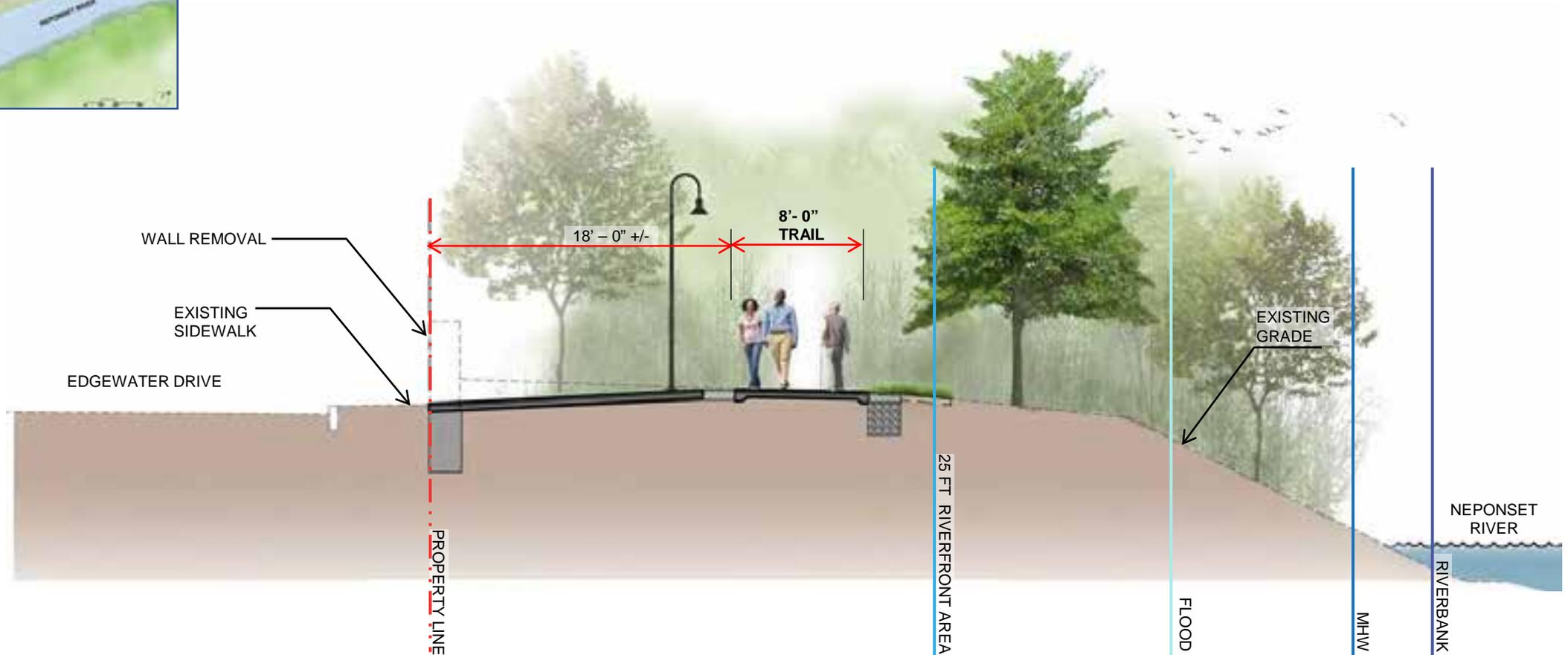
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## WALL OPENING AT MALTA ST



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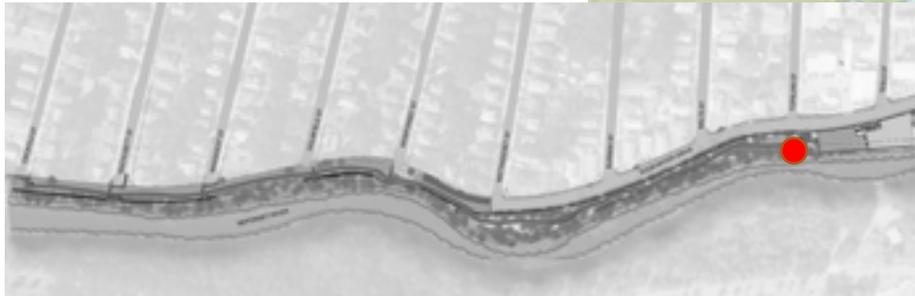
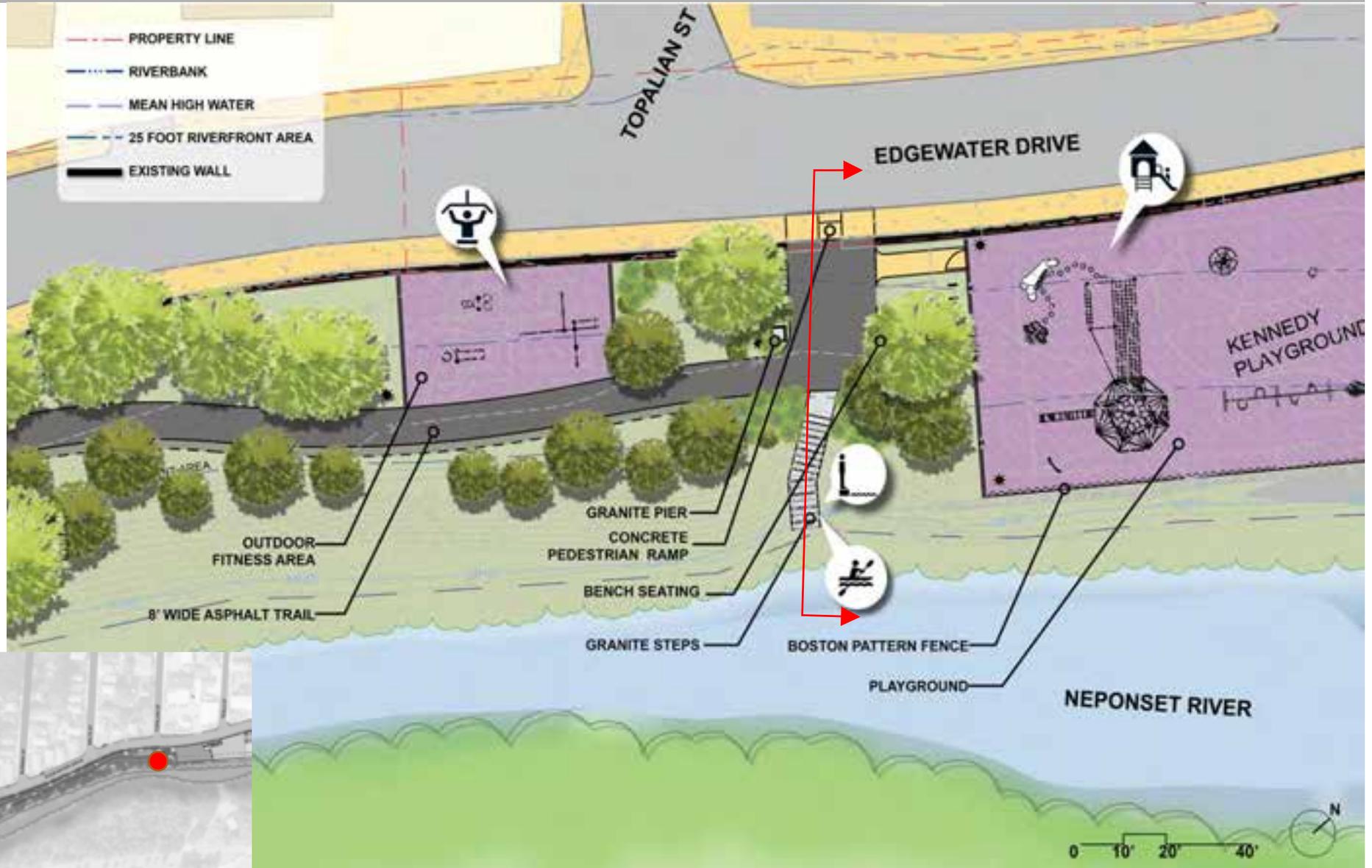
WALL OPENING W/ COBBLESTONE PIERS AT MALTA ST



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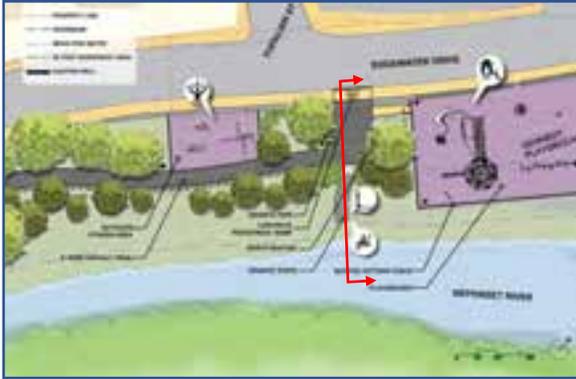
# Plan View at Topalian Street



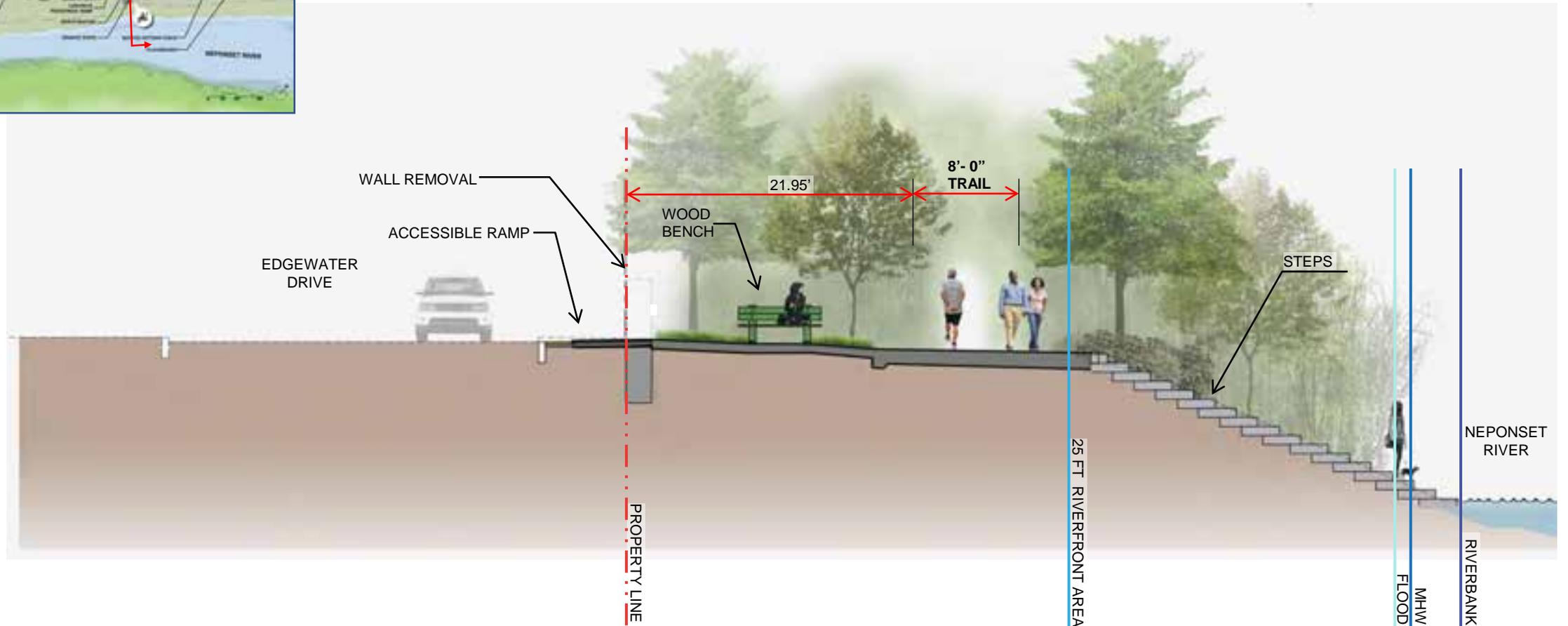
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## WALL OPENING AT TOPALIAN ST



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# Proposed Adjustments of Wall

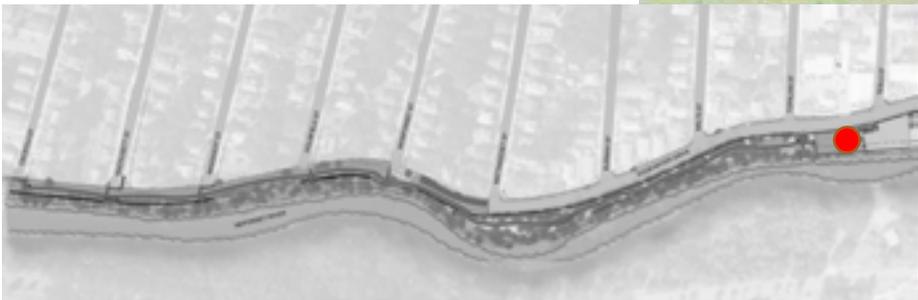
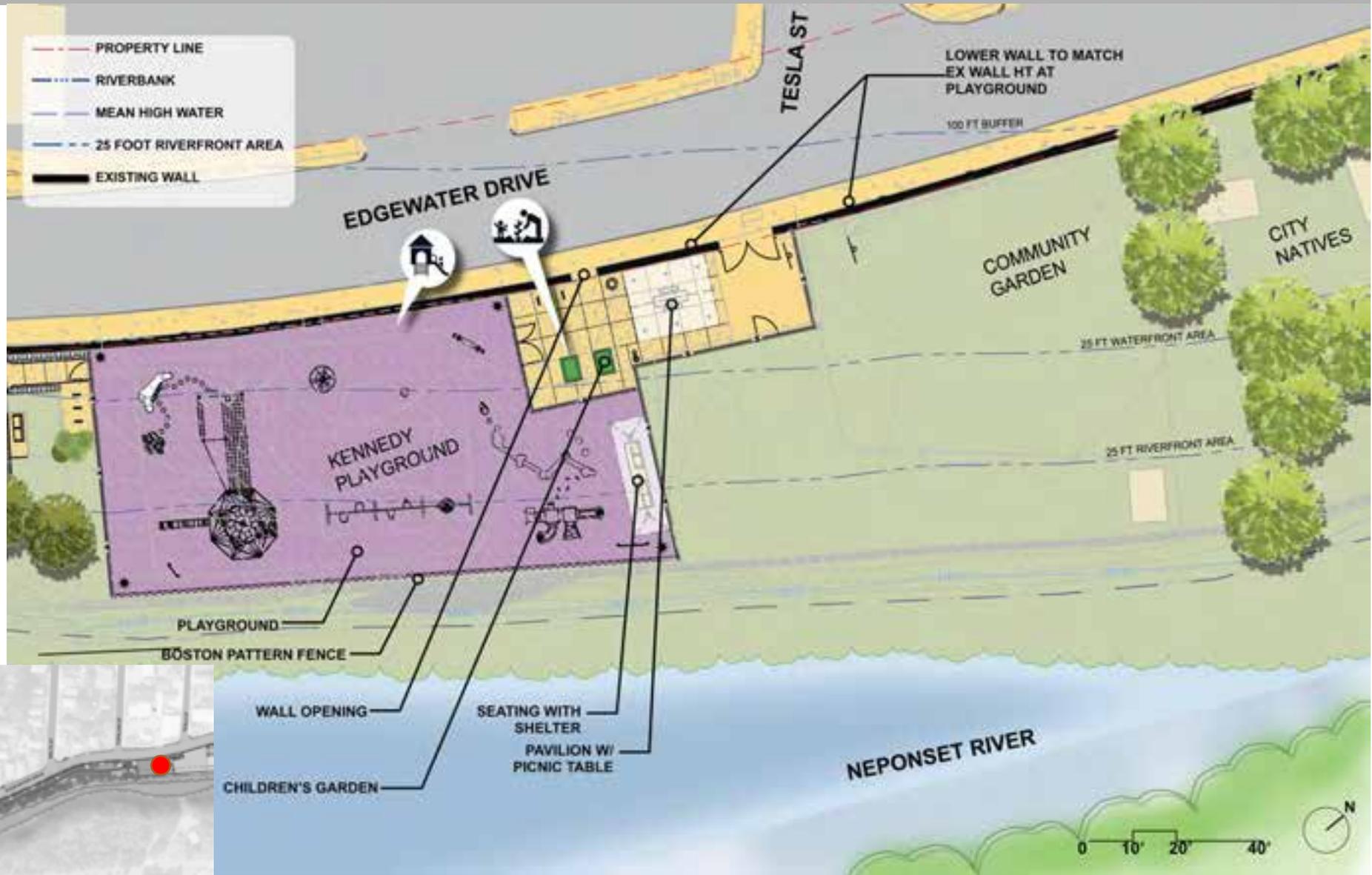
WALL OPENING W/ ACCESSIBLE RAMP AT TOPALIAN ST



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# Plan View of Kennedy Playground



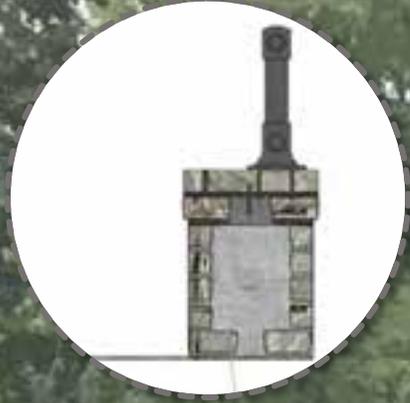
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# Site Furnishing



# Proposed Adjustments of Wall

FENCING ON TOP OF EXISTING WALL AT KENNEDY PLAYGROUND



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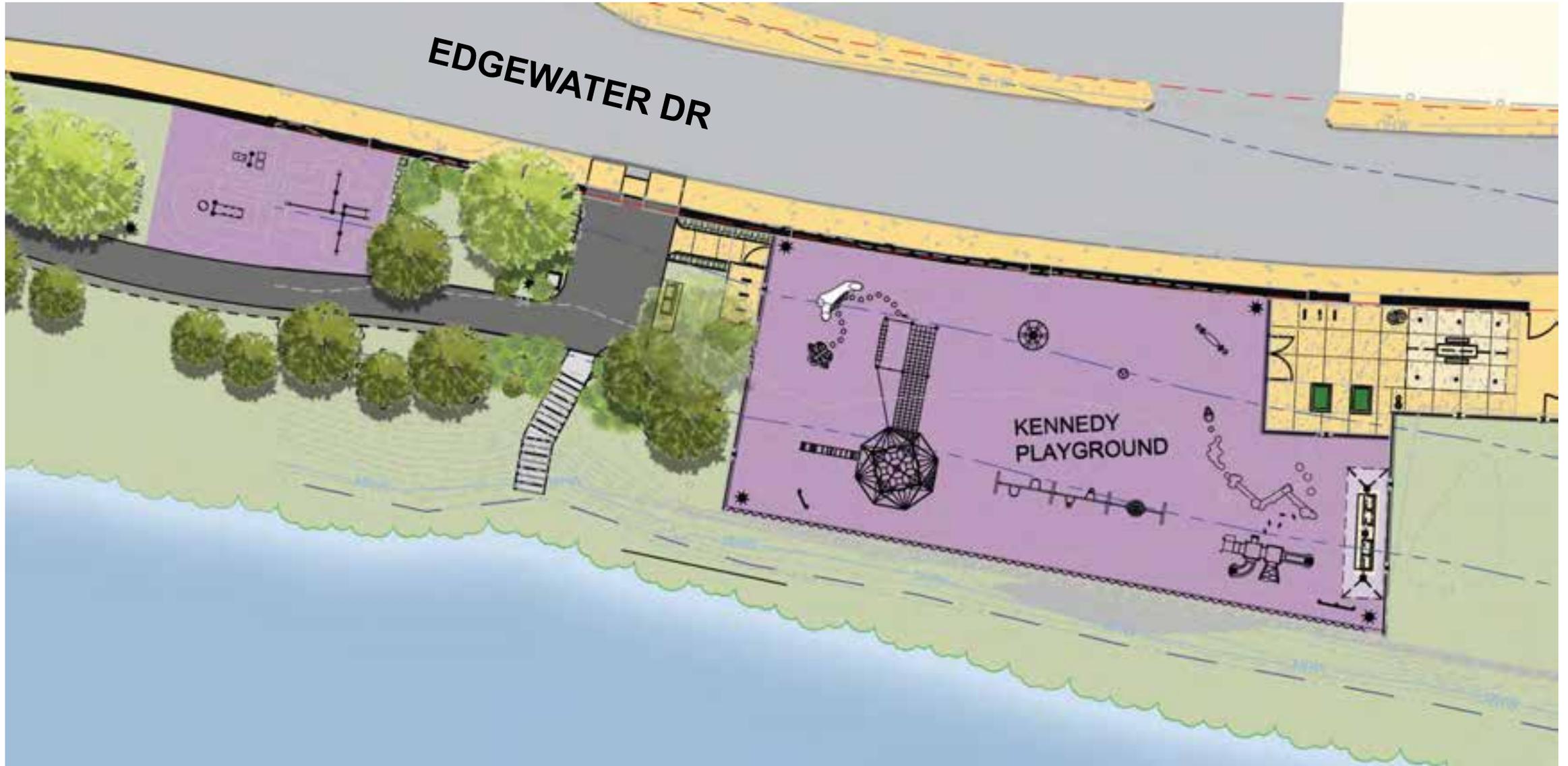
# KENNEDY PLAYGROUND & FITNESS AREA

## 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



# FITNESS LAYOUT & EQUIPMENT



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# CHARACTER CLIMBERS



**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**  
7' x 4'8" x 2'6"



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

# ACTIVITY PANELS



Food Forest/ Protecting our Planet



Animal Homes Manipulatives



Bird Search/ Dragonflies



BACKFACE PANEL



Native Animal (TBD) Face Panels

# Questions & Comments



# Additional Information

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

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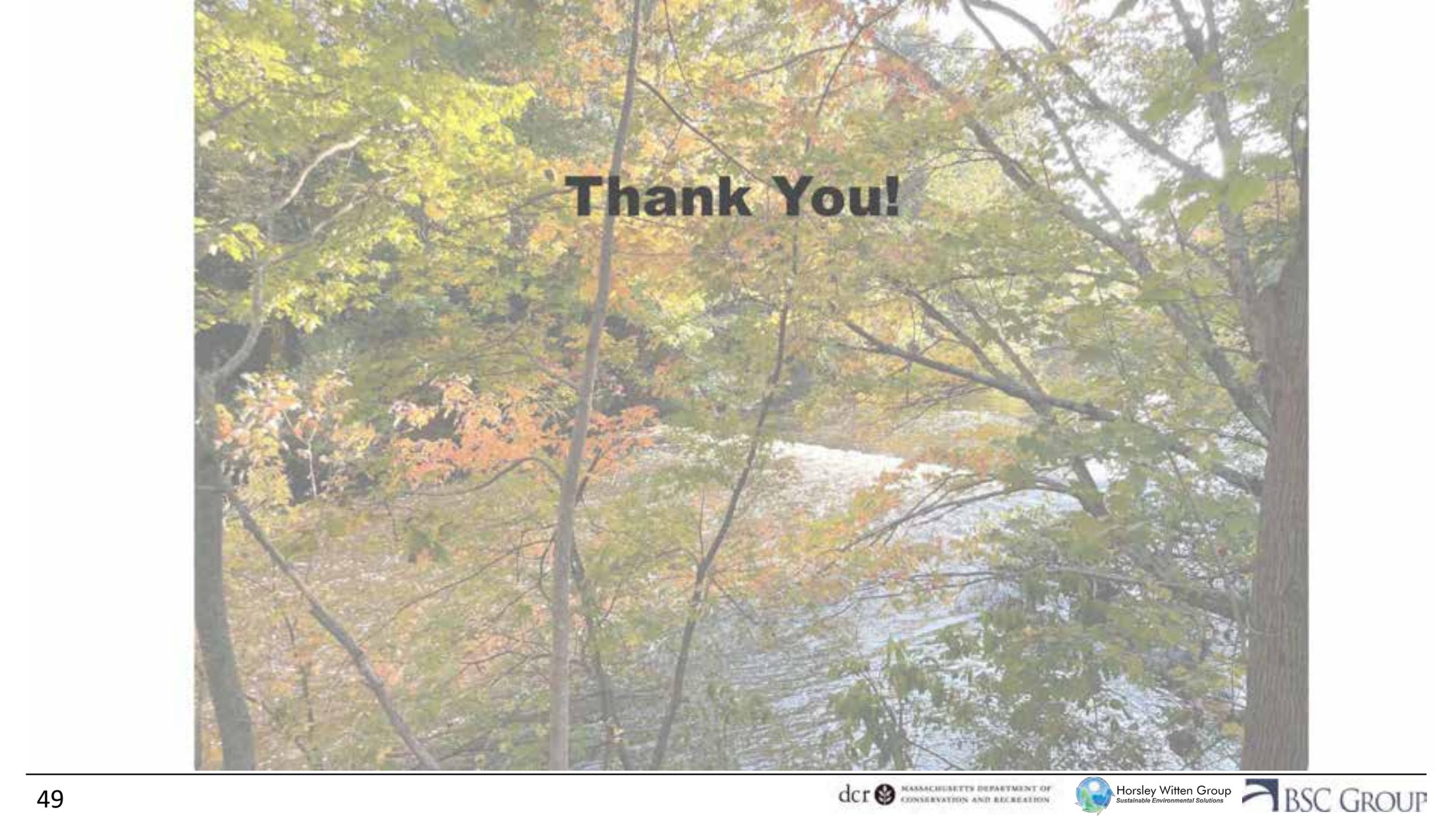
- If you have comments on this project:

Submit online: [www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment)

Deadline: Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Please note: the contents of comments submitted to DCR, including your name, town and zip code, will be posted on DCR's website. Additional contact information provided, notably email address, will only be used for outreach on future updates to the subject project or property.

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