



Landry Park Site Improvements

City of Waltham, MA

DCR Virtual Pre Construction Public Meeting
October 16, 2025



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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.*

DCR Core Principles

Our Core Principles:

Provide access to a diversity of outdoor recreational experiences & unique landscapes

that is equitable, inclusive, and welcoming



Conserve lands, water, and forests

by integrating science, research, and technical expertise into the management of our natural resources

Advance climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts

by implementing sustainable practices & advancing resiliency across our infrastructure, assets, & resources



Support healthy communities

by providing places for people to connect with nature and each other

Inspire generations of stewards

by recognizing and honoring our legacy through partnerships, public engagement, and education



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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 Q&A 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.***

Meeting Agenda

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Project Team
- Goals and Objectives
- Timeline

2. FINAL DESIGN

- Plan for the improvements

3. CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

- When and how long

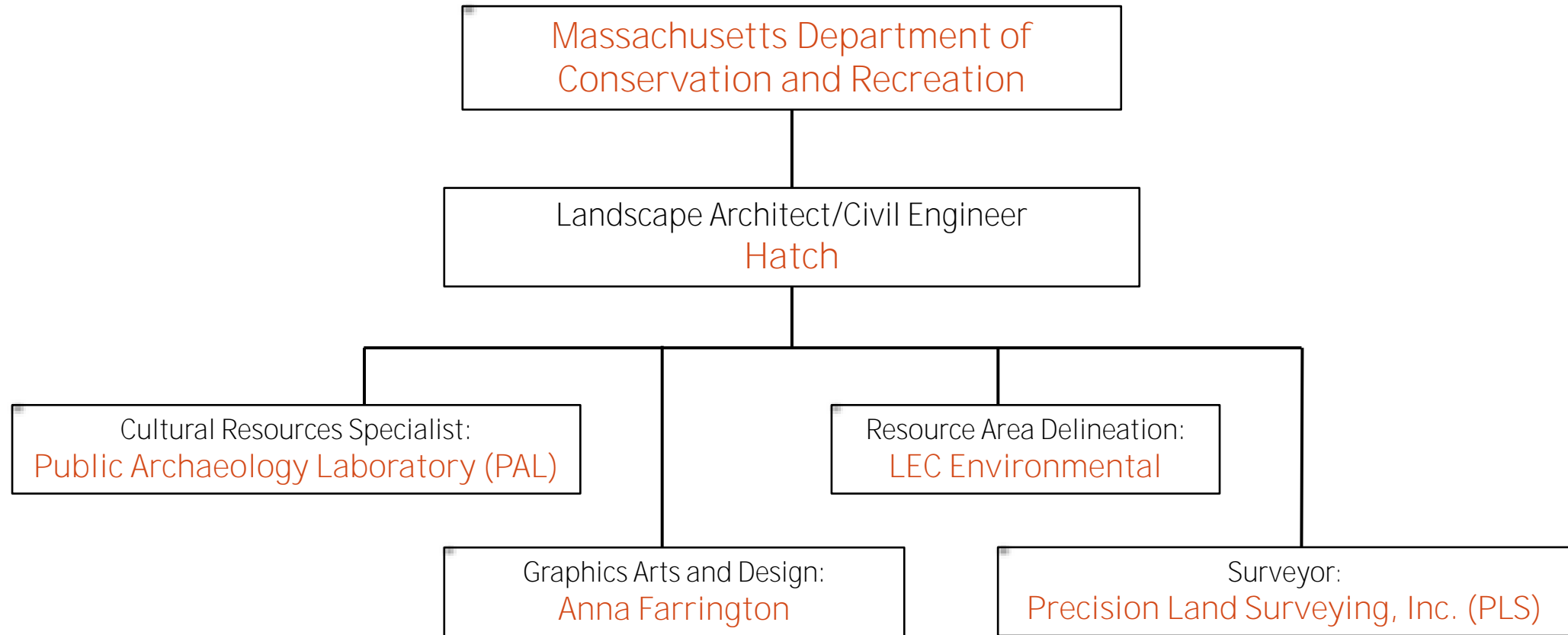
4. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- Public Discussion and Comment

5. CLOSING REMARKS



Project Team

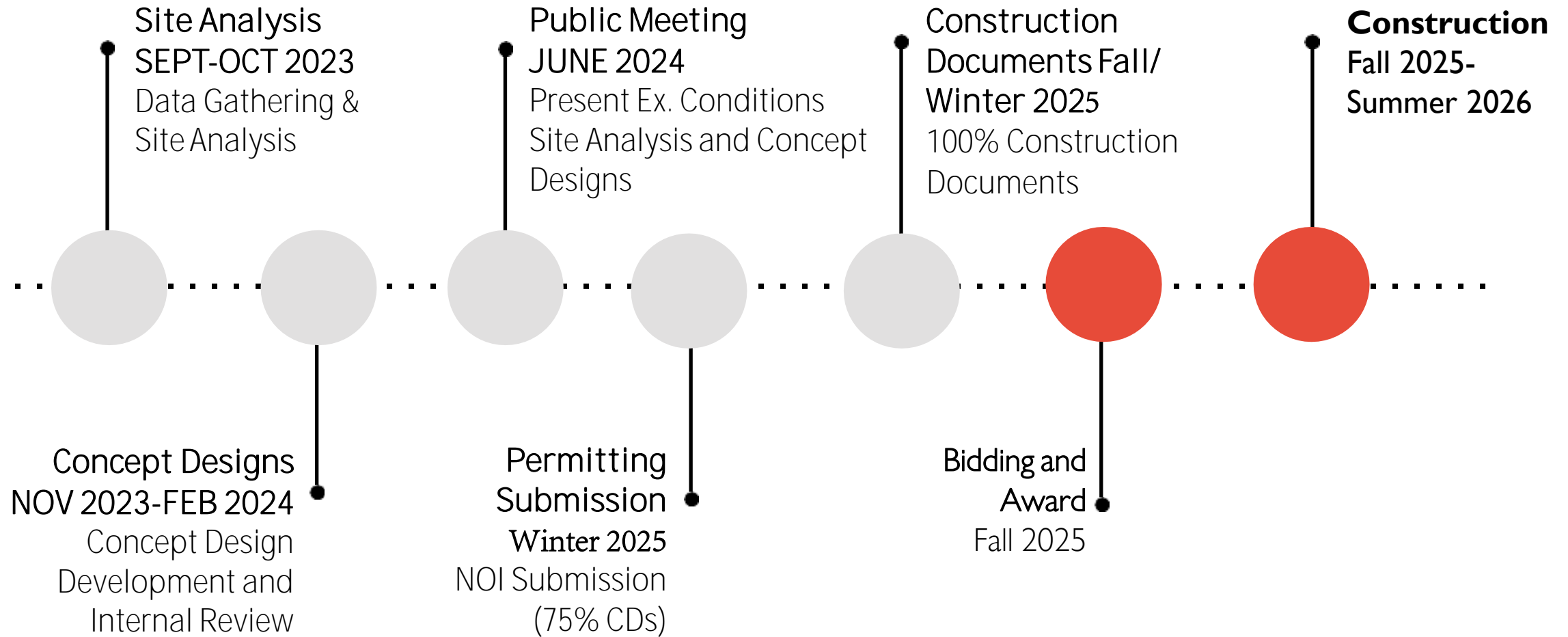


Project Goals

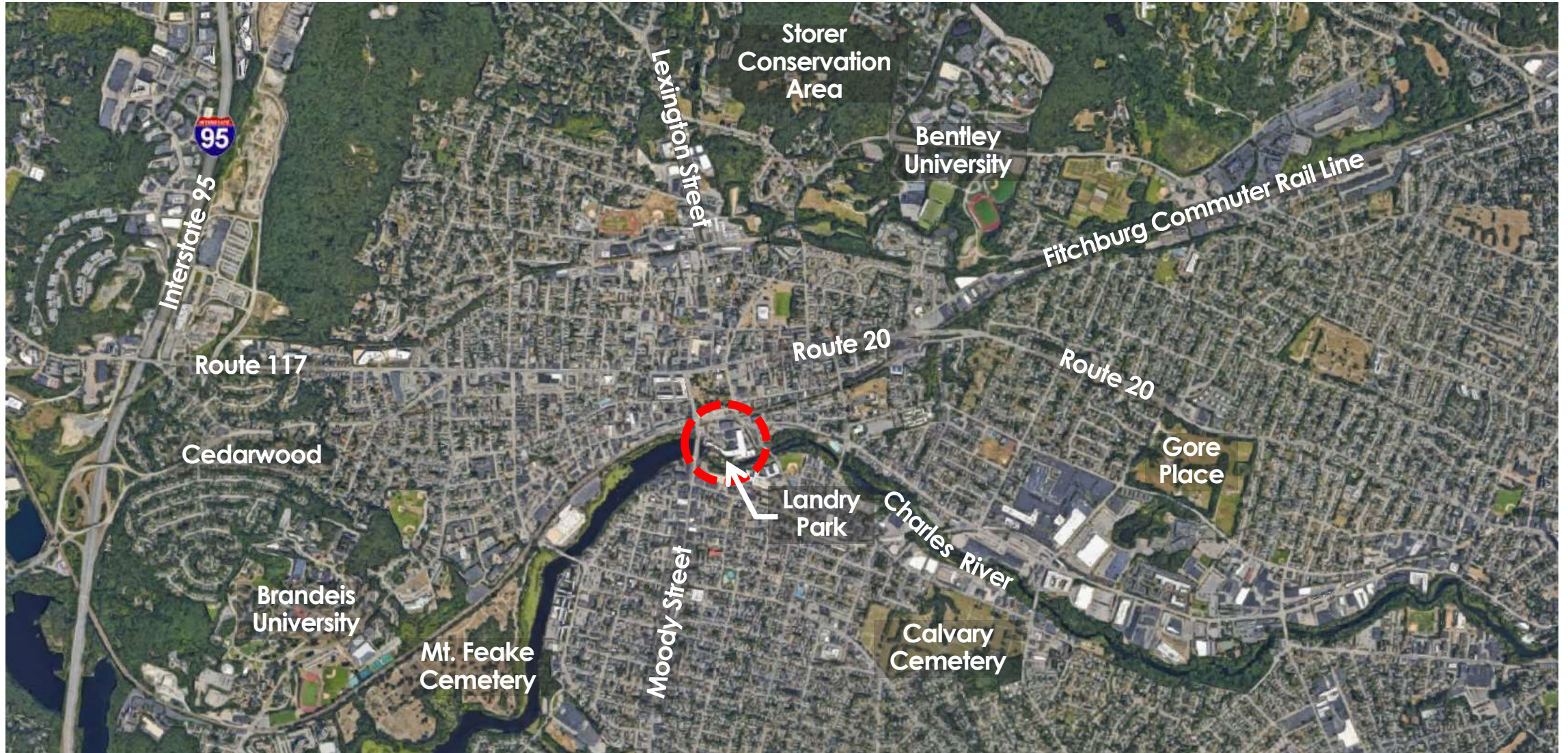
1. Promote historic character and ecological resources.
2. Improve views, accessibility, circulation and connections.
3. Provide improved gathering spaces.
4. Restore site soils and create green infrastructure opportunities.
5. Promote biodiversity and improved wildlife habitat.
6. Unify site furnishings.



Project Timeline

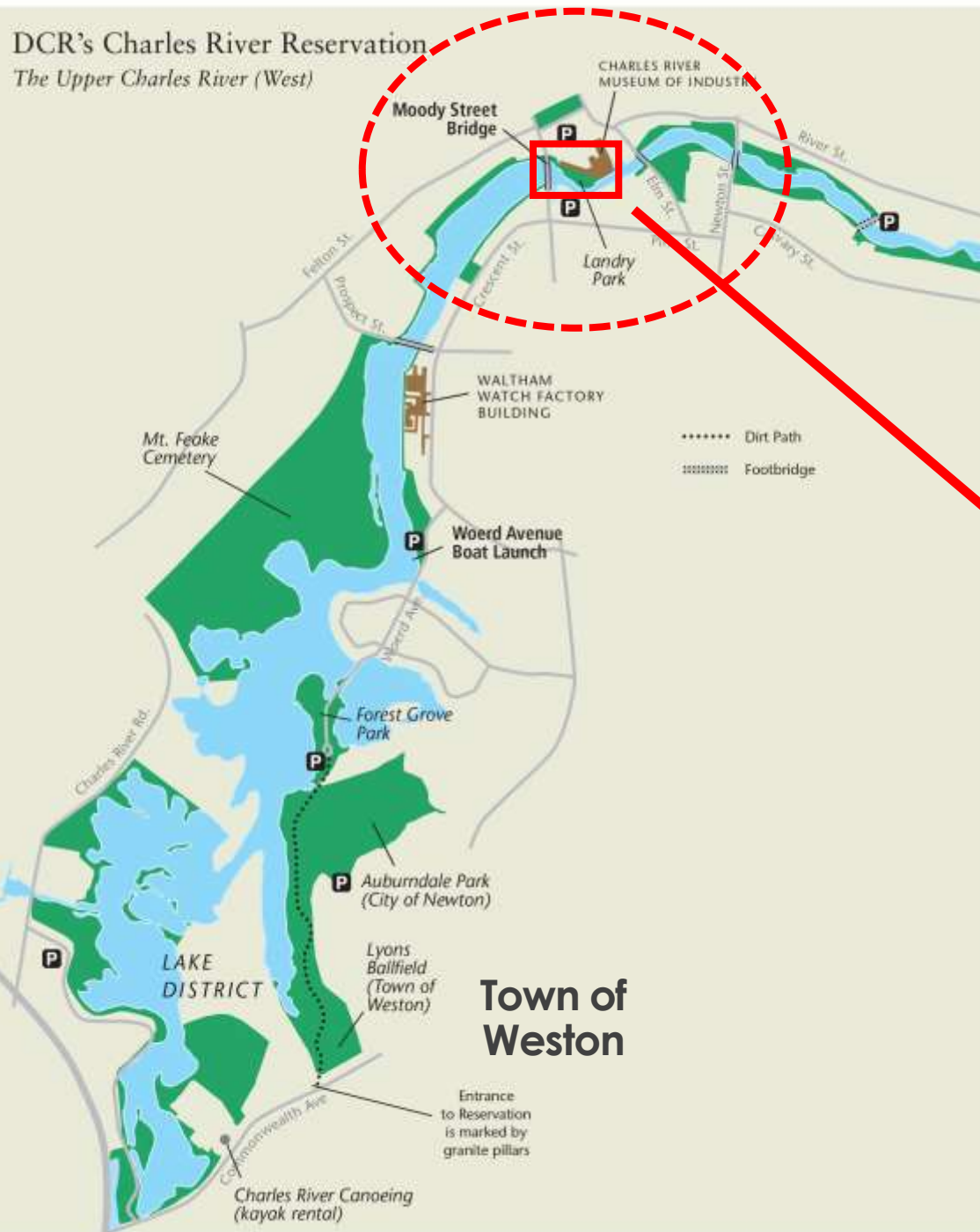


Regional Context



DCR's Charles River Reservation

The Upper Charles River (West)



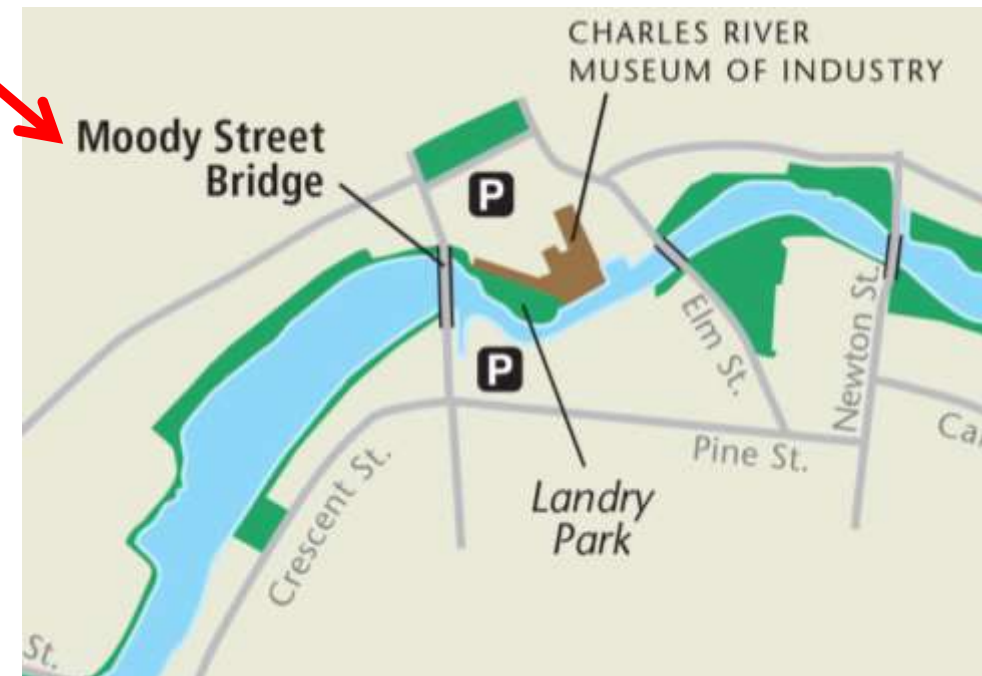
**Town of
Weston**

DCR's Charles River Reservation

The Upper Charles River (East)



**Watertown
Square**



DCR's Upper Charles River Reservation

Project Site



Boston Manufacturing Company- 1847-1900



1901 Associated Mutual insurance map

present Landry Park

Landry Park newly Constructed (1978)

- ✓ Named after **Richard E. Landry**, early cardiologist and member of MA House of Representatives



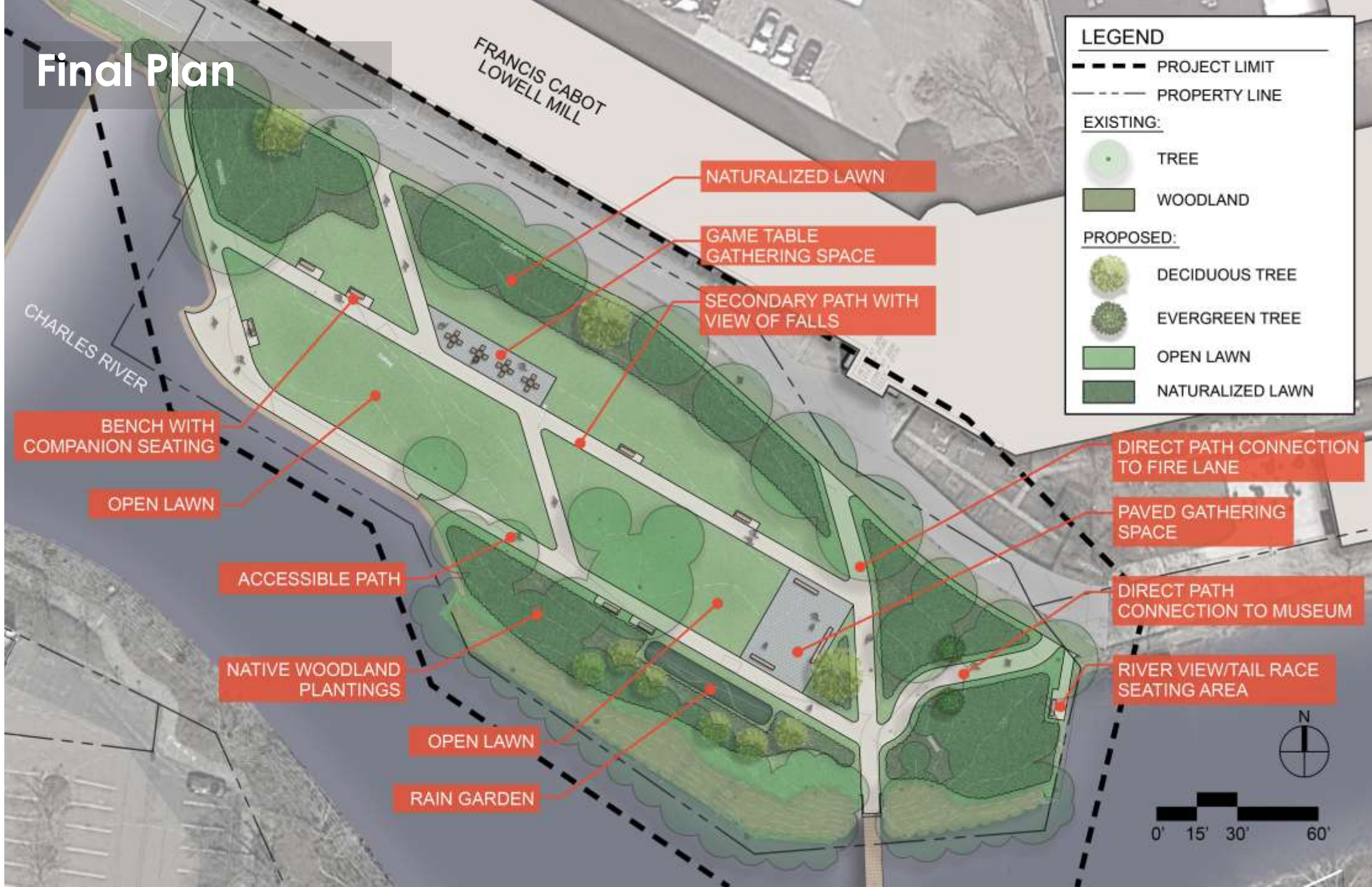
Landry Park (Summer 2023)



Site Analysis Overview

1. Circulation
2. Views
3. Accessibility
4. Paving and Surfacing
5. Soil Compaction, Erosion and Site Drainage
6. Vegetation

Final Plan



Before

View West from North of Bridge



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After



Main Park Entrance North of Bridge



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Before



View South Adjacent to Fish Ladder



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After



Path Adjacent to Fish Ladder



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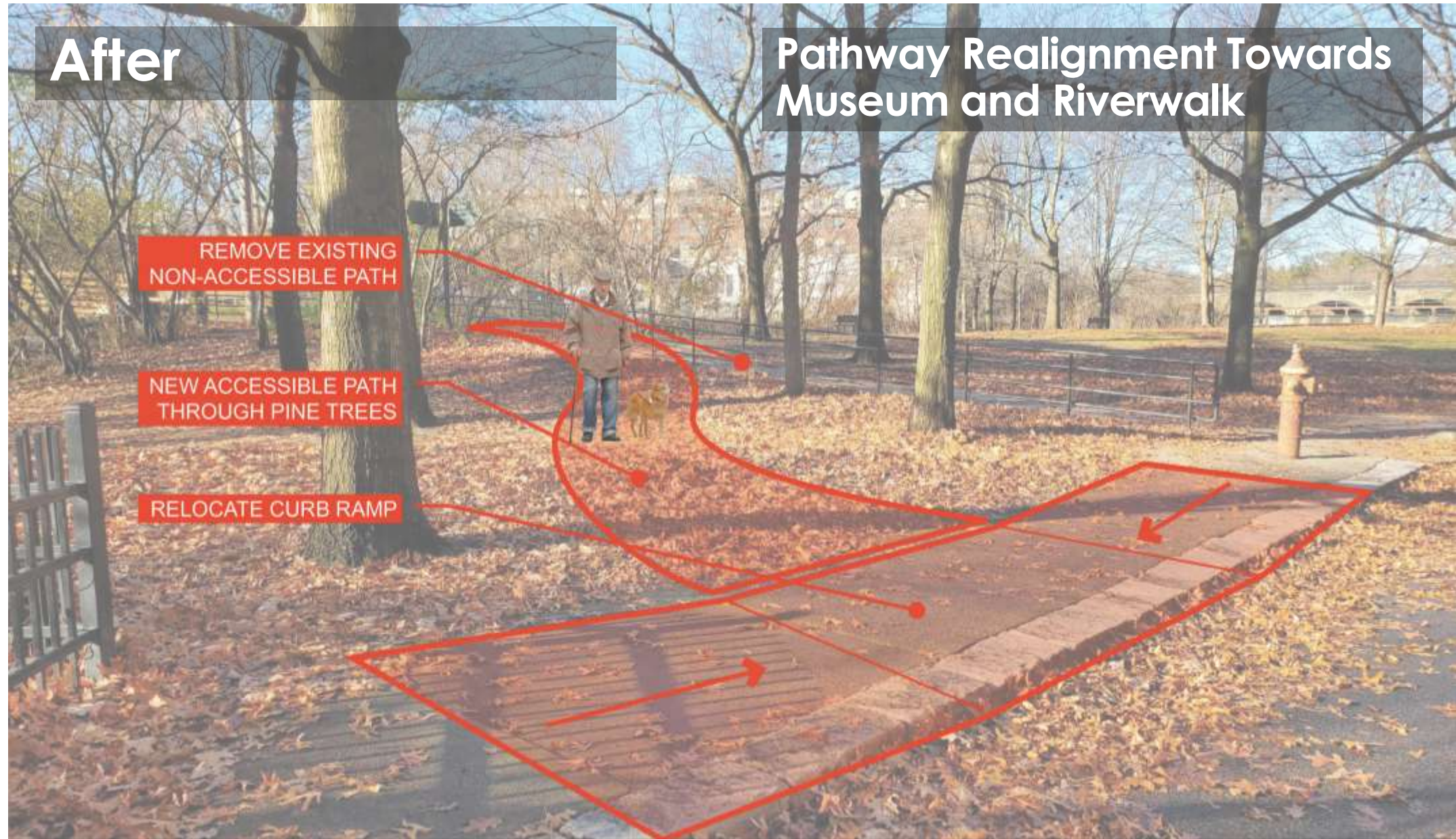
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Pathway Realignment Towards Museum and Riverwalk

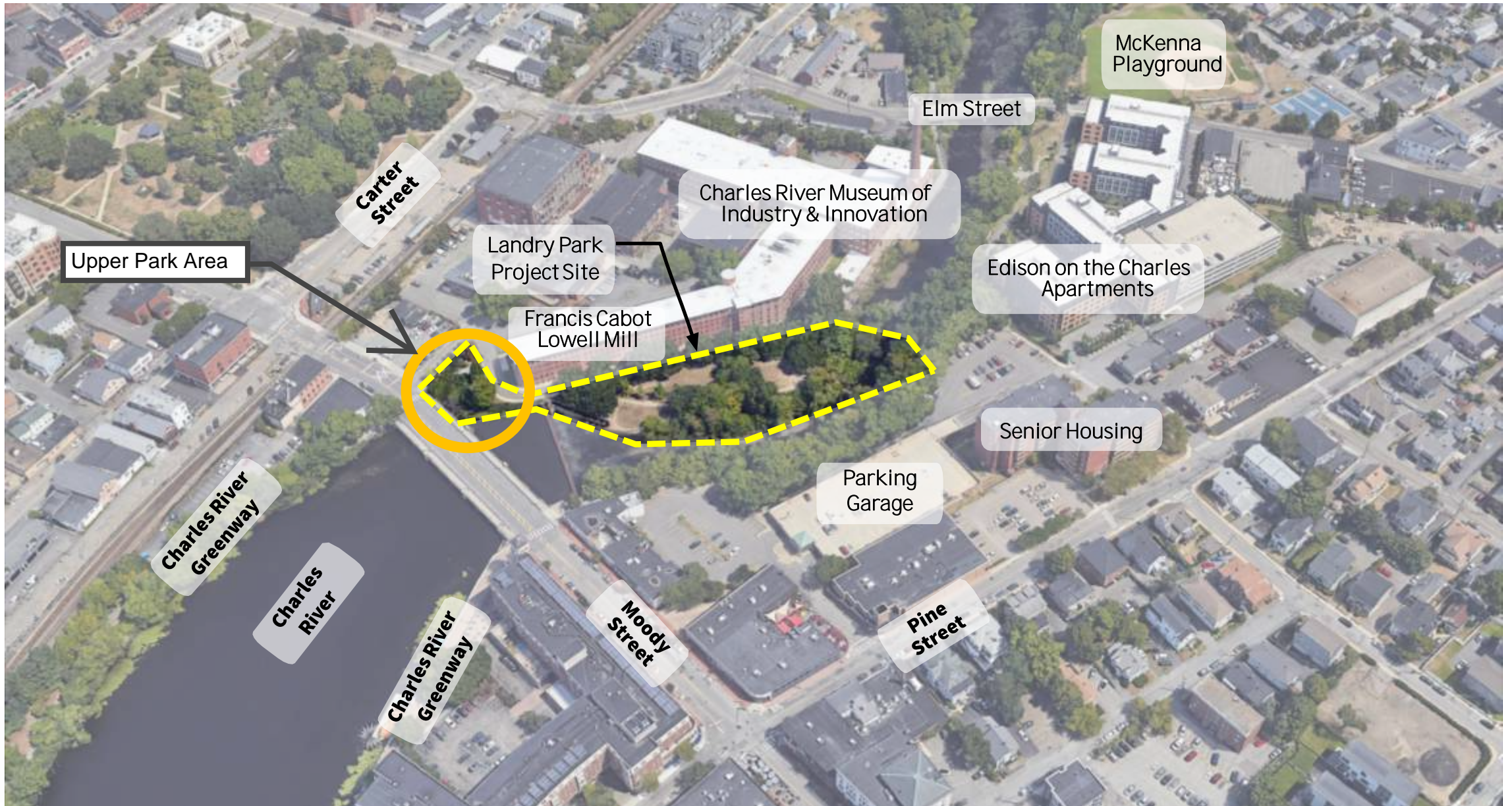
REMOVE EXISTING
NON-ACCESSIBLE PATH

NEW ACCESSIBLE PATH
THROUGH PINE TREES

RELOCATE CURB RAMP



Moody Street Area



Northwest Entrance & Head Race Hardscape Area

PARK ENTRANCE RESTORATION
(GRANITE PIER AND PAVING)

REMOVAL OF OVERGROWN
AND INVASIVE VEGETATION

HEAD RACE HARDSCAPE
IMPROVEMENTS


CONCRETE SIDEWALK
REPLACEMENT


LEGEND

--- PROJECT LIMIT


--- PROPERTY LINE


EXISTING:


 TREE


 WOODLAND

PROPOSED:

 DECIDUOUS TREE

 EVERGREEN TREE

 OPEN LAWN

 NATURALIZED LAWN

MOODY STREET

CHARLES RIVER

FRANCIS CABOT
LOWELL MILL



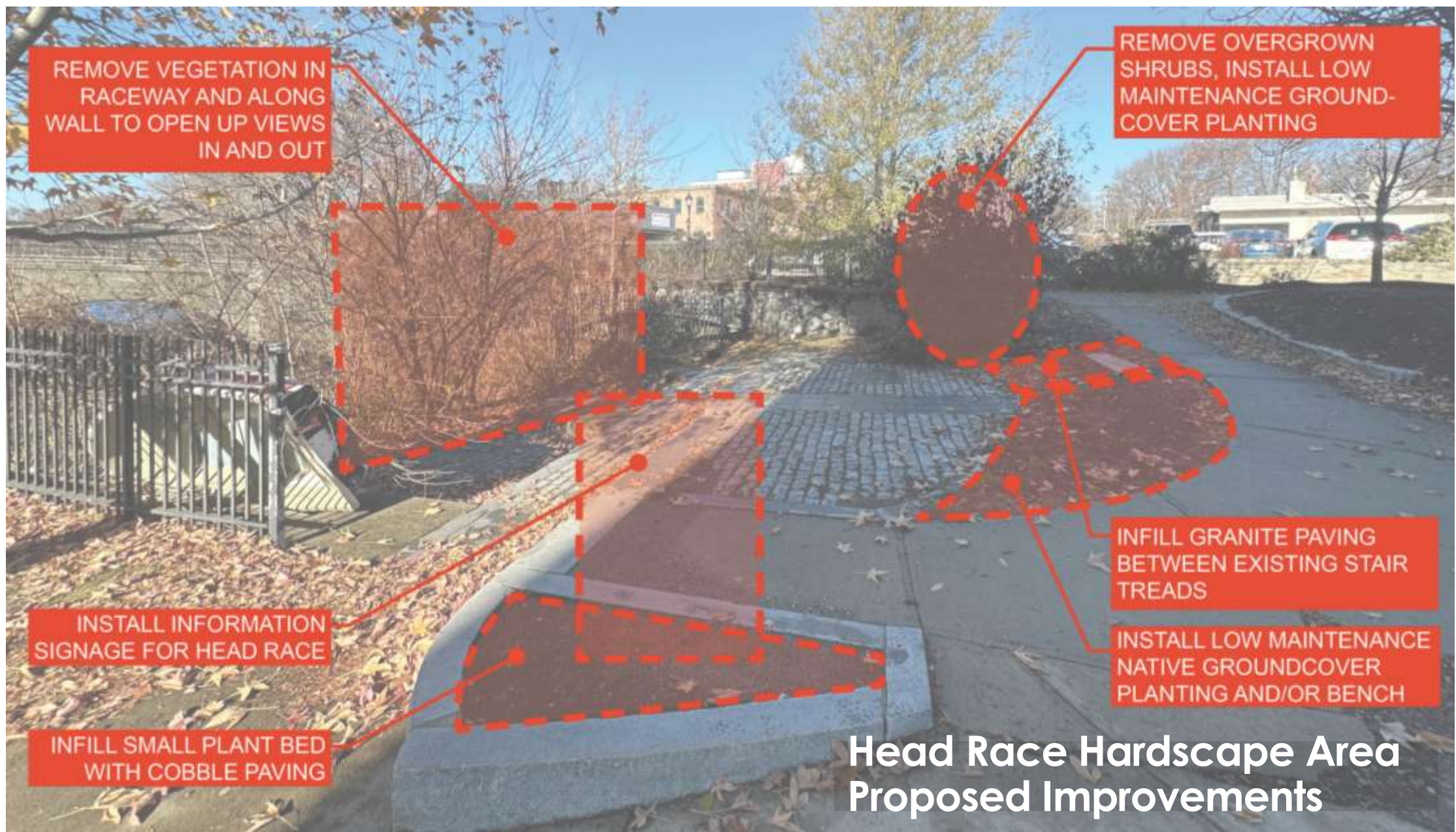
Head Raceway Area

Overgrown Invasive and Nuisance Vegetation





**Head Race Hardscape Area
Existing Conditions**



Site Furnishings – Seating

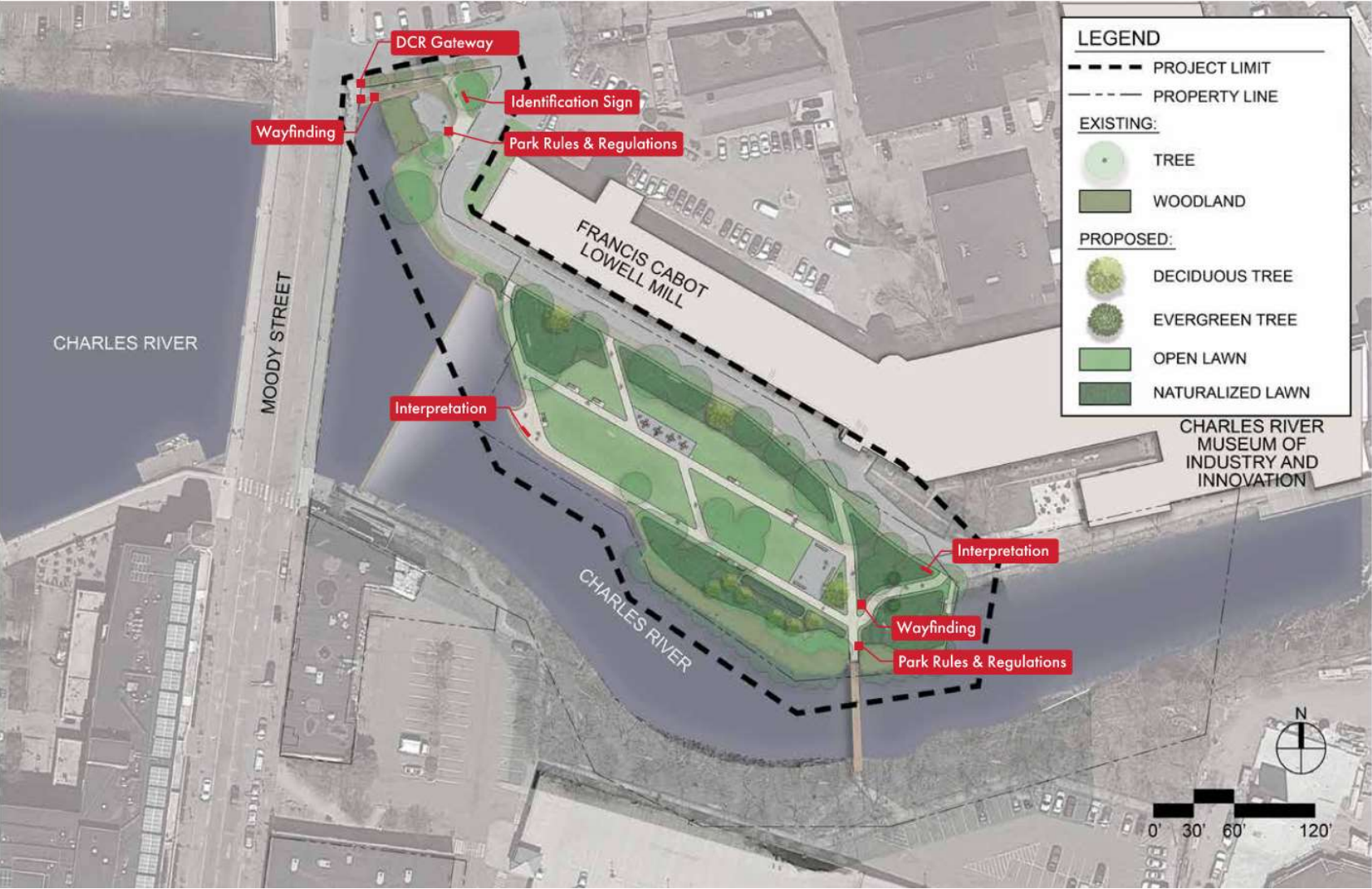


Site Furnishings – Game Tables



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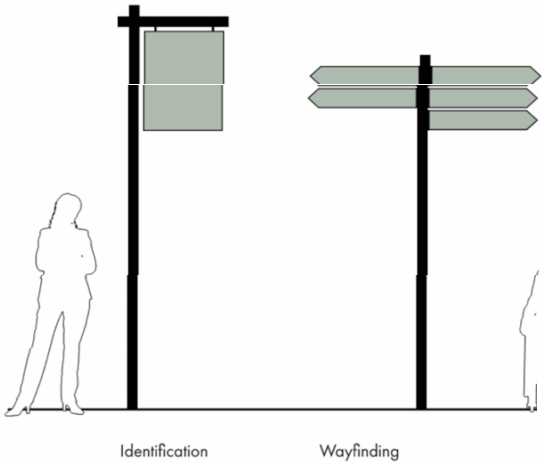
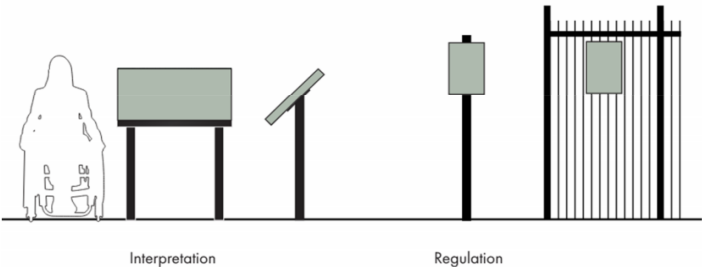
Site Furnishings – Signage



Charles River Reservation

LANDRY PARK

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Site Furnishings

Granite Pier Gateway Restoration



Additional Plantings- Trees, Understory & Woodland Edge



Red Oak



Ferns



Native groundcovers



Native Understory



White Wood Aster



Native Shurbs

Rain Garden (aka Bioretention Basin)

Functional Landscapes

1. Reduces Surface Runoff and Sedimentation into Charles River.
2. Promotes Exfiltration to Subsoils.
3. Provides Pollinator Habitat for Insects and Birds.

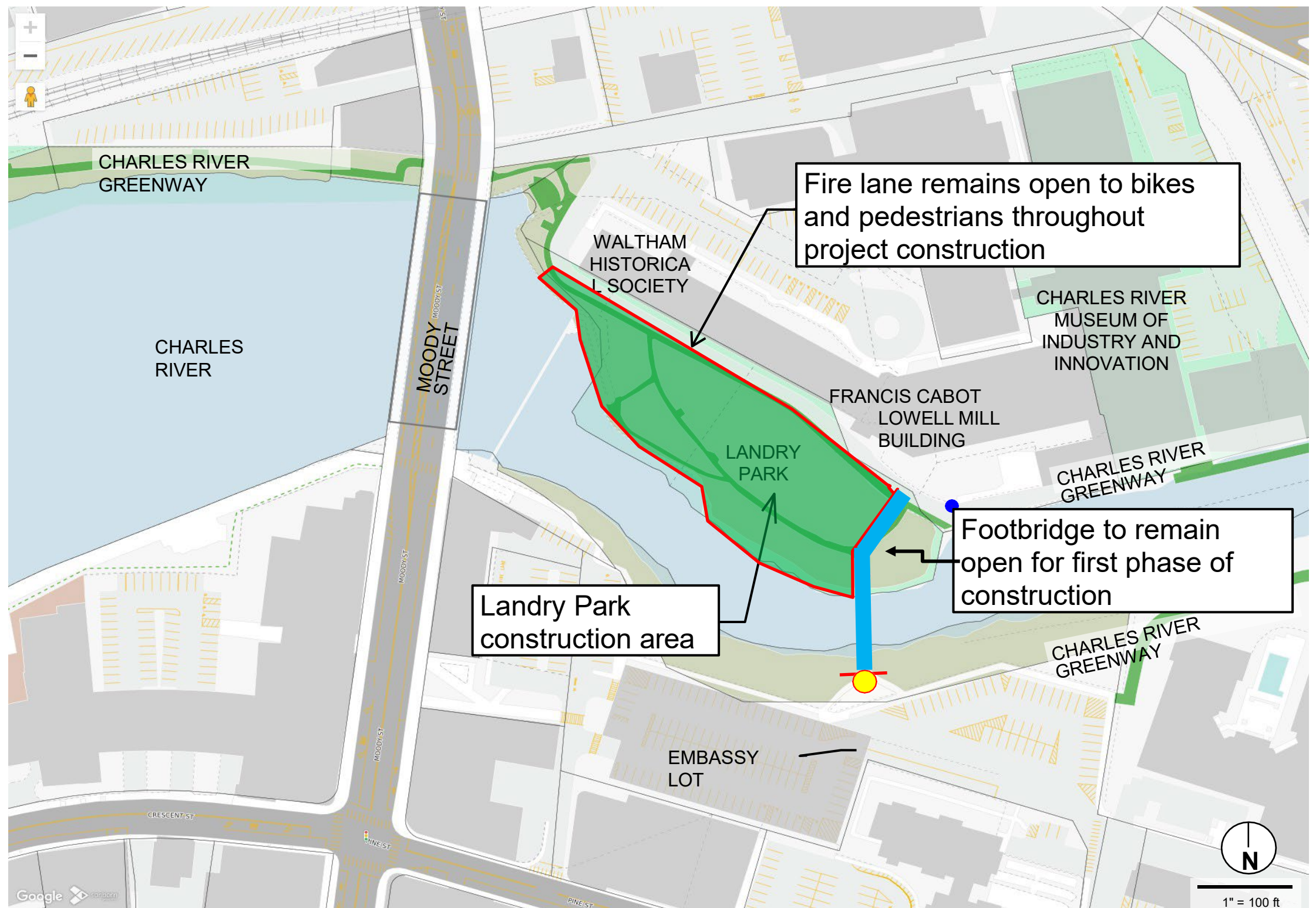


Construction Process & Timeline

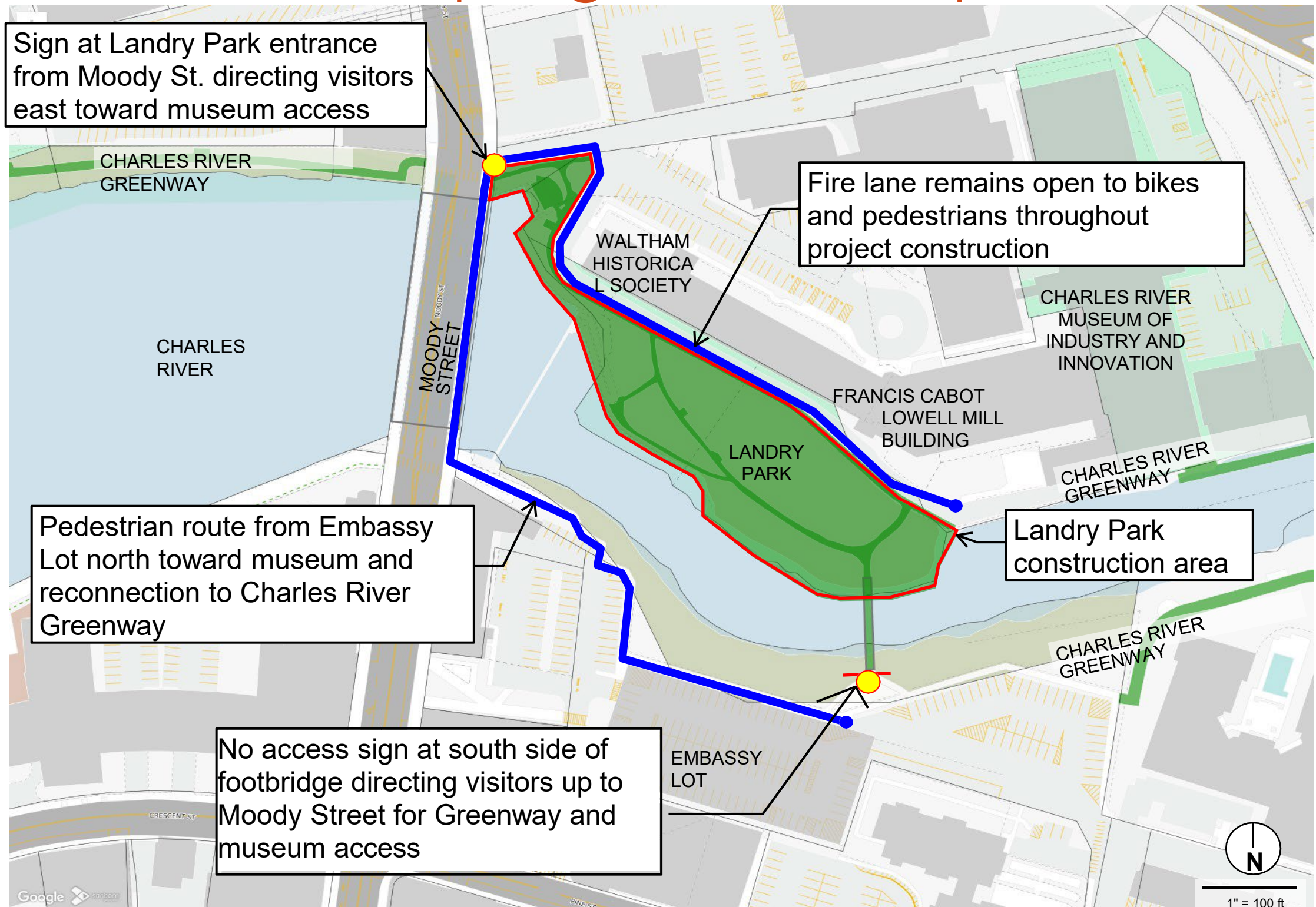
- **Construction Fence & Tree Protection Installed**
Footbridge remains open (Late Fall 2025)
- **Work Begins-Site Demolition & Preparation**
(Fall 2025- Winter 2026)
- **Full Site Closure** (Early Spring 2026)
- **Completion** (Summer 2026)



Construction- Fall 2025- Winter 2026



Construction- Spring 2026- Completion



Additional Information

- Recording and tonight's slide deck will be available at:
 - www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings
- If you have comments on this project:
 - Submit online: www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment
 - Deadline: **Thursday, October 30th, 2025**

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.
- If you wish to subscribe to a DCR general information or project-related listserv: contact DCR's Office of Community Relations via email at: mass.parks@mass.gov

Thank You!



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