PARKS AND TRAILS PLAN

British Columbia VALEMOUNT

Project Overview

The Village of Valemount is developing a Parks and Trails Plan to guide improvements to parks and trails over the next 10 years.

PROCESS

PHASE 1 Startup + Data Gathering

PHASE 2 Engagement Round 1

PHASE 3 Analysis + Program Development

PHASE 4 Draft Concepts + Trails Plan

PHASE 5 **Engagement Round 2**

PHASE 6 Final Draft Parks + Trails Plan

PHASE 7 **Final Parks + Trails Plan**

WHAT WE HEARD: ROUND 1 ENGAGEMENT

TRAILS AND PATHWAYS

Trails and pathways are highly valued and used.

93% of survey respondents walk or run on the Village's trails and pathways.

Improving connectivity is a significant opportunity.

Top priority to improve connectivity between parks, schools, downtown, and Cranberry Marsh.

There is a desire for safe and accessible trails.

Concerns concentrated along Bigfoot Trail at highway and rail crossings and primary routes to schools.

PARKS

Centennial Park is the most popular park.

30% of respondents visit daily or weekly compared to 16% for the Sportsplex and 16% for John Osadchuck Park.

Sports courts are the target for improvement.

Only **7%** of respondents are satisfied with sport courts.

Winter recreation activities are minimal.

Only **14%** of survey respondents are satisfied with winter recreation opportunities in parks.

Festivals and events bring people to parks.

86% of survey respondents noted community events and festivals as the primary reason for park visitation.

WHO WE HEARD FROM

55 public survey responses

6 organizations in stakeholder workshops

8 walk-shop participants

14 attendees of the open house

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Scan the QR code and complete the survey by November 18th, 2026.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ValeParksTrails2



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PROPOSED TRAILS PLAN

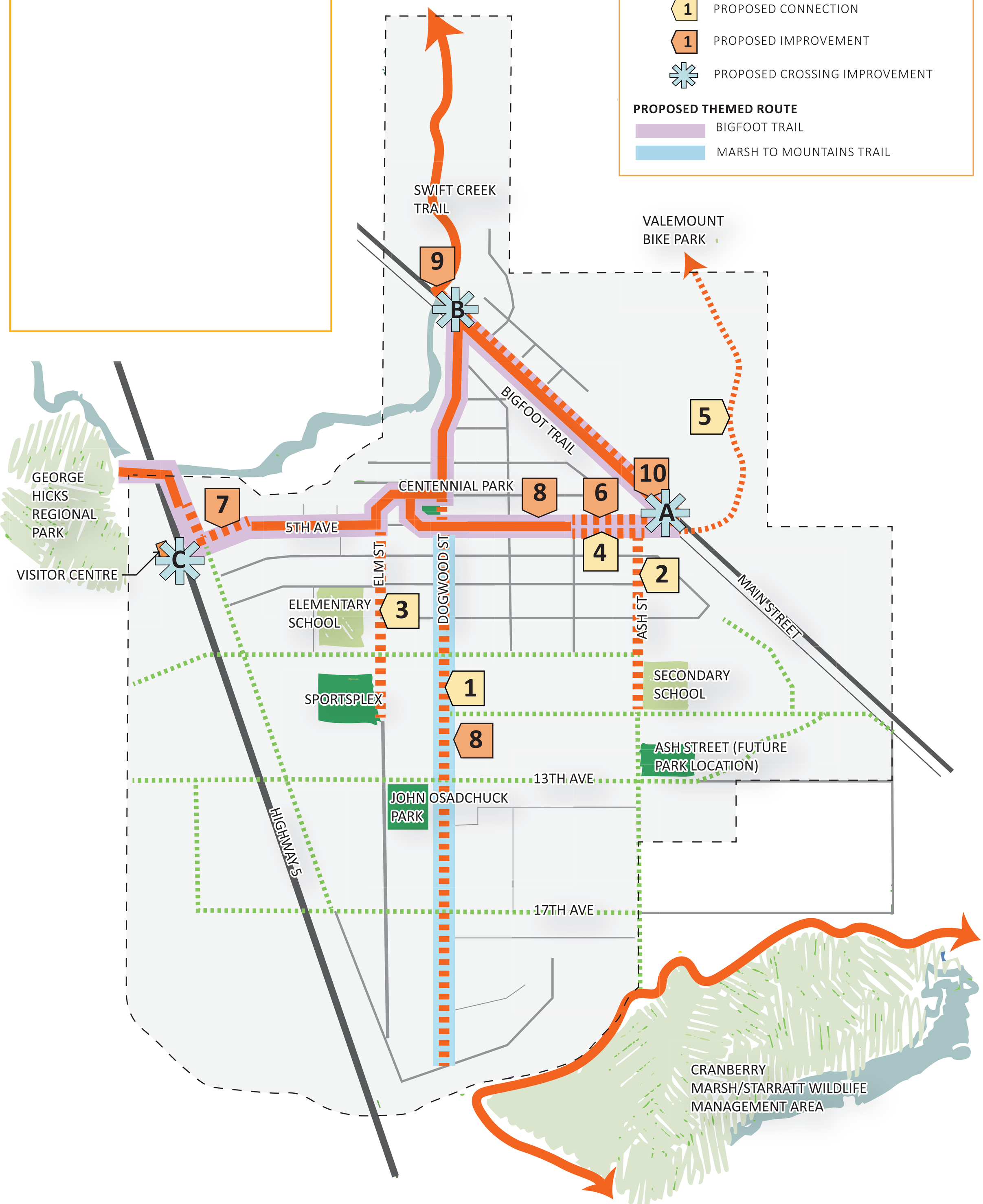
SHARE YOUR IDEAS

LEGEND

- EXISTING ROUTES
- PROPOSED CONNECTIONS
- PROPOSED LONG-TERM FUTURE ROUTES
- 1 PROPOSED CONNECTION
- 1 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT
- PROPOSED CROSSING IMPROVEMENT

PROPOSED THEMED ROUTE

- BIGFOOT TRAIL
- MARSH TO MOUNTAINS TRAIL



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PROPOSED CONNECTIONS

1 Trail/route along Dogwood Street from 5th Ave (Centennial Park) to Cranberry Marsh (Proposed "Marsh to Mountains" route)
Paved separated trail.

2 Trail/route along Ash Street from 5th Ave to Valemount Secondary School
Paved separated trail.

3 Trail/route along Elm Street from 5th Ave to the Valemount Sportsplex
Paved separated trail.

4 Extend the sidewalk on the south side of 5th Ave from mid-block near Cedar Street to Ash Street

5 Shared-road bike route to Valemount Bike Park

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

6 Add pavement markings to define the sidewalk on the north side of Main Street from mid-block near Cedar Street to Main Street.
Edge line striping and pathway markings to clearly identify the trail. Bollards at strategic locations.

7 Add pavement markings to define Bigfoot Trail along Swift Creek Road to 5th Ave and to George Place, connecting to the existing Bigfoot Trail

8 Create trail theme and improve wayfinding signage for Bigfoot Trail and "Marsh to Mountains" proposed trail

9 Develop a new accessible trailhead for Swift Creek Trail with parking on the north side of the street
New accessible trailhead at Swift Creek Trail including gradual slopes, signage, trailhead map, and trail connection directly to new parking area.

★ **10** Improve Valemount Bike Park wayfinding signage on Main Street

11 Add additional bike racks at key destinations along the trail network such as parks, schools, and businesses

12 Add lighting to key trails
Bigfoot Trail and proposed north-south connector trail on Dogwood Street

PROPOSED LONG-TERM FUTURE ROUTES

13 Long-term New Routes
Series of proposed routes to be developed in the future as Valemount communities develop and as the need arises for more trails. These trails could be paved sepeareted trails, gravel trails or shared road routes depending on location and future demand.

★ PROPOSED ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT

EXAMPLES


SHARED ROAD PAVEMENT MARKING



SHARED ROAD ROUTE


THEMED TRAIL PAVEMENT ART



TRAIL BRANDING SIGNAGE



TRAIL WAYFINDING SIGNAGE


BIKE RACKS


TRAIL LIGHTING OPTION - OVERHEAD


TRAIL LIGHTING OPTION - BOLLARD


PAVED SEPARATED TRAIL EXAMPLE



TRAIN TRACKS CROSSING TREATEMENT

PROPOSED CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS

★ **A** Improve the trail crossing at the train tracks at 5th Ave

★ **B** Improve the trail crossing at the train tracks at Dogwood Street

C Add a pedestrian crossing across Cranberry Lake Rd to connect Hwy. 5 crossings with the Visitor Centre path

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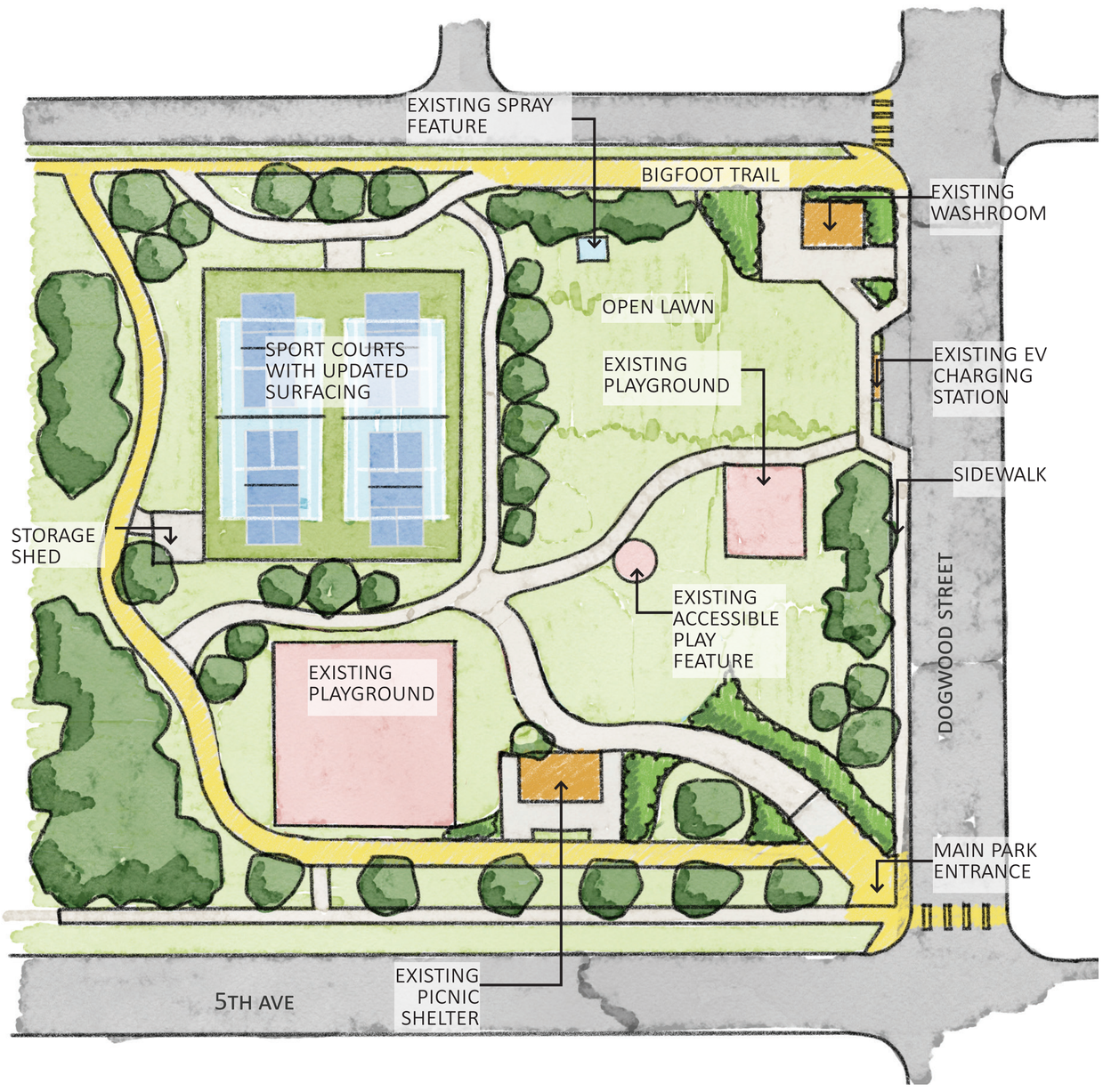
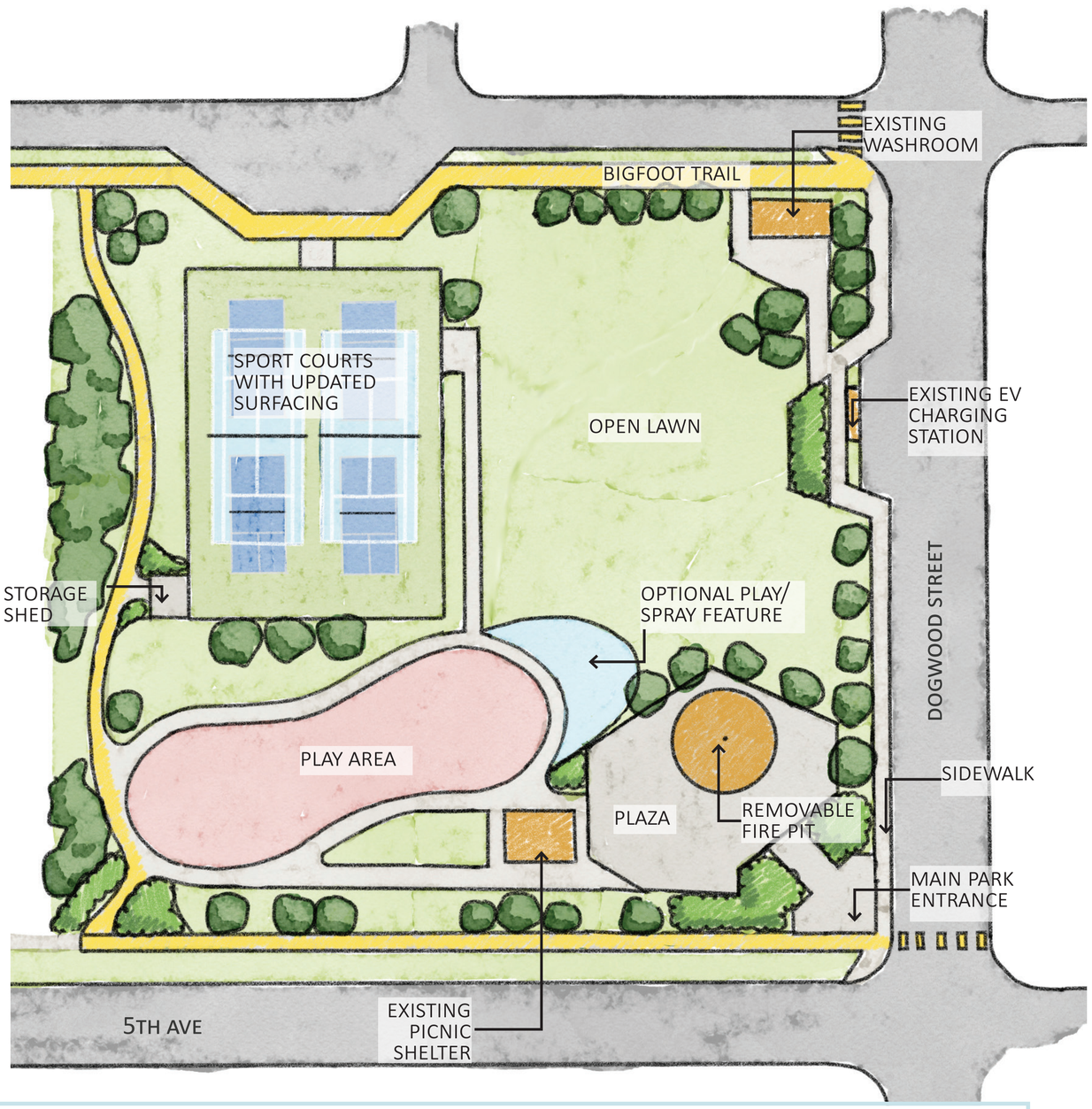
CENTENNIAL PARK

CONCEPT 1: PLAY AND MOVE



CONCEPT 2 : YEAR-ROUND GATHER



CONCEPT 1: KEY FEATURES

- Retain existing play equipment throughout the park and connect with accessible trails ★
- Smaller open lawn space
- Costs less

CONCEPT 2: KEY FEATURES

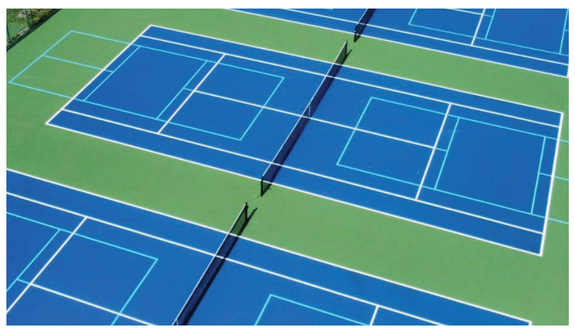
- One large play area with new play equipment and surfacing (could include new accessible play equipment) ★
- Removable seasonal fire pit
- Plaza gathering space with seating
- Larger open lawn space
- Costs more

SHARED FEATURES

- Accessible pathway connections ★
- Shade trees
- New park entrance with signage
- Resurfaced sport courts with pickleball lines

★ = PROPOSED ACCESSIBILITY FEATURE

PRECEDENTS



SPORT COURT SURFACING



NEW SPRAY / PLAY FEATURE



SEASONAL FIRE PIT



NEW PARK ENTRANCE



EXISTING PLAY EQUIPMENT



EXISTING PLAY EQUIPMENT



PLAZA WITH SEATING



NEW PLAY AREA

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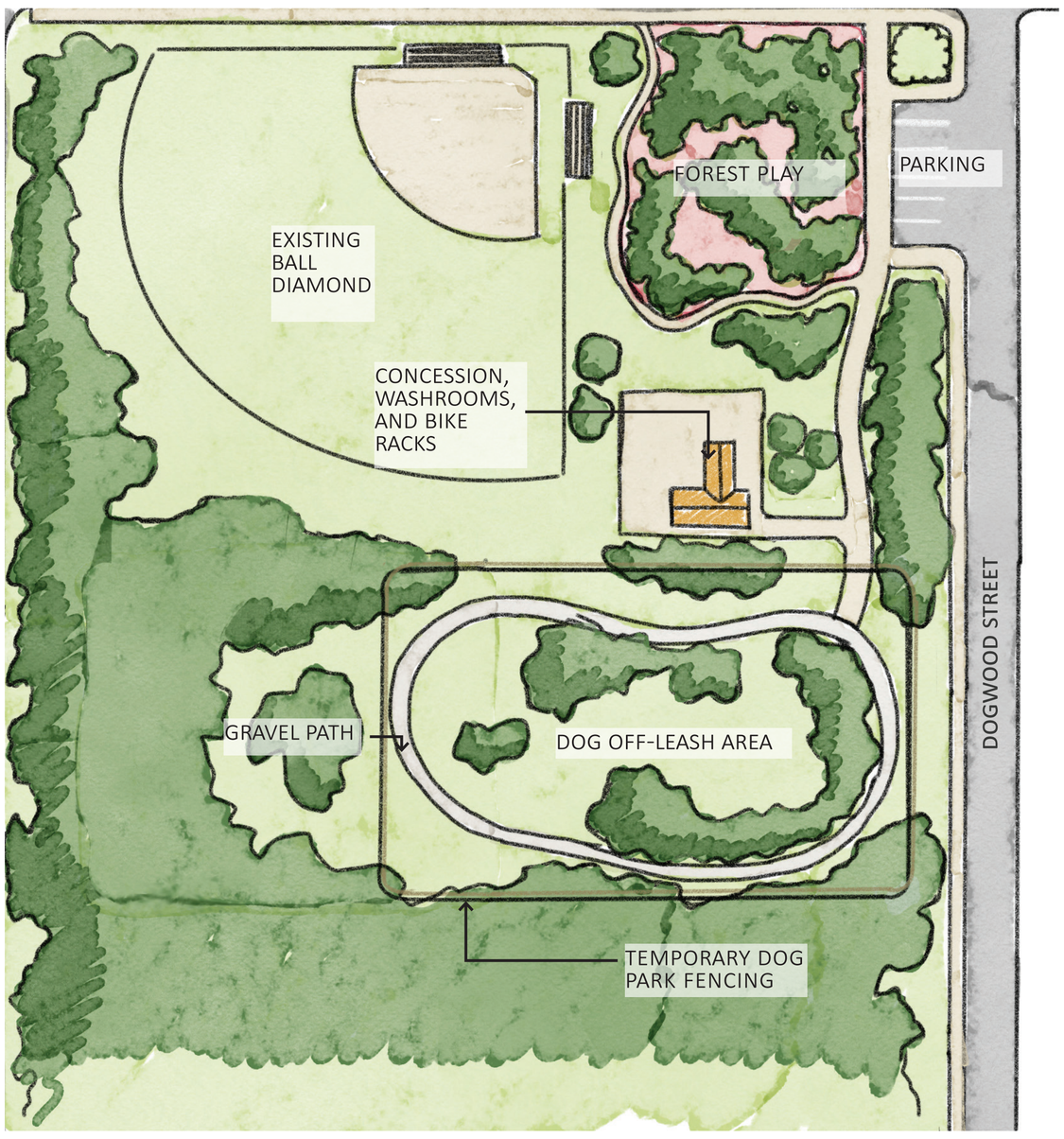
JOHN OSADCHUCK PARK

CONCEPT 1: NATURAL ADVENTURE



CONCEPT 2: ACTIVE ADVENTURE



CONCEPT 1 KEY FEATURES

- Dog park closer to Dogwood Street with temporary fencing
- Forest play area
- Costs Less

CONCEPT 2 KEY FEATURES

- Expanded dog park with permanent fencing and dog water station
- Skate park/additional play area
- Picnic area
- Updated playground, could include accessible play equipment ★
- Costs more

SHARED FEATURES

- Dog park directional signage
- Formalized parking ★
- Bike racks
- Reopened concession stand and washrooms ★
- Formal park entrance with signage

★ = PROPOSED ACCESSIBILITY FEATURE

PRECEDENTS



NEW PLAY GROUND



DOG OFF LEASH AREA W/ PERMANENT FENCING



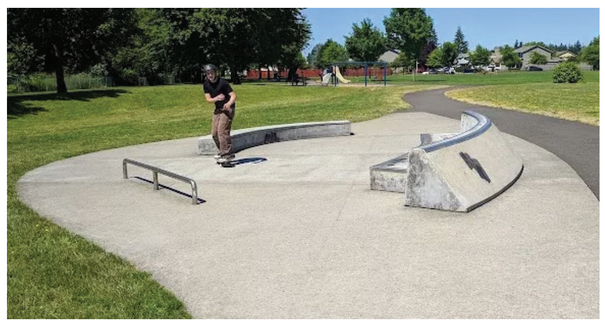
FOREST PLAY FEATURES



DOG PARK SIGNAGE



OPTION FOR ADDITIONAL PLAY AREA



SKATE PARK



FOREST PLAY FEATURES



BIKE RACKS

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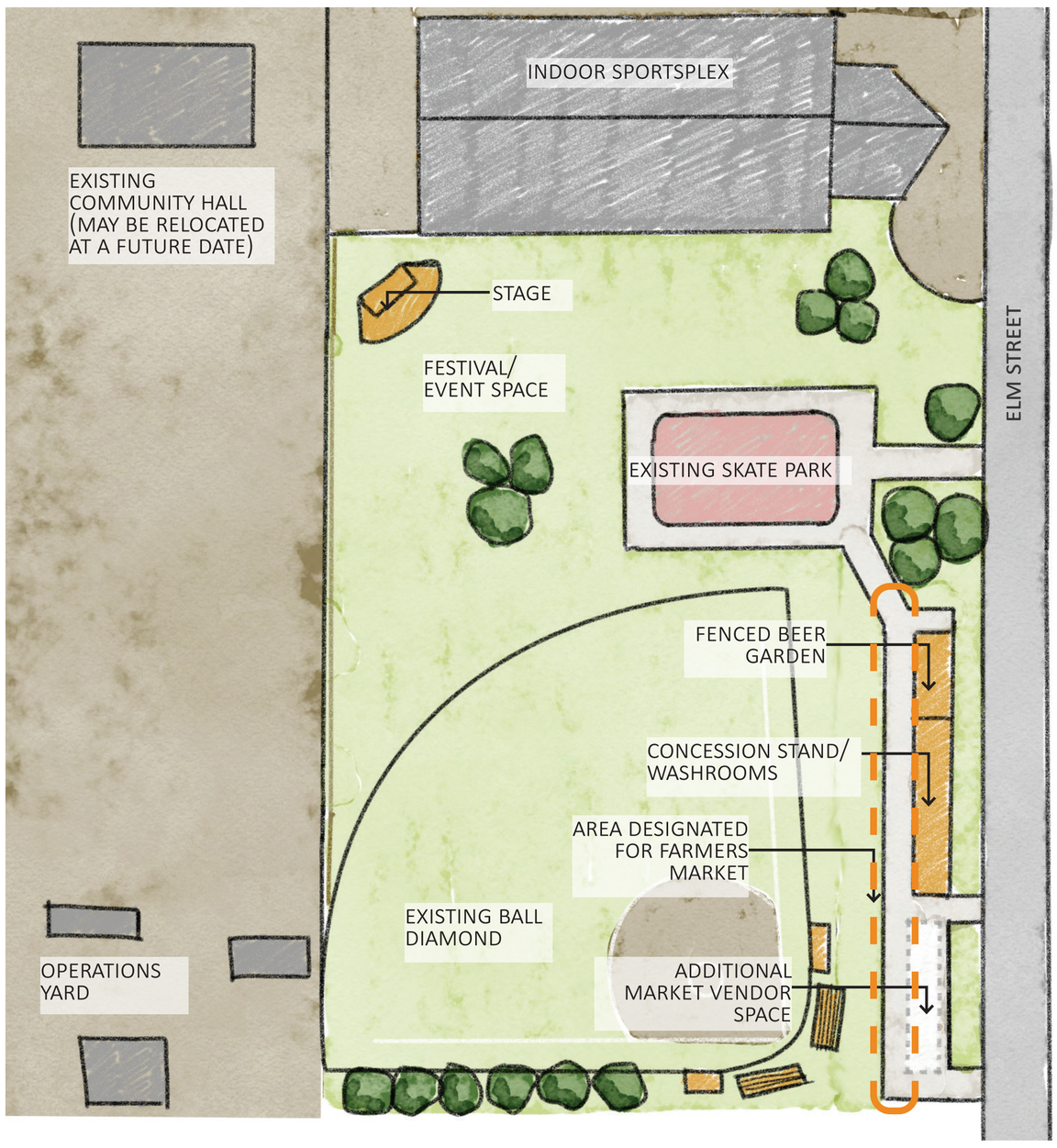
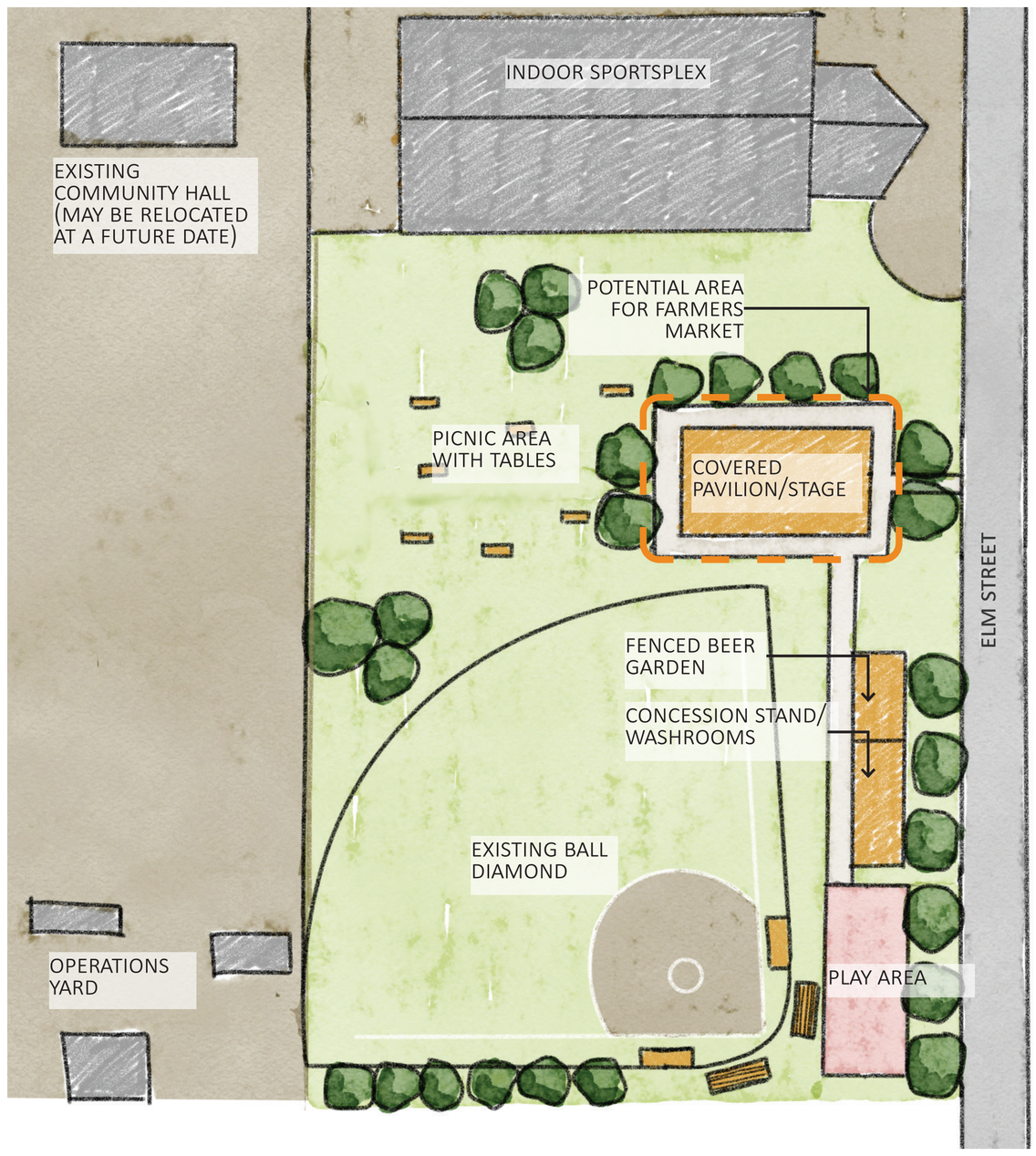
VALEMOUNT SPORTSPLEX

CONCEPT 1: FESTIVAL GROUNDS



CONCEPT 2: FARMER'S MARKET HUB



CONCEPT 1 KEY FEATURES

- Linear farmers market area
- New outdoor stage with lawn space for festivals and events
- Retention of skate park
- Costs less

CONCEPT 2 KEY FEATURES

- Covered pavilion and small stage for events and farmers market
- New small play area
- Picnic area
- Costs more

SHARED FEATURES

- Upgraded accessible washrooms
- New beer garden location
- Updated concession stand
- Open lawn

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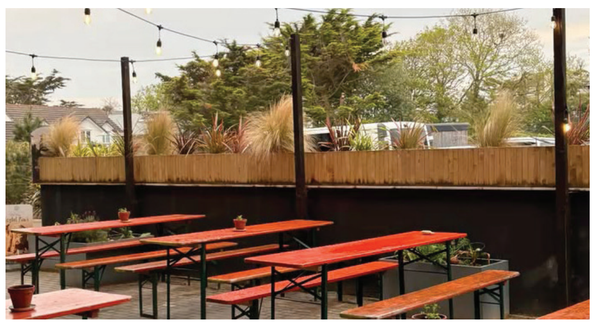
PRECEDENTS





OUTDOOR STAGE

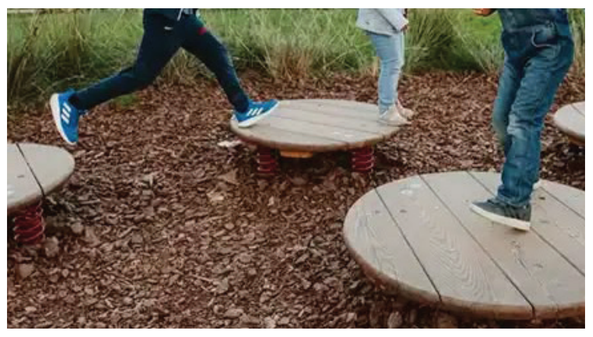




BEER GARDEN



SMALL PLAY AREA







COVERED PAVILION

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ASH STREET (FUTURE PARK LOCATION)

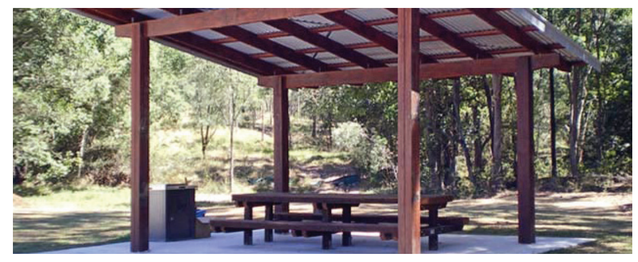
CONCEPT 1: FOREST EXPLORATION LOOP



PRECEDENTS



SEASONAL LIGHTING



PICNIC SHELTER



NATURE PLAY AREA

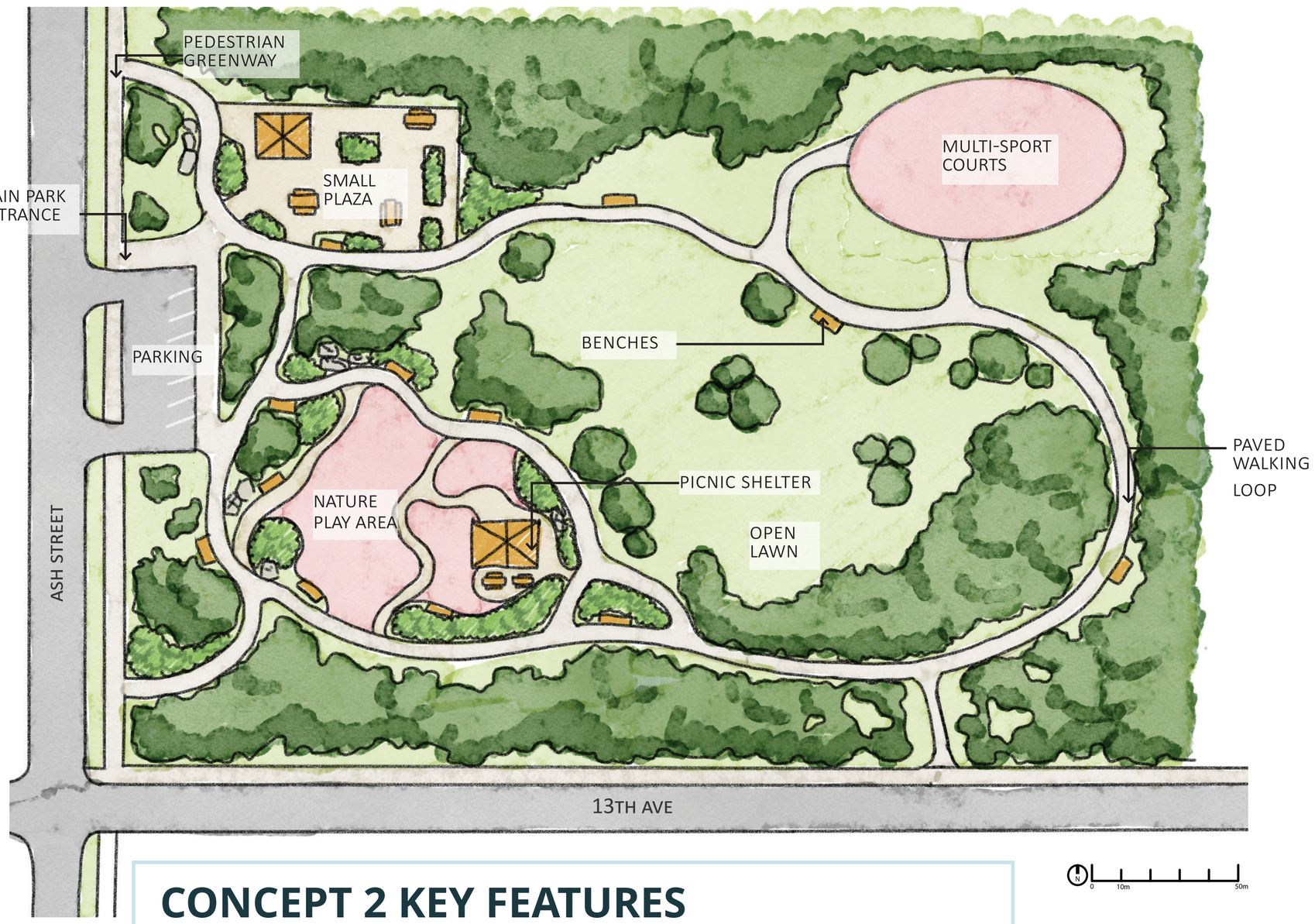
CONCEPT 1 KEY FEATURES

- Gravel walking loop
- Seasonal lighting
- Interpretive signage
- Costs less

SHARED FEATURES

- Nature play area
- Gathering space
- Seating ★
- Designated parking ★

CONCEPT 2: ACTIVE NATURE PARK



PRECEDENTS



NATURE PLAY AREA



SMALL PLAZA



MULTI-SPORT COURTS



PAVED WALKING LOOP

CONCEPT 2 KEY FEATURES

- Paved walking loop ★
- Small plaza
- Multi-sport courts
- Open lawn
- Costs more

★ = PROPOSED ACCESSIBILITY FEATURE