



# TALKING DIRTY

Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference  
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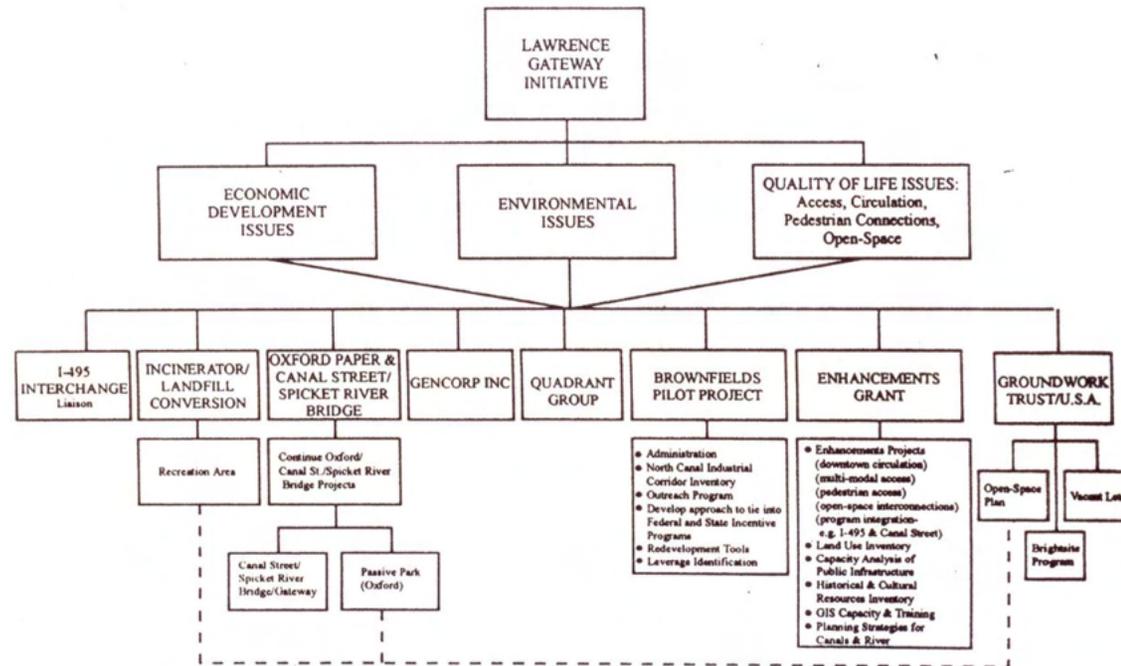
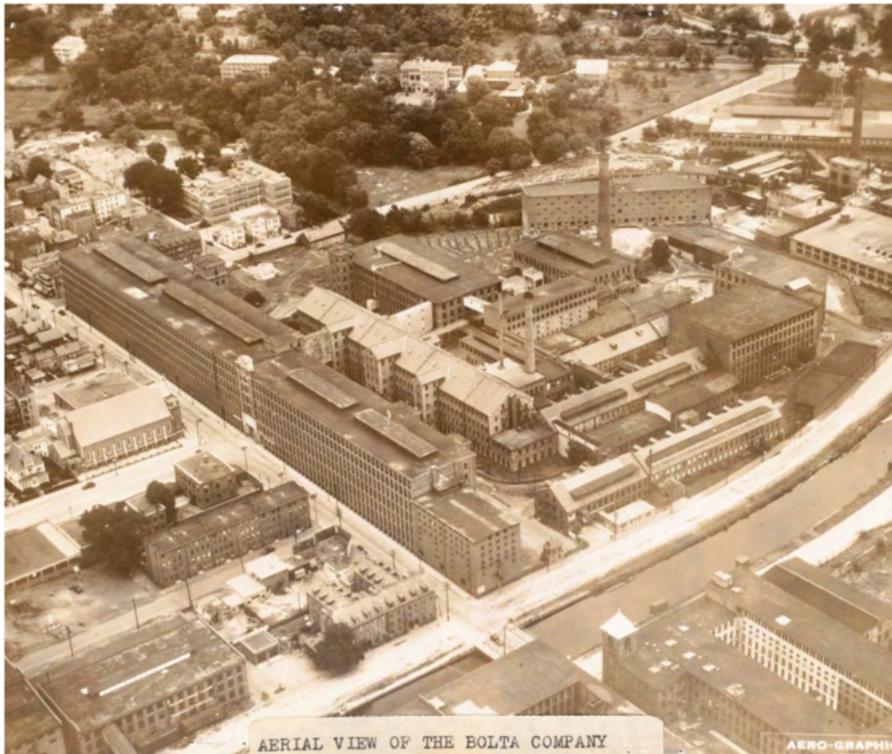
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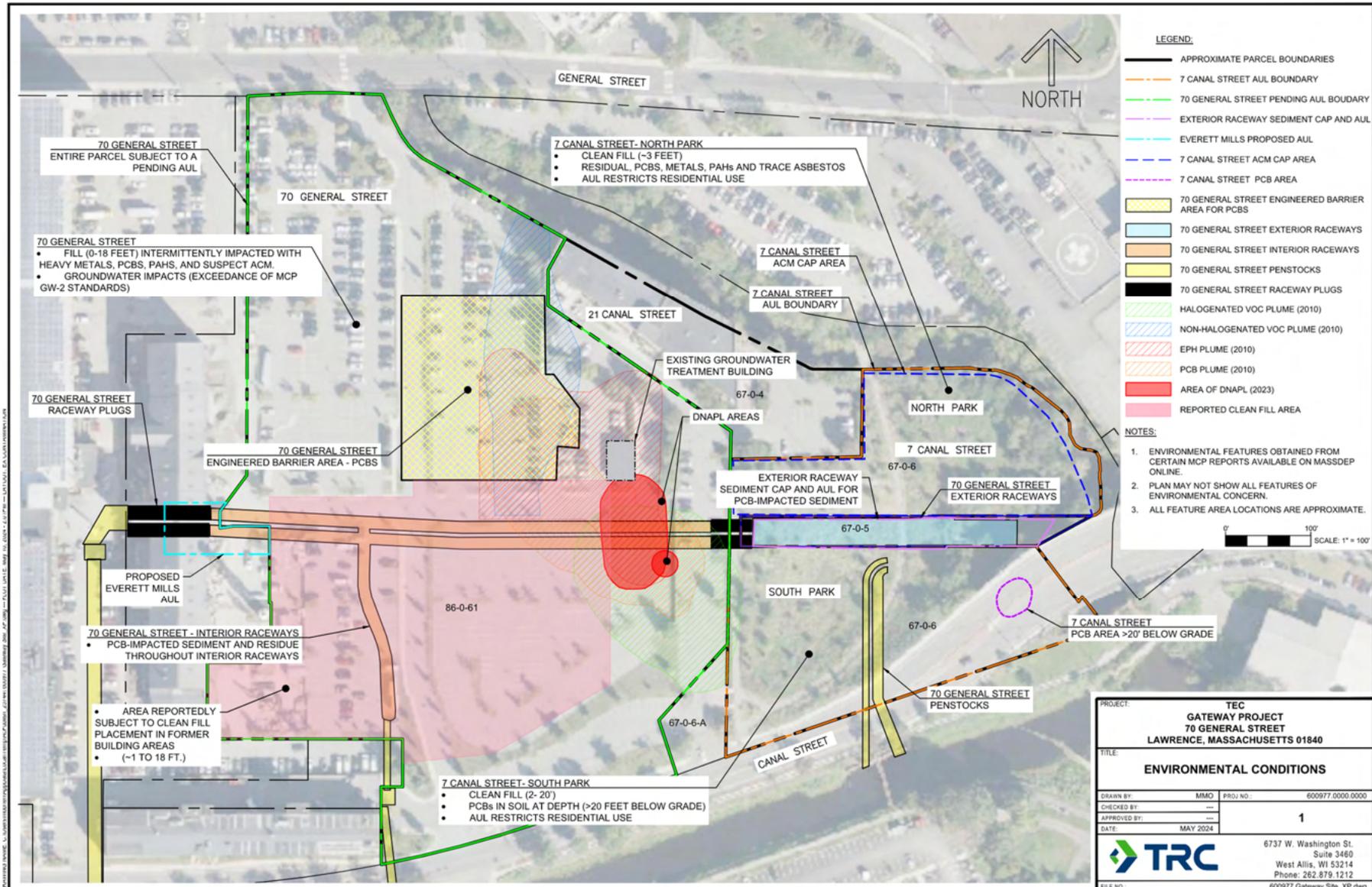


# CHANGING PLACES CHANGING LIVES



# Lawrence Gateway Initiative





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**LEGEND:**

- APPROXIMATE PARCEL BOUNDARIES
- - - 7 CANAL STREET AUL BOUNDARY
- - - 70 GENERAL STREET PENDING AUL BOUNDARY
- - - EXTERIOR RACEWAY SEDIMENT CAP AND AUL
- - - EVERETT MILLS PROPOSED AUL
- - - 7 CANAL STREET ACM CAP AREA
- - - 7 CANAL STREET PCB AREA
- 70 GENERAL STREET ENGINEERED BARRIER AREA FOR PCBs
- 70 GENERAL STREET EXTERIOR RACEWAYS
- 70 GENERAL STREET INTERIOR RACEWAYS
- 70 GENERAL STREET PENSTOCKS
- 70 GENERAL STREET RACEWAY PLUGS
- HALOGENATED VOC PLUME (2010)
- NON-HALOGENATED VOC PLUME (2010)
- EPH PLUME (2010)
- PCB PLUME (2010)
- AREA OF DNAPL (2023)
- REPORTED CLEAN FILL AREA

**NOTES:**

1. ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES OBTAINED FROM CERTAIN MCP REPORTS AVAILABLE ON MASSDEP ONLINE.
2. PLAN MAY NOT SHOW ALL FEATURES OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN.
3. ALL FEATURE AREA LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE.

0' 100'  
SCALE: 1" = 100'

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# Public-Private Partnership

- City provides overall strategic guidance, project oversight and fiscal management
- Groundwork as Owner's Representative
  - Project management
  - Community engagement
  - Contract with consultants
    - (Surveyors, Civil Engineers, Structural Engineers, Geotechnical Engineers, Environmental Engineers, Landscape Architects, Architects, General Contractors)
- Direct purchase of equipment



# Public-Private Partnership



# The Ferrous Site (5.4 acres)



# Environmental Education



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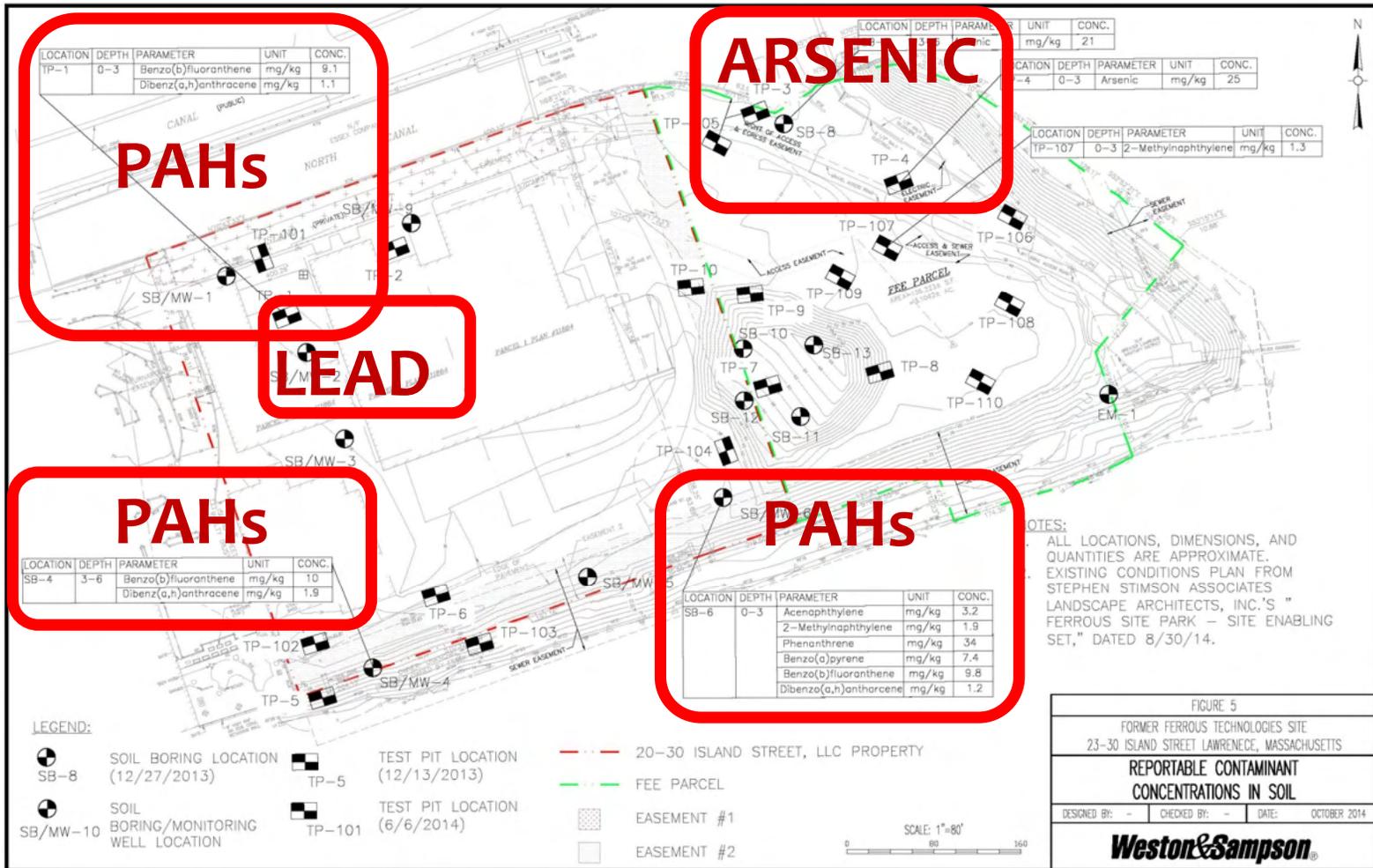


# Waterfall Yo!





# Brownfield Assessment



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SAMPLE LOCATION	DATE	MERCURY	ARSENIC	LEAD	BENZO(A)ANTHRACENE	BENZO(A)PYRENE	BENZO(B)FLUORANTHENE	DIBENZ(A,H)ANTHRACENE
TP-101 (0-3)	6/6/2014	12	3.8	33	0.76	0.86	1.6	0.09
TP-101 (5-8)	6/6/2014	11	3.3	9.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
TP-102 (0-3)	6/6/2014	14	4.7	100	1.4	1.9	3.4	0.31
TP-102 (5-8)	6/6/2014	22	15	150	0.09	0.09	0.23	0.09
TP-103 (0-3)	6/6/2014	13	6.6	24	1.1	1.1	1.7	0.095
TP-103 (5-8)	6/6/2014	43	5.8	36	2.1	1.8	2.2	0.43
TP-104 (0-3)	6/6/2014	2.9	1.4	4.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
TP-104 (5-8)	6/6/2014	21	1.35	3.4	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
TP-105 (0-3)	6/6/2014	17	17	7.6	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095
TP-105 (5-8)	6/6/2014	5.7	1.3	2.6	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095
TP-106 (0-3)	6/6/2014	16	3.4	26	0.39	0.41	0.64	0.09
TP-106 (5-8)	6/6/2014	13	1.3	20	0.38	0.37	0.65	0.095
TP-107 (0-3)	6/6/2014	6.3	1.25	4	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
TP-107 (5-8)	6/6/2014	5.3	1.2	46	0.21	0.2	0.41	0.09
TP-108 (0-3)	6/6/2014	8.6	1.35	8.6	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095
TP-108 (5-8)	6/6/2014	14	5	22	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105
TP-109 (0-3)	6/6/2014	23	4.4	4.4	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
TP-109 (5-8)	6/6/2014	15	5.9	100	0.82	0.73	0.91	0.095
DUP-1 [TP-109 (5-8)]	6/6/2014	15	5.8	98	0.68	0.58	0.76	0.095
TP-110 (0-3)	6/6/2014	6.2	1.3	7.3	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095
TP-110 (5-8)	6/6/2014	5.4	1.3	6.4	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095
DUP-1 [TP-1 (0-3)]	12/13/2013	0.013	1.3	9.6	0.51	0.49	0.77	0.055
TP-1 (0-3)	12/13/2013	0.013	1.3	11	7	6.2	9.1	1.1
TP-2 (0-3)	12/13/2013	0.013	11	14	0.055	0.055	0.11	0.055
TP-3 (0-3)	12/13/2013	0.12	19	120	0.29	0.31	0.53	0.06
TP-4 (0-3)	12/13/2013	0.11	25	120	0.46	0.51	0.85	0.055
TP-5 (0-3)	12/13/2013	0.1	4.5	260	4.1	4.5	6.3	0.89
TP-6 (0-3)	12/13/2013	0.07	6.8	60	1.2	1.5	2.6	0.36
TP-7 (0-3)	12/13/2013	0.0135	1.3	4.0	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055
TP-8 (0-3)	12/13/2013	0.0125	1.25	6.7	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
TP-9 (0-3)	12/13/2013	0.013	1.25	7.6	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055
SB-1 (0-3)	12/26/2013	0.049	3.9	13	0.49	0.4	0.53	0.055
SB-10 (3-6)	12/27/2013	0.013	1.3	3.8	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055
SB-11 (3-6)	12/27/2013	0.013	1.2	5.7	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
SB-12 (3-6)	12/27/2013	0.0125	1.25	7.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
SB-13 (3-6)	12/27/2013	0.0125	1.25	5.7	0.0495	0.0495	0.0495	0.0495
SB-2 (0-6)	12/27/2013	0.048	4.1	180	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055
SB-3 (0-3)	12/27/2013	0.69	16	570	0.82	0.72	1.2	0.15
SB-4 (3-6)	12/26/2013	0.03	5.4	24	5	6.8	10	1.9
SB-5 (0-3)	12/26/2013	0.16	7.4	46	1	0.99	1.4	0.19
SB-6 (0-3)	12/26/2013	1.8	8.7	110	8.4	7.4	9.8	1.2
SB-8 (3-6)	12/27/2013	0.19	21	87	0.32	0.33	0.49	0.055
SB-9 (0-3)	12/27/2013	0.055	12	19	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
DUP-1 [SB-9 (0-3)]	12/27/2013	0.46	7.9	16	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055
Max		43	25	570	8.4	7.4	10	1.9
Mean		6.67	5.83	54.88	0.89	0.91	1.31	0.21
S-1/GW-2		20	20	200	7	2	7	0.7
S-1/GW-3		20	20	200	7	2	7	0.7
S-2/GW-3		30	20	600	40	4	40	4
S-3/GW-3		30	50	600	40	4	40	4

Notes:

- BOLD** Parameter detected above laboratory detection limit
  - BOLD** Parameter exceeds the applicable MCP Method 1, S-1 standard
- All concentrations in milligrams per kilogram

# Ferrous Site Park Plan



# Community Engagement



# Green Infrastructure









## THE WILD MEADOW

The meadow hill was planted with the intention of growing wild, creating an occupiable landform that changes with the seasons.

FERROUS FOUNDRY PARK



## THE SCULPTED LANDFORM

The landform's definition is best articulated in winter, when the snow cover makes legible the 2:1 sloping sides and 7:1 sloped shallow face.

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## THE STONE ARMORING

Salvaged stone armoring, inspired by the existing rip rap found along the banks of the Merrimack, reinforces the base of the hill.

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## **THE MERRIMACK PROMENADE**

Site entry along the edge of the Merrimack, where a stone dust promenade path separates a 430-foot sediment forebay from the existing forested riverbank.

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## THE SITE CONFLUENCE

A custom galvanized steel bridge spans the sediment forebay and bioretention basin, completing a site-long path connection from the North Canal to the Merrimack.

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## **THE SPONTANEOUS WOODLANDS**

Areas of existing spontaneous woodland were preserved and cleared of dead material. Looping paths weave visitors through the woodlands and out to newly formed clearings.

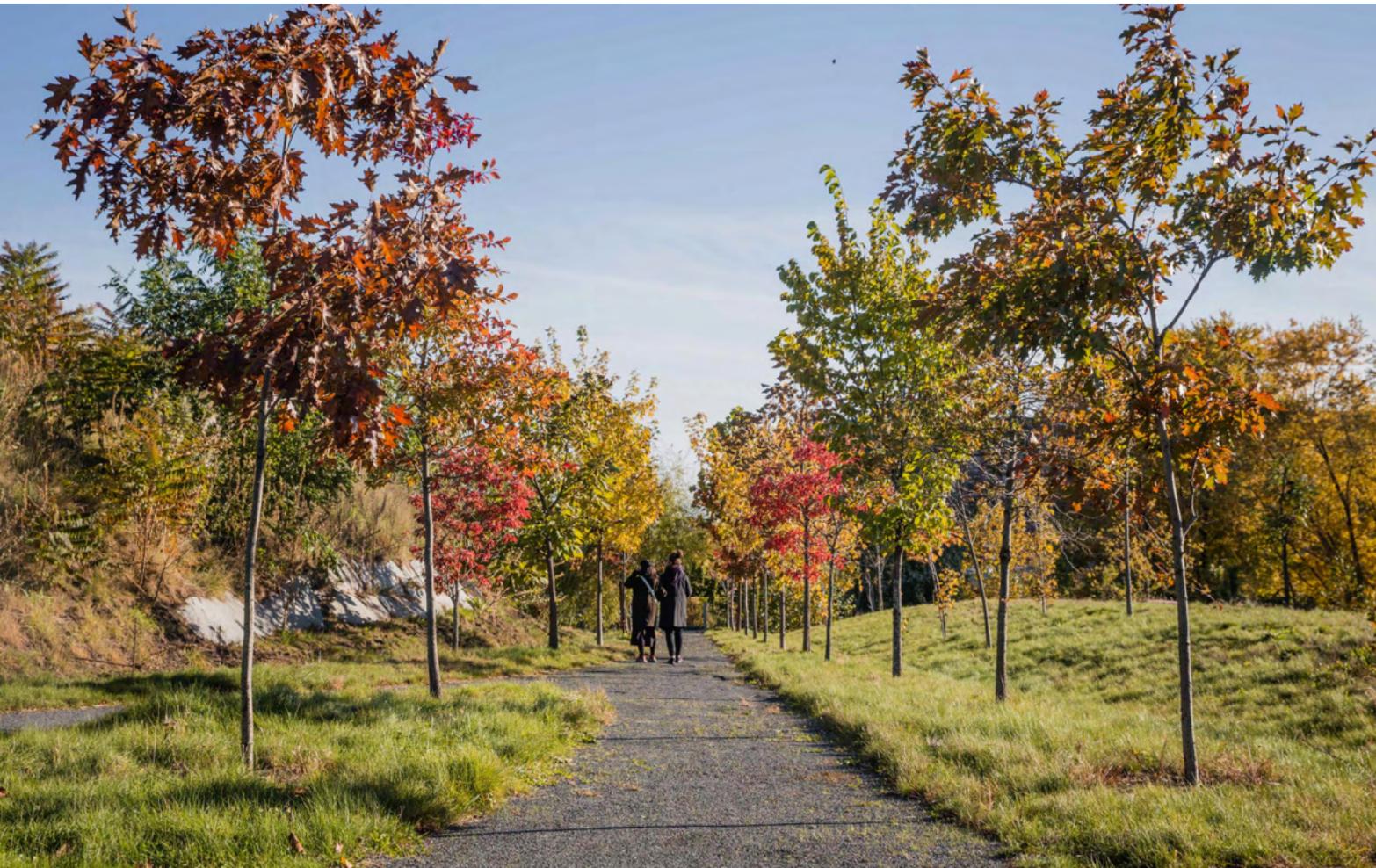
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## THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

At the end of the Canal overlooking a spillway, a stone dust terrace and roofed structure offer flexible gathering space for the community.

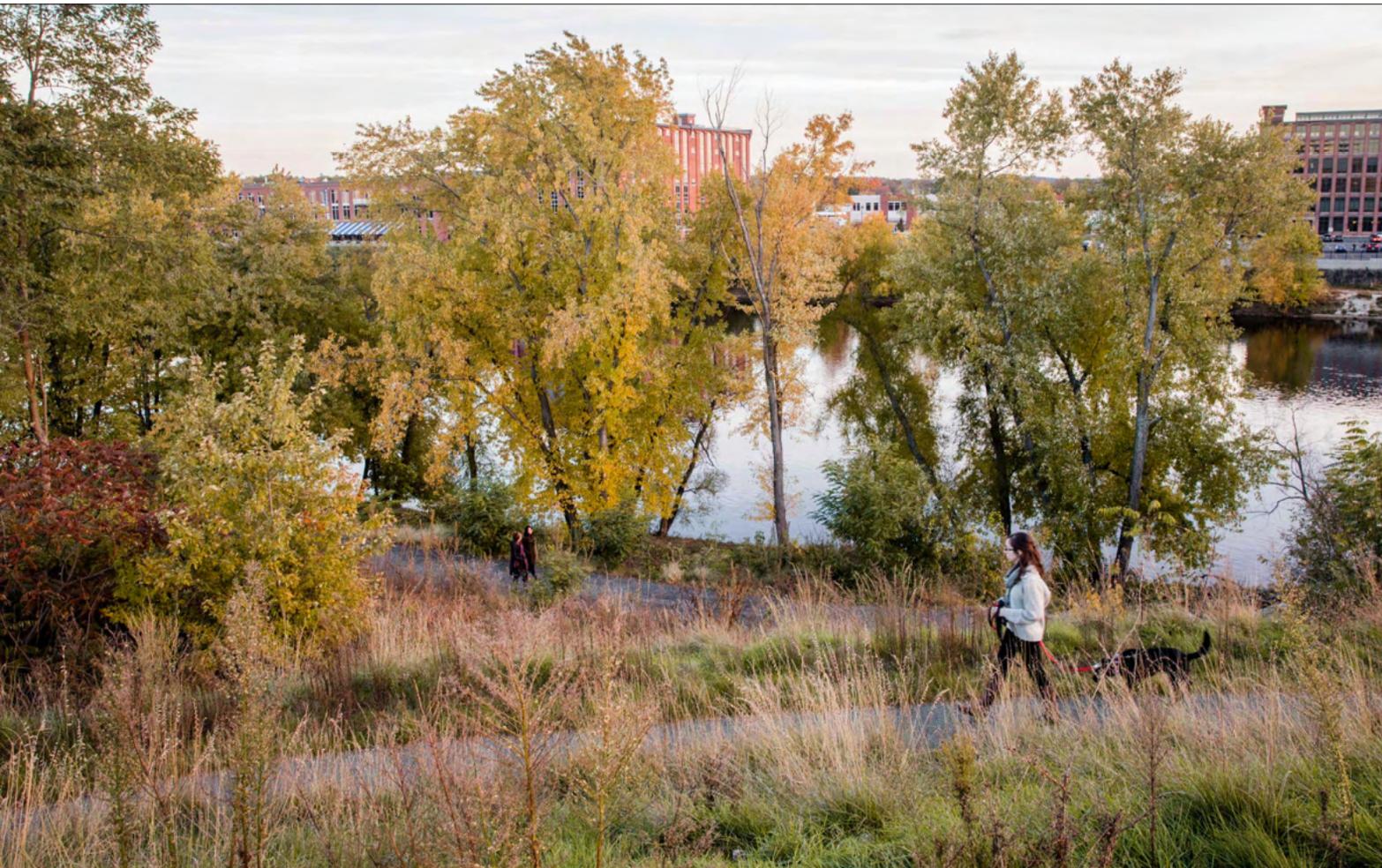
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### **THE WILD ARBORETUM ALLEE**

A planted allee of assorted native tree species found on site frames the north-south connection between the park's North Canal and Merrimack River edges.

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## **THE LAYERED SITE CIRCULATION**

The site-wide stone dust path system creates an ADA-accessible circulation loop from the park's low lying areas to the top of the hill.

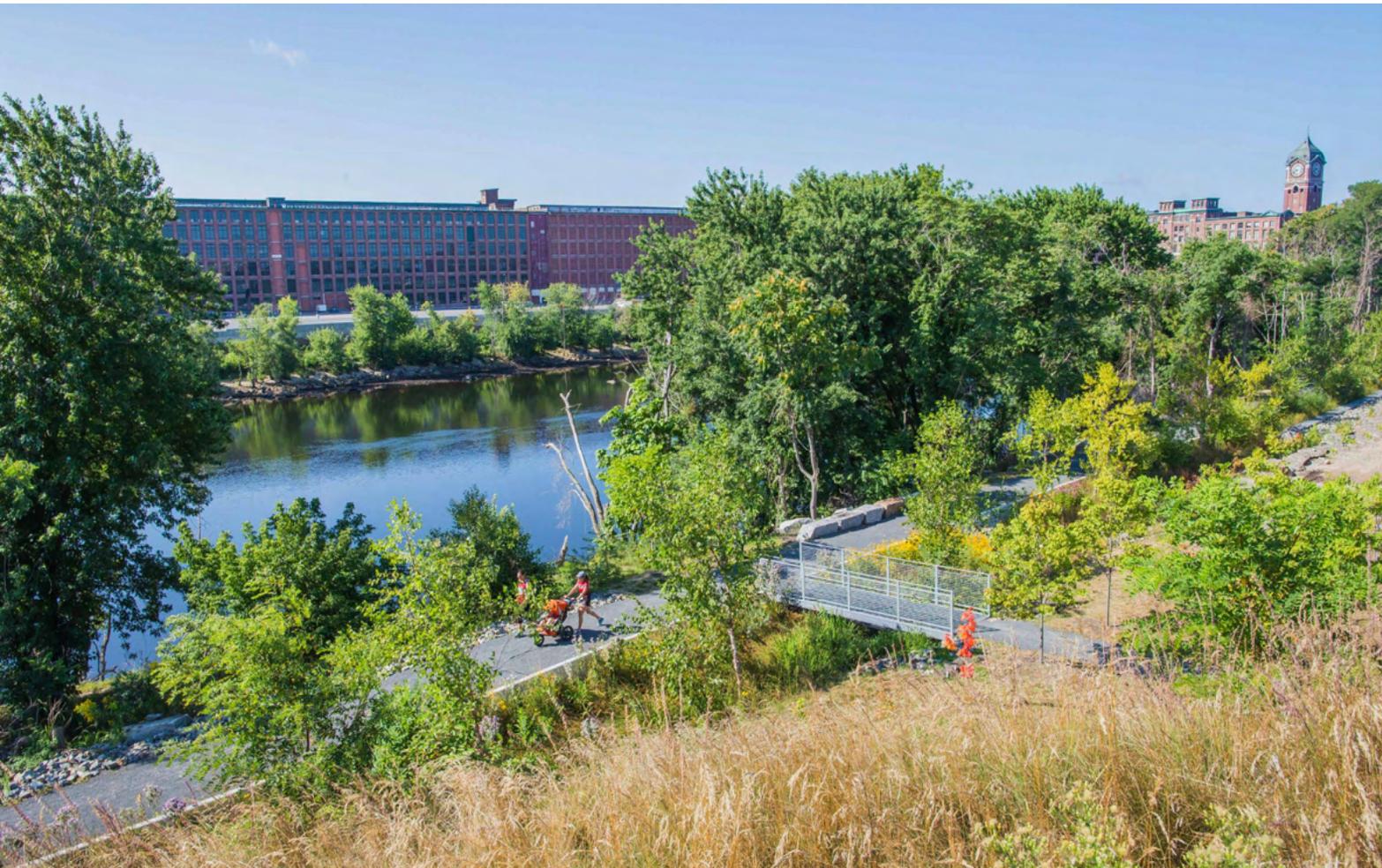
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## THE PROMONTORY TERRACE

Salvaged granite seating blocks edge the rim of the accessible paved promontory at the top of the hill.

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## THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

Views of the Merrimack and historic Ayer Mill Clock Tower. A monumental landform and community symbol, the hill is visible from I-495 and surrounding waterways.

FERROUS FOUNDRY PARK

# Island Parkside Housing Infill Development



# Lawrence Soils

