



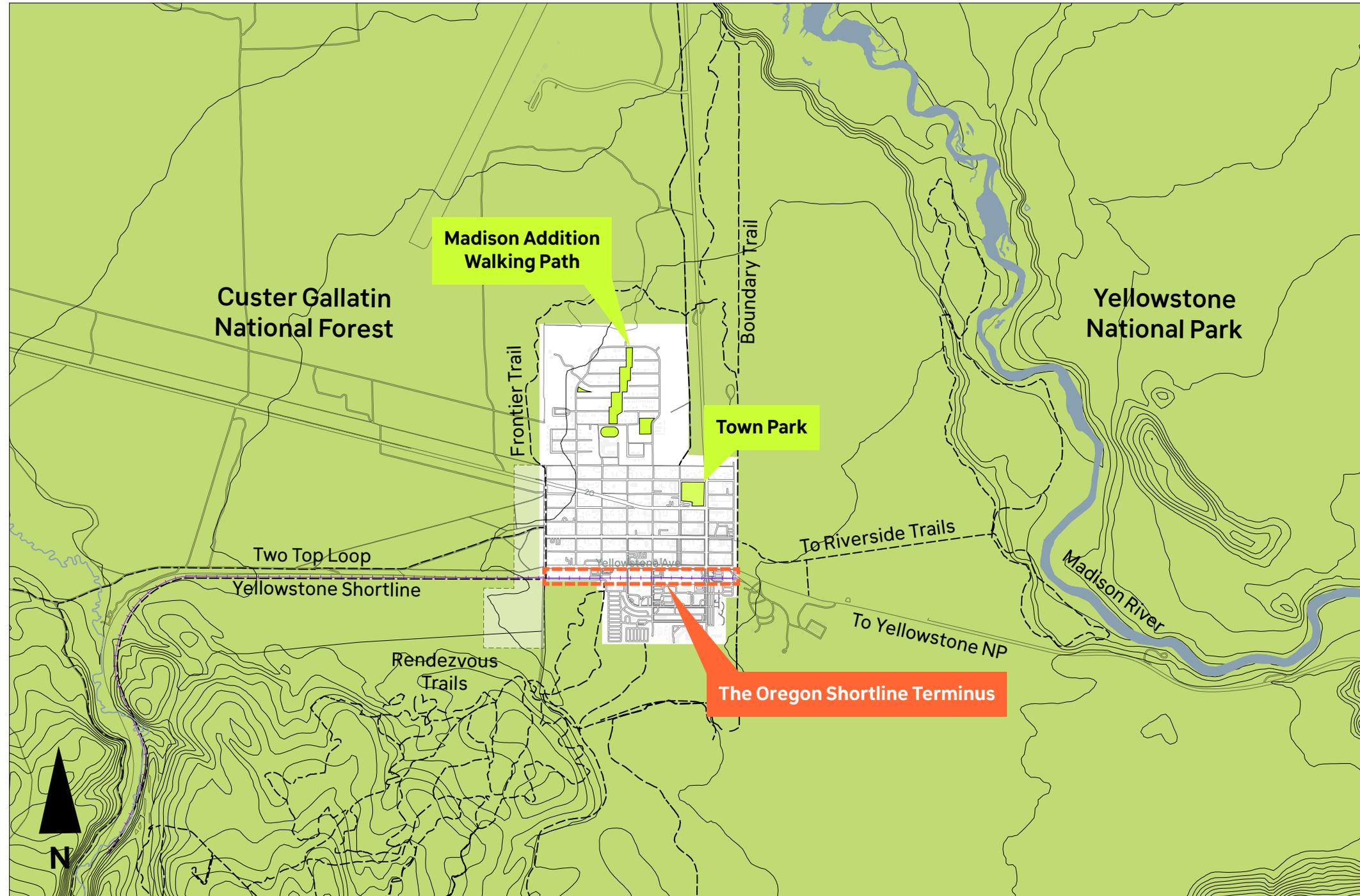
West Yellowstone Historic District Greenway

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Vision (From Boundary St to Iris St)

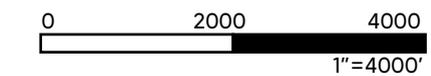
Big idea: a greenway that connects existing trails in Yellowstone National Park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest through the Town of West Yellowstone.

West Yellowstone, surrounded by public lands, offers great outdoor access but few gathering spaces in town.



Legend

-  Site
-  Public lands
-  Existing town parks
-  Existing trails
-  Appx. location of historic tracks



The site of the Historic Oregon Shortline Terminus can bridge this gap..

The Oregon Short Line served as the gateway for rail travelers to Yellowstone National Park, with many of its historic buildings still preserved today.

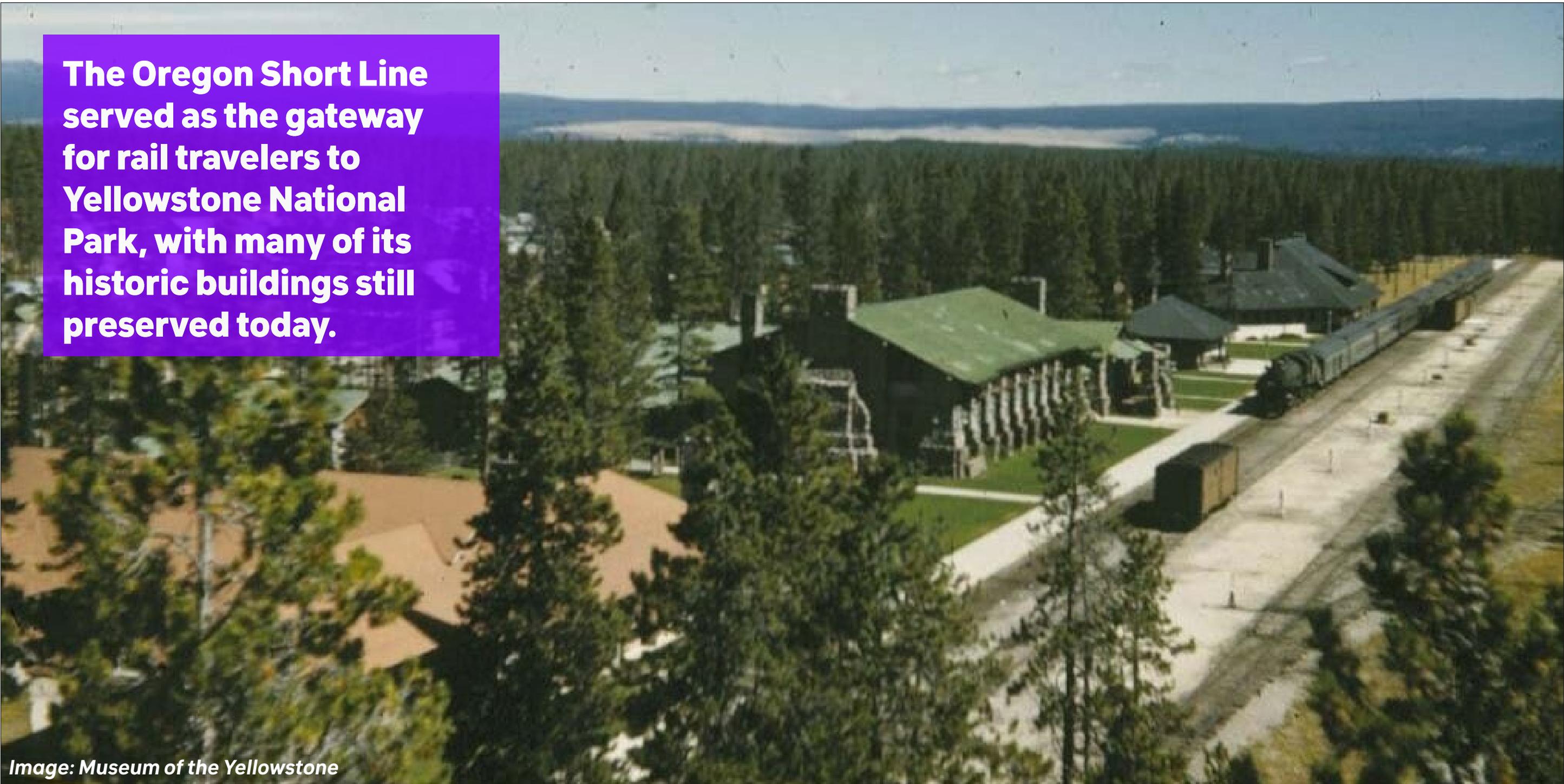


Image: Museum of the Yellowstone

The Oregon Shortline Terminus in the 1950s

..offering an opportunity to create a new community hub.



The site is already used for gathering, walking, biking, casting and winter snowmobiling.



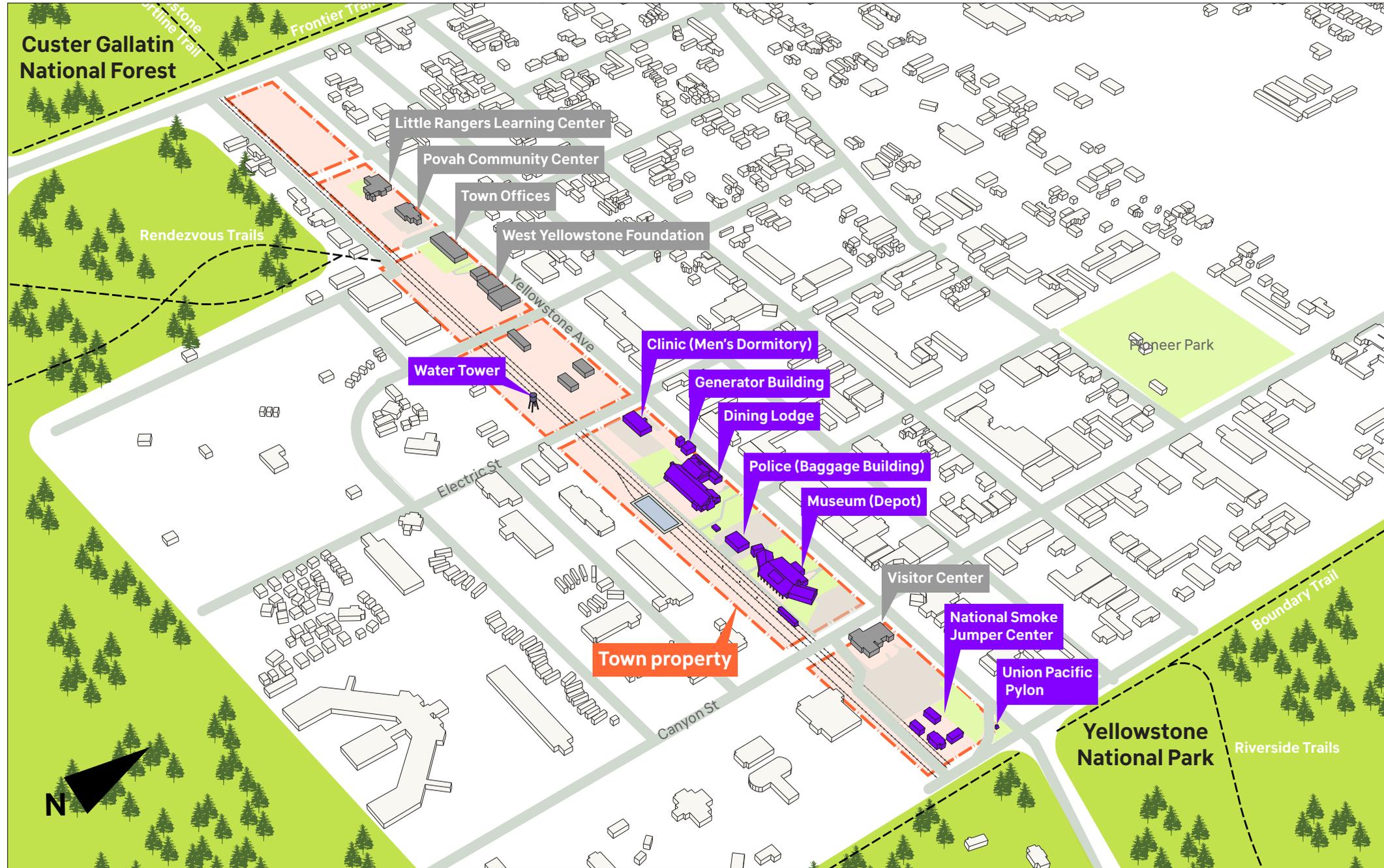
Images(left & top right): Wretched Mess Fest

The Oregon Shortline Terminus today

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**West Yellowstone
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Town property spans the length of town and includes community destinations, historic buildings, and tourist attractions.



Existing conditions

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Existing view - Summer



Existing view - Winter

Legend

- Town property
- Historic buildings
- Community/tourist destinations
- Existing trails
- Appx. location of historic tracks

The site can become the town Greenway, connecting the National Forest to the National Park and tying into a network of existing trails.



Proposed path alignment



Yellowstone Shortline Trail

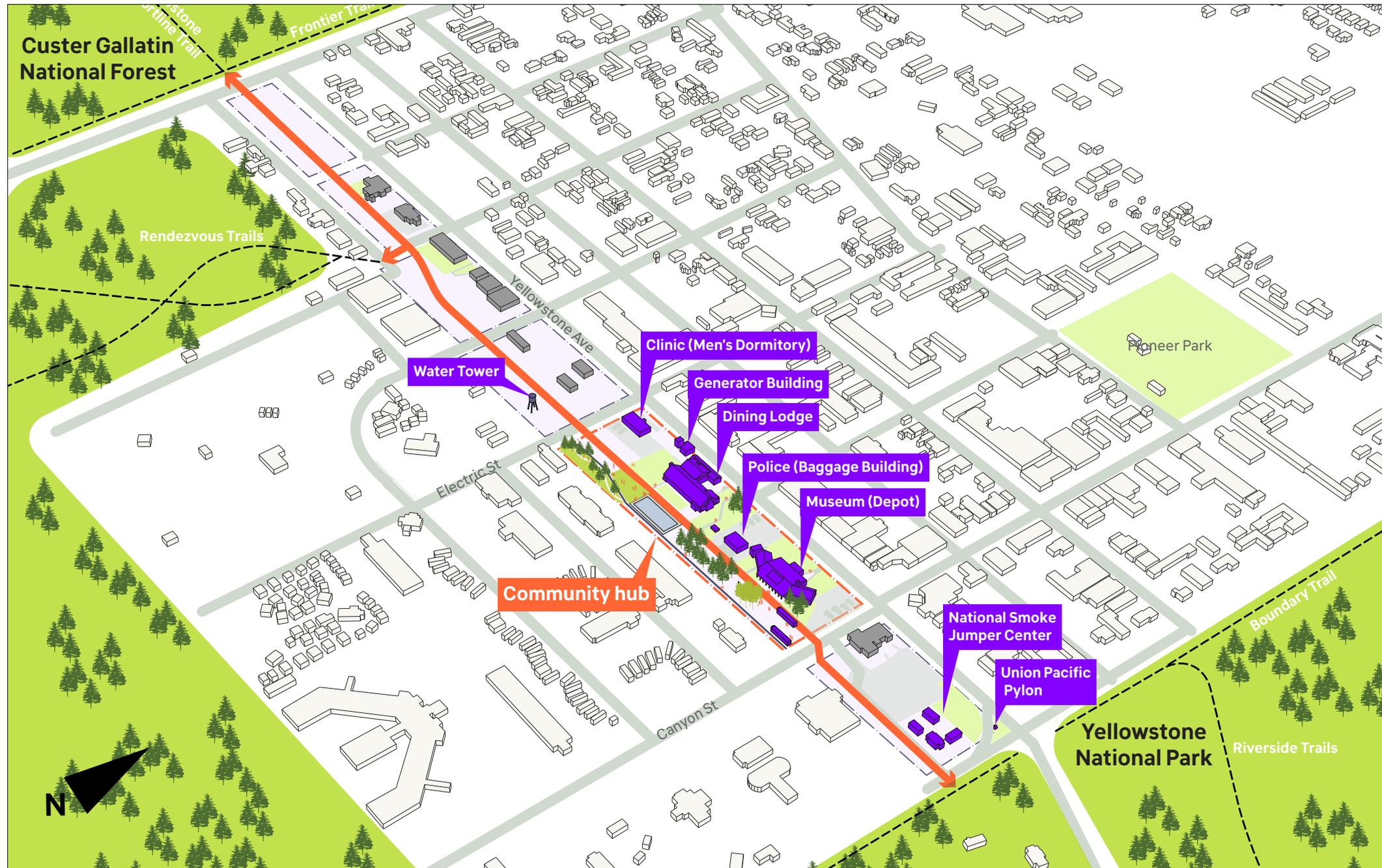


Riverside Trails (Yellowstone NP)

Legend

-  Town property
-  Historic buildings
-  Community/tourist destinations
-  Existing trails
-  Appx. location of historic tracks

At about 140 feet wide, it can be more than a trail—becoming a true community hub.



Proposed community hub



Existing Historic Museum



Existing Dining Lodge & Casting Pond

Legend

- Focus Area
- Historic buildings
- Community/tourist destinations
- Existing trails
- Appx. location of historic tracks

**Vision - Focus area
(From Canyon to Electric St)**

The greenway is more than a trail—it's a community hub that begins in the Historic District.

The residents would like to see a space for gathering, quietness and shade, incorporating historic site elements and native vegetation.



Key insight: Incorporate historical site elements, materials, and native vegetation.

Key insight: Create seating spaces for gathering, quietness, shade, and relaxation and a space for varied activities.



2025.04.21 Park & Rec Board Community Meeting



2025.05.08 Give Big Event

2025.06.11 Shortline Trail Ribbon Cutting

Insights from the community guided the design goals for the vision.

1. Provide a direct shared path that connects to existing trails
2. Create welcoming spaces for residents & visitors for both summer & winter use
3. Create a variety of experiences along the way while highlighting views to historic buildings



Once a rail terminus, today, the block behind the Historic Museum already serves as a place for community gathering but lacks amenities.



In the past, the Oregon Short Line terminus served as the gateway for rail travelers to Yellowstone, with its depot, dining lodge, and log-and-stone buildings forming the core of today's Historic District.



Today, the site hosts summer activities ranging from daily walking and biking to community events at the Dining Lodge and the vibrant Wretched Mess Fest—a celebration of art, music, fly-fishing, and local heritage.



In winter, the site serves as a snowmobile connector and provides snow storage for adjacent properties.

Historic District Greenway

The future greenway will build on existing community use with new walking and biking paths, inviting public spaces, and improved views of the historic buildings.

Future greenway - Summer

Museum (Depot)

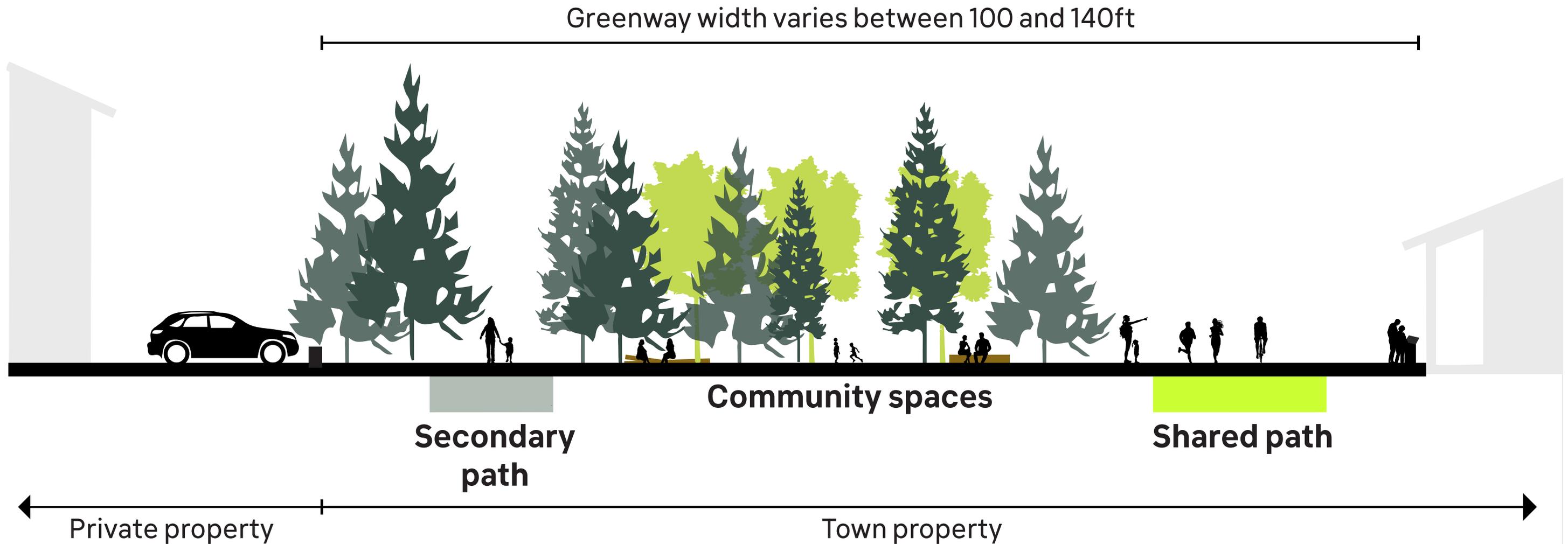
Water Tower

Conceptual rendering of the future Greenway

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Spanning 1,100 feet in length and between 100 and 140 feet in width, the Greenway offers ample space for a range of community programs.



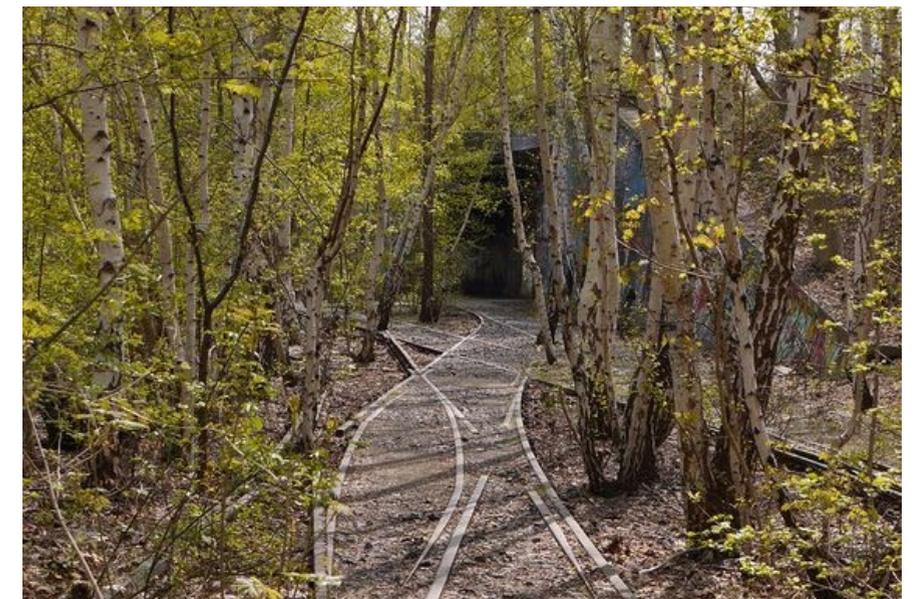
Conceptual diagram of the future Greenway - Summer

The future greenway has room for a layered experience, with both direct routes and more meandering paths..



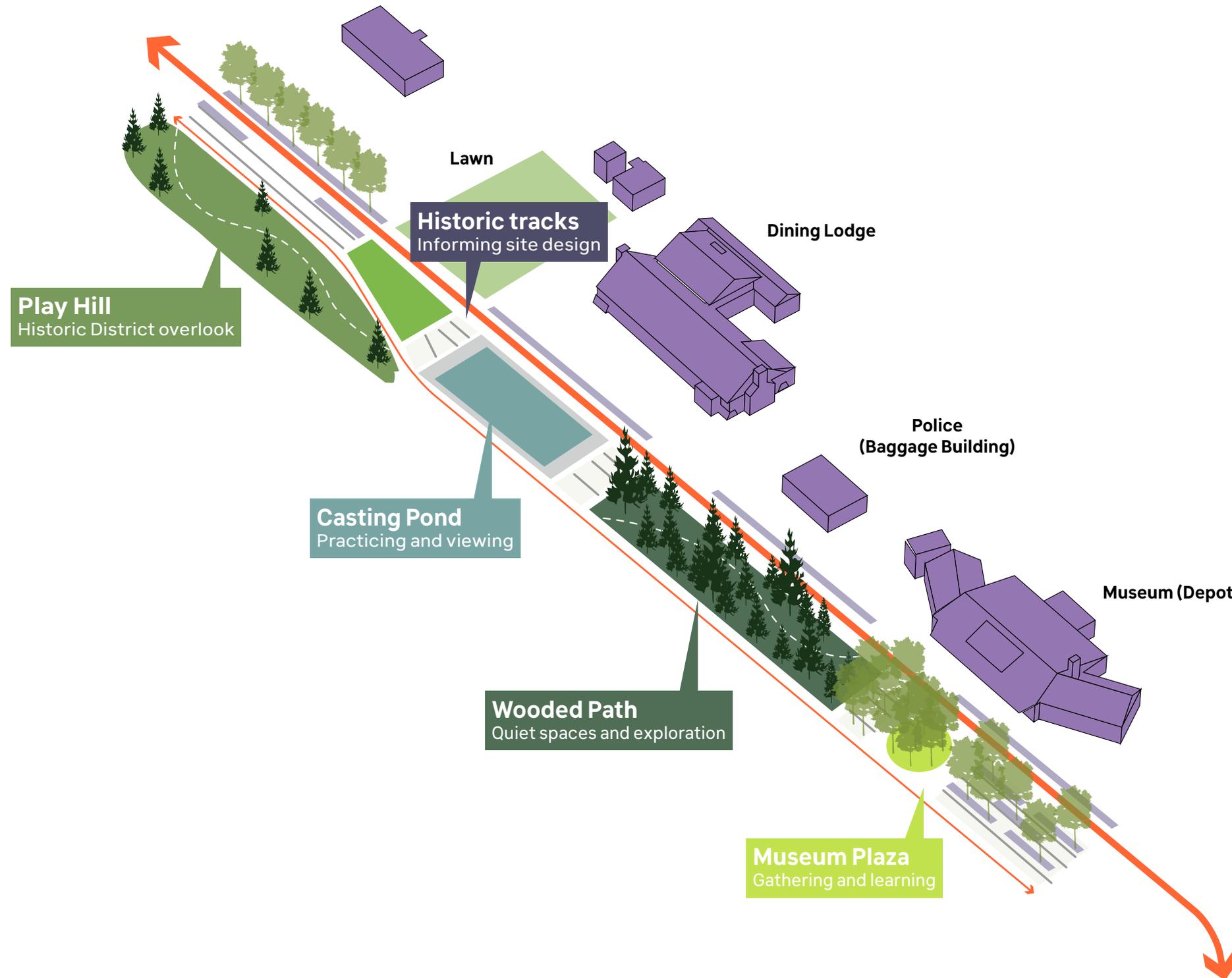
Story Mill Park, Bozeman, MT

Direct shared path for biking, running, and walking.



Trails for relaxed walks and discovery.

..and a variety of community programs that enhance how the historic district is used today.



Gathering & learning



Informal play & exploration

Community program and local ecology come together to shape diverse experiences.



Wooded Path
Lodge pole pine forest

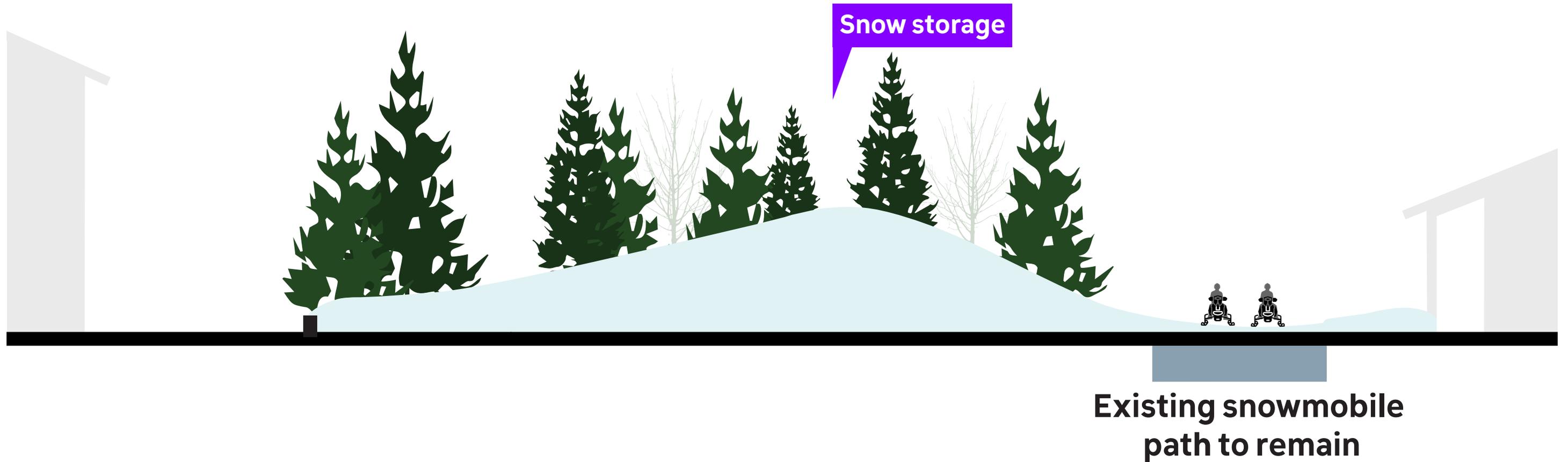


Play Hill
Sagebrush steppe & rocky hillside

Museum Plaza
Aspen groves & understory

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The new summer program will be designed so that existing winter uses can continue.



Conceptual diagram of the future Greenway - Winter

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Future greenway - Winter



Water Tower

Dining Lodge

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In summary, the Historic District Greenway will become a welcoming space that invites people to linger and supports the community, visitors, and local businesses alike.



Water Tower

Shared path

Dining Lodge

Play hill

Wooded path

Museum (Depot)

Museum plaza

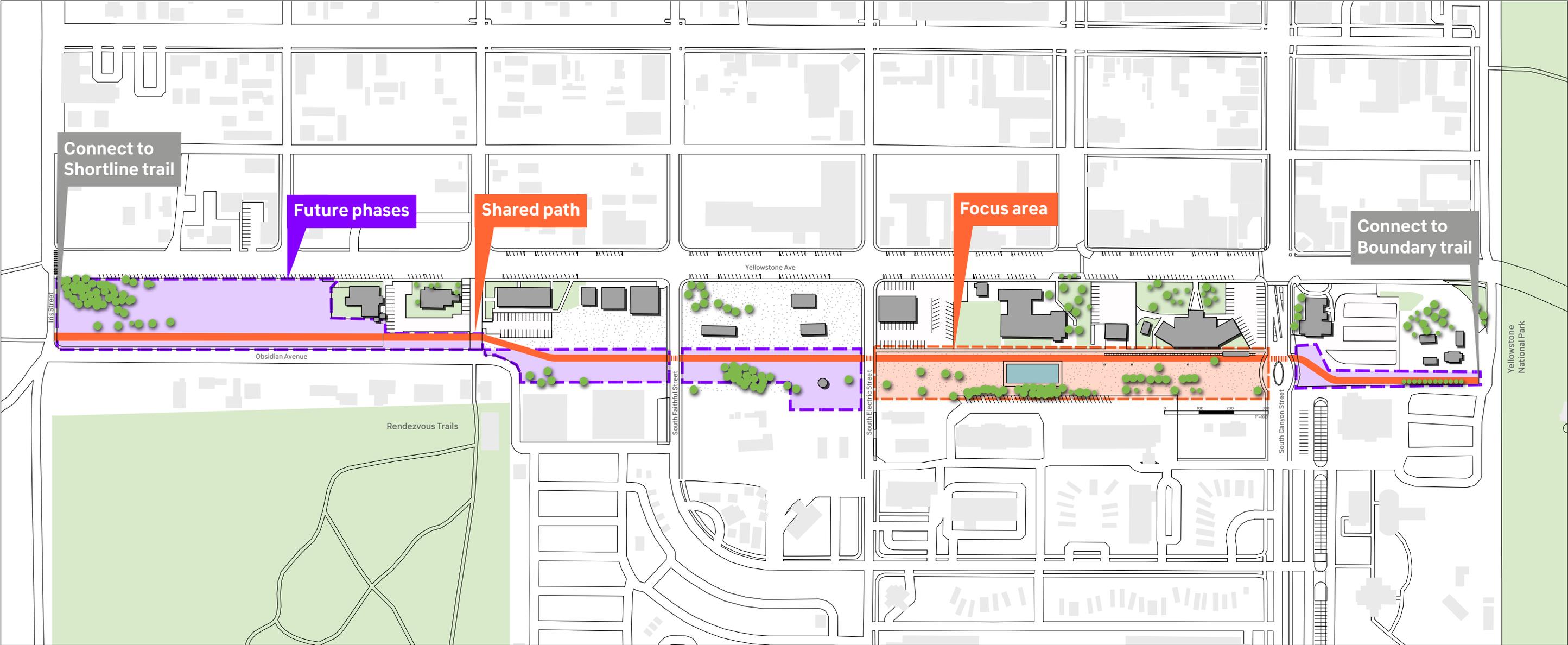
Visitor Center



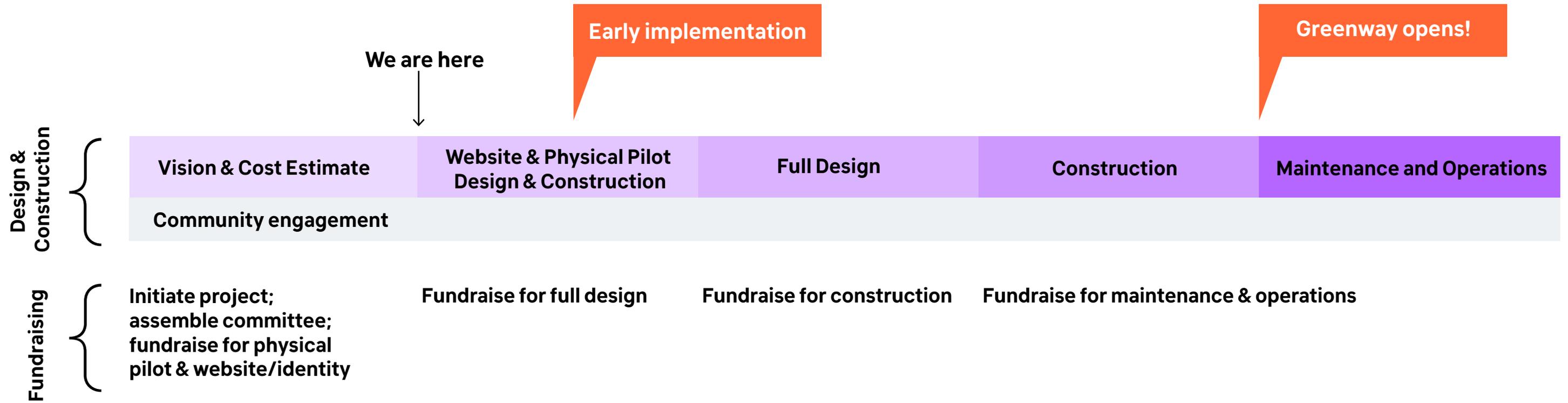
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How do we bring this project to reality?

We don't need to do everything at once!



Timeline & Next Steps



The physical pilot can serve as a prototype for the main path and the Museum Plaza.



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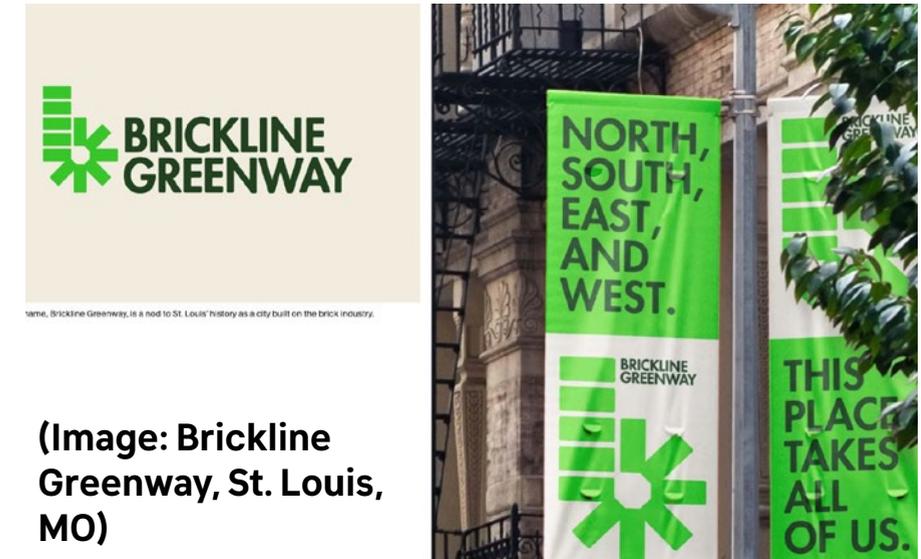
Combined with the project branding and website, this will become an early implementation step of the project.



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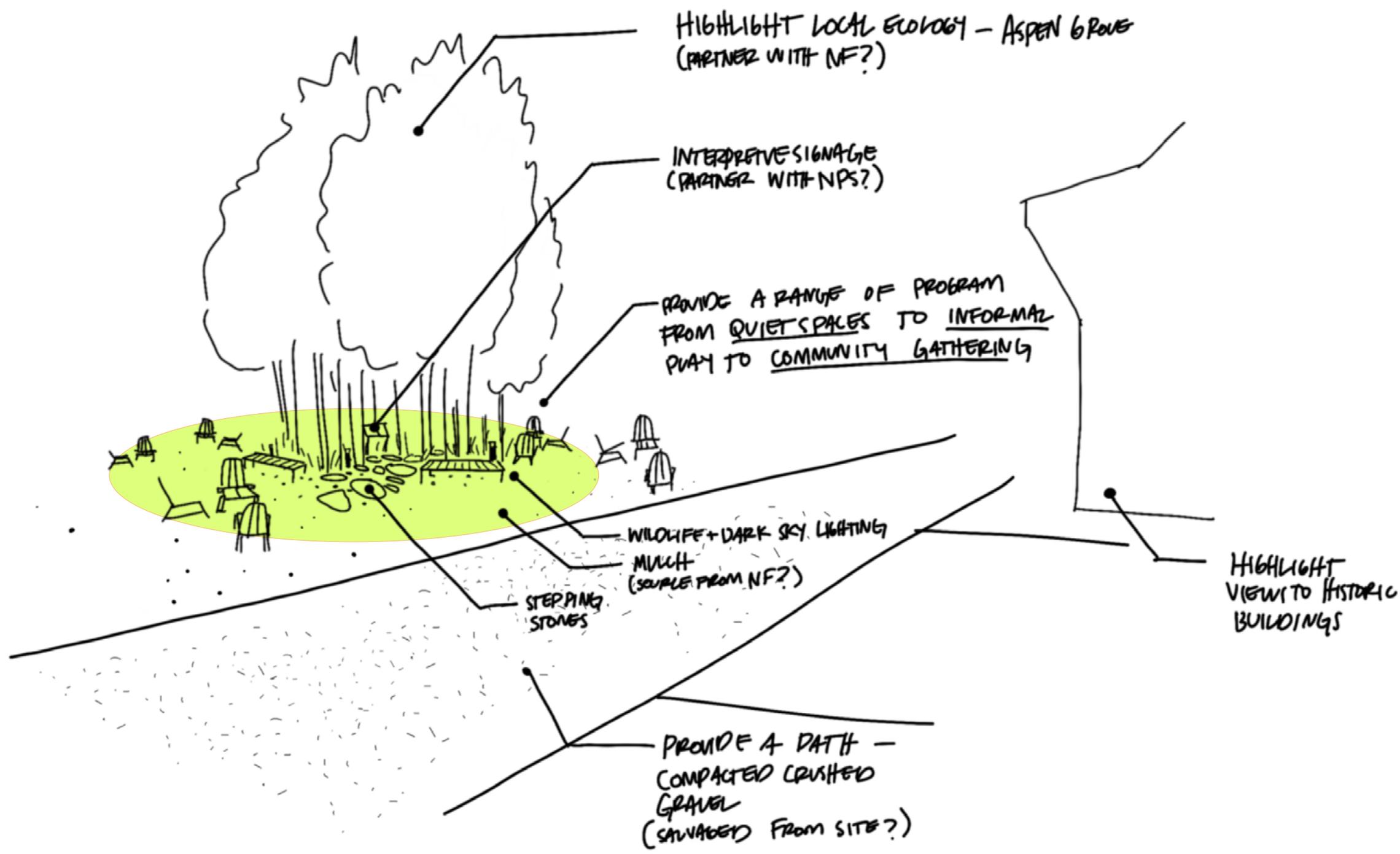


Crushed compacted gravel path to connect from Shortline Trail to Canyon St

Small-scale site activation during Summer 2025 (around casting pond, or in front of museum, may include paving/ planting/furnishings)

Project branding

The museum plaza pilot will help prototype design goals, materials, planting and partnership at a small scale.

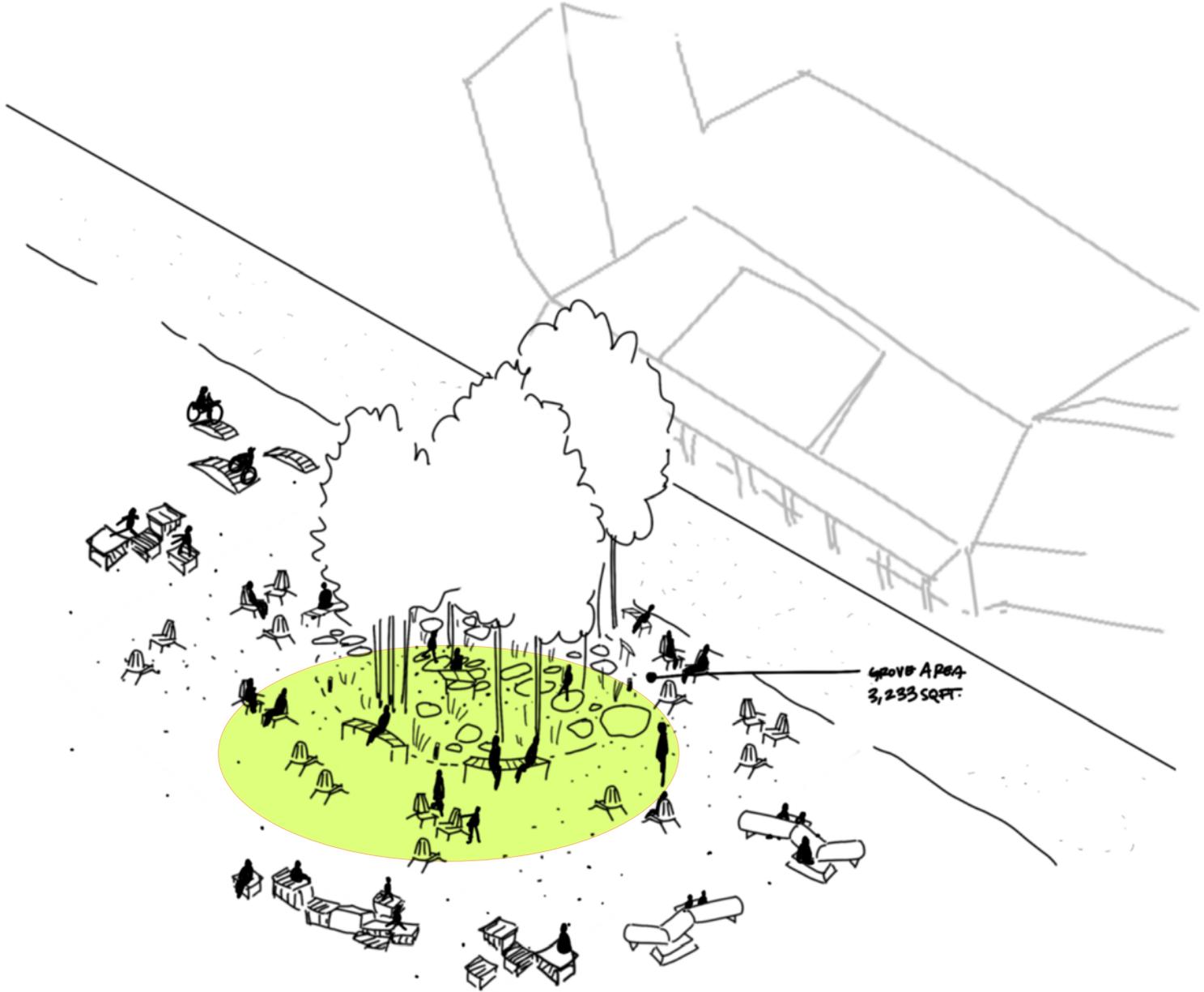


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The pilot area may be relatively small, but a larger zone can be activated using movable furnishings and flexible elements.

Path
\$200-300k

Plaza Pilot
\$200-300k



Next Steps & Discussion

1. Branding & project identity:

Building on the design vision, should we create a strong project identity and website with vision information?

3. Museum Plaza Pilot & Path:

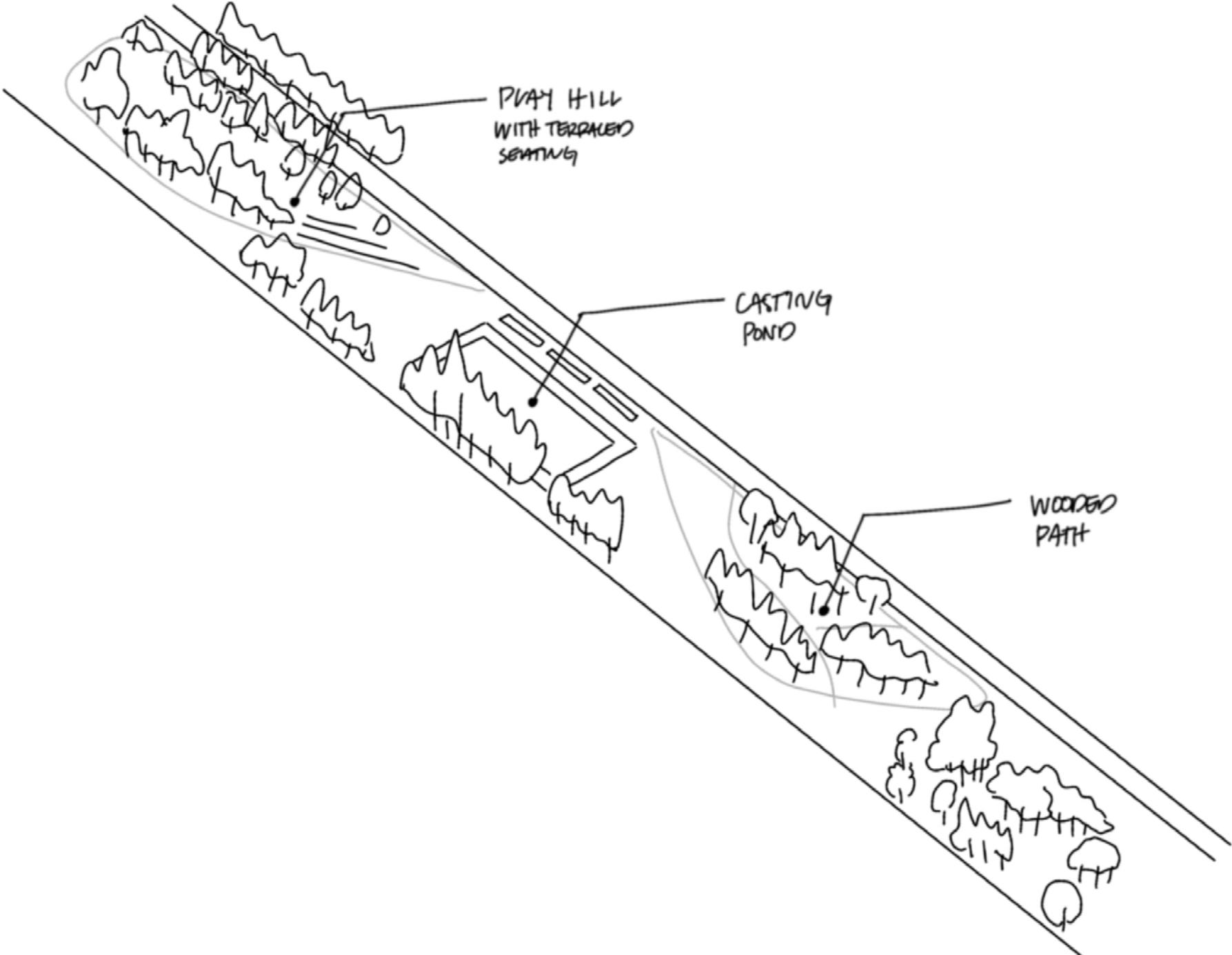
Can we start by building a museum plaza pilot & a crushed gravel path to test our design goals, materials, planting and partnerships?

4. Fundraising strategy:

How do we establish a process for both short-term & long-term fundraising?
Who will champion fundraising efforts?

Appendix

Alternative design needs to be studied to better support casting pond use.



Cost estimate (full implementation) - Key elements

Key elements	Relative cost
Removals & General Conditions	\$
Site Work	\$ Consider sourcing of fill, soil, etc.
Paving (Shared Path - Full Length)	\$\$\$ Consider re-using existing & recycling materials
Paving (Focus area - secondary paths/seating area)	\$\$ Consider re-using existing & recycling materials
Planting	\$ Consider sourcing trees and seed from NF
Furnishings	\$
Electrical/Plumbing	T.B.D.
Design	\$\$

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	APPX. QTY	AMOUNT	SUBTOTAL FOR
WEST YELLOWSTONE GREENWAY					
Removals & General Conditions					
Construction fence	LF	\$23.00	496.00	\$11,408.00	
Mobilization	LUMP			\$34,882.00	
Tree Protection fence	EA	\$85.00	6.00	\$510.00	
Remove existing concrete pathway	SF	\$8.50	1394.00	\$11,849.00	
Remove existing gravel (to be reused)	SF	\$0.33	162205.00	\$53,527.65	
Remove existing trees	EA	\$455.00	6.00	\$2,730.00	
Site Work					
Existing Aggregate Regrading for Shared Path and Secondary Paths	CY	\$7.80	48591.00	\$379,009.80	
Fill (estimated CY for mound of Aspen Grove)	CY	\$8.73	331.93	\$2,897.71	
Granite boulders for mound min size 3'x3'x3'	EA	\$380.00	13.00	\$4,940.00	
Fill (Estimate cubic feet for the hill, HP 20ft)	CY	\$8.73	40000.00	\$349,200.00	
Moving of Existing Tracks & Train car - TBD	EA	\$0.00	1.00	\$0.00	
Paving					
Paving Area 1 - Shared Path (Primary) (In Entirety) - 10 ft wide	SF	\$15.00	42000.00	\$630,000.00	
Paving Area 1 - Shared Path (Primary) (In Entirety) - 10 ft wide margins	SF	\$12.00	42000.00	\$504,000.00	
Paving Area 2 - Seating Areas General	SF	\$18.00	6591.00	\$118,638.00	
Paving Area 2 - Accent Paving	SF	\$18.00	967.00	\$17,406.00	
Paving Area 3 (Secondary Paths)	SF	\$12.00	40000.00	\$480,000.00	
Planting					
Planted Area - Type 1 (Open Hillside) 18,443 sqft area					
Planting soil & Soil amendment	CY	\$95.00	1364.78	\$129,654.29	
Plant Material (Perennials&Grasses&Small shrubs @ 1 gallon or seeded)	SF	\$6.50	18443.00	\$119,879.50	
Evergreen Trees (Lodge Pole Pine)	EA	\$650.00	10.00	\$6,500.00	
Deciduous Trees	EA	\$780.00	5.00	\$3,900.00	
Mulch	CY	\$58.00	113.85	\$6,603.05	
Planted Area - Type 2 (Lodgepole Pine Forest) 9,435 sqft area					
Planting soil & Soil amendment	CY	\$95.00	713.43	\$67,776.23	
Plant Material (Perennials&Grasses&Small shrubs @ 1 gallon or seeded)	SF	\$6.50	9641.00	\$62,666.50	
Evergreen Trees (Lodge Pole Pine)	EA	\$650.00	30.00	\$19,500.00	
Mulch	CY	\$58.00	59.51	\$3,451.72	
Edging	LF	\$9.80	944.00	\$9,251.20	
Planted Area - Type 3 (Grassland/meadow) 8,522 sqft area					
Planting soil & Soil amendment	CY	\$95.00	630.63	\$59,909.66	
Plant Material (Perennials&Grasses&Small shrubs @ 1 gallon or seeded)	SF	\$6.50	8522.00	\$55,393.00	
Deciduous Trees	EA	\$750.00	24.00	\$18,000.00	
Deciduous Trees in seating areas	EA	\$850.00	12.00	\$10,200.00	
Mulch	CY	\$58.00	52.60	\$3,051.09	
Steel Edging	LF	\$9.80	0.00	\$0.00	
Planted Area - Type 4 (Aspen grove) 3,233 sqft area					
Planting soil & Soil amendment	CY	\$95.00	239.24	\$22,727.99	
Plant Material (Perennials&Grasses&Small shrubs @ 1 gallon or seeded)	SF	\$6.50	3233.00	\$21,014.50	
Deciduous Trees (Aspen)	EA	\$850.00	8.00	\$6,800.00	
2" cal					
3" cal					
5" cal					
4" cup <i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> (Tufted Hairgrass)	EA	\$13.00	440.00	\$5,720.00	
Seed - <i>Festuca arundinacea</i> (Tall Fescue)	SF	\$0.43	1693.00	\$727.99	
Steel Edging	LF	\$9.80	207.00	\$2,028.60	
Lawn 6,935 sf					
Plant Material (Sod)	SF	\$1.55	6935.00	\$10,749.25	
Wall (stone / concrete)					
Boulders	LF	\$0.00	457.00	\$60,000.00	
Furnishings					
Furnishings Type 1 - Seating Grove	EA	\$355.00	17.00	\$6,035.00	
Furnishings Type 2 - Moveable Furniture	EA	\$355.00	44.00	\$15,620.00	
Furnishings Type 3 - Benches	EA	\$650.00	7.00	\$4,550.00	
Furnishings Type 4 - Social Seating	EA	\$780.00	8.00	\$6,240.00	
Furnishings Type 5 - Bike parking, etc.	EA	\$1,560.00	7.00	\$10,920.00	
Furnishings Type 6 - Nature Based Furniture (logs)	EA	\$790.00	12.00	\$9,480.00	
Boulders	EA	\$385.00	40.00	\$15,400.00	
Interpretive Signage	EA	\$1,850.00	10.00	\$18,500.00	
Trail Signage	EA	\$450.00	3.00	\$1,350.00	
Electrical					
Lighting	EA	\$0.00	150.00	TBD	
Outlets	EA	\$0.00	0.00	TBD	
Plumbing					
Drinking fountains	EA	\$3,850.00	2.00	\$7,700.00	
Subtotal Direct Costs					
Design Contingency				\$3,402,297.73	
Total Direct Costs				\$1,020,689.32	
Mobilization & Demobilization				\$4,422,987.04	
Escalation				\$265,379.22	
Total Construction Cost				\$953,181.35	
Construction contingency				\$5,641,547.62	
Landscape Architecture, Civil Engineering, MEP, Project Management				\$564,154.76	
TOTAL WEST YELLOWSTONE GREENWAY				\$1,105,746.76	
				\$7,311,449.14	