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Council Conference Room
Golden Valley City Hall

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

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Discussion Item(s)

1. [Data Practices Program and Policy Updates \(15 min\)](#)
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3. [Civic Center Campus Discussion \(1 Hour\)](#)
4. [Council Review of Future Draft Agendas \(5 Minutes\)](#)



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Legal

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Golden Valley City Council Work Session

June 9, 2026

Agenda Item

1. Data Practices Program and Policy Updates (15 min)

Prepared By

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Summary

This report provides an update from staff regarding the current status of the City's data practices requests and ongoing compliance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA). The City continues to process requests in a timely manner, despite a steady year-over-year increase in the number of requests received. Attached you will find data comparing response time and number of requests in 2026 to previous years, as well as data showing the actual time vs. charged time and true cost vs. chargeable cost of responding to requests this year.

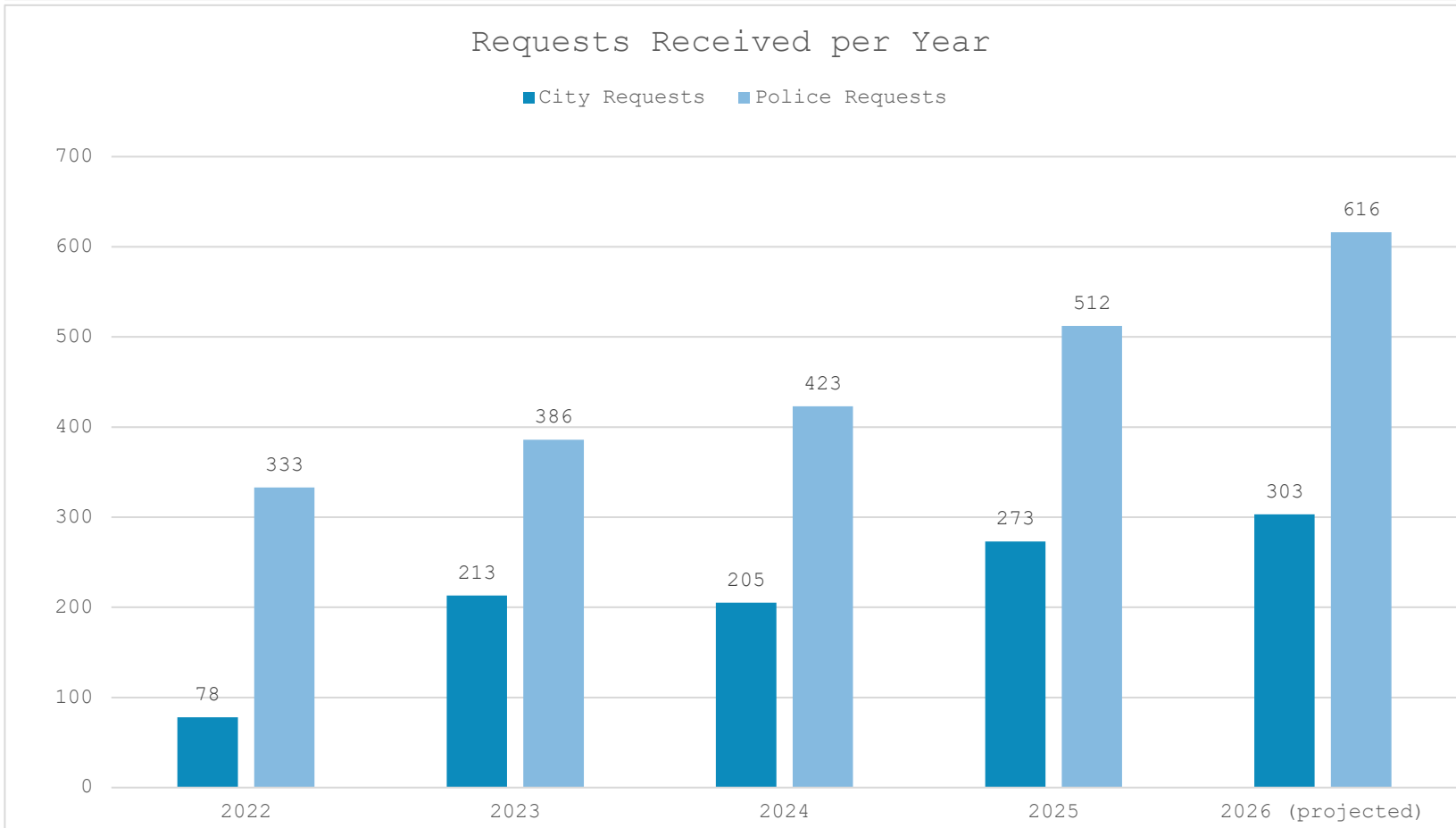
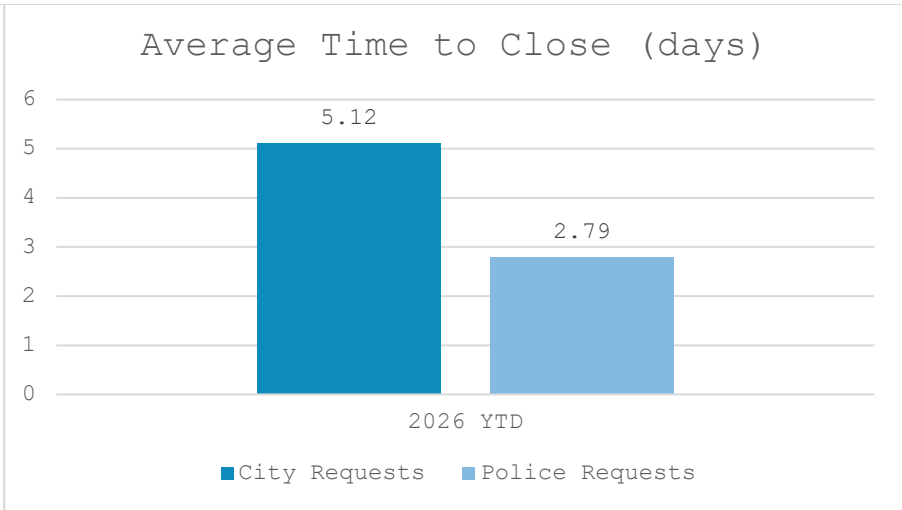
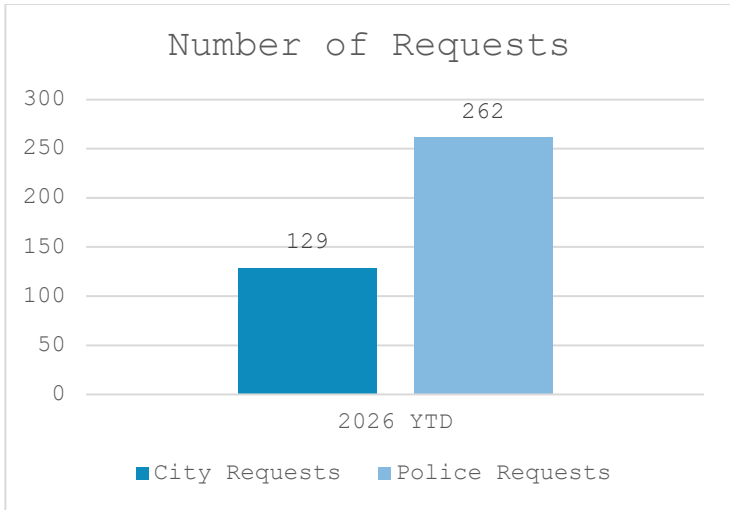
The MGDPA requires all Minnesota government entities to adopt and annually review policies regarding public access to government data. These policies outline how members of the public may request access to government data and identify the City staff responsible for receiving and processing requests. Policy updates must be adopted by August 1 each year.

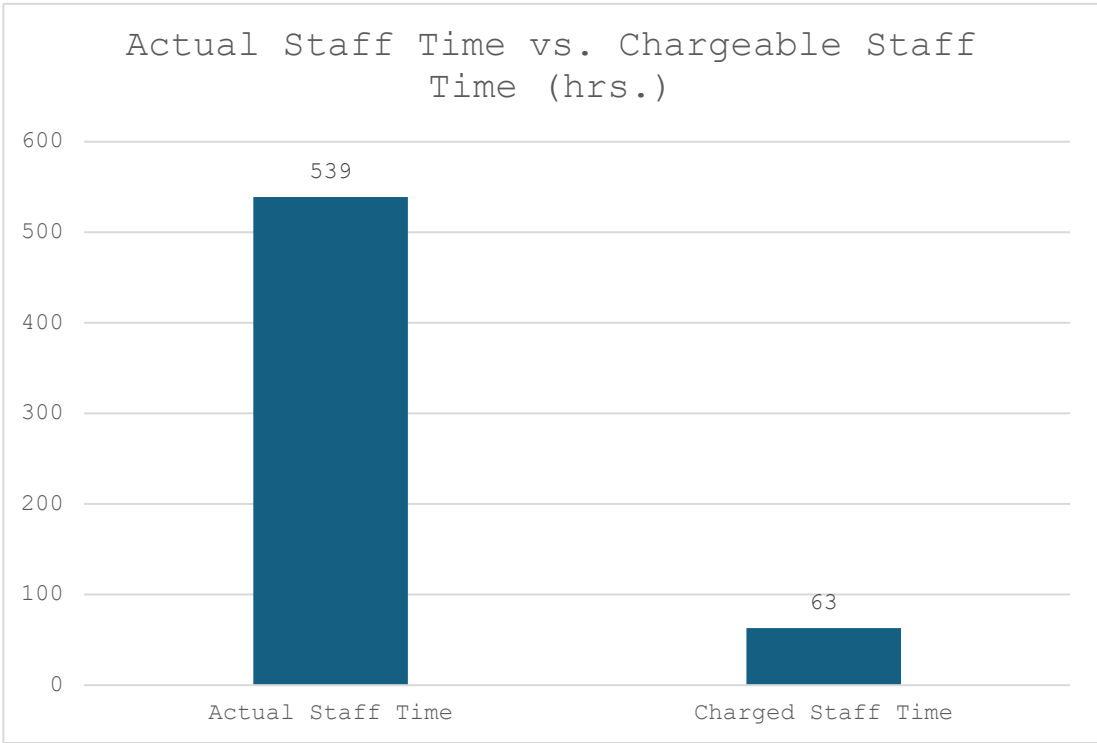
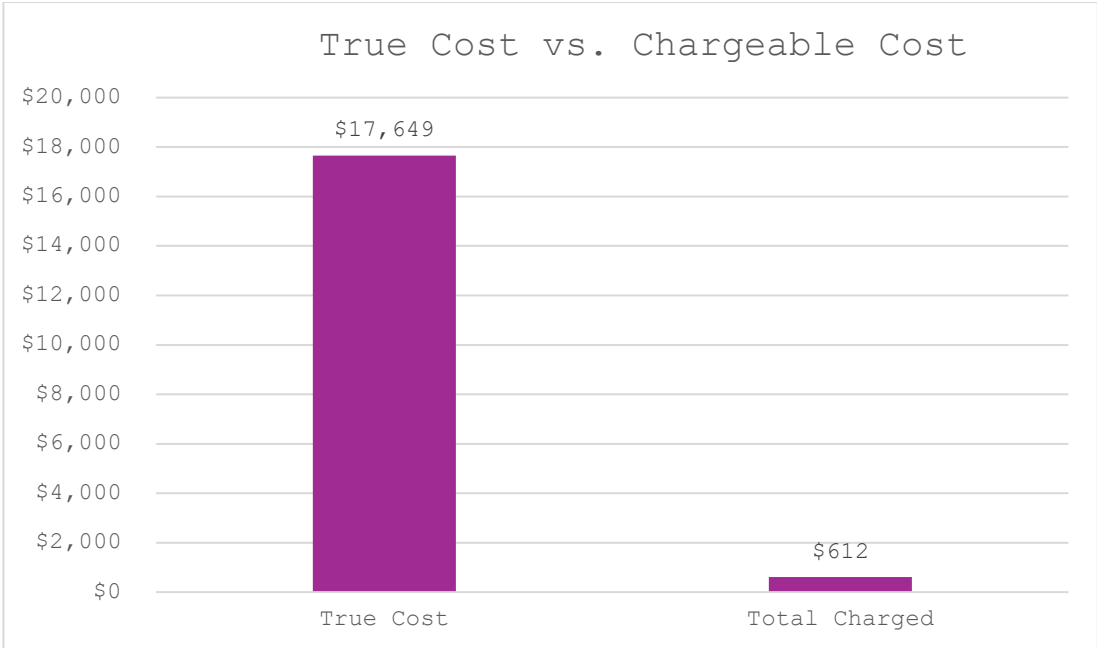
There were no legislative changes during the 2026 session that impact the City's existing data practices policies. The proposed revisions this year are limited to updating the link to the City's online data request portal and making minor language clarifications. No substantive policy changes are proposed. A redlined copy of the revisions is attached for review.

In addition, staff recommends that the City Council consider adding a legislative priority requesting state reimbursement or funding support for cities related to the costs of processing data practices requests, particularly large or complex requests that require significant staff time and resources.

Supporting Documents

- [2026-06-04 - Data Request Data](#)
- [REDLINED - POL'Y - LEG 300 - Data Practices Policy for Members of the Public - 2026-07](#)
- [REDLINED -POL'Y - LEG 301 - Data Practices Policy for Data Subjects Subjects - 2026-07](#)





OFFICIAL CITY POLICY

CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY

General Information	
Policy Title: Data Practices Policy for Members of the Public	Department: Legal
Policy Owner (job title): City Clerk	Policy ID: LEG 300
Council Approval Date: 07-15-2025	Resolution Number: 25-06426-xxx
Effective Date: 07-15-2025	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Updated

Policy Overview
<p>Policy Description:</p> <p>This policy explains the rights of members of the public to access and request copies of government data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13 (the “Data Practices Act”).</p>
<p>Purpose & Scope:</p> <p>The Data Practices Act requires the City to prepare a written data access policy regarding the rights of members of the public. This policy outlines the public’s right to request and inspect public data held by the City, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Obligations How to Make a Data Request How the City Responds to a Data Request Requests for Summary Data Fees Department Data Designees
<p>Definitions: For purposes of this policy, the terms below shall have the following meanings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data on Individuals – all government data in which any individual is or can be identified as the subject of that data, unless the appearance of the name or other identifying data can be clearly demonstrated to be only incidental to the data and the data are not accessed by the name or other identifying data of any individual. Data Practices Compliance Official – The staff person who receives and responds to questions or concerns about data practices problems, including problems in obtaining access to data the entity keeps. The Deputy City Clerk (Records) is the designated Data Practices Compliance Official for the City of Golden Valley. Department Data Designee – A staff person that has been officially designated by the Responsible Authority as a “designee” to be in charge of individual files or systems containing government data and to receive and comply with the requests for government data. Employee time – Full labor costs of wages and benefits of the lowest-paid employee(s) that would have access to the data and be qualified to search and retrieve the data. Government Data – Means all data collected, created, received, maintained or disseminated by any government entity regardless of its physical form, storage media or conditions of use. Redaction – Separating public data from not public data. Government entities cannot charge for redaction. Responsible Authority – The individual responsible for the collection, use, and dissemination of any set of data on individuals, government data, or summary data, unless otherwise provided by state law. The City Clerk is the designated Responsible Authority for the City of Golden Valley. Search and retrieval time – The amount of time an employee spends searching for and retrieving government data, and for making, certifying, and electronically transmitting copies of the data or the data. You – A member of the public requesting government data.

Related Documents, Materials & Resources:

- [City of Golden Valley's Online Data Request Portal](#)
- [Data Practices Policy for Requests for Data About You, and Your Rights as a Data Subject](#) - If you would like private data about you, your minor child, or someone for whom you are the legal guardian
- [Minnesota Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13](#)
- [Minnesota Data Practices Office](#)

Data Practices Policy for Members of the Public

General Obligations

The Data Practices Act requires the City of Golden Valley to keep all government data in a way that makes it easy for members of the public to access public data. The Data Practices Act presumes all government data is public unless a state or federal law says the data is not public. Members of the public (hereafter referred to as “you”) have the right to look at (inspect) public data and to request copies pursuant to the procedures and requirements in this policy and as otherwise limited by state and federal law.

How to Make a Data Request

You can request to look at data or obtain copies of data the City of Golden Valley keeps by making a request on the [City of Golden Valley's Online Data Request Portal](#).

You may also choose not ~~use~~ to use the online data request portal. If you chose not to use the online portal, your emailed, mailed, or faxed request should include:

- a statement that you are making a request for public data under the [Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13](#)
- a clear description of the data you would like to inspect or have copied
- instructions for delivering the data to you, stating whether you would like to look at the data, receive copies of the data, or both

You are not required to identify yourself or explain the reason for your data request. However, the City may need some information about you to respond to your request (for example, if you request emailed copies, the City will need your email address). If you choose not to give us any identifying information, the City will provide you with contact information so you may check on the status of your request. If City staff do not understand your request and have no way to contact you, the City will not be able to process your request.

How the City Responds to a Data Request

Upon receiving your request, the City will process it as follows.

- If the City does not have the data, a staff member will notify you in writing as soon as reasonably possible.
- If the City has the data but is not allowed to give it to you, a staff member will notify you as soon as reasonably possible and state which specific law says prohibits its disclosure.
- If the City has the data and the data is public, a staff member will respond to your request within a reasonable amount of time by doing one of the following:
 - ~~Arrange~~arrange a date, time, and place for you to inspect data, for free, if your request is to look at the data
 - ~~Provide~~provide you with copies of the data as soon as reasonably possible. ~~You may~~If you submitted your request using the City's data request portal, your data will be released to you electronically via the portal. If you choose ~~to not to use the portal, you may either~~ pick up your copies or ~~a staff member~~ will mail, email, or fax them to you. If you want the City to send you the copies, you will need to provide an

address, email address, or fax number. The City will provide electronic copies (such CD-ROM) upon request if the data is normally kept in an electronic format.

If you request paper copies or electronic copies that require more than 30 minutes of staff time to search and retrieve, you will be charged a fee and payment will be required prior to receiving your data. Additional information about costs is below.

If you do not understand the data (technical terminology, abbreviations, or acronyms), please tell the staff person who provided the data to you.

If you do not inspect or collect copies of the data you requested within five business days of being notified they are available, further responses will be suspended. Work will resume only after you inspect or collect the data.

Staff may need additional information in order to fulfill your request. If you are contacted about your request and you do not respond within 10 days, your request may be considered 'abandoned' and closed.

The Data Practices Act does not require the City to create or collect new data in response to a data request, or to provide data in a specific form or arrangement if the data is not kept in that form or arrangement. For example, if the data you request are on paper only, City staff are not required to create electronic documents to respond to your request. If the City agrees to create data in response to your request, staff will work with you on the details of your request, including cost and response time.

Under the Data Practices Act, the City is not required to respond to inquiries or questions that are not specific requests for government data.

Requests for Summary Data

Summary data are statistical records or reports that are prepared by removing all identifiers from private or confidential data on individuals. The preparation of summary data is not a means to gain access to private or confidential data. The City may prepare summary data in certain circumstances depending on the nature of the data and staff availability and work loads. All requests for summary data must be made in writing and you will be charged for the actual cost of creating summary data in addition to any applicable copy costs.

Fees

The City of Golden Valley charges members of the public for copies of government data. These charges are authorized under [Minnesota Statutes, section 13.03, subdivision 3\(c\)](#).

All charges must be paid in full before the data is released. The charges below may vary when a charge is set by statute or rule.

- **100 or fewer paper copies**

If you request 100 or fewer pages of black and white, letter, or legal size paper copies, the charge is 25¢ for a one-sided copy or 50¢ for a two-sided copy.

- **Most other types of copies**

The charge for most other types of copies is the actual cost of searching for and retrieving the data and making the copies or electronically sending the data (e.g., sending the data by email).

Actual Cost of Making Copies

The actual cost of making copies includes employee time, the cost of the materials onto which the data is copied (paper, CD, DVD, etc), and mailing costs (if any). Estimates of employee time are calculated using the lowest-paid employee(s) that would have access to the data and be qualified to search and retrieve the data. However, if, based on your request, it is necessary for a higher-paid employee to search for and retrieve the data, the City will calculate search and retrieval charges at the higher salary/wage.

If it is determined that the data responsive to your request will exceed 100 pages, we will provide you with an estimate of the total cost prior to fulfilling your request. The actual fees charged may differ from the estimate. The City strives to provide estimates that are as accurate as possible but cannot guarantee the final cost of the request until search and retrieval of the data is complete. You will only be charged the actual cost of fulfilling your request.

In an effort to ensure access to public data, there will be no search and retrieval charge for requests that require less than 30 minutes of staff time. Serial requests will be consolidated and considered as one request when calculating fees.

If your request is for copies of data City staff cannot copy in-house, such as photographs, the City will charge you the actual cost the City must pay an outside vendor for the copies.

Department Data Designees

The Responsible Authority, in consultation with the department heads, will appoint one or more data designees for each City department. The department designees will be responsible for:

- Maintaining departmental files and systems containing government data;
- Ensuring compliance with the Data Practices Act;
- Processing data requests; and
- Answering inquiries from the public concerning departmental data.

A list of the City's department data designees will be kept on file with the Responsible Authority and posted on the City website.

OFFICIAL CITY POLICY

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Policy Overview

Policy Description:

This policy explains the rights of data subjects to access and request copies of government data under the [Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13](#) (the “Data Practices Act”).

Purpose & Scope:

The Data Practices Act requires the City to prepare a written policy of the rights of data subjects under the Act and the specific procedures used by the City for access by a data subject to public or private data on individuals. This policy explains the rights of data subjects and tells individuals how to request data about themselves, their minor child, or someone for whom they are the legal guardian. This policy includes information on the following topics:

- General Obligations
- Classification of Data about You
- Your Rights Under the Data Practices Act
- How to Make a Request for Your Data
- How the City Responds to a Data Request
- Fees for Data Subjects
- Standards for Verifying Identity

Definitions: For purposes of this policy, the terms below shall have the following meanings:

- **Data on Individuals** – Data in which any individual is or can be identified as the subject of that data. Individuals are natural persons, and include parents and guardians for minors or incapacitated persons.
- **Employee time** – Full labor costs of wages and benefits of the lowest-paid employee(s) that would have access to the data.
- **Government Data** – Means all data collected, created, received, maintained or disseminated by any government entity regardless of its physical form, storage media or conditions of use.
- **Redaction** – Separating public data from not public data. Government entities cannot charge for redaction.
- **Search and retrieval time** – The amount of time an employee spends searching for and retrieving government data, and for making, certifying, and electronically transmitting copies of the data or the data.
- **Subject of Data** – An individual is the subject of data when the individual can be identified from the data.
- **You** – A member of the public requesting government data.

Related Documents, Materials & Resources:

- [City of Golden Valley’s Online Data Request Portal](#)
- [Data Practices Policy for Members of the Public](#)
- [Minnesota Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13](#)
- [Minnesota Data Practices Office](#)

General Obligations

The Data Practices Act says data subjects have certain rights related to a government entity collecting, creating, and keeping government data about them. Under the Data Practices Act, the City must keep all government data on individuals in a way that makes it easy for data subjects to access data about themselves. The City can collect and keep only those data about individuals needed for administering and managing programs that are permitted by law.

Classification of Data about You

The Data Practices Act presumes all government data are public unless a state or federal law says the data are not public. Data about you are classified by state law as follows:

- **Your Public Data:** Some data about you is classified under the Government Data Practices Act as public data. For example, your name on an application for a license from the City is public data. The Government Data Practices Act presumes all government data are public unless a state or federal law says the data are not public. The City must give public data to anyone who asks. It does not matter who is asking for the data or why the person wants the data.
- **Your Private Data:** Some data about you is classified as private data. For example, an employee's Social Security number is private data. The City cannot give private data to the public. The City can share your private data with you, with someone who has your permission, with government entity staff whose job requires or permits them to see the data, and with others as permitted by law or court order.
- **Your Confidential Data:** Some data about you is classified as confidential data. For example, your identity as mandated reporter of child abuse or neglect is confidential data. Confidential data have the most protection. Neither the public nor you can access confidential data, even when the confidential data are about you. The City can share confidential data about you with government entity staff who have a work assignment to see the data, and with others as permitted by law or court order.

Your Rights Under the Data Practices Act

Access to Your Data

You have the right to look at (inspect), free of charge, public and private data the City keeps about you. You also have the right to get copies of public and private data about you. The Data Practices Act sets the amount the City may charge for copies. You have the right to look at data, free of charge, before deciding to request copies.

If you ask, City staff will tell you whether the City keeps data about you and whether the data are public, private, or confidential.

As a parent, you have the right to look at and get copies of public and private data about your minor children (under age 18). As a legally appointed guardian, you have the right to look at and get copies of public and private data about an individual for whom you are appointed guardian.

Minors have the right to ask the City not to give data about them to their parent or guardian. If you are a minor, the City will tell you that you have this right. The City may ask you to put your request in writing and to include the reasons the City should deny your parents access to the data. The City will make the final decision about your request based on the factors listed in Minnesota Administrative Rule 12 05.0500, subpart 3(B). Minors do not have this right if the data in question are educational data maintained by an educational agency or institution.

When the City Collects Data From You

When the City asks you to provide data about yourself that are not public, the City must give you a notice. The notice is sometimes called a Data Practices or Tennesen Warning. The notice controls what the City does with the data it collects from you. Usually, the City can use and release the data only in the ways described in the notice.

The City will ask for your written permission if it needs to use or release private data about you in a different way, or if you ask the City to release the data to another person. This permission is called informed consent. If you want the to release data to another person, you may use the consent form provided by City staff.

Protecting Your Data

The Data Practices Act requires the City to protect your data. The City has established appropriate safeguards to ensure your data are safe.

When Your Data are Inaccurate or Incomplete

You have the right to challenge the accuracy and completeness of public and private data about you. You also have the right to appeal the City's decision. If you are a minor, your parent or guardian has the right to challenge data about you.

How to Make a Request for Your Data

You may request to look at (inspect) data or obtain copies of data we keep about you, your minor children, or an individual for whom you have been appointed legal guardian. You must make this request in writing. You can request data by making a data request on [the City of Golden Valley's Online Data Request Portal](#).

You may also choose not ~~use~~ to use the online data request portal. If you chose not to use the online portal, your emailed, mailed, or faxed request should include:

- a statement that you are making a request for public data under the [Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13](#)
- a clear description of the data you would like to inspect or have copied
- instructions for delivering the data to you, stating whether you would like to look at the data, receive copies of the data, or both
- identifying information that proves you are the data subject, or data subject's parent/guardian

The City of Golden Valley may require proof of your identity before staff can respond to your request for data. If you are requesting data about your minor child, you must show proof that you are the minor's parent. If you are a guardian, you must show legal documentation of your guardianship. Please see the Standards for Verifying Identity included in this policy. If you do not provide proof that you are the data subject, the City cannot respond to your request.

How the City Responds to a Data Request

Upon receiving your request, the City will process it as follows.

- If it is not clear what data you are requesting, City staff will ask you for clarification.
- If the City does not have the data, staff will notify you in writing within 10 business days.
- If the City has the data but the data are confidential or private data that are not about you, staff will notify you within 10 business days and state which specific law says you cannot access the data.
- If the City has the data and the data are public or private data about you, staff will respond to your request within 10 business days by doing one of the following:
 - arrange a date, time, and place to inspect data, for free, if your request is to look at the data
 - provide you with copies of the data within 10 business days. ~~You may choose to pick up your copies, if you submitted your request using the City's data request portal, your data will be released to you electronically via the portal. If you choose not to use the portal, you may either pick up your copies~~ or staff will mail, email or fax them to you. The City will provide electronic copies (such as CD-ROM) upon request if the data is normally kept in an electronic format.

After the City has provided you access to data about you, the City does not have to show you the data again for six months unless there is a dispute or the City collects or creates new data about you.

If you do not understand ~~some of~~ the data (technical terminology, abbreviations, or acronyms), please ~~let City~~ tell the staff know. The City will give person who provided the data to you an explanation if you ask.

If you do not inspect or collect copies of the data you requested within five business days of being notified they are available, further responses will be suspended. Work will resume only after you inspect or collect the data.

Staff may need additional information in order to fulfill your request. If you are contacted about your request and you do not respond within 10 days, your request may be considered 'abandoned' and closed.

The Data Practices Act does not require the City to create or collect new data in response to a data request if the City does not already have the data, or to provide data in a specific form or arrangement if the data is not kept in that form or arrangement. For example, if the data you request are on paper only, the City is not required to create electronic documents to respond to your request. If the City agrees to create data in response to your request, staff will work with you on the details of your request, including cost and response time.

In addition, ~~we are~~ the City is not required under the Data Practices Act to respond to questions that are not specific requests for data.

Fees for Data Subjects

The City of Golden Valley may charge you the actual cost for copies of government data about you. These charges are authorized under [Minnesota Statutes, section 13.04, subdivision 3](#).

All charges must be paid in full before the data is released. The charges below may vary when a charge is set by statute or rule.

Actual Cost of Making Copies

In determining the actual cost of making copies, the City includes the actual cost for an employee to make and transmit paper copies or copies of electronically stored data, as well as the actual cost of materials. The City does not include charges for redaction or for searching for and retrieving data. Employee time is calculated using the lowest-paid employee(s) that would have access to the data.

Prior to processing your request, the City will provide you with an estimation of the total cost. However, the actual fees charged may differ. The City strives to provide estimates that are as accurate as possible but cannot guarantee the final cost of the request until the request is complete. You will only be charged the actual cost of fulfilling your request.

If your request is for copies of data City staff cannot copy in-house, such as photographs, the City will charge you the actual cost the City must pay an outside vendor for the copies.

Standards for Verifying Identity

The following constitute proof of identity.

An **adult individual** must provide a valid photo ID, such as a:

- state driver's license
- military ID
- passport
- Minnesota ID
- Minnesota tribal ID

A **minor individual** must provide a valid photo ID, such as a:

- state driver's license
- military ID

- passport
- Minnesota ID
- Minnesota tribal ID
- Minnesota school ID

The **parent or guardian of a minor** must provide a valid photo ID **and** either a:

- certified copy of the minor's birth certificate or
- certified copy of documents that establish the parent or guardian's relationship to the child, such as:
 - a court order relating to divorce, separation, custody, foster care
 - a foster care contract
 - an affidavit of parentage

The **legal guardian for an individual** must provide a valid photo ID **and** a certified copy of appropriate documentation of formal or informal appointment as guardian, such as:

- court order(s)
- valid power of attorney

Note: Individuals who do not exercise their data practices rights in person must provide *either* notarized or certified copies of the required documents *or* an affidavit of ID.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Agenda Item

2. Biennial Election Administration Update (30 min)

Prepared By

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Summary

This biennial update summarizes election administration for the City Council, including recent operational improvements, legislative changes, and policy considerations that may influence future election operations.

Since 2020, staff have implemented numerous improvements to election administration in response to changes in election laws, security requirements, and best practices. These efforts have enhanced election security, strengthened chain-of-custody procedures, improved ballot and equipment management, expanded election judge recruitment and training, streamlined pre-election voting processes, and increased overall operational efficiency while maintaining compliance with state and federal requirements.

Legislative Updates and Policy Considerations

Recent changes to Minnesota election law provide municipalities with additional flexibility in administering elections and present several policy considerations for Council discussion.

Question #1 - Pre-Election Voting Options

To reduce election administration costs, does the City Council wish to reduce the in-person pre-election voting period at City Hall from 46 days to 18 days?

Minnesota's 46-day in-person absentee voting period has been in state law for decades. Under the current 46-day model, in-person voting includes a combination of voting by placing a ballot in a series of envelopes (first 28 days) and voting by inserting a ballot directly into a tabulator (final 18 days).

Since 2021, pre-election in-person voting in Golden Valley has been conducted in the Council Chambers to ensure security and accessibility. Pre-election voting requires dedicated temporary election staffing, voting supplies and materials, daily reporting and security procedures, and continuous public access during regular business hours. Because the Council Chambers is City Hall's largest meeting space, use of the facility for pre-election voting also reduces its availability for meetings and other City operations throughout the voting period. Providing this service for 46 continuous days is expensive and administratively burdensome.

Recognizing the operational and financial demands associated with administering extended in-person voting periods, Representative Mike Freiberg and Senator Bonnie Westlin authored a bill that passed during the 2026 legislative session to allow cities to reduce the pre-election voting window to 18 days for eligible elections. Eligible elections include all elections conducted in conjunction with state and county election cycles. It does not apply to stand-alone odd-year municipal elections. The 18-day option has several operational benefits including:

- Reduced staffing and overtime requirements
- Elimination of dual voting processes (envelopes versus tabulator)
- Reduced administrative complexity and procedural error risk
- Increased consistency in voter experience through direct tabulator use
- Increased staff capacity for election preparation, training, testing, and Election Day operations

Estimated fiscal impact for Golden Valley: **\$6,000 - \$8,000 per election**

Golden Valley Voter Participation Trends (2023–2025)

- 6% of pre-election voting at Hennepin County through mail or in-person (46 days)
- 4% of in-person pre-election voting by envelope at Golden Valley City Hall (28 days)
- 16% of in-person pre-election voting by tabulator at Golden Valley City Hall (18 days)
- 74% of in-person voting occurs on Election Day

As of the date of this memo, the cities listed below within the county have selected the following options:

- **18 days for Primary and General** - Champlin, Corcoran, Crystal, Dayton, Excelsior, Greenfield, Hopkins, Independence, Long Lake, Maple Grove, Maple Plain, Medina, Minnetonka Beach, Orono, Rogers, Shorewood, Spring Park, Tonka Bay, Wayzata
- **18 days for Primary, 46 days for General** - Edina
- **46 days for Primary and General** - Brooklyn Park, Minneapolis, Mound, Plymouth

Question #2 - Odd-Year Municipal Elections

Is the Council interested in considering moving municipal elections to even years?

Because Golden Valley conducts municipal elections in odd-numbered years; those elections must continue under the 46-day pre-election voting model unless state law is amended. Alternatively, the City could elect to transition to even-year municipal elections. The following data is provided to help inform this discussion. If the Council wishes to explore this option further, staff would conduct additional research and return with findings at a future work session.

Odd-Year Municipal Election Statistics

- Only 7 of 45 Hennepin County cities conduct municipal elections in odd-numbered years.
- Fewer than 30 of Minnesota's 853 cities currently conduct municipal elections in odd-numbered years.
- Golden Valley voter participation in odd-year municipal elections has averaged 37% over the past three election cycles.
- Odd-year municipal elections cost the City approximately \$50,000 per election cycle.

Question #3 - Municipal Write-In Vote Counting

Does the Council wish to direct staff to prepare a resolution authorizing the City to count municipal

write-in votes only when they could affect the outcome of the election?

The Legislature recently authorized municipalities to adopt a resolution allowing election officials to count municipal write-in votes only when those votes could affect the outcome of the election. Under this option, election officials would not be required to review and tally write-in votes that cannot mathematically impact the result, reducing a post-election administrative task. While this change provides administrative flexibility, it would not result in a significant change to staff workload or post-election administrative tasks.

In Golden Valley, write-in candidates account for less than 1% of votes cast in municipal elections.

Legal Considerations

If the 18-day pre-election voting model is selected for eligible elections, City staff must notify Hennepin County of the selected voting model by the established deadline of June 12, 2026. **If the Council directs that municipal write-in votes be counted only when they could affect the outcome of the election**, Council action would be required to adopt a resolution authorizing this approach. **If the City considers transitioning municipal elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years**, additional Council action and legal review would be required to ensure compliance with state law and applicable election requirements.

Equity Considerations

While the 46-day model provides greater in-person voting access, it also increases administrative and operational burden. The 18-day option seeks to balance voter access with administrative capacity. The 18-day pre-election voting option will preserve a range of accessible voting options, including:

- Pre-election voting by mail/envelope (46 days)
- County-administered pre-election voting locations (28 days by envelope, 18 days by tabulator)
- City Hall pre-election voting (18 days by tabulator)
- Election Day voting

By reducing the number of in-person pre-election voting service days, would allow staff greater capacity for voter outreach and education, including engagement with congregate care facilities and expanded education on voter registration, voting methods, election timelines, and available resources. If the City adopts the 18-day option, staff will also implement a communication plan to inform residents of voting options, locations, and timelines.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the Council:

1. Approve the 18-day pre-election voting option for eligible elections under HF 4240 and direct staff to notify the County accordingly.
2. Support legislative efforts to extend 18-day pre-election voting eligibility to municipalities conducting odd-year elections.
3. Provide direction regarding whether staff should prepare a future report evaluating the potential transition from odd-year municipal elections to even-year municipal elections.
4. Direct staff to prepare a resolution authorizing the City to count municipal write-in votes only when those votes could affect the outcome of the election.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community Development

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Golden Valley City Council Work Session

June 9, 2026

Agenda Item

3. Civic Center Campus Discussion (1 Hour)

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Summary

The Civic Center Campus Plan will lay out the City's vision for a 14-acre campus that balances operational needs, community aspirations, private development opportunities, sustainability, innovation, and design excellence. The plan for the campus includes a network of large civic spaces, new Public Safety (Police and Fire) facilities, new City Hall facilities, a new Hennepin County Library, and a new water tower. While each attached scenario shows a new Hennepin County Library, the Hennepin County Board is ultimately the decision-maker for any new County facilities on the site. The County has agreed to work with the City on the planning effort to envision what the site could be.

The City Council approved the contract with Perkins & Will for master planning in December 2025. The project is broken into three general phases:

1. Engage + Discovery + Assessment
2. Envision + Ideate
3. Implementation + Documentation

The project is current in Phase 2, Envision + Ideate, and on June 3 and June 17, four concept scenarios will be presented to the public. This case is meant as an update to the City Council to increase transparency around the project, allow the City Council time to provide feedback, and update the City Council on plan progress.

Attached is a lengthy document with a significant amount of background information. Starting on page 20 of the attached report are the potential concept scenarios presented to the public on June 3. Each scenario has supplemental pages that outline circulation, parking, environmental considerations, programming/recreational uses, sustainability, and phasing. Perkins & Will has also included a list of advantages and disadvantages for each scenario - which will likely be added to after the open houses with the public and the Planning Commission meeting on June 8. We do not plan to present the entire attached document, but wanted to provide the City Council with all the information available.

For the work session on June 9, the consulting team and staff will present for about 15 minutes and allow ample time for City Council feedback. We are requesting specific feedback on preferred

components and aspects of each scenario as it is likely that the final plan will incorporate pieces from multiple scenarios.

Financial or Budget Considerations

The City Council approved the contract with Perkins & Will on December 16, 2025. The total proposed cost of the campus planning effort is \$430,217. This City Council also approved a joint powers agreement (JPA) with Hennepin County, in which they pay for 20% of total cost of the master planning effort. The City's total cost is \$344,174, funded through the building forward CIP and local sales tax (eligible for public safety planning). Hennepin County is exploring project partnership, including the incorporation of its land into the campus, paying for the Library, its parking and proportional infrastructure improvements.

Legal Considerations

There are no specific legal considerations with this update.

Equity Considerations

City staff completed an extensive community engagement plan with Perkins & Will, as well as their subconsultants TKDA and Modern Day Me for this project, which was vetted through the City's equity review process. Attached is a timeline of completed actions to-date as well as an engagement summary. Staff, and the consultant team, have tried to prioritize equitable and inclusive community engagement. This project also has a focus on internal engagement with staff, which has been exemplified through the numerous committees formed by City staff, including the technical advisory committee (TAC), subject matter experts (SME), and the employee design committee (EDC). In order to increase equitable outcomes on this project, staff has also completed significant stakeholder outreach, including Farmer's Market, the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC), Hennepin County, and Joint Water Commission (JWC). Future outreach is also planned to help increase outcomes and transparency.

Recommended Action

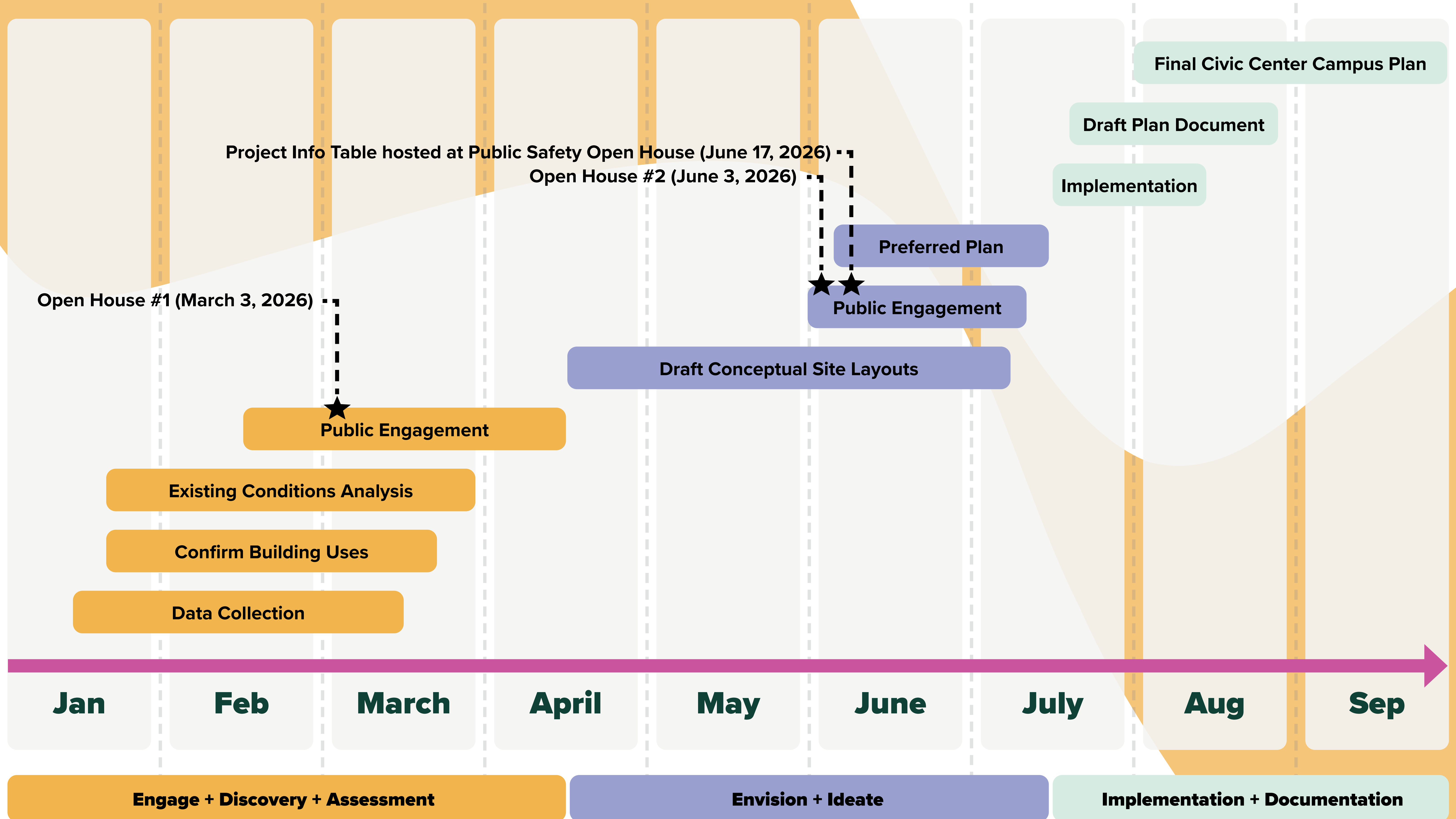
Receive presentation on Civic Center Campus master planning effort and provide feedback. In an effort to utilize time most effectively, staff would appreciate feedback on the following policy questions:

1. Does City Council want more information about any of the proposed scenarios?
2. Are there concerns about any of the scenarios, or individual elements of the scenarios?
3. Does the process completed to-date meet the City Council's vision and strategic directives?

Supporting Documents

- [Timeline To-Date](#)
- [Engagement Summary](#)
- [Civic Center Campus Update](#)

Project Timeline



Engagement Timeline

January:



Steering Committee
(1/26/26)

Hennepin County Library Programming Meeting #1
(1/28/26)

February:



Hennepin County Library Programming Meeting #2
(2/5/26)

Public Safety Programming Meeting #1
(2/11/26)

Steering Committee
(2/23/26)

Hennepin County Library Programming Meeting #3
(2/23/26)

March:



Public Open House #1
(3/3/26)

City Hall Programming Meeting #1
(3/6/26)

Subject Matter Experts: City Watertower, Maintenance and Operations
(3/12/26)

City Hall Programming Meeting #2
(3/18/26)

Campus Parking/Private Development Meeting #1
(3/20/26)

Public Safety Programming Meeting #1
(3/19/26)

Steering Committee
(3/23/26)

May:



Employee Design Committee
(5/7/26)

Focus Group: Indigenous Community Leaders
(5/11/26)

City Hall Programming Meeting #3
(5/12/26)

Subject Matter Experts
(5/12/26)

Hennepin County Library Programming Meeting #4
(5/12/26)



Steering Committee
(5/18/26)

Technical Advisory Committee
(5/21/26)

Focus groups - Markets, Art & Culture
(5/20/26)

Public Safety Programming Meeting #3
(5/26/26)

April:



Focus Group: Indigenous Community Leaders
(4/9/26)

Campus Parking/Private Development Meeting #2
(4/15/26)

Technical Advisory Committee
(4/16/26)

Steering Committee
(4/20/26)

Employee Design Committee
(4/23/26)

Subject Matter Experts: Parks & Rec
(4/29/26)

Hennepin County Library Pop-up Event
(4/30/26)

Subject Matter Experts
(4/16/26)

June:



Public Open House #2
(6/3/26)

Subject Matter Experts: Watershed
(6/9/26)

Steering Committee
(6/22/26)

Public Safety Open House (Open House #3)
(6/17/26)

July:



Additional Focus Group Meetings
(June/July)

Farmer's Market Pop-up Event #1
(7/12/26)

Farmer's Market Pop-up Event #2
(7/19/26)

August:



Steering Committee
(8/3/26)

Steering Committee
(8/17/26)



School Engagement
(Ongoing)

Key:



Golden Valley Civic Center Campus Plan

Phase 1 Engagement Summary | May 2026



As part of the initial phase of the Golden Valley Civic Center Campus Master Plan, the project team held an in-person open house on March 3rd, 2026. The goal of this event was to raise awareness about the project and collect initial feedback from the community to inform the development of plan alternatives. Online engagement was also available via a survey and interactive map, accessed via the project website.

This summary provides an overview of what we heard during the outreach events and opportunities in the first phase of engagement, which occurred from early March to late April 2026.

Open House Details



March 3rd, 2026



4:30pm – 6:30pm



Brookview Golden Valley
316 Brookview Pkwy S, Golden Valley

By the Numbers



149

Open house attendees



12,471

Mailers distributed



22

3D campus models developed by open house participants



129

Online survey responses



26

Online map points placed

Key Takeaways

- » **The community wants to protect and enhance natural areas, creating a green civic campus.** Comments often emphasized protecting and enhancing the area near Bassett Creek and strong support for protecting the existing trees and green space.
- » **Safe, comfortable walking and biking access is a priority.** Participants often cited major roads as barriers and expressed support for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
- » **Outdoor gathering spaces and flexible community uses that bring “life” to the campus are strongly supported.** Top amenities supported included outdoor event spaces, cafes, plazas, and continuing the farmers market.
- » **Improvements should prioritize efficient civic services and reflect Golden Valley’s character.** Participants expressed a desire for a centralized, less fragmented civic services experience, as well as fitting the “mid-century” character of Golden Valley.



Build Your Own Campus Activity

Open House Summary

The open house included several stations, including: project boards providing background information, a 3D model-building activity, visioning activities, and a live art station where participants could work with a local artist. Hennepin County Library was also stationed at a table to answer questions.

Build Your Own Campus Activity

Participants were provided a variety of materials including colored blocks and pipe cleaners representing Civic Campus buildings or amenities. Participants were asked to arrange the materials to represent their preferred campus layout. 22 models were made as part of this activity. Common themes among the models built included the following:

Site Improvements

- » **Protecting and creating green space was a key theme.** 16 models featured prominent green spaces, with several including a large, central green space. 11 featured protecting/enhancing the natural features of the Bassett Creek area.
- » **Bicycle and pedestrian mobility was a priority.** 5 models featured enhanced bicycle and pedestrian access on the campus.

Buildings Strategies

- » **Most people supported combining or co-locating the fire and police stations.** 14 models featured combining the two facilities. The most frequently suggested location for a combined facility was along Rhode Island (7 models). 4 models featured separate but adjacent fire and police stations.
- » **Several models suggested combining or co-locating City Hall with other buildings.** 12 models proposed 3 or more civic uses combined or tightly grouped. 4 models featured combined or clustered City Hall, police and fire stations.
- » **City Hall location suggestions were mixed.** 5 models suggested City Hall at the intersection of Golden Valley and Winnetka, and 3 models suggested City Hall at 10th and Rhode Island.
- » **Views were split on relocating the water tower.** 10 models featured moving the water tower, 7 models featured it remaining in the same location.
- » **The Libraries location suggestions were mixed.** 6 models featured the Library remaining in the same location. The most common location to move the Library was to the Winnetka and Golden Valley intersection (6 models), followed by 10th and Rhode Island (5 models).



Images Above: Build Your Own Campus Activity

Activities

- » **The Farmer's Market and outdoor gathering/plaza areas were frequently featured in models.** 8 models highlighted the Farmer's Market, 4 of which located the market south of McDonald's. 4 models featured outdoor gathering and plaza areas, most frequently adjacent to civic buildings.

Tell Our Story Activity

Participants were invited to place sticky notes on three boards with prompts to help develop the “story” of the campus. 185 total sticky notes were placed as part of this activity. Results are categorized and summarized below.

On the campus, I want to spend time _____.

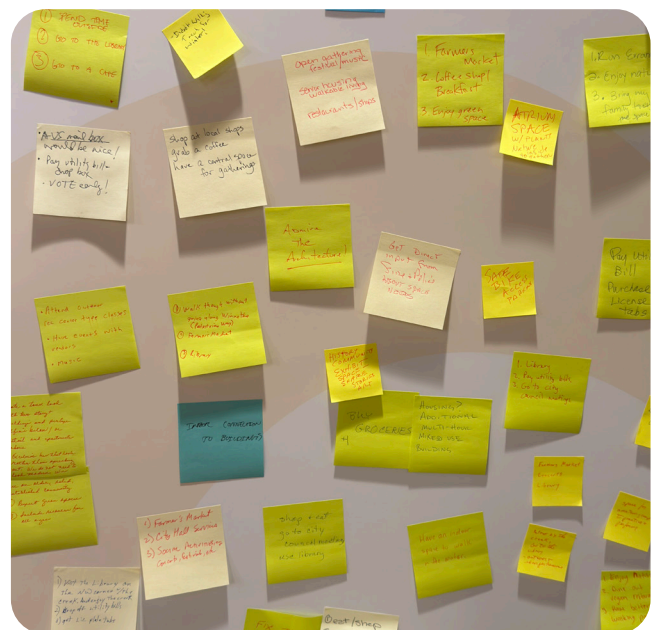
- » Socializing/connecting with my community (18%)
- » At events, festivals, or markets (18%)
- » At the Library, reading, or learning (11%)
- » Outdoors in nature (11%)
- » Walking (11%)
- » On civic services (voting, license tabs, etc.) (9%)

I want to celebrate _____ on the campus.

- » Natural beauty and green space (30%)
- » Community and connection with neighbors (22%)
- » Learning and the Library (9%)
- » Arts, music, and culture (7%)
- » Local foods and Farmer’s Market (7%)
- » Mobility and walkability (7%)
- » Families and youth (7%)

The top 3 things I want to do here are _____.

- » Participate in civic services (14%)
- » Attend arts and cultural events (11%)
- » Attend community events, markets, and festivals (11%)
- » Visit the Library or learn (11%)
- » Walk or bike (11%)
- » Enjoy nature and the outdoors (10%)
- » Purchase food and drink (8%)



Images Above: Tell Our Story Activity

Live Art Activity

Artists documented people’s vision for the look and feel of the campus. Feedback included:

- » Balancing functionality and form of the campus
- » Architectural style, look, and feel
- » Incorporating the natural environment into the design of physical buildings
- » Commemorating community history in design



Live Art Activity

Online Survey Summary

The project team developed an online survey to provide additional engagement opportunities. Key takeaways and results from the survey are summarized below.

Most respondents use the Civic Campus for conducting business at City Hall or visiting the Library.

» The most frequently visited campus destinations include the Library (78% visit) and City Hall (68% visit).

Residents want a campus that is green, welcoming, open, accessible, and human-scaled.

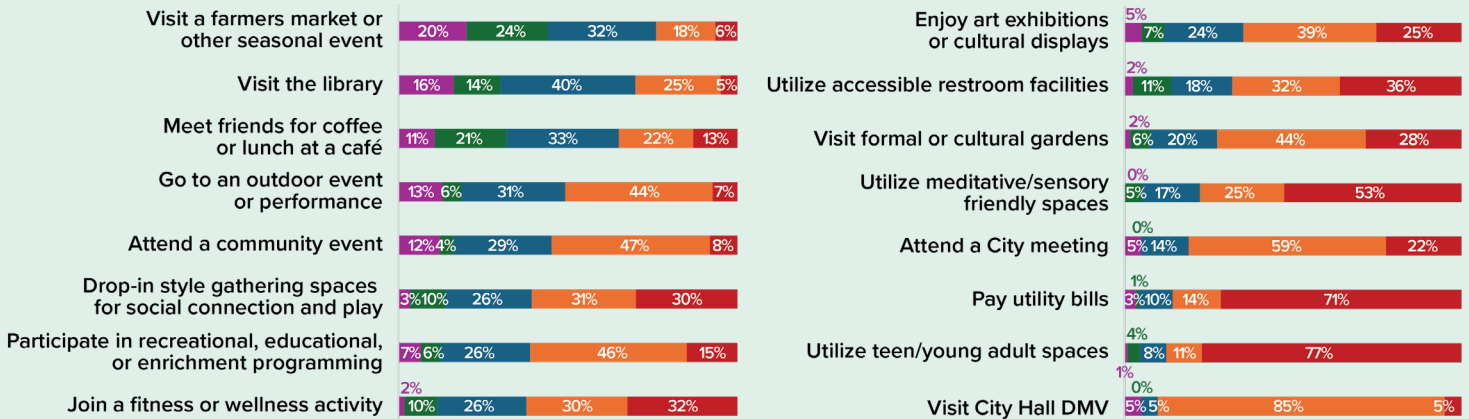
» When asked how the campus should feel, the most common words were *safe*, *relaxed*, *welcoming*, and *comfortable*. Architectural style should balance being modern with Golden Valley's mid-century identity and character.

Many respondents want to strengthen the campus's role as a community hub by incorporating more places to gather, learn, and celebrate, especially outdoors.

» The activities people are most interested in attending included farmers markets/seasonal events, visiting the Library, cafés, outdoor events and performances, and community events.

How often would you participate in these activities?

■ I do this now and want to continue
 ■ Often (Monthly)
 ■ Never
 ■ Very Often (weekly)
 ■ Occasionally (Yearly)



The Library should prioritize flexible spaces for various audiences.

» The most desired Library amenities included adult programming (41% of respondents support), meeting rooms (40%), youth programming (35%), and study rooms (30%).

Most people said they would walk or bike more if safety and comfort improve.

» While most respondents currently arrive by car, about 45% said they also bike or walk in the area, and an additional 22% said they would like to bike or walk in the future but do not currently.

» Highway 55 and Winnetka Ave were mentioned frequently as barriers to safe walking and biking.

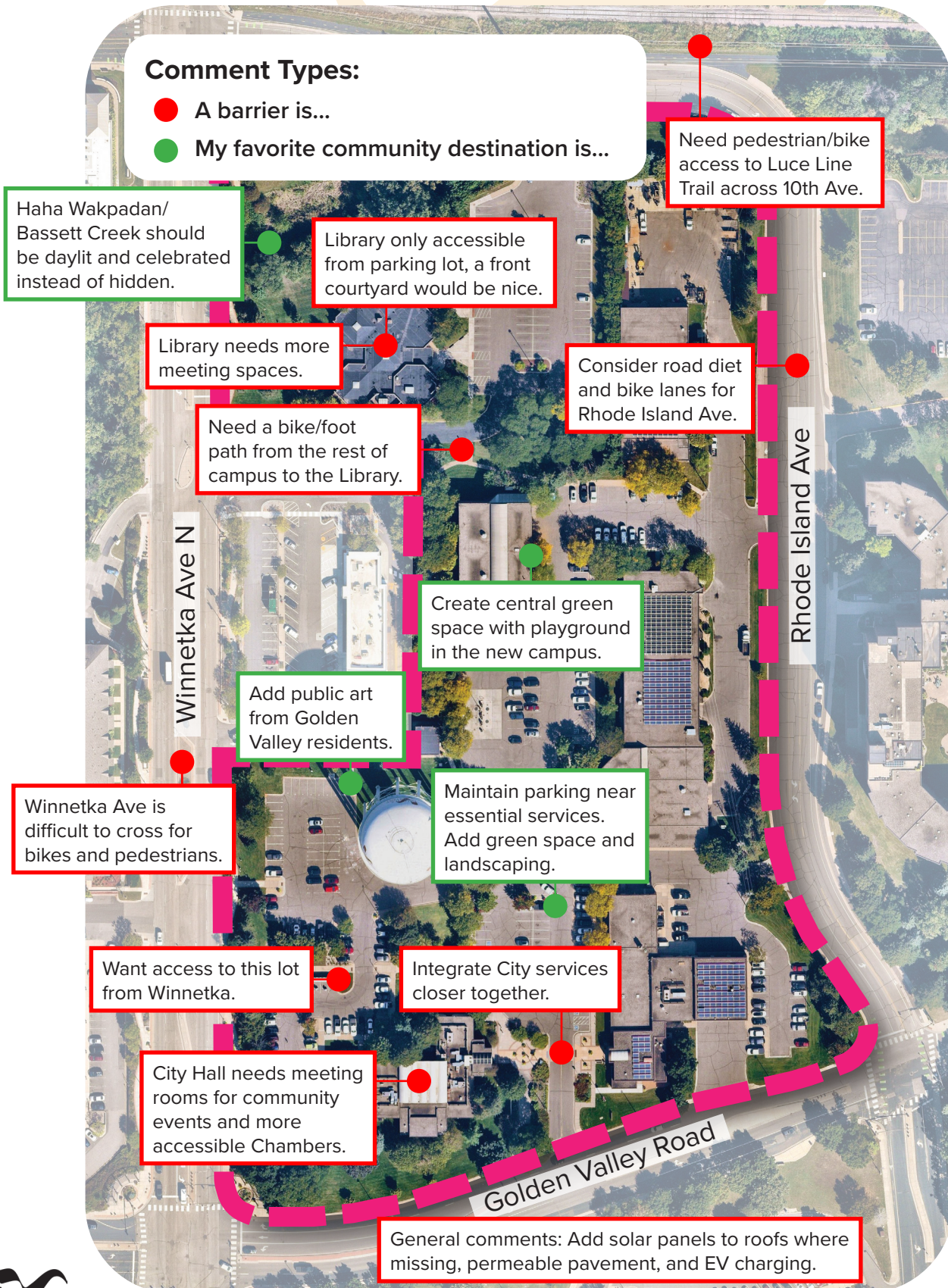
“Library should be expanded in size and offer more free community rooms/spaces.”

“Library should be integrated with the creek.”

“Make Winnetka more pedestrian friendly.”

Online Map Summary

The online interactive map asked participants to place pins to identify barriers and community destinations on the campus. 26 points were placed. Comments are summarized on the map below.



City of Golden Valley Civic Center Campus Plan
June 8, 2026

Civic Center Campus Plan Update

Perkins&Will



Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge and honor the Dakota Peoples, on whose ancestral lands the City of Golden Valley is built, and whose land resources we use.

We reflect on the forced exile and the sanctioned dispossession of the Dakota Peoples, due to actions by the government, traders, and land speculators, leading to the Land Cession 289 and the 1851 Treaty of Traverse des Sioux. We further recognize the injustices done by actions taken to suppress, over the following many decades, the Dakota Peoples' knowledge and observance of their cultural and spiritual heritage.

We further acknowledge, honor, and respect their continuing existence as part of the four Federally-recognized and sovereign Dakota bands who live among us here in Minnesota today.

We hold ourselves accountable to recognize and counter the historical and contemporary injustices that continue to impact Indigenous people. We plan to do this by counteracting the erasure of the cultural practices and presence of the Dakota Peoples through education and by amplifying a wide range of Indigenous voices.

Agenda

01 — Introduction and Project Background Information

02 — Phase 1 Overview

03 — Community Engagement Updates

04 — Design Process Overview

05 — Campus Plan Concept Scenarios

06 — Developing the Decision Matrix

Appendix A: Developing the Strategic Framework

Appendix B: Urban Design Analysis

Appendix C: Campus Scale Comparison

Project Background

Civic Center Campus Plan - Project Information

Project Vision

The City and County are poised to transform the Golden Valley Civic Center Campus into a welcoming, forward-looking, and iconic civic destination where civic architecture, nature, and public spaces serve as a physical expression of the community's values and a lasting beacon for residents, Library patrons, employees, and visitors.

Project Overview

The Civic Center Campus Plan will lay out the City's and County's vision for a 14-acre campus that enhances service delivery and balances operational needs, community aspirations, private development opportunities, sustainability, innovation, and design excellence.

The Campus Plan reimagines the relationship between key civic spaces, serving as the roadmap for the design and construction of:

- City Public Safety (Police and Fire) facilities
- The consideration of new City Hall facilities
- The consideration of a new Hennepin County Library
- A new water tower, which is slated for standard reconstruction in the coming years
- A public plaza

Project Goals

- Create a civic heart
- Advance community health, wellness, and belonging
- Create an iconic and enduring place
- Preserve and enhance campus natural assets
- Design for water, climate, and resilience
- Strengthen connectivity and green networks
- Plan for comprehensive growth, adaptability, and long-term community value

Project Cost & Funding

The City's project is funded through the building forward CIP and local sales tax (eligible for public safety planning).

Hennepin County is exploring project partnership, including the incorporation of its land into the campus, paying for the Library, its parking and proportional infrastructural improvements.

The Campus Today



Library Issues: Library facility is beyond its useful life and is facing many service delivery and infrastructural challenges.

Decentralized Public Works: Operating from three buildings, causing service delays and higher labor costs

Inadequate Public Safety Spaces: Fire and police facilities are undersized, outdated, and do not support firefighter health, safety, or 24-hour crews

City Hall Limitations: Outdated layout, poor wayfinding, limited space, insufficient capacity for additional staff needed to meet resident service expectations, aging and failing HVAC systems, and constraints on redevelopment at a key intersection

Project Schedule

- Three Phases
- Nine-month planning process
- Key milestones
- Engagement throughout
- Flexibility to adapt to the process

Engage + Discovery + Assessment

- Engagement & Project Management Plan
- Kick-off and Site Tour
- Data & Document Collection & Review
- Program Validation
- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Additional Targeted Engagement

Envision + Ideate

- Strategic Framework & Conceptual Layouts
- Cost Estimates
- Strategic Analysis Document
- Civic Center Plan Workshop
- Additional Targeted Engagement
- Preferred Civic Center Plan

Implementation + Documentation

- Implementation & Phasing
- Draft Campus Plan Document
- Final Civic Center Plan Document

Project Meetings

- Project Management Meetings (weekly)
- Open House
- Technical Advisory Meeting
- Subject Matter Experts
- Steering Committee Meetings (monthly)
- Planning Commission
- City Council
- Coordination with City Consultant



Next Steps

Envision + Ideate Phase

Ongoing Public
Engagement

Concept Scenarios

Public Engagement

- *Ongoing meetings with City and County stakeholders*

Public Open House #2, at Library

- *June 3rd, 2026, 5-7PM*

Staff Open House, prior to Public Safety Building Open House

- *June 17th, 2026, 3-5PM*

Public Open House #3, at Public Safety Building Open House

- *June 17th, 2026, 5-7PM*

Next Steering Committee Meetings

- *June 22, 2026 – SC#6 Agenda: Summary of Open Houses and other community engagement, review of scenarios with decision matrix to provide recommendations for design team to work toward 1 preferred scenario*
- *Aug. 3, 2026 – SC#7 Agenda: Refine 1 preferred scenario (review phasing, private development, and budget)*
- *August 17, 2026 – SC#8 Agenda: Discuss documentation and implementation of plan*
- **August 17, 2026* – Pre-read packet with Final Concept Plan sent to Planning Commission prior to PC Meeting on Sept. 14*

Phase 1 Overview:

Engagement +

Discovery +

Assessment

Phase 1 Overview

Previous Planning Studies

- **User Experience Framework**
- **Downtown Study (2020)**
- **City Municipal Facilities Study**
- **Highway 55 BRT Study**
- **Downtown Golden Valley Walk/Bike Connectivity**
- **HCL Strategic Plan Report 2023**
- **HCL Facility Master Plan 2025-2035**
- **And more...**

Phase 1 (Engagement + Discovery + Assessment) of this Civic Center Campus planning project included review of existing base information and analysis of previous City planning efforts which resulted in the City's summary of its goals, themes, ideas, and desired outcomes. The County then joined as a potential partner. All of the previous information was then used in collaboration with the Project Management Team and Steering Committee to co-create the Vision, Goals, and Objectives for the current planning project.



Figure 1.14 Alternative Concept for City Hall/Library Co-Location



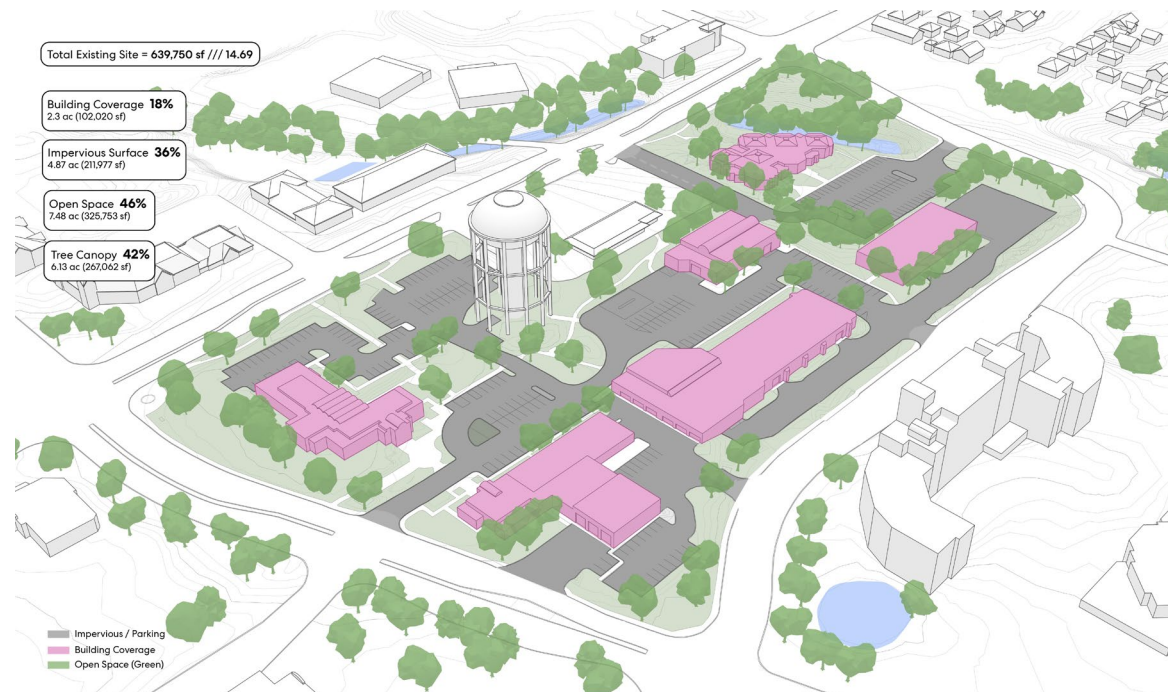
Phase 1 Overview

Site Analysis

- Regional Connections
- Site Access + Circulation
- Existing Infrastructure & Utilities
- Site Coverage
- Natural Features & Systems
- Resilience

- Observation and documentation of existing site conditions
- Identification of opportunities, issues, and constraints
- Identify public realm and open space opportunities
- Development of a Strategic Framework for the site conceptual layouts

Example analysis diagram



Phase 1 Overview

Program Validation

- Review and analysis of existing planning documents for current City building programs
- Meetings held with the County and with City departments to validate space needs
- Creation of preliminary 'rough order of magnitude' (ROM) programming for Hennepin County Library
- Ongoing discussion of shared space and/or shared programming opportunities

- City Hall
- Police Station
- Fire Station
- Hennepin County Library
- Public realm and open space

Building Programs Summary

City Hall	BKV Prog	Proposed	Ground Floor
NSF	24,069	25,414	8,182
Grossing Factor	1.31	1.84	
GSF	31,560	46,762	15,055

Library	Existing	Proposed	Ground Floor
NSF		TBD	TBD
Grossing Factor			
GSF	16,000	TBD	

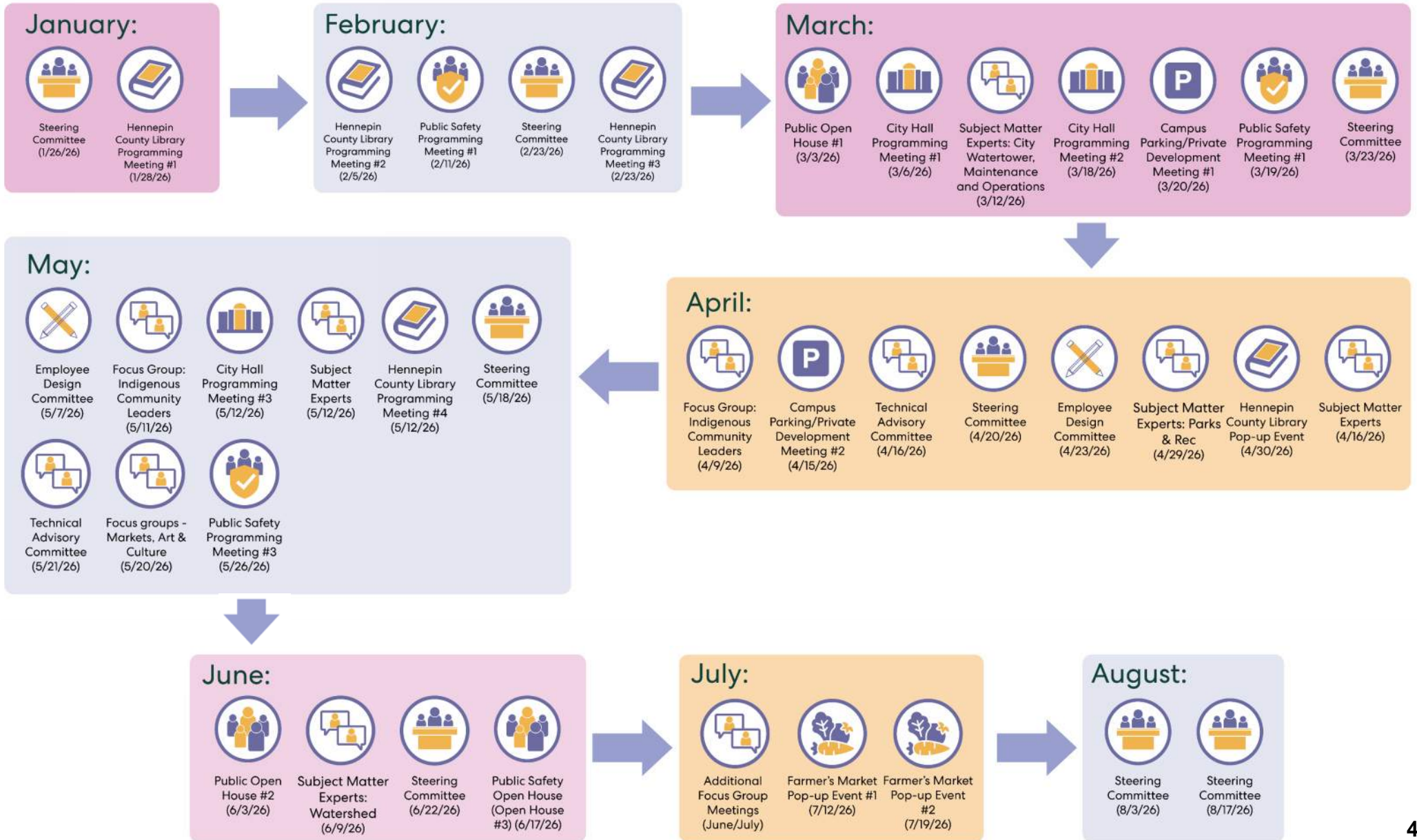
Fire	BKV Prog	Proposed	Ground Floor
NSF	35,418	28,781	15,260
Grossing Factor		1.63	
GSF		47,022	24,931

Police	BKV Prog	Proposed	Ground Floor
NSF	28,800	34,662	18,949
Grossing Factor		1.50	
GSF		51,997	28,425

Grossing factors include: Circulation, Restrooms, Mechanical, Electrical, and Structural space

Community Engagement Updates

Engagement Timeline



Phase 1 Engagement Summary

Engagement Introduction

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How the campus should feel:



What the campus should look like:



Open House Takeaways

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- Outdoor gathering spaces and flexible community uses that bring “life” to the campus are strongly supported. Top amenities supported included outdoor event spaces, cafés, plazas, and continuing the Farmer’s Market.
- Current Location of the Library. The community voiced support for the location of the Library near the creek, the overall feeling of being tucked into a quiet corner. Feedback included that the current Library location feels safe and protected.
- Improvements should prioritize efficient civic services and reflect Golden Valley’s character. Participants expressed a desire for a centralized, less fragmented civic services experience, as well as fitting the “mid-century” character of Golden Valley.

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- The activities people are most interested in included attending Farmer’s Markets/seasonal events, visiting the library, cafés, outdoor events and performances, and community events.



Design Process Overview

Our Approach

Creating an *experience*

A civic campus of the next century

Design Process Overview

Engagement + Discovery + Assessment

Envision + Ideate



Campus Plan Concept Scenarios

Potential Building Combinations

Possible building combinations eliminated by the Steering Committee and PMT:

- one mega-building
- four separate buildings

Scenarios 1 and 2:

Shared City Hall / Police / Fire, separate Library



Scenario 3:

Separate City Hall, shared Police/Fire Station, separate Library



Scenario 4:

Shared City Hall / Library, separate from shared Police / Fire



Scenario Overview

Scenario 1



Scenario 2



Scenario 3



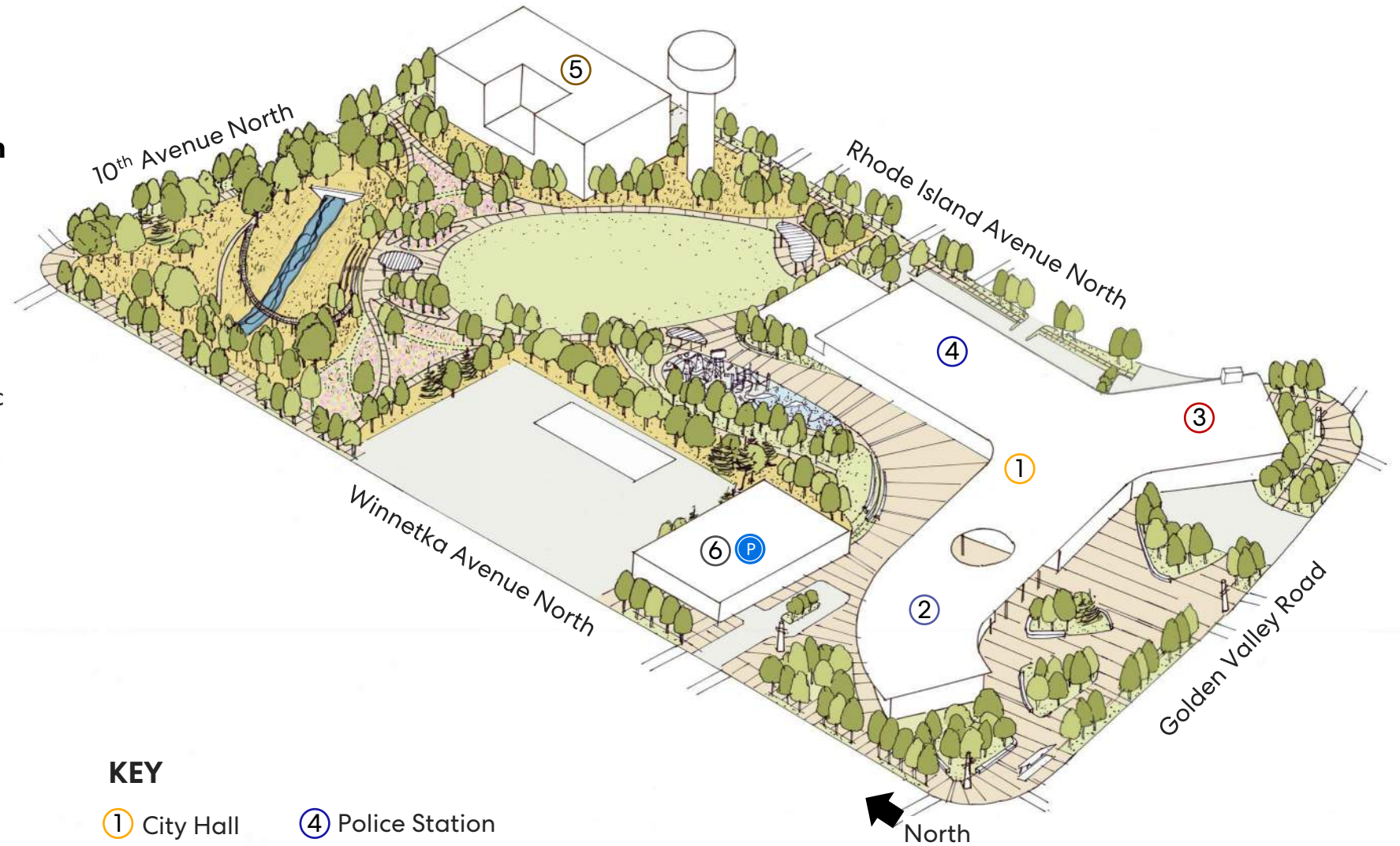
Scenario 4



Concept Scenario 1 – The Connector

Covered Civic Plaza + Northern Green

- City Hall, Police, & Fire co-located in single building at SE corner.
- Library across plaza at SW corner.
- Large roof unifies entire campus as a single building and creates covered Civic Plaza.
- Event lawn, plaza, a play / splash-jet space at north connected to Ĥaħá Wakpádaŋ through natural amphitheater.
- Private development at NE corner.
- Structured parking located north of Library on west side of campus.



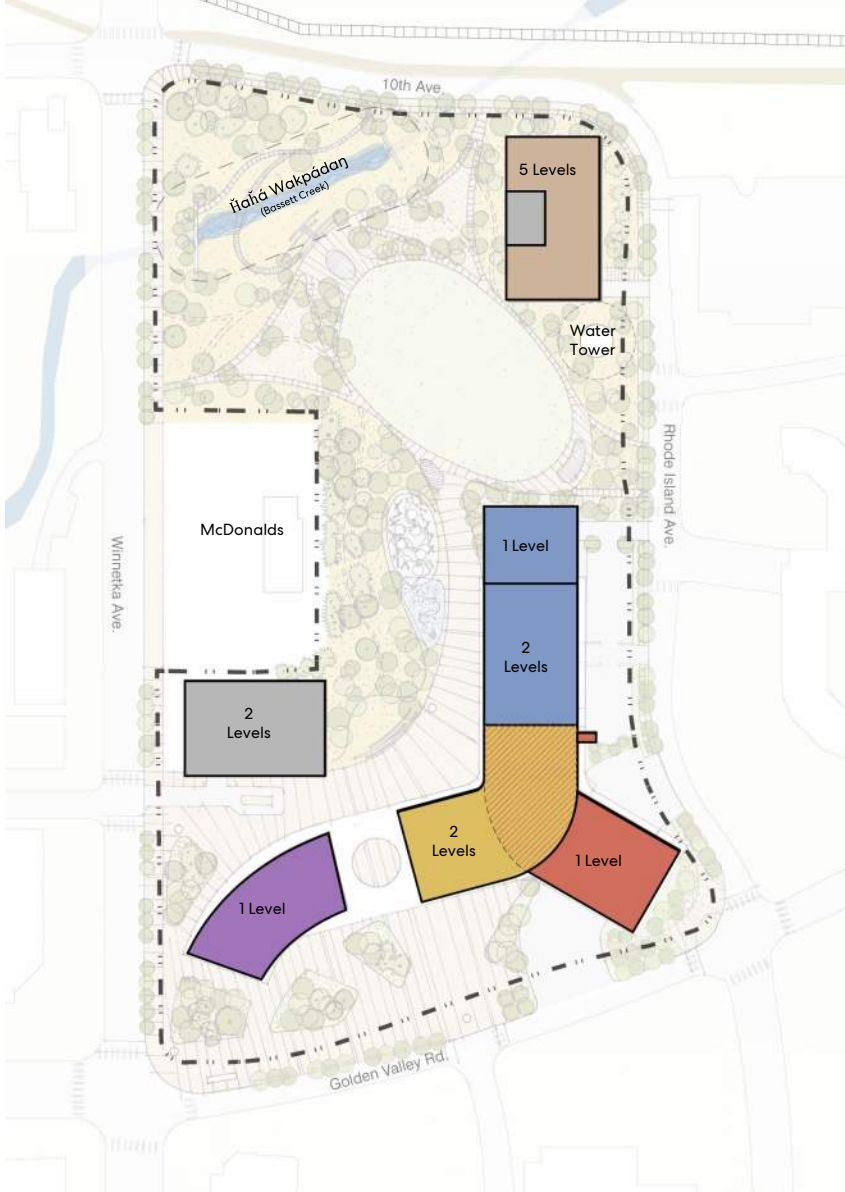
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| ① City Hall | ④ Police Station |
| ② Library | ⑤ Private Development |
| ③ Fire Station | ⑥ Structured Parking |

Concept Scenario 1



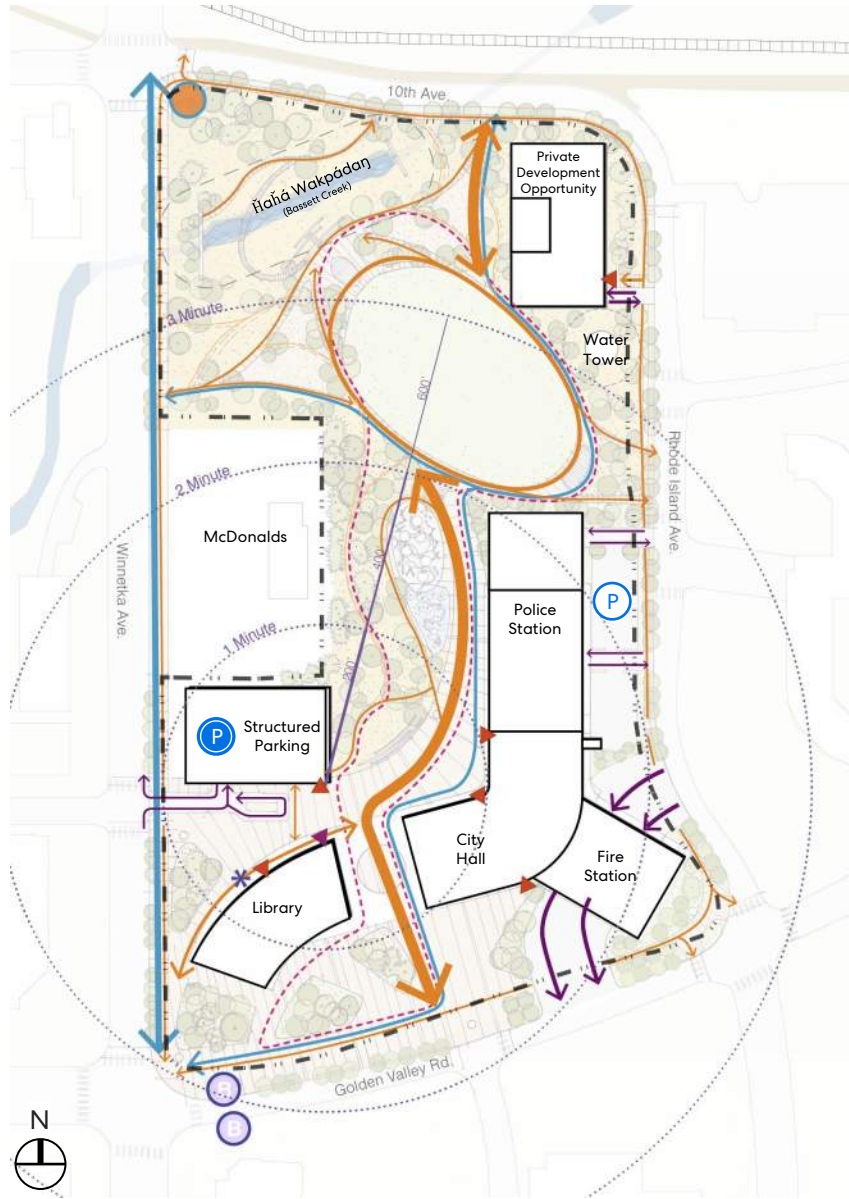
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Building Program

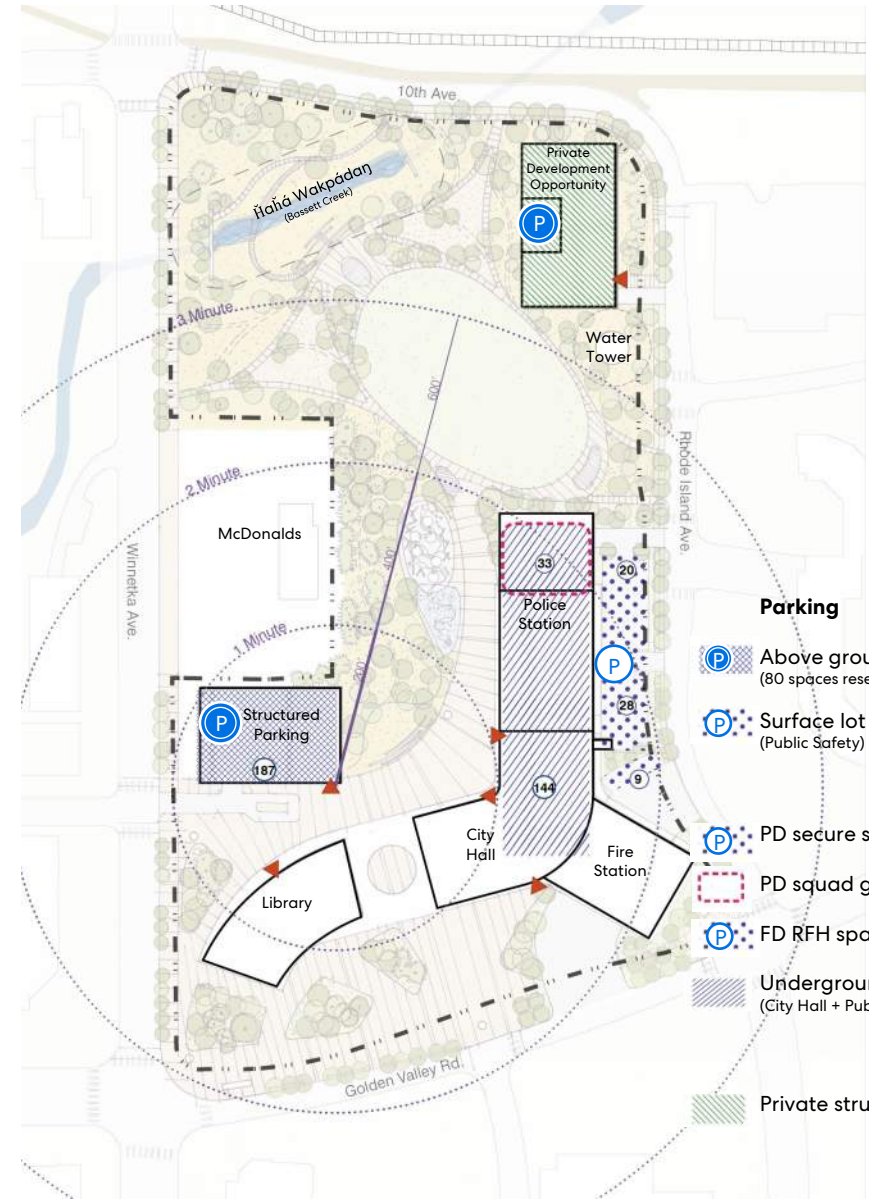
City Hall	(47,364 sf)
Library	(TBD)
Fire Station	(54,894 sf)
Police	(55,614 sf)
Private Development	(108,288 sf)
Parking Structure	(116,235 sf)

Concept Scenario 1



Site Circulation

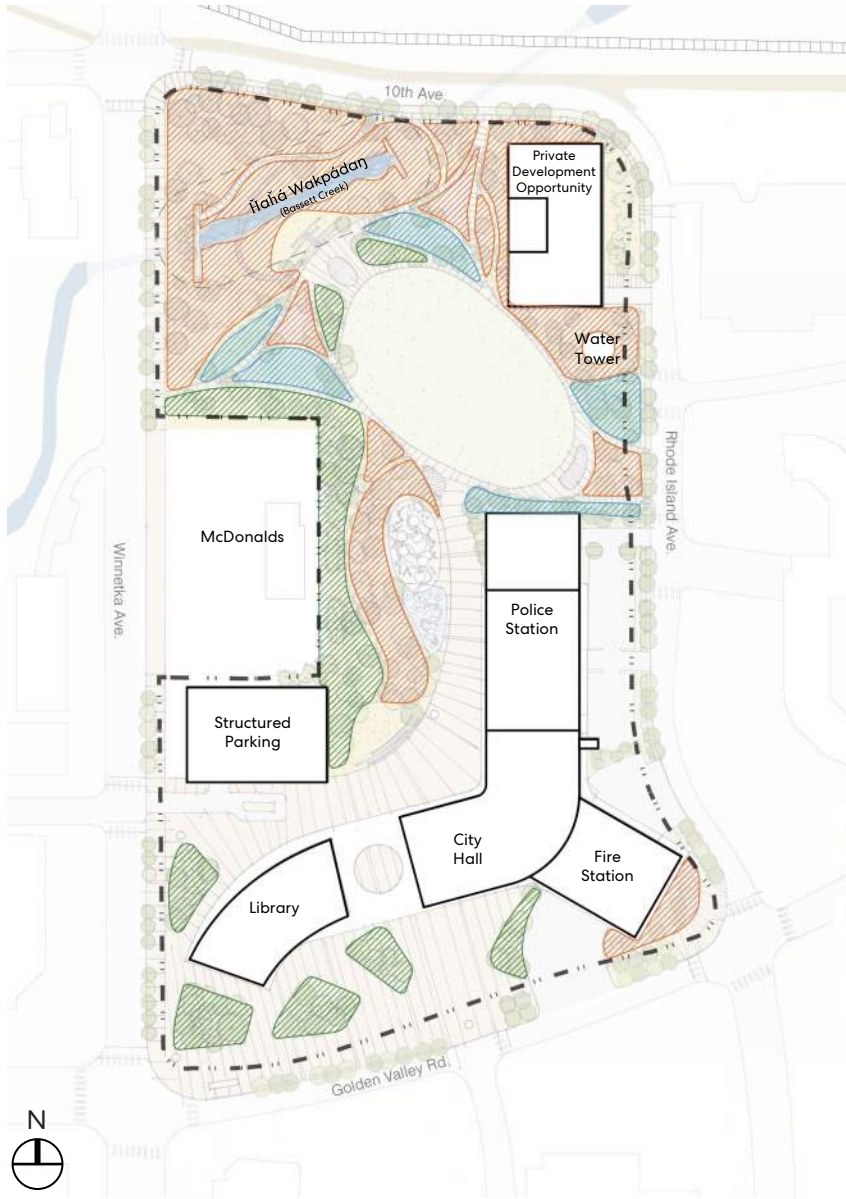
- Circulation**
- Pedestrian
 - Vehicular
 - Bike
 - Luce Line Trailhead
 - Future BRT Stop
 - Public Access
 - Library Staff Entrance
 - Book Drop-off
 - Campus Walking Distance






Parking

Parking		
	Above ground structure (80 spaces reserved for Library patrons)	187
	Surface lot (Public Safety)	20
Total (public)		207
	PD secure surface lot	28
	PD squad garage (main level)	33
	FD RFH spaces	9
	Underground structure (City Hall + Public Safety)	144
Total (staff)		214
	Private structure	

Concept Scenario 1



-  Stormwater /Green Infrastructure
5% of total site
-  Prairie / Naturalized
18% of total site
-  Woodland Garden
8% of total site

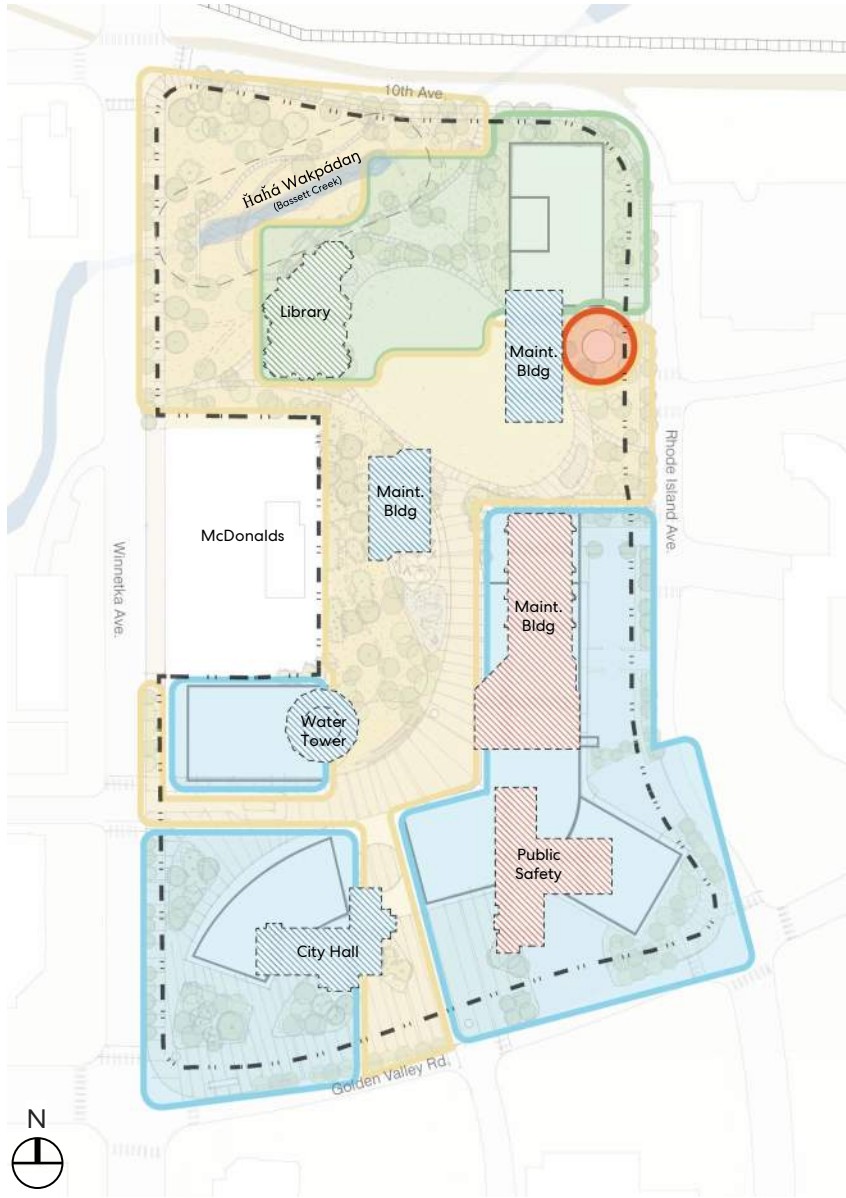
Site Ecology & Stormwater



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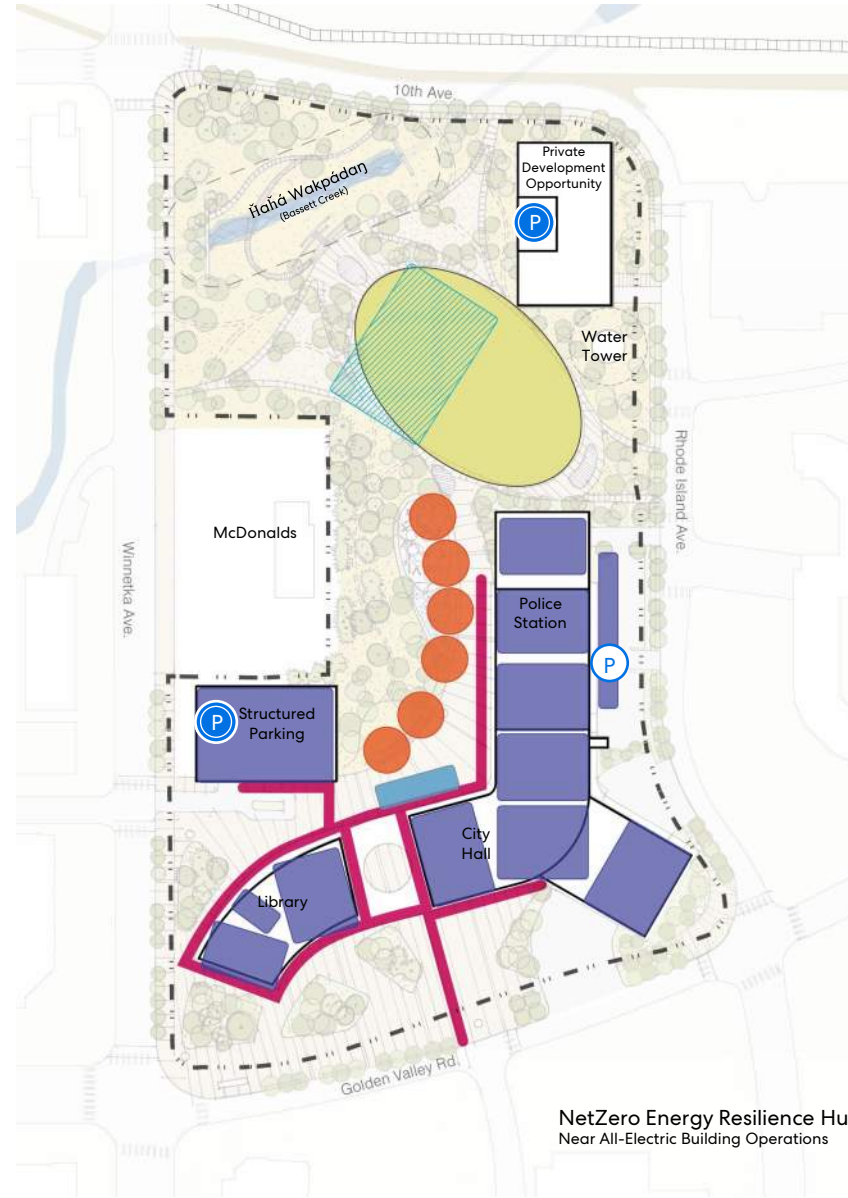
Site Programming & Activation

Concept Scenario 1



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Sustainability/Resilience

Concept Scenario 1

Advantages & Disadvantages

The Connector

Covered Civic Plaza + Northern Green

Advantages

- Existing Library could remain operational during construction of a new facility.
- Plaza, play features, and creek spaces could create an active civic destination for daily use and events.
- Opportunity to celebrate Hahá Wakpádaŋ through open space, native planting, and interpretive landscape features.
- Strong Civic Presence with the buildings at the Winnetka Ave + Golden Valley Rd intersection.
- Public Safety facilities at the SE corner visibility and efficient emergency response access.
- The Library has increased visibility, being located at the main intersection.
- Existing Library could remain operational during construction of a new facility.
- Plaza, play features, and creek spaces could create an active civic destination for daily use and events.
- Opportunity to celebrate HāHā Wakpádaŋ through open space, native planting, and interpretive

Disadvantages

- Construction phasing for Public Safety facilities could be more complex and may require temporary operations during construction.
- Right-in and right-out of the structure may be challenging for public visitors.
- Larger events near the plaza and play areas could create busier pedestrian activity near building entrances
- Library is not as visible from the Luce Line Trail.
- The Library may require multiple entrances, which would limit future floor plan layouts and could lean to additional management challenges.
- Primary views from the Library include structured parking and Winnetka traffic.
- Library is nearest to corner with greatest level of traffic noise and fire truck sirens on Golden Valley road.
- Parking access and drop-off locations require additional study and refinement for convenience and accessibility.
- Some areas of the north site could feel more closely associated with adjacent private development.

Concept Scenario 1

Resilience Advantages

The Connector

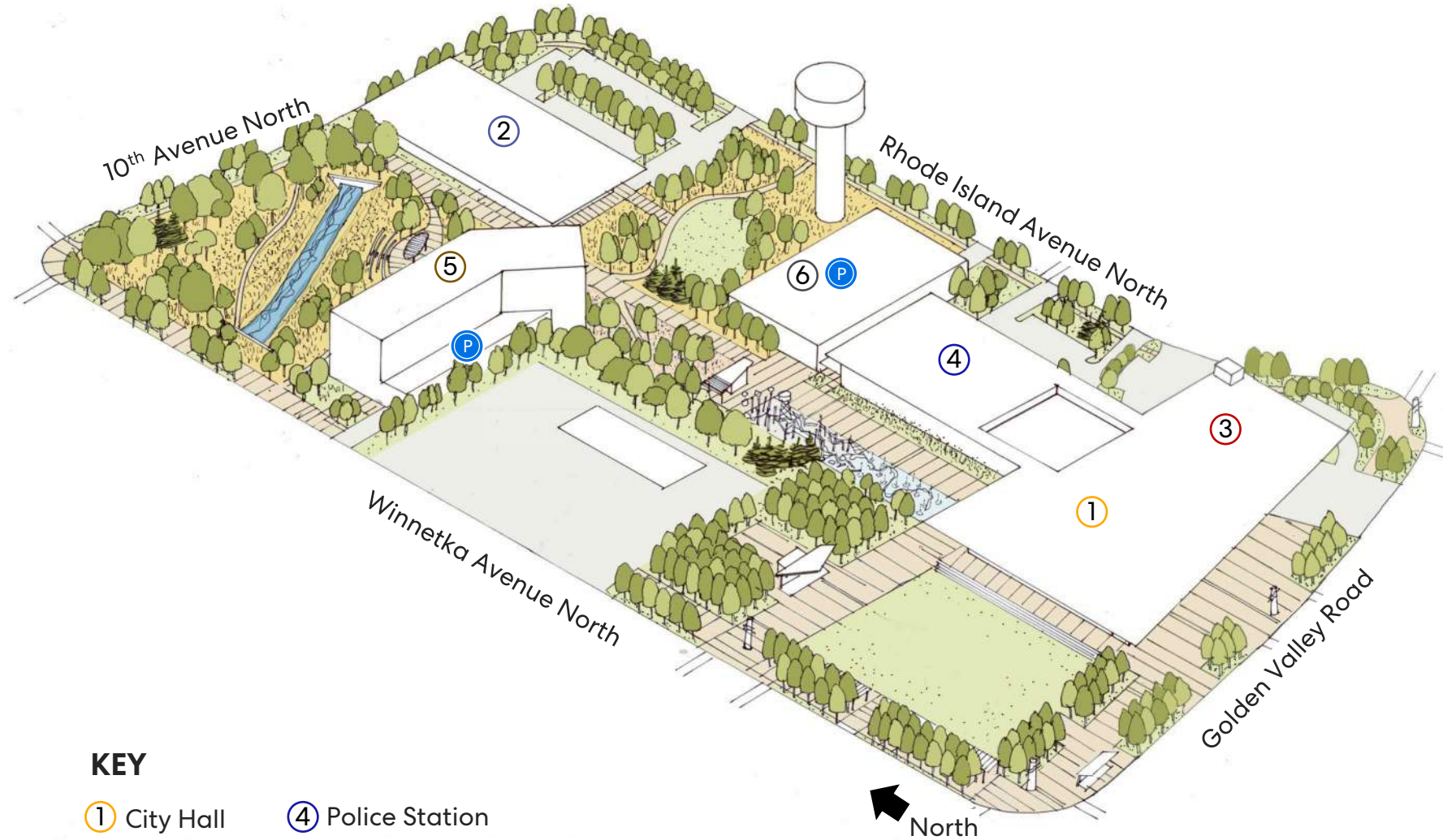
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- This design is able to support a future near net-zero or net-zero energy campus, pending additional study and future funding opportunities.
 - The shared resilience infrastructure for the campus is beneficial to both the City and the County.
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 - Rooftop solar, potential parking ramp solar, battery storage, backup generation, and a campus microgrid could support continued operations during power outages and emergencies.
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 - Large roof areas create opportunities for rainwater collection for irrigation and restroom flushing, including a proposed 90,000-gallon cistern.
 - Stormwater systems are integrated into the landscape to slow, clean, infiltrate, and manage runoff before controlled discharge.
 - Shared systems across the campus could reduce duplication, long-term maintenance needs, and operational costs.
 - Surface parking areas near Public Safety could also support emergency staging and response

Concept Scenario 2 – The Porch

Civic “Front Porch” + Festival Gathering Plaza

- City Hall, Police, & Fire co-located in single building at SE corner.
- Library across greenspace, north of structured parking, at NE corner overlooking creek.
- Event lawn, amphitheater, and plaza at SW corner with adjacent play areas mid-block to the north.
- Large roof creates civic “front porch” overlooking event green.
- Private development mid-block and adjacent to creek.
- Structured parking located immediately north of City Hall, Police, & Fire building.



KEY

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| ② Library | ⑤ Private Development |
| ③ Fire Station | ⑥ Structured Parking |

Concept Scenario 2



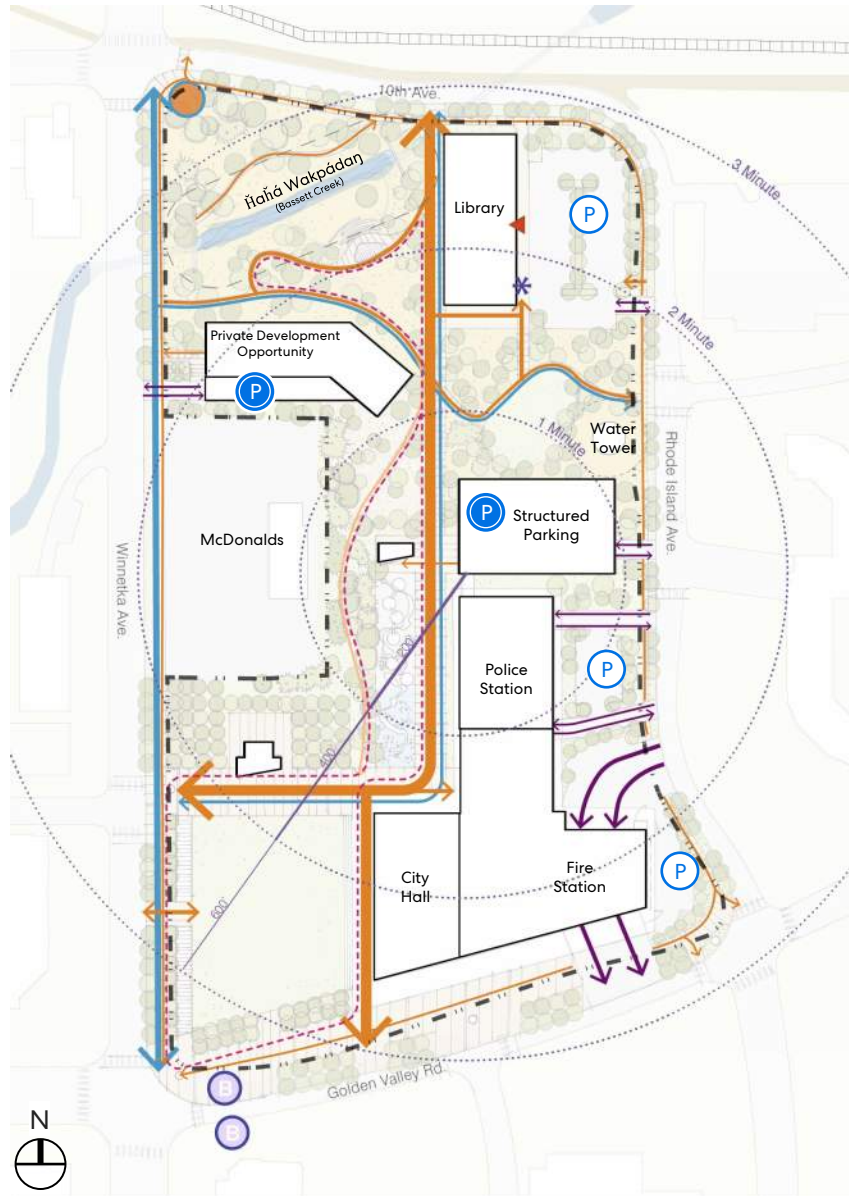
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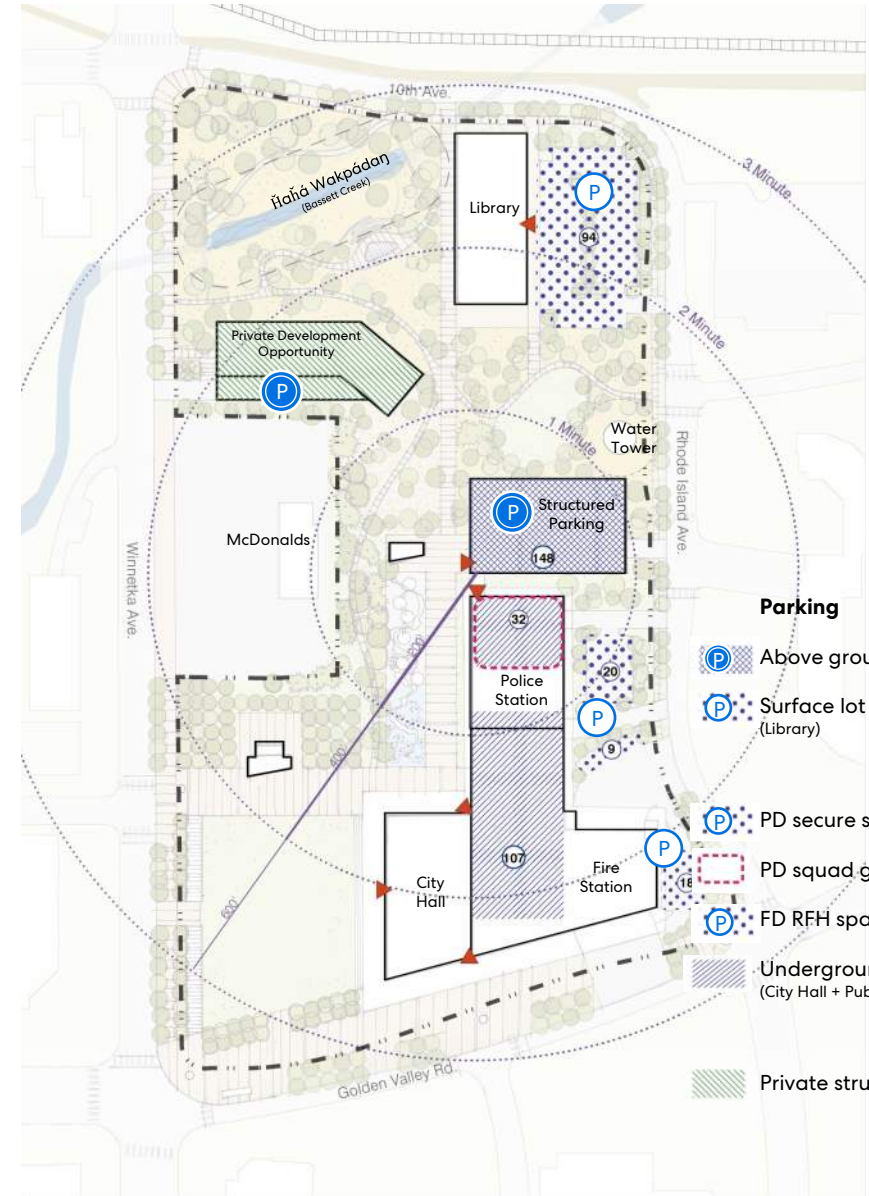
	City Hall	(44,017 sf)
	Library	(TBD)
	Fire Station	(47,504 sf)
	Police	(56,400 sf)
	Private Development	(74,049 sf)
	Parking Structure	(114,640 sf)

Concept Scenario 2



- Circulation**
- Pedestrian
 - Vehicular
 - Bike
 - Luce Line Trailhead
 - Future BRT Stop
 - Public Access
 - Library Staff Entrance
 - Book Drop-off
 - Campus Walking Distance

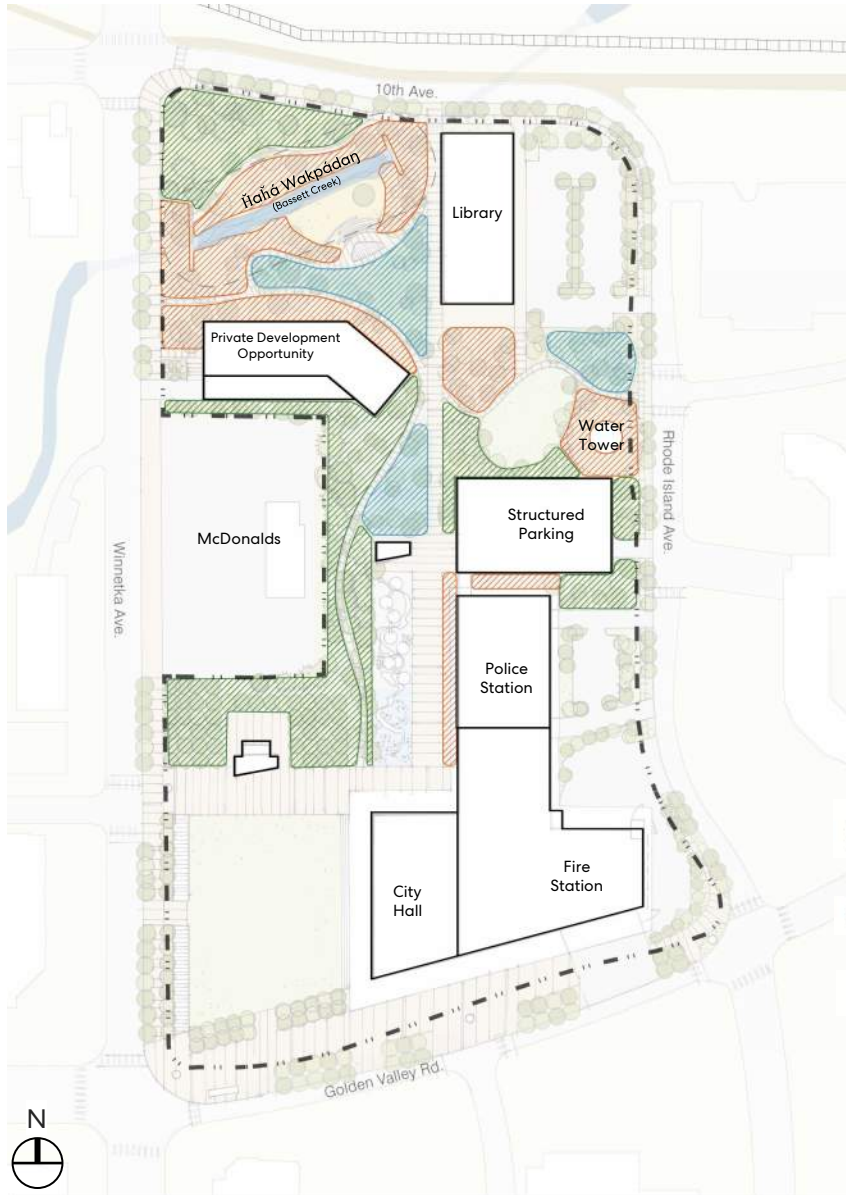
Site Circulation



Parking		
	Above ground structure	148
	Surface lot (Library)	94
Total (public)		242
	PD secure surface lot	20
	PD squad garage (main level)	32
	FD RFH spaces	27
	Underground structure (City Hall + Public Safety)	107
Total (staff)		186
	Private structure	57

Parking

Concept Scenario 2



Site Ecology & Stormwater



Site Programming & Activation

Celebration

- Community Garage Sales
- Art & Craft Fairs
- 5K Race Events
- Seasonal Festivals
- Winter Luminary Trail (Hike/Snowshoe/Kickled)
- Winter Market
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Recreation

- Grass Volleyball
- Flag Football
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♥ Campus Heart

--- Campus Axis

■ Active Green

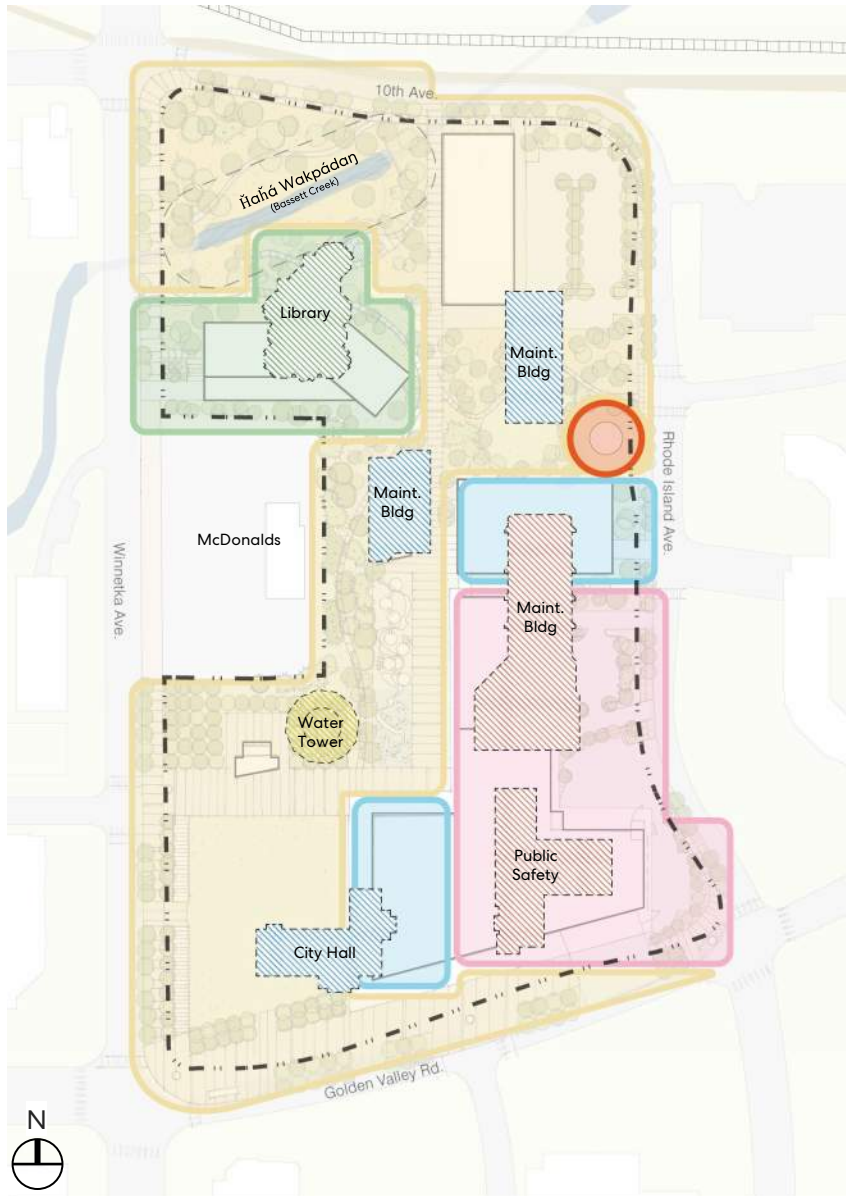
■ Passive Green

■ Active Plaza

■ Active Play

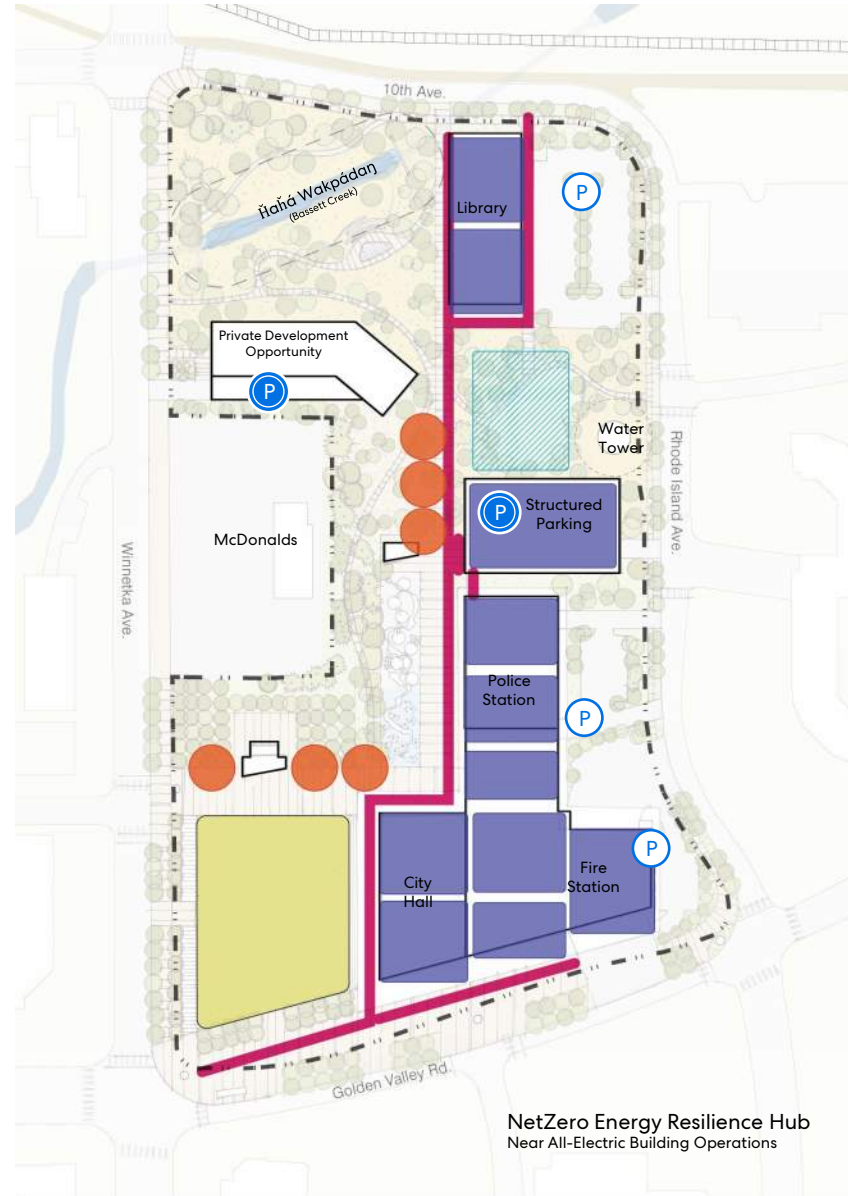
■ Flexible Water

Concept Scenario 2



Phasing Considerations

- Phase 1 Development
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Sustainability/Resilience

- Solar PV
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Concept Scenario 2

Advantages & Disadvantages

The Porch

Civic “Front Porch” + Festival Gathering Plaza

Advantages

- Existing Library could remain operational during construction of a new facility.
- Plaza, play features, and creek spaces could create an active civic destination for daily use and events.
- Opportunity to celebrate Hahá Wakpádaŋ through open space, native planting, and interpretive landscape features.
- A highly visible shared plaza and gathering space could strengthen connections between civic uses and community events.
- Public Safety facilities at the SE corner support visibility and efficient emergency response access.
- The small amphitheater and creek spaces could create a distinct destination connected to Hahá Wakpádaŋ.
- Consolidated parking could reduce internal vehicle conflicts while supporting larger green spaces and event areas. Library access is excellent for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and nearby residents, including those requiring wheelchair accessibility.
- The northeast Library location provides quieter spaces, views to nature, and opportunities for

Disadvantages

- Private development off of Winnetka Ave near the creek may require careful integration with the natural elements, civic spaces, pedestrian circulation and access to the creek.
- Public Safety construction and future private development may require additional coordination during phased implementation.
- Connections to creek and nature areas may require additional programming and activation.
- Vehicle circulation near Rhode Island Ave may require additional coordination between public and Public Safety access. Accessible parking locations may require further study.
- Public Safety parking and operational areas may have more limited on-site space.

Concept Scenario 2

Resilience Advantages

The Porch

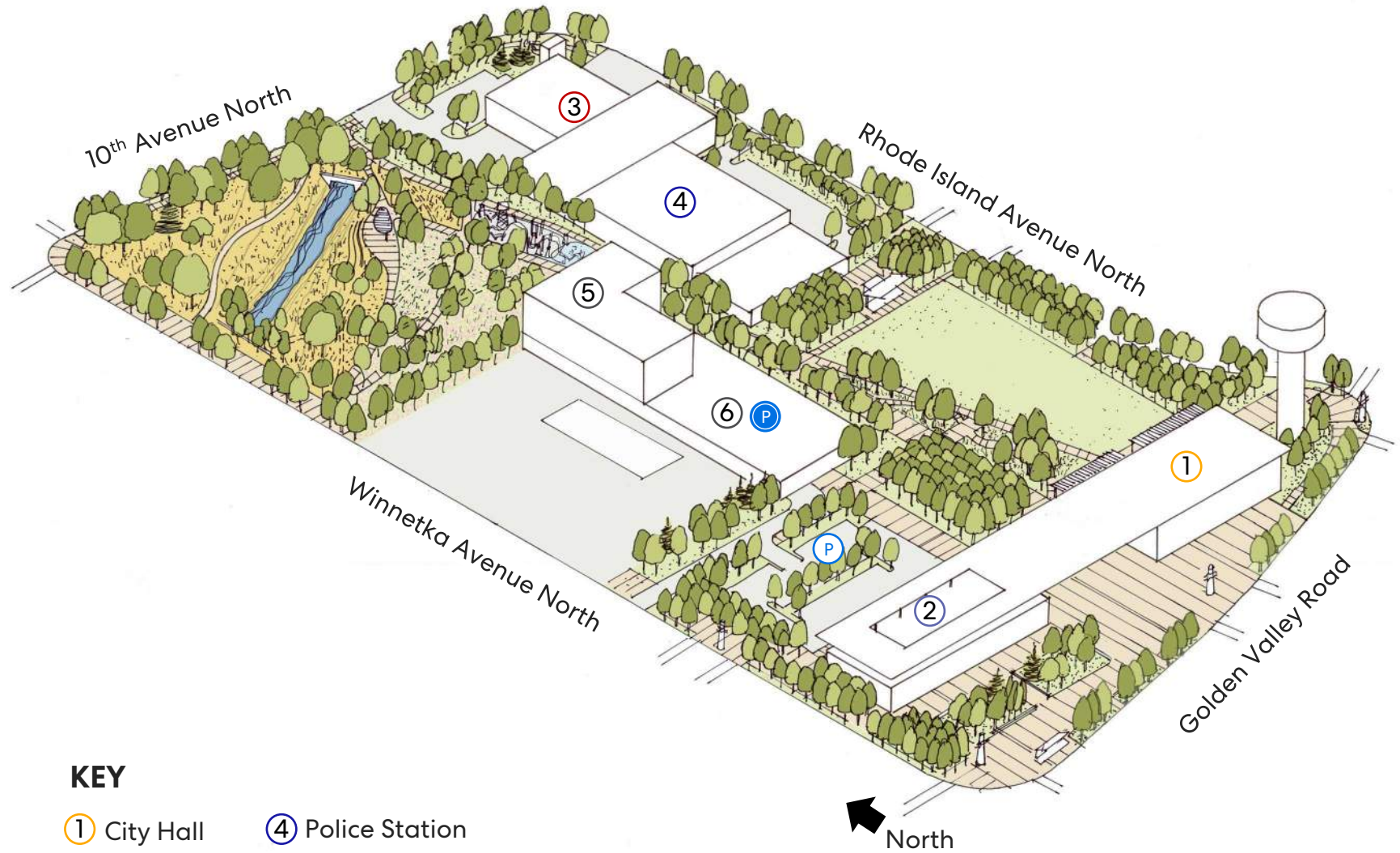
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 - Surface parking areas near Public Safety could also support emergency staging and response

Concept Scenario 3 – The Gateway

Civic Gateway + Diverse Outdoor Destinations

- Police & Fire co-located in single building at NE corner.
- City Hall at SE Corner and Library at SW corner.
- Large unifying roof connects City Hall with Library and creates a “Civic Gateway” to the whole campus.
- Event lawn, amphitheater, and plaza mid-block between City Hall and Police / Fire building.
- Play areas and walkway connect event lawn to creek.
- Private development located mid-block.
- Parking structure consolidated with private development mid-block.



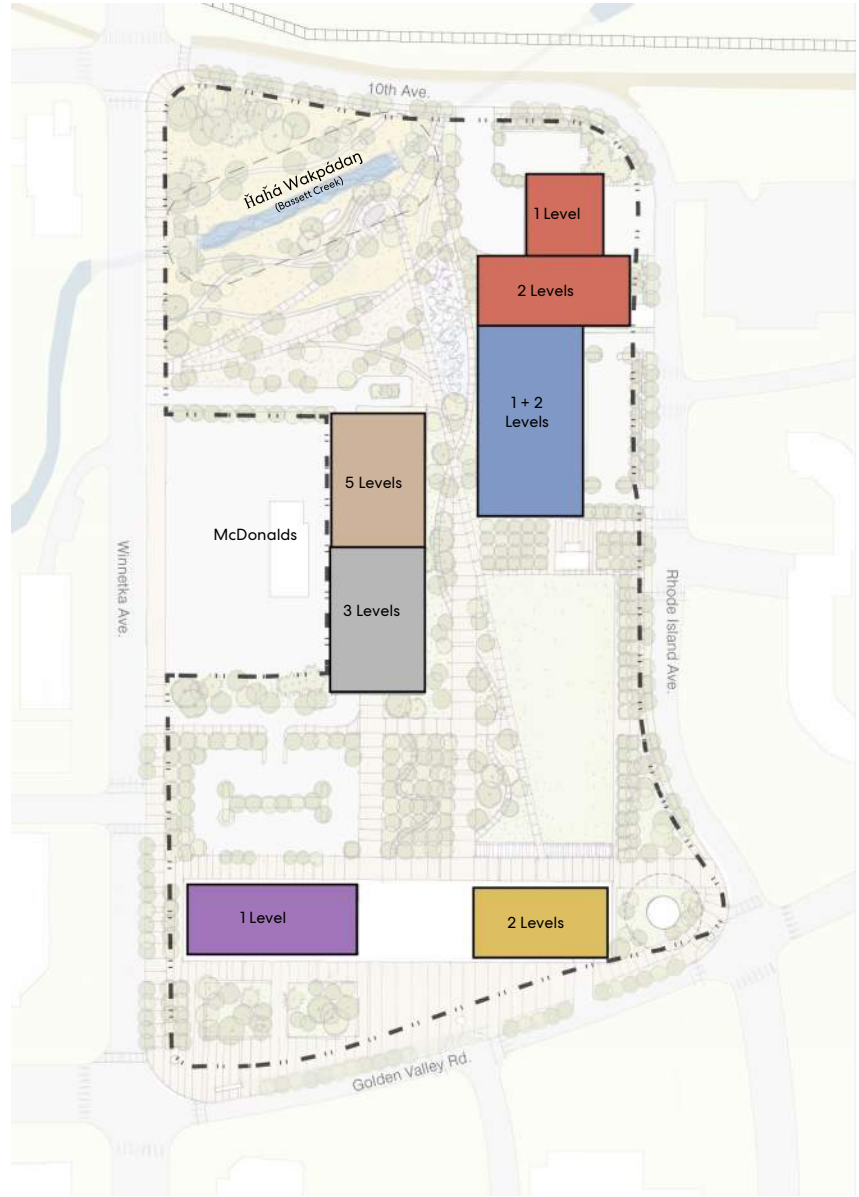
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Concept Scenario 3



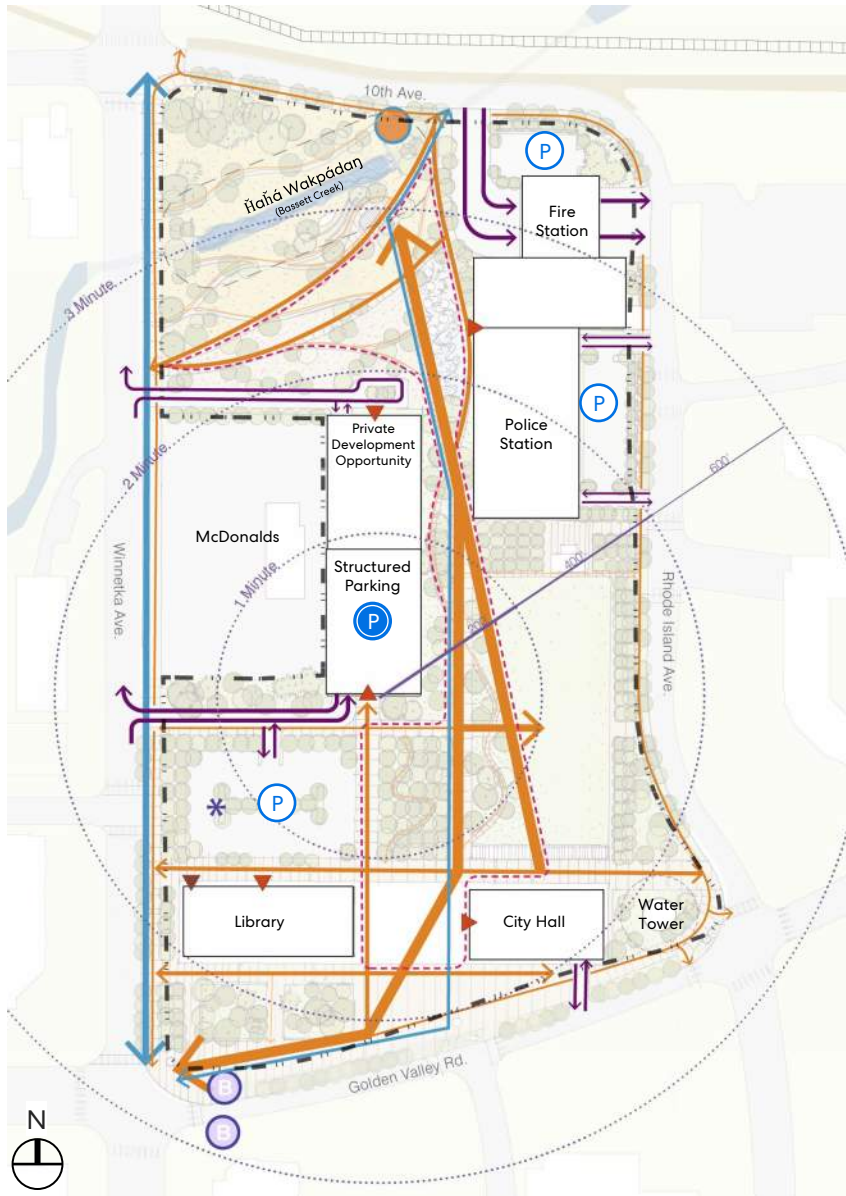
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Building Program

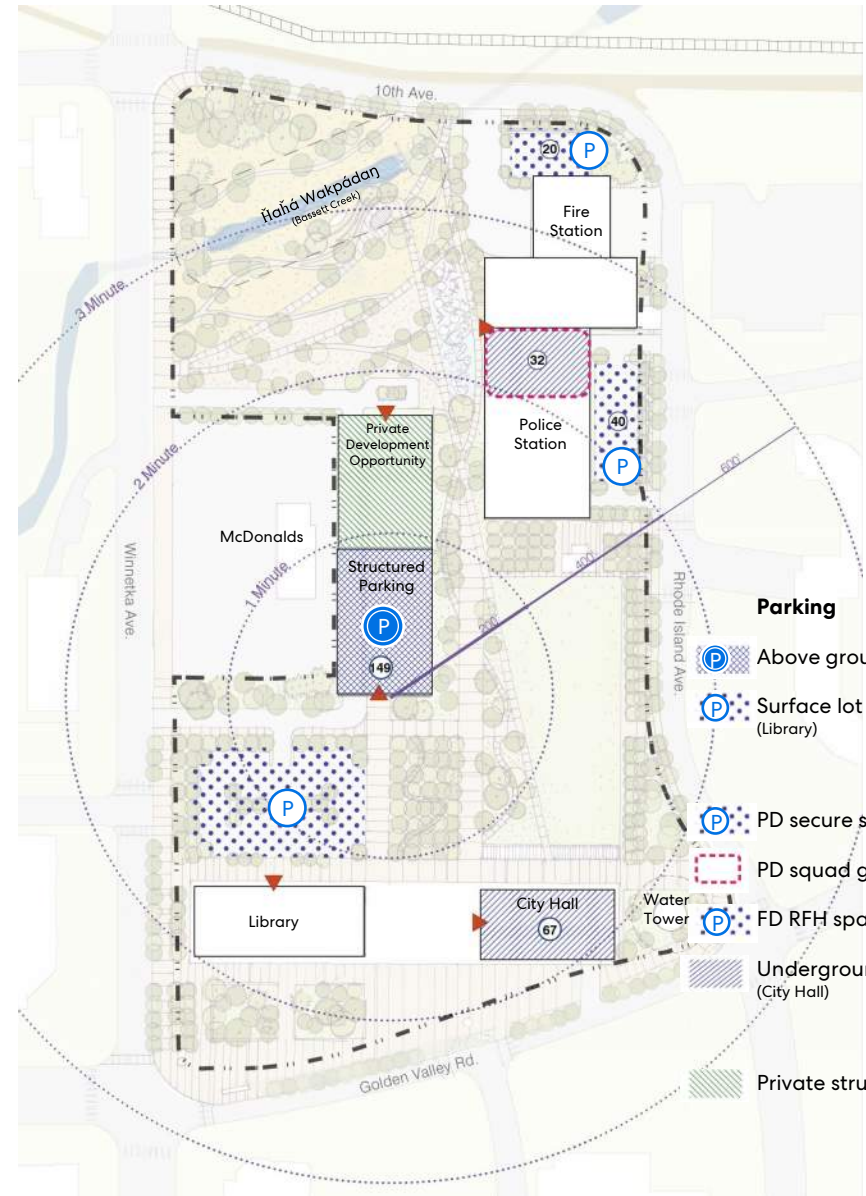
	City Hall	(44,559 sf)
	Library	(TBD)
	Fire Station	(48,215 sf)
	Police	(55,731 sf)
	Private Development	(112,424 sf)
	Parking Structure	(112,668 sf)

Concept Scenario 3



Site Circulation

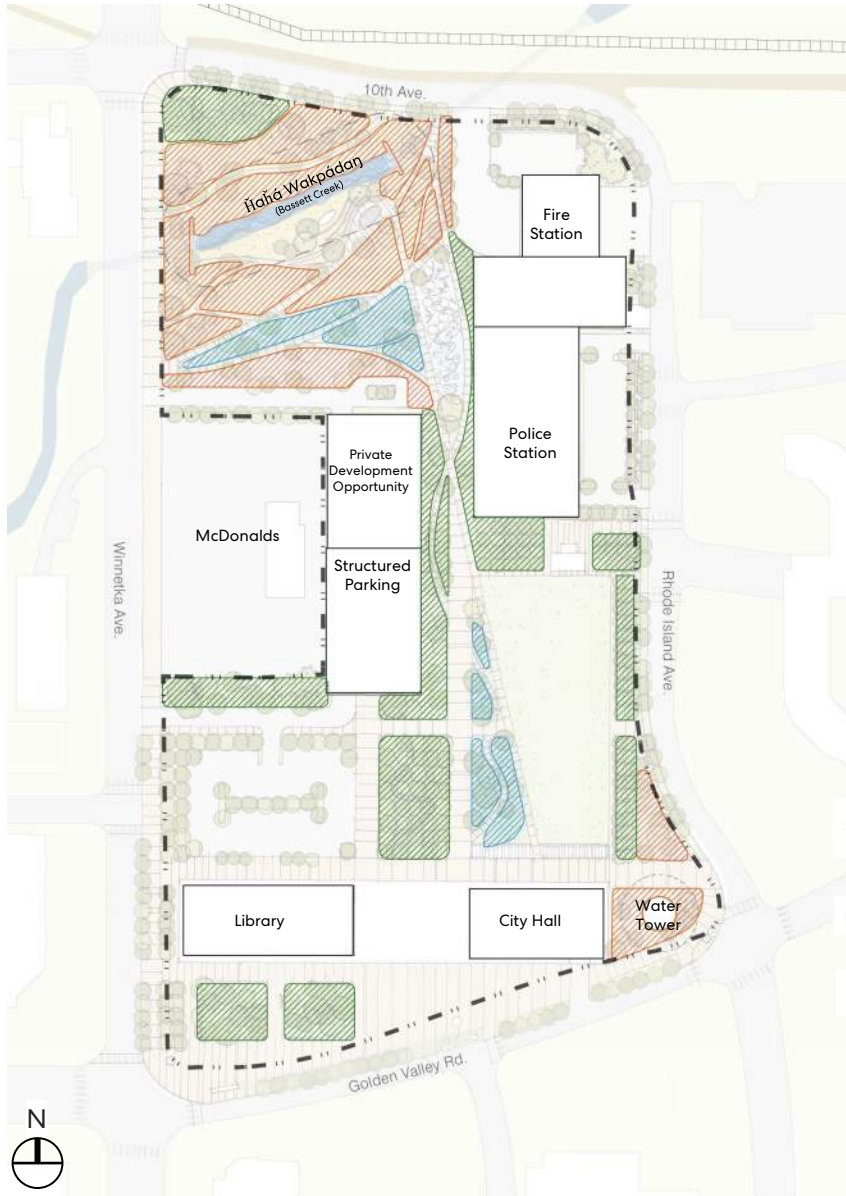
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 - Bike
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 - Book Drop-off
 - Campus Walking Distance






Parking

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Concept Scenario 3



Site Ecology & Stormwater

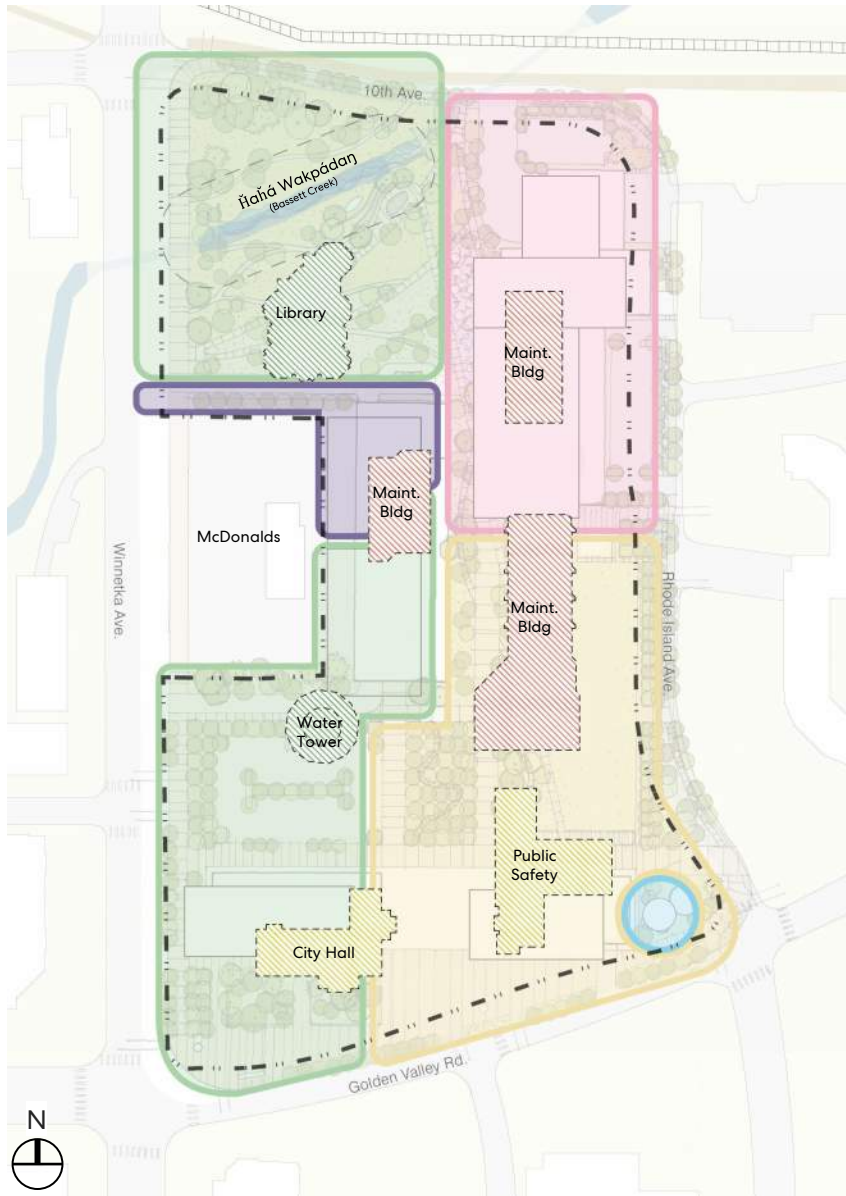
-  Stormwater / Green Infrastructure
3% of total site
-  Prairie / Naturalized
13% of total site
-  Woodland Garden
13% of total site



Site Programming & Activation

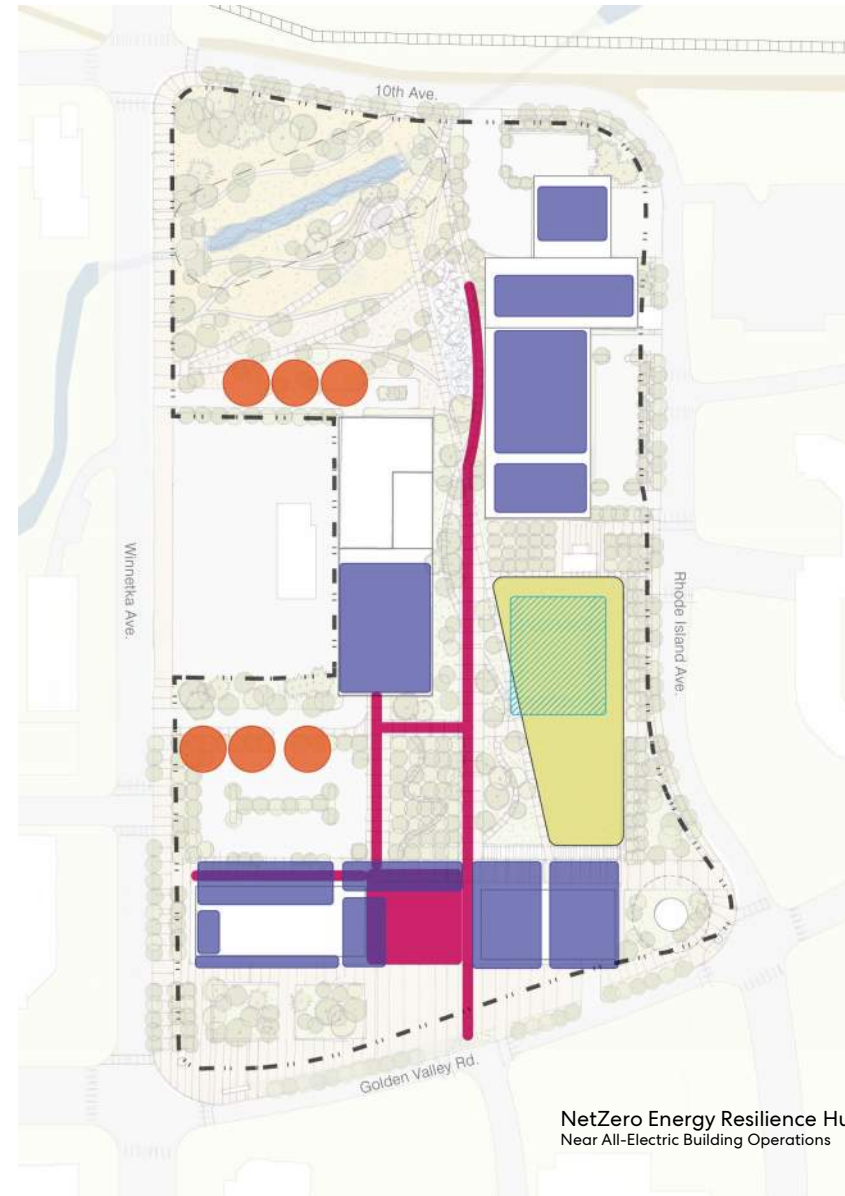
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Concept Scenario 3



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Sustainability/Resilience

Concept Scenario 3

Advantages & Disadvantages

The Gateway Civic Gateway + Diverse Outdoor Destinations Advantages

- Existing Library could remain operational during construction of a new facility.
- Plaza, play features, and creek spaces could create an active civic destination for daily use and events.
- Opportunity to celebrate Hahá Wakpádanj through open space, native planting, and interpretive landscape features.
- Clear civic organization with the Library and City Hall positioned along major streets and public spaces.
- Multiple outdoor spaces could support daily use, events, gathering, and creek experiences.
- Public Safety and Library operations could remain active during phased construction.
- Fire and Police locations support direct emergency access and operational separation from civic gathering areas.
- Structured parking could provide organized access, clear circulation, and convenient parking/drop-off opportunities near the Library.

Disadvantages

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Concept Scenario 3

Resilience Advantages

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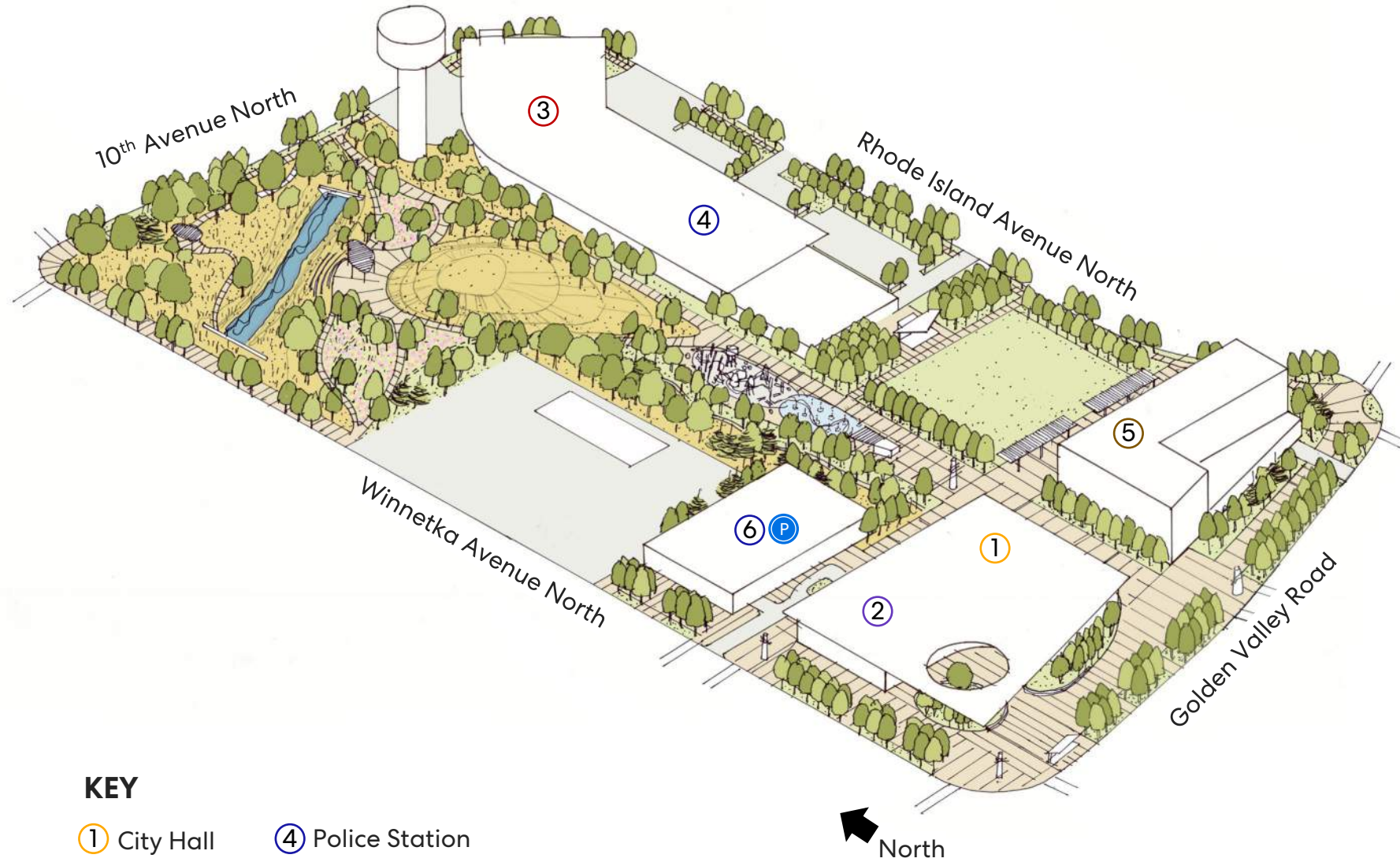
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Concept Scenario 4 – The Civic Beacon

Civic Commons + Overlook Green

- Police & Fire co-located in single building at NE corner.
- City Hall and Library co-located in single building at SW corner.
- Large roof overhanging plaza at City Hall / Library creates “Civic Beacon” and identity.
- Private Development at SE corner.
- Event lawn, amphitheater, and plaza mid-block between Private Development and Police / Fire building.
- Greenspace overlooking the creek connected to event lawn by walkway and play spaces.
- Structured Parking located mid-block north of library.



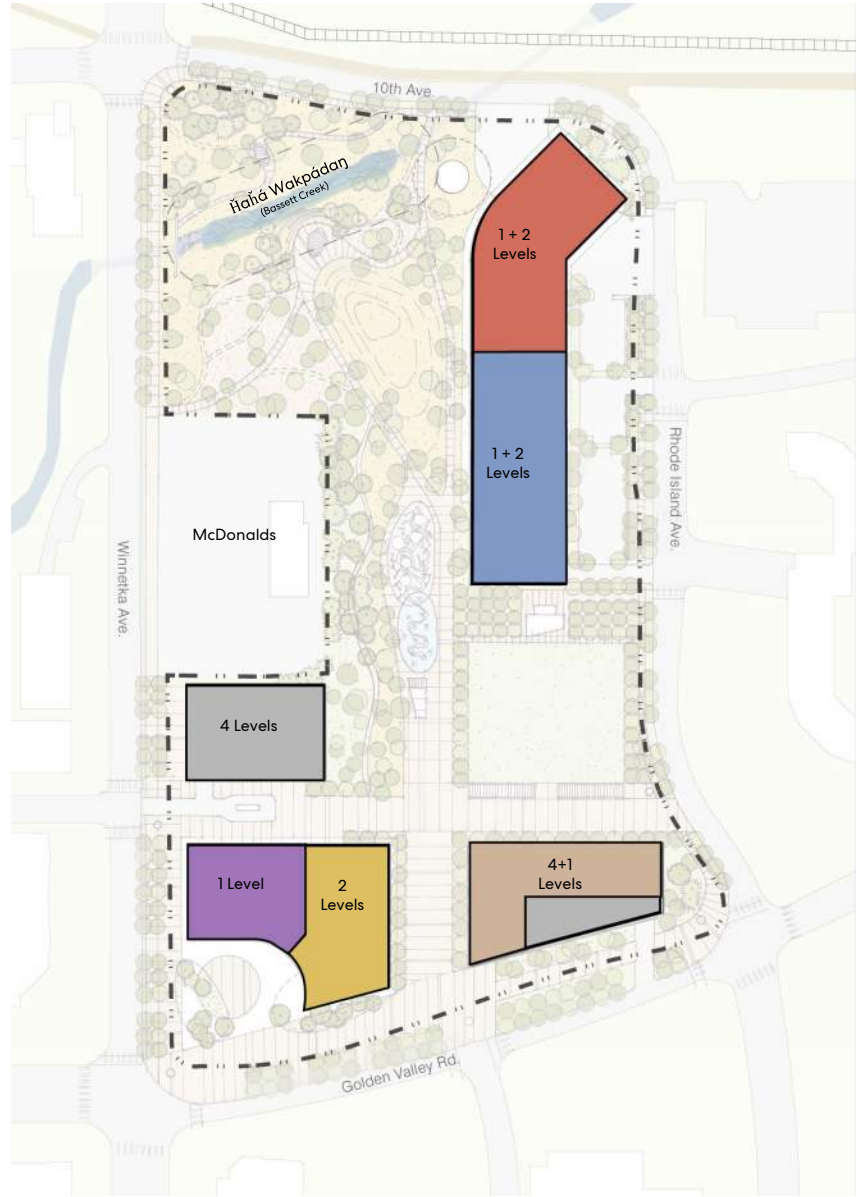
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Concept Scenario 4



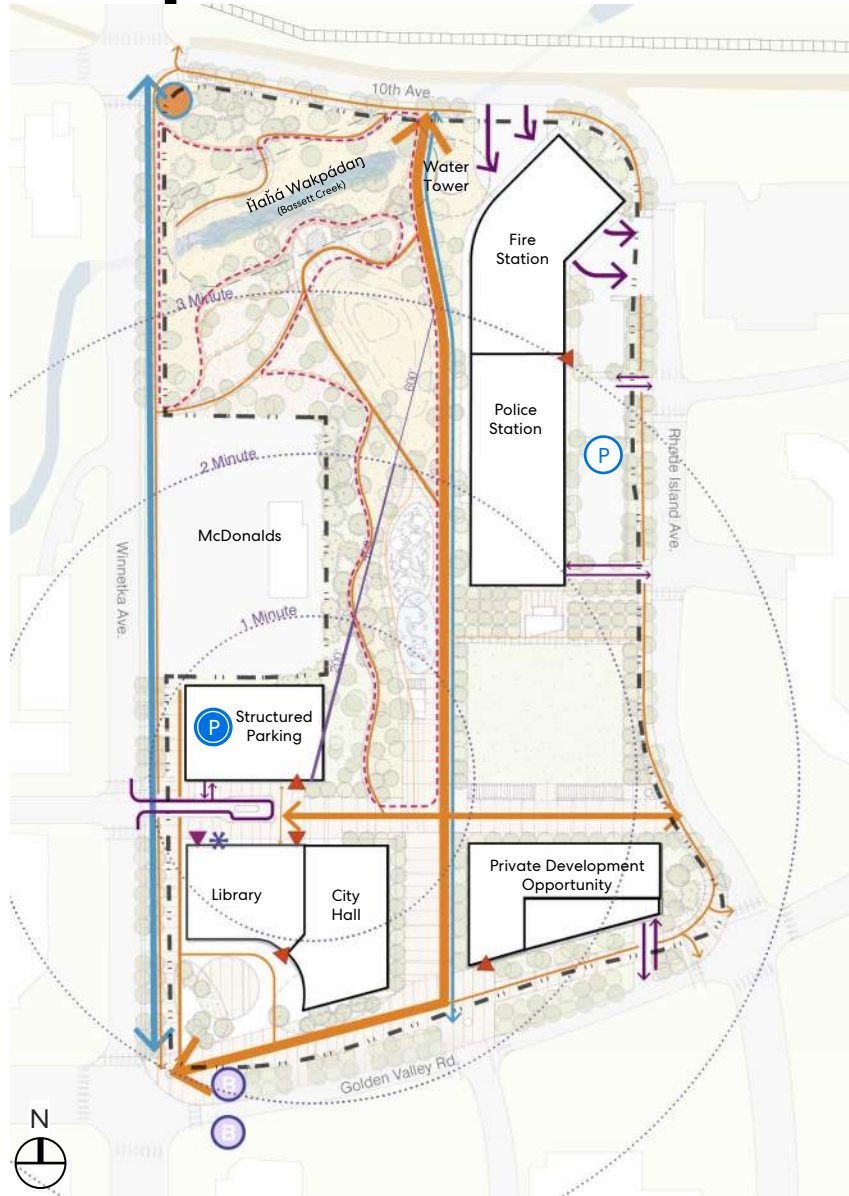
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City Hall	(46,440 sf)
Library	(TBD)
Fire Station	(43,724 sf)
Police	(55,790 sf)
Private Development	(77,029 sf)
Parking Structure	(875,089 sf)

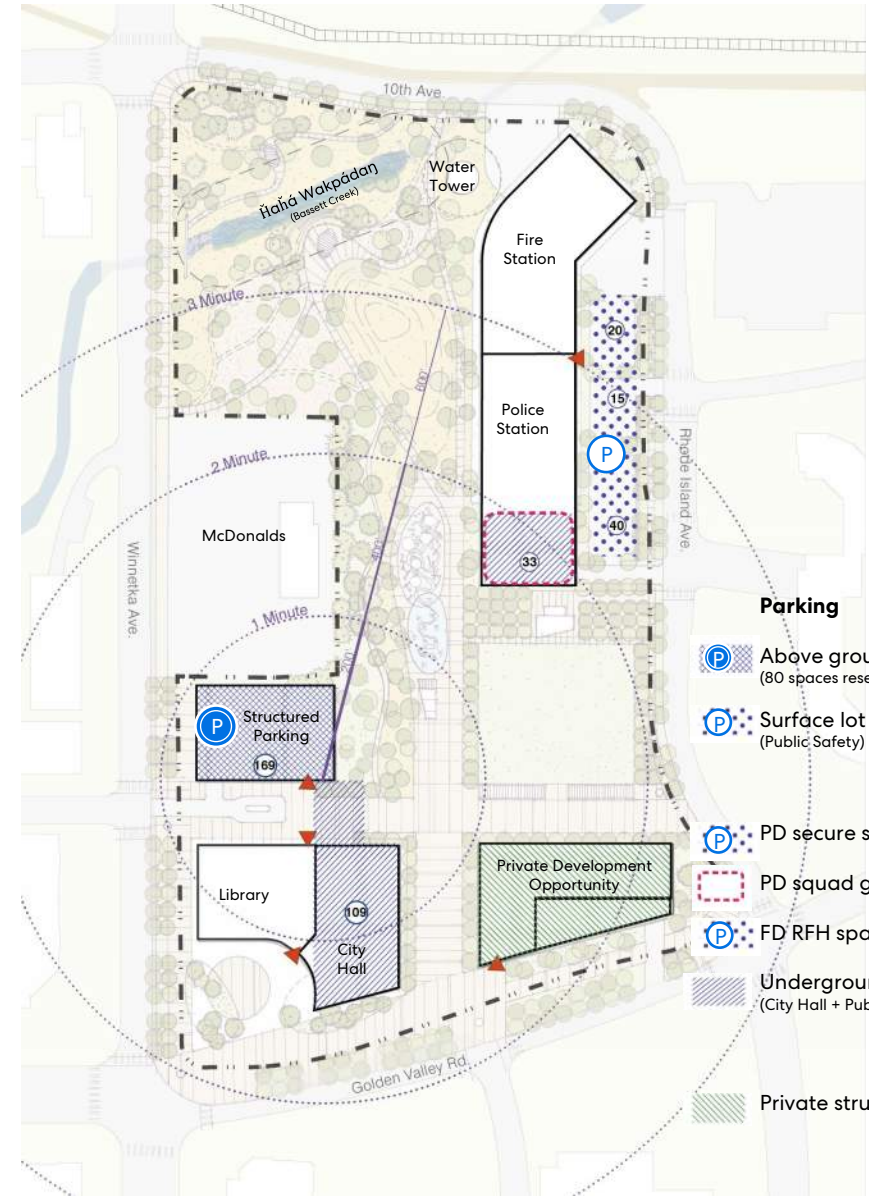
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Concept Scenario 4



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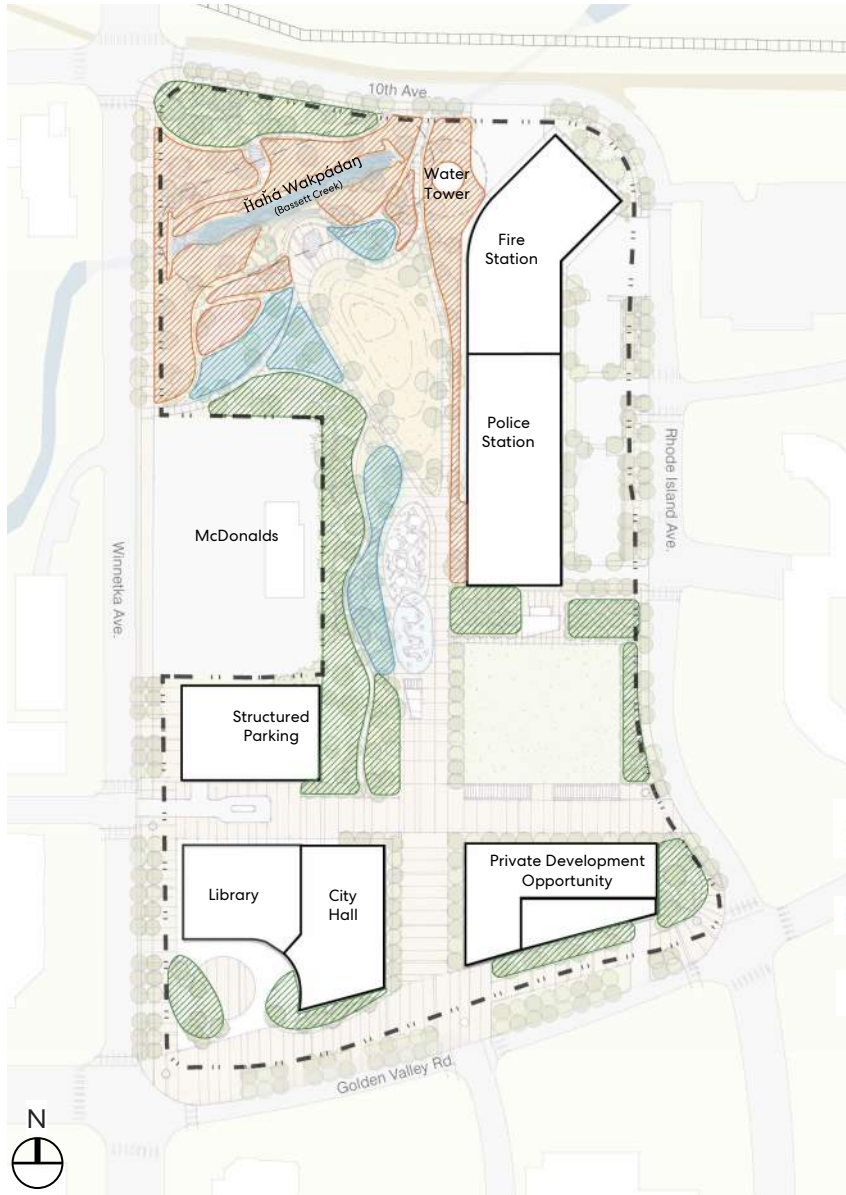
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- Pedestrian
 - Vehicular
 - Bike
 - Luce Line Trailhead
 - Future BRT Stop
 - Public Access
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Parking

	Above ground structure (80 spaces reserved for Library patrons)	169
	Surface lot (Public Safety)	15
Total (public)		184
	PD secure surface lot	40
	PD squad garage (main level)	33
	FD RFH spaces	20
	Underground structure (City Hall + Public Safety)	109
Total (staff)		202
	Private structure	71

Concept Scenario 4



Site Ecology & Stormwater



Site Programming & Activation

Celebration

- Community Garage Sales
- Art & Craft Fairs
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- Seasonal Festivals
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♥ Campus Heart

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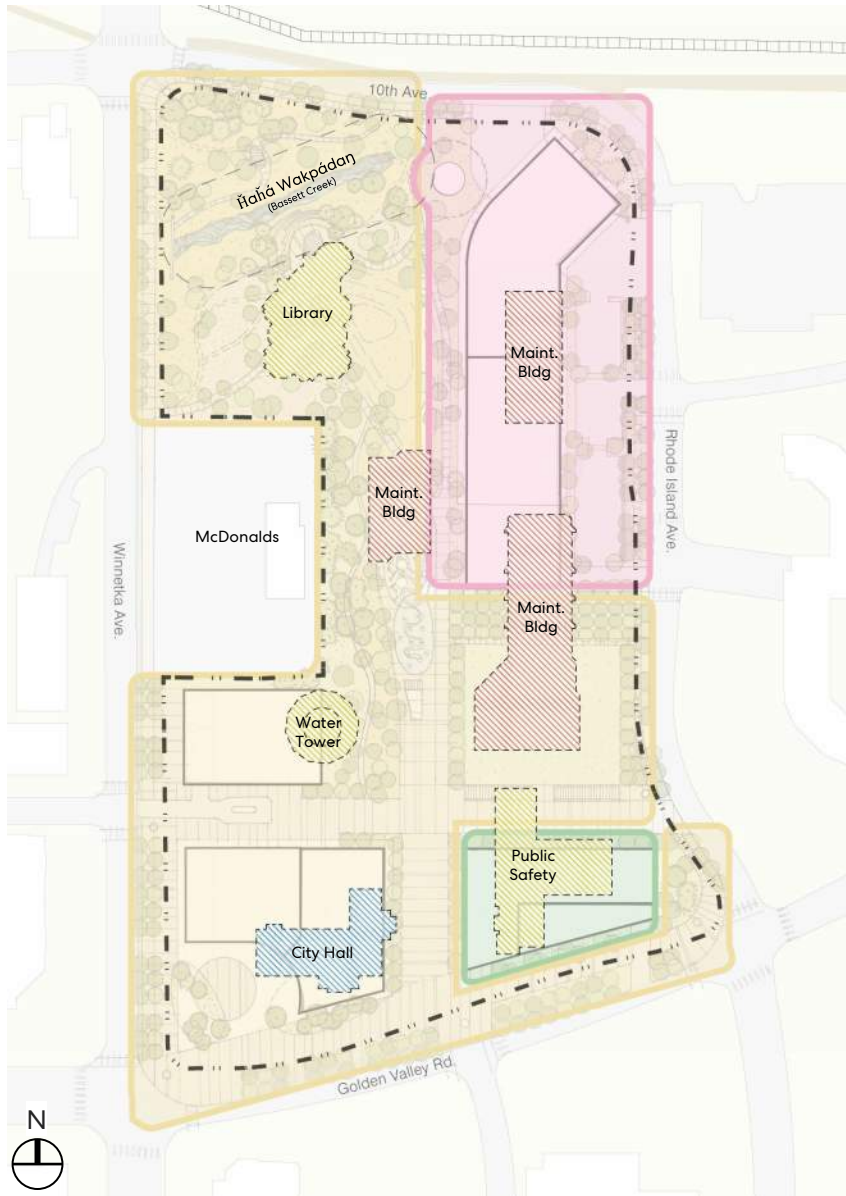
■ Passive Green

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■ Active Play

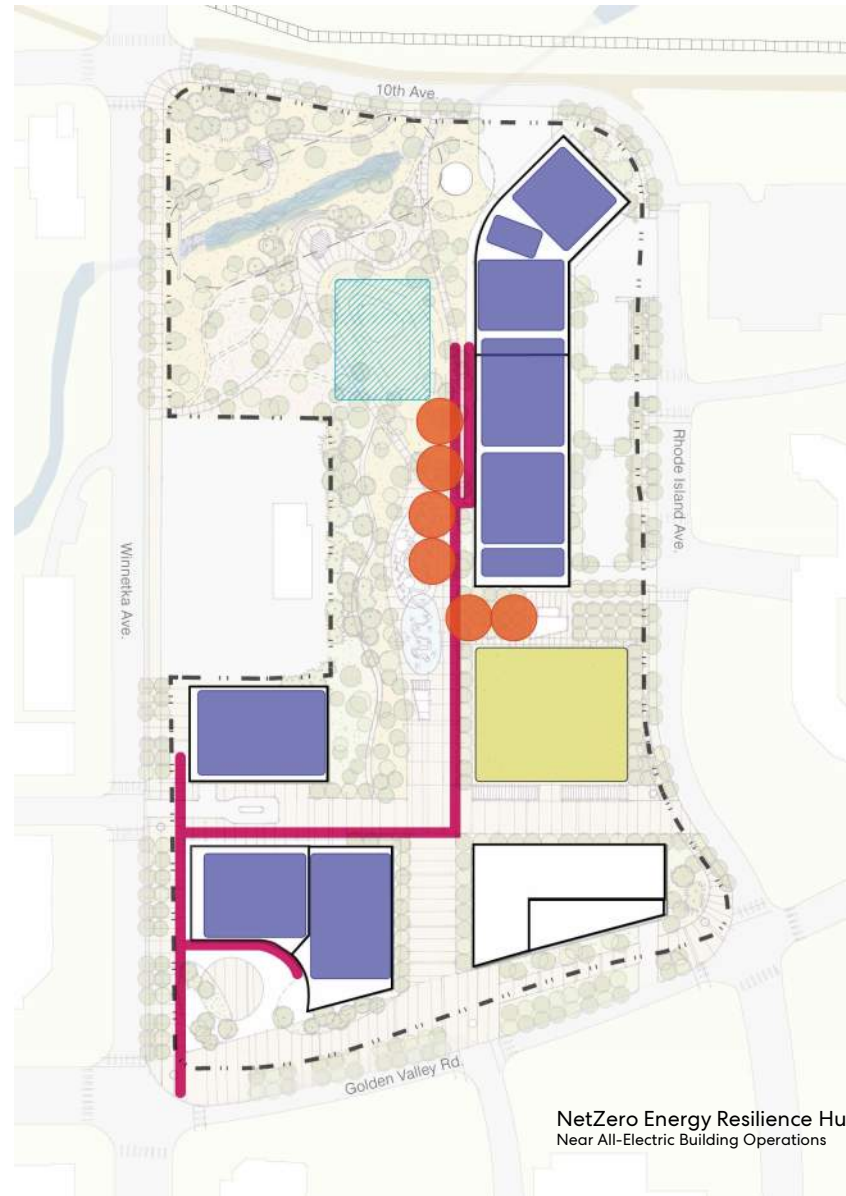
■ Flexible Water

Concept Scenario 4



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Sustainability/Resilience

Concept Scenario 4

Advantages & Disadvantages

The Civic Beacon Civic Commons + Overlook Green Advantages

- Existing Library could remain operational during construction of a new facility.
- Plaza, play features, and creek spaces could create an active civic destination for daily use and events.
- Opportunity to celebrate Hahá Wakpádaŋ through open space, native planting, and interpretive landscape features.
- Library and City Hall create a strong civic identity at the Winnetka Ave + Golden Valley Rd intersection.
- Central commons, event lawn, and plaza could provide a large and flexible public gathering space.
- Reduced internal vehicle circulation could improve pedestrian comfort and simplify event operations.
- Public Safety facilities support operational separation and direct emergency access from Rhode Island Ave and 10th Ave.
- The central lawn and plaza could support markets, performances, civic events, and seasonal programming.
- Structured parking could provide covered parking opportunities for visitors.
- Private development along Golden Valley Rd could support future activity and long-term activation.
- Reduced internal roadways could allow for additional green space, stormwater management, native planting, and shade trees.

Disadvantages

- Additional traffic study may be needed to evaluate parking access, drop-off locations, and accessibility.
- Public Safety response times may be slightly longer, further study would be required.
- The Library may require multiple entrances, which could impact future floor plan layouts or lead to additional management considerations.
- Different operating hours between the Library and City Hall may affect how shared spaces are used throughout the day and evening.
- Primary views from the Library include structured parking and Winnetka traffic.
- Right-in and right-out of the structured parking may not serve Library patrons well.
- Event setup, vendor access, and service circulation may require additional coordination and planning.

Concept Scenario 4

Resilience Advantages

The Civic Beacon Civic Commons + Overlook Green Advantages

- This design is able to support a future near net-zero or net-zero energy campus, pending additional study and future funding opportunities.
 - The shared resilience infrastructure for the campus is beneficial to both the City and the County.
 - The campus is designed to support clean energy production, shared thermal systems, rainwater collection, stormwater management, and emergency operations.
 - Rooftop solar, potential parking ramp solar, battery storage, backup generation, and a campus microgrid could support continued operations during power outages and emergencies.
 - A centralized geothermal system could provide efficient all-electric heating and cooling while also supporting snowmelt and EV charging.
 - Large roof areas create opportunities for rainwater collection for irrigation and restroom flushing, including a proposed 90,000-gallon cistern.
 - Stormwater systems are integrated into the landscape to slow, clean, infiltrate, and manage runoff before controlled discharge.
 - Shared systems across the campus could reduce duplication, long-term maintenance needs, and operational costs.
 - Surface parking areas near Public Safety could also support emergency staging and response

Scenario Overview

Scenario 1



Scenario 2



Scenario 3



Scenario 4



Developing the Decision Matrix

Developing the Decision Matrix

Golden Valley Civic Center Campus Plan

Vision

The City and County are poised to transform the Golden Valley Civic Center Campus into a welcoming, forward-looking, and iconic civic destination where civic architecture, nature, and public spaces serve as a physical expression of the community's values and a lasting beacon for residents, employees, and visitors.

Developing the Decision Matrix

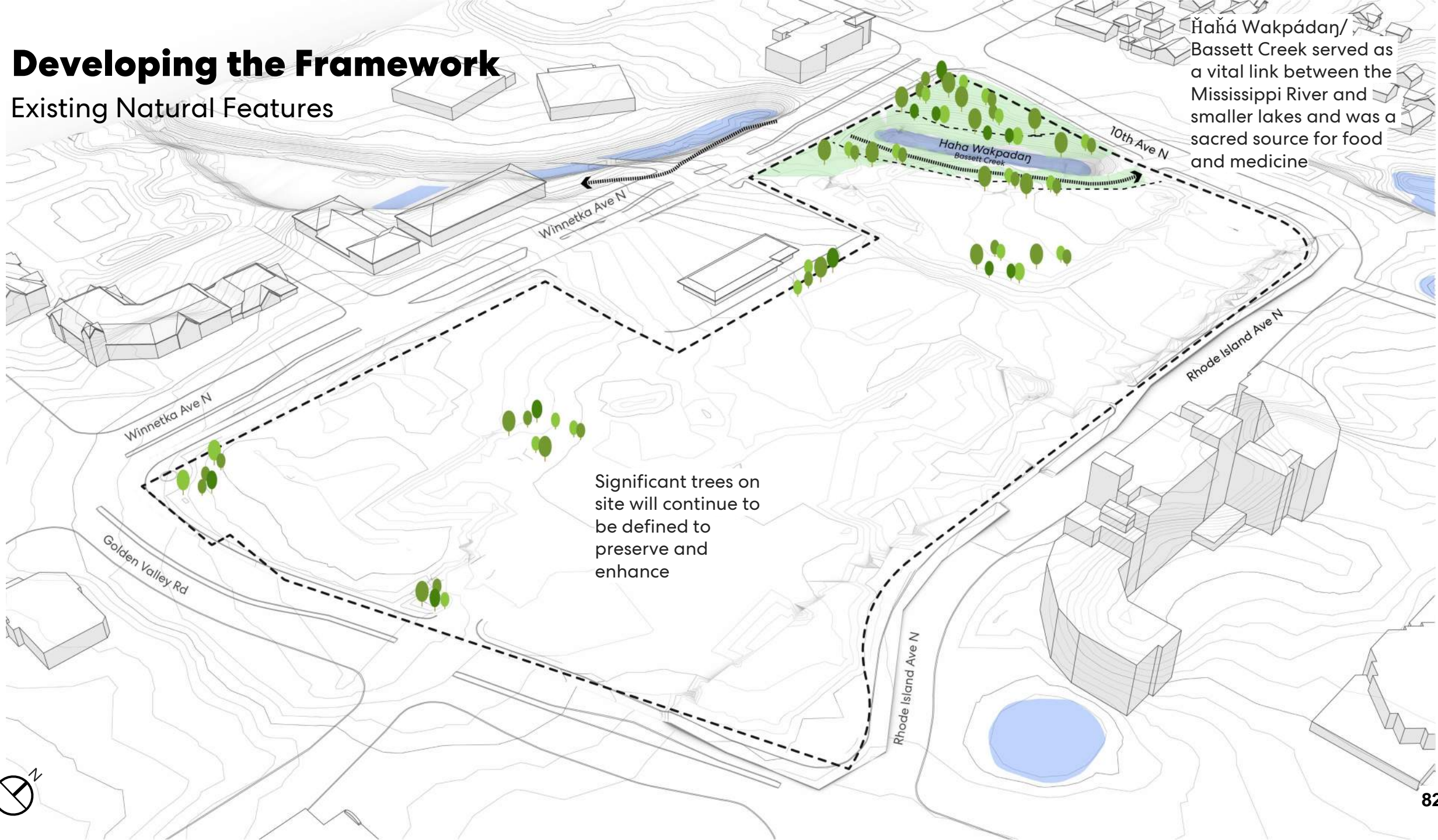
CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCENARIO 1	SCENARIO 2	SCENARIO 3	SCENARIO 4
Vison/Goals/Objectives					
Site Program Relationships					
Parking Metrics					
Access and Circulation					
Sustainability					
Resilience					
Wellness					
Equity					
Development Phasing					
Estimated Costs					

Questions

Appendix A: Developing the Strategic Framework

Developing the Framework

Existing Natural Features



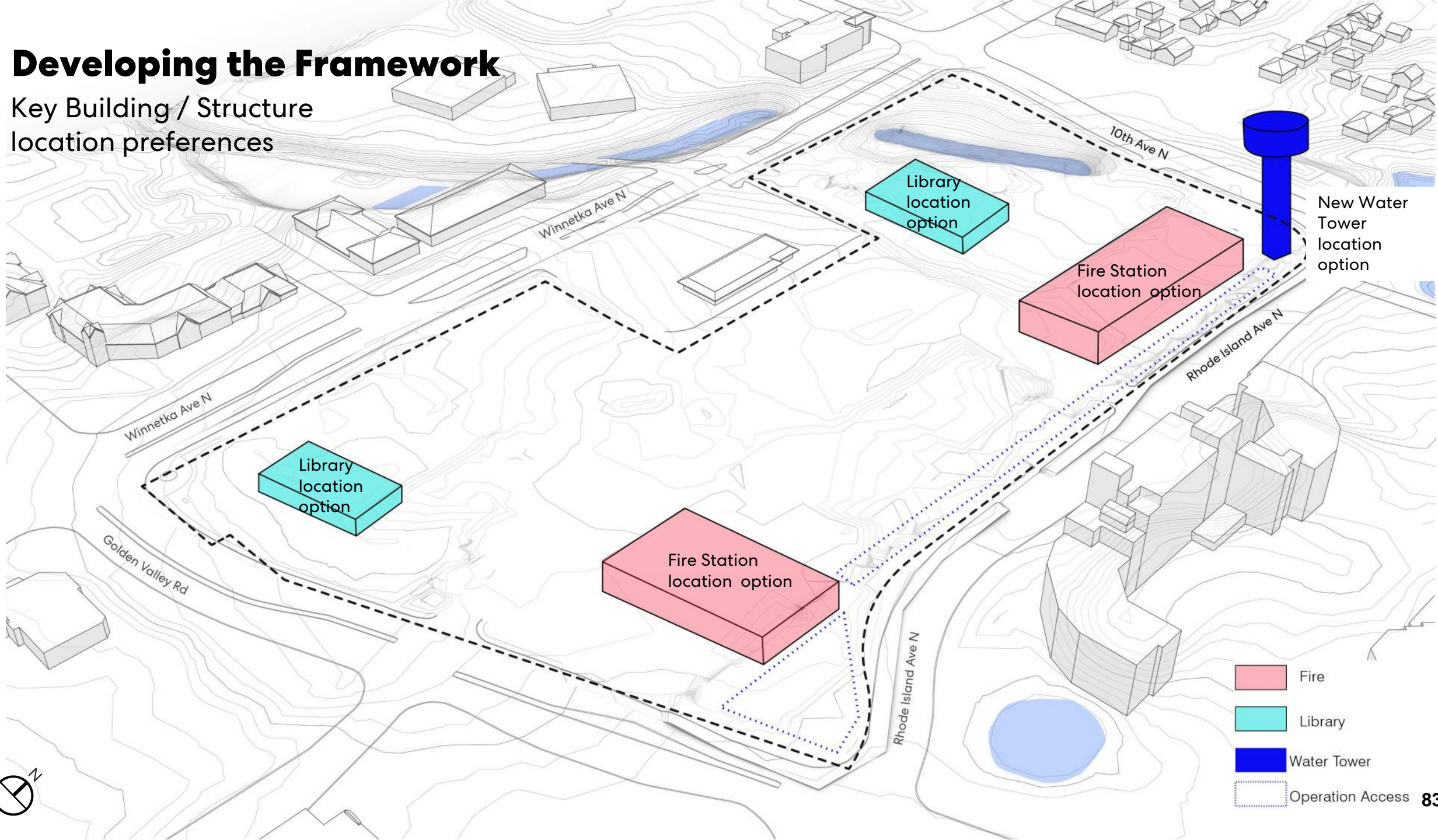
Haha Wakpadan/
Bassett Creek served as
a vital link between the
Mississippi River and
smaller lakes and was a
sacred source for food
and medicine

Significant trees on
site will continue to
be defined to
preserve and
enhance



Developing the Framework

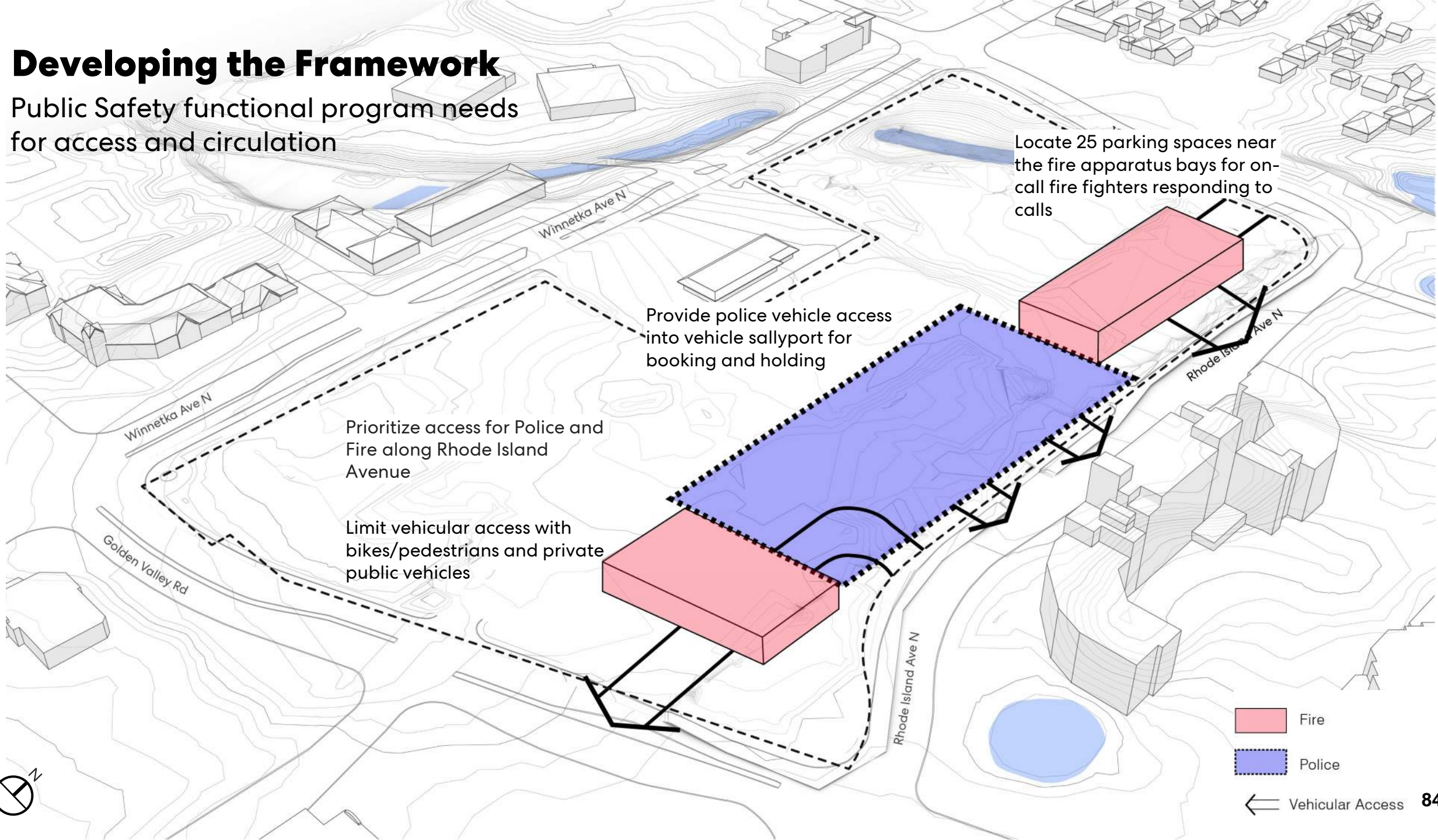
Key Building / Structure location preferences



- Fire
- Library
- Water Tower
- Operation Access

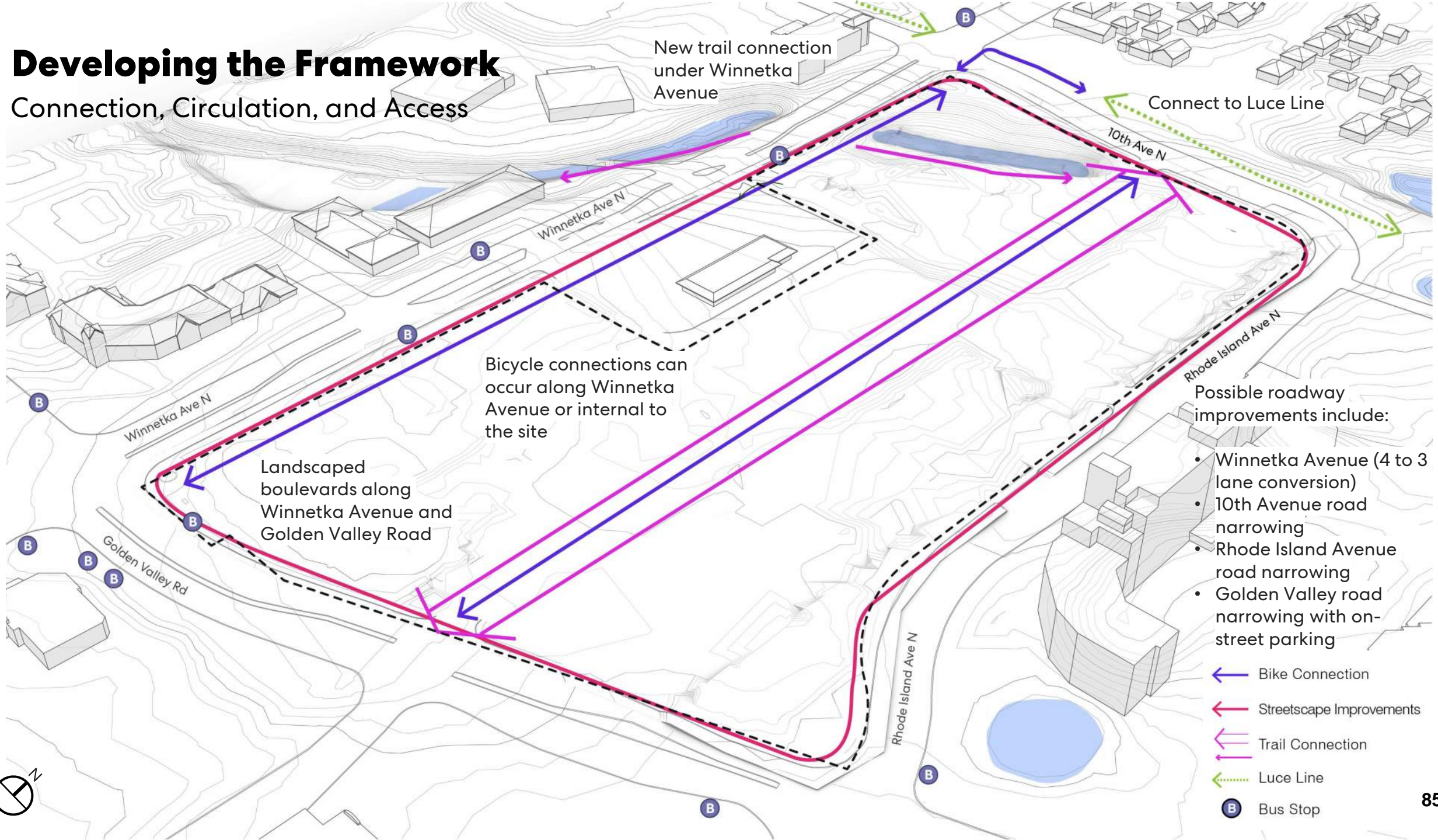
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Public Safety functional program needs for access and circulation



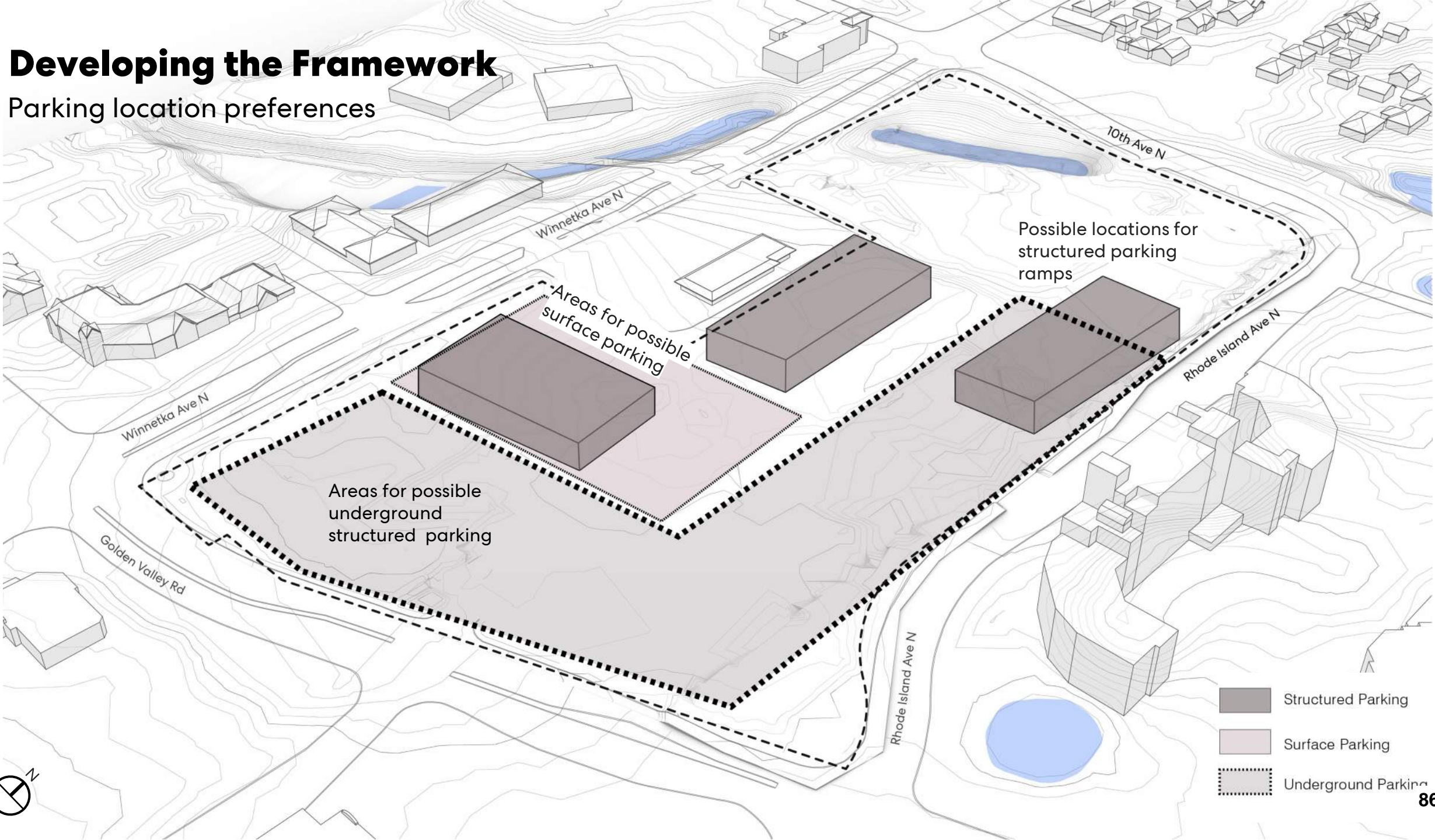
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Connection, Circulation, and Access



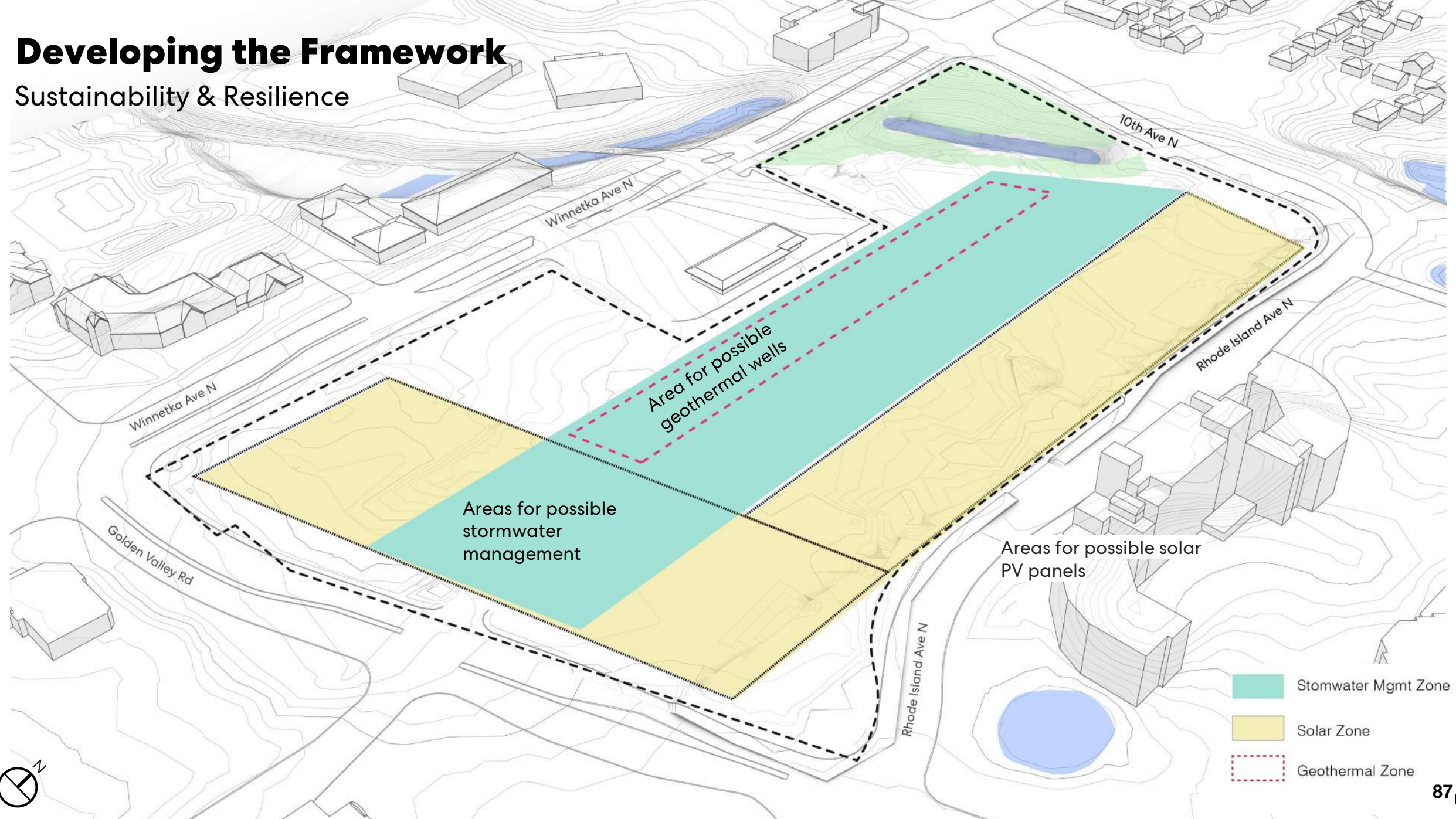
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


Parking location preferences



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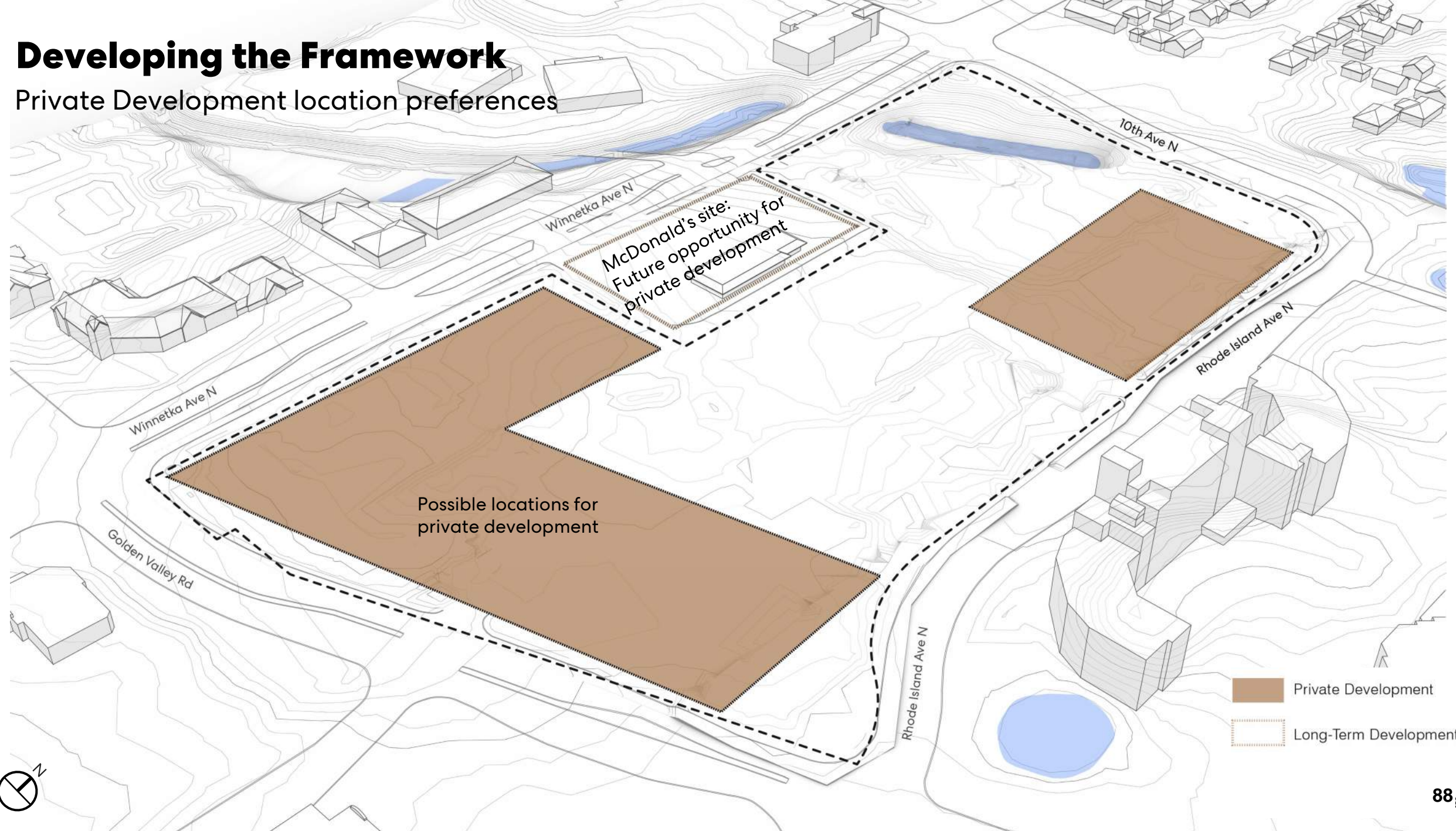
Sustainability & Resilience



-  Stomwater Mgmt Zone
-  Solar Zone
-  Geothermal Zone

Developing the Framework

Private Development location preferences



- Private Development
- Long-Term Development

Developing the Framework

Preliminary Phasing Considerations

Phase 2 Water Tower

- Current water tower to remain in place as a new water tower is constructed

McDonald's site: Future opportunity for private development

Phase 3/ Phase 4 Library

- Longer Hennepin County design process
- Ideal for Library remain in place during construction on other areas of site
- If needed, collection would be temporarily housed at other HC Libraries

Phase 1/ Phase 2 Public Works






- Remove public works buildings unless an interim reuse strategy is defined for Public Safety phasing

Phase 2/Phase 3 City Hall

- City Hall functions to remain active on site as long as possible during construction
- Phasing depends on preferred alternative and desired program relationships

Phase 1 Public Safety

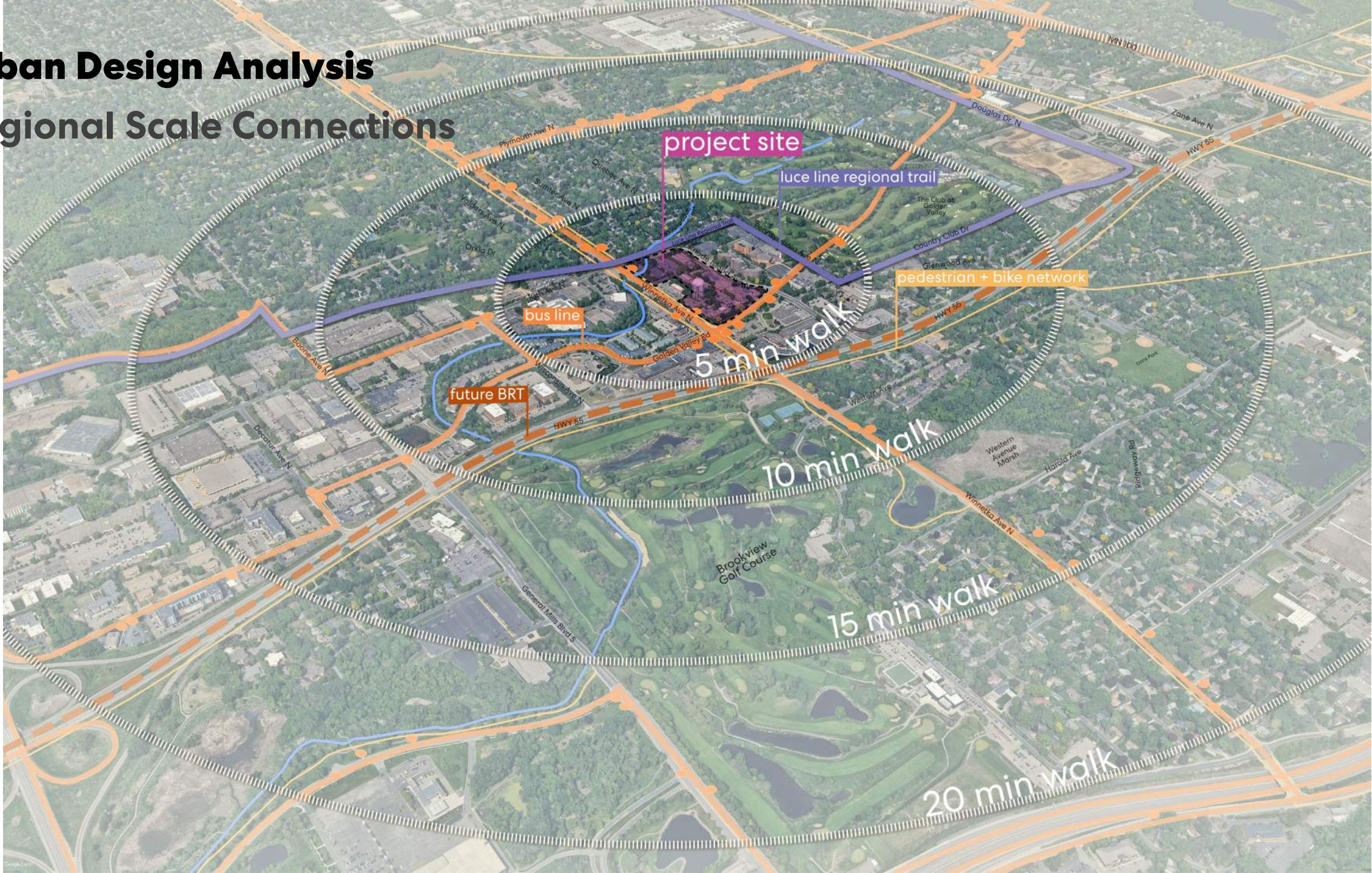
- Police and Fire need to maintain operations while a new building is being built
- Define opportunities for temporary use of existing public works buildings to store Police and Fire vehicles during construction of new PD/FD

-  Phase 1: Public Safety
-  Phase 1- 2: Public Works
-  Phase 2: Water Tower
-  Phase 2 - 3: City Hall
-  Phase 3 - 4: Library

Appendix B: Urban Design Analysis

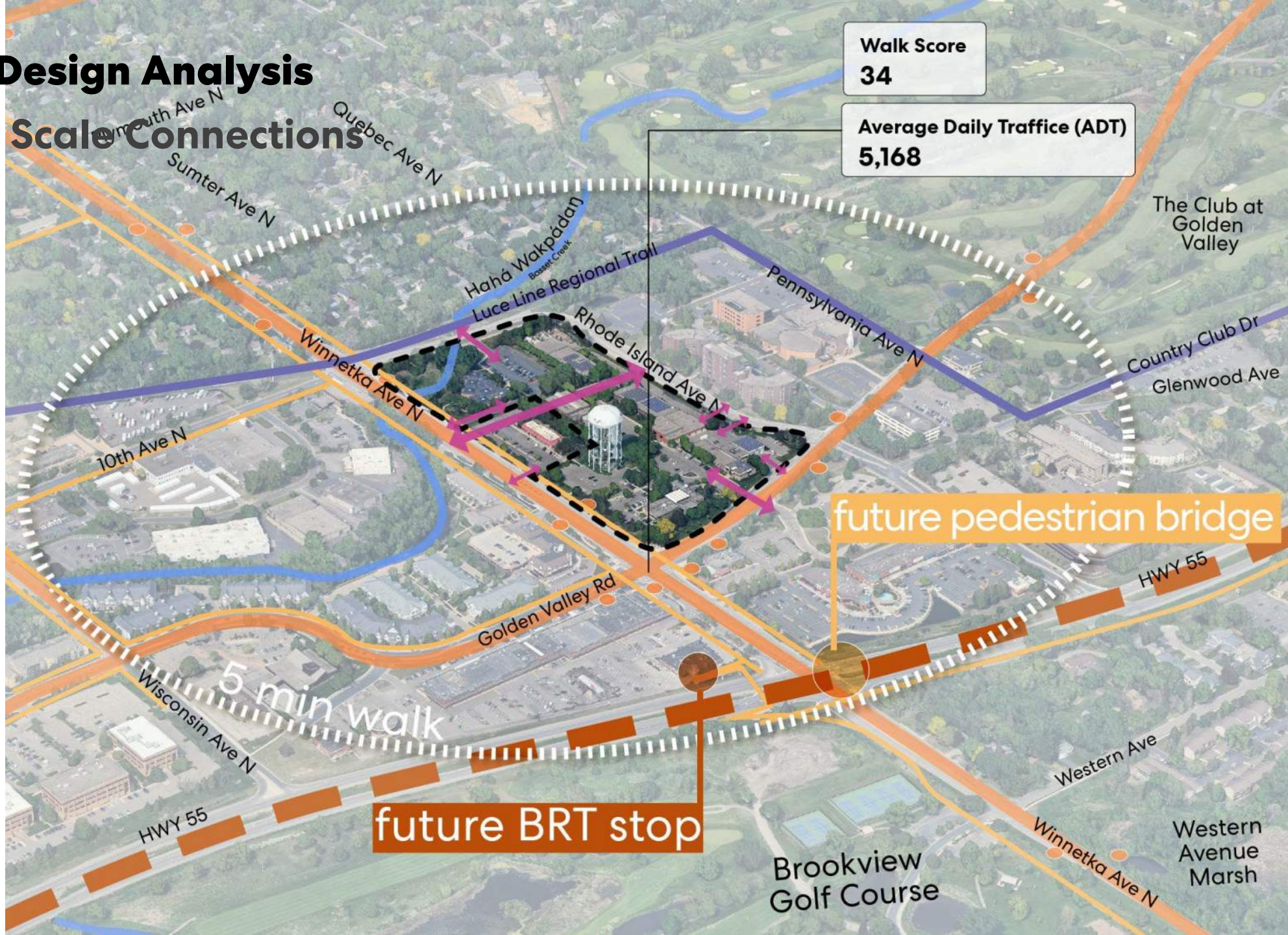
Urban Design Analysis

Regional Scale Connections



Urban Design Analysis

District Scale Connections



Walk Score
34

Average Daily Traffic (ADT)
5,168

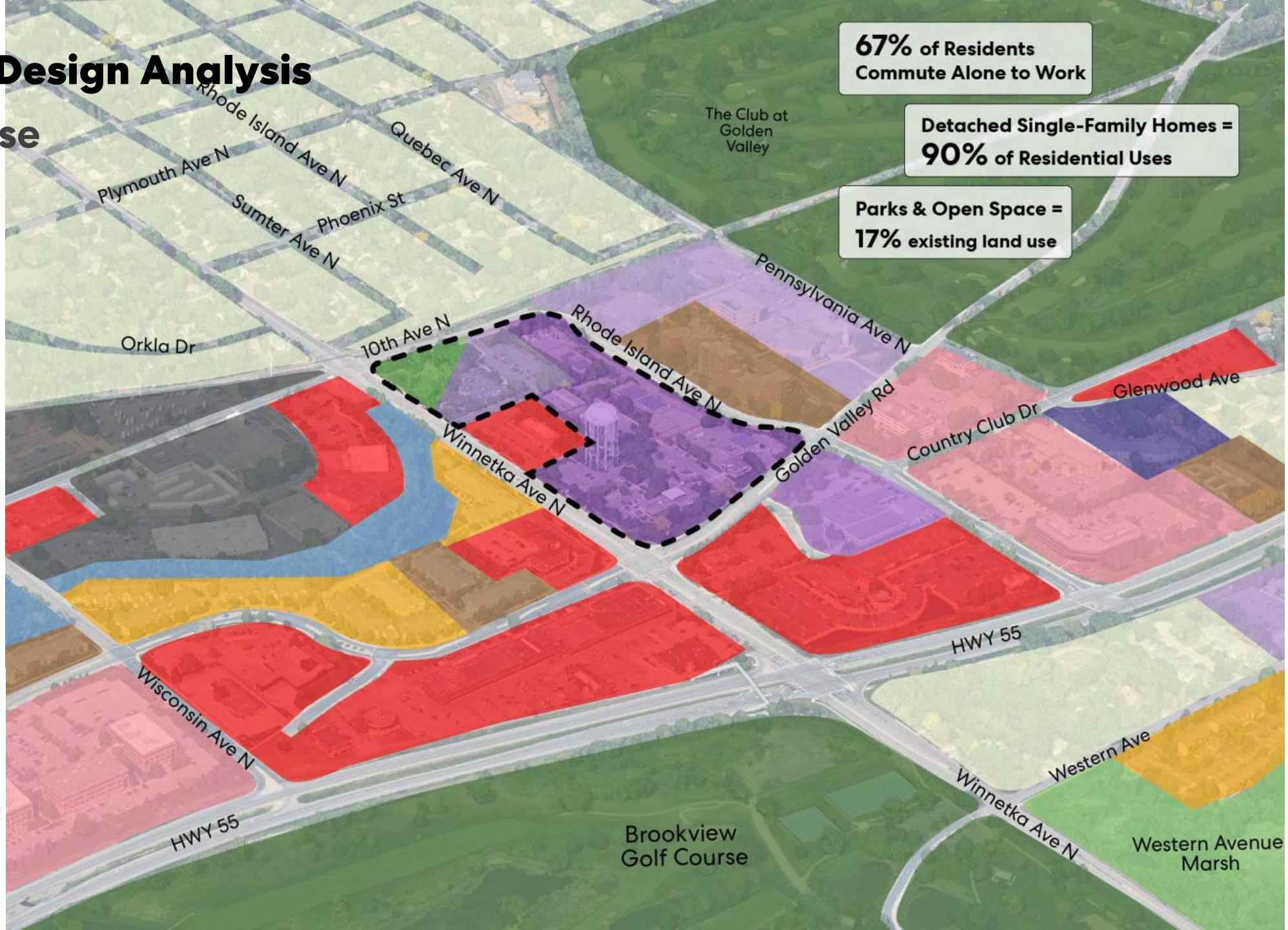
future pedestrian bridge

future BRT stop

5 min walk

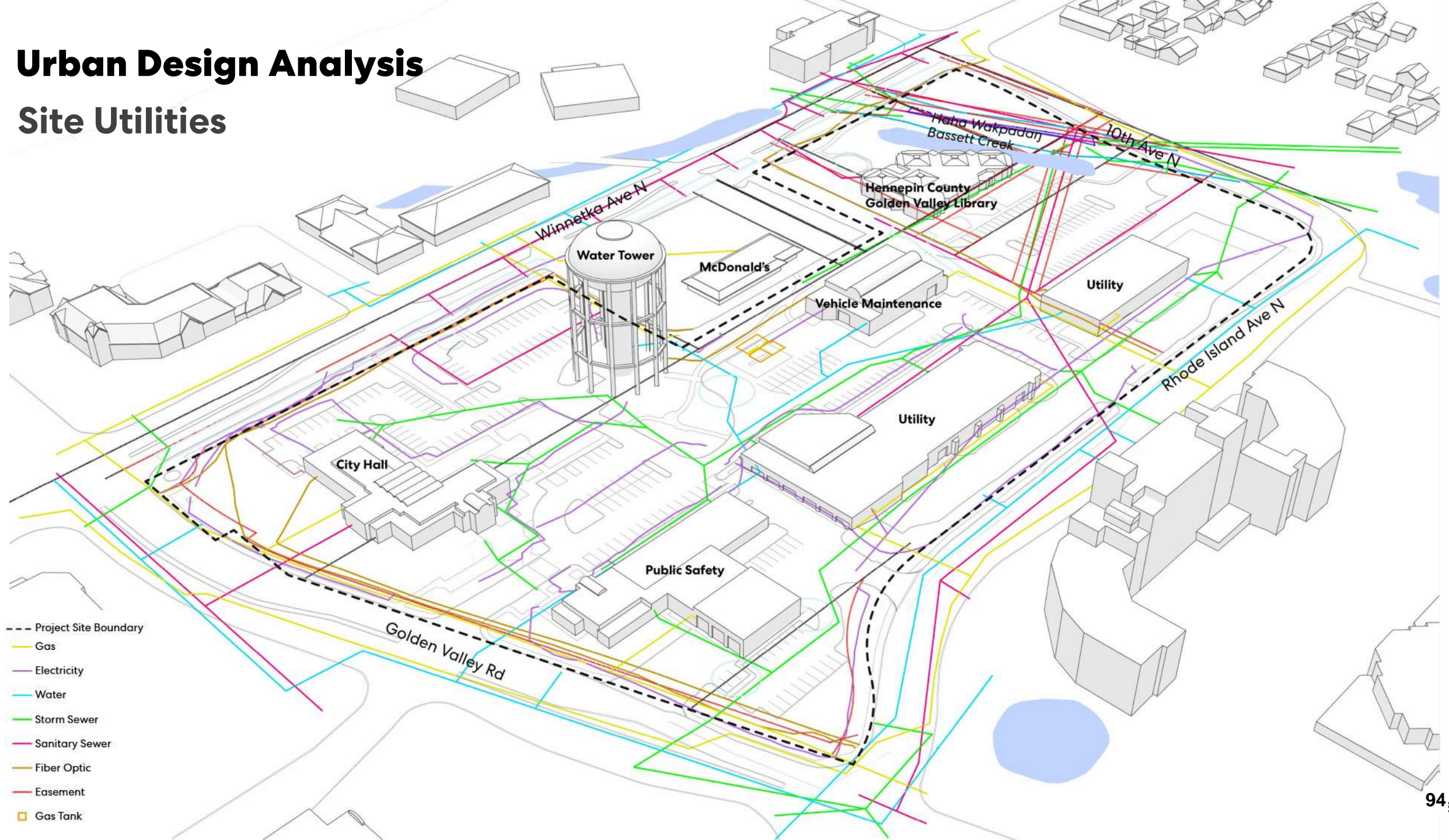
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Land Use



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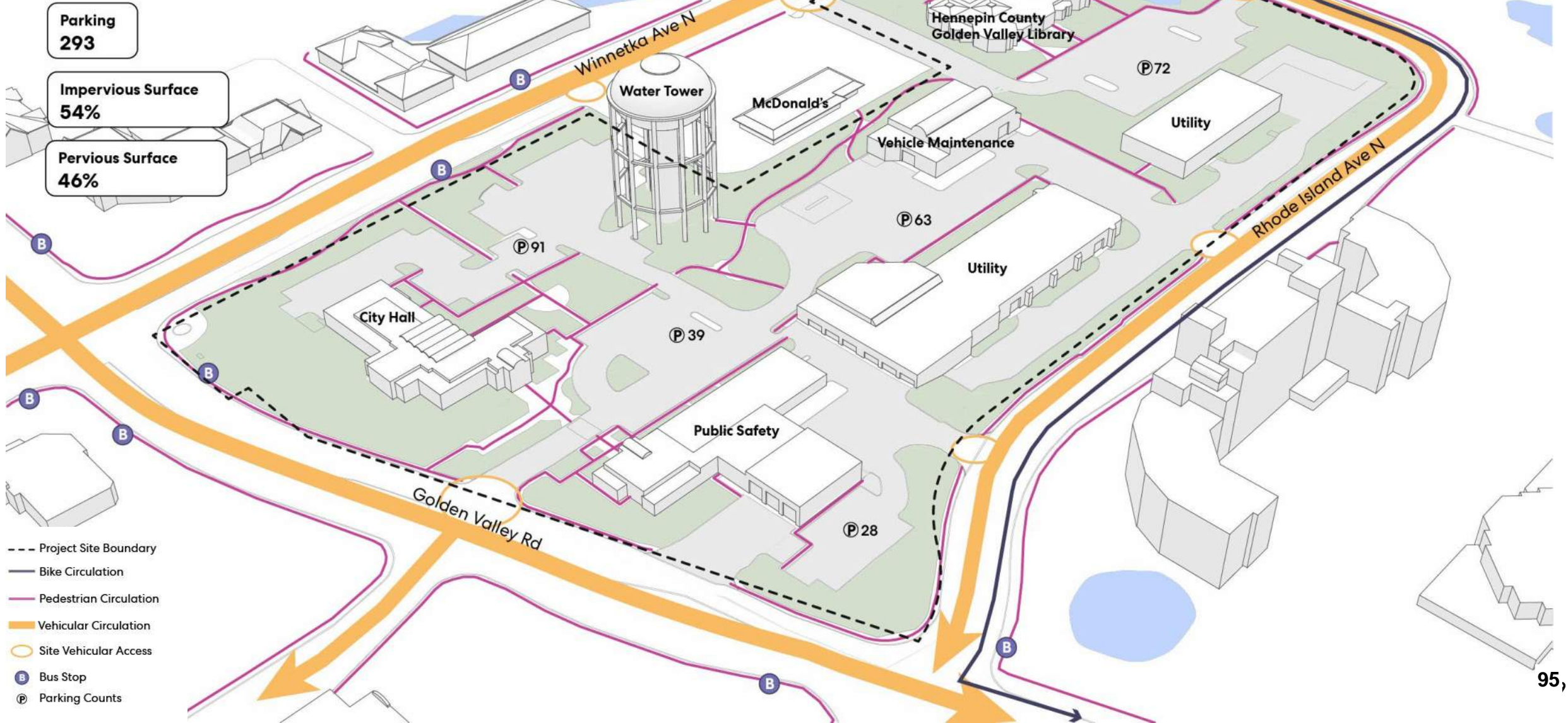
Site Utilities



- Project Site Boundary
- Gas
- Electricity
- Water
- Storm Sewer
- Sanitary Sewer
- Fiber Optic
- Easement
- Gas Tank

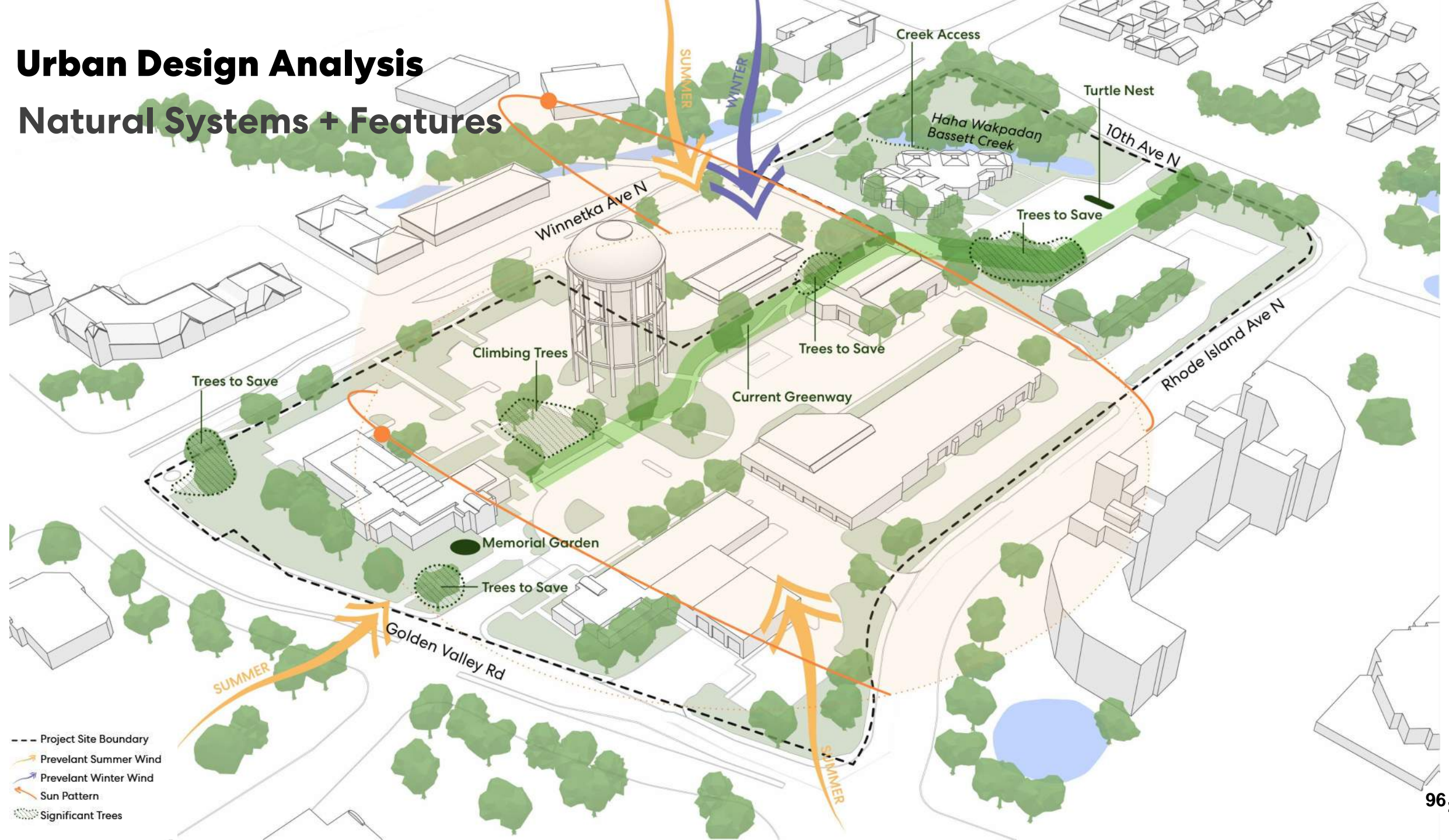
Urban Design Analysis

Site Circulation



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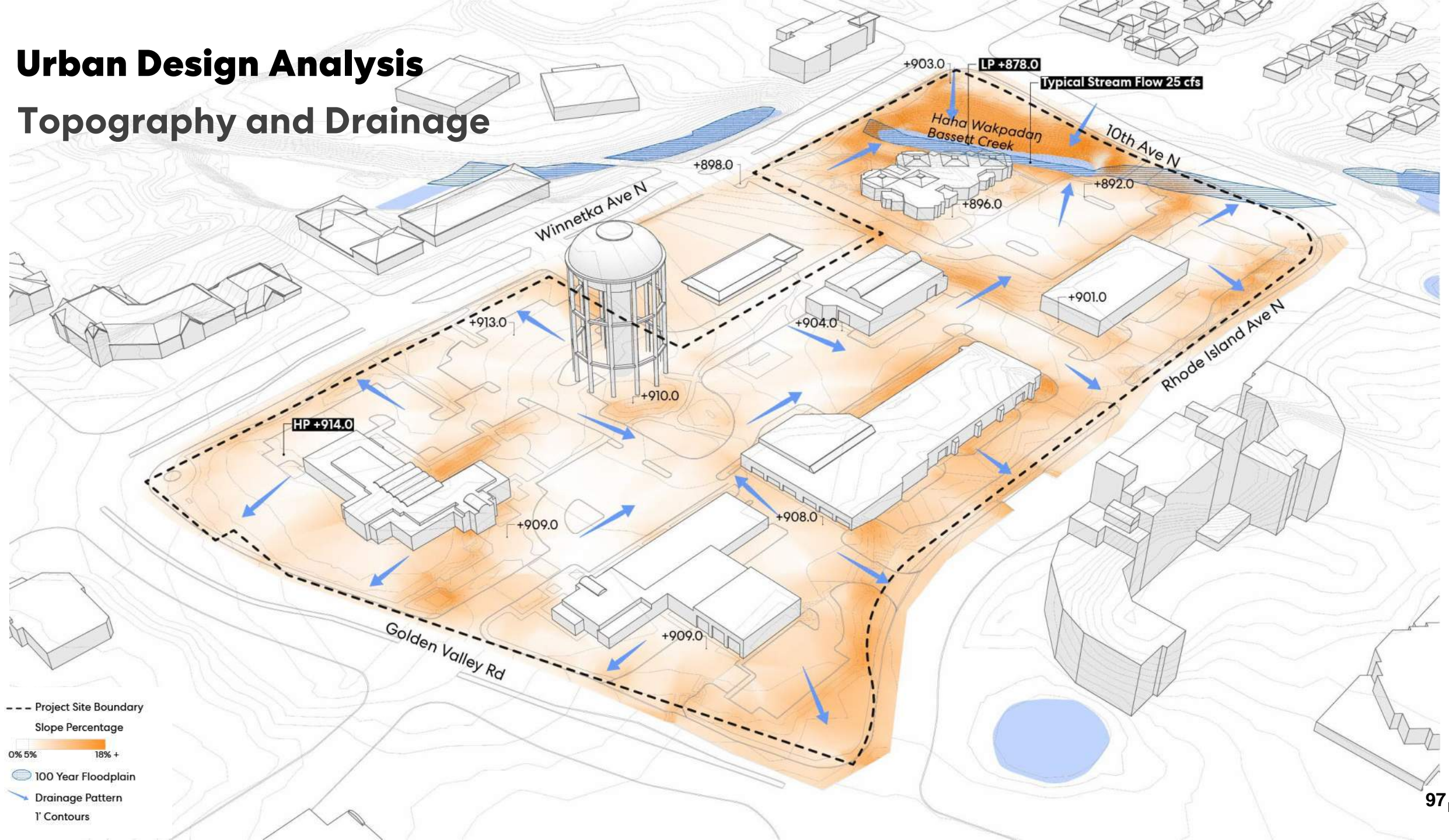
Natural Systems + Features



- Project Site Boundary
- Prevalant Summer Wind
- Prevalant Winter Wind
- Sun Pattern
- ▨ Significant Trees





Urban Design Analysis

Topography and Drainage



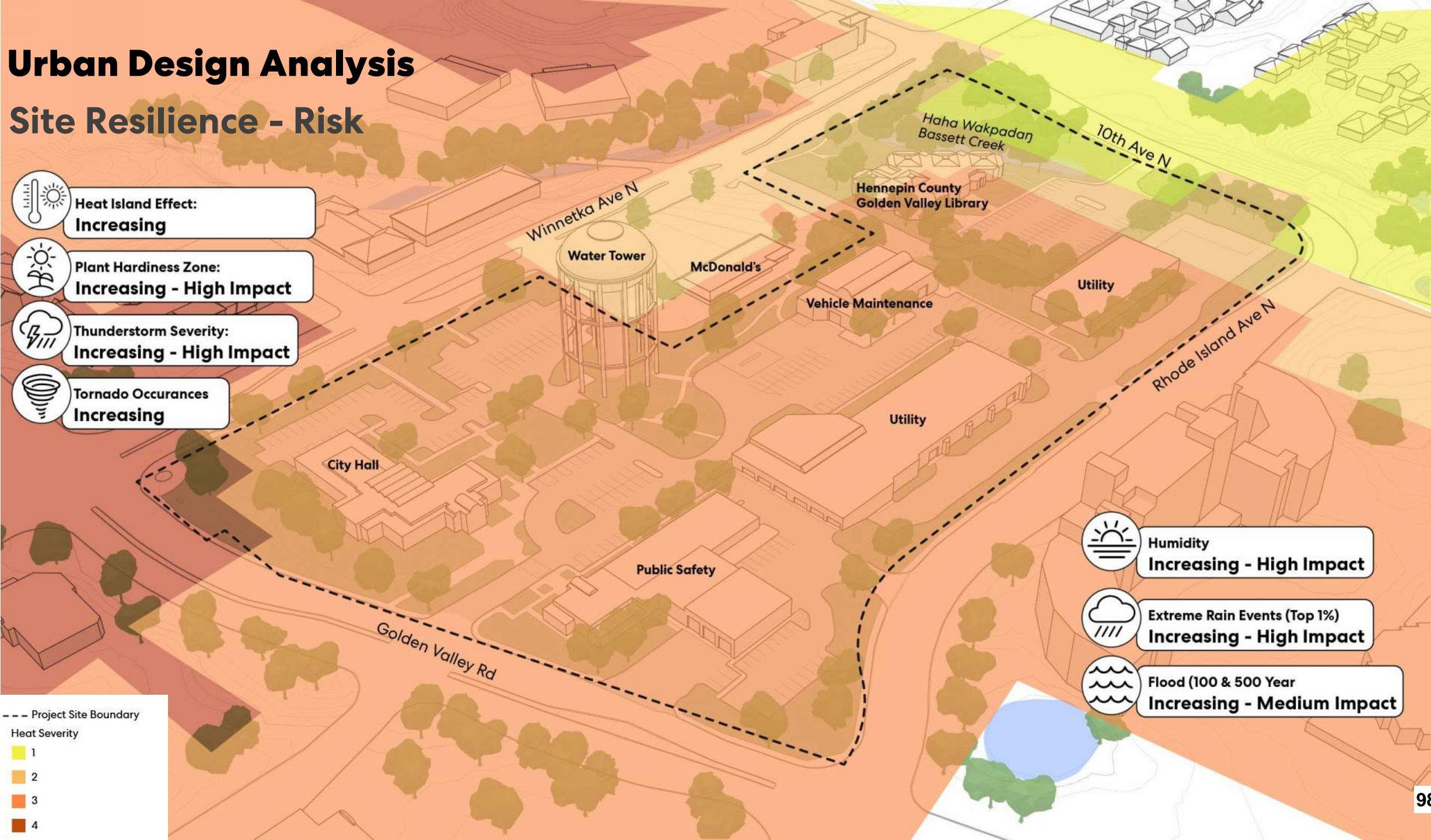
Urban Design Analysis

Site Resilience - Risk

-  Heat Island Effect: **Increasing**
-  Plant Hardiness Zone: **Increasing - High Impact**
-  Thunderstorm Severity: **Increasing - High Impact**
-  Tornado Occurances: **Increasing**

- Project Site Boundary
- Heat Severity
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4

-  Humidity: **Increasing - High Impact**
-  Extreme Rain Events (Top 1%): **Increasing - High Impact**
-  Flood (100 & 500 Year): **Increasing - Medium Impact**



Urban Design Analysis

Eco-Region and Ecology

Koppen Map Classification | Zone Dfa



Source: EPA - https://gaftp.epa.gov/EPADataCommons/ORD/Ecoregions/oh/ohin_eco_lg.pdf

Ecoregion Map Classification | III & IV | 51i



51i Big Woods

Site Map Location: Golden Valley, MN



Regional Watershed

The map below shows region's major watersheds.



Mississippi River Watershed

Geology & Soil

Golden Valley, MN, has primarily clay soil. However, soil types can vary, and the specific composition can be more granular or sandy, especially in areas that were once sandy loam, like the Eden Prairie series which includes both clayey and sandy components.



Ordovician - Sandstone, Shaley Limestone



Site Watershed

Project is located in the Bassett Creek Watershed in Hennepin County which flows to the Mississippi River.



FEMA Floodplain Map

The map shows a regulatory floodway at the North end of the site along Bassett Creek.

- Flood Hazard Boundaries
 - Limit Lines
 - SFHA / Flood Zone Boundary
 - Flowage Exemption Boundary
- Flood Hazard Zones
 - 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
 - Regulatory Floodway
 - Special Floodway

Source: Federal Emergency Management Advisory - <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

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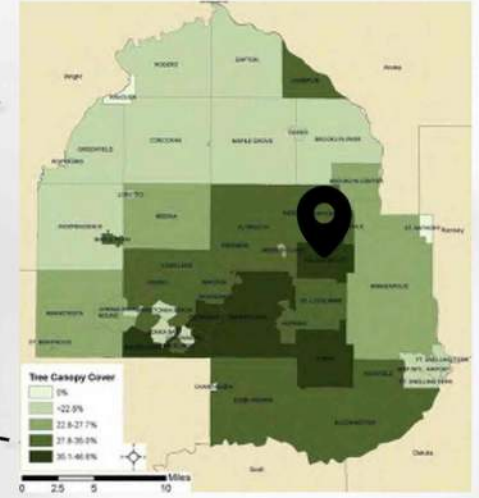
Eco-Region and Ecology

Land Cover Map



Source: CNRP (2013) data available at <http://data.mn.gov>; Metropolitan Council (2013) data available at <http://www.metrocenter.org/>

Hennepin County Tree Canopy Cover Map



Reference Habitats



Westwood Hills Nature Center



Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary



Carl W. Kroening Nature Center



General Mills Nature Preserve



Theodore Wirth Quaking Bog



Wood-Rill Scientific and Natural Area



Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge



Mississippi Gorge Regional Park



Bassett Creek Park

Keystone Species

Keystone species have significant influence on biodiversity in their natural environment. Their presence indicates the health and quality of an ecological region.



Trees



Mammals



Birds



Reptiles



Insects



Pine



White-tailed Deer



Northern Cardinal



Painted Turtle



Common Eastern Bumble Bee



White Oak



Red Fox



Mallard



Common Garter Snake



Monarch



Willow



Eastern Gray Squirrel



Wild Turkey



Snapping Turtle



Dogbane Leaf Beetle

Appendix C: Campus Scale Comparison

Campus Scale Comparison: Roseville Civic Campus

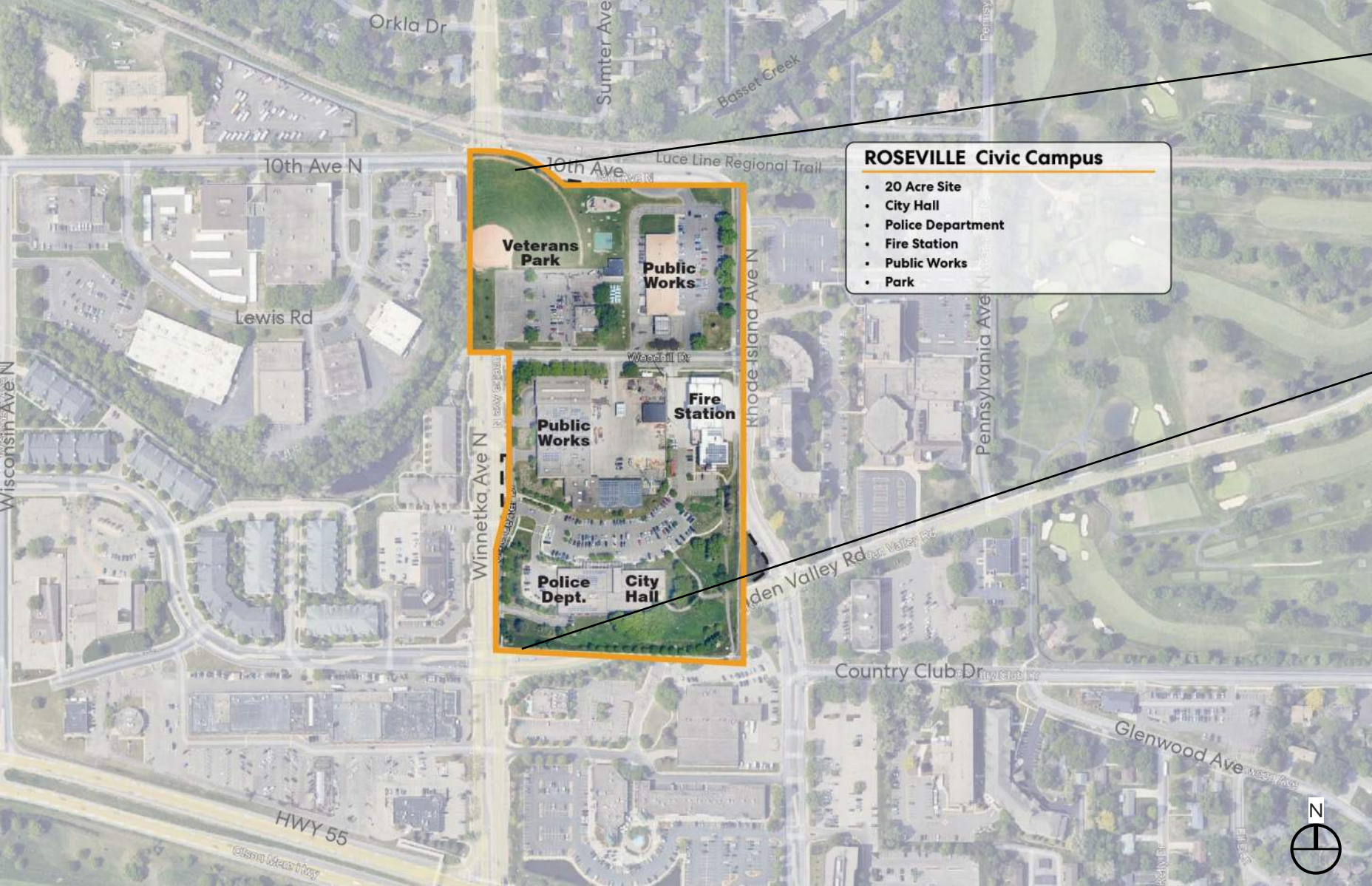


Image showing overlay of Roseville civic campus onto existing Golden Valley civic campus background, to scale

Campus Scale Comparison: Chanhassen Civic Campus

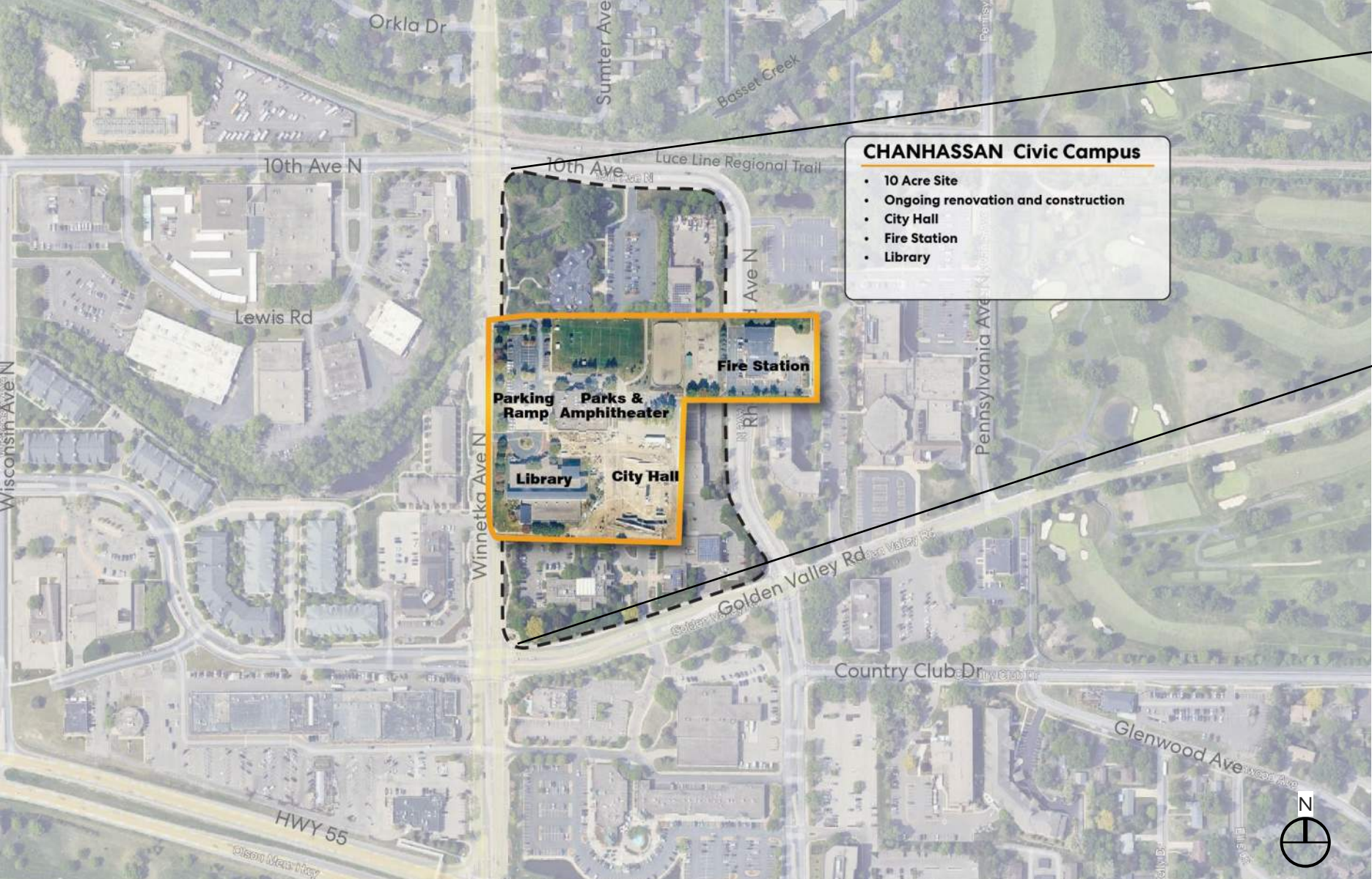


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Campus Scale Comparison: Shoreview Civic Campus

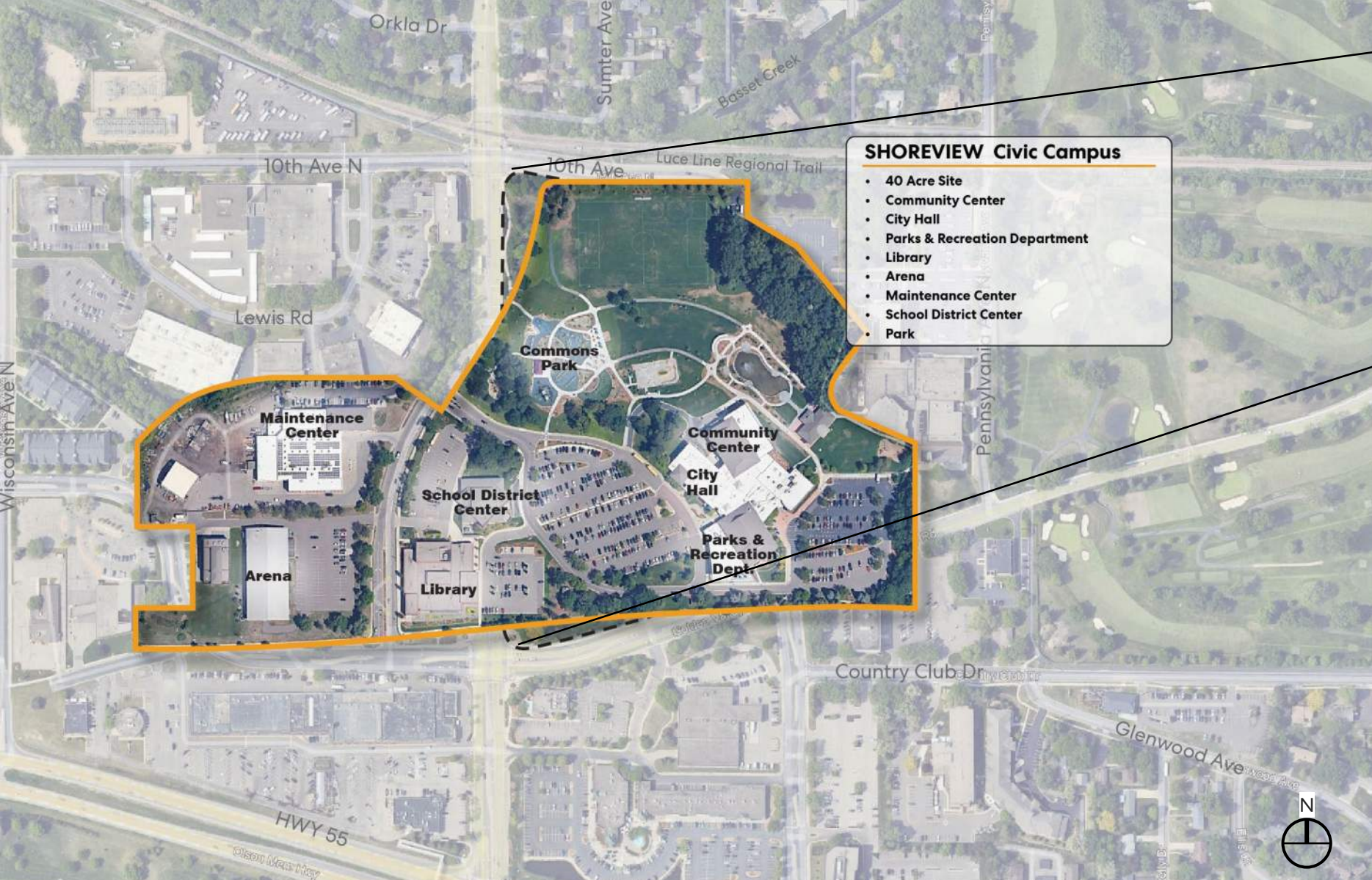


Image showing overlay of Shoreview civic campus onto existing Golden Valley civic campus background, to scale

Campus Scale Comparison: Maple Grove Central Park



Image showing overlay of Maple Grove Central Park onto existing Golden Valley civic campus background, to scale

Campus Scale Comparison: Burnsville Civic Campus

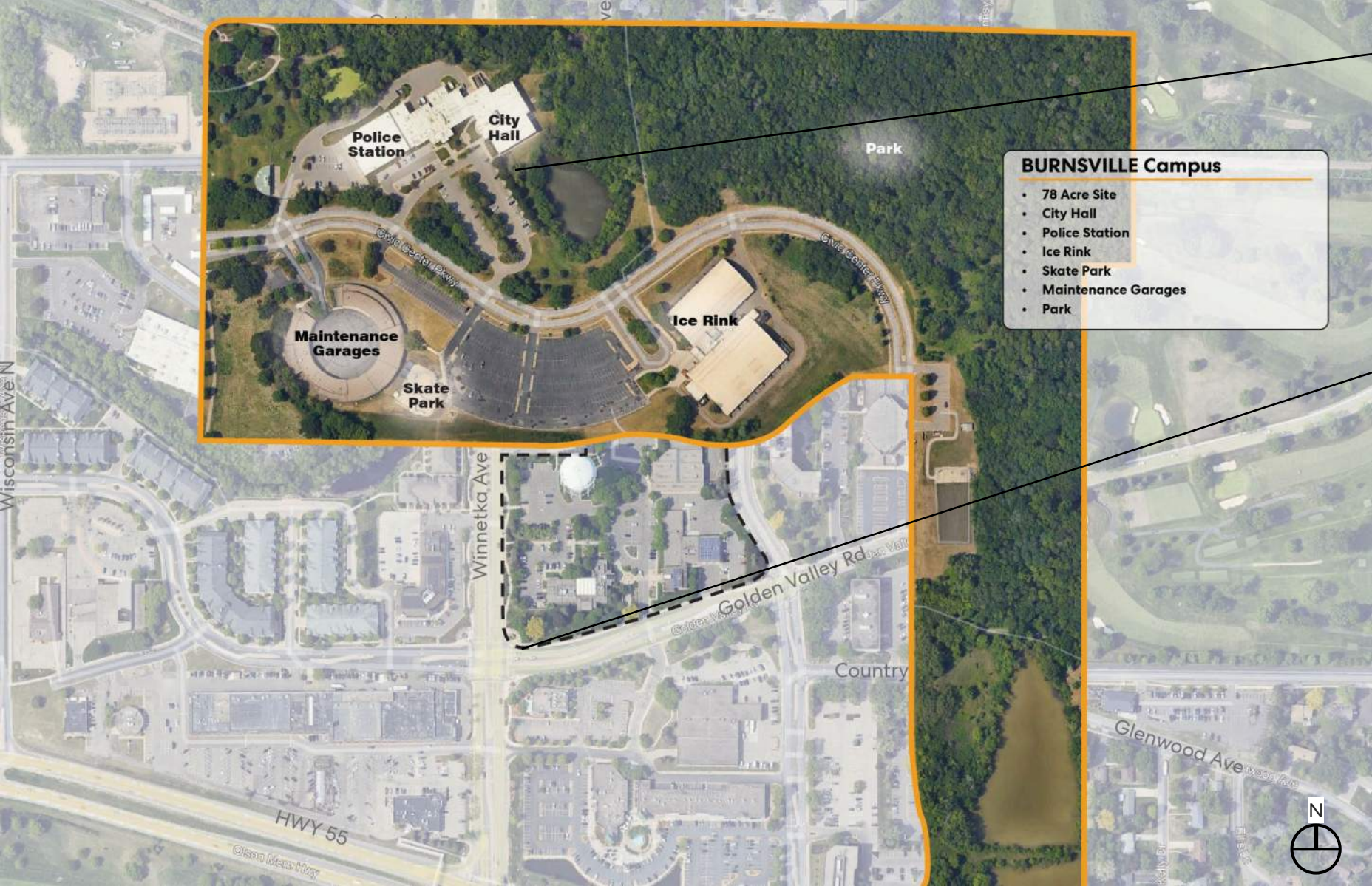


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Golden Valley City Council Work Session

June 9, 2026

Agenda Item

4. Council Review of Future Draft Agendas (5 Minutes)

Prepared By

Melissa Croft, Deputy City Clerk (Records)

Supporting Documents

- [Review of Future Draft Agendas](#)

Review of Future Draft Agendas

Meeting & Item Info
June 16, 2026 - City Council Meeting - 6:30 PM
1A - Pledge of Allegiance and Land Acknowledgement
Presentation
Proclamation - Recognizing June 19th as Juneteenth Freedom Day
Proclamation for Pollinator Week
New Employee Introductions (if necessary)
Consent - Council Minutes
Approval of Council Minutes
Consent - City Check Registers
Approval of City Check Registers
Consent - Licenses
Consent - Boards, Commissions, and Task Forces
Approval of Final Meeting Minutes of the BZA (March 24, 2026)
Consent - Bid, Quotes, and Contracts
Seeman Park Play Structure Replacement
Stockman Park Play Structure Replacement
Approve Agreement with Goff Public, Inc. for Building Forward's Strategic Communications and Community Engagement Services
Consent - Grants and Donations
Consent - Miscellaneous
Adopt Resolution Approving the Appointment of Election Judges and Establishment of an Absentee Ballot Board for 2026 Primary and General Elections
Items Related to Transition to EDA -Adopt Second Reading and Approve Ordinance Establishing EDA; Adopt Resolution Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance; Adopt Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Certain Powers, Projects and Programs to EDA
Public Hearing
Items for Consideration
June 16, 2026 - Special HRA Meeting - 6:30 PM (immediately following Council meeting)
Adopt HRA Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Certain Powers, Projects and Programs to the EDA
June 16, 2026 - EDA Meeting - 6:30 PM (Organizational Meeting) (immediately following HRA meeting)
Call to Order
Election of EDA Chair
Election of EDA Vice Chair
Adopt EDA Resolution Appointing EDA Executive Director
Adopt EDA Resolution Establishing EDA Bylaws
Consent Agenda
Public Hearing
Items for Consideration
Adopt EDA Resolution Accepting Transfer of Projects and Programs from HRA
July 7, 2026 - City Council Meeting - 6:30 PM
1A - Pledge of Allegiance and Land Acknowledgement
Presentation
Legislative Session Recap
Consent - Council Minutes
Approval of Council Minutes
Consent - City Check Registers
Approval of City Check Registers
Consent - Licenses

Meeting & Item Info
Consent - Boards, Commissions, and Task Forces
Consent - Bid, Quotes, and Contracts
Approve Contract for Project 26-14 2026 Sewer Lining with Visu-Sewer, LLC
Consent - Grants and Donations
Consent - Miscellaneous
Humane Society Major PUD Amendment
Public Hearing
Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution Approving TIF Modifications and Creation of Development Dist. No. 1
Items for Consideration
Receive and File Missing Middle Housing Study
Consideration of Items Relating to the East Fire Station and Lilac Dr Realignment:
Contract for Architectural/Engineering Services for East Fire Station
Contract for Construction Manager for East Fire Station
Contract for Design Services for Lilac Drive Realignment
July 7, 2026 - EDA Meeting - 6:30 PM (if necessary)
Consent Agenda
Approval of EDA Minutes
Public Hearing
EDA Public Hearing Regarding Establishing Development District No. 1 and Adopting EDA Resolution Approving Development Program
Items for Consideration
July 7, 2026 - HRA Meeting - 6:30 PM (if necessary)
Consent Agenda
Approval of HRA Minutes
Public Hearing
Old Business
New Business
July 14, 2026 - EDA Work Session - 5:30 PM (if necessary)
July 14, 2026 - HRA Work Session - 5:30 PM (if necessary)
July 14, 2026 - City Council Work Session - 5:30 PM
Annual Report from City Prosecutor (30 Minutes)
Review Quarterly Reports for Select City Funds (Including HRA)
Council Review of Future Draft Agendas (5 Minutes)