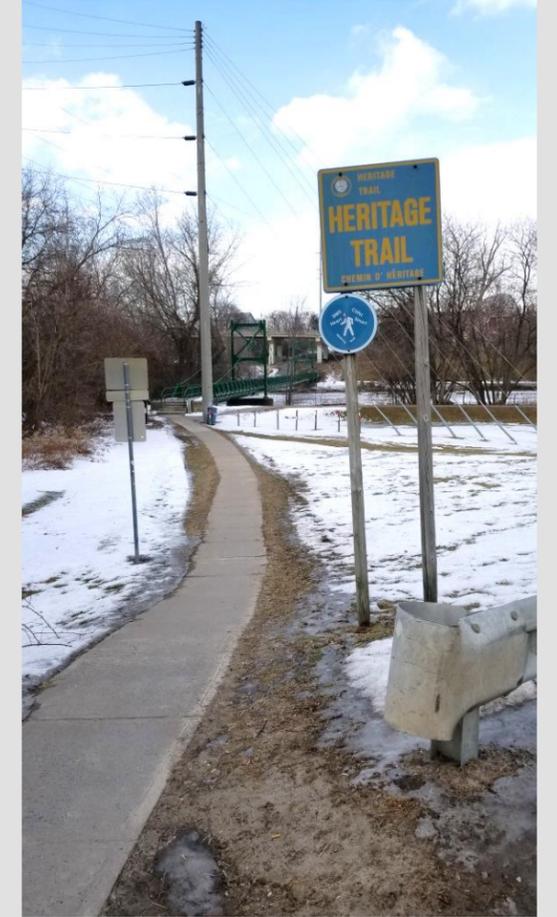
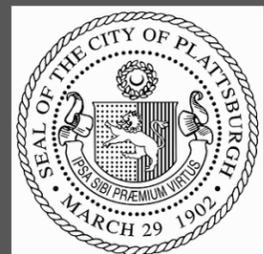




# City of Plattsburgh DRI: Downtown Streetscapes & Riverfront Access



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# Agenda

## Welcome

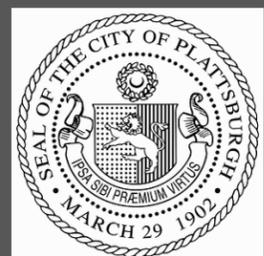
- Streetscape and Riverfront Access Priorities and Context

## Project Discussions

- Public Feedback
- Downtown Streetscapes
  - Arts Park
  - Streets
- Riverfront Access
  - Durkee Riverfront Walkway
  - MacDonough Park
  - Future River Access Points

## Next Steps

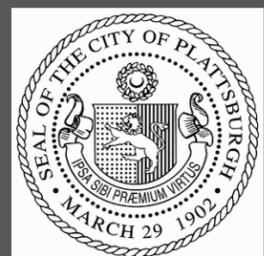
- Look Ahead, Questions



# Project Funding Overview



- + \$2,900,000 for streetscape and riverfront
  - Downtown Streetscapes: \$1,300,000
  - Riverfront Access: \$1,600,000
  
- \$ 100,000 allocated to grant administration
  
- = \$2,800,000 available for design and construction of streetscape and riverfront access projects



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# DRI Priorities

## Downtown Streetscapes and Riverfront Access



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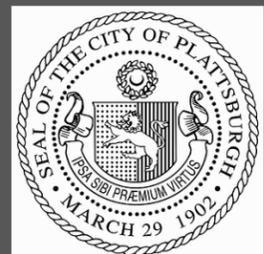
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# Riverfront Access & Streetscapes in Context



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# Riverfront Access & Streetscapes in Context

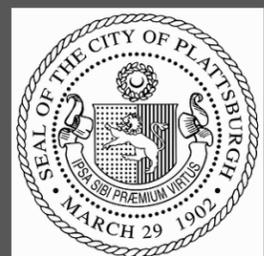
## Riverfront Access

- Macdonough Park: lighting, landscaping, paths, amphitheater, waterfront landing
- Riverfront boardwalk at Durkee Street: [coordinate w/ development] widening, surfacing, extension, benches, lighting
- River overlook with lighting, seating, and informational plaques
- Kayak launch with pad, ramp, railings, and storage
- Improvements to other walkways

- Physical river access – delayed due to NYSEG work, but concepts can be developed for future CFA funding applications
- Can also improve visual access

## Downtown Streetscapes

- Improvements on up to five streets for pedestrians and bicycles
- Protected access on Veteran's Memorial Bridge
- Transformation of the park between Margaret & Durkee, including a potential performance space



# Public Engagement

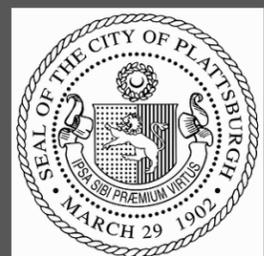
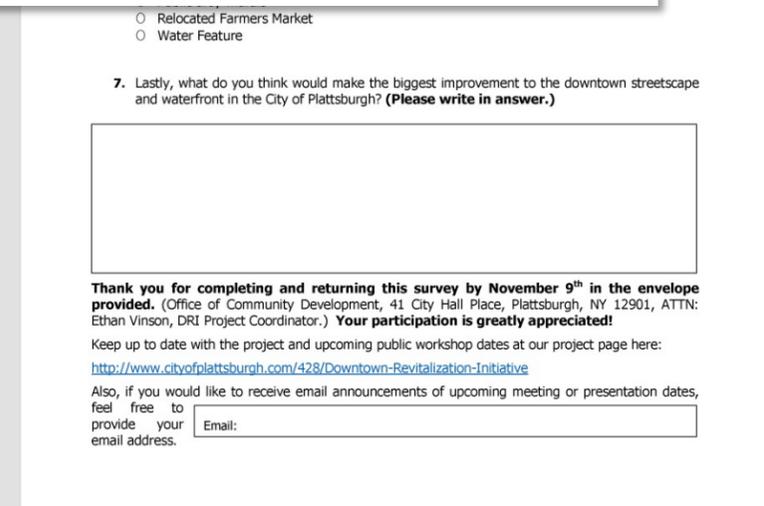
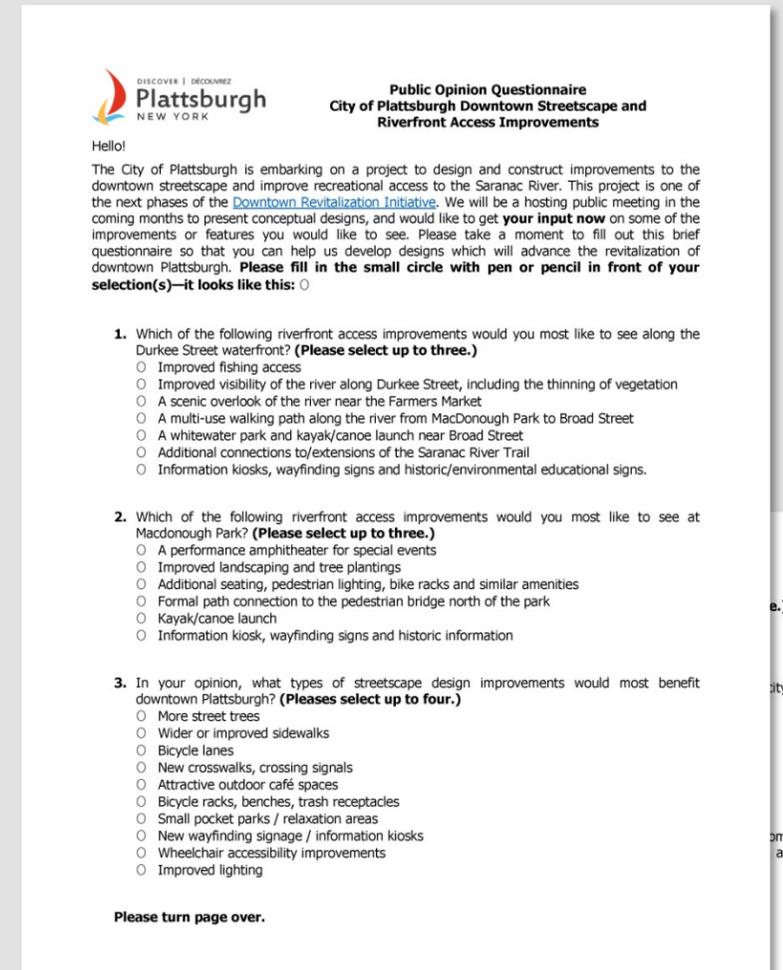
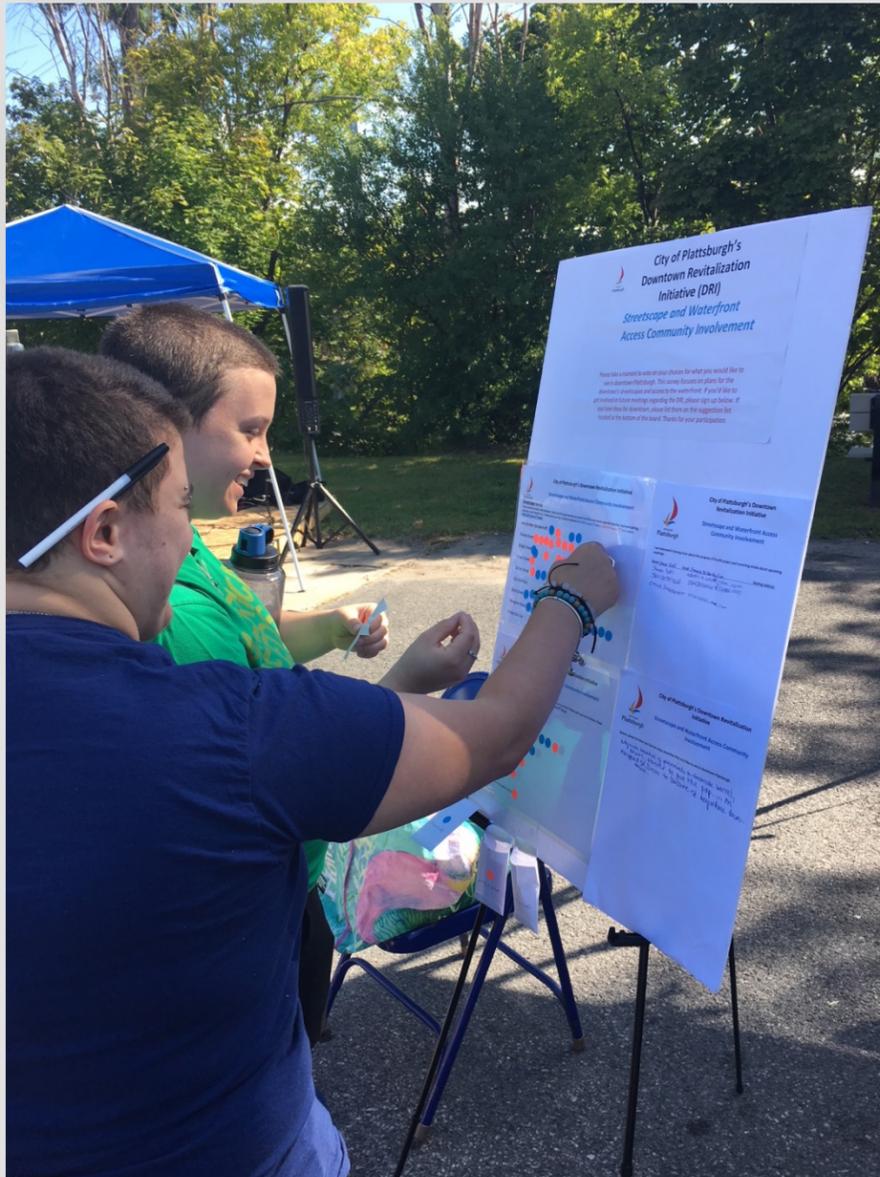
Results so far...

Dot Polls

Focus Groups

Mailed & Online Survey

December 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting



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# Public Feedback: Downtown Streetscapes

## Desired streetscape improvements:

- Café spaces and pocket parks
- Plantings, benches, bike racks, art
- Wider sidewalks
- Bike lanes

## Desired streets for improvements:

- Bridge Street (to Peru Street)
- Durkee Street
- Margaret Street
- Brinkerhoff (Arts Corridor)

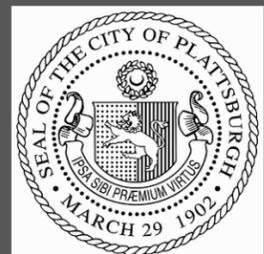
\*Margaret and Bridge had the most ped/bike traffic when studied in September

## Desired “Arts Park” improvements:

- Shaded seating
- Performance space  
(space deemed too small at December meeting)
- Water feature
- Playground
- Trees/landscaping
- Public art

## Additional Amenities

- Splash pad/skating rink
- Whitewater park



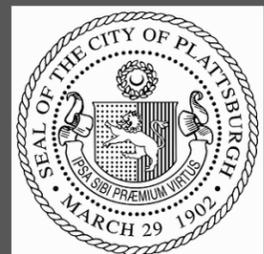
# Public Feedback: Riverfront Access

## Desired Durkee Street riverfront improvements:

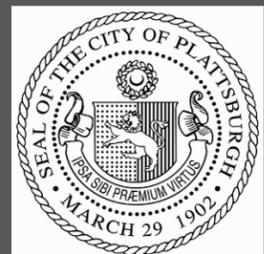
- Walking path
- SRT connection
- Riverfront overlook/tree thinning
- Future whitewater park & kayak launch

## Desired MacDonough Park improvements:

- Seating, lighting, and furnishings
- Connection to pedestrian bridge
- Performance amphitheater
- Landscaping
- Future kayak launch



# Project Concepts



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# Project Concepts



## Streetscape Funds

Arts Park

Streetscapes

- Durkee
- Bridge
- Margaret?
- Others?

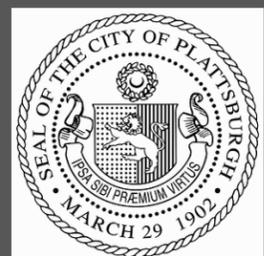


## Riverfront Access Funds

Riverfront Walkway

Future Access Points

- MacDonough Park
- Broad Street



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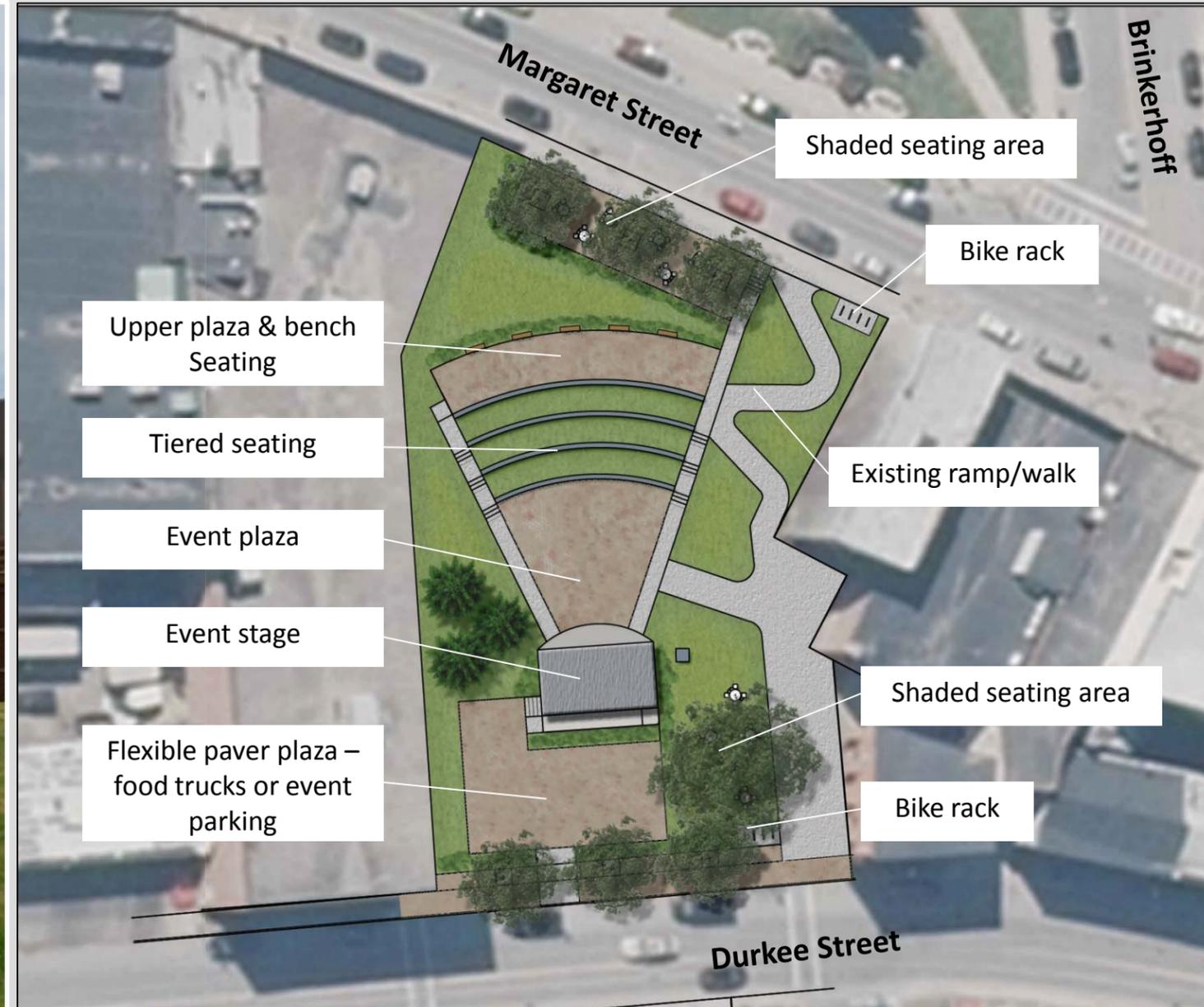
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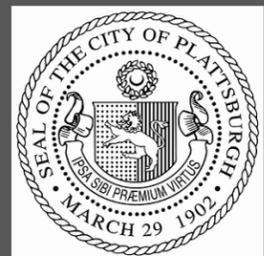
# Arts Park



Arts Park – Existing Conditions



Arts Park – Dec 2018 Concept



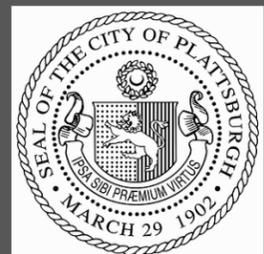
# Arts Park

## Positives:

- Arts Corridor-Sculpture connection
- Shaded seating
- Café space
- Potential for wall murals

## Concerns:

- Small space for a splash park
- Splash park would be shaded
- May be better located near existing parking for ease of access



# Arts Park

## Positives:

- Arts Corridor-Sculpture connection
- Shaded seating
- Café space
- Potential for wall murals
- Maintains a water feature

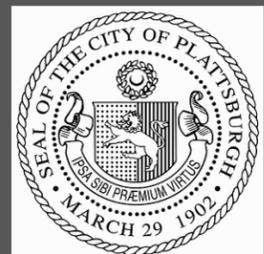
## Concerns:

- No formal play space



ARTS PARK - FOUNTAIN AND SCULPTURE GARDEN

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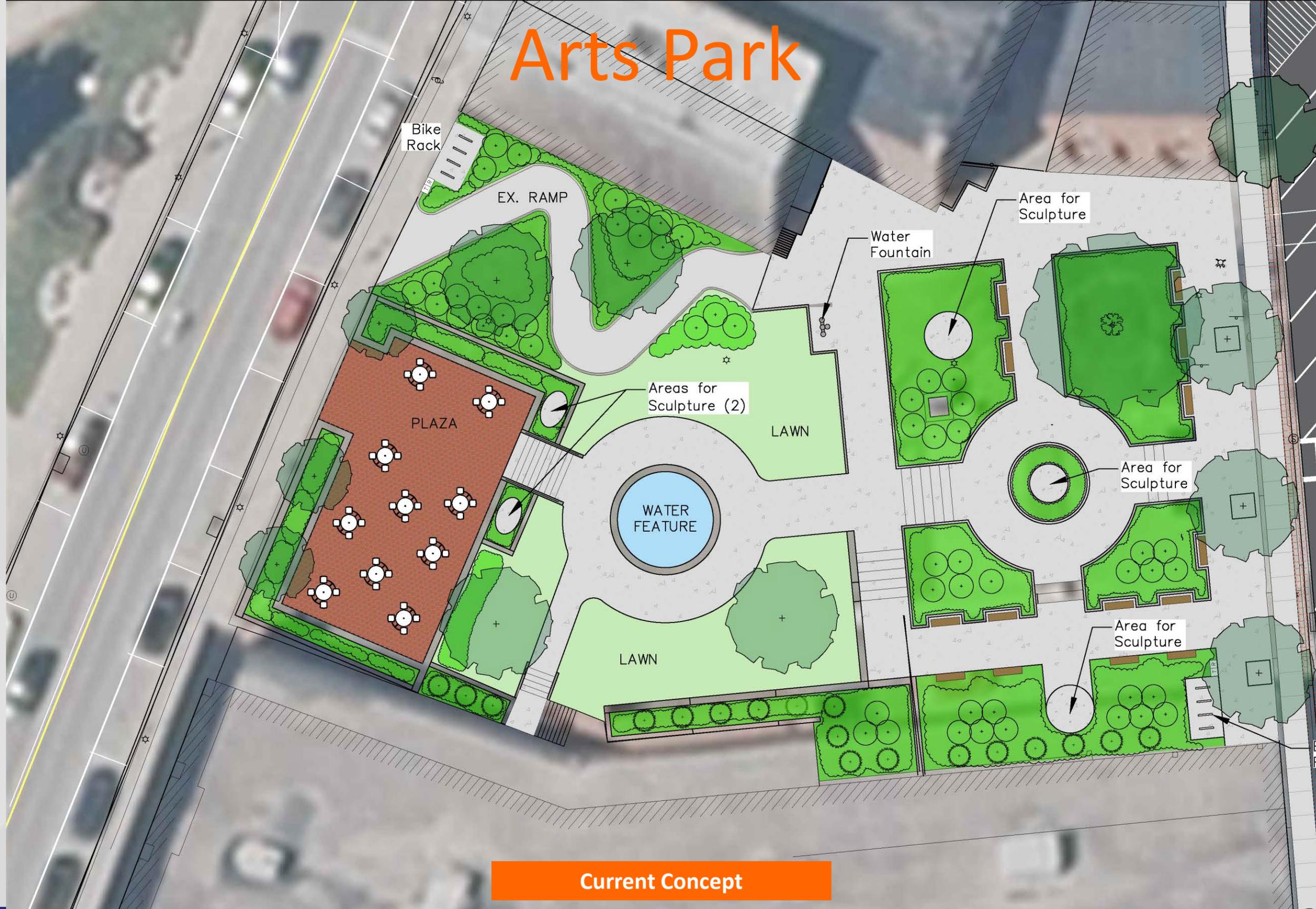
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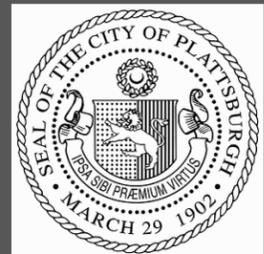
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Current Concept



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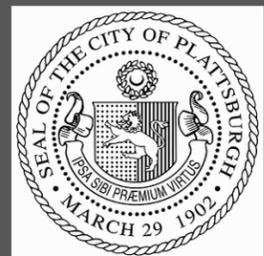
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# Streetscapes: Durkee Street

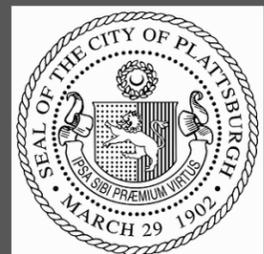
Right-of-Way Changes Width  
(Narrower near Bridge Street)



Limited Sidewalk on East Side  
Transformer, Signs, and Car Overhangs



Mix of Materials on West Side



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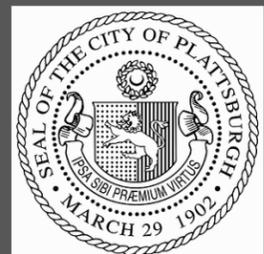
# Streetscapes: Bridge Street



Need Safe Pedestrian and Bicycle Access



Lanes May Be Wider than Necessary



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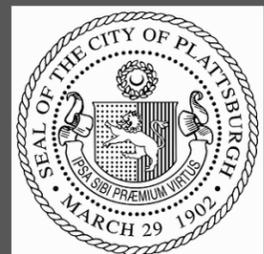
# Streetscapes: Margaret Street



Update Paving Materials?



Remove Parking to Create Café Space?  
Or to Add Bike Lanes?



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# Streetscapes: Others?



Clinton Street

- Mixed-use area with residences and commercial use
- Updated streetscape may encourage pedestrian traffic
- Updates could support existing and attract additional businesses



Brinkerhoff Street

- Potential for wide sidewalks and on-street parking (except in front of Strand) to allow for a “Grand Entrance” for Strand Theater
- Challenge: existing road is higher than sidewalks
- Old trolley tracks may be under the pavement



Protection Avenue

- Narrow, service alley
- Relocate dumpsters
- Update pavements
- Install overhead lighting
- Install murals where possible
- Transformers will be moved
- Design underway



# Streetscapes: Details and Materials



## Lighting:

- “Historic” Downtown poles?
- “Waterfront” Dock Street poles?
- Bollard lighting?
- Overhead Lighting?

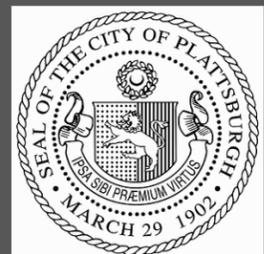


## Sidewalk Pavements:

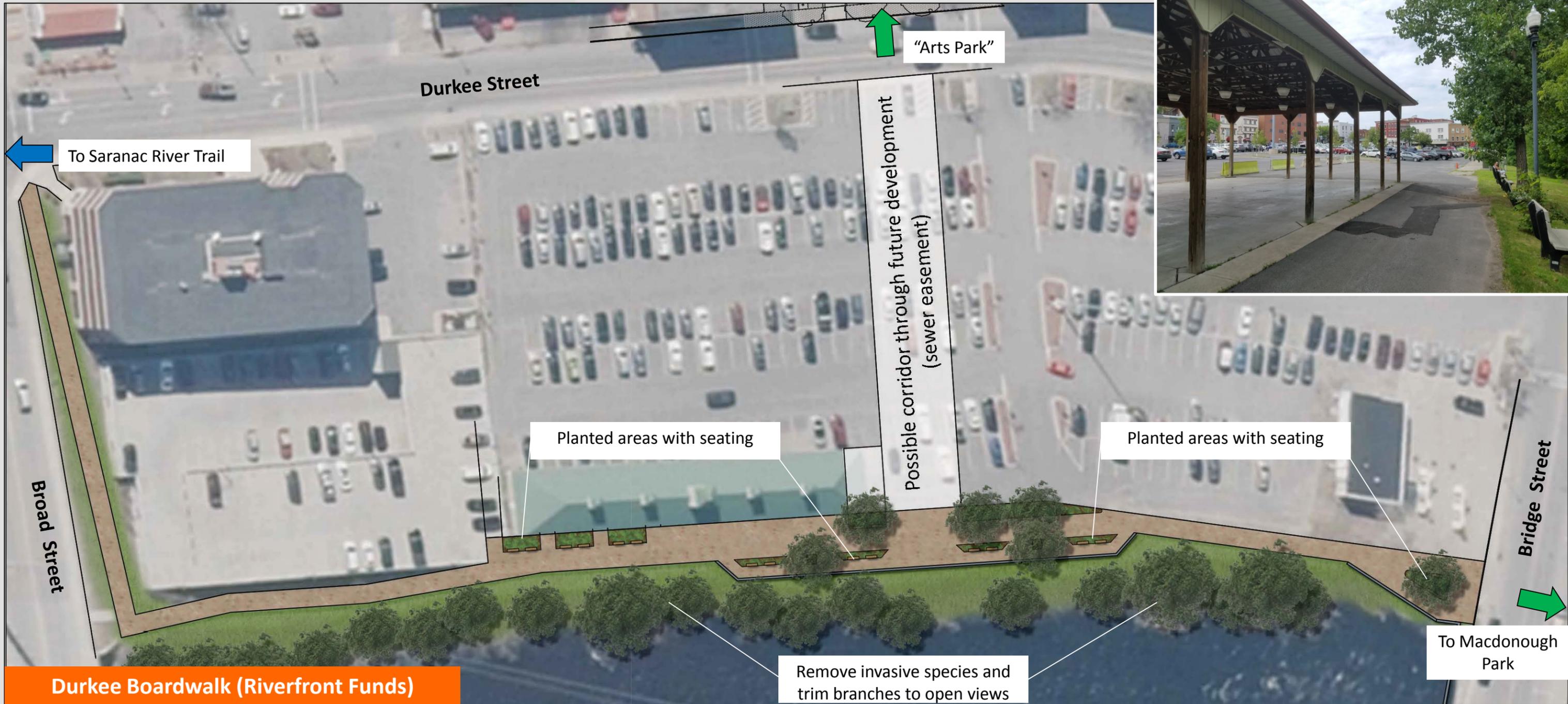
- Existing pavers?
- Concrete?
- Other colors, patterns, textures?

## Transformers:

- Art wraps



# Riverfront Walkway Concept Sketch



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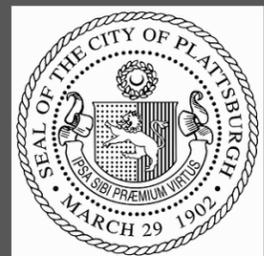
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# Riverfront Walkway



Inspiration  
Images



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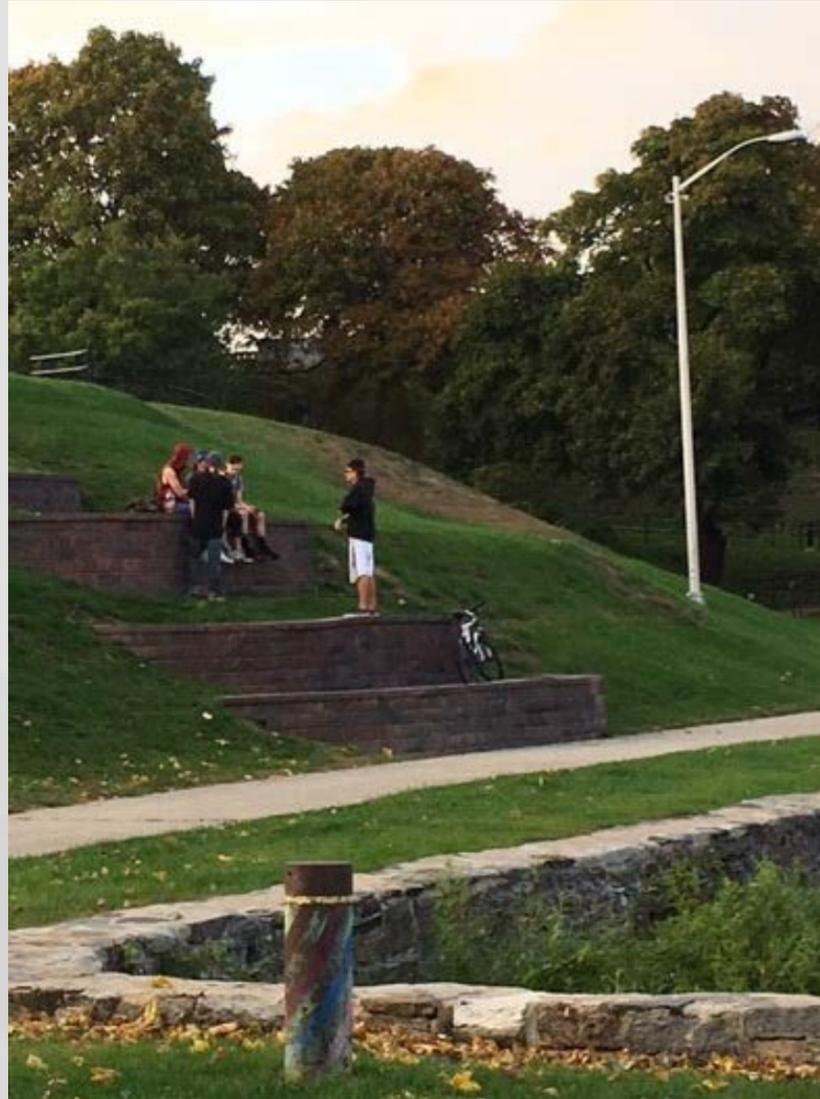
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# MacDonough Park

## Potential Projects:

- Lighting
- Landscaping
- Walkways
- Amphitheater
- Waterfront landing

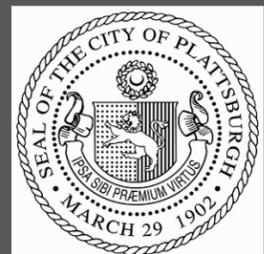


Not enough seating near the riverfront



Existing Conditions Photos

“Street” style lighting and aging concrete walks



# MacDonough Park

## Amphitheater Concept Ideas



**Concern: Floodplain & Ice Damage, limited ability to terrace slope**



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# MacDonough Park Amphitheater Concept Ideas



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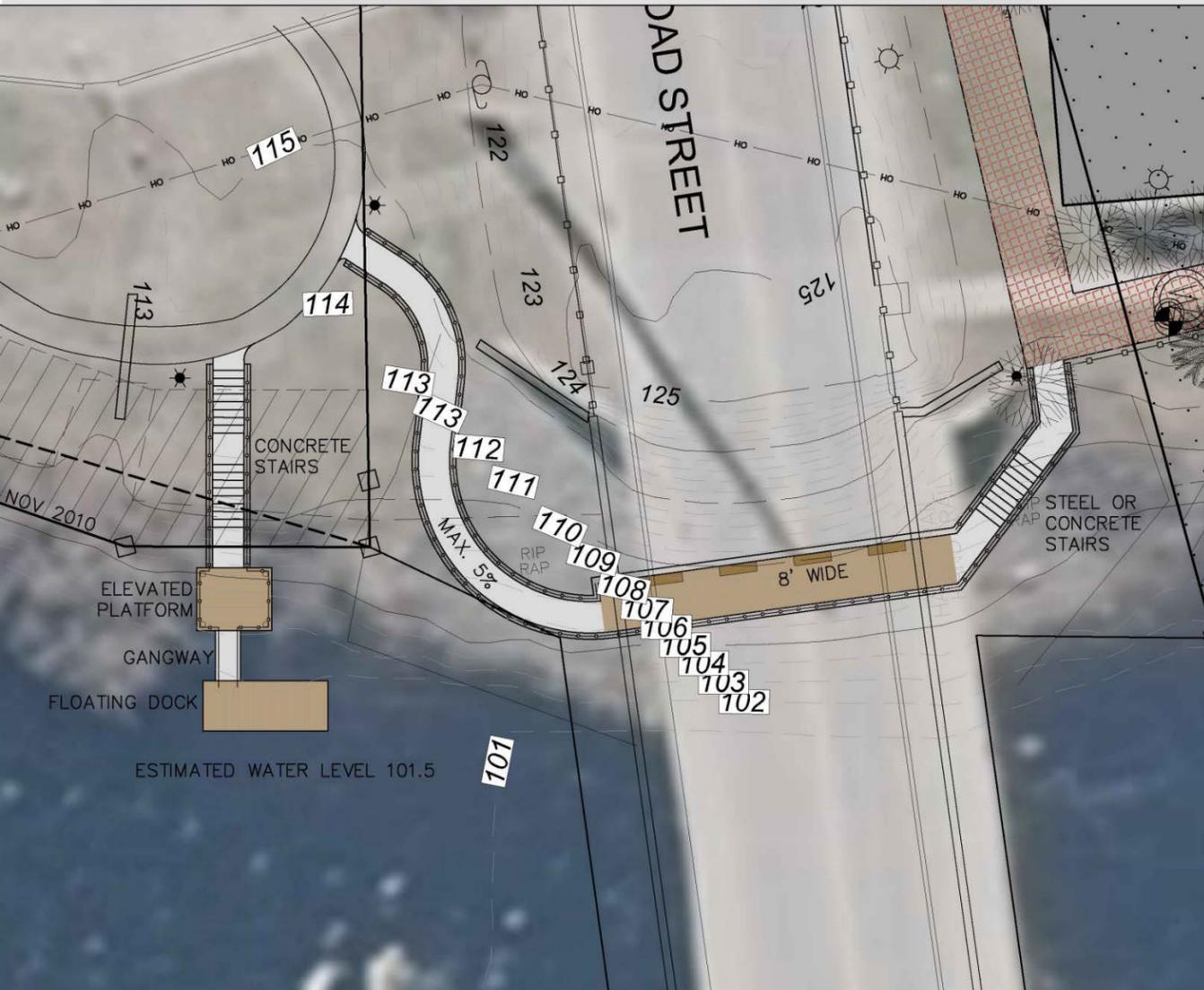
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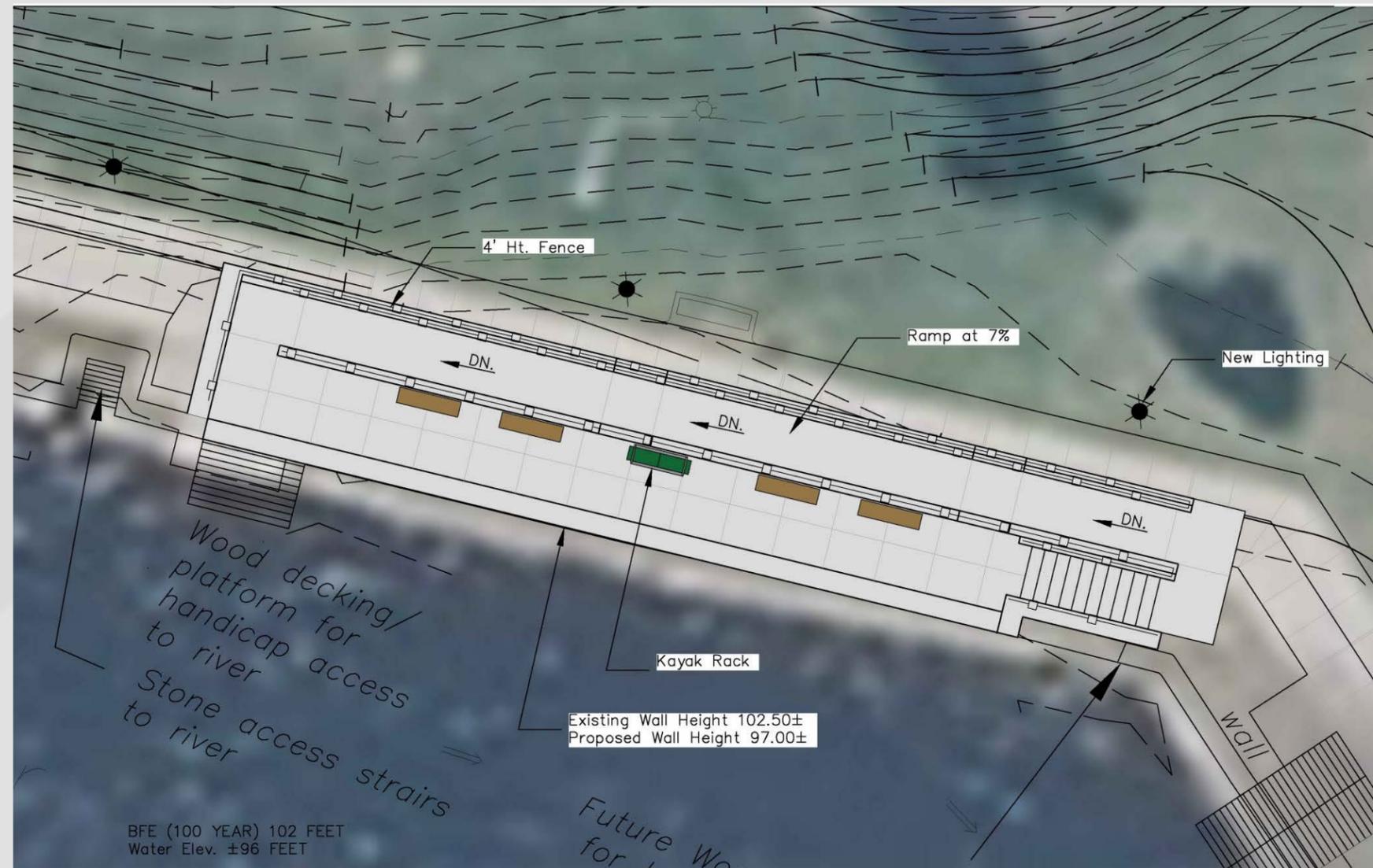
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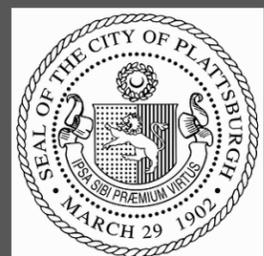
# Future River Access Conceptual Ideas



**Broad Street Kayak Access  
& Walkway under Bridge**

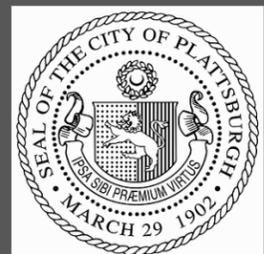


**MacDonough Park Landing:  
Ramp and Stair to Accessible Water-Level Platform**

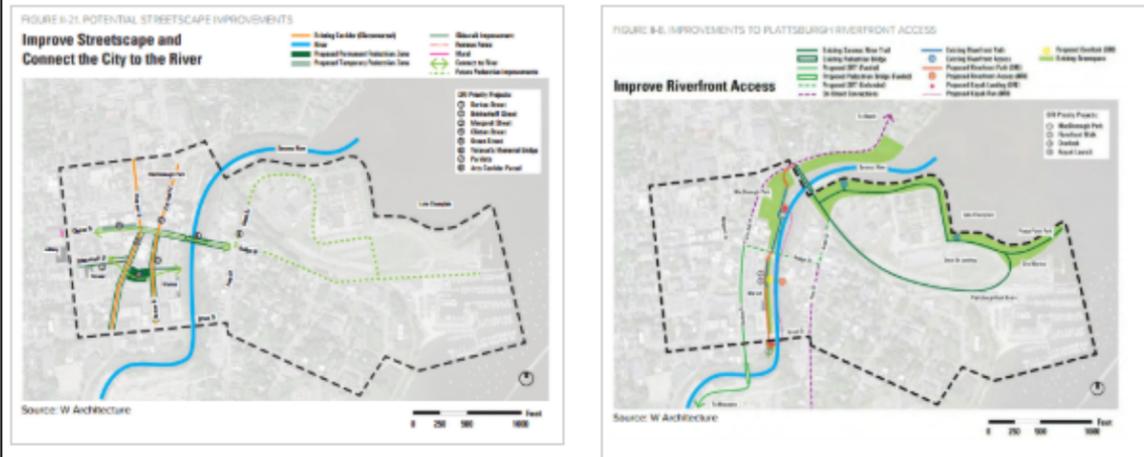


# Next Steps

- Advance concept designs into construction drawings.
- Ongoing coordination with Durkee development for Riverwalk and Streetscape enhancements.
- Ongoing coordination with Marketing/Branding/Wayfinding project for complementary ideas.
- Continued Public Engagement: Ideas? Online voting?



## Streetscape Enhancements & Riverfront Access



### Overview:

These projects propose the design and construction of enhanced access to the Saranac River and improvements to streets and walkable areas Downtown. All streetscape enhancements and riverfront access improvements seek to add recreational opportunities and increase visitation, connectivity, and a better flow of pedestrian traffic.

Streetscape enhancements may include but are not limited to, sidewalk widening, public performance venues, traffic calming measures, and green space enhancements.

Riverfront access improvements may include, but are not limited to, reconstruction of riverwalk/boardwalk, waterfront landings, overlooks, and more.

### Update: Jan 2018

On January 23rd, 2018, the City of Plattsburgh released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Consulting and Engineering Design Services for Streetscape Enhancements and Improved Riverfront Access Designs. Find the full RFP documents [here](#). Responses are due by 3:00 p.m. (EST) Friday, Feb 23rd, 2018.

### Update: May 2018

At the regular meeting of Common Council on May 24th, the Common Council approved the Consulting and Engineering Design Services contract for the Downtown Streetscape and Riverfront Access Design project of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) be awarded to Saratoga Associates Landscape Architects, Architects, Engineers, and Planners, P.C.

### Update: August 2018

On August 1st, the City hosted a kick-off meeting for the Streetscape Improvements and Riverfront Access Project, with City staff, a DOS representative, and Saratoga Associates. Saratoga Associates next step is to review the existing conditions of the Downtown, review existing documentation and information, and start developing their public involvement plan.

### Update: September 2018

Saratoga Associates' has begun their first round of public engagement. This includes dot polls in 4 different locations for 10 days at City Hall, the Bagel Pit, Plattsburgh Public Library and the North Country Co-Op. The dot polls were also available for 4 hours during the Battle of Plattsburgh as well as 2 hours during the Farmer's Market on September 22nd.

Focus groups also took place with 30-minute sessions at Senior Citizens Council of Clinton County, Lake City Development Corporation, Stafford Middle School, and Plattsburgh High School.

Saratoga Associates' also conducted a walkability study measuring the amount of pedestrian/bicycle traffic at select locations Downtown. This study will help Saratoga Associates determine the existing walkability numbers as well as to better understand the flow of people through the Downtown.

# Questions?

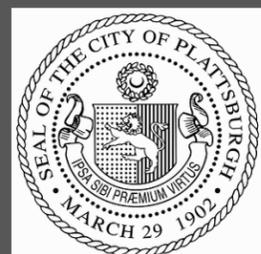


## Check DRI website for updates

<http://www.cityofplattsburgh.com/428/Downtown-Revitalization-Initiative>  
(Or Google "Plattsburgh DRI")

(Click on the project name on the left)

# Thank You!



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