

An aerial photograph of a city neighborhood, likely Kelowna, British Columbia. The image shows a dense residential area with many houses and trees. A river, likely the Okanagan River, flows along the bottom and left side of the frame. A bridge crosses the river on the left. The text 'Lower Mill Creek Linear Park Strategic Plan 2025' is overlaid on the bottom half of the image in a large, black, sans-serif font.

Lower Mill Creek Linear Park Strategic Plan 2025

Project Overview Presentation

Project Context



Drivers and Objectives

Alignment with Council Strategy and City Policy

Collaborate with City Departments

Urban Densification

Recognizable and Safe Connections

Host Nations Art / Public Art



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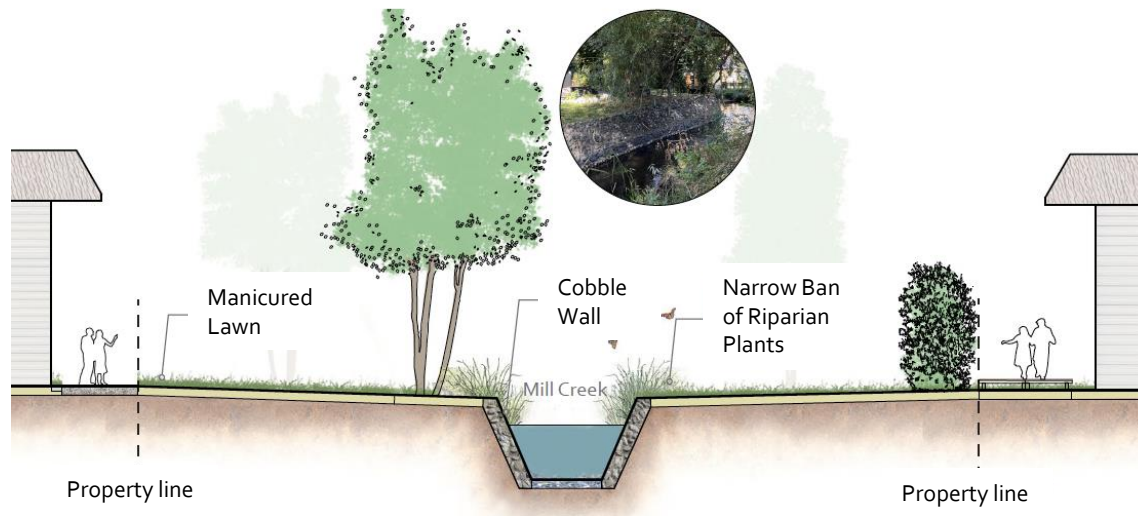


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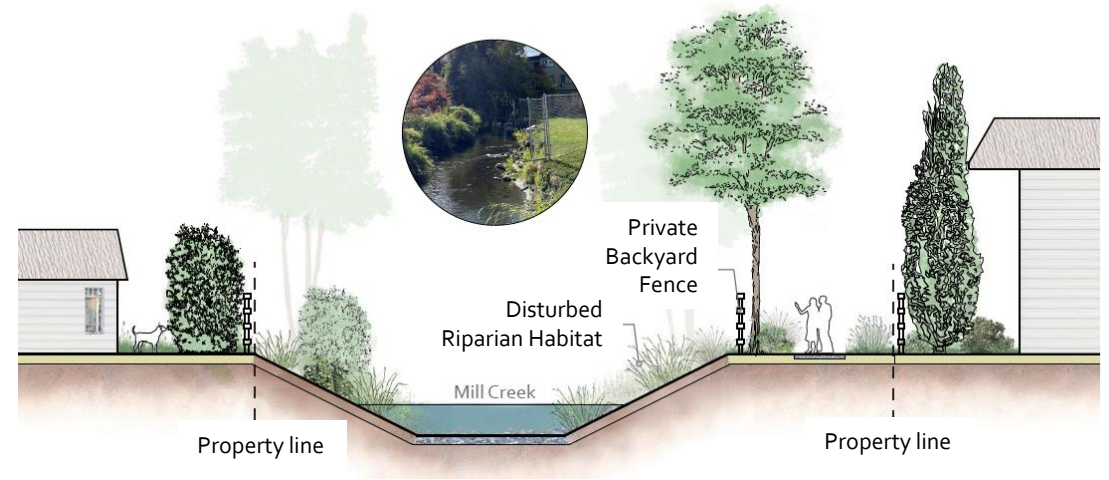


Existing Condition Challenges

A significant portion of Mill Creek has existing development encroaching within the Riparian Management Area. This poses challenges in creating a unified linear park trail along the creek corridor.



Channelized /
Manicured



Disturbed /
Encroached

Lower Mill Creek Linear Park Strategic Plan Outline

Project Timeline

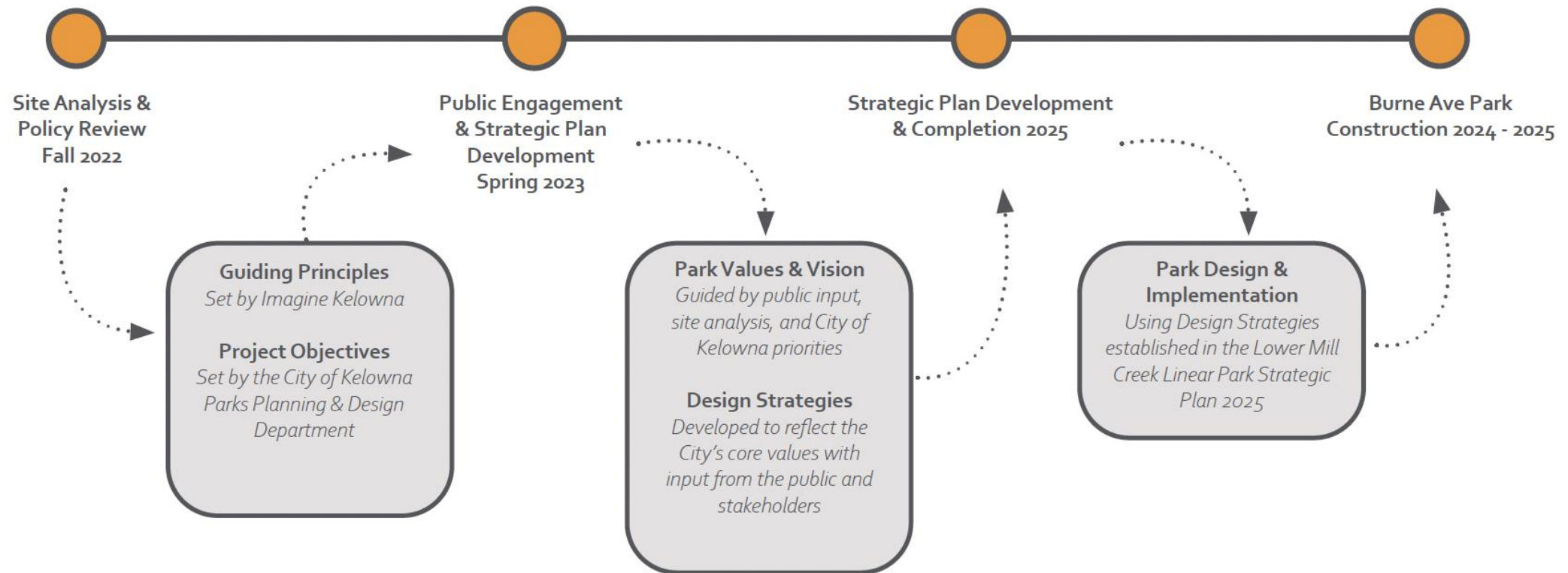
Engagement

Linear Park Concept

Implementation



Project Timeline



Mill Creek Strategic Plan Public Engagement



Information Session | March 1, 2023



Walkshops | April 23/24, 2023

Engagement Participation



Map Tool: Participants placed a pin on a map and left comments

30 pins and comments were added



Forum: Participants answered questions on the online forum

29 comments were discussed



Q & A: Participants submitted specific questions that were answered by City staff

6 questions were answered by City staff



Information Session: On March 16th there was an Open House at the Parkinson Recreation Centre

150 residents attended the information session



Onsite Walkshop: Hosted by City staff and the consultants at the sites of future parks: Marshall, Burne, and Lindahl. Participants were taken on a guided tour and asked to fill out a questionnaire

102 residents attended the walkshops

Engagement Results



102

walkshop attendees
at 3 events



~2K

project page
views

65

survey
submissions



~150

information session
attendees



What We Heard Report

Key Takeaways:

Flood Mitigation
Community Safety
Ecological Restoration
Property Concerns
Privacy
Park Features

Core Values:

Reflection Of public and stakeholder priorities
and the City of Kelowna's long-term planning
objectives



ACCESSIBILITY



RECREATION



ECOLOGY



IDENTITY



SAFETY

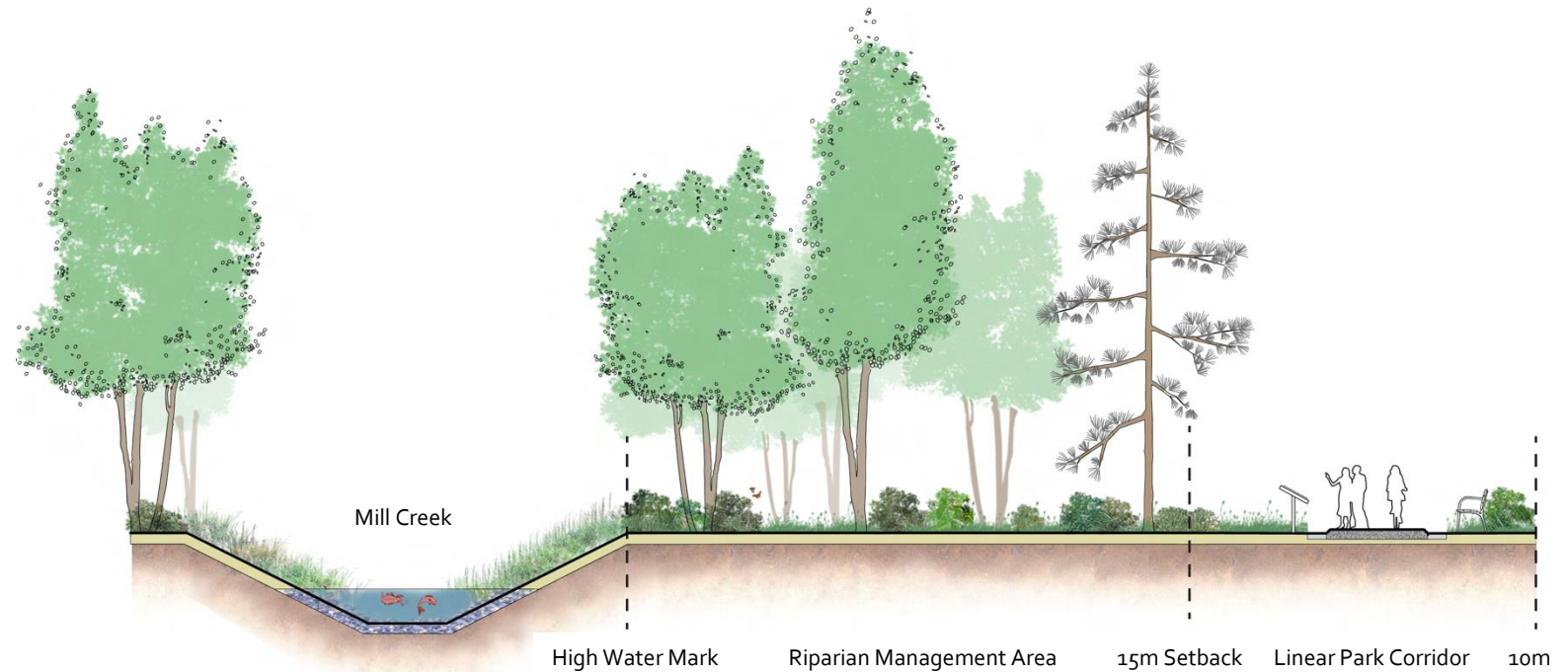


CONNECTIONS

Mill Creek Linear Park Vision:

*Respectfully and positively re-build
our relationship with Mill Creek*

- Establish 15m and 10m trail corridor on each side of the creek
- Create community connections and recreation opportunities



Design Strategies



CREATE OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE MILL CREEK



IMPROVE MILL CREEK'S ECOLOGY



IMPROVE THE RESILIENCY OF MILL CREEK



ENHANCE NEIGHBOURHOOD CONNECTIVITY TO MILL CREEK



CREATE UNITY ALONG THE MILL CREEK CORRIDOR



ENHANCE TRAIL ACCESSIBILITY AND ROUTING



ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY



INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF MILL CREEK



INCREASE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Lower Mill Creek Linear Park Routing

LOWER MILL CREEK LINEAR PARK STRATEGIC PLAN 2025



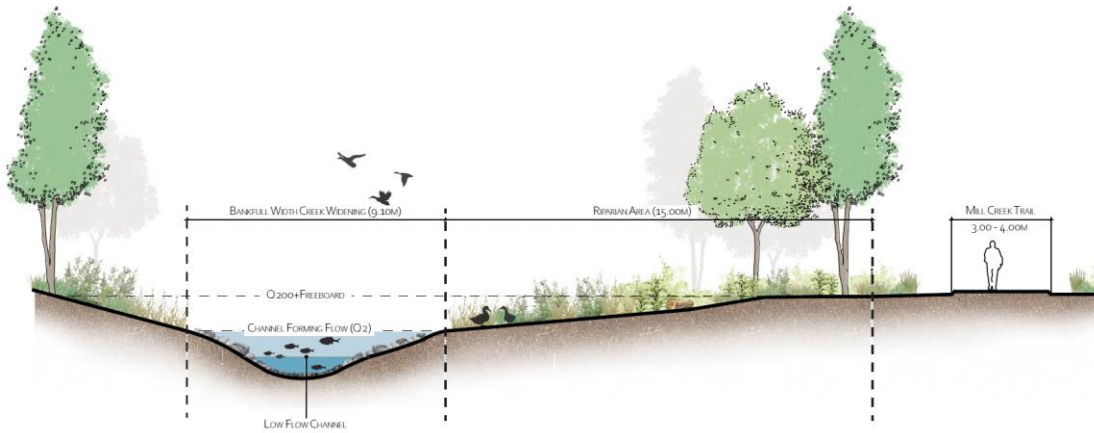
LEGEND

- PRIORITY ONE ROUTE
- PRIORITY TWO ROUTE
- PARK AND OPEN SPACE (OCP)
- 15M RIPARIAN SETBACK (OCP)
- 10M LINEAR PARK CORRIDOR (OCP)
- MILL CREEK
- FUTURE ROAD CONNECTION
- BIKE ROUTE
- GATE WAY

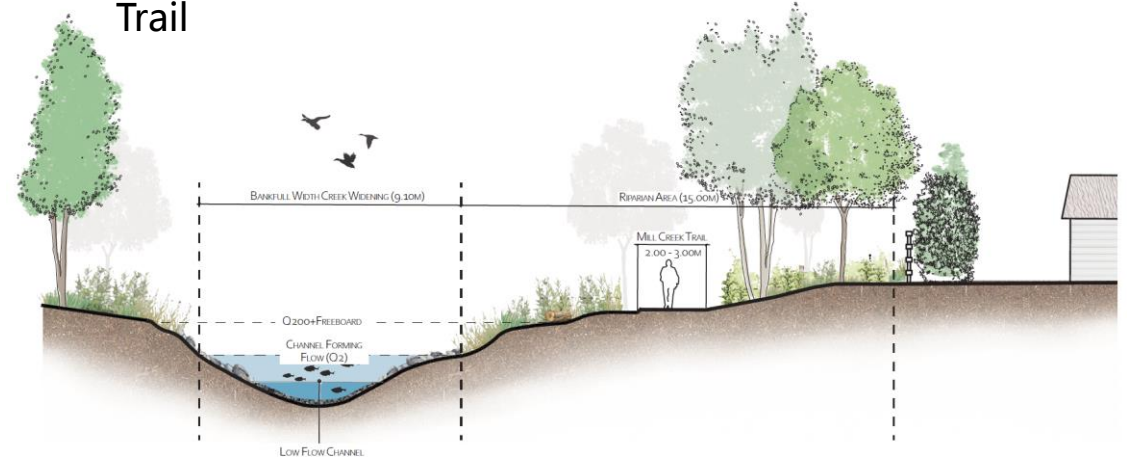


Trail Types – Adjacent the Creek

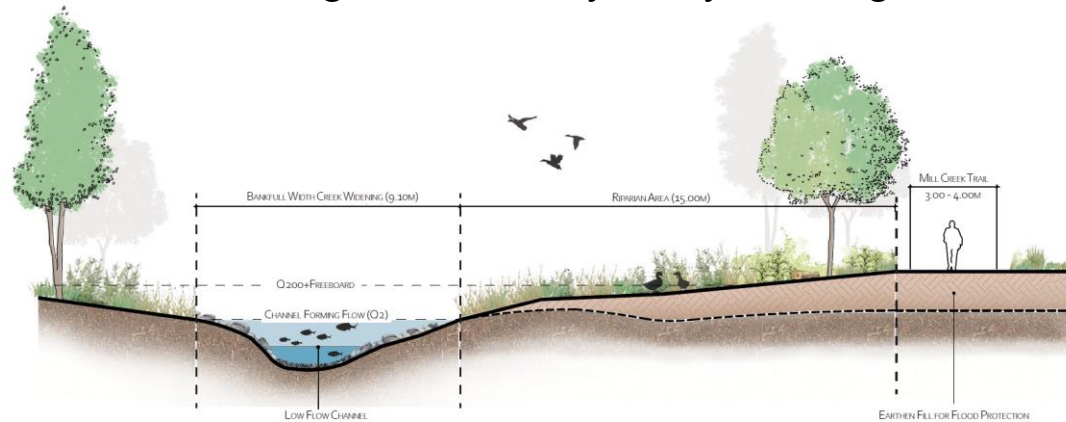
Typical Mill Creek Trail



Constrained Mill Creek Trail

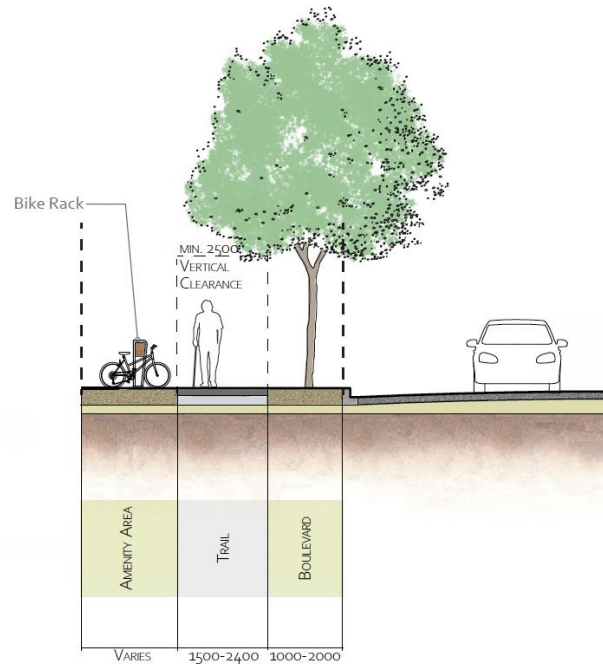
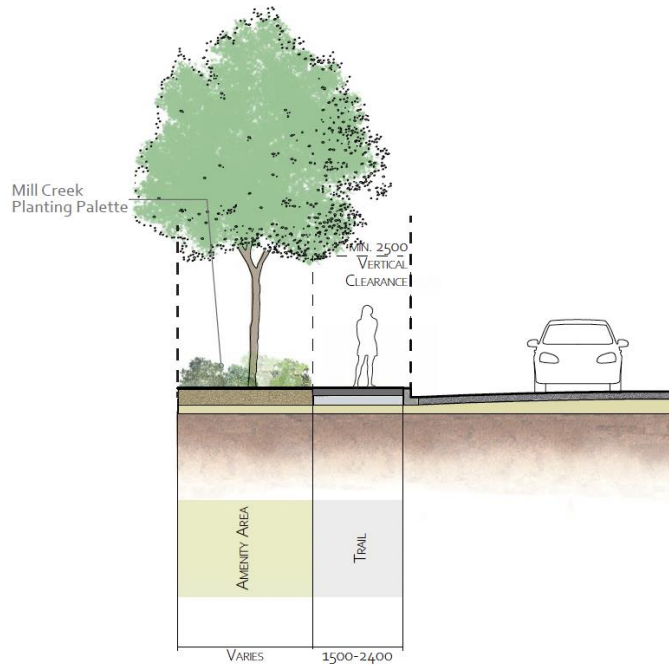


Flood Condition Mill Creek Trail
(Flood mitigation works by Utility Planning)

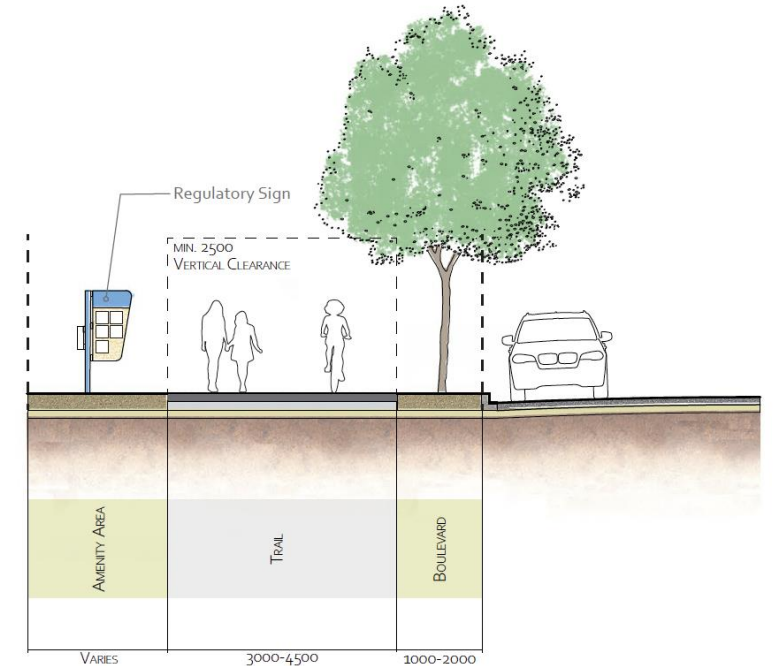


Trail Types - Roadside

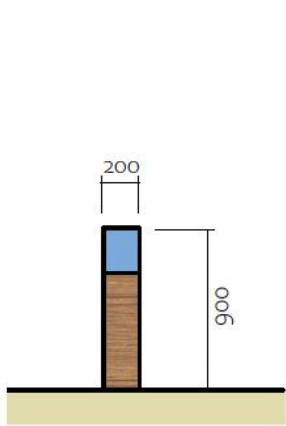
Mill Creek Sidewalk Types



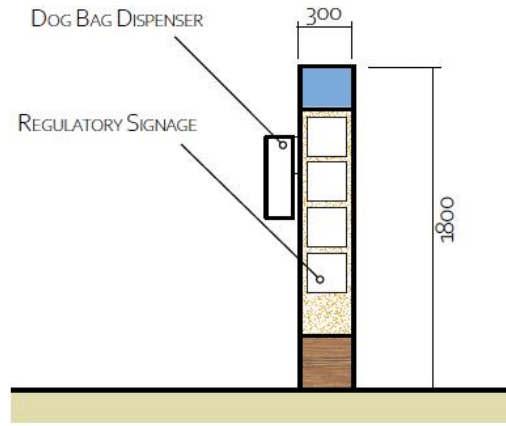
Mill Creek Roadside Trail



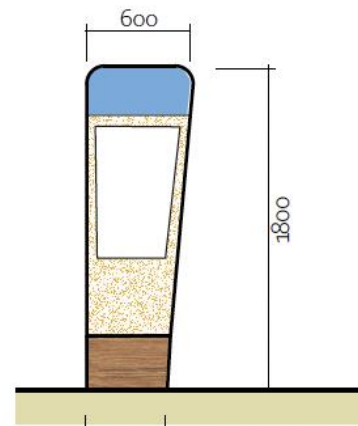
Wayfinding & Identity | Nature



Bollard



Regulatory signage



Linear Park signage



Interactive Art



Integration with Nature

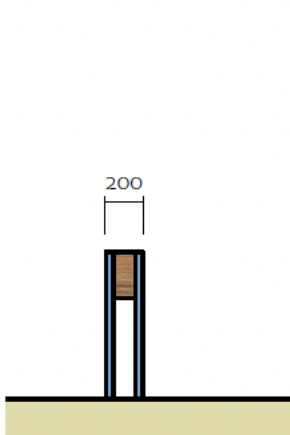


Gateway Feature Bridge

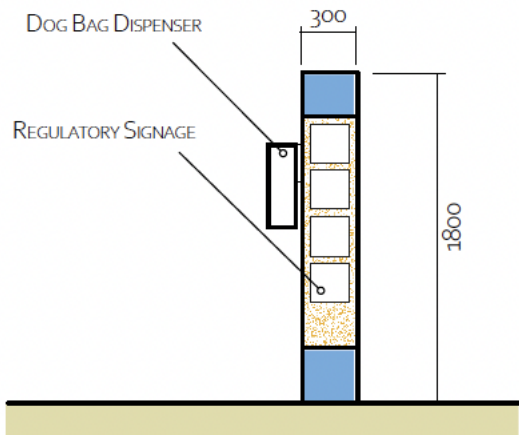


Interpretive Signage

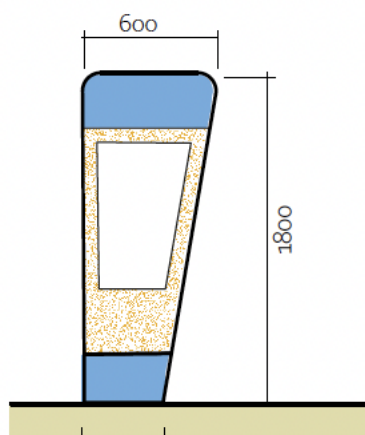
Wayfinding & Identity | Urban



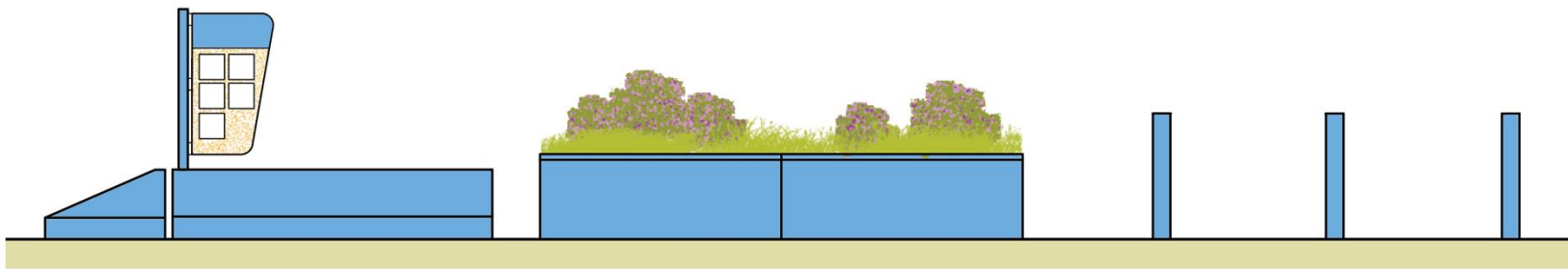
Bollard



Regulatory signage



Linear Park signage



Jersey barrier with Mill Creek Standard Signage

Painted planter boxes with Mill Creek Branding

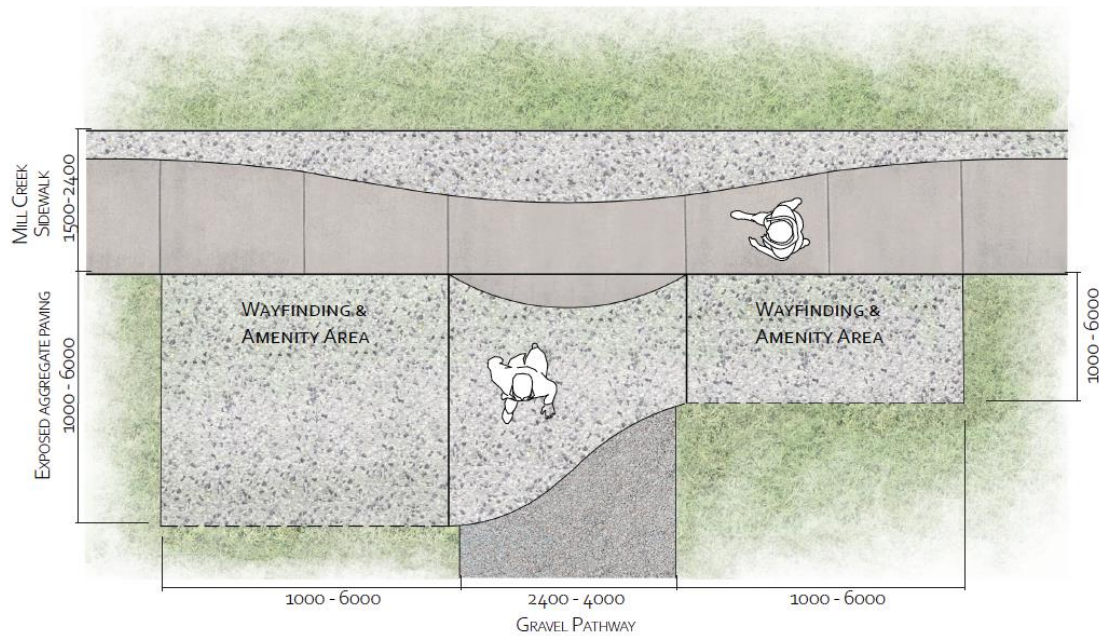
Painted removable bollards



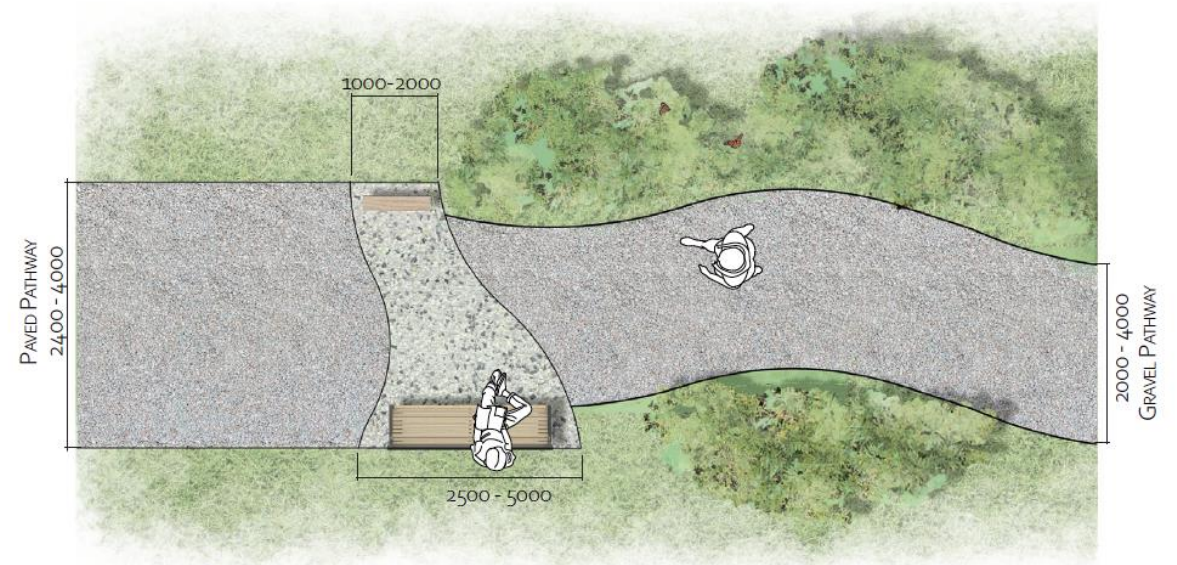
Wayfinding demarcations

Trail Types | Transitions

Sidewalk to Aggregate Transition



Paved to Aggregate Transition



Parks and Recommended Activities

Passive Recreation



Washroom Building



Seated Shaded Area



Community Garden



Lawn / Open Space




Picnic Area



Walking Paths

Active Recreation



Water Play Feature




Playground



Sport Court (eg. Basketball)



Single Multi-use Sport Field




Skatepark / Outdoor Fitness




Off-leash Dog Park


Ecological Enhancement




Naturalized Area




Enhanced Creek Habitat



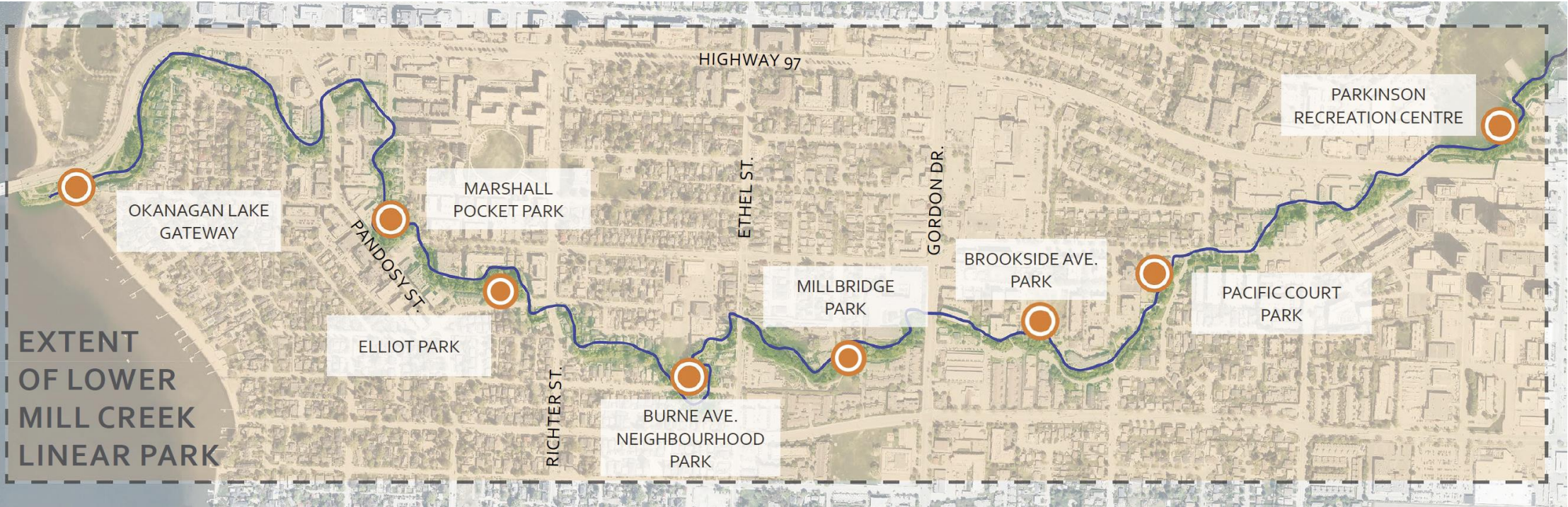
Boardwalk



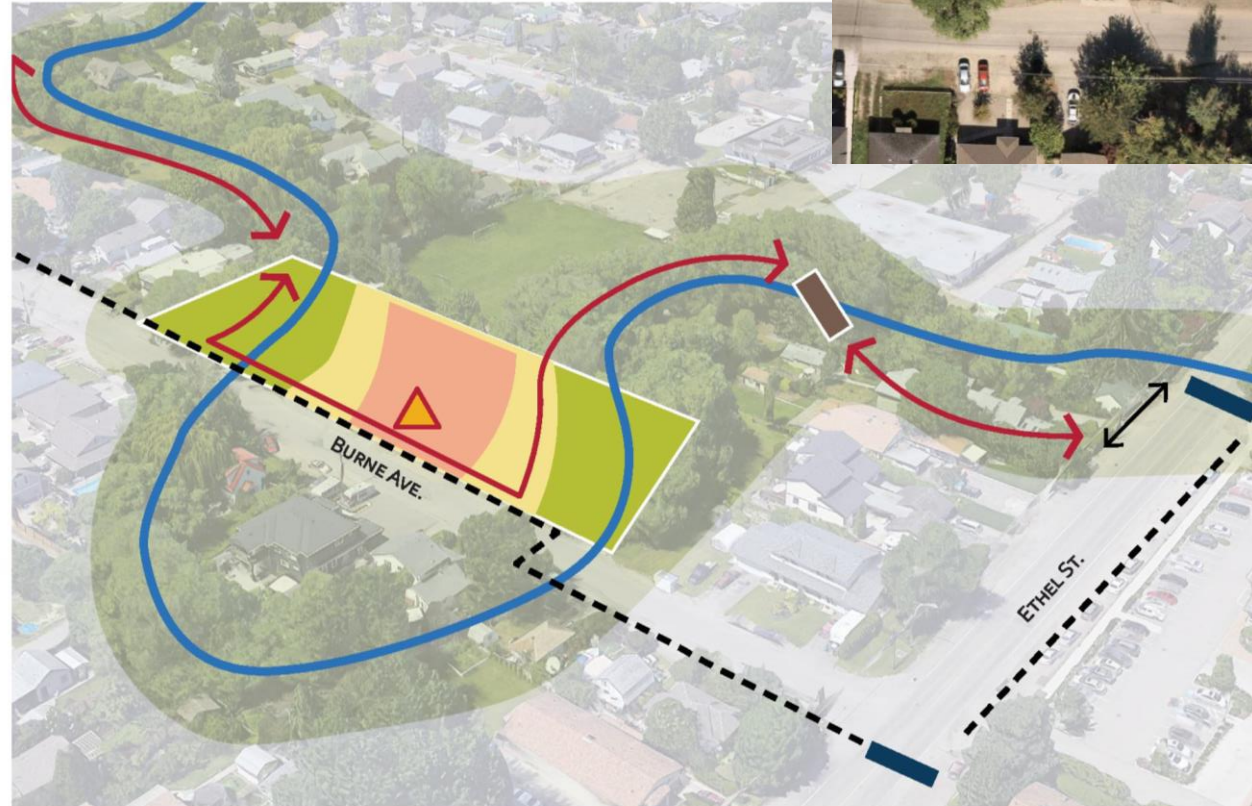
Interpretive Display



Public Art



Park Design Strategies



Implementation

Phasing

- Short-term: 1-5 years
 - Bune Ave Park (Complete in July 2025)
 - Riverside to Abbot St. Wayfinding
 - Richter to Burne Ave (Trail)
- Medium-term: 5-10 years
 - Okanagan Lake Gateway (Park Gateway)
 - Okanagan Lake Gateway - Trail (Abbott St.)
- Long-term: 10-20 years
 - Pacific Ct. Park (Lindahl St.)
 - Parkinson Recreation (Park Gateway)
 - Brookside Park (shared street)

Acquisition Strategy

- OCP Guidance:
 - *Policy 10.2.6 Dedication of Linear Parks*
 - *Policy 10.2.7 Applicant's Costs*
 - *Policy 10.2.8 Acquisition of Linear Parks*
- Compensation within the Riparian Management Area

Federal Disaster Mitigation Fund





Questions?

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