



PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC)

# St. Vincent Park Playground Revitalization

Thursday February 17, 2022

6 to 8 pm via ZOOM

## USING ZOOM



Submit questions and/or comments for the questions and answers period



## Raise Hand

Raise your hand and the Team will let you know when it is your turn to speak during the Q&A Period

# WELCOME TO THE ST. VINCENT PARK PLAYGROUND REVITALIZATION PIC

## PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC) OVERVIEW

### ➤ INTRODUCTION

- The Project

### ➤ PROJECT TO DATE

- St. Vincent Park Background
- Engagement To-Date (Key Findings)
- Preliminary Design Concepts
- Project Next Steps

### ➤ ENGAGE WITH US!

- Questions and Answers Period (Q&A)



# INTRODUCTION

## The St. Vincent Park Playground Revitalization Project



St. Vincent Park dates back to the early 1800s, overlooking Kempenfelt Bay and steps from the North Shore Trail. St. Vincent Park is a beloved neighbourhood and waterfront park.

# INTRODUCTION

## Annual Playground Revitalization Program Goals



Encourage social, physical, and mental engagement of persons of all ages and abilities



Foster motor, sensory, creative and social skills



Provide excitement and challenge



Connect visitors to the park with year-round access to nature

# INTRODUCTION

## St. Vincent Park Project Status

January/February



Survey #1  
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# St. Vincent Park

Kempenfelt Bay



# St. Vincent Park

Blake Street

St. Vincent Square

Kempfenfelt Drive

Kempfenfelt Bay



# St. Vincent Park

Blake Street

St. Vincent Square

Kempenfelt Drive



# Existing Conditions St. Vincent Park

Blake Street

Washroom

Playground  
Area

Pavilion

St. Vincent Square

Kempfenfelt Drive



# Existing Conditions

## St. Vincent Park



**View to the bay from Blake St.**



**View of tree grove from Blake St. and St. Vincent Sq.**

# Existing Conditions

## St. Vincent Park



Existing play tower



Existing play area with sand surface

# Existing Conditions

## St. Vincent Park



Little library kiosk



Existing natural play opportunities

# Existing Conditions

## St. Vincent Park



Existing washroom building



Open lawn spaces in centre of park

Area of focus for  
playground revitalization  
**St. Vincent Park**

Blake Street

PLAN FOR  
CONNECTIONS

**FOCUS  
AREA**

St. Vincent Square

Kempenfelt Drive



Area of focus for  
playground revitalization  
**St. Vincent Park**

SENIOR PLAY  
STRUCTURE

JUNIOR  
PLAY  
ELEMENTS

SWINGS

MEMORIAL  
BENCH

St. Vincent Square



# Engagement To-Date

- Launched January 21<sup>st</sup>



Local  
mail-outs



On-site  
signs



Social  
media



Website



Stakeholder  
emails

# Engagement To-Date

## On-site chalkboard



## Online ideas survey

Revitalization » Survey #1: Share Your Vision and Ideas!

### Survey #1: Share Your Vision and Ideas!

Please fill out our **St. Vincent Park playground** survey to share your input, ideas and experience with us to help inform the future design of the playground and the related park amenities.

The survey should take approximately 5 to 7 minutes to complete. Thank you for your feedback!

Survey starts

All fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are required.

1. My age is:

Choose an option

## Online ideas tool

Share your ideas!

25 days ago

**Share your ideas online!**  
Post any ideas, thoughts, images, or notes about the project for consideration by the design team here.  
Available: January 21st to February 17th, 2022

Please share any thoughts or ideas you have for the playground revitalization at St. Vincent Park. Your ideas will help inform the future of the park. If you've visited other parks or places that are good examples, you can include photos with your post as well.

Add your idea

**Jamie Ellis**  
19 days ago

Natural play, chi fountain, secured wooden animal puzzle, 4 seat garden swing with wheelchair accessibility, paved chalk

0 Comment 3 ❤️

**Lori**  
14 days ago

what I like about this space is the undeveloped green lawn space where I take my son and have a blanket, radio and picnic

0 Comment 5 ❤️

**RL**  
2 days ago

**Tennis court**  
Tennis court with surface for hockey rink - dual season surface

1 Comment 2 ❤️

**rmb**  
20 days ago

suitable for children with special needs and abilities and some or all portion of playground enclosed and secure for elopers

0 Comment 5 ❤️

**KB**  
3 days ago

**Recognition of traditional indigenous lands**  
Consult with Indigenous, First Nation, Metis Nation to incorporate a feature.

0 Comment 0 ❤️

# Engagement To-Date

- As of February 11<sup>th</sup>, we have received...

**281** Online survey  
responses

**20** Online  
Ideas posts

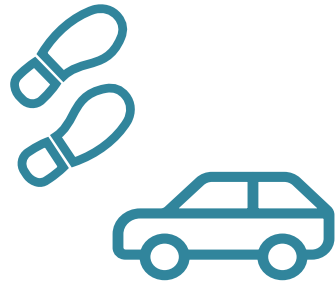
**50+** On-site  
chalkboard  
contributions

# Summary of Engagement Findings

## Current park use

**55%** users between 30 – 49 years old

**55%** visit the park with children 4 – 12 years old



Most park users travel by foot or by car



Most park users travel less than 15 minutes to get there

- **Outside of using the playground, popular activities include:**
  - Walking, bringing children to the park, socializing, enjoying nature and views, and accessing the waterfront trail

# Summary of Engagement Findings

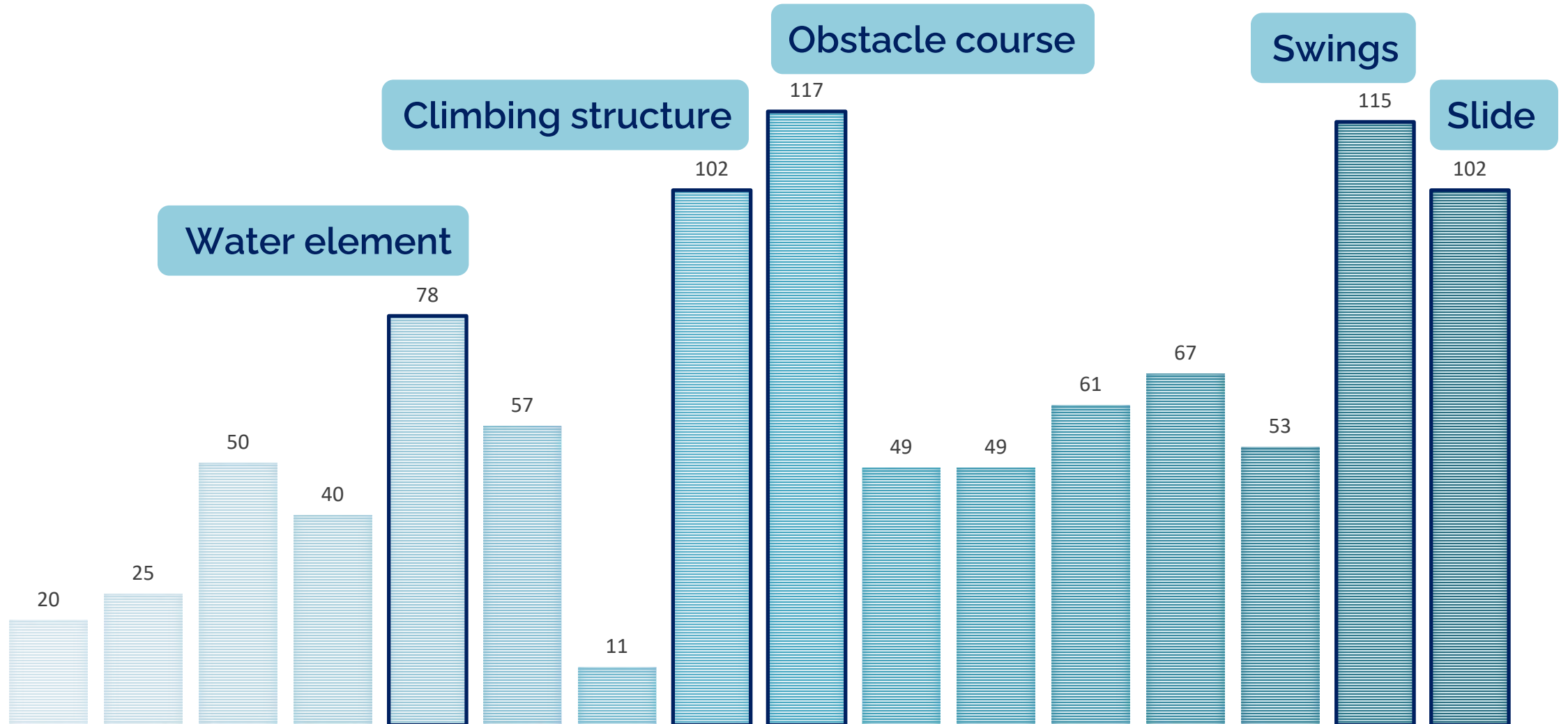
## Preferred play experiences

- Themes of nature play and nature exploration were the most preferred play experience themes for the park



# Summary of Engagement Findings

Most desired playground elements and features



# Summary of Engagement Findings

Additional playground area improvements and upgrades



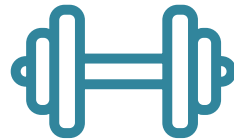
Improve  
accessibility for  
all park users



Provide spaces  
for seating and  
gathering



Add new  
trees and  
planting  
areas



Some desire  
for adult  
exercise  
opportunities

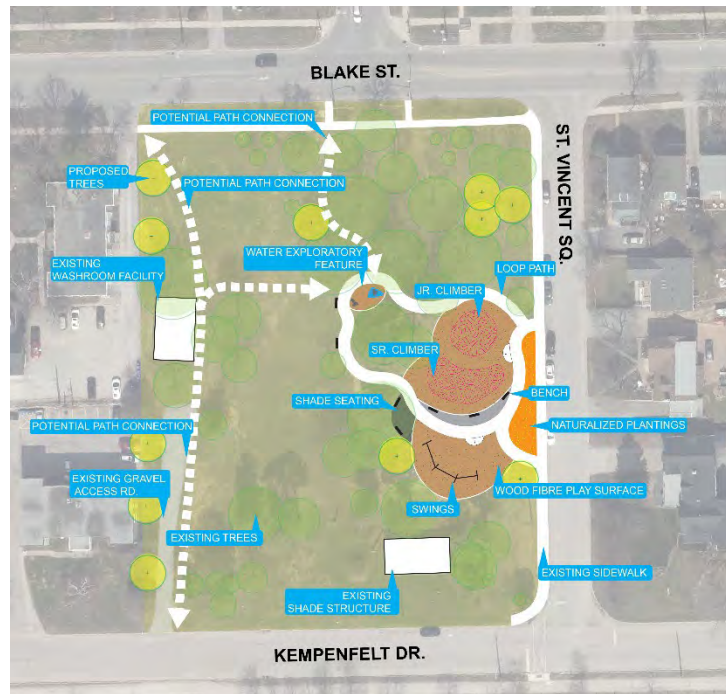


Embrace  
and use  
natural  
features

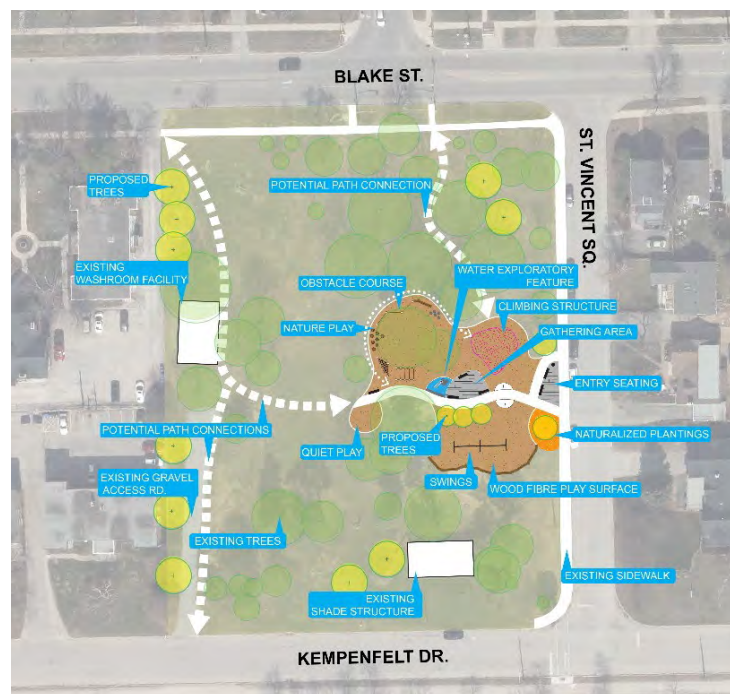
# Preliminary Design Concepts

- Developed based on background information and response to engagement results and input.

## Concept #1 Central Play Hub



## Concept #2 Adventure Course

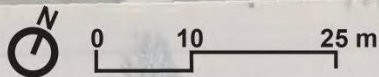


## Concept #3 Nature Loop



# Concept 1: Central Play Hub

- One large, centralized play area
- Play spaces include swings, climbers, and a water exploratory feature
- Two small seating areas, one located in shade
- Two entry points from St. Vincent Square and a naturalized garden space.
- Lighting around main entry and pathways

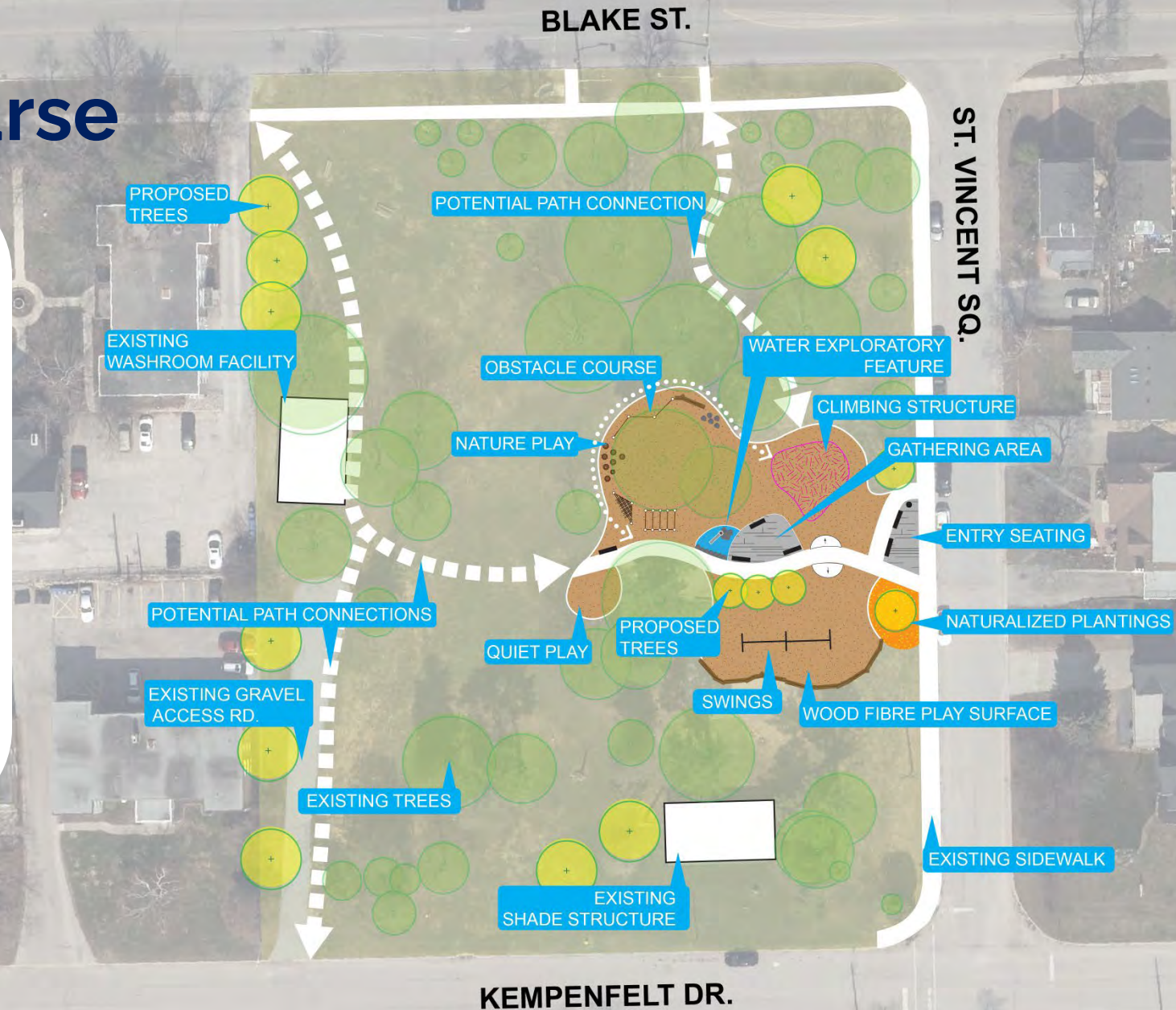


# Concept 1: Central Play Hub



## Concept 2: Adventure Course

- Central path through play area with low-level park lighting
- Playground area includes pine trees and creates a large play space
- Play features include main climbing structure, obstacle course, water exploratory feature and swings
- Planting merged with play areas
- Seating at entry and centre of play space

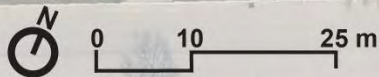
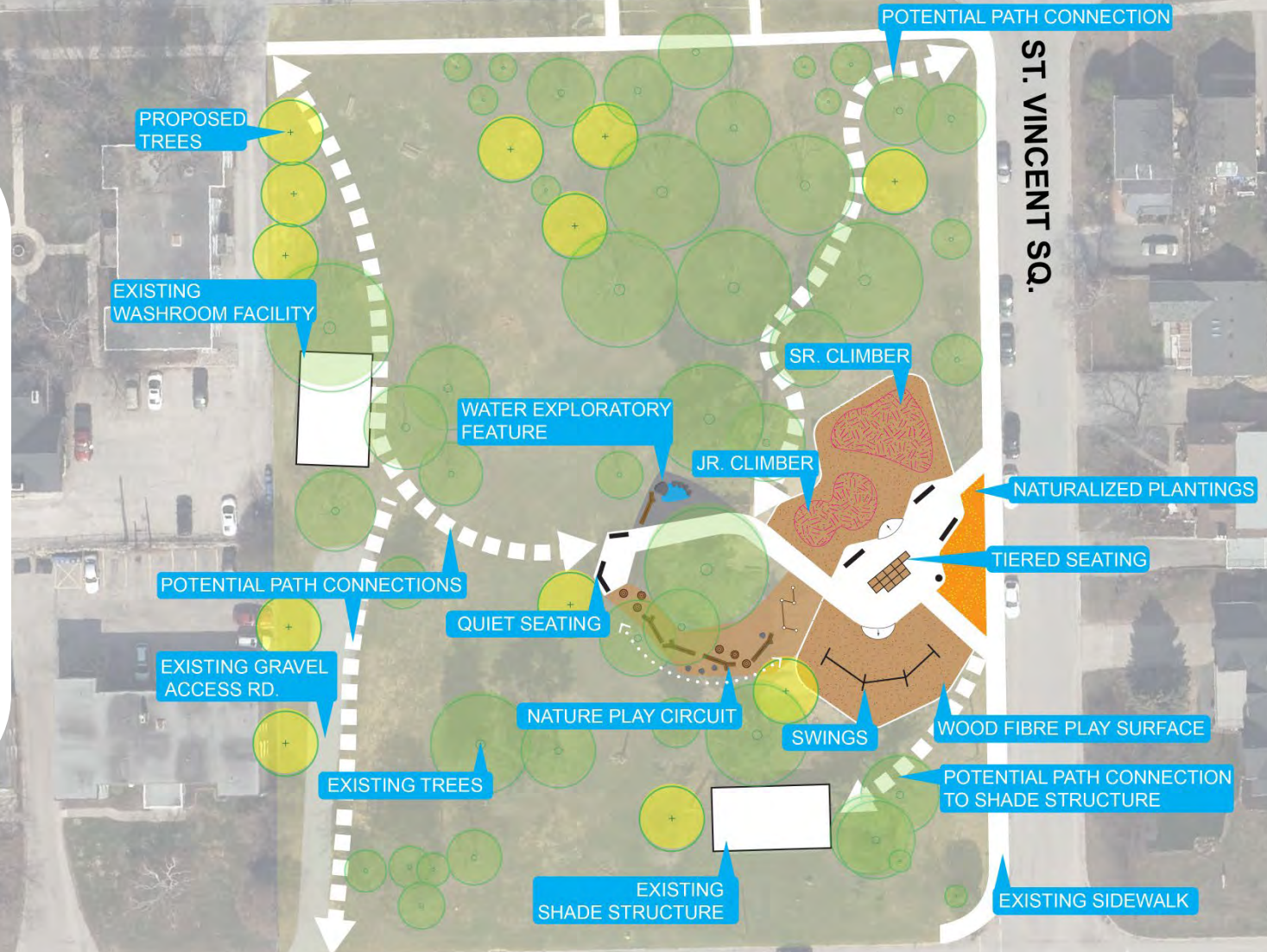


## Concept 2: Adventure Course



## Concept 3: Nature Loop

- Central gathering area with a variety of seating options and lighting
- Pathway through large pine trees allows for potential future connections
- Play features include distinct junior and senior feature, swings and a nature play circuit that weaves through the trees
- Quiet seating option in shaded area



KEMPENFELT DR.

## Concept 3: Nature Loop



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# **Q+A Discussion**

**STAY ENGAGED**

Visit [\*\*buildingbarrie.ca/StVincentPark\*\*](https://buildingbarrie.ca/StVincentPark)

**Review the  
design concepts**

Share your feedback on three  
playground designs and complete the  
design concepts survey.



**Available: February 18th to  
February 27th, 2022**

**HAVE YOUR SAY!**

**Participate in the Design Concepts Survey TODAY**

- Access the survey online at [buildingbarrie.ca/StVincentPark](https://buildingbarrie.ca/StVincentPark)
- Open now until Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022



*Look for this button  
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