Heritage Park

Master Plan Concepts

SHIFT
landscape architecture

Barrie

Presentation Outline

- Project Intent
- Work to date
- Site history and background
- Concepts
- Next steps for the project



Project Intent

Project Objectives

- A healthy and socially-connected community
- An inviting destination
- A universally accessible place, for all ages and abilities
- Connected and linked to surrounding open space and natural heritage systems
- Contributing to contemporary downtown spaces
- A mix of uses, balancing passive recreation spaces for events
- A green oasis supported by an environmentally resilient planting strategy
- An attractive water's edge
- A four season park
- Updated technological and electrical systems



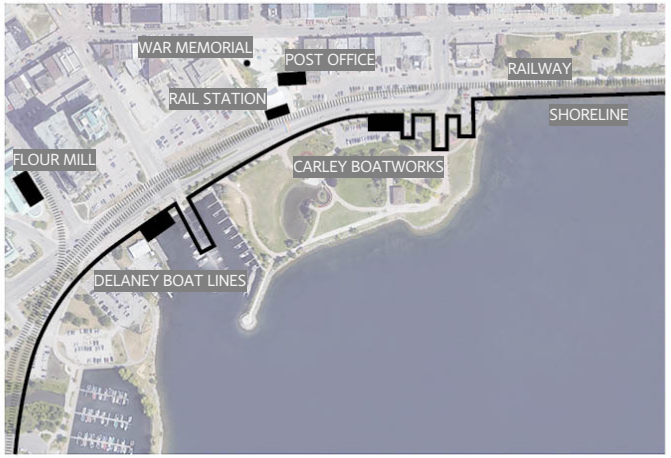
Work to Date

- Started project in February 2021
- Reviewed previous work on site and community history and influences
- Meetings with City staff and Stakeholders to hear issues and review ideas
- Developed concepts for review by public





Site History and Background



Shoreline, circa 1907



Aerial, 1970
(Barrie Historical Archives)

Barrie's shoreline has been where much of the documented history of the area has coalesced. For centuries the natural shoreline at this location was used predominantly for transportation purposes by indigenous peoples, connecting across the region, and beyond.

Later, Barrie's waterfront was used for industrial purposes. It was where the railways, factories, and the government dock were. If you wanted to swim and meet at the shoreline, access to Kempenfelt Bay was more limited than it is today, especially downtown.

In the post war period as the factories disappeared an accessible, recreational, and public waterfront began to take shape. By the early to mid-1990s the waterfront adjacent to downtown was infilled and established as Heritage Park.

Site History and Background

Existing Conditions



A Concept for Barrie's Waterfront

Taking inspiration from the regional landscape…



Sunset, Kempenfelt Bay, c. 1921, Lawren Harris.

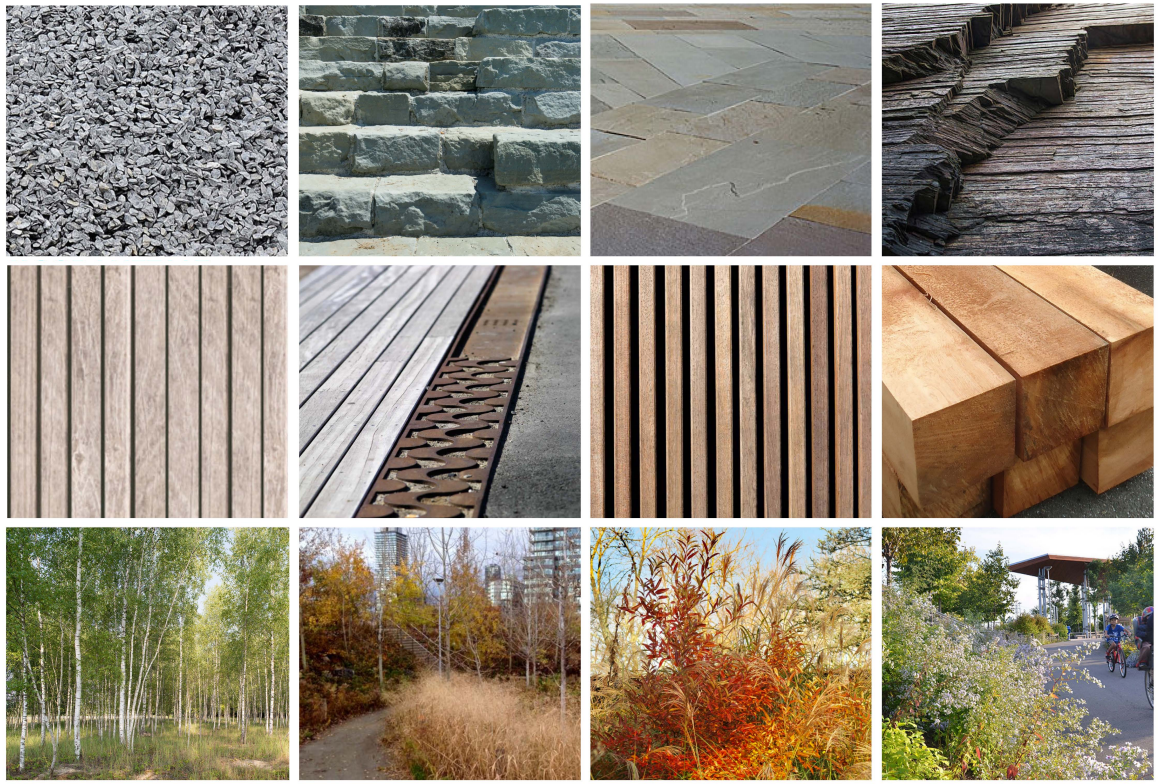




Bedrock and boulders of the regional landscape.

A Concept for Barrie's Waterfront

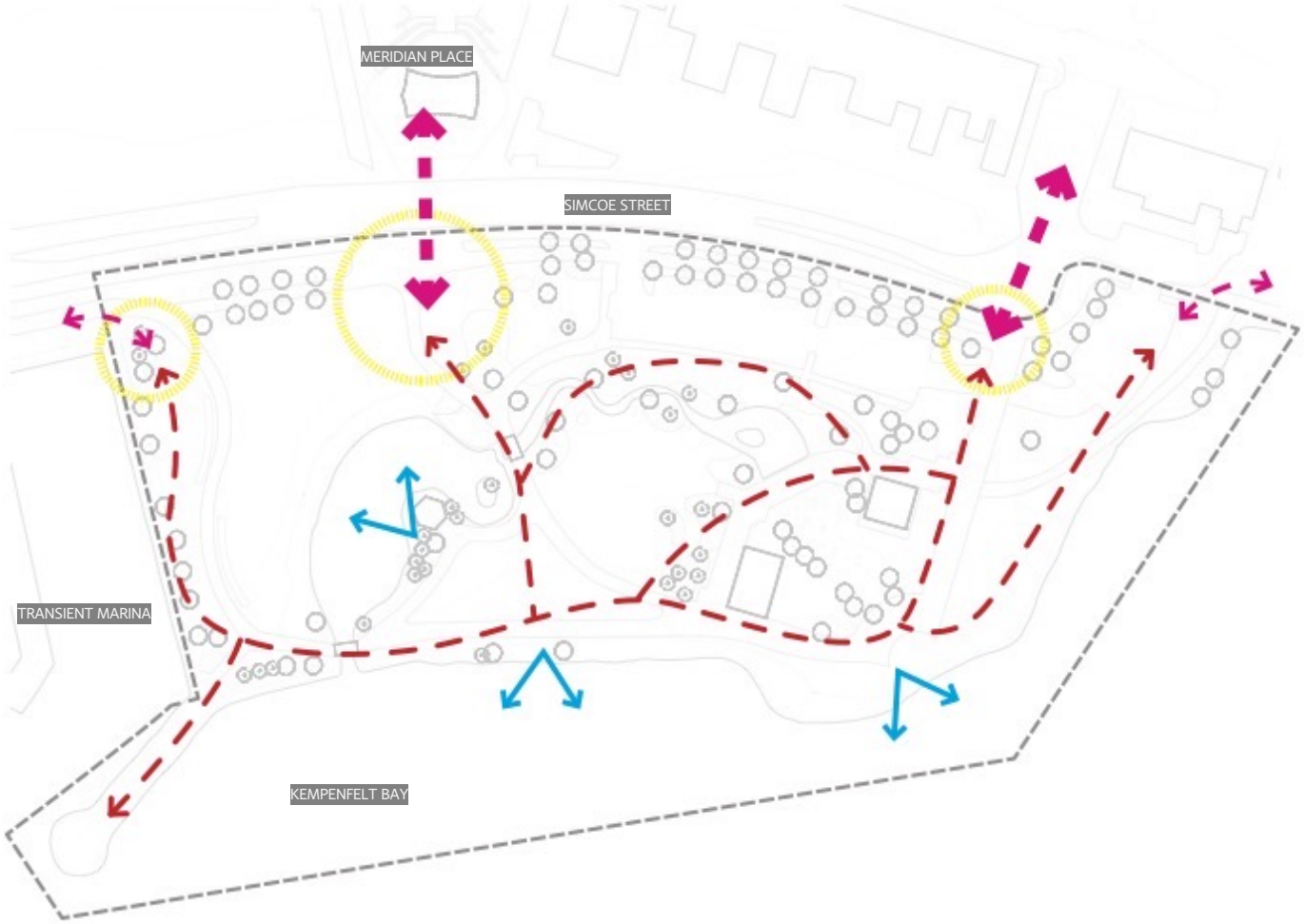
Abstracting the regional landscape…



Abstracting the characteristics of the regional landscape into materials, texture, and tones will enhance the visitor's experience and help establish an embedded sense of place at Heritage Park.

Planting is intended to create an experience and provide ecological function.

A Concept for Barrie's Waterfront



A strong circulation plan:

- To enhance connections to downtown, water, and other points along the waterfront
- To strengthen views of Kempenfelt Bay
- To better support programming
- To enhance visitor experience

3 Levels of Intervention

Refresh Strategic Investment

Rehab A New Look

Rethink A New Waterfront Park

Refresh

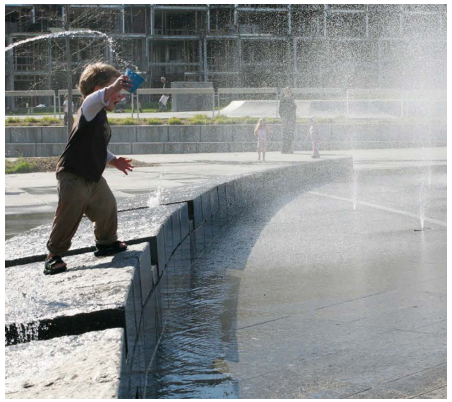
Strategic Investments

- Enhanced entries to Park, clearly defined through planting and strong form
- Update of circulation to better support programming and elements
- Redesigned water feature/splash pad
- New ideas for planting
- Building connections to Kempenfelt Bay



Leveraging existing programming and enhancing functionality...

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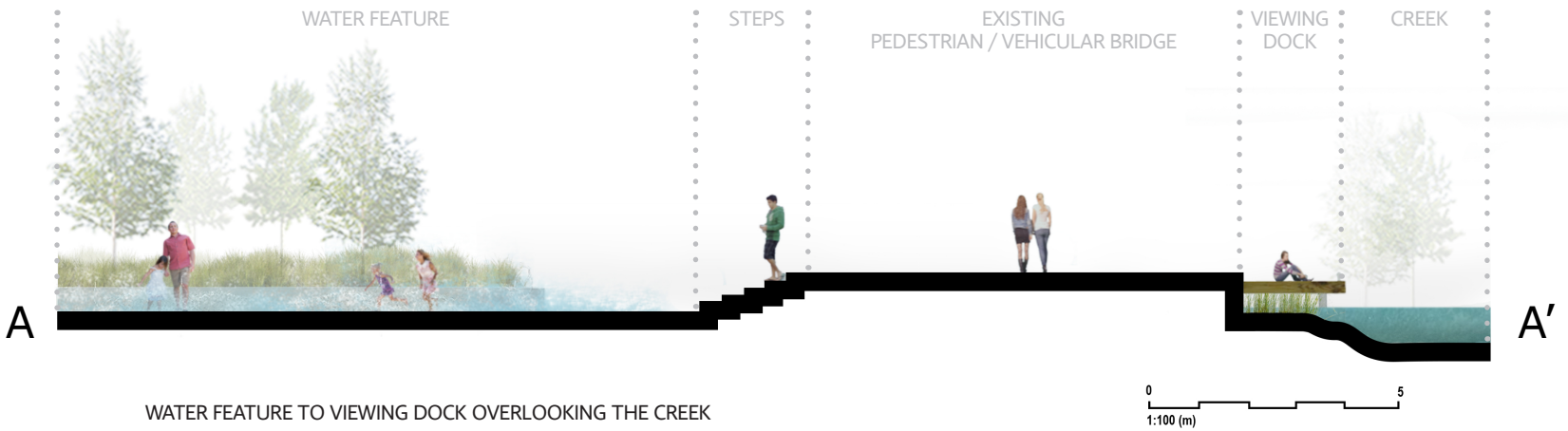



These precedent images show some of the possibilities associated with the Refresh concept, such as a renovated splash pad/ water feature, new ways to view the Bay, contemporary design for a shade structure, and new paving and seating materials at strategic locations.

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WATER FEATURE TO VIEWING DOCK OVERLOOKING THE CREEK

Rehab

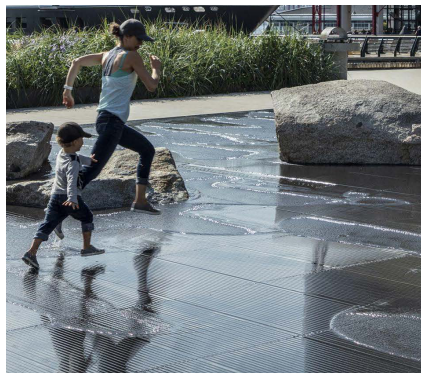
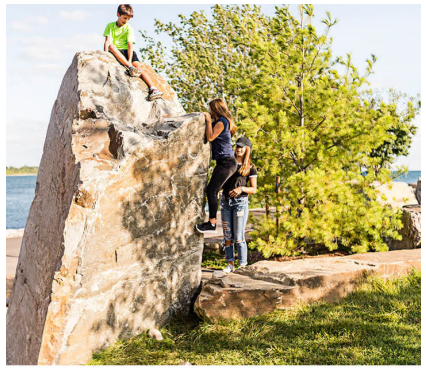
A New Look

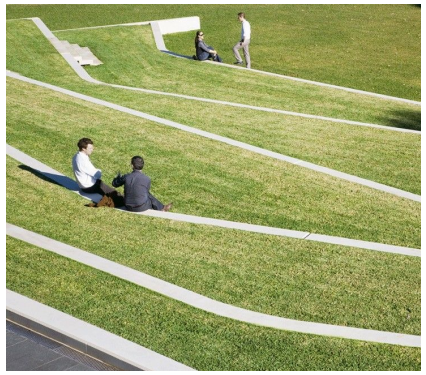
- Enhanced entries to Park, with stone blocks, seating and articulated form
- Update of circulation to better support programming and elements
- Redesigned water feature/splash pad with strong form
- New ideas of planting, naturalistic, seasonal interest
- Building connections to Kempenfelt Bay through the introduction of a boardwalk and viewing decks integrated with stone blocks
- New topography elements, such as mounds and seat walls
- More space for market stalls

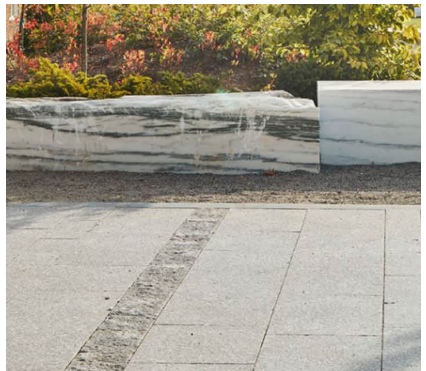


The possible look of a linear market space at the east end of the park….

Rehab



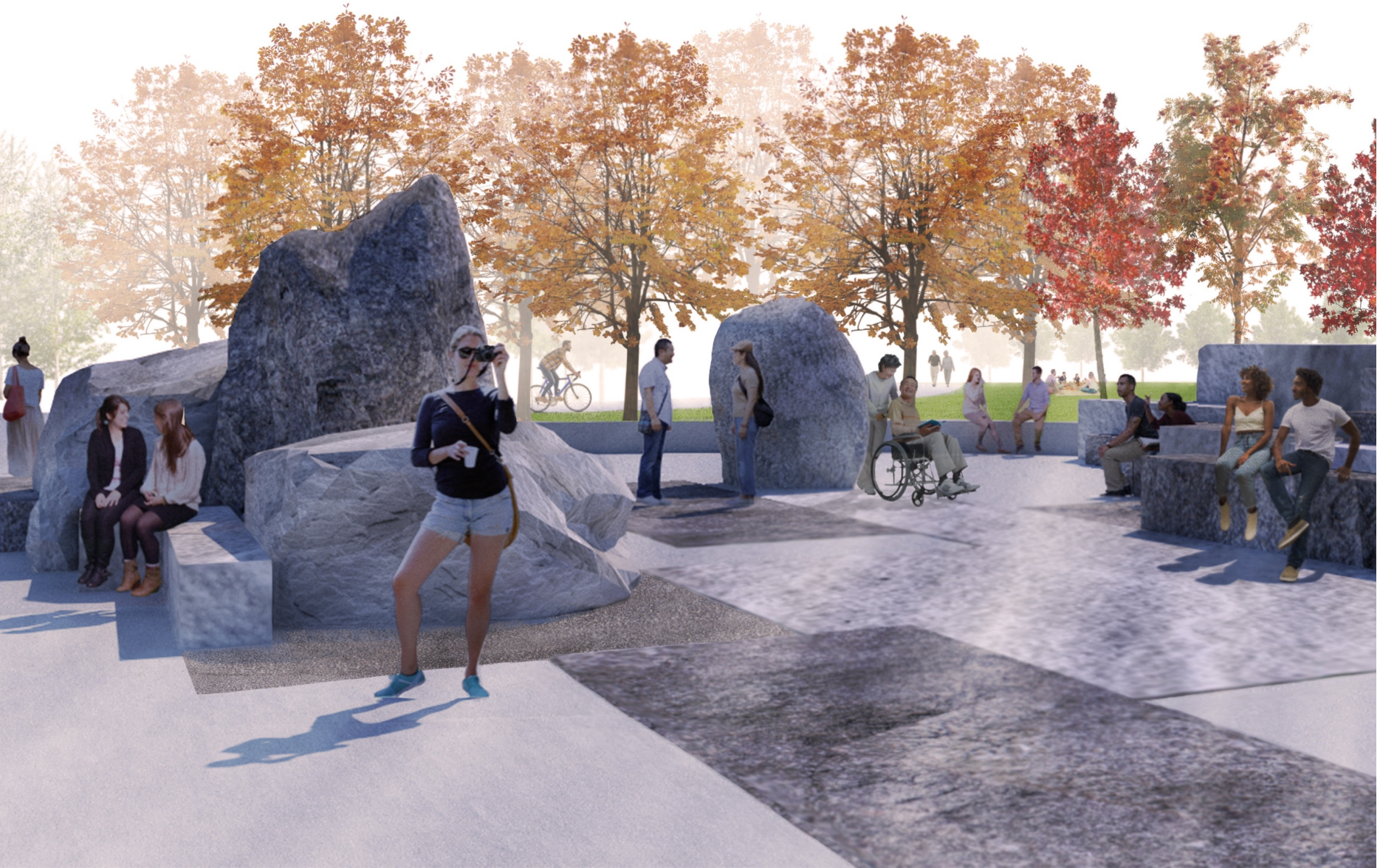


These precedent images illustrate some of the possibilities you could see with the Rehab concept, such as the use of stone and textured paving, large boulders that act as place markers, new ideas for planting, seat walls, and a boardwalk at the shoreline.

Rehab


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Rehab



1) Entry Plaza Across from Meridian Place

- Larger than previous concept to better accommodate events
- Addition of stone seat blocks
- Focal point boulders

Rehab



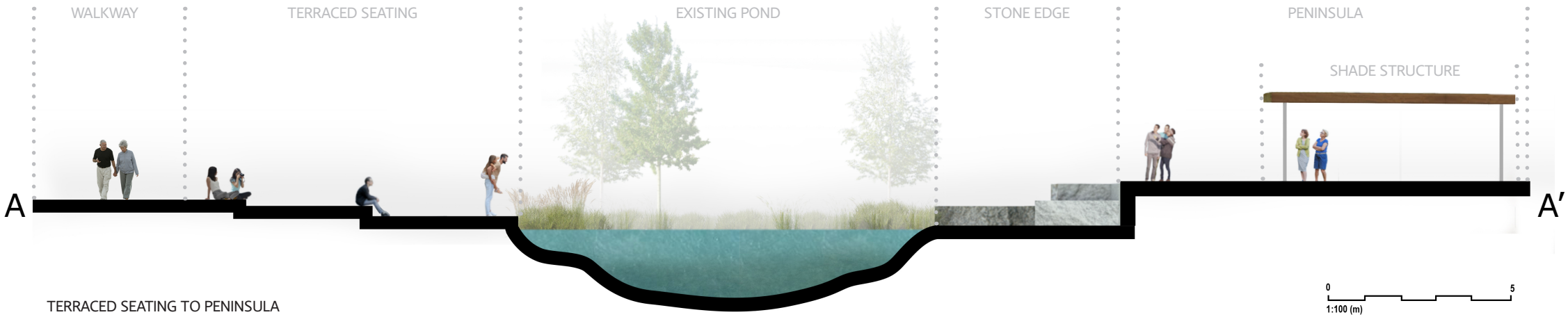
2) Universally accessible water feature for play and art

Rehab



3) Deck at existing bridge, looking across to the naturalized garden

Rehab



TERRACED SEATING TO PENINSULA

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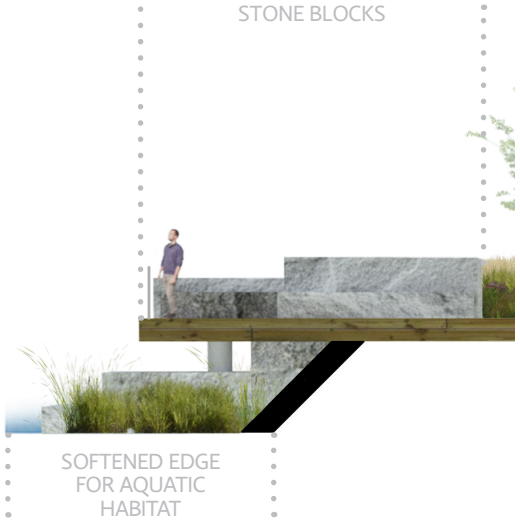


CENTRAL WOOD BOARDWALK ALONG KEMPENFELT BAY TO BERM WITH CONCRETE SEATWALLS

Rethink

A New Waterfront Park

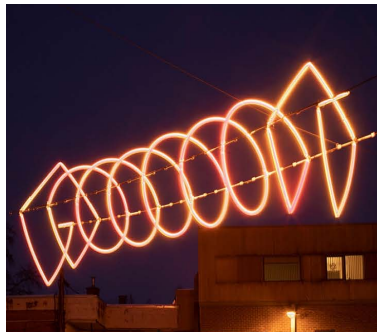
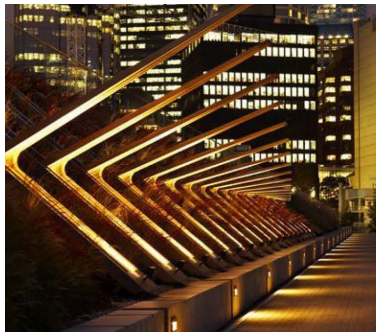
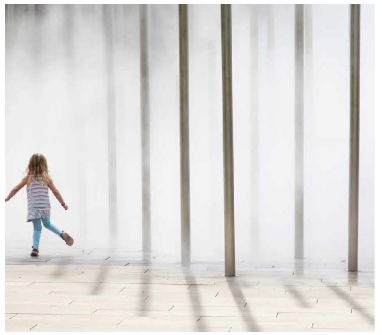
- Enhanced entries to Park, with a water feature and trellis across from Meridian Place
- Update of circulation to better support programming and elements, building a strong energized form throughout the park
- Redesigned water feature/splash pad, with dramatic stone elements, sprays, water water wall
- Building connections to Kempenfelt Bay through cantilevered decks, stone blocks, and ecological edge
- A shade structure anchors a bold central gathering area

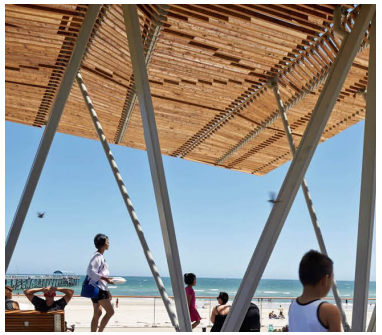




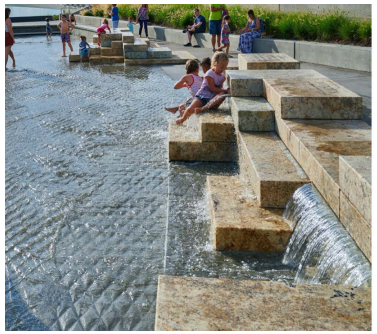
An opportunity to introduce pockets of a vegetated shoreline for ecological benefits...

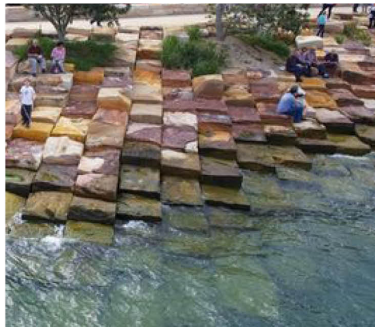
Rethink





These precedent images illustrate some of the possibilities you could see with the Rethink concept, which pushes the ideas of the other two concepts. Artistic lighting, new ways to engage with water, and energized forms are all things you can see with this concept.

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Rethink



1) Entry Plaza Across from Meridian Place

- Similar to previous concepts, however:
- Larger, better to accommodate events
- Addition of water feature, with stone, hints at park-wide concept
- Addition of shade structure
- Plaza form is in dialogue with Meridian Place

Rethink



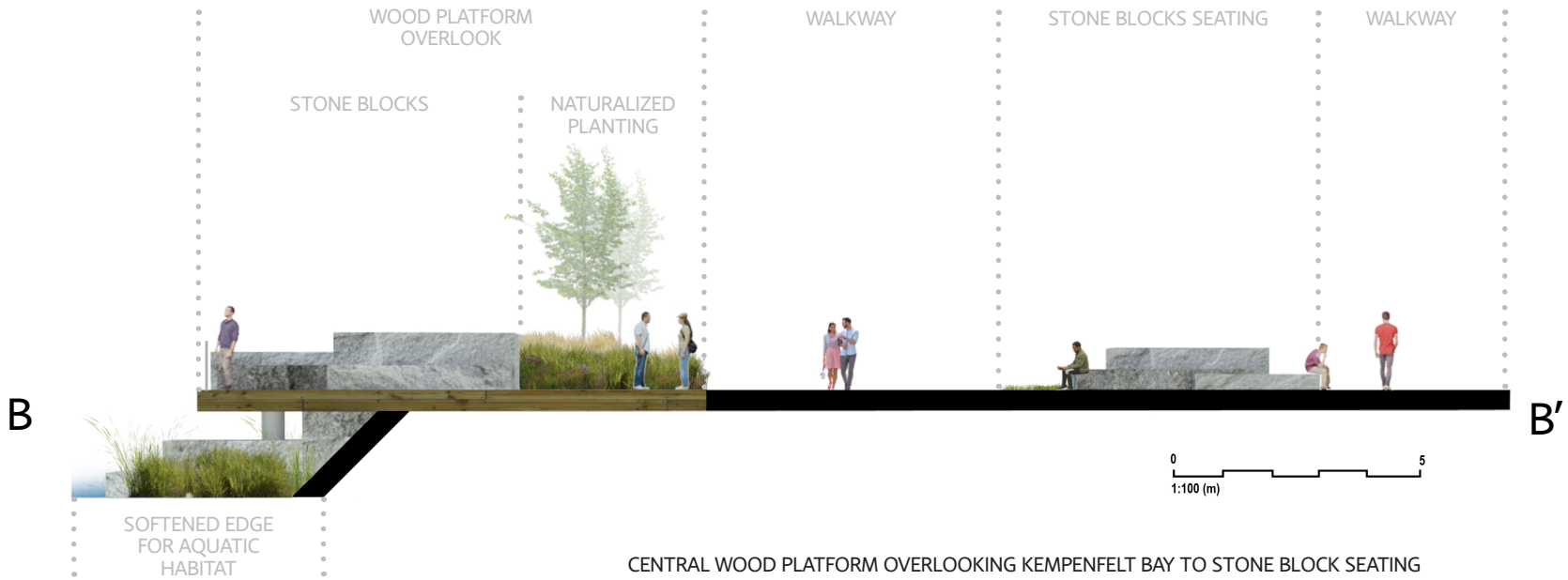
2) Water's edge at the headland, across from the Water Feature

Rethink



WOOD DECK OVERLOOKING KEMPENFELT BAY TO RAISED WOOD DECK AND WATER FEATURE

Rethink



CENTRAL WOOD PLATFORM OVERLOOKING KEMPENFELT BAY TO STONE BLOCK SEATING

Next Steps…

- 2 weeks to provide comments, closes June 11
- Review of the feedback by the design team
- Staff will be preparing a report to Council in September to provide an analysis of the feedback and recommendations, Council will provide direction
- A final Master Plan Concept will be presented at a second PIC this Fall to collect feedback
- Final Report to Council for approvals late Fall

Thank you!