

MCKEES ROCKS

SHERADEN PARK
WATERFRONT EXPANSION



SLOPES

Flat Steep

MCGONIGLE PARK

SHERADEN PARK

TUXEDO PARK

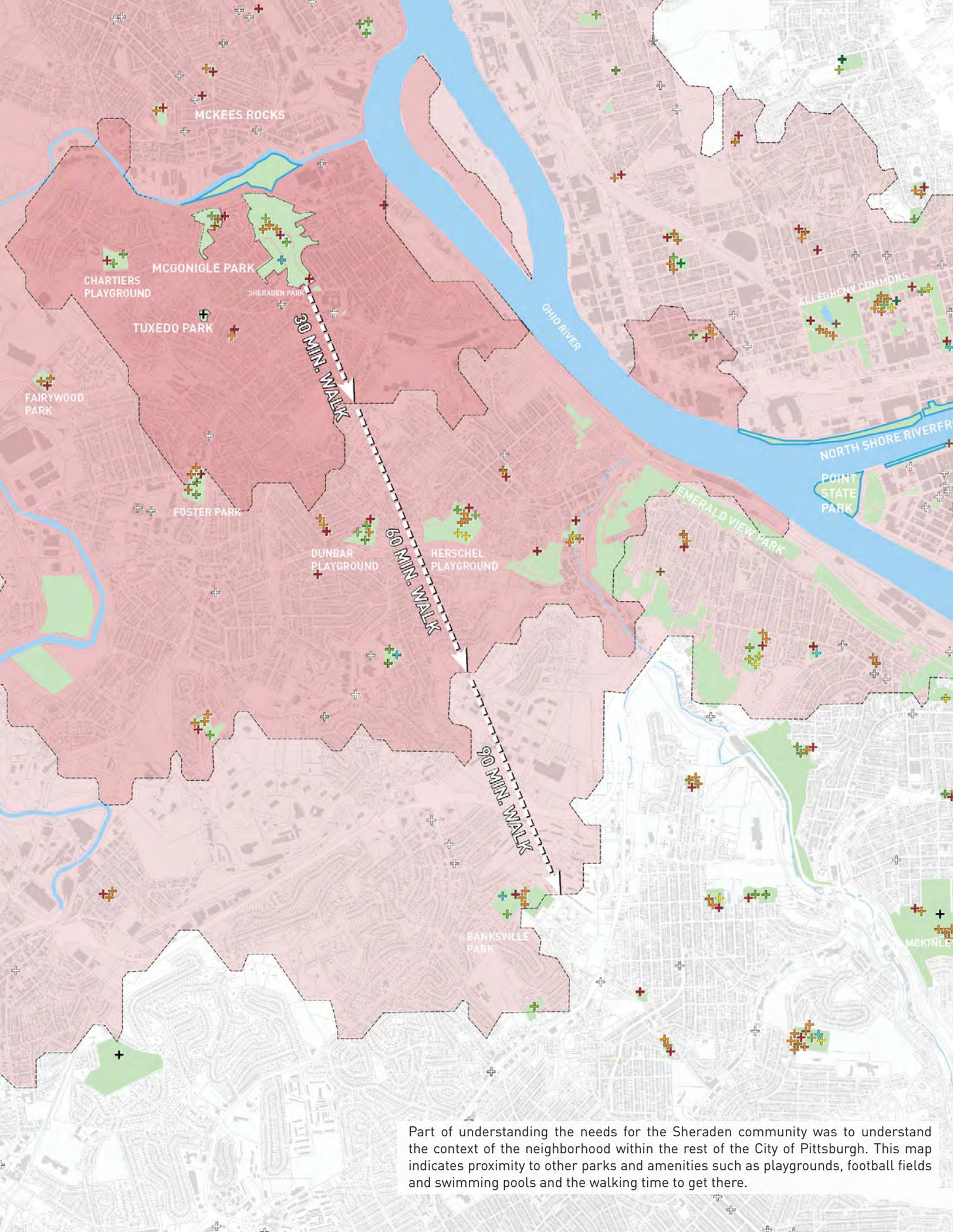
The City of Pittsburgh is known for its dramatic slopes. Sheraden Park is no different. The series of parks examined in the master plan are characterized by dramatic topography. This was an indication of potential stormwater and park access issues, as well as unique potential amenities that take advantage of this grade change.

POTENTIAL PARK EXPANSION

-  CURRENT PARK
-  PUBLICLY OWNED LAND
-  VACANT PARCELS



A goal of the master plan was to create a relationship to the nearby McGonigle and Tuxedo Parks. Through GIS research, the design team was able to identify potential park connections through land acquisition and annexation, creating one unified park and allowing for greater community access.



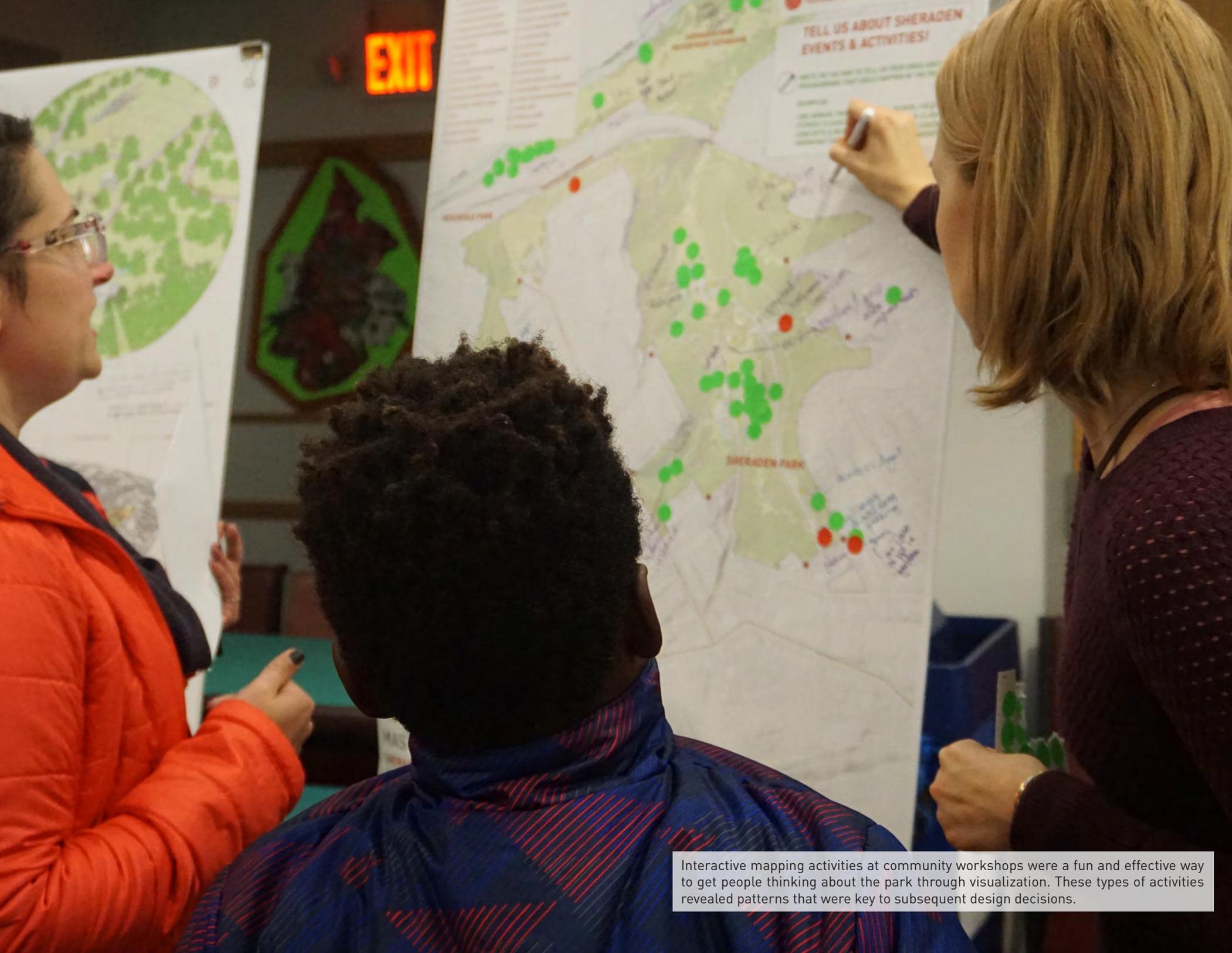
Part of understanding the needs for the Sheraden community was to understand the context of the neighborhood within the rest of the City of Pittsburgh. This map indicates proximity to other parks and amenities such as playgrounds, football fields and swimming pools and the walking time to get there.



A presentation of an inventory and analysis of Sheraden Park and the adjacent community was a large piece of an early community workshop. This was a great way to help neighbors visualize their park through a lens that got them critically thinking about the needs of the park.



A "Graffiti Board" was a fun way to engage kids and unlock their potential to provide valuable feedback about needed improvements and fun interventions for Sheraden Park.



Interactive mapping activities at community workshops were a fun and effective way to get people thinking about the park through visualization. These types of activities revealed patterns that were key to subsequent design decisions.



PROPOSED CORE IMPROVEMENTS:

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| ① HIKING TRAILS | ⑩ FLEXIBLE EVENT SEATING |
| ② PARKING ADDITIONS & IMPROVEMENTS | ⑪ GRILL AREA IMPROVEMENTS |
| ③ PAVED BICYCLE LANE | ⑫ SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS |
| ④ PARK ROAD CONNECTION | ⑬ BASKETBALL COURT RELOCATION |
| ⑤ BIOSWALE & STORMWATER FILTRATION | ⑭ ADULT REC. LEAGUE PROGRAMMING |
| ⑥ RAIN GARDEN | ⑮ FOREST EMBANKMENT SLIDE |
| ⑦ STORMWATER DETENTION BASIN | ⑯ HILLSIDE DOG PARK |
| ⑧ NATURE BASED PLAY AREA | ⑰ ADA ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY GARDEN |
| ⑨ FULL SIZE FOOTBALL & SOCCER FIELD | ⑱ APIARY |

Put in an apiary

walking or hiking loops
connectivity
wayfinding

-Bee Keeping

DOG PARK
Hiking/bike trails
Football field
The slide is a great dream!

Boat launches
Bike Trails
Hiking Trails
Dog Park - good location!
Paved bike lane

Better bike lanes A better outdoor IMPROVEMENT in BATHROOM FACILITIES
for the public

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS TO KEEP THEM OFF THE STREET

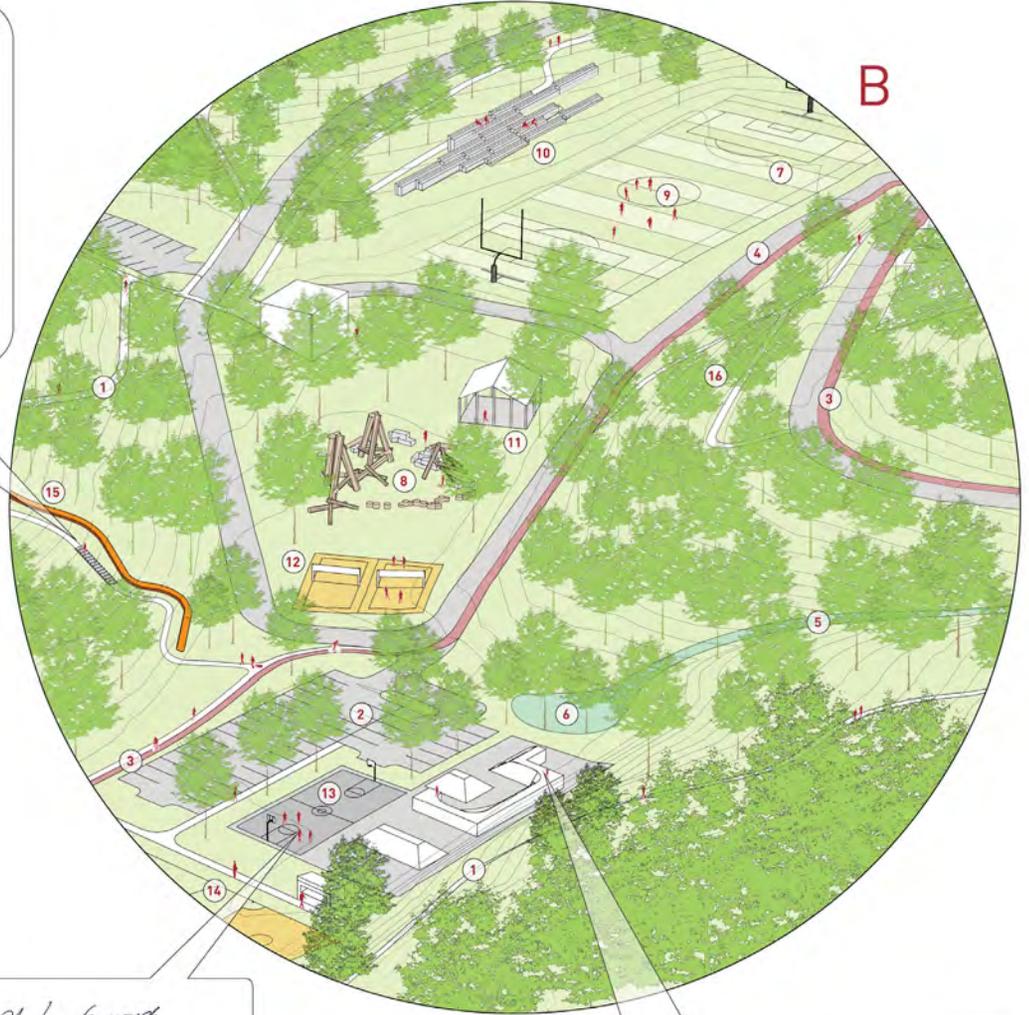
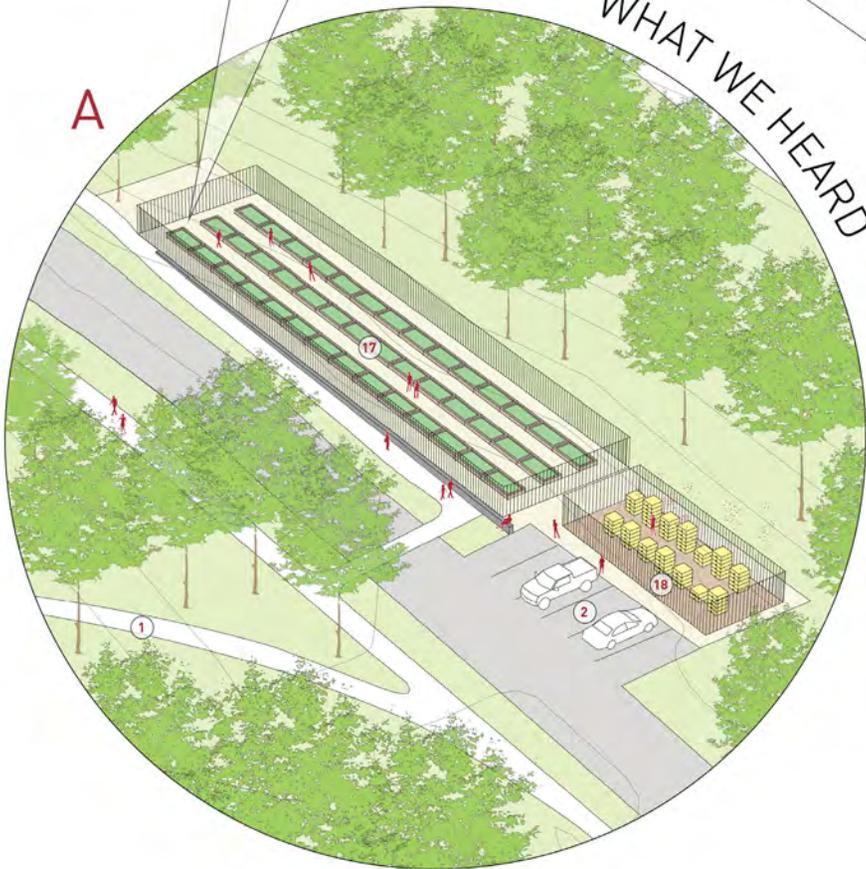
THE wild life
THE woods

The scenic and open space/access to land that exists in the urban area here

I like the nature based play for kids and think the slide can be incorporated in there somehow.

I think dirt biking should be totally removed from Sheraden Park and that moving it legally to Tusedo would help.

WHAT WE HEARD



Need playgrounds.

Where are the traditional or an inclusive playground?

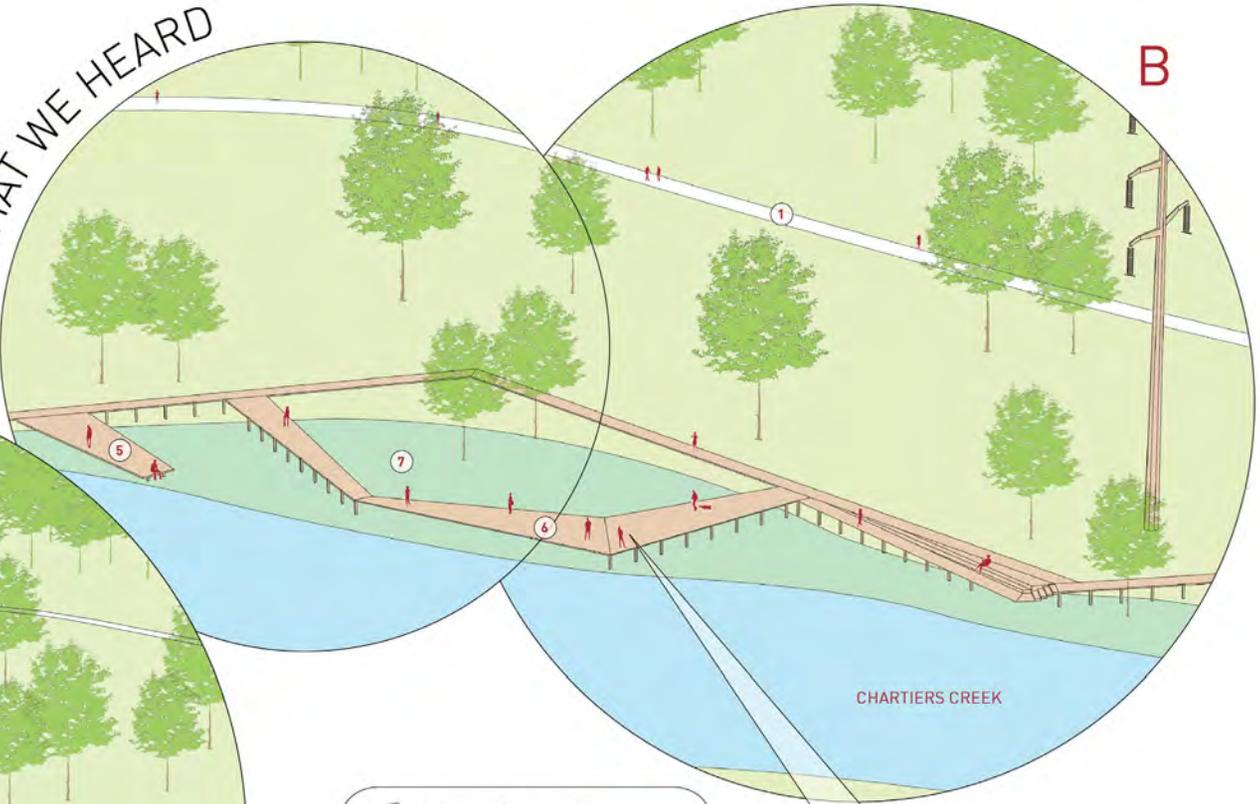
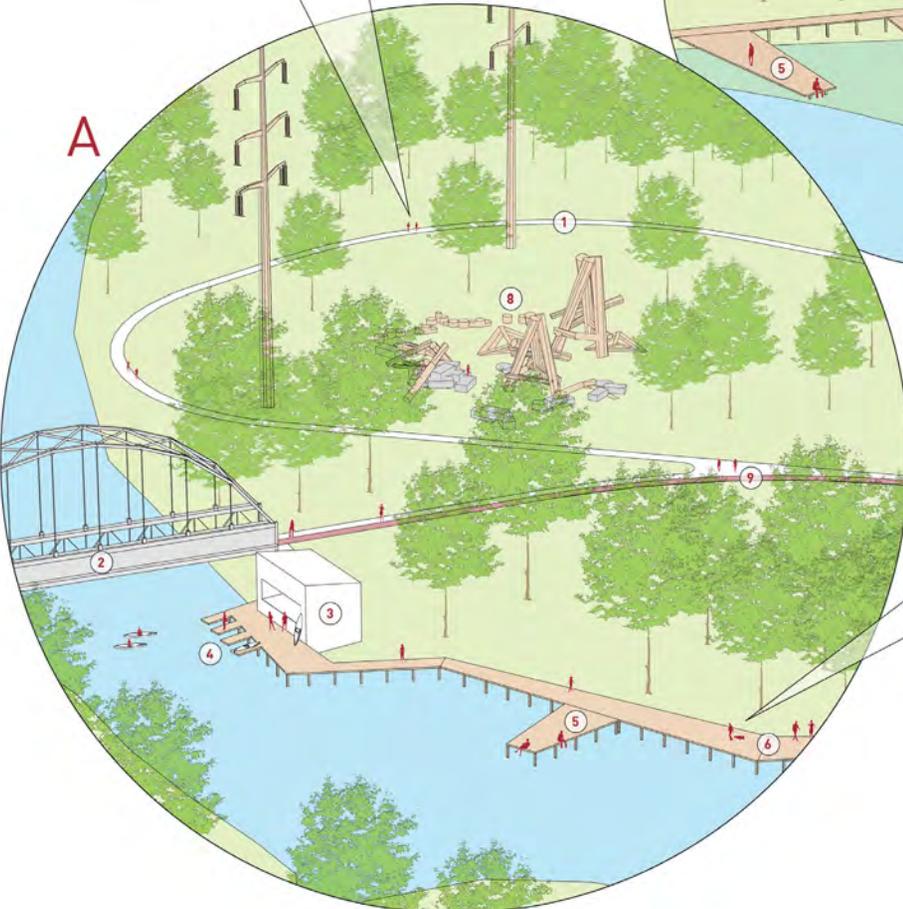
I like the addition of the ball fields, but hope that Sheraden community groups could receive first right to them and not P&Z.

please don't overdevelop it; it is a quiet space to get away from development.

Much of Sheraden Park is steep, wooded hillside. The design team had to work with the community and stakeholders to strategically locate many desired amenities within the relatively small footprint at the core of the park.

- Jan Lives on Park, Loves to bird watch
 - A Park that can draw in families will improve the community & increasing diversity of wildlife in park need to be protected
 - Better road access into park need to run along all the way around
 - Better access to creek make little spots for fishing? bird watching
 - Kayaking, fishing
 Like element of stormwater mitigation highlighted.
 Would like benches on a dock or on the wetland boardwalk
 Love wetland boardwalk
 Boat launch!

WHAT WE HEARD



- Flexible-use boat launch fishing etc
 - Rentable pavilion for picnic/day etc.
 - Benches overlooking dock/creek
 A direct connection to the downtown of McKees Rocks directly across the Creek
 Make bridge large enough for carrying boats

IT SHOULD BE DECLARED A WILDLIFE SANCTUARY!
 WATERFRONT BOARDWALK
 WETLANDS/BIRDING NEAR CREEK ✓
 MORE/IMPROVED HIKING TRAILS ✓
 WILDLIFE/BIRD HABITAT - CELEBRATE THIS
 COUNTRY FEEL IN THE CITY ✓

Feedback from multiple master plan community workshops lead to the development of a multifaceted waterfront experience at Chartiers Creek, along with a proposed pedestrian and emergency vehicles bridge connecting the park to the growing McKees Rocks downtown.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:

- 1 CHARTIERS CREEK BOARDWALK
- 2 FLEXIBLE FISHING / BIRDING / EXERCISE PIER
- 3 KAYAK & CANOE LAUNCH
- 4 KAYAK & CANOE RENTALS
- 5 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO MCKEES ROCKS
- 6 NATIVE WETLAND PLANTINGS



The master plan introduces a series of new experiences along Chartiers Creek to take advantage of one of Pittsburgh's few public waterfront access points. This includes a boardwalk paralleling the water that weaves through the creekbank and wetlands; kayak and canoe rentals; and a flexible pier to be used for fishing, birding exercise classes and other potential programming.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:

- 1 SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS
- 2 DISCOVERY GARDEN PLAY
- 3 UPDATED REST AREA & CONCESSIONS
- 4 FOOD TRUCK PULL UP



Currently, the core of Sheraden Park is underutilized with dated amenities. The master plan introduces sand volleyball, nature based play elements and much needed updates to the locked and unused park office, including new restrooms and concessions.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:

- ① FOREST EMBANKMENT SLIDES
- ② HIKING TRAILS
- ③ HEALTHY NATIVE FOREST



A series of proposed embankment slides that utilize the natural topography of Sheraden Park. The slides run in a continuous series that are gently situated within the wooded hillside, minimally invasive to the plant communities and root systems around them.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:

- ① OVERLOOK PLATFORM
- ② HIKING TRAILS
- ③ NATIVE PLANTING RESTORATION



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A proposed overlook platform at one of the highest areas in elevation within the park expansion. This overlook is placed to give sweeping views over Chartiers Creek and McKees Rocks and is one of the only opportunities to capture long views.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:

- 1 SKATE PARK RELOCATION & IMPROVEMENTS
- 2 BASKETBALL COURT RELOCATION & IMPROVEMENTS
- 3 RAIN GARDEN



The master plan relocates the existing skate park from its current location in Tuxedo Park to the location of the existing defunct tennis courts. The consolidation of this amenity with other park features could lead to heavier use and more efficient maintenance.