

Riverfront Landscape Design Planning Workshop

April 30, 2024
Public Participation Results



Results Summary

Over 45 Dover-Foxcroft residents gathered in Central Hall Commons on Tuesday April 30th to discuss riverfront landscape opportunities in the current Mayo Mill Dam impoundment of the Piscataquis River. The town will decide the fate of the dam in a vote next month, but this event gave residents the opportunity to think about how the town might design the reclaimed riverbank that would come from the dam's removal. The meeting was led by VIEWSHED, in collaboration with the Town of Dover-Foxcroft, The Atlantic Salmon Federation, The Nature Conservancy, and Inter-Fluve.



Activity 1

Participants were introduced to five Guiding Principles and were asked to rank four values from each, based on personal preferences.

The results of the activity show clear preferences in each category, with many similarities to the results of the second activity. In general participants think that **history** gives Dover-Foxcroft its sense of place. They choose to **gather** when they come to the Piscataquis River, spending the most time **at the shore**. Results and comments reflect a deep interest in the health of their river, with **biodiversity** being the leading value amongst participants.

Activity 2

Event participants received materials to trace a generalized section of the riverbank and then trace on landscape features. These features were sorted into categories relating to the five Guiding Principles.

Of these categories, River Health proved to be the most popular, with large amounts of green space devoted to the majority of drawings. Within this category, participants were quick to use lots of **trees** and preferred **native plantings** over lawn in most cases.

Ranked next was Fun & Games, though participants favored specific landscape features. **Kayaking** proved to be one of the most popular features of the entire activity, with **picnic pavilions** and **benches** used commonly as well.

In terms of Access, participants showed a common interest in creating spaces at the water's edge, but did not show a clear preference between **stairways**, **floating docks** and **viewing platforms**.

The majority of participants agree that they want some sort of walking path to promote mobility. In fact, the idea of a **generic trail** was the most popular landscape feature with participants including multiple types of paths in each of their drawings.

To accompany these trails, participants used large numbers of **informational signage** and **lighting**, often filling their drawings with multiples of each to promote a sense of place.

Residents went beyond our prompts, adding their own landscape features to many of their designs. Of these there was even consensus, including an interest in **reusing dam infrastructure** as landscape elements, expanding access with additional **restrooms** and **parking**, and the idea of **community gardens** featuring **edible native plants**.

Activity 1

Guiding Principles

Activity #1

Rank Your Preferences

Activity #1
5 Principles

1: Sense of Place

- ☐ Historic
- ☐ Wild
- ☐ Working
- ☐ Cultural
- ☐ Other:

2: Access

- ☐ In The Water
- ☐ At The Shore
- ☐ Driving By
- ☐ Visually From Afar
- ☐ Other:

3: Mobility

- ☐ Cars
- ☐ Bikes / Pedestrians
- ☐ Boats
- ☐ Snowmobile
- ☐ Other:

4: River Health

- ☐ Contiguous
- ☐ Resilient
- ☐ Biodiverse
- ☐ Accessible
- ☐ Other:

5: Fun and Games

- ☐ Play
- ☐ Rest
- ☐ Gather
- ☐ Dine
- ☐ Other:

NAME: _____

Rank your preferences!

Add your ideas!

Add your (nick)name!

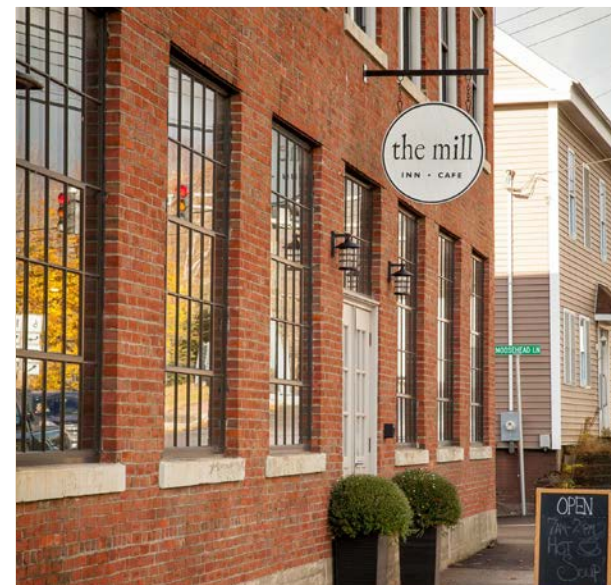
Sense of Place

Dover-Foxcroft's downtown
riverfront is _____.

Historic



Wild



Working



Cultural

Access

Dover-Foxcroft accesses the riverfront ____.

*In The
Water*



*At The
Shore*



Driving By

Visually

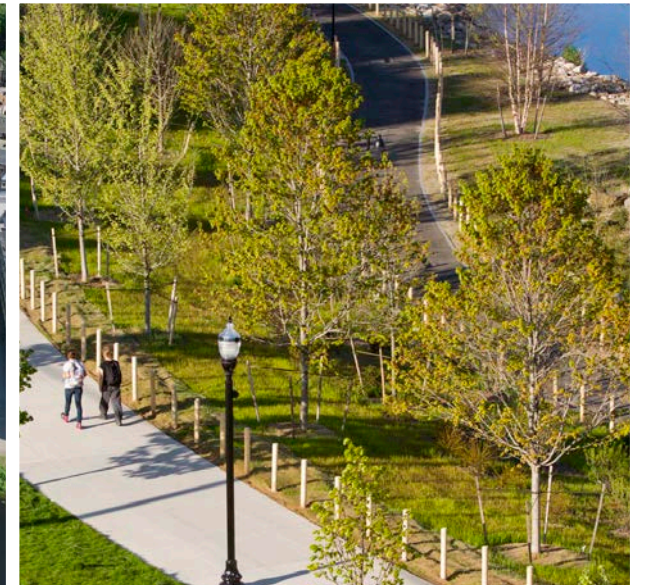
Mobility

Residents and visitors will navigate through Downtown on/in their _____.

Car



Bike + Ped



Boat

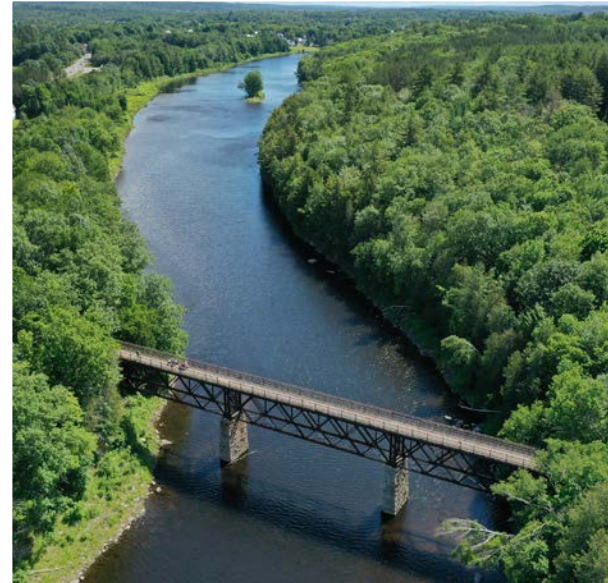


Snowmobile

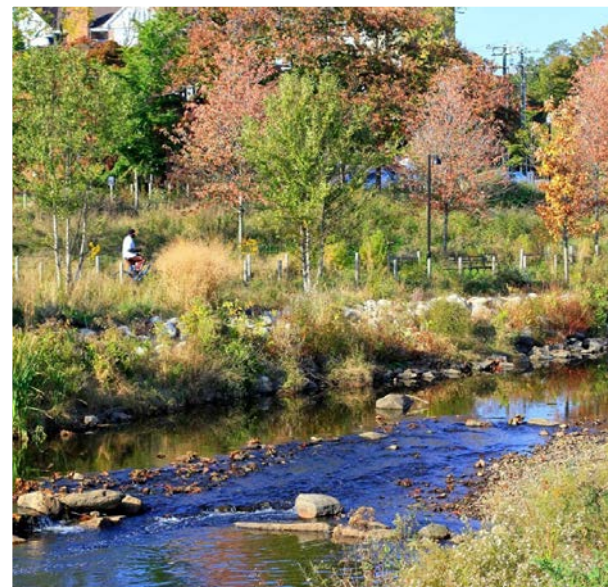
River Health

The ecosystem of the
Piscataquis River will be ____.

Contiguous



Resilient



Biodiverse

Accessible

Fun and Games

Dover-Foxcroft's riverfront will be a place to ____.

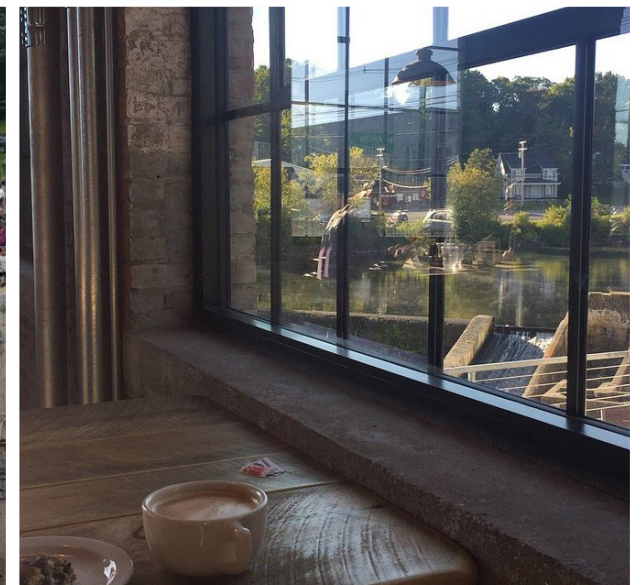
Play



Rest



Gather



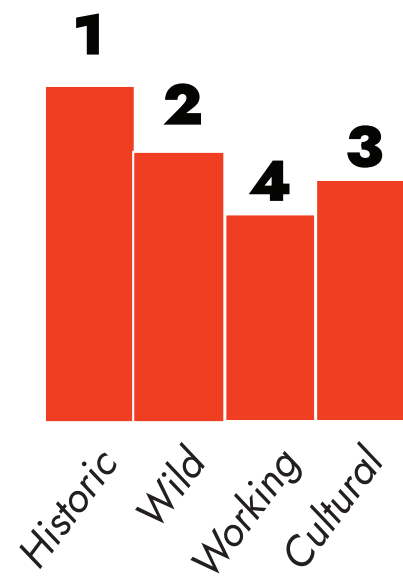
Dine



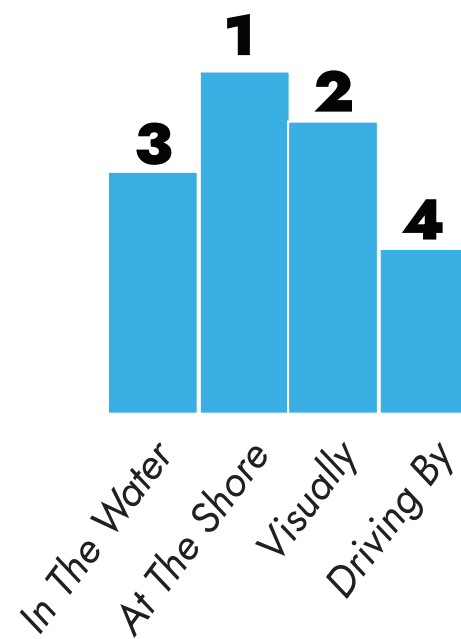
Activity #1

Community Results

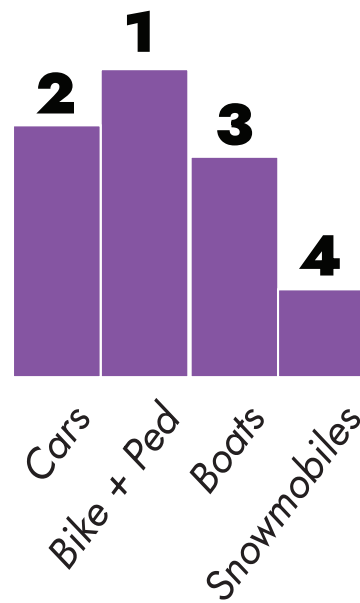
SENSE OF PLACE



ACCESS



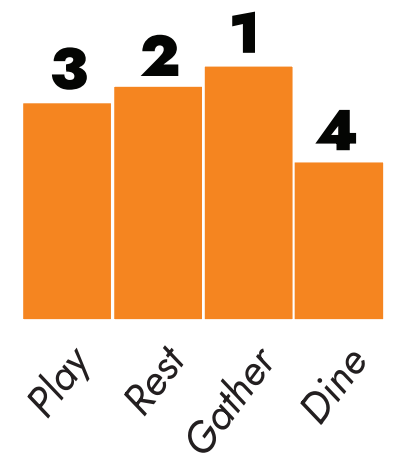
MOBILITY



RIVER HEALTH



FUN & GAMES

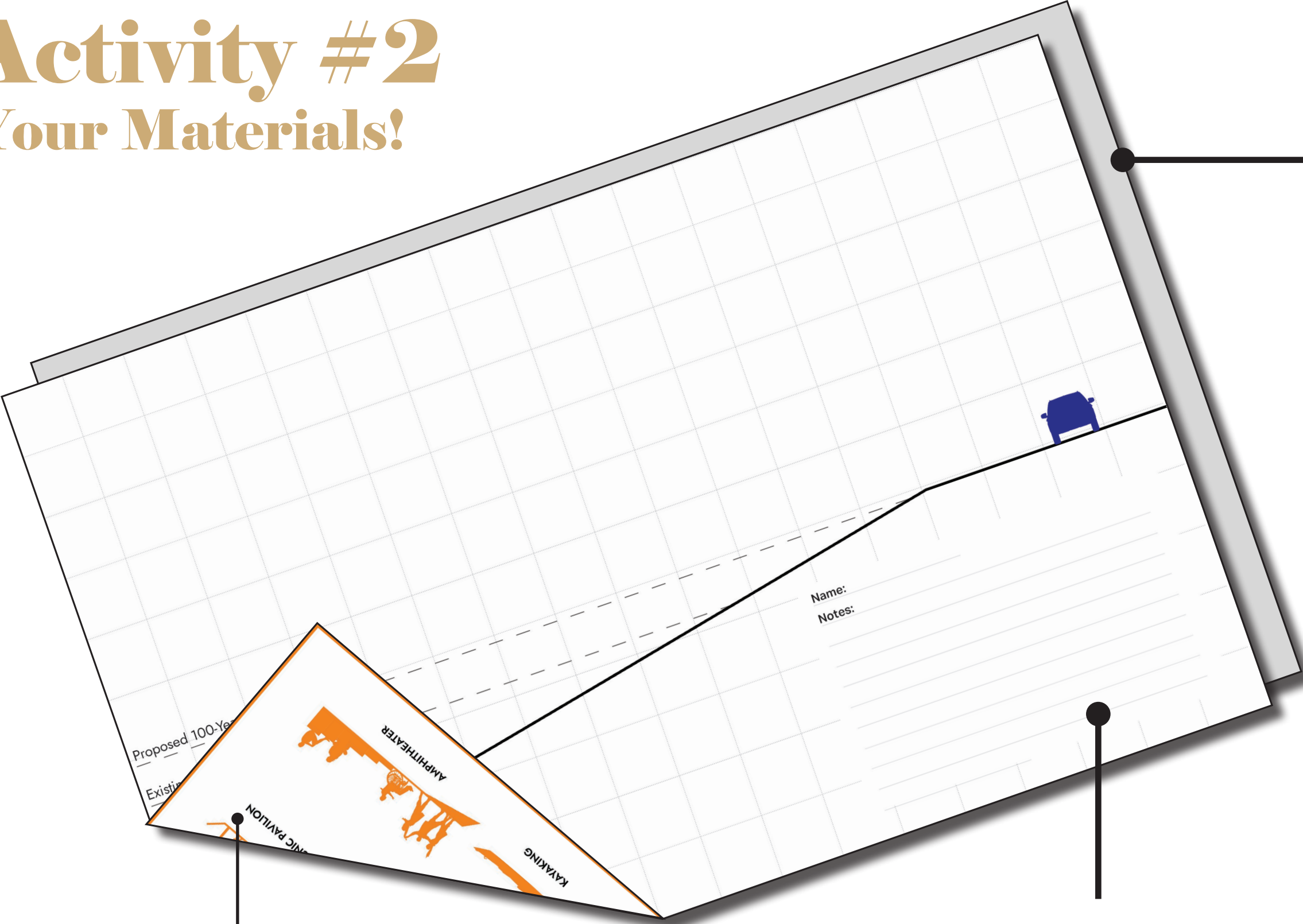


Activity 2

Design A Riverbank

Activity #2

Your Materials!



**Trace
Paper**

Markers

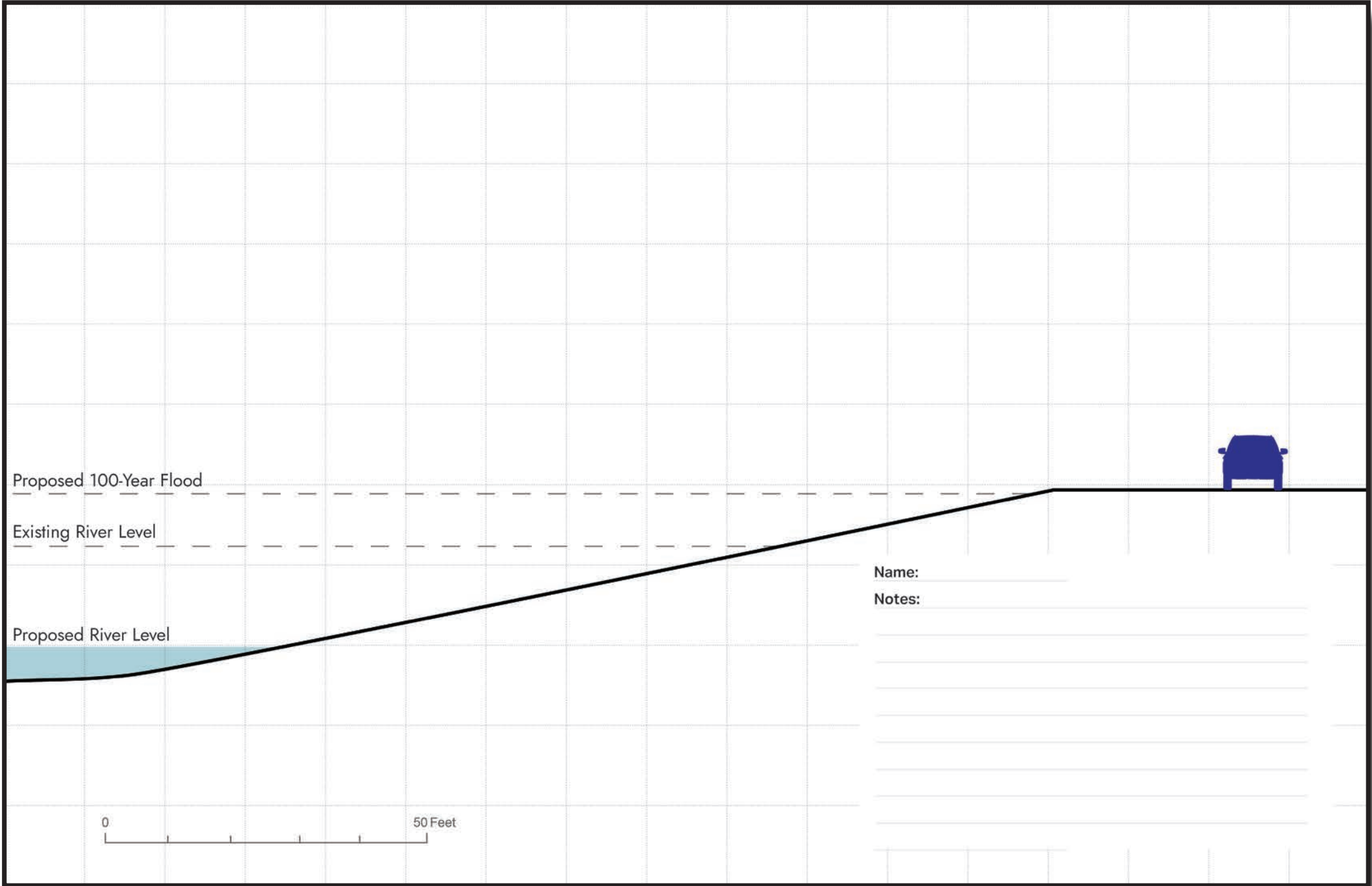


**Reference
Sheet**

Two sides!

Activity #2

Trace Your Riverbank!



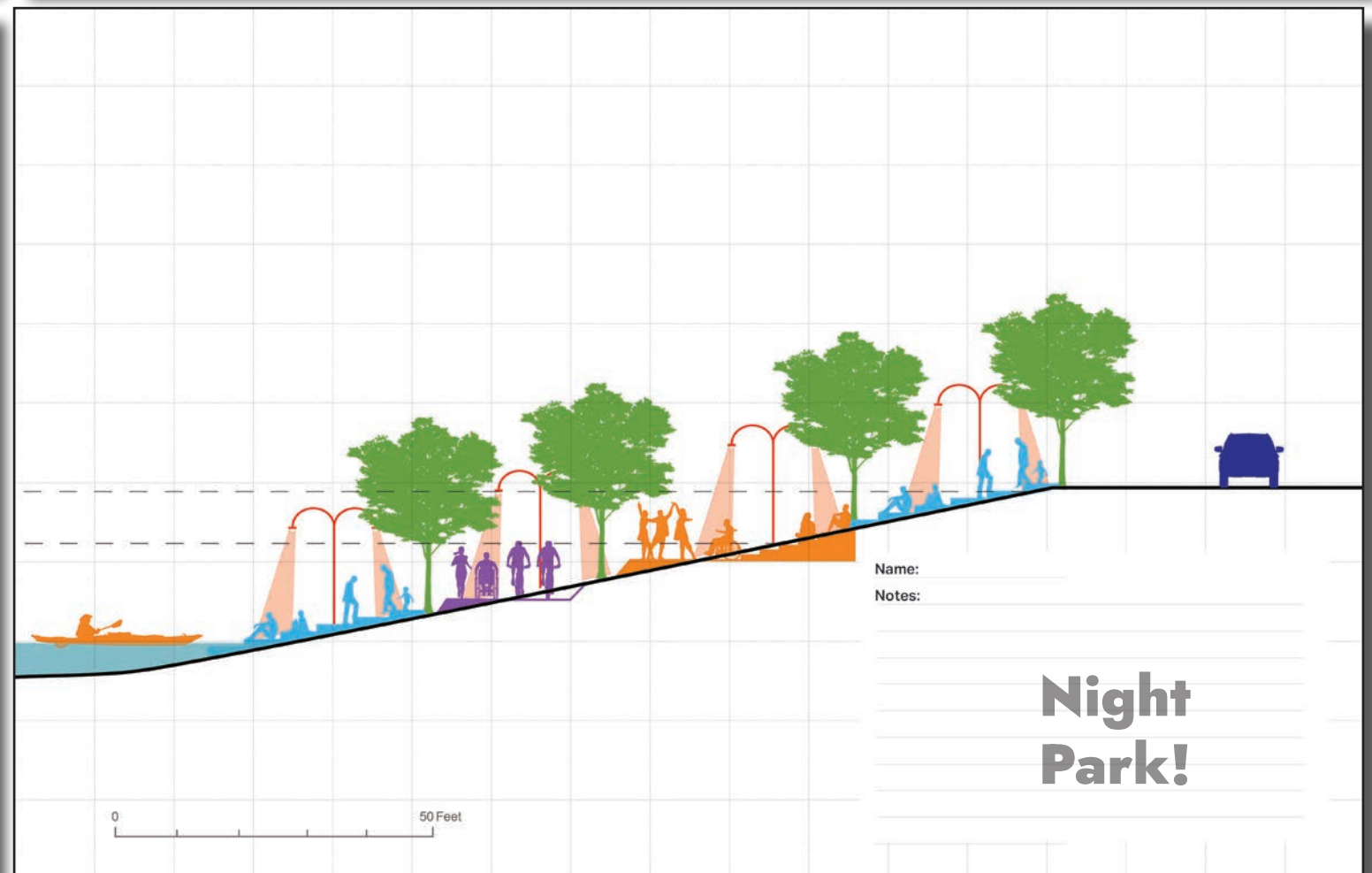
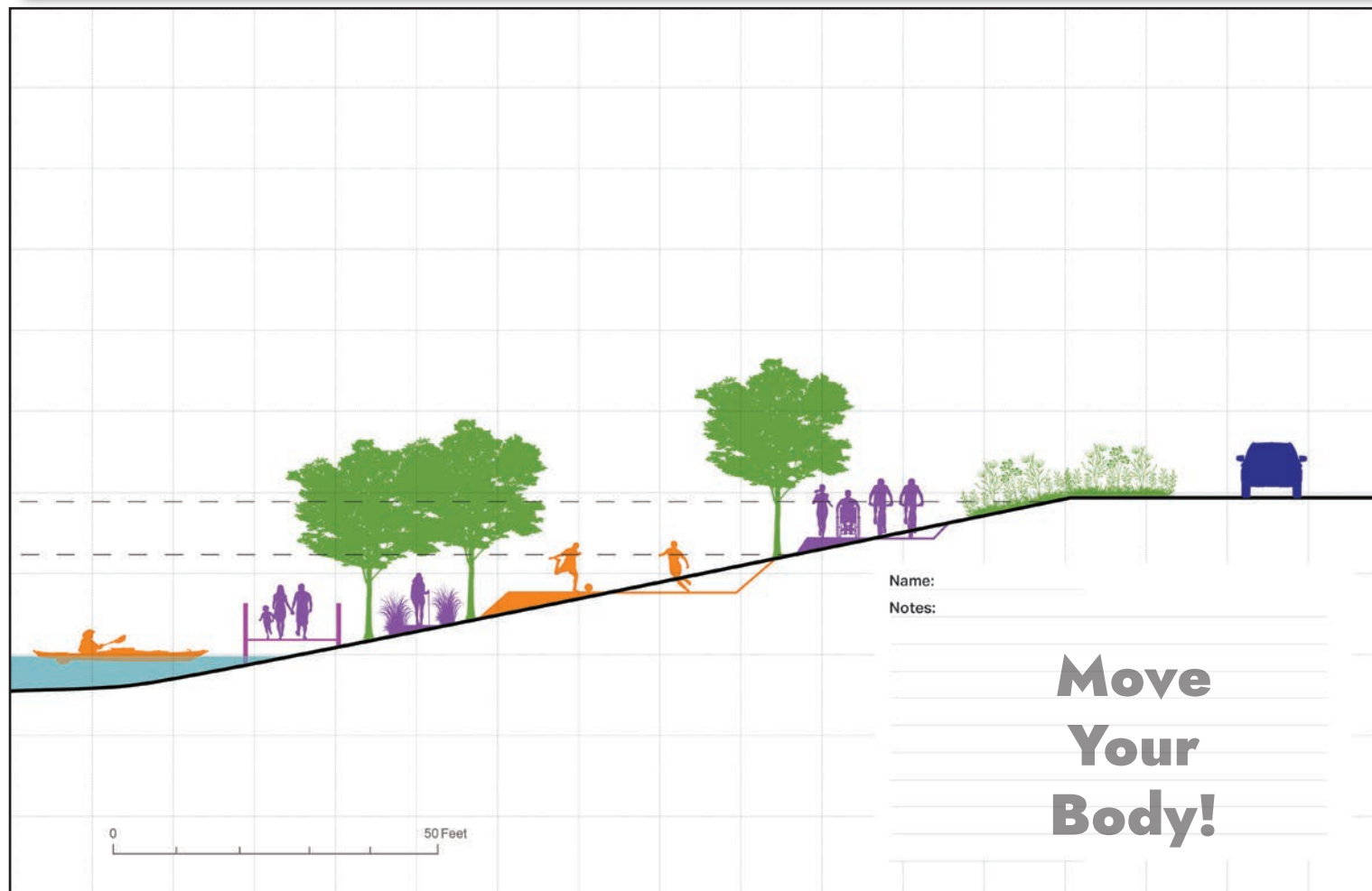
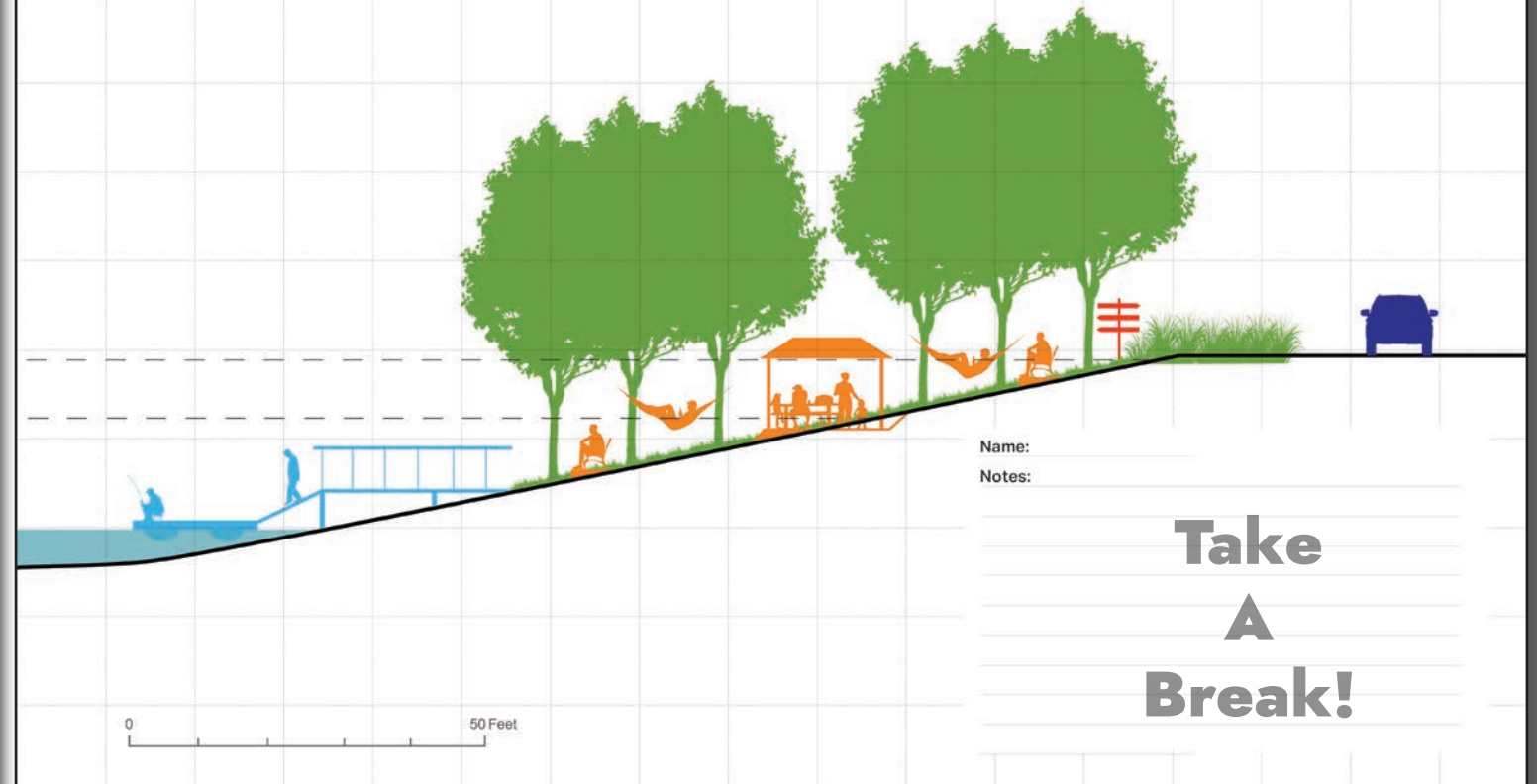
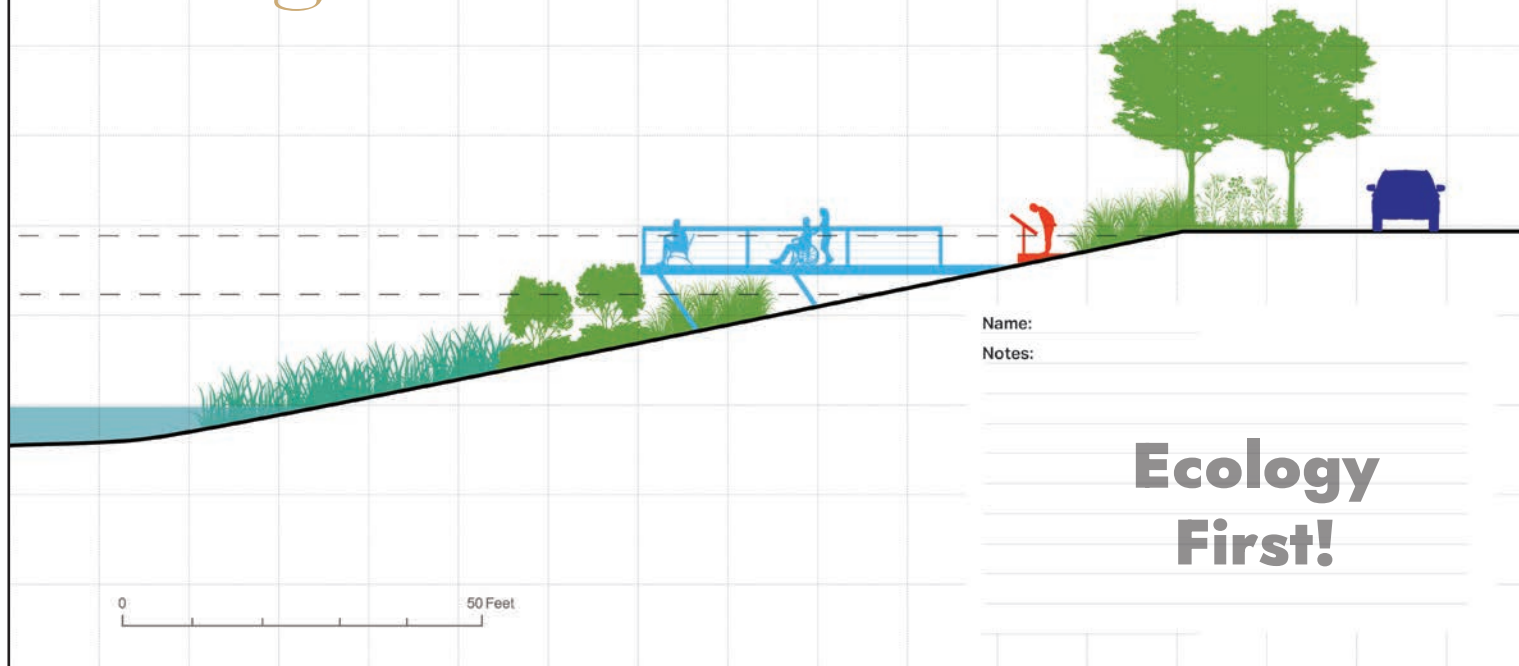
Activity #2

Trace Your Landscape Features!



Activity #2

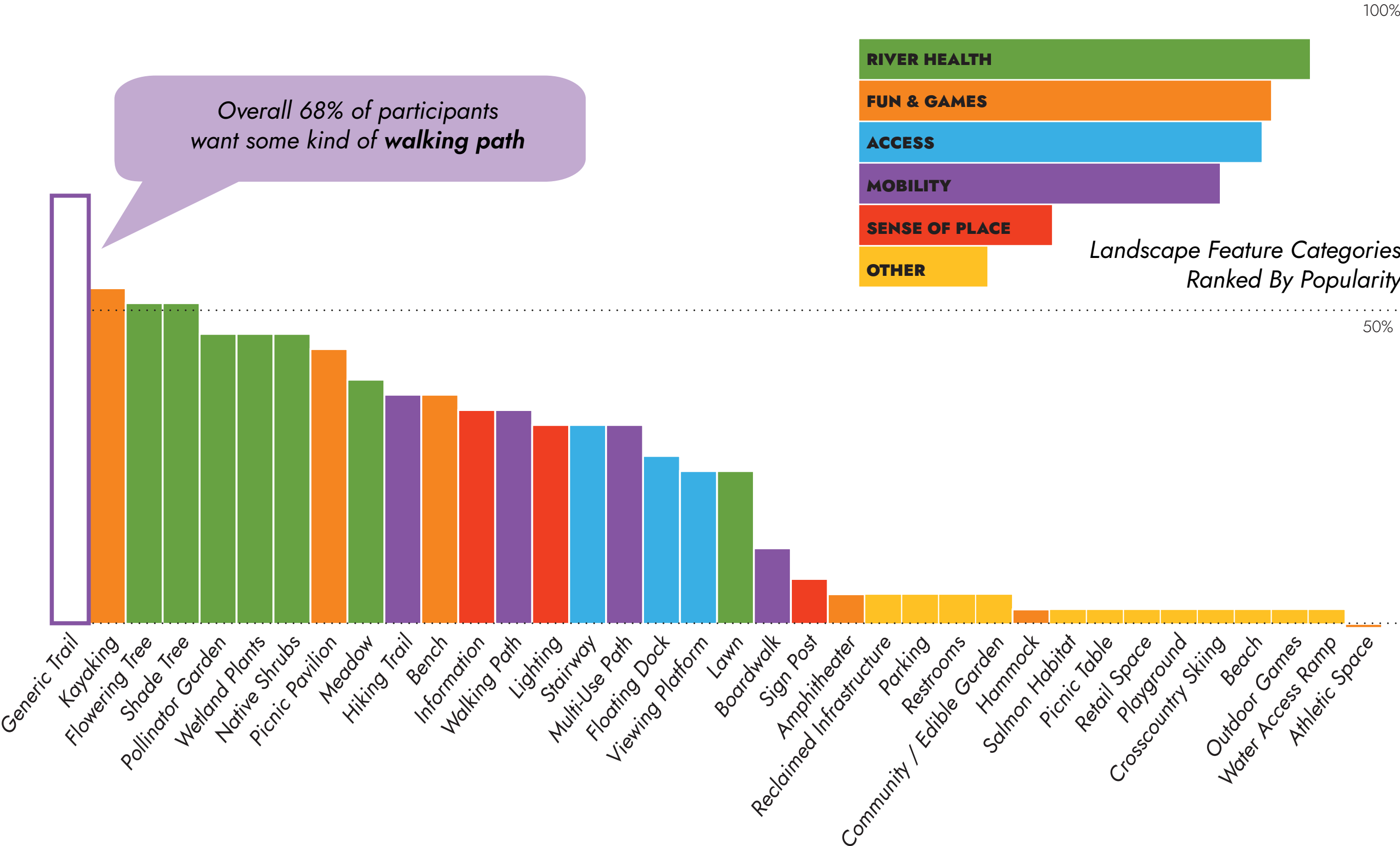
Design Your Riverfront!





Activity #2

Community Results

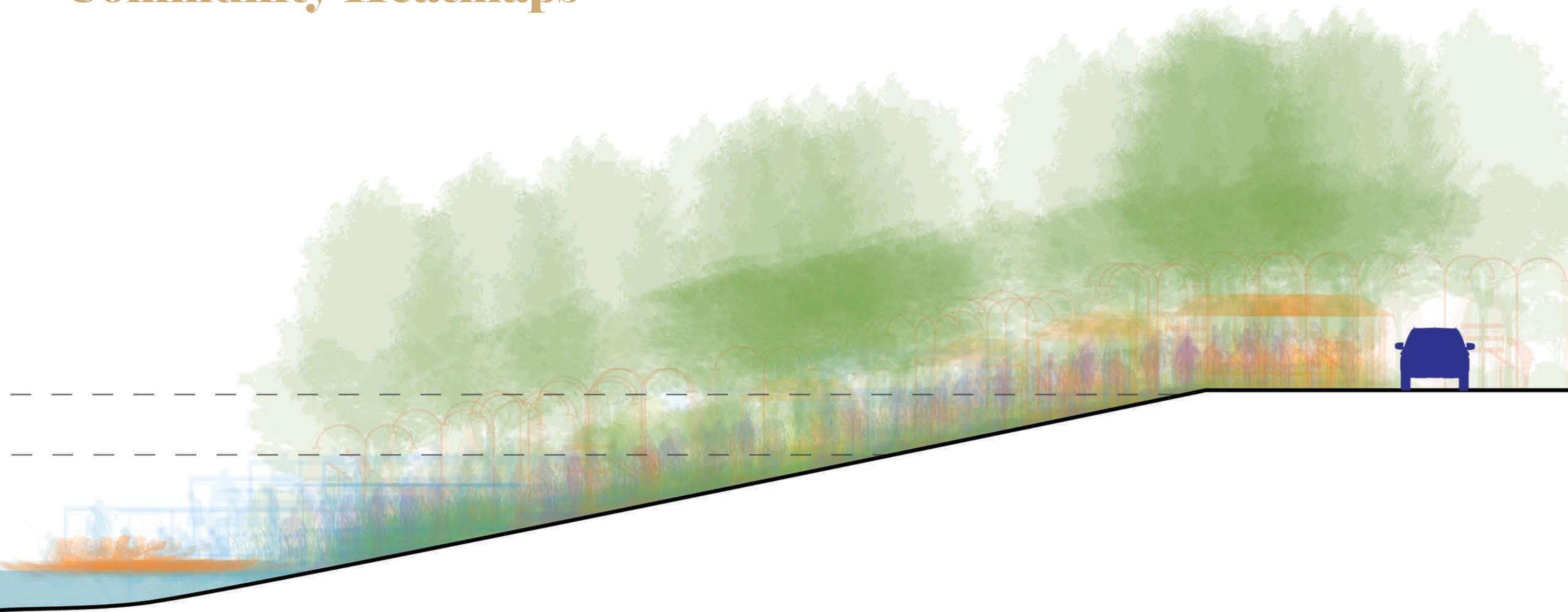


Activity 2

Compiled Responses

Activity #2

Community Heatmaps

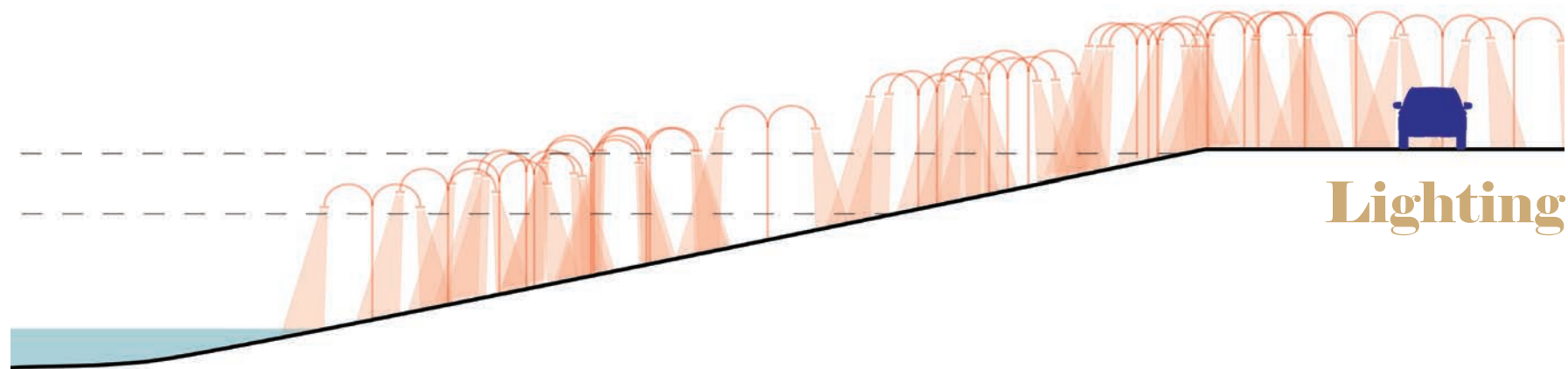


Total Responses

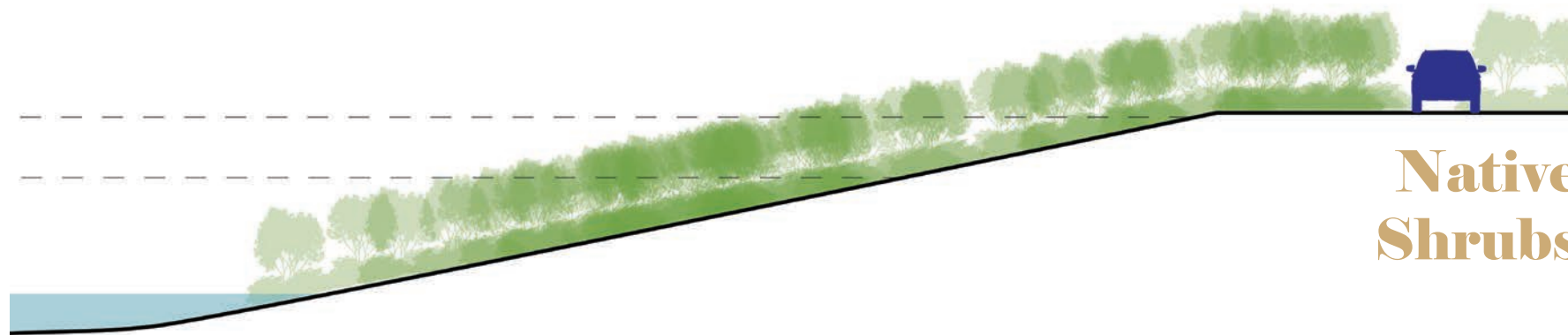
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Compiled Results

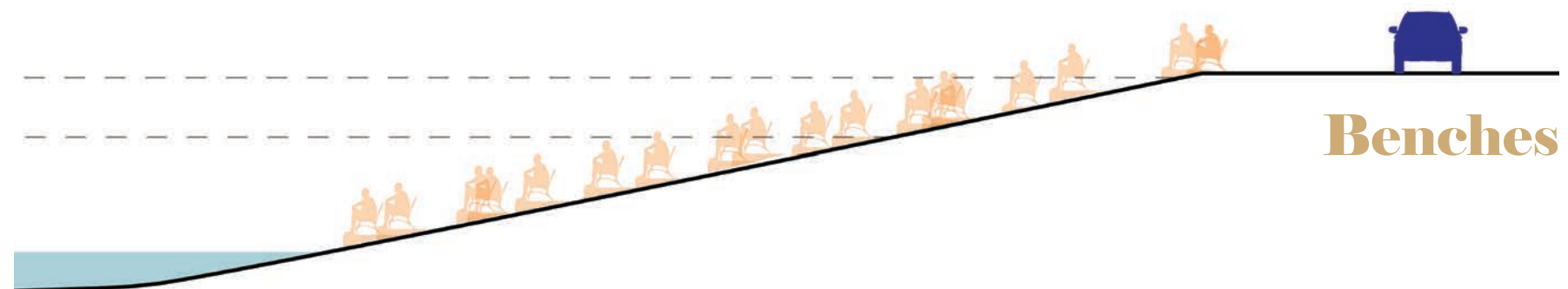
Many features were popular, but were equally dispersed along the riverbank.



Lighting



**Native
Shrubs**

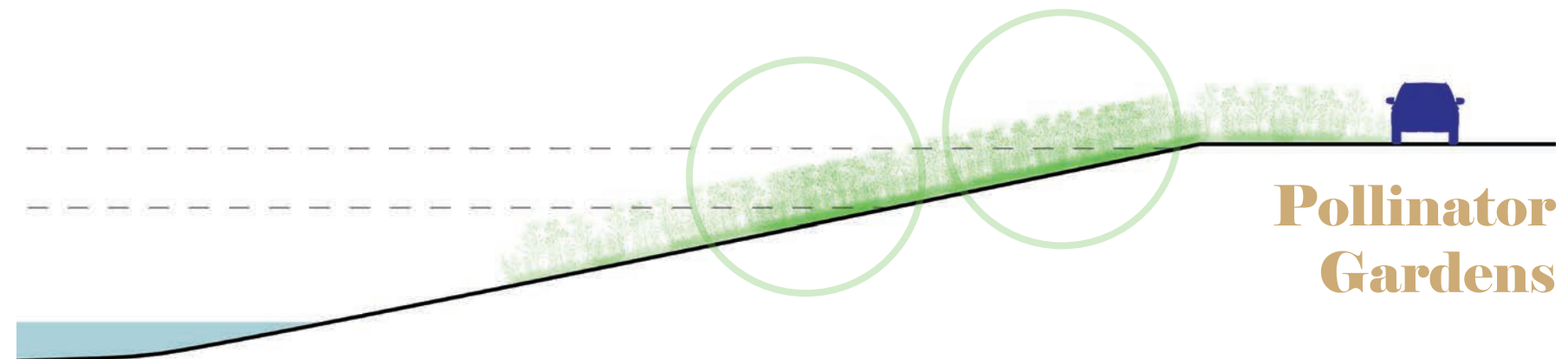
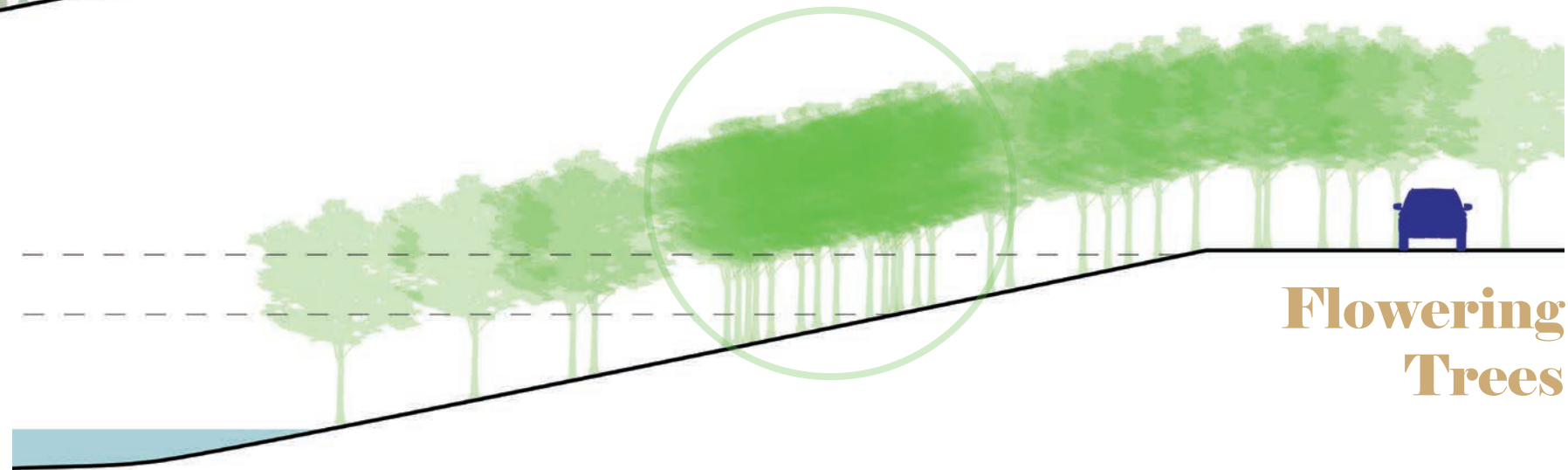


Benches

Activity #2

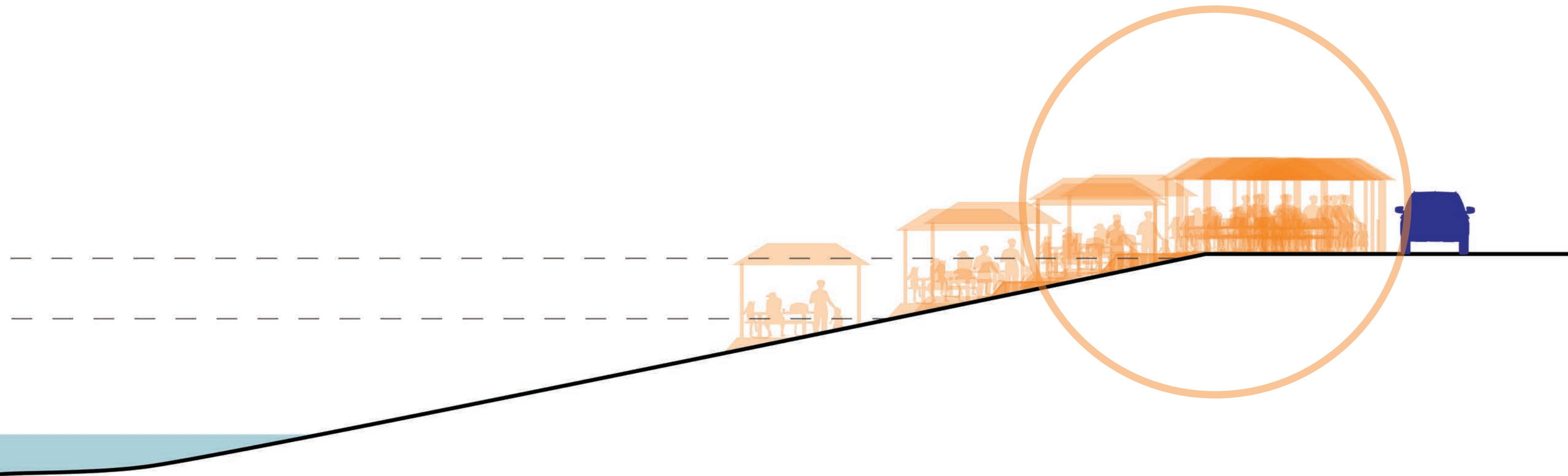
Compiled River Health

There is a clear pattern of where participants placed the following features:



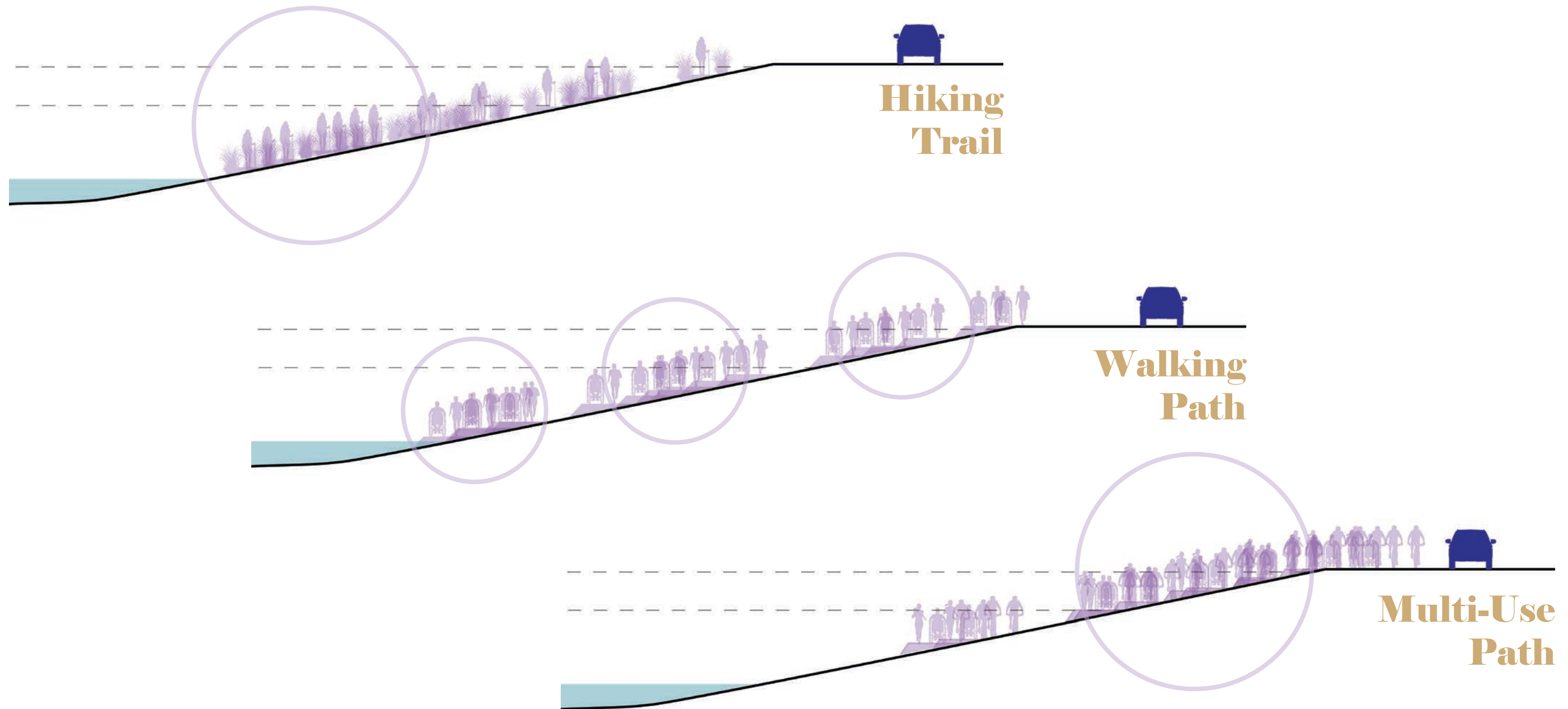
Activity #2

Compiled Picnic Pavilions



Activity #2

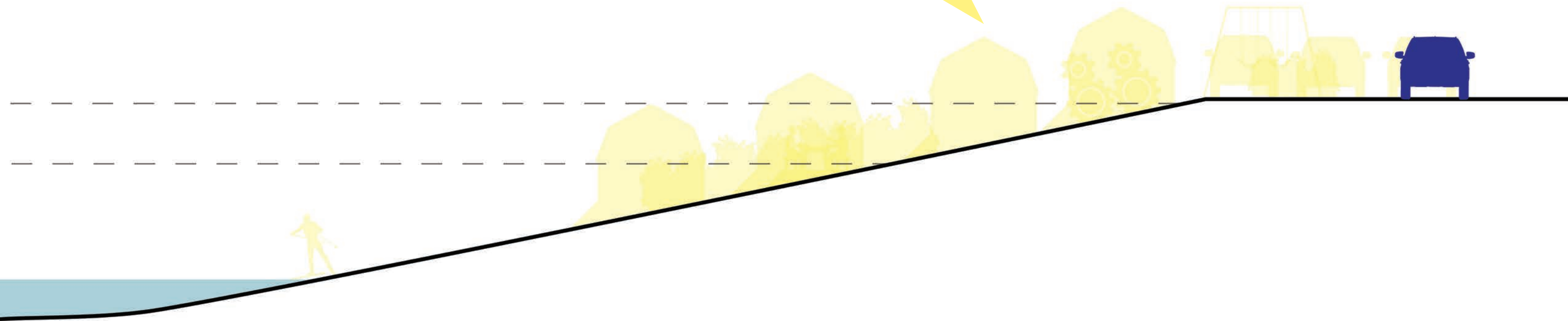
Compiled Mobility



Activity #2

Write-In Responses

There was a large and diverse list of write-in responses that tended to be placed on the upper riverbank



Activity #2

Community Riverbank

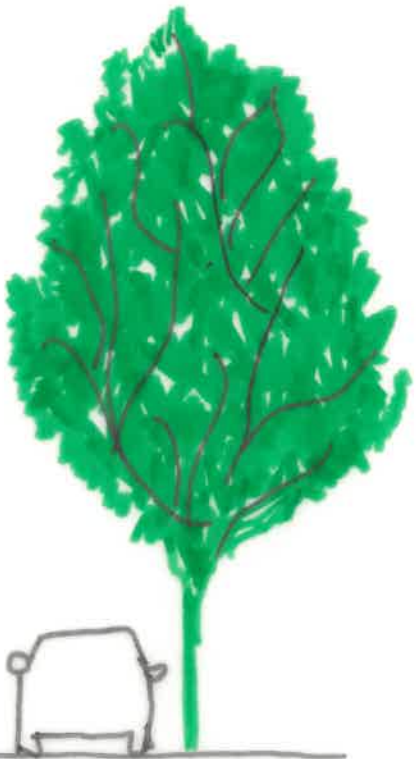


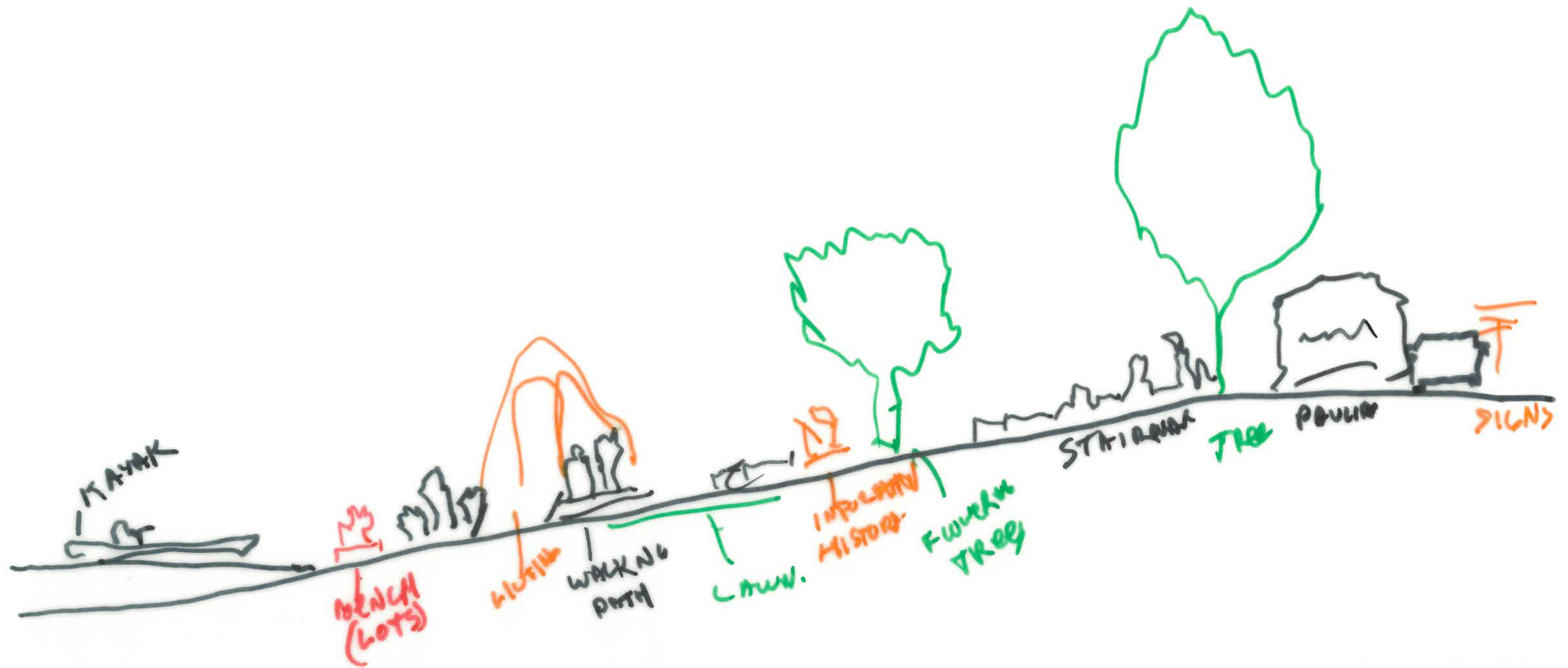
We made this section based on participants' top features and patterns from compiled responses.

Activity 2

Individual Responses

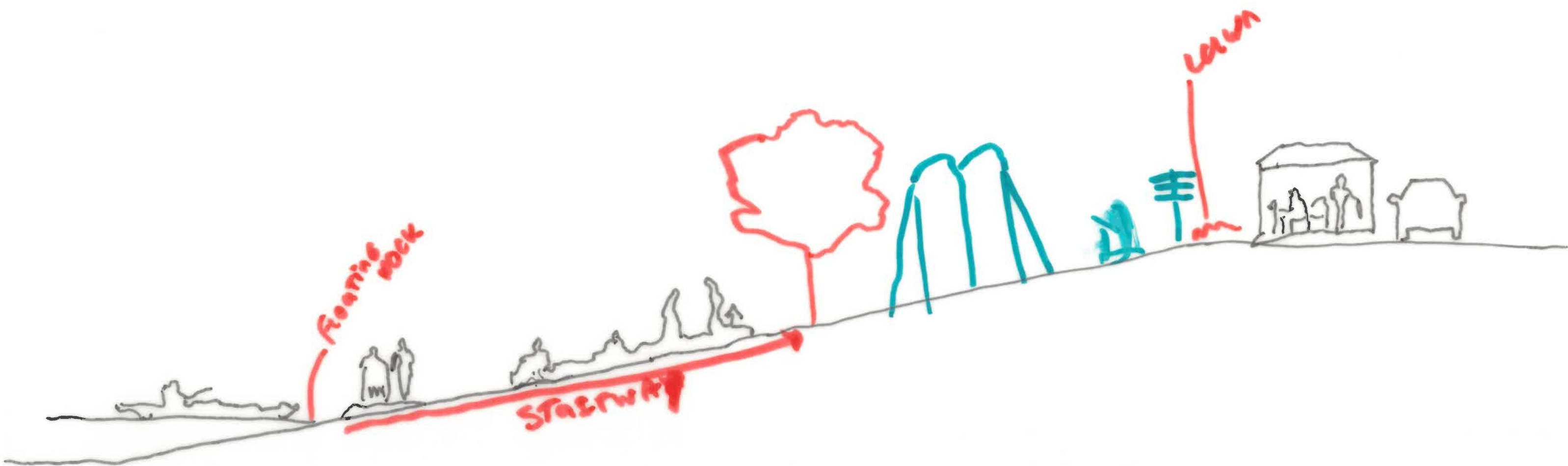
For the Moment \Rightarrow leave it

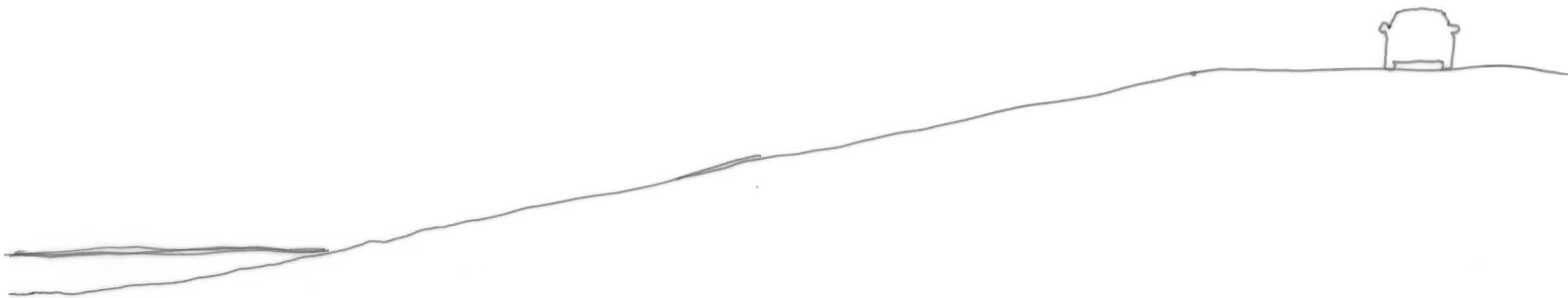




Chino

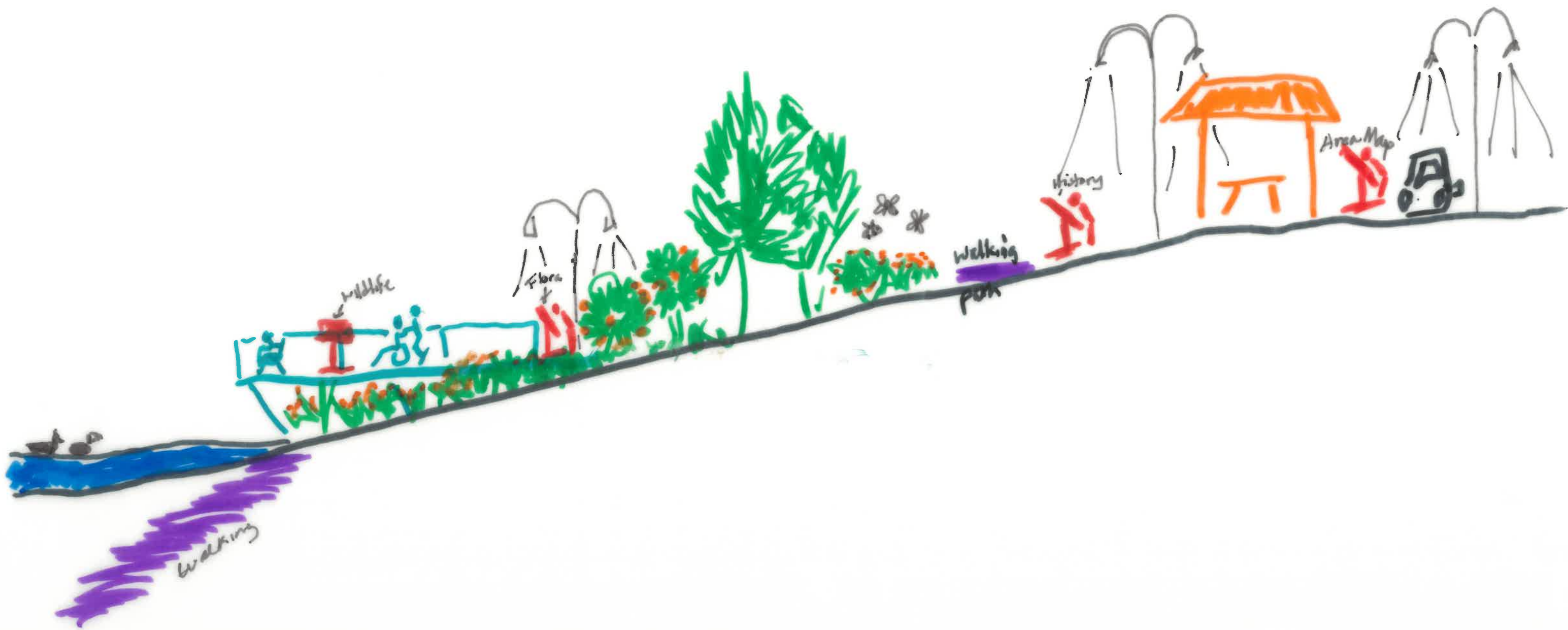


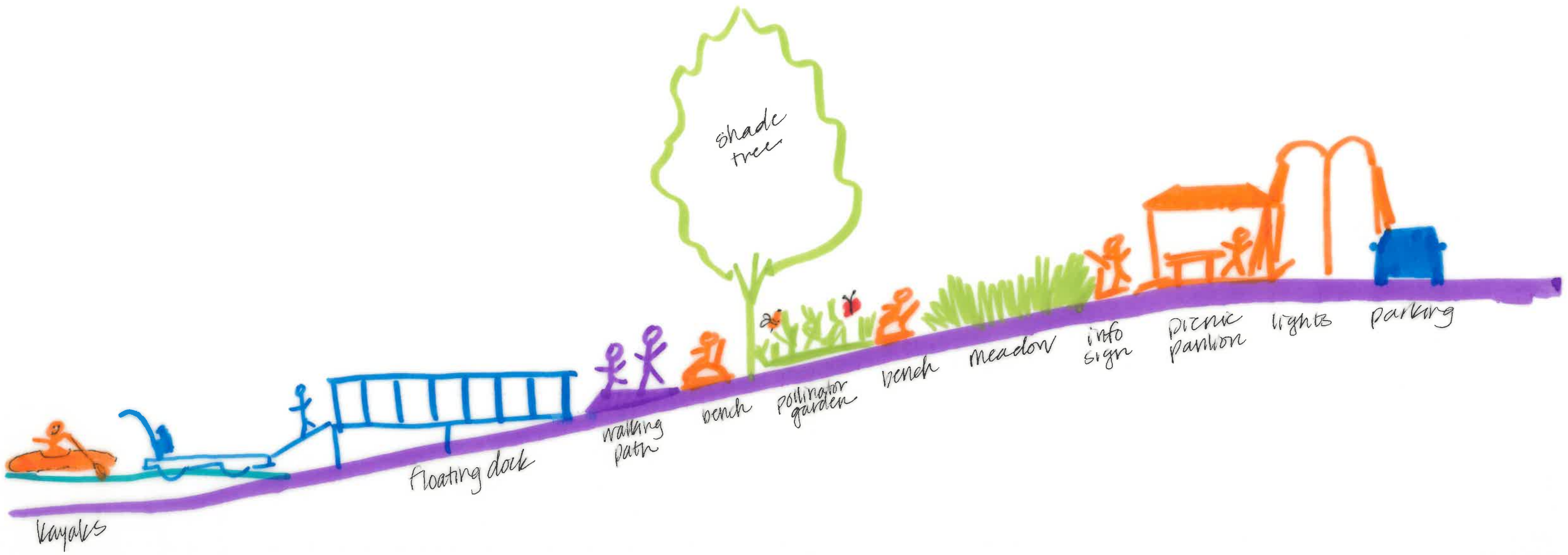


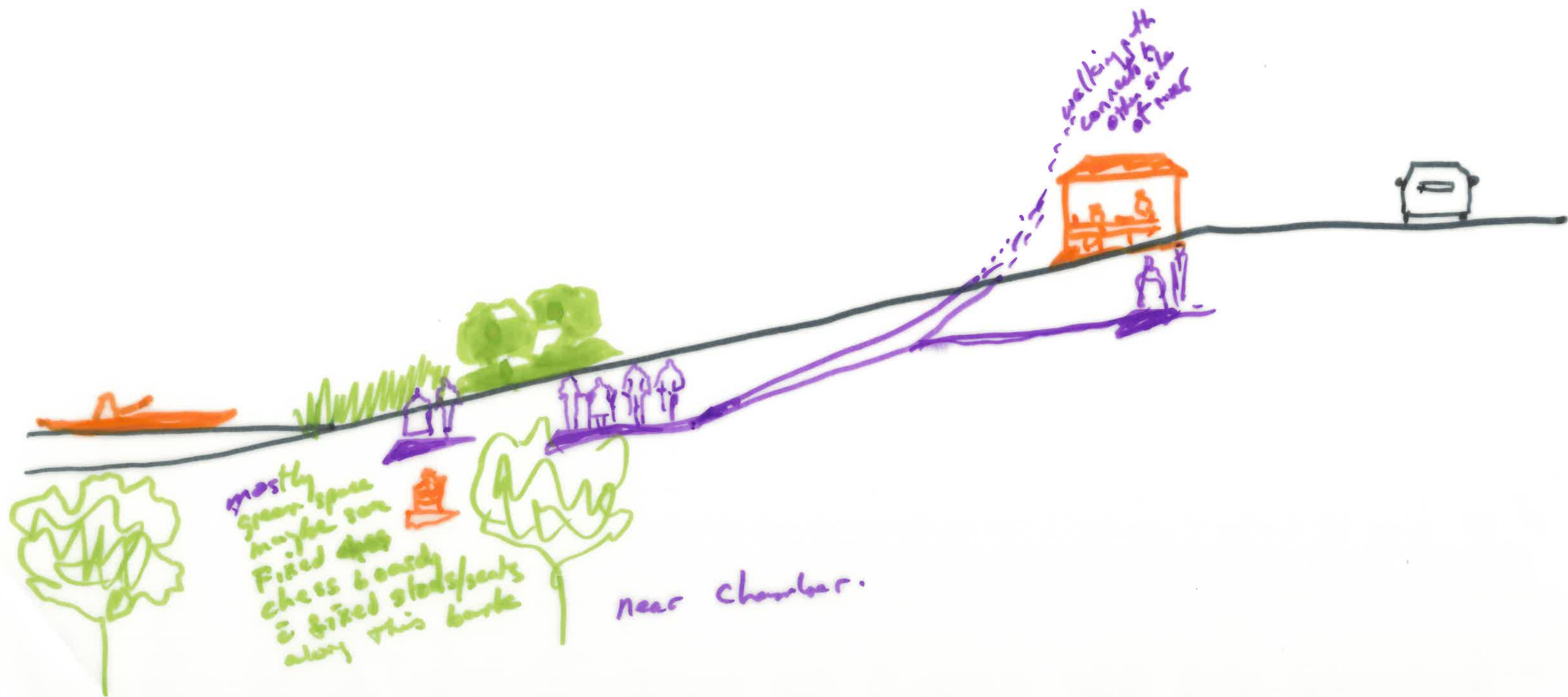












mostly green space
maybe some
fixed bench
chess board
& fixed stools/seats
along this bank

near chamber.

walking path
connects to
other side
of river



DOT AREA
concentration
on revitalizing
things into Downtown.

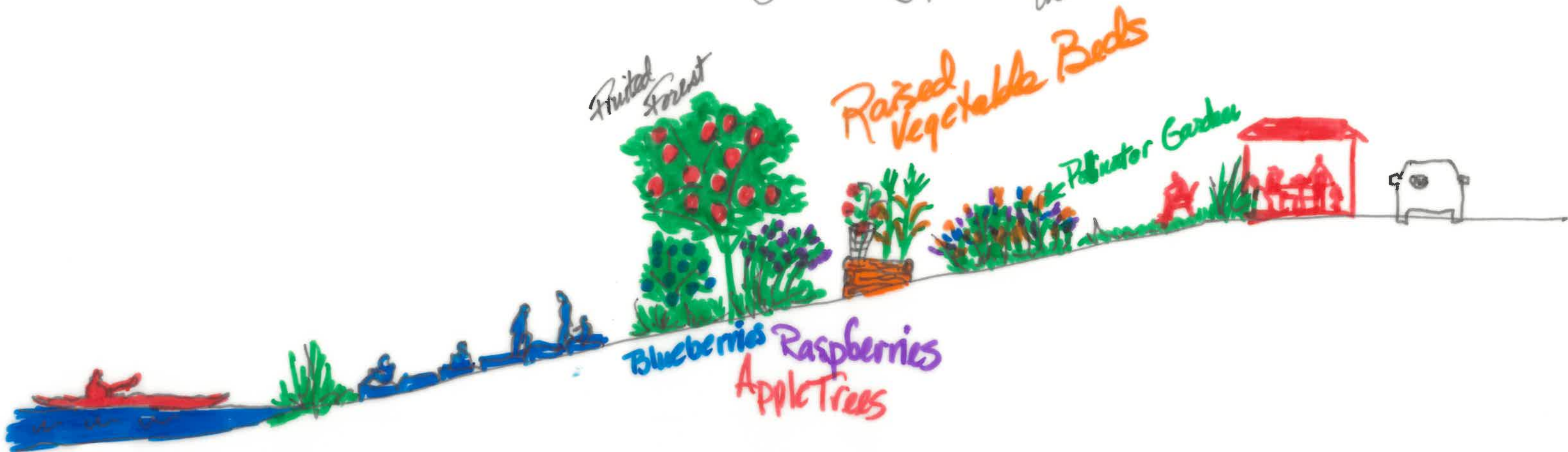
Community Garden
Stations Along
the Path.

Fruitful
Forest

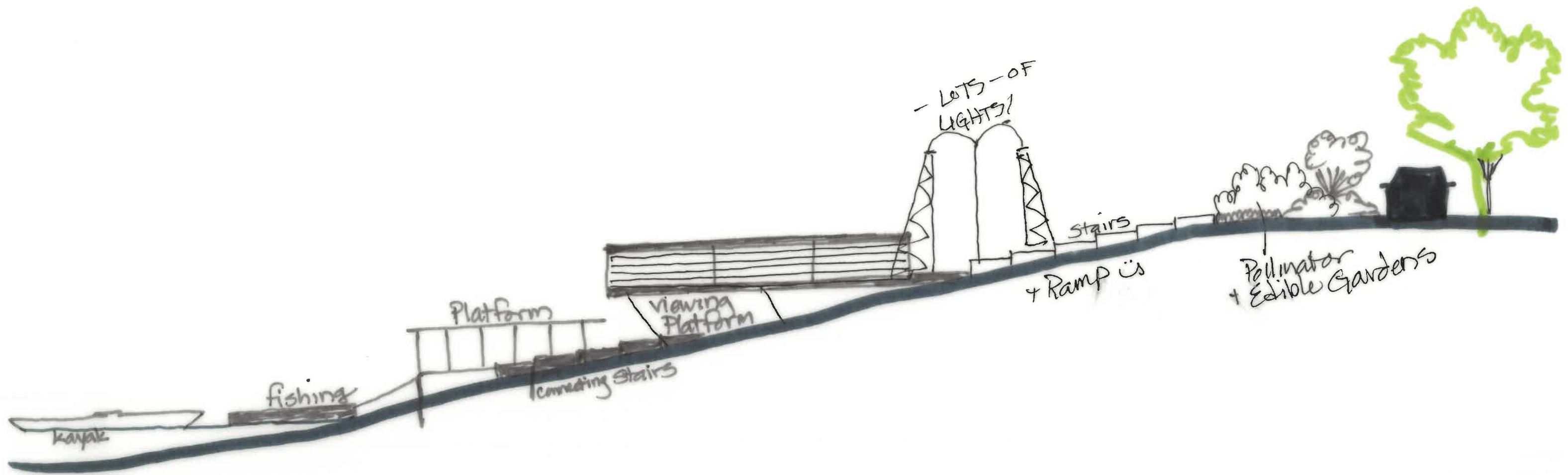
Raised
Vegetable Beds

Pollinator Garden

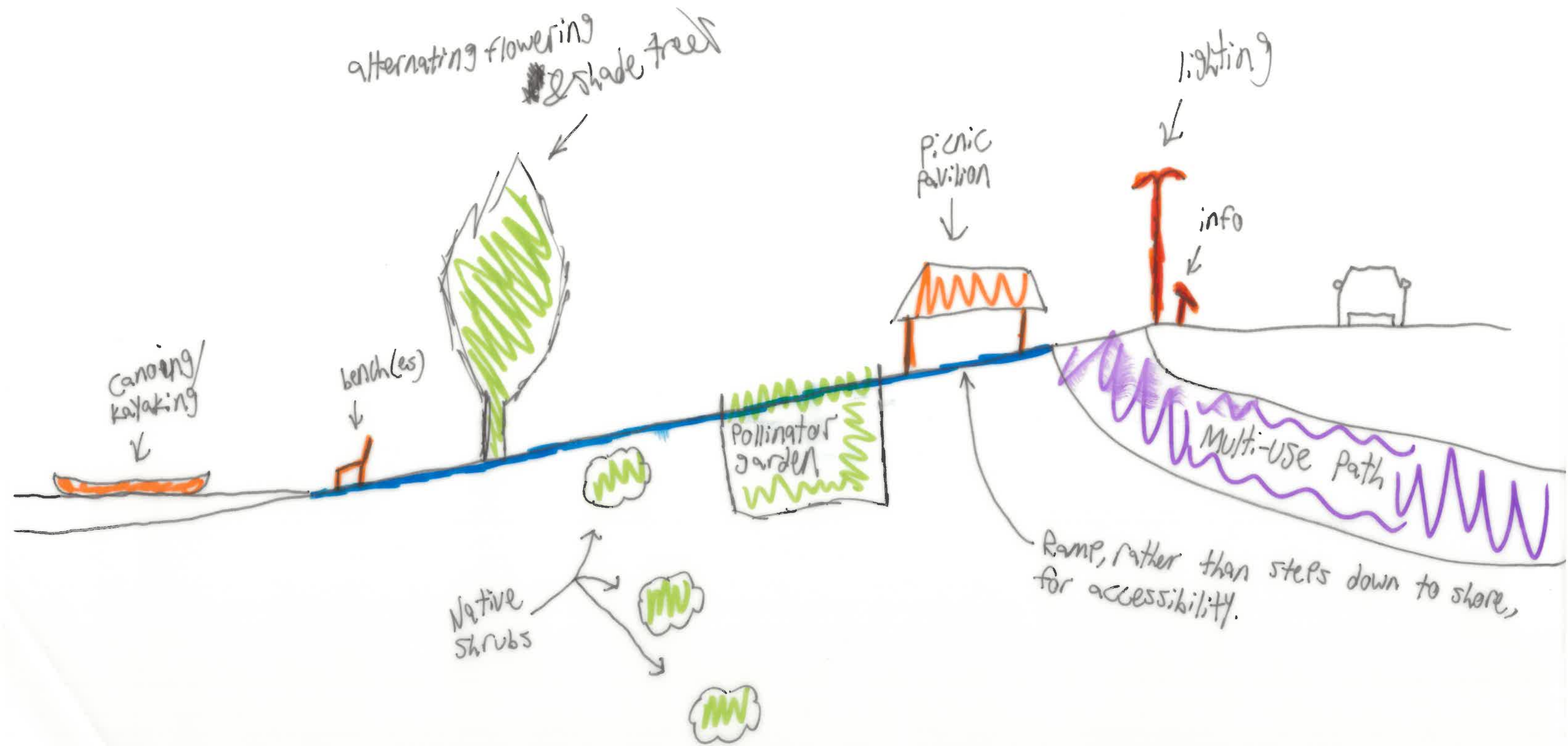
Blueberries Raspberries
Apple Trees



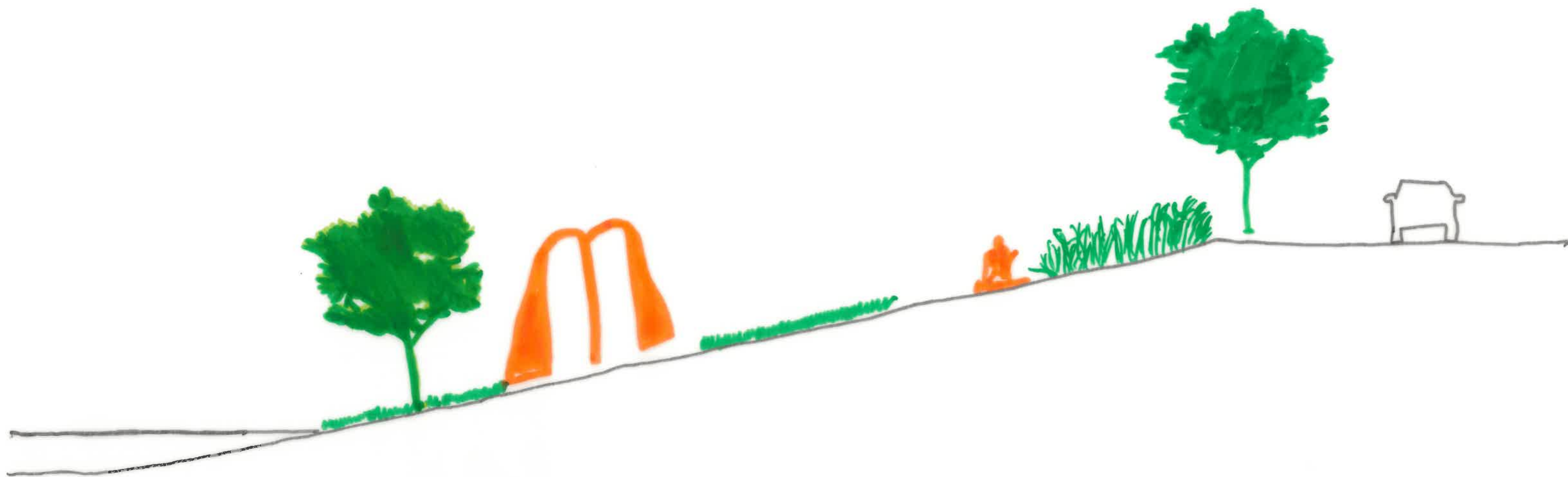


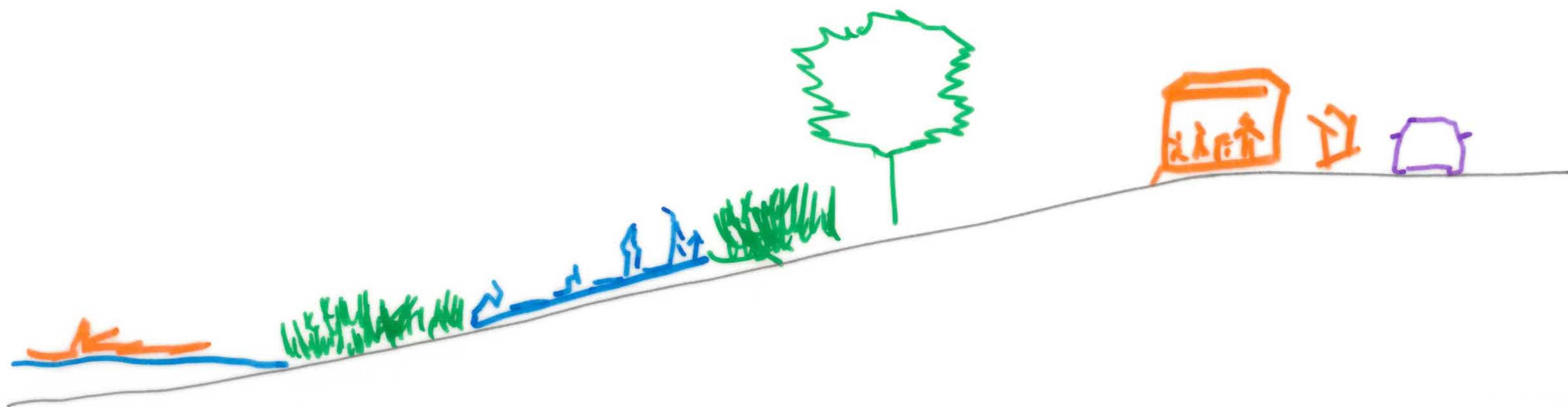


yes! A bathroom too.
+ Trashcans



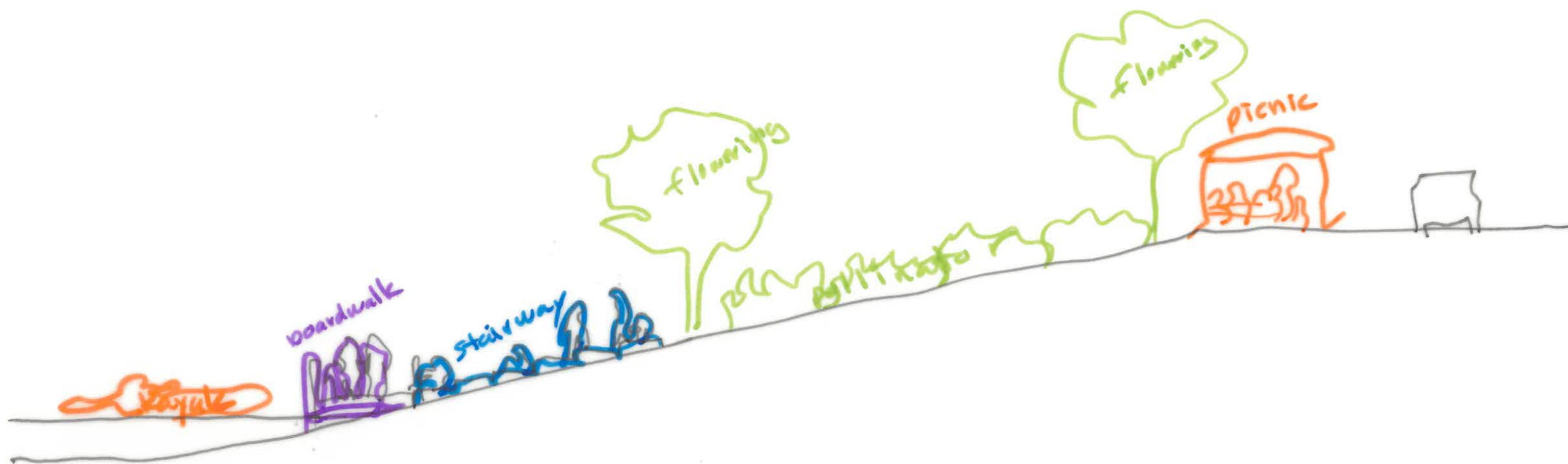


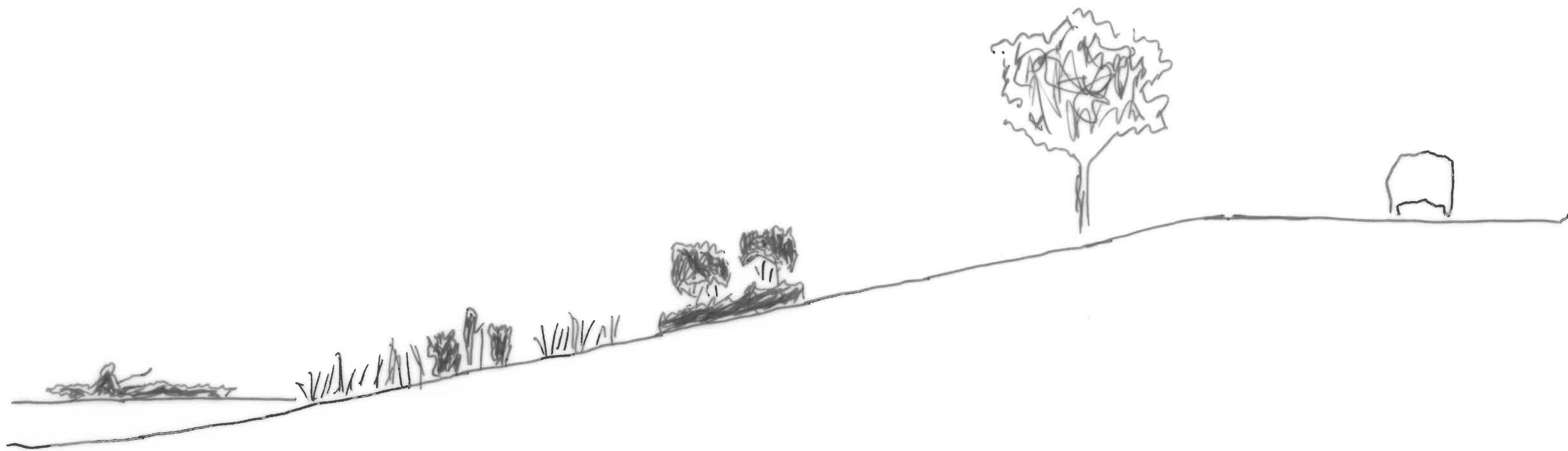


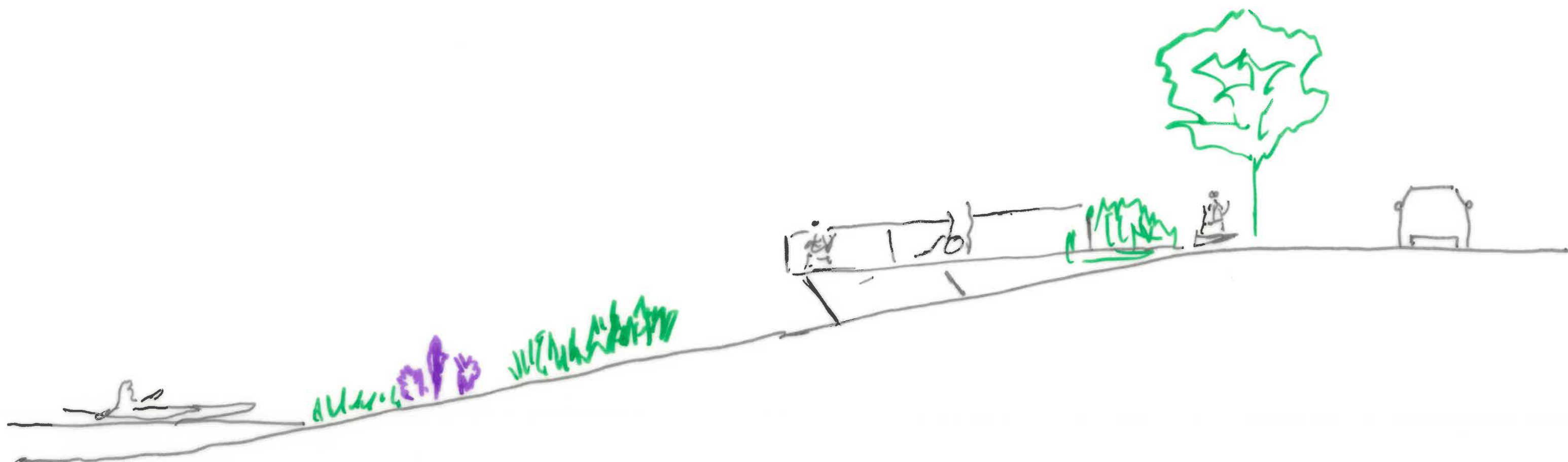


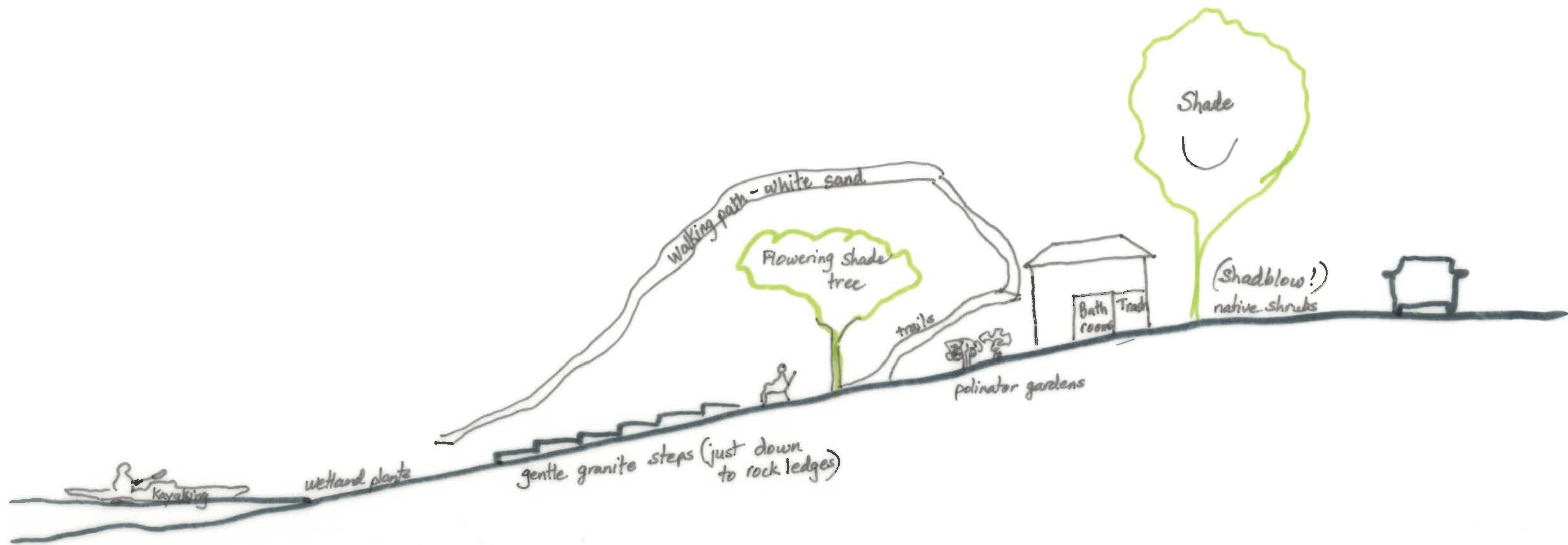
Proposed River Level



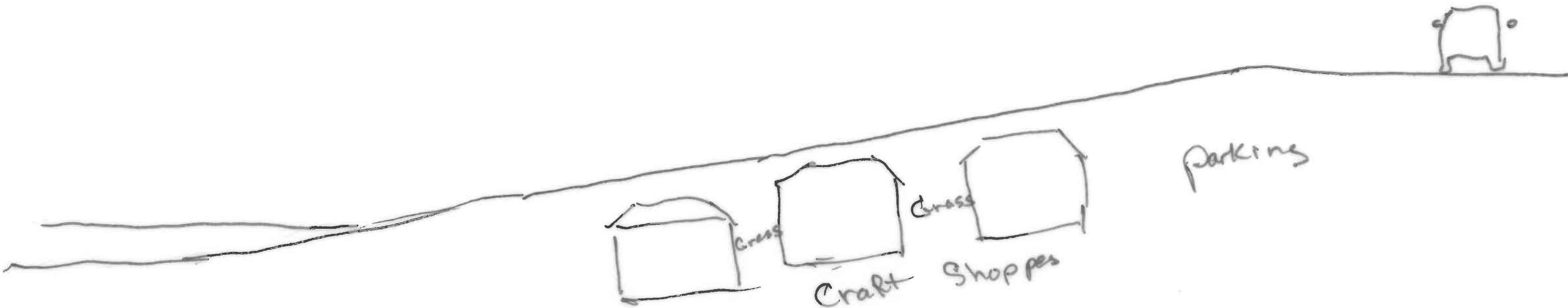




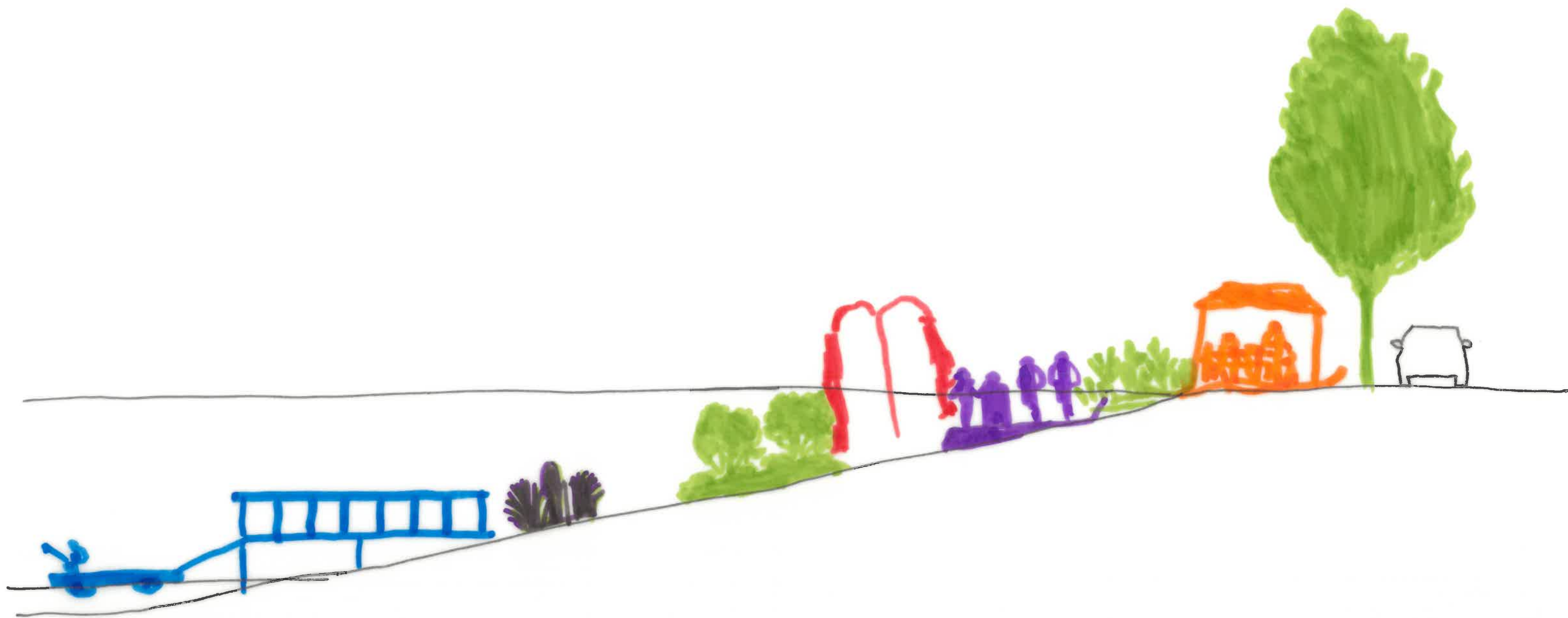


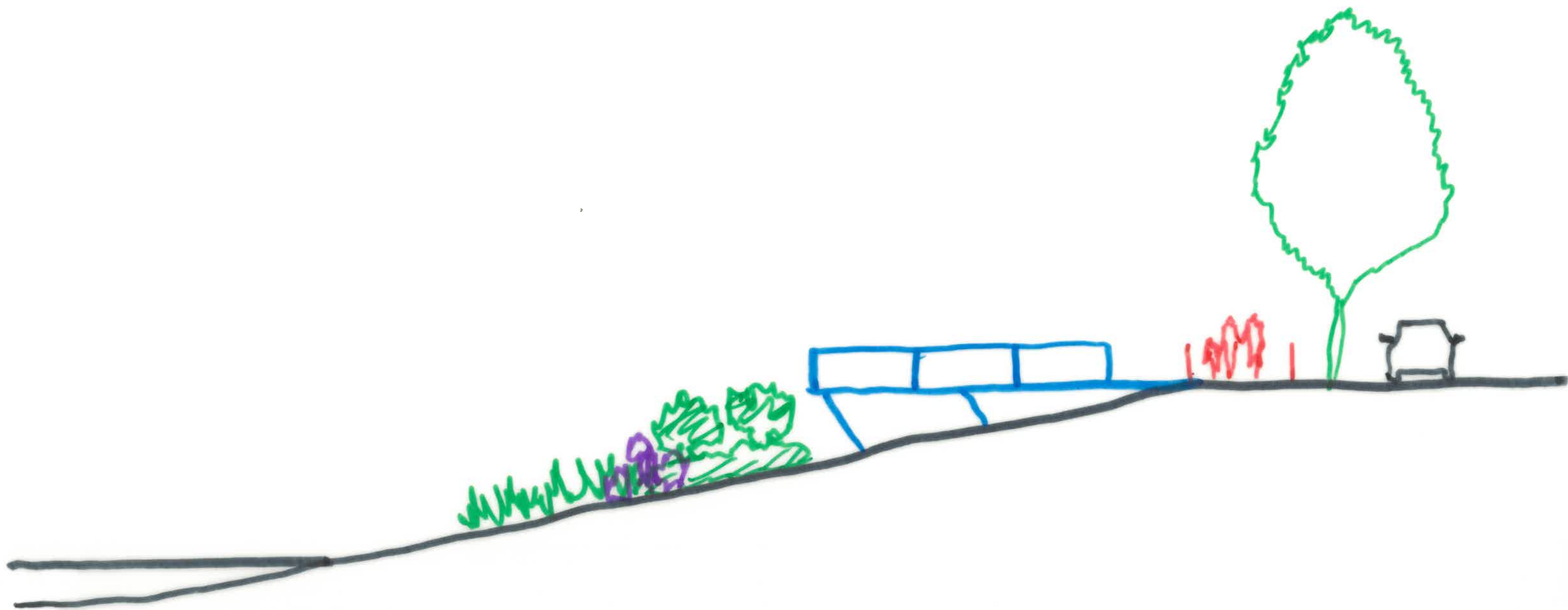


Gas Stat.
Historic Gears

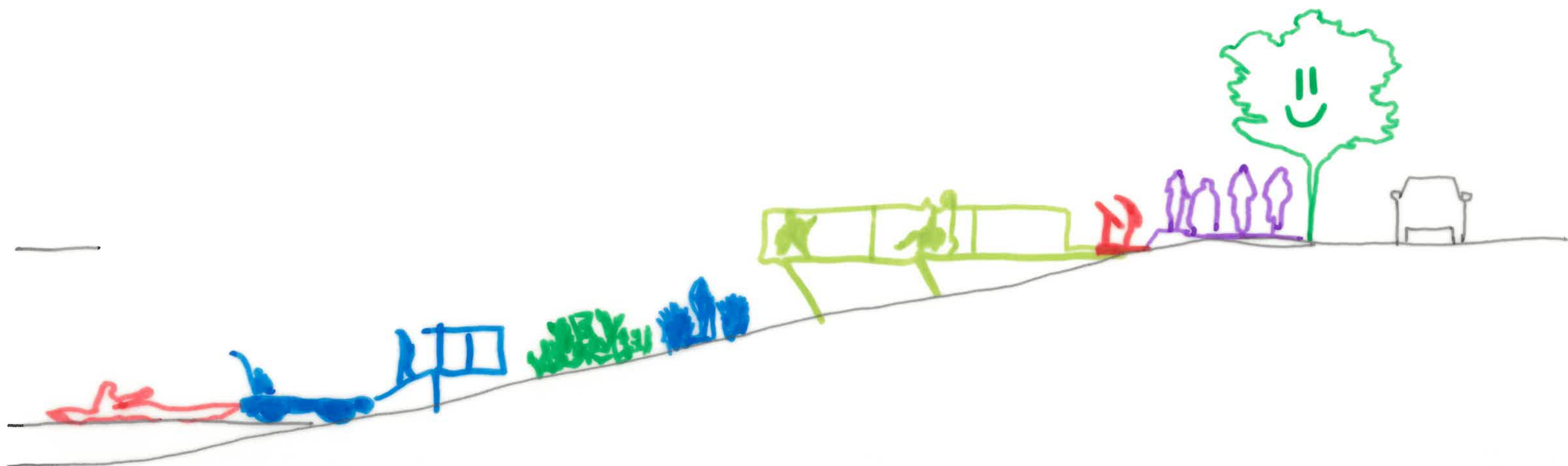


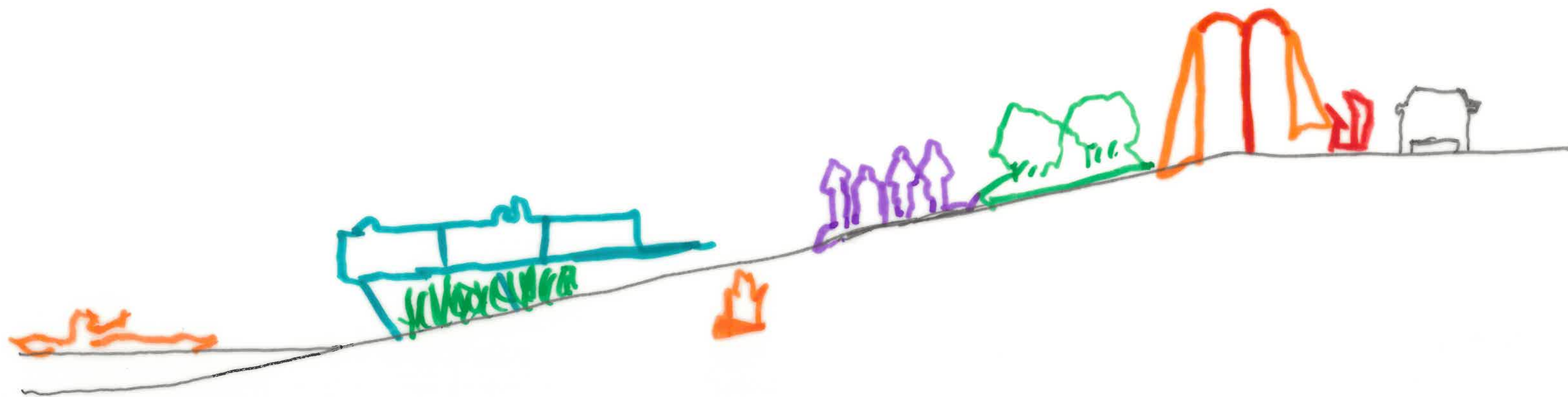












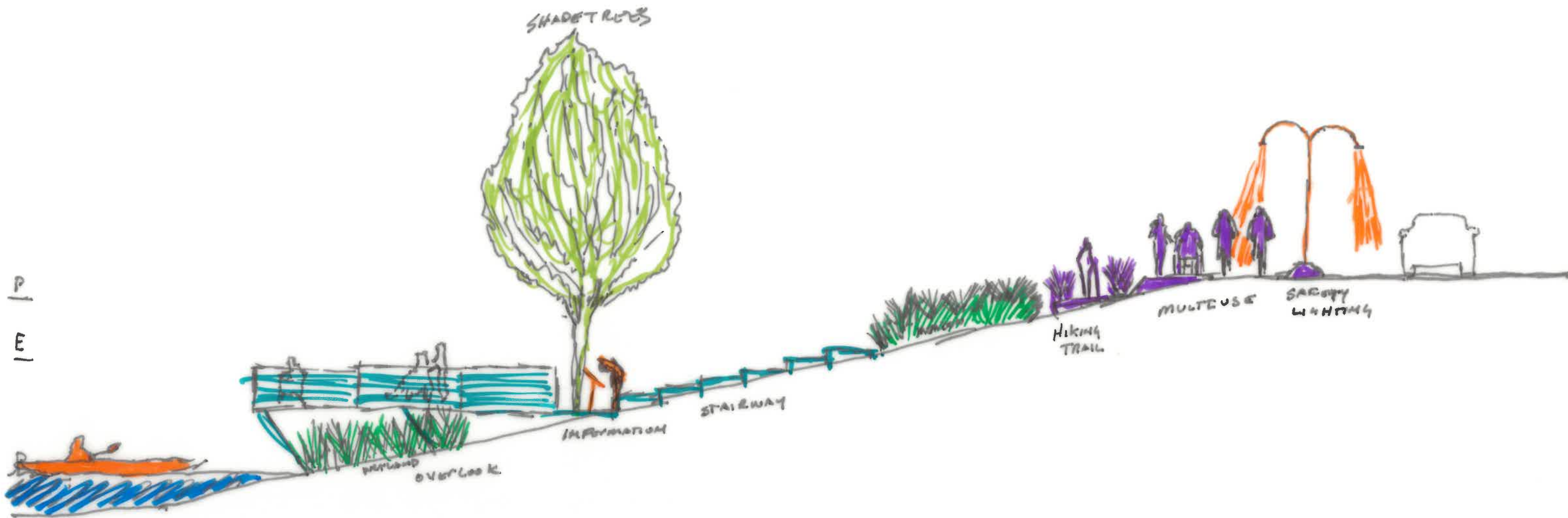








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Mayaking

Multi-Hike

Stairway

Floating Platform

meadow of wetlands

walking

shade

Porch

Barrel

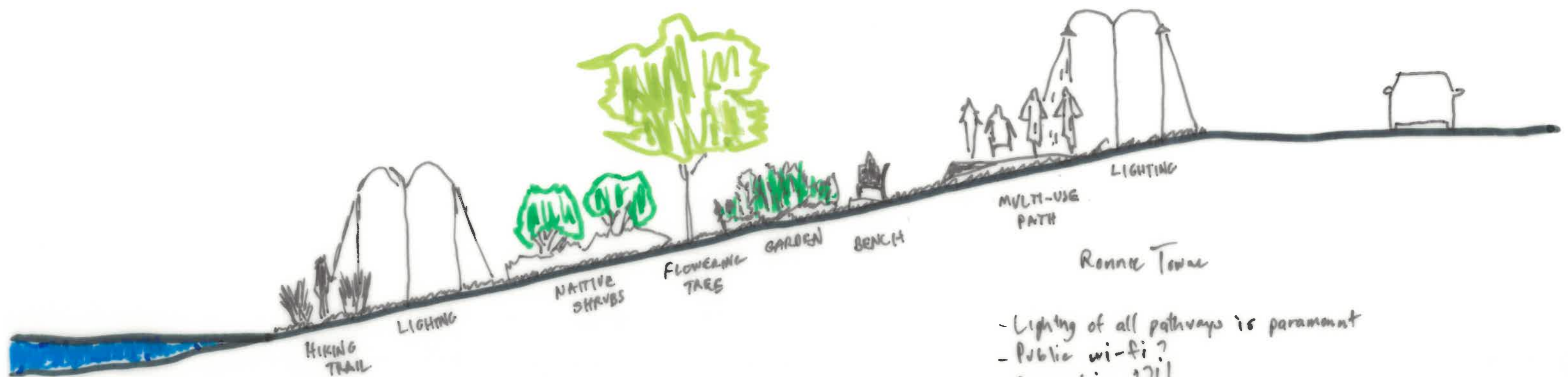
viewing

Flower

Amphitheater

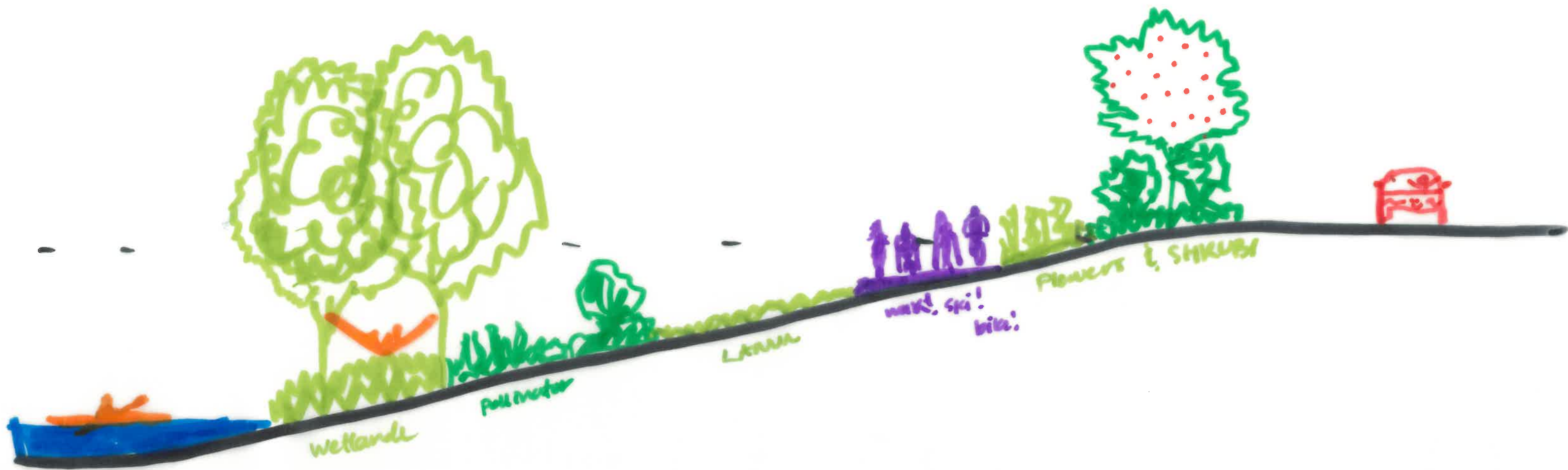
Per.





Ronnie Towal

- Lighting of all pathways is paramount
- Public wi-fi?
- Recycling ???
- Public restroom



3d transect



Carole





