

WHAT IS THE WILD MILE

The City of Chicago has initiated a planning process with the goals of supporting a wildlife habitat while creating one of the defining public open spaces for the modernization of the North Branch Industrial Corridor.

This eco-park development has been referred to as “Wild Mile Chicago.”

The design and development of a framework plan will establish a vision and principles for this mile-long floating eco-park located on the North Branch Canal and Basin of the Chicago River, along the east side of Goose Island between Chicago Ave and North Ave.



PRINCIPLES

Put wildlife first.

- Create and expand habitat
- Foster immersive nature experiences
- Enhance and restore the riparian and emergent landscapes
- Create dog amenities away from habitat

Connect people with nature.

- Promote partnerships with local institutions that coordinate educational, cultural and recreational programming

Expand public access.

- Improve and create additional access points
- Paths closest to and/or in the river should be designed and designated for pedestrians, and those with strollers and equipment to assist the disabled
- Create designated bike routes separate from the pedestrian boardwalks

Design a cohesive experience.

- Create a sense of place for Chicago residents of all ages and backgrounds

Lead the world.

- Promote innovation and experimentation within the Wild Mile to inspire holistic thinking around ecology and urbanism

Create a place for everyone.

- Integrate a variety of spaces open to the public year-round, for a range of ages and abilities



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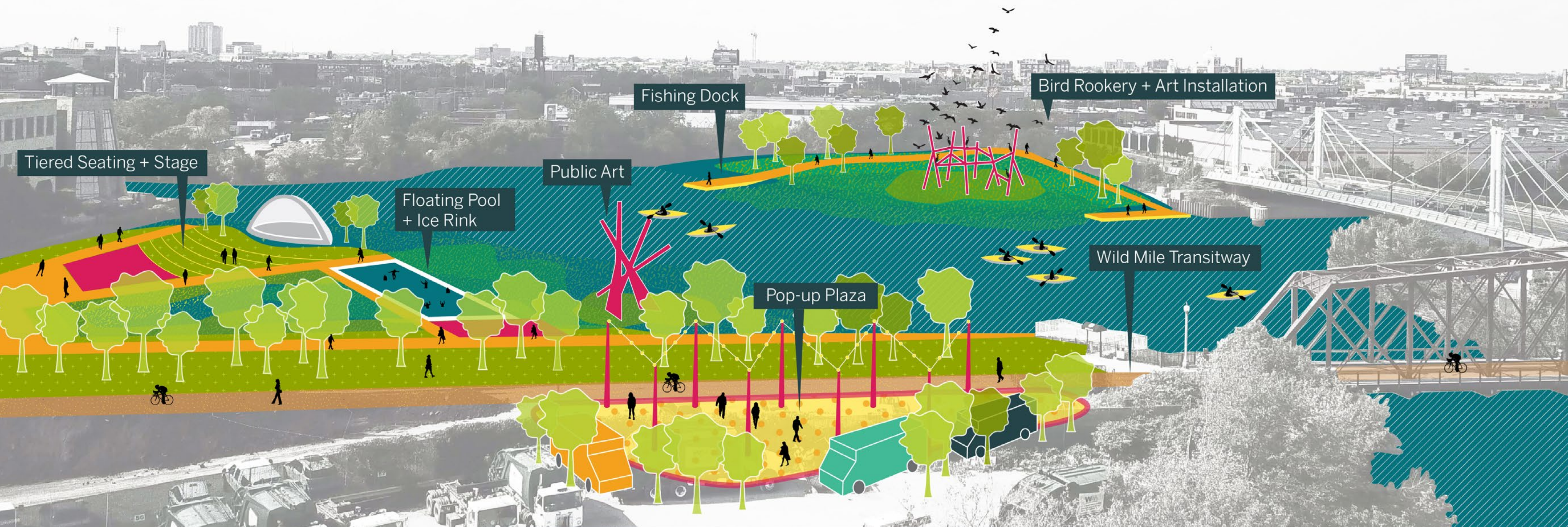


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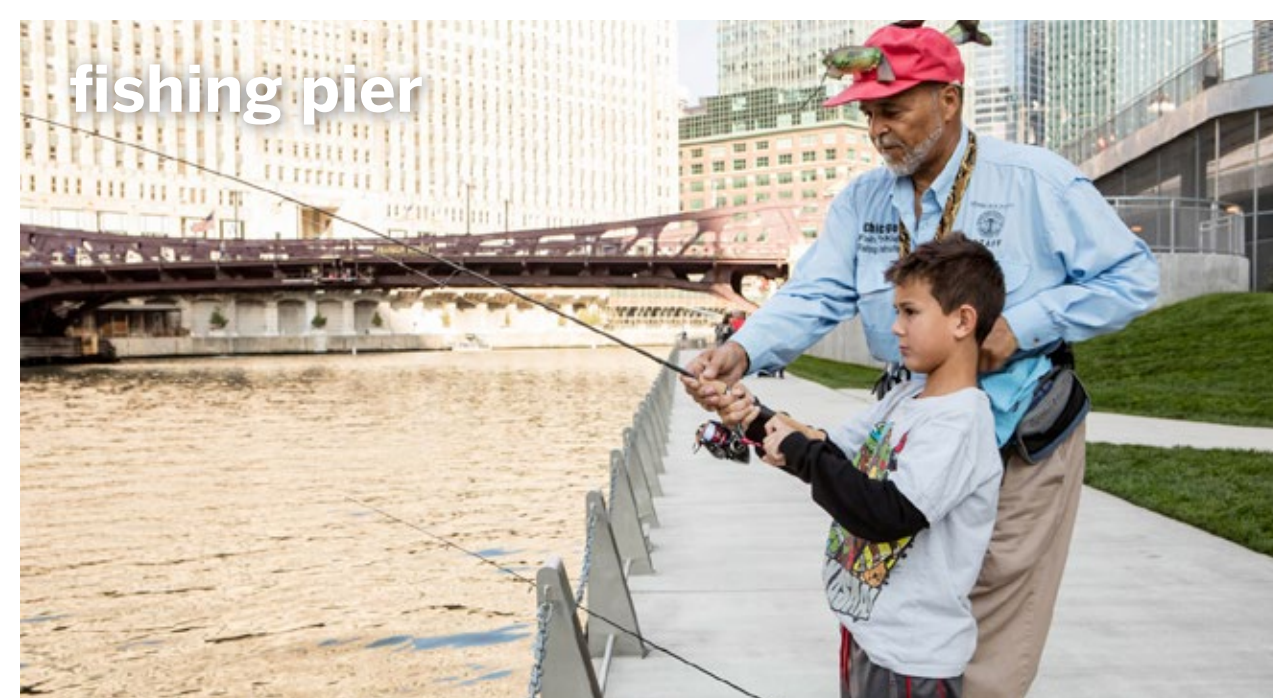
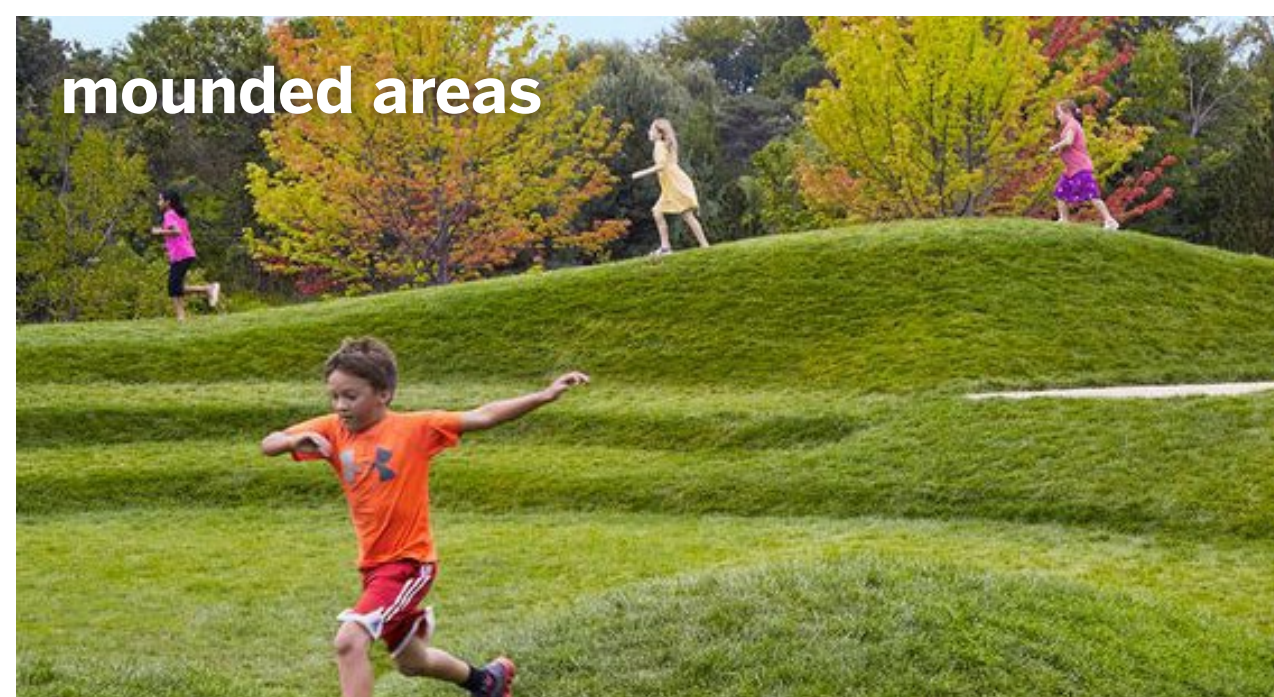


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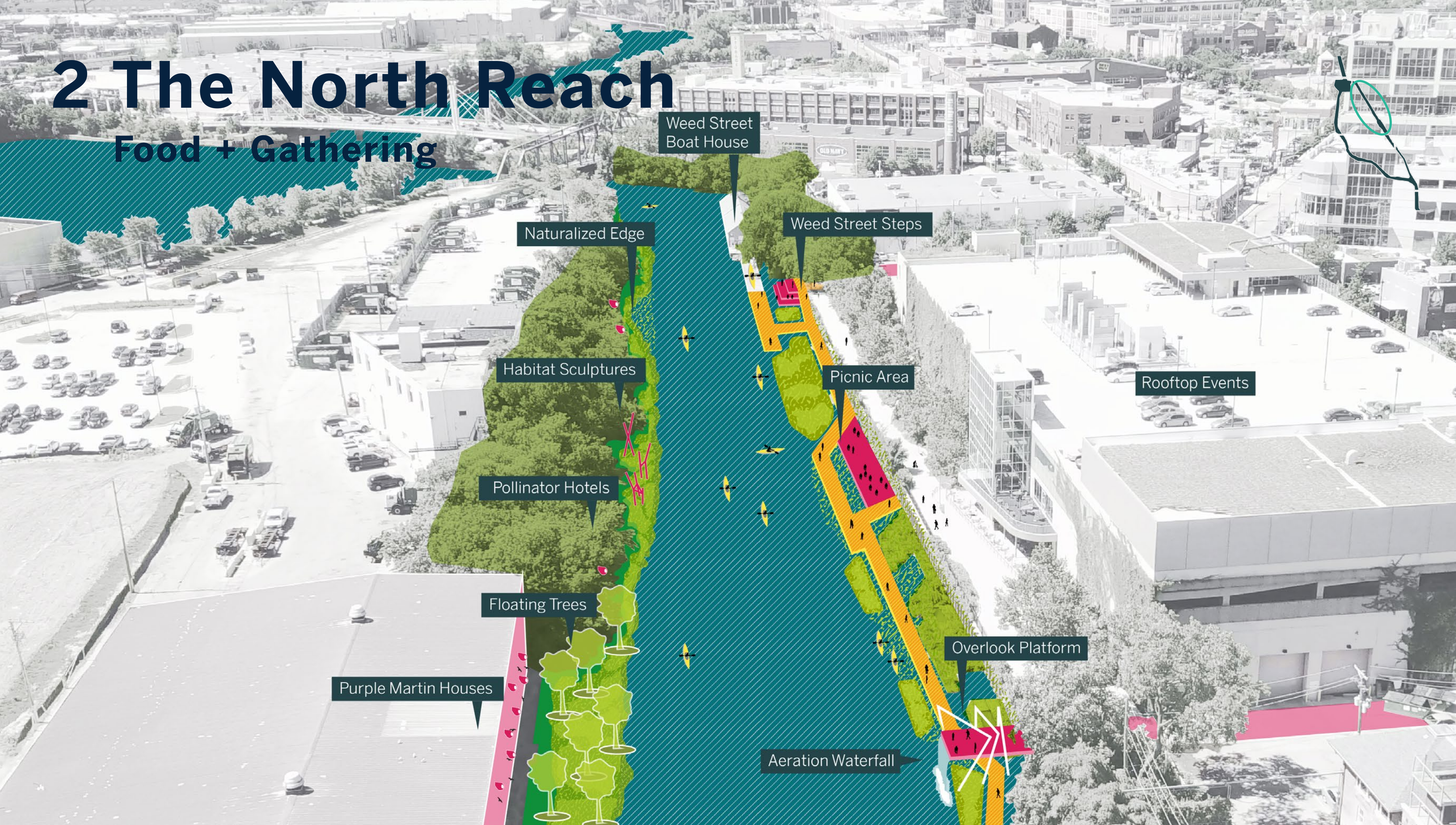


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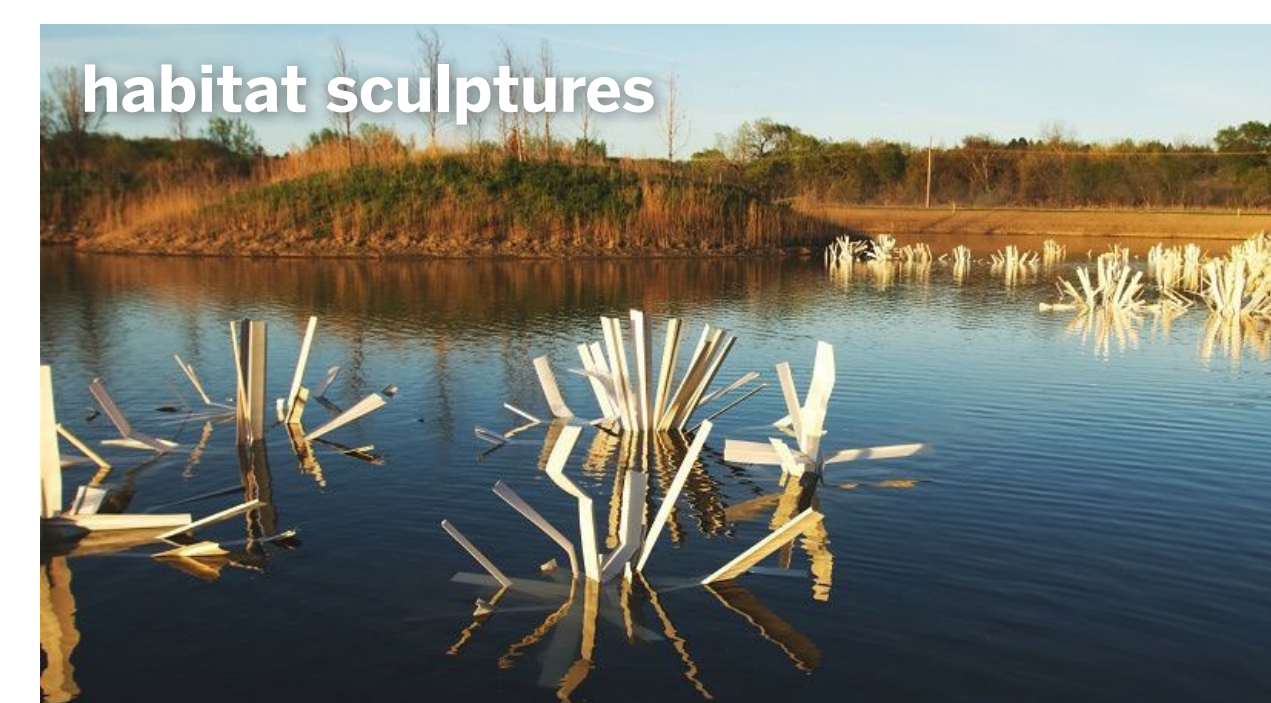


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Food + Gathering

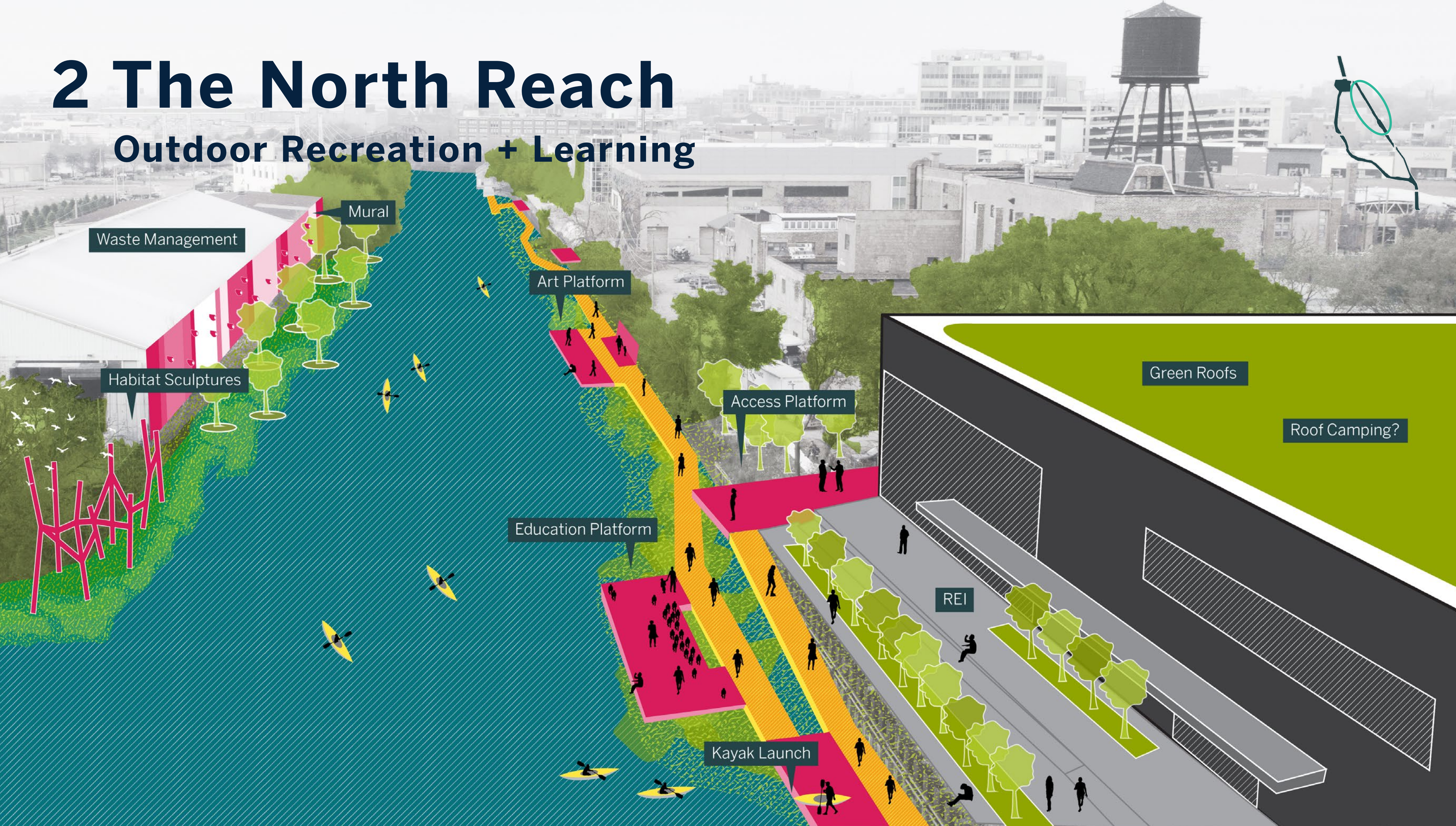


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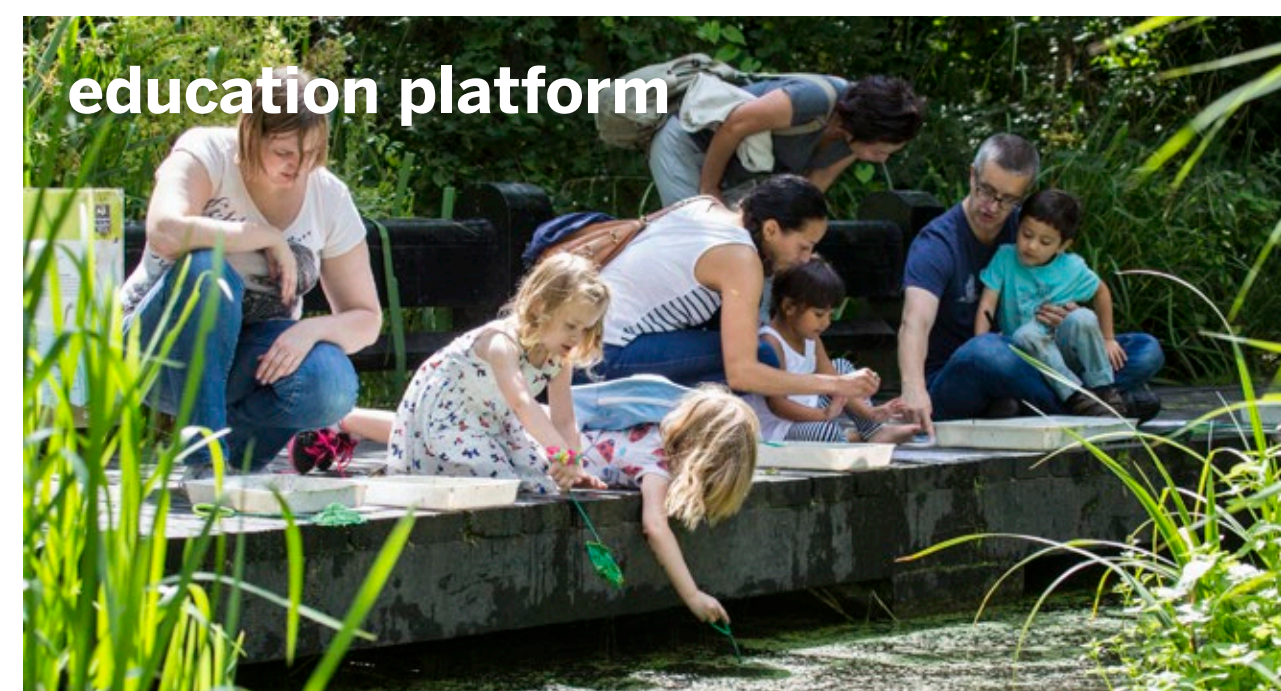


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Outdoor Recreation + Learning



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education platform



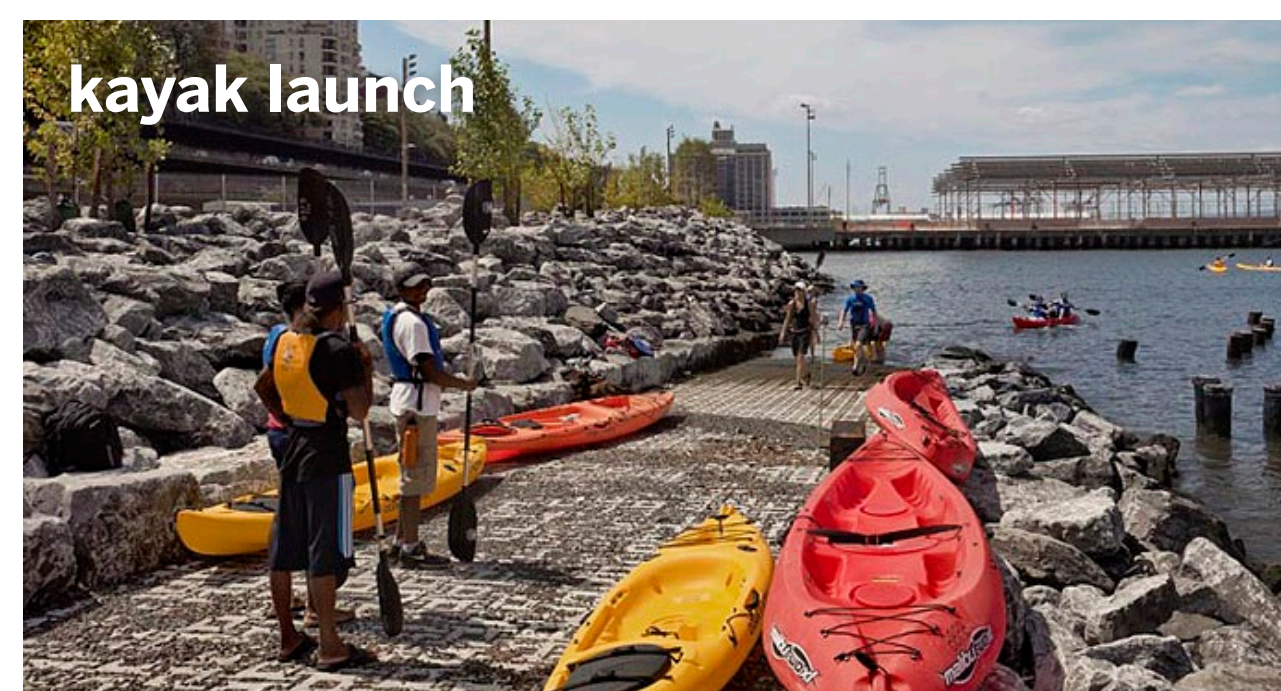
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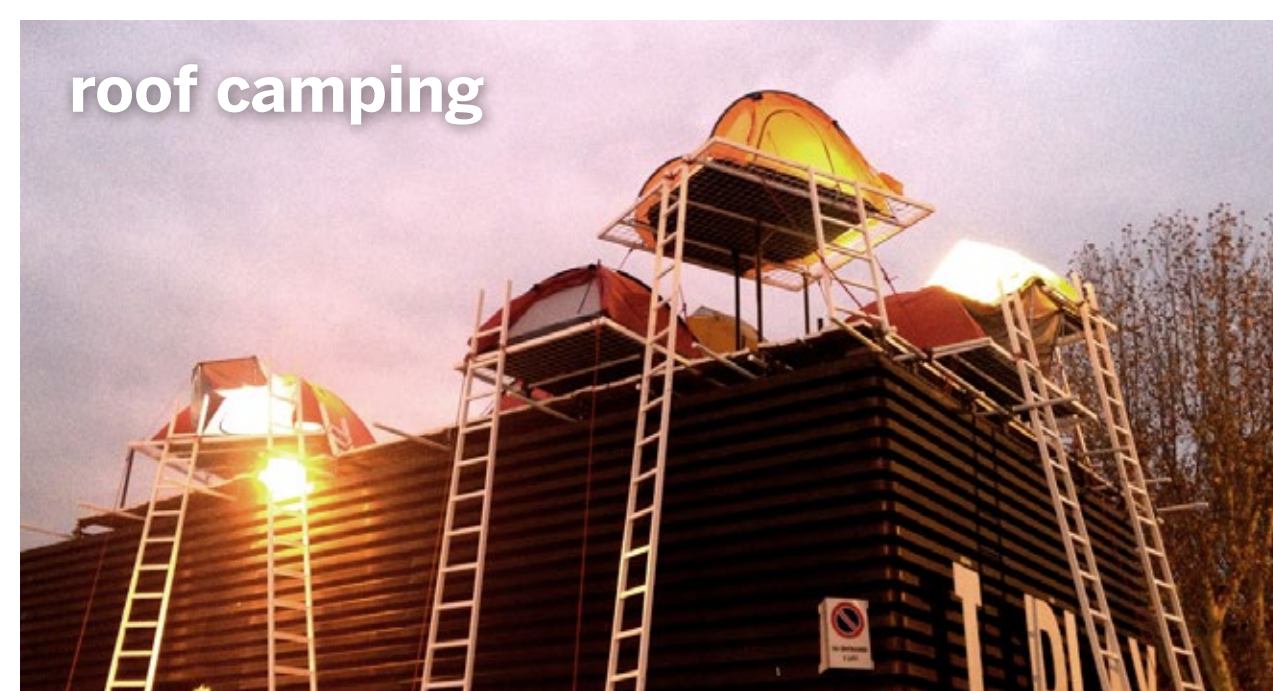
floating trees



purple martin houses



kayak launch



roof camping



pollinator roof garden

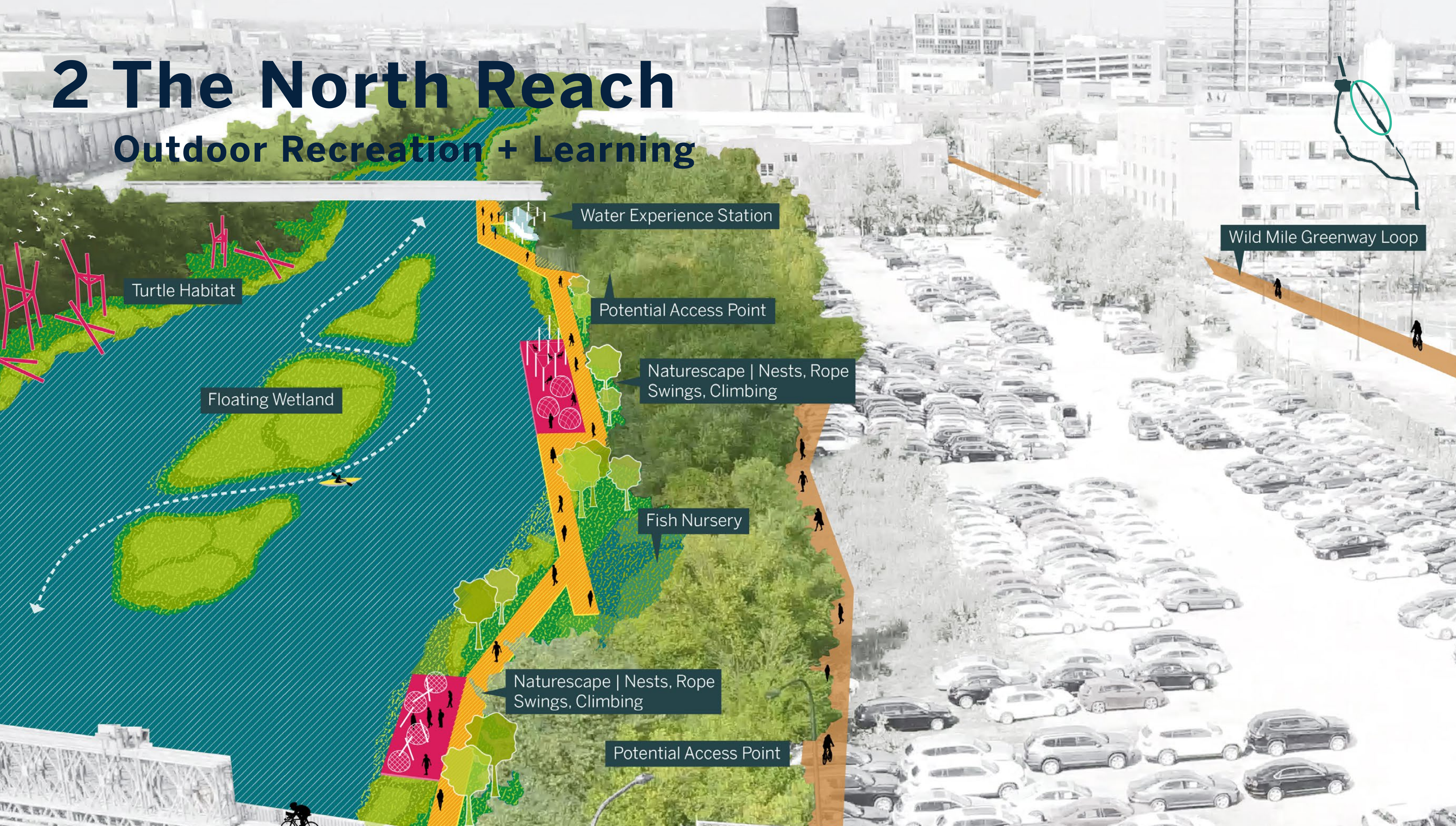


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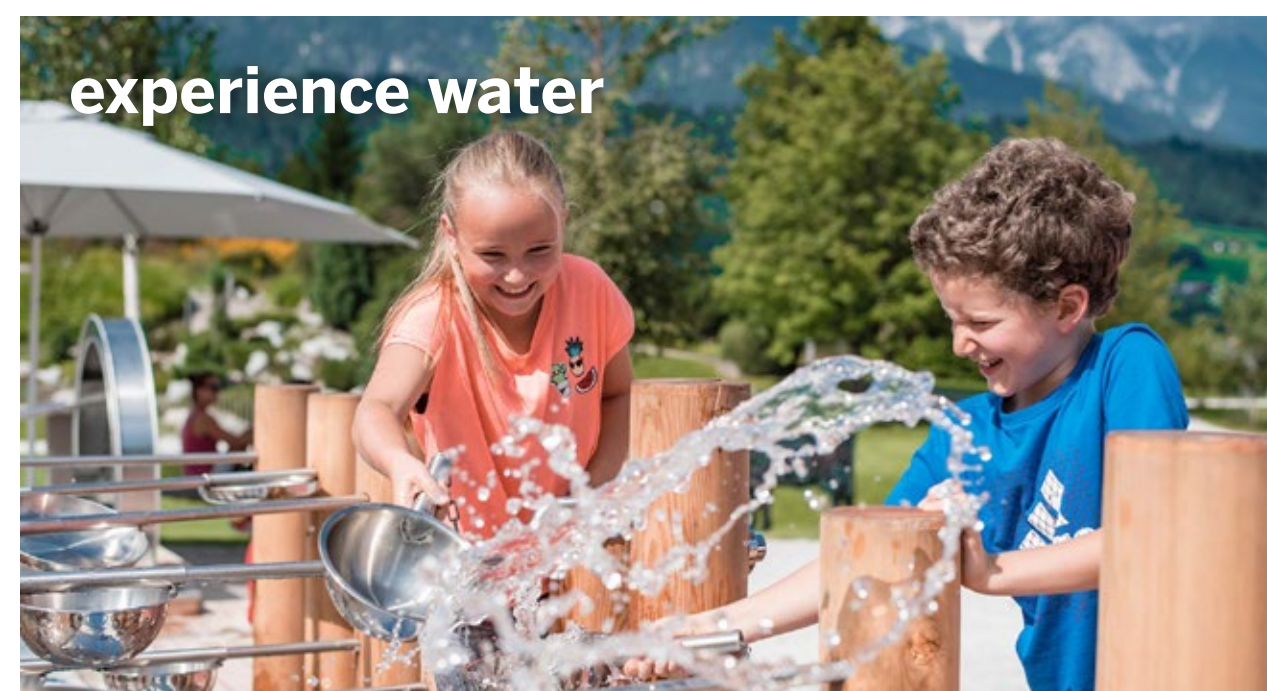
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kayaking + canoeing



experience water



floating wetlands



turtle habitat



citizen science



naturescapes



fish nursery



inboard wetland

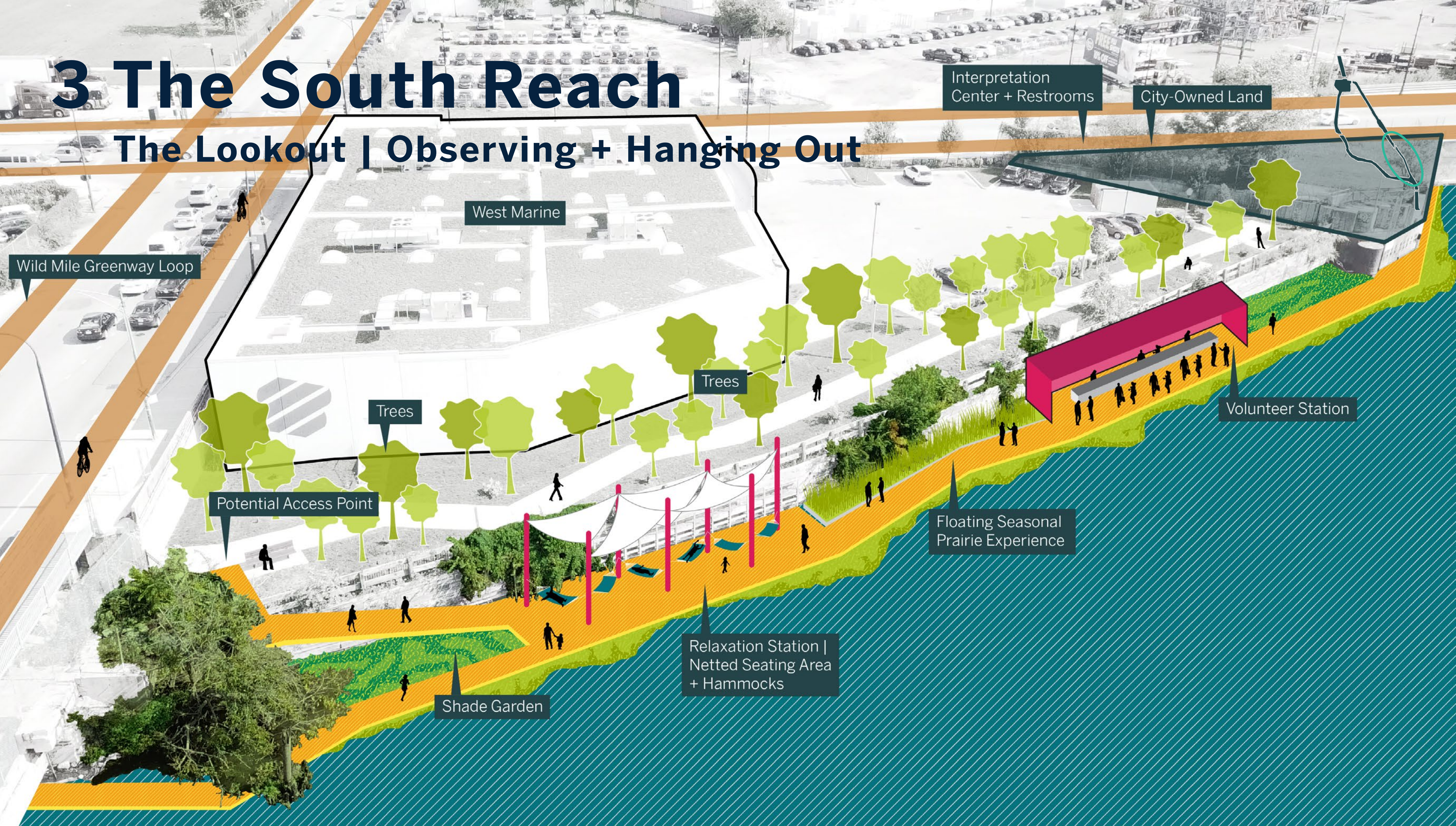


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The Lookout | Observing + Hanging Out

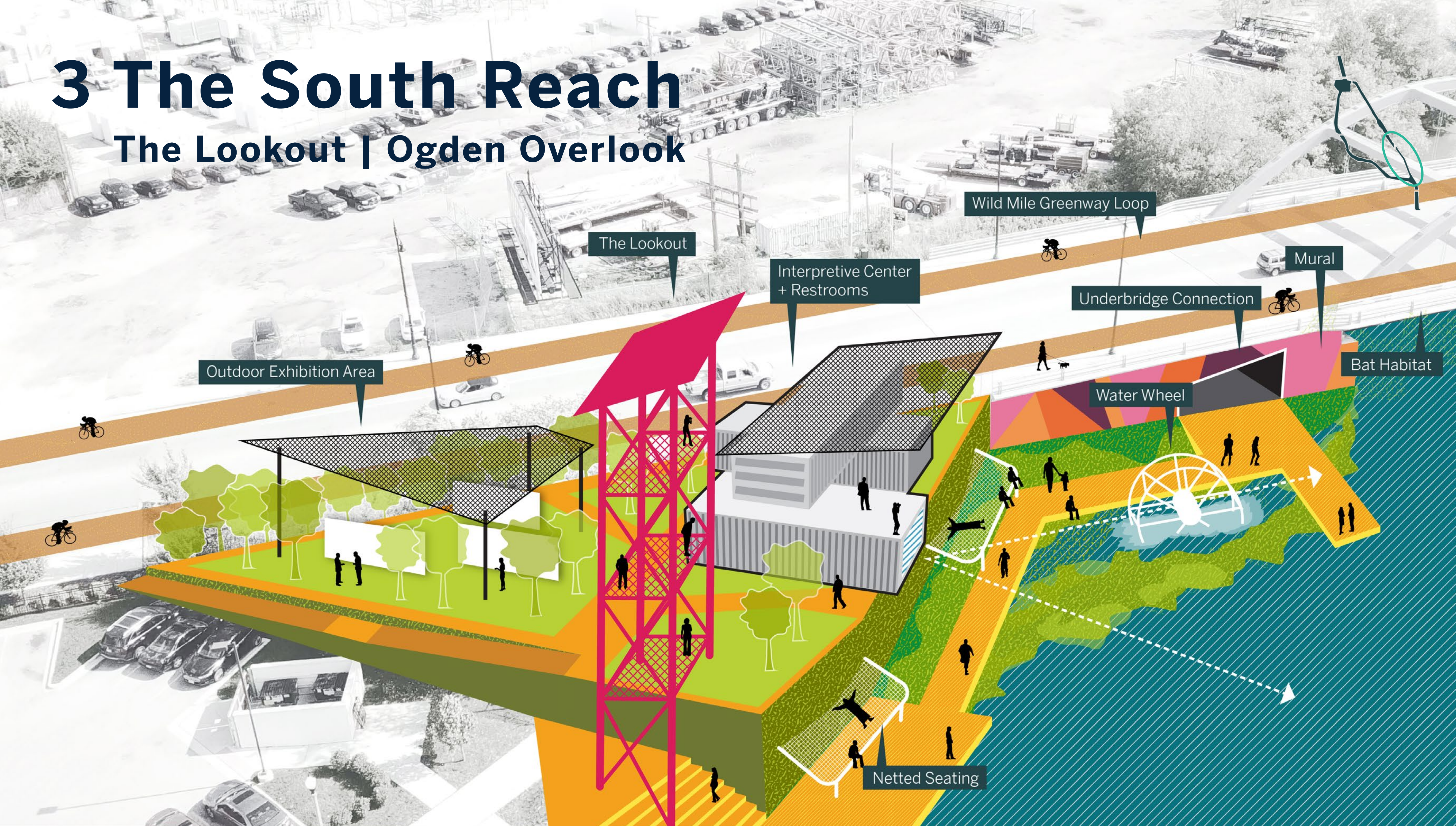


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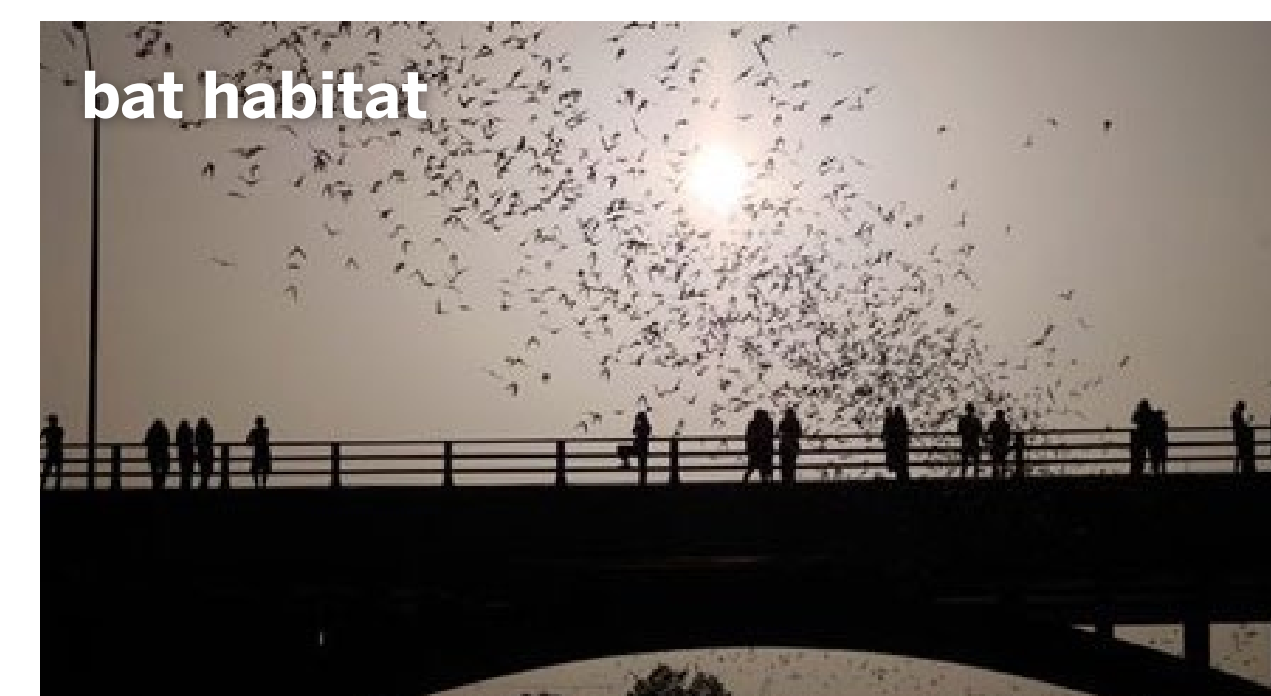


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The Lookout | Ogden Overlook

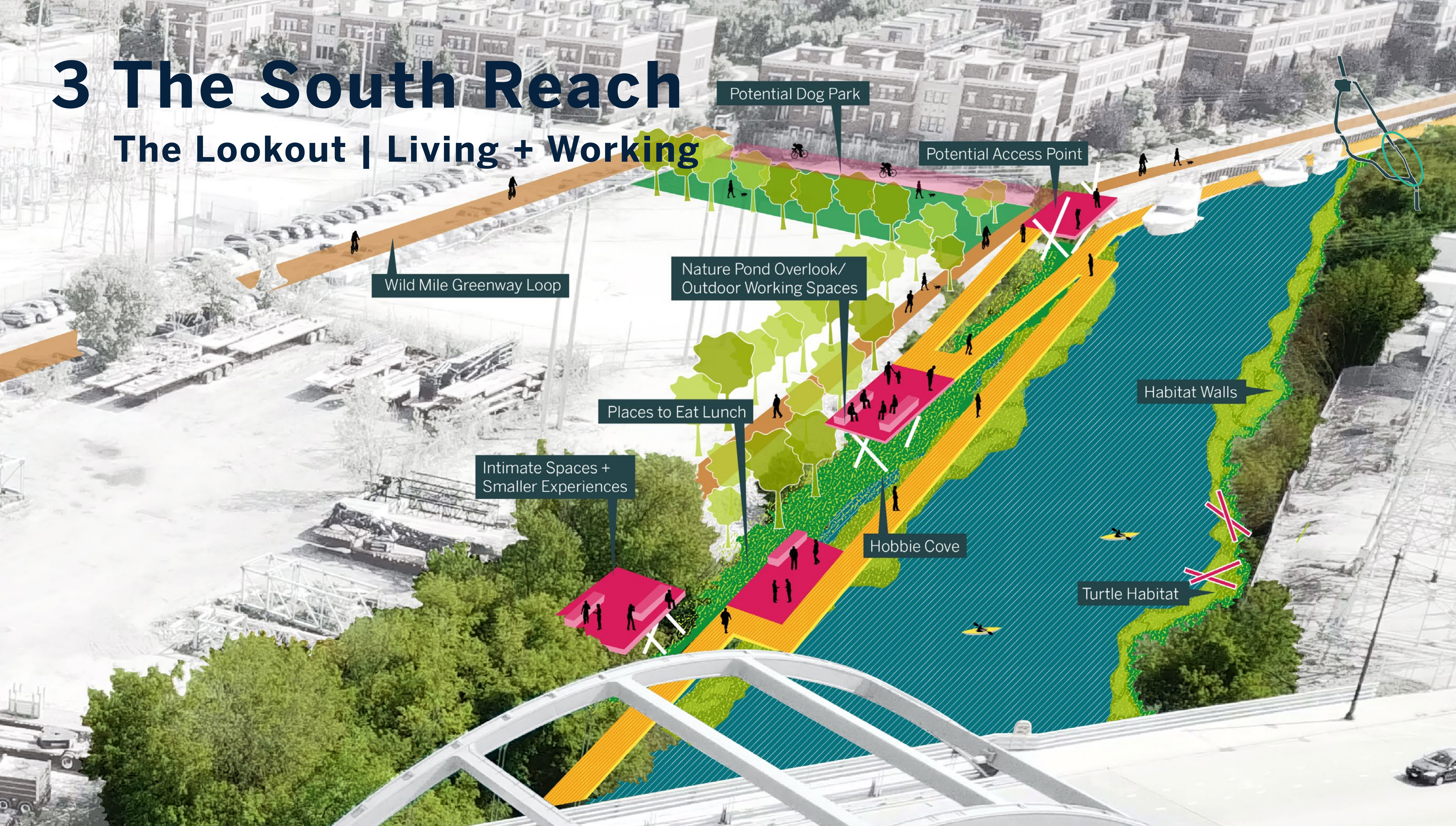


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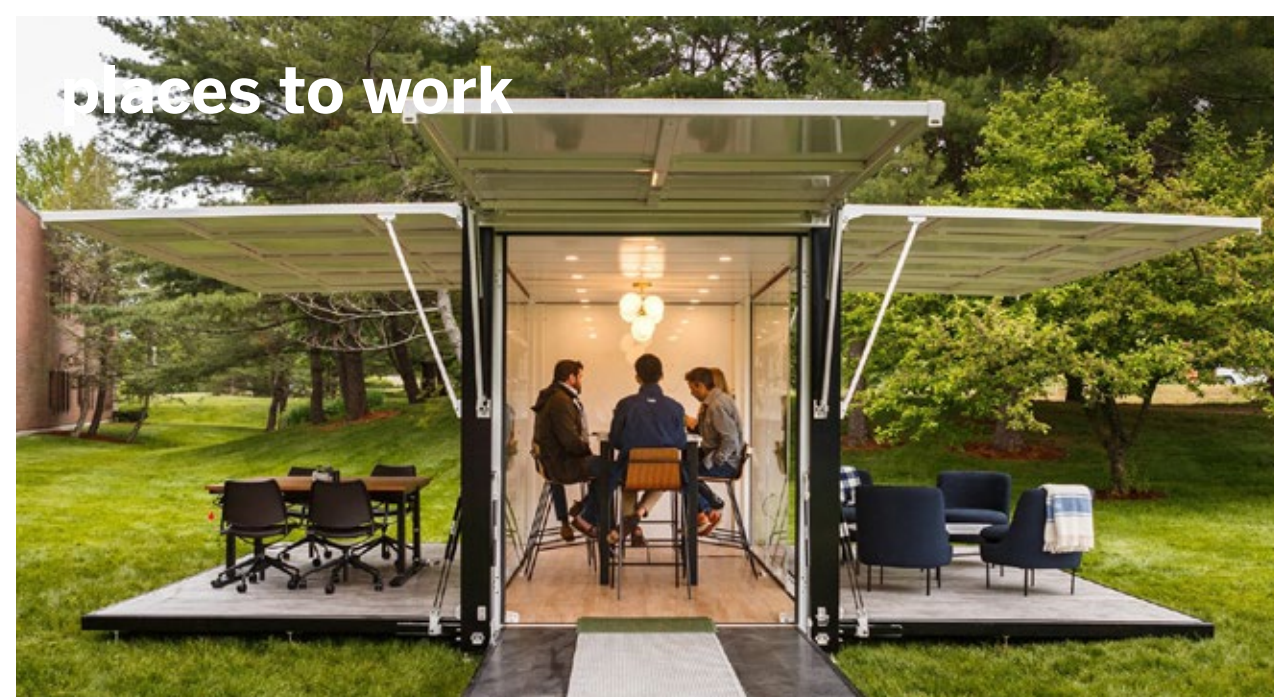


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The Lookout | Living + Working



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places to work



places to meet



terraced habitat wall



turtle piers



places to eat



intimate spaces



bird perches



water fowl feeding areas

