

Westside Library Park

About the Westside Library Park Project

In 2022, the Cedar Rapids Library took a significant step towards a permanent westside library location by purchasing land at the corner of Wiley Boulevard SW and 20th Avenue SW.

The Library is working with the Cedar Rapids Parks and Recreation Department on integrating a public park into the site design with a vision for “a park in a library and a library in a park.”



Project Timeline

Over the next four months, the City will complete a planning process to develop a concept plan for the park area. This collaborative effort represents an exciting opportunity to create a vibrant, diverse green space that enhances the quality of life for community members.



How to Get Involved

We are excited to hear from YOU! What are your ideas? What do you want to see at the Westside Library Park? Join us at the following upcoming community engagement events to share input and ideas that will shape the future of the park:

OCTOBER
11
City Open House
 5:00 – 7:00 PM
 City Services Center
 500 15th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404



scan for more info



What We've Heard So Far...

In December 2022, the City adopted the Westdale Area Action Plan, an initiative that included several outreach and engagement opportunities to shape goals for the Westdale area. Additionally, in August 2023 City staff attended two 'Back to School' events to get community feedback on desired park amenities. Here's a summary of what we've heard so far:

What do people want to see more of in the Westdale Area?

- "Parks...with maybe a walking trail – not just a playground"
- "Parks, park, parks"
- "Community garden"
- "Walking trails and bike trails"
- "Community centers or social services centers"
- "Safer walking conditions"
- "Water park"

survey responses from the Westdale Area Action Plan

Top 5 desired park amenities

600+ people engaged
 1,891 total votes

responses from park amenity voting at Back to School events

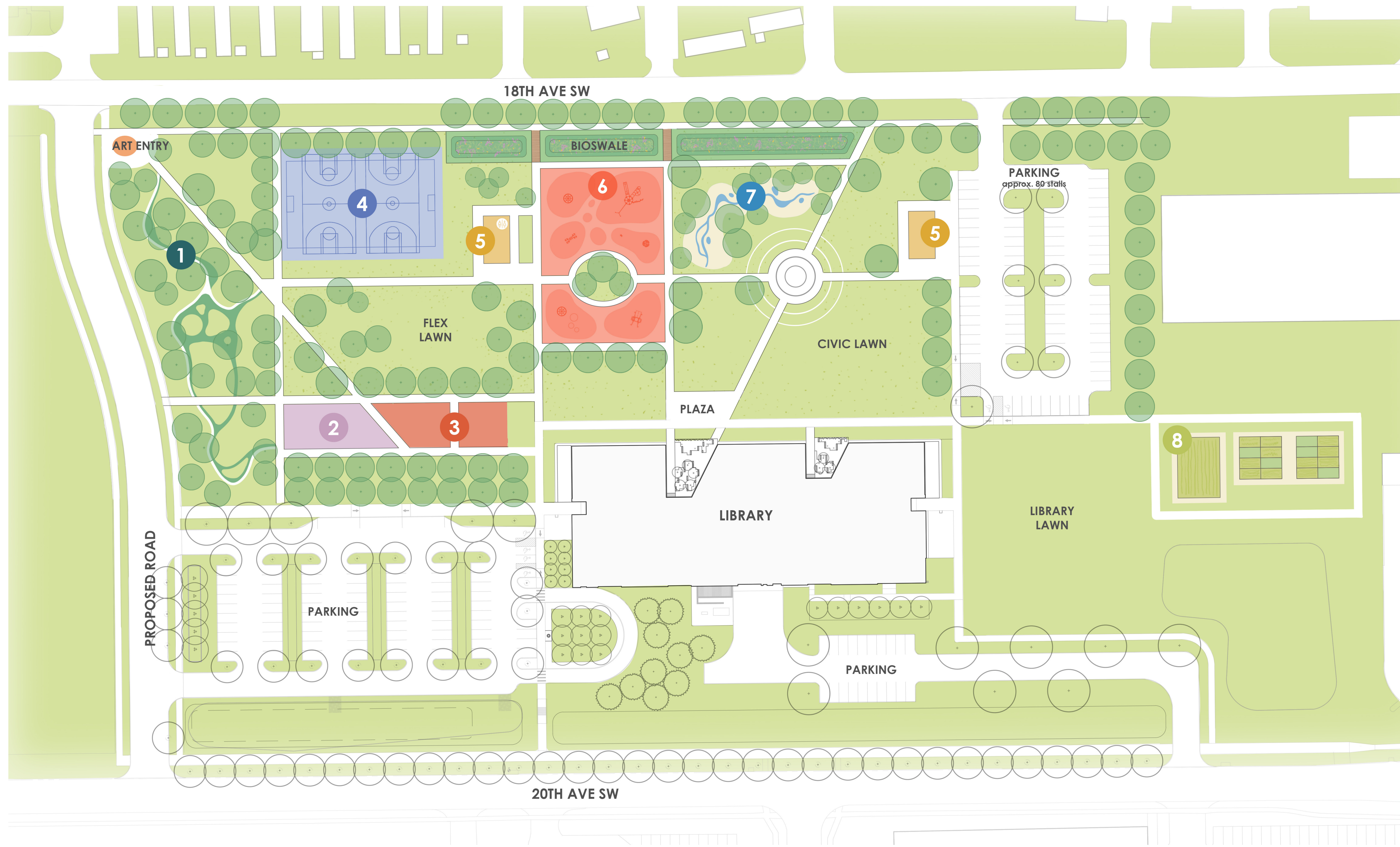
- 1 Water Feature
- 2 Sports Fields/Courts
- 3 Hangout/Reading Spot
- 4 Dog Park
- 5 Ice Rink

Goals

- 1 build on previous engagement and continue to get the community involved in the planning and design process
- 2 raise the bar in terms of communication and collaboration
- 3 future thinking: consider operation and maintenance costs for long-term success and sustainability

What are YOUR goals for the future park?

WESTSIDE LIBRARY PARK



Plan Legend

- 1 Nature + Art
- 2 Discovery Garden
- 3 Reading Room
- 4 Multi-Use Sports Courts
- 5 Park Shelter
- 6 Playground
- 7 Water Play
- 8 Community Garden

Share YOUR ideas below:

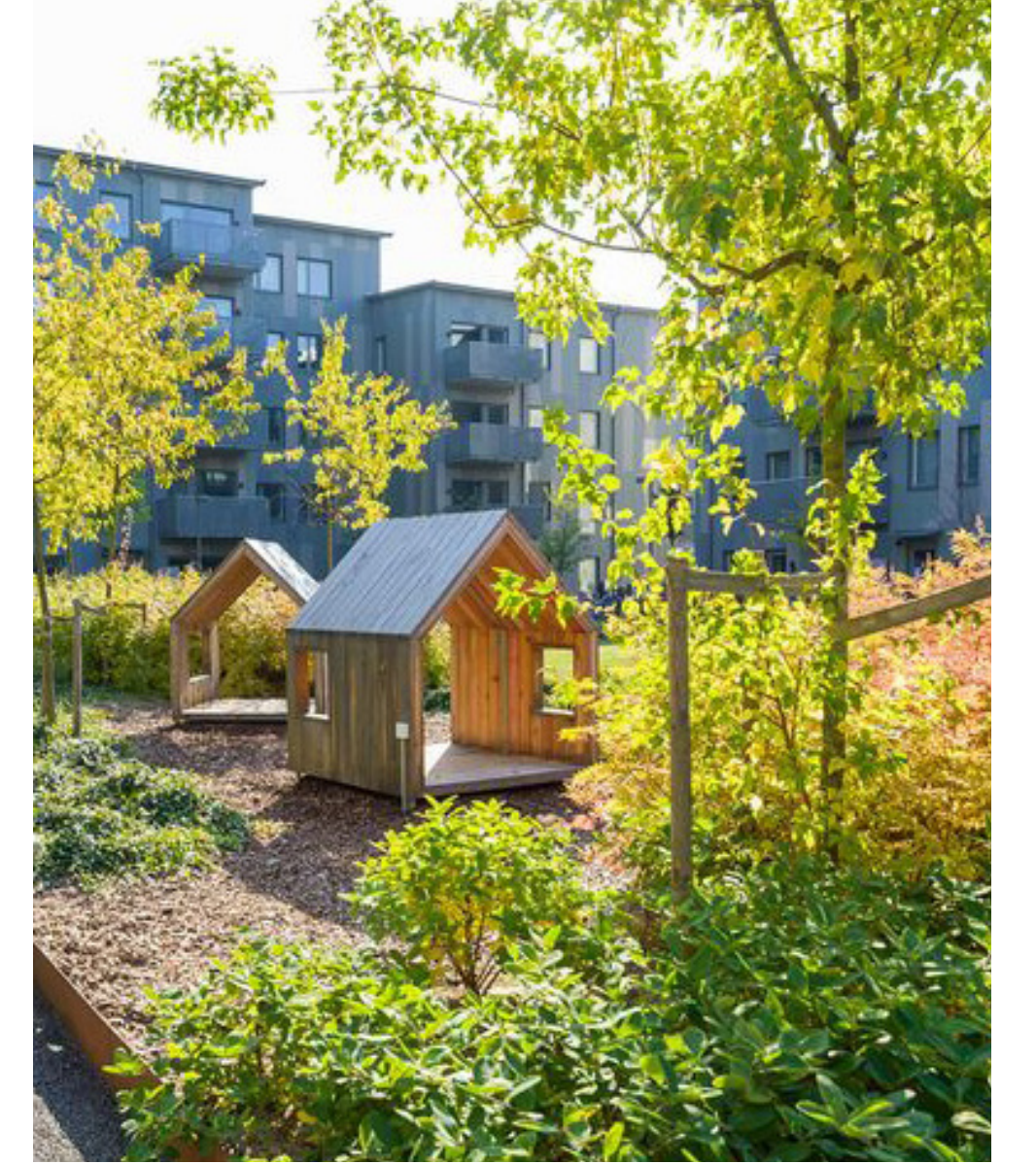
Reading Rooms



Discovery Garden

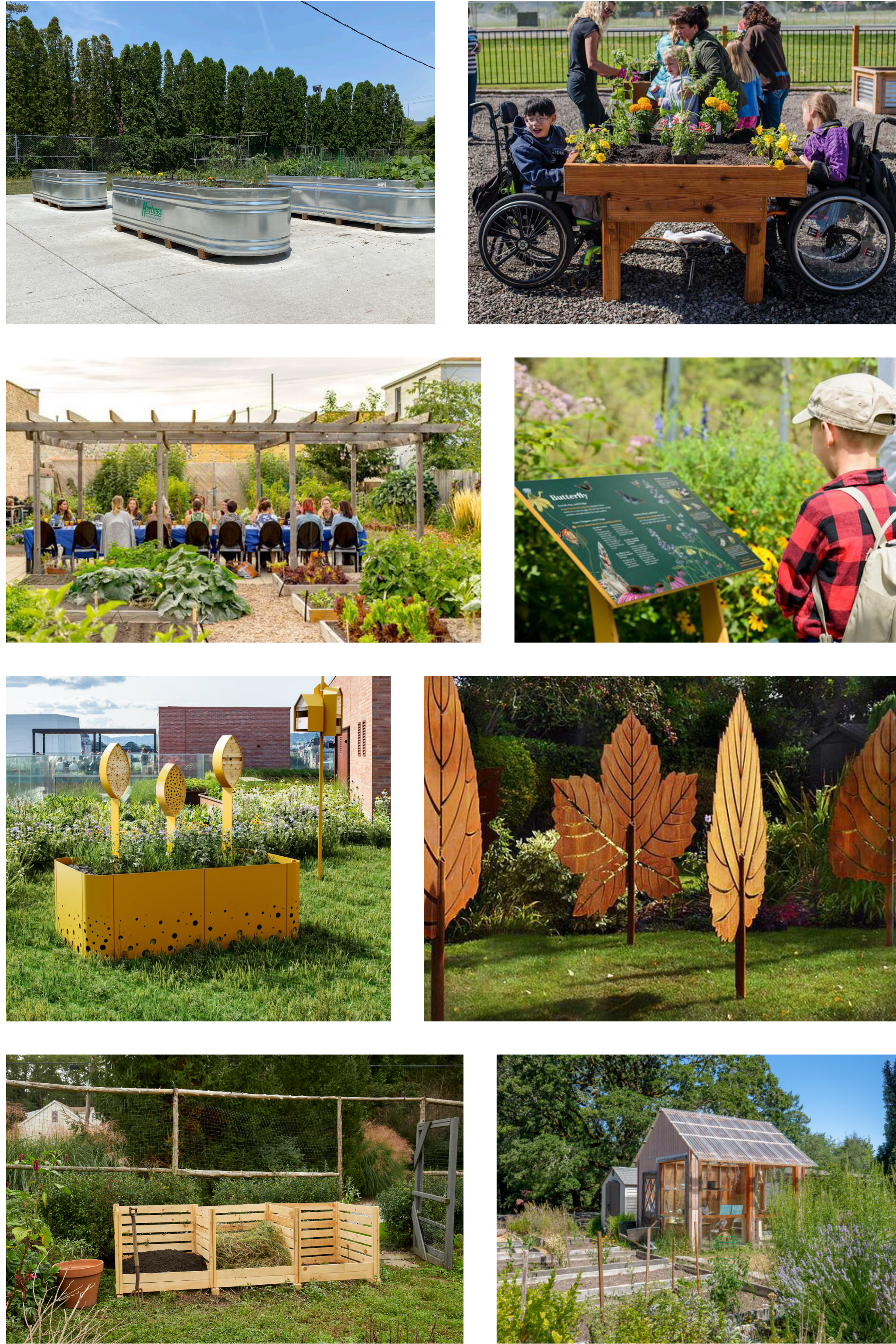


Nature + Art

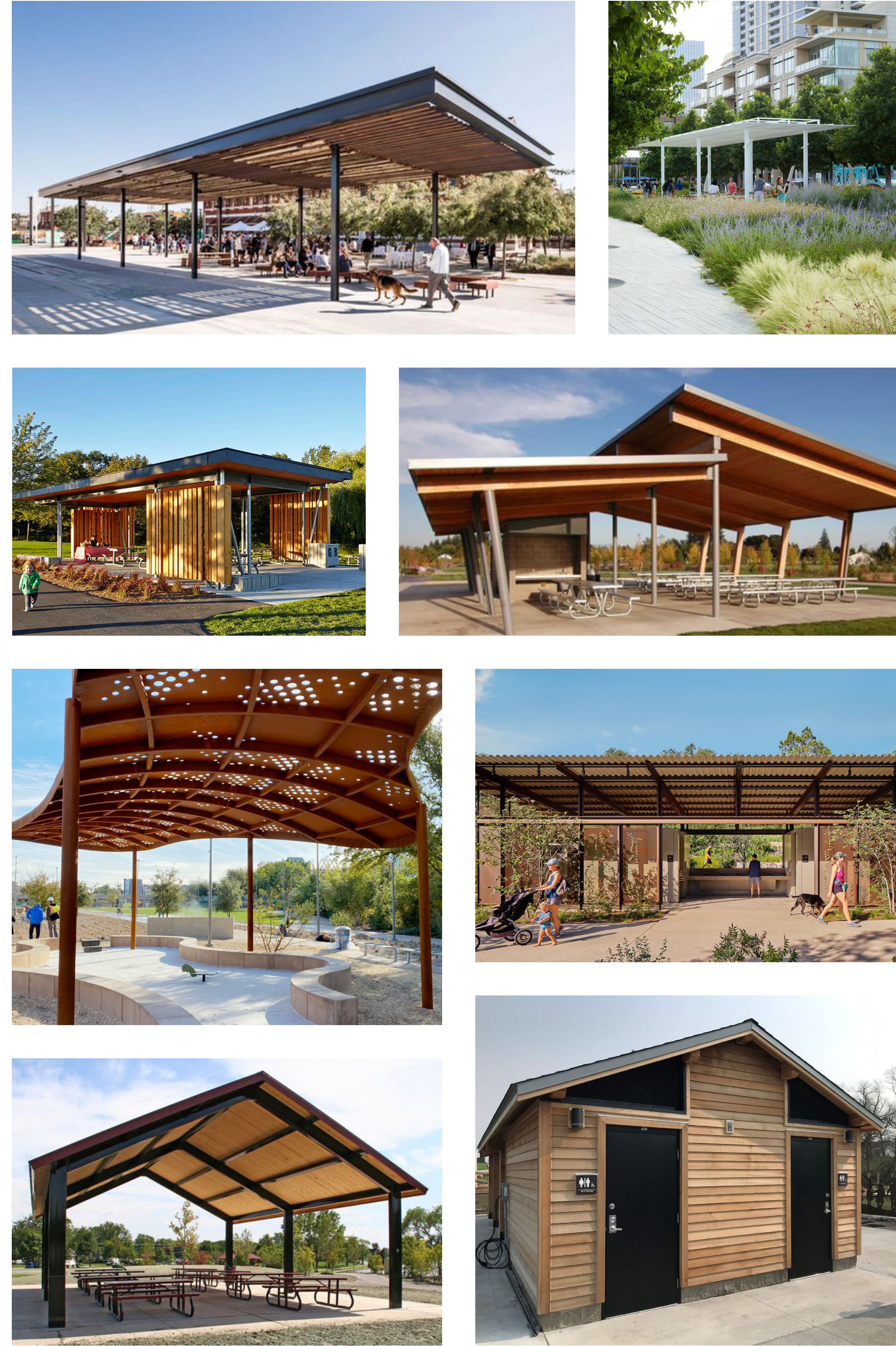


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Park Shelter



Sports Courts



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Playground



Water Play



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