



Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Hillcrest and Riley Parks - Master Plan

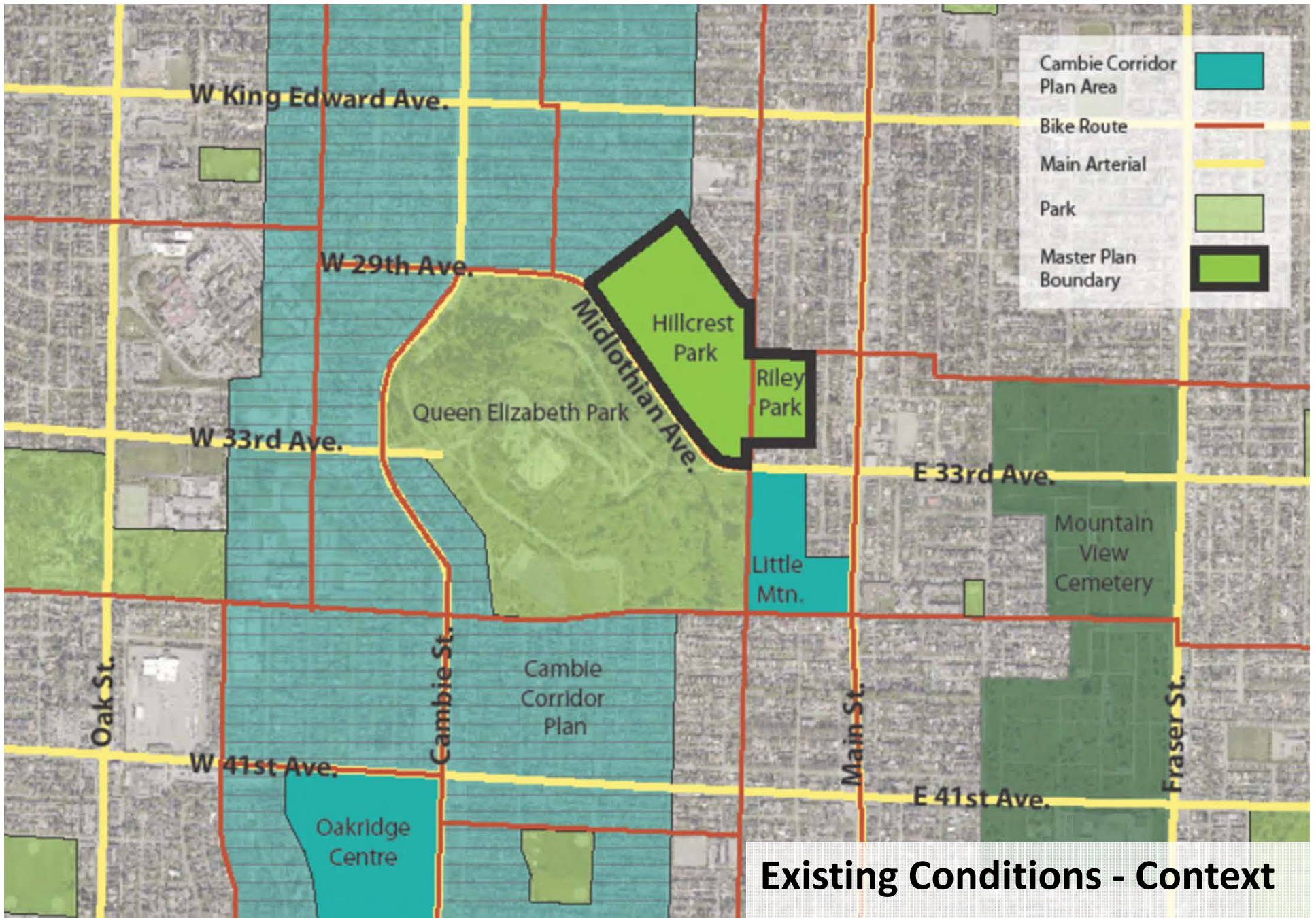
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PURPOSE



The Hillcrest and Riley Parks Master Plan guides the greening of former building sites and addresses current site issues



Existing Conditions - Context

BACKGROUND

- **2000 Site Master Plan and 2005 Approved Parking and Access Plan**
- **2006 Development Permit Board Approval for Hillcrest Centre**
- **Legacy of 2010 Olympic and Paralympics Games**
- **Hillcrest Centre completed in 2010**
- **Demolition of VCC, Riley CC/Ice Rink, Percy Norman Pool in 2012**

POLICY CONTEXT

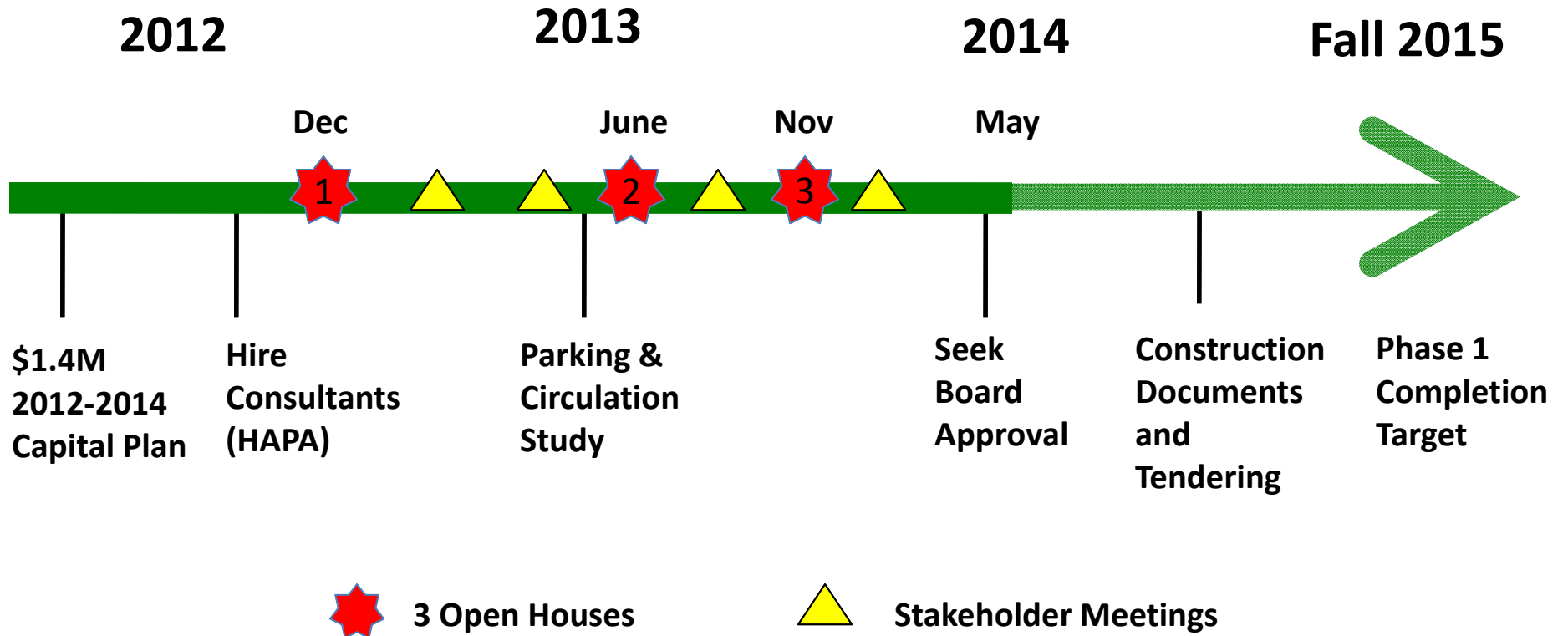
Park Board Strategic Plan

- **Leader in Greening** - sustainable operations
- **Engaging People** - participation and engagement
- **Resource Management** - sustainable, flexible, functional
- **Parks and Recreation for All** - inclusive and accessible

City of Vancouver Greenest City Action Plan (GCAP)

- Access to Nature, Urban Forest, Local Food

TIMELINE



5 PRIORITIES

1. Greening of the Hillcrest and Riley Park Sites

2. Pedestrian and Cyclist Improvements

3. Traffic and Parking Improvements

4. Field Sport Improvements

5. Food Assets – Farmers Market & Community Gardens

1. Greening of Hillcrest and Riley Park Sites



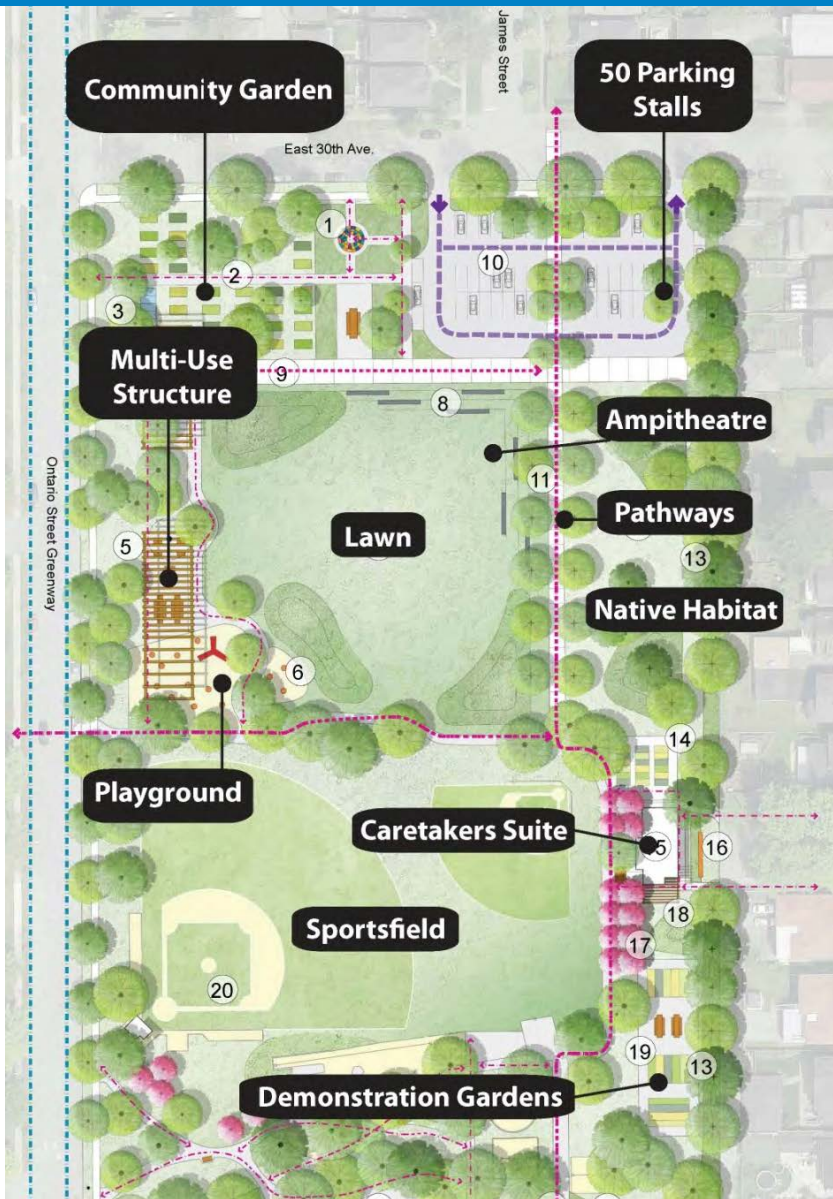
Former Vancouver Curling Club (VCC) Site



Former Riley Community Centre



1. Greening of Hillcrest and Riley Park Sites



Riley Park Opportunities:

- Lawn areas
- Native habitat
- Urban agriculture
- Renovate caretakers suite
- Ampitheatre
- Farmers Market/community use covered structure
- Upgraded playgrounds
- Sports field drainage
- Pedestrian paths and connections
- Retain 50 parking spots

1. Greening of Hillcrest and Riley Park Sites



Before

Riley Park Plan



Proposed

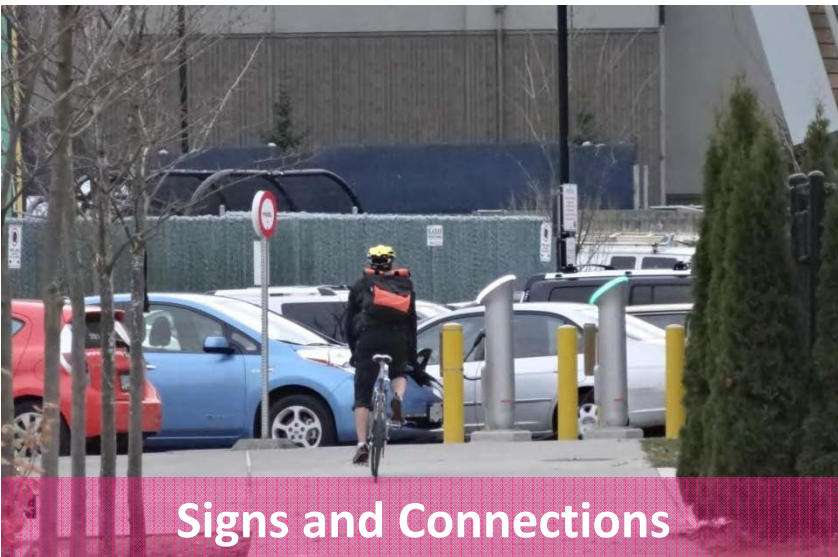
2. Pedestrian & Cycling Improvements



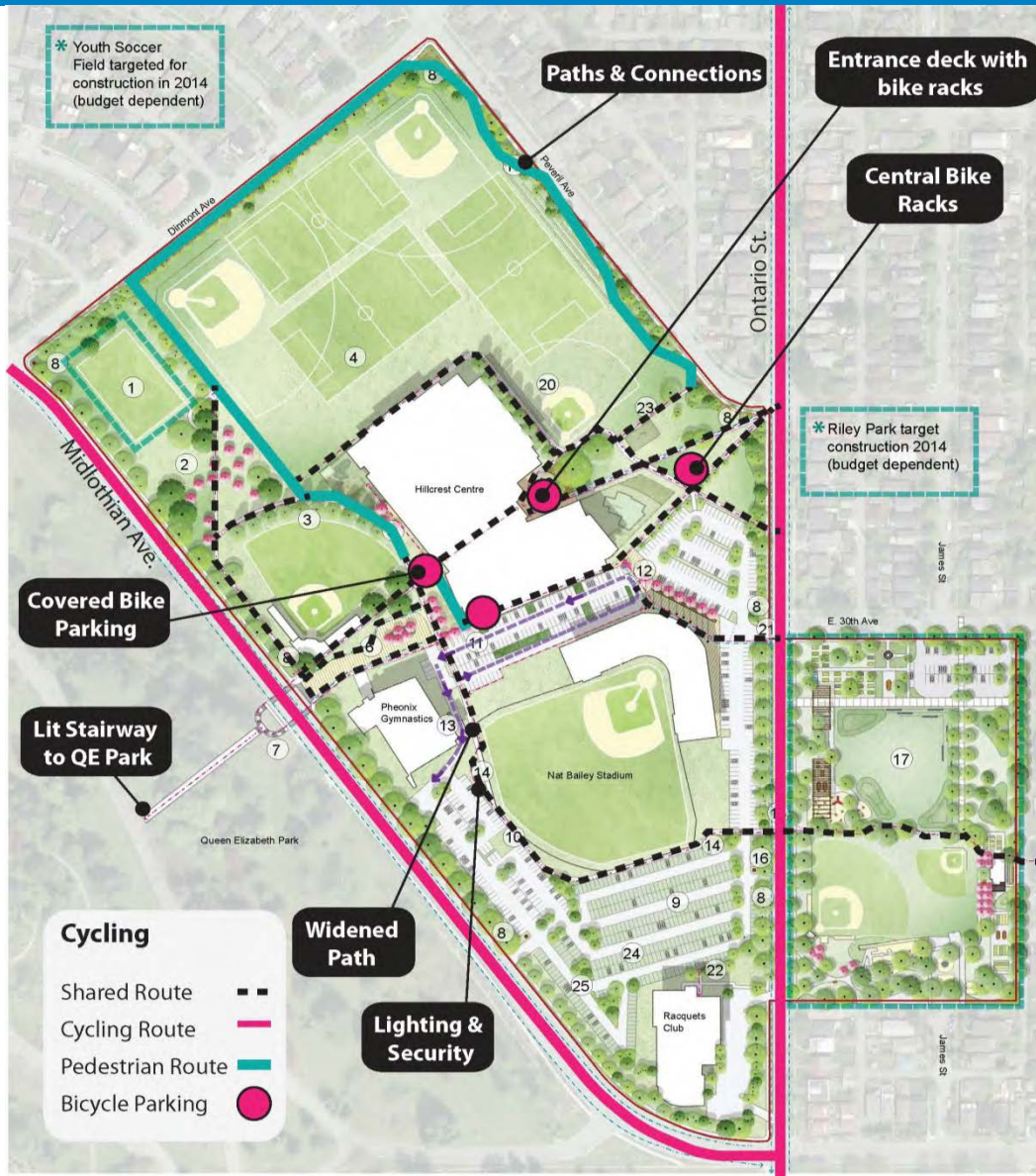
Needs:

- Path connections
- Separation from cars
- Additional bike parking
- Lighting
- Directional Signs
- Ontario St. Greenway link

2. Pedestrian & Cycling Improvements



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3. Traffic and Parking Improvements



Needs:

- Improve circulation to reduce congestion
- Improve outfield parking lot drainage
- Provide additional parking stalls
- Manage parking effectively
- Retain Dog Off Leash Area in outfield lot

3. Traffic and Parking Improvements



Development Permit and Parking Study

- **Development Permit (DP) for Hillcrest Centre in 2006 states 920 parking stalls must be provided at the Hillcrest and Riley Parks**
- **2013 Parking Study (Bunt & Associates) indicates 834 existing parking stalls are sufficient for day to day activities but require better management**
- **City of Vancouver Development Services indicates support for the study: a reduction of DP requirements is possible**
- **Remove 39 parking stalls at Riley Park and 50 parking stalls at the former VCC site to achieve greening goals**
- **50 new stalls to be built where needed the most: at the Nat Bailey lot**
- **Proposed Total of 795 parking stalls (net reduction of 39 stalls)**

3. Traffic and Parking Improvements



Opportunities:

- Better management of existing lots
- Parking restrictions
- One way circulation
- Improve gravel lot drainage
- Removing and adding stalls
- Connect to QE Park (200 stalls)
- Possible closure of Ontario St. (lead by CoV Active Transportation)
- Continue to designate portion of outfield lot for dogs off leash

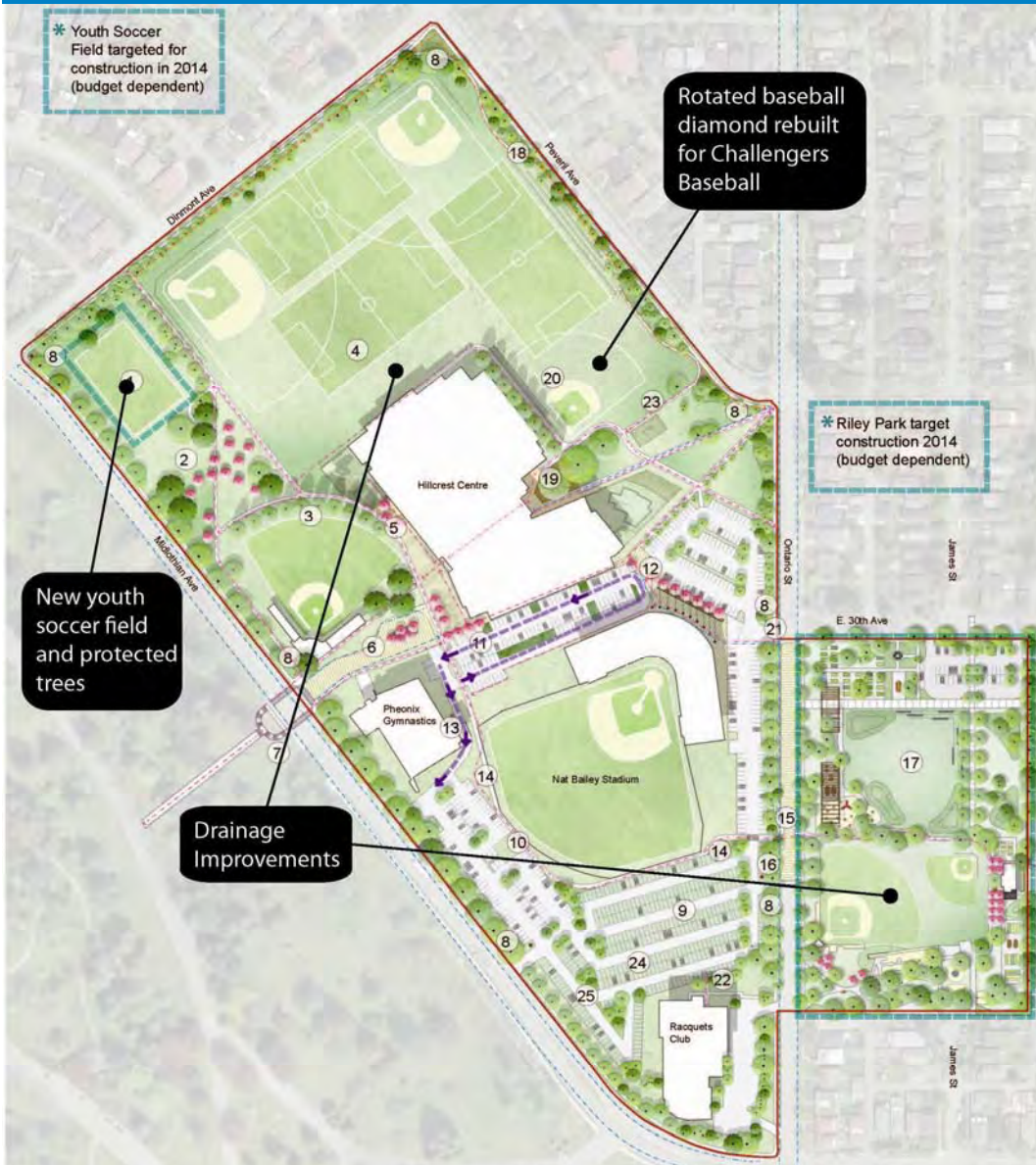
4. Field Sport Improvements



Needs:

- Reinststate 4th soccer field
- Protect Trees
- Improve field playability
- Accessibility

4. Field Sport Improvements



Opportunities:

- Youth soccer field
- Rotated baseball diamond
- Challengers baseball
- Drainage improvements at Hillcrest and Riley fields

4. Field Sports Improvements



Before

Vancouver Curling Club site creates space for a new soccer field



Proposed

5. Food Assets - Markets and Gardens



Needs:

- Summer Market and event accommodation for a growing local community
- Community and Communal gardens



Photo from the Vancouver Farmer's Market Website

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OPPORTUNITIES

- Summer Farmers Market May to October at Riley Park compliments winter market at Hillcrest Park
- Partnerships for utilities and shelters
- Community and demonstration gardens

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

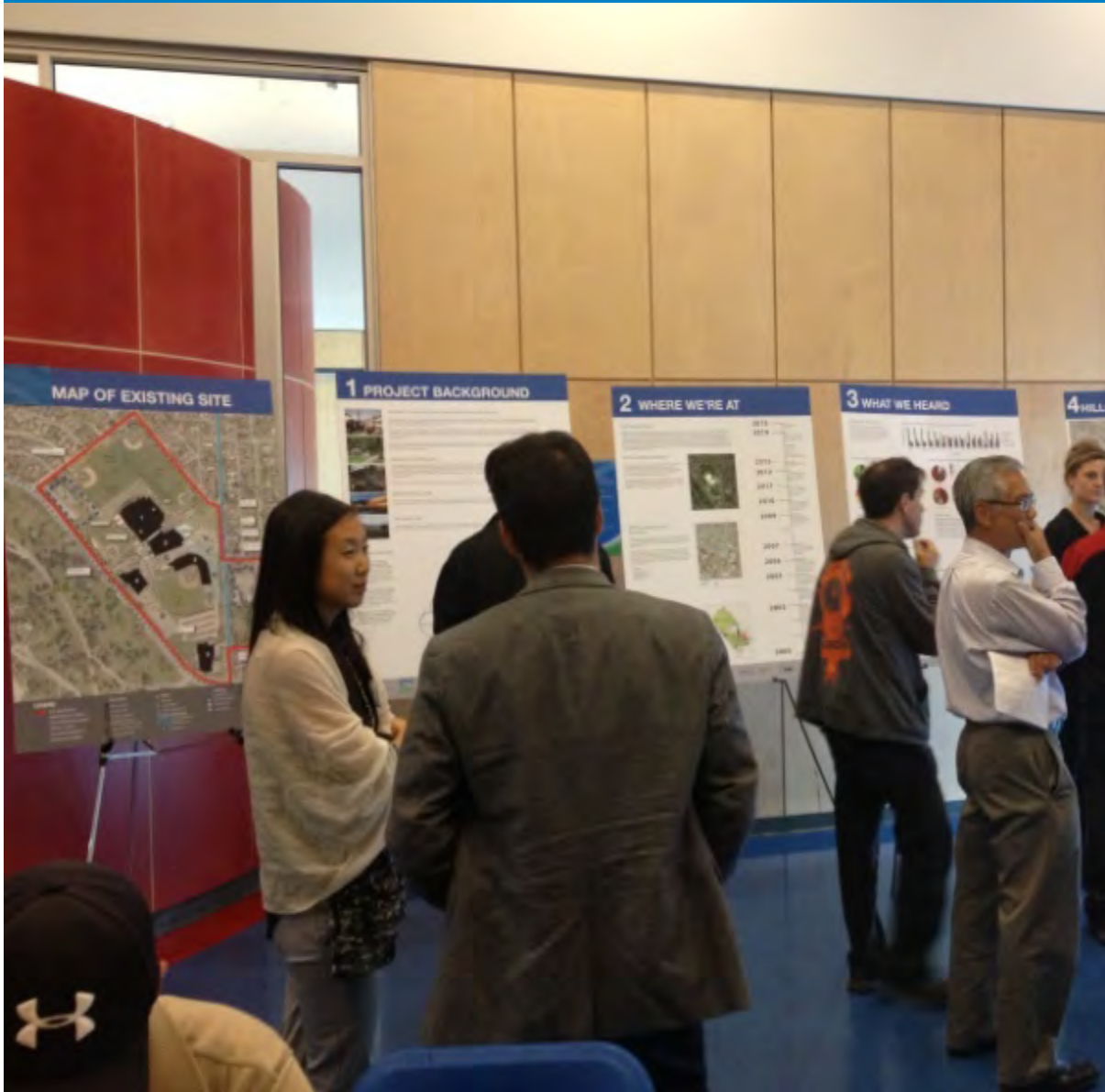


- Public engagement
October 2012 to
February 2014

3 Open Houses

- December 4, 2012
- June 25, 2013
- November 7, 2013

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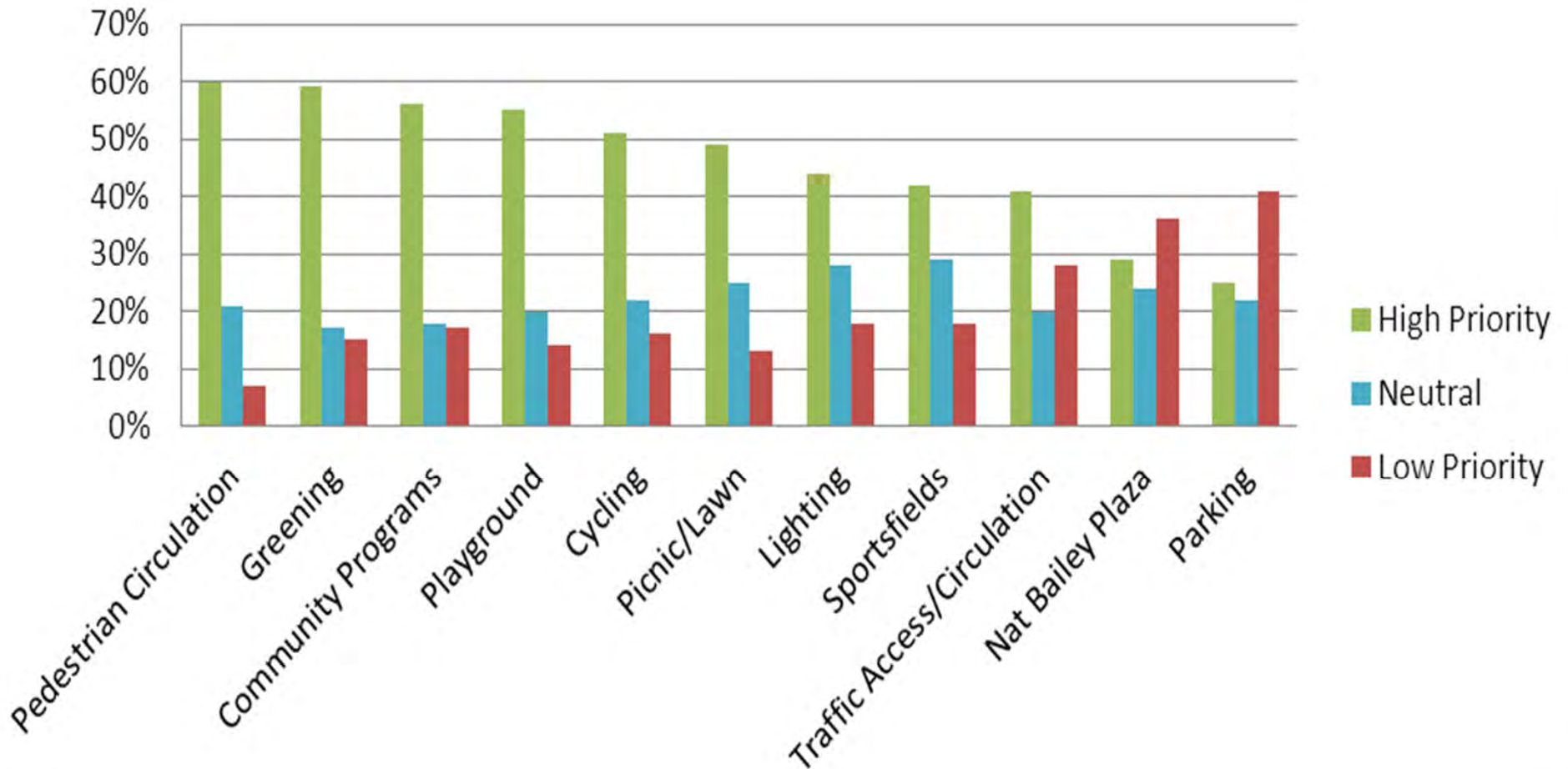


- Meetings with key stakeholder groups (RPSC, HUB Cycling, Vancouver Farmer's Market, Seed to Sky Gardening, HUGS, Vancouver Canadians, VFSF, Westside Seniors Soccer)
- 423 email contacts
- More than 70% support for master plans

SURVEY RESULTS: PRIORITIES

MASTER PLAN PRIORITIES

116 respondents



RECOMMENDATION



- Seeking Board approval of the overall Master Plan including Phase 1 priority implementation
- Begin construction in the fall of 2014
- Target Phase 1 completion in the fall of 2015
- Future improvements in Master Plan subject to future Capital Plans and partnerships

