

# CONCEPT OVERVIEW

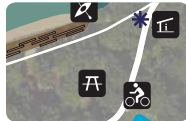
## DESIGN RESPONSE OPTION 1

### “Intensive + Dynamic Uses”

In this option, the response has been to focus primarily on the high intensity areas with emphasis on a sense of place, arrival and orientation. This provides an opportunity for the park to have a real “hub” around which services and amenities are gathered. To the south of this hub, a natural playground is proposed to provide opportunities for children of all ages to “reconnect” with nature and learn through play and exploration. Key features of the plan are:



Northeast, **trails are formalized** or selectively reclaimed, to provide better accessibility and safety, as well a greater opportunities to provide interpretative nodes that will celebrate and teach about the river and its ecology.



The **bike path is rerouted** around the existing picnic area near the river and rejoins the regional pathway further east. A **north-south bike path** is also provided to connect to 42 Avenue SW.



**Lindsay's Folly** will remain a key iconic destination and curiosity in the park and in time will be used for a public art opportunity to further emphasize the importance of this park, the river valley and the communities that surround this place.



A **new Parks building** would be constructed with additional public washrooms located closer to the intensive use area. The existing Parks building can be repurposed for other community uses.



An **additional skating/open area** located on the current softball field, will provide space for multi-seasonal activities and can be serviced by a standalone pavilion to provide warming, seasonal coffee, and storage area.



The large existing ice skating area with a turf “**social**” slope that will provide a unique sculptural element in this area of the park.



Parking in general has been greatly improved through relocation adjacent to the maintenance yard area, providing the opportunity to expand the **picnic areas** near the river to the south and provide more space for families in a **large natural playground**. Parking to the east accessed from 42 Avenue SW has also been improved to provide additional bus parking for participant in tournaments, as well as an extension of the lot closer to the Parks building. Parking has also been provided along the northbound lane on 42 Avenue SW.

## DESIGN RESPONSE OPTION 2

### “Dispersed Open Space”

This plan is **more open** in appearance but still provides exciting opportunities for play and recreation. In this option the maintenance yard has been fully removed, with parking accessed off the 4 Street SW relocated to this disturbed area. As with the previous option this provides additional room for picnic tables and rerouting of the bike path currently sharing the regional trail. Other key features include:



**Informal trails are blocked off and rehabilitated** to their natural state around the Southern Alberta Memorial building.



A **community garden** serviced by a multipurpose pavilion with storage facilities and additional open flexible green space in place of current under used softball field.



A **natural playground** closer to the existing swimming pool facility.



A Proposed **addition to the Swimming Pool** building to accommodate public washrooms, and enclosed concession area that could be used throughout all seasons if desired.

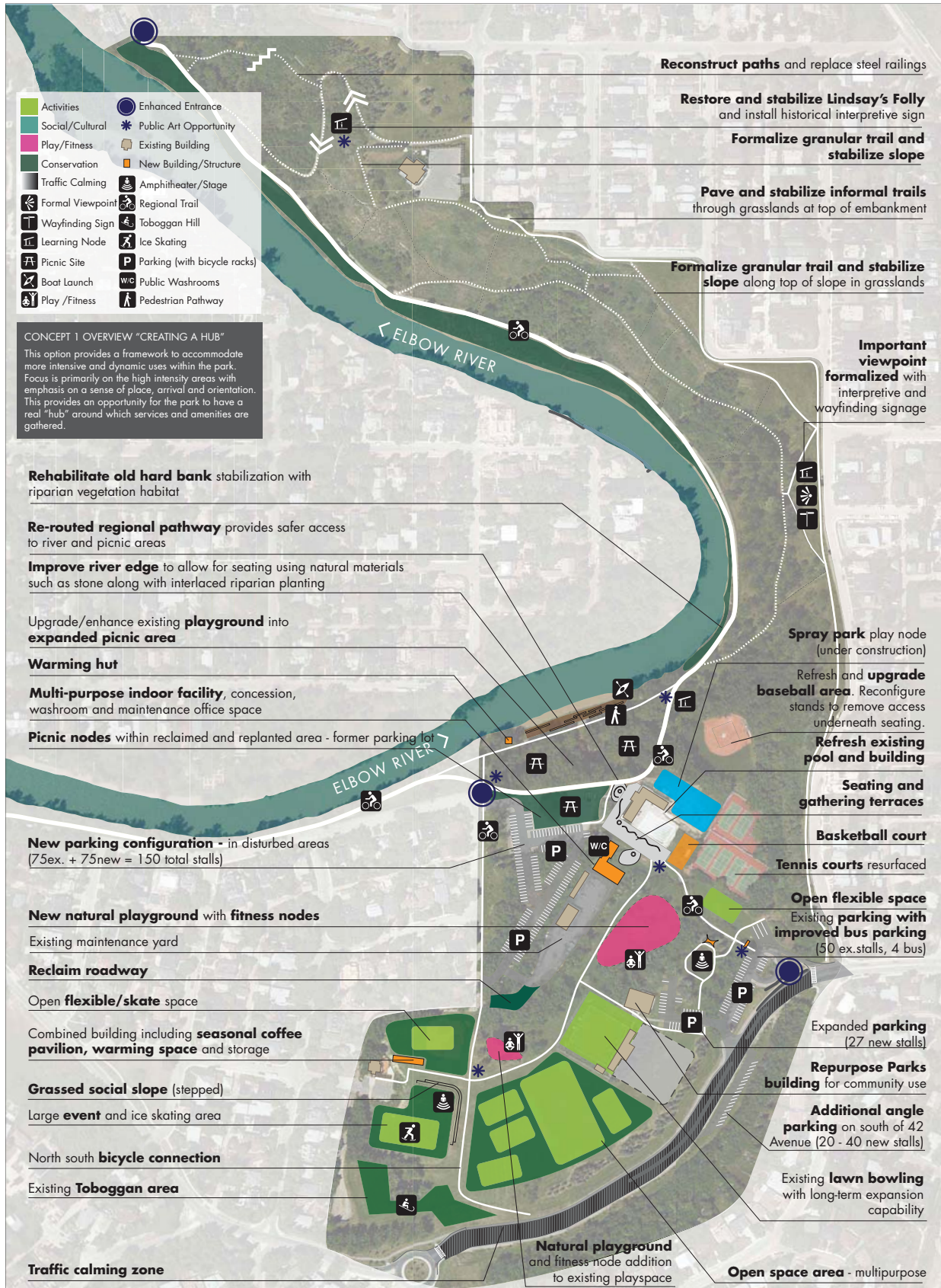


**Improved parking layout** off 42 Avenue SW, including bus parking.



Existing Parks Maintenance Depot and Administration Building removed to allow for more **open flexible green space** and reconfigured parking.

# PRELIMINARY CONCEPT 1



# PRELIMINARY CONCEPT 2

