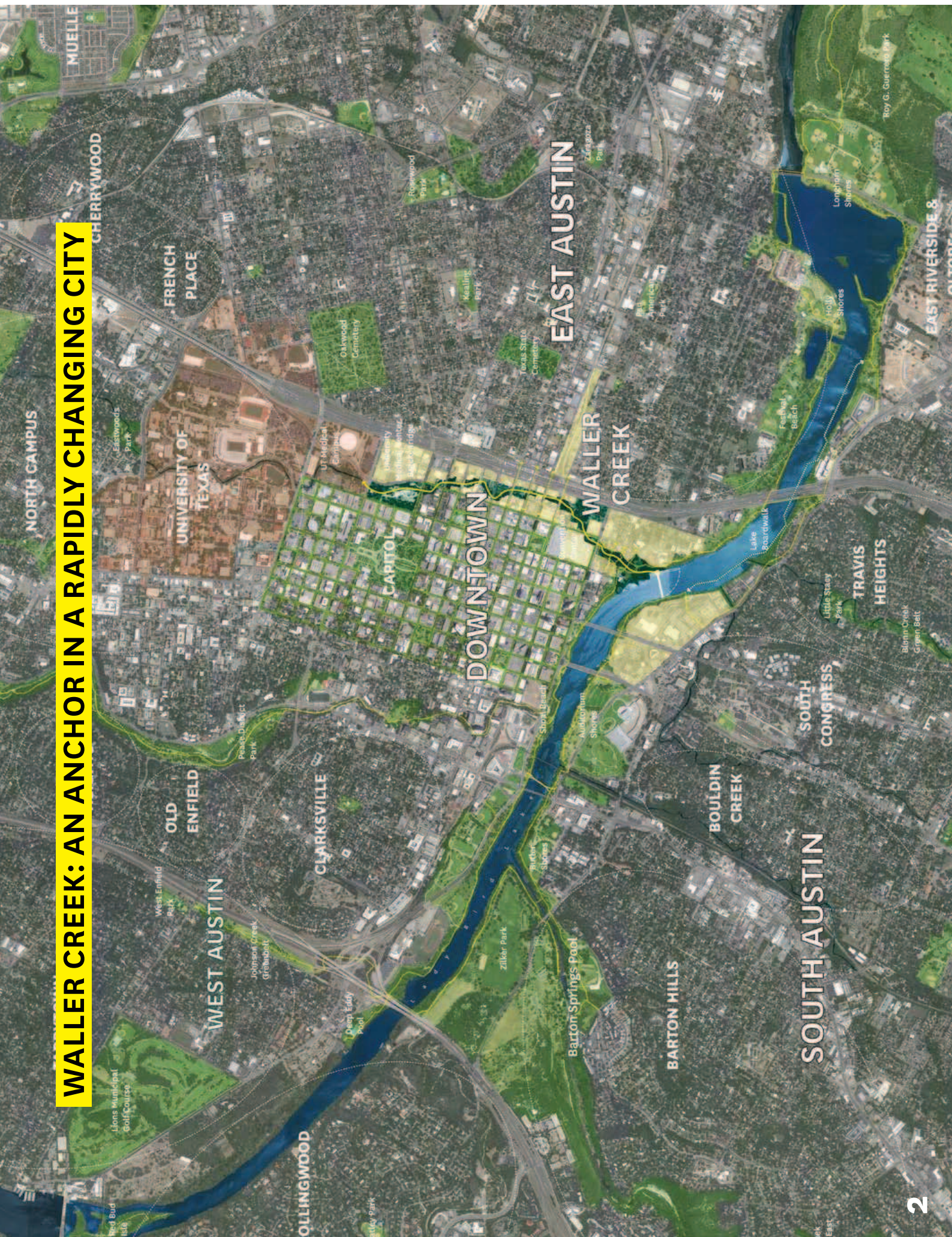


# **Waller Creek Design Concept Presentation June 6, 2013**

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# WALLER CREEK: AN ANCHOR IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING CITY





## WALLER CREEK IS IN A CHANNEL





**What do we keep?**



**What do we change?**



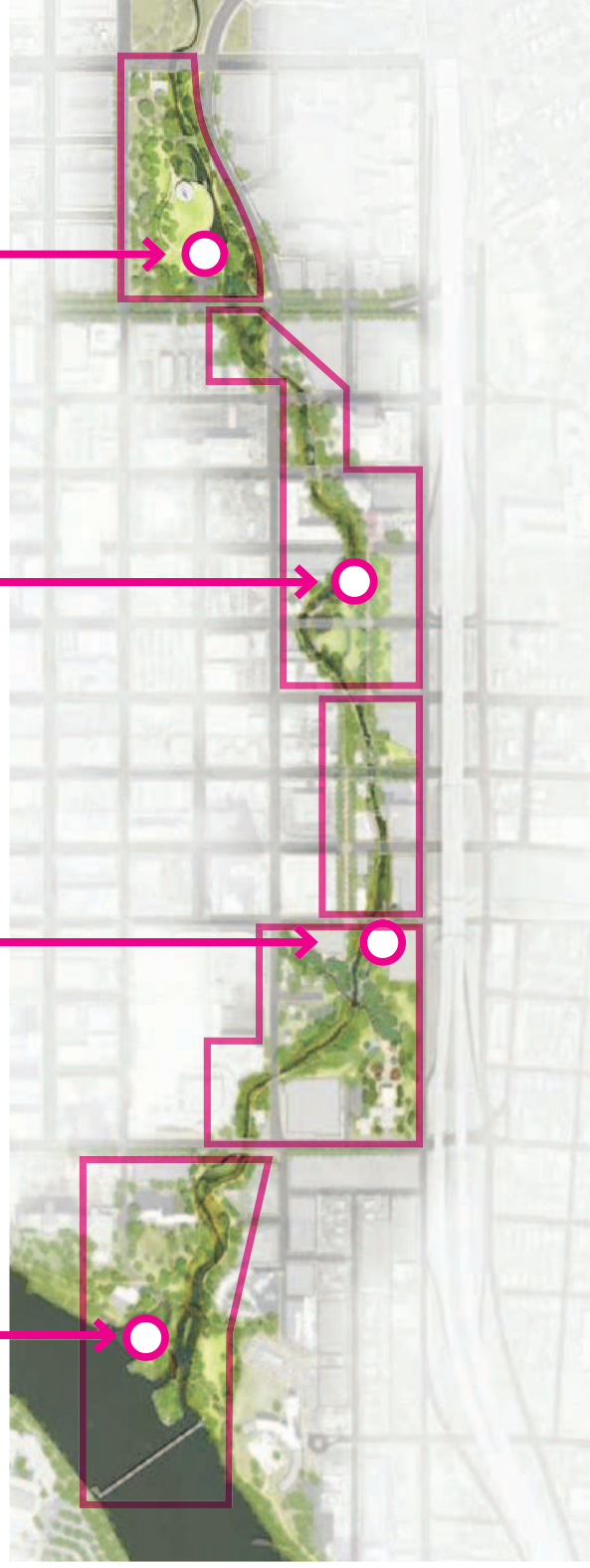
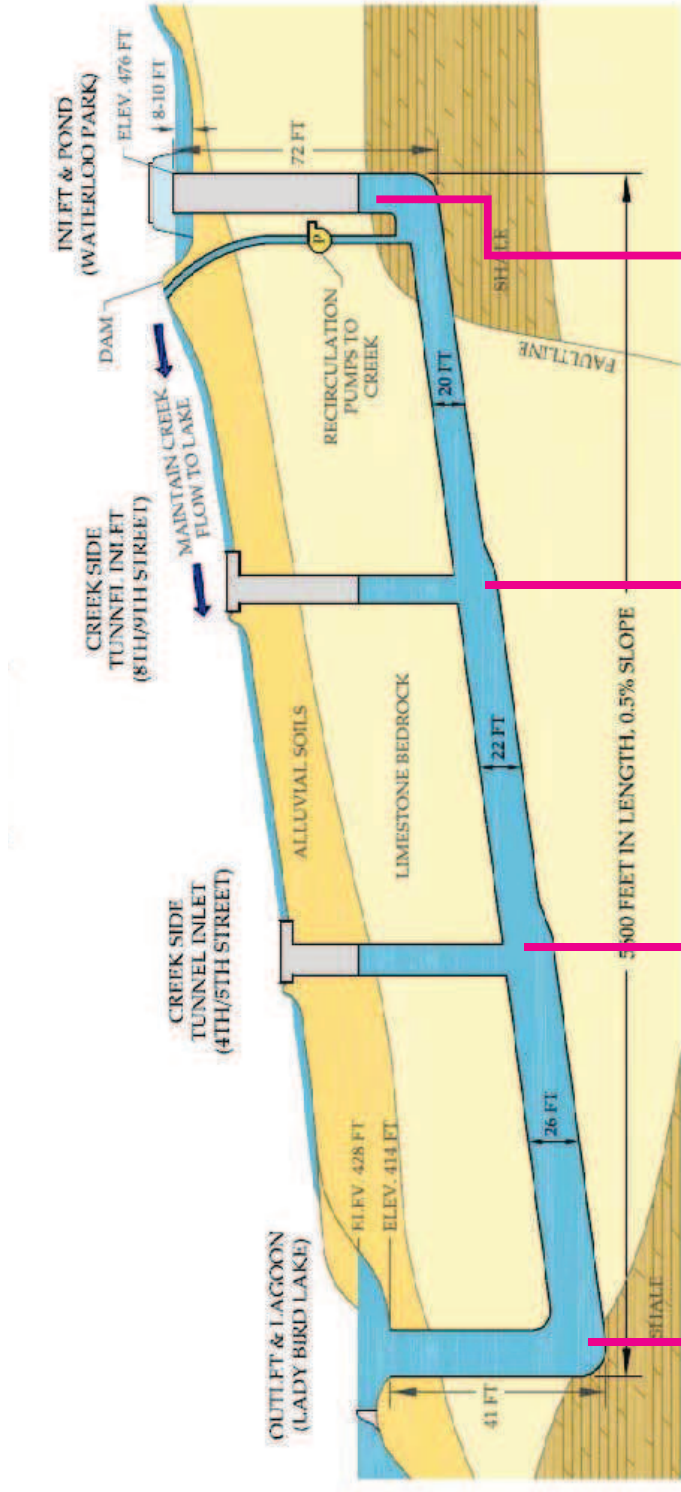


## Open up the Channel with Long Sightlines and Daylight





# Opportunities Created by the Waller Creek Tunnel





## Waller Creek and a Chain of Parks



**The Lattice &  
Pontoon Bridge**  
New Connectivity

**Palm Park**  
Shaded Respite

**The Narrows**  
Intensified Urbanity

**The Refuge**  
Immersive Experience

**Waterloo Park**  
Vibrant Gathering Spaces



## THE LATTICE & PONTOON BRIDGE: New Connectivity





**Connecting the Lady Bird Lake Trail Network  
to Waller Creek**





## Pontoon Bridge Across Lady Bird Lake



### Next Steps:

- Study shade structures
- Assess maintenance and operations
- Coordinate with boating community

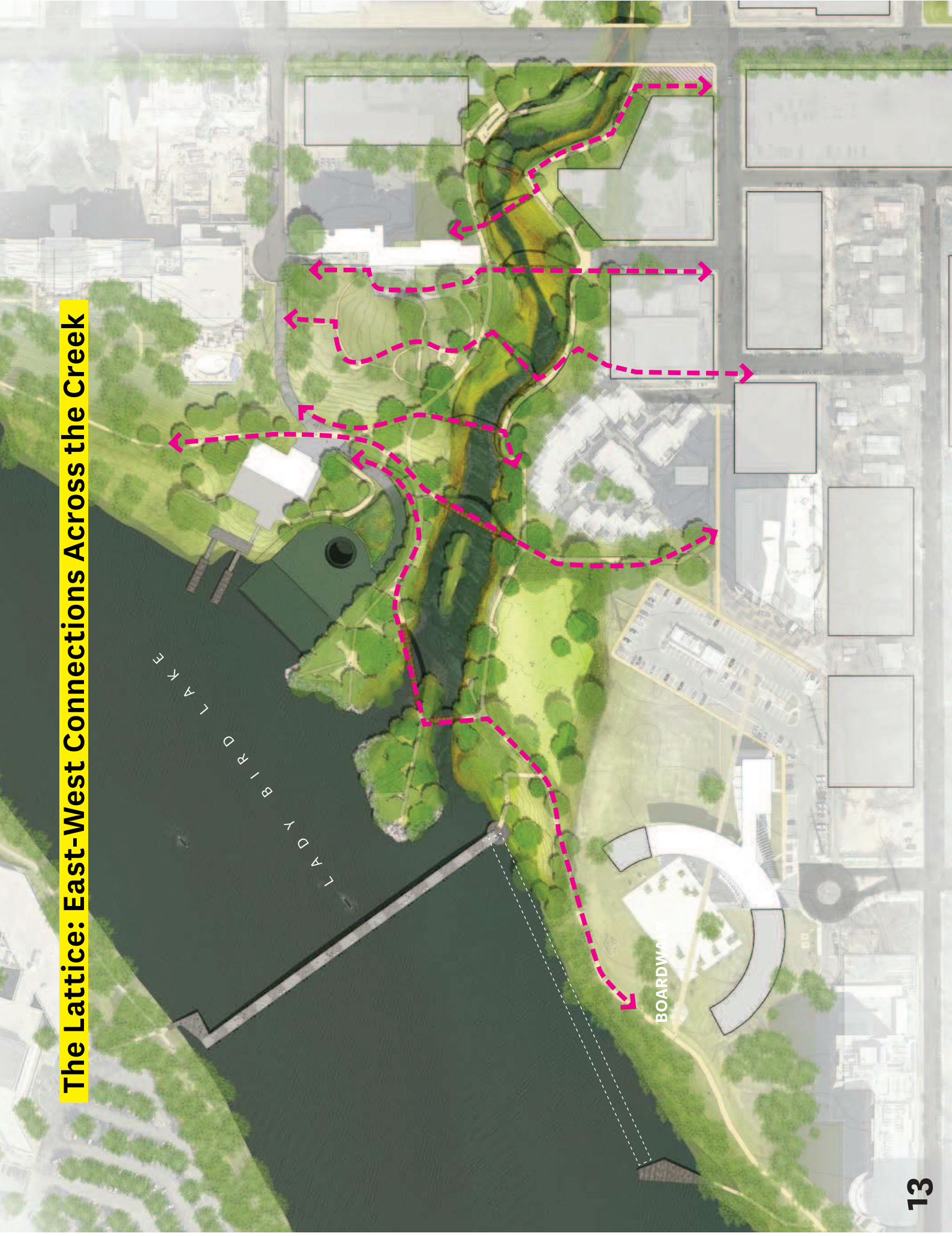


## Pontoon Bridge: North-South Connections Across the Lake



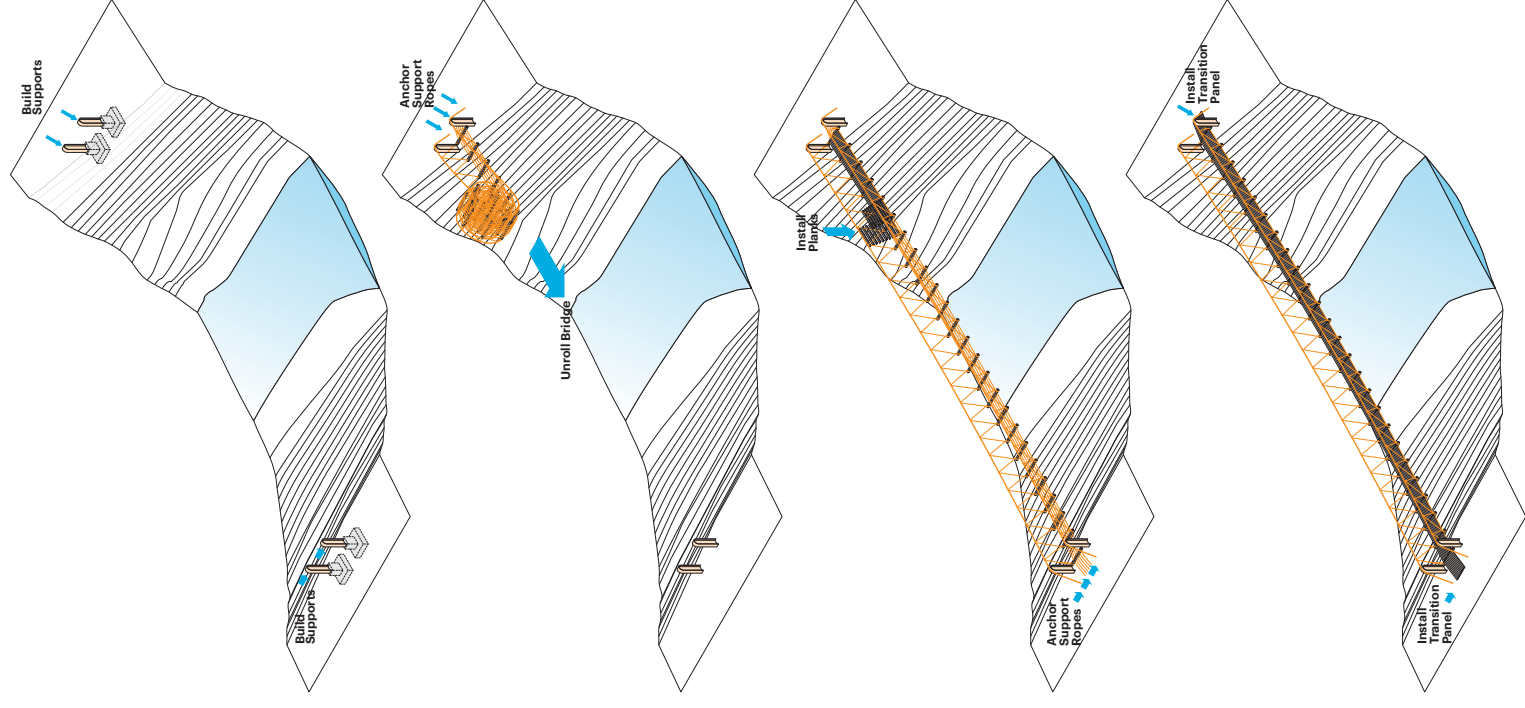


## The Lattice: East-West Connections Across the Creek





# A Lattice of Lightweight Bridges



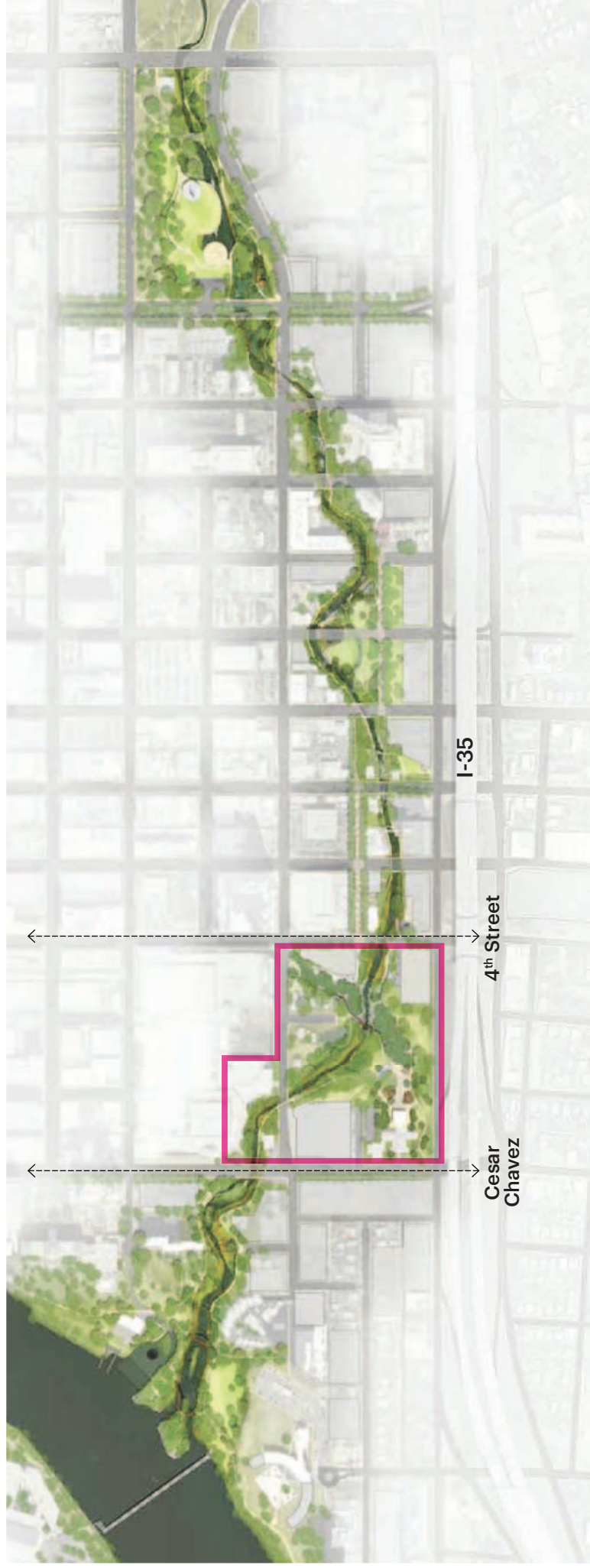


## New Prospects on Creek Ecology





## PALM PARK: Shaded Respite





## Existing Conditions

..... Waller Creek



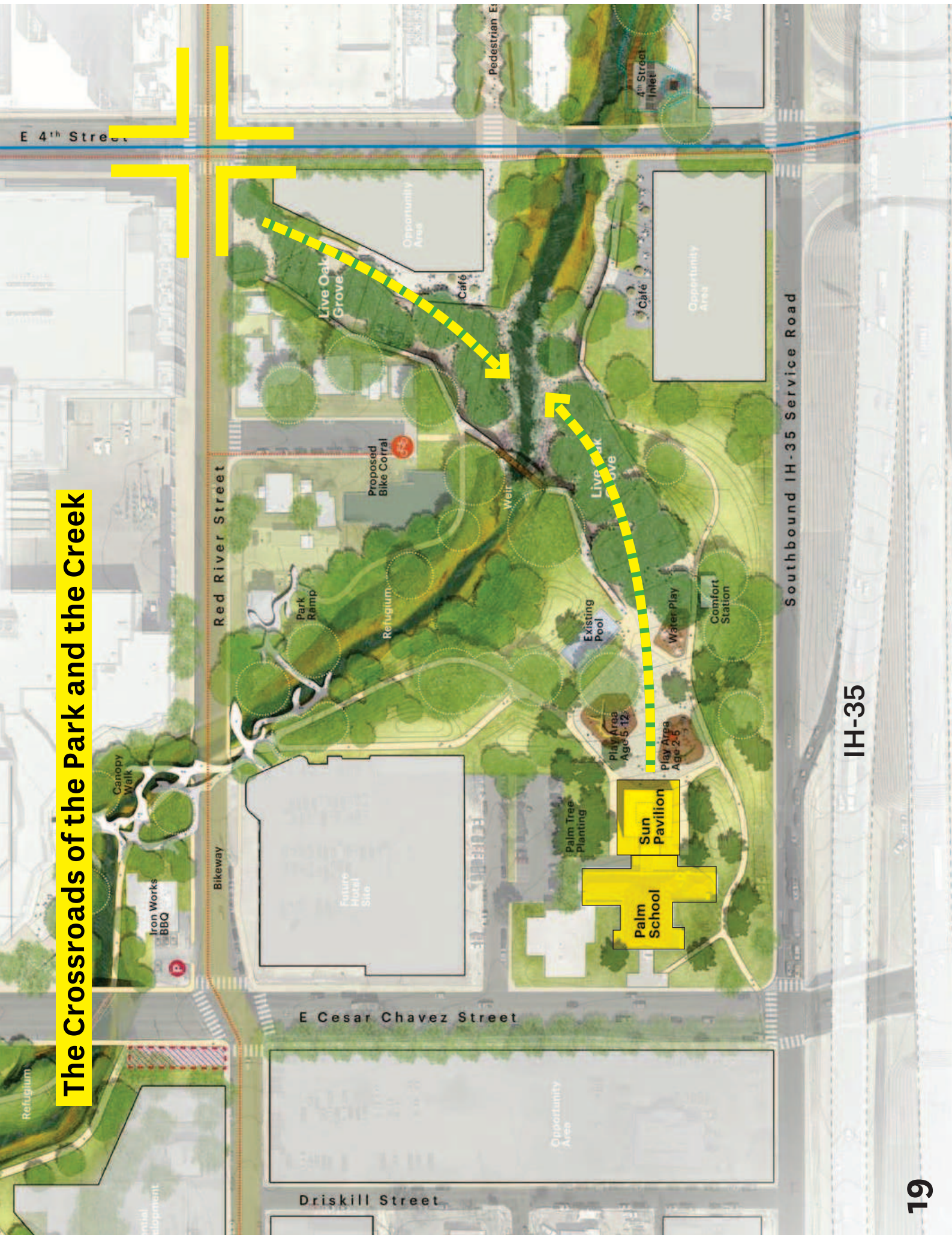


## A Shaded Grove at Creek Level



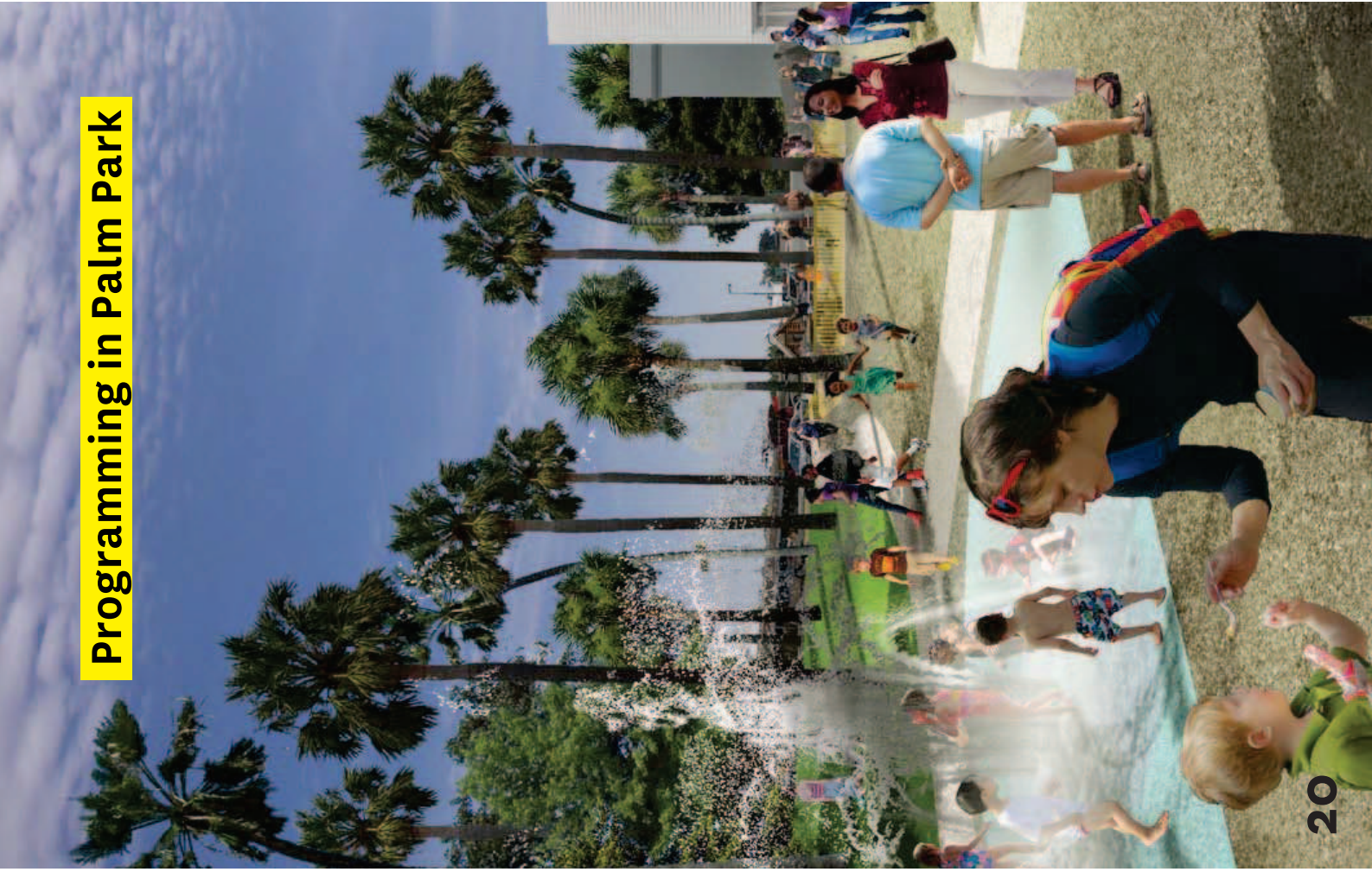


# The Crossroads of the Park and the Creek



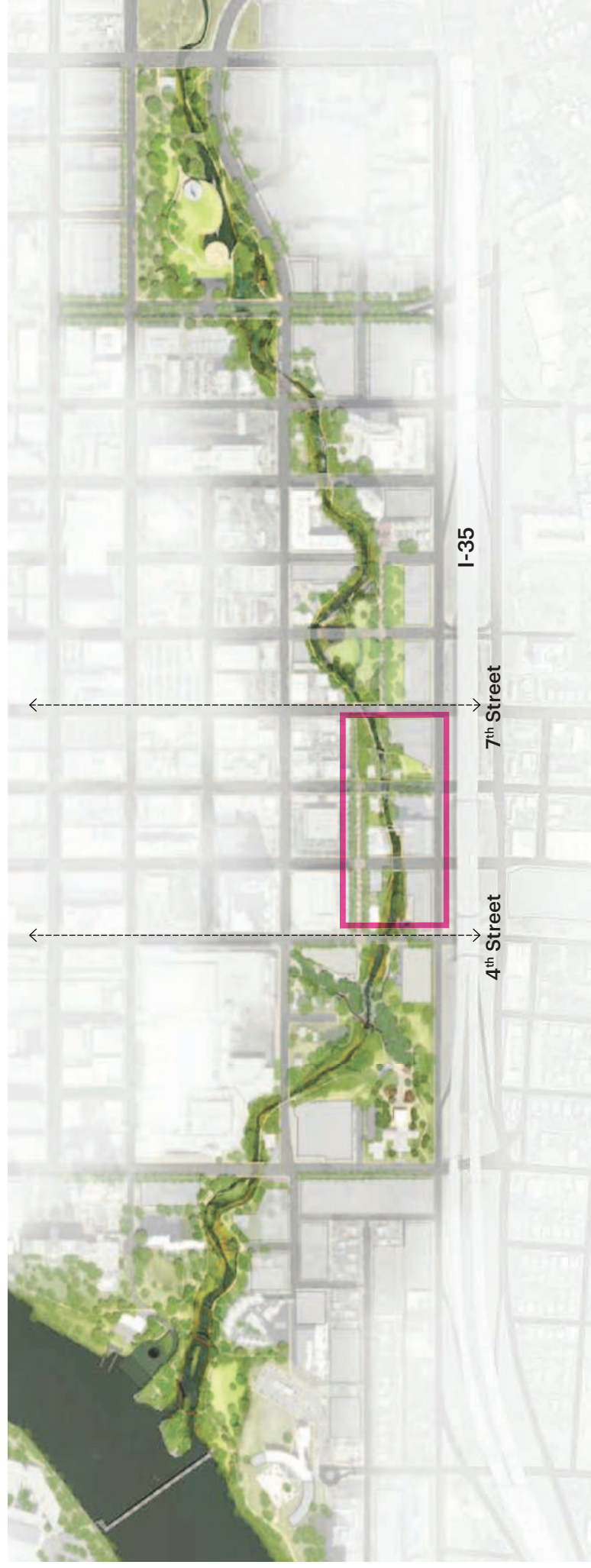


## Programming in Palm Park





## THE NARROWS: Intensified Urbanity





## Existing Conditions at 5th Street Bridge

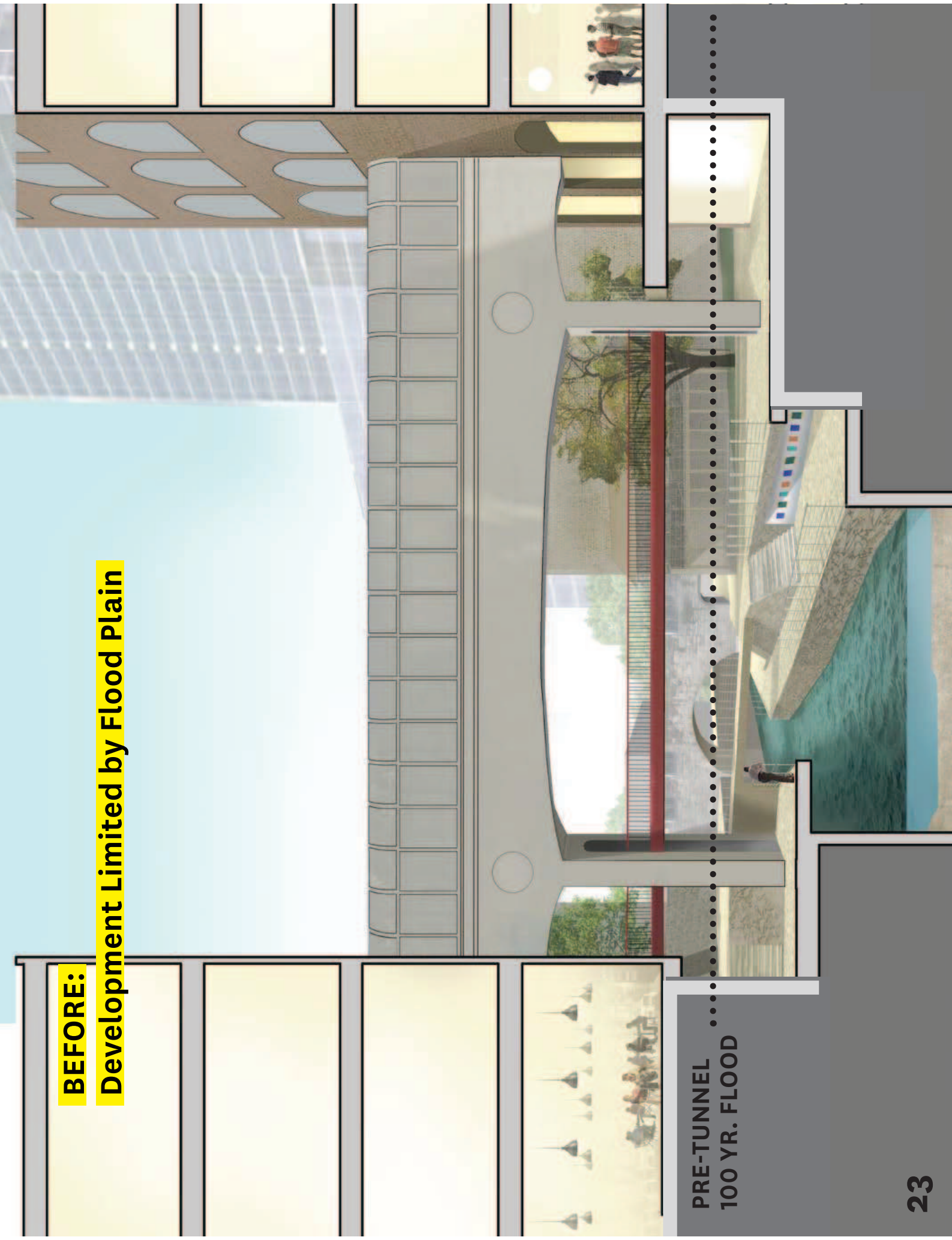


- Fragmented creekside path
- Cut-off from streetscape
- Not ADA-Compliant
- Inactive creek frontage
- Partially within flood plain



**BEFORE:**

**Development Limited by Flood Plain**

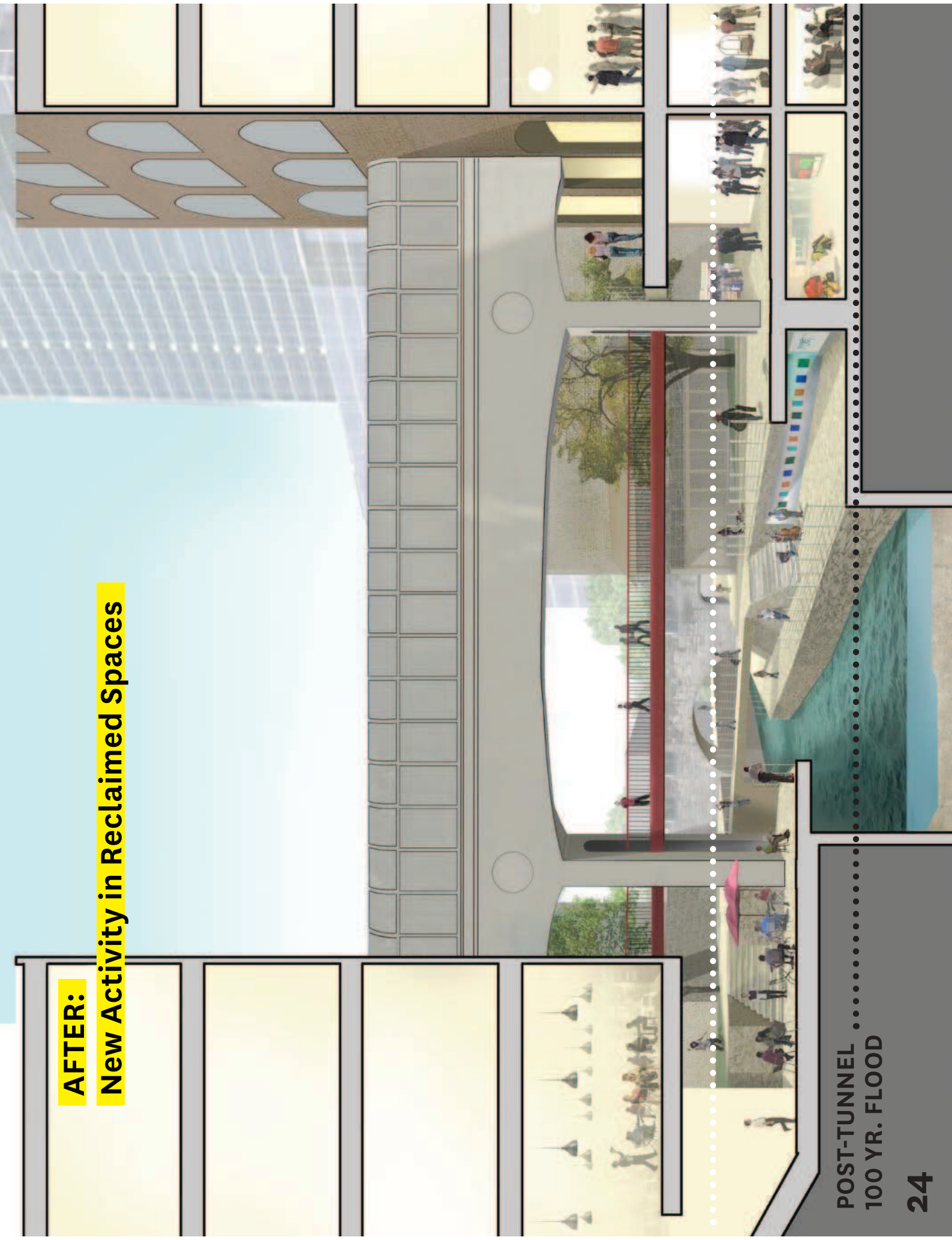


PRE-TUNNEL  
100 YR. FLOOD



**AFTER:**

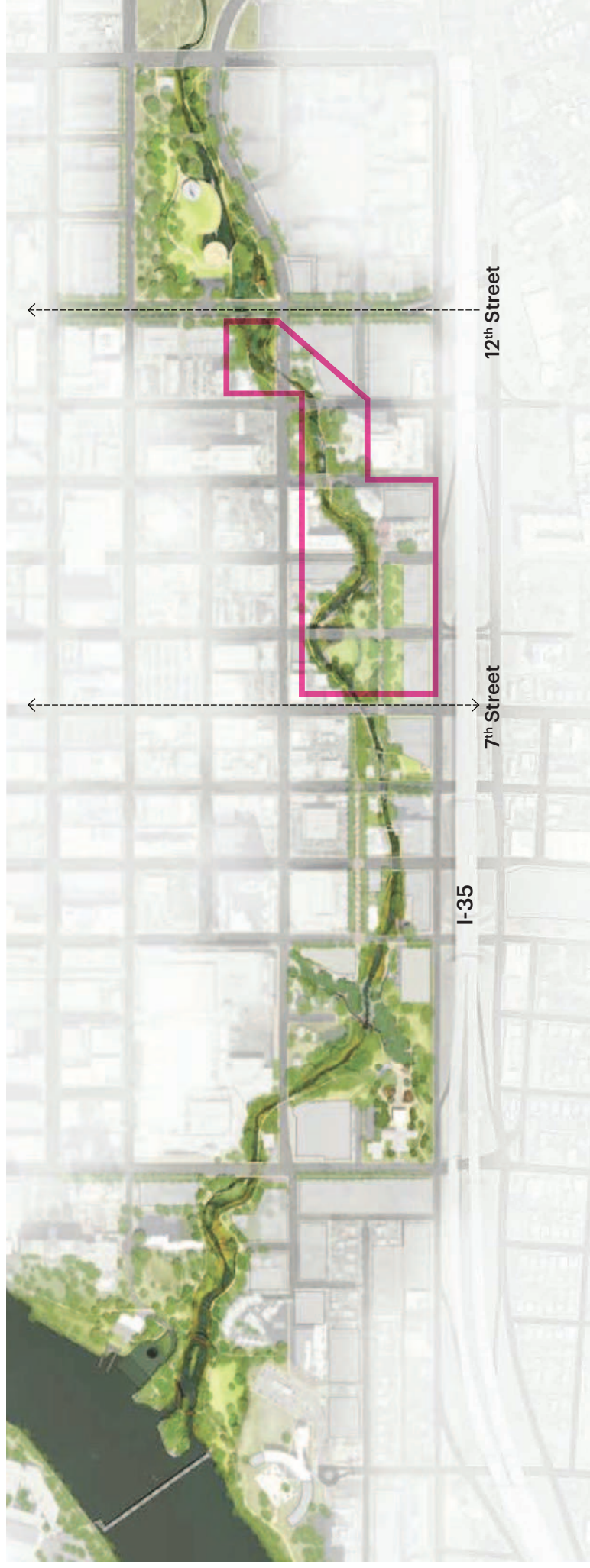
**New Activity in Reclaimed Spaces**



POST-TUNNEL .....  
100 YR. FLOOD



## THE REFUGE: Immersive Experience





**Existing Conditions**

Red River Street

9th Street

Police / CoA Parking

8th Street

Police  
Headquarters

7th Street

I-35 Frontage Road



# A New Park at Creek Level





## BEFORE: Existing Conditions



- Not ADA-compliant
- Views to back of parking structures
- Disconnected from Red River activity



## AFTER: A New Park at Creek Level





## WATERLOO PARK: Vibrant Gathering Spaces





## December 2012 Inlet Construction





## Waterloo Park: 2009 Conditions



- Over-used and under-maintained
- Lacks daily-use constituency
- Large Heritage Trees to be protected



**Waterloo Park: 2009 Conditions**



13<sup>th</sup> Street

Trinity Street

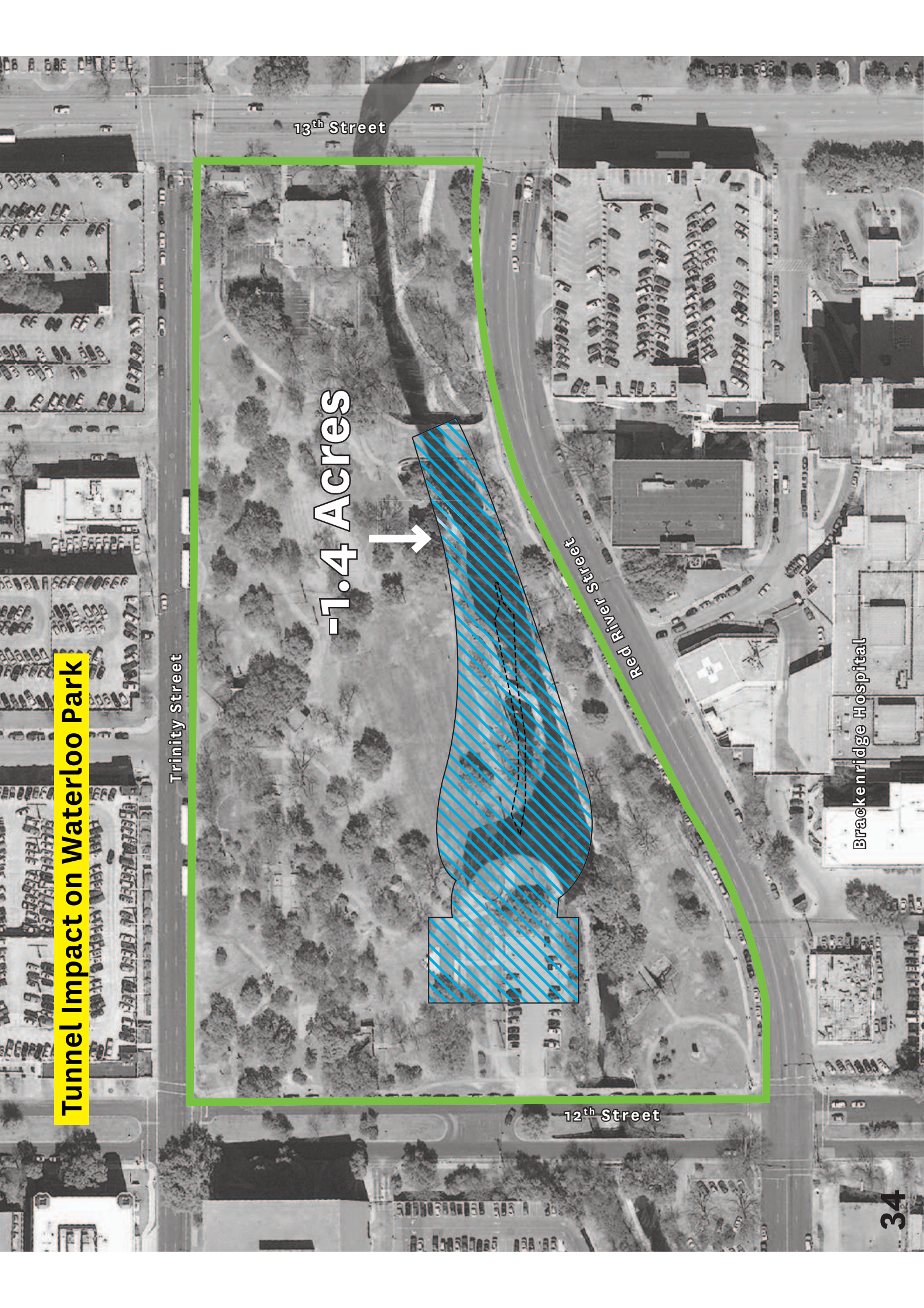
Red River Street

Brackenridge Hospital

12<sup>th</sup> Street



**Tunnel Impact on Waterloo Park**



13<sup>th</sup> Street

-1.4 Acres



Trinity Street

Red River Street

Brackenridge Hospital

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**+1.0 Acres Reclaimed Parkland  
and Diversified Program**

Trinity Street

Upland Park

Hauke House

13<sup>th</sup> Street

The Poppy

Great  
Lawn

Red River Street

Cypress Wetland

Healing Garden

12<sup>th</sup> Street

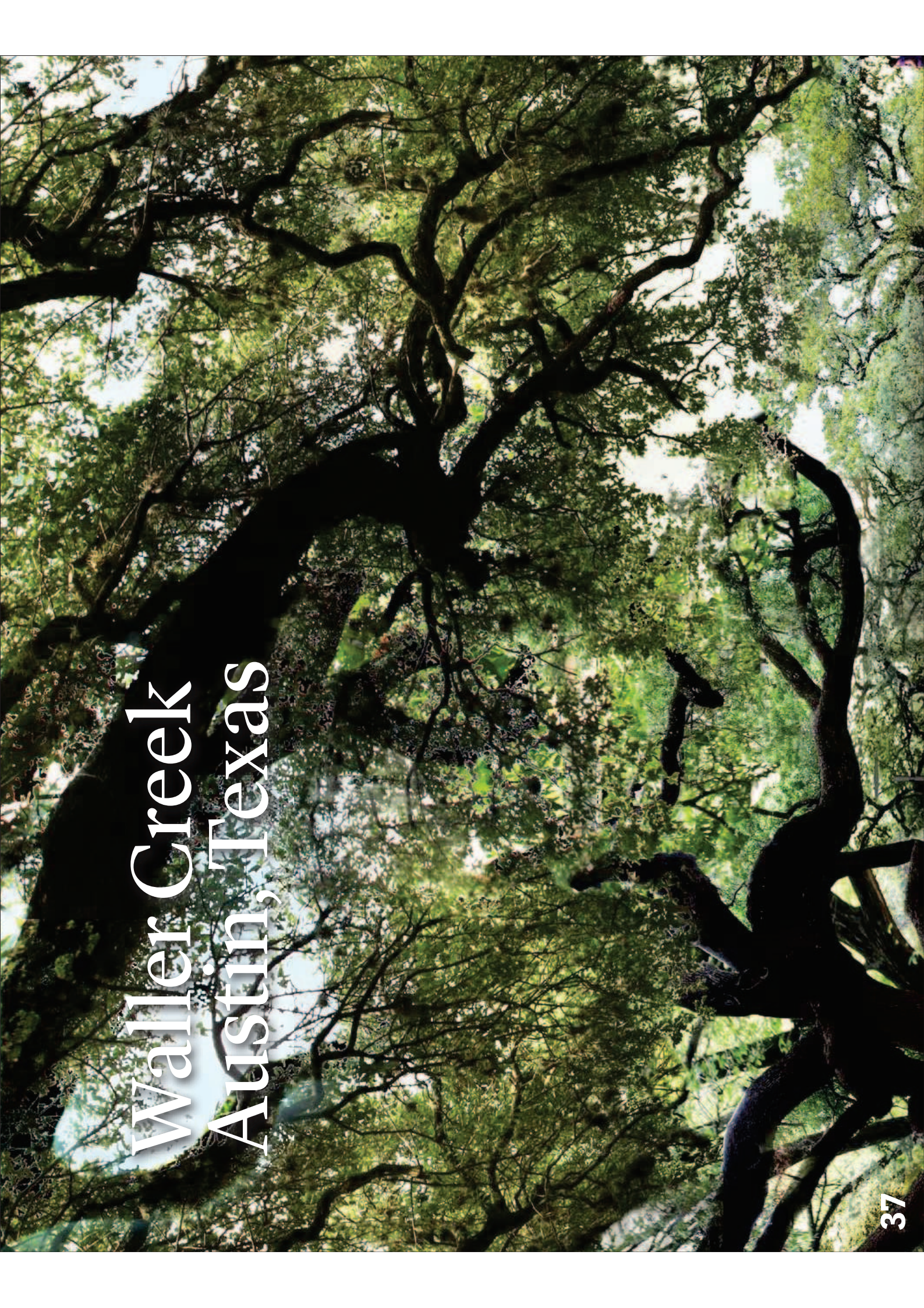


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