



DAVIS PARK MASTER PLAN

DAVIS PARK TIMELINE



DAVIS PARK PLANNING PRIORITIES

GATHERING PLACE FOR ACTIVE AND PASSIVE USE:

The project team identified the importance of maintaining park space for festival and concert activities. The team also recommends designing and implementing improvements that increase the number of park users for active and passive experiences. High-level guiding principles include:

1. The design team should evaluate the future needs for concert and/or festival space in the Park and confirm the types of facilities needed.
2. Plans should incorporate existing landscapes and appealing programmed space for active and passive usage.
3. The design should maximize park programming to appeal to multiple audiences throughout the year.
4. The design should increase usage by weekday downtown professionals and visitors.
5. The design team should evaluate the future role of the Lorden Building to determine if it should be preserved. If it remains, its benefits need to be “fully realized.”

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COMPLIMENT SURROUNDING LAND USES:

Park improvements should factor in the site and building design for planned public and private investment occurring along both sides of the Rock River. The top high-level guiding principles are:

1. Plans should incorporate the Gorman & Co (Developer) hotel and conference center site and building design to integrate with park design improvements. The design should position the hotel complex “within” the park, not next to it.
2. Plans should improve visual access and stronger connections to surrounding land uses and the downtown.
3. The design should integrate park improvements with the planned parking deck to be constructed south of the hotel and conference center.
4. The design team should develop both active and passive space to appeal to visitors at the Indoor Sports Complex along the east bank of the Rock River.

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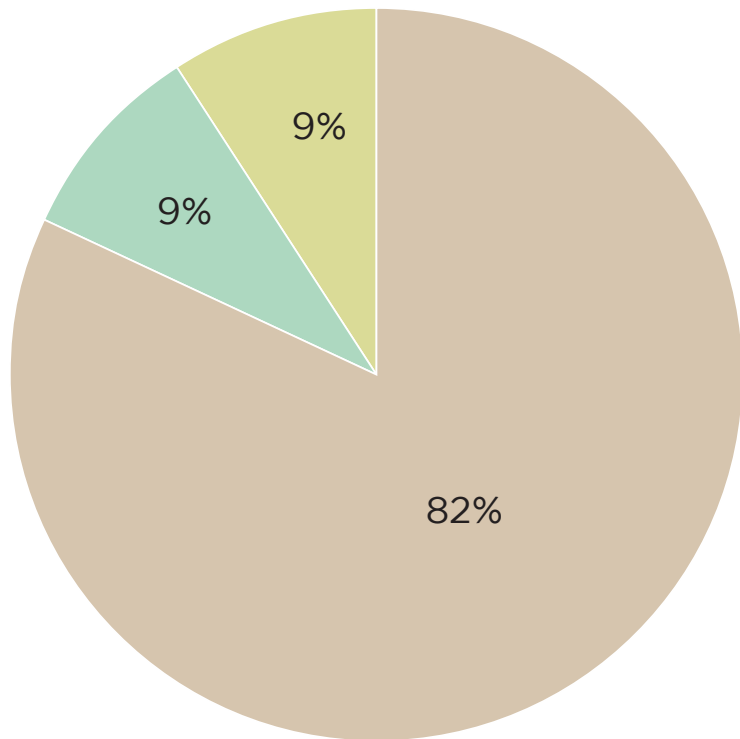
INTEGRATE FORWARD-THINKING RESTORATIVE DESIGN STRATEGIES:

The project team recommends incorporating sustainable design strategies that take full advantage of local resources, both natural and cultural.

1. Plans should celebrate the site's location on the Rock River and focus attention on people's relationship with water.
2. Design strategies should treat all water as a resource and not a waste product. Methods for restoring the site's historic hydrology should be explored.
3. On-site, renewable sources of energy production should be integrated.
4. Plans should make efficient use of renewable or recycled products, locally produced.
5. Local art and craftsmanship should be woven into the finished plans.
6. Interpretive displays should be provided to inform visitors about the design's objectives.

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RESULTS

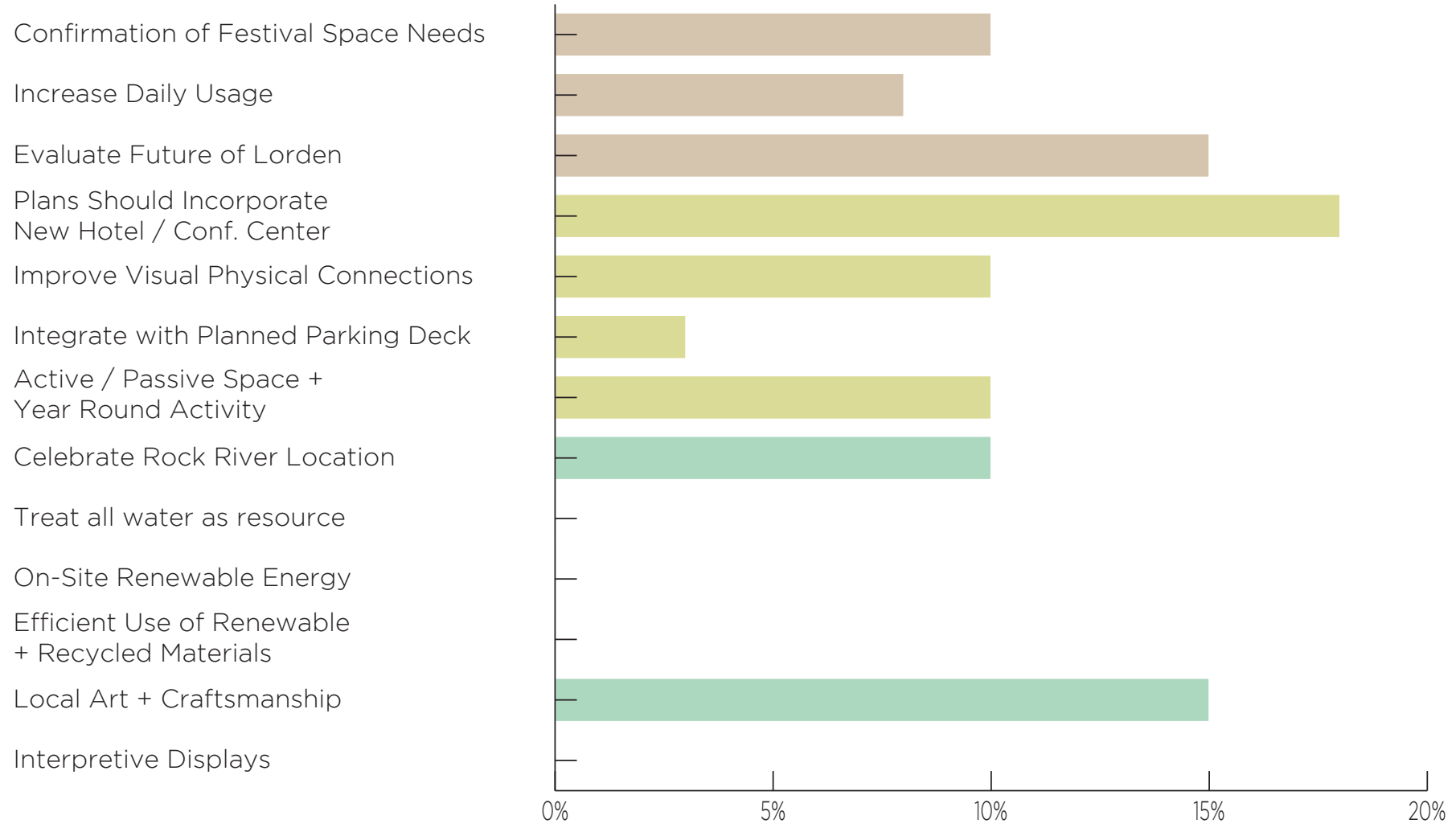


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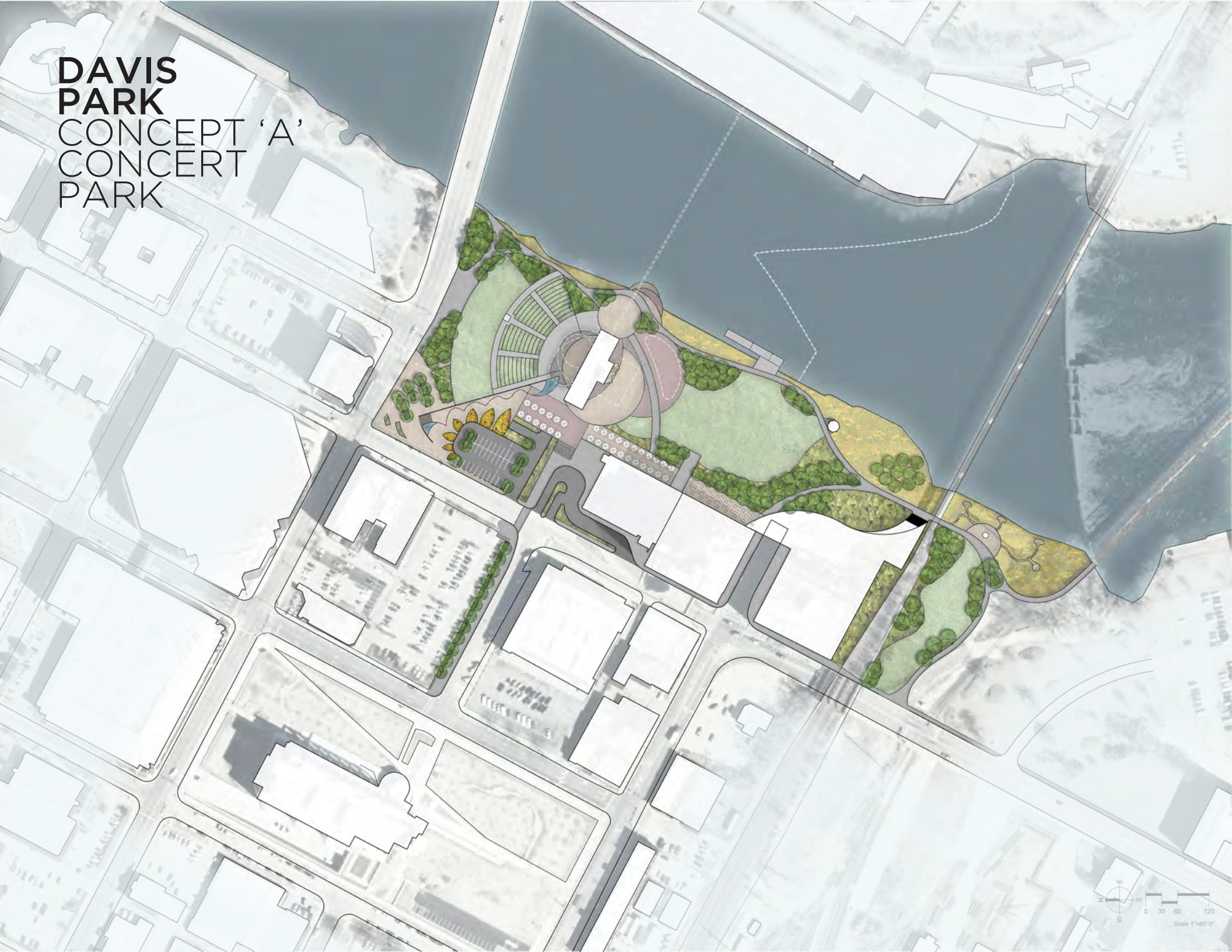
-  Integrate Forward Thinking Design
-  Complementary Space to Surrounding Land Uses
-  Popular Gathering Place

DAVIS PARK RESULTS

DESIRED OBJECTIVES:



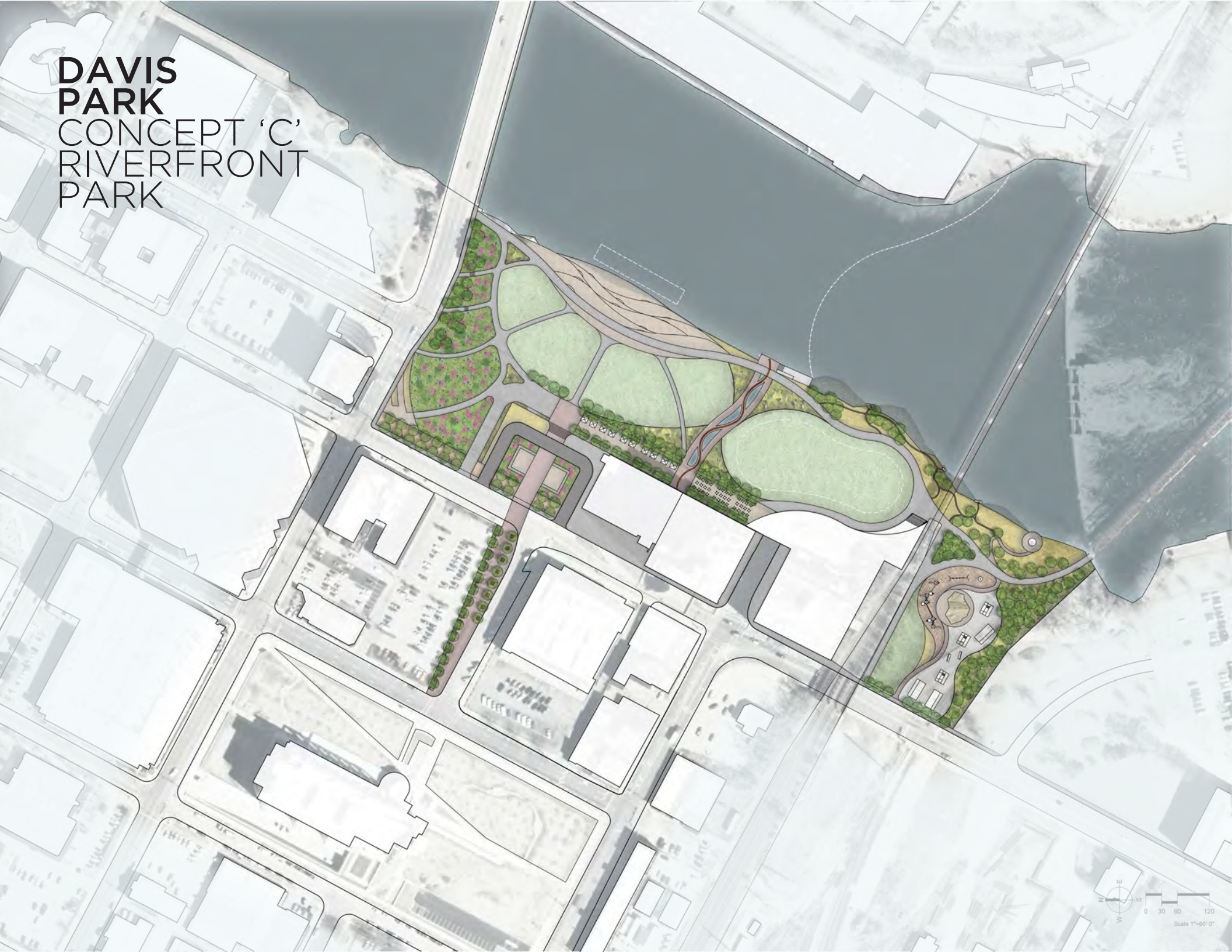
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CONCEPT 'A'
CONCERT
PARK



DAVIS PARK CONCEPT 'B' FESTIVAL PARK



DAVIS
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PARK



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DAVIS PARK CONCEPT 'B' FESTIVAL PARK



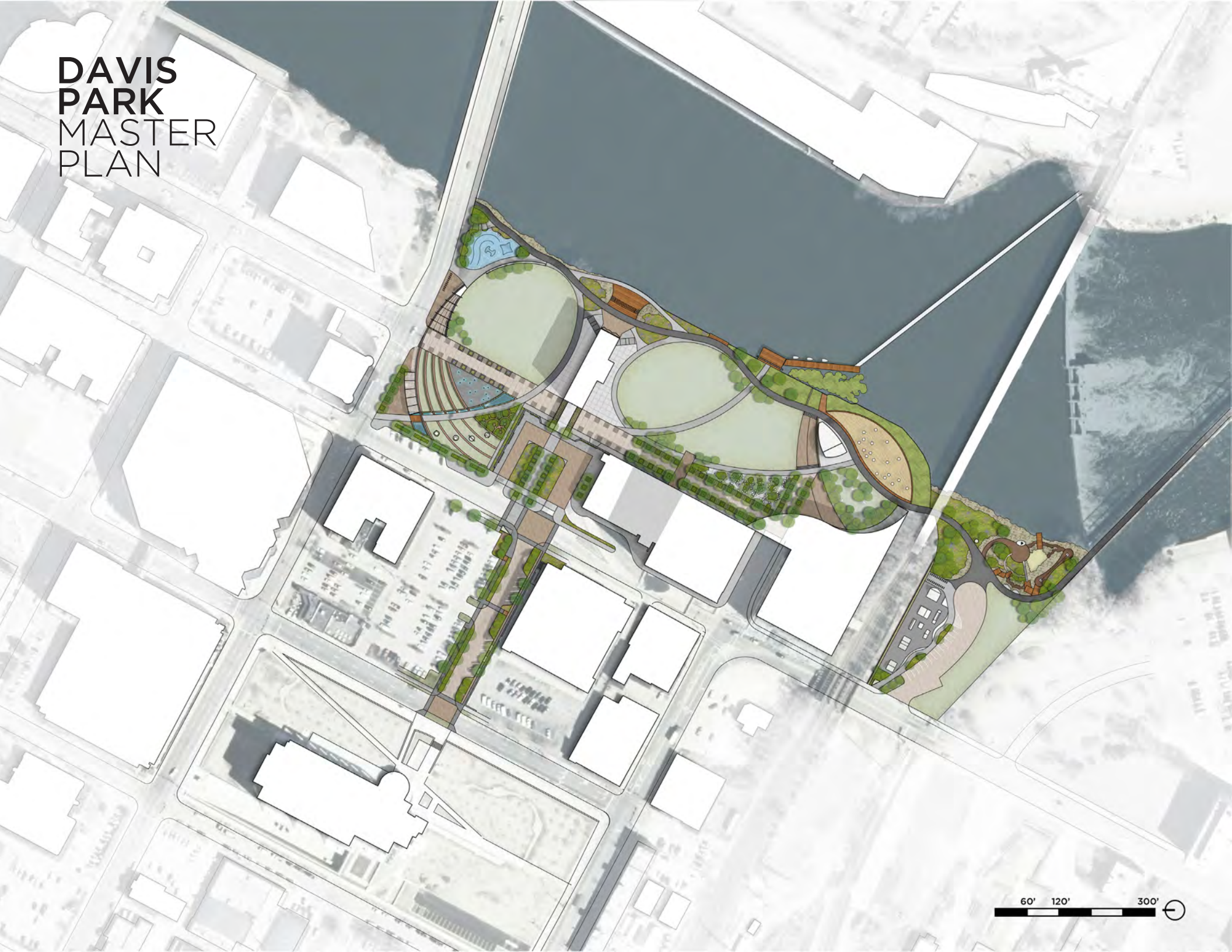
DAVIS PARK CONCEPT 'C' RIVERFRONT PARK





DAVIS PARK FINAL CONCEPT

DAVIS PARK MASTER PLAN

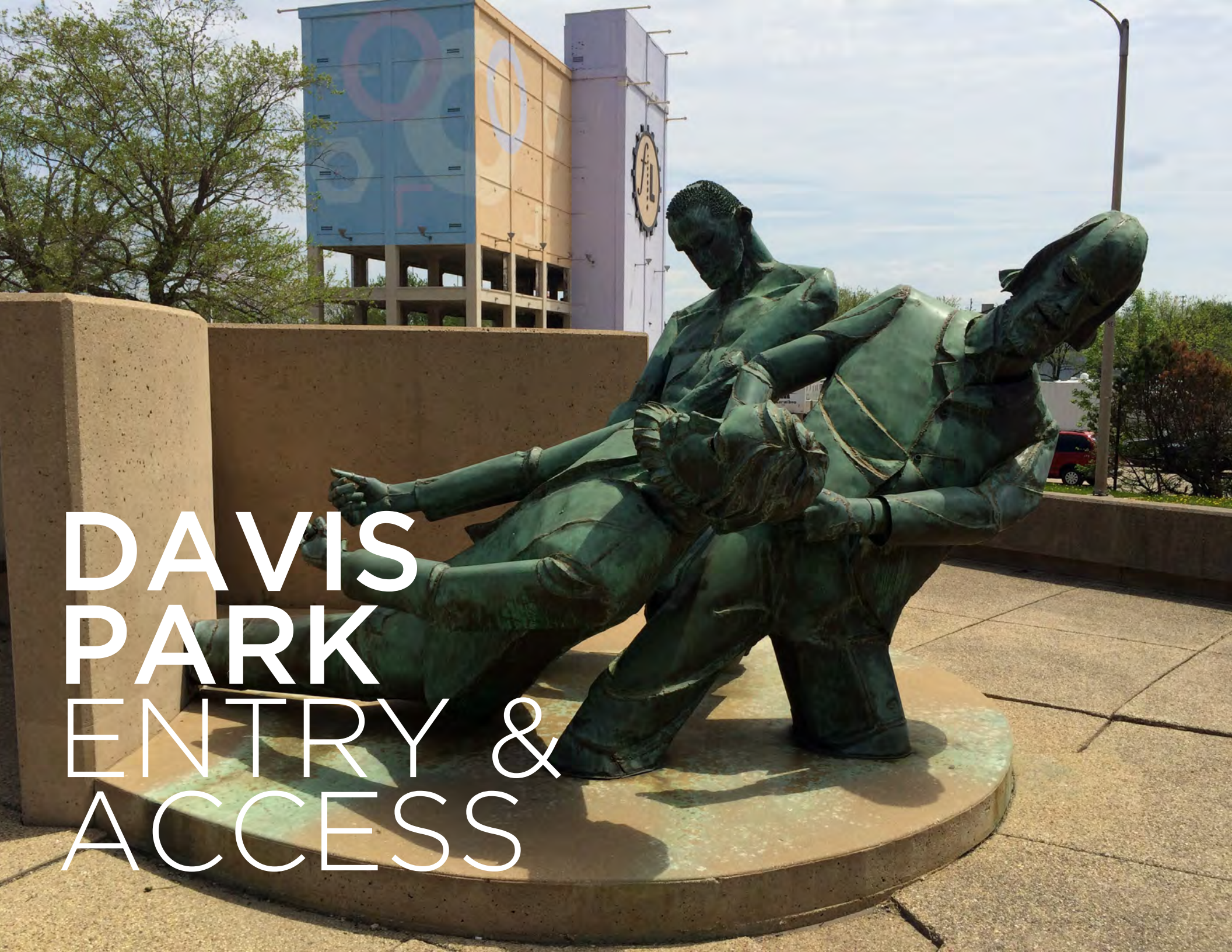


60' 120' 300' 

DAVIS PARK MASTER PLAN

- 1 expanded turn-around / dropoff & courtyard
- 2 bridge connection
- 3 pedestrian mall / vendor market
- 4 canopied cafe space
- 5 sloped lawn
- 6 climbing wall
- 7 riverfront seating
- 8 great lawn
- 9 open canopy stage & plaza
- 10 sunning beach & rain garden filter
- 11 cleansing wetlands
- 12 floating dock & boat barrier
- 13 picnic area
- 14 founder's landing & natural playscape
- 15 skatepark
- 16 trailhead parking & staging area
- 17 chestnut st playscape
- 18 shaded urban plaza
- 19 urban plaza & iconic shade structure
- 20 splash pad & ice rink
- 22 woodland & sculpture gardens
- 23 green street improvements
- 24 water channel
- 25 native plant communities
- 26 food truck parking
- 27 concessions / rentals in lorden
- 28 multi-use trail





DAVIS PARK ENTRY & ACCESS

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DAVIS PARK GATEWAY FEATURES



architectural
element

1

iconic shade
structure

2

pedestrian mall
entrance gateway

3

urban plaza &
projection house

4

bridge & gateway

5

open canopy stage
with concessions &
bathrooms

6

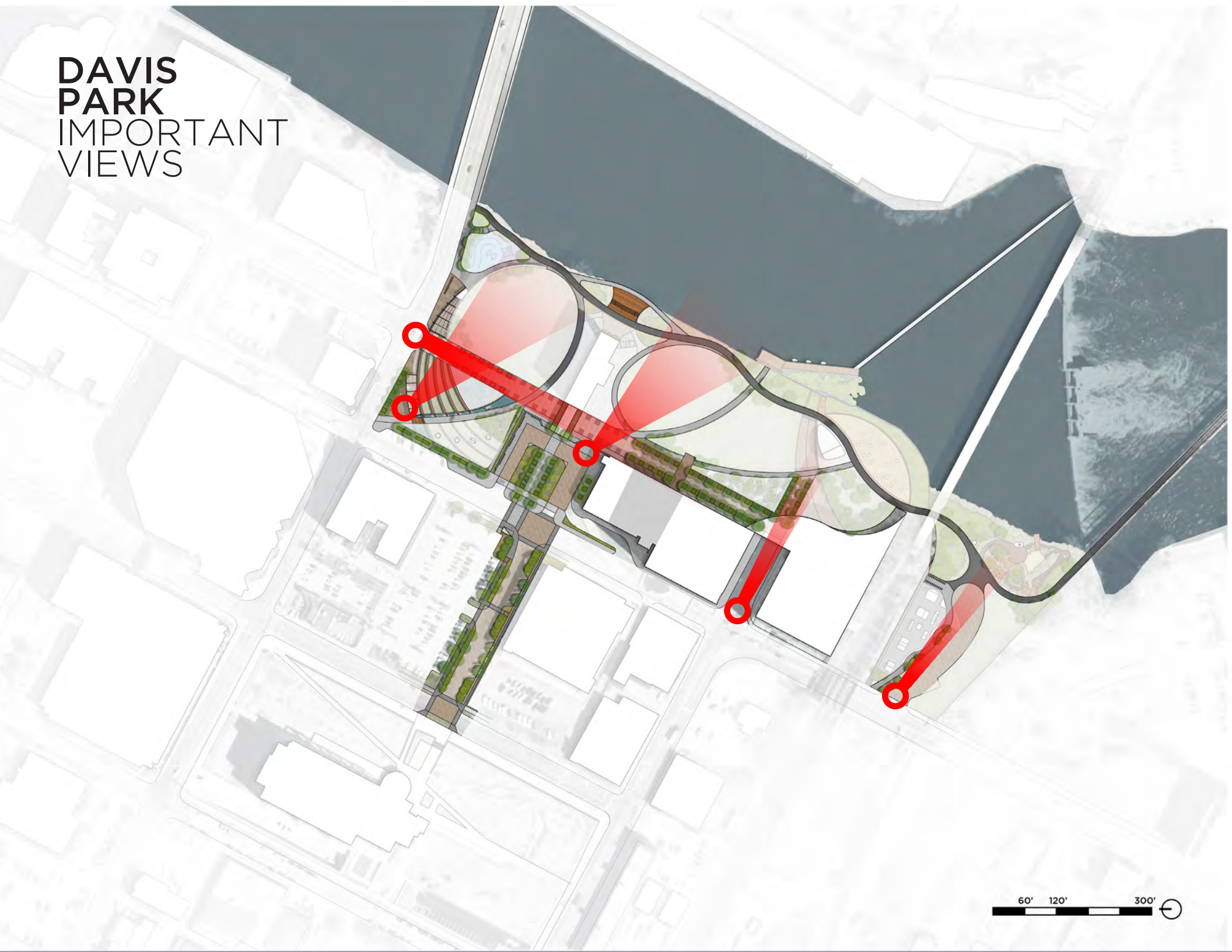
wayfinding / trail-
head kiosks

7

green street kiosk



DAVIS PARK IMPORTANT VIEWS



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A photograph of a modern, curved concrete water channel in an urban park setting. The channel features a series of low, rectangular steps that create a cascading effect as water flows through it. To the left of the channel is a well-maintained green lawn. A wide, light-colored concrete walkway runs alongside the channel, bordered by a low concrete wall with black metal handrails. In the background, a brick building with large glass windows and doors is visible, with several people walking on the sidewalk. A red utility vehicle is parked on the street to the right. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

**DAVIS
PARK**
WATER
CHANNEL

**UPTOWN
CIRCLE**
FARR
ASSOCIATES
NORMAL, IL

DAVIS PARK WATER CHANNEL



DAVIS PARK CIRCULATION

- bike parking
- primary multi-use trail
- secondary bike access
- primary pedestrian node
- primary pedestrian
- secondary pedestrian
- primary vehicular access
- secondary vehicular access

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**DAVIS
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MULTI-USE
RIVER TRAIL



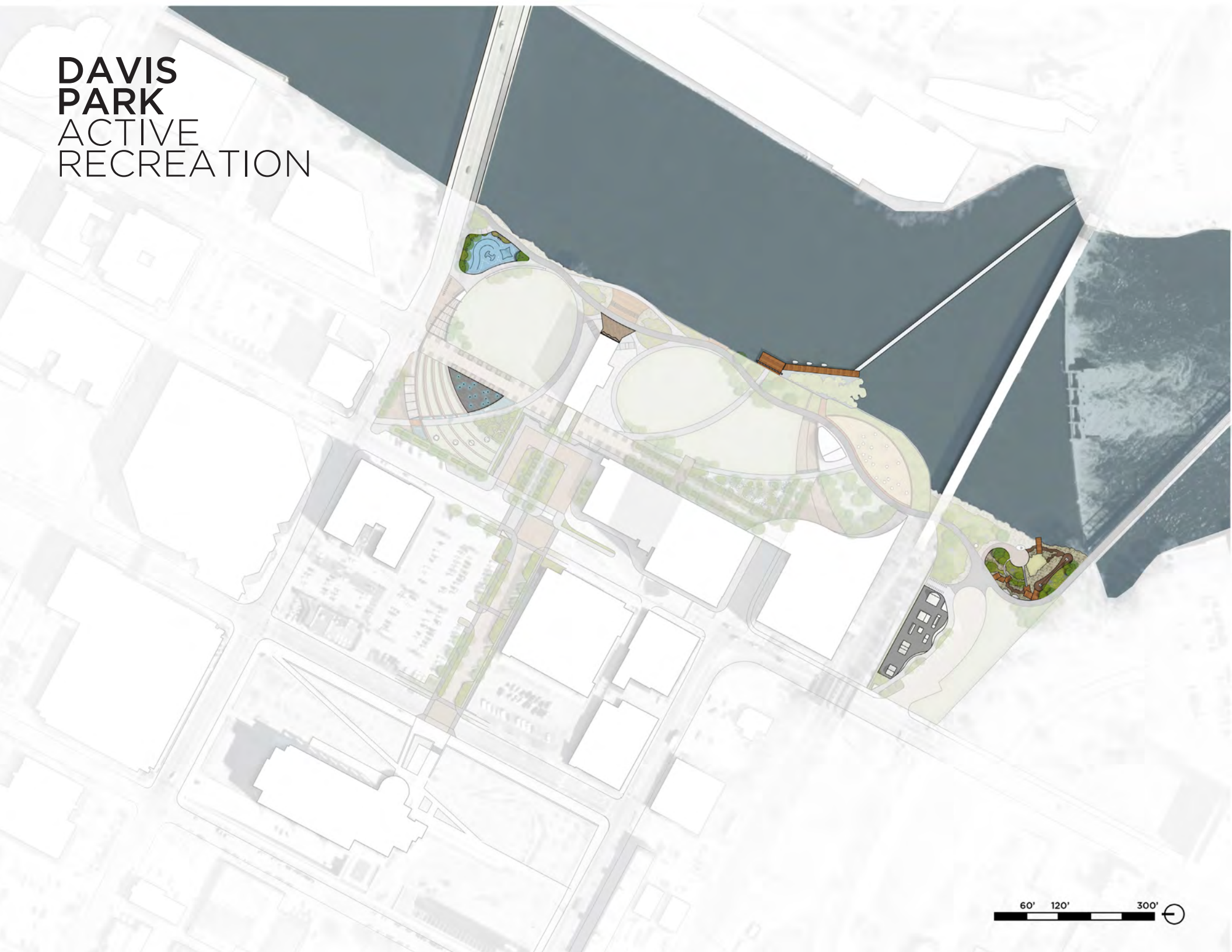
DAVIS PARK PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE





DAVIS PARK ACTIVE RECREATION

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- 1 climbing wall
- 2 floating dock & boat barrier
- 3 founder's landing & natural playscape
- 4 skatepark
- 5 chestnut st. playscape
- 6 splash pad & ice rink
- 7 concessions / rentals in lorden



DAVIS PARK CLIMBING WALL



DAVIS PARK SKATE PARK

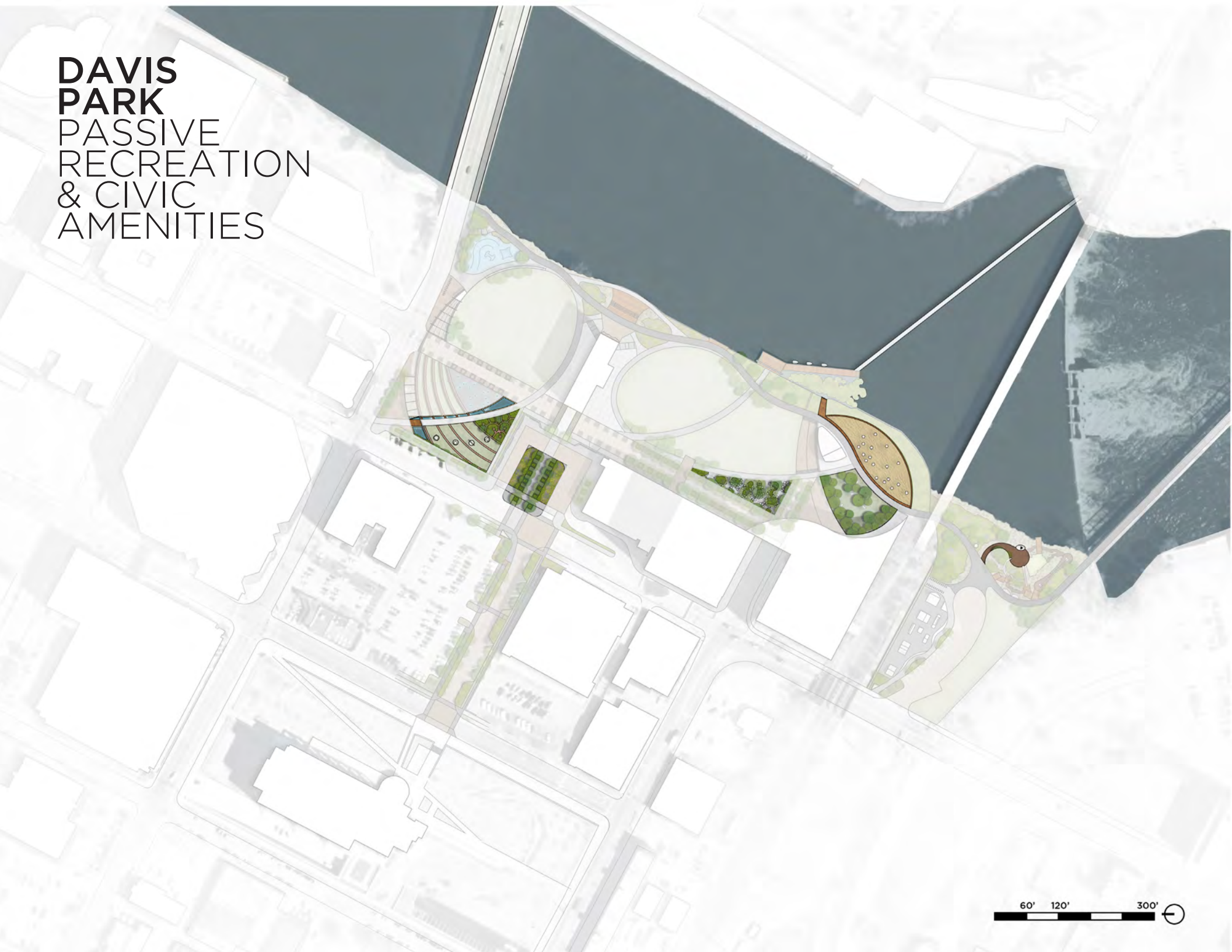




DAVIS PARK PASSIVE RECREATION & CIVIC AMENITIES

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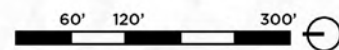
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PASSIVE RECREATION & CIVIC AMENITIES

- 1 expanded turn-around / drop-off & courtyard
- 2 canopied cafe space
- 3 sunning beach & rain garden filter
- 4 picnic area
- 5 founder's landing & natural playscape
- 6 woodland & sculpture gardens
- 7 water channel
- 8 food truck parking



DAVIS
PARK
SUNNING
BEACH



**DAVIS
PARK**
FOUNDER'S
LANDING

**DAVIS
PARK**
EUGENE
HORVATH
ROCKFORD, IL



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FOUNDER'S
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DAVIS PARK EVENT SPACES

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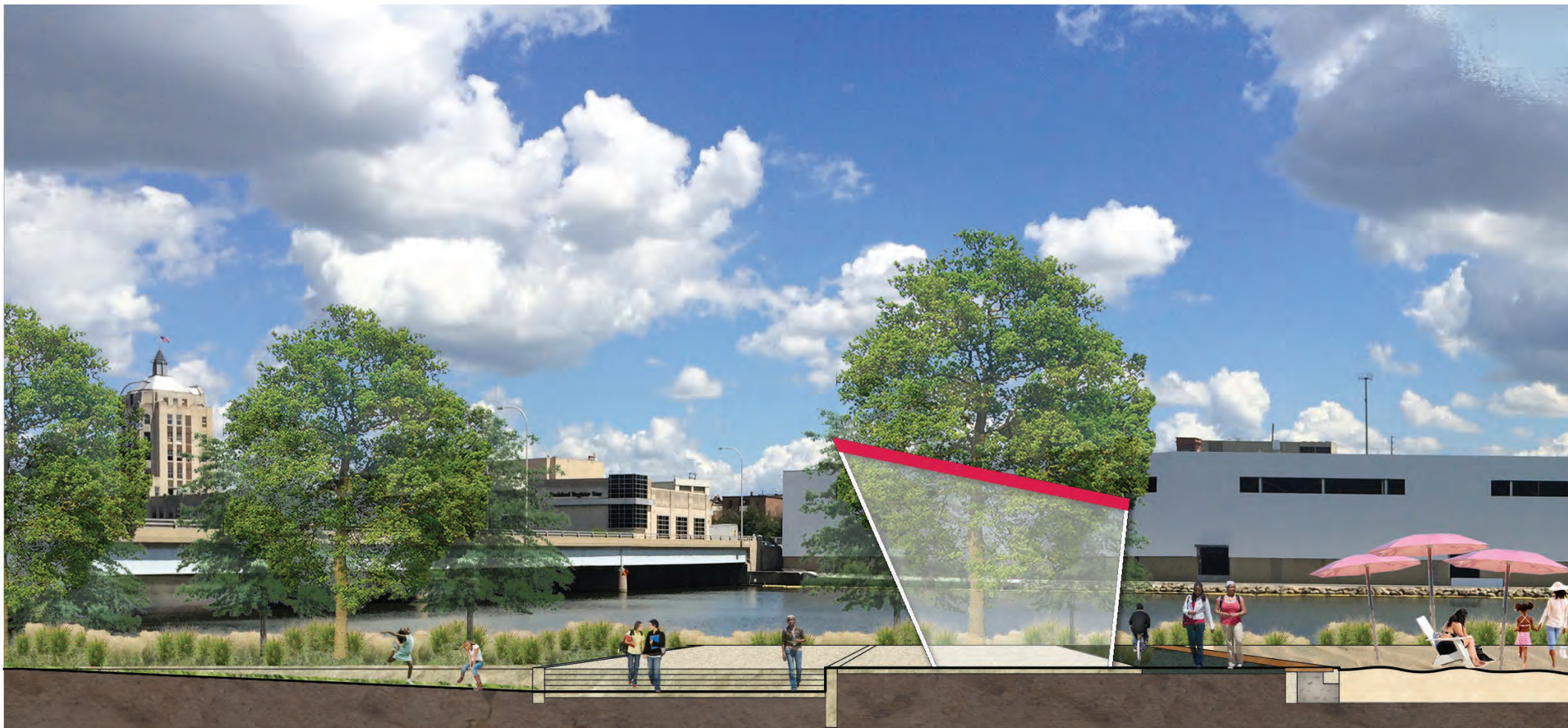
- 1 sloped lawn
- 2 riverfront seating
- 3 great lawn
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- 5 splash pad & ice rink
- 6 concessions / rentals in lorden



DAVIS PARK GREAT LAWN & OPEN CANOPY STAGE

CAPACITY:

2,500 - 4,000



DAVIS PARK PLAZA STAGE

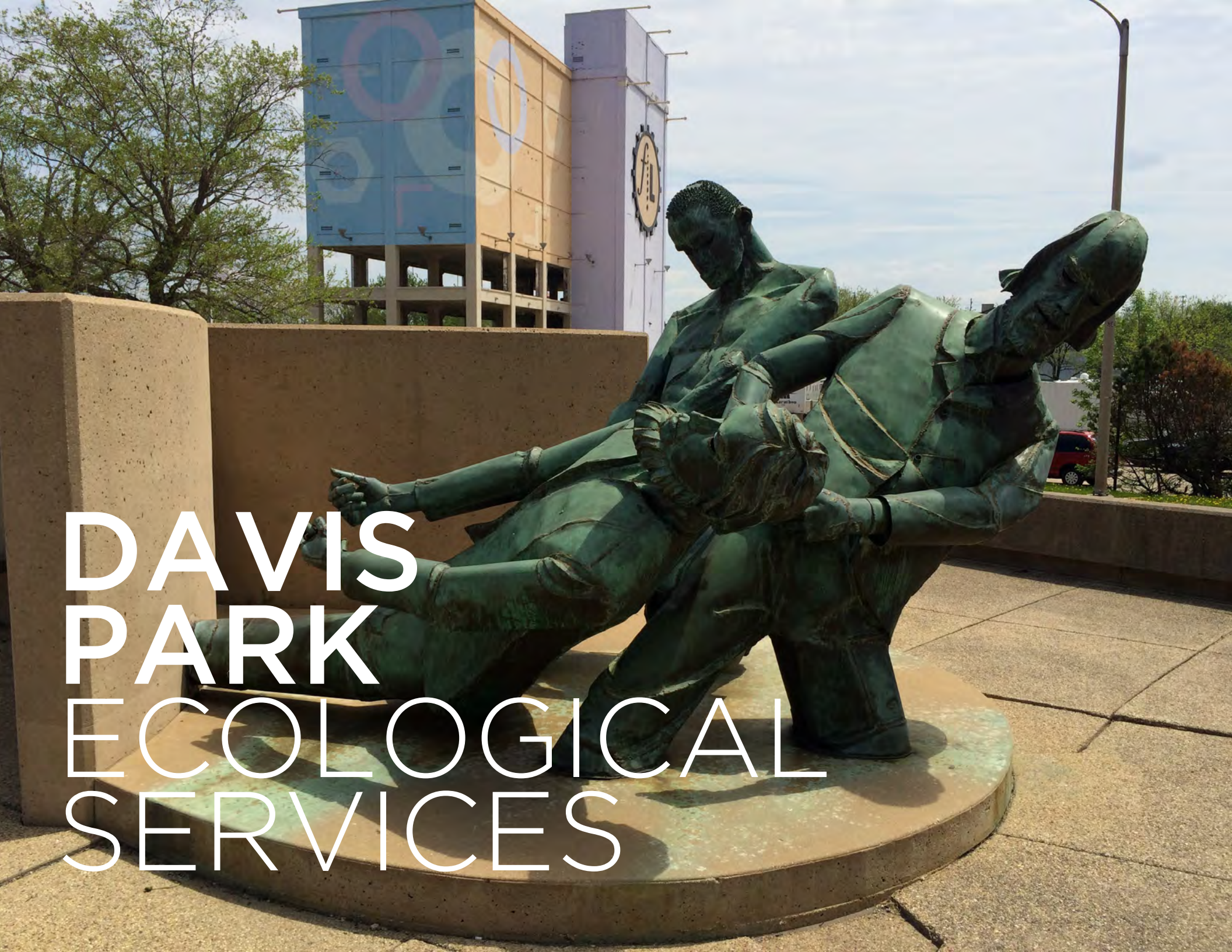
CAPACITY:
300-400



DAVIS PARK EVENT SECURITY & ACCESS

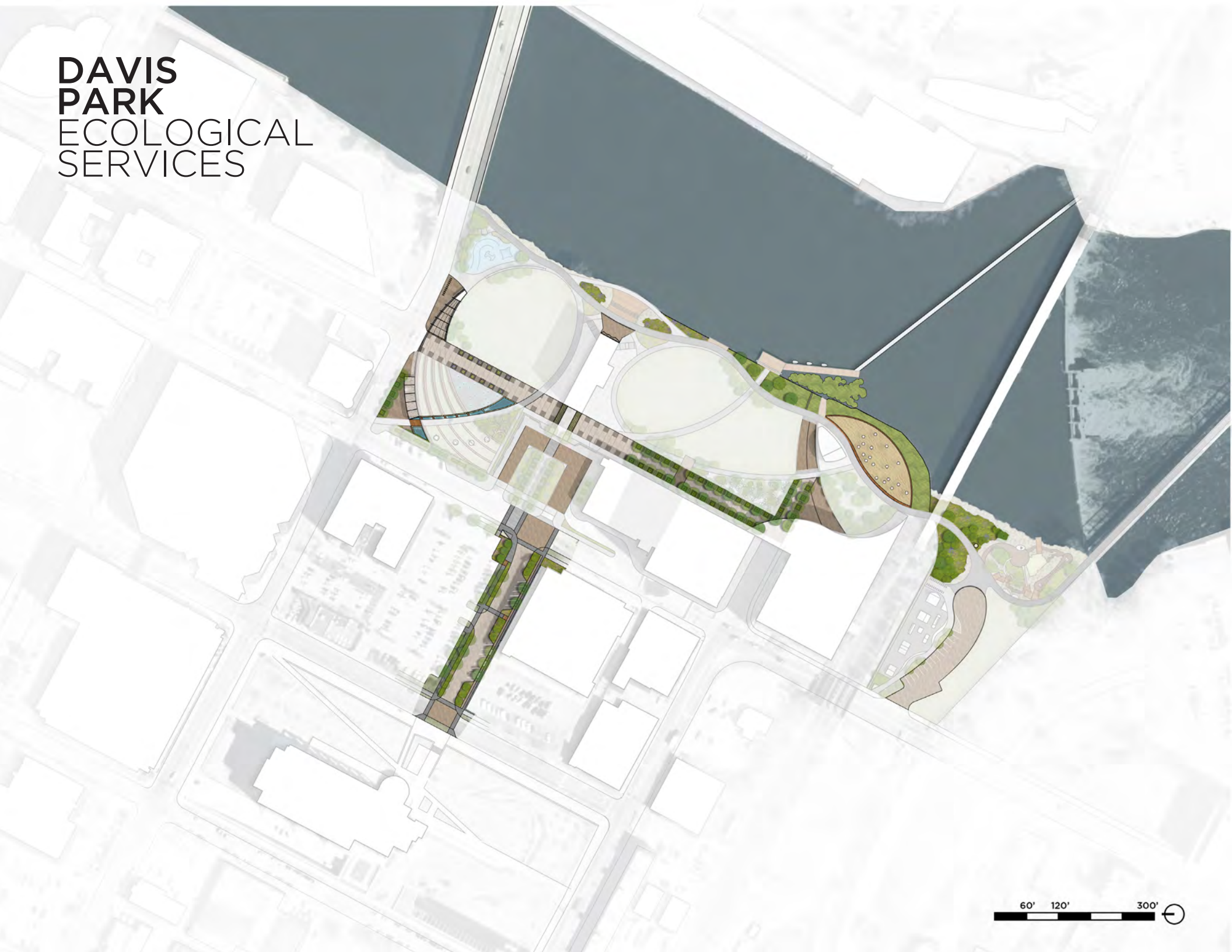
-  permanent barrier
-  temporary barrier
-  access point





DAVIS PARK ECOLOGICAL SERVICES

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- 1 pedestrian mall /
vendor market
- 2 sunning beach &
rain garden filter
- 3 wetland edge
- 4 trailhead parking &
staging area
- 5 green street
improvements
- 6 water channel
- 7 native plant communities



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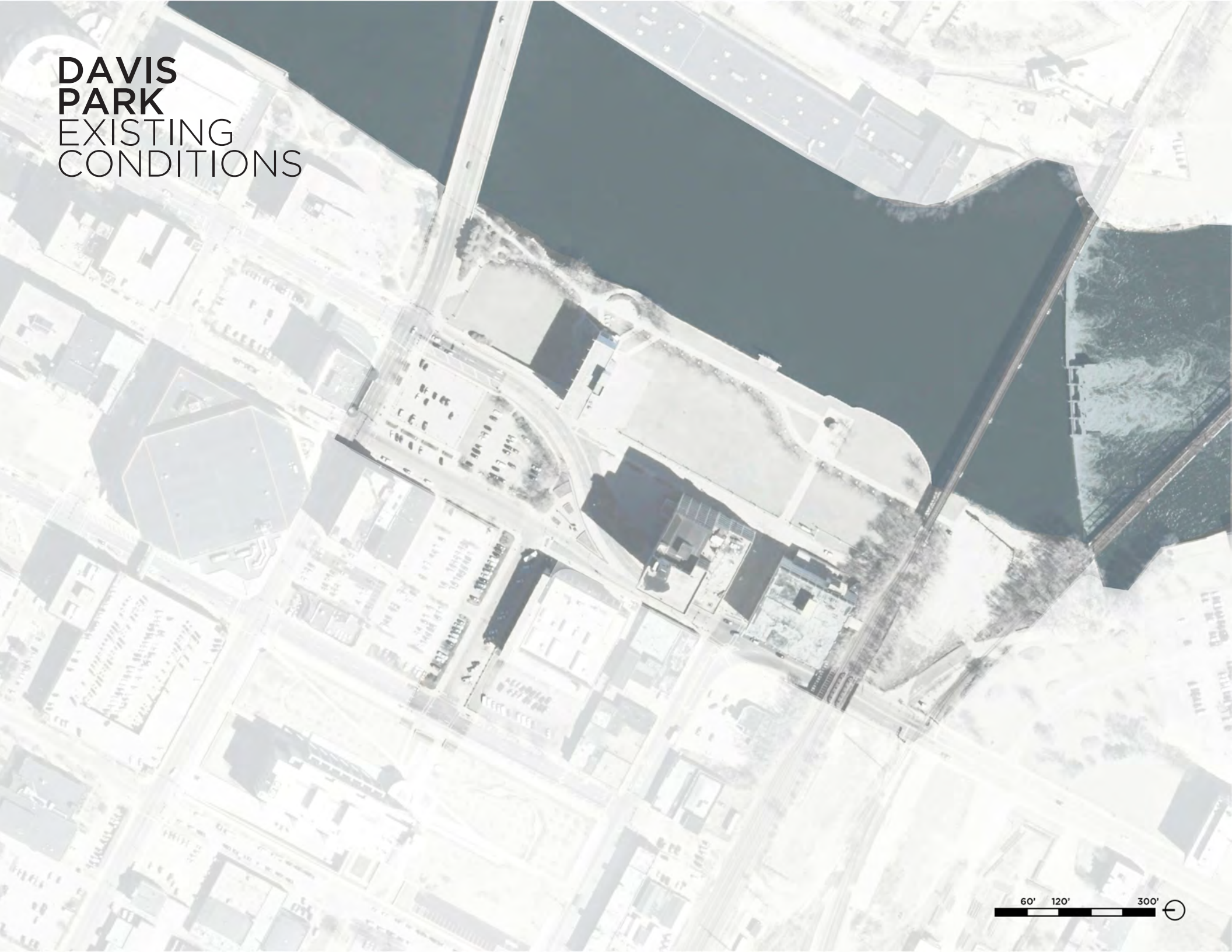
SUNNING BEACH / RAIN GARDEN FILTER



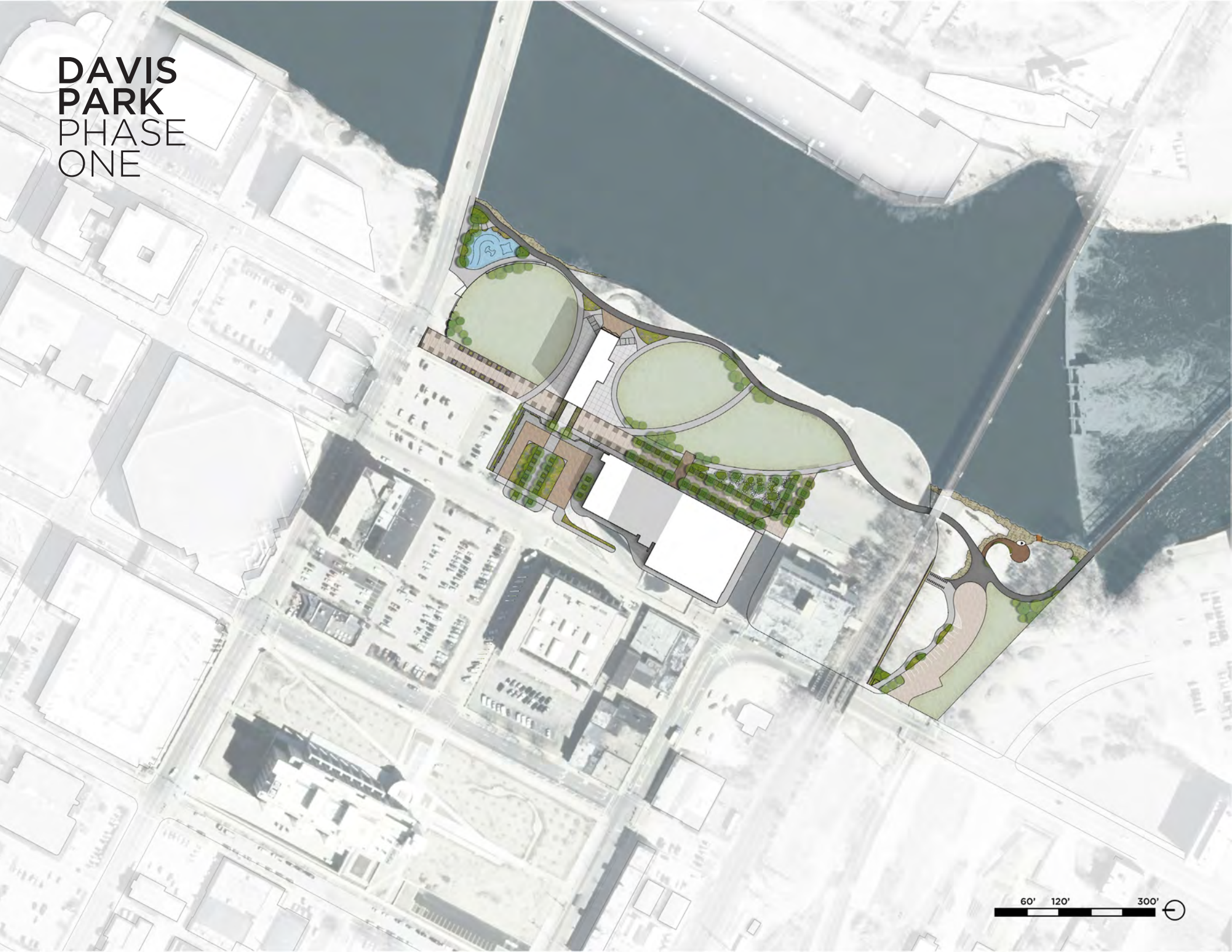


DAVIS PARK POTENTIAL PHASING

DAVIS PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS



DAVIS PARK PHASE ONE



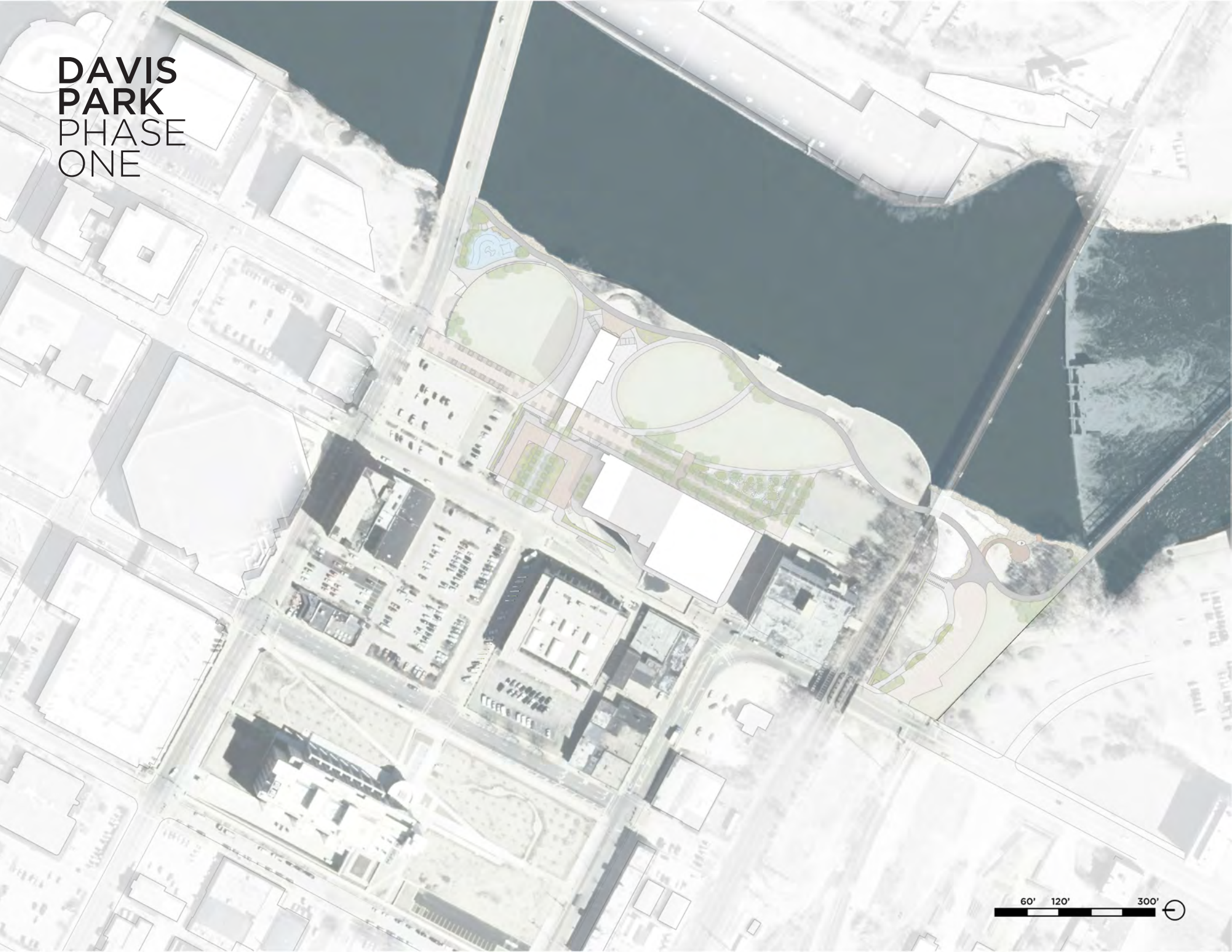
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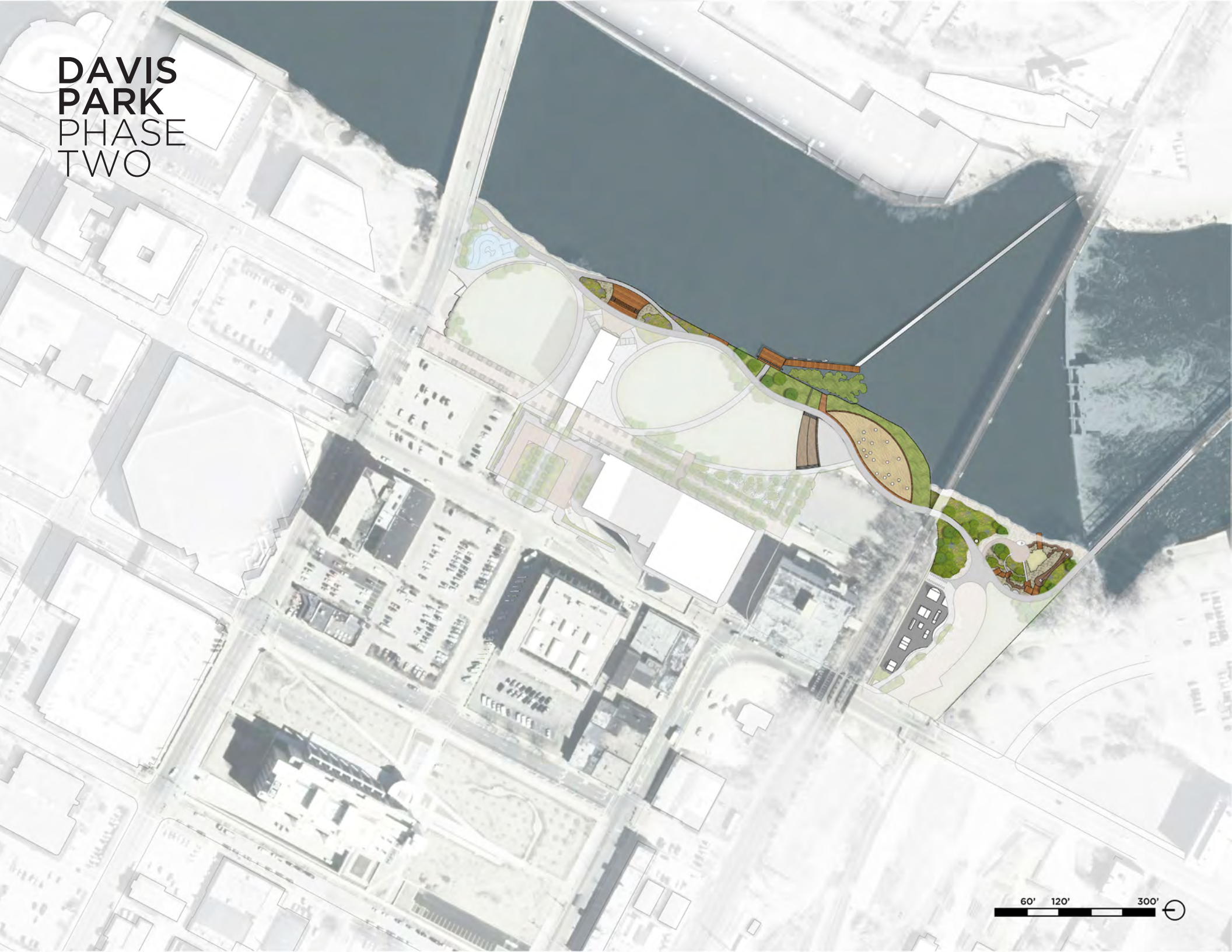
- 1 pedestrian mall /
vendor market
- 2 expanded turnaround /
courtyard / bridge
at conference center
- 3 canopied cafe space
- 4 multi-use trail
- 5 pedestrian circulation
paths
- 6 trailhead parking &
staging area
- 7 founder's landing plaza
- 8 chestnut st playscape
- 9 remove ramp to lorden



DAVIS PARK PHASE ONE



DAVIS PARK PHASE TWO



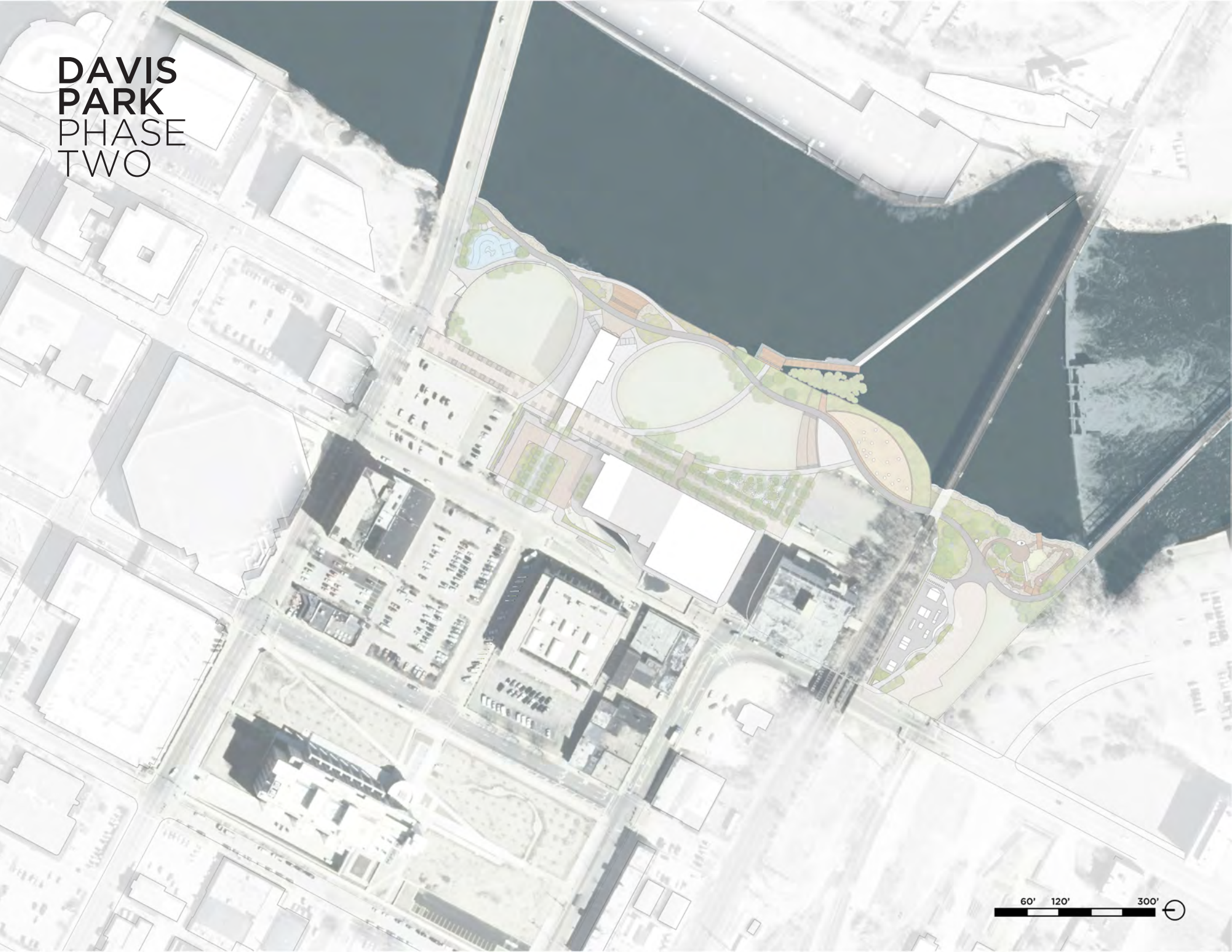
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DAVIS PARK PHASE TWO

- 1 sunning beach & rain garden filter
- 2 cleansing wetlands
- 3 floating dock
- 4 boat barrier
- 5 riverfront seating
- 6 climbing wall
- 7 natural playscape
- 8 skatepark
- 9 native plant communities
- 10 event plaza

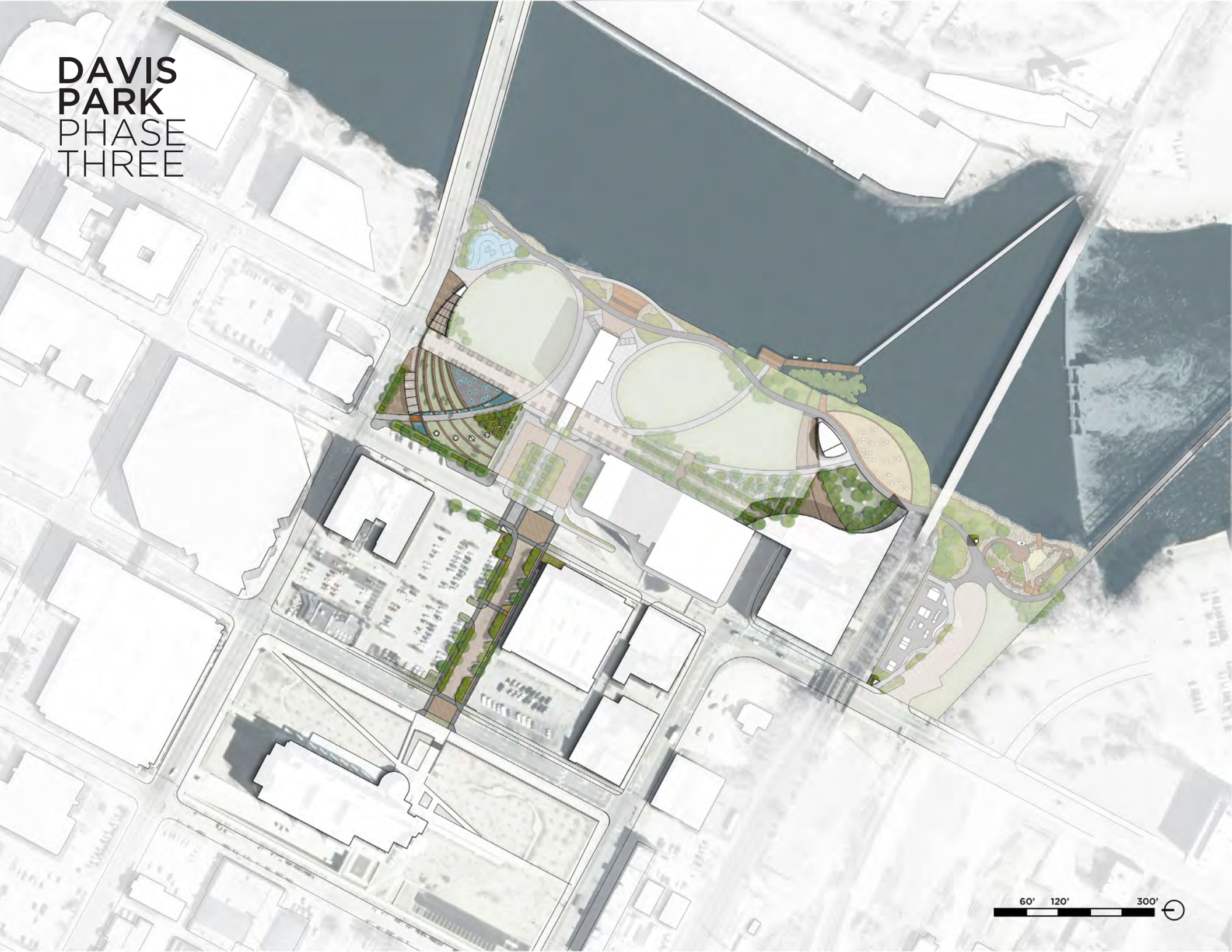


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DAVIS PARK PHASE THREE



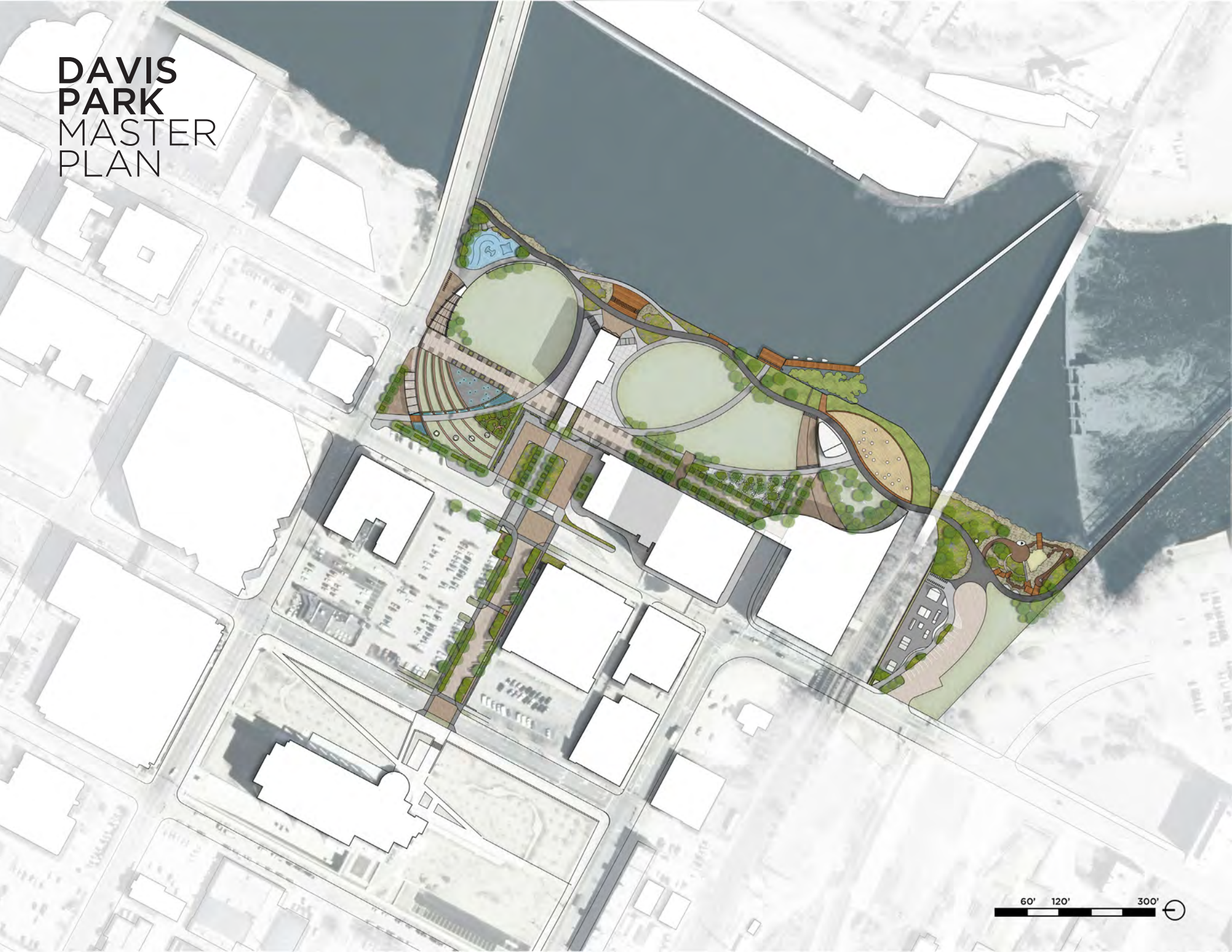
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DAVIS PARK PHASE THREE

- 1 urban plaza
- 2 iconic shade structure / entry feature
- 3 water channel
- 4 splash pad & ice skating rink
- 5 woodland garden
- 6 sculpture garden
- 7 food truck parking
- 8 overhead entry feature
- 9 shaded urban plaza
- 10 projector booth for movies & dynamic light shows
- 11 lorden buildout
- 12 open canopy stage with restrooms & concessions
- 13 picnic area
- 14 trail kiosks
- 15 green street improvements



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