

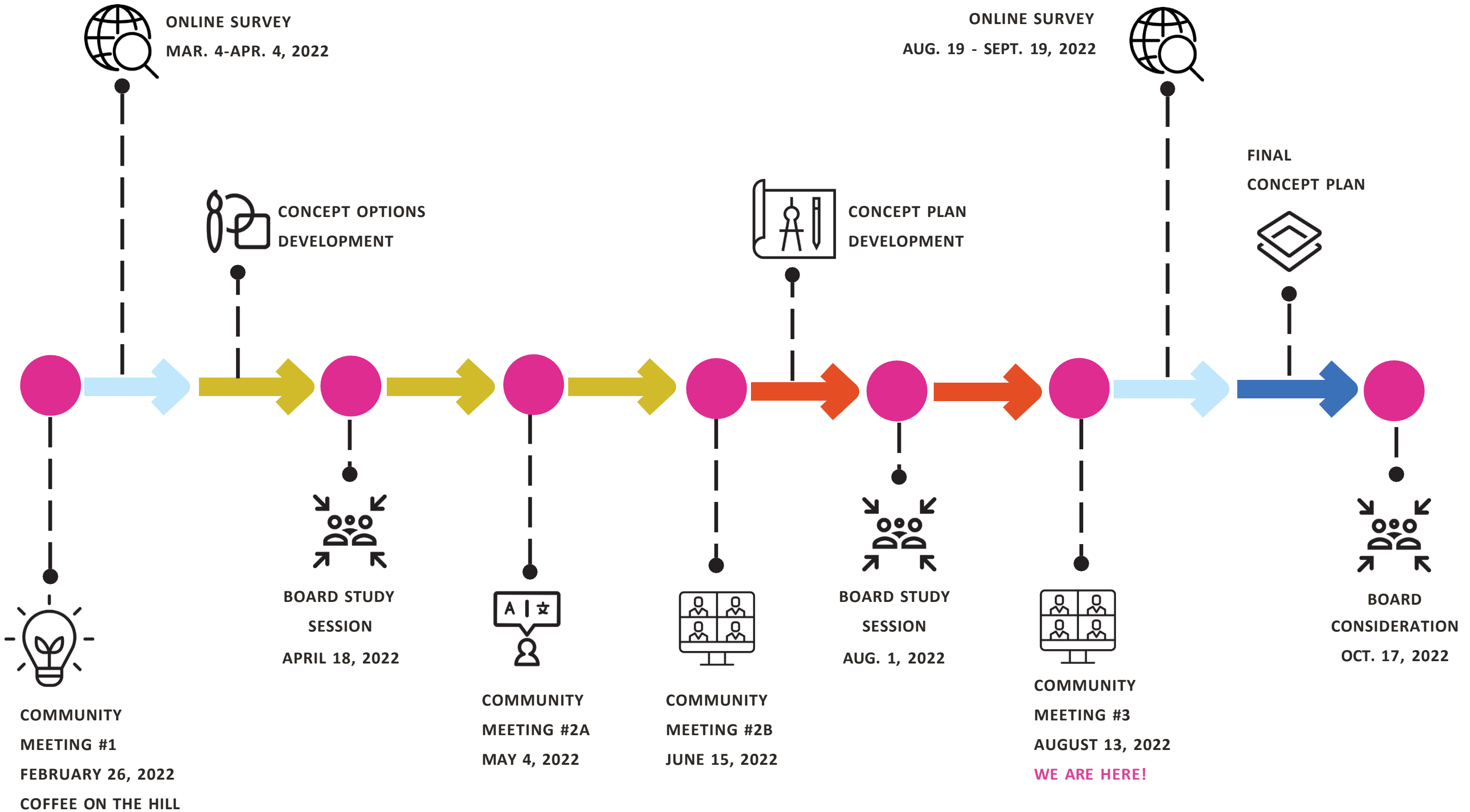
VALLEY VIEW PARK MASTER PLAN

Community Meeting #3

AUGUST 13, 2022



PROJECT TIMELINE



MEETING SUMMARY

Coffee on the Hill was held on February 26, 2022.

Over **200** neighbors and community members attended.

Visitors were asked to go on a self guided tour and **reflect** on the sensory experience of the site and **imagine** what they could envision at the site in the future.



WELCOME TO VALLEY VIEW PARK!

SELF GUIDED IMAGINE TOUR

Post your ideas at the Coffee Station



Take a moment, close your eyes at these locations. What do you hear or smell?

Open your eyes, what do you see? Is there anything you want to touch? How does this area make you feel?

1 Eucalyptus Grove
There are many great views from the site. What can you see here?

4 Secret Garden
This area offers glimpses into the past. What evidence do you see?

2 Urban Forest
This zone has the most trees on the site. What kind of recreation can you imagine amongst the trees?

5 Hilltop
This is the highest place on the site. What can you see from here?

3 Sunrise Overlook
This steep area of the site gets a lot of morning sun. What is the temperature now?



VALLEY VIEW DRAFT PARK MASTER PLAN

662

surveys taken *

27%

live next to the park

82%

live in castro Valley

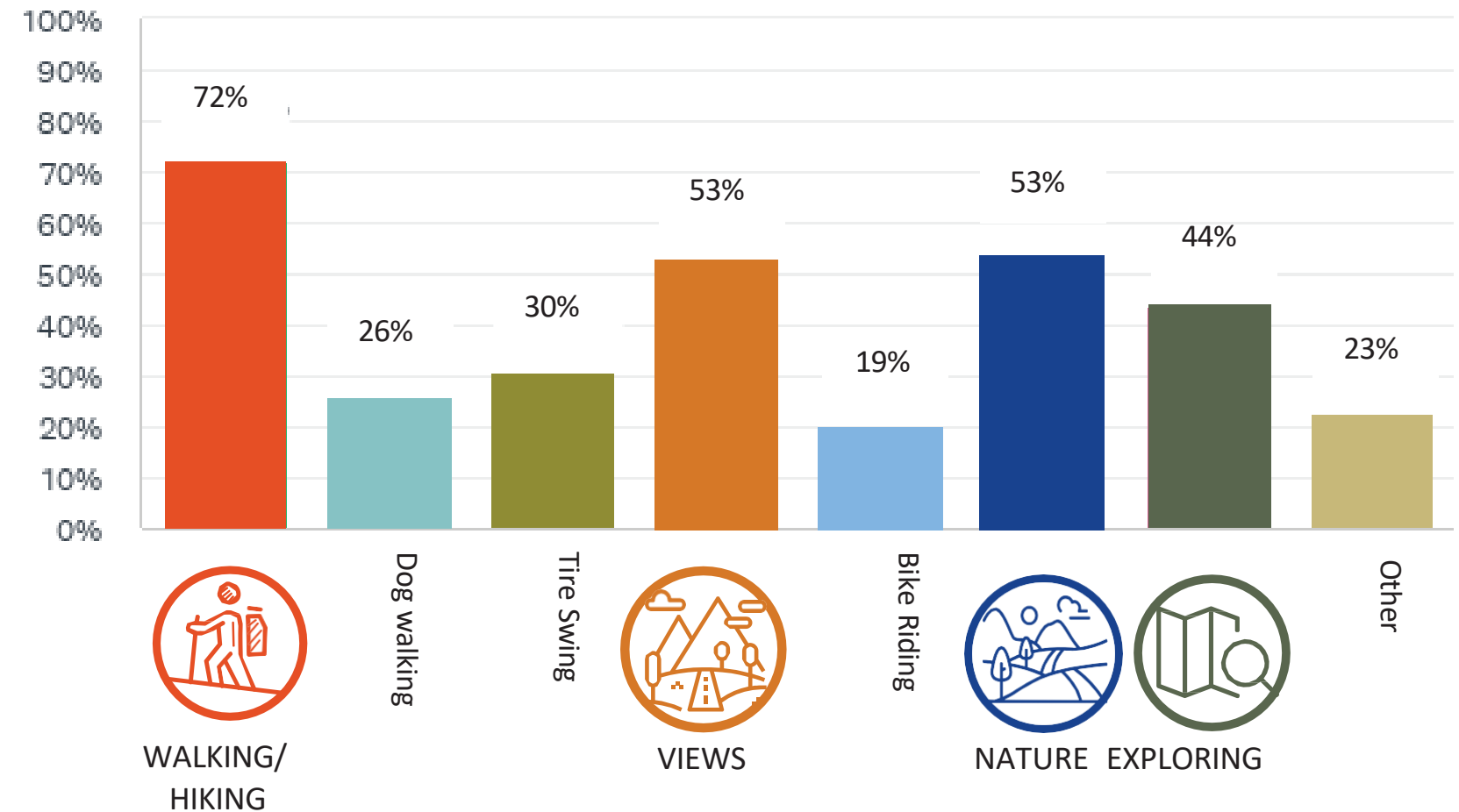
60%

have been to the site

75%

are families with 3-5 people per household

Why did/would you visit the site?



"I would love safe bicycle-specific spaces for children, and something like a pump track."

" We would like to see this as a recreational space but it would be great if it could keep its current natural charm."

"I really love the tire swing and the tree it's on, and the quiet around the area. It's a beautiful meditation spot, and you can look out over the city and think. That's my main reason for visiting this park."

"I would love to see the obstacle/ropes course, a playground, and lots of walking paths with shade"

"This is a beautiful and serene place for unstructured play"

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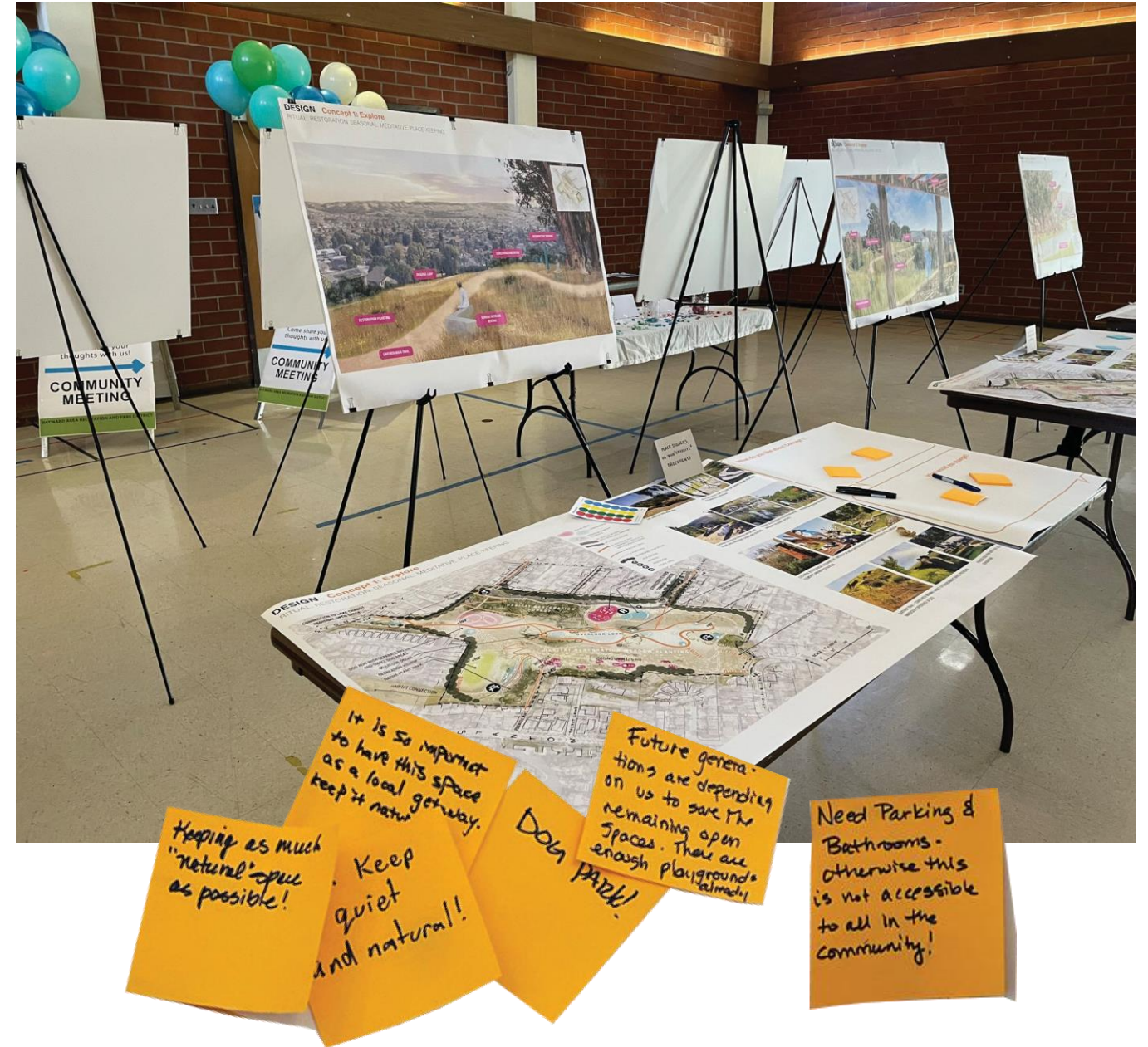
Virtual workshop on May 4 attended by 35 community members.

Second workshop held June 11 at the **Castro Valley Community Center**.

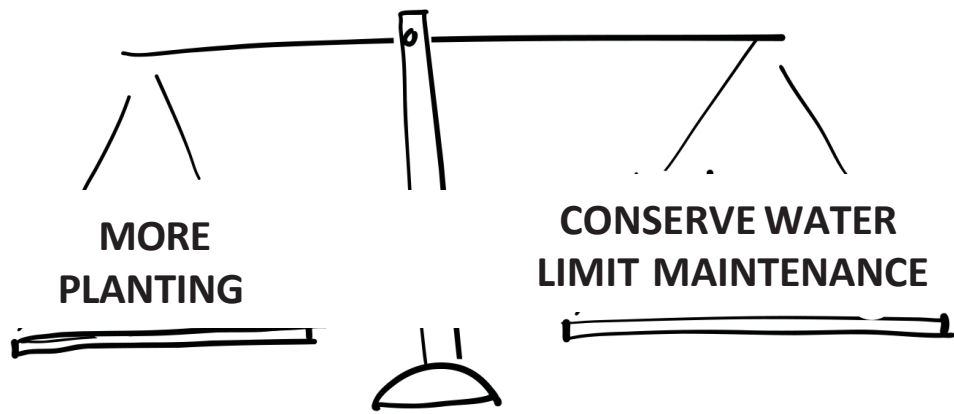
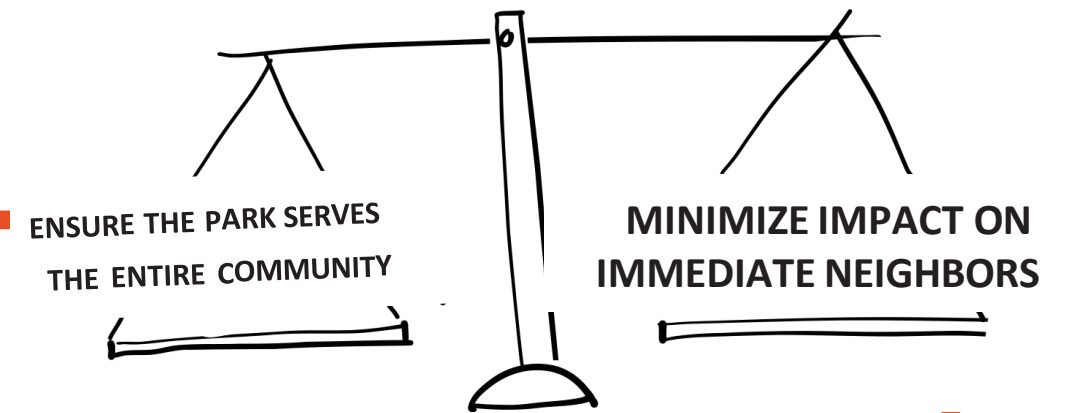
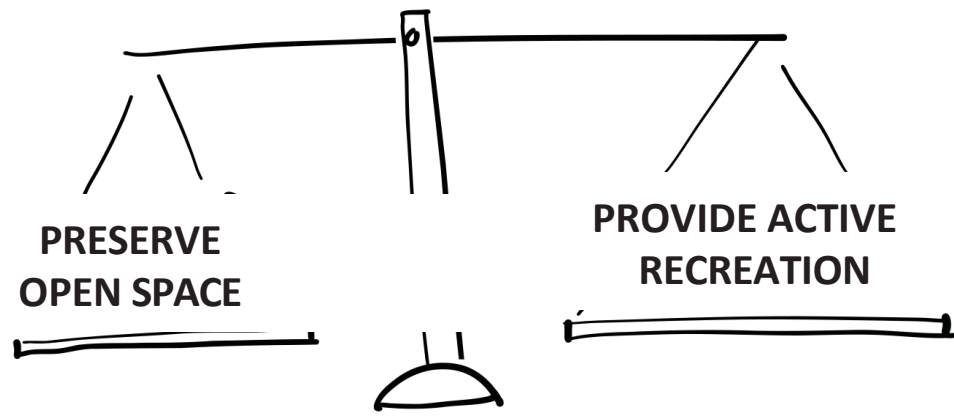
53 community members signed in; 100 may have attended in total.

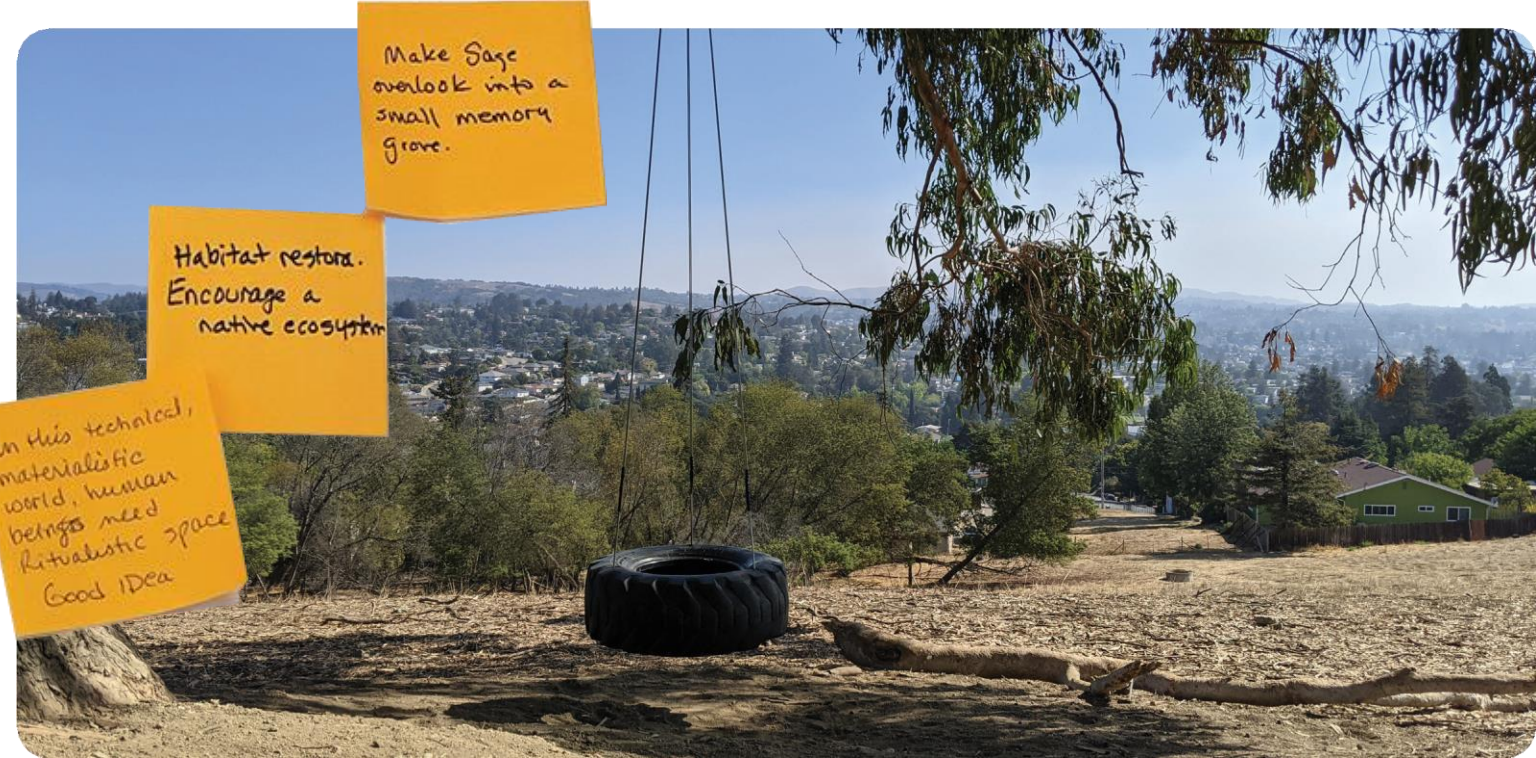
At both workshops, background on the site and **3 conceptual alternatives** were presented.

Participants were asked to provide feedback in **breakout rooms and using sticky notes**, etc.



ENGAGEMENT **BALANCING SITE PRIORITIES**



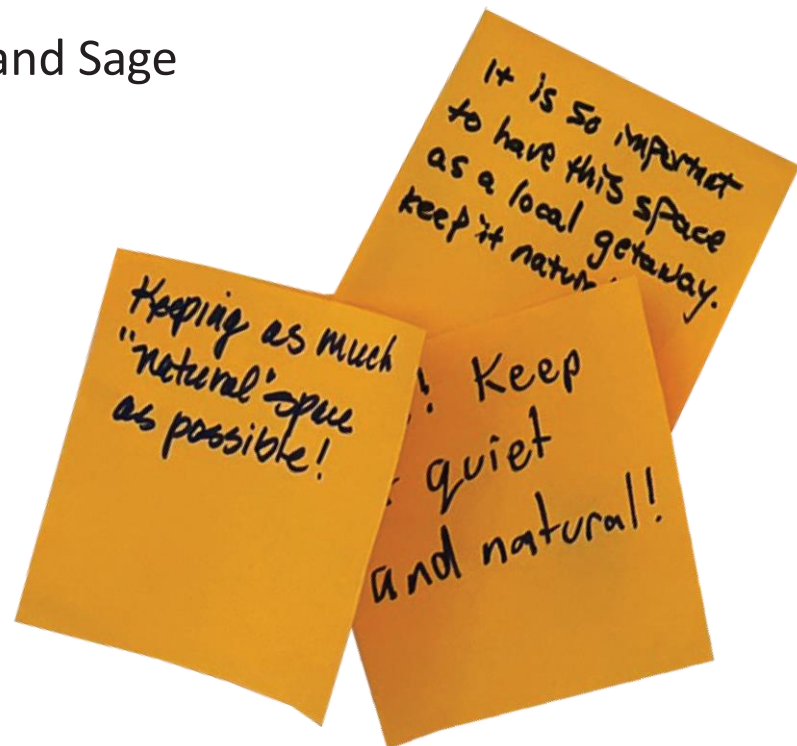


Existing Character

Many participants knew the site and had memories attached to it.

Strong support for rustic, low-impact character.

Desire to keep the tire swing and Sage memorial.



Program Elements

Many liked how a paved hilltop loop could serve people in wheelchairs, with strollers, or learning to ride a bike.

Support for a multi-use meadow for unstructured recreation.

Play areas for youth of all ages were important to nearly everyone.

A dog park would provide space for dog owners to gather and socialize, and a safe place for dogs to run.

Concerns about shelters and restrooms encouraging camping and misuse.

Limited support for any program that invited large gatherings.



Access and Safety

Need to balance concerns for both limiting parking on-site to maintain its character, and ensuring enough parking is available.

Support for distributing parking between different entrances.

Desire to create welcoming and safe park entrances.

Strong concerns about lack of sidewalks and safe crossings, speeding traffic.

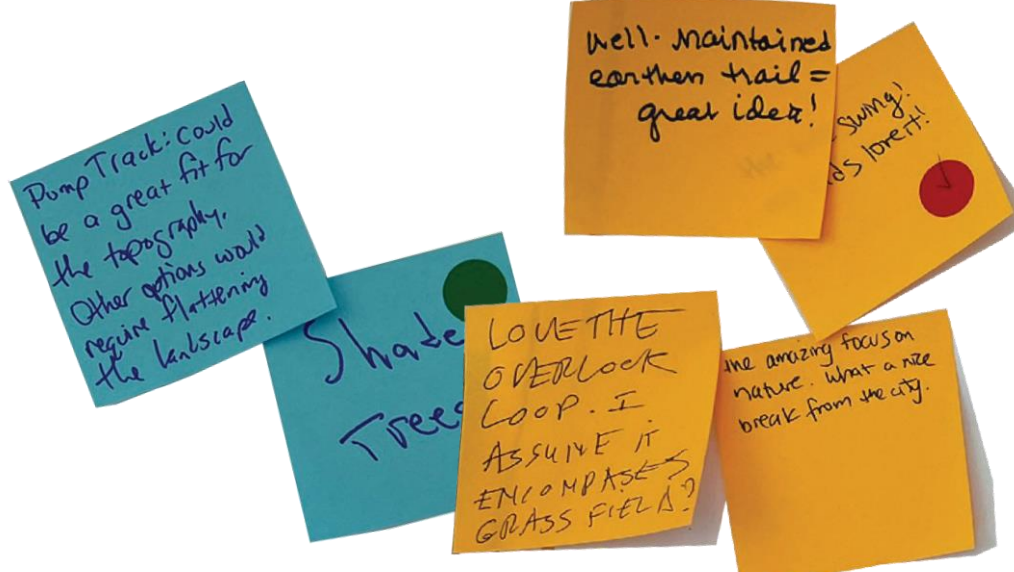
While HARD does not have jurisdiction on the streets surrounding Valley View, the master plan will address the need for safety improvements in the area.



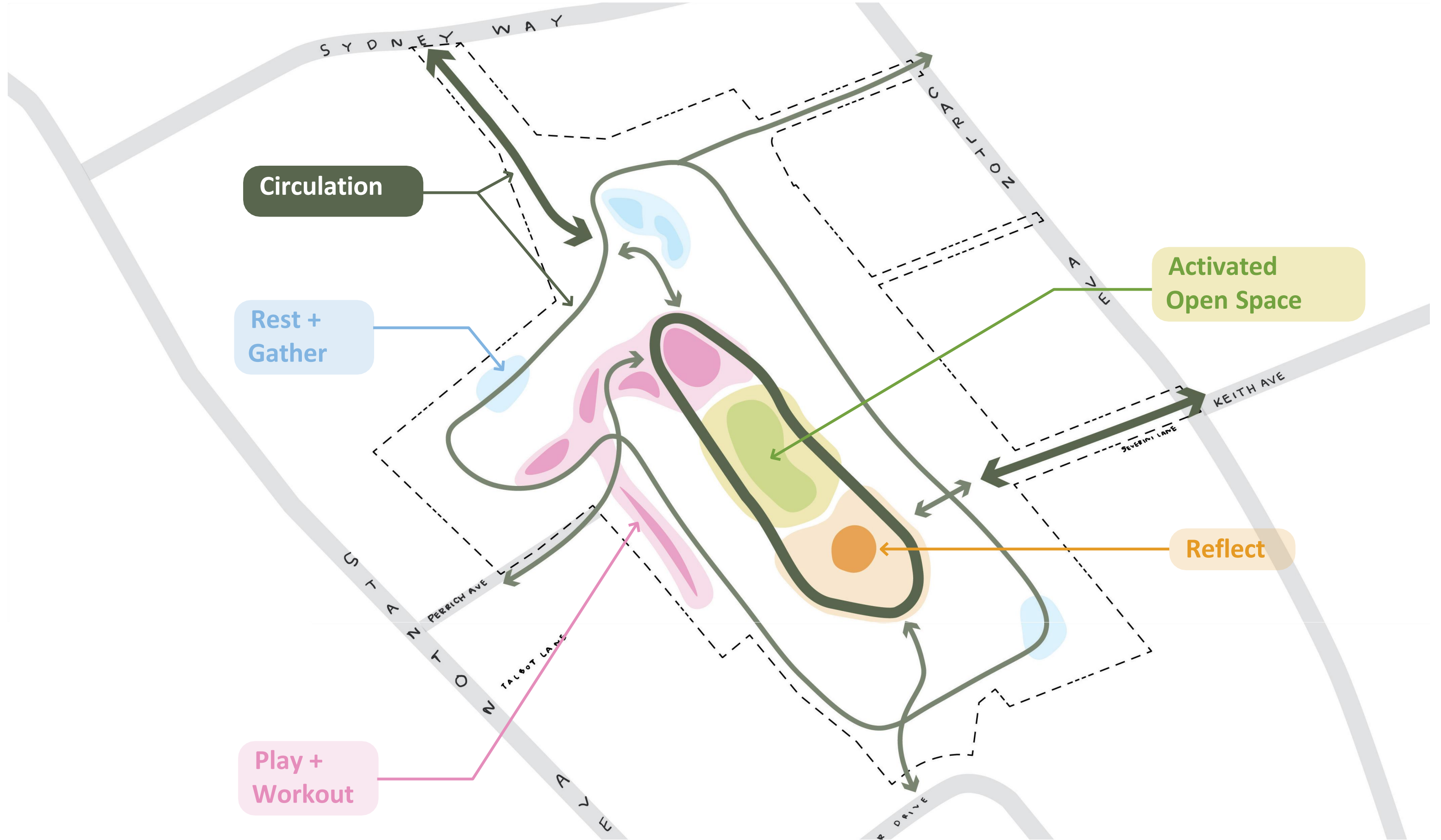
Environmental Considerations

Fire safety was a concern. Consideration of irrigated planting areas and the use of goats to manage risk.

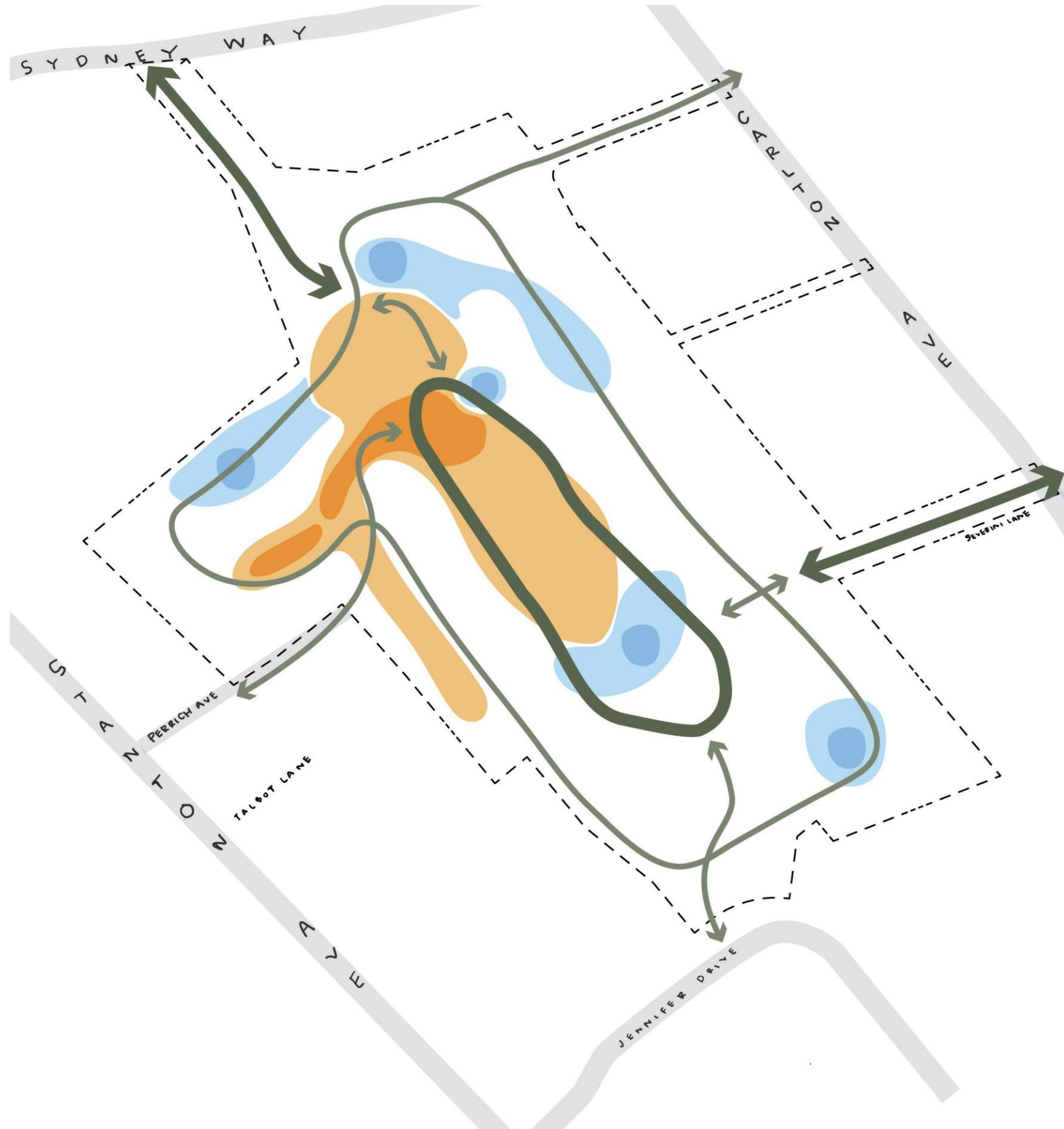
Preference for native, drought-tolerant planting. Preference for shade trees rather than shade structures.







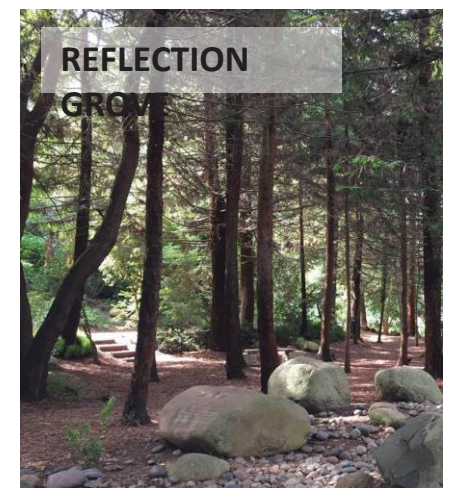
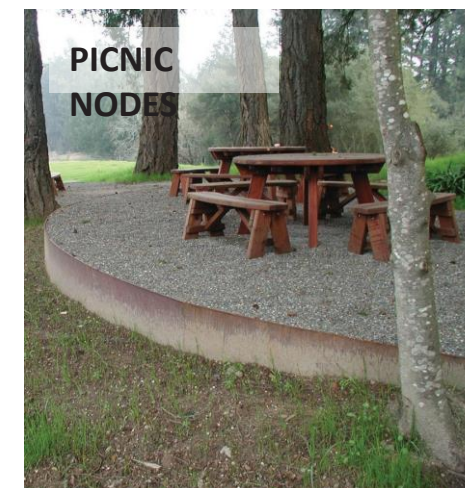
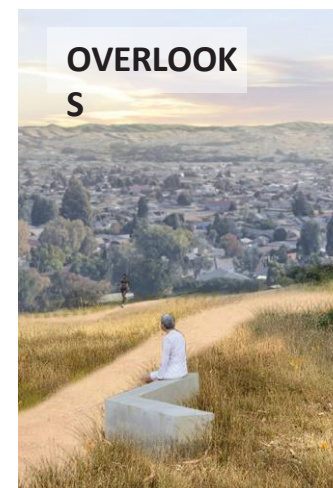
DESIGN USE + INTENSITY



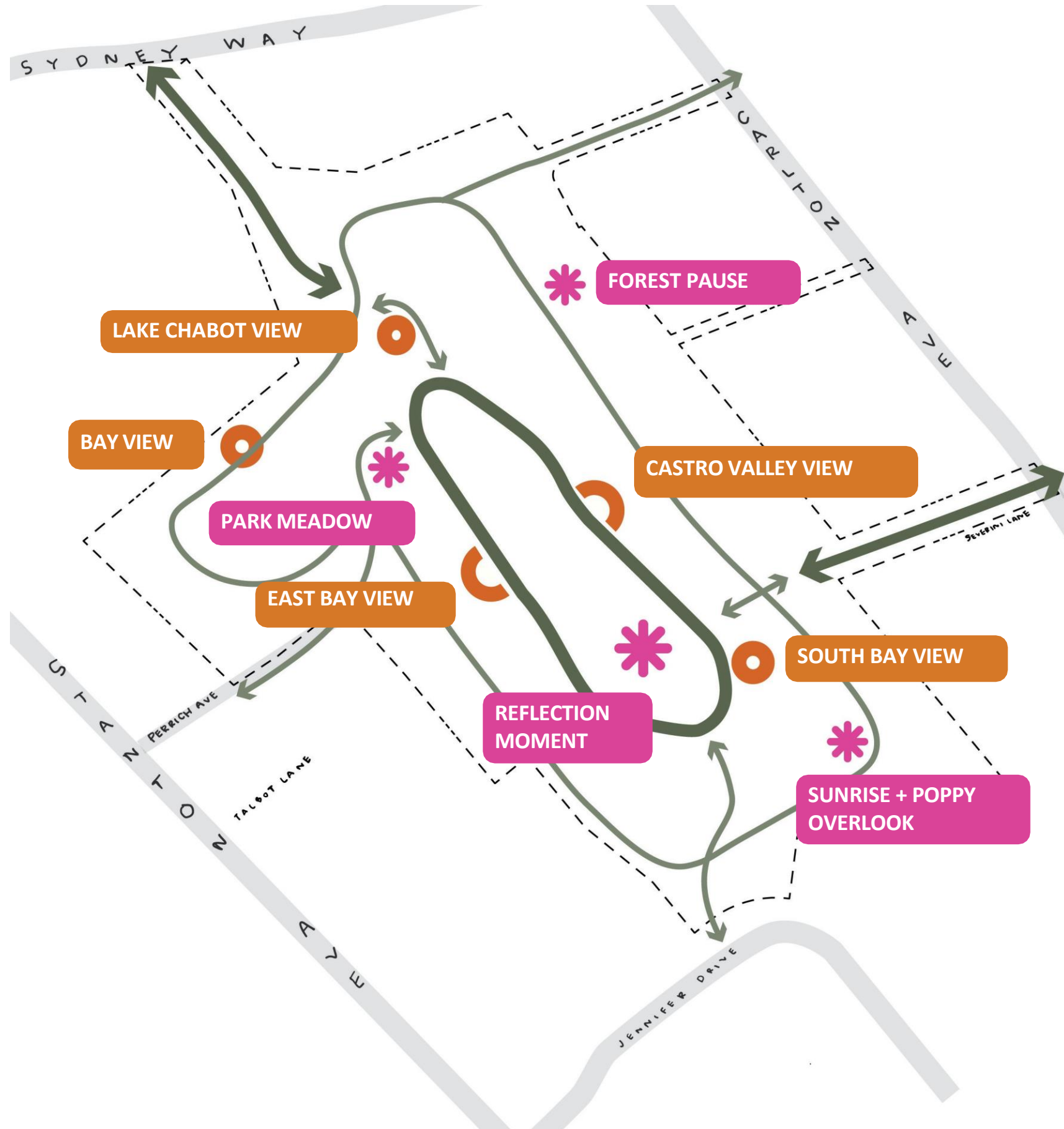
Active Use



Passive Use



DESIGN MOMENTS



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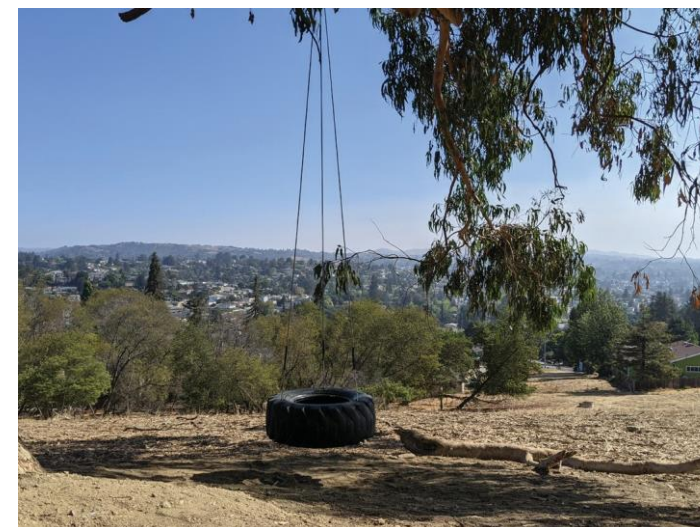
OVERLOOK



PARK MEADOW



REFLECTION MOMENT



DESIGN PLANTING



*IRRIGATION AND STORMWATER CONSIDERED FOR PLANTING OPTIONS, ENGINEERING STUDY TO FOLLOW

ROBUST SCREENING VEGETATION AT PERIMETER



NATIVE PLANT ZONES THROUGHOUT CIRCULATION



SIGNIFICANT EXISTING TREE MOMENTS



DESIGN DRAFT MASTER PLAN CONCEPT



FACILITIES



PLAY



GATHER



OVERLOOK

