

FORT McMURRAY WATERFRONT PARK

Snye Point Outdoor Event Space - Preliminary Concepts

Virtual Open House

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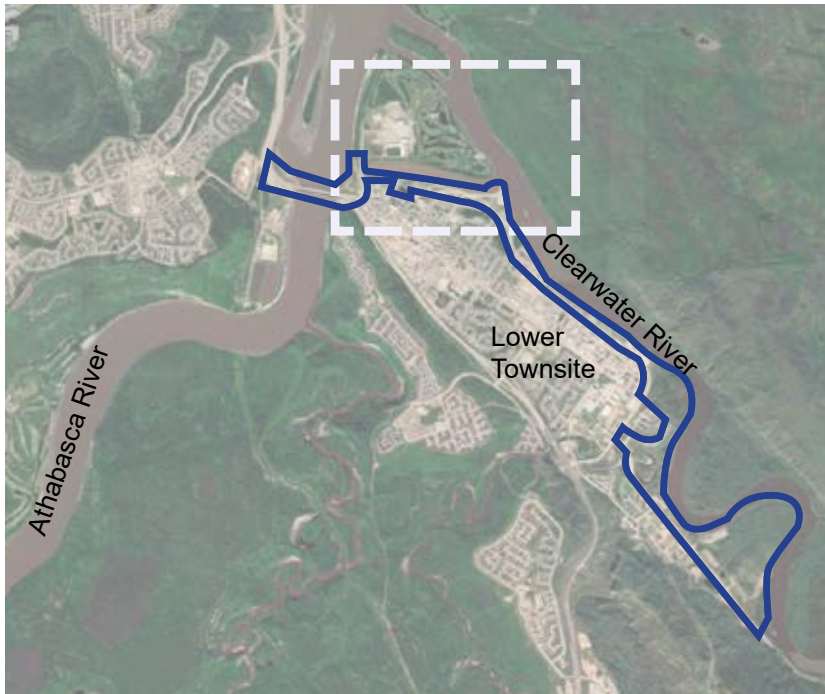


AGENDA

1. Project Boundary + Background
2. Guiding Principles
3. Master Plan Elements
4. Concept Plans
5. Diagrams
6. Next Steps + Discussion

PROJECT BOUNDARY

WATERFRONT PARK



SNYE POINT OUTDOOR EVENT SPACE



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We need to understand the full vision for Snye Point Outdoor Event Space to support the 2021 Phase 1 improvements.

We would like to present our ideas and hear your comments to help us finalize the design.



PROJECT BOUNDARY

SNYE POINT OUTDOOR EVENT SPACE

Possible 2021 Construction:

- Accessible pathways
- Pedestrian lighting
- Event power
- Earthwork and new lawn areas
- Roads and parking lots
- Lookouts



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Possible Phase 2 Construction:

- Shoreline treatment
- Benches, Welcome Circles and special moments
- Signage, wayfinding and art
- New trees and plant material
- Earthwork and new lawn areas
- Below grade infrastructure



HISTORY OF SITE

Nistawoyou ‘where three rivers meet’:

- First inhabitants with a strong spiritual connection to these traditional lands
- Waterways, shorelines and lands have been central to the identities, lives, and cultural continuity of Indigenous peoples as long as their ancestors have resided in the area
- Provided subsistence, economic needs, a meeting place, spiritual and cultural well-being and mobility

MOCCASIN FLATS

History and Reconciliation:

- Métis families were evicted from the land in the 1970 to early 1980's
- Métis families and the community have suffered intergenerational affects of the eviction and disconnection from the land



NWT Archives / Rene Fumoleau-Fonds

GUIDING DOCUMENTS

Over 25 documents, including:

- DARP Document + Engagement
- City Centre Waterfront Program
- Culture Plan
- Wood Buffalo Sustainability Plan
- Community Placemaking Initiative
- WHO Age-Friendly Cities: A Guide
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action
- RMWB Strategic Plan



EXISTING CONDITIONS AND USE



FLOODING AND ICE JAMS



OPPORTUNITIES + CONSTRAINTS

Understanding of what we can and cannot build within the flood plain:

What we can build:

- Pathways
- Pedestrian lighting
- Roads and parking lots
- Tree planting, meadows, lawn and bioswales



OPPORTUNITIES + CONSTRAINTS

To be determined:

- Permanent open-air structures
(eg shade structures)
- Hydro power for events
- Potable water service
(eg drinking fountains)
- Connection to stormwater and
sanitary systems



WHAT WE HEARD

INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT

Vision

- **A Gathering Place**
- Physically and financially **accessible for Indigenous Groups**
- Acknowledge **Treaty 8**, unceded Métis territory and **local Indigenous languages**
- **Connect with water**
- Incorporate **Indigenous art, history, and storytelling**
- **Recognize history** - Métis, Treaty 8 and Moccasin Flats

WHAT WE HEARD

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Vision

- A **Gathering Place** that welcomes **all ages, abilities and genders**
- **Community space** to be proud of
- Flexible **event site that works with flooding**
- Opportunity to **enhance a naturally beautiful landscape**
- **Community-driven design** that reflects northern rural community needs
- **Support truth and reconciliation** through Indigenous art, history, culture, storytelling and Reconciliation Trail

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Passive **four-season** waterfront space
- Key **waterfront destinations** for residents and visitors
- **Continuous** multi-use path with **integrated cultural experiences**, linking recreational opportunities



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Touch the water:** public, bike, boat and vehicle access to the water
- Integrate **public art** into the waterfront park and event spaces
- Build on and strengthen the **flood mitigation** principles



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Incorporate existing** Wood Buffalo waterfront revitalization development **advisory committee and past guiding documents**
- Respectful collaboration to appropriately **represent Indigenous communities'** past and present land knowledge, stories, and integration of cultural celebration into the waterfront
- **Work collaboratively** with the public and stakeholder to jointly invest in the waterfront park development
- **Represent the larger diverse community** through integral design elements that support both **placemaking and placekeeping**

MASTER PLAN ELEMENTS

1. CONNECT

Create greater access, connect people together and to the waters edge, create new open spaces and extend the urban fabric to the waterfront



2. PLACEKEEPING

Indigenous placekeeping that is relevant and meaningful



3. ACTIVATE

Create flexible programming spaces that functions both at full capacity and for day to day more passive uses



4. DIVERSITY

Support diverse uses and users, functions, and biodiversity



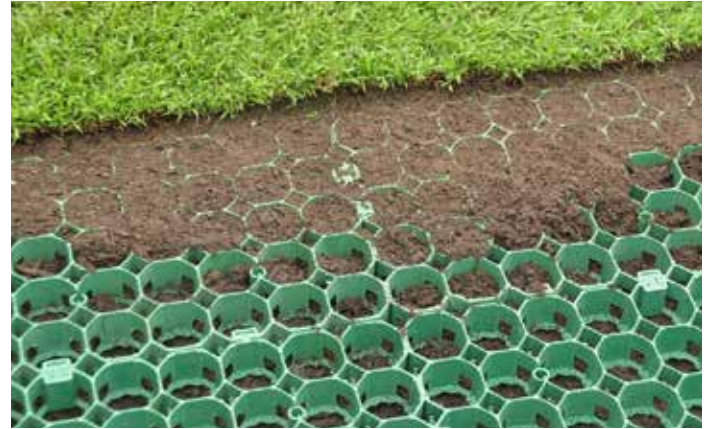
5. RESILIENCE

Address flood protection, habitat supporting systems, and open space that evolves to support community needs



6. INNOVATION

Innovative energy and lighting options, unique functional programming, integrated technology, and low impact developments



PRIORITY AREA 1 CONCEPT PLANS



OPTION 1 - CLEARWATER COMMON

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SNYE POINT OUTDOOR EVENT SPACE - ENLARGEMENT



OPTION 2 - SNYE LANDING

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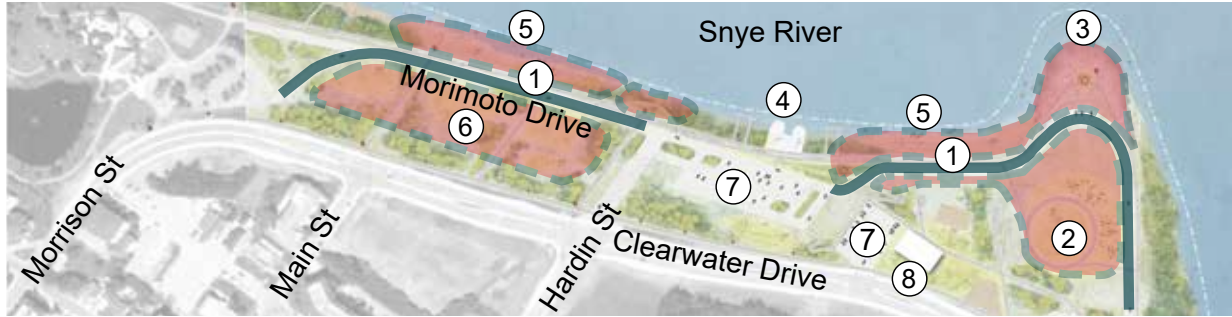
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OPTION DIFFERENCES

OPTION 1 - CLEARWATER COMMON







OPTION 2 - SNYE LANDING



LEGEND

- ① RECONCILIATION TRAIL (PATHWAY)
- ② GREAT LAWN / CEREMONY AREA
- ③ SNYE POINT / FIRE PIT
- ④ BOAT LAUNCH
- ⑤ BEACH
- ⑥ FLEXIBLE USE AREA
- ⑦ PARKING
- ⑧ SUREKHA'S

-  PEDESTRIAN AREA
-  VEHICULAR ACCESS
-  PERIODIC VEHICULAR ACCESS

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PRIORITY AREA 1

MOOD SKETCHES



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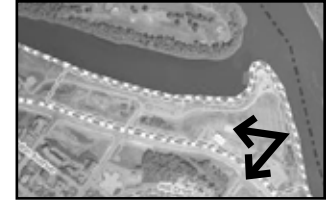
WELCOME CIRCLE

KEY ELEMENTS

- SIGNAGE
- LIGHTING
- SEATING
- FIRE PIT ON THE GROUND
- CONNECTION TO RECONCILIATION TRAIL
- CONNECTION TO BIKE PATH
- CONNECTION TO THE WATER
- NEW TREE, SHRUB AND MEADOW PLANTING



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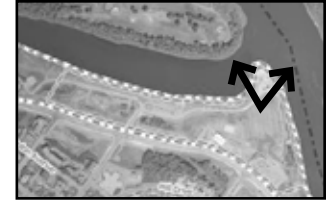
AMPHITHEATRE + RAMP ACCESS

KEY ELEMENTS

- ACCESSIBLE RAMP
- LIGHTING
- SEATING
- CONNECTION TO LAWN / PERFORMANCE SPACE
- SEATING ON BENCHES AND LAWN FOR PERFORMANCES
- LOOKOUT
- NEW TREE, SHRUB AND MEADOW PLANTING



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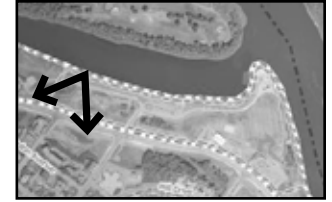
SNYE POINT

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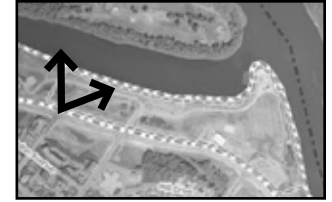
FLEXIBLE USE AREA

KEY ELEMENTS

- PARK ENTRY MARKER POLE - ALONG SELBY AVE / CLEARWATER DR
- ACCESSIBLE PATHWAY
- LIGHTING
- SEATING
- PLAYFUL ART
- OPEN LAWN AREA FOR QUIET MOMENTS OR HOSTING EVENTS
- NEW TREE, SHRUB AND MEADOW PLANTING



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BEACH

KEY ELEMENTS

- ACCESSIBLE PATHWAY
- BIKE PATH
- SIGNAGE
- SEATING
- BEACH
- ALL-SEASON VENDOR OPPORTUNITY
- BIOSWALE TO HELP WITH STORMWATER
- NEW TREE, SHRUB AND MEADOW PLANTING

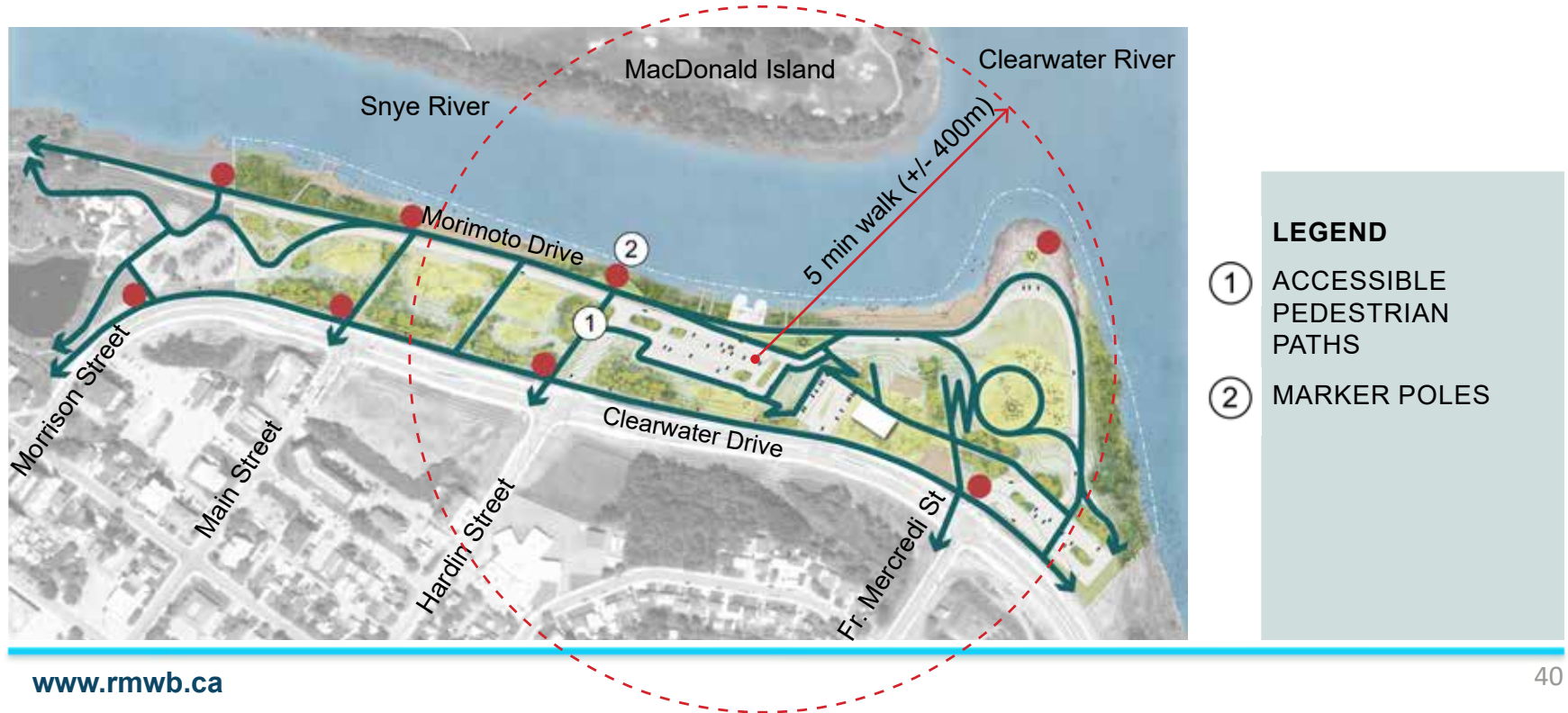


SNYE POINT OUTDOOR EVENT SPACE DIAGRAMS



ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN PATHS

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SIGNAGE + SHARING INFO

Miyo nakiskawâw (Michif) *it is good to be meeting you*

Tawâw (Cree) *you're welcome / there's room*

Ho?ą (Dene) *welcome*

INCLUDE MICHIF,
CREE AND DENE
LANGUAGE.

SIGNAGE DESIGN
AND CONTENT TO
BE DEVELOPED.

Street Marker Poles

Park connection to
town + water

Wayfinding

Regional + local maps

Signage

Storytelling, history +
looking to the future

Sharing Information

Plants, animals + the
environment

Park Marker Poles

Park connection to
town + water

PLACEKEEPING

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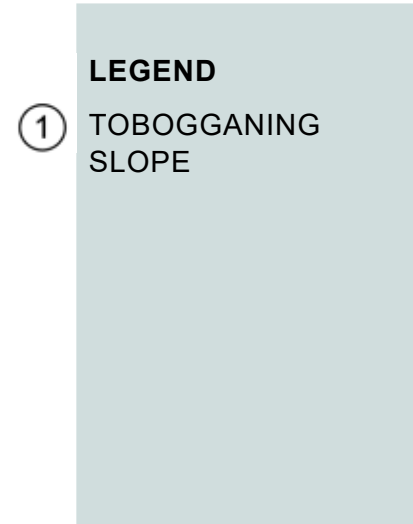
WASHROOM - POSSIBLE LOCATION

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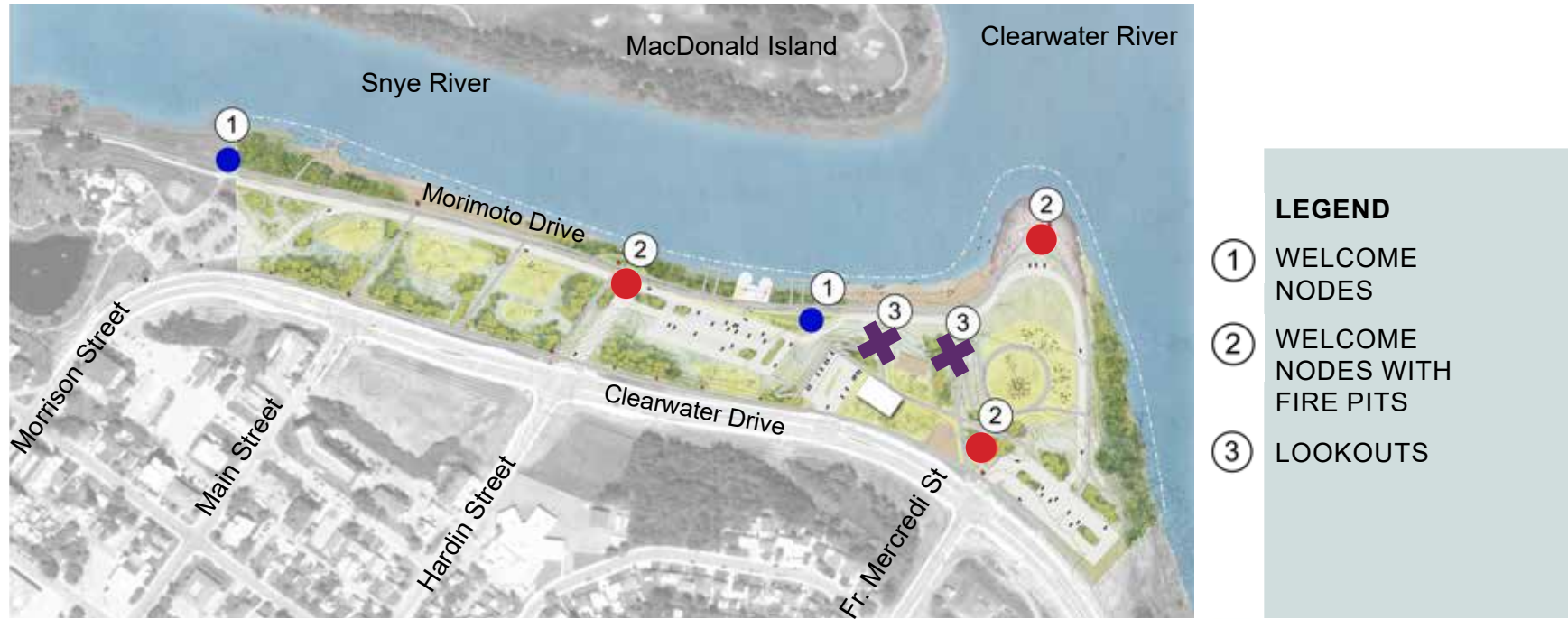
TOBOGGANING SLOPE

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LOOKOUTS + WELCOME NODES

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VENDOR / FISHING LOCATIONS

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DIAGRAMS LANDSCAPE TYPES

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VEHICULAR CIRCULATION + PARKING

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EVENT HOSTING

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NEXT STEPS + DISCUSSIONS



NEXT STEPS

We are here!



**Concept Options
Review and
Engagement
- Snye Point
Outdoor Event
Space**

March 15 - 28, 2021

Online survey

Workshops

Virtual Open Houses

**Refine the
Design - Snye
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Event Space**

March / April 2021

**Share the Final
Design - Snye
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Event Space**

April 2021

Share concept design

Hear and gather
feedback

Construction

Summer - Fall 2021

Provide construction
updates