

# Vimy Park Landscape Improvements

FADS Meeting

May 30, 2022

# Project Background

Landscape improvements at Vimy Park to:

- Improve accessibility
- Enhance connectivity to the neighbourhood
- Improve the social connection, function, aesthetics and street appeal of the park
- Create a formal public gathering space at the cenotaph monument for local events and commemorative ceremonies



# Context

- Vimy Park (P-111)
- 29 Stavebank Road
- Port Credit
- Ward: 1



## City of Mississauga

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	Employment Districts
	Residential Districts
	Airport
	Fire Halls
	Police Stations
	Hospitals
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	GO Stations
	Expressways
	Toll Expressways
	Major Arteries
	Minor Arteries
	Interchanges
	Interchanges, Partial
	Railways
	Rivers
	City Boundary

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# Local Context



PARK STREET EAST

STAVEBANK ROAD

Existing 1.2m asphalt pathway 10%+ slope

Raised annual planting bed

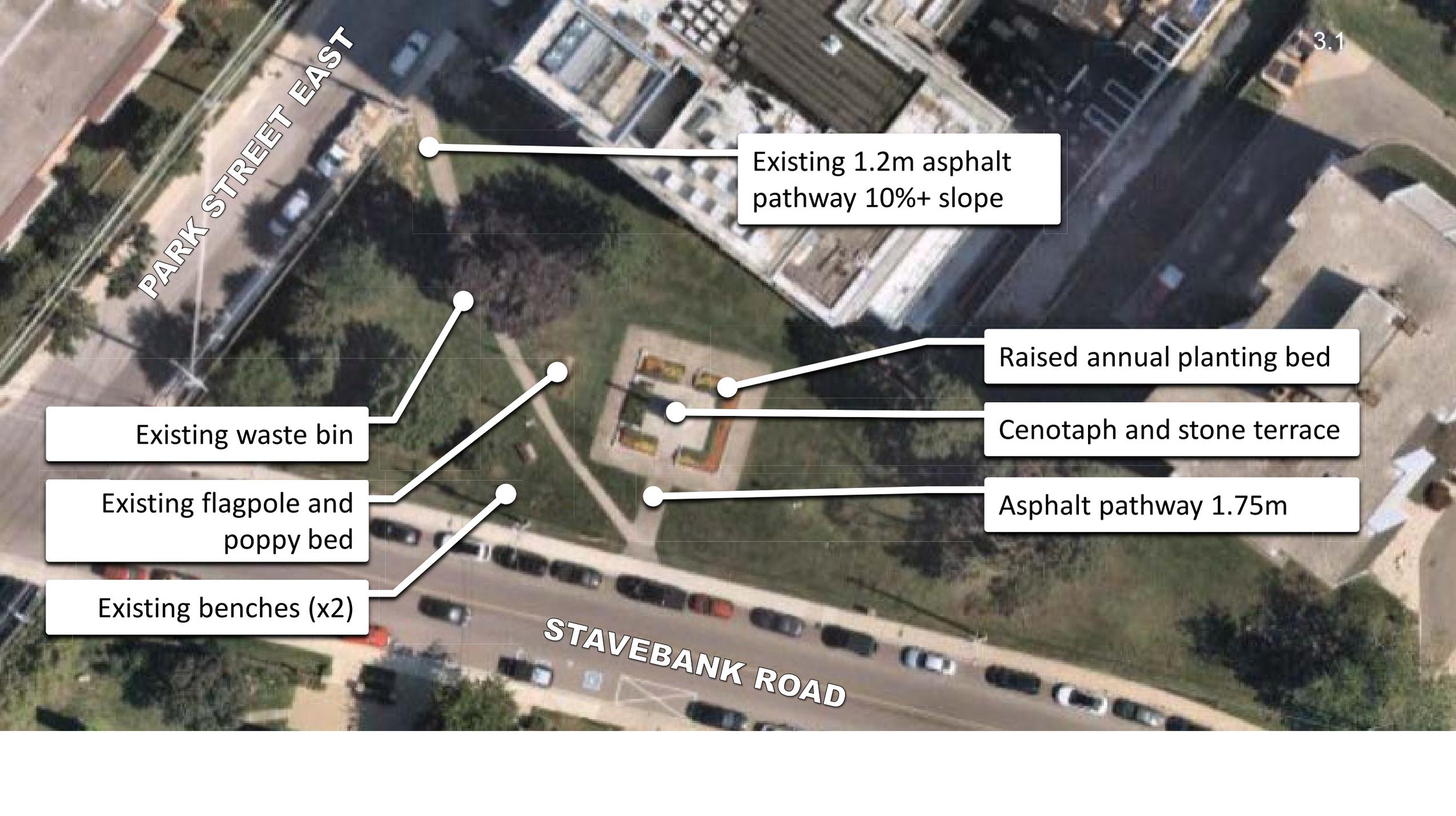
Cenotaph and stone terrace

Asphalt pathway 1.75m

Existing waste bin

Existing flagpole and poppy bed

Existing benches (x2)

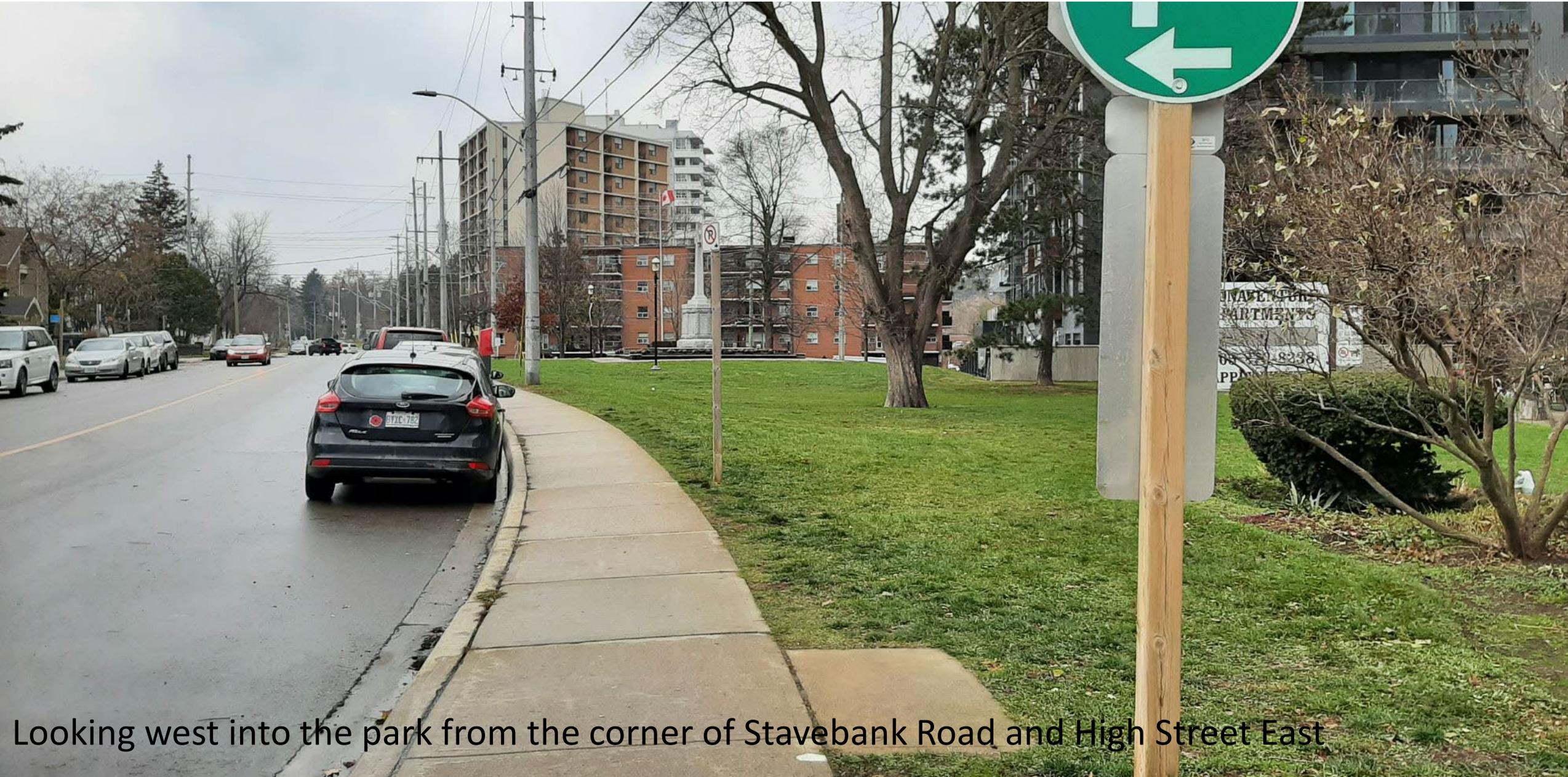


# Existing Conditions



Looking south from Park Street East

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Looking west into the park from the corner of Stavebank Road and High Street East

# Existing Conditions

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Looking east into the park from the corner of Stavebank and Park Street East

# Existing Conditions

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Pathways and terrace around the Cenotaph

**PARK STREET EAST**

**21 Park Street East**

**30 High Street East**

**STAVEBANK ROAD**



PARK STREET EAST

21 Park Street East

3m wide trail @ 10% max.

Barrier free path

Small trees and perennial beds

Retaining wall w/ decorative guard

Raised annual planting bed

Stairs

Bike racks

Level plaza

30 High Street East

Tree planting at park boundary

Poppy bed

Flag pole

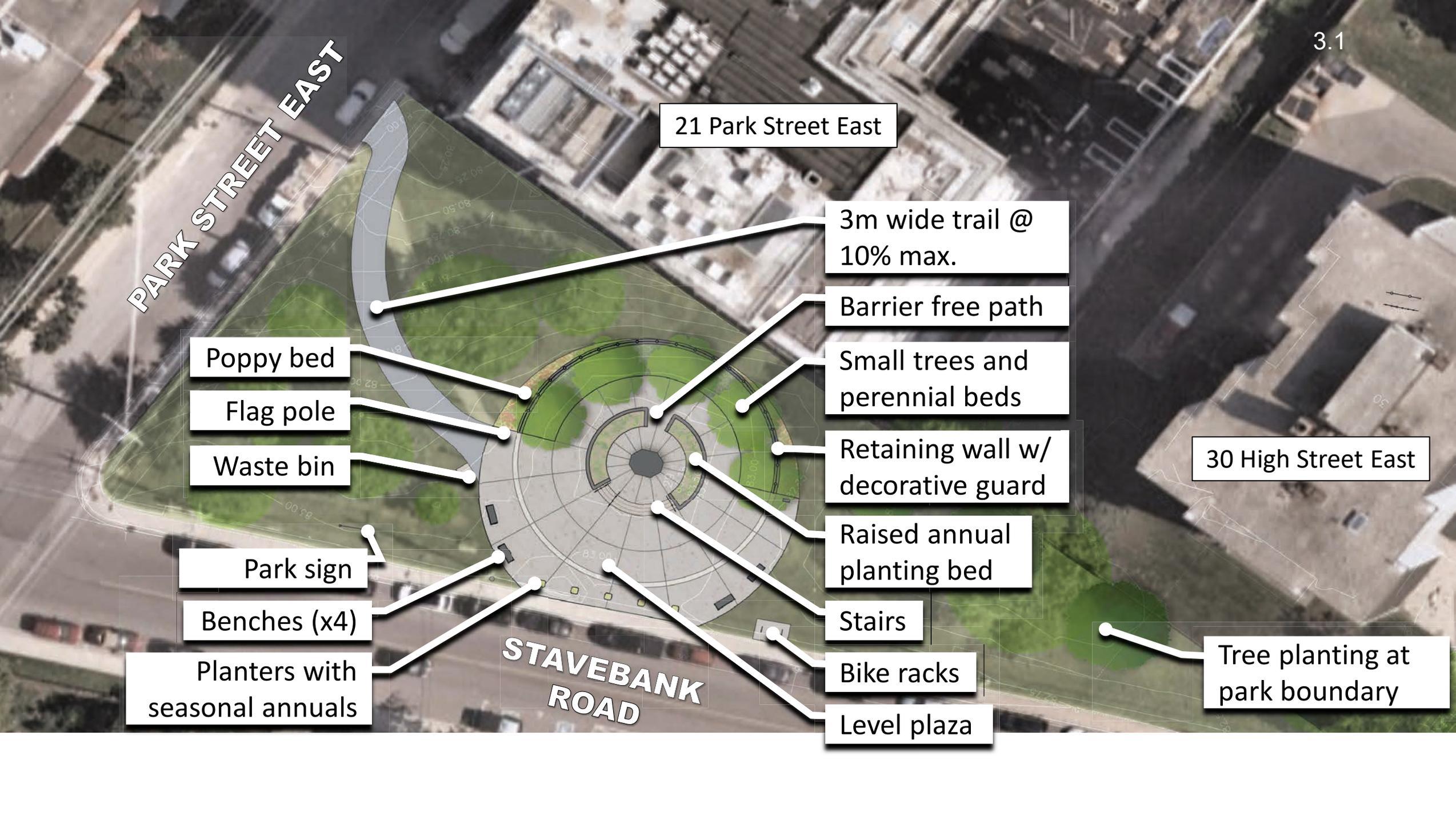
Waste bin

Park sign

Benches (x4)

Planters with seasonal annuals

STAVEBANK ROAD



# Site Improvements

- Existing New LED lighting
- Barrier free access from Stavebank
- On-street and accessible parking
- 3m wide pathways
- Expanded, barrier free terrace area
- AODA/OBC compliant stairs
- Widened trail with max. 10% slope
- Accessible site furniture, including seating, waste bins, interpretive sign

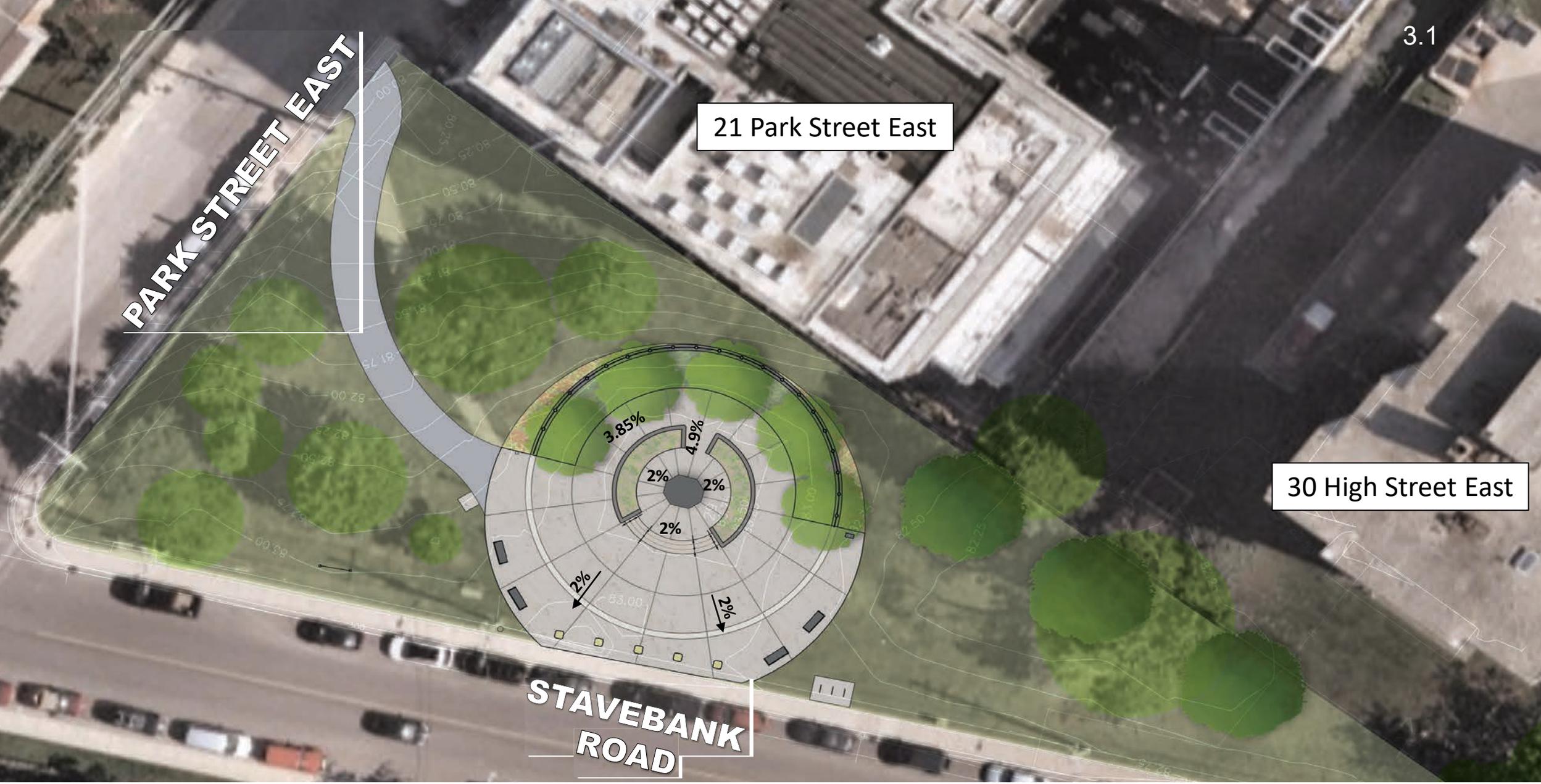


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Final Development Plan - Rendering 1

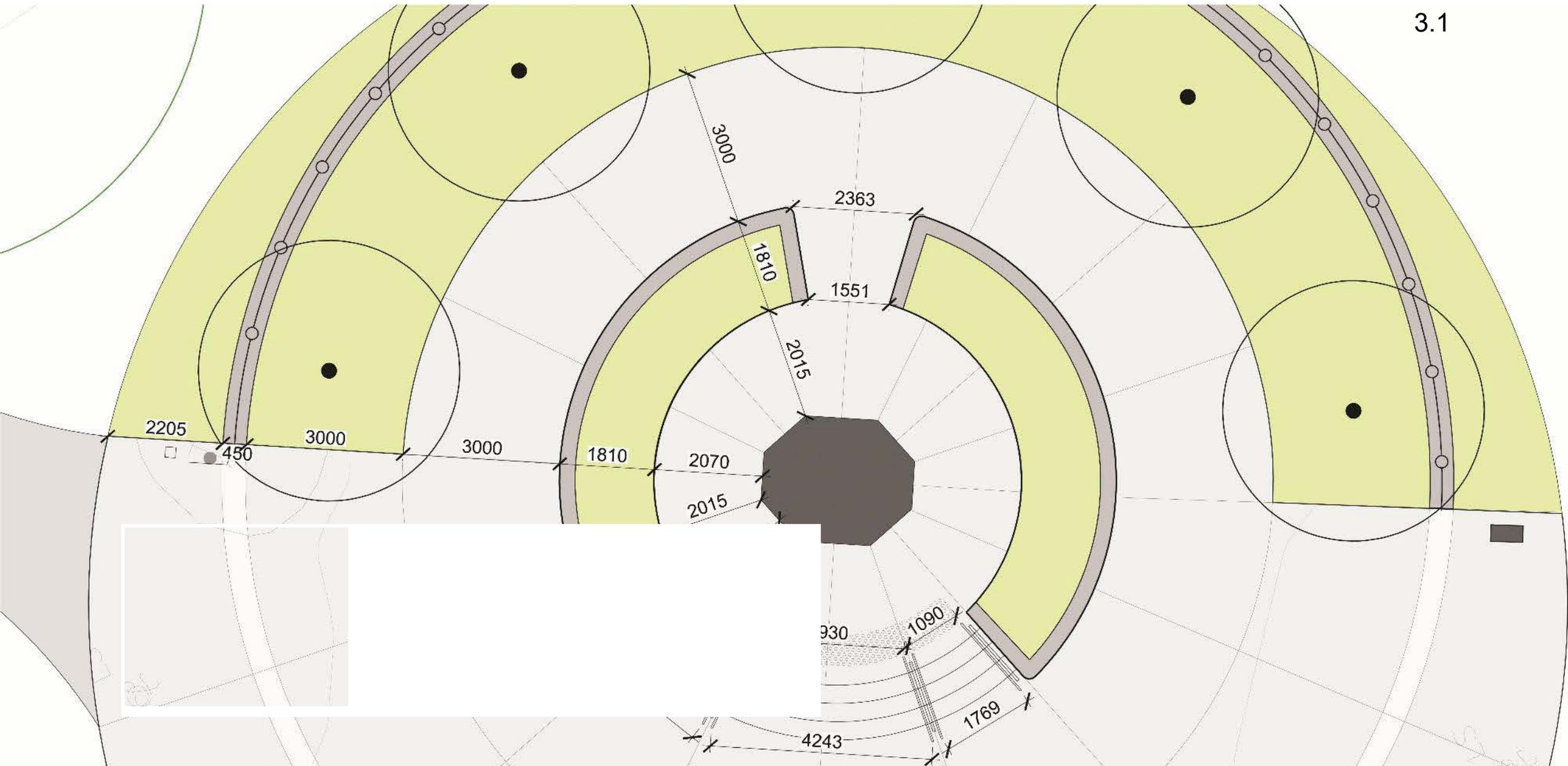


Final Development Plan - Rendering 2



Final Development Plan - Rendering 3





# Details and Dimensions



# Site Furnishings

# MISSISSAUGA REMEMBERS



Soldiers marching along Dundas Street, Erindale, spring 1915. *Heritage Mississauga*

## The Battle of Vimy Ridge, April 9-12, 1917

The Battle of Vimy Ridge was a pivotal military engagement in the First World War. The Ridge was a strategic and heavily fortified ridge that held a commanding view. Canadian troops were ordered to capture Vimy Ridge in April of 1917. Previous attempts had failed.

Canadians were strategic in their plans to capture Vimy Ridge. Engineers dug deep tunnels and soldiers remained underground for weeks before the attack.

In their first joint attack, more than 15,000 soldiers in the four Canadian divisions stormed Vimy Ridge at 5:30 am on April 9, 1917. Many consider the Canadian victory at Vimy a defining moment for Canada. Canadian troops also earned a reputation as formidable and effective because of this stunning success.

However, it came at a heavy cost as 3,598 Canadians were killed and another 7,000 wounded.

## “Our Boys” at Vimy

The soldiers at Vimy included more than 50 from historic Mississauga, including seven who lost their lives: Private Dennis Ainger of Erindale, Sergeant Thomas Cartwright of Erindale, Private Joseph Clarke of Streetsville, Private William Kidd of Clarkson, Private Eli Rossiter of Clarkson, Private Jack Young of Clarkson, and Lieutenant James Tawcett of Streetsville. Eleven others from historic Mississauga were wounded.



Soldiers at Clarkson railway crossing, summer 1915. *Region of Peel Archives at PAMA*

## Port Credit War Memorial

The Port Credit and Vicinity Soldiers' Memorial is located on the former site of the town square and band shell. During the war, notices of casualties were posted



Port Credit Boys, Salisbury Plain, 1915, from *Brook to Carry* by William Perkins Hall, *Mississauga Library System*

on the band shell, and the park became the focal point for somber community gatherings.

The idea of raising funds to build a memorial to fallen soldiers in Port Credit began in April of 1924. A year later, in 1925, a cenotaph design from the McIntosh Granite Company was accepted. The band shell site was selected for the location of the Soldiers' Memorial, and the war

memorial was unveiled on November 9, 1925 by Lt. Governor Henry Cockshutt.

## Naming of Vimy Park

The design of Soldiers' Memorial is based on the “Cross of Sacrifice”, an accepted cenotaph design. It was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield for the Imperial (now Commonwealth) War Graves Commission in 1918.

The memorial originally listed the names of 32 soldiers from Port Credit and the surrounding area who fell during the First World War. In 1946 and 1983 respectively, names of casualties from the Second World War and Korean War were added. In 2017, the City of Mississauga Mayor and Members of Council formally named the park “Vimy Park” to honour the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.





Questions?