



North Shore Trail

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Access Improvements Project



**Presentation prepared for the
Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Presented By: Development Services – Parks Planning

Date: Monday March 17, 2025

The City of Barrie is committed to continuous improvement and works towards **providing the public with inclusive, diverse, and safe opportunities for outdoor recreation.**

Development Services – Parks Planning is **seeking input** from the **Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee** to **identify opportunities to enhance the North Shore Trail through the scope of the North Shore Trail Access Improvements Project.**



Overview

The North Shore Trail Access Improvements Project

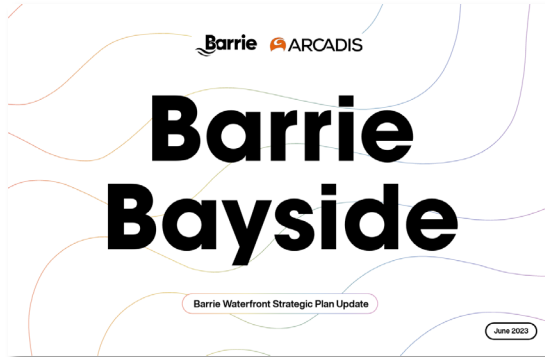
- About the Project
- Project Sites and Proposed Works

Project Stages & Timeline

- Current Project Stage

Discussion & Feedback

The North Shore Trail Access Improvements Project



- Capital improvement project **approved in the 2023 Business Plan for implementation in 2025**
- **Implementation** of recommendations identified in the 2023 **Waterfront Strategic Plan** and the 2022 **North Shore Trail Vegetation Management Plan**
- **Create new access points and connections** to the North Shore Trail and the Kempenfelt shoreline
- **Improve site drainage** to reduce risk of pooling and flooding on the North Shore Trail



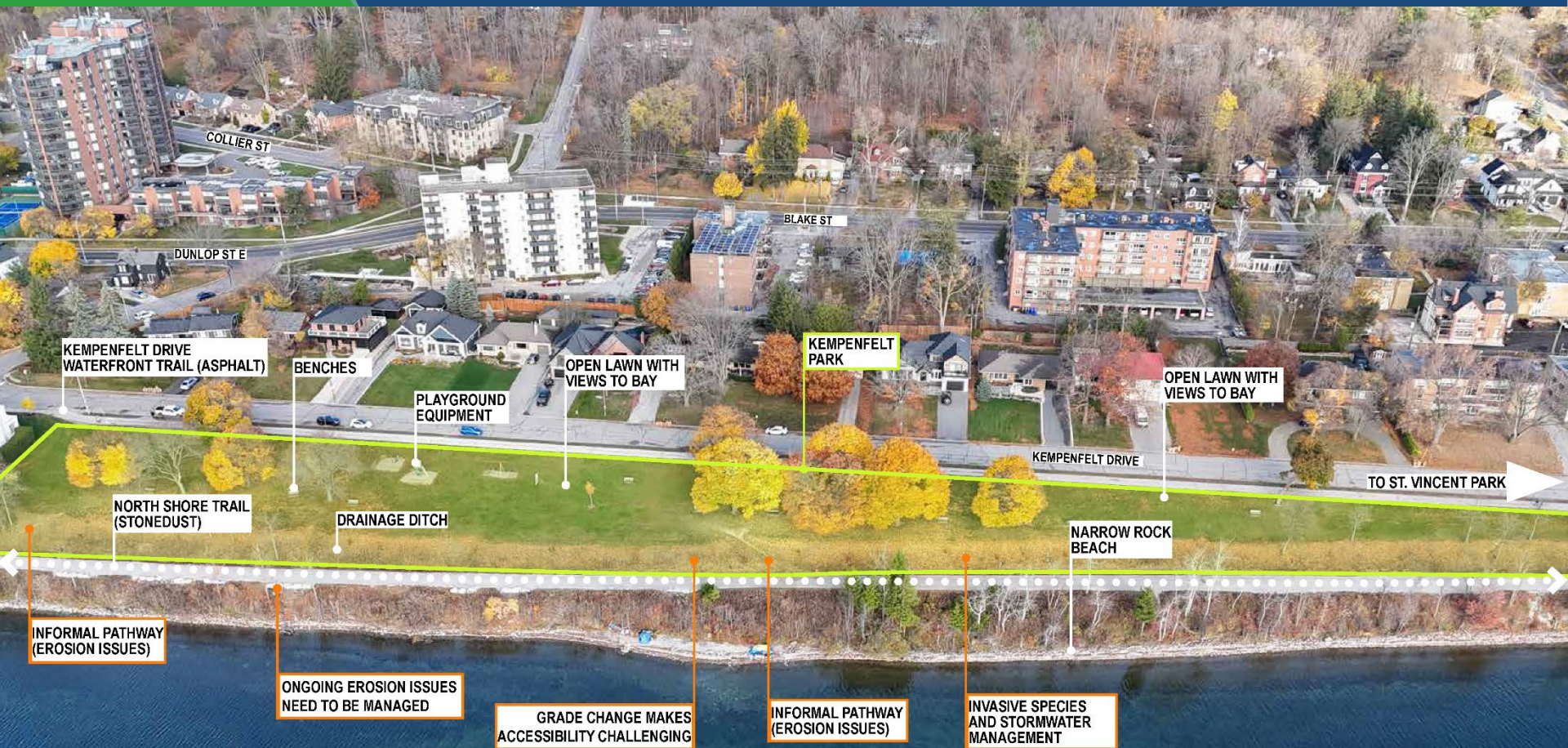
Site A – Kempenfelt Park

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- **New access points and accessible trail connections** along the Kempenfelt Drive waterfront trail to the North Shore Trail
- **Slope stabilization** through naturalization
- **Site drainage improvements**



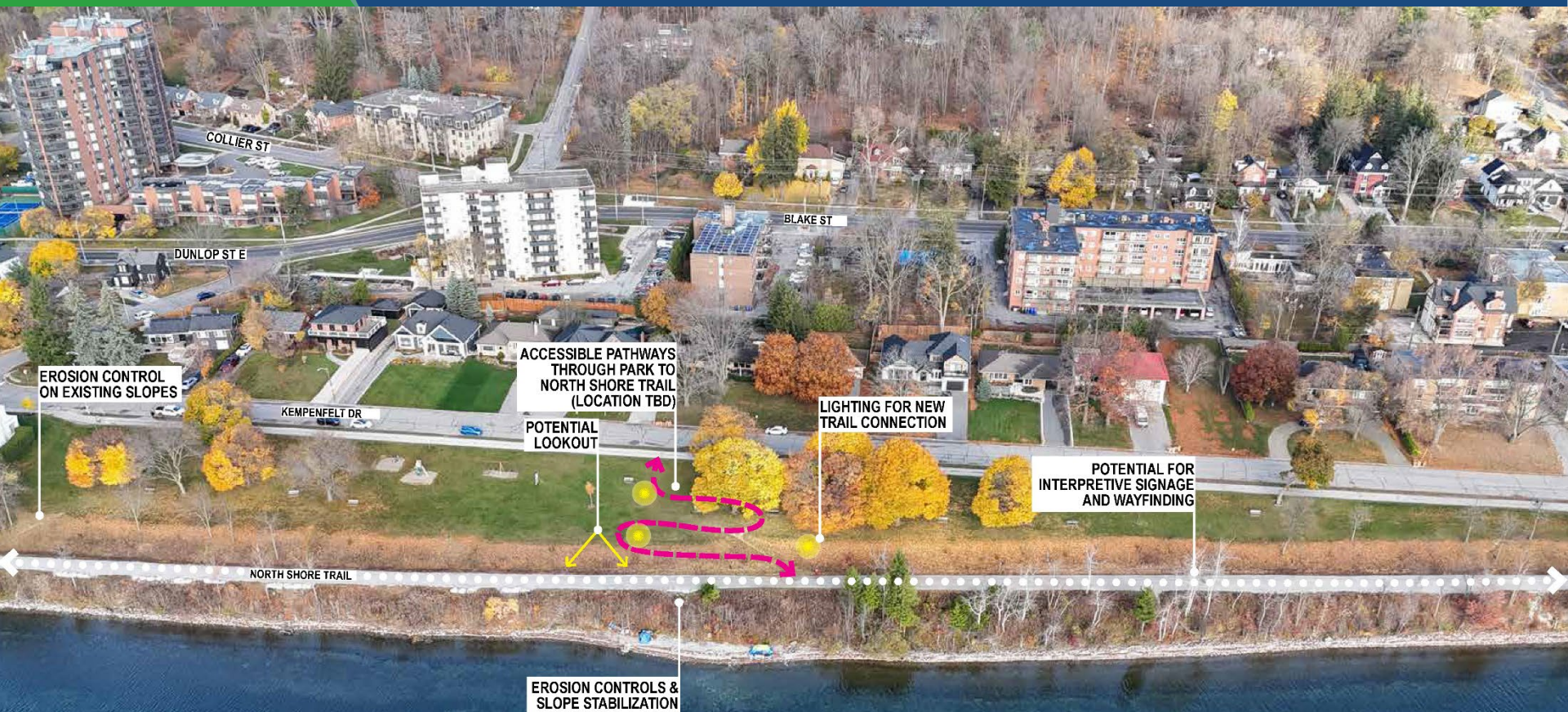
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SITE A: KEMPENFELT PARK

Existing Conditions and **Challenges**

Site A – Kempenfelt Park



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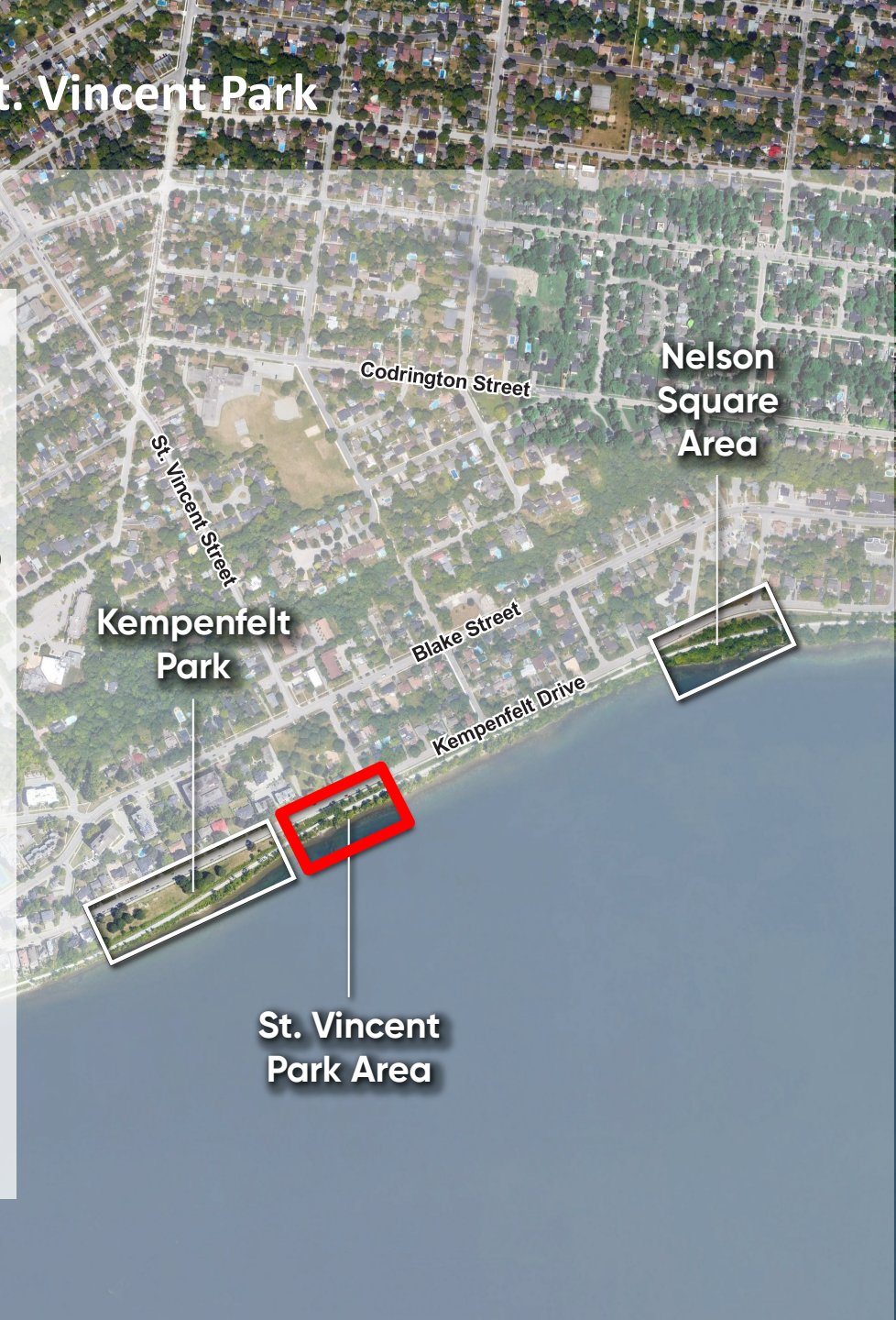
Opportunities

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Site B – Vicinity of St. Vincent Park

Site B – Near St. Vincent Park

- **New access point and accessible trail connection** along the Kempenfelt Drive waterfront trail to the North Shore Trail
- **New access point and stairway connection** along the North Shore Trail to Kempenfelt Bay
- **New swimming floating platform/dock**
- **Slope stabilization** through naturalization
- **Site drainage improvements**



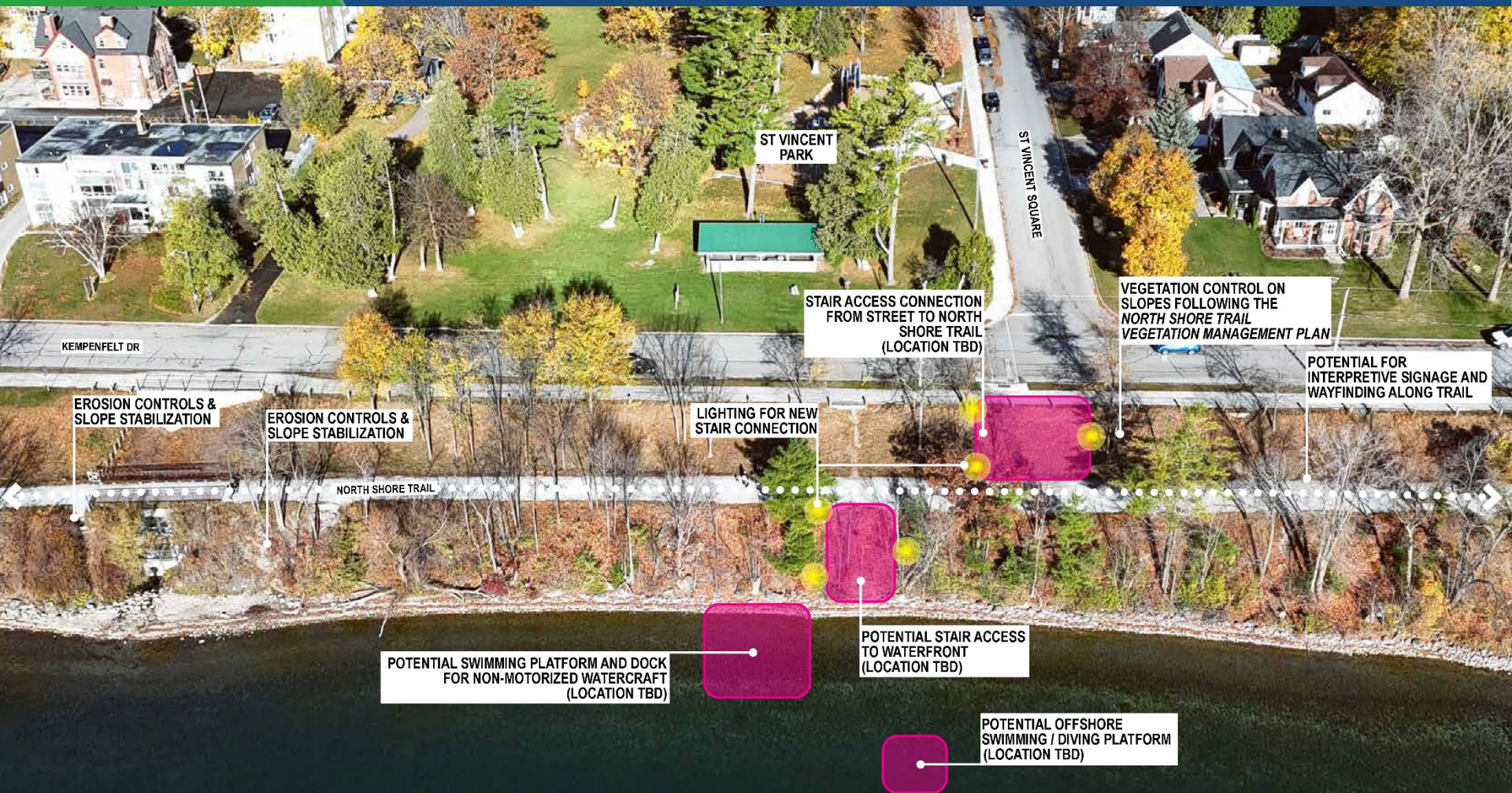
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SITE B: ST. VINCENT PARK AREA

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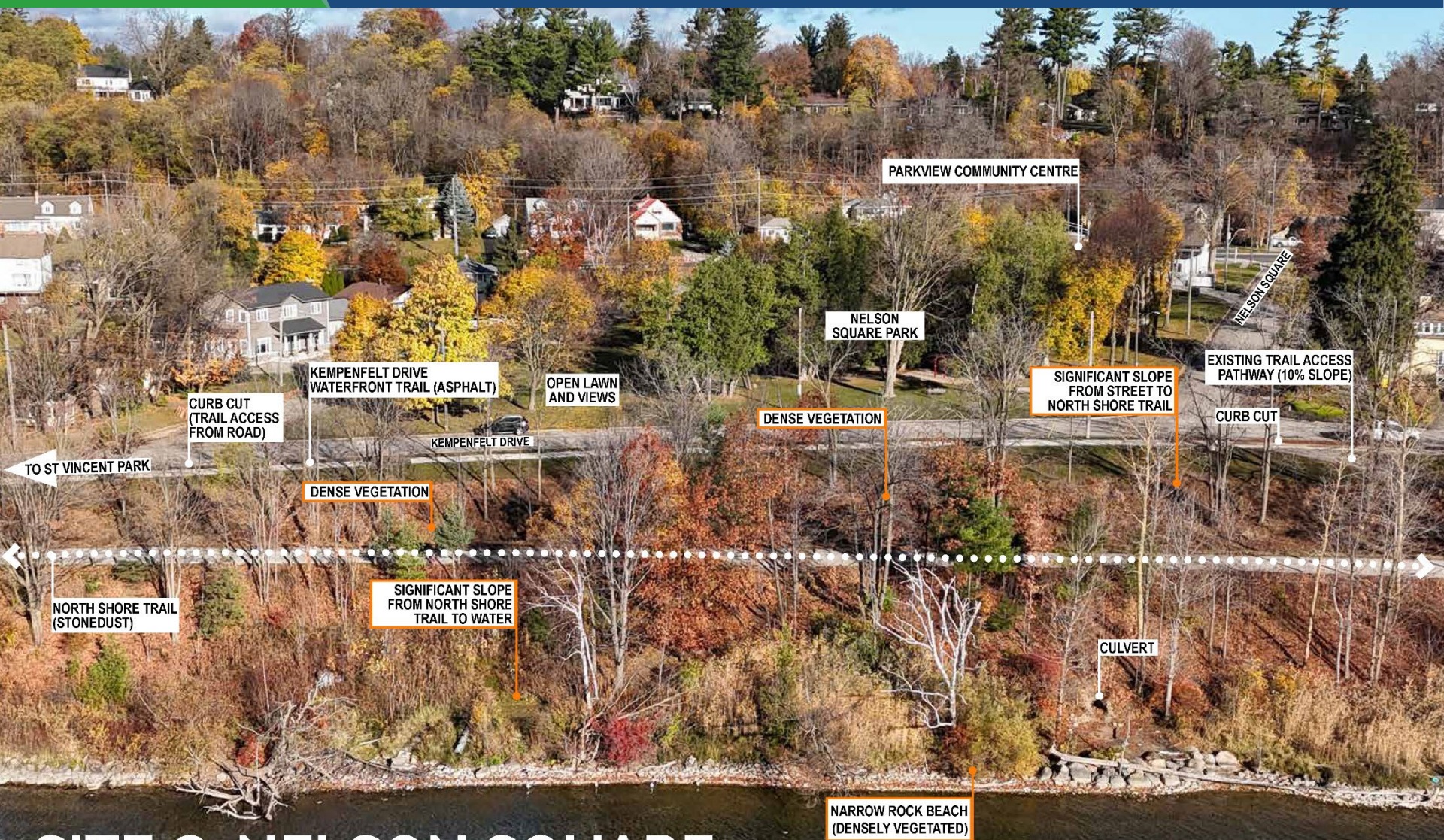
Site C – Vicinity of Nelson Square

Site C – Near Nelson Square

- **New access point and accessible trail connection** along the Kempenfelt Drive waterfront trail to the North Shore Trail
- **New access point and stairway connection** along the North Shore Trail to Kempenfelt Bay
- **New non-motorized floating platform/dock**
- **Slope stabilization** through naturalization
- **Site drainage improvements**



Site C – Vicinity of Nelson Square

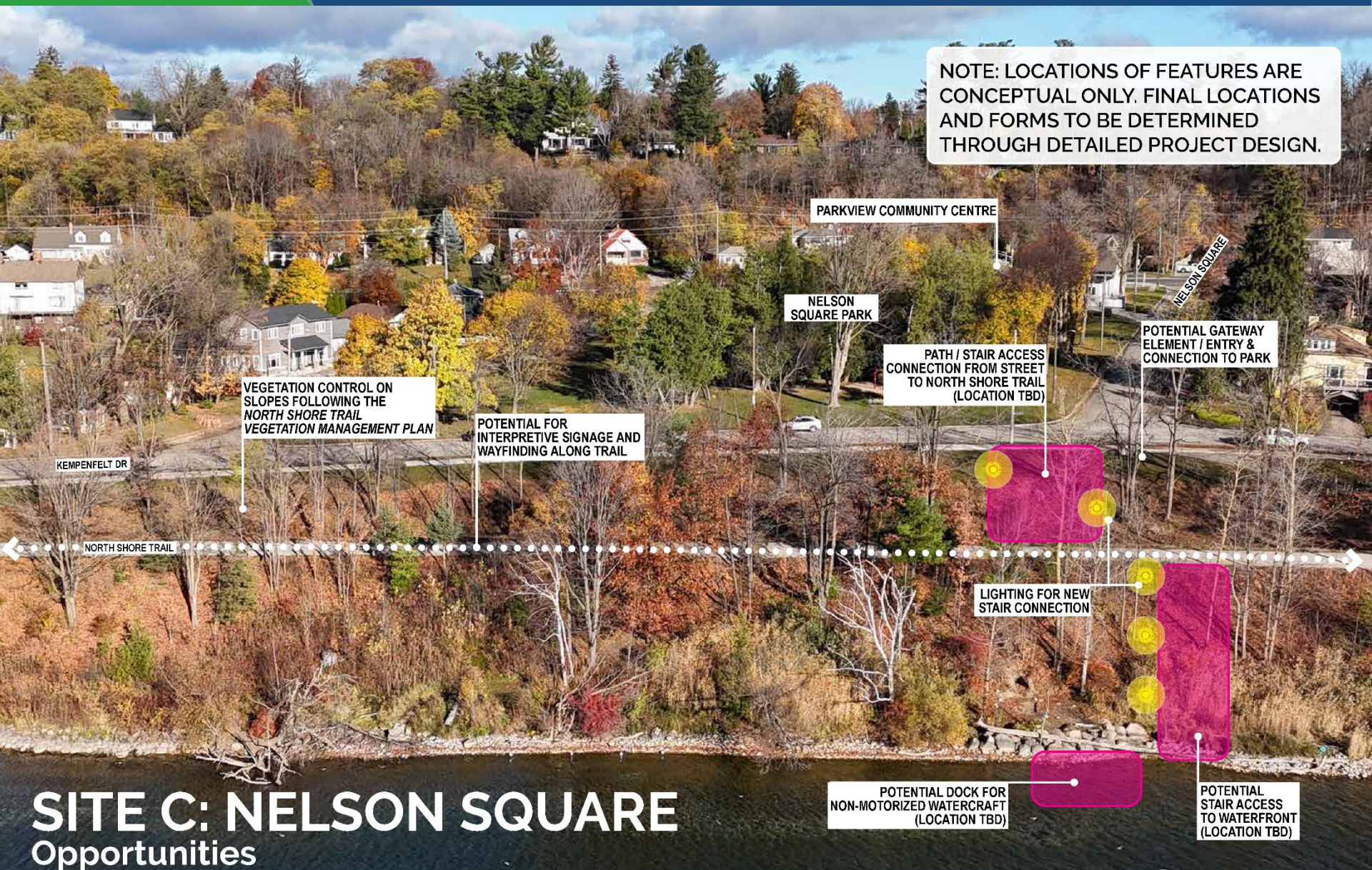


SITE C: NELSON SQUARE

Existing Conditions and **Challenges**

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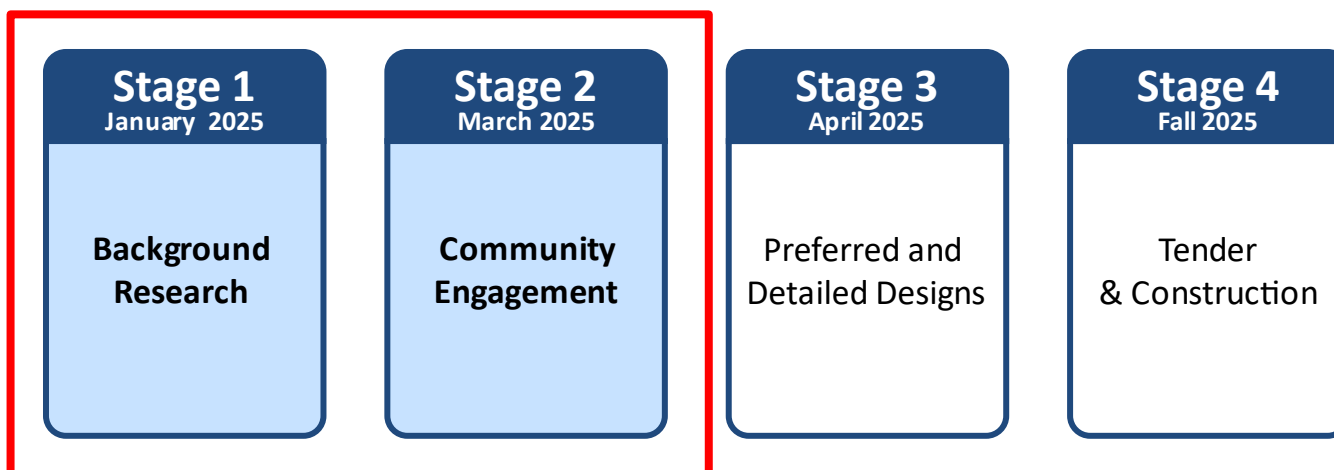
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Project Stages and Timeline



**Feedback from the Seniors and
Accessibility Advisory Committee**



SHIFT Landscape Architects

- Inventory, analysis, documents review
- Community engagement feedback review and consolidation
- Design and preparation of tender documents

Public Online Survey

- Share insights, experiences, and ideas to help inform the proposed project designs
- Open until end of day Monday March 24, 2025
- Eligible participants can opt into a draw for a prize pack

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In-Person Information Pop-Ups

- Two (2) pop-up events:
 - Pancake Tuesday - March 4th at the Parkview Centre
 - Barrie Farmers' Market – March 8th at City Hall

With your valuable input, we aim to enhance access to and experience of the North Shore Trail

- 1) Describe a trail** that you would consider to be **age-friendly and/or accessible**. What **characteristics and features** would this trail have?
- 2) Do you have an example of an age-friendly and/or accessible trail** that you have visited (**name and location**)? **What do you like** about the example?
- 3) From your experience, what aspects and/or areas of the North Shore Trail are age-friendly and/or accessible?** (E.g. trail surface materials, grading/slopes, seating opportunities, wayfinding/signage, etc.)
- 4) From your experience, what aspects and/or areas of the North Shore Trail could be further improved to be more age-friendly and/or accessible?** (E.g. trail surface materials, grading/slopes, seating opportunities, wayfinding/signage, etc.)
- 5) Do you have any recommendations on how to improve the North Shore Trail to be more age-friendly and accessible?**
- 6) Are there any activities that you or someone you know would like to participate in on or along the North Shore Trail?** What are these activities? Ideally, what **should be provided to support these activities** to take place?
- 7) Do you have any additional suggestions, ideas, or input that you would like to be considered as part of the North Shore Trail Access Improvements Project?**

Committee members are asked to forward their comments to Danielle Glenn, the City's Legislative Coordinator, via e-mail to Danielle.Glenn@barrie.ca for consolidation to Staff.

Thank you for your time!



To learn more about the project and survey, please visit
buildingbarrie.ca/NorthShoreTrailImprovements

Any questions regarding the North Shore Trail Access Improvements Project can be directed to
Karen Lilienthal, the City's project lead, via e-mail at karen.lilienthal@barrie.ca