



# Welcome

**INVEST South/West South Chicago  
Commercial Avenue Corridor Improvements**

**PUBLIC MEETING #3**

# PROJECT SCHEDULE

**“Commercial Avenue will become a thriving pedestrian corridor, where residents can showcase their community to the wider region.”**

**– Great City Institute’s South Chicago Commercial Avenue Revitalization Plan (July 2016)**



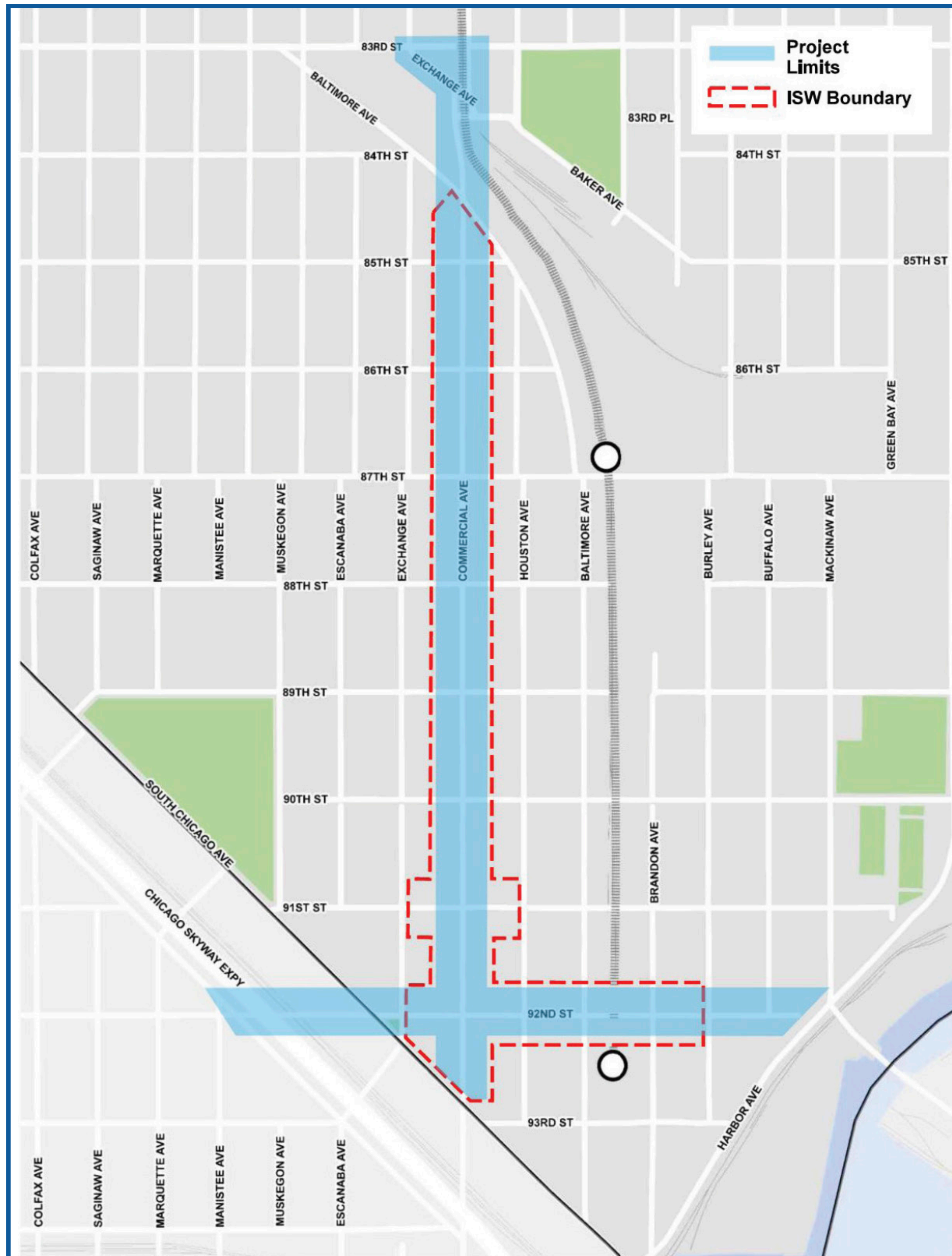
The City of Chicago launched the INVEST South/West initiative in 2019 to re-activate neighborhood cores in ten Chicago neighborhoods on the South and West sides of Chicago. South Chicago is one of the ten priority communities in the **INVEST South/West Initiative**.

This project aims to build upon that vision to create a unified, safe, and attractive commercial destination by providing **infrastructure, pedestrian safety, and placemaking improvements along Commercial Avenue and 92nd Street.**

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# PROJECT AREA AND PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



- Roadway geometry and intersection improvement
- Full width resurfacing
- Drainage improvements
- Sidewalk, curb, and gutter
- Curb extensions ADA ramps and crosswalks
- Street lighting
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Improved signage
- Side street improvements to the alleys as needed
- Bike lanes
- Site furniture and potential seating areas
- Light pole identifiers
- Tree planting and potential landscaping
- Potential plaza at the cul-de-sac on 92nd, west of South Harbor

# PROJECT SCHEDULE

## STEP 1

### Summer 2021

- Project start-up
- 1st Public meeting
- Existing conditions analysis
- Goal and priorities development
- Public Survey
- Attendance at Sweet home Chicago event

## STEP 2

### Fall 2021

- Concepts evaluation
- Public Survey
- Taskforce meeting #1
- 2nd Public Meeting

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## STEP 3

### Winter 2021/Spring 2022

- Preferred alternative refinement
- Taskforce meeting #2
- 3rd Public meeting

## STEP 4

### 2022-2025

- Detailed Design
- Public Meeting #4 and construction coordination
- Construction
  - Section 1: 2022
  - Section 2: 2023
  - Section 3: 2024
  - Section 4: 2025

**\*\*Stay tuned additional project meetings will be held.**

Questions or comments regarding the project can be submitted at our project website:

<https://chicagocompletestreets.org/portfolio/isw-south-chicago/>

# WHAT WE HEARD

## LIGHTPOLE IDENTIFIER

Respondents preferred a light pole identifier that highlighted all **three themes**

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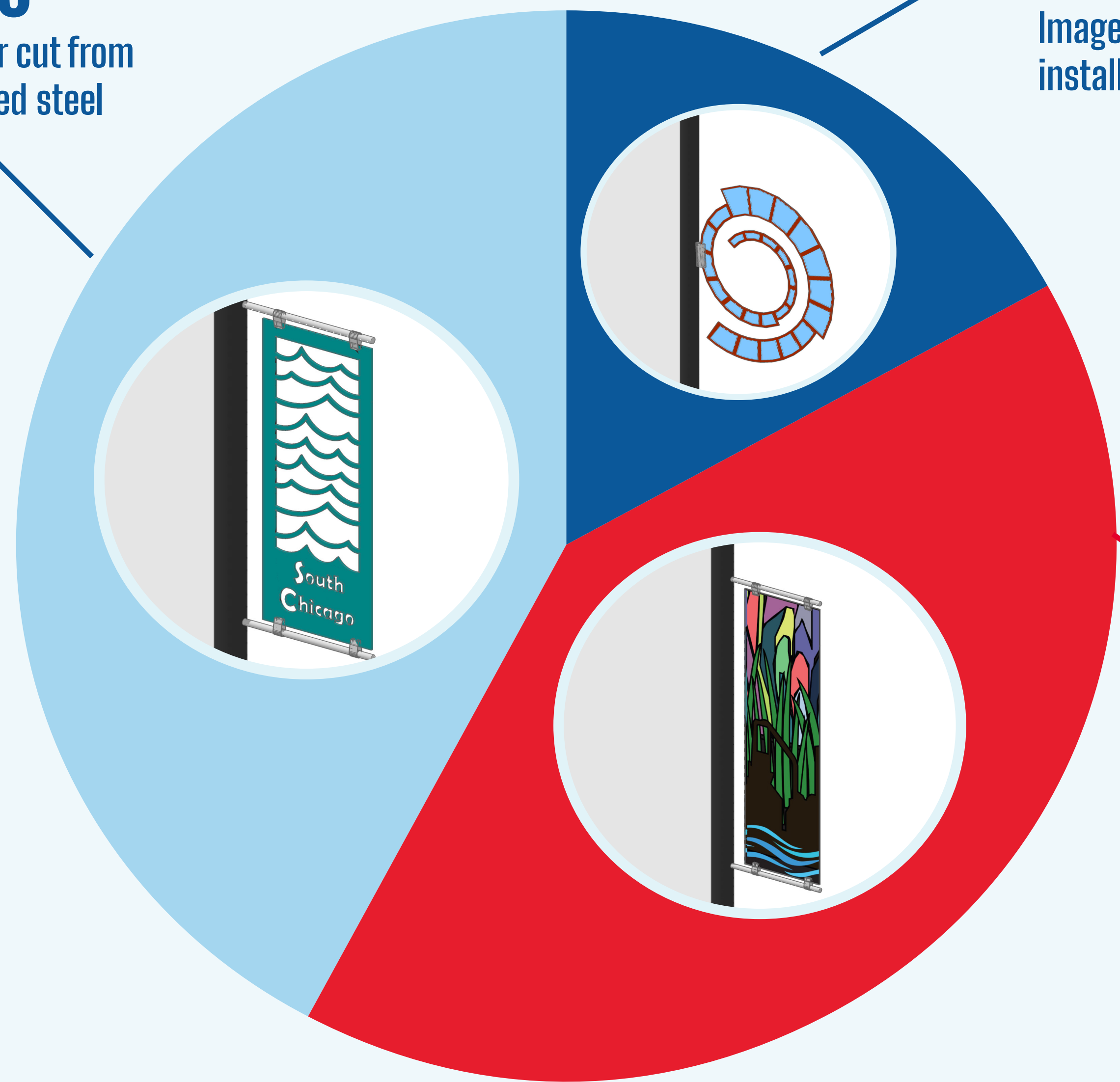
Prefer laser cut from heat-treated steel

17%

Prefer to incorporate Imagery from recently installed identifiers

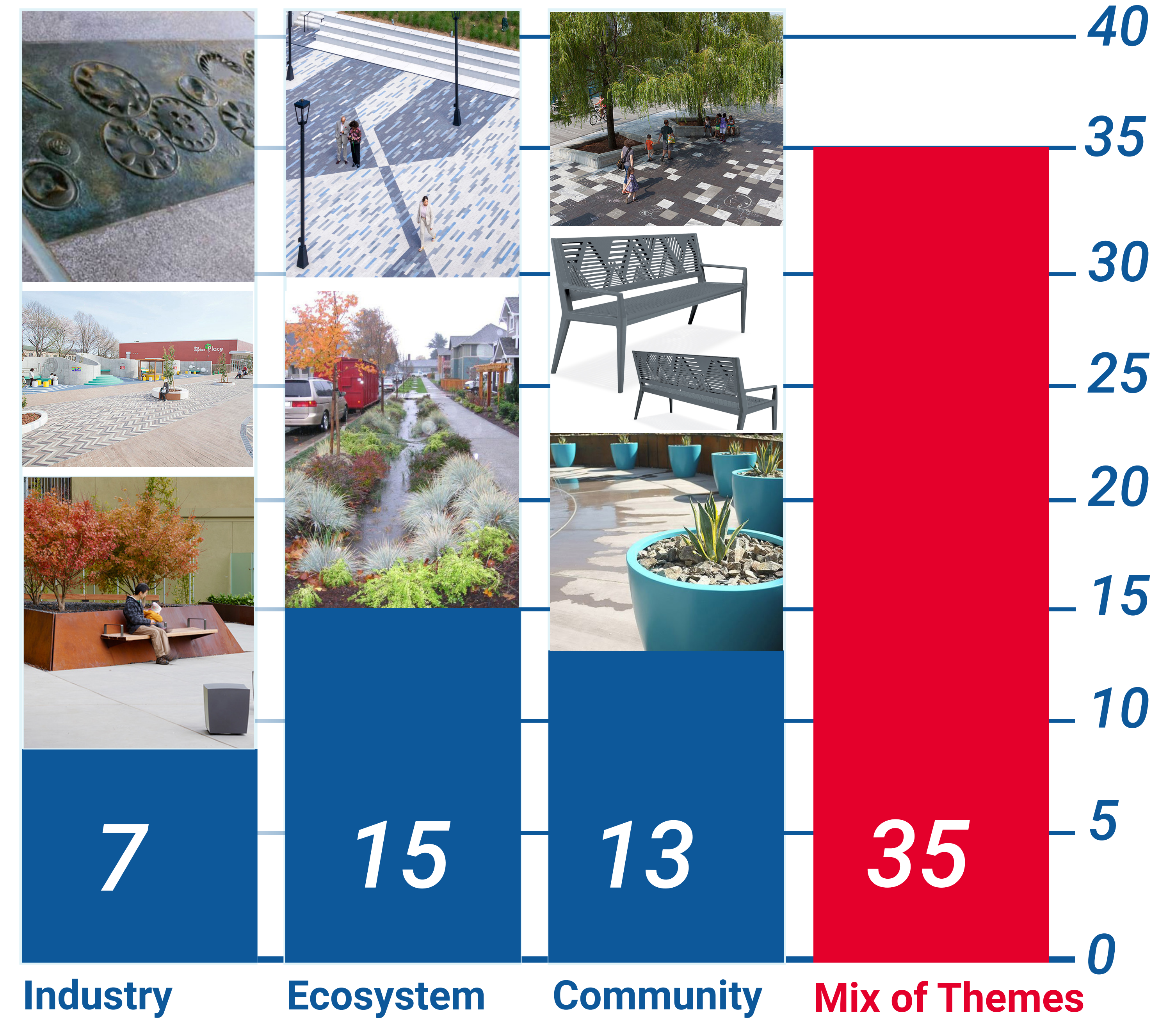
42%

Prefer an identifier that combines water, steel industry, green reclamation, art



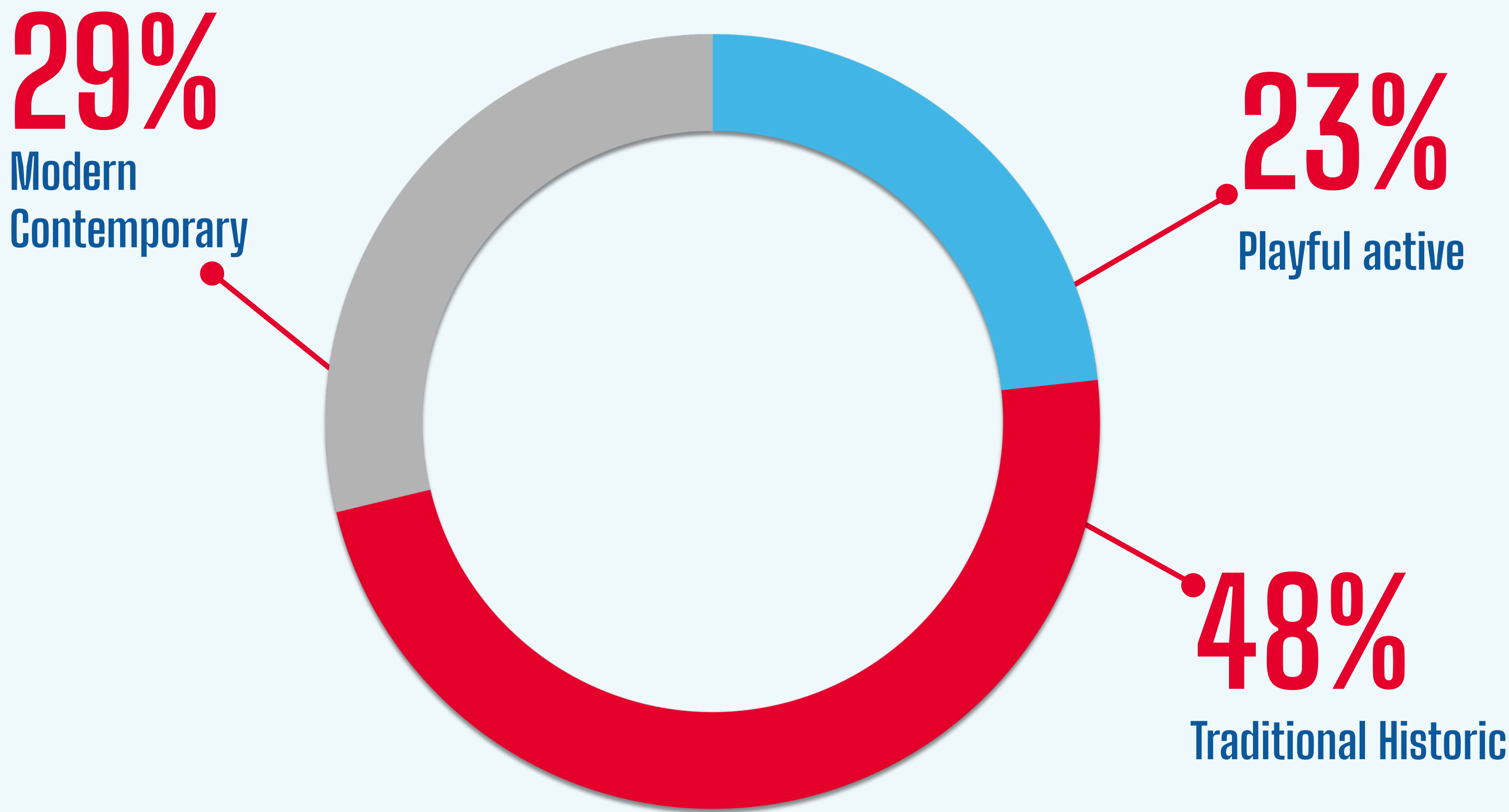
## MIX OF DESIGN THEMES

*Industry, Ecosystem, and Community*

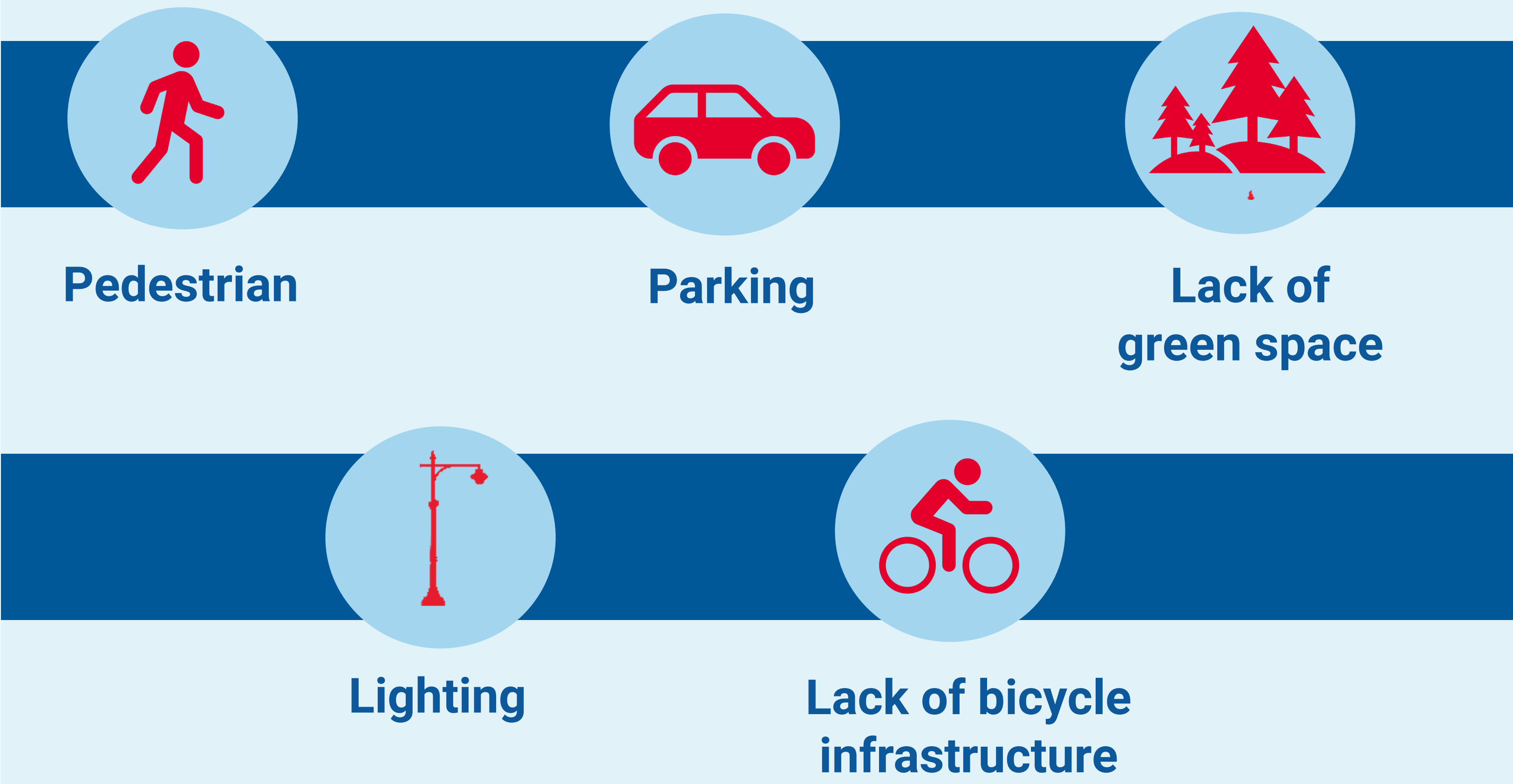


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## CORRIDOR CHARACTER

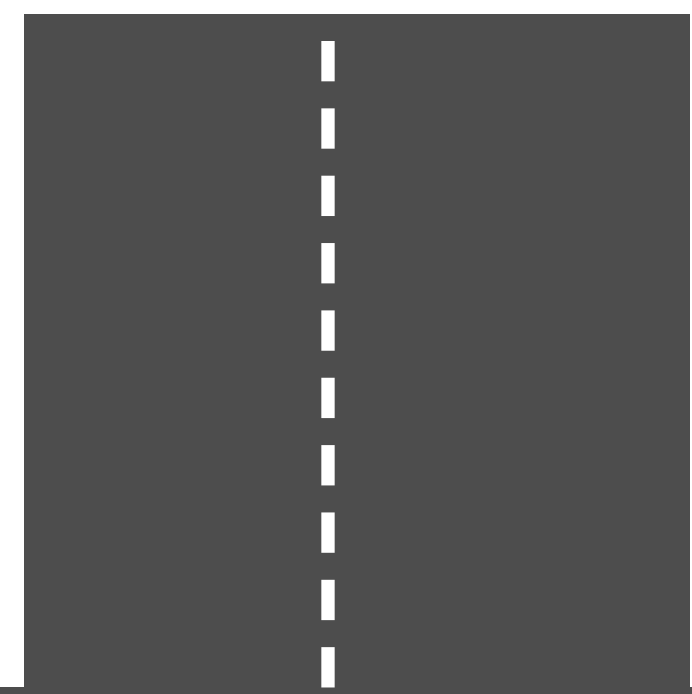


## CORRIDOR CONCERNS

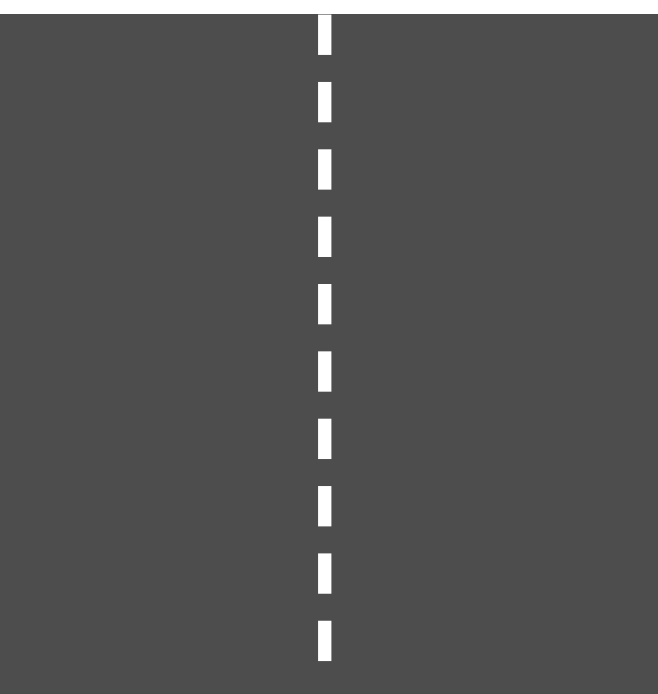


## MOST CHALLENGING INTERSECTION

92nd St.



91st St.

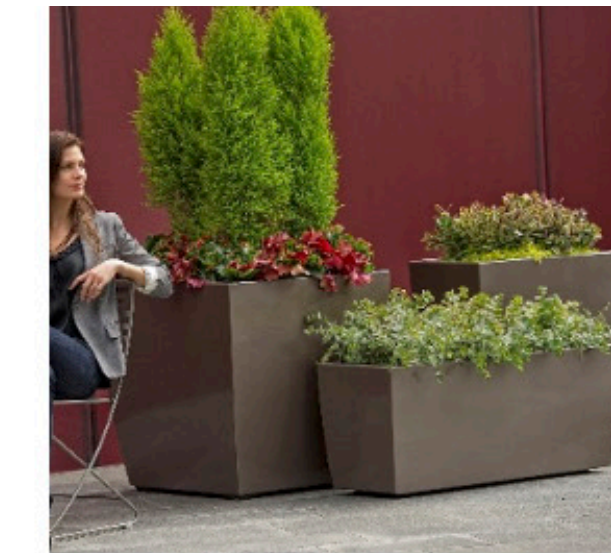


Commercial Avenue

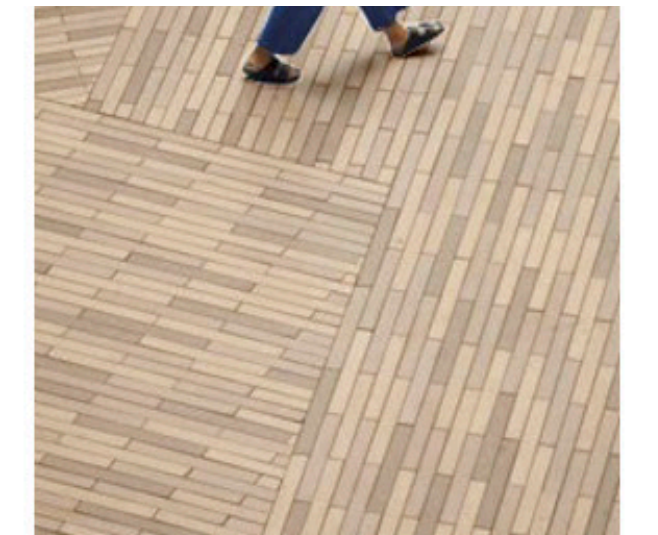
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# STREETSCAPE PALETTE



Rectangular Metallic Planters



Angled Paver Pattern in Earth Tones



Blue Trash Cans



Magenta Bike Racks



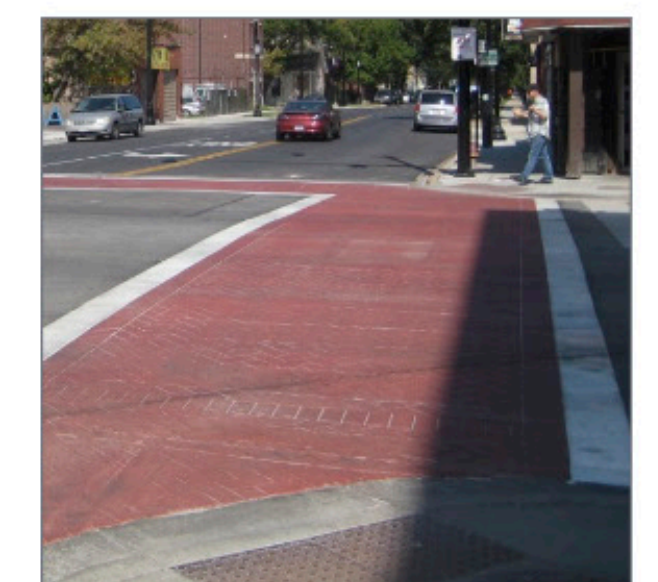
Bronze Colored Benches



Sidewalk Plaques



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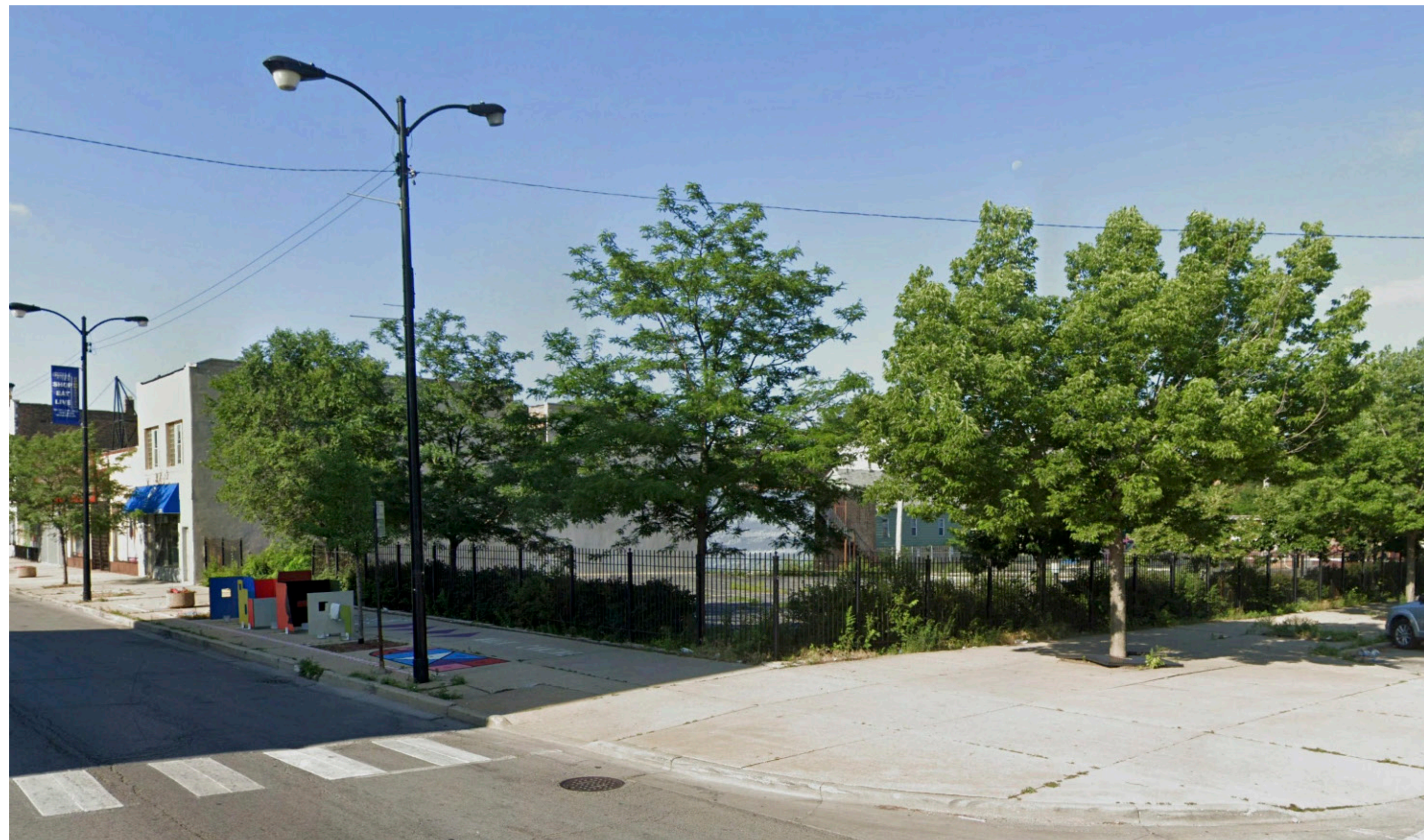


Stamped Crosswalks

\*\*Locations of benches and planters shown are conceptual. Final placement may differ based on coordination with local stakeholders.\*\*

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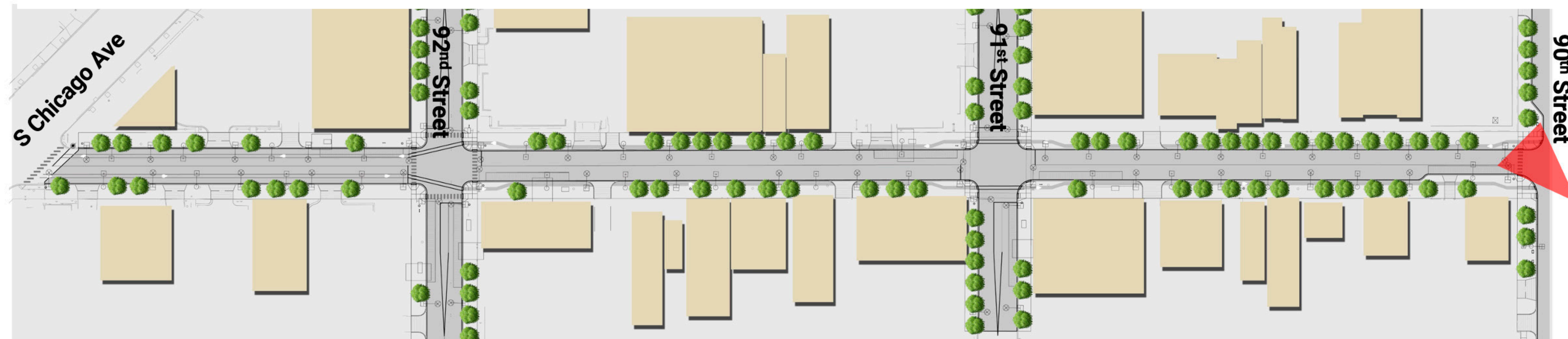
SW Corner of 90th Street - **BEFORE**



SW Corner of 90th Street - **AFTER**



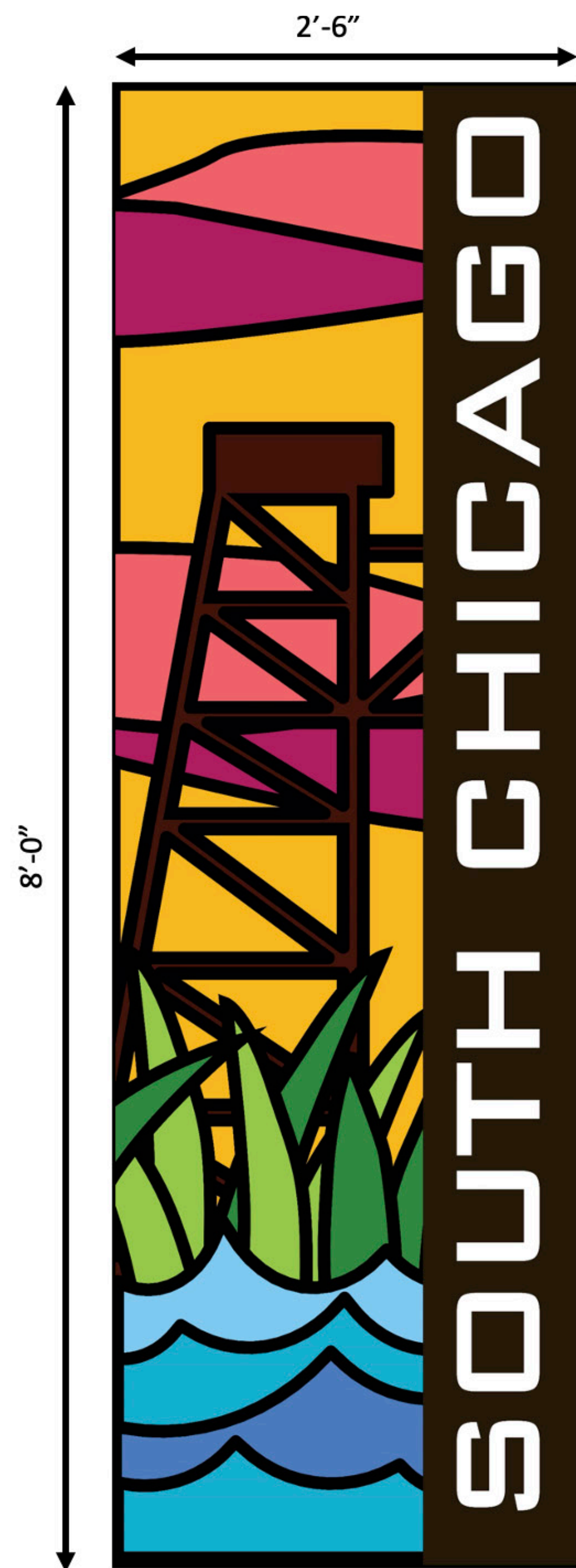
## SECTION 1: Commercial Avenue from 90th Street to South Chicago Avenue





# LIGHT POLE IDENTIFIER AND SIDEWALK PLAQUES

## Light Pole Identifiers



### Inspiration



The design of the light pole identifier takes cues from the past, present, and potential future of the community.

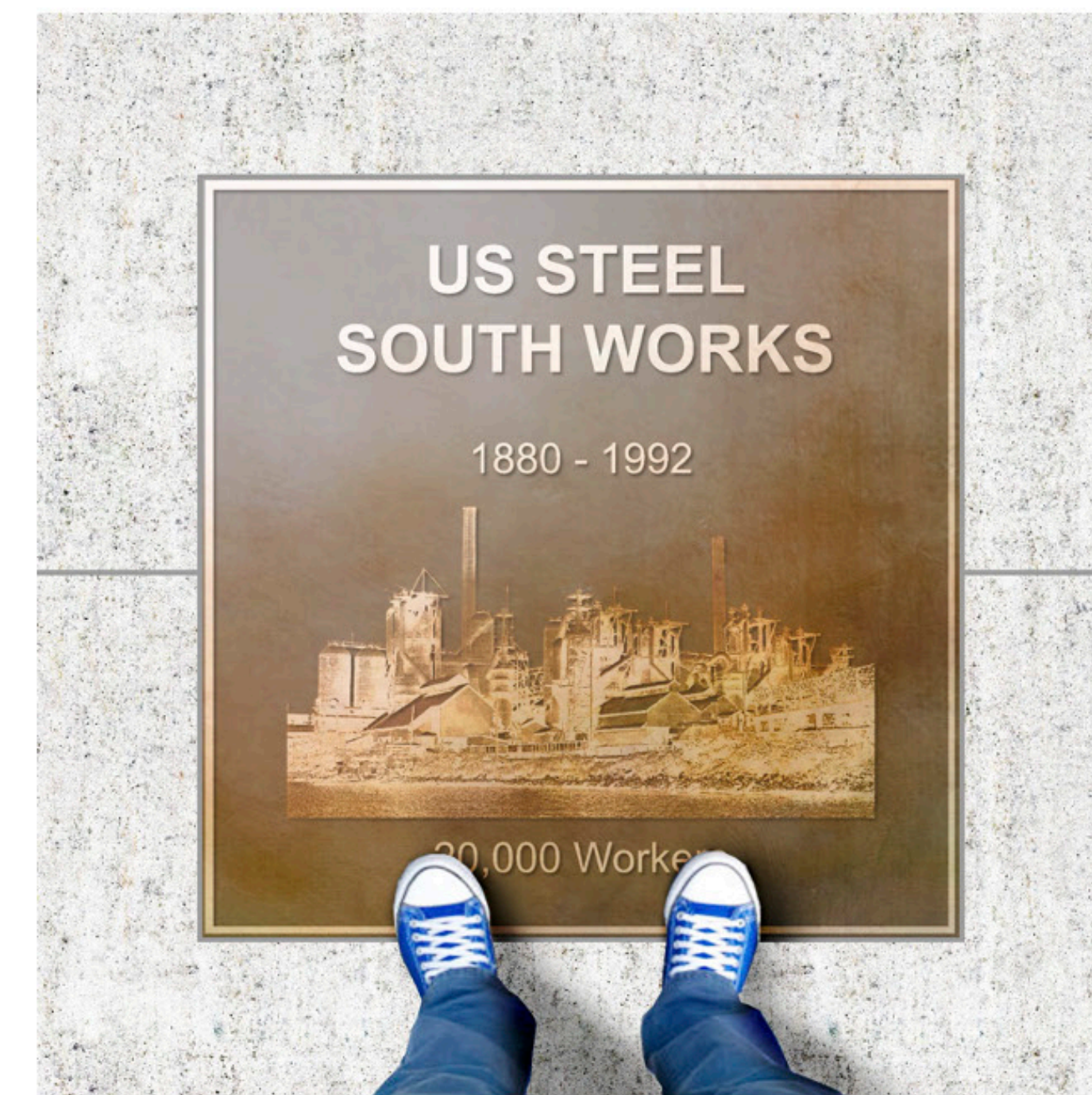
- Water** = Lake Michigan / Calumet River
- Lift Bridge** = Steel Industry
- Grasses** = Natural Reclamation
- Colorful Sky** = Artistic Community

### Site Furnishing Color Palette



Colors for Trash Receptacles and Bike Racks create a unified theme throughout the corridor

## Sidewalk Plaques



Potential Layout 1



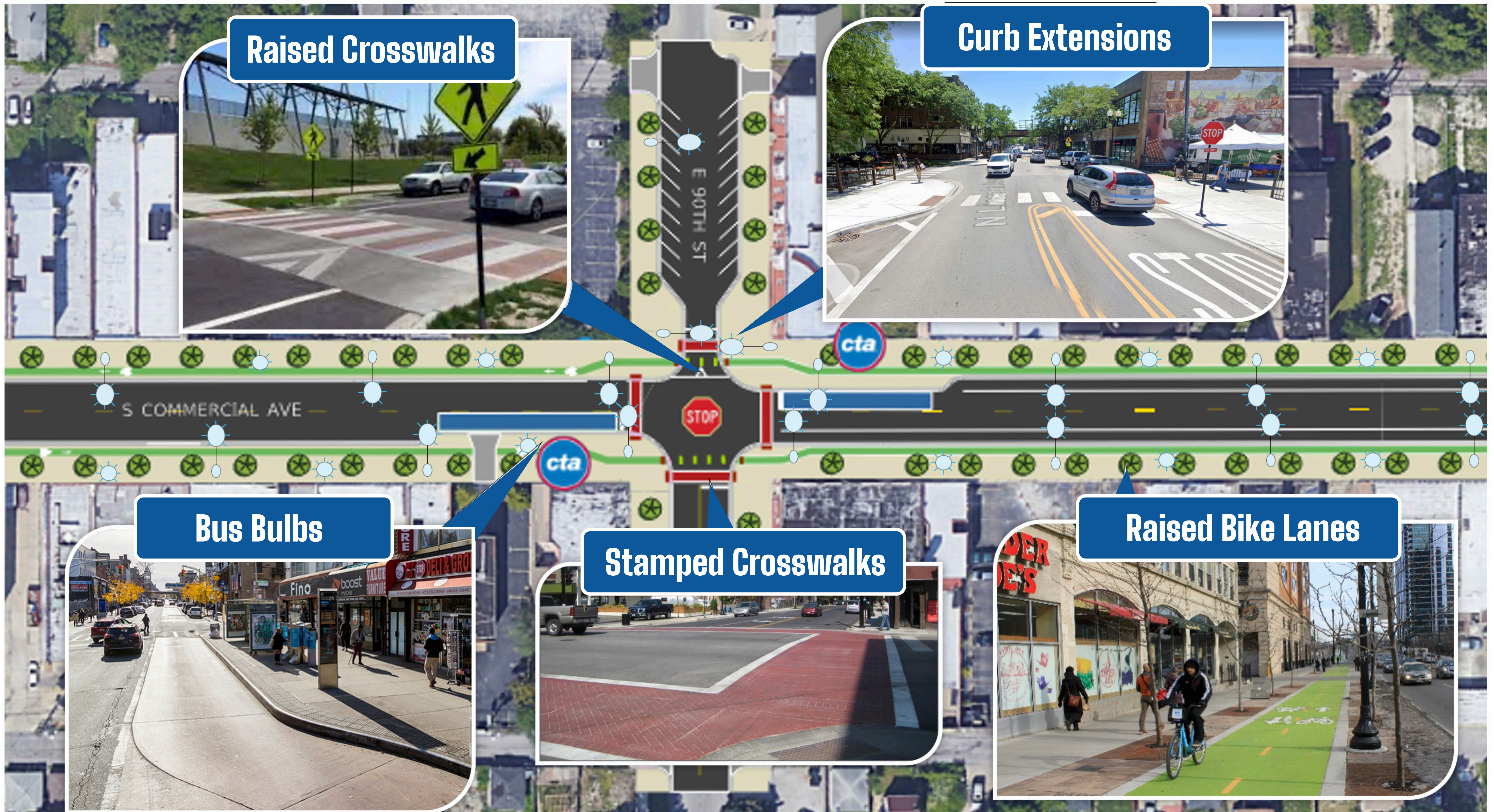
Potential Layout 2

Sidewalk Plaques will highlight the history of steel mills in the community.

### Steel Mills to be highlighted:

- US Steel South Works
- Wisconsin Steel
- Republic Steel
- Iroquois Steel
- Acme Steel
- Valley Mould and Iron

# PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT FEATURES – ROADWAY



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# CALUMET RIVER GATEWAY GARDEN/ ENTRADA AL JARDÍN DEL RÍO CALUMET

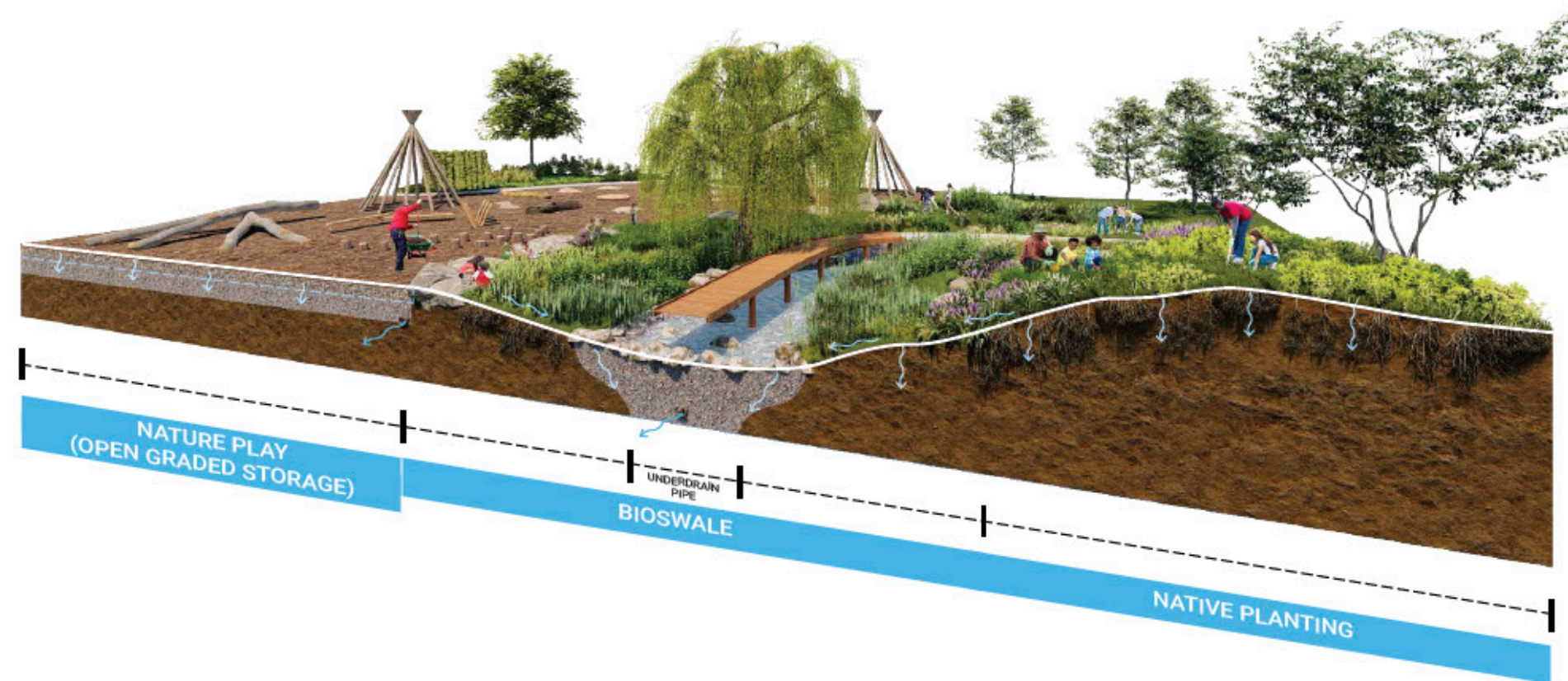
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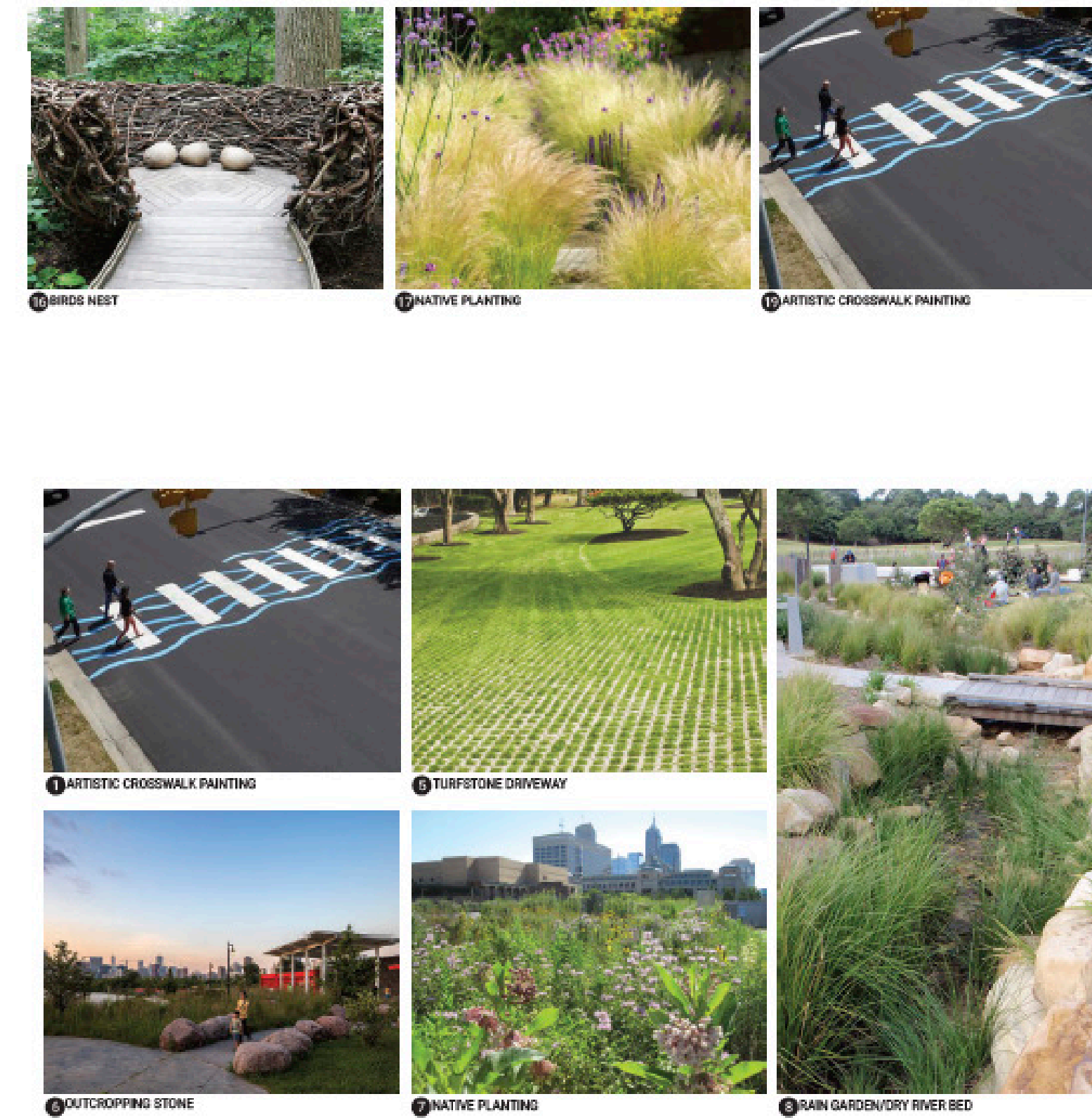
## SITE ONE (NATURE PLAY SPACE)



## STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DIAGRAM



## SITE TWO (RIVER ACCESS)



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