

Parks & Recreation

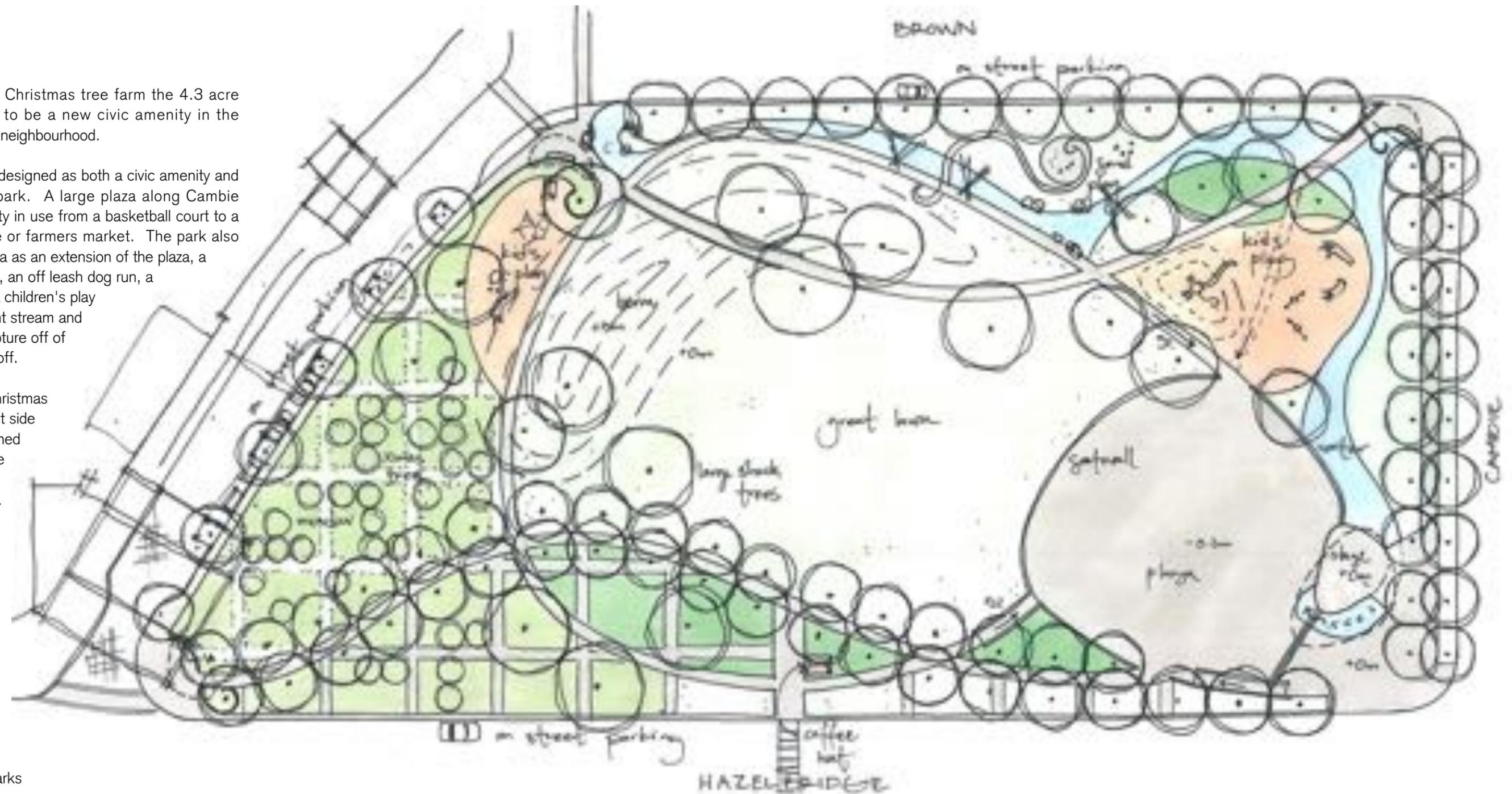
Aberdeen Park

2018

Once the site of a Christmas tree farm the 4.3 acre Aberdeen Park is to be a new civic amenity in the Cambie City Centre neighbourhood.

The park has been designed as both a civic amenity and a neighbourhood park. A large plaza along Cambie Road allows flexibility in use from a basketball court to a performance space or farmers market. The park also has a large lawn area as an extension of the plaza, a 'big hill' for sledding, an off leash dog run, a water feature, and a children's play area. An intermittent stream and pond on the site capture off of the storm water runoff.

A remnant of the Christmas tree farm at the west side of the site was retained as a reference to the rich agricultural history of Richmond.



location
Richmond BC

client
City of Richmond Parks

services
Schematic Design to Construction Services

Concept Sketch

budget
\$2,300,000

collaborators
DS Lee Engineering, Dan Corson (Public Art)



Final Plan/Construction Drawing

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6th & Fir Park

2009

6th + Fir is a small neighbourhood/urban park in Kitalano next to the old CPR rail line. It is the first phase of a larger block park. The remainder of the block will be developed as park once the long term leases are finished and the City determines the design direction for the future CPR lands/Arbutus Greenway.

The park was developed to have a mix of uses for both nearby residents, people working in the area and the community garden users. The park was design includes an open lawn, a naturalistic children's play area, community garden storage and composting area, a pollinator garden for the bee hives, an orchard, seating picnic areas and a rain garden. The children's play area was developed to provide a range of play experiences for all ages. The rain garden captures all of the on site drainage.

The park geometry and materials play off the adjacent rail line.



location

Vancouver BC

client

City of Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation

services

Schematic Design to Construction Services

budget

\$450,000

collaborators

Pine Street Community Garden

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Creekside Community Centre at the Olympic Village

2009

Creekside Community Centre was built to support the needs of residents in the quickly transforming neighbourhood of Southeast False Creek. Besides the amenities offered by the recreation centre the building also has a rooftop childcare, a ground floor restaurant and a small plaza at the north.

Similar to the residential and mixed use parcels at the Olympic Village the Creekside Community Centre has 50% vegetative coverage. Additionally the intensive plantings on the ground floor and rooftop daycare, as well as extensive green roof contribute to slowing down storm water runoff. The extensive green roof was pre-grown and is planted with native species of grass and sedums to promote biodiversity and attract birds and bees.

The plaza on the north side was envisioned small public node adjacent to the waterfront walkway. Its form and character stitch the geometry of the building with the materiality of the waterfront walkway.

The rooftop daycare and preschool has an extensive outdoor play area that contains native plantings and garden plots.

The project achieved LEED Platinum Certification.

location

Vancouver BC

client

Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation

services

Rezoning to Construction Services

budget

\$1,250,000

collaborators

Arthur Erickson & Nick Milkovich Architects,
and Francl Architecture



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Stuart Park

Phase 1

2011

Located in Kelowna's downtown waterfront Stuart Park was a collaboration between Durante Kreuk as the design lead, and Stantec Consulting as the office of record.

The main feature of the park is the multi-purpose civic plaza that was designed to host large events and be converted into an ice rink in the winter months. The park design also includes a stage, a civic awards garden, public art, a waterfront walkway, washrooms and a zamboni building.

The southwest gateway into the park is marked by a water feature that references the historic water flumes that provided irrigation water to the orchards in the region.

Since opening in 2011 the park has hosted many civic events, annual festivals and become a significant landmark along the greater waterfront walkway and trail network.

location

Kelowna BC

client

City of Kelowna

services

Schematic Design to Construction Services

budget

\$4,400,000

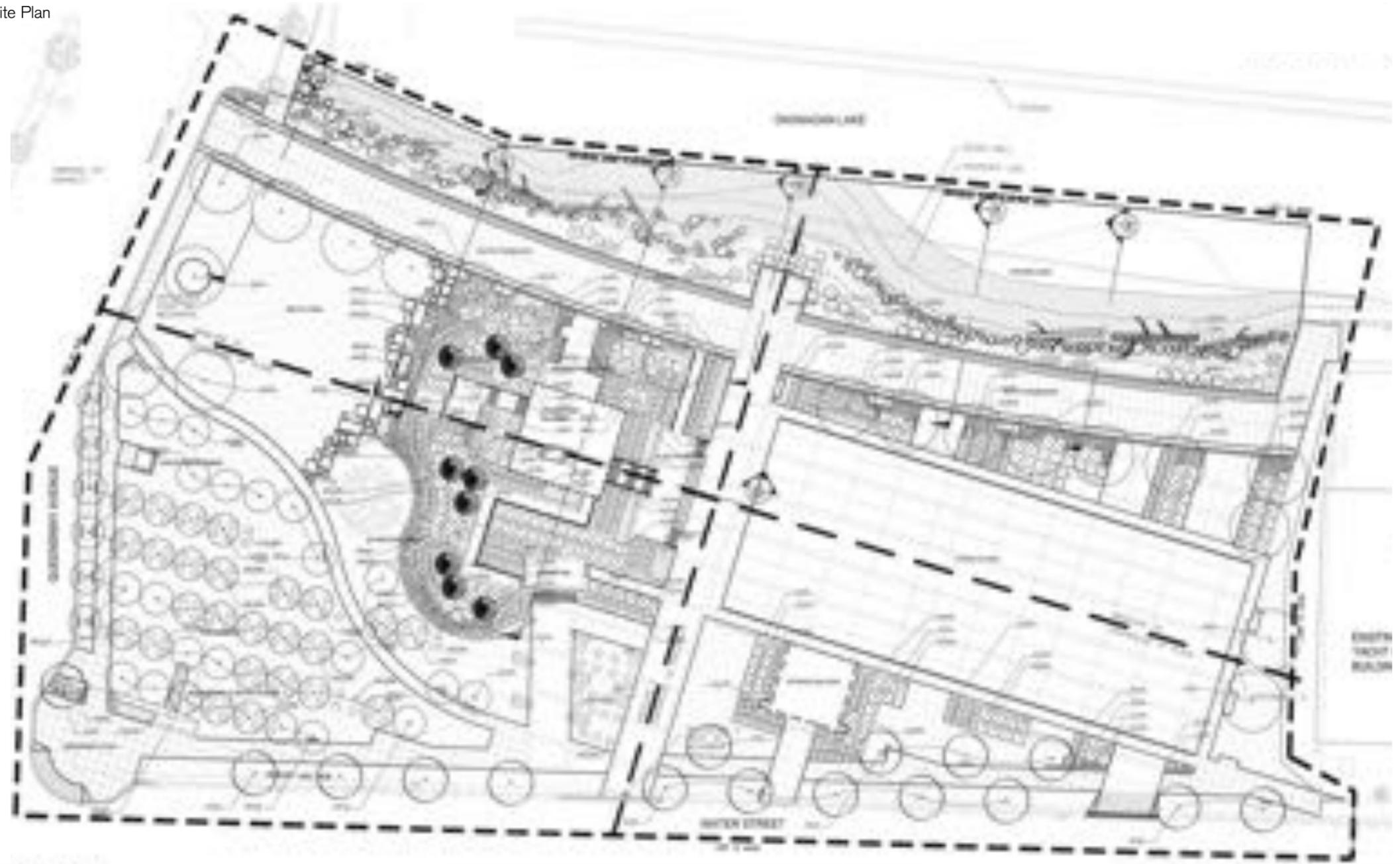
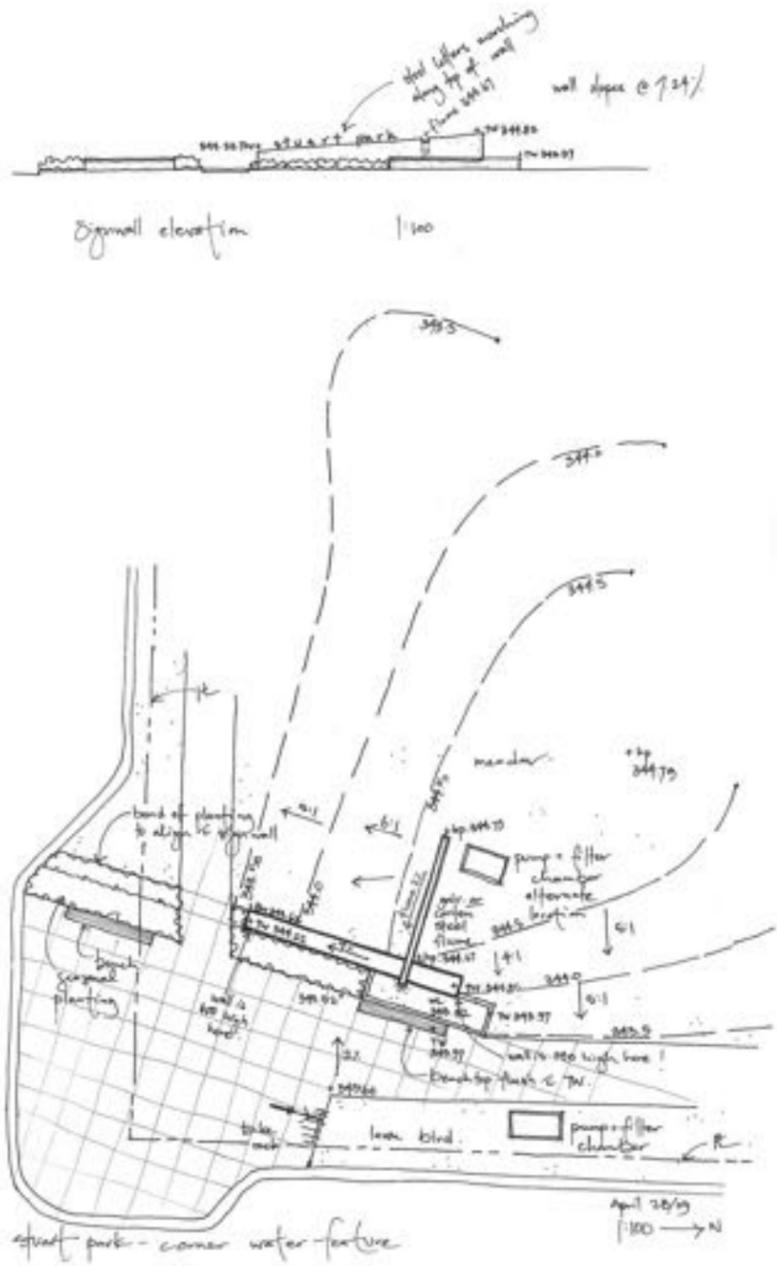
collaborators

Stantec Consulting, Bevanda Architecture, Brendan Lenko Ice Rink Consulting, Ecoscape Environmental, and Mid Ocean Studio (Public Art)



Water Feature Conceptual Sketch

Site Plan



Water Feature and Sign

Stage and Public Art

Waterfront Walkway

Civic Plaza

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Yaletown Park

2007

Yaletown was once the western terminus of the CRP. While the neighbourhood has seen much redevelopment there are many historical warehouse buildings and loading docks that remain.

The park is bordered by Nelson and Mainland Street, a lane with historical loading docks. The redeveloped towers bordering the park were developed to have a loading dock at the eastern edge of the park. Nelson Street has a series of vertical screens with vine plantings as a means to buffer this busy street and provide a more positive edge to the west side of the park.

The design of the park was to incorporate this history into the materials and language of the neighbourhood into a downtown urban open space. The site furniture and metal work are painted black similar to steel work found in a rail yard. Granite setts, a vernacular paving, carpets the park and is broken up by groupings of reclaimed granite curbs, once commonly used on developed streets downtown.

White gritty and more urban in nature the park is lined with large shade trees and under plantings to have it read as a room adjacent to the public realm.

location

Vancouver BC

client

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The City of Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation

services

Rezoning to Construction Services

budget

\$10,000,000

collaborators

Jane Durante, and Buttjes Architecture



Site Plan



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Salisbury Park

2013

This project was a renovation to an existing neighbourhood park in the Commercial Drive neighbourhood.

As it typical with most park renovations the project involved a series of public open houses to understand the needs and concerns of the neighbourhood and park users.

The public consultation formed the final design which consisted of reconfiguring the existing play area to allow for barrier free access to the play area and through the park.



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Vancouver BC

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services

Rezoning to Construction Services

budget

\$91,000