

- > Should the lands be a destination natural environment park or a community park with an environmental focus?
- > Should the park include sports fields or have play facilities with an environmental focus?
- > If there are sports fields, where should change rooms, washrooms and storage be provided? Or should there only be a washroom?
- > How much parking and where should it be located? Should visitors drive into the park or just into the entrance?
- > Should the park include event or performance space and if so where and how big?

- > garden of intelligence... a place of encounters with wildlife, art, history, Indigenous history
- > naturalize the landscape
- > educational programming with an natural outdoor classroom
- > connect with the cultural past of the place
- > include a “frame of activity” with cultural performance, education nodes, sports
- > could tuck a sports field in so it does not overwhelm the park
- > include a skating area or trail

The drawing illustrates a compilation of the best ideas for the site. A community/cultural hub, education hub, recreation zone, natural areas and enhancements to the Soper Creek trail that provides the ribbon that connects the park's key areas. Photographs are examples of the possibilities for key locations. The concept plan provides a "point of departure" for continued conversation with the community, refinement of ideas and development of detailed plans to guide the evolution of the former Bowmanville Zoo lands into the signature park envisioned by Valleys 2000.

of Bowmanville. The existing lands already border trail systems to the north and south, and integrating the zoo into the trail system makes a lot of sense. Beyond that purpose, however, the zoo lands are something of a blank canvas onto which we can paint a spectacular new park.

Valleys believes that rather than simply choosing from a menu list of possible amenities for the space, we should start with a singular vision, tied to the history of the property, and look forward to a future in which people in the community have a park that is truly one of a kind, truly special, and truly reflects the feelings and sentiments of the community. In this 35 acre park we have an opportunity to celebrate the natural space, the historic space and the community space that was the Zoo - and to inspire and move people: literally and figuratively.

This will mean making some choices. It will mean casting a bold vision. And it will mean starting the planning process with a singular, thematic and

Council, Valleys and the Municipality feel that we have an opportunity before us to build an amazing signature park for the community

## Legend

### A. Community / Cultural Hub

1. PERFORMANCE, ART & EVENT SPACE
2. AMPHITHEATRE
3. NATURAL PLAYGROUND
4. PICNIC AREA
5. COMMEMORATIVE FOREST

### C. Education Hub

- 6. VISITOR CENTRE
- 7. OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS
- 8. COMMUNITY / DEMONSTRATING GARDEN
- 9. GATEWAY / ENTRANCE

### D. Recreation

10. SOCCER FIELD
11. PLAYGROUND / WASHROOM BUILDING

## E. Natural Areas

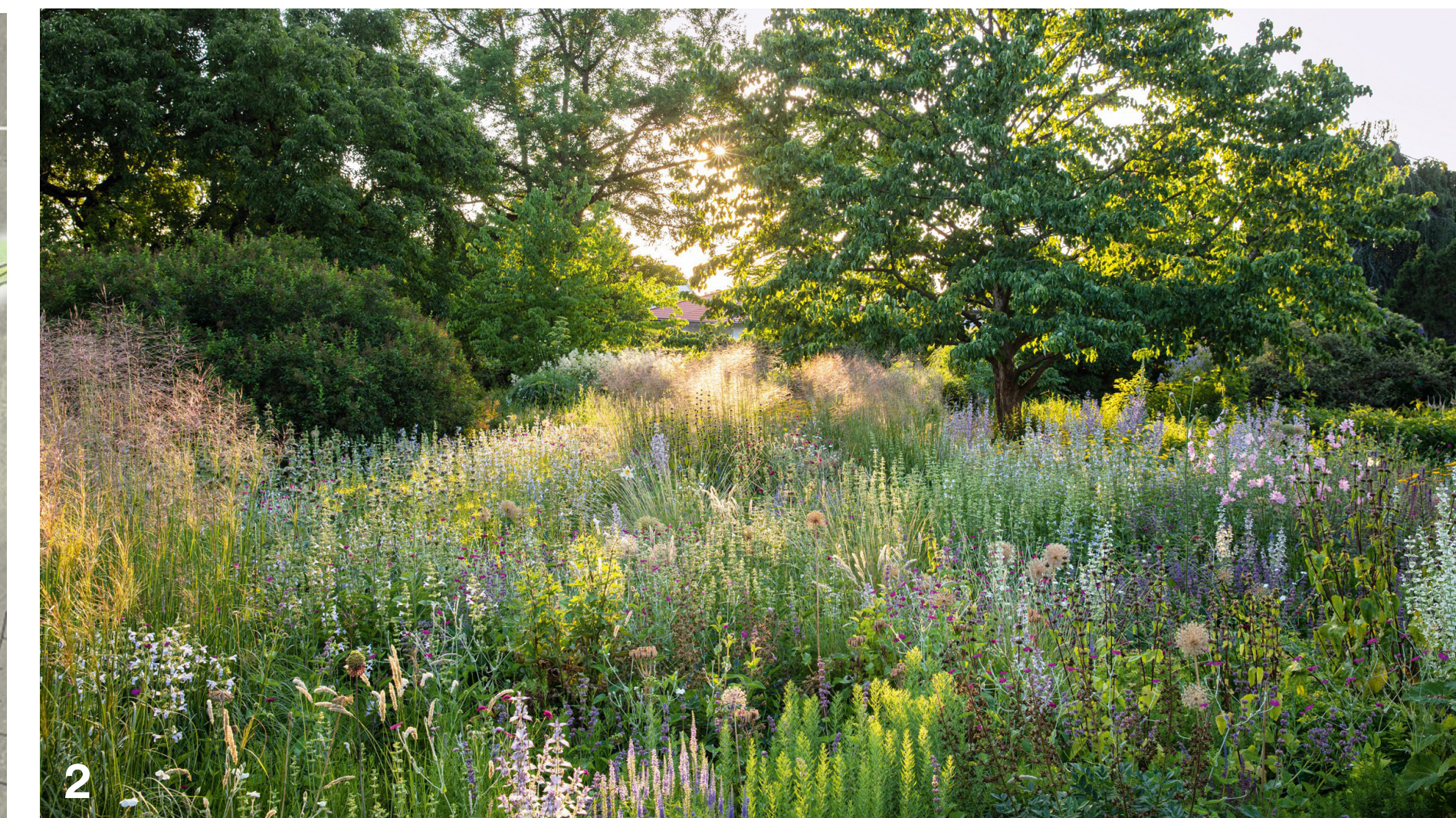
- 12. SOPER CREEK
- 13. PONDS
- 14. WET MEADOWS
- 15. DRY MEADOWS
- 16. WOODLANDS
- 17. TRAILS

- \* Interpretive Wayfinding Signage



Community /Cultural Hub

## Education Hub



## Recreation

## Natutral Areas