

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a green helmet, sunglasses, and a green and black patterned shirt, is riding a black mountain bike on a dirt path through a dense forest. The background is filled with green trees and foliage.

# Marie Curtis Bike Skills Park

Public Meeting #2 - May 12, 2014





# Agenda

- Introduction
- Prior Consultation Summary
- Prior Feedback Summary
- Bike Park Design + Features
- Q & A
- Wrap-Up + Next Steps

# Introductions

- **City of Toronto**
  - **Janette Harvey** Natural Environment Specialist
- **Consultants**
  - **Mike Tocher** Landscape Architect/ thinc design
  - **Daniel Scott** Trails Specialist/ IMBA

# Purpose of Study

The intent of this project is to work with the community, stakeholders and local mountain bike community to prepare a design concept for a community bike park in Marie Curtis Park.

# What is a Bike Skills Park?

Community bike parks can offer an accessible, well planned and constructed recreational facility with technically challenging cycling in a safe, controlled environment.

# Why a Bike Skills Park?

- Informal bike skills features have developed throughout the City's natural areas including in Marie Curtis
- Unauthorized building in parks is damaging the natural environment
- PF&R believes providing bike parks will deter unauthorized building and help protect the City's natural areas



# Why a Bike Skills Park?

## Non-Planned Installations





# Why a Bike Skills Park?



## West Etobicoke Mimico & Humber Watersheds

1. Centennial Park
2. Neilson Park
3. Marie Curtis Park
4. Lambton Park
5. Magwood Park
6. Etienne Brule Park
7. South Humber Park

## Central Don River Watershed

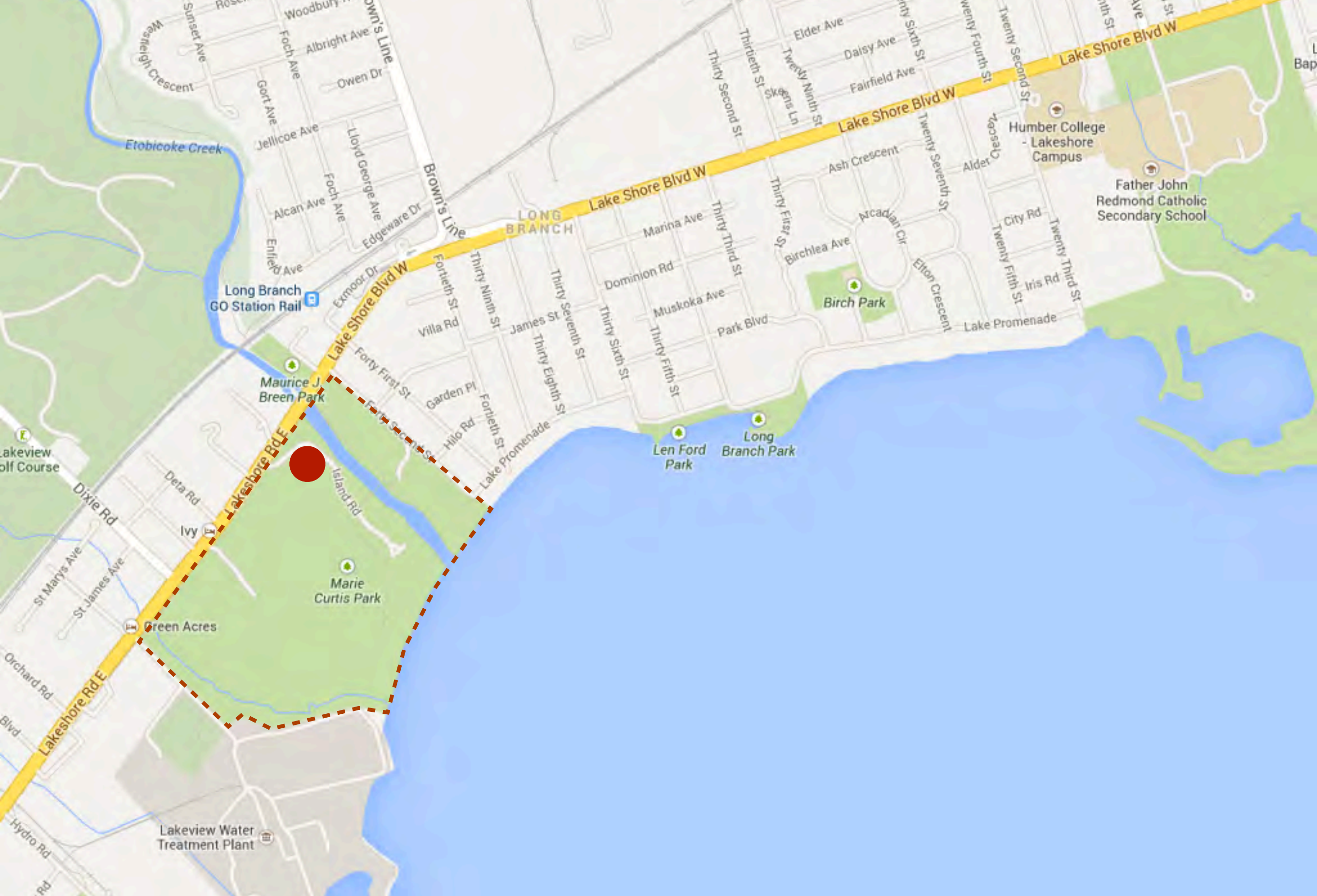
8. Hinder Area 1
9. Hinder Area 2 (Earl Bales)
10. Burke Brook
11. Newtonbrook Park
12. Betty Sutherland Park
13. The Flats
14. Valley of the Log Rides
15. Dr. Quads
16. Warden Woods

## East Highland Creek Watershed

17. Thomson Memorial Park
18. Bluffers Park
19. Morningside Park

▲ Informal skills park sites in Toronto known to Parks, Forestry and Recreation.





# Marie Curtis Park



# Zones

Parking

Dog off-leash area

Existing Naturalization to remain

Zone A: Mature Trees  
Zone B: Flat Grassland  
Zone C: Open Area  
Zone D: Mature Trees  
Zone E: Sumac





# Design Principles

- Sensitively integrate / work with existing landscape
- Look for opportunities to enhance existing natural features
- Provide a fun, safe and accessible park which caters to a wide range of skills
- Progressive skills development



# Marie Curtis Bike Park Concept Plan



**ENTRANCES**



# Entrances



# Signage

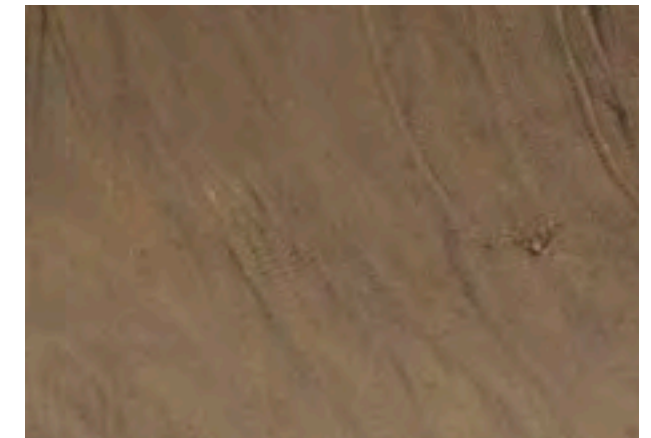


# TRAIL FEATURES

# Trail Types & Fence



Granular Trail



Dirt Trail



Split Rail Fence



# Marie Curtis Bike Park Skill Levels & Trail Direction



DIRECTION OF TRAVEL



BEGINNER TRAIL



INTERMEDIATE TRAIL



ADVANCED TRAIL



EXPERT TRAIL



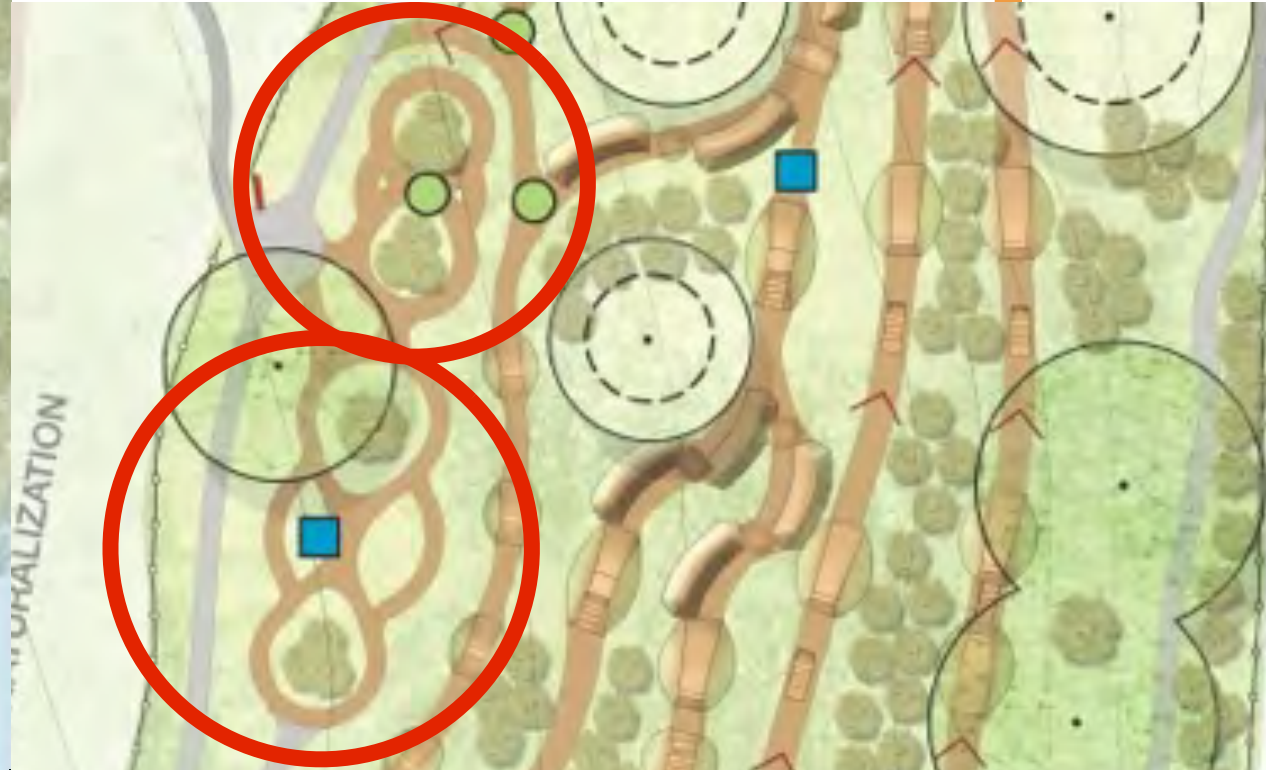


# Berms





# Pump track



BEGINNER PUMP TRACK



INTERMEDIATE/  
ADVANCED  
PUMP TRACK





# Launch Pad



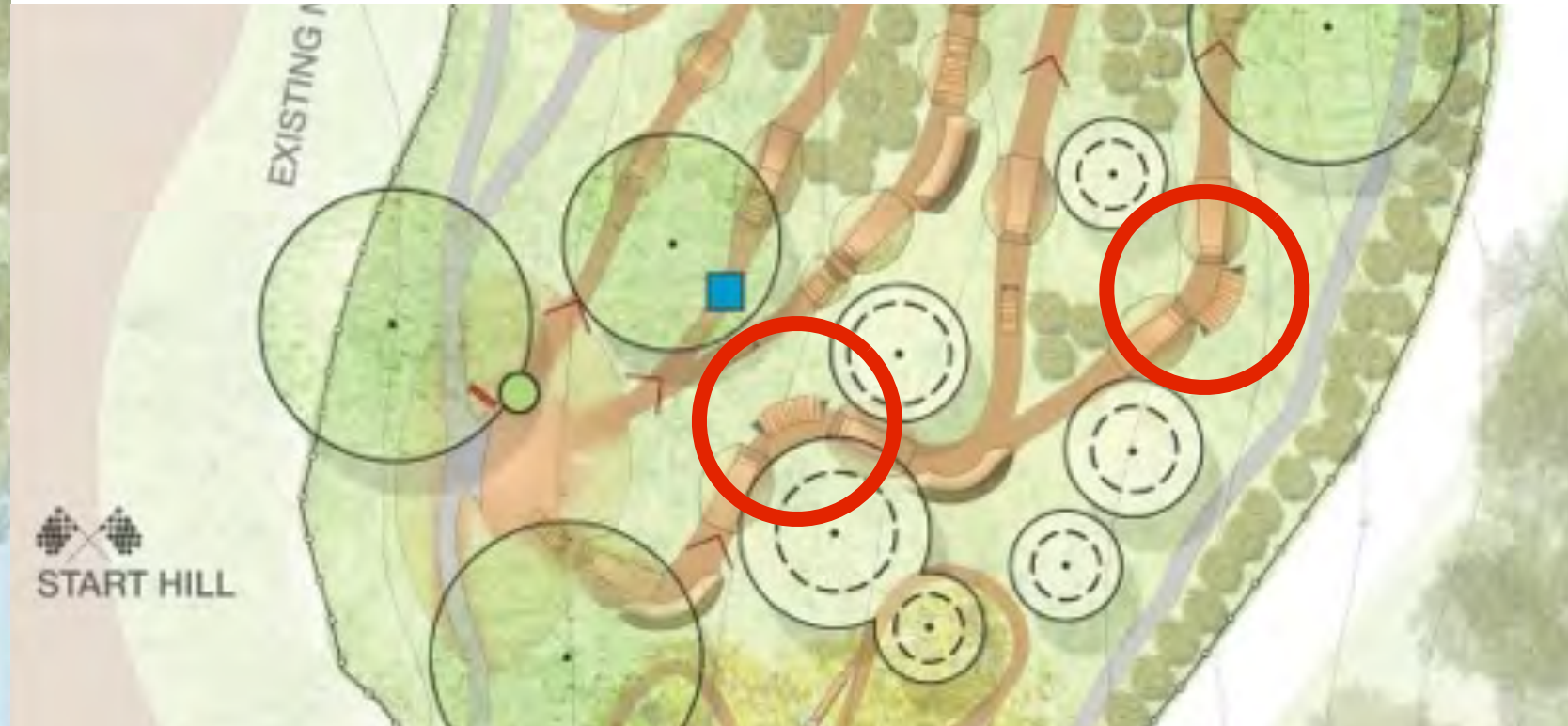


# Gang Plank





# Wall Ride





# Rainbow





# Sunset





# Rollercoaster



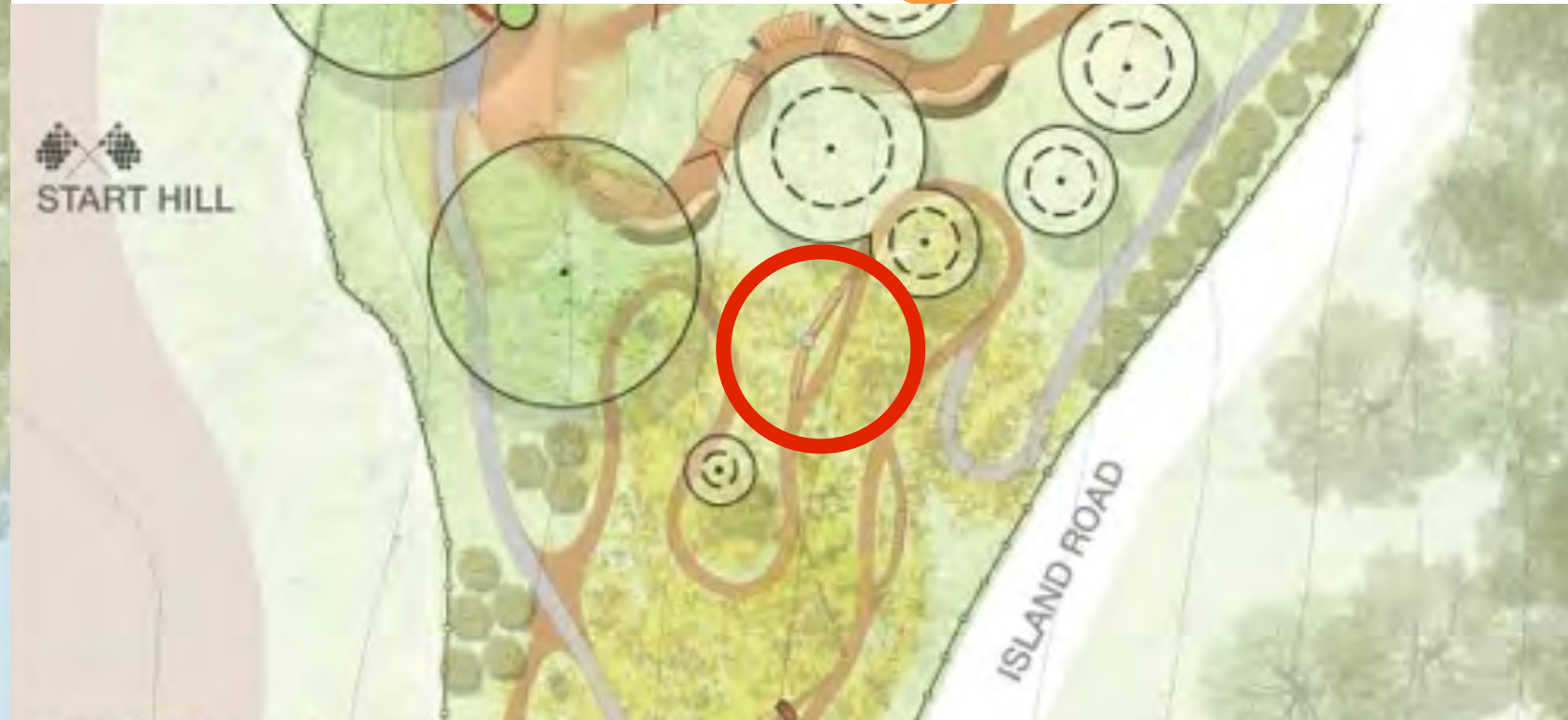


# Shore Bridge





# Log Rides





# Rock Garden





# Proposed Planting

## Canopy Trees







# Proposed Planting

## Understory Trees + Shrubs





# Proposed Planting

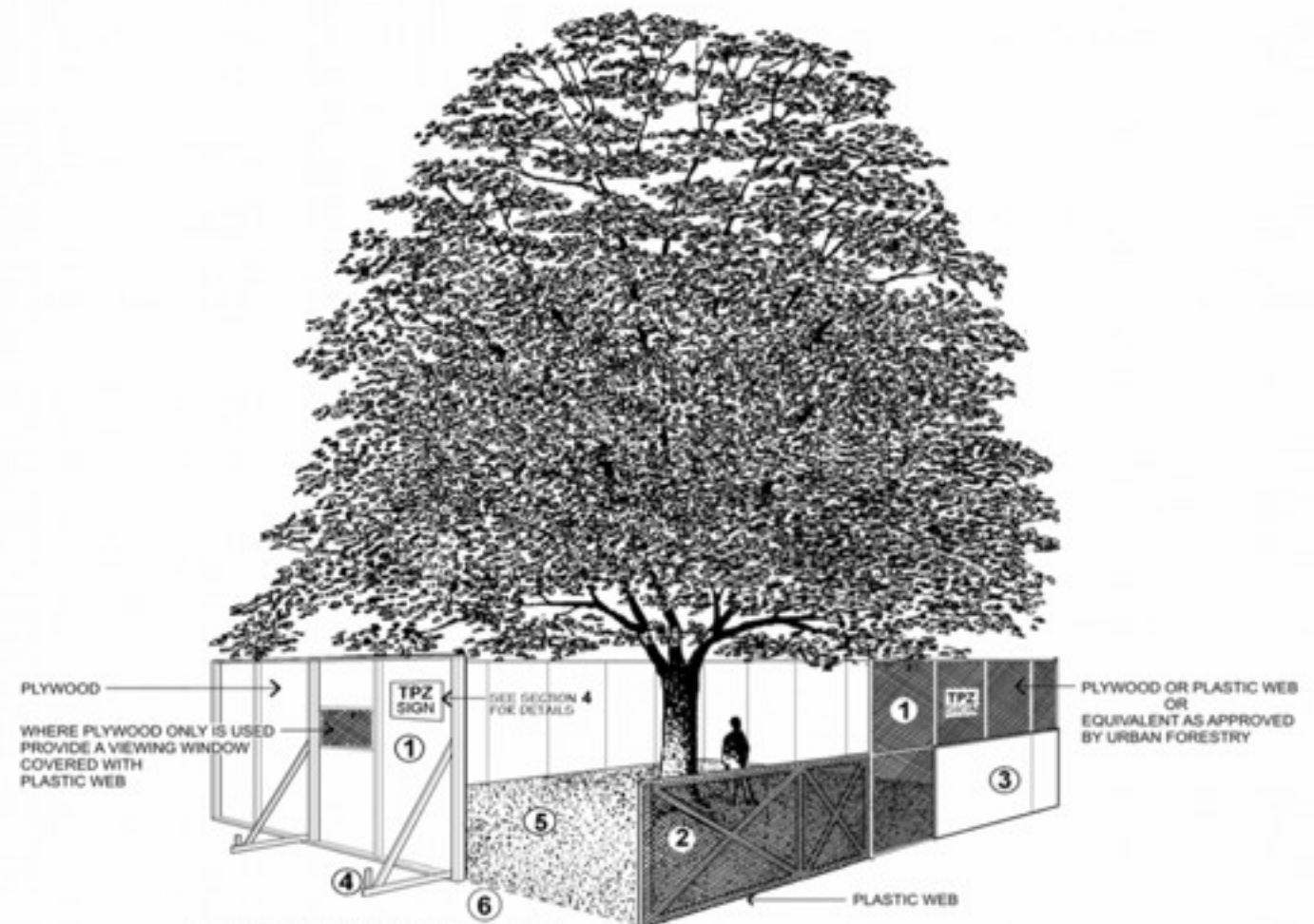
## Naturalized Areas





# Existing Trees

## Tree Protection Fencing



### Tree Protection Barriers

- ① Tree protection barriers must be a plywood or plastic web hoarding or equivalent as approved by Urban Forestry.
- ② Tree protection barriers for trees situated on the City road allowance where visibility must be maintained can be 1.2m (4ft.) high and consist of orange plastic web snow fencing on a wood frame made of 2"x 4"s .
- ③ Where some excavate or fill has to be temporarily located near a tree protection barrier, plywood must be used to ensure no material enters the Tree Protection Zone.
- ④ All supports and bracing should be outside the Tree Protection Zone. All such supports should minimize damaging roots outside the Tree Protection Barrier.
- ⑤ No construction activity, grade changes, surface treatment or excavations of any kind is permitted within the Tree Protection Zone.
- ⑥ Sediment control fencing shall be installed in locations indicated in an Urban Forestry approved Tree Protection Plan. The sediment control fencing must be installed to Ontario Provincial Standards (OPSD-219.110) and to the satisfaction of Urban Forestry.