COMMON GROUND FOUNDATION

REPORT TO COMMUNITY 2024

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April 18, 2024



WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

Common Ground Foundation recognizes that Treaty 7 is shared with many different Indigenous peoples, and this includes the Blackfoot First Nation tribes of the Siksika, the Pikani, the Kainai, the Stoney Nakoda First Nations tribes of Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney and the Tsuut'ina First Nation. The city of Calgary is also homeland to the historic Northwest Métis and to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3.

We remain committed to ensuring that our work honours all Treaty people.



AGENDA

How We Got Here

Vision and Mission

Introducing our Brand

Let's Go For A Walk

Next Steps



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT

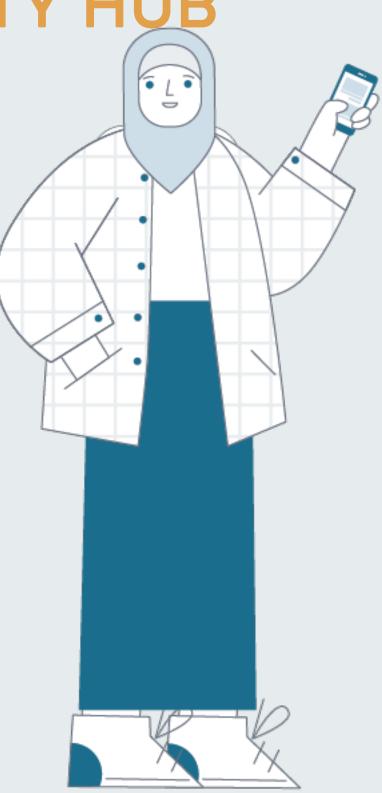
Between November 2022 and March 2023, For The City conducted a comprehensive needs assessment that touched the over 160,000 residents of North Central Calgary, with a significant proportion being visible minorities. This included digital scans, literature reviews, and interviews with community members and stakeholders to understand the requirements for a new community hub.

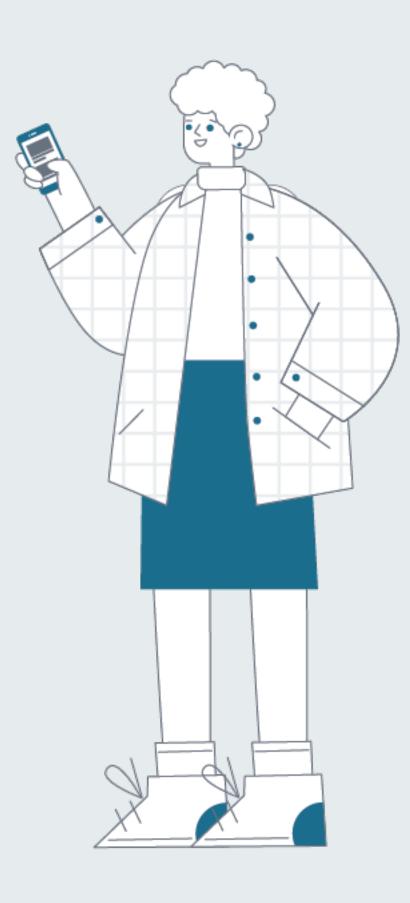




DEFINITION AND PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNITY HUB

A community hub is envisioned as a central, accessible public space valued for community gatherings and as an access point for various activities, services, and events. The hub aims to address service coordination, placemaking, and community building, adapting successful models to local needs.





FUTURE DIRECTIONS AND VISION

The report outlined the next steps, including refining architectural plans and engaging more deeply with potential funding partners and stakeholders. The vision is to create a vibrant communal space that fosters a sense of belonging, supports diverse community interactions, and ensures long-term sustainability through various revenue-generating activities.



STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership with EMI (February - June 2023):

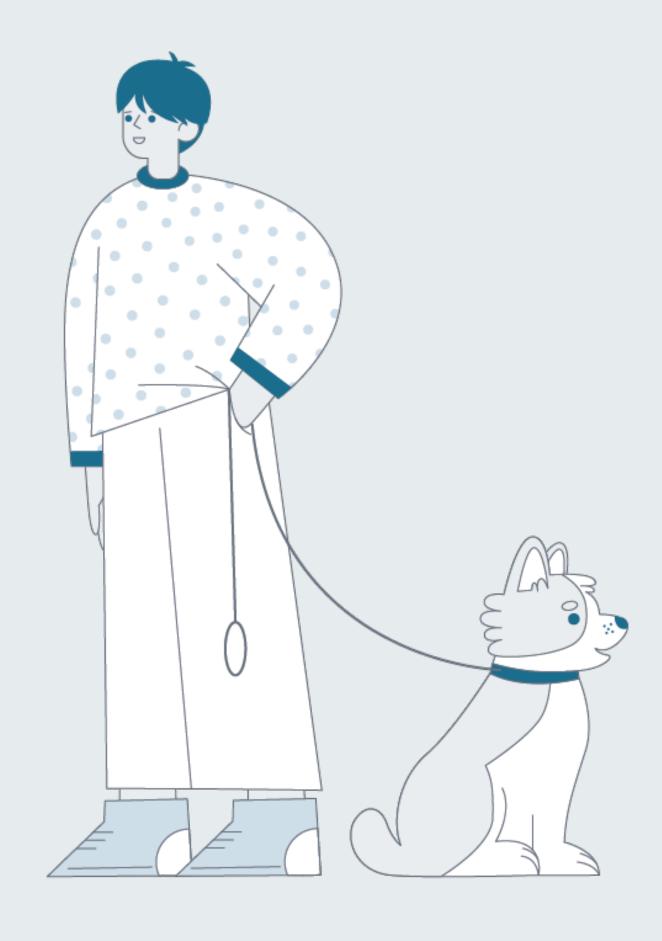
 Developed detailed CNCCH programming, with the final report presented in June.

Engagement with Linmac LLP (April 2023):

 Formalized structure for the Common Ground Foundation and Common Ground Ventures Limited.

RFP Development and Release (June - July 2023):

• Solicited in July, attracted seven applicants, highlighting community and stakeholder interest.



ARCHITECTURAL JOURNEY AND ORGANIZATIONAL GROWITH

Selection of Kasian Architecture (October 2023):

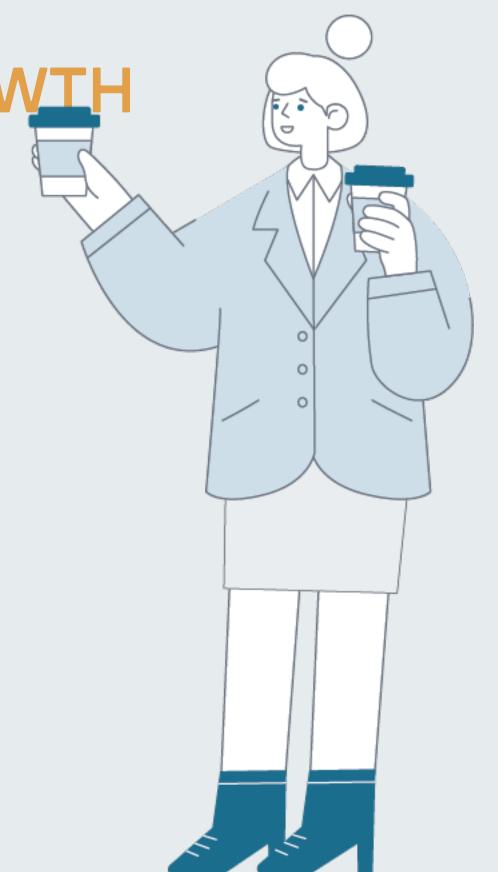
• Initially chosen to lead the architectural design.

Transition to GGA Architecture (March 2024):

Changes due to staff departures.

Incorporation Milestones:

- Common Ground Foundation January 2024
- Common Ground Ventures Limited November 2023



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Financial Contribution from New Beginnings Church:

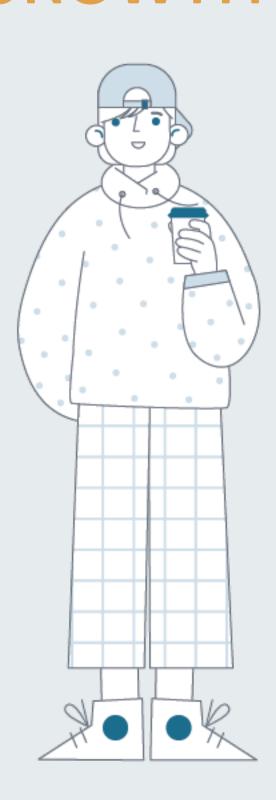
Over \$1.1 million raised over the last 20 years.

Transfer of Funds:

• Funds were transferred to Common Ground Ventures Limited in March 2024.

Transfer of Land:

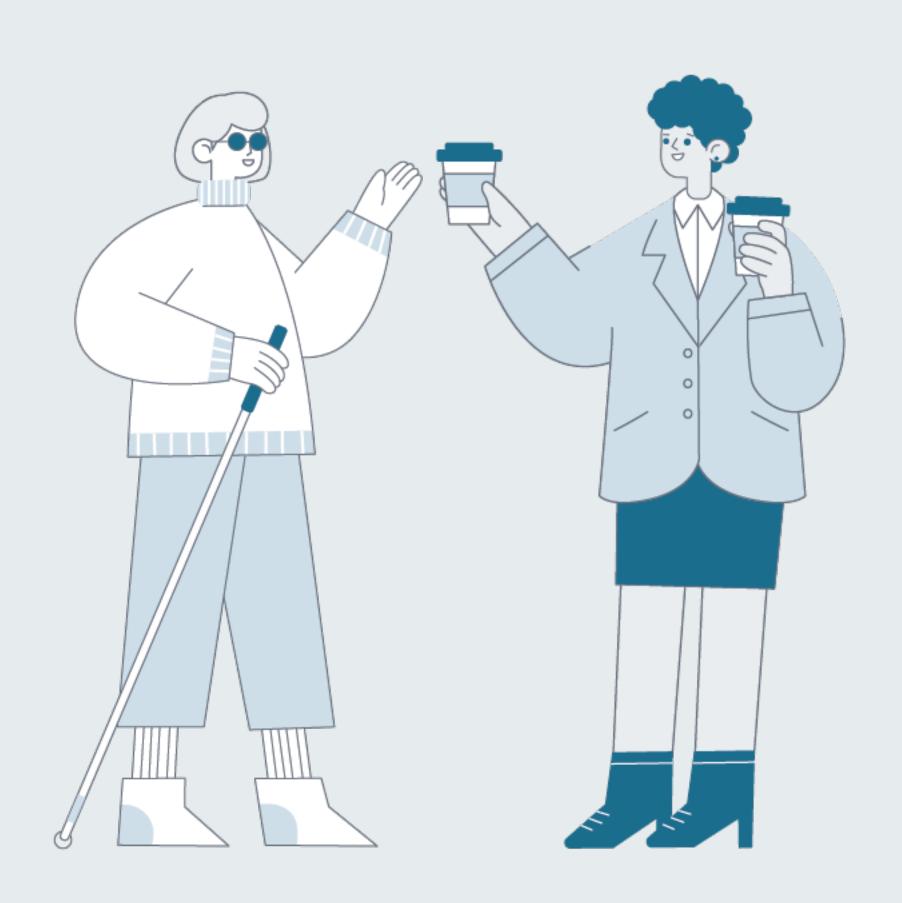
• 20 acres were transferred to secure the project's physical foundation in December 2023.



INTRODUCING OUR NAME & BRAND

Why the name Common Ground?

What does it mean?



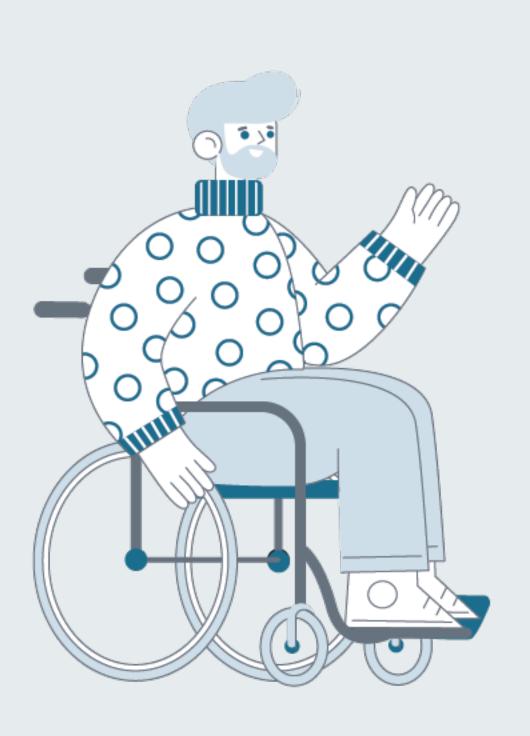
VISION & MISSION

Vision Statement:

We envision a community where every person has the opportunity to thrive in all facets of life, empowered by a network of support that fosters economic, physical, mental, spiritual, and social well-being.

Mission Statement:

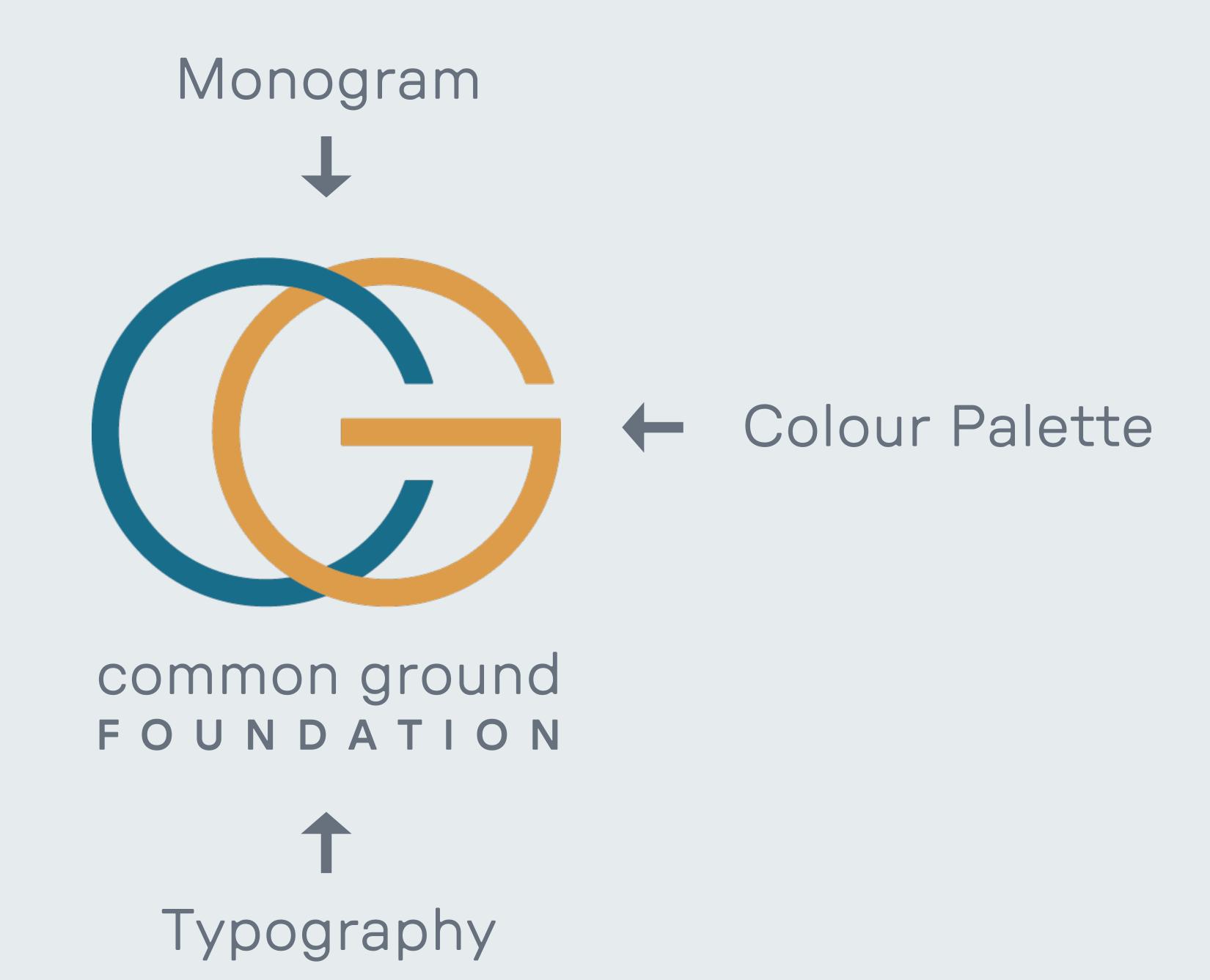
Our mission is to cultivate welcoming spaces that ignite creativity, foster connections, and enable individuals and families to grow together, strengthening the fabric of our community.

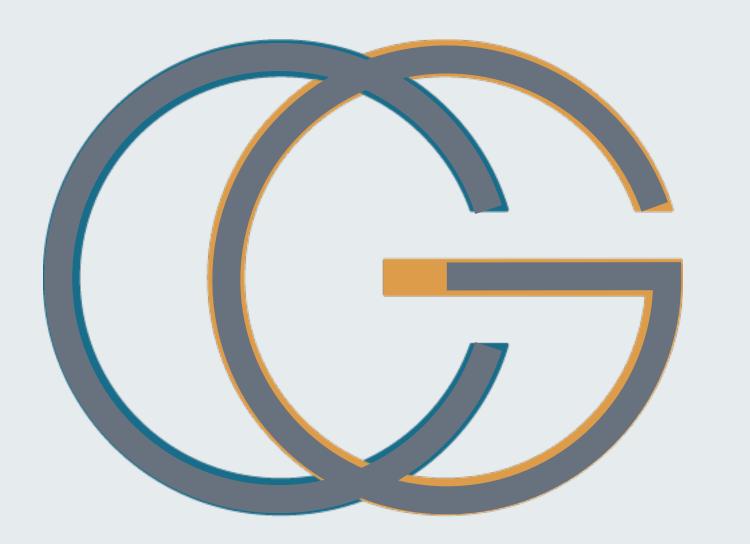












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THE JUNCTION ON COMMON GROUND

What is the Junction?

How will this impact our community?



THE JUNCTION ON COMMON GROUND

Food Hall & Cafe

Performance Theatre

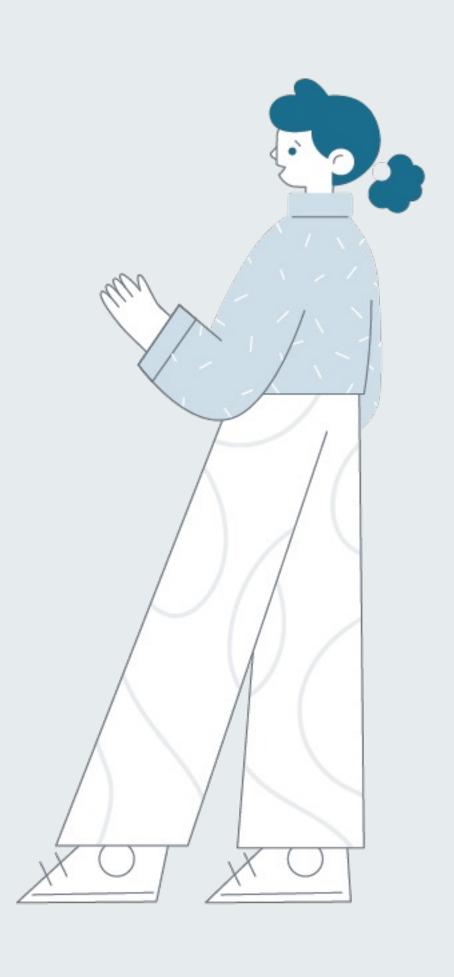
Co-Working & Non-Profit Office Space

Gymnasium

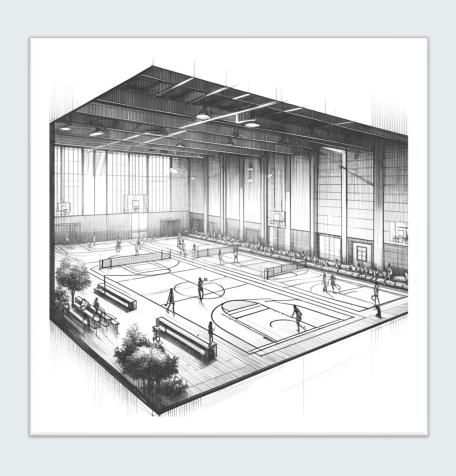
Daycare & Commercial Retail Units

Parks & Sports fields

Housing



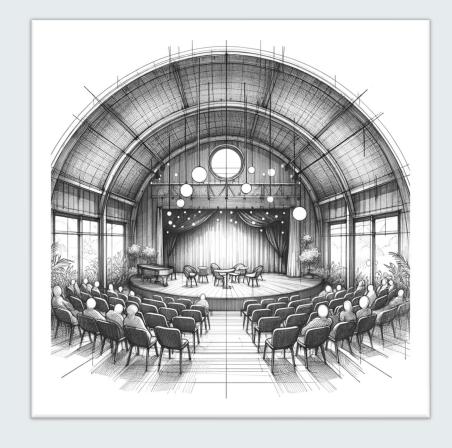
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WHAT DID WE HEAR?



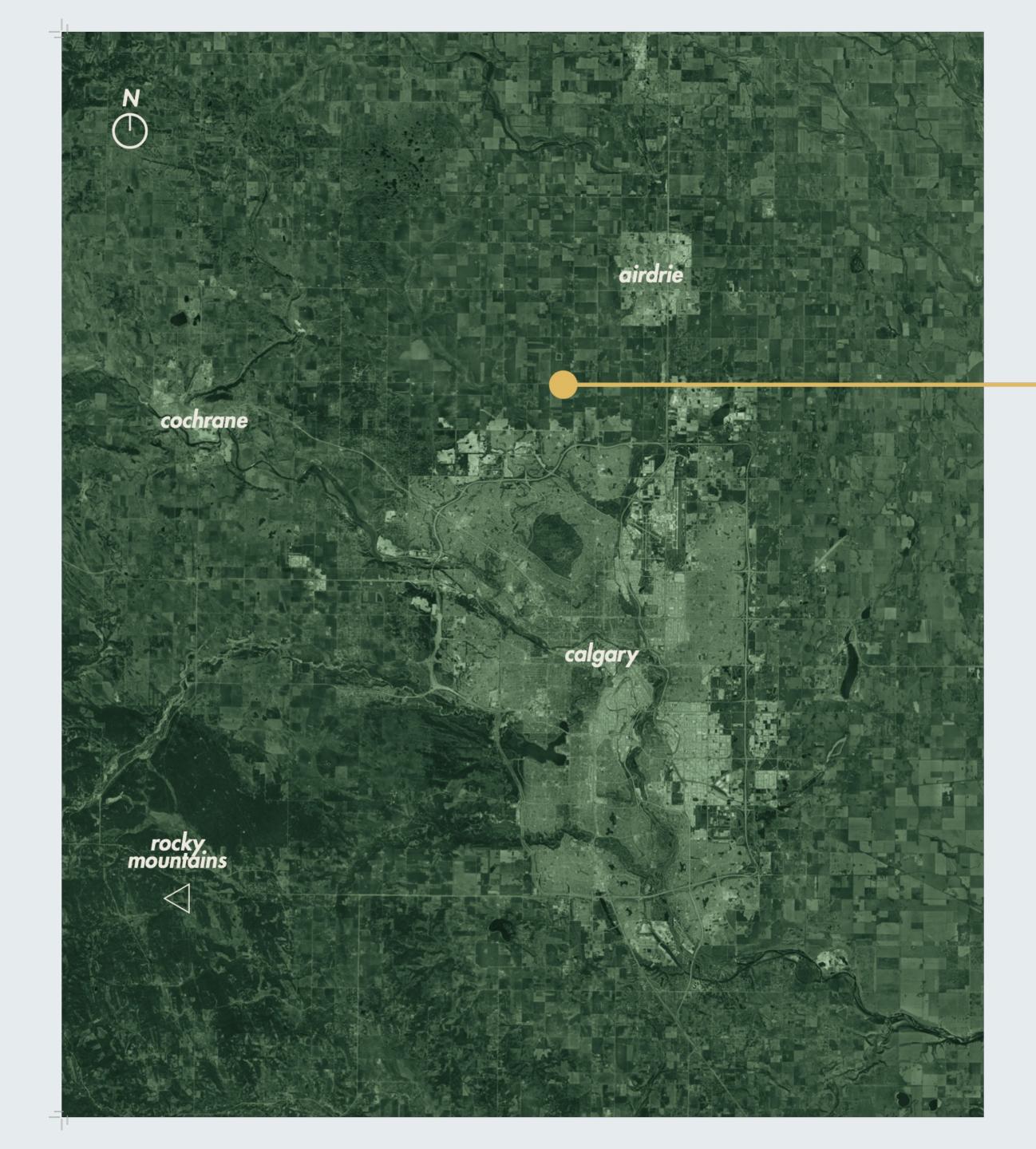


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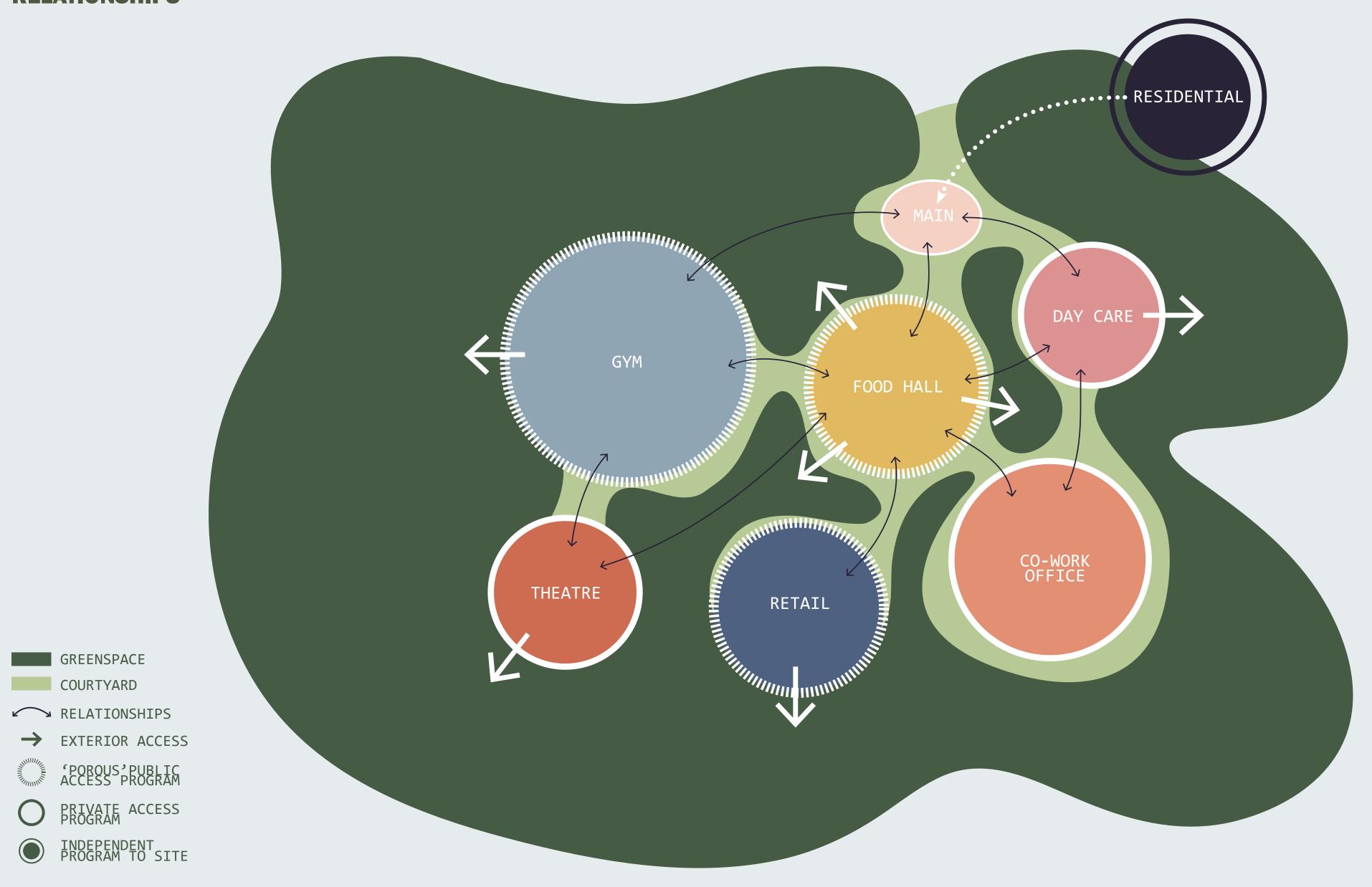






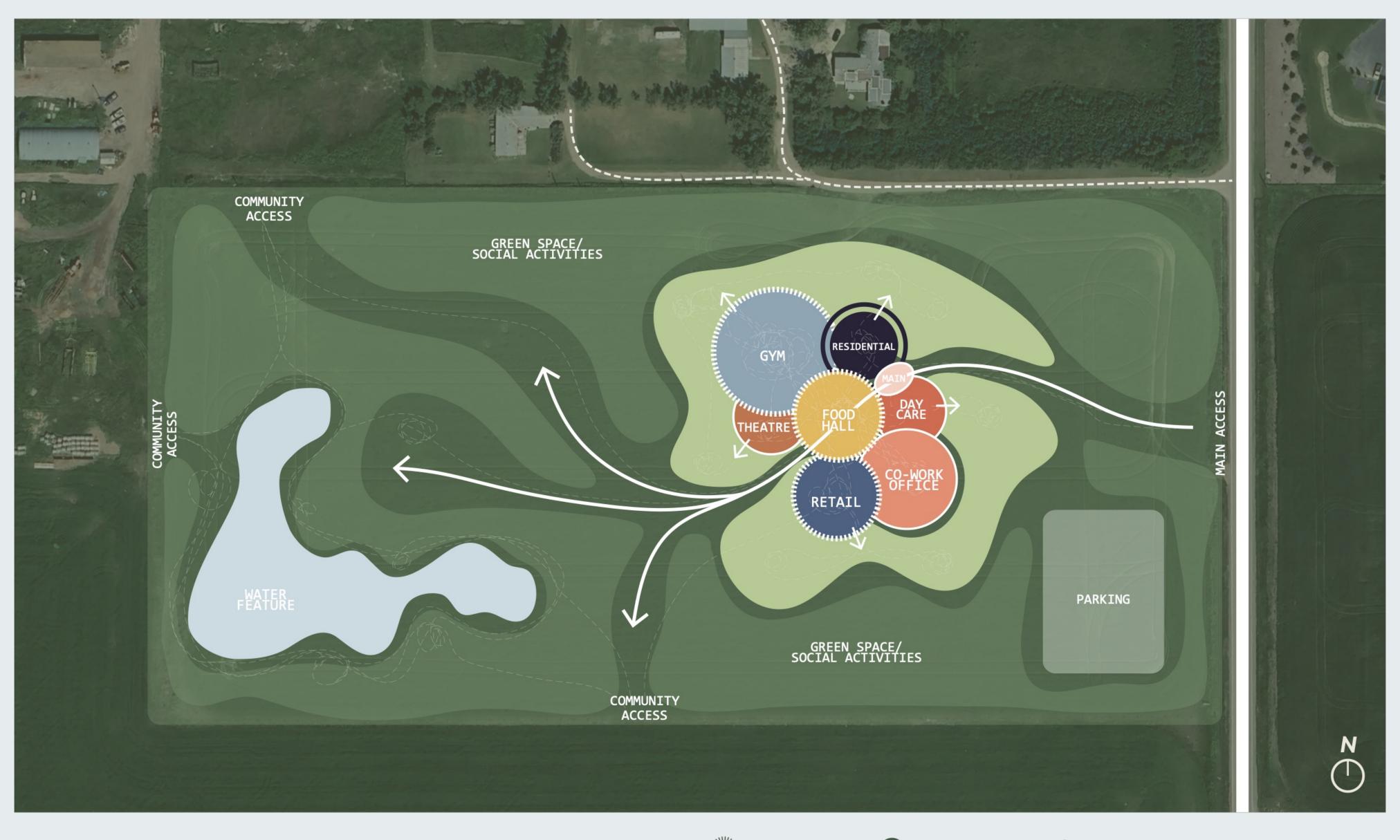
THE JUNCTION ON COMMON GROUND IS LOCATED ON THE EDGE OF NORTH CALGARY, NEAR THE COMMUNITY OF LIVINGSTON. THE PRIMARY ENTRANCE TO THE SITE IS OFF CENTRE STREET, MAKING IT AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR A COMMUNITY HUB THAT SERVES NOT JUST CALGARY BUT ALSO NEARBY CITIES AND TOWNS LIKE COCHRANE AND AIRDRIE. SURROUNDED BY GREENERY, A VIEW OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS AND BEING NEAR CITY NEIGHBORHOODS, THE SITE IS POISED TO FOSTER COMMUNITY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAM STUDY: RELATIONSHIPS



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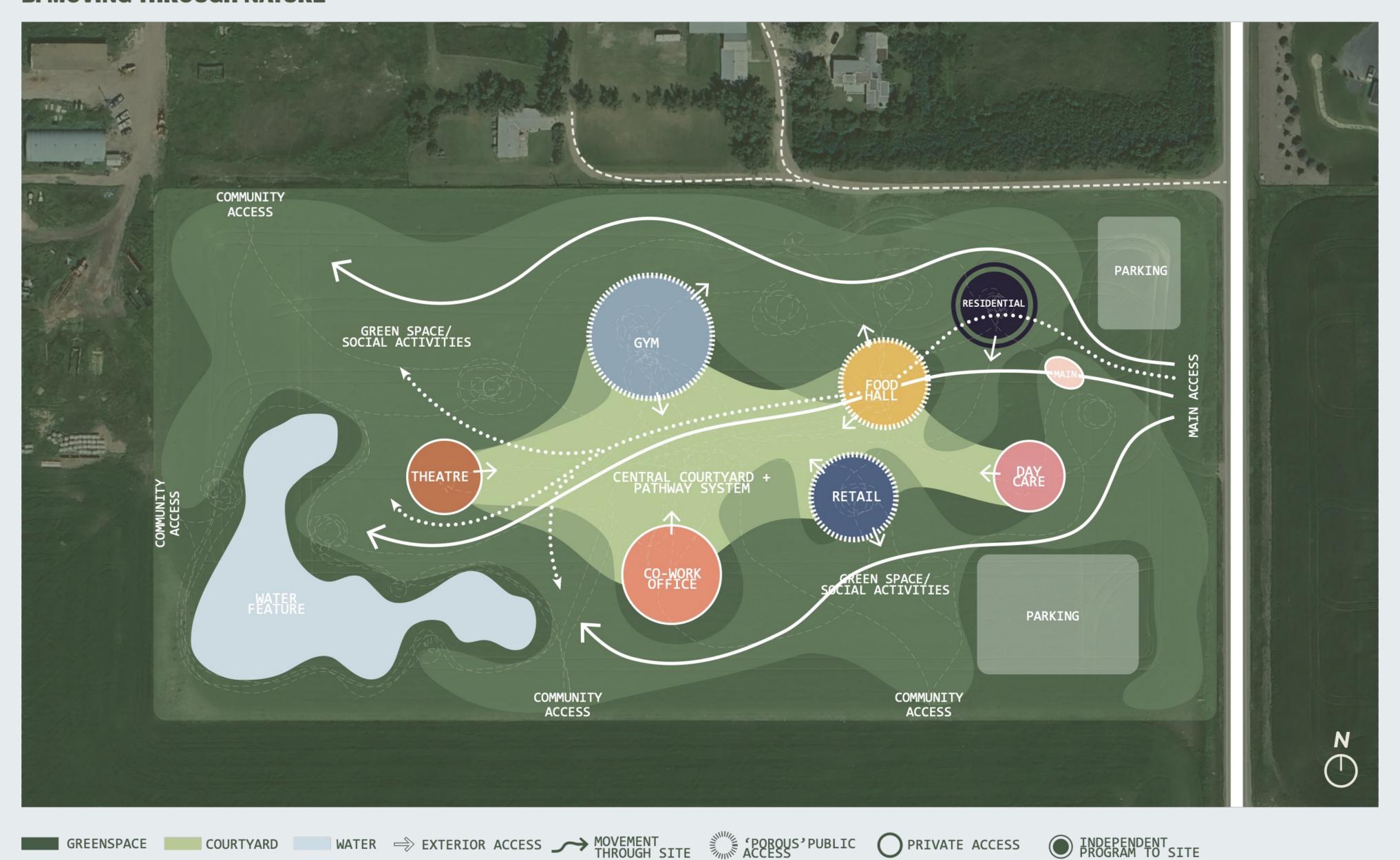
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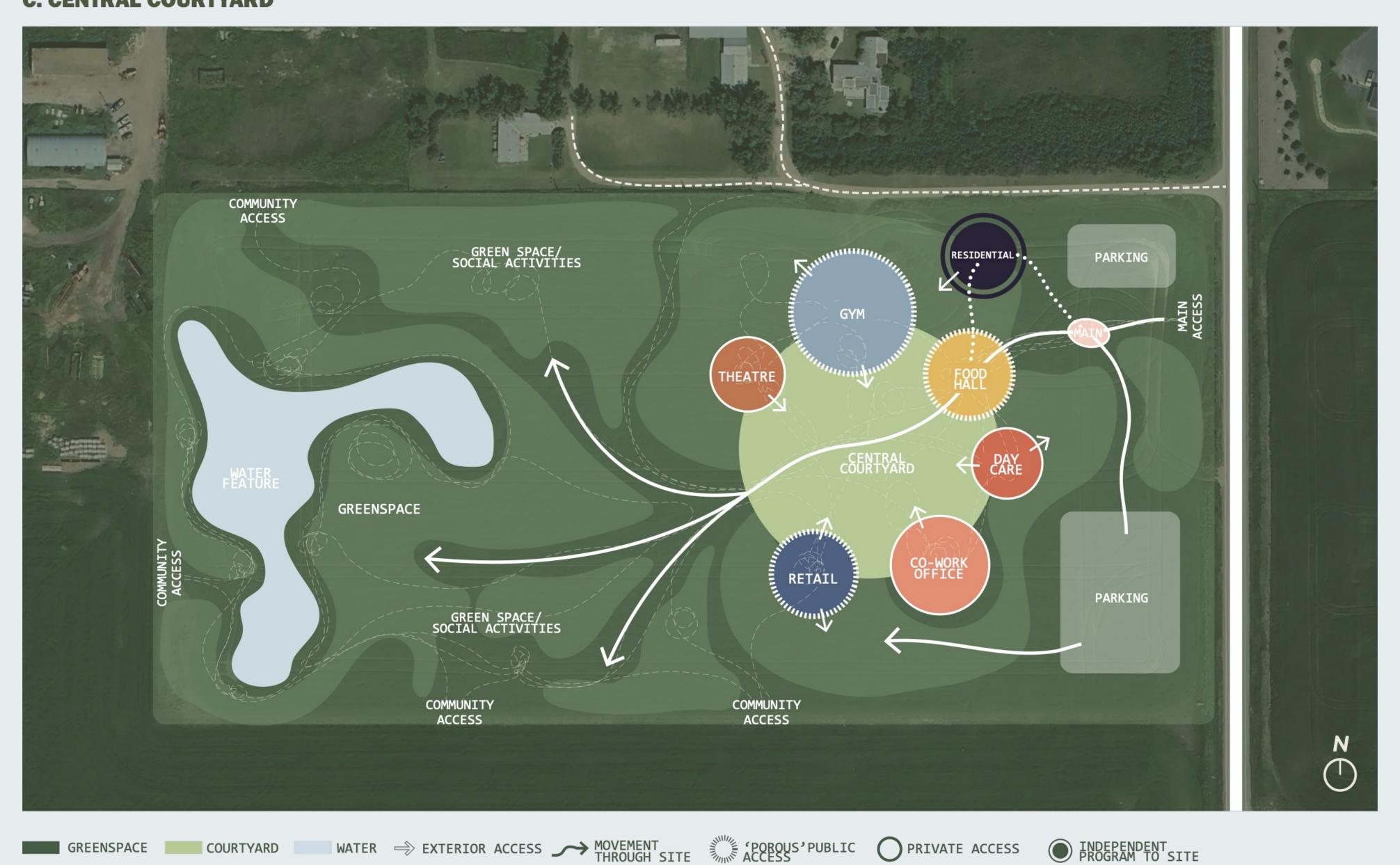
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GREENSPACE COURTYARD

B. MOVING THROUGH NATURE

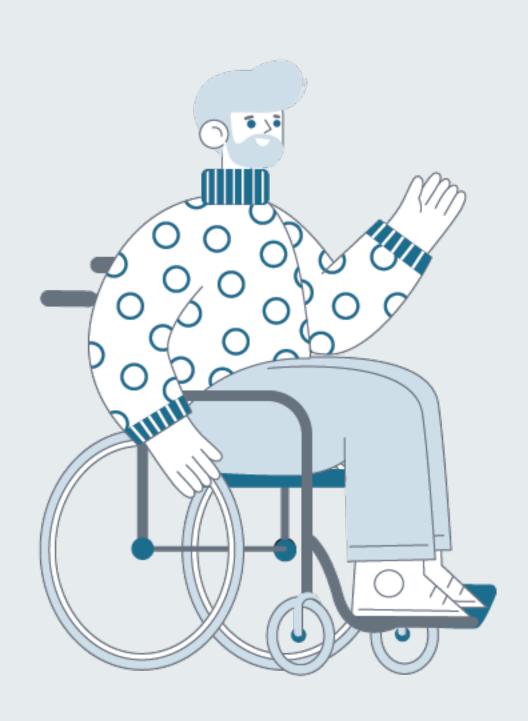


C. CENTRAL COURTYARD



NEXT STEPS

How do you want to participate?





JUST THE BEGINNING...

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