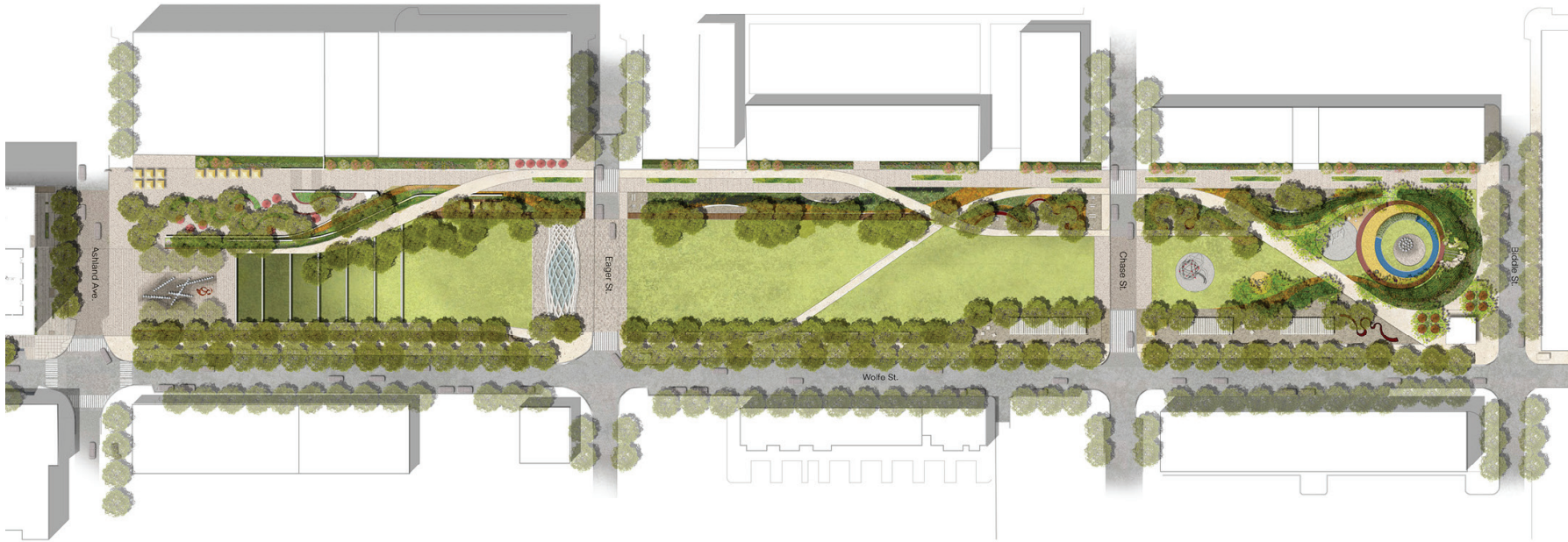


Eager Park

EAST BALTIMORE



Named by Curbed as one of “8 linear parks that have transformed cities,” Eager Park is a 5.5 acre community park at the core of a \$1.8 billion dollar redevelopment in East Baltimore.



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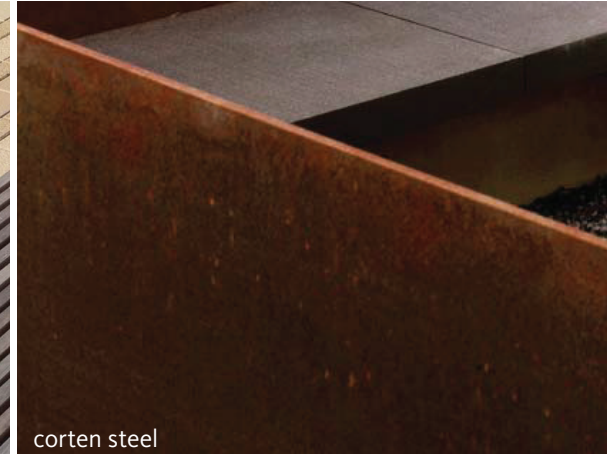
Park pathways and gathering spaces are inspired by the structural and symbolic association with the archetype of the helix, which alludes to the DNA of Baltimore native Henrietta Lacks, as well as the industrial energy of East Baltimore's steel-making and railroad heritage.



sedimentary concrete



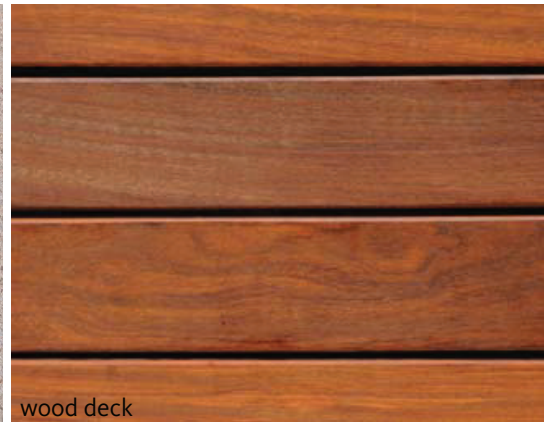
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corten steel



exposed aggregate concrete



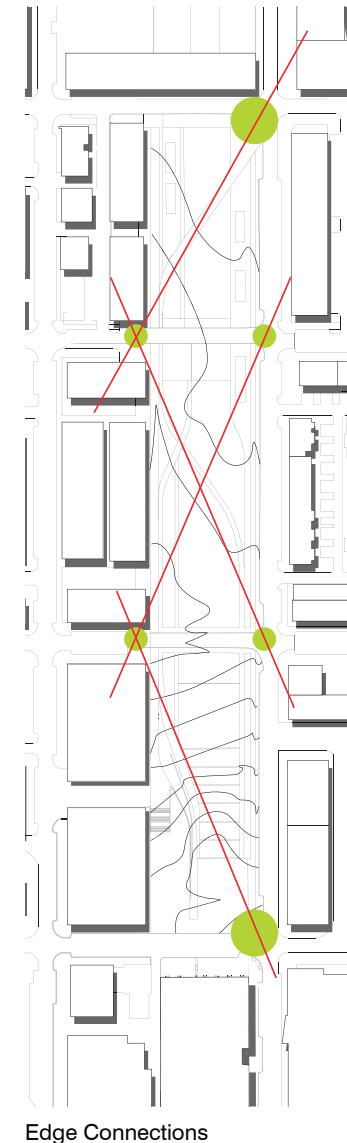
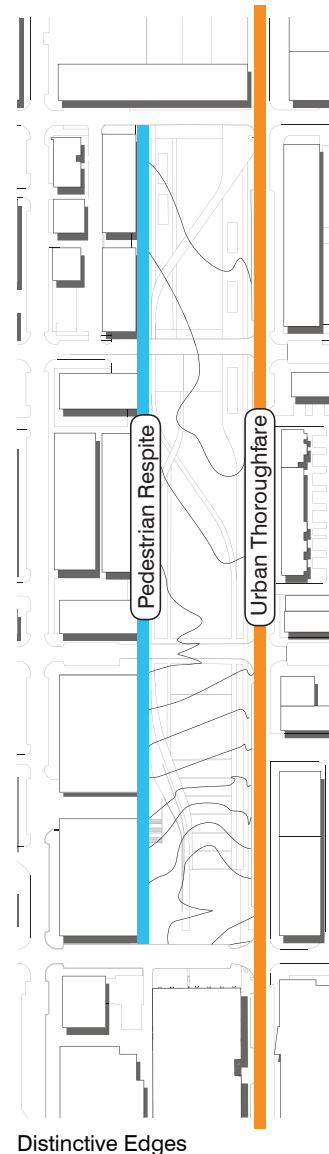
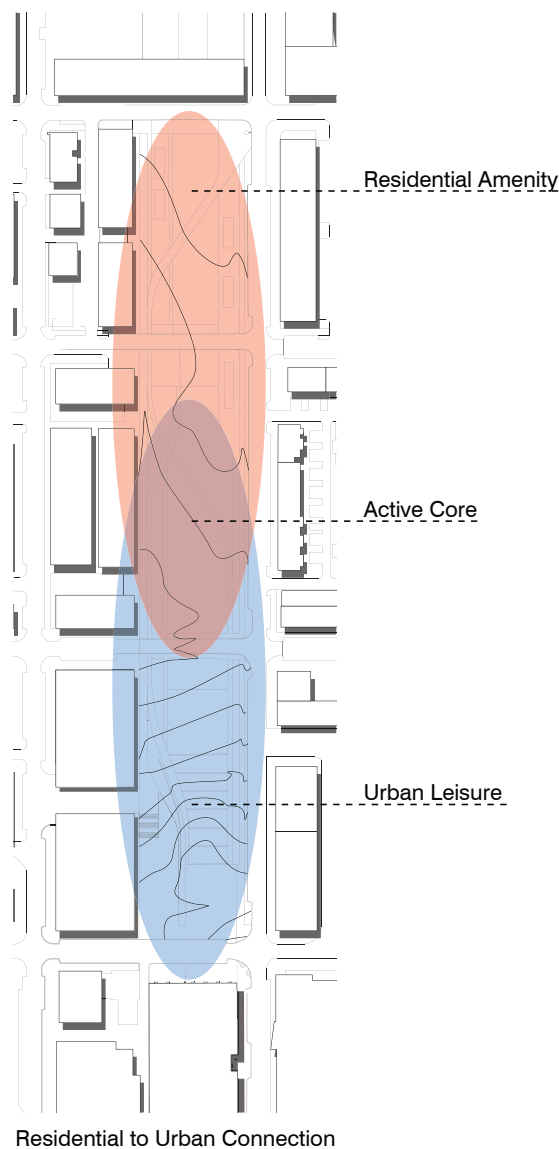
wood deck



precast concrete paver (type 2)

The material pallet was chosen to reflect simple yet honest materials like wood, steel and concrete that symbolize stability, strength and honesty, an embodiment of the spirit of the people of east Baltimore, both old and new.

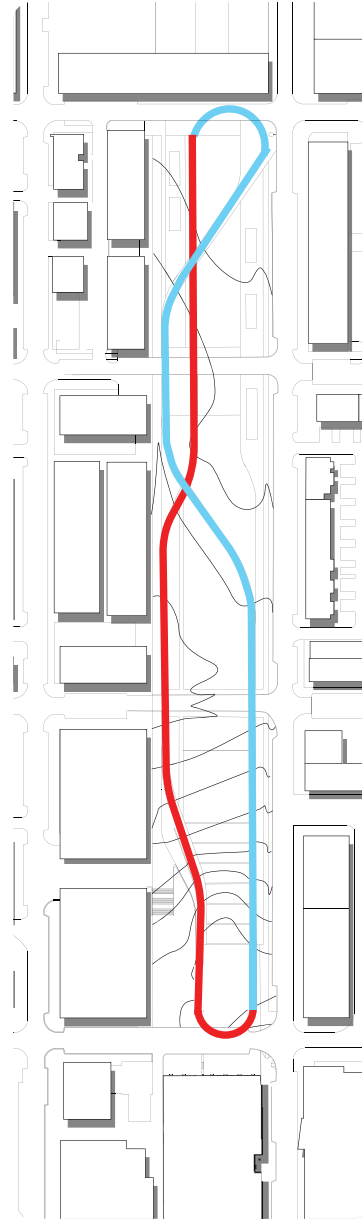
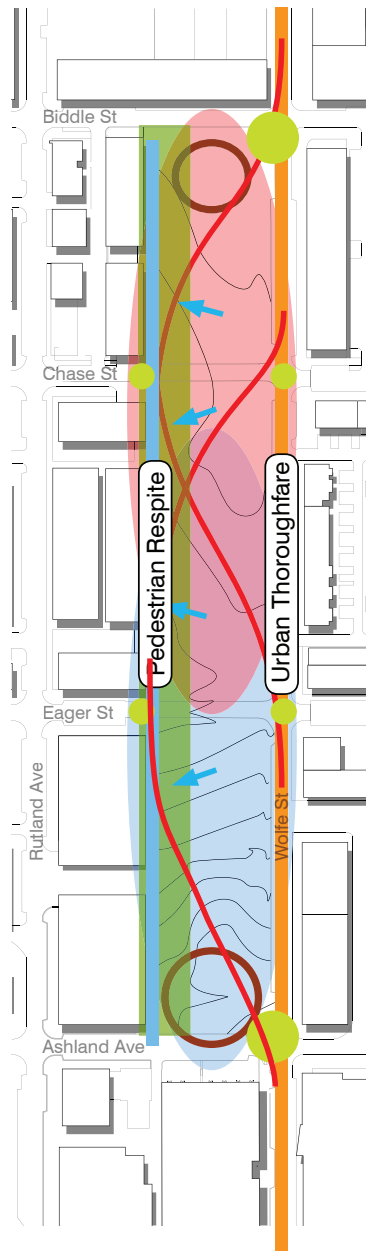
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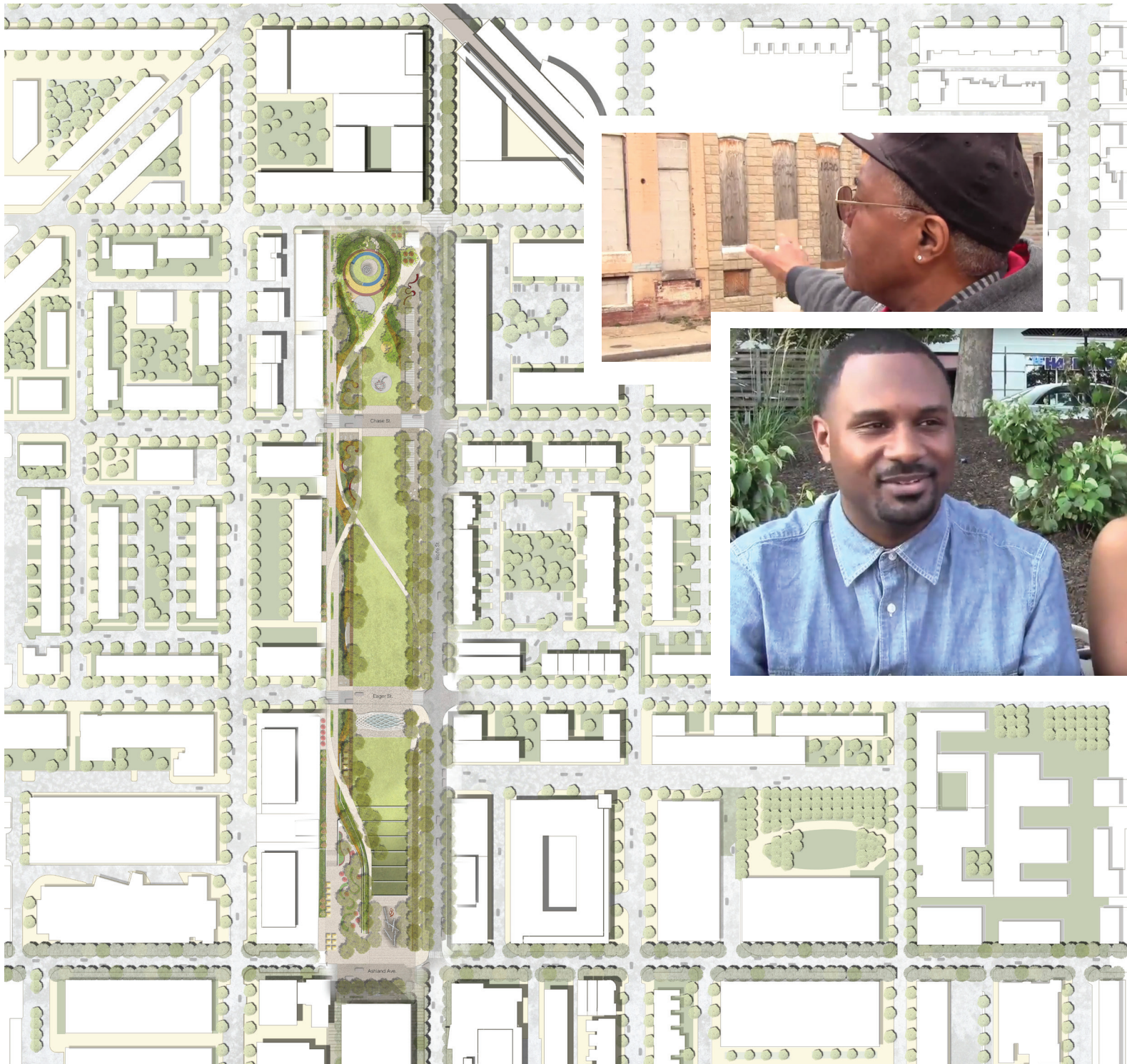
The landscape architect created a structure for the park based on use considerations, pedestrian movement, and anticipated desire lines. The overall path network supports a jogging and walking loop that ties to the parks core health and wellness mission.

EAGER PARK | CONTEXT DRIVERS

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The intertwining path system, inspired by the double helix DNA concept, creates a fitness loops of varying distances. Users can utilize individual blocks or a combination of blocks to customize a fitness circuit. Fitness apparatus are strategically positioned along the pathways to further enhance the wellness offerings.



After decades of disinvestment, more than 600 houses and apartments have been built around Eager Park for people seeking a more sustainable lifestyle. The park is adding equity to homes in an area which once was forgotten and neglected.



LONG-TIME NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS

"SECURE AND SAFE
PLACE FOR KIDS TO
PLAY, SUPERVISED OR
UNSUPERVISED"

"A PLACE TO CELEBRATE
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD,
IT'S PEOPLE AND
LEGACY"

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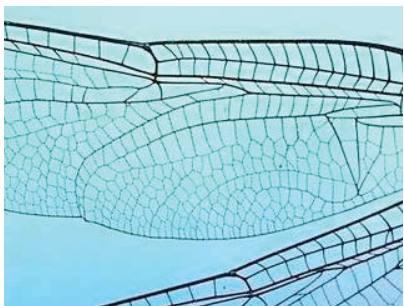
"HEALTHY EATING
OPTIONS TO GRAB A
QUICK BITE, SIT AND
RELAX!"

NEW RESIDENTS / YOUNG FAMILIES

"WE WANT TO MEET
PEOPLE... MAKE SOCIAL
CONNECTIONS!"



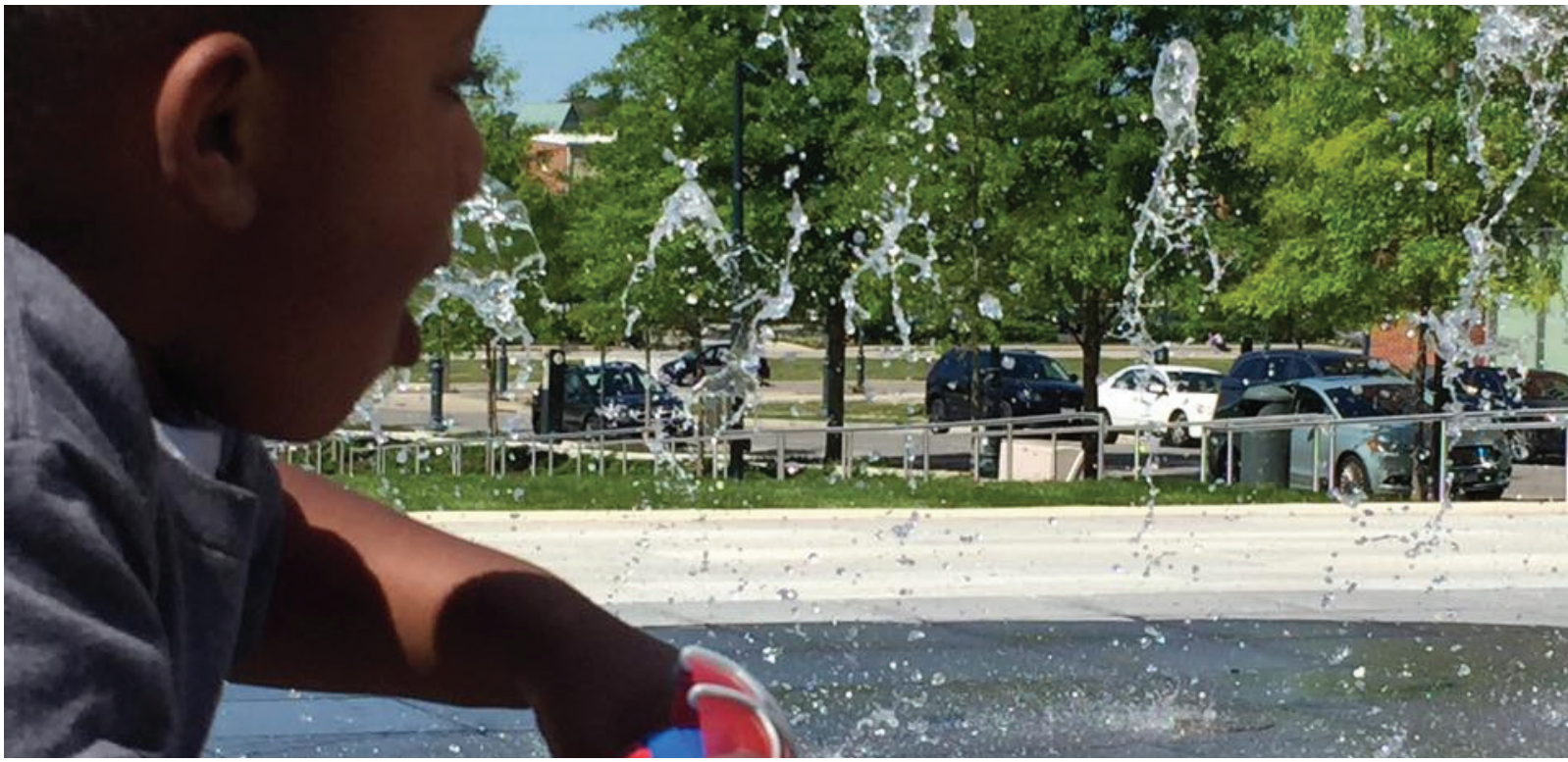
A series of public town halls, advisory committee meetings and follow-up visioning workshop sessions engaged the community in the design for the park.



The design of the pavilion took inspiration from nature, weaving together organic form with a light and open structural simplicity.



The T. Rowe Price Pavilion provides an iconic gathering space and also serves as an inspiring symbol of community, of bringing people together. The pavilion, serves as a venue for performances while also providing fully accessible flexible space for the community.



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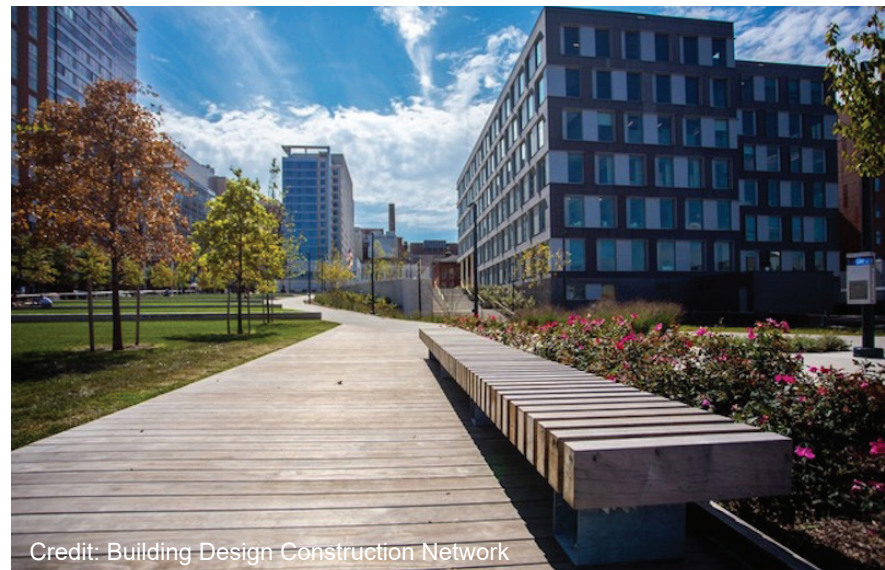
An interactive fountain in the plaza along Ashland Avenue invites children and adults to play in its playful grid of jets; the water rising into the air and splashing audibly on the plaza surface.



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Credit: Building Design Construction Network



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The park's western edge was envisioned as the ecological ribbon of the park. The design, which includes native and adaptive plant species, natural materials and educational signage maximizes opportunity to interact with the natural environment, while addressing the project's SWM requirements.



The park creates a long needed place for children in the community to engage in the environment.



Credit: Jon Bilous, Noir Gallery



Prominently featured placards and phrases honor community heroes throughout the park. Most important in conveying the overall mission of the park is the statement 'WE ARE ALL EAST BALTIMORE.'