

Landscape Vision

The Barton and Ferguson landscape **brings new life** to the community, offering amenities and pedestrian vibrancy to an area currently lacking these features.

The Vision

Inspired by the past use of the site, the landscape incorporates elements that recognize the former hub for rail workers who lived, worked, and played here. What is currently a highly exposed site will soon feature extensive vegetation and comfortable pedestrian spaces, in and amongst the attractive built forms. The streets will become more vibrant, safe, and attractive revitalizing this high-profile location.

Frontages

The streetscape frontages are designed to prioritize pedestrian safety and comfort and support an attractive and quality streetscape. They will complement the existing character of the surrounding neighborhoods and accent the new architectural aesthetic. Pedestrian right-of-ways with trees and greenery provide shaded walkways, permeating into and out of the site's interior, which will have its own internal frontage character. Street furniture, such as benches, bike racks, and trash receptacles, will be coordinated to enhance convenience and comfort, and to maintain balance between private and public space. This too will provide a clear design language starting at the street frontages and permeating throughout the site.





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Connections

Proposed multi-modal connections between the site and the existing community will create a more coherent, safe, and functional block for the community. The connections will feed the internal circulation, which will be pedestrian-focused. Main entry points to the site will be emphasized and illustrated by both the proposed built form and landscape. Focal points and curated views are provided using strategic sightlines to establish a sense of place, define a hierarchy of movement, and provide a clear understanding of the site.

Central Park

The site's interior offers a lively experience for users, featuring a mix of passive and active spaces directly connected to the proposed development and surrounding context. Anchored by a central flex-space that can be seasonally programmed – into a plaza, ice rink, or wading pool - it serves as a pedestrian playground with areas for events, recreation, rest, and leisure. The ground floors of the development seamlessly integrate into the courtyard, providing modern amenities in a convenient and comfortable location.

Cultural History

The proposed landscape is grounded in the site's cultural history. The layout, function, and program of the landscape elements draw inspiration from the area's materiality, the historic use of the site as an industrial hub, and its unique spirit of being a place for living, work, and play. A railway theme permeates the landscape through materials, paving patterns, shade structures, and site furnishings; a contrast of linear and curved elements inspired by railyards adds interest and reminds users of the site's history and its place in Hamilton.



