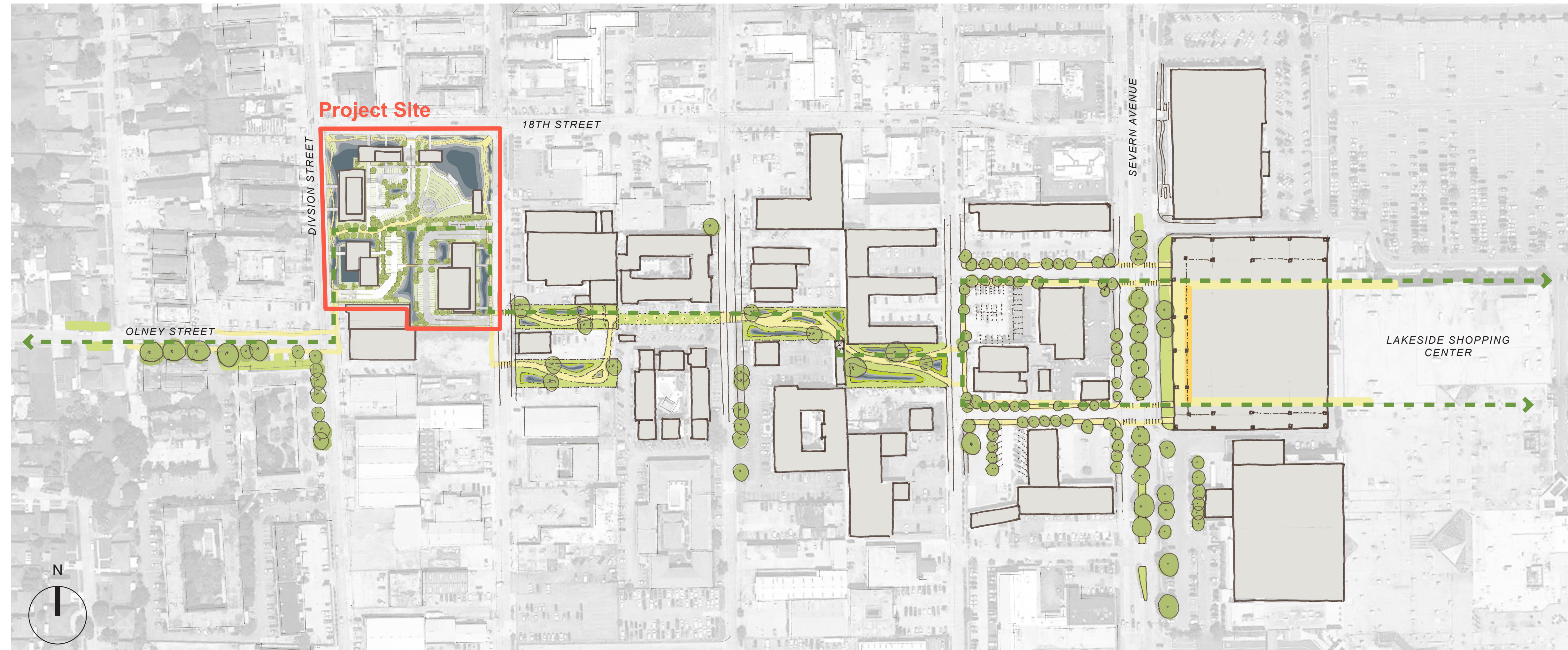


D FAT CITY GREEN BLOCK



Perimeter bioswales are planted with native plants. During wet conditions curb cuts allow water to run off from the streets into bioswales.



Planted bioswales within the block store water during rain events.



Pervious pavers in parking spaces help to absorb rainfall runoff.

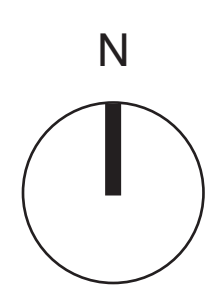
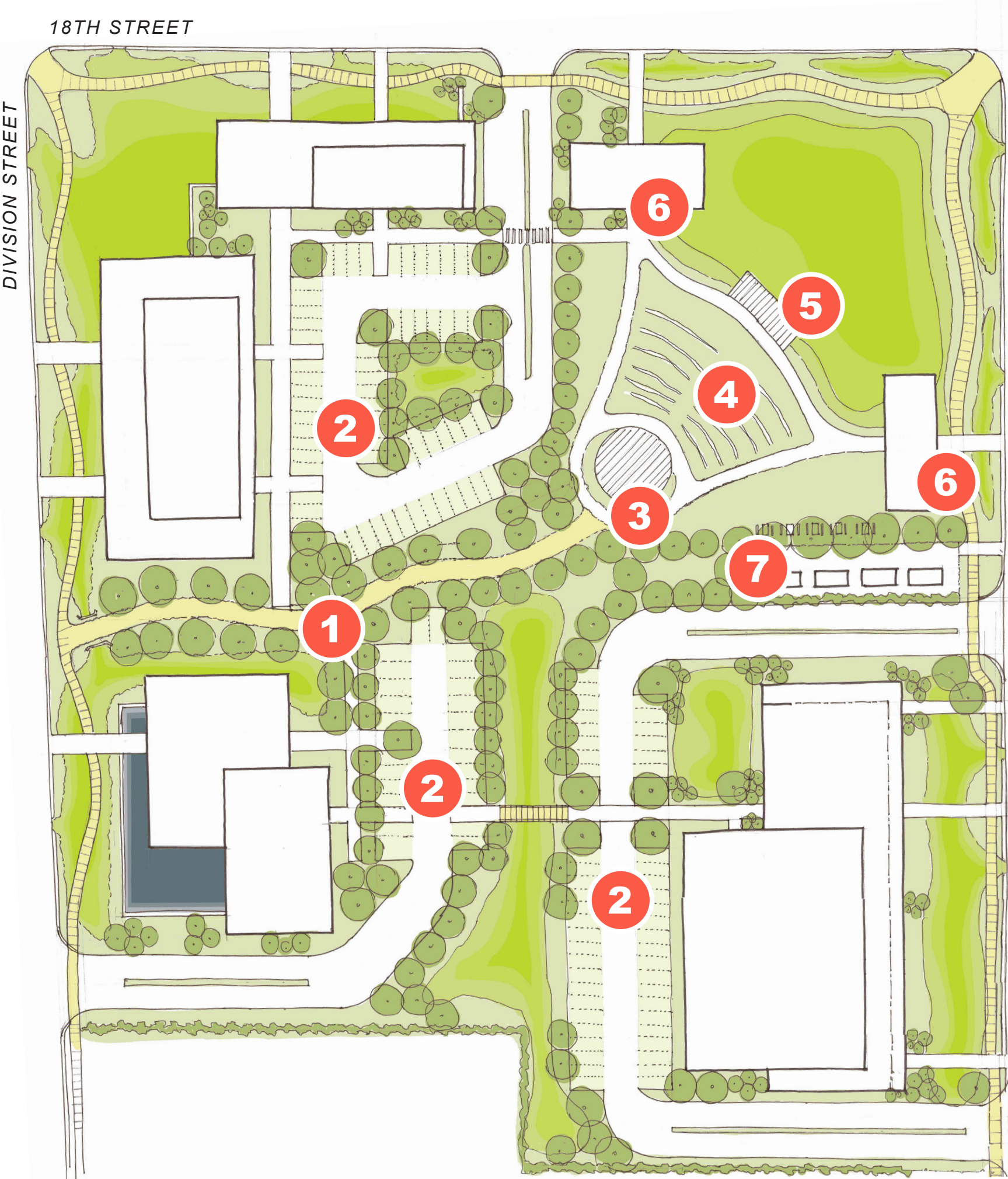


The park serves as a play area during dry conditions, and provides large-scale storage during rain events.



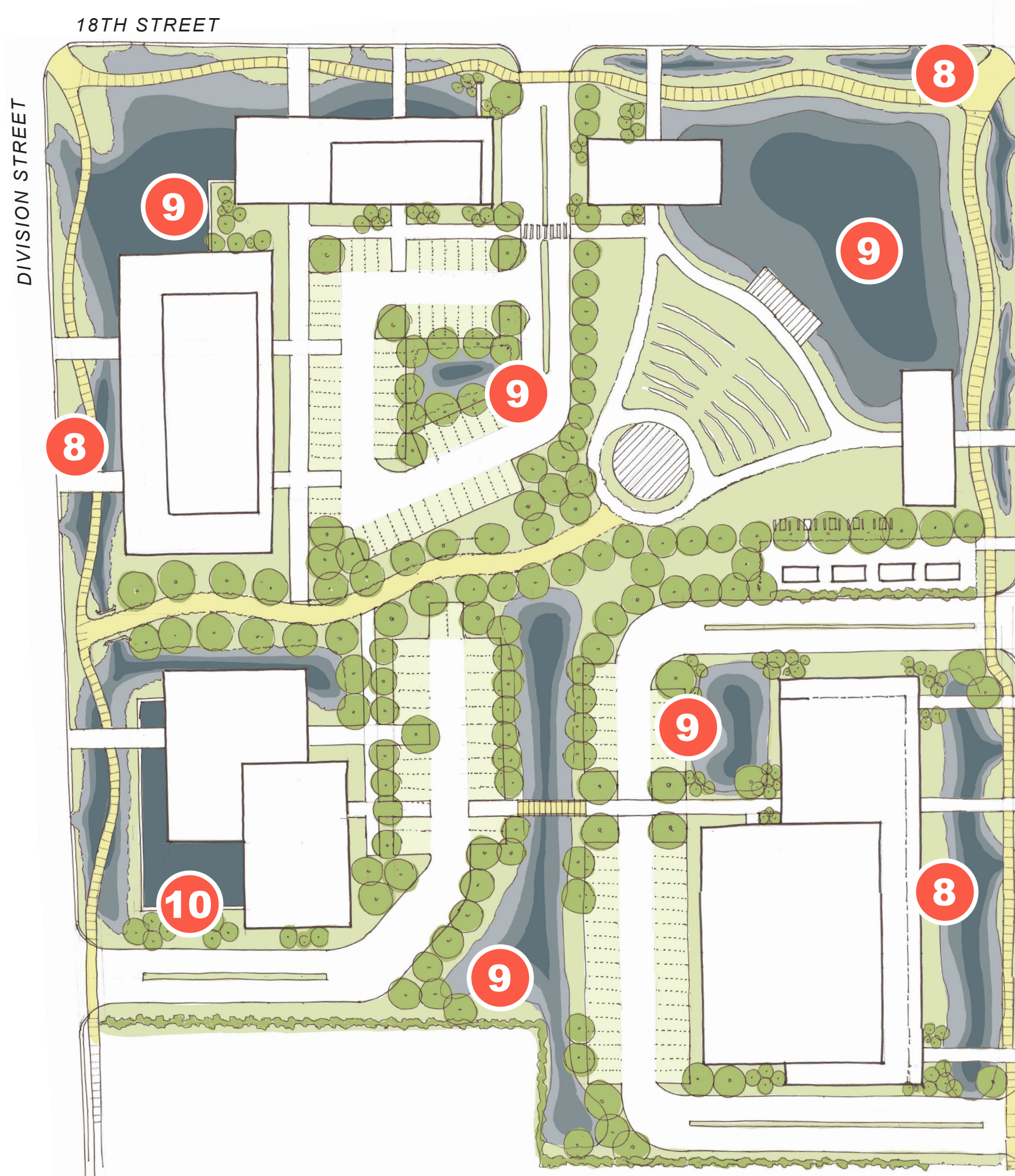
Long-Term Vision

A long-term vision for Fat City includes repaving all surfaces with pervious pavers to help reduce flooding within the district and alleviate flooding in surrounding neighborhoods. Currently, approximately 45% of the total surface area in Fat City is impervious.



Dry Condition

Bioswales and retention ponds are dry, providing visual relief throughout the district with native grasses, wildflowers, and other plantings.



Rain Event

During a rain event, bioswales and retention ponds provide stormwater storage. Elevated businesses remain accessible via boardwalks.

Plan View

Planned development includes a library, police station with first floor retail, and additional retail buildings. LA SAFE proposes to add green infrastructure. Buildings should be elevated, allowing planted bioswales and retention ponds across the block to fill with water during a rain event. Boardwalks and pervious pavers allow complete accessibility as the ponds fill with water.

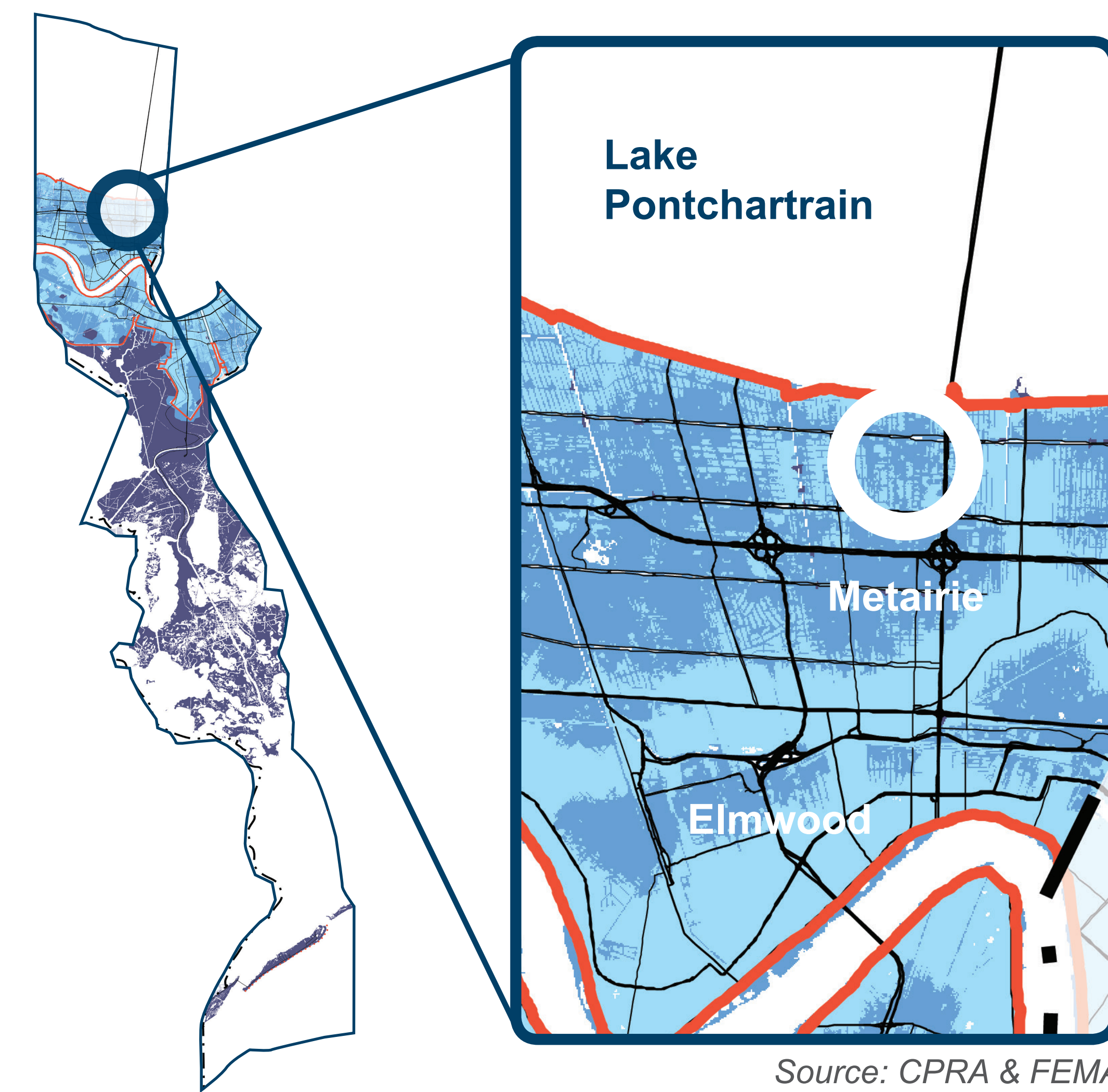
- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Pedestrian Sidewalks around Block; Promenade through Center of Block | 6 Retail Pavilions |
| 2 Parking Lot with Pervious Pavers | 7 Food Truck Parking and Picnic Area |
| 3 Open Pavilion for Stage or Educational / Recreational Programs | 8 Curb Cuts and Perimeter Bioswales |
| 4 Terraced Lawn for Seating or Play Area | 9 Bioswales and Retention Ponds |
| 5 Platform for Performances or Educational / Recreational Programs | 10 Reflecting Pool |

PROPOSAL

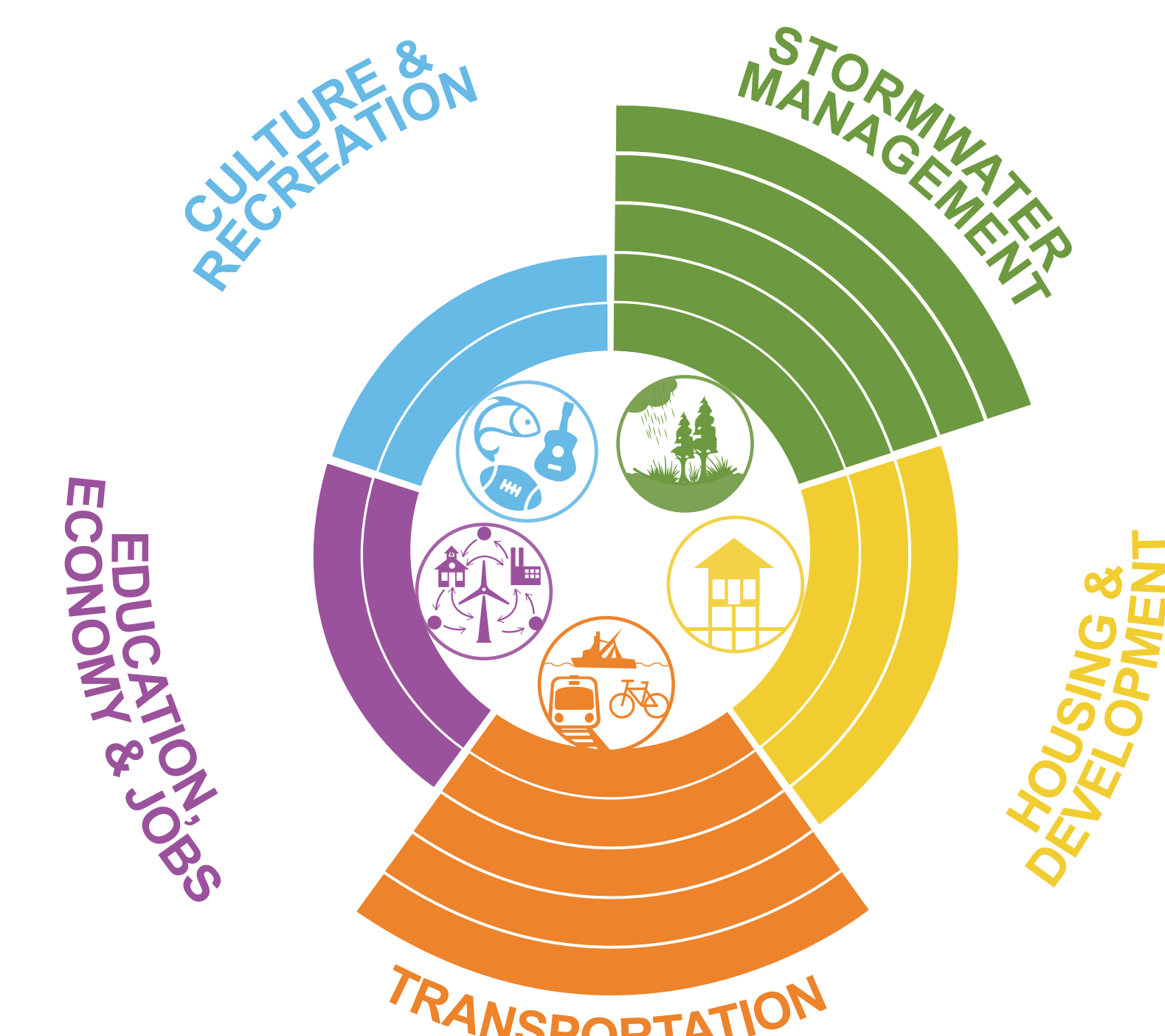
Envisioning a future with heightened flood risk, it will be important to implement large-scale stormwater strategies within urban and suburban environments. The Green Block strategy complements redevelopment efforts in Fat City at 18th and Hessmer, contributing to neighborhood revitalization efforts and mitigating localized flooding. Development plans call for a phased approach that includes public amenities and greenspace designed to manage stormwater and create recreation space. Driven by investments in public services and as part of a larger redevelopment strategy throughout Fat City, the green block strategy provides a framework that can be replicated and scaled up or down throughout the parish.

Key Info

Project Area	4 acres (Green Block)
Estimated Project Cost	\$3.7 million (Development); \$1.9 million (Pathways)
Partners	Jefferson Parish, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Jefferson Parish Library
Location	Fat City, Metairie



Community Benefits



Reduce risk of street flooding in Fat City, protecting local businesses and housing; Use green infrastructure to manage stormwater, mitigating additional subsidence.



Develop a public service hub, including a sheriff substation, library and stormwater management park.



Create safe, comfortable walking, bicycling, and public transportation corridors.



Support Fat City neighborhood revitalization, increasing property values and tax revenue; Invest in stormwater management, making area more attractive for commercial and retail development.



Expand access to greenspace in an urban neighborhood; Create a sense of place by investing in a public service hub.

COMMENTS