

Character Areas

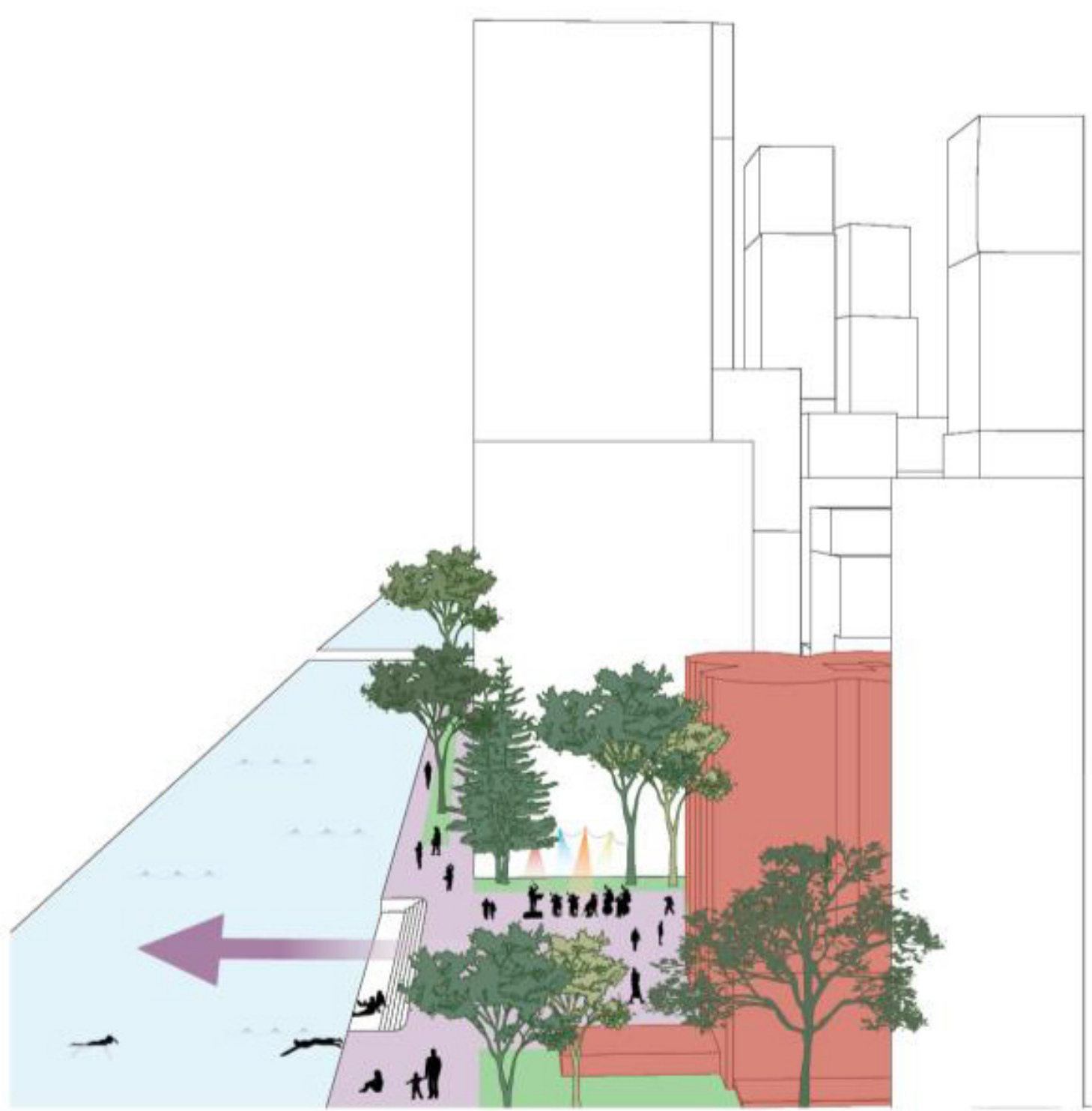
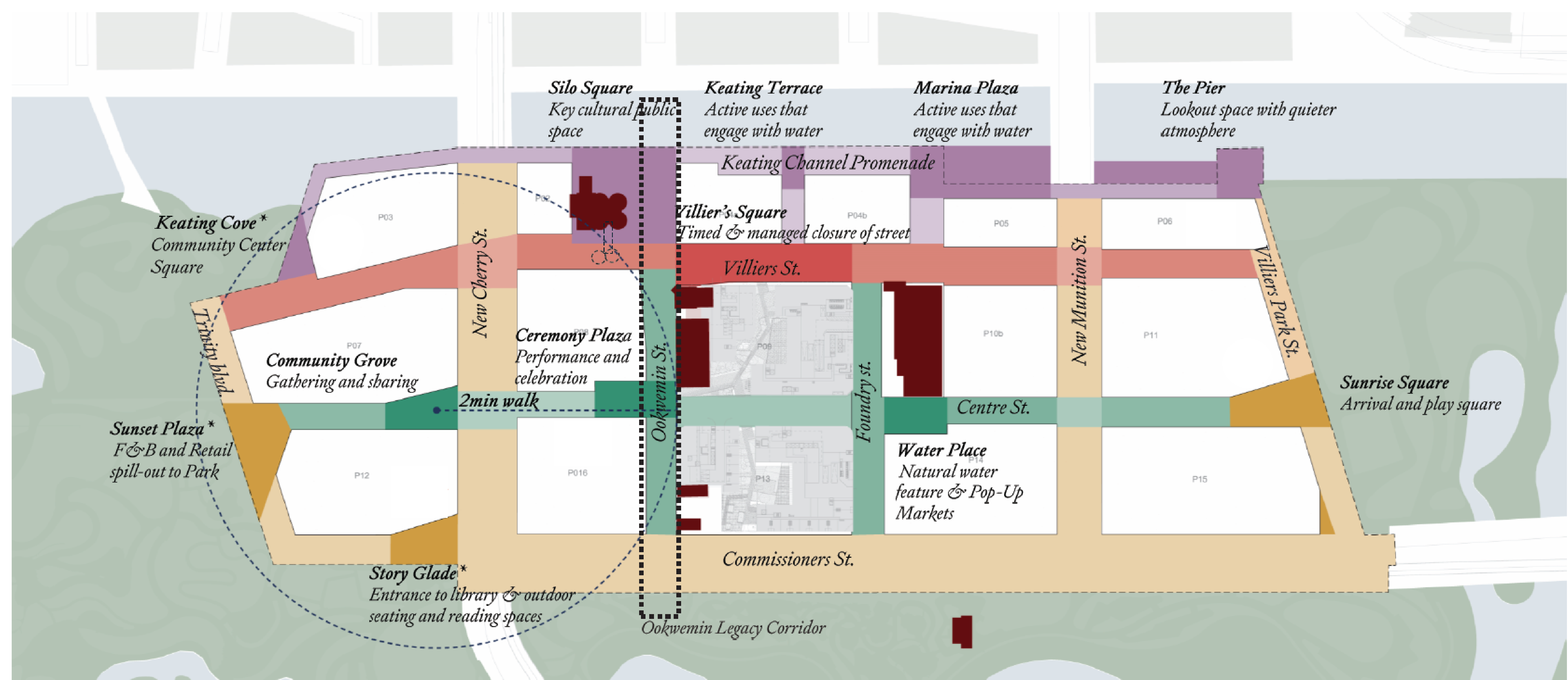


Character Areas are a tool used to define certain areas of a site based on their unique physical, visual, environmental, or social qualities. It can help us understand the existing opportunities and constraints of different parts of the site and guide what kind of change is suitable in each part.

Illustrative Public Realm Plan

- Keating Channel Promenade
- Centre Street Commons
- Villiers Street
- Biidaasige Naturefront

All coloured areas are public space and include the rights-of-way.



1. The Keating Channel Promenade

The Keating Channel Promenade is imagined as a series of public spaces that can give everyone **“a reason to stay.”**

Due to its direct proximity to the Keating Channel, and as a gateway to the rest of the City, this is an area where people could...

- Connect with the water
- Honour Indigenous water stories
- Lounge on the promenade, enjoying events or soaking in the vibrant atmosphere

2. Villiers Street

Villiers Street is imagined as a street with non-residential, activated ground floor uses and serve as **“a reason to go”** to Ookwemin Minising.

As a corridor of destinations, Villiers Street is conceptually designed so that people could...

- Sip on coffee under the trees
- Explore non-residential uses like retail (galleries, cafes, shops, etc)



3. Centre Street Commons

Centre Street Commons is imagined as a pedestrian priority street with light car use, providing **“a reason to belong”** for All Our Relations - humans and non-humans alike.

As a nature-rich corridor conceptually designed with reduced vehicle movements, this is a place where people could...

- Enjoy spaces for gathering and ceremony
- Find opportunities for land-based learning
- Experience a place that “feels like home” - a place where you know your neighbour

4. Biidaasige Naturefront

Biidaasige Naturefront is the interface between Biidaasige Park and the larger Ookwemin Minising community - a city-nature transitional space and future transit corridor that should encourage and give everyone **“a reason to move”**.

The naturefront is imagined to be a space where people could...

- Celebrate seasonal and celestial cycles
- Stay active and healthy, like going for a bike or stroll along a promenade
- Connect to and honour the Don River

