







Caledonia Redevelopment Fernwood CALUC Update July 8, 2021

### **About the Capital Region Housing Corporation**



We envision that residents have access to affordable housing that enhances community wellbeing

#### **CRHC Overview**



#### CRHC Rental Rates



## **Housing Need in Victoria**



- Housing must be affordable, adequate and suitable to meet housing needs of individuals.
- In Fernwood, 23.7% of individuals are in core housing need and 22.3% do not have an affordable home to live in.

- Median household income in the City of Victoria : \$52,990
- Affordable Rent: \$1325/month
- Projected Average Rent for Caledonia: \$1321/month



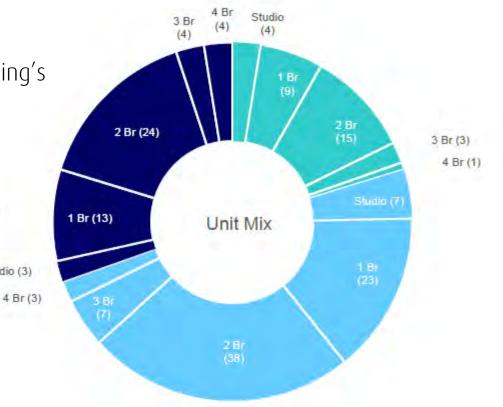
## **Building Affordability in Fernwood**



100% of Units will be Affordable

Primary Grant Funding through BC Housing's Community Housing Fund

- Deep Subsidy Units (20%)
- Rent Geared to Income Units (50%)
- Affordable Units (30%)



Unit Matrix	Studio	1 Br	2 Br	3 Br	4 Br	Total	Total %
Deep Subsidy Units	4	9	15	3	1	32	20%
Rent Geared to Income Units	.7	23	38	7	3	78	49%
Affordable Units	3	13	24	4	4	48	30%
Total	14	45	77	14	8	158	-
Total %	9%	28%	49%	9%	5%	+	
Accessible Units	0	7	7	1	0	15	9%

Studio (3)

#### **Caledonia: Introduction**

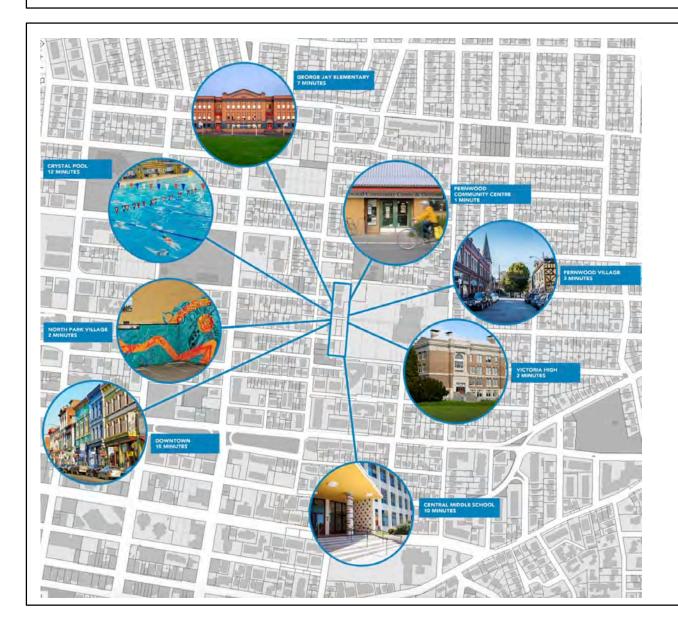


# The Caledonia Redevelopment is:

- A partnership between City of Victoria, School District 61, CRHC and BC Housing
- an affordable housing redevelopment, mixed-market community located in Fernwood
- designed to address the City of Victoria's strategic priorities of increasing affordable housing; creating strong, livable neighbourhoods; offering sustainable transportation options and demonstrating climate leadership
- 158 affordable rental units within two apartment buildings and three townhouse buildings
- a unit mix of 14 studios, 45 one bedroom, 77 two bedroom, 14 three bedroom and 8 four bedroom units, 15 of which will be accessible
- a 1500 square foot amenity room for tenants and the community, in partnership with the Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group (NRG)

#### **Caledonia: Site Context**





- Located in the heart of Fernwood
- Strategic
   Intensification to
   Urban Residential
- Within 200m of North Park Large Urban Village
- Walking distance to amenities serving residents daily needs

#### **Caledonia: Update**



#### Where Have We Been

- Community Consultation throughout 2019 & 2020
- CALUC Meetings May & June 2019
- Application to City of Victoria September 2019
- Advisory Design Panel January 2020
- Committee of the Whole May 2020

#### Where We Are Now

- Legal Agreements Finalized with project partners
- Third Reading of bylaw given by SD61
- CALUC Meeting Update

#### Where Do We Go From Here

Public Hearing anticipated in Fall 2021



















beauty and food for people

#### **Design Changes in Response to Feedback**



#### **DESIGN CHANGES**

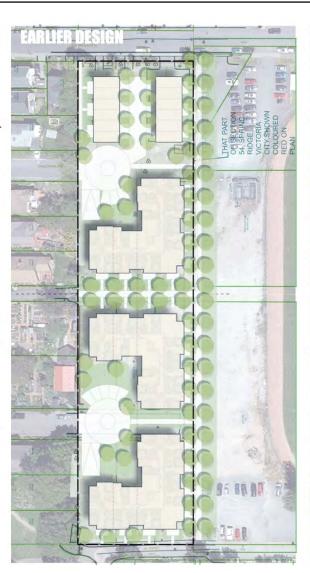
APARTMENT BUILDINGS
REDUCED FROM 3 TO 2, ALL
ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF
THE SITE, WITH 3 AND 3.5
STOREY TOWNHOUSES ON
THE NORTH SIDE.

APARTMENT FOOTPRINTS REDUCED. 5TH FLOORS SETBACK ON ALL SIDES, 65% OF LOWER FLOOR AREA.

TOWNHOUSES FRONT ONTO GLADSTONE.

SITE MORE UNIFIED WITH CONTINUOUS INTERNAL PATHWAY.

ADDED CENTRAL AMENITY, PLAYGROUND, TOWNHOUSE ELEVATOR, ACCESSIBLE TOWNHOUSE UNITS.







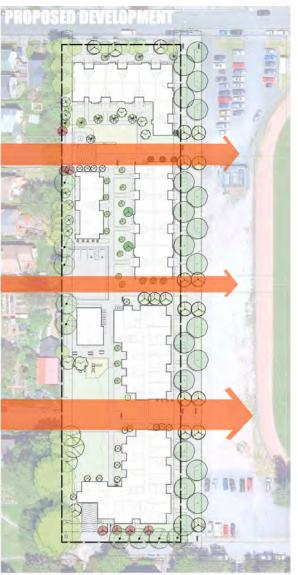
#### NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIVITY

PREVIOUS AND EXISTING BUILDINGS BLOCK STREET RIGHT OF WAYS.

THE PROPOSED PLAN
SITUATES BUILDING
FOOTPRINTS OUTSIDE OF
STREET ALIGNMENTS TO
EXTEND THE VIEWS AND
PUBLIC PATHWAYS OF THE
LARGER CITY GRID
THROUGH THE SITE AND
BEYOND.

IMPROVED POROSITY AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT CLOSE TO SCHOOLS.







#### PARKING + DRIVEWAYS

32% OF THE PREVIOUS
DEVELOPMENT SITE AREA
WAS PAVED OR GRAVEL,
USED FOR VEHICLE
MOVEMENT AND PARKING.

WITH ALL PARKING
UNDERGROUND IN THE
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT,
ONLY 7% OF SITE IS NEEDED
FOR VEHICLE MOVEMENT.

WITH SIMILAR AMOUNTS OF BUILDING COVERAGE, THE DIFFERENCE IS ROUGHLY 25% IN INCREASED USABLE OUTDOOR SPACE.







# PUBLIC PATHWAYS

HISTORICALLY THE SITE WAS LARGELY OBSTRUCTED BY THE FAIREY TECH BUILDING.

THE PROPOSED PLAN
REESTABLISHES A NETWORK
OF PUBLIC PATHS ACROSS
THE SITE, RUNNING BOTH
NORTH-SOUTH AND
EAST-WEST.

A NEW CITY GREENWAY IS PLANNED NEXT TO THE SCHOOL TRACK THAT RUNS FROM GLADSTONE TO GRANT.





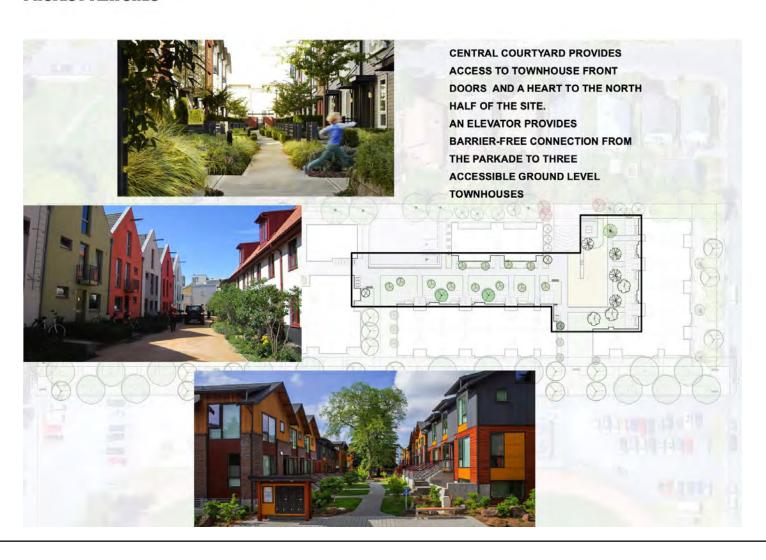


#### **PROJECT FEATURES**



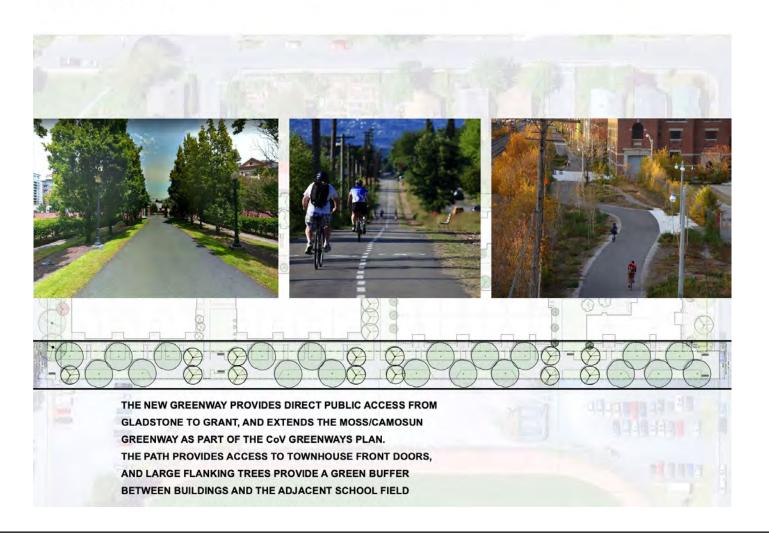


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# **Caledonia: Design & Context**





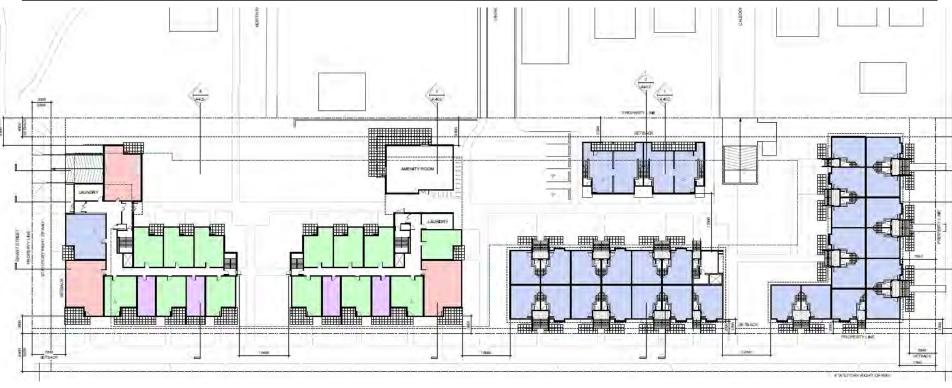
#### Caledonia: Site Plan





#### **Caledonia: Unit Mix**





#### **GRAPHIC LEGEND:**

- STUDIO
- 1 BEDROOM
- 2 BEDROOM
- 3 BEDROOM
- 4 BEDROOM
  - & ACCESSIBLE

- 97 Apartment Units
  - 14 studios
  - 45 1 bedroom
  - 20 2 bedroom
  - 12 3 bedroom
  - 6 4 bedroom

- 61 Townhouse Units
  - 57 2 beds
  - 2 3 beds
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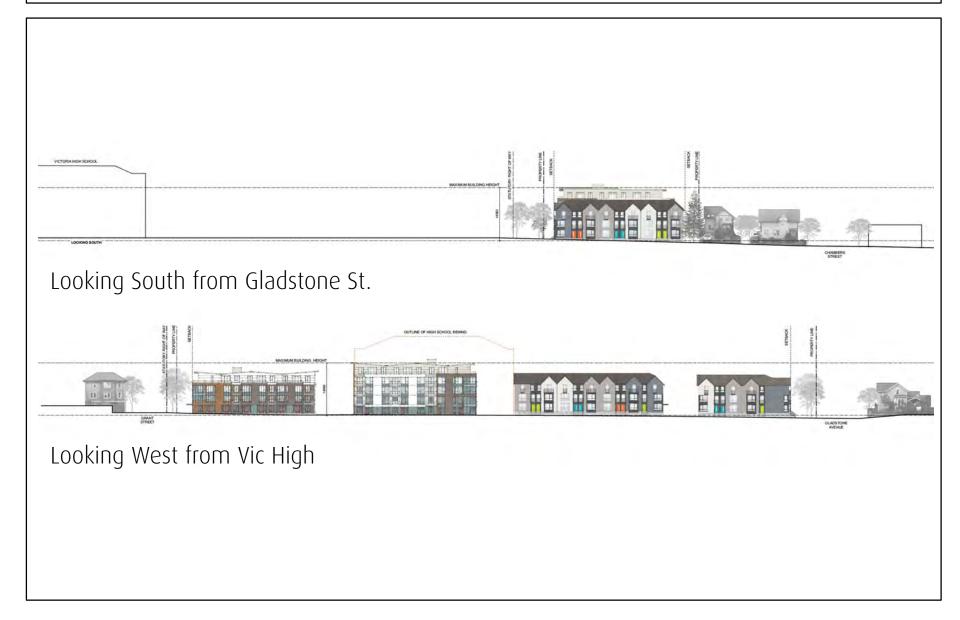












# Landscape Programming: Celebrating Fernwood



#### Open House & Community Feedback



#### Programming the Site



BICYCLE FACILITIES



HABITAT PLANTING



SOCIAL SPACES



URBAN AGRICULTURE



ACTIVE PLAY



PUBLIC ART



**GARDEN PLOTS** 



PLAY PLACES



RAIN GARDENS



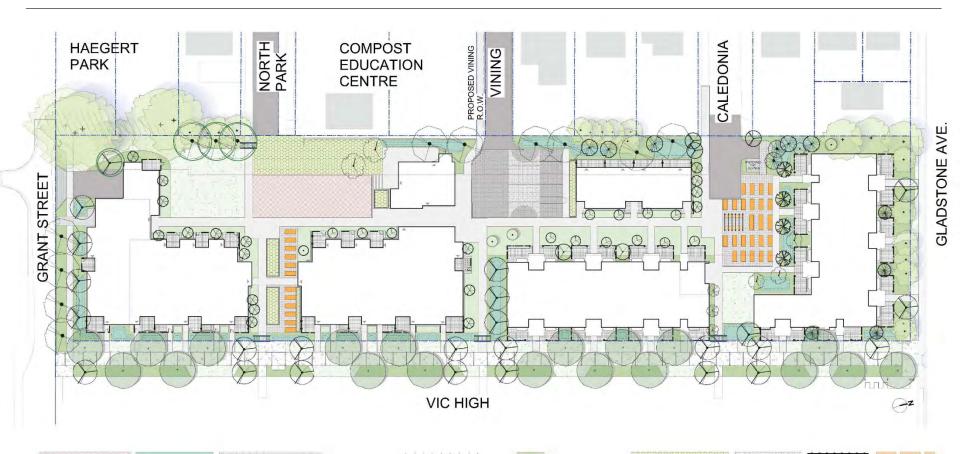
PERSONAL OUTDOOR AREAS



GATHERING PLACES

# **Landscape Concept: Celebrating Fernwood**







PLAY PLACES RAIN GARDENS



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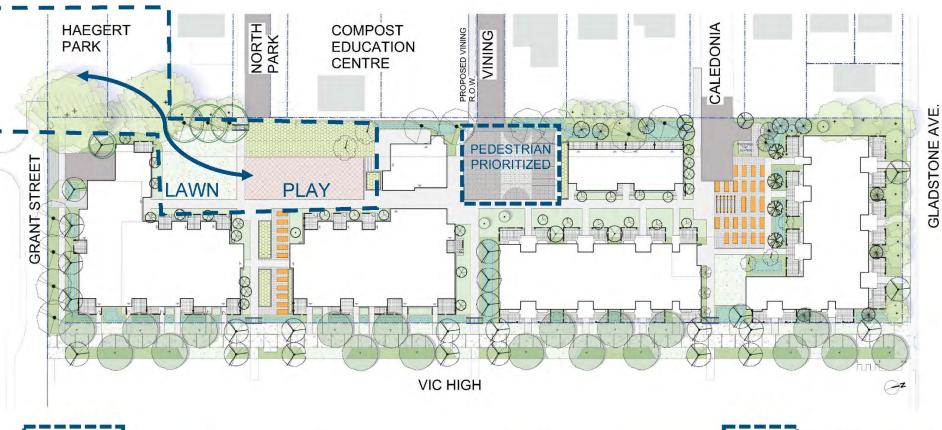
**PUBLIC ART** 



GARDEN **PLOTS** 

# **Landscape Concept: Park & Play Connections**

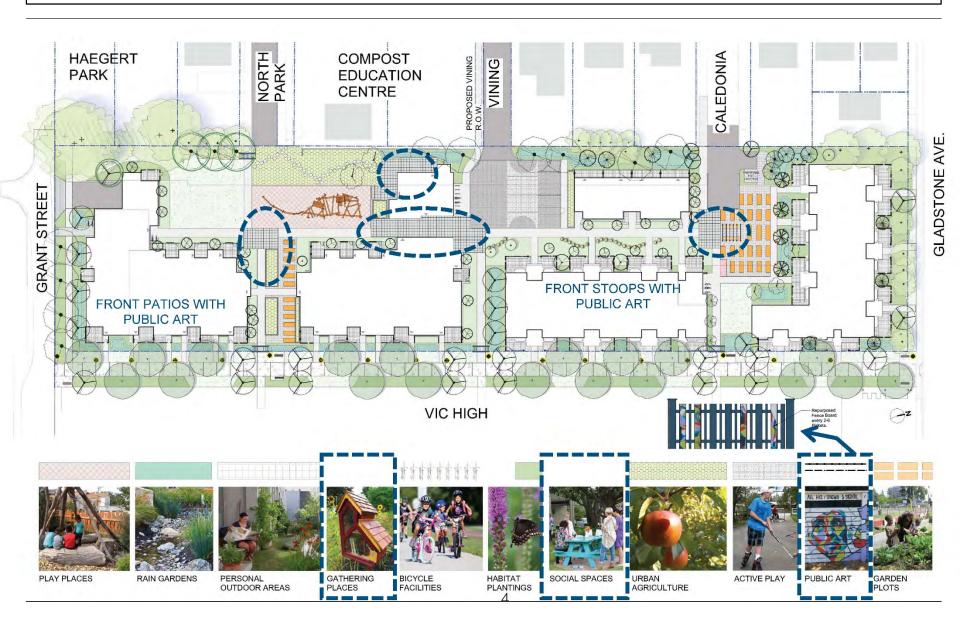






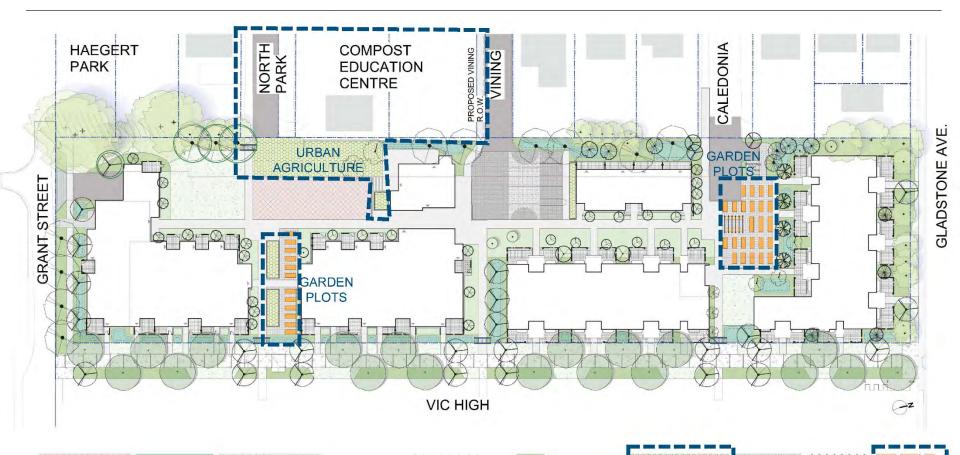
### **Landscape Concept: Gathering Spaces**





## **Landscape Concept: Gardening**







RAIN GARDENS



PERSONAL **OUTDOOR AREAS** 



GATHERING **PLACES** 



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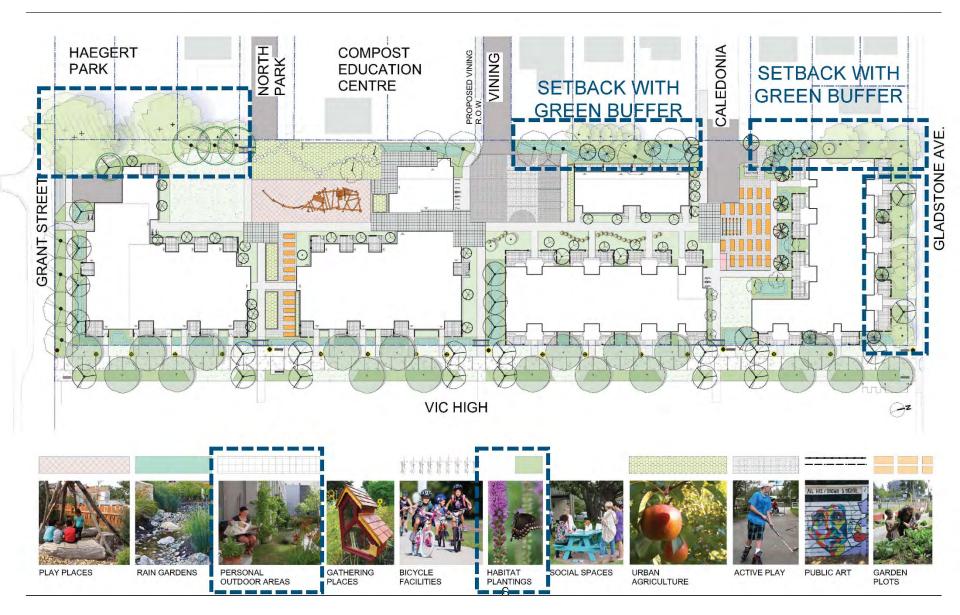


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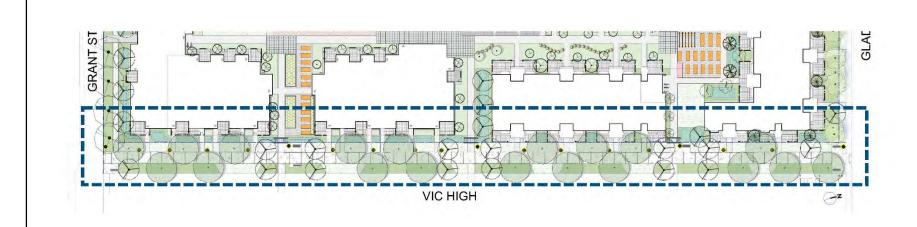
## Landscape Concept: Privacy & Tree Retention





### **Landscape Concept: Greenway**







Elevation from Greenway (looking towards housing)



Cross Section of Greenway

#### **Caledonia Timeline**



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MAY/JUNE 2019

CALUC and Open Houses

SEPTEMBER 2019

DP/RZ Submission

**JANUARY 2020** 

ADP

MAY 2020 COTW

**JUNE 2021** 

SD61 School Board Approval

SEPTEMBER 2021

Public Hearing

OCT-DEC 2021

BCH Final Project Approvals

**EARLY 2022** 

Construction Start







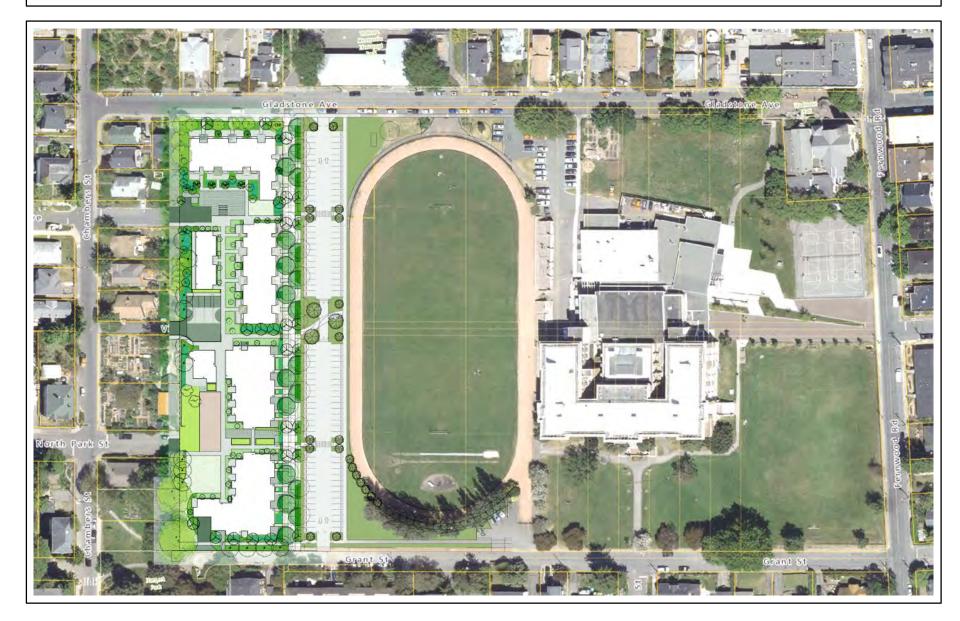
### **Thank You & Questions**





# **Caledonia: Design & Context**

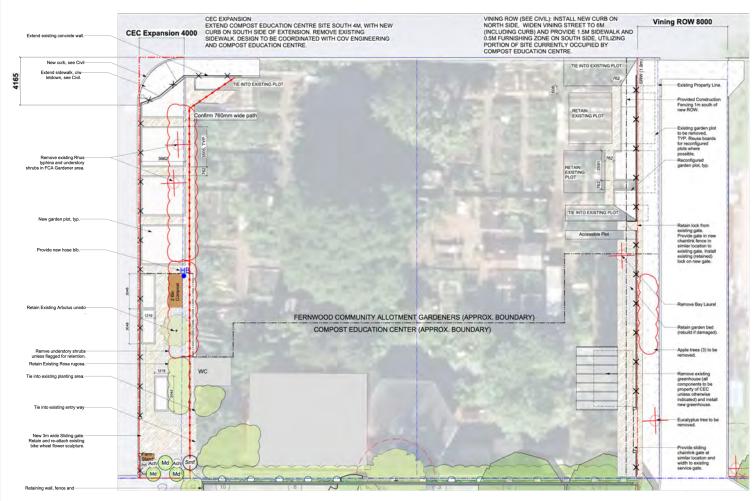




# **Offsite Improvements**



#### **Community Garden Space**



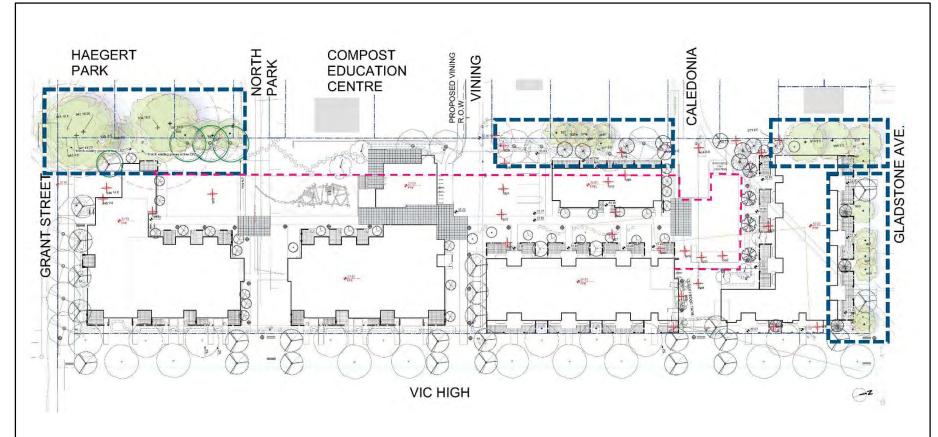
#### CEC Expansion Notes

- Garden Expansion area to be installed prior to Vining Street ROW widening to allow for ease of relocation of plants and to provide uninterrupted gardening opportunities.
- Schedule all work to occur during the dormant season of November 1st to February 28th.
- Fencing, including temporary construction fencing, to be maintained continuously on site at all times in order to prevent damage from people and deer
- 4. Chippings from all tree removals to be left on site.
- 5. Topsoil from removed garden beds and planting areas to be reinstalled in new garden beds. Time topsoil salvage to correspond to periods of dry weather and to minimize time between removal and reinstallation.
- Garden equipment and structures to be removed, such as recycled plastic garden beds, are to be reused in new construction or are to be deconstructed and remain property of FCA gardeners.
   Install wood chip surfacing to reinstate al
- disturbed pathways and areas between garden beds unless otherwise indicated.

  8. Provide irrigation system to new planting
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- Perennial plants in disturbance areas to be relocated as per direction from plot gardener (FCA), and CEC contact (Kayla Siefried). A system and time-window for flagging plantings and transplant locations will be developed by the project team and coordinated with the contracor.

#### **Urban Forest**





REMOVED TREES: 31

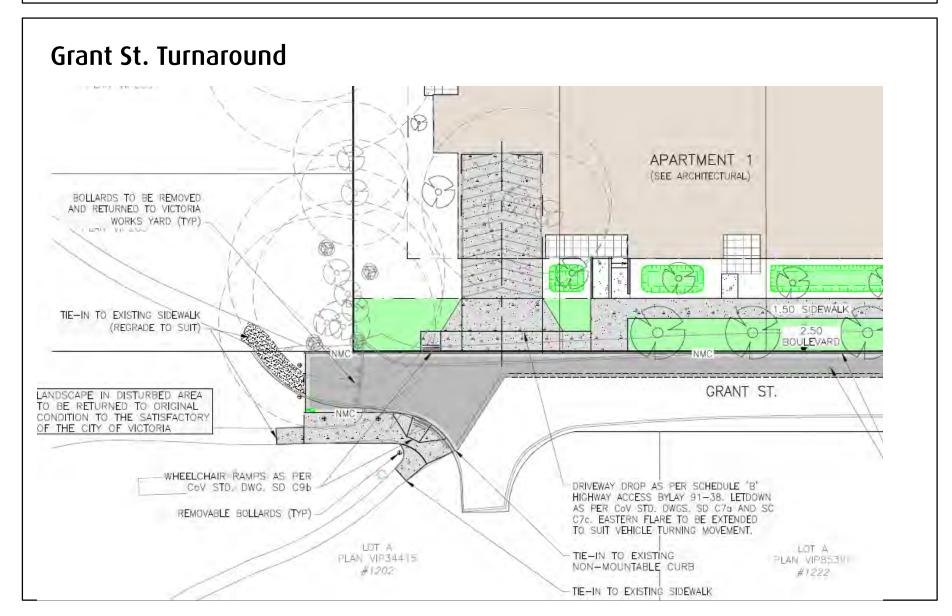
REMOVED
TREES
(BYLAW
PROTECTED):

RETAINED TREES: 27

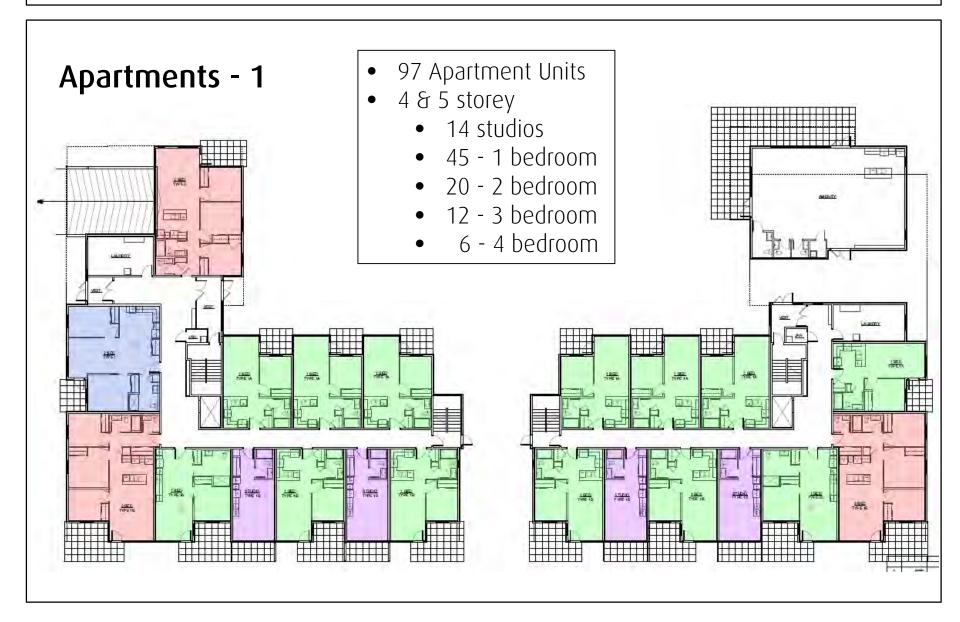
PROPOSED TREES: 121

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## Apartments - 2







## Apartments - 3







# Apartments - 4







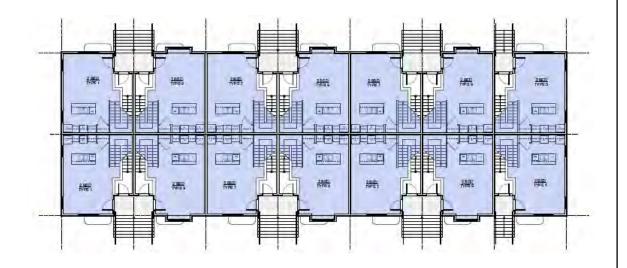


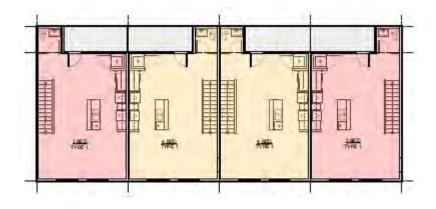


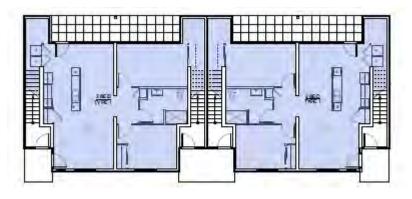
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