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# South Park Blocks Master Plan CAC Meeting #2 – June 20, 2019







# Agenda - Opportunities and Challenges

1. Layers of history and change over time
2. Vegetation character and ecological function
3. Tree succession planning
4. Park uses, functions, and programming
5. Connections between blocks and between park and neighborhood
6. The Green Loop
7. Transportation in and around the park



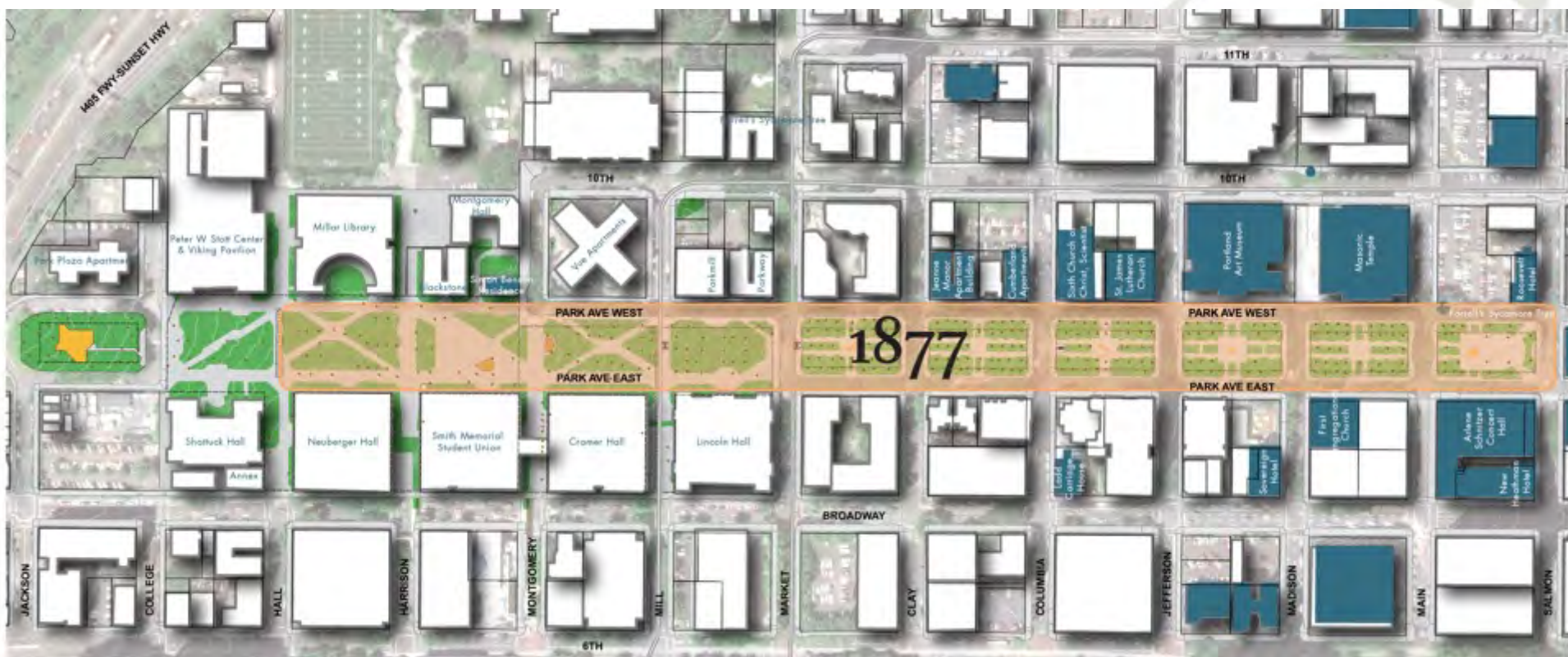






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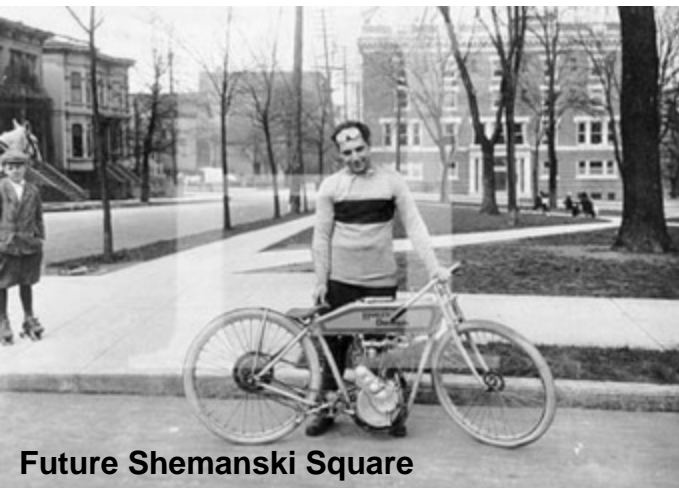




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## Late 19<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> century



**Future Shemanski Square**



**Future Lincoln Hall**



**Future Shattuck Hall**





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## 1940s-1960s – I-405

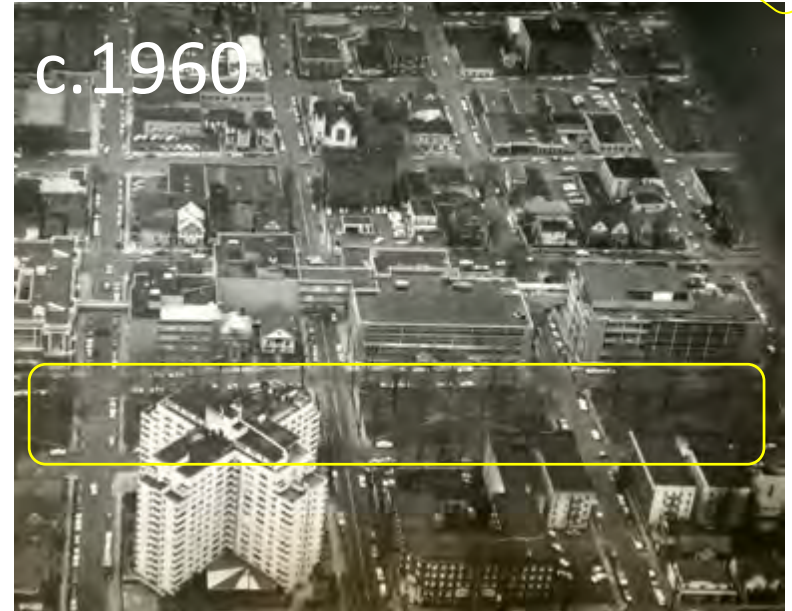
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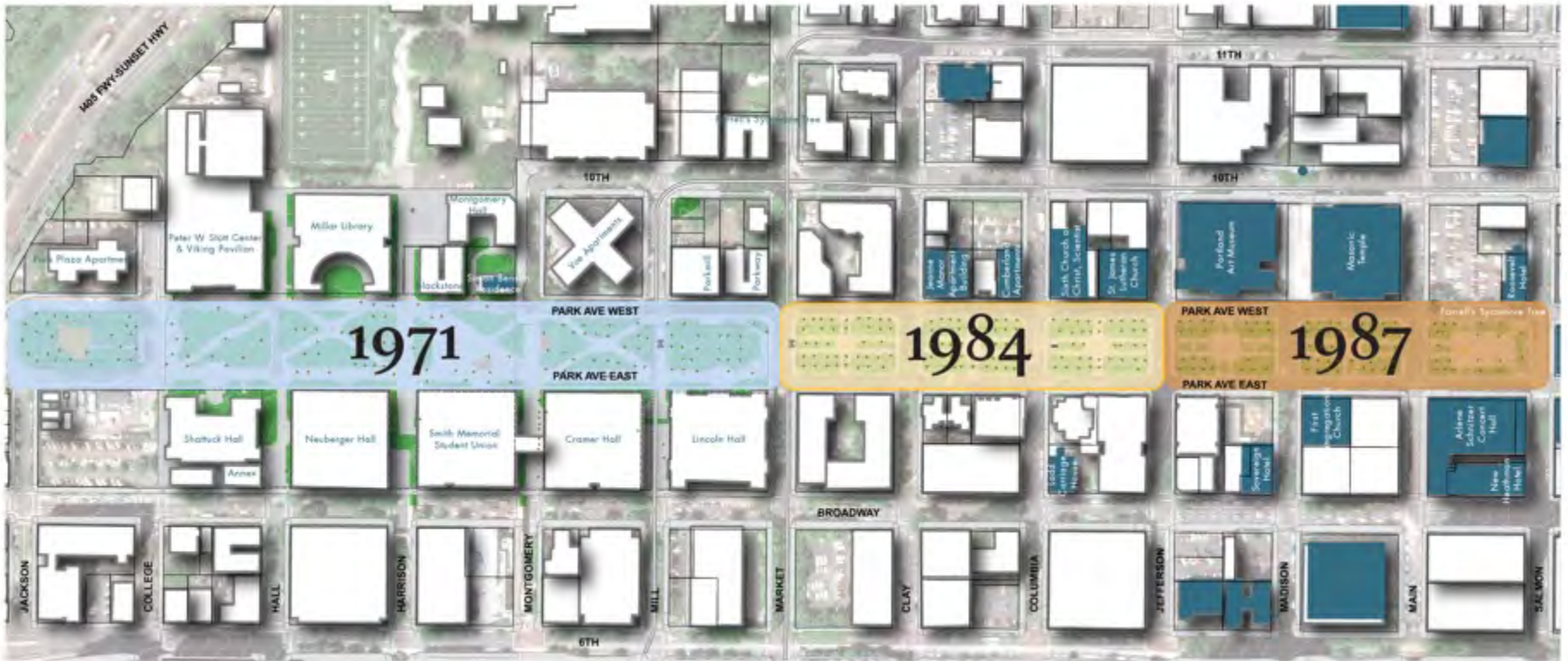


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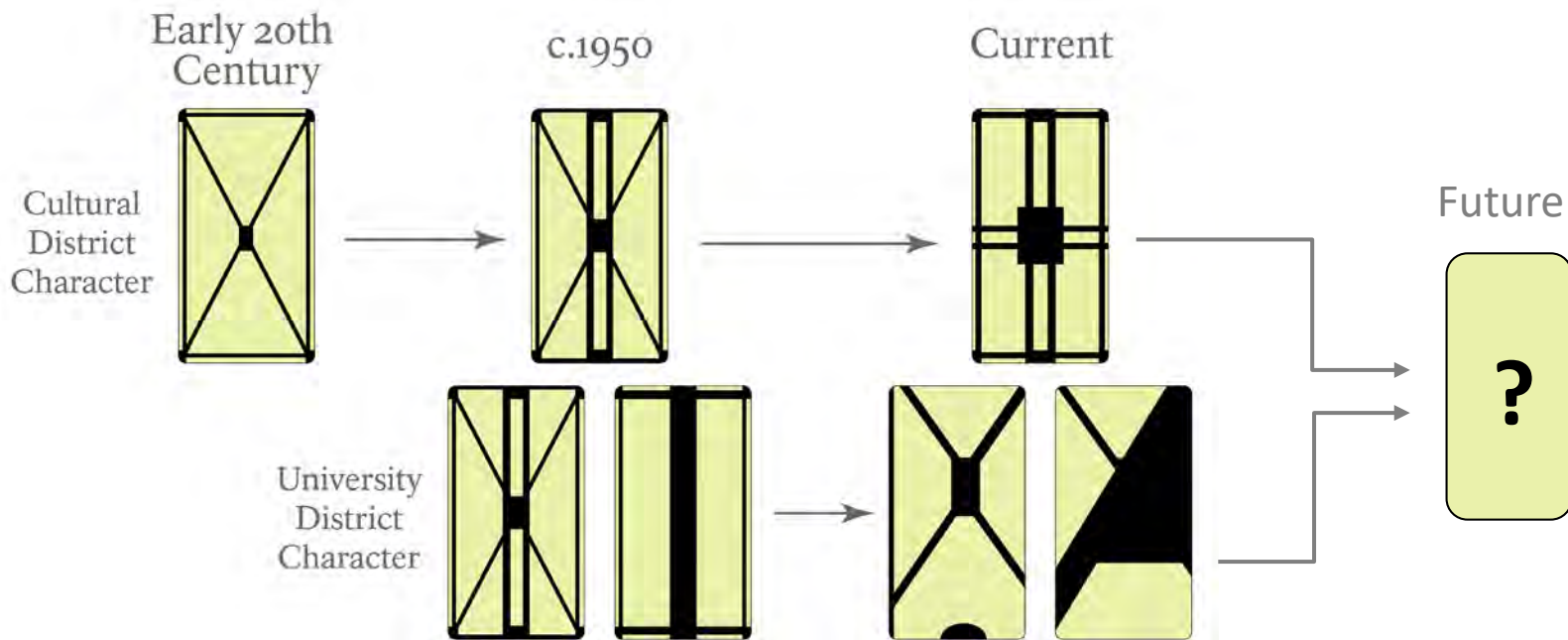






# Layers of history and change over time

## What is the historic character?







1967

Shemanski Fountain (1926)  
looking north



2019



1974

View to Theodore Roosevelt, Rough  
Rider (1922) from lawn between SW  
Madison + Jefferson



2019





1972

Amphitheater looking west



2019



**C.1950**

**SW Park + Hall looking northwest**



**2019**





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# Vegetation character and ecological function

## Tree succession planning







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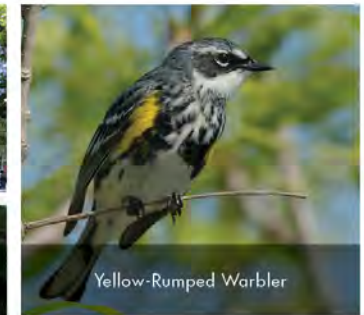
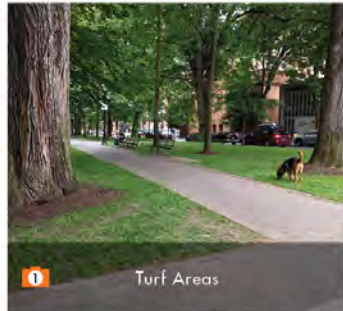
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## Vegetation

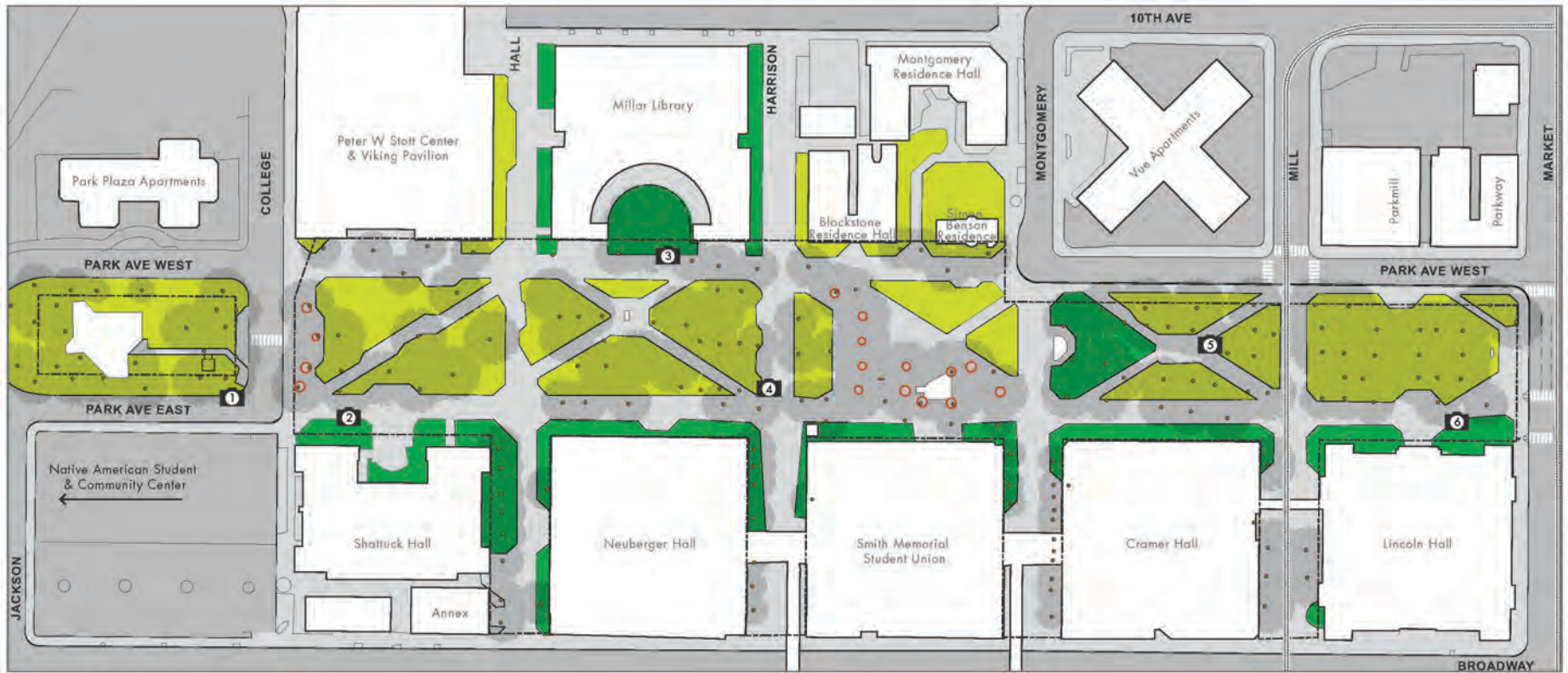
### Cultural District



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## Urban Wildlife, Birds and Pollinators





## Existing Conditions: Vegetation

### GENERAL MAP FEATURES

- Sidewalks/Pedestrian Paving
- Building Footprints
- Park Block Tax Lots
- Street Car Line
- Reference Image (see opposite page)

### VEGETATION

- Tree Locations (2019)
- Tree Canopy (approximate)
- Turf
- Native and Ornamental Shrubs/Perennials

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University District - Jackson to Market

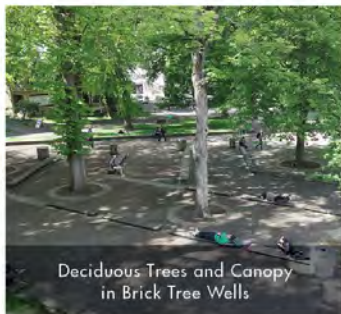
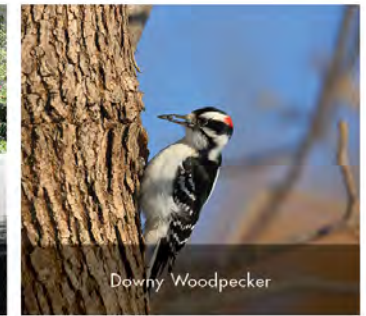
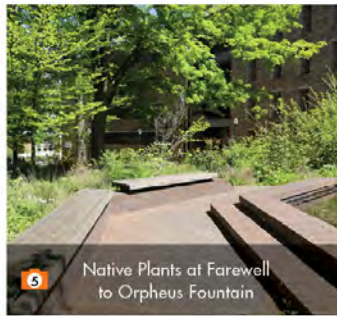
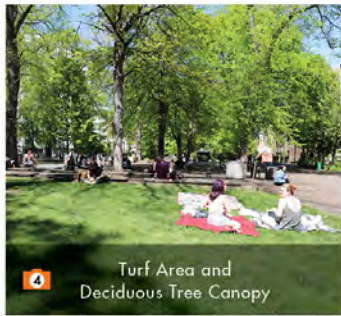




# Vegetation

## University District

## Urban Wildlife, Birds and Pollinators

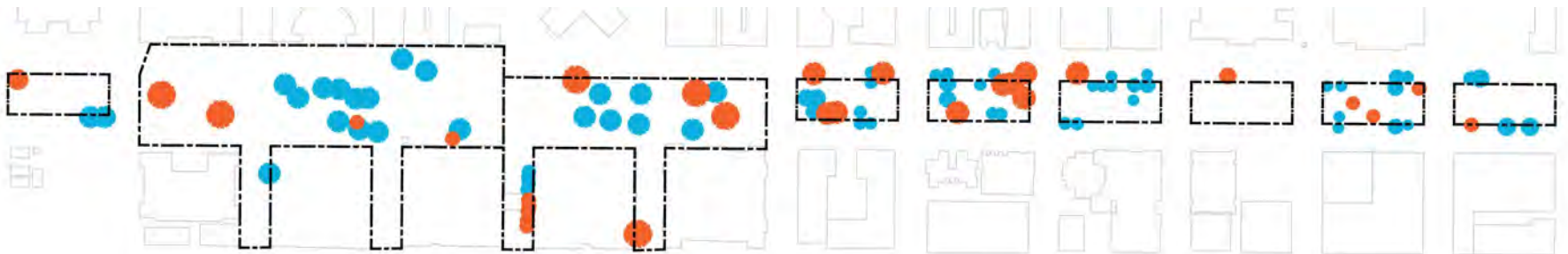


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# Tree Succession Planning

- Of 382 assessed trees, there are 3 dead, 8 dying and 1 dangerous tree
- Overall lack of young tree structural pruning on mature trees
- Overall lack of overhead growing space and shade intolerance results in one-sided crowns and lean
- Much infrastructure near tree roots
- Trees are listed as retain, **remove** or **optional**
  - 75% are classified as retain
  - 8% or 29 trees classified as remove
  - 17% or 68 trees are classified as optional







# Park Uses, Functions, and Programming

## Daily uses

School field trips  
Day care walks  
Dog walking  
Strolling/exercise  
Picnicking  
Socializing  
Studying  
Vending  
Photography

## Weekly uses

Farmer's Market @ PSU  
Volunteering  
PP&R maintenance

## Seasonal uses

Farmer's Market @  
Shemanski Square

## Occasional uses

Outdoor classroom  
Spillover events from P5, Arlene Schnitzer, OHS  
Protests  
Concerts  
Community events  
Sunday Parkways



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**Shemanski Square**



**Park Ave West**



**Montgomery Street**



**Salmon Street**



**Columbia Street**



**Park Ave East at Shattuck Hall**





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2019



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# Connections between blocks and between park and neighborhood



**Park Ave West**



**Main Street**



**College Street walkway**



**Columbia Street**





## Existing Conditions: Spatial Organization

### GENERAL MAP FEATURES

- Building Footprints
- Historic Landmark Buildings
- Park Block Tax Lots
- Other Tax Lots

### PARK BLOCK FEATURES

- Park Block Character Feature
- Gathering Spaces and Squares

### MANAGEMENT AREAS

- Portland Parks & Recreation (Cultural District Park Blocks)
- Portland State University (University District Park Blocks)
- PBOT (Portland Bureau of Transportation)

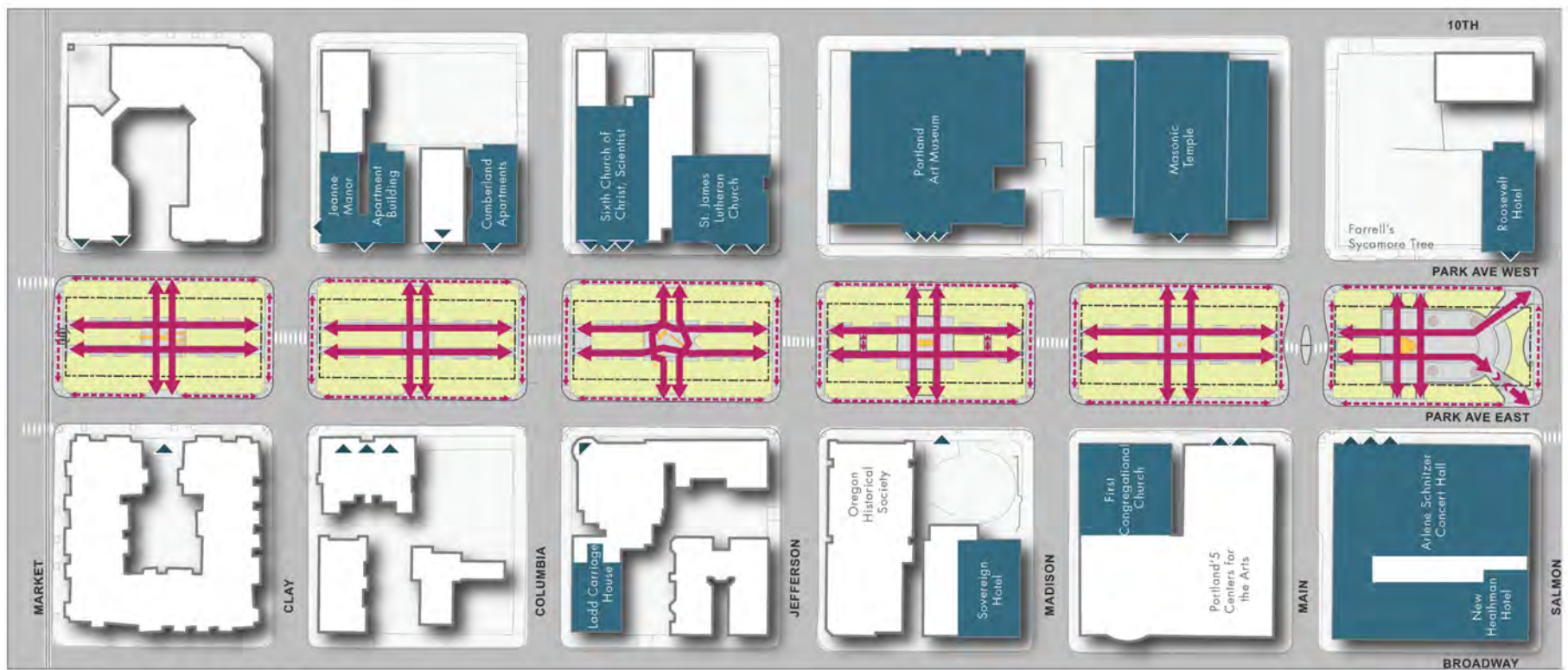
### NEIGHBORHOODS/DISTRICTS

- West End
- Downtown
- University District/South Downtown

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## Existing Conditions: Circulation

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- Sidewalks/Pedestrian Paving
- Building Footprints
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- Park Block Tax Lots
- Street Car Line

**PARK BLOCK FEATURES**

- Park Block Character Feature
- Street Car Station

**VEGETATION**

- Planting Areas

**CIRCULATION**

- Primary Circulation
- Secondary Circulation
- Stairs
- Street Crossing
- Main Building Entrance

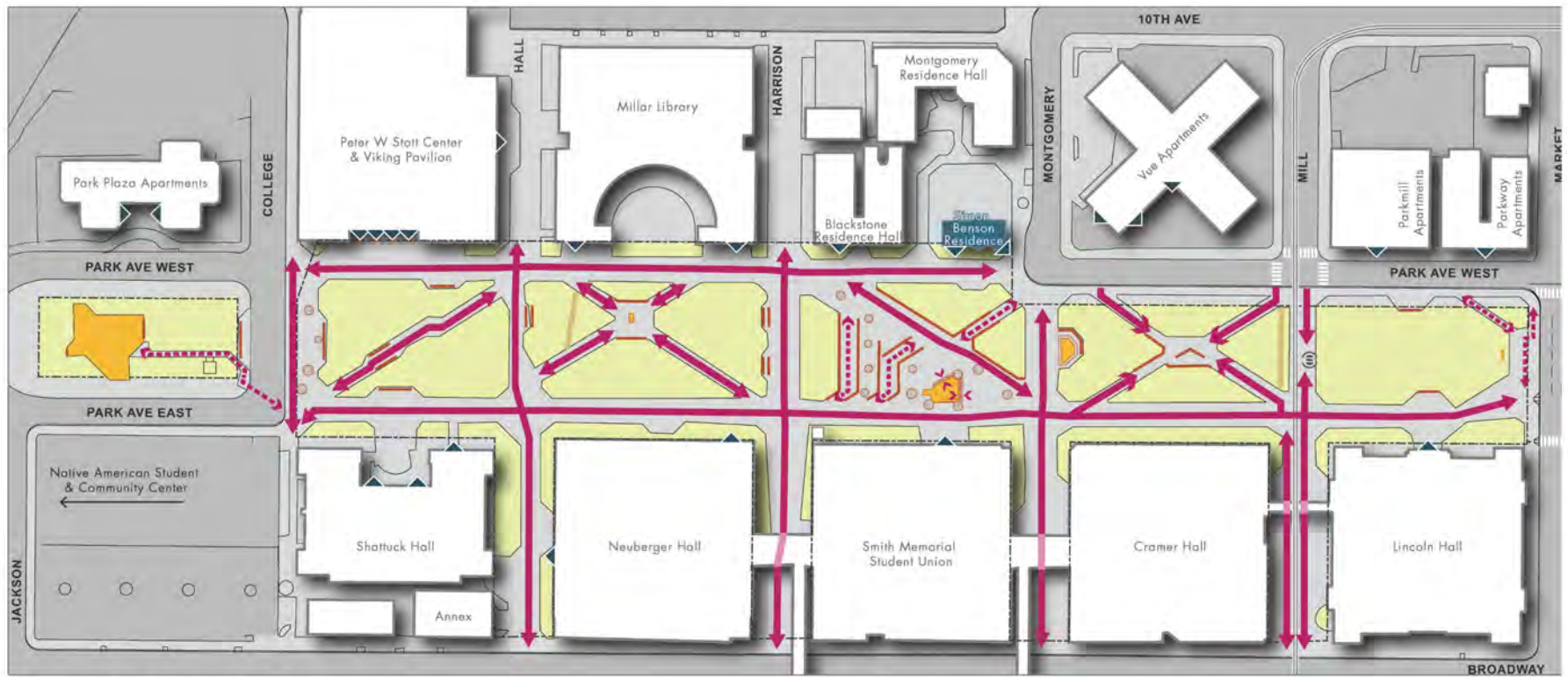
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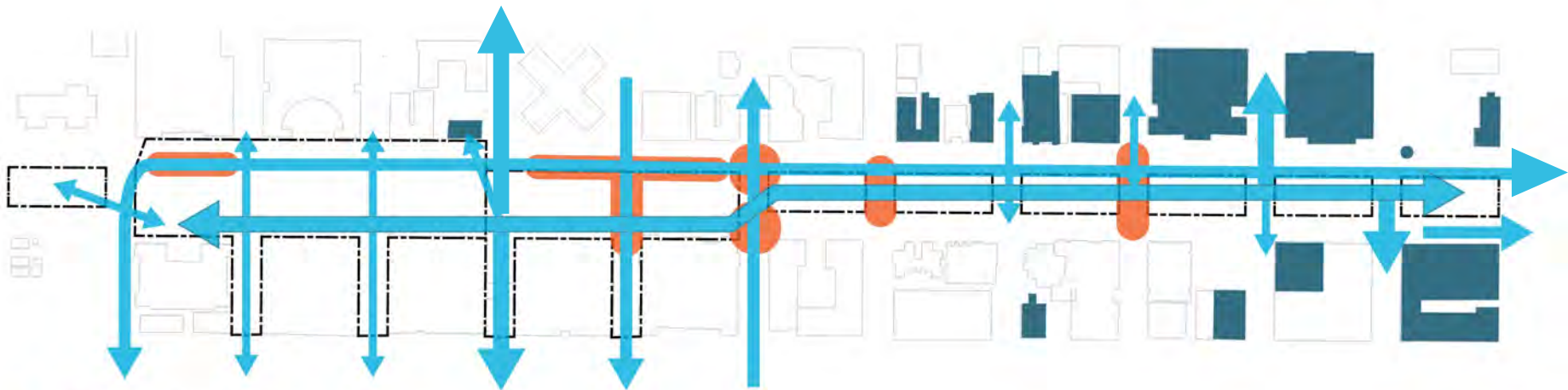




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# Connections between blocks and between park and neighborhood



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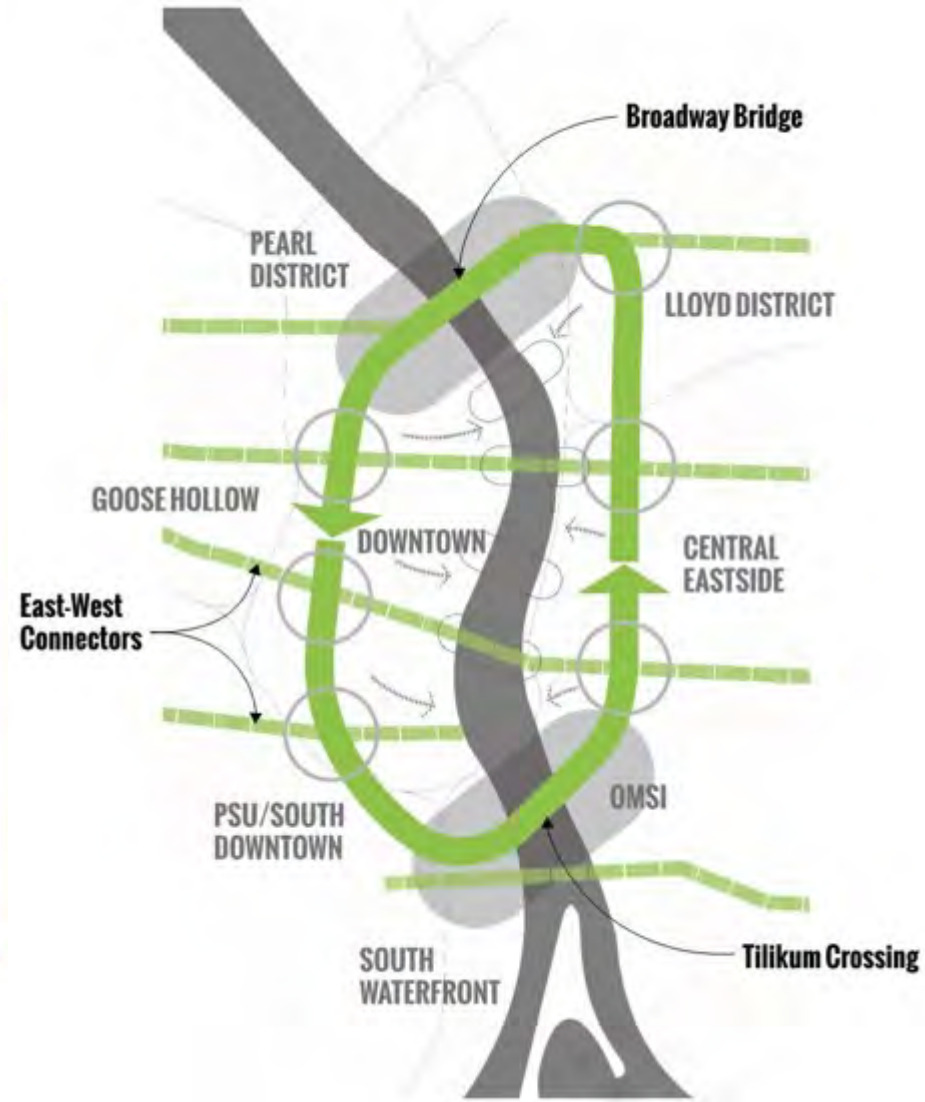
**OPPORTUNITIES** Key Connections





## Green Loop

THE GREEN LOOP CONCEPT IS A SIX MILE LINEAR PARK THAT INVITES RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND VISITORS TO EXPERIENCE PORTLAND'S CENTRAL CITY IN AN ENTIRELY NEW WAY.





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Vester Voldgade, Copenhagen



NYC Plaza Program



Indianapolis Cultural Trail

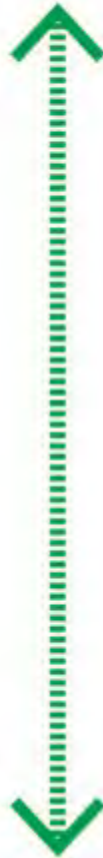




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Not the Green Loop



Green Loop





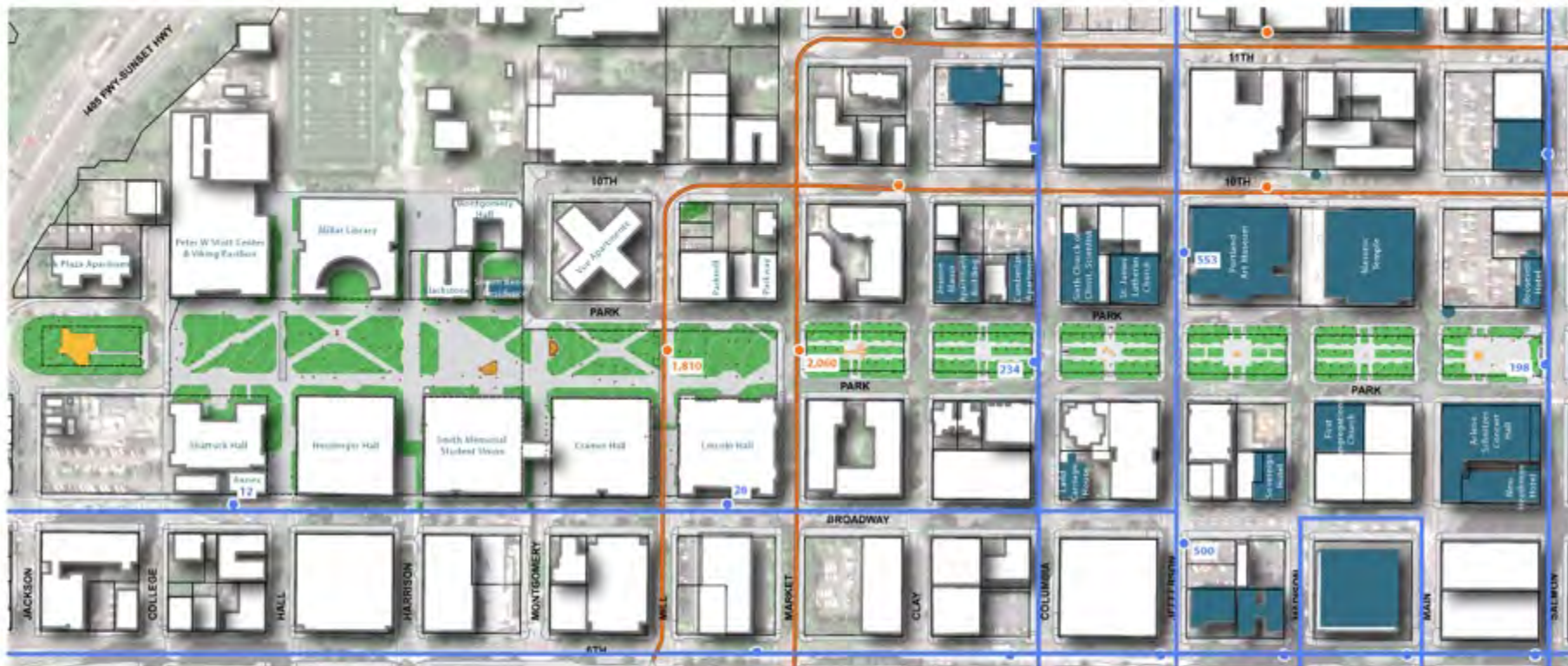
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# Transportation in and around the park







## Transit Service and Ridership

### GENERAL MAP FEATURES

- Sidewalks/Pedestrian Paving
- Building Footprints
- Historic Landmark Buildings
- Park Block Tax Lots
- Other Tax Lots
- Contours (2' L/DAR)
- Street Car Line
- Easement

### PARK BLOCK FEATURES

- Park Block Character Feature
- Street Car Station
- Portland Loo Bathroom

### VEGETATION

- Park Block Tree Trunks (2019)
- Planting Areas

### TRANSIT FACILITIES

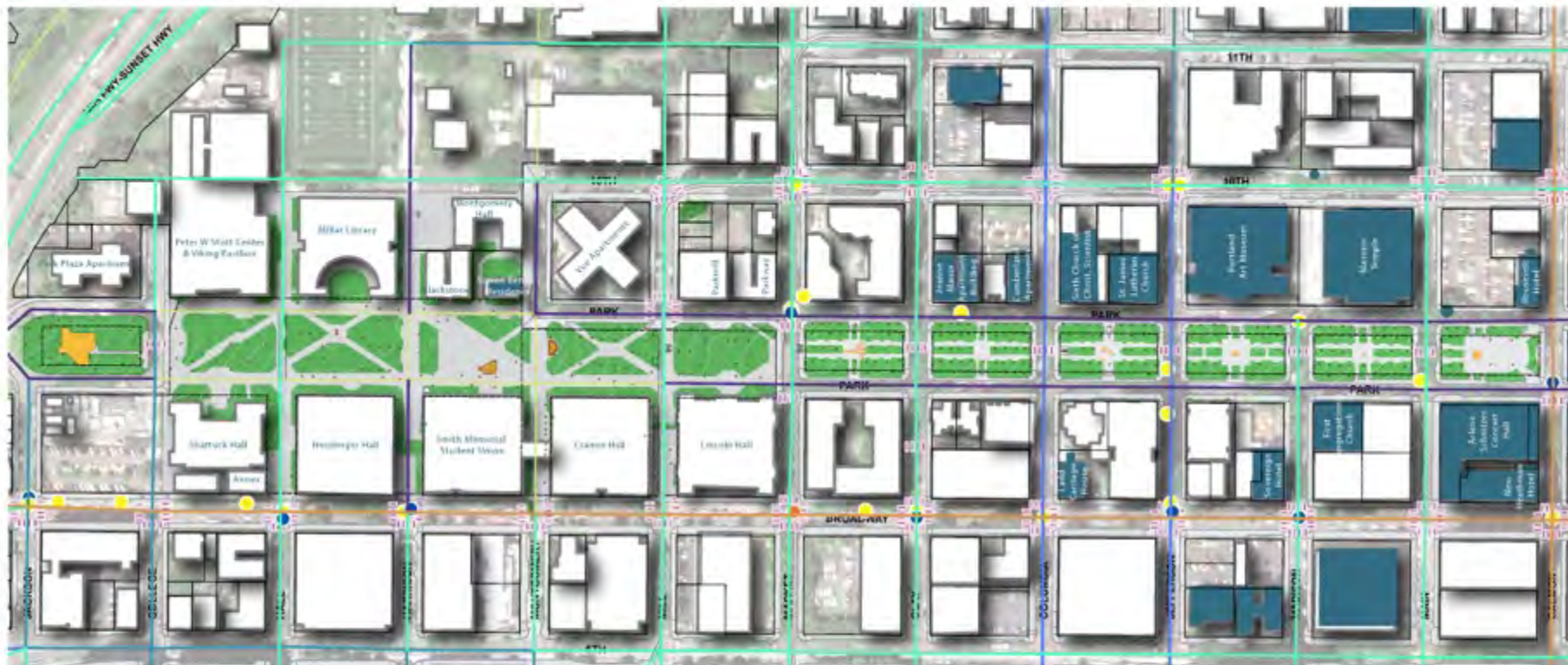
- Bus Route
- Bus Stop

Notes:  
Ridership data for both transit and street car services show 2018 average weekday boardings and alightings. TriMet weekday averages are for Fall 2018 only.

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## Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities and Traffic Safety

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- Sidewalks/Pedestrian Paving
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### VEGETATION

- Park Block Tree Trunks (2019)
- Planting Areas

### BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

- No Bike Facility
- Bike Lane
- Neighborhood Greenway
- Separated Bikeway
- Separated In-roadway
- Park Trail
- Crosswalk

### SAFETY

- Pedestrian Injury
- Bicyclist Injury
- Motorist Injury

### Notes:

Crash data comes from the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Portland Police Bureau, and was compiled by the Portland Bureau of Transportation for 2006-2018. Deaths reported by the Portland Police Bureau since 2015 are included, but injury data since 2017 has not yet been released by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

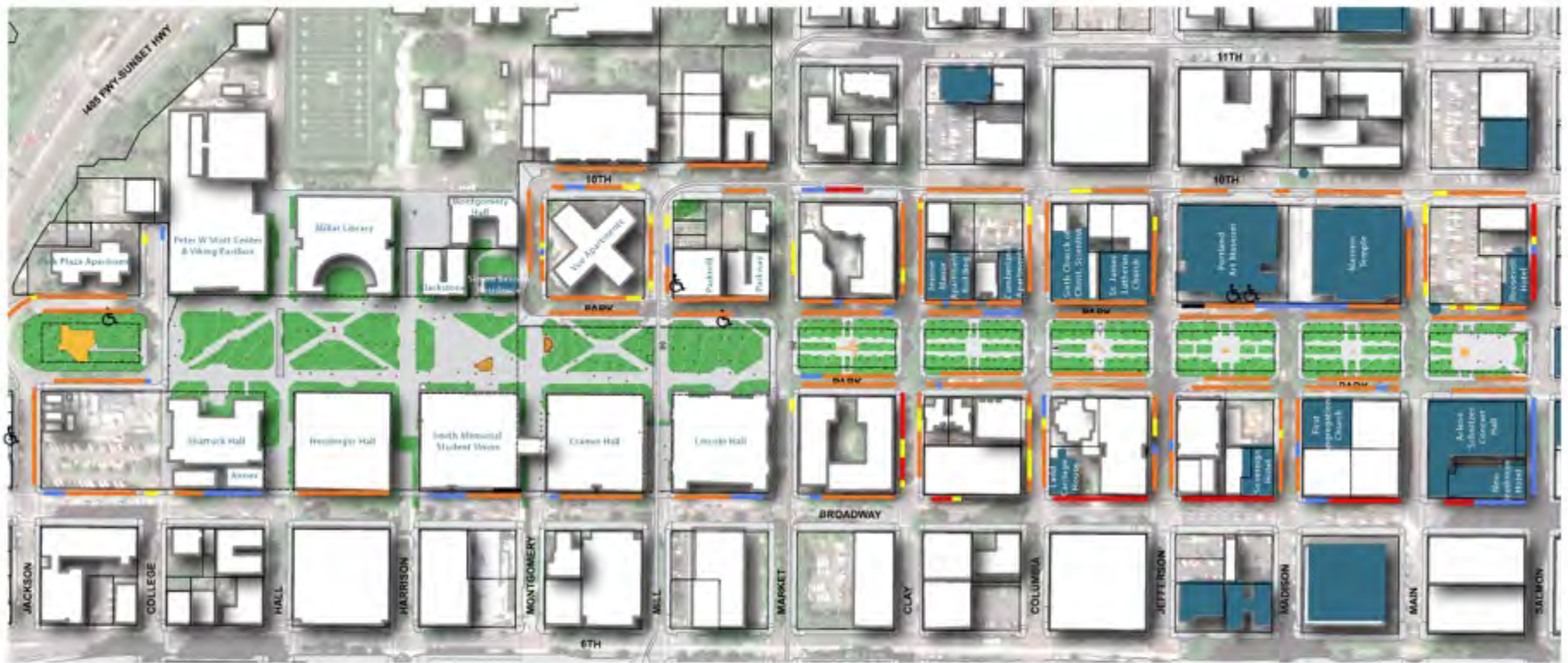
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## Curbside Use

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### VEGETATION

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- Planting Areas

### CURBSIDE USE

- Bikeshare Parking
- Street Parking (2 hr)
- Street Parking (3 - 4 hr)
- Driveway
- Loading
- ADA Parking Space

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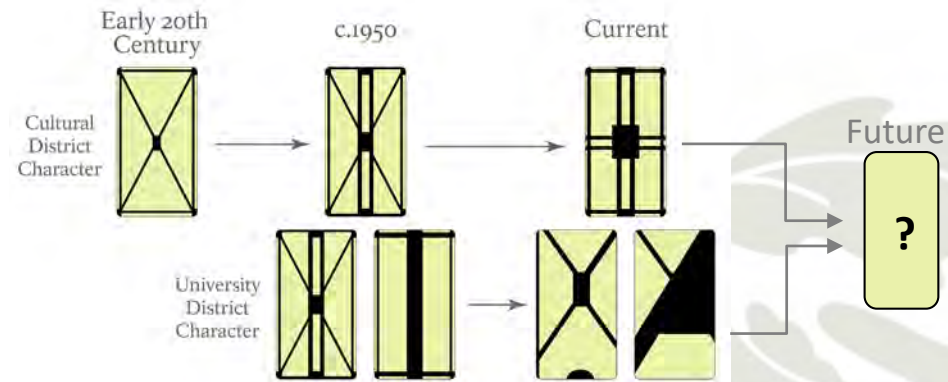
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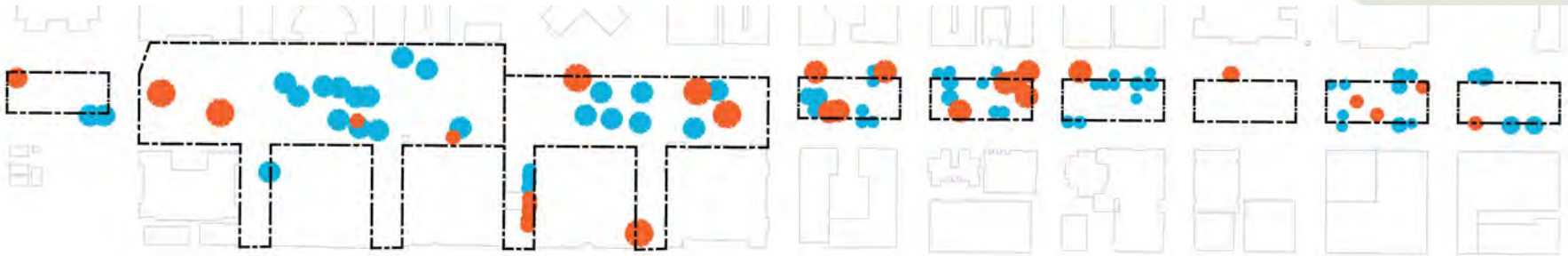


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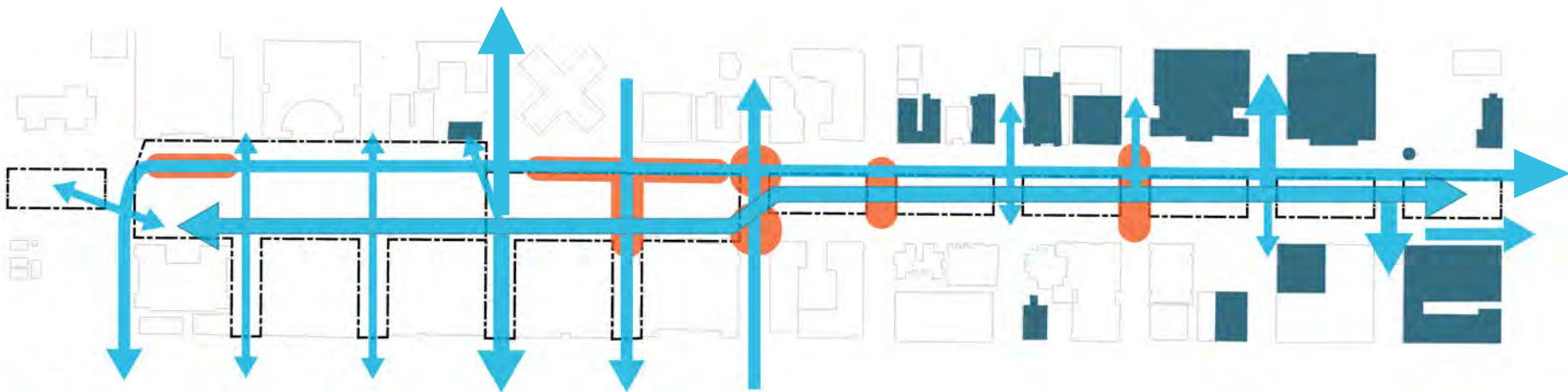
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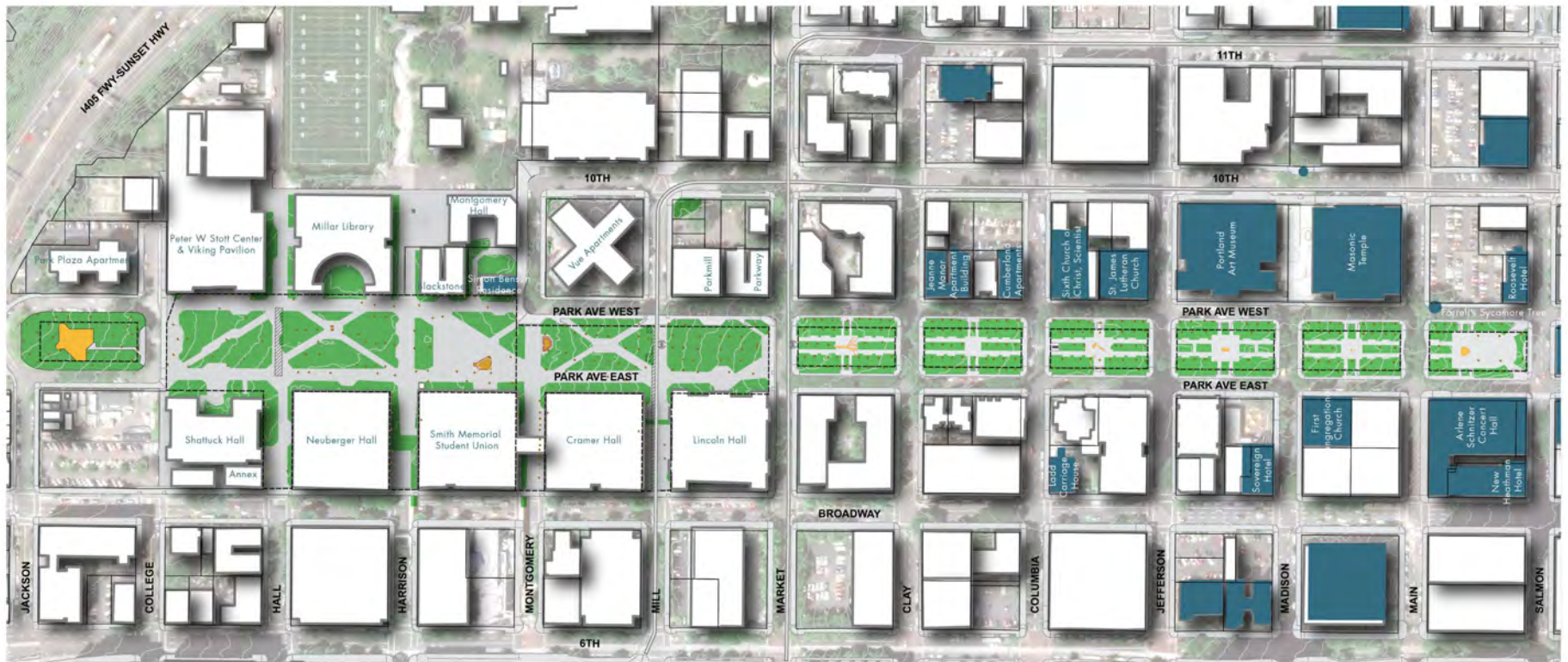


**ISSUES** Trees for Removal  
**OPPORTUNITIES** Optional Trees for Removal



**ISSUES** Safety, Slope, Accessibility  
**OPPORTUNITIES** Key Connections





Base Map