

Soldotna Riverfront Redevelopment

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SOLDOTNA RIVERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT

**Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Science Symposium:
Riverfront Redevelopment Preliminary Concepts**

Project Purpose | The Vision + Big Ideas | Considerations for Riparian Health | Your Thoughts

Purpose



Redevelop and transform Soldotna's downtown to achieve long-term economic development goals



Objectives



Mentimeter

Create a **one-of-a-kind riverfront experience**



Support **local businesses, expansion and attract new entrepreneurs**



Highlight the Kenai River and incorporate into the Downtown



Provide **housing options** to meet local needs



Identify opportunities for **public and private partnerships**



Identify **critical infrastructure** to support redevelopment



Explore **options and strategies** for funding and implementation

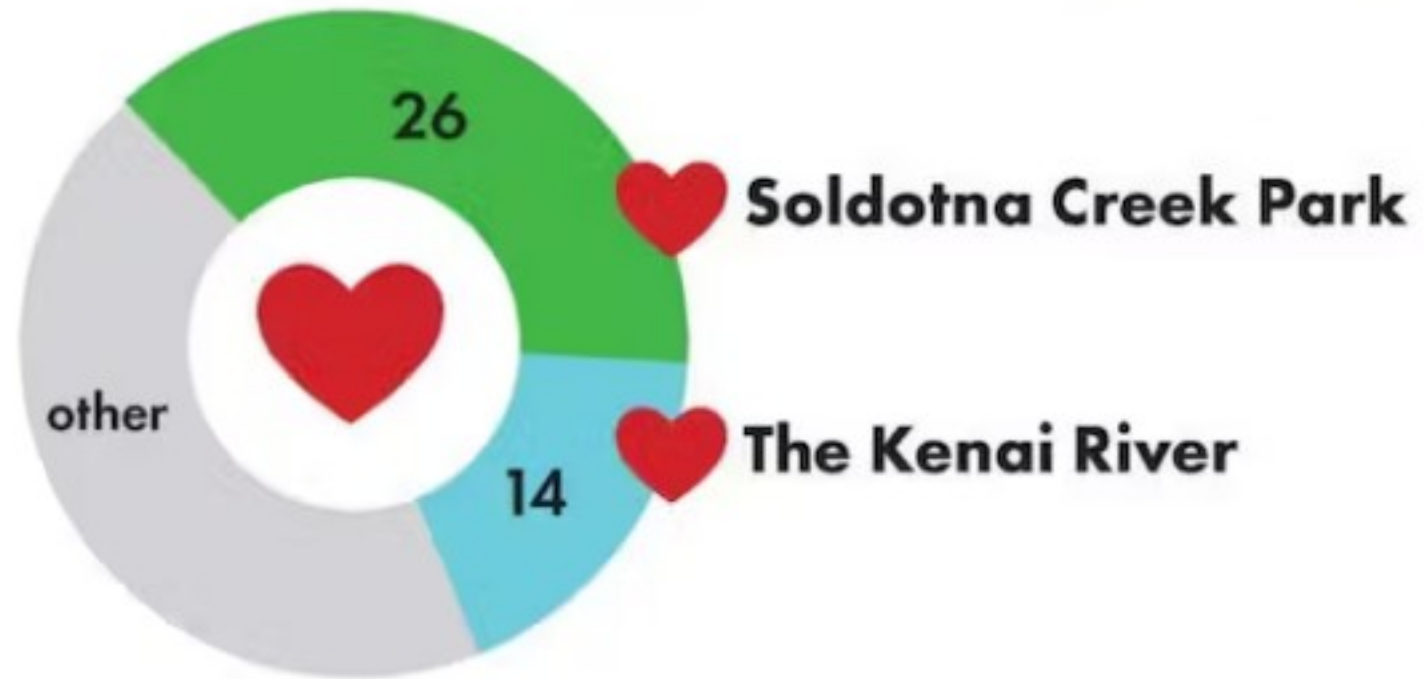
What are the current issues in the project area that may negatively impact fish habitat?



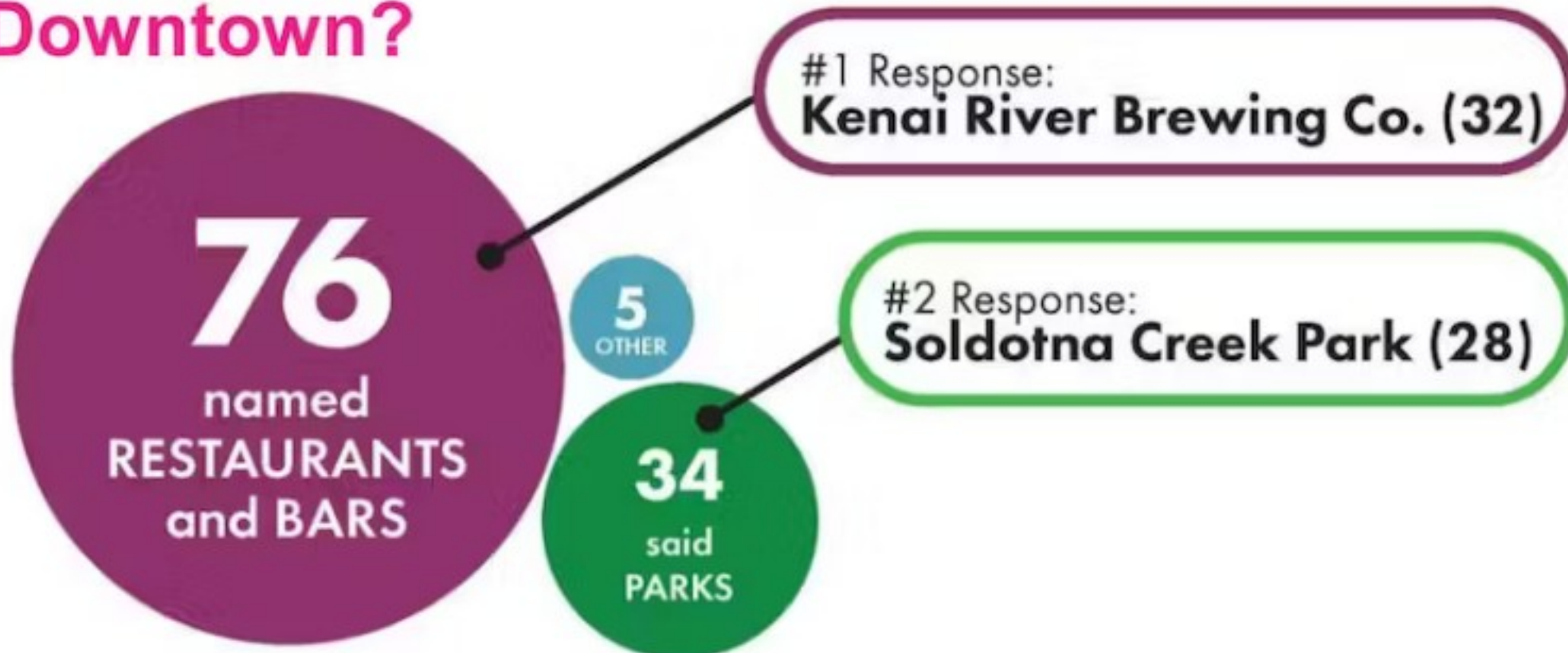
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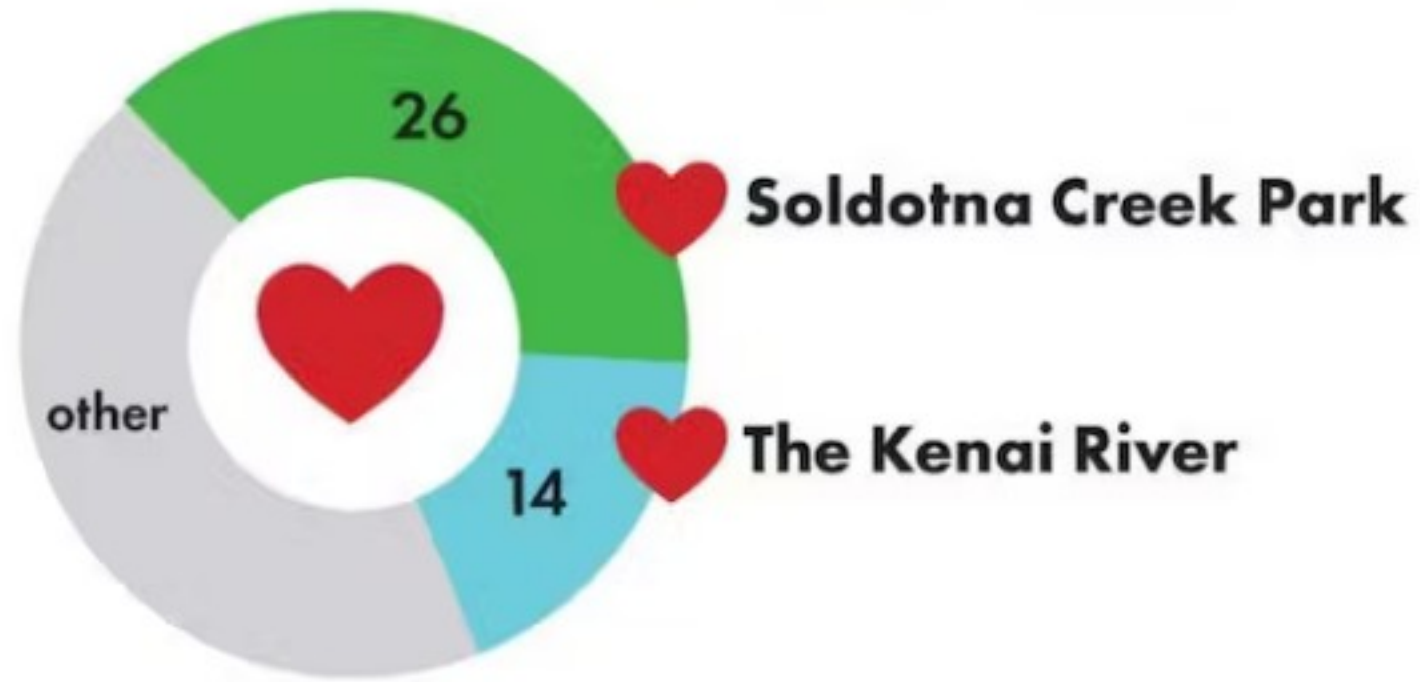
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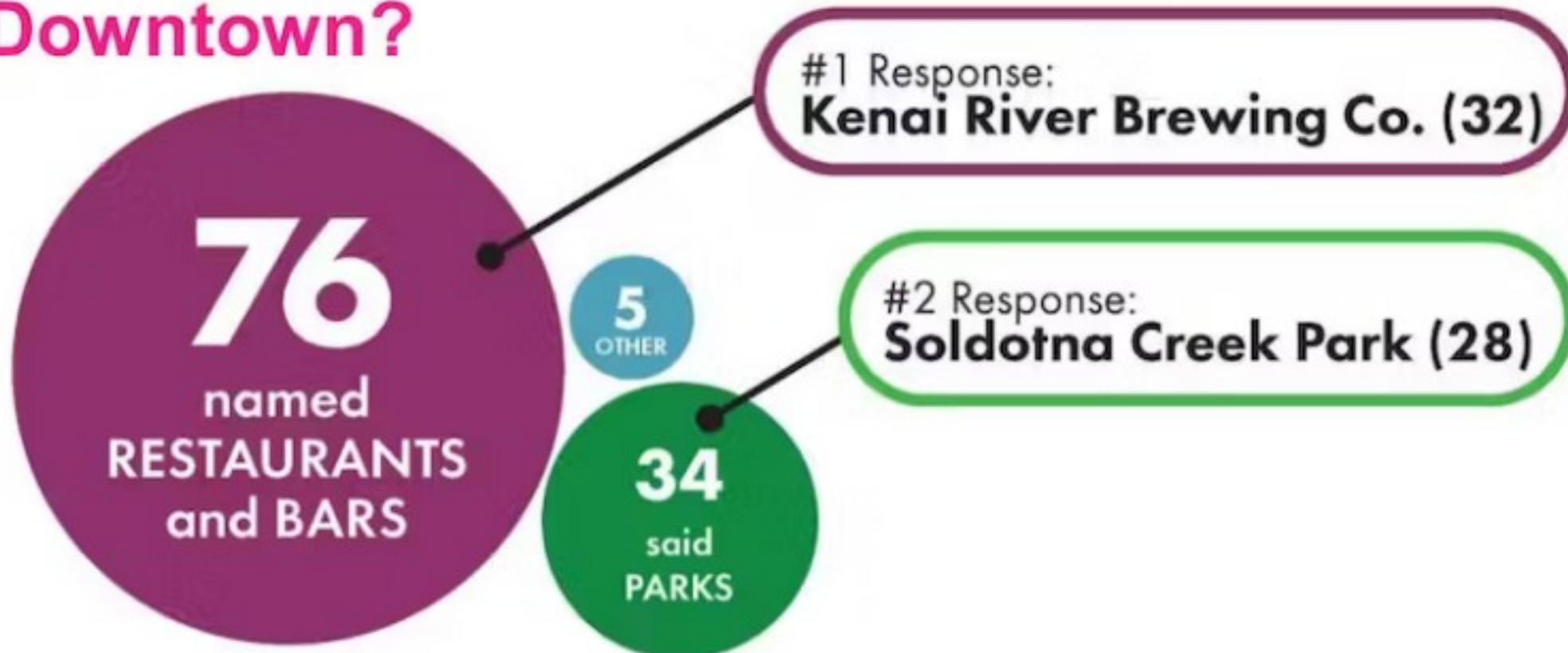
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What three words describe Soldotna?

TOP RESPONSES:



RESPONSES BY CATEGORY:

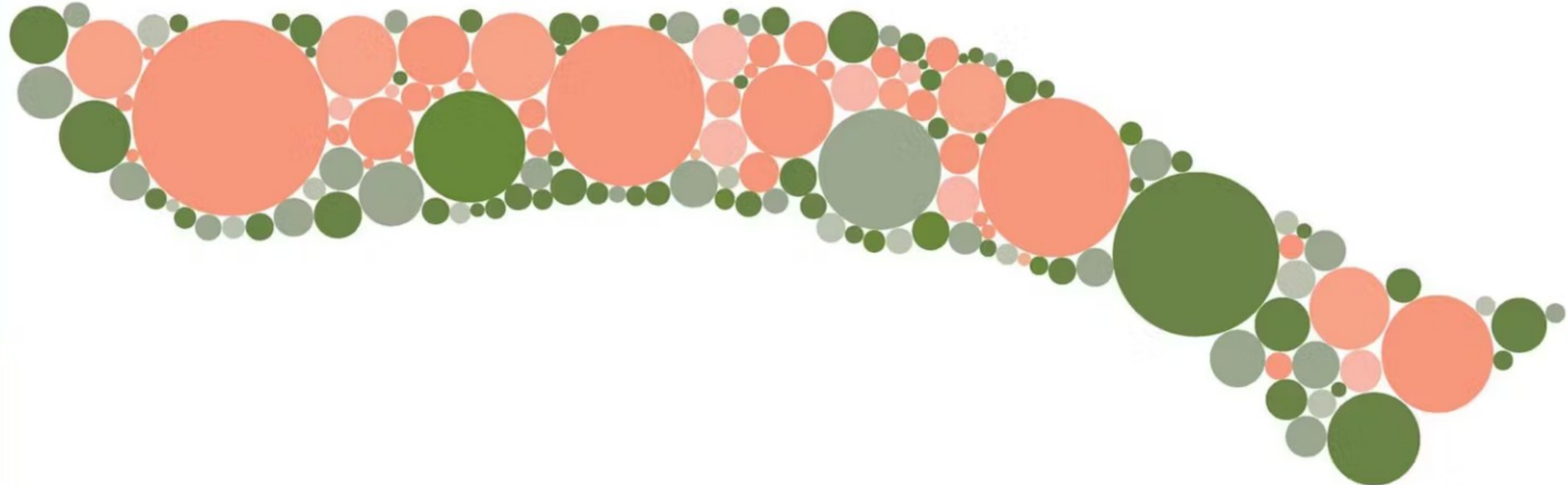


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Vision

Downtown Soldotna is a place where **nature and urban gathering spaces** coexist, expanding and enhancing one another



GATHERING



NATURE



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The “Big Ideas”

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Key pathways reconnect neighborhoods to the river and destinations along Sterling Highway

New & enhanced streets support Downtown Hubs as **places to live, work, and play**



Riverbend Plaza

Park Plaza

**Fishwalk, Boardwalk
and Trails Connect the
Riverfront**

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**Upland Trail +
Overlook**

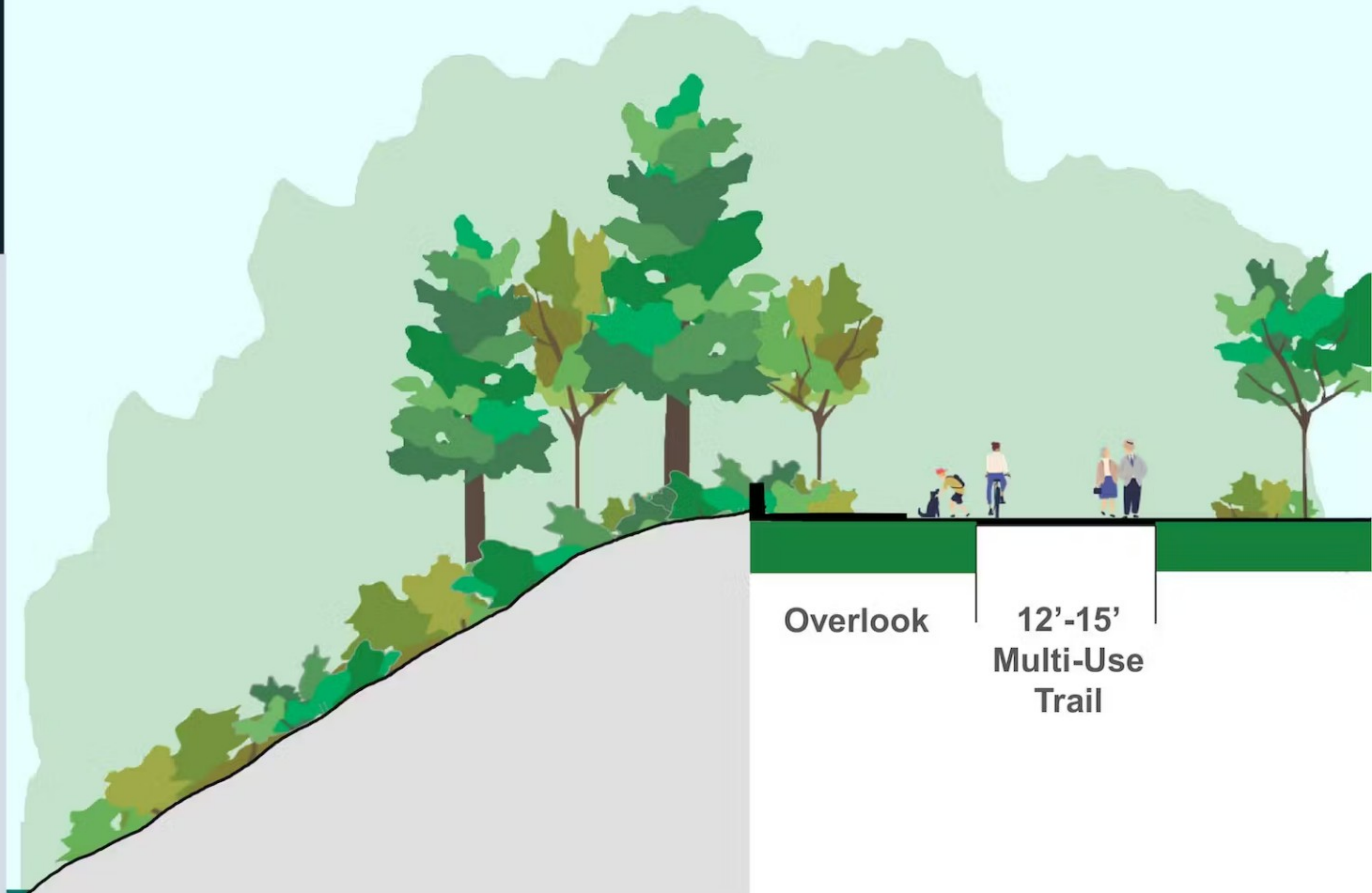


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**Upland Trail +
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Overlook

**12'-15'
Multi-Use
Trail**

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Community Gathering 'Bookends' are anchored with a Public Market

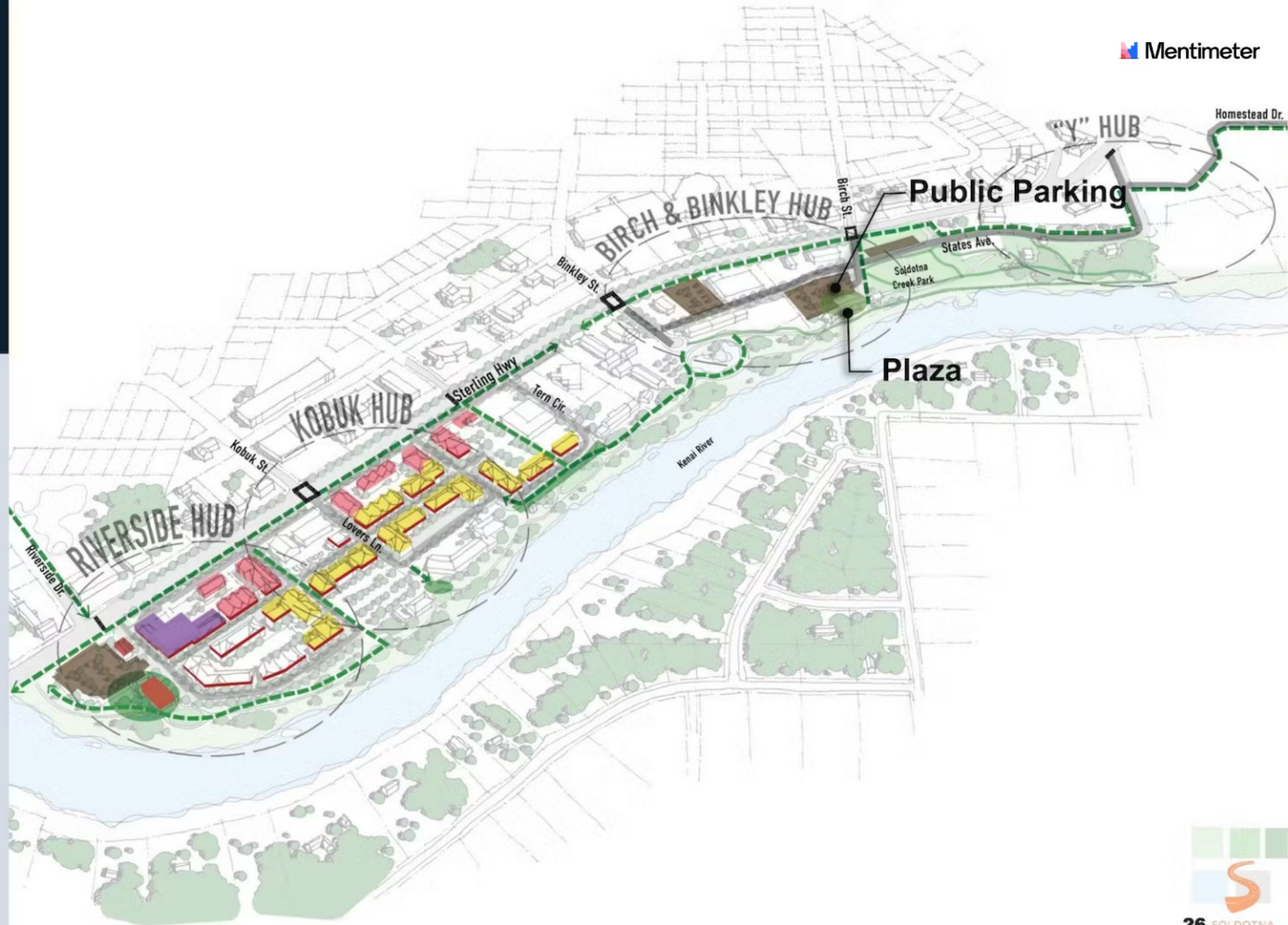
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New Streets

Upland Trails and Overlooks



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Soldotna Creek Park +
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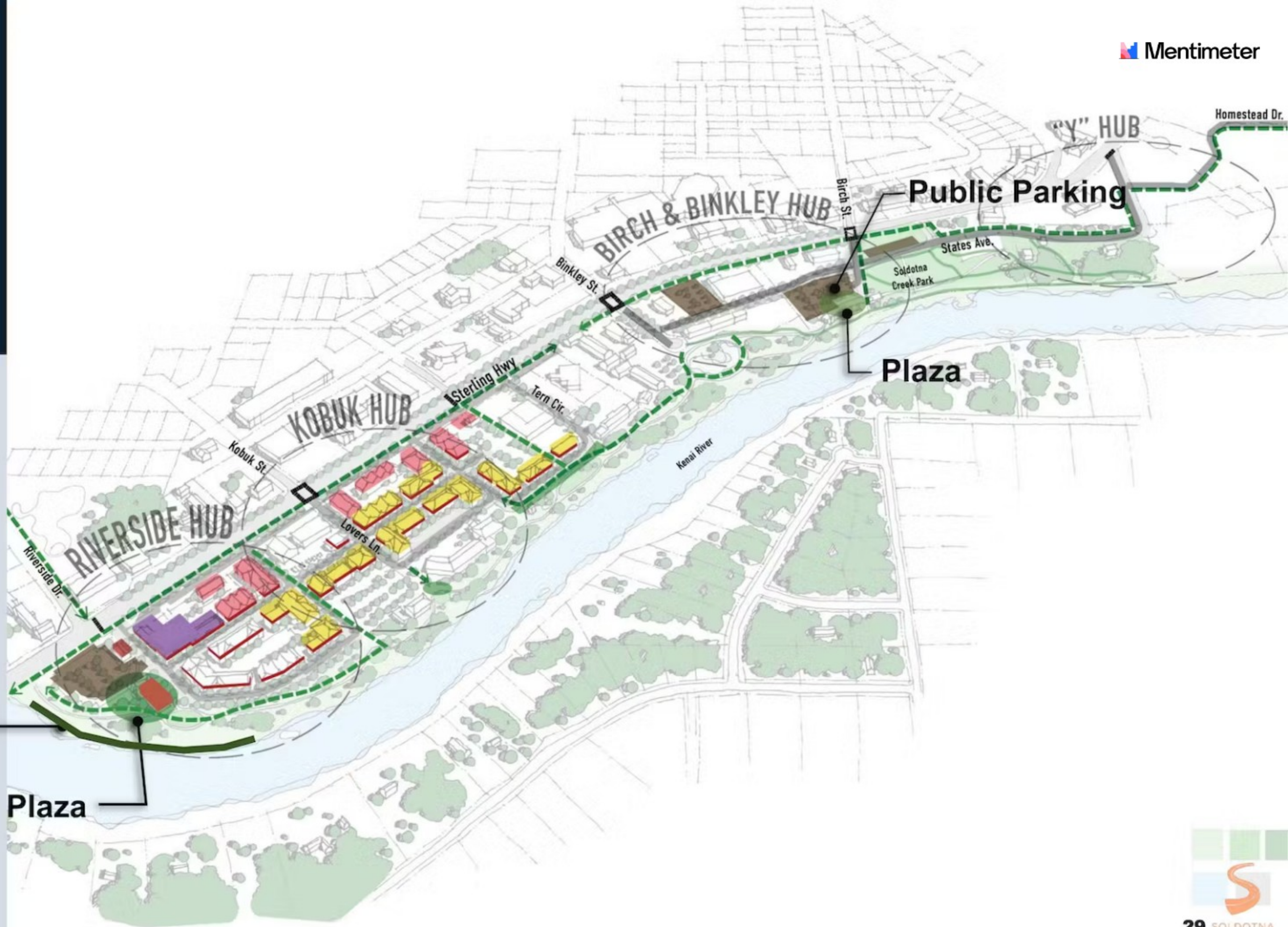
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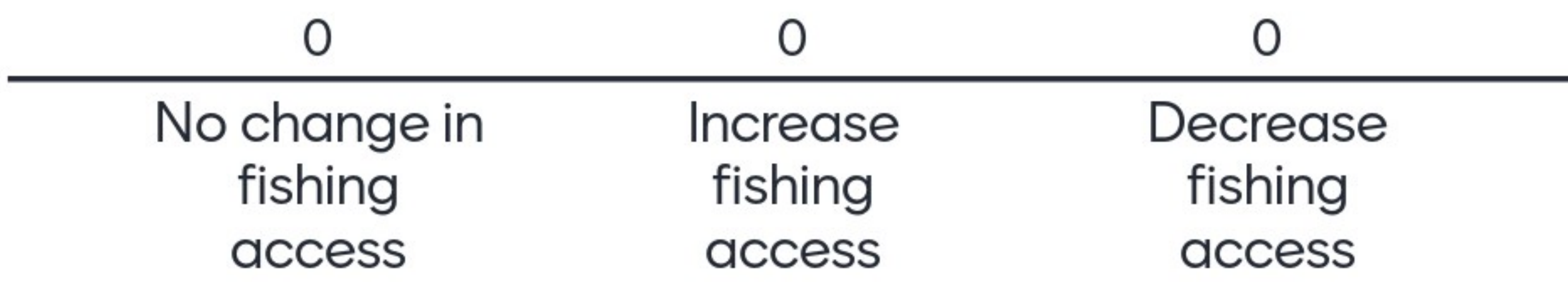
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What kind of fishing access can this area of the riverfront support?



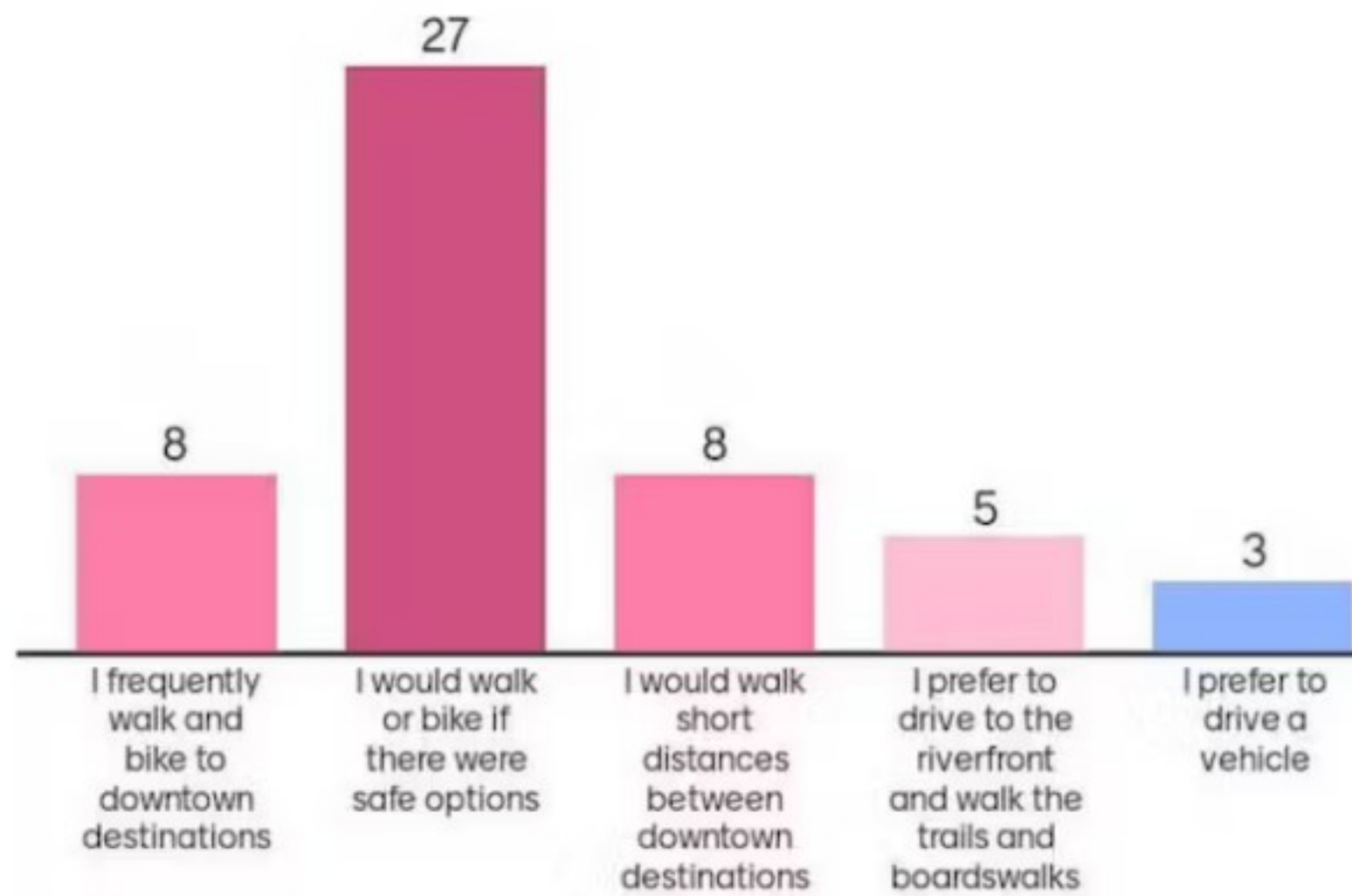
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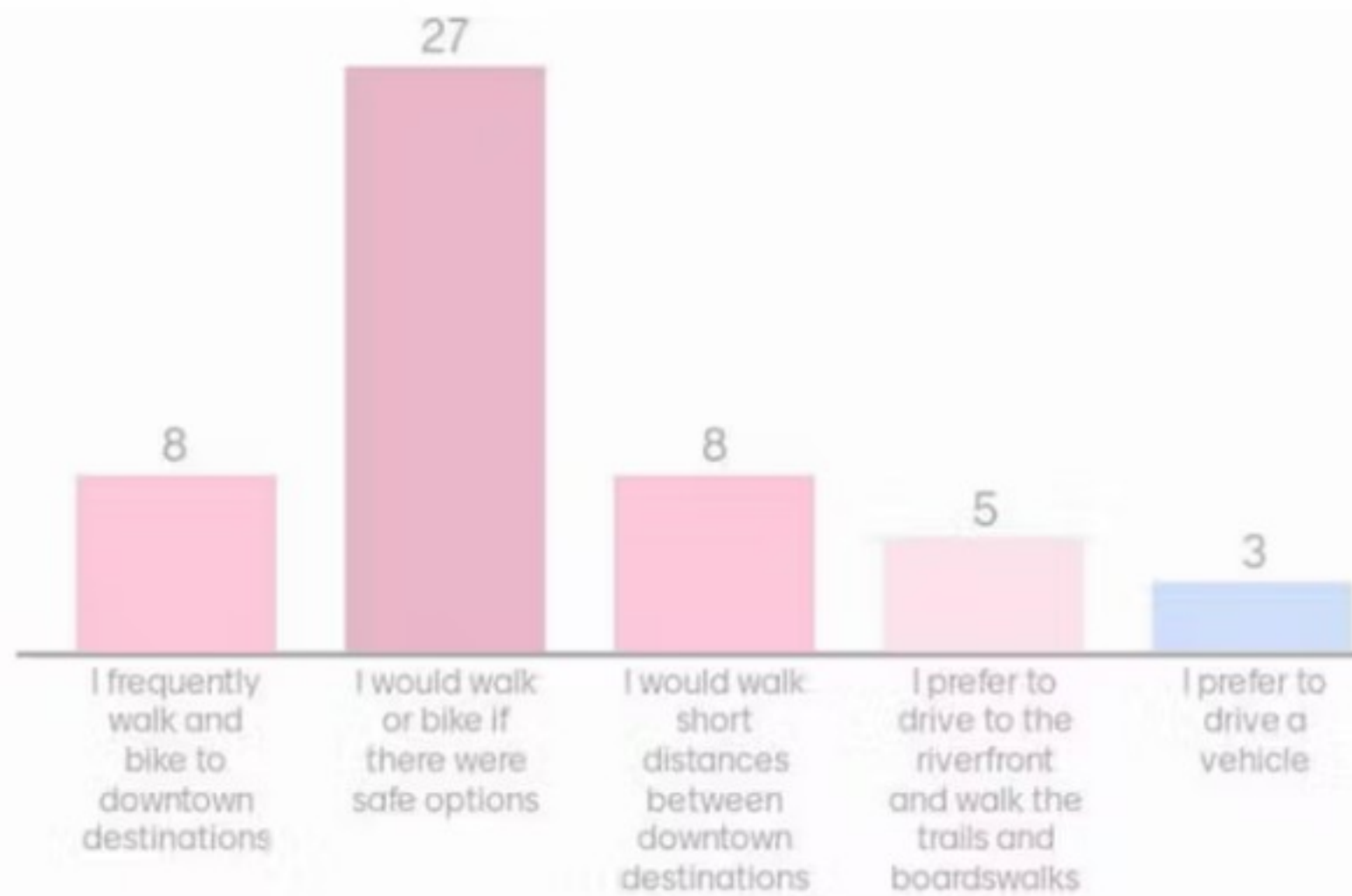
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“Walkability”



Ranked in **Top 2** aspirations for the downtown and riverfront area

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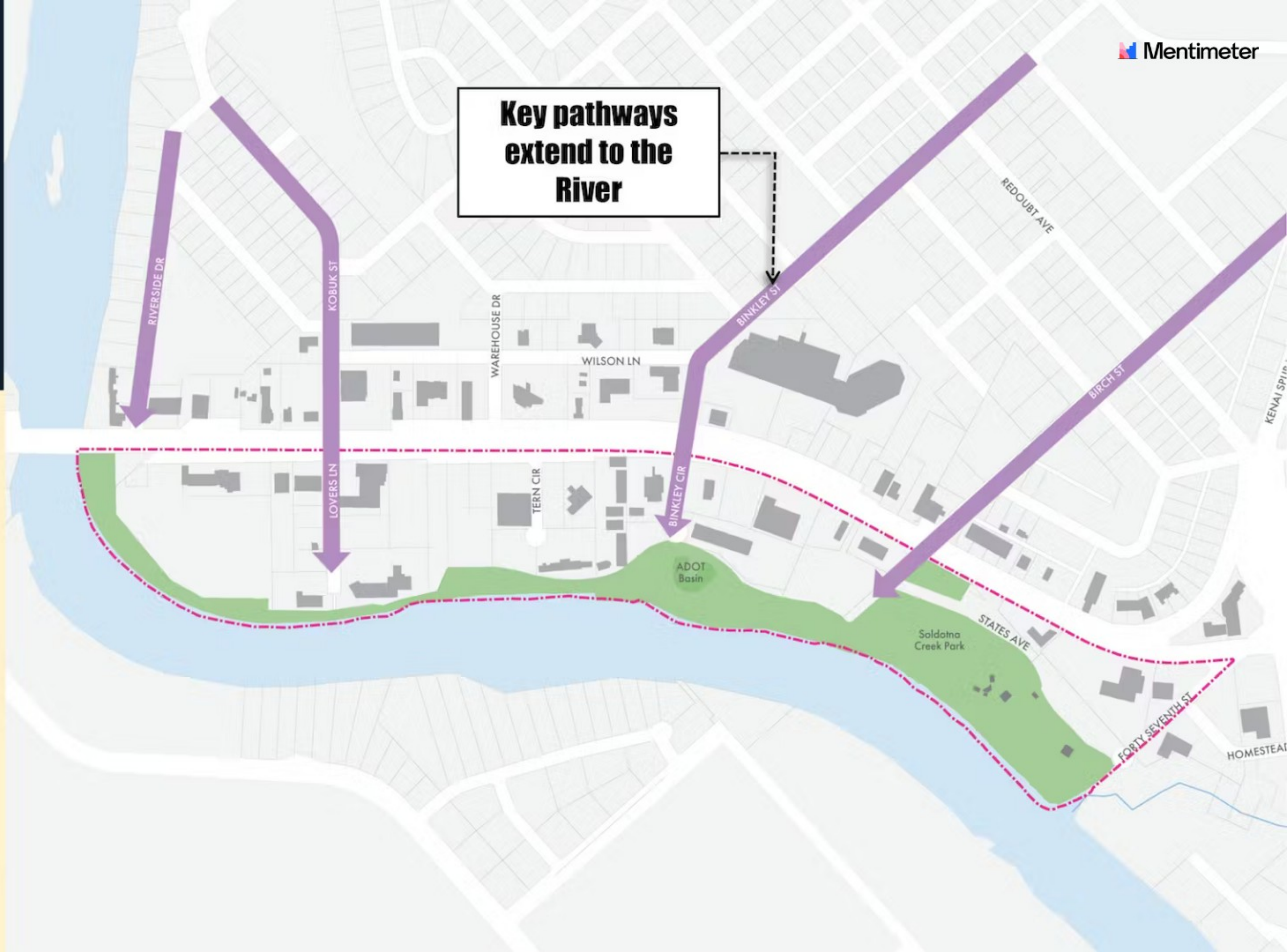


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New & Enhanced Streets Support Development at Hubs

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New & Enhanced Streets

Whitehorse Yukon

Storefronts and River Street

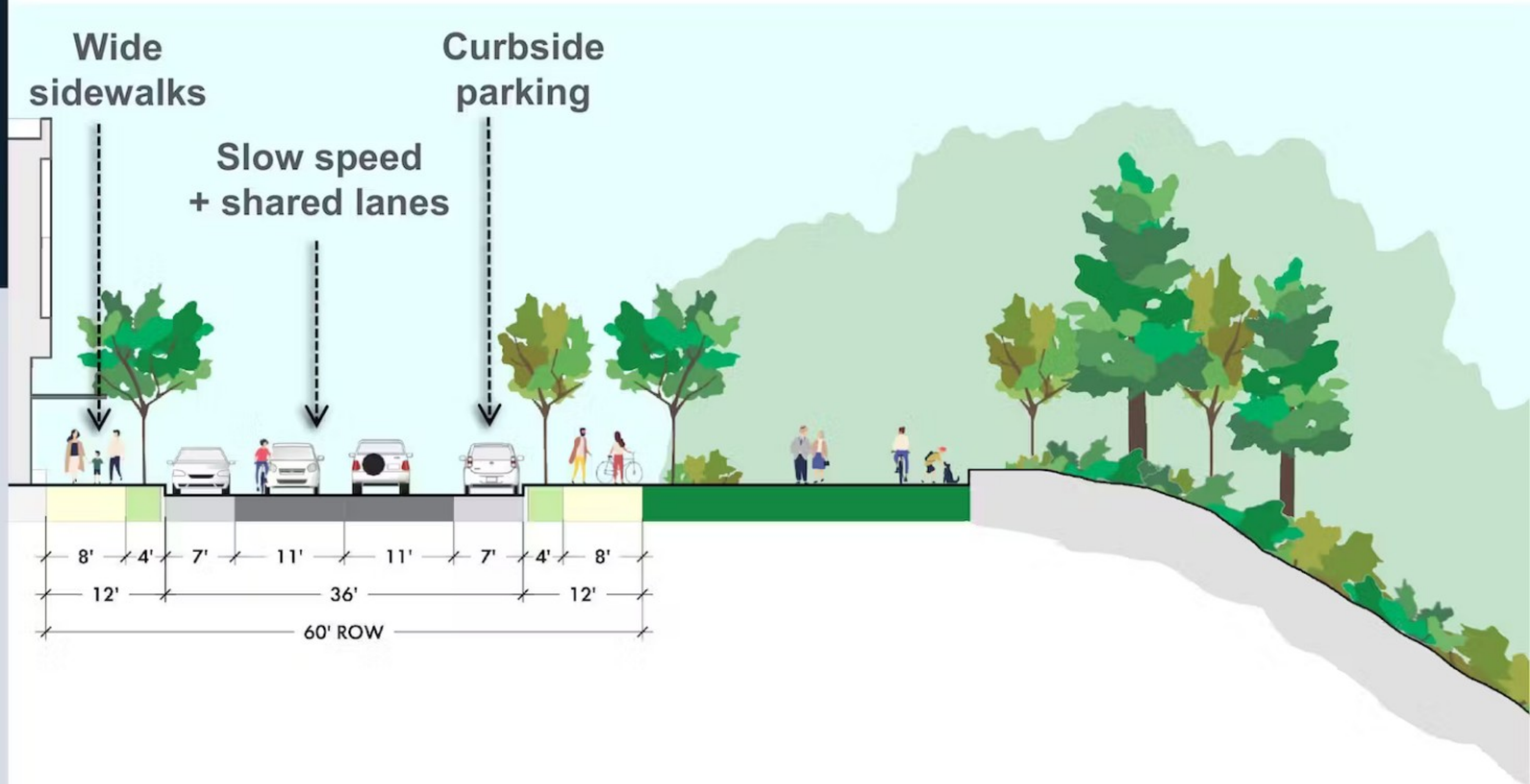


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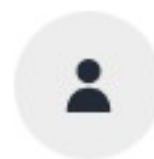


New & Enhanced Streets

The Bridgehead District
New Street, overlook and trail

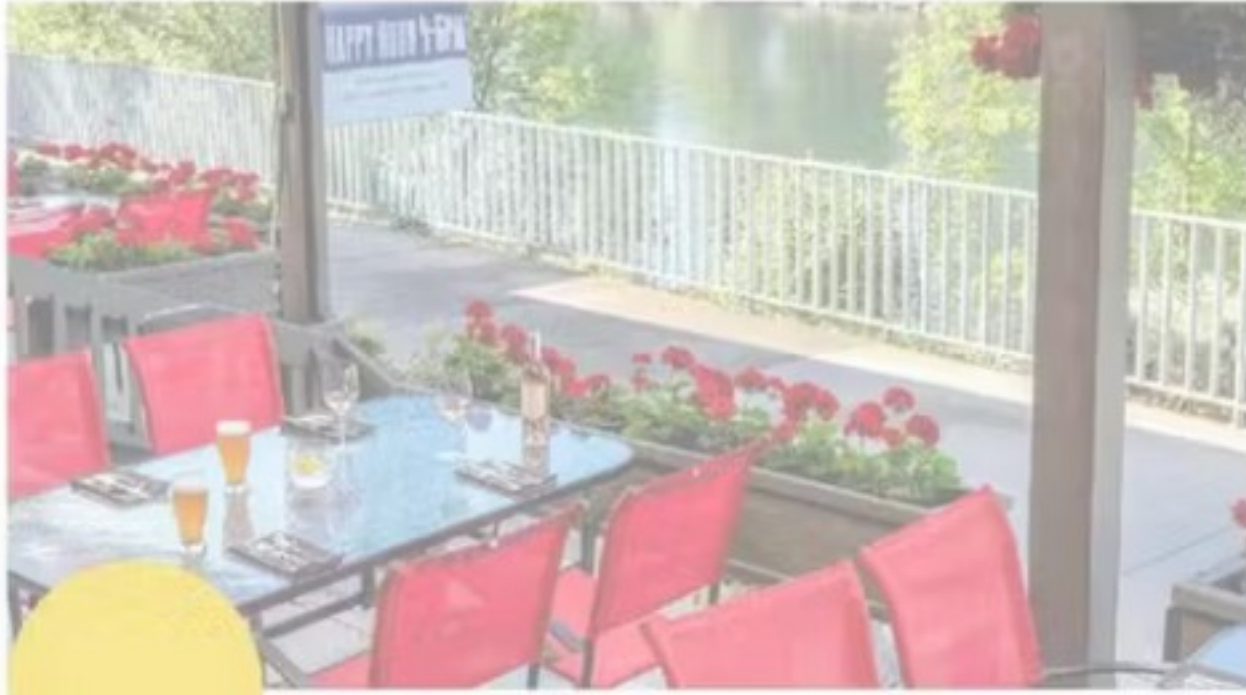


How can the design of infrastructure such as streets or public gathering areas support river and riparian health?

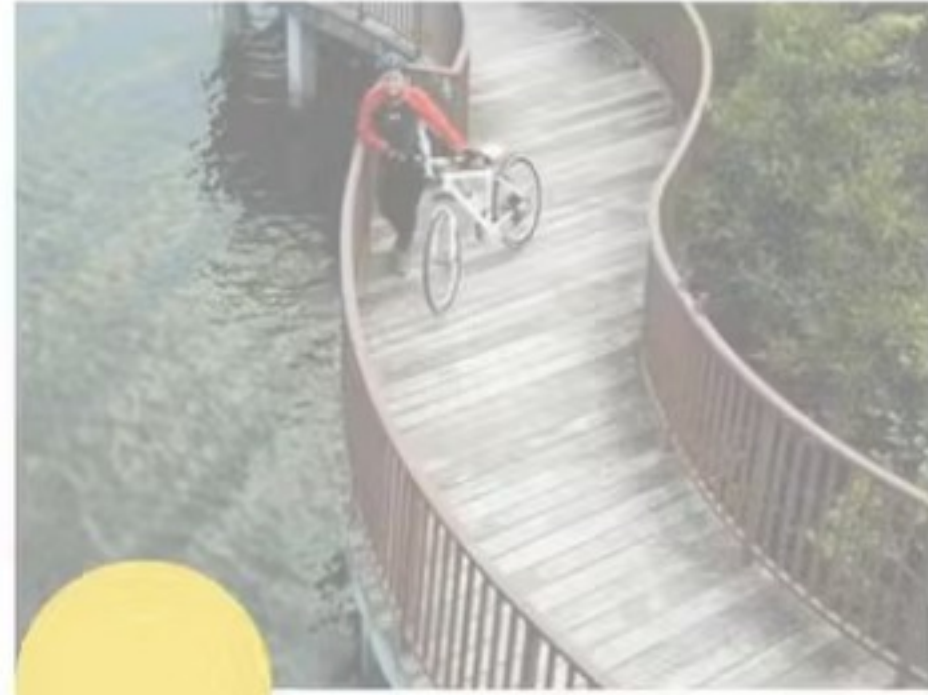


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Riverfront Dining
category ranked the highest with 26 dots total.



Riverwalk
category ranked second

Rank the most **desirable experiences for downtown**



Main Street
category ranked the high dots total.

65%

of respondees ranked **WALKABLE MAIN STREET** in the **top two** most desirable experiences.

47%

of respondees ranked **RIVERFRONT ENGAGEMENT** in the **top two** most desirable experiences.

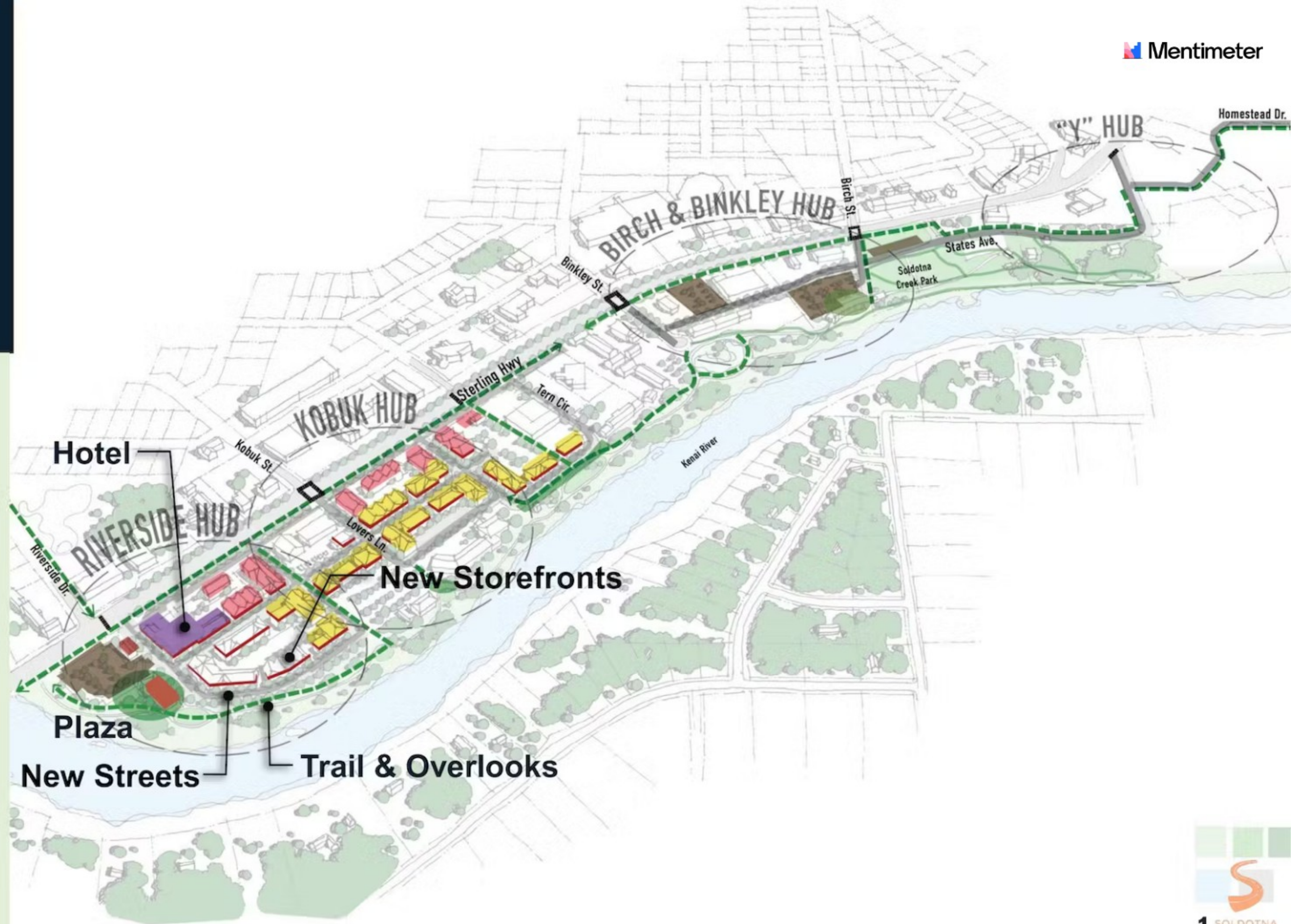


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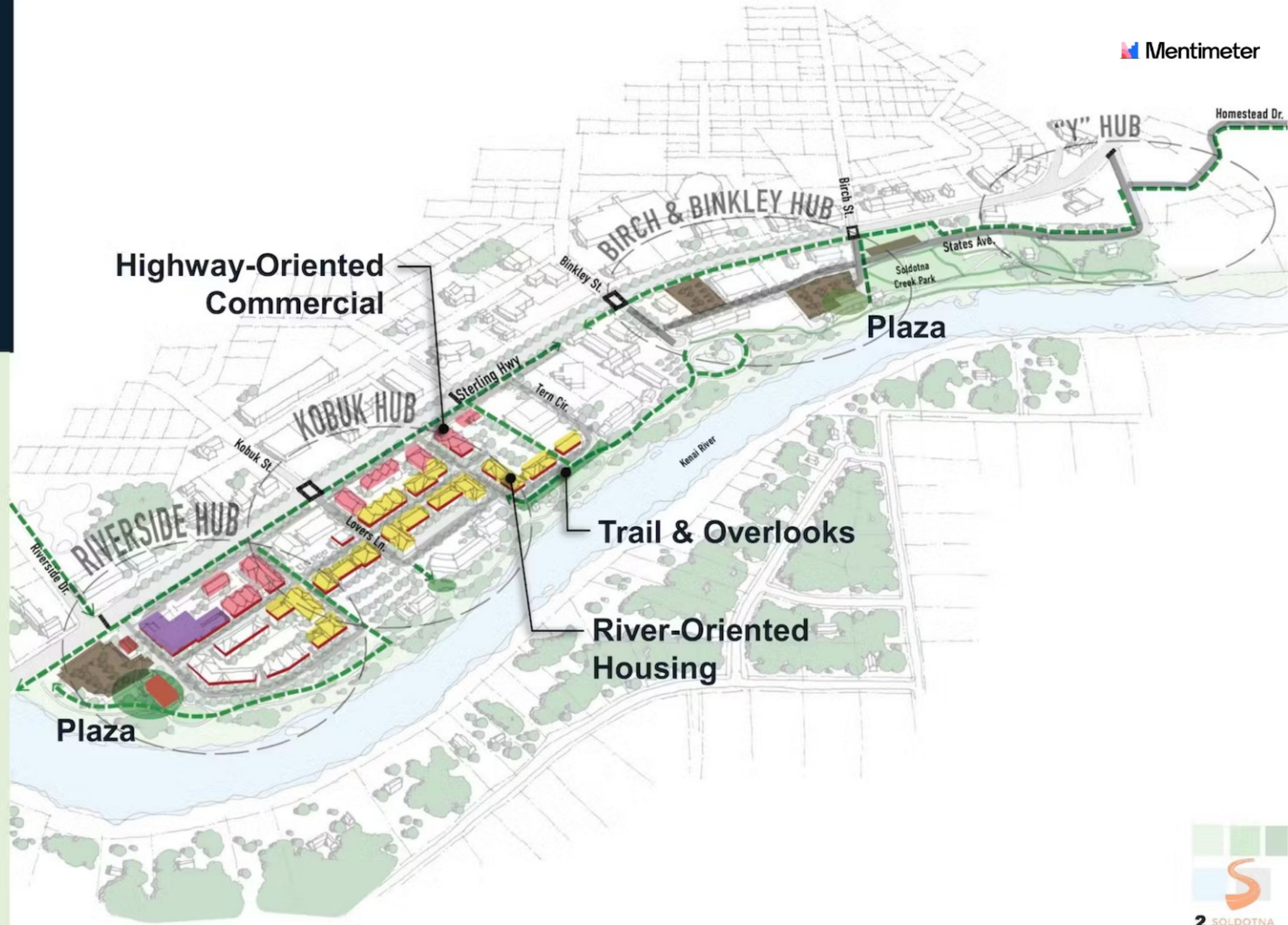
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What are major river and riparian habitat concerns with redevelopment?

invasive species

Instream sedimentation

Wildlife corridors

Bank erosion from increased foot traffic/bank access

Impervious surfaces & run-off pollution

Loss of riparian vegetation

Long term maintenance & trail sustainability

Other

HOW TO STAY ENGAGED



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Thank you!