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#### A Circular Argument: Can Ponds be Parks/Can Parks be Ponds? Combining SWM Infrastructure and Social Infrastructure



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## Case Study Saigon Park, Mississauga, ON



### Before

# Existing Site Elements Primarily vacant landsLow quality and underutilized (informal) cricket pitchHighly urbanized area with a lack of greenspace and amenities





## the Harry 20 Existing Hydrology 605 hectare drainage area Storm Sewer Outlet to Cooksville Creek • 2009 Flood Event

## Traditional Approach

- Difficult to realize the recreational opportunities SWM facilities provide using the traditional design approach
- Siloed and ad hoc
- Park users and spatial design are not considered until the later stages of the design process producing under-utilized urban spaces



## Multi-functional Approach



## The Design Process





Preliminary Facility Sizing

## The Design Process



Conceptual Park Design

#### SWM Design Refinement



Conceptual Design Refinement

Detailed Design & Construction Documentation

## Design Components

## Stormwater Infrastructure



## **Recreation & Streetscape Elements**







## Social Infrastructure



## Public Art



## **Economic Considerations**

- Parkland acquisition savings
- Mitigating Damage to Private Property
  - Average claim value for residential basement flooding caused by the 2013 event was \$40,000 (\$48,800 in 2022 dollars) (Intact, 2017)
  - Approximately 100 residential homes within the Creek's floodplain
  - Project ROI after 5 high intensity, short duration storm events
- Mitigate Damage to Public & Private Assets
  - Average annual cost of damages due to flooding in Cooksville Creek Watershed is approximately \$20 million (CVC, 2018)
  - ▶ Project ROI of 1.2 years



## **QUESTIONS ?**

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