

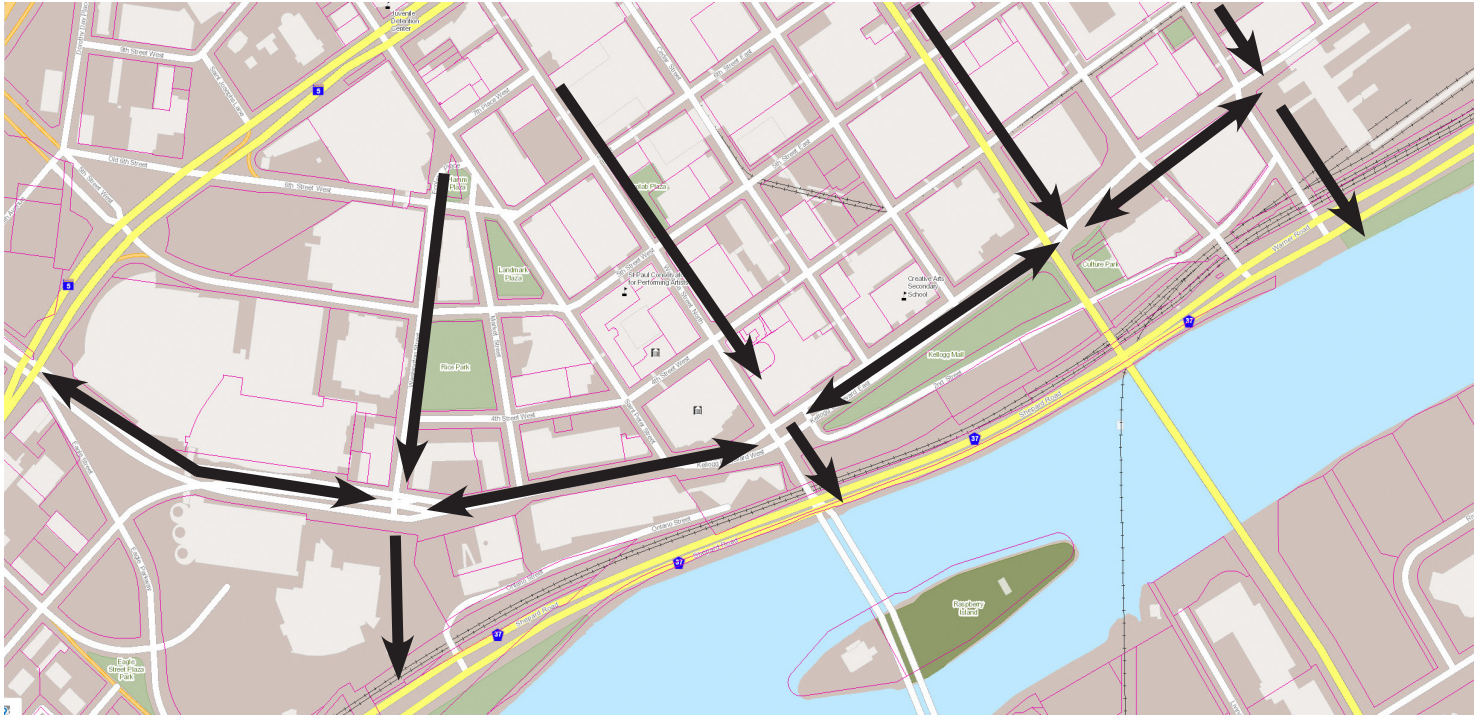


GREAT RIVER PASSAGE

RIVER BALCONY

Downtown Saint Paul River Bluff Promenade

CREATING A VISION FOR THE RIVER BALCONY



The **River Balcony** is a 1.5-mile promenade that extends along downtown Saint Paul’s signature Mississippi River bluff and down to the river. The River Balcony transforms urban infrastructure into public space that connects parks, civic landmarks, and private development along Kellogg Boulevard.

The promenade will include a series of centers of activity, serve as a catalyst for real-estate development, and raise visitor attendance to what has historically been the edge of downtown Saint Paul. The project will draw on multiple disciplines, including urban design and landscape architecture, to create a civic attraction that capitalizes on the views of and connections to the Mississippi River and become an international example of the highest quality sustainable design for a year-round urban experience.

PROJECT GOALS

- Create an authentic, signature project the length of the Saint Paul’s downtown river bluff
- Connect the city, residents and visitors to and along the river bluff and down to the River
- Activate the river bluff with three centers of activity located at sites of new development
- Reinforce Saint Paul’s identity as the River Capital

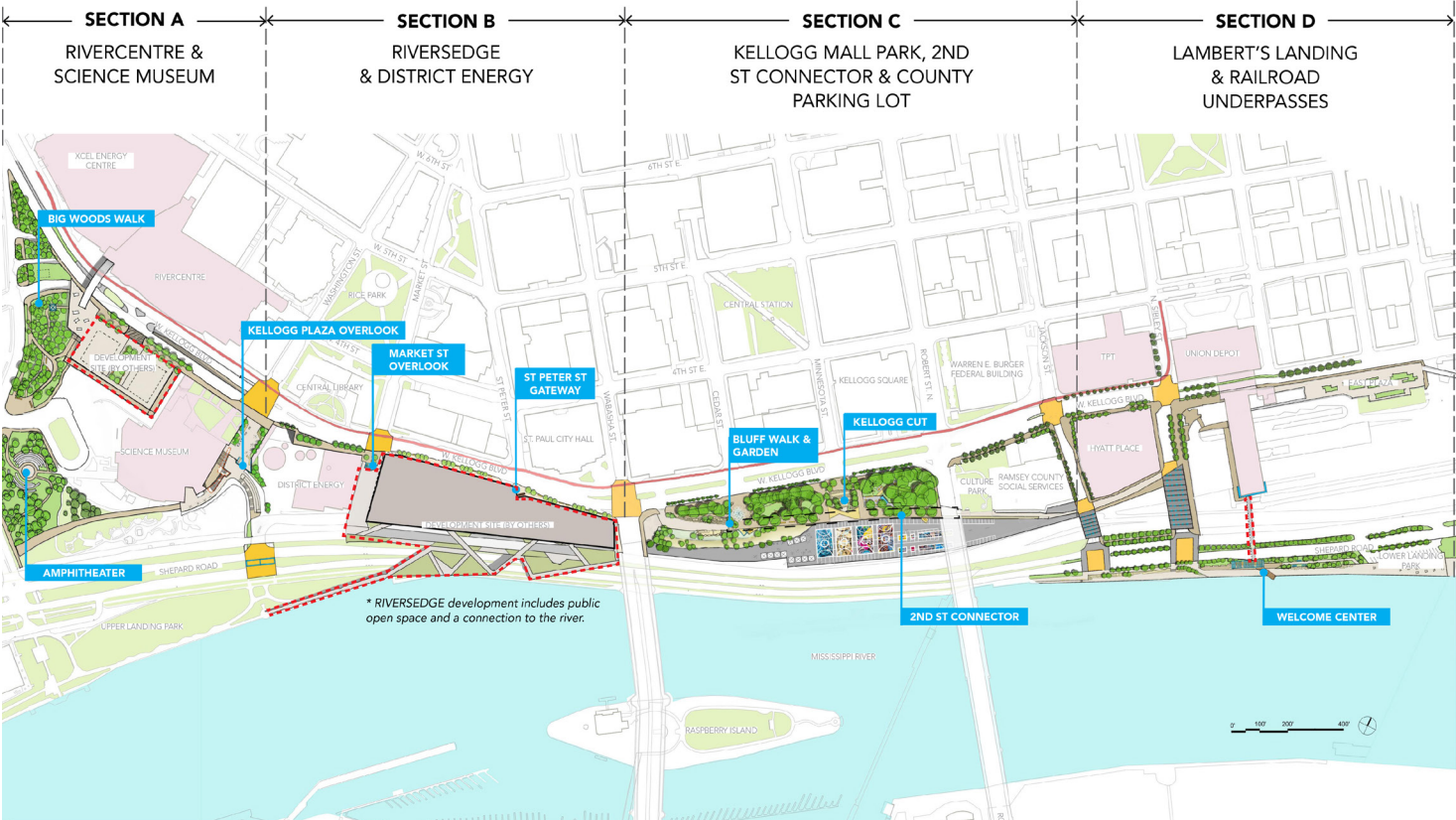
COMMUNITY-DRIVEN DESIGN

November 2022 the new schematic design of the River Balcony was completed by an interdisciplinary team of designers, engineers and engagement specialists led by James Corner of Field Operations.

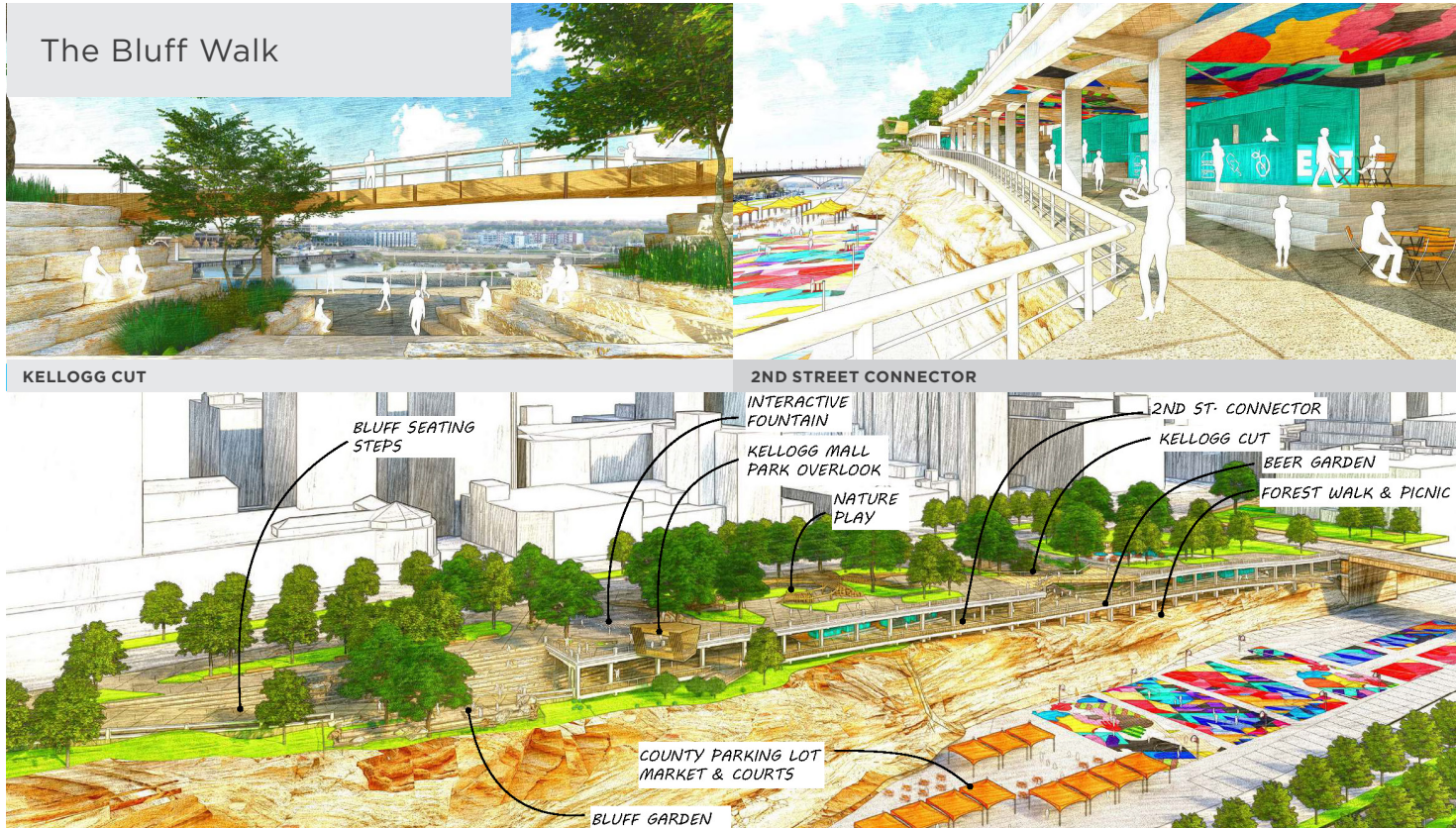
Known for their innovative work on the High Line in Manhattan, Field Operations is one of the foremost waterfront designers in North America. Throughout schematic design, they collaborated with the Conservancy and partners like 106 Group and Full Circle Indigenous Planning + Design to ensure a responsive, community-led design process.

Informed by community workshops and surveys, the design team identified several priorities, notably the need to connect people to the river by creating welcoming outdoor public spaces at the river’s edge and by linking development to the river. In the first River Balcony survey, more than 80% of survey respondents said they felt a stronger connection to the river after seeing the project designs.

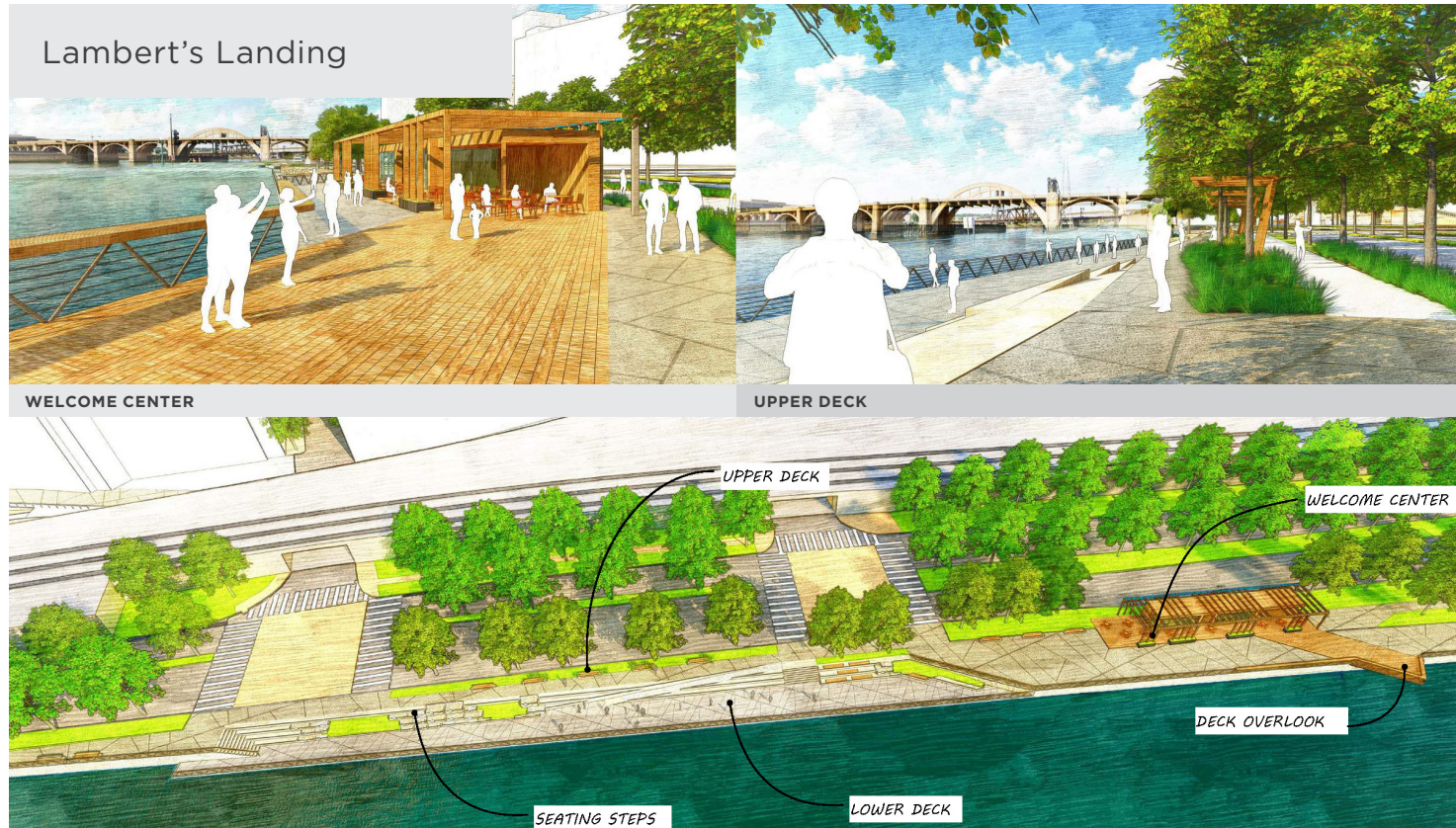
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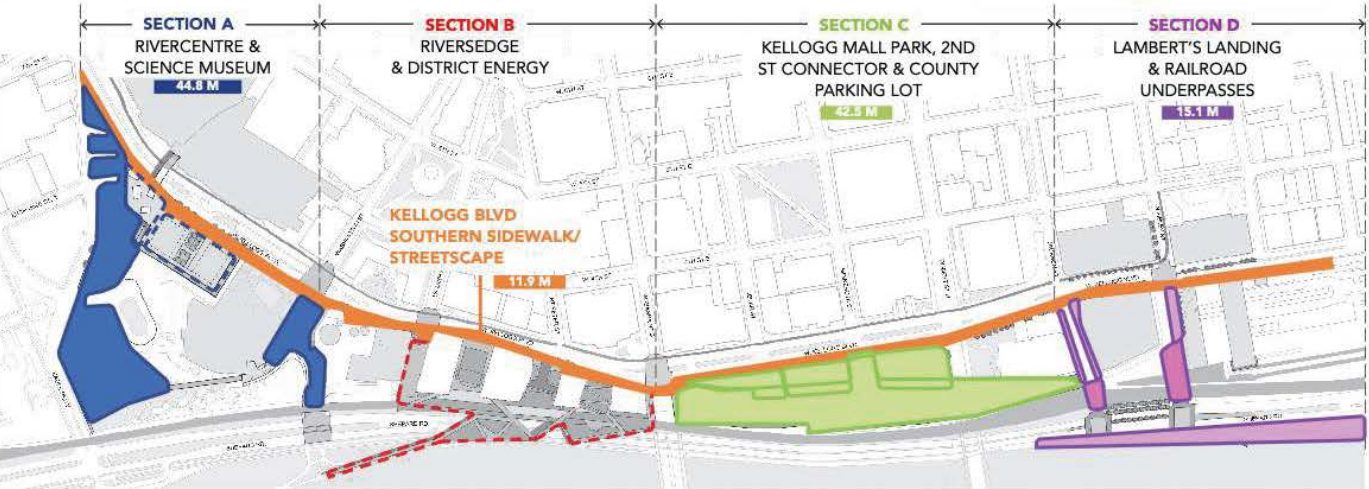
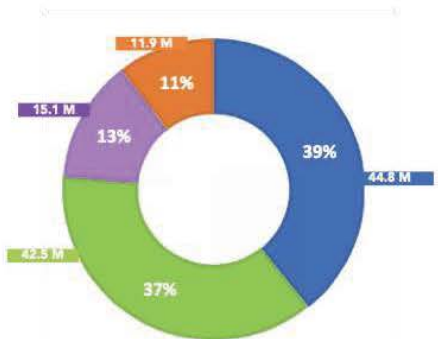


PHASING & COST ESTIMATE

BUDGET SUMMARY

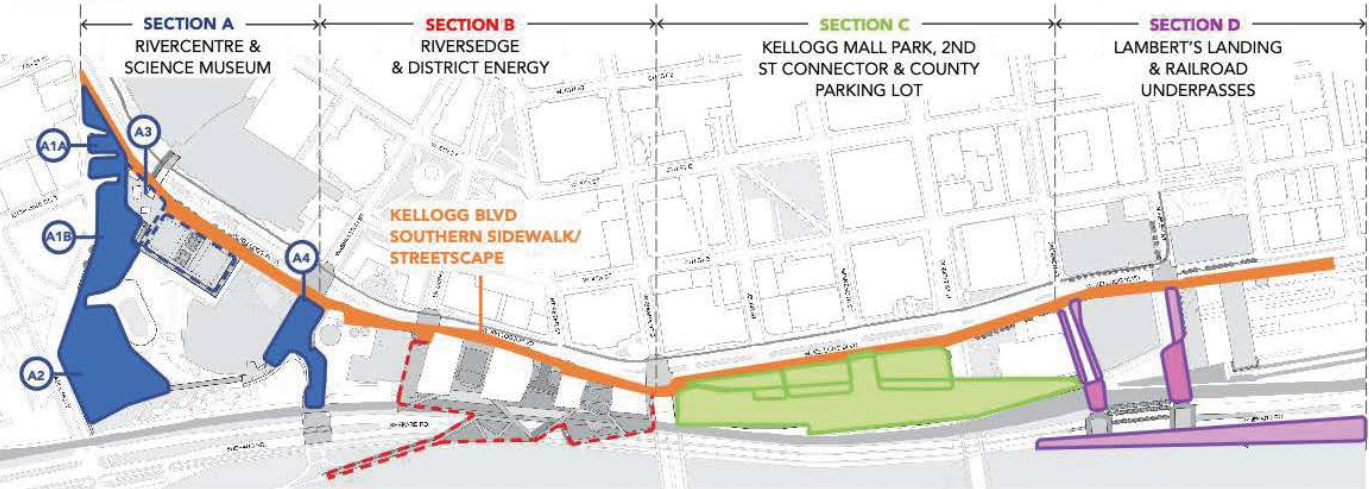
TOTAL = \$114.3 M

- The Schematic design cost estimate is a preliminary order-of- magnitude estimate conducted to understand high level costs that can be used to acquire funding for the project
- The preliminary construction phasing is a high level analysis conducted to understand priorities and coordination needs for the various components of the project



CONSTRUCTION PHASING

- A1-A, A1-B & A2 to be linked together and constructed as one project
 - A3 to be linked to RiverCenter Ramp development project and constructed along with it.
 - A4 to be linked to Science Museum projects and coordinated with Science Museum construction schedule
 - Market Street Overlook and sidewalk plaza to be constructed along with southern sidewalk to create a River Balcony node/ anchor in the near term. Overlook element can be treated as 'gateway' feature for future development
 - Replacement of any River Balcony elements/ improvements due to construction of future development to be required via instrument such as M.O.U or similar
 - C2 and C3, if needed can be developed as independent 'pocket projects'.
 - C1 and C4 should be linked for construction and is ideally constructed before C2 and C3 to avoid damage and subsequent spending for repair
 - Street Sidewalk projects (Kellogg, Sibley and Jackson) should ideally be linked as one project
 - Shepard Road strategies (to be coordinated in later design phases) should be linked with Lambert's Landing construction
- GENERAL
- Kellogg Blvd Southern sidewalk to be linked with Kellogg Bridge and bikeway project and coordinated with their construction schedule



LAYING A SUSTAINABLE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

River Balcony

Accomplishments to Date:

- Secured \$600,000 for schematic design
- Selected James Corner Field Operations to lead design
- Completed schematic design November 2022
- Created River Balcony governance structure

Next Steps:

With schematic design complete, we are now focused on these critical steps to bring the project's vision to fruition:

- Define partner roles and responsibilities
- Develop finance strategy
- Evaluate phasing timeline

Funders

- City of Saint Paul
- Ramsey County
- Metropolitan Council
- Ecolab
- Xcel Energy
- District Energy St. Paul
- RiverCentre
- Visit Saint Paul
- Knight Foundation
- Securian Financial
- Ruth and John Huss
- Capitol Region Watershed District



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