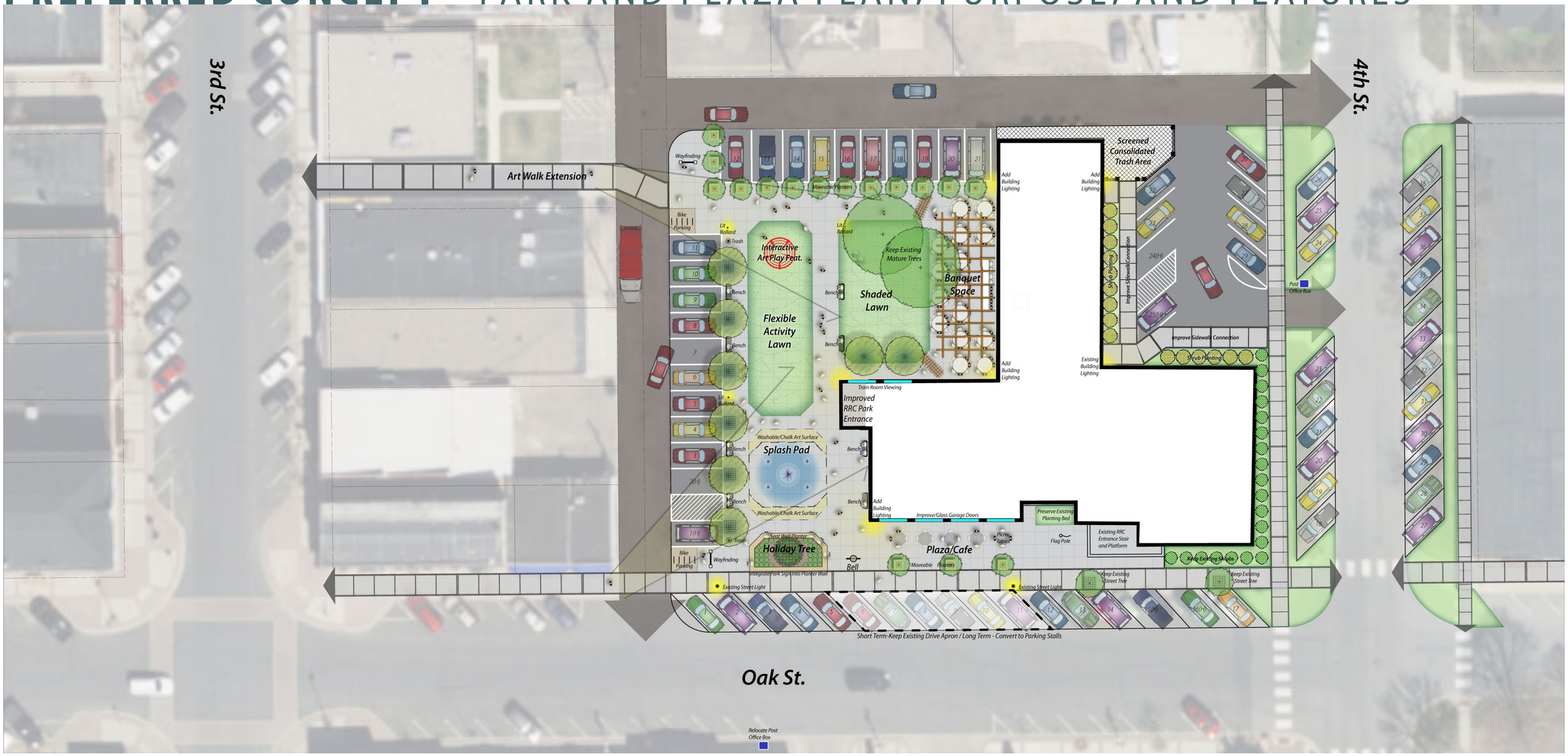
# PREFERRED CONCEPT - PARK AND PLAZA PLAN, PURPOSE, AND FEATURES




## PURPOSE:

**The impetus for this plaza/park concept was established in the Downtown Farmington Redevelopment Plan (Adopted in 2016) which identifies the need for a downtown 'destination' park/plaza. The current poor condition of the Rambling River Center parking lot presents an opportunity for the city to achieve many of the initiative laid out in the plan through the construction of the park/plaza and improvements to surrounding facilities. The preferred concept (shown above) help facilitate these initiatives by:**

- **Adding a Downtown Destination -** Create a major park and plaza destination with features that will attract both residents and visitors to Downtown Farmington
- **Being Attractive and Interesting-** Create a park and plaza which provides a variety of amenities and activities that offer year round interest for a broad range of users
- **Being Flexible -** Create a park with a series of unique interconnected spaces which are flexible enough to accommodate range of community events from daily use to major events
- **Being Safe and Organized -** Enhance safety and visual quality of the park and adjoining areas by improving visibility, lighting, and circulation while minimizing the impacts on existing parking
- **Improving Function and Efficiency -** Accommodate existing community events and the proposed park program while providing a long term net gain in public parking and improved access for RRC users, local businesses and the adjacent neighborhood

## KEY PARK FEATURES

- Interactive at-grade splash pad (can be turned off to enlarge plaza space for events)
- Indoor/outdoor flexible space (Garage Renovation) with picnic table seating and glass roll-up doors can host music, food and beverages, art, classes, and more
- Interactive art that is visually interesting and physically accessible for climbing, etc.
- Prominent location for existing historic bell
- Lawn areas with sun and shade for picnicking, performance/movie watching, and more
- Rentable indoor/outdoor banquet space for private and public events/festivals
- Improve parking circulation and efficiency creating 67 total spaces including 6 handicap accessible spaces, a net gain of 1 space over the existing lot
- Screen unattractive alley features using existing trees, tree planting, and planters/pots and guide views inward towards planting, art work, splash pad and other park features
- Enhance safety and visibility by maintaining clear sight lines throughout the park, providing additional lighting, and activating the space with users during all ours of operation

## POTENTIAL PARK EVENTS/USES

### Existing (and Proposed) Major Uses:

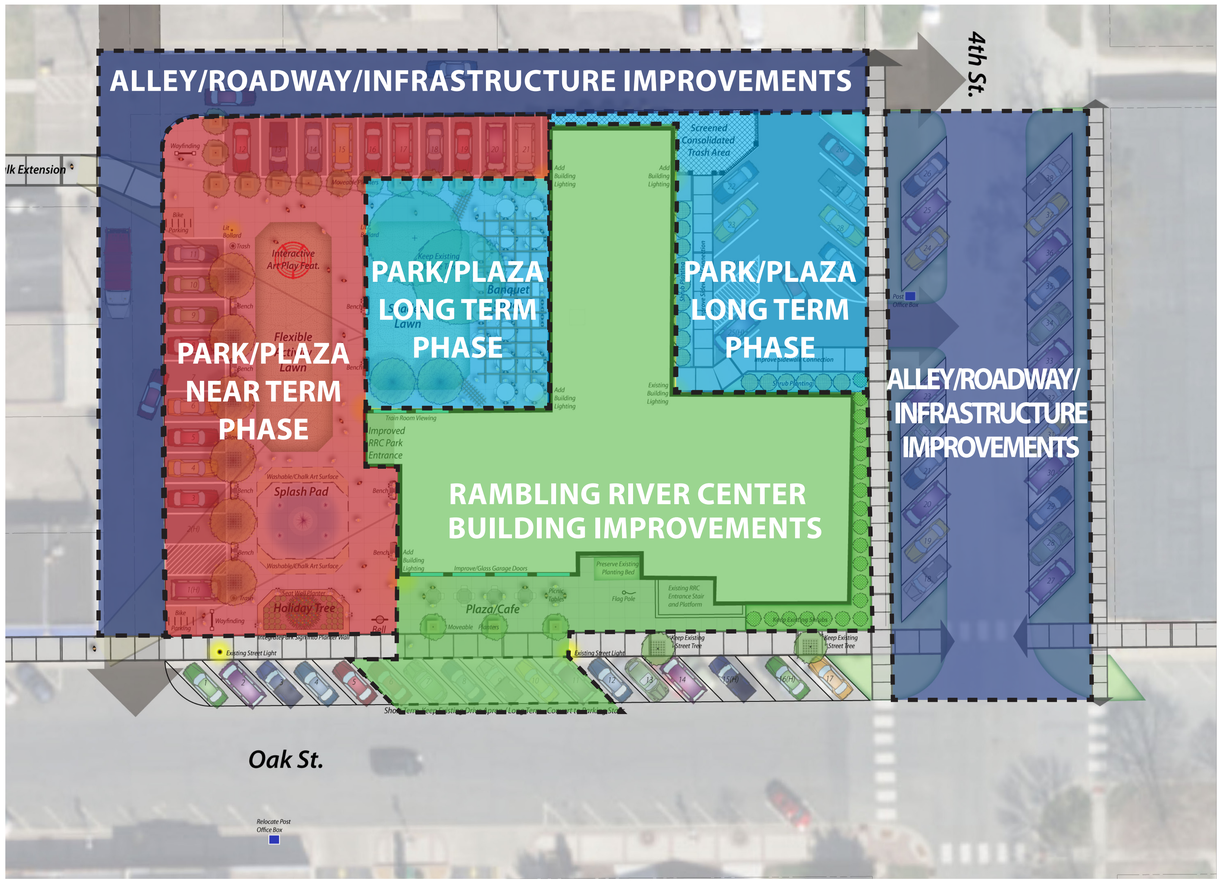
- Dew Days
- Concert in the Park
- Movie Night in the Park (On Lawn/Plaza w/ Inflatable Screen)
- Holiday Tree Lighting
- Farmers Market
- Live Performances (Music, etc.)
- Annual Art Exhibition/Festival
- Beer and Wine Tasting
- Food Truck/Restaurant Venue (Garage Space)

### Existing (and Proposed) Daily Uses:

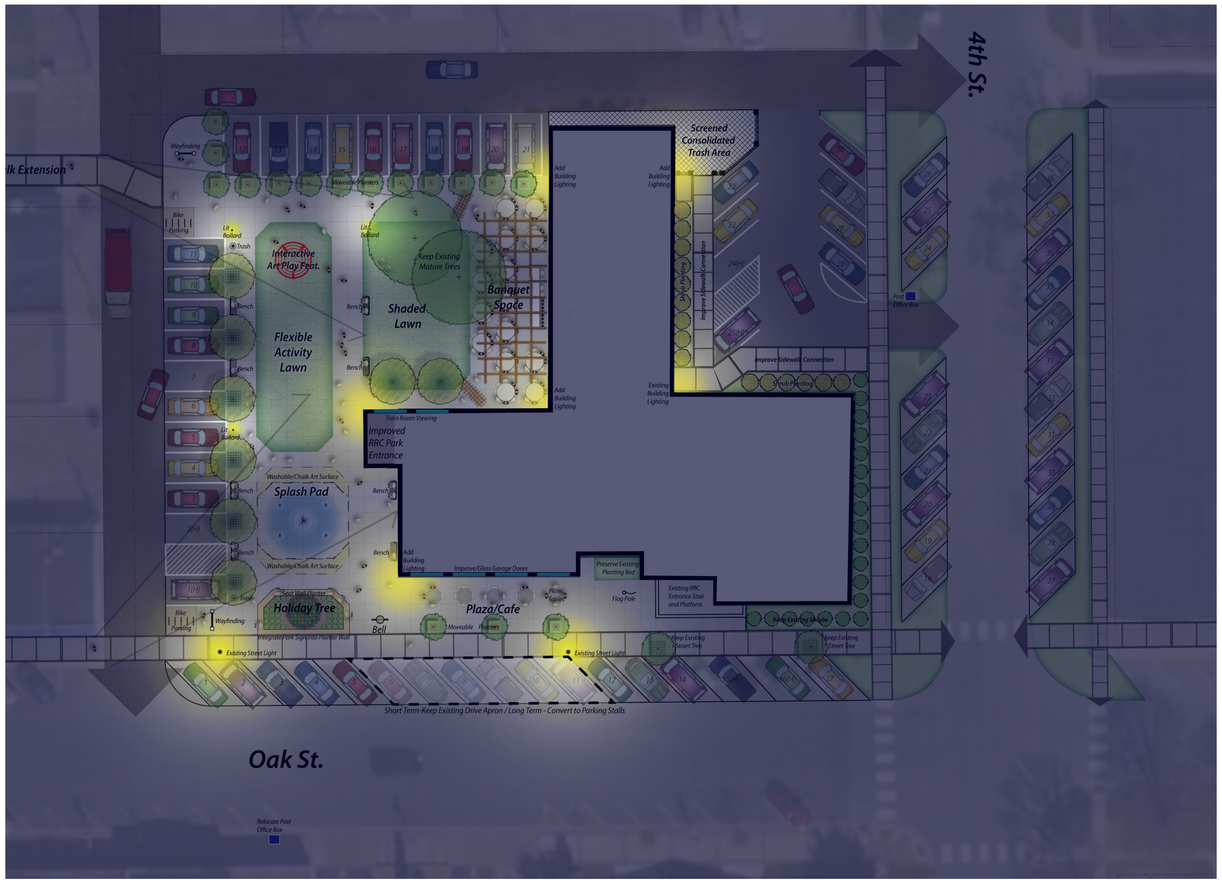
- Downtown Lunch-Hour Destination
- A Destination for Children and Parents
- Outdoor Green Space/Refuge
- Bike/Trail Amenity Destination
- RRC Indoor/Outdoor Activity Space
- Private Event Space
- RRC, Local Business, and Neighborhood Parking
- Permanent Home for Historic Bell
- Long Term Art Exhibition

# PREFERRED CONCEPT - PHASING DIAGRAM, LIGHTING DIAGRAM, AND AMENITIES

## PHASING DIAGRAM




## PARK/PLAZA LIGHTING




## POTENTIAL AMENITIES EXAMPLES

INTERACTIVE ART/WATER FEATURE

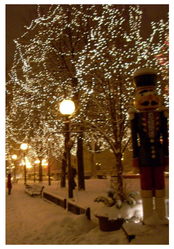
OUTDOOR BANQUET AREA/PATIO

BIKE PARKING AND AMENITIES

PLAY SCULPTURE / INTERACTIVE ART

CAFE SPACE / GLASS GARAGE DOORS

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING



SPLASH PAD / FOUNTAIN

## MATERIALS/FEATURES/PLANTING

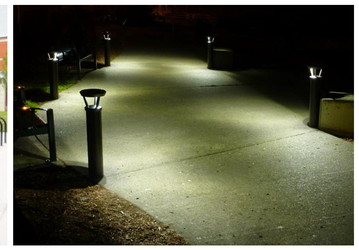
SEATING

BENCHES

PAVING COLOR/PATTERN

PLANTERS

SITE FURNISHINGS


LIGHTING AND SAFETY

WAYFINDING/SIGNAGE