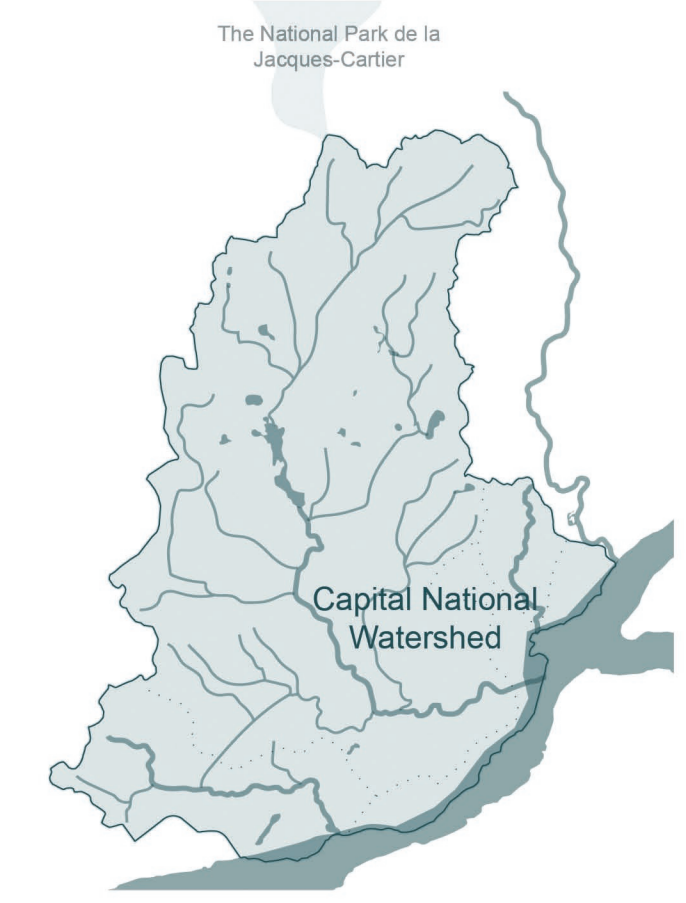
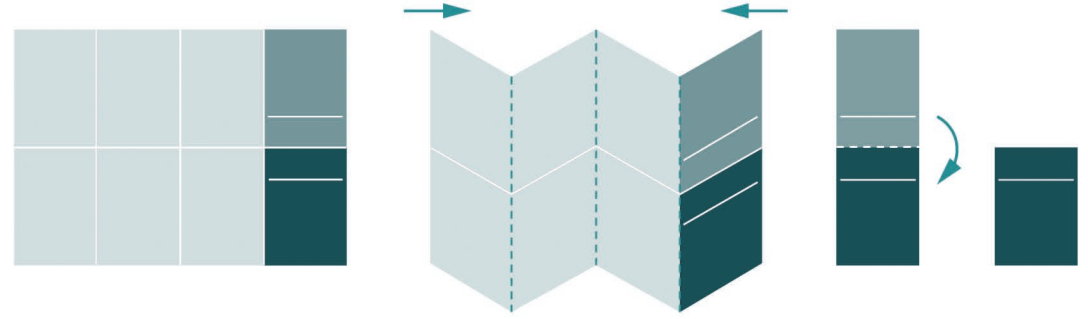


NATIONAL URBAN PARK OF QUEBEC

PARC DES QUATRE RIVIÈRES



A guide to making Quebec a Water City



NATIONAL URBAN PARK

A National Urban Park is a collection of naturally, culturally, and agriculturally important landscapes. All can be found within the Capital National Watershed and even more so in the City of Quebec!



Landscapes of a National Urban Park

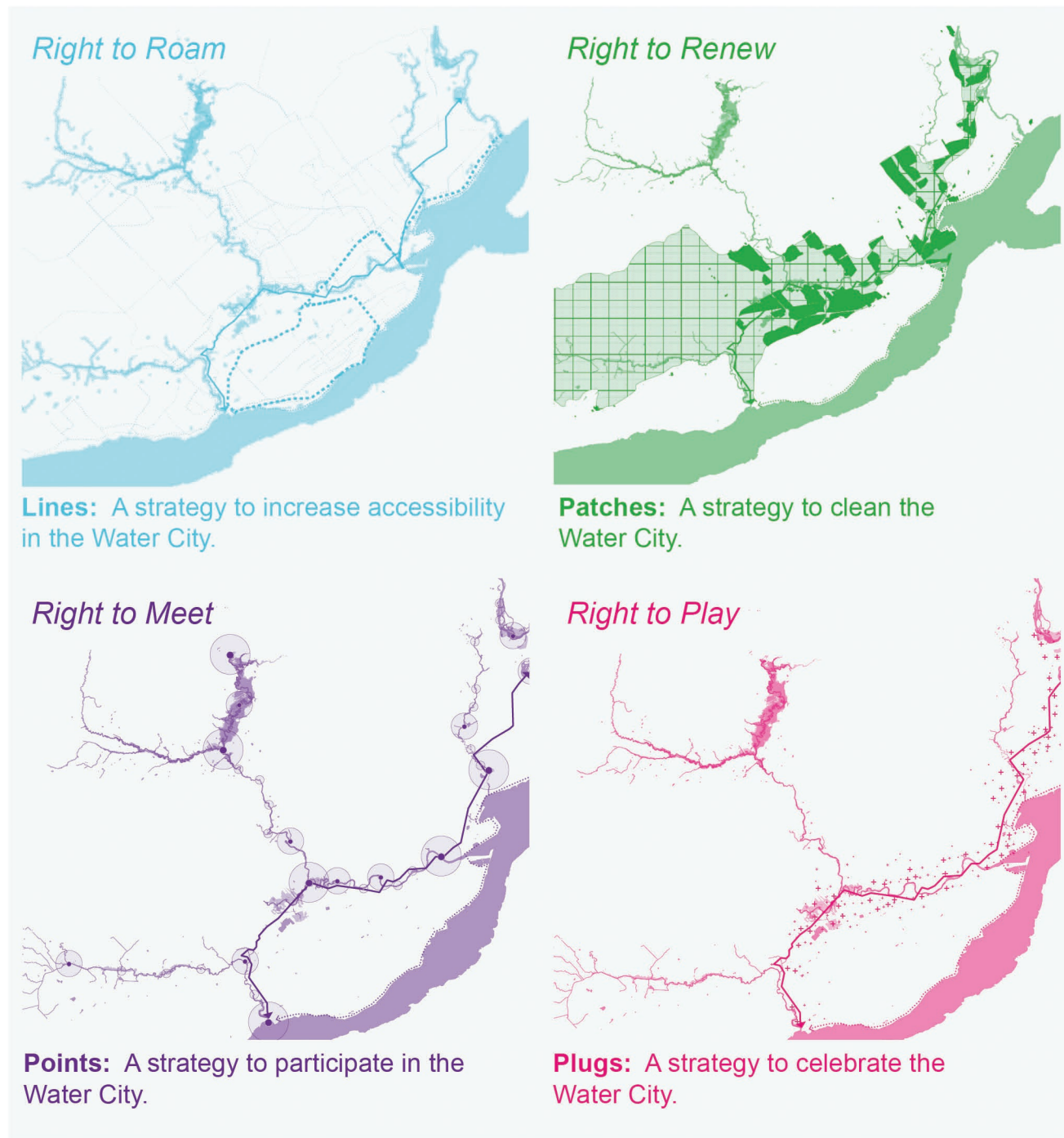
Our proposal works at multiple scales to deliver a guide for transitioning the Capital National Watershed into a National Urban Park. This guide outlines a series of large and small scale measures which can be employed during the process of making Quebec a Water-City.

Canada has a rich history of developing national parks, protecting land for public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment, and maintaining iconic landscapes for the unborn generations. The Parc des Quatre Rivières can be used as a new bio-physical border within and around the city which can influence the city to grow towards its rivers, and blur the lines between the natural and the urban.

The park is based on the philosophy of Every Man's Right, and is realized through four strategies: Lines, Patches, Points, and Plugs.

The four strategies and the over-arching umbrella of the National Urban Park work both in the short-term and long-term with varying levels of interventions, and have different natures physically. They are the layers which overlap to create a symbiotic approach to revive, transform, engage, and activate the public to the diversity of the riparian landscapes in the region.

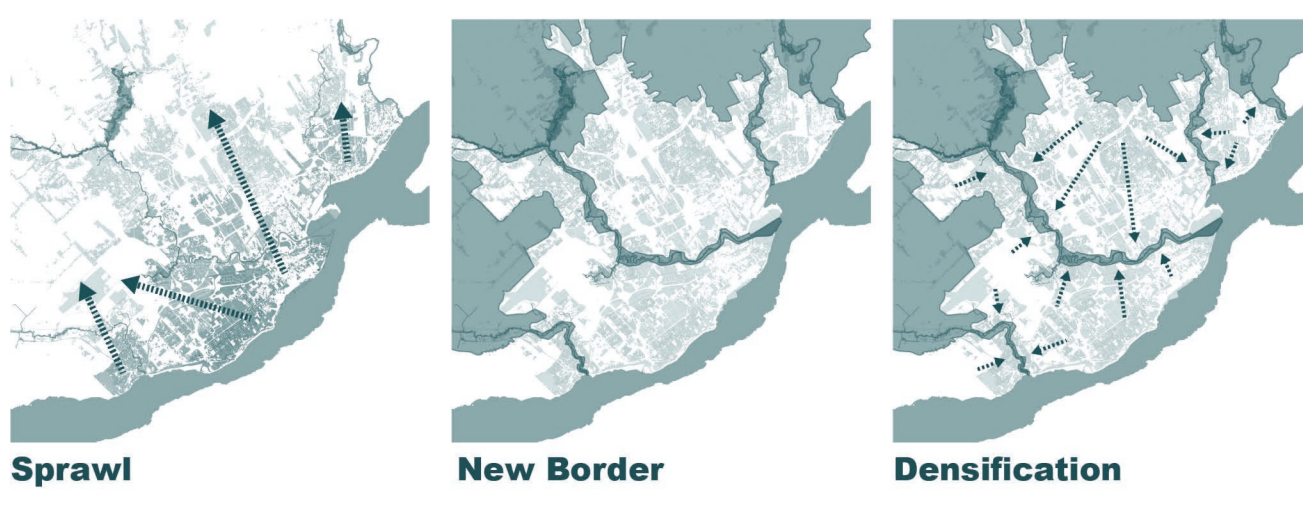
The advantages that can be gained from maintaining a national urban park include: ecological health, sustainability, contact with nature, education, public engagement, respect and partnerships, diversity, local heritage, and a common understanding of urban ecology.



Four Strategies

BACK TO THE RIVERS

The first settlements in Quebec city were intricately linked to the rivers. More recent development in the form of sprawl, however, has caused a disconnect with the river and Quebec City's neighborhoods. By drawing a border around the city's natural, cultural and agricultural landscapes, we can put a cap on sprawl and begin to densify more sustainably within the city's existing fabric. Densification and re-development opens an opportunity for the city to create a new relationship to its rivers.

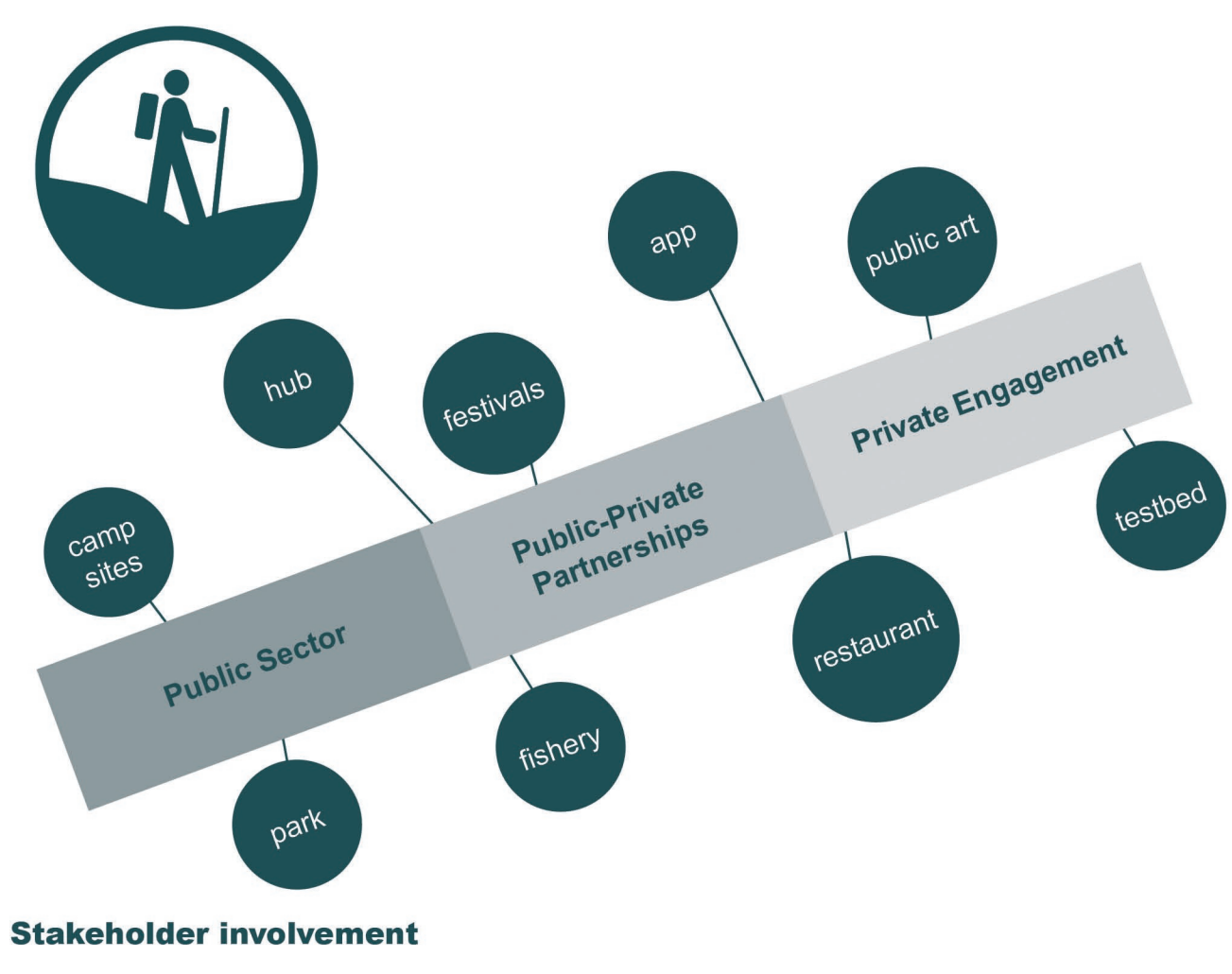


Sprawl, New Border, Densification

EVERY MANS RIGHT

The Rivers have been privatized due to industry and residential development. In order to make Quebec a Water City the people need to interact, explore and enjoy the rivers. As a tool to work with private and public landownership it is suggested to adopt the Scandinavian model of the right to roam. This change in policy can be used to develop a public stewardship towards the rivers, and increase access to the riparian corridors, enhancing an appreciation for nature and water in the city.

Public access need not burden the municipality with the brunt of financial strains. Implementation can be driven by the public sector, but also adopted by public-private and private citizen involvement. While the rivers themselves and some of the natural and cultural landscapes may fall within the city's scope, some of the industrial and agricultural transformation can be encouraged within the private sector through tax incentives, for example. Public art and digital platforms can be entirely operated by community groups who wish to 'plug in' to the city's collective transformation effort.

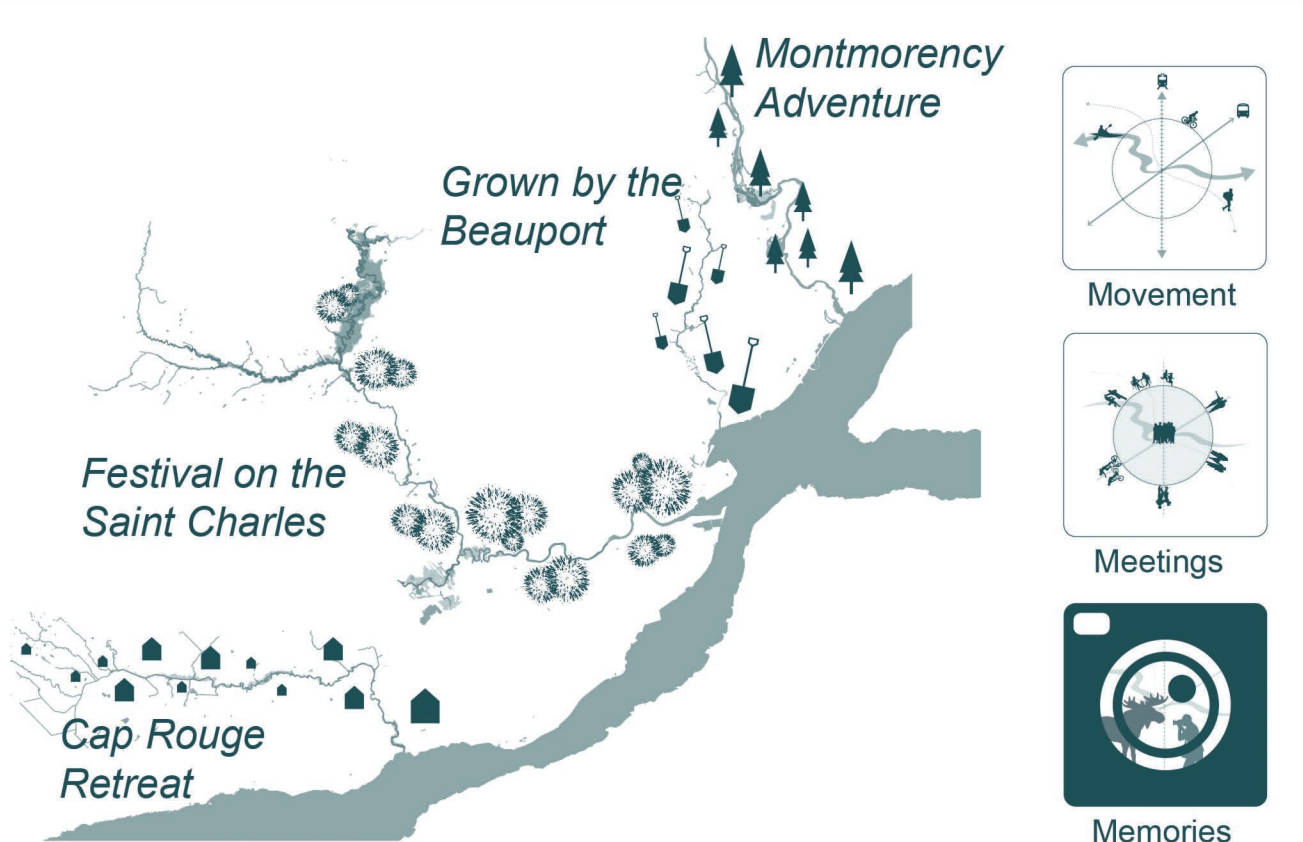


Stakeholder involvement

IDENTITY & HALLMARKS

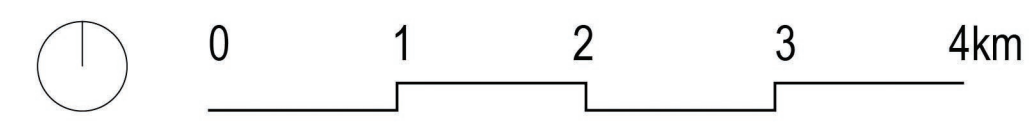
Quebec's rivers are its life veins! However, today they are the forgotten souls of the city. Quebec has one of the strongest identities out of any city in Canada. Its rivers deserve the same! The rivers will be the highlights of the city. The basins collect diversity, are explored, cared for and become integral to the environmental and socially resilient future of Quebec. All of the rivers have unique identities and opportunities waiting to be re-discovered and shared with the world.

Float down the Cultural Cap Rouge. Celebrate along the Saint Charles. Get productive on the Beauport. Tame Montmorency the Wild. Enjoy the Water City & Parc des Quatre Rivières!



LEGEND

- Lines
 - Train (Blue Line)
 - River Corridors
 - Green Mobility Network (existing)
- Patches
 - Productive Transformation Areas
- The Green Thread
 - Promenade Samuel de Champlain
- Points
 - Small Hubs
 - Large Hubs
 - Super Hubs
- Plugs
 - Installation / Information
- Area of Interest
 - CR1
 - GT1
 - SC1
 - B1
 - M2
- Water
 - Rivers
 - Lakes
 - Watershed



GOALS

125 KM PUBLIC WALKABLE RIVERFRONT	100% GREEN MOBILITY	NET ZERO INDUSTRIAL FOOTPRINT	#1 IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	SWIMABLE RIVERS	30% FOOD SOURCED LOCALLY	NEW JOBS CREATED FROM PRODUCTIVE MARKETS	#1 SOCIAL CITY RANKING	100% USER PARTICIPATION IN THE CITY
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