

The Salmon Run

A Restoration & Recreation Plan for the Valley Creek Watershed in Port Angeles WA

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This We Know.

We are the earth, through the plants and animals that nourish us. We are the rains and the oceans that flow through our veins. We are the breath of the forests of the land, and the plants of the sea. We are human animals, related to all other life as descendants of the firstborn cell. We share with these kin a common history, written in our genes. We share a common present, filled with uncertainty. And we share a common future, as yet untold. We humans are but one of thirty million species weaving the thin layer of life enveloping the world. The stability of communities of living things depends upon this diversity. Linked in that web, we are interconnected - using, cleansing, sharing, and replenishing the fundamental elements of life. Our home, planet Earth, is finite, all life shares its resources and the energy from the sun, and therefore has limits to growth. For the first time, we have touched those limits. When we compromise the air, the water, the soil and the variety of life, we steal from the endless future to serve the fleeting present.

This We Believe.

Humans have become so numerous and our tools so powerful that we have driven fellow creatures to extinction, dammed the great rivers, torn down ancient forests, poisoned the earth, rain and wind, and ripped holes in the sky. Our science has brought pain as well as joy; our comfort is paid for by the suffering of millions. We are learning from our mistakes, we are mourning our vanished kin, and we now build a new politics of hope. We respect and uphold the absolute need for clean air, water and soil. We see that economic activities that benefit the few while shrinking the inheritance of many are wrong. And since environmental degradation erodes biological capital forever, full ecological and social cost must enter all equations of development. We are one brief generation in the long march of time; the future is not ours to erase. So where knowledge is limited, we will remember all those who will walk after us, and err on the side of caution.

This We Resolve.

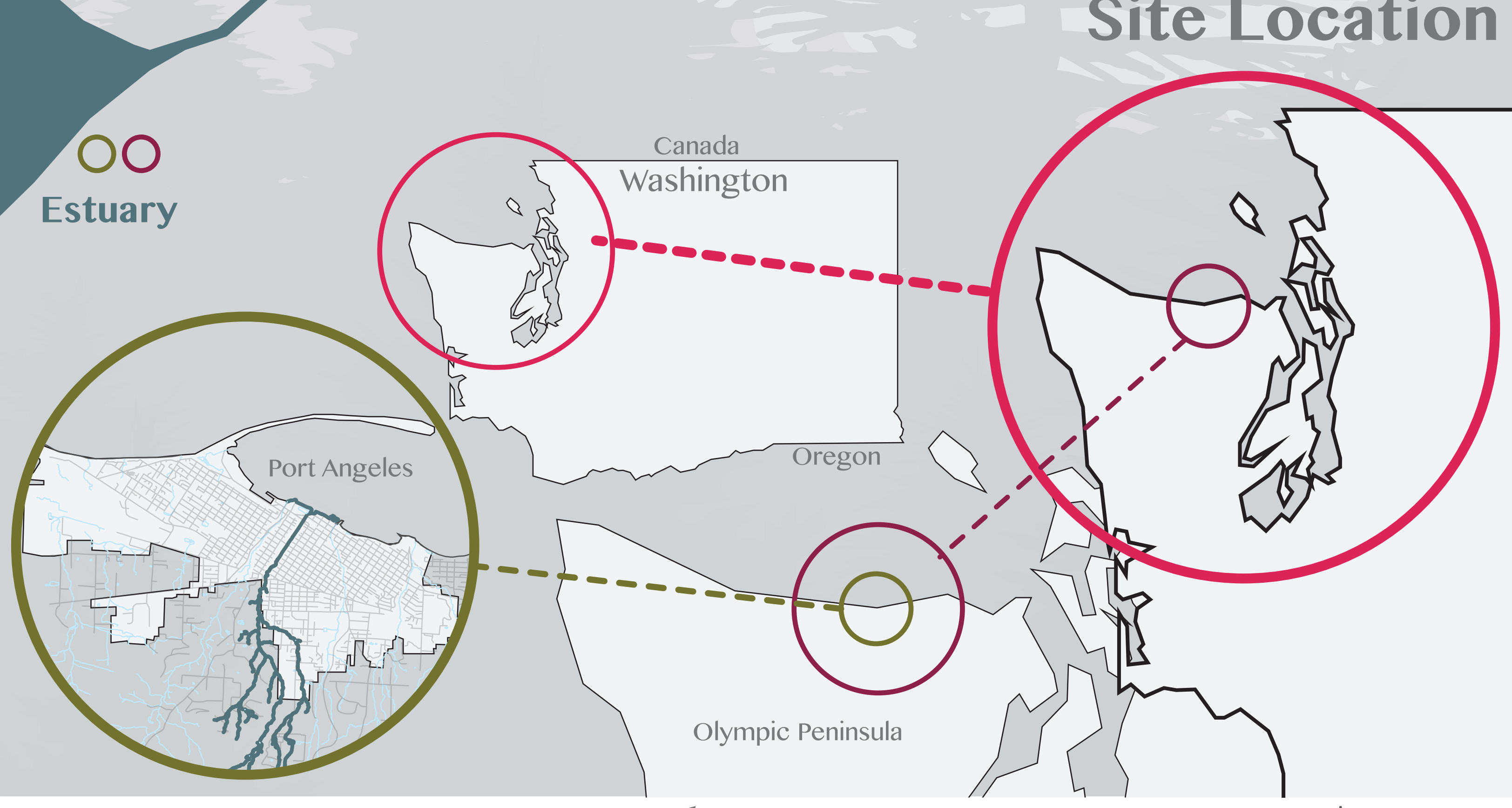
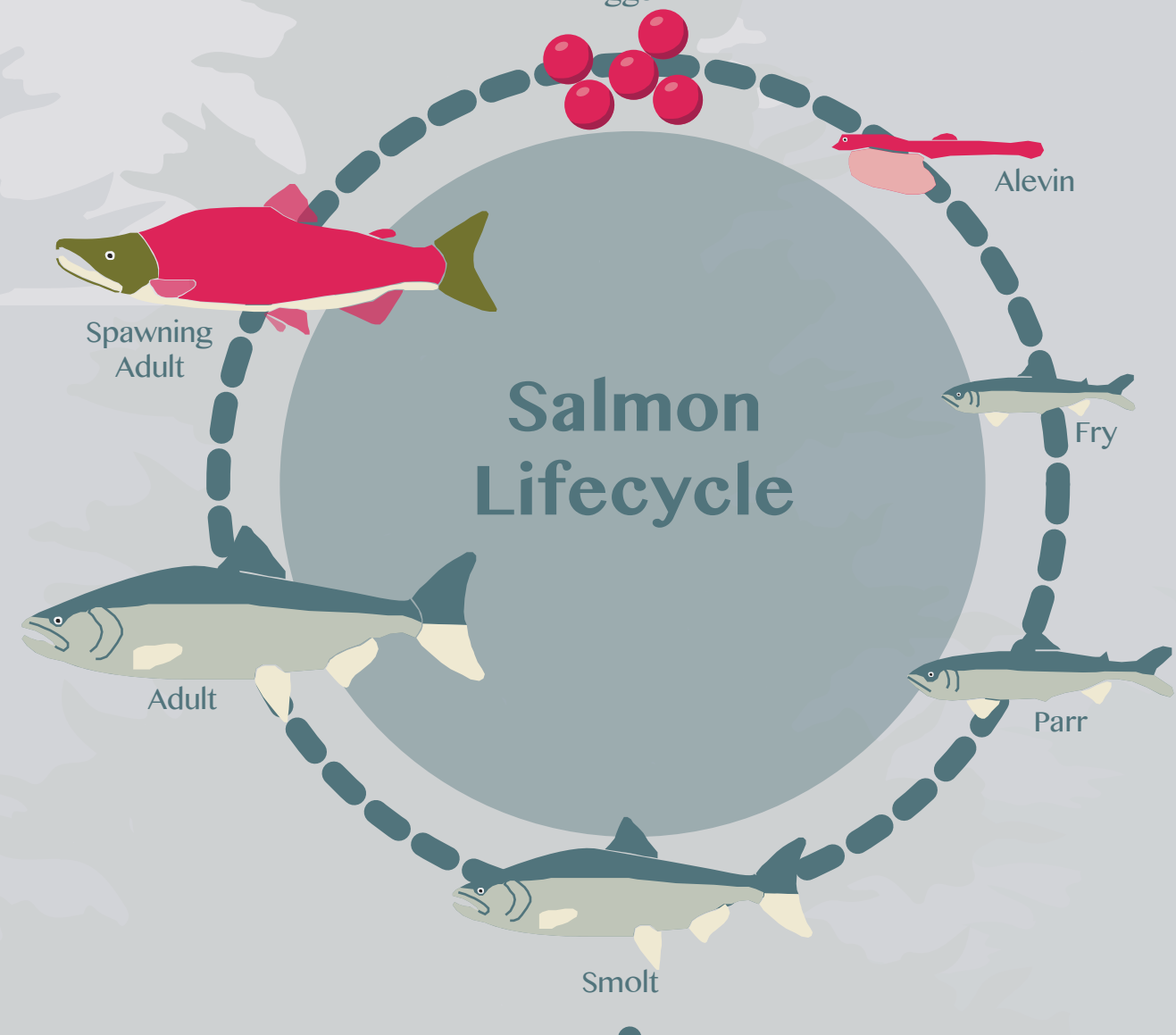
All this that we know and believe must now become the foundation of the way we live. At this turning point in our relationship with Earth, we work for an evolution: from dominance to partnership; from fragmentation to connection; from insecurity, to interdependence.

Design Goals

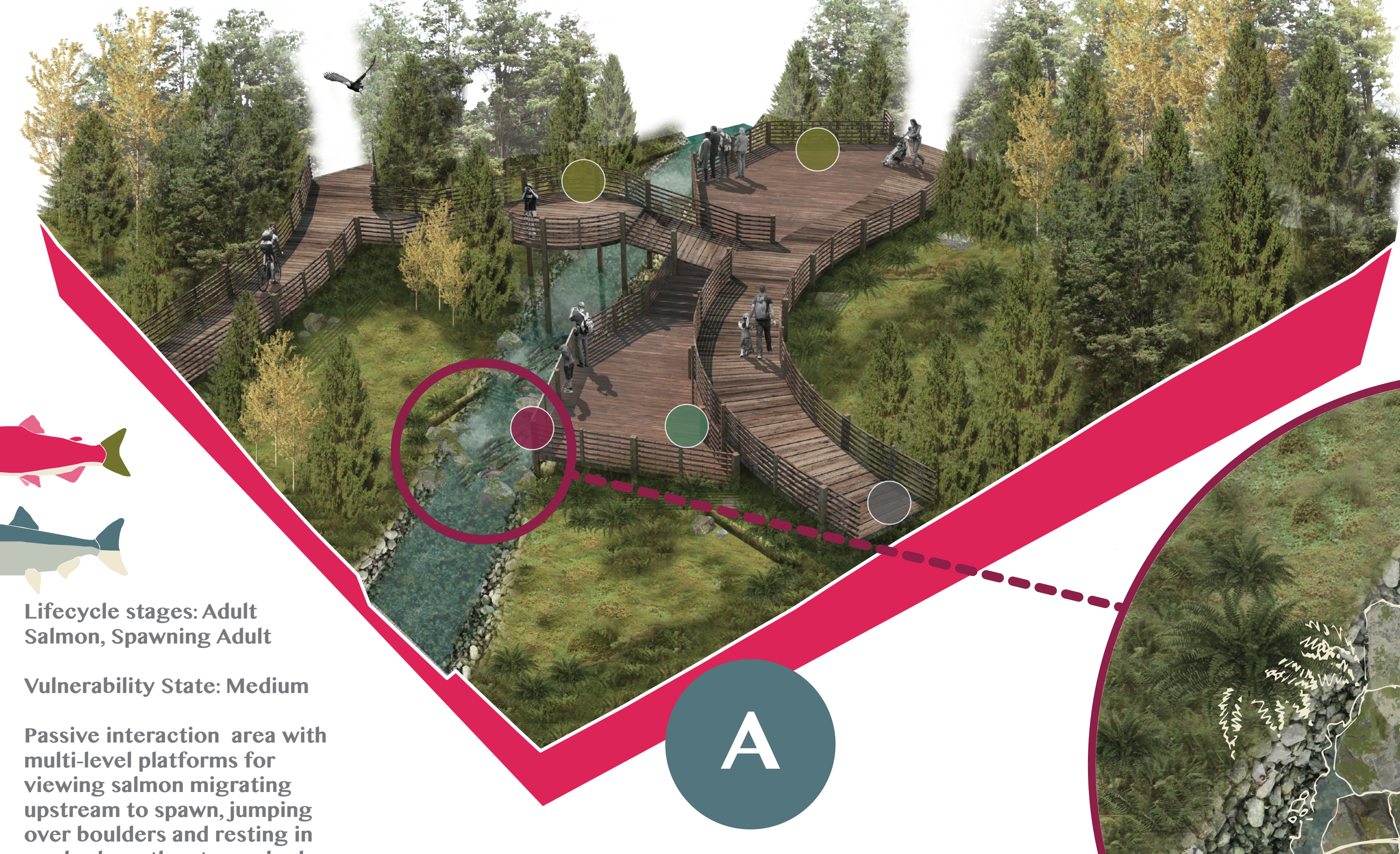
- Implementation of habitat restoration practices to benefit salmon habitat.
- Create opportunity for people to interact with the water and the environment in passive and active ways.
- Educate the public on ecological systems of salmon and the environment through safe interaction.

Stream Spawning & Rearing Locations

- Species of Concern
- Coho
 - Spawning
 - Rearing
 - Chum
 - Spawning
 - Rearing



Salmon Migration



Lifecycle stages: Adult Salmon, Spawning Adult
 Vulnerability State: Medium
 Passive interaction area with multi-level platforms for viewing salmon migrating upstream to spawn, jumping over boulders and resting in pools along the stream bed.

Spawning & Beginning of Life



Lifecycle Stages: Eggs, Alevins, Spawning Adult
 Vulnerability State: High



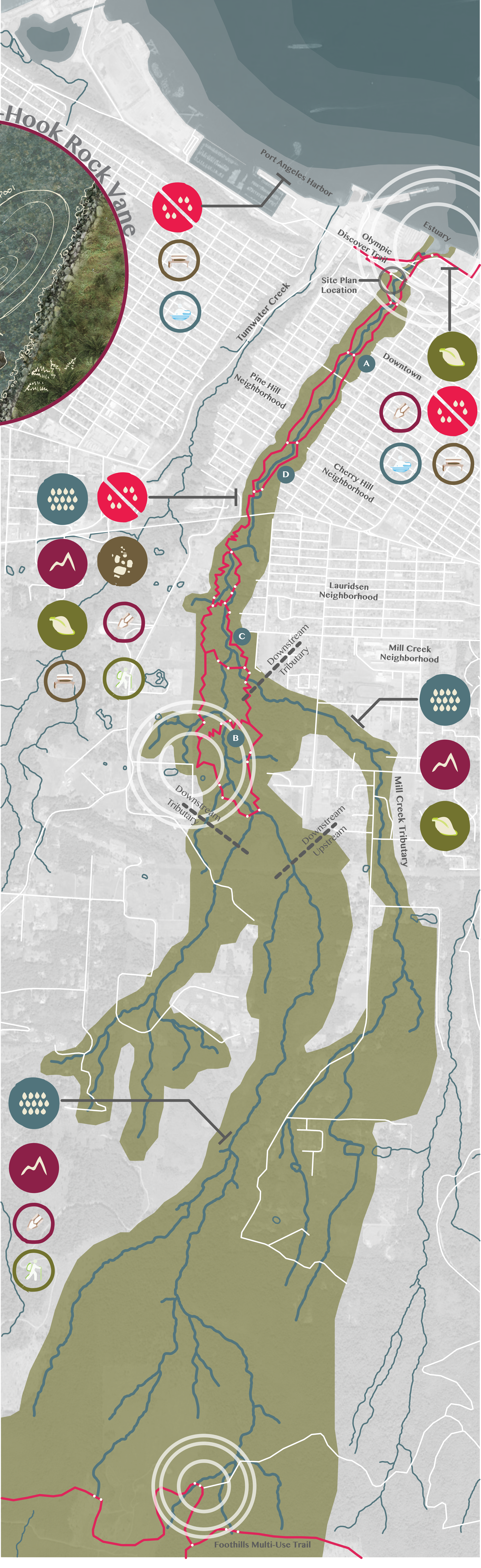
Root Wads



Salmon Investigation

Lifecycle Stages: Parr, Smolt, Spawning Adult
 Vulnerability State: Low to Medium
 Active area to interact with the water and fish themselves. Small outdoor classroom available. Great space to actively cross the river and study the fish within their habitat.

Master Plan Valley Creek



Juvenile Stream Bend



Lifecycle Stages: Fry, Parr, Smolt
 Vulnerability State: Medium to Low
 Active interaction area where fishing is allowed. The root wads for erosion control create great fish habitat for juveniles and all migrating salmon. Different private and public fishing spots available.

- Lifecycle key
- Boardwalk
 - Hiking Trail
 - Glass Wall
 - Glass Platform
 - Viewing Platform
 - Outdoor classroom
 - Rock stream bank

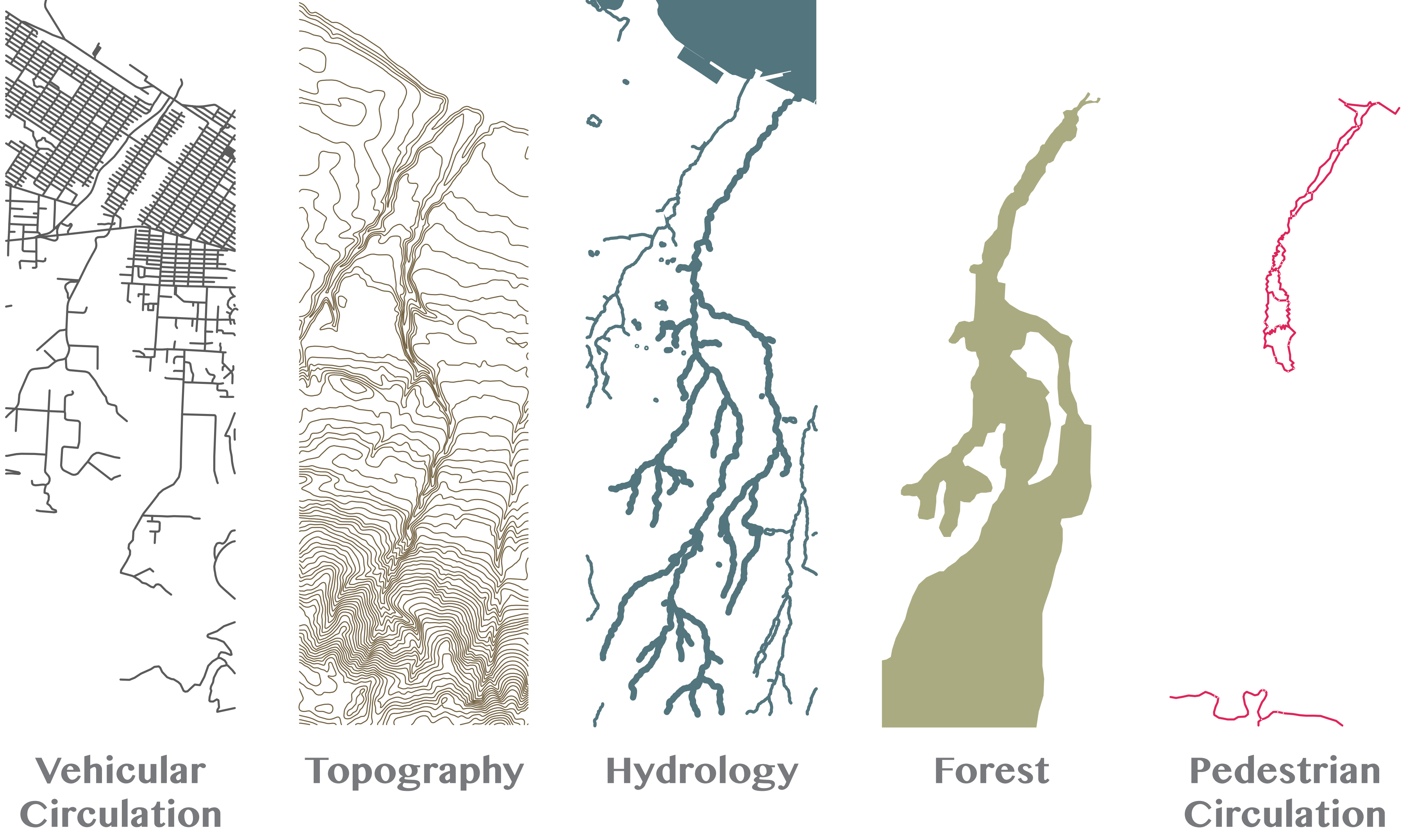
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Master Key

- | Ecological Improvements | Recreational Improvements |
|---|--|
| Water Flow Improvements
Downstream
Tributaries
Upstream | Education
Estuary
Downstream
Upstream |
| Erosion Control
Downstream
Tributaries
Upstream | Observation
Harbor/Ocean
Estuary
Downstream |
| Riparian Vegetation Restoration
Estuary
Downstream
Tributaries | Water Sports
Harbor/Ocean
Estuary |
| Pollution Control
Harbor/Ocean
Estuary
Downstream | Hiking
Downstream
Upstream |
| Stream Habitat Restoration
Downstream | Trail Access Points |



Vehicular Circulation | Topography | Hydrology | Forest | Pedestrian Circulation



The restoration of Valley Creek will improve its ecological functions & performance as well as add to the beauty of the Pacific Northwest.



Conifer-Hardwood Forest Composition

Forest Dominated by evergreen conifers, deciduous broadleaf trees, or both.

Abundance of large coniferous trees, a multi-layered canopy structure, large snags, and many large logs on the ground.

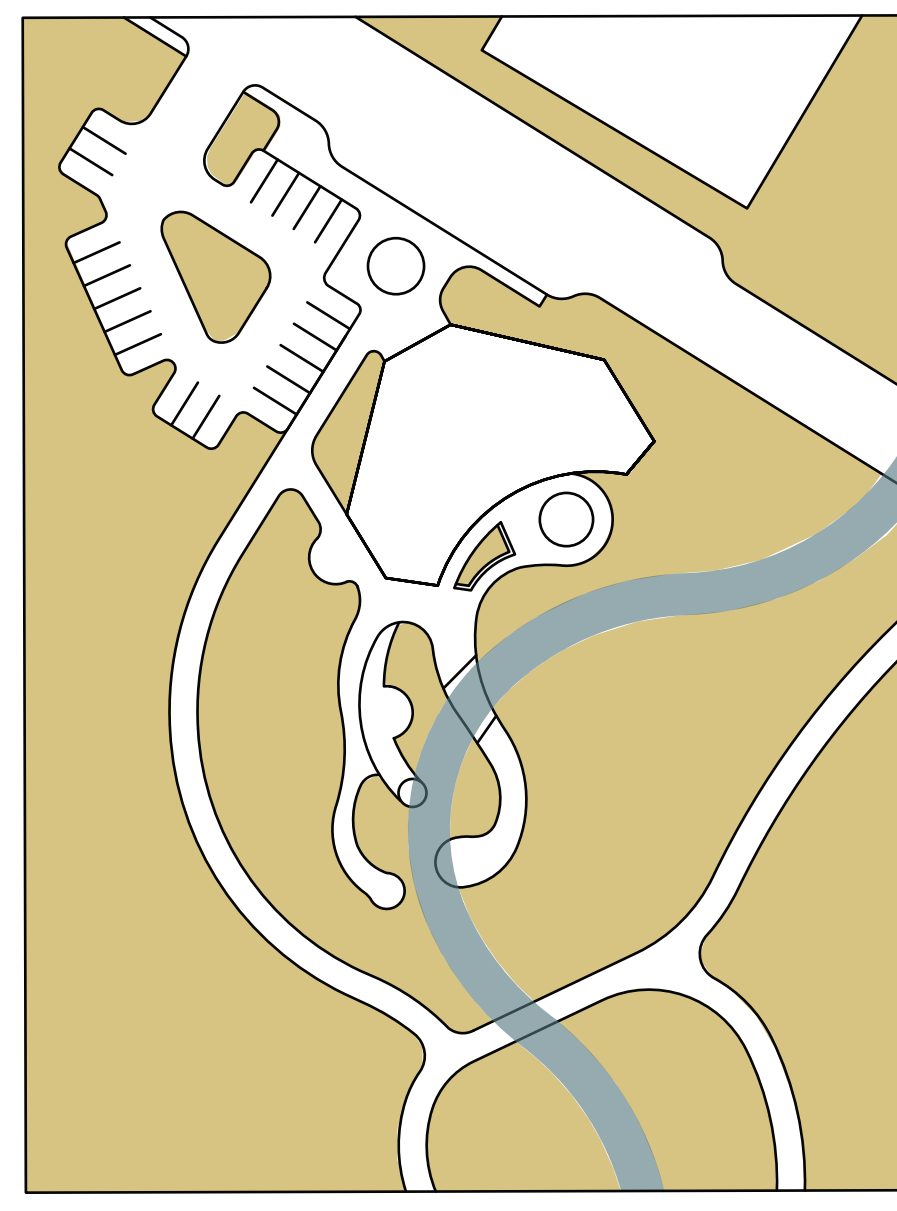
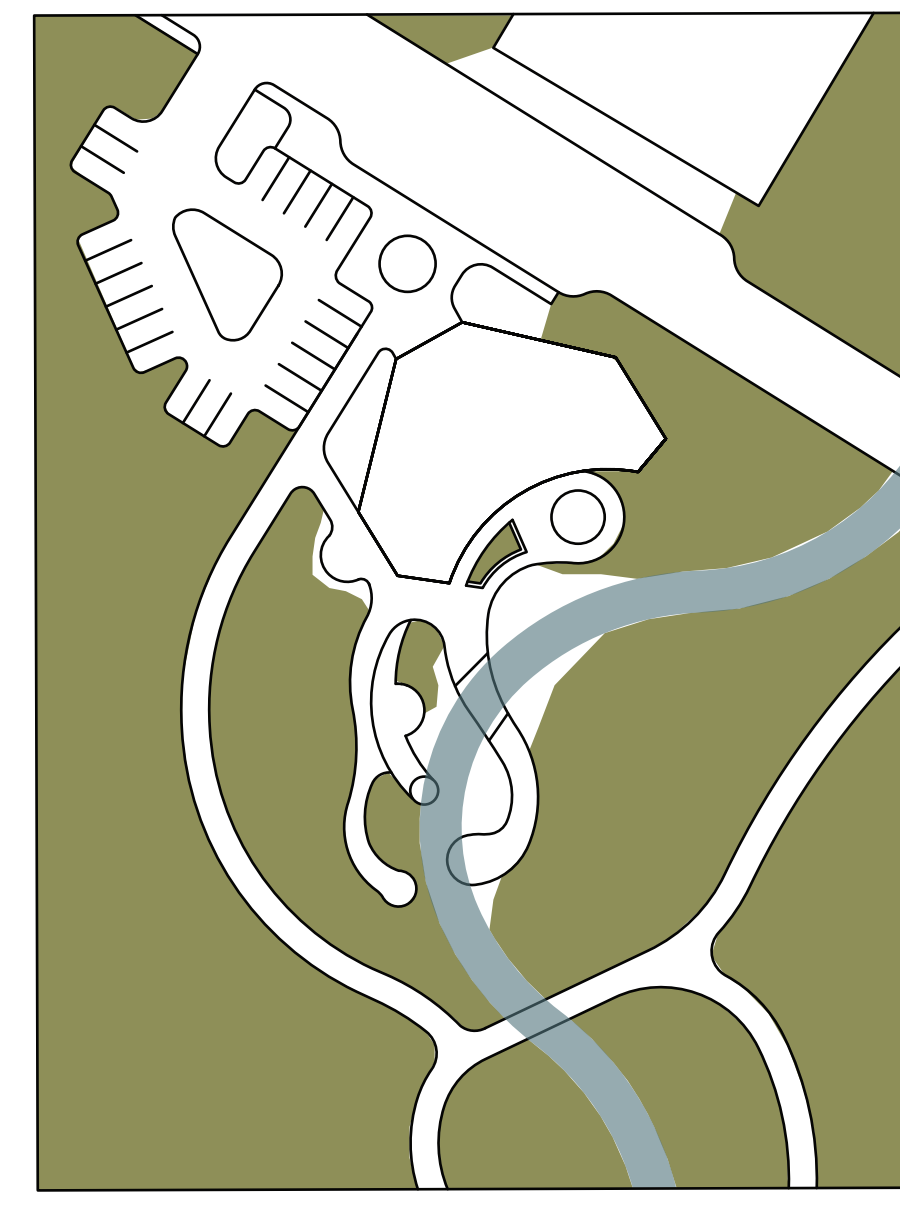
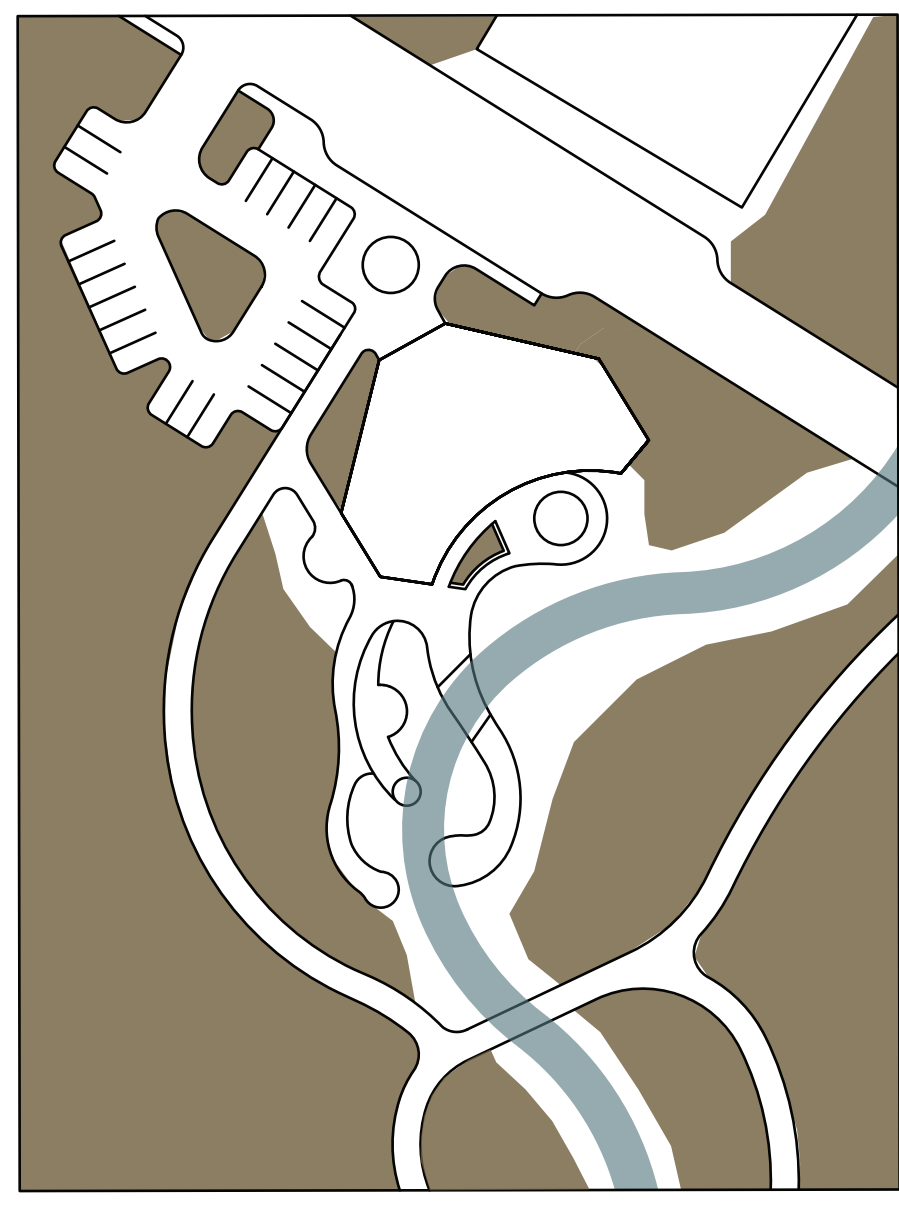
Understories are structurally diverse.

Mosses are often a major ground cover.

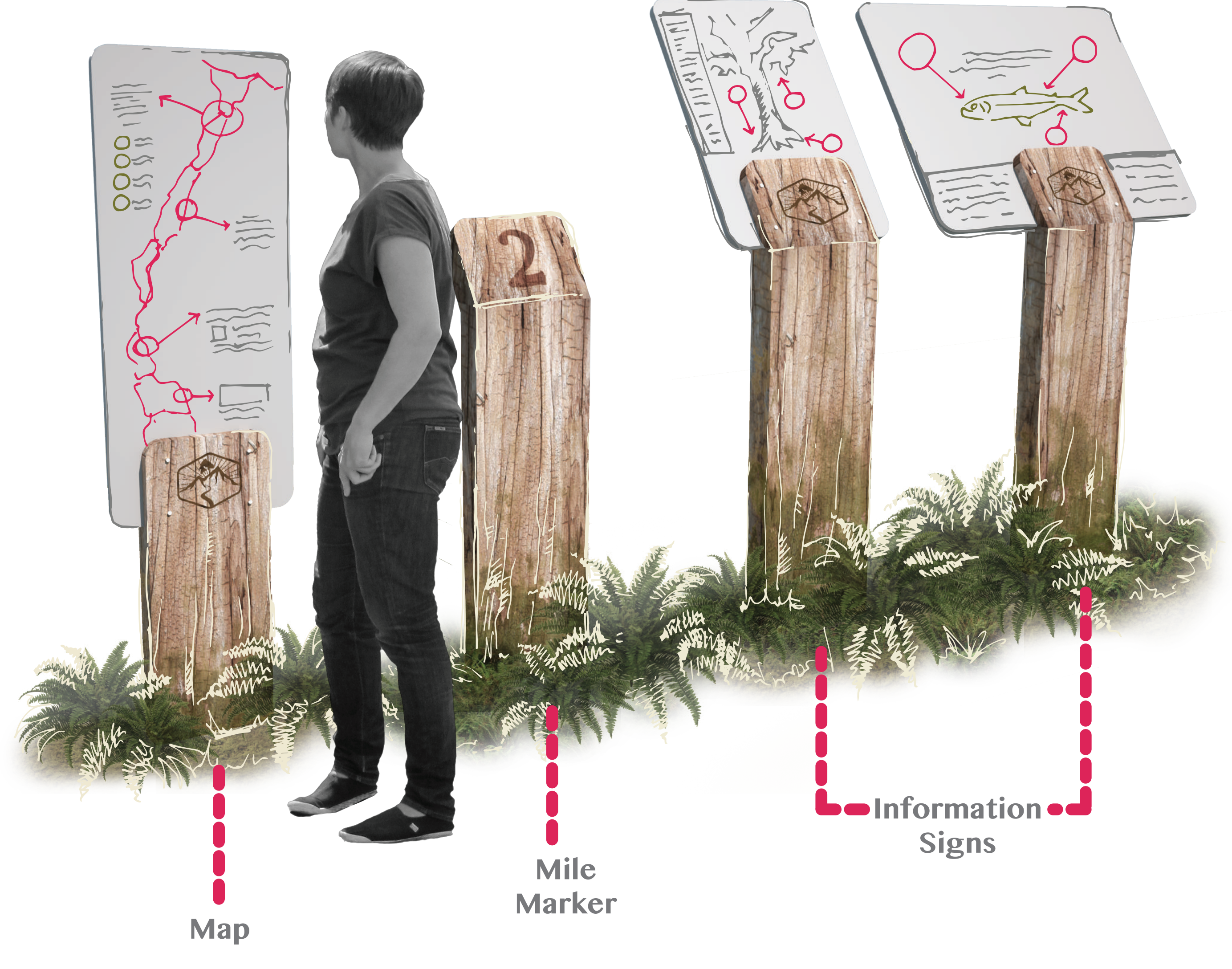
- Trees**
- Western Hemlock
 - Douglas-Fir
 - Western Redcedar
 - Sitka Spruce
 - Red Alder
 - Bigleaf Maple

- Shrubs**
- Salal
 - Dwarf Oregongrape
 - Vine Maple
 - Pacific Rhododendron
 - Salmonberry
 - Trailing Blackberry

- Forbs**
- Beargrass
 - Oval-leaf Huckleberry
 - Evergreen Huckleberry
 - Red Huckleberry
 - Fools Huckleberry
 - Red Elderberry
 - Swordfern
 - Oregon Oxalis
 - Deerfern
 - Bracken Fern
 - Vanillaleaf
 - Common Whipplea
 - Western Springbeauty
 - Foamflower
 - Inside-out flower
 - Moss
 - Twinflower
 - False Lily-of-the-valley



Wayfinding



Map

Mile Marker

Information Signs



Glass Walk



Ecosystem Support Story

Salmon are known as a keystone species because of their unique lifecycle. They supply food to a variety of species within their ecosystem as well as nutrients to the water and surrounding riparian vegetation. Each area of the ecosystem support story can be seen within the site plan, represented by art on the ground plan



Water Quality



Bird Species



Ocean Species



Mammal Species



Riparian Plant Life

Aquarium Wall



Site Plan

Scale: 1:10
Valley Creek

