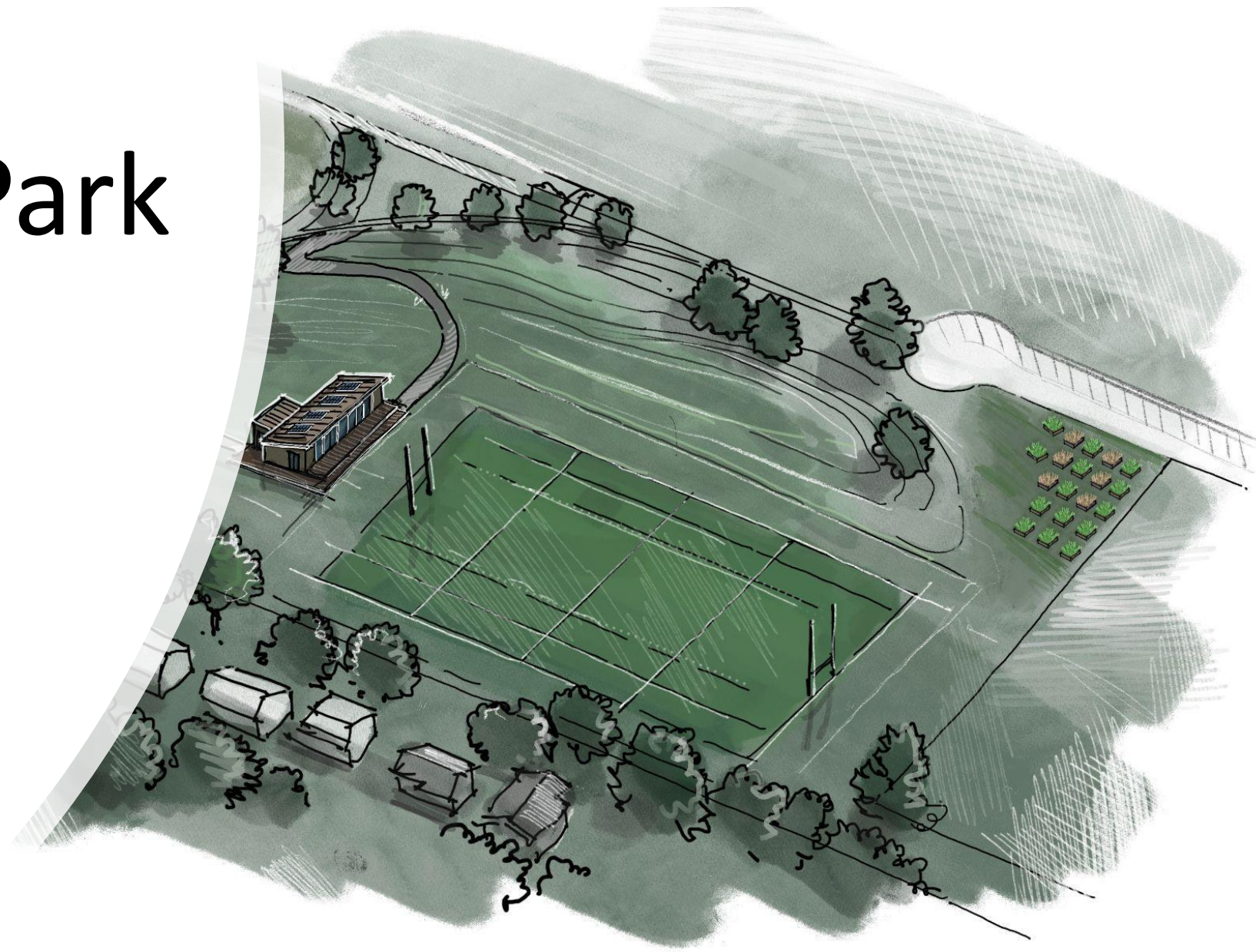
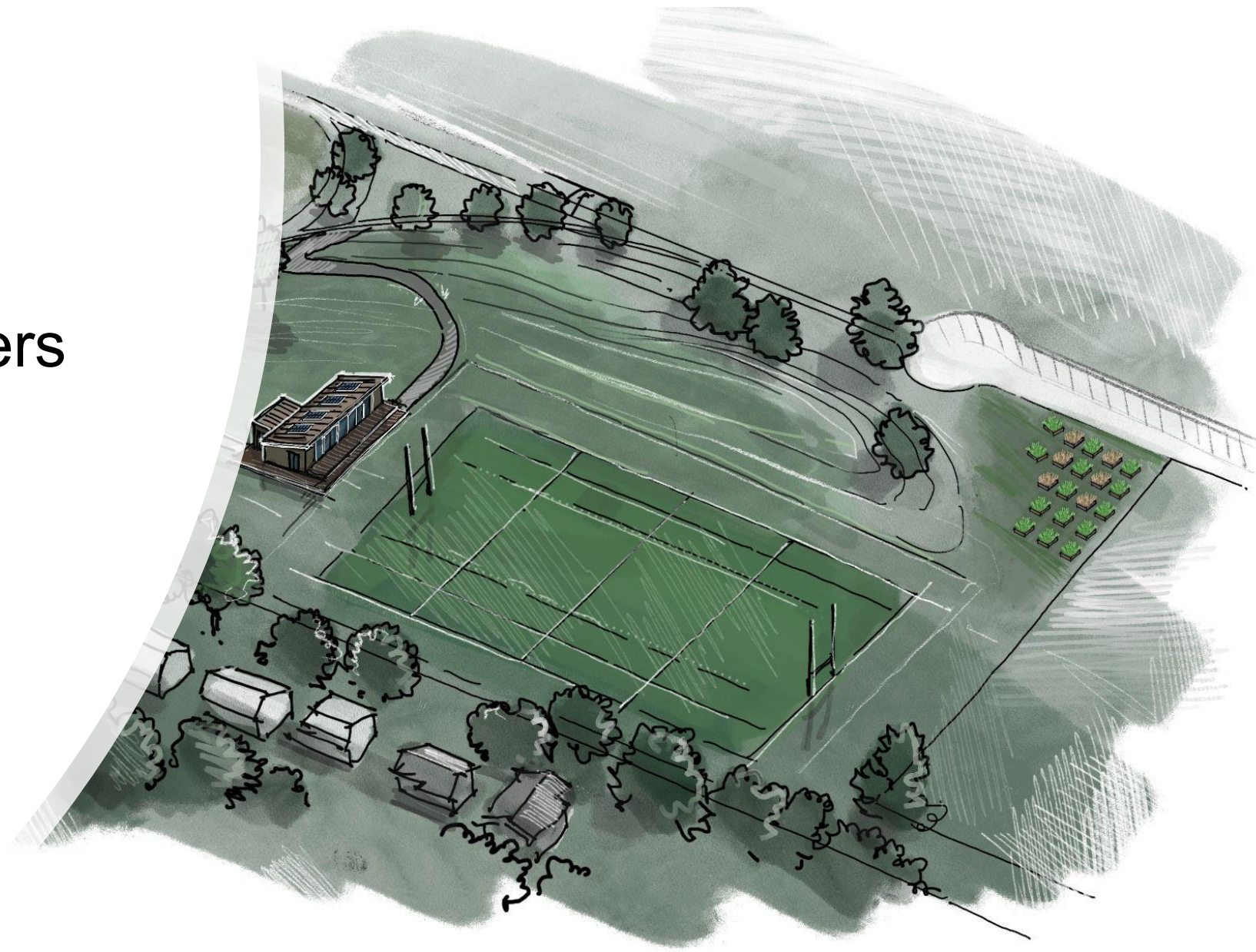


# Gorsebrook Park Clubhouse Project



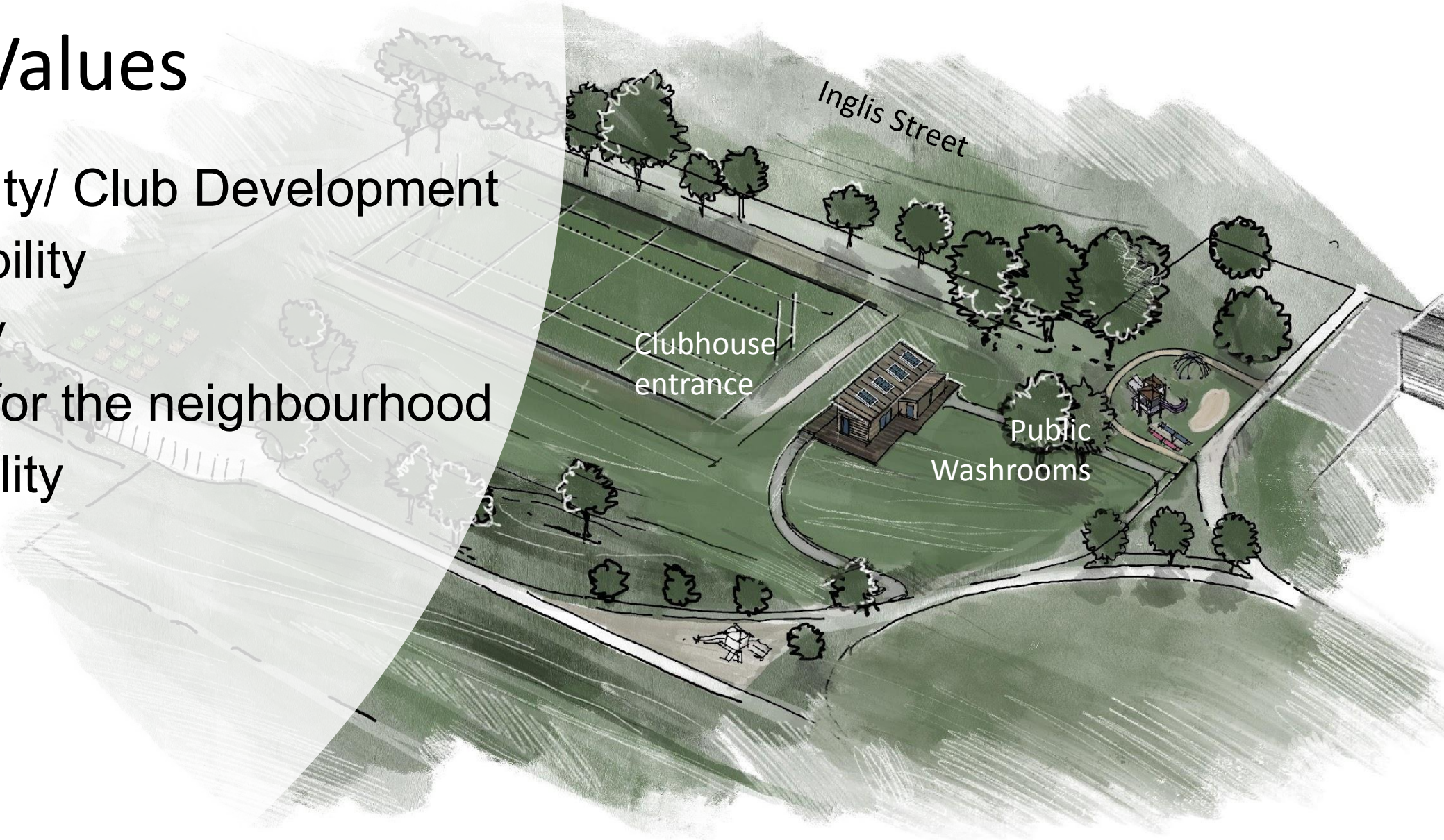
# Includes

- Public Washrooms
- Change rooms/showers
- Community space
- Viewing Deck
- Equipment storage



# Project Values

- Community/ Club Development
- Sustainability
- Inclusivity
- Respect for the neighbourhood
- Accessibility



# Proposed Location

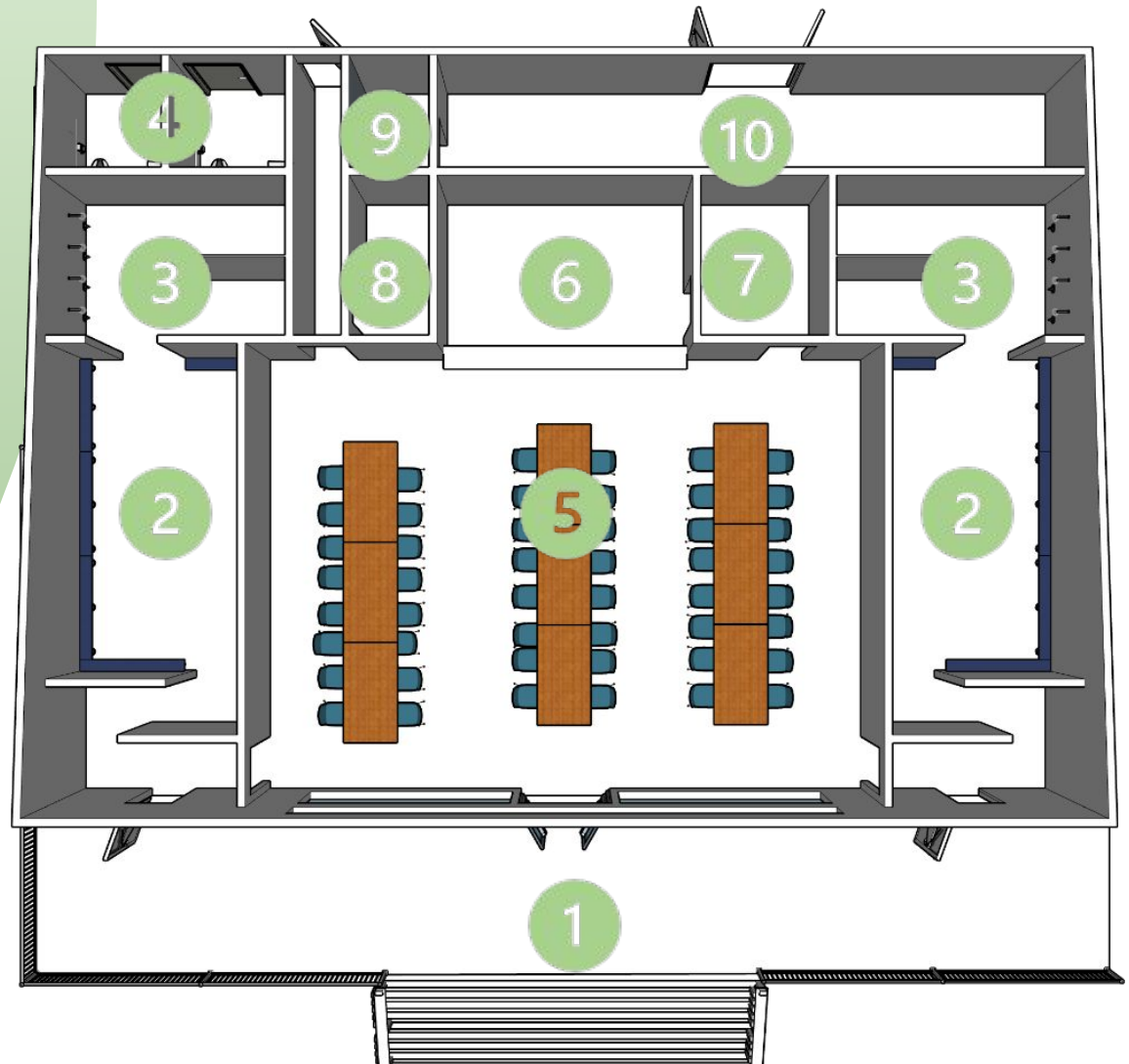
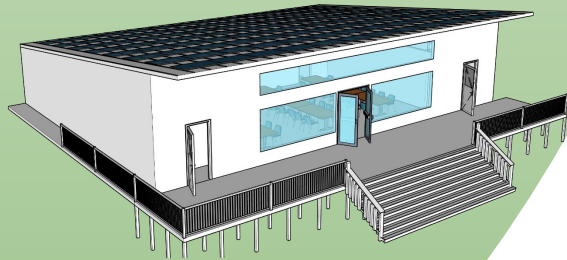
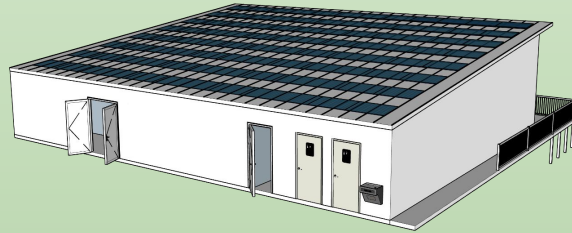


# Potential Design



# Potential Design

1. Viewing deck
2. Changing rooms
3. Showers/bathrooms
4. Public toilets & water fountain
5. Community room
6. Café/bar
7. Kitchen
8. Office
9. Maintenance room
10. Equipment Storage



# History

- Founded **1958**
- The **Oldest** continuously operating Rugby Club in Nova Scotia
- Longest running **Women's** rugby program



# Leona and Maggie

(Mother and Daughter)

“The Club has been a big part of over half of my life. Maggie joined the junior women’s squad **as soon as she could**”

- Leona Burkey (Former player)





## “One Big Club” (Our Values)

- Inclusive
- Diverse
- Welcoming



# Megan

**“Everyone has a place,  
both in the game and in  
the community”**

- Megan Dunn,  
Junior Women’s Player





# 200+ Members

## Including:

- Contact Players
- Non-contact players
- Coaches
- Social members (alumni, families and supporters)



# Myles

“As someone on the Autism Spectrum, it’s hard to be yourself and fit in with sports. **The club welcomes you with open arms** and never judges anyone.”

- Myles Knight  
Senior Men’s Player





# Programs

## **Senior Rugby**

Women's 1st & 2nd Division  
Men's 1st & 2nd Division

## **Pride Rugby**

For LGBTQ2S+ athletes

## **Junior Rugby**

Junior Boys and Girls

## **Rookie Rugby**

Ages 4-12



# Youth Rugby

“She is a quiet and timid kid; “I have never seen her more welcomed into a sport”

- Sophie & Adam Russel (Youth Rugby Parents)



# Rugby Builds Community

In our club you're  
instantly part of a  
community



# About Us: Meet Our members

## New Canadians

### “Taps” (Zimbabwe)

“I have made some good friends who have **become family.**”

- Tapiwa Munyanyi,  
Senior Men’s Player



Taps, the day he became a Canadian Citizen





New Canadians

## “The Breeze” (Italy)

“It made me feel **part of a community** and helped me to integrate“

- Fabrizio Contini  
Senior Men’s Player

## About Us: Meet Our members

### New Canadians

# Yoshi (Japan)

“This team **made me love Halifax.**”

“If I hadn't joined the club, I would have found Halifax boring and **would have moved to Toronto or Vancouver.**”

- Yoshiki Takamiya  
Halifax RFC, 2022



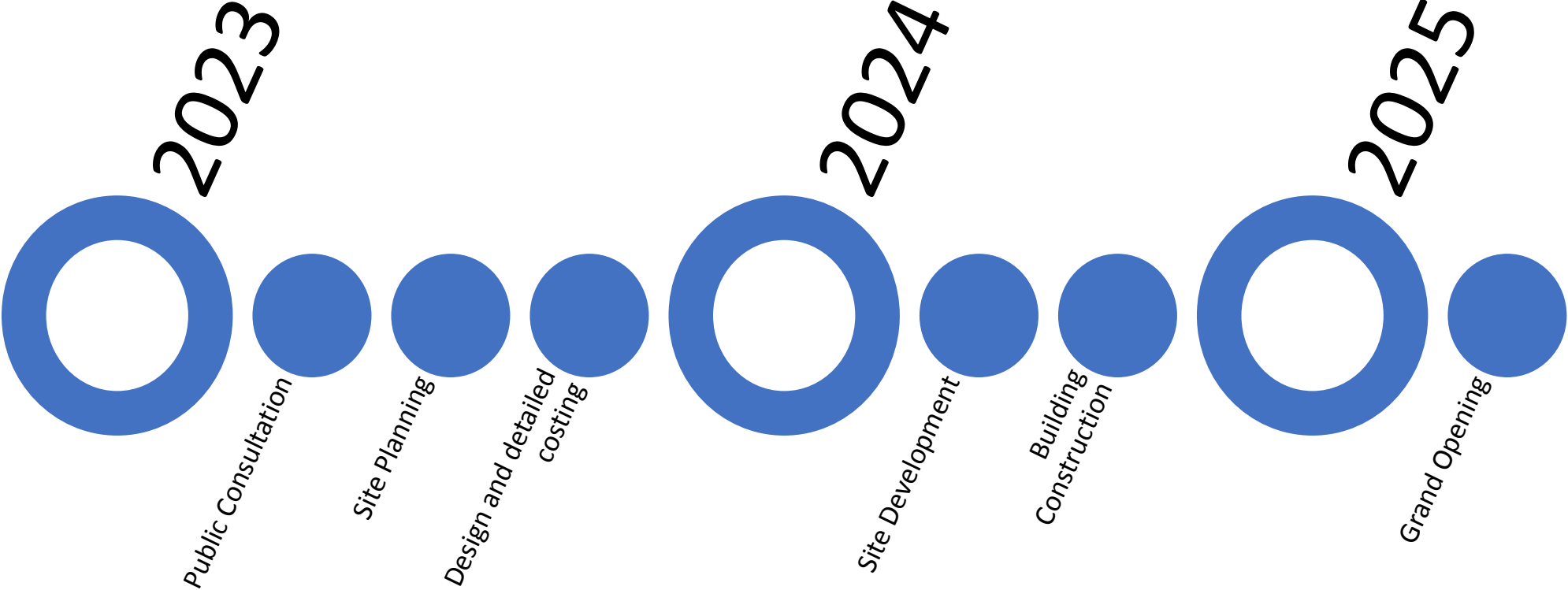
# Emma

"Every club I've played for overseas had a clubhouse. **That's how the sport builds community"**

- Emma Taylor,  
Veteran of Canada's National team  
Halifax RFC member since 2012



# Timeline



# Potential Sport Users

- Lacrosse
- Ball Hockey
- Baseball
- Disk Golf
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Touch Football
- + More





200+ children and  
their parents!

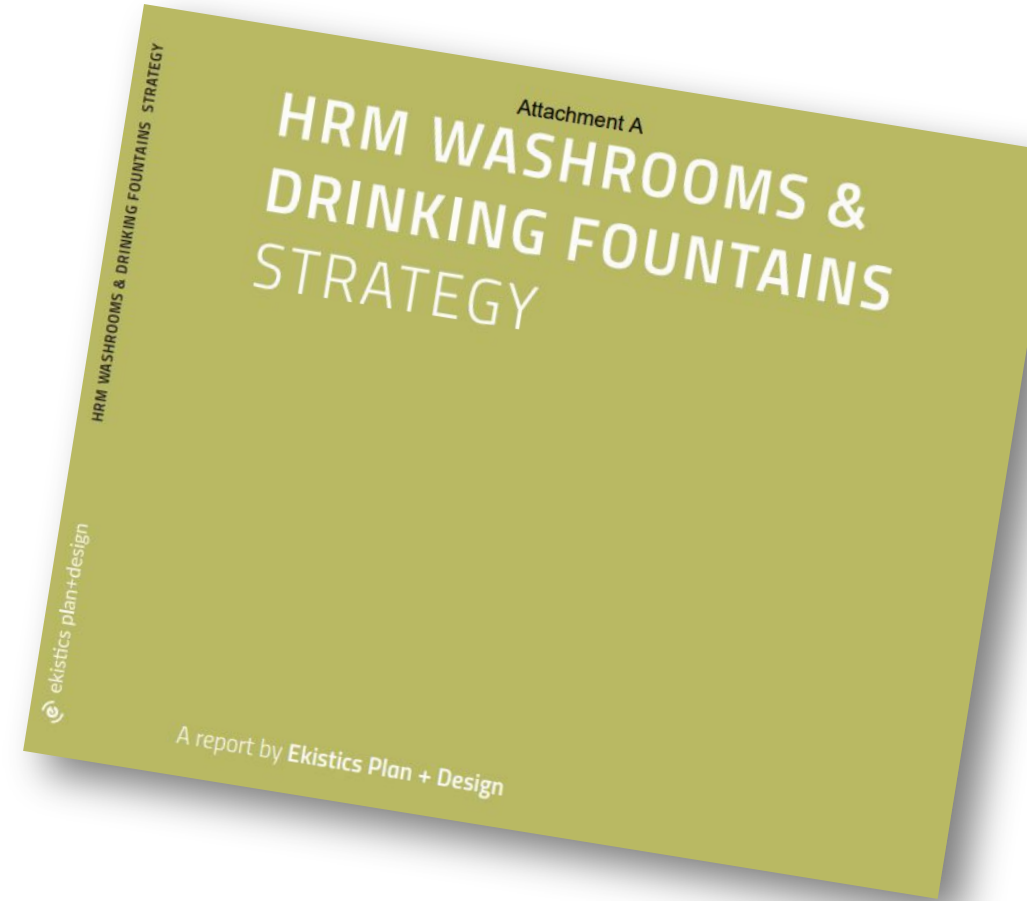
“I would like to express our **strong support**...A clubhouse, as proposed by Halifax Rugby, will allow Ball Hockey to continue to grow while creating a **dynamic addition to our local community.**”

Louis Brill  
Halifax Minor Ball Hockey League  
Founder and Managing Director



# Washroom & Drinking Fountain Strategy (2020)

Gorsebrook is **identified**  
as a **'high-need park'** for  
a public washroom



# Gorsebrook Park Plan (2019)

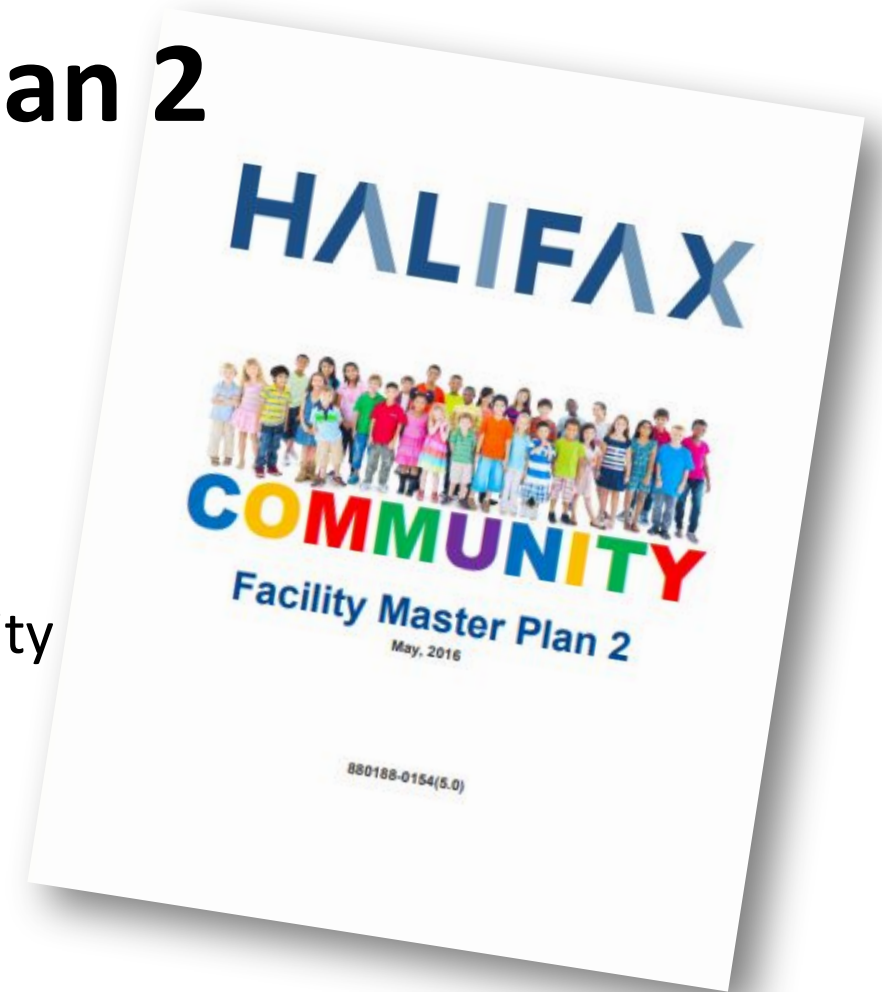
**“The lack of publicly accessible washrooms and drinking water prevent the use of the park as a destination.”**





# Community Facility Master Plan 2

- ✓ **Accessibility** and universal design
- ✓ Ensuring **inclusivity** for new Nova Scotians.
- ✓ Developing **healthy citizens** and children.
- ✓ Attracting and retaining **new Canadians**
- ✓ **Partnerships** help to build capacity, promote diversity



# Green Network Plan (2018)

**“Incorporate year-round recreational infrastructure, including winter-oriented activities, when planning parks.”**

**“Enhance social gathering in municipal open spaces by encouraging limited private and not for profit commercial initiatives.”**

