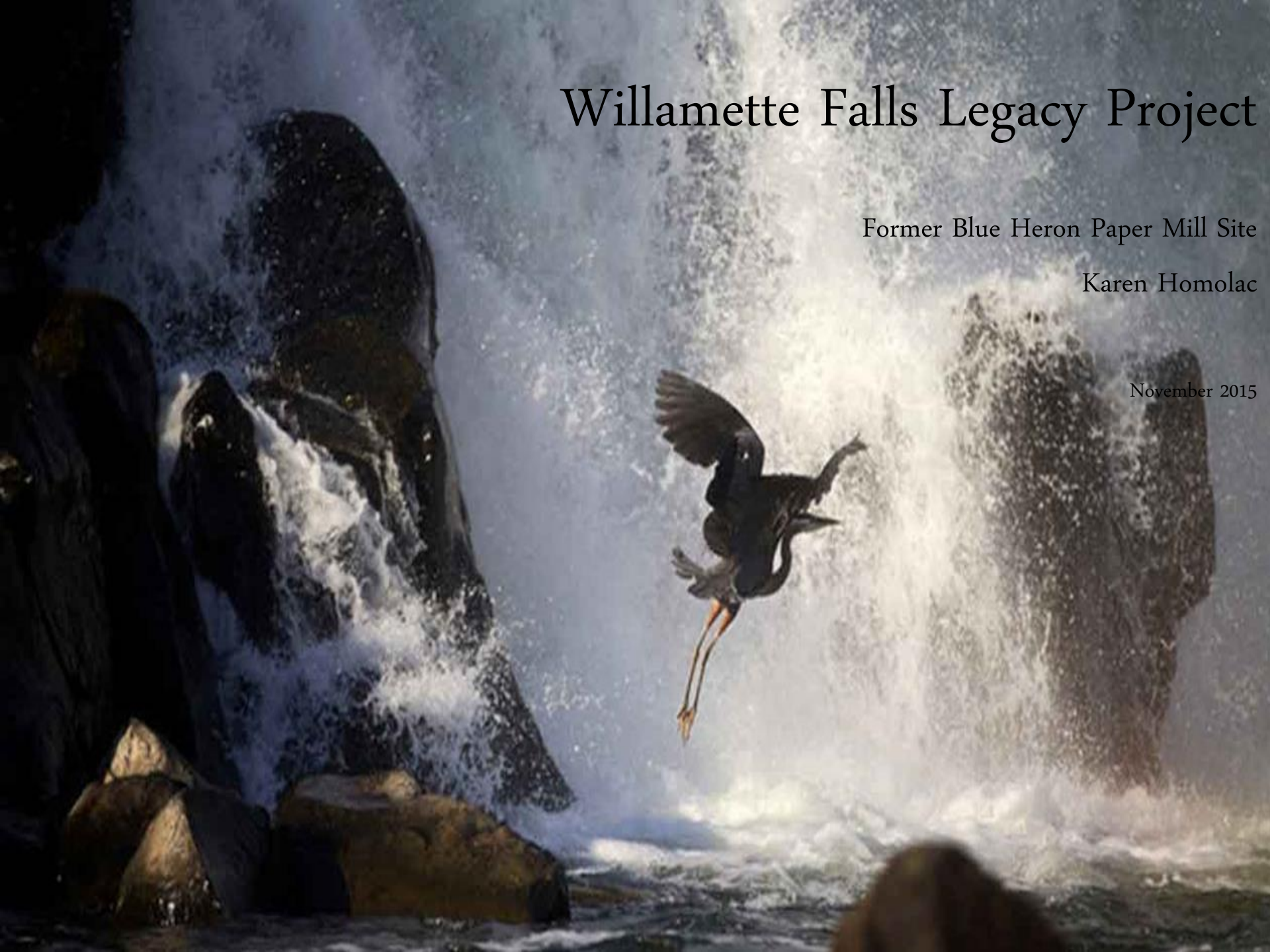


# Willamette Falls Legacy Project

Former Blue Heron Paper Mill Site

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# What is the Willamette Falls Legacy Project?

- First and foremost it is a collaborative public partnership of:
  - The City of Oregon City
  - Metro Regional Government
  - Clackamas County
  - The State of Oregon



- Secondly, it is a collaborative public/private partnership with:

- Falls Legacy, LLC – property owner
- Portland General Electric
- Rediscover the Falls (a growing non-profit, volunteer organization)

[www.rediscoverthefalls.com](http://www.rediscoverthefalls.com)





- **Lastly, it is a collaborative with:**

- Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

# Timeline and Progress to Date

- The Blue Heron Paper Co. declared bankruptcy in 2011 and the property goes into receivership.
- Public purchase of the property is examined but determine not feasible. A robust public visioning process resulted in the establishment of four core values:
  - Public Access
  - Historical & Cultural Interpretation
  - Economic Development
  - Healthy Habitat
- The Willamette Falls Legacy Project Partnership forms.
- State legislative leaders allocates \$5 million in lottery bonds to help spur future public and private investment. Vision and Master Planning begins.
- The 22-acre property is purchased by Falls Legacy, LLC in May 2014.

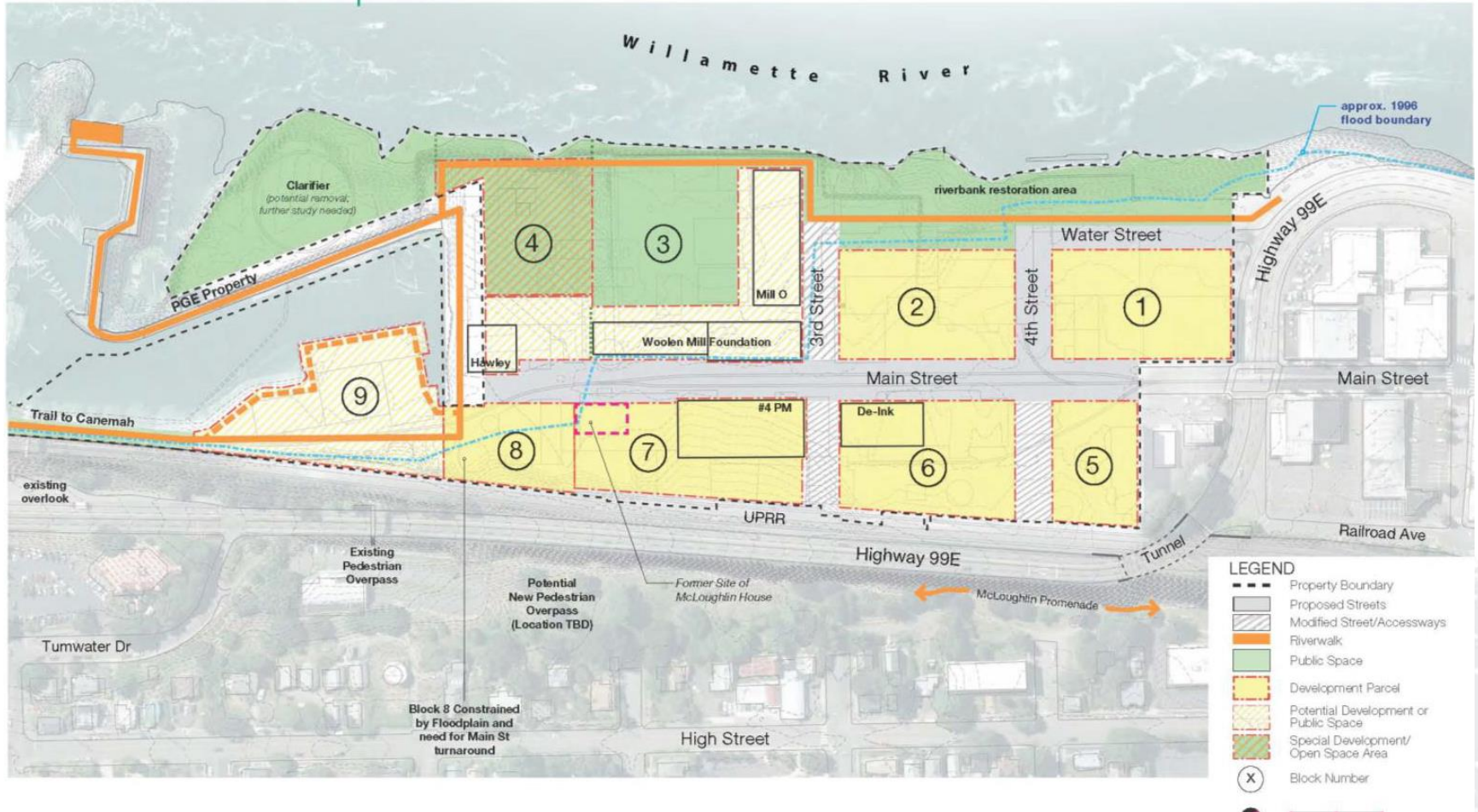


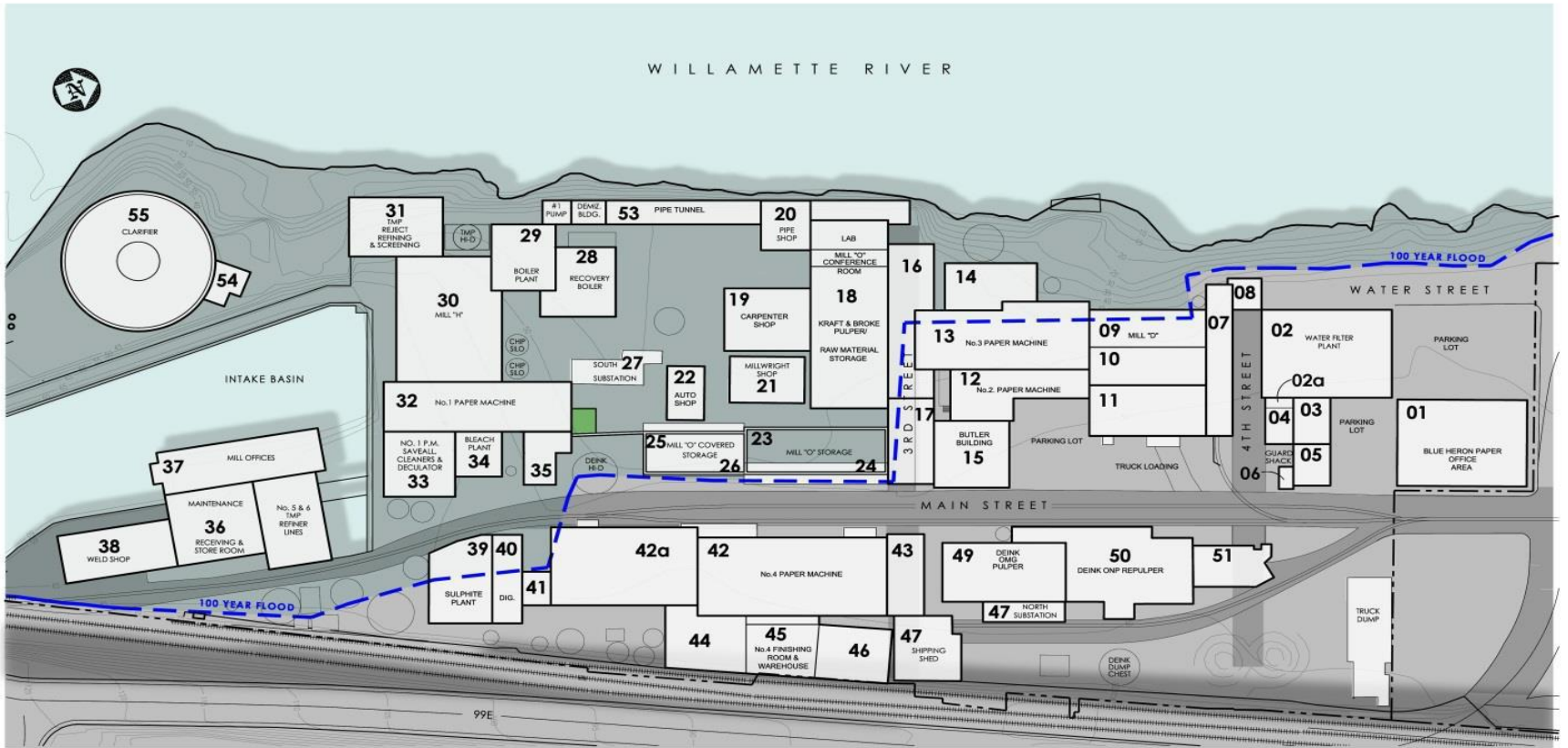
- Fall 2014 Metro matches State’s contribution with \$5 million in bond funding. Project vision and framework plan is adopted and site is rezoned from industrial to new mixed-use “Willamette Falls Downtown District.”
- December 2015 Metro accepts donation of property easement from Falls Legacy, LLC, giving ownership rights to the public for the Riverwalk portion of the redevelopment.
- May 2015, the multidisciplinary landscape and architecture team of Snohetta, Mayer Reed and DIALOG is selected to design the Riverwalk.
- State legislature commits additional \$7.5 million to Project. The first phase of Riverwalk construction expected to begin in 2017-18.



- Riverwalk Project:

framework plan

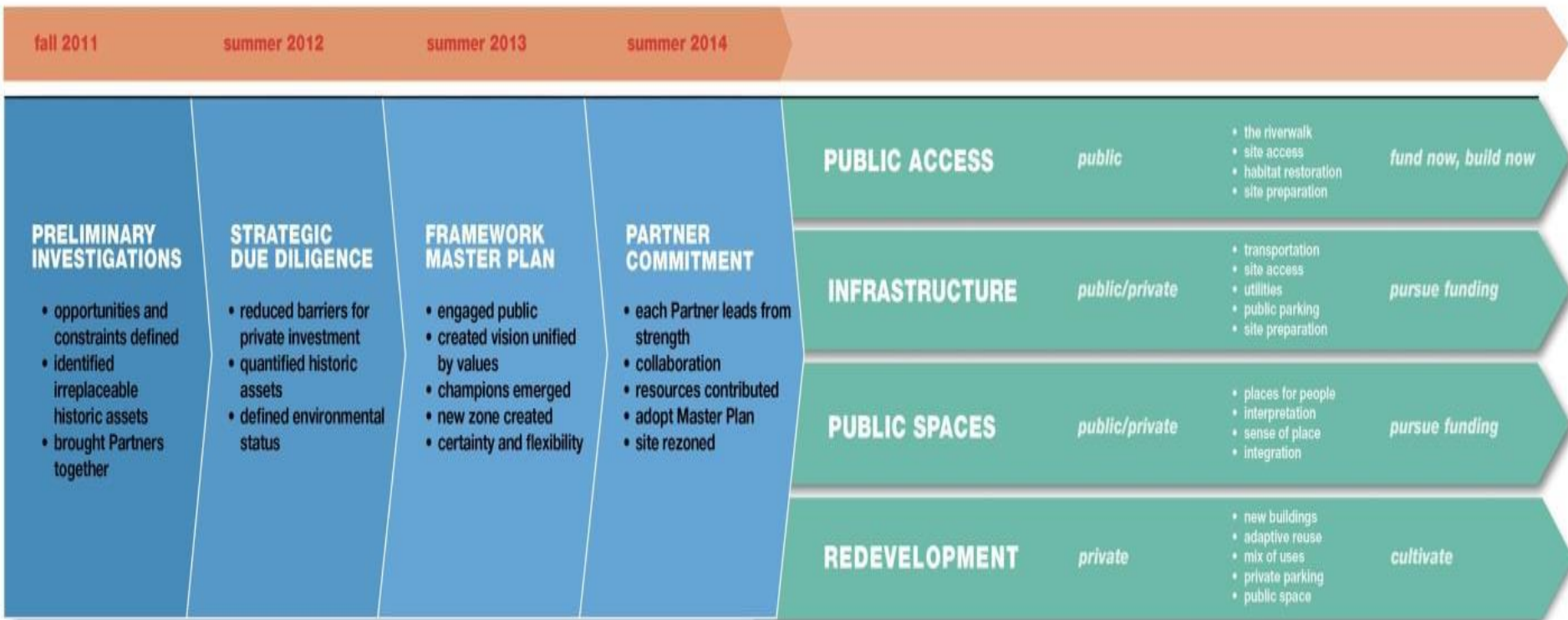




De-Ink Building  
 #4 Paper Machine  
 Mill O  
 Hawley Building  
 Woolen Mill Foundation



# Process Diagram – Sequence of Development of the Property





Thank You

Questions

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