

# Triangle Park

AUGUST 2020 PROJECT UPDATE

## DESIGN UPDATE

Building upon the findings of the Urban Forest Master Plan ([cambridgema.gov/ufmp](http://cambridgema.gov/ufmp)), the City of Cambridge is working with STOSS Landscape Urbanism to modify the proposed design of the new Triangle Park in the East Cambridge/Kendall Square area.

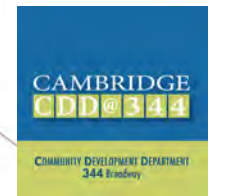
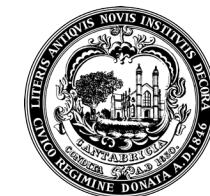
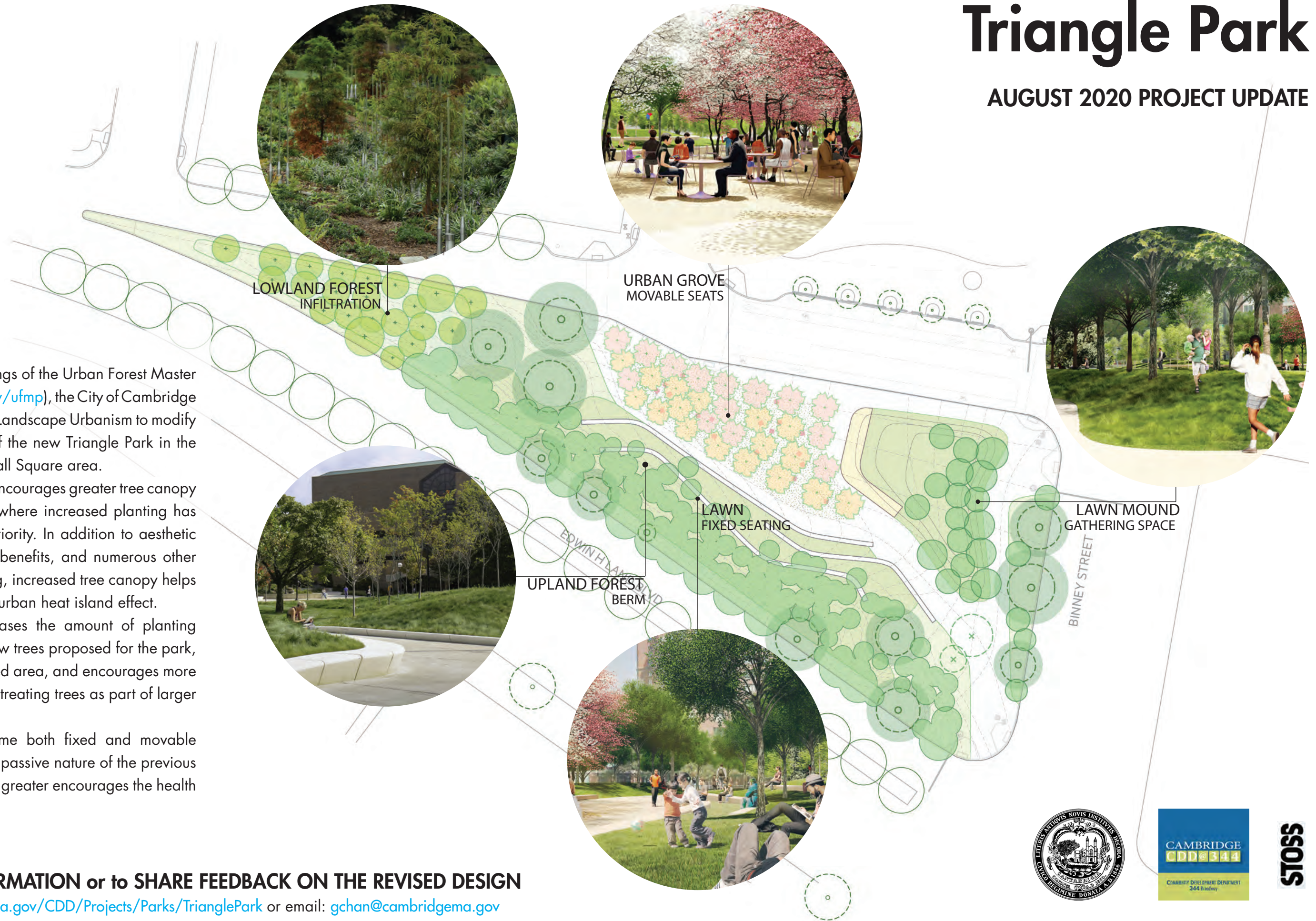
The revised approach encourages greater tree canopy in an area of the city where increased planting has been identified as a priority. In addition to aesthetic beauty, environmental benefits, and numerous other qualities that trees bring, increased tree canopy helps to mitigate against the urban heat island effect.

The new design increases the amount of planting area and number of new trees proposed for the park, reduces proposed paved area, and encourages more naturalistic planting by treating trees as part of larger plant communities.

Landscaped areas frame both fixed and movable seating that echoes the passive nature of the previous design, in a setting that greater encourages the health of the urban forest.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION or to SHARE FEEDBACK ON THE REVISED DESIGN**

Visit: [www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/Parks/TrianglePark](http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/Parks/TrianglePark) or email: [gchan@cambridgema.gov](mailto:gchan@cambridgema.gov)



# PLANT COMMUNITIES

The planting scheme for Triangle Park calls for an approach to planting that views trees as part of broader plant communities rather than isolated, standalone trees. These three categories of plant communities help to guide the selection of tree and plant species and planting practices best suited to each area and its unique characteristics.

- ▶ The **Upland Forest** planting type will occupy berm areas along the edges of the park. These areas will largely consist of bare root plantings spaced more densely than typically present in public parks and sidewalks. The berms provide a visual and noise buffer from adjacent roadways.
- ▶ Trees planted in the **Urban Grove** area provide shade over movable seating and furniture. Unlike other areas in the park, groundcover plantings do not feature in this area and trees are spaced further apart in order to support pedestrian activity beneath.
- ▶ The southern tip of the site will feature more wet-tolerant plants as part of the **Lowland Forest** area. This area will leverage the slight existing slope of the site to capture and absorb water flow from the site.

UPLAND FOREST



Dense Bare Root Saplings

URBAN GROVE

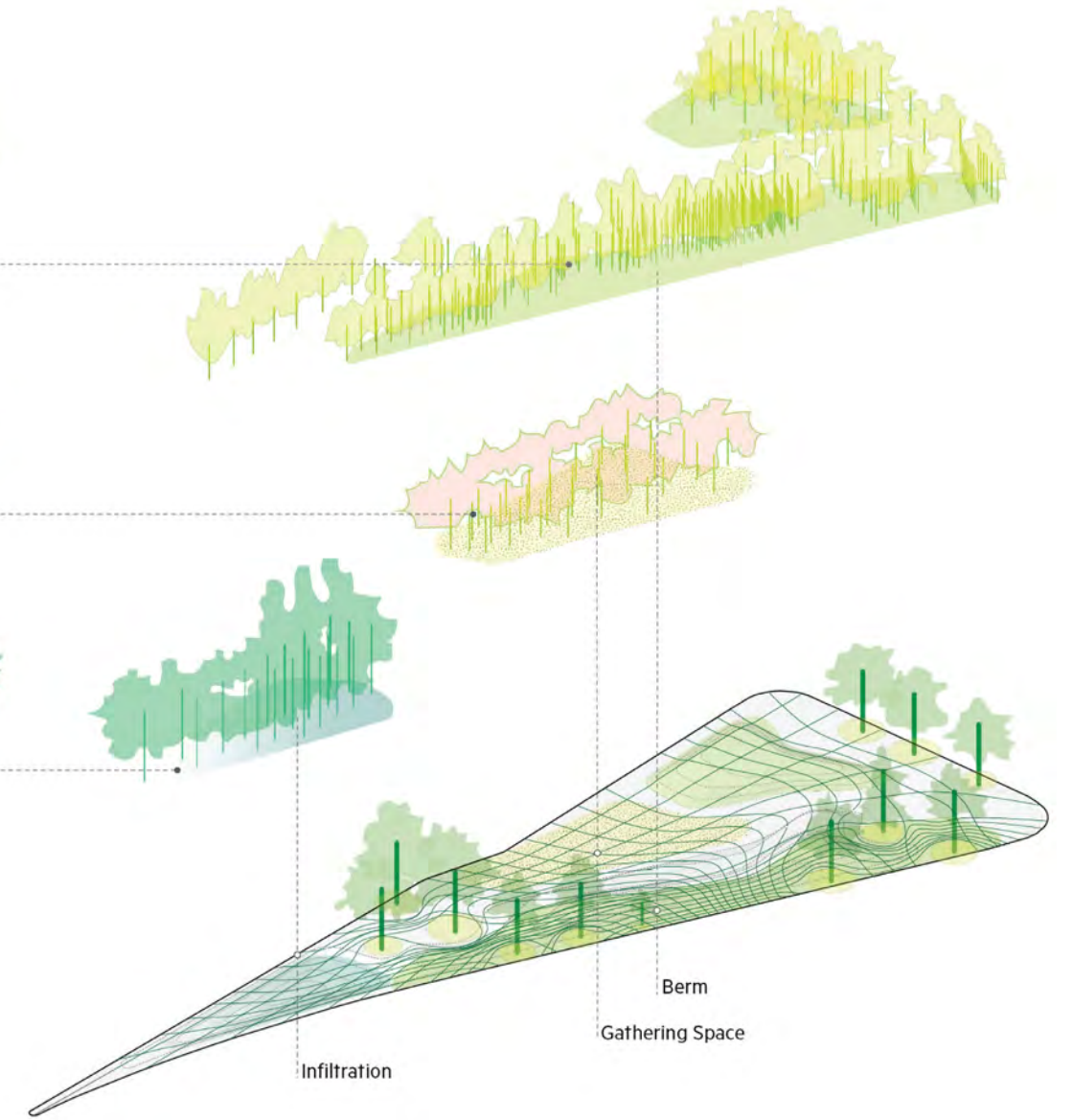


Flowering/Fruit Trees

LOWLAND FOREST



Wet Tolerant Plants



▼ 1. Land Boulevard Entrance



▼ 2. First Street Entrance



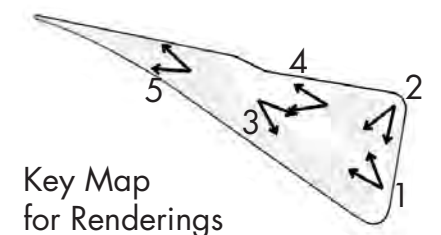
▼ 3. Upland Forest



▼ 4. Urban Grove



▼ 5. Lowland Forest



Key Map for Renderings