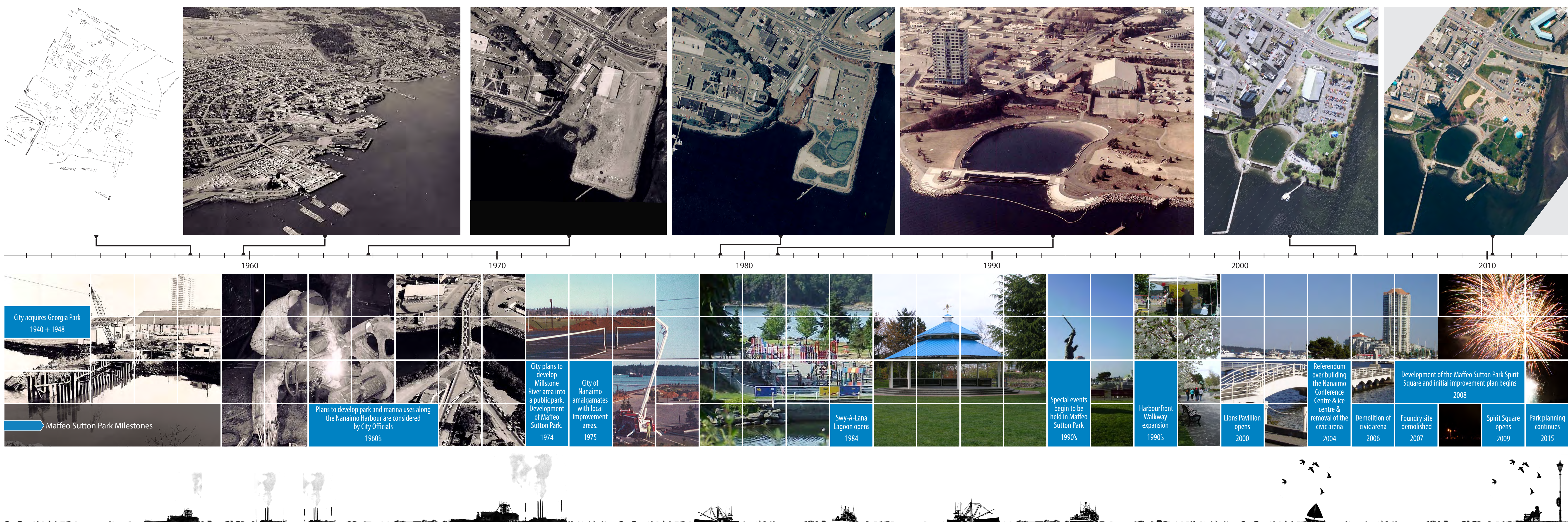


# Maffeo Sutton Park... the last 65 years...



# Maffeo Sutton Park Improvement Plan and Update

The City of Nanaimo is working to further improve Maffeo Sutton Park. Now the busiest park in Nanaimo, Maffeo Sutton Park has developed over the last 65 years from an industrial site into Nanaimo's destination waterfront park.

## Background:

The original Maffeo Sutton Park Improvement Plan was developed in 2008 with significant public input. The Maffeo Sutton Park Spirit Square opened in 2009 and was the first phase of park improvements.

However, since 2008, the park and downtown waterfront has changed. In 2011, the park expanded by 2.3 acres with the addition of 150 Comox Road to the park system. Also, since approval of the 2008 park plan, the City of Nanaimo adopted a Corporate Strategic Plan and began development negotiations on key properties adjacent to the park. Therefore, given these contextual changes, Council endorsed a planning process to update the Maffeo Sutton Park Improvement Plan.

## Goals:

- The following park improvement goals were developed during the 2004 referendum and are still guiding park improvement plans today:
- Enhance key park features such as performance spaces, play spaces and waterfront access.
  - Maintain existing amount of parking stalls and enhance access to the park.
  - Improve pedestrian and multi-use circulation routes.
  - Improve public amenities in the park
  - Enhance the park for special events and public use.
  - Increase public open space along the waterfront.
  - Add historical and industrial interpretation within the park.
  - Include a phasing plan to maintain access through development

## Planning Process:

Public and stakeholder input is key to assess priorities for park use and improvements. Open houses, interviews, and public surveys are being held to involve as many people in the planning process as possible. An improvement plan update will be prepared based on this input and then reviewed by committees, Council, and the public, with potential adoption in 2015.

