

DRAFT BEDFORD STREET POCKET PARK IDEA

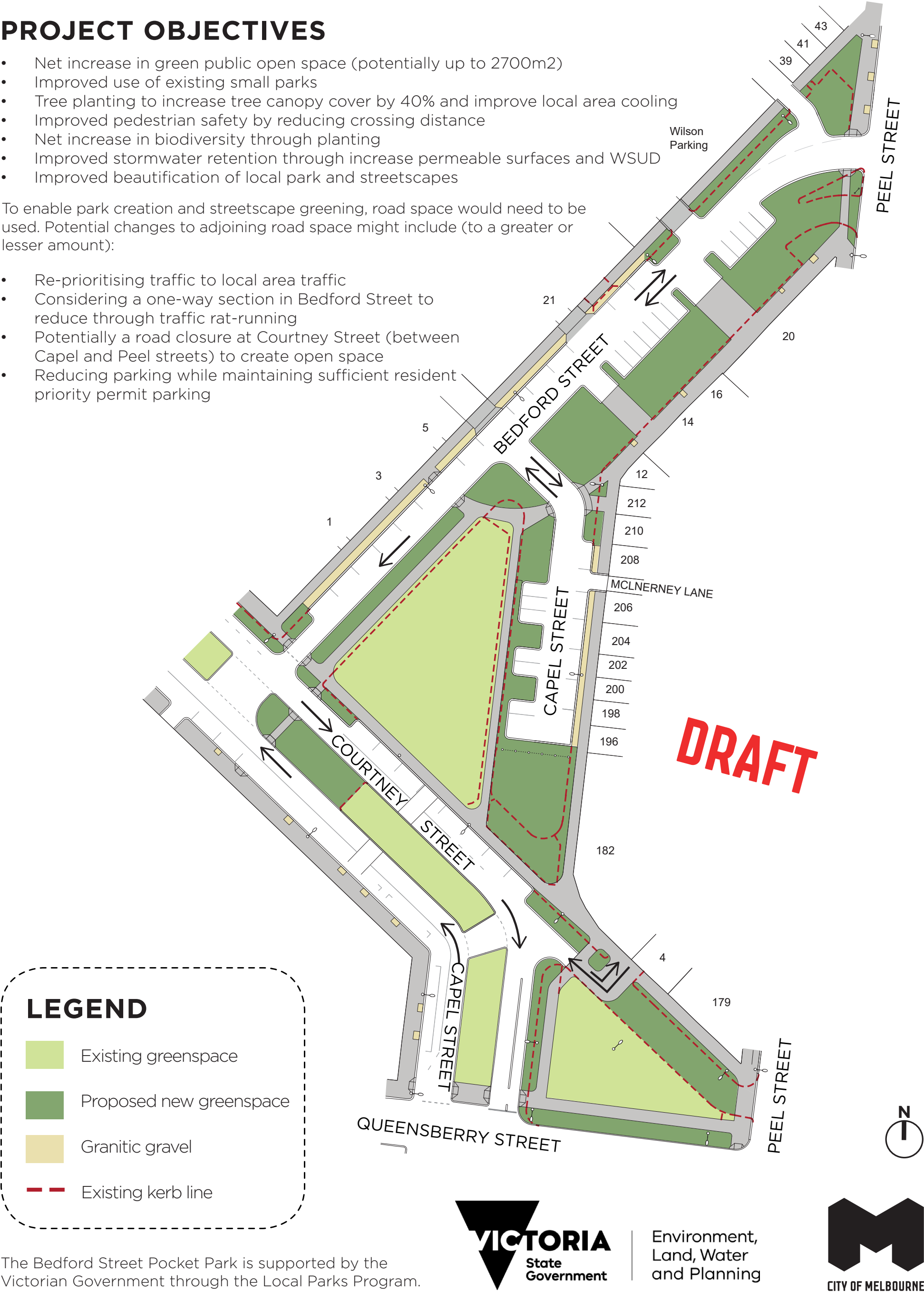
POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO MAXIMISE GREEN OPEN SPACE

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Net increase in green public open space (potentially up to 2700m2)
- Improved use of existing small parks
- Tree planting to increase tree canopy cover by 40% and improve local area cooling
- Improved pedestrian safety by reducing crossing distance
- Net increase in biodiversity through planting
- Improved stormwater retention through increase permeable surfaces and WSUD
- Improved beautification of local park and streetscapes

To enable park creation and streetscape greening, road space would need to be used. Potential changes to adjoining road space might include (to a greater or lesser amount):

- Re-prioritising traffic to local area traffic
- Considering a one-way section in Bedford Street to reduce through traffic rat-running
- Potentially a road closure at Courtney Street (between Capel and Peel streets) to create open space
- Reducing parking while maintaining sufficient resident priority permit parking



LEGEND

- Existing greenspace
- Proposed new greenspace
- Granitic gravel
- Existing kerb line

The Bedford Street Pocket Park is supported by the Victorian Government through the Local Parks Program.