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### Primary Objectives of this theme:

- Improve access throughout LaSalle that has been negatively impacted by the expressway.
- Better connect neighborhoods to the riverfront and Buffalo Avenue.
- Create a network of greenspaces and accessible waterways.

### Project Descriptions

**4.1 Redesign of LaSalle Expressway from I-190 to Williams Rd:** This project would redesign the LaSalle Expressway from I-190 to Williams Rd, likely converting the highway from a high-speed thoroughfare that divides the community into a neighborhood-scaled street. The street redesign would remain a primary east-west corridor through the city, but a reduced physical footprint would enable more frequent and safer connections between north and south neighborhoods as well as to Buffalo Avenue. Additionally, the reduced expressway footprint would create opportunities for community pocket parks and a connected bike trail system through LaSalle.

**4.2 LaSalle Bike Path:** This project, in coordination with project 4.1, would create a dedicated bike path along the LaSalle Expressway corridor and support a connected neighborhood bike network for all ages and abilities. Currently, bike riders traveling through LaSalle are advised to ride along Buffalo Avenue which can be at times narrow and uncomfortable for some riders.

**4.3 Expanded Trail Network with Community Access Points:** This project, in coordination with project 4.1, would expand the trail network into adjacent neighborhoods and to community parks and other destinations.

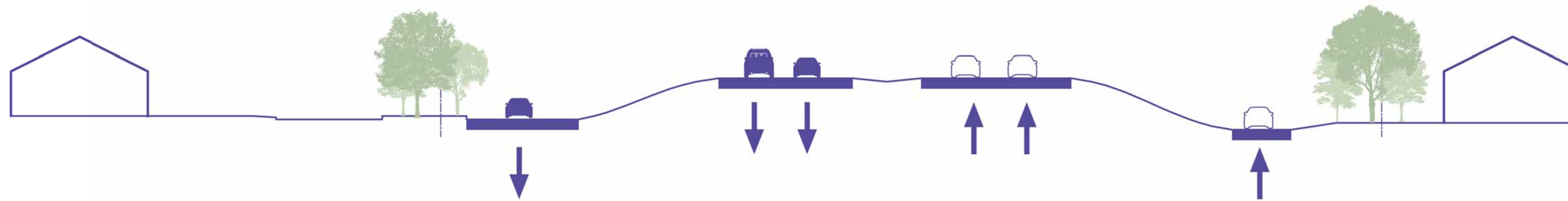
**4.4 Pedestrian & Bike Access to Grand Island Bridge:** This project would establish clear signage and directions for connecting the bike network of LaSalle to the Grand Island Bridge and the Scenic Parkway bike network.

**4.5 Community Parks and Open Spaces:** This project, in coordination with project 4.1, would leverage additional land opened up by the redesign of the LaSalle Expressway to create small community parks and open spaces. These community parks could support a range of programming, including gardens and landscape, play areas, public art, or just seating areas for relaxation.

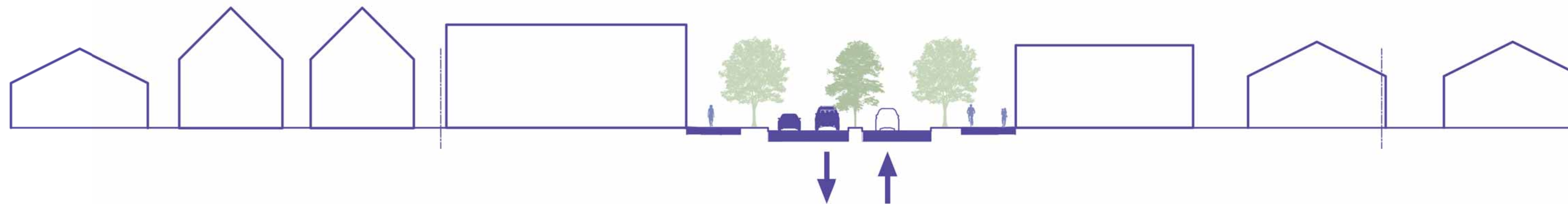
**4.6 Children's Park with Water Features:** This project would create a children's play area such as a splash pad or similar water feature near the riverfront.

**4.7 Connection to Existing Bike Trails:** This project would build upon project 4.2, and would coordinate the integration of the new bike trail system with the existing bike trails that east of Buffalo Avenue. This is a key priority to establishing a well connected network.

**4.8 Cayuga Creek Improvements and Access:** This project would develop a plan for the Cayuga Creek to improve visibility, reduce overgrown vegetation, explore feasibility of a creek-adjacent trail path, and to identify and improve water access points for small watercraft.



EXISTING SECTION



CONCEPTUAL SECTION - MAIN STREET WITH INFILL

City of Niagara Falls LWRP - LaSalle Expressway

Concept Development - Sections

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**City of Niagara Falls LWRP - LaSalle Expressway**  
**Preferred Concept: Main Street with Infill Enlargement**  
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