



# Fitzsimons Park Public Meeting #1

Evanston, Illinois

May 22, 2025, 6PM

Nichols Middle School – Cafeteria

# Meeting Agenda

- *Welcome and Introductions*
- *Timeline*
- *Existing Conditions*
- *Concept Designs*
  - *Concept 1*
  - *Concept 2*
  - *Concept 3*
- *Discussion*



**APR - MAY  
2025**

**SITE INVENTORY &  
ANALYSIS**

**MAY  
2025**

**3 CONCEPT OPTIONS  
REVIEW**

**COMMUNITY MEETING #1**  
MAY 22, 2025  
NICHOLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

**JUNE  
2025**

**REFINED CONCEPT  
REVIEW**

**COMMUNITY MEETING #2**  
JUNE 26, 2025

**AUG - FEB  
2025-2026**

**CONSTRUCTION  
DOCUMENTATION &  
BIDDING**

**APR - OCT  
2026**

**CONSTRUCTION  
PHASE**

**WE ARE HERE!**

**TIMELINE**





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EXISTING  
CONDITIONS



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EXISTING  
CONDITIONS

# CONCEPT 1

## *“Echoes of a River”*

A nature-themed play space that combines music, storytelling, and wetland inspired features to foster a deeper connection with river life.







# Interpretive Signs



# Native Planting Beds



# Picnic Area



CONCEPT 1  
"Echoes of a River"

# Playground Option 1

- Swings**
- 2 Belt
  - 2 Toddler
  - 1 Swing Along

**5-12 Play Structure**

**2-5 Play Structure**



**5-12 Play Structure**



**2-5 Play Structure**

# Playground Option 2



# Playground Option 3



**COLOR KEY**

- TAN
- LIME
- BROWN
- BROWN/TAN



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360 LOOP® SLIDE



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NATUREPLAY®



MOVMT®



FREEDOM SWING



PLAYFORT



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# CONCEPT 2

## *“A Splash of Color”*

*A vibrant playground with pops of color and playful splashes, designed to spark creativity and imagination.*



**Park Entrance**  
 - Bike Rack  
 - Existing Sign to Remain

**Bench with Companion Seating**

**Proposed Shade Trees**

**Walking Path**  
 - 6' Wide  
 - Concrete Paving

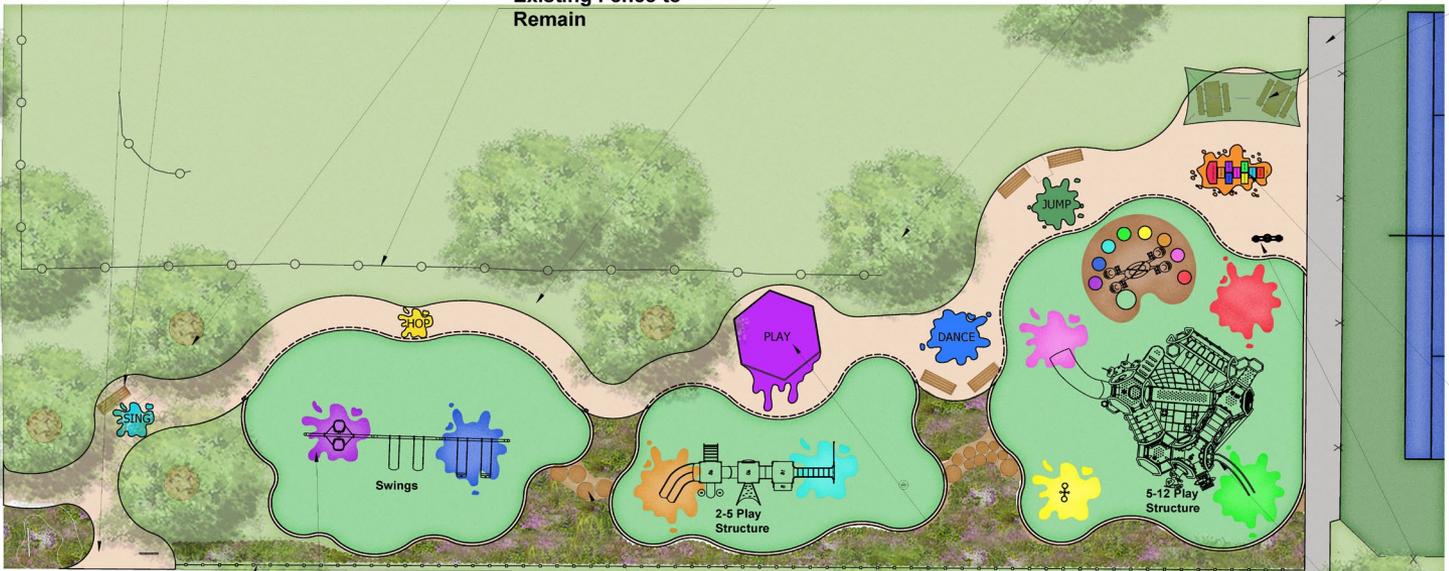
**Existing Trees to Remain**

**Resurfaced Existing Walk**  
 - Asphalt Paving

**Picnic Area**  
 - 2 Picnic Tables  
 - 1 Shade Sail

ELMWOOD AVENUE

**Existing Fence to Remain**



**Painted Games**



**Drinking Fountain**  
 - 2 Bowls, 1 Bottle Filler

**Playground**  
 - Colorful Play Equipment

**Ornamental Fence**  
 - 4' High  
 - Native Planting Buffer

**Engineered Wood Fiber Surfacing**  
 - Alternate: Artificial turf surfacing

**Tree Cookie Walk**

**Gaga Ball Pit**  
 - Concrete Paving



LEE STREET



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CONCEPT 2  
"A Splash of Color"

Painted Games



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Tree Cookie Walk



Picnic Area



CONCEPT 2  
*"A Splash of Color"*

Playground  
Option 1



5-12 Play Structure

2-5 Play Structure

- Swings
- 2 Belt
  - 2 Toddler
  - 1 Swing Along

Spinners



2-5 Play Structure



5-12 Play Structure

CONCEPT 2  
*"A Splash of Color"*

# Playground Option 2

5-12 Play Structure



Seesaw



Spinner

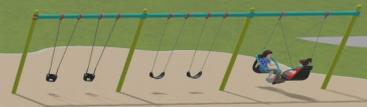


2-5 Play Structure



## Swings

- 2 Belt
- 2 Toddler
- 1 Friendship Swing



5-12 Play Structure



2-5 Play Structure



# Playground Option 3

## 5-12 Play Structure

### Net Climber

### 2-5 Play Structure



### Spinner

### Swings

- 2 Belt
- 1 Toddler
- 1 Accessible Seat



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CONTOUR® SLIDE



PURSUIT™ CLIMBER

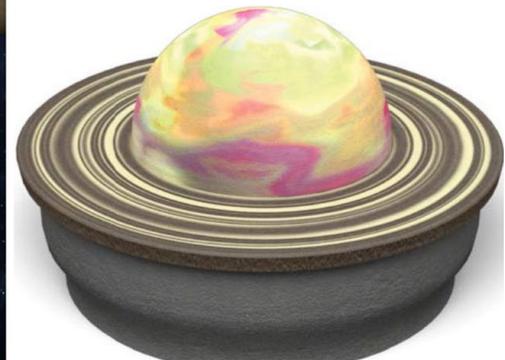
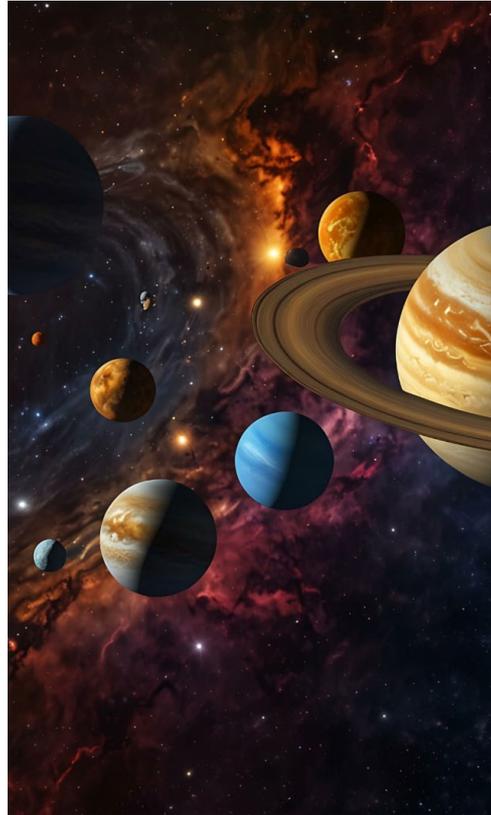


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# CONCEPT 3

*“A Cosmic Journey”*

*A captivating play area where space and sky-inspired zones ignite curiosity and a passion for science and technology.*



**Park Entrance**  
 - Bike Rack  
 - Existing Sign to Remain

**Walking Path**  
 - 6' Wide  
 - Concrete Paving

**Bench with Companion Seating**

**Existing Overhead Electrical Lines to Remain**

**Resurfaced Existing Walk**  
 - Asphalt Paving

**Existing Fence to Remain**

**Proposed Shade Trees**

**Existing Trees to Remain**

**Saturn Climber**

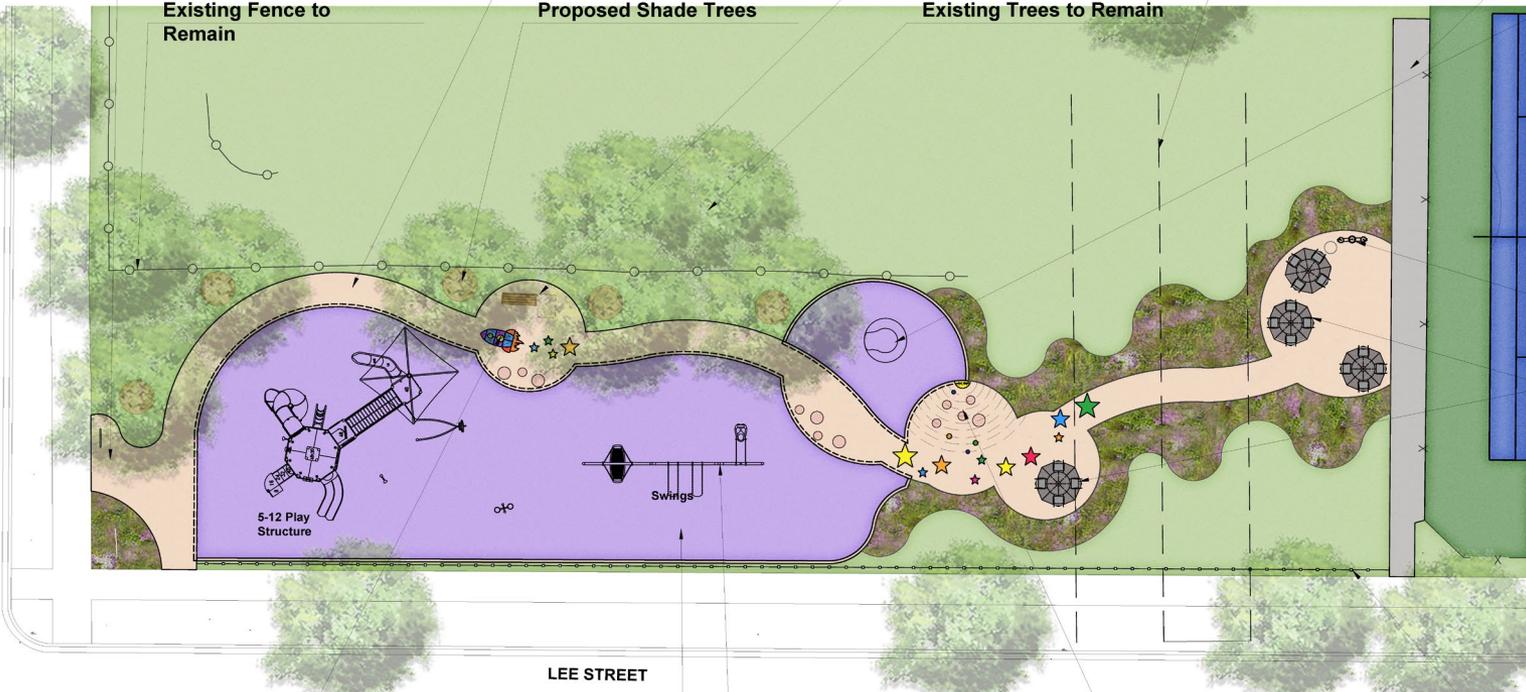


**Drinking Fountain**  
 - 2 Bowls, 1 Bottle Filler

**Picnic Area Tables**



ELMWOOD AVENUE



LEE STREET

**Painted Games**  
 - Space Themed

**Engineered Wood Fiber Surfacing**  
 - Alternate: Poured in place surfacing

**Playground**  
 - Space Theme

**Plaza Area**  
 - Seating Area  
 - Solar System Arrangement

**Ornamental Fence**  
 - 4' High  
 - Native Planting Buffer

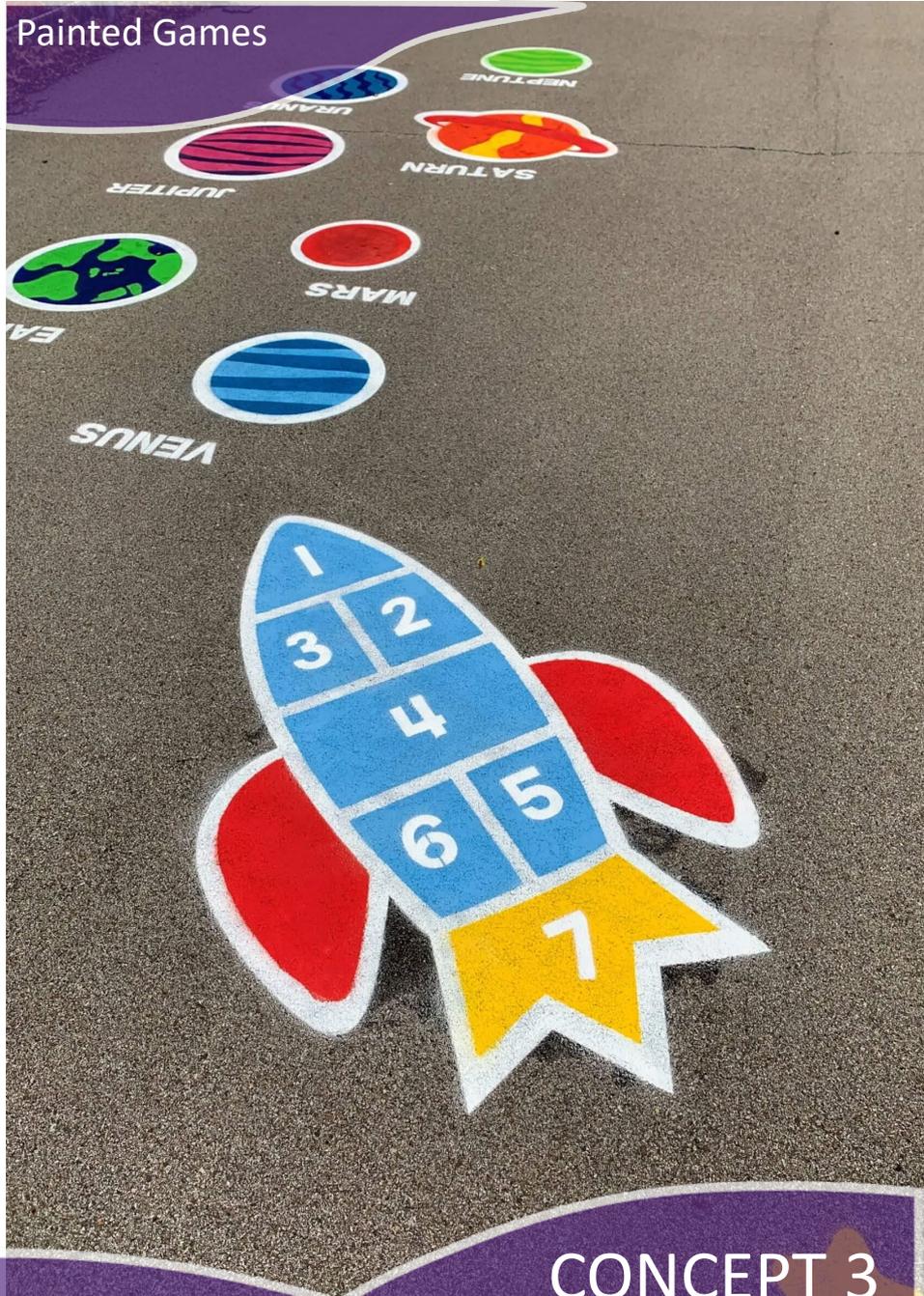




Passive Seating



Painted Games



Picnic Tables



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CONCEPT 3  
"A Cosmic Journey"

# Playground Option 1

Jupiter Climber

Moon Climber

5-12 Play Structure

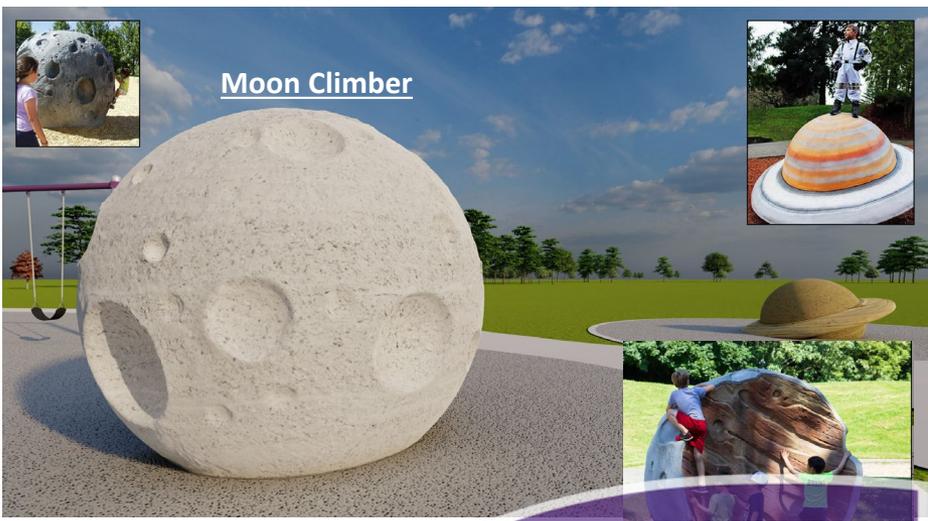
Swings

- 2 Belt
- 1 Toddler
- 1 Accessible Seat



5-12 Play Structure

Moon Climber



Playground  
Option 2

- Swings
- 2 Belt
- 1 Toddler
- 1 Friendship Swing

5-12 Play Structure

Cozy Dome Climber



5-12 Play Structure

Space Rover



# Playground Option 3

## 5-12 Play Structure

COLOR KEY

- WHITE
- GRANITE
- RED
- BLUE
- B BLUE/WHITE
- B RED/WHITE

### Swings

- 2 Belt
- 1 Toddler
- 1 Accessible Seat

### STEM Play

### Movmnt

### Play Bench

### Spinner



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SENSORY PLAYFUL BENCH



360 LOOP® SLIDE



FREEDOM SWING



VERTO CLIMBER



STEMPLAY®

# CONCEPT 3

"A Cosmic Journey"

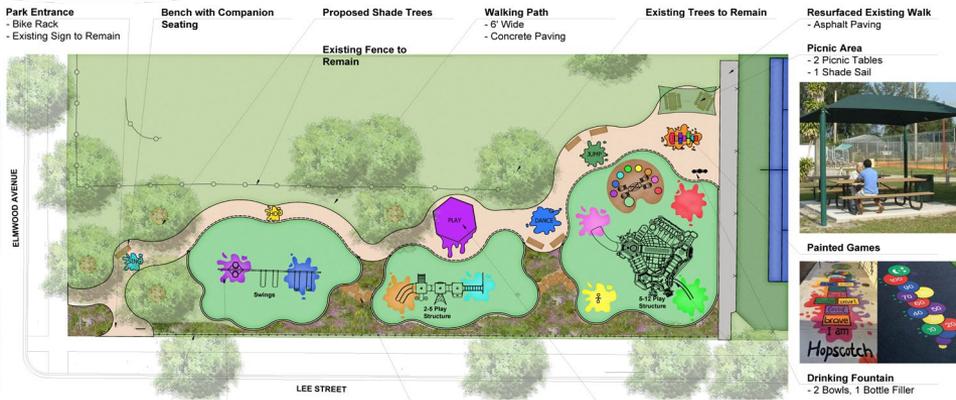
# Concept 1

## "Echoes of the River"



# Concept 2

## "A Splash of Color"



# Concept 3

## "A Cosmic Journey"

