

James Park Playground Renovation

Public Meeting #2 | Levy Senior Center | July 30TH, 2025, 6pm

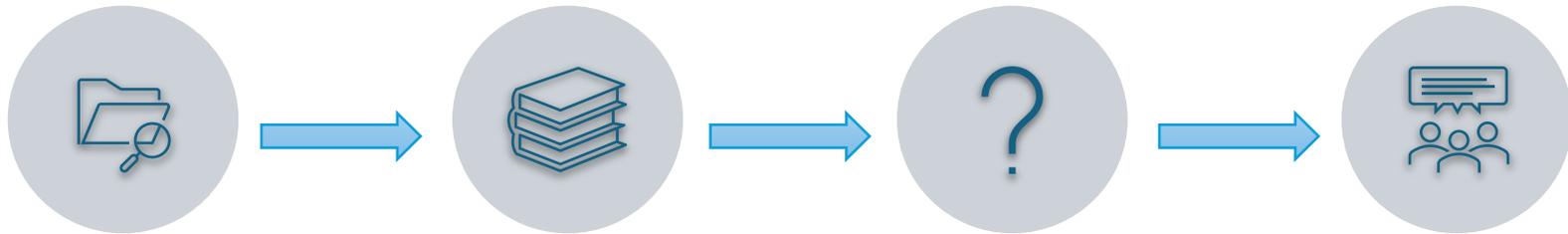


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TODAY'S AGENDA



OVERVIEW

- PROJECT SCOPE, TIMELINE, AND PM#1 INPUT

PROJECT SITE

- REVIEW PARK CONTEXT & SITE AERIAL
- REVIEW EXISTING CONDITIONS
- REVIEW CONCEPTS

Q&A

BREAKOUT ACTIVITIES

- PUBLIC INPUT
- DESIGN IDEAS

OVERVIEW

PROJECT SCOPE

Last Playground renovation in 1999.

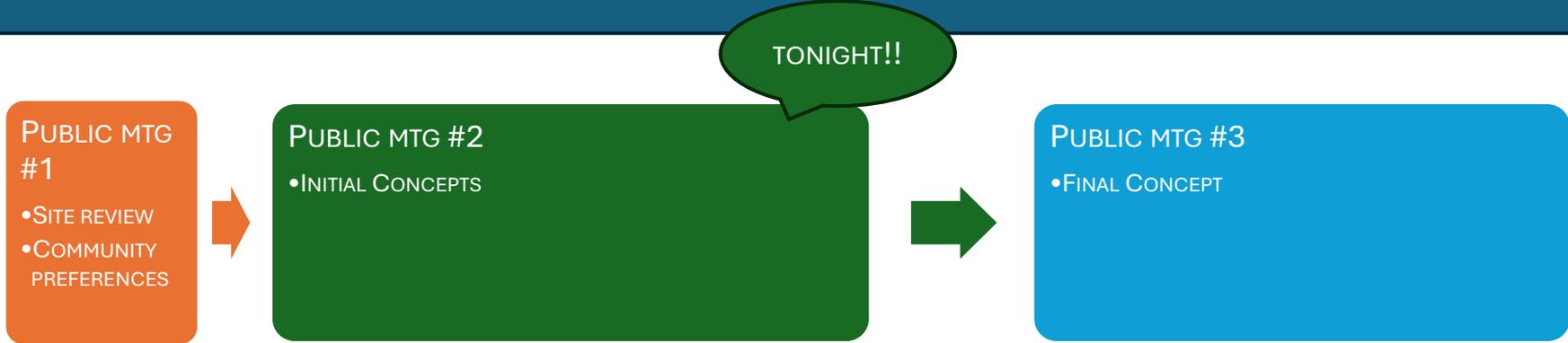
Anticipated Project Scope:

- Address settling concerns around fieldhouse
- Reconstruct Playground
- Renovate older sections of the multi-use trail
- Make ADA Improvements
- Provide new park amenities
- Address safety issues
- Address other concerns identified by residents

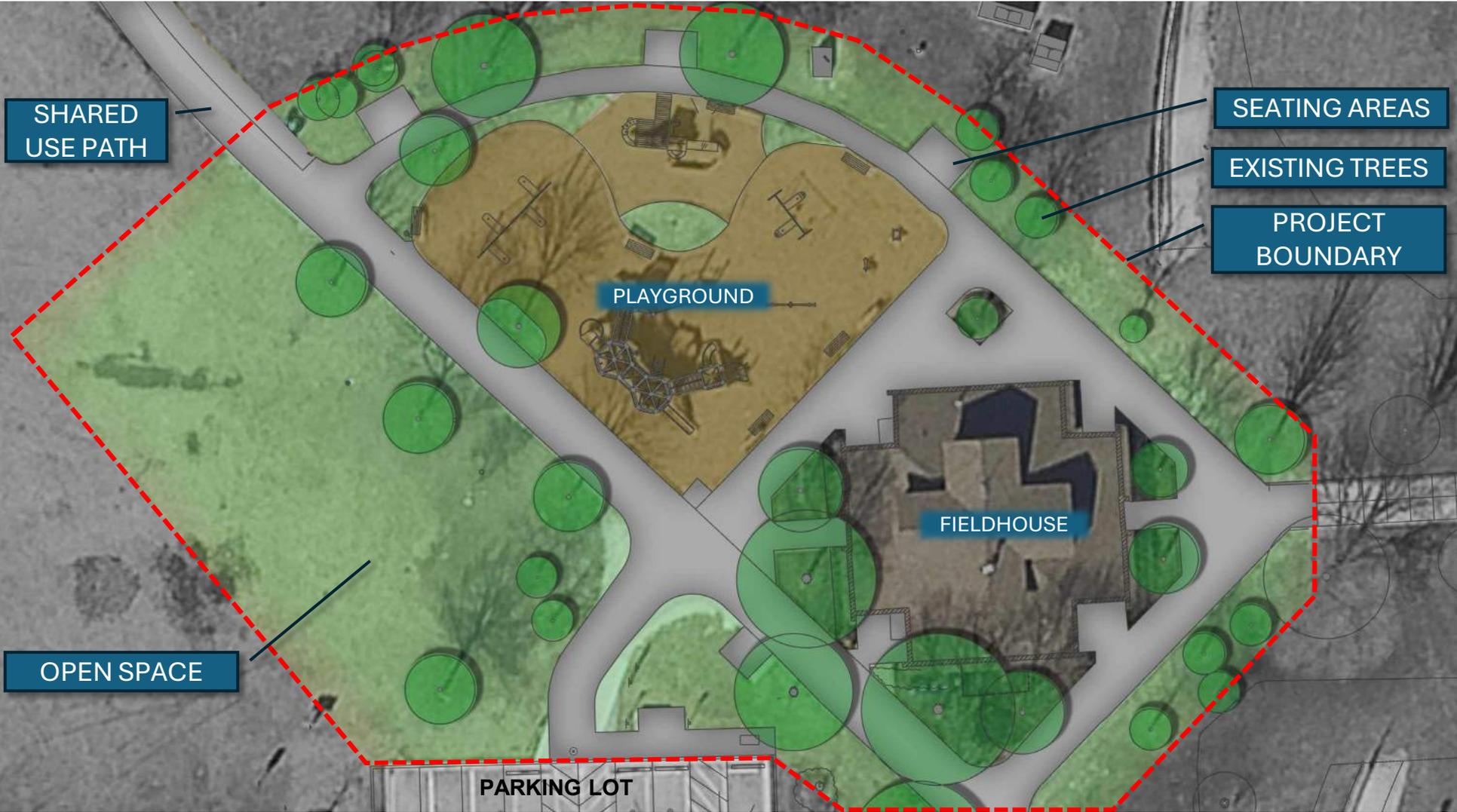


OVERVIEW

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE & COSTS



PROJECT SITE PARK – EXISTING CONDITIONS



PROJECT SITE

EXISTING CONDITIONS



S GATEWAY TO PLAYGROUND

PROJECT SITE

EXISTING CONDITIONS



SOUTH WALK FROM PARKING AREA



NE VIEW OF PLAYGROUND

PROJECT SITE

EXISTING CONDITIONS



SEATING AREA LOOKING EAST



SEATING LOOKING SE TO FIELD HOUSE

PROJECT SITE

EXISTING CONDITIONS



SIDEWALK SETTLING AT FIELDHOUSE



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PROJECT SITE

EXISTING CONDITIONS



SIDEWALK SETTLING AT FIELDHOUSE



SLEDDING HILL LOOKING SW

PROJECT SITE

EXISTING CONDITIONS



MULTI-USE PATH LOOKING SE



MULTI-USE PATH LOOKING NW

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MEETING RECAP

Demographics:

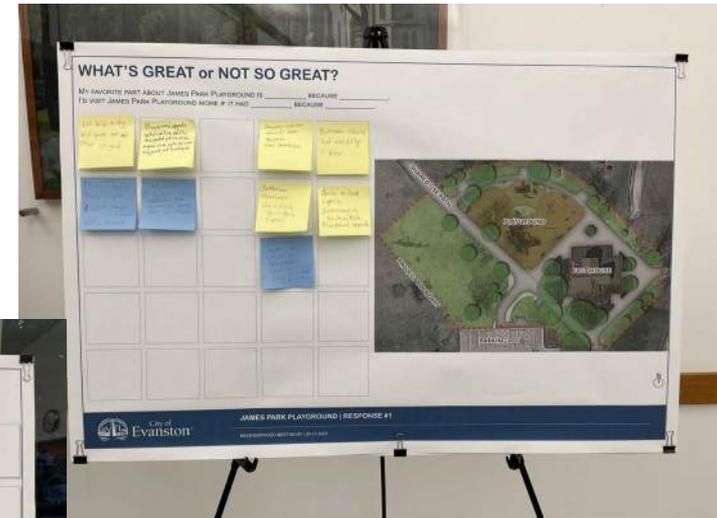
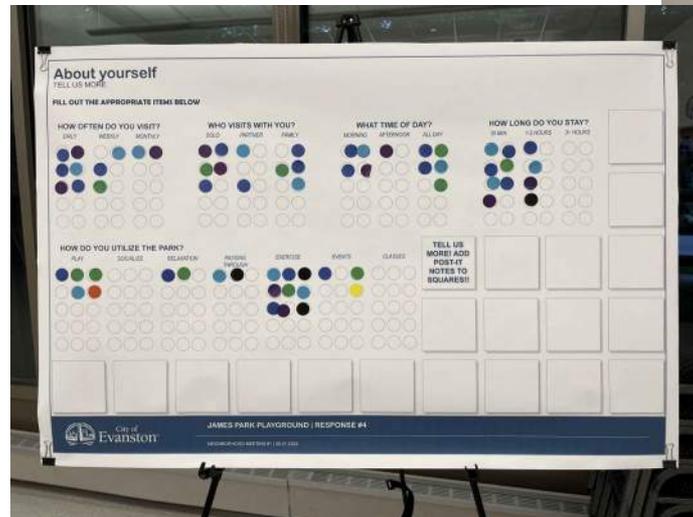
- Space utilized by individuals exercising for 30 minutes, Daily.
- Many community center users

Things you all love:

- Hill
- Space for all ages
- Proximity to bathrooms
- Huge space

Things to be improved:

- Bathroom access
- Security Lighting
- Path
- Hill usage
- Playground
- Designated picnic area



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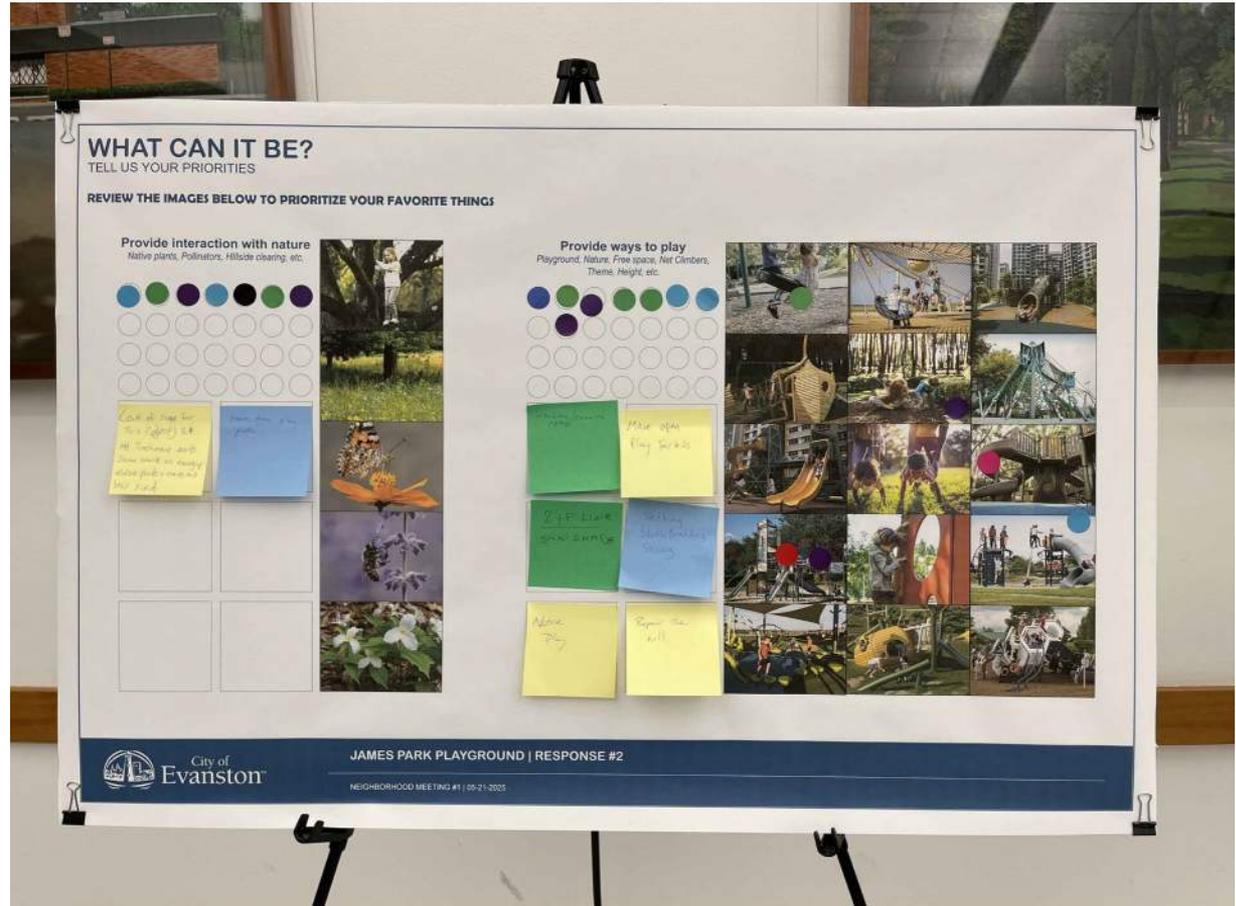
MEETING RECAP CONT.

Interaction with nature:

- Hill revitalization with natives (trees and herbaceous)
- Trees along path

Ways to Play:

- Path upgrades
- Attention to hill with variety of sledding, snowboarding, skiing
- Walking/Running Path
- Open space
- Nature play



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MEETING RECAP CONT.

Gathering Areas

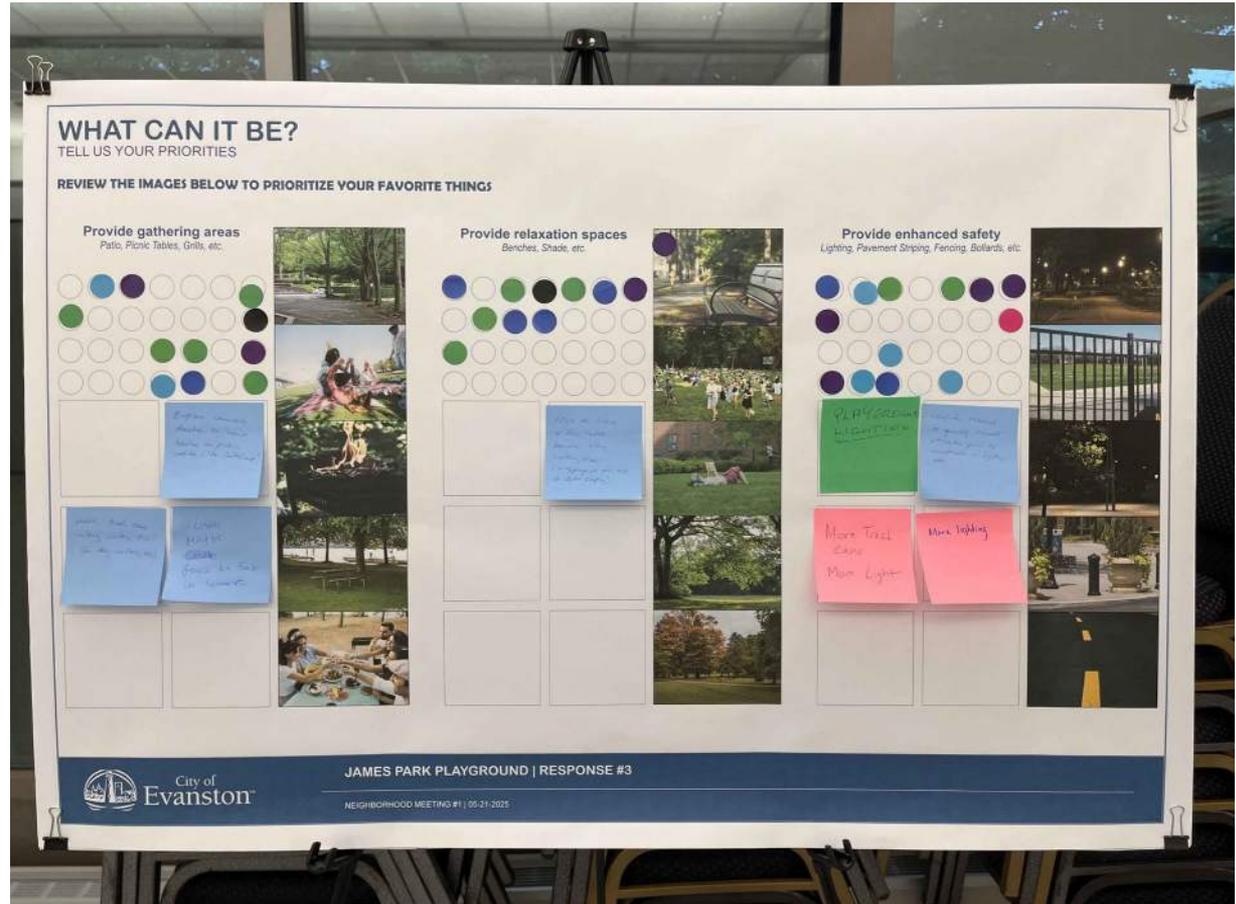
- Additional picnic and benches
- More trash cans along walking trail
- Summer food sales

Relaxation Spaces:

- Benches along walking path

Enhanced Safety:

- More lighting
- More trash cans
- Quantify investments in lighting



DESIGN GOAL

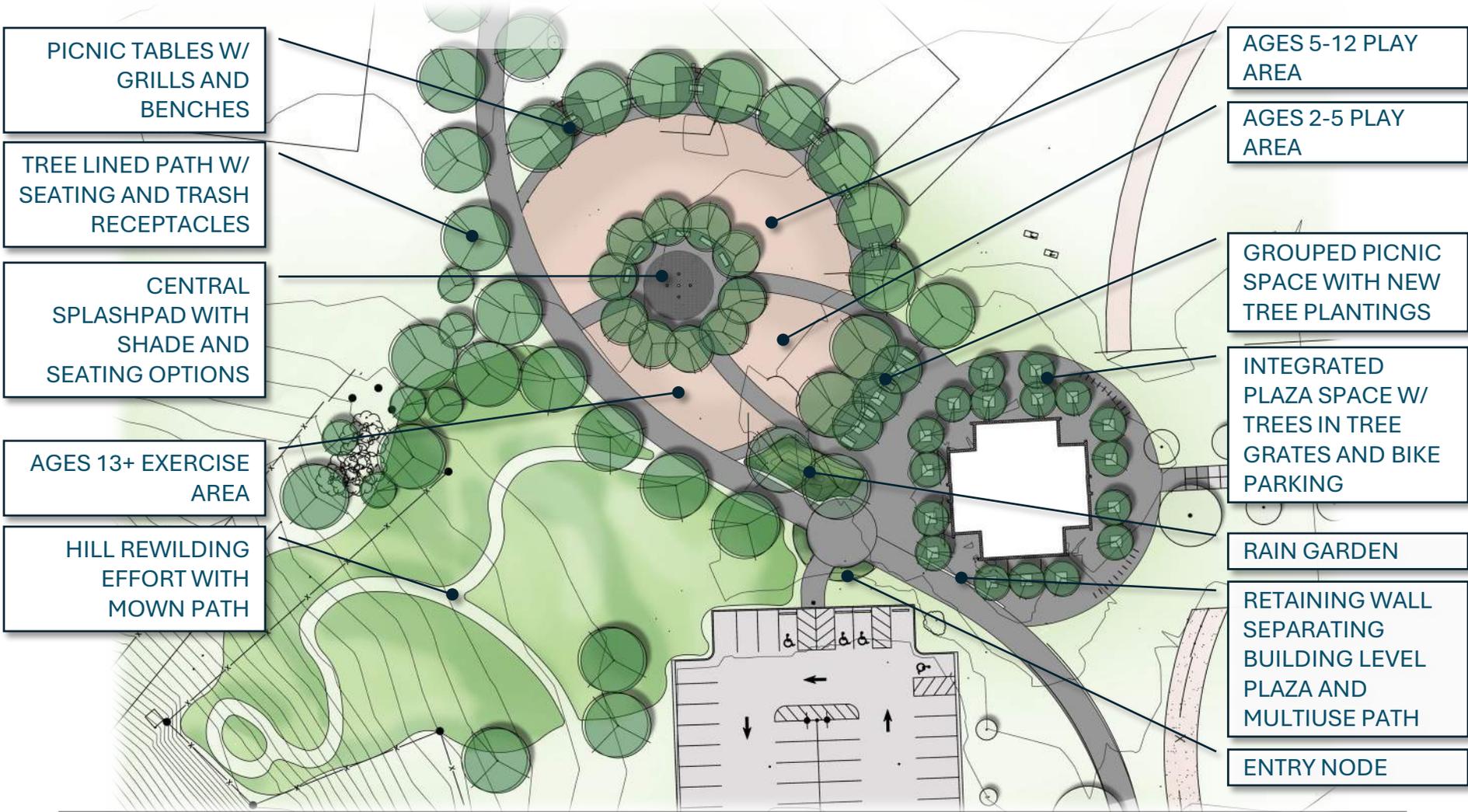
Reimagine the park with an expanded vision that elevates its role as a multifunctional public space—enhancing social, ecological, and recreational value. In doing so, carefully assess the existing environmental conditions to ensure that all interventions are context-sensitive, sustainable, and responsive to the long-term ecological health of the site

- Encourage connection between varied age group play spaces
- Promote relaxation areas through seating and interaction with nature
- Address safety concerns with lighting and accessibility to restrooms
- Start considerations for existing sledding hill

CONCEPT A



CONCEPT B



AMENITIES

STYLING IMAGES



BENCH



PICNIC TABLE



SPLASHPAD

AMENITIES/PLANTINGS

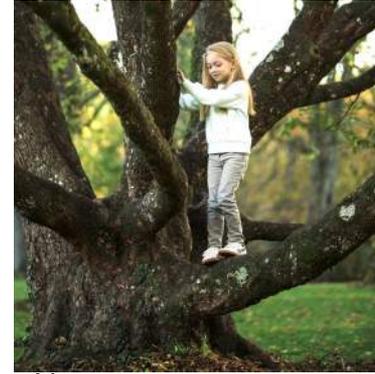
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TREES WITHIN PAVING SPACE



RE-WILDING



NATURE PLAY



HERBACEOUS PLANTING



TREE LINED MULTIUSE PATH

CONCEPTS

A & B COMPARISON

Concept A

- Similar overall footprint as existing with trail bisecting play areas expansion to West
- Additional shade/pathway seating
- Two dedicated spaces for ages 2-5 & 5-12 with seating options
- Play spaces bisected by multi-purpose path
- Splashpad adjacent to ages 2-5 play area
- Raingarden
- Sledding hill rewilding
- Integrated picnic areas
- ADA Updates
- Adjacent to parking lot
- Farther from soccer fields



Concept B

- Adjusted footprint to Northwest
- Additional shade/pathway seating
- Three dedicated play spaces for ages 2-5, 5-12, & 13+ groups with seating options
- Play spaces separated from multi-purpose path
- Splashpad centralized between play spaces
- Raingarden
- Sledding hill rewilding
- Integrated and independent picnic areas
- ADA Updates
- Better separation from parking lot
- Closer to soccer fields



PLAYGROUNDS

OPTION A



COLOR KEY	
●	AQUA
●	PURPLA
●	ORANGE
●	YELLOW
●	LIME
●	ORANGE/BLACK

PLAY
ILLINOIS
PARK & PLAYGROUND SOLUTIONS

3D Designer: Felicia



VERVE III® CLIMBER



DOOR KNOB JAM



LEVEL X® EXTREME



360 LOOP® 10'



FREEDOM SWING



INNOVA® BRIDGE



NIDO™ SPINNER

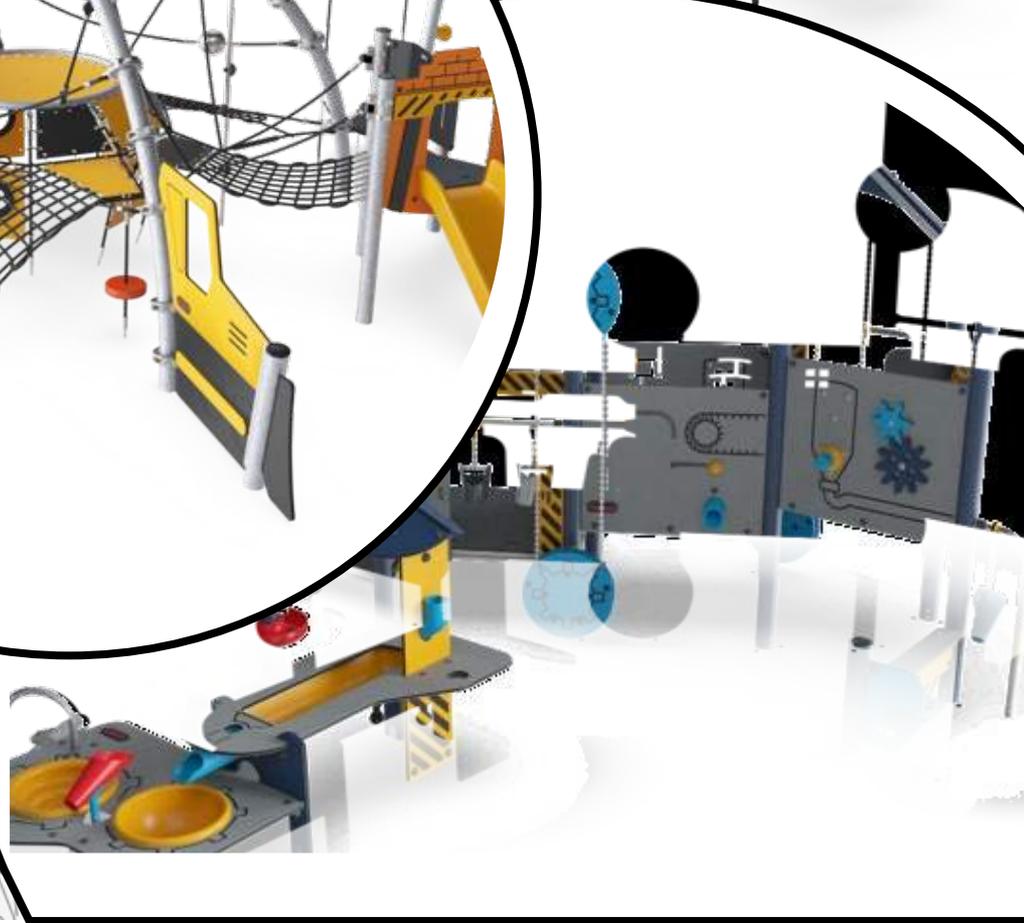
PLAYGROUNDS

OPTION B



PLAYGROUNDS

OPTION C



- COLOR KEY
- MINT
 - LILAC
 - OCEAN
 - GREY
 - GREY/BLACK



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BREAKOUT ACTIVITIES



PLAYHOUSE



360 LOOP® 10'



FREEDOM SWING



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Thank You!