

City of Evanston, IL

# Larimer Park Improvements

Community Workshop #2 | Concept Design Alternatives

04/18/2023



# Today's Agenda

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Welcome & Introductions

Approach & Process

Programmatic Priorities

Close & Discussion



# Project Team

Overview of Consultants & Collaborators

# You!

Neighbors &  
Stakeholders

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City of  
**Evanston**<sup>TM</sup>

Project  
Team

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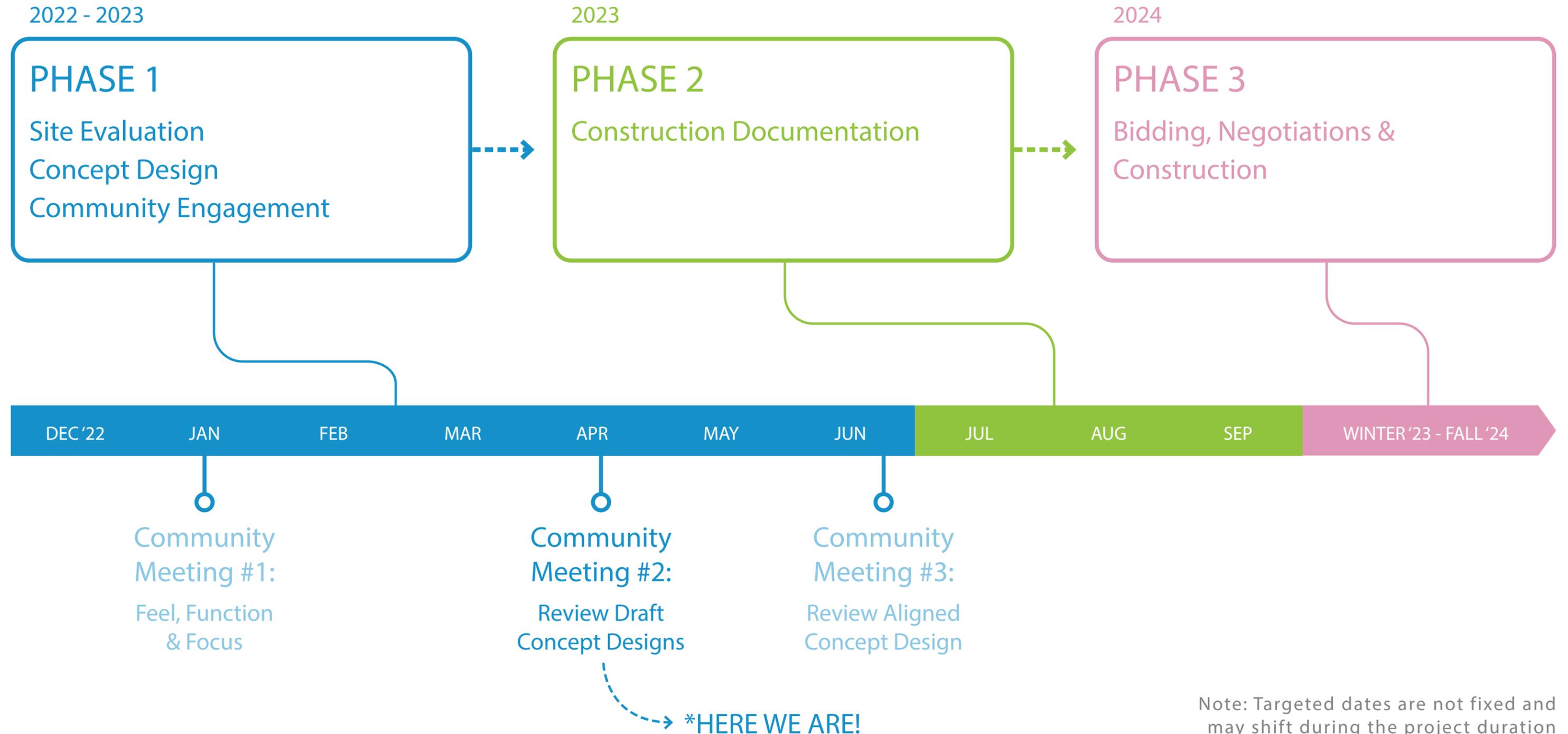


**BOOTH HANSEN**



# Project Roadmap

Overview of Schedule & Milestones



Note: Targeted dates are not fixed and may shift during the project duration

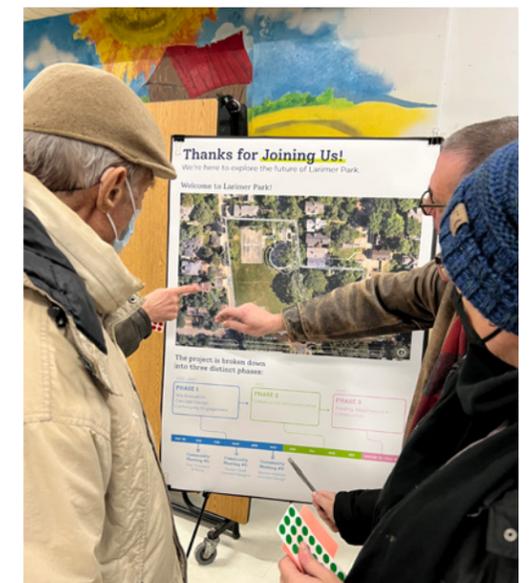
# Community Workshop #1

Overview of Exercises & Feedback

“Teaching our daughter how to ride a bike on the sidewalk.”

“Skating with my sisters c. 1975.”

“Taking my kids to the park and having them meet other kids and make friends.”



“Pick up games with neighborhood kids.”

“Parties at the pavilion.”

“‘Recess’ with our pod during remote learning.”

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Overview of Exercises & Feedback

## What's Working Well?

"...open spaces for play and events"

"...trees."

"...basketball court because I'm on a basketball team"

"...the shaded playground and the large open field"

"...baseball field because kids use it informally"

"...field area to play and run with kids and dogs."

## What Needs Some Love?

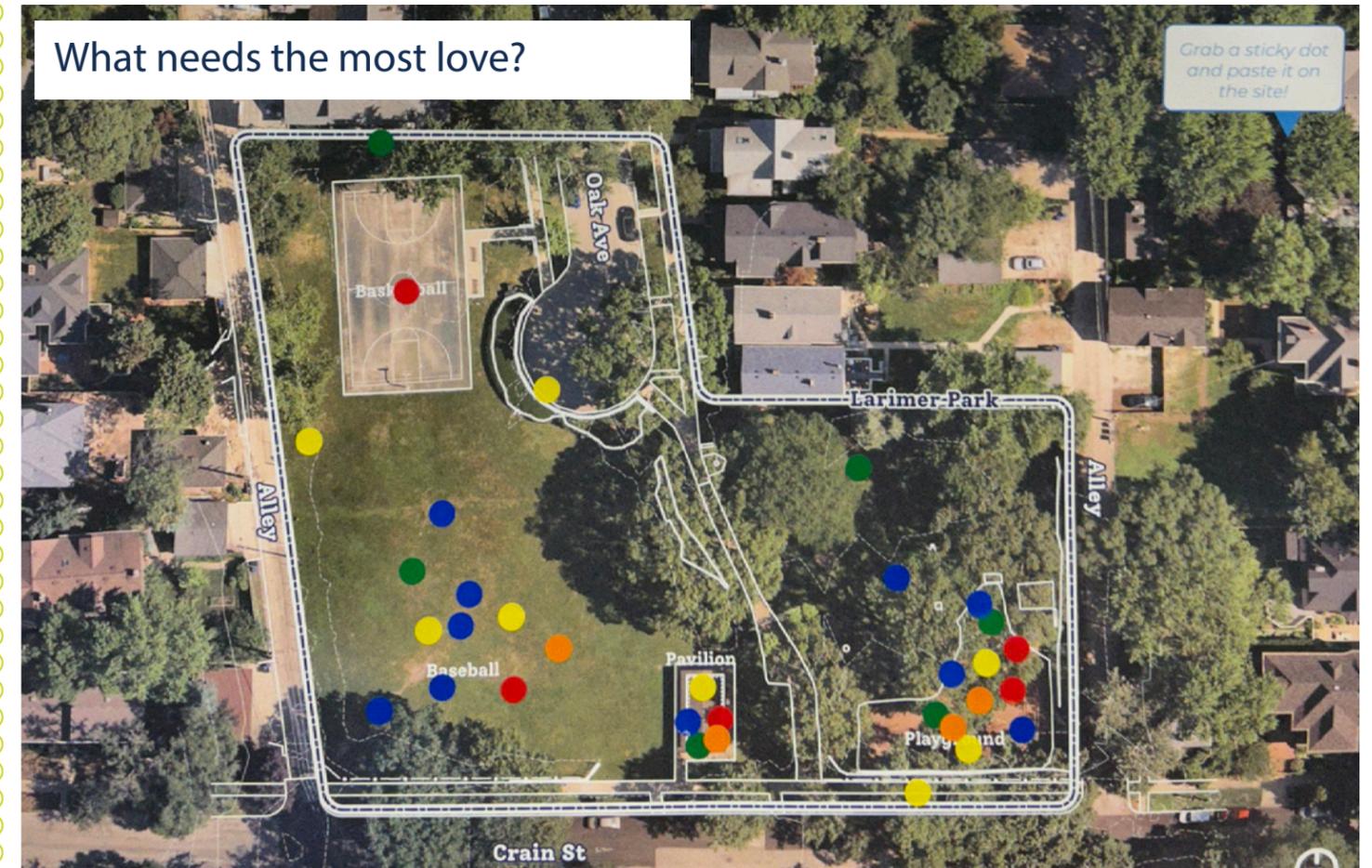
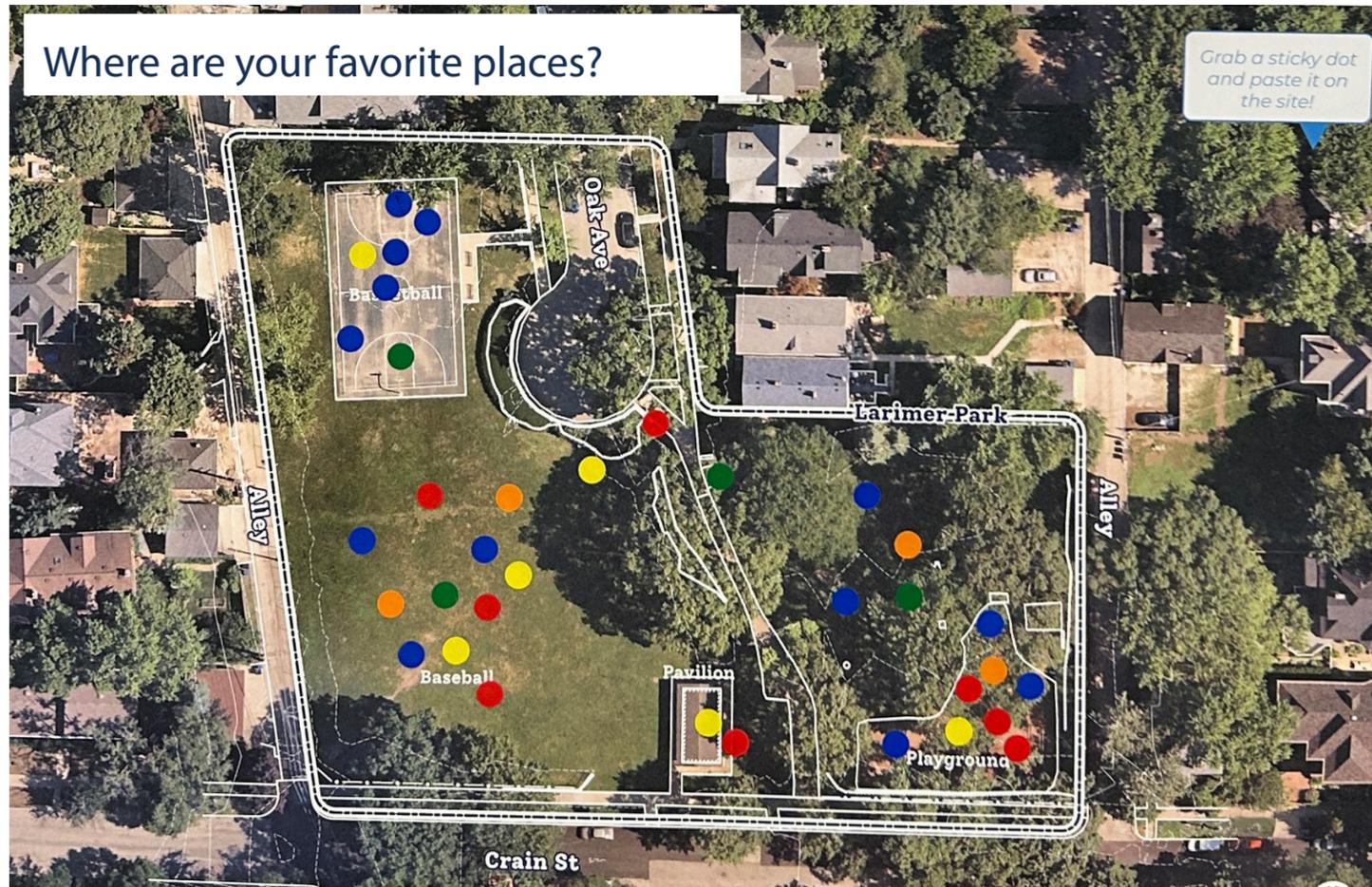
"...Refresh playground and equipment. Resurface court."

"...plant trees where diseased elms come down."

"...area for dogs to be off leash."

"...Baseball field should be improved"

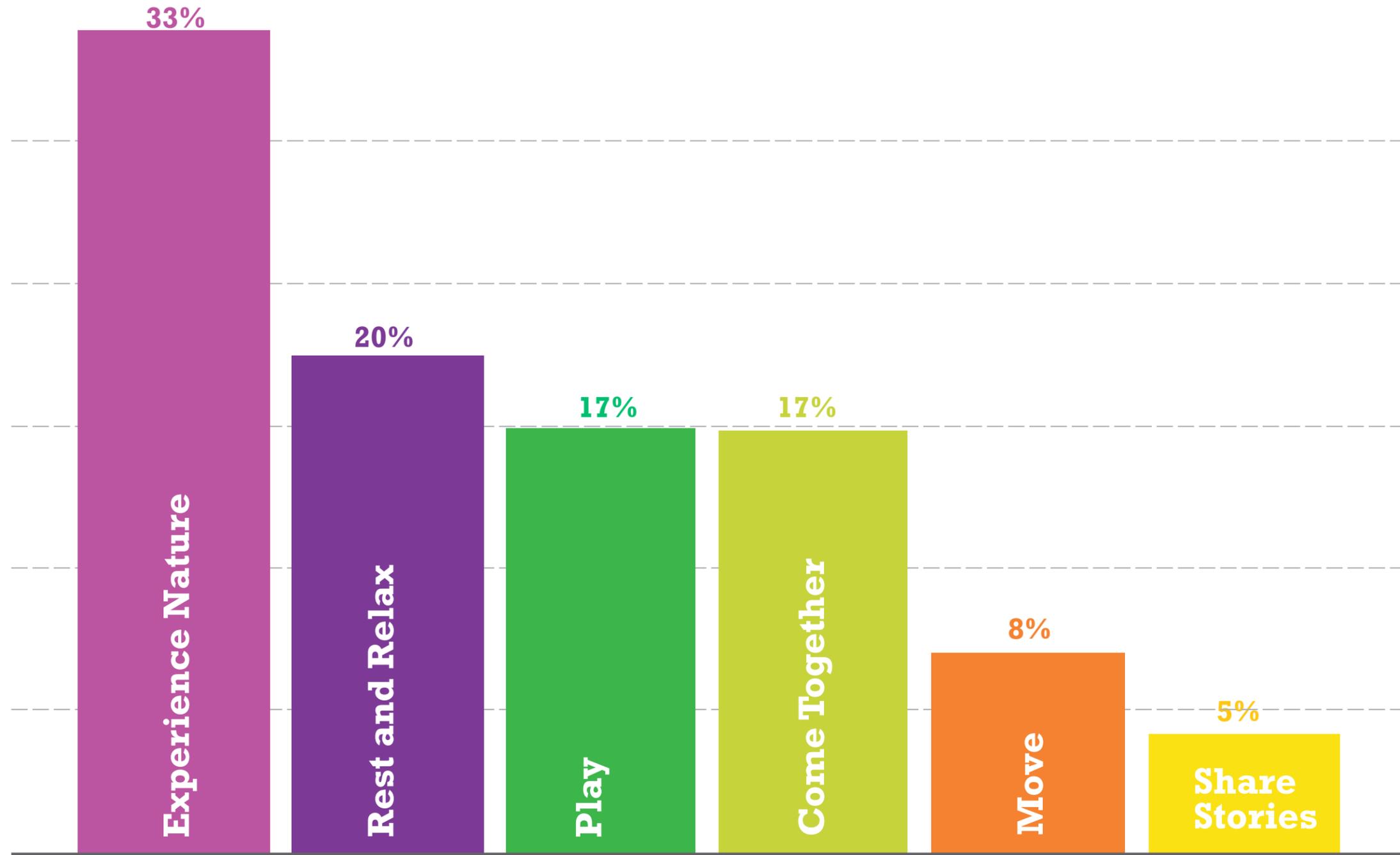
"...does the baseball field's frequency of use justify that much space?"



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## Where Should We Focus?



"...larger playground penny park style."

"...keep open space for unstructured play."

"...nature area like at Welles Park."

"...a community pavilion that celebrates coming together - open, multi-use, durable."

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## Let's Look at the Pavilion!

How do you use the existing pavilion today?

- (3) Family/birthday parties
- (3) Community and block parties
- (1) Socializing with other dog owners

What do you feel needs done with the pavilion in the future?

- (63%) It needs to be refreshed!
- (22%) It needs to be replaced!
- (15%) It's fine the way it is!

It needs to be refreshed! (63%)

- More flexible style shelter and remove the solid door
- Design details such as lighting to create a destination
- More picnic tables for outdoor dining

It needs to be replaced! (22%)

- Open sided structure
- More inviting, playful and expressive character

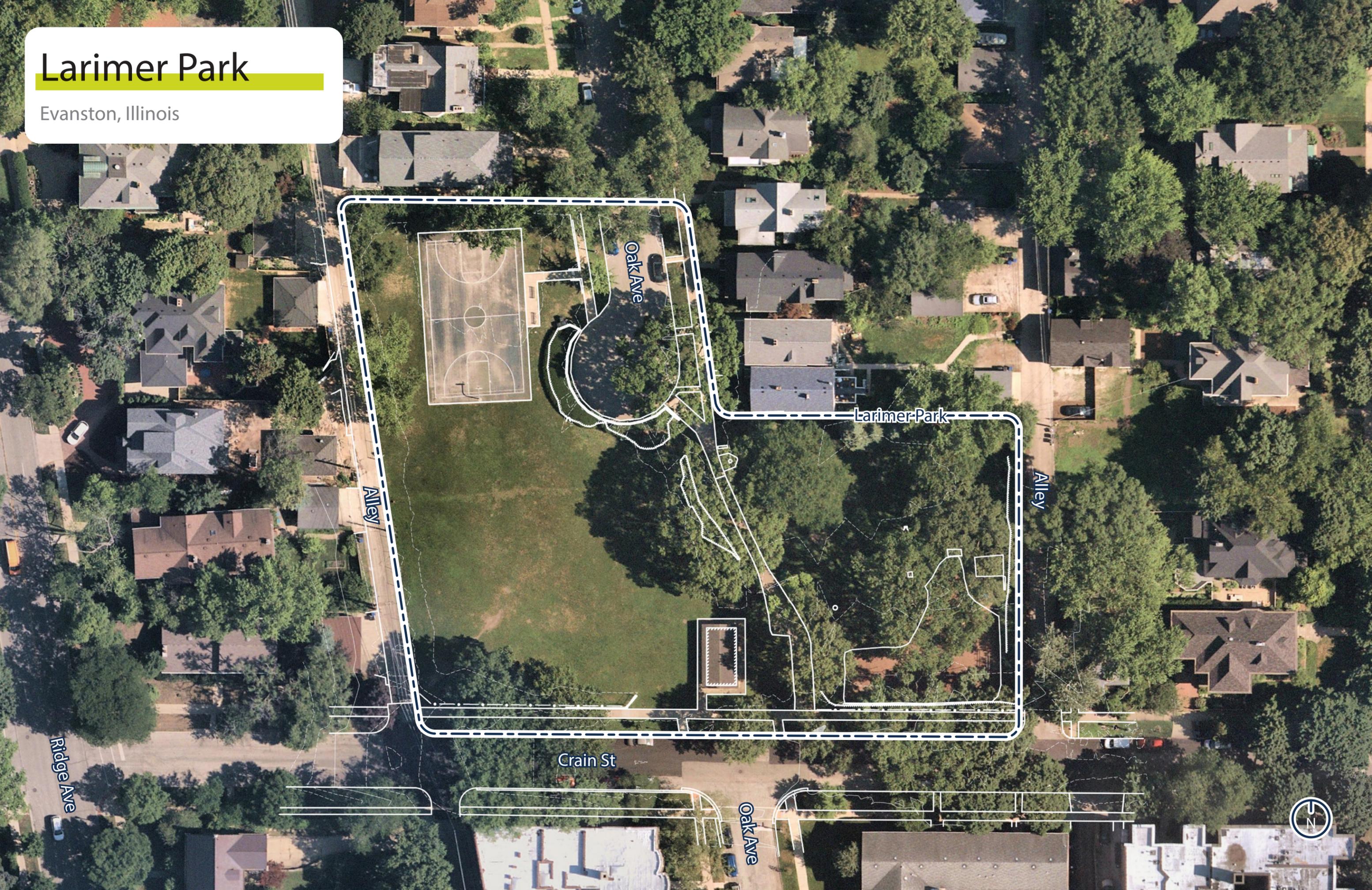
It's fine the way it is! (15%)

- Must be able to open and close according to season

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**Site Evaluation**

# Larimer Park

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Oak Ave

Larimer Park

Alley

Alley

Crain St

Ridge Ave

Oak Ave



# Building Community

Programming & Site Feature Analysis

"Active & Athletic"

"Central Commons"

"Passive & Playful"

Basketball

Water Fountain

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Seating

Pavilion

Baseball

Playground

Ridge Ave

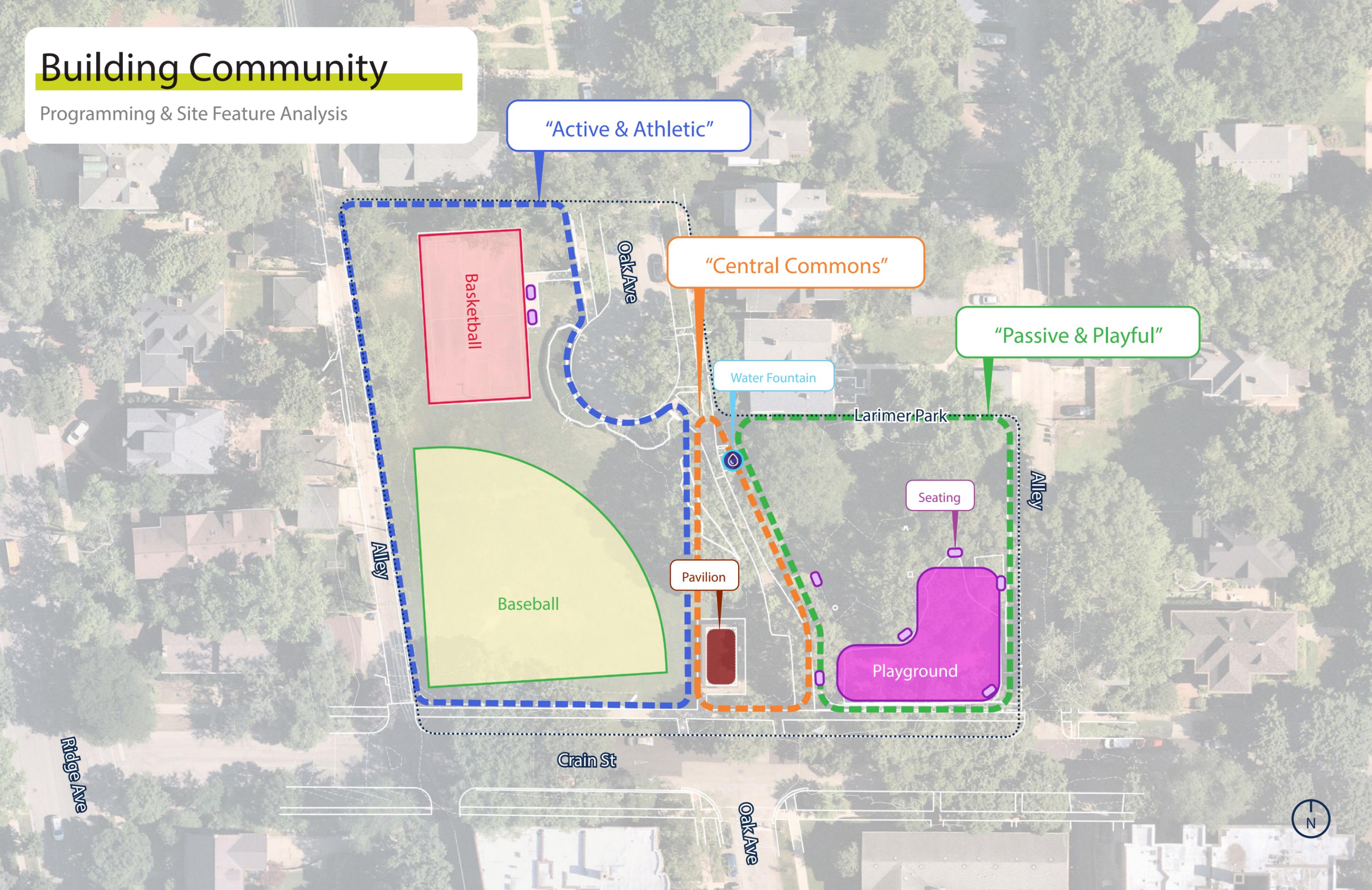
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# Building Community

Programming & Site Feature Analysis



# Site Analysis

Circulation, Landscape, & Utilities



# Site Analysis

Existing Tree Survey



Silver Maple | Age

Elm | Structural Defect

Crab Apple | Age

Elm | Structural Defect

## LEGEND

- Existing Stump to be Removed
- Existing Trees to be Removed
- Existing Trees to Remain



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Concept Design

# Larimer Park

Evanston, Illinois



Emphasis on  
Connection to Nature



Emphasis On  
Active Recreation



Emphasis On Community  
Gathering + Play



## Concept A

Emphasis on Connection to Nature

# Concept A

Emphasis on Connection to Nature

## LEGEND

- Path
- Soft Surface
- Basketball Court
- Play Surfacing
- Pavilion
- Lawn
- Buffer Planting
- Gardens (Proposed)
- Tree (Existing)
- Tree (Proposed)
- Ornamental Tree (Proposed)

Ridge Ave



# Concept A

Emphasis on Connection to Nature



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## Concept B

Emphasis On Active Recreation

# Concept B

Emphasis on Active Recreation

## LEGEND

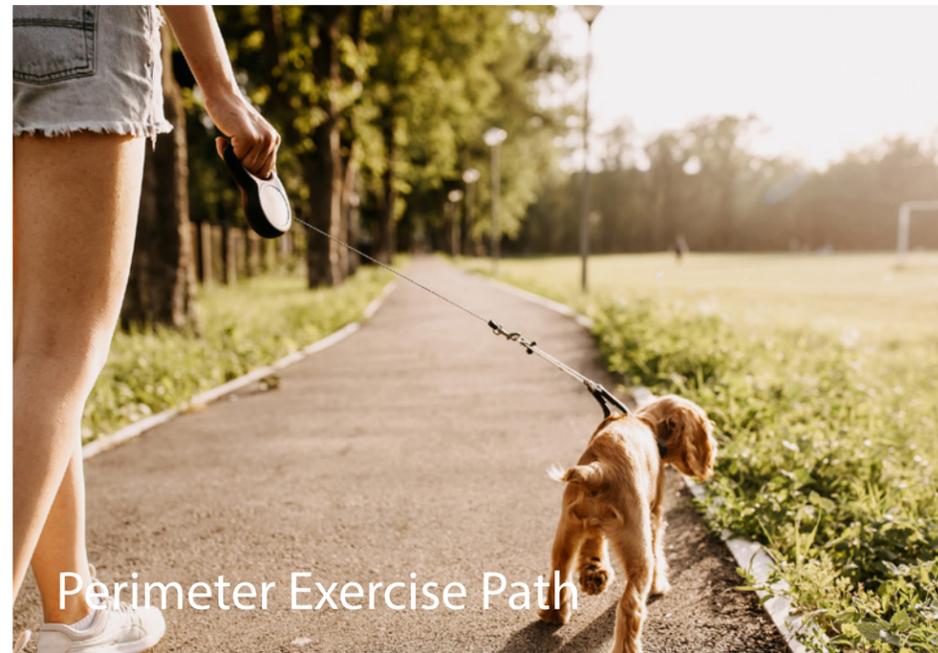
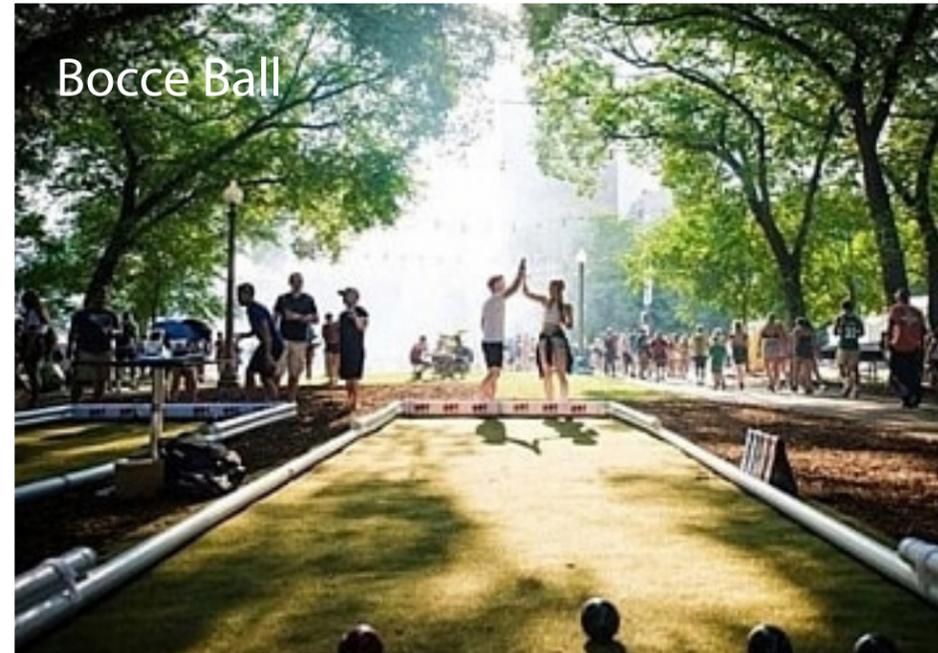
- Path
- Plaza
- Basketball Court
- Play Surfacing
- Pavilion
- Lawn
- Buffer Planting
- Gardens (Proposed)
- Tree (Existing)
- Tree (Proposed)

Ridge Ave



# Concept B

Emphasis on Active Recreation



# Concept B

Emphasis on Active Recreation



Existing Pavilion



Cul-de-sac Buffer



Option: Dark Painted Wood with Panels Removed to create Open Air Structure



Option: Repair Existing Stone Wall

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## Concept C

Emphasis On Community Gathering + Play

# Concept C

Emphasis on Community Gathering + Play

## LEGEND

- Path
- Basketball Court
- Play Surfacing
- Pavilion
- Lawn
- Buffer Planting
- Gardens (Proposed)
- Tree (Existing)
- Tree (Proposed)



# Concept C

Emphasis on Community Gathering + Play



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New Open Air Pavilion Options



Curbed Planters with Trees

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Station 1



Concept A

Emphasis On Connection to Nature

Station 2



Concept B

Emphasis On Active Recreation

Station 3



Concept C

Emphasis On Community Gathering + Play

