



MASON PARK EXPANSION + CHURCH/DODGE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

April 10, 2024 | Evanston Township High School | 6:00 – 8:00 pm

The purpose of the Community Open House was to present outcomes of the community survey, review existing conditions and gather feedback about potential opportunities that can be made within the study area.

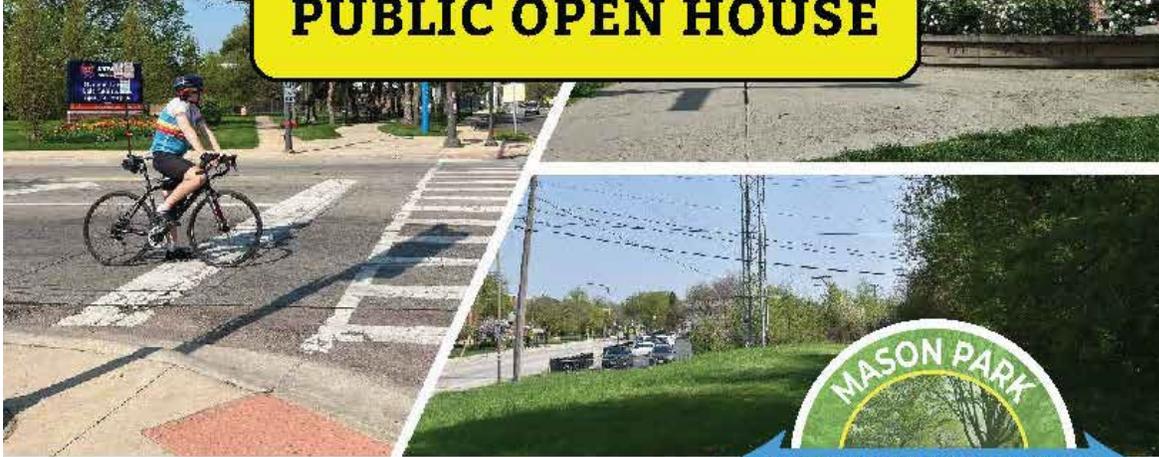
Prior to the meeting, announcements were distributed via the following methods:

1. Project information and meeting announcements uploaded to the City of Evanston project website: www.cityofevanston.org/MasonChurchDodge
2. Printed flyers were posted in Mason Park and Gibbs Morrison Cultural Center.
3. Emailed digital announcements were provided to Evanston Township High School (ETHS), Youth Opportunity United (Y.O.U.), the 2nd Ward Offices and to all survey respondents who provided email addresses (approximately 250 individuals).
4. Printed flyers were mailed to approximately 561 households surrounding Mason Park.

Approximately 40 people attended the Public Open House.

MASON PARK EXPANSION AND CHURCH/DODGE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE



Wednesday, April 10th

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Evanston Township High School (ETHS)

1600 Dodge Avenue, Evanston, Room N112

Enter the Building at Entrance #1, located in front of ETHS on Dodge Ave

Parking is available along Dodge Ave and in Parking Lot #1 (accessed from Dodge Ave)

Join us at the public open house to hear outcomes of the community survey, review existing conditions and participate in design visioning activities.

For more information, please visit the project webpage at the link below or scan the QR code with your smart device

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Meeting announcement flyer

MEETING EXHIBITS

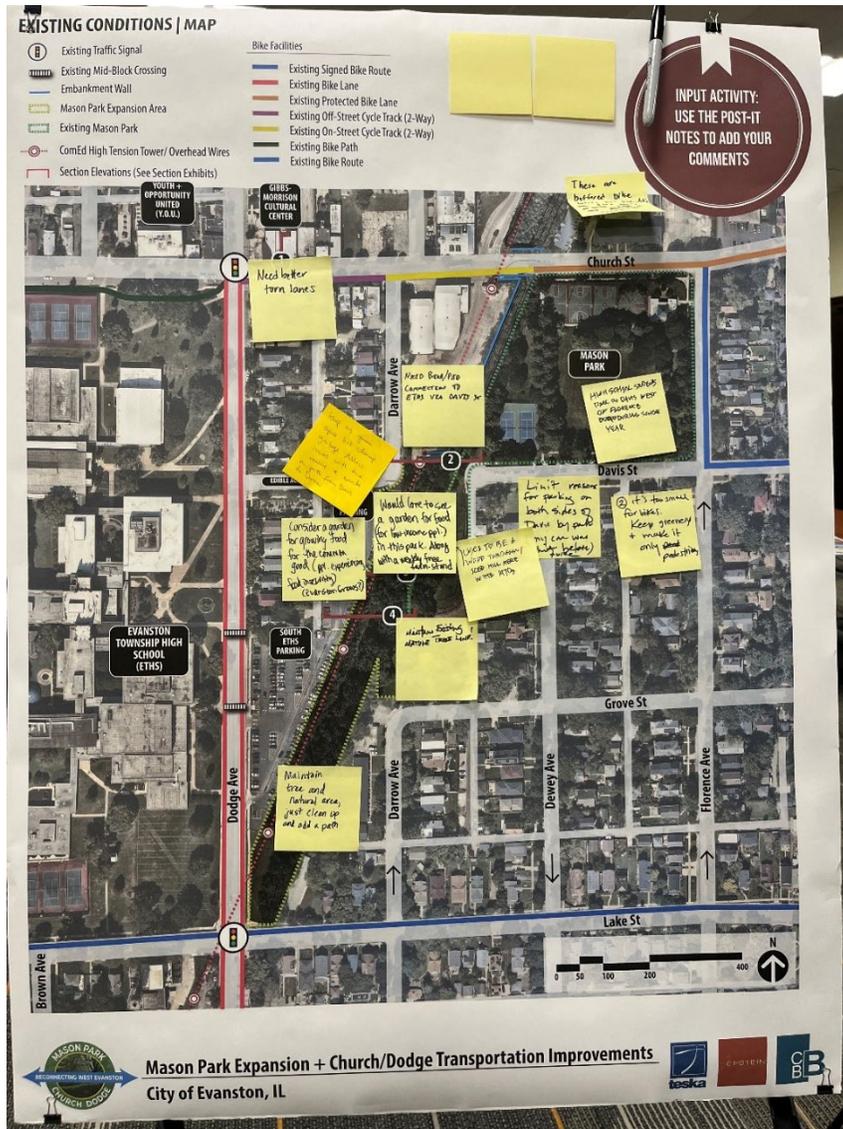
The exhibits presented existing conditions, summarized community survey results, and offered opportunities for participants to provide input about the types of improvements they would like to see occur throughout the project areas, namely: *existing Mason Park area, Mason Park expansion area, and Church/Dodge area*. Participants were provided stickers to select their preferred improvement opportunities for each area. Participants were also provided post-it notes to provide open-ended comments on the exhibit boards.

A list of meeting exhibits presented during the meeting follows below:

1. Project Introduction
2. Community Survey Summary of Responses (2 exhibits)
3. Existing Conditions Map
4. Existing Conditions Site Sections
5. Existing Mason Park Area (Map, Site Photos, Opportunities)
6. Mason Park Expansion Area (Map, Site Photos, Opportunities)
7. Church / Dodge Area (Map, Intersection Traffic Counts, Site Photos, Opportunities)
8. Open Ended Comments

A summary of open-ended comments received are organized by exhibit board and subtopics follows:

EXHIBIT: EXISTING CONDITIONS MAP



COMMENTS PROVIDED VIA POST-IT NOTES:

EMBANKMENT GREEN SPACE

1. Maintain trees and natural area, just clean up and add path.
2. Maintain existing nature tree line.
3. Keep as green space but clean up garbage.
4. Consider a garden for growing food for the community good. People experiencing food insecurity, Evanston Grows?
5. Would love to see a garden for food (for low-income people) in this park, along with weekly free farm stand.

PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE CONNECTIONS

1. Need bike/ped connection to ETHS via Davis.
2. Address issues with the ravine & create a path from Davis to Darrow.
3. It's too small for bikes, keep greenery and make it only pedestrian.

PARKING

1. High school students park on Davis west of Florence during school year.
2. Limit reasons for parking on both sides of Davis.

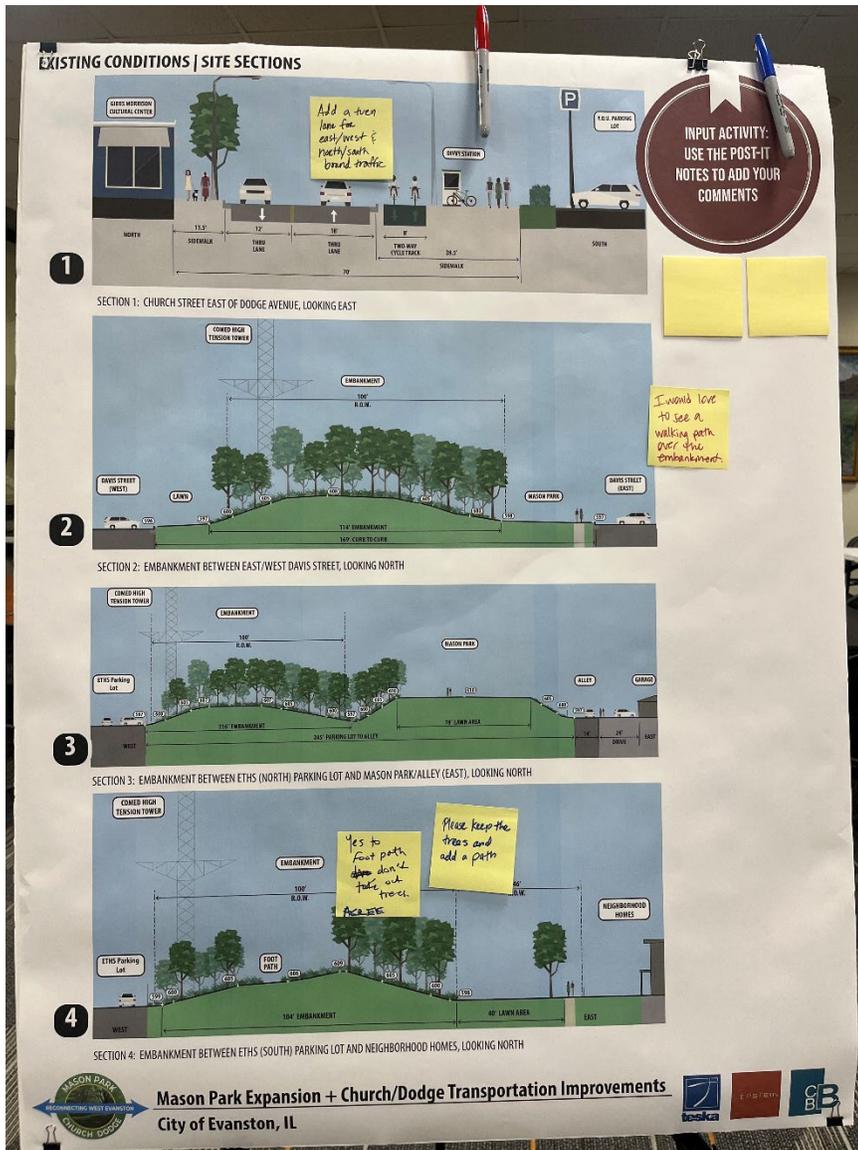
CHURCH/DODGE

1. Need better turn lanes.

MASON PARK HILL

1. Used to be a toboggan/sled hill in 1973.
2. Hill on north side not steep enough for sledding. Hill going down the south side is steeper and better for sledding.

EXHIBIT: EXISTING CONDITIONS | SITE SECTIONS



COMMENTS PROVIDED VIA POST-IT NOTES:

SECTION 1: CHURCH STREET EAST OF DODGE AVENUE, LOOKING EAST

1. Add a turn lane for east/west and north/south bound traffic.

SECTION 2: EMBANKMENT BETWEEN EAST/WEST DAVIS STREET, LOOKING NORTH

1. I love to see a walking path over the embankment.

SECTION 3: EMBANKMENT BETWEEN ETHS (SOUTH) PARKING LOT AND NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES, LOOKING NORTH

1. Yes to foot path, don't take out trees.
2. Please keep trees and add a path.

EXHIBIT: EXISTING MASON PARK AREA | MAP



COMMENTS PROVIDED VIA POST-IT NOTES:

MASON PARK

1. Add water fountains.
2. Restrooms open more often.
3. More public bathroom hours. More programming at the field house
4. Add bike racks.
5. There is limited parking available near the park.
6. Should have a 2-hour limit on some parking by the tennis courts, so spaces aren't used by students and available to park goers during the day.

CHURCH STREET BIKEWAY

1. 2-way bike lane suddenly ends.
2. No west bound bike infrastructure between Florence and Mayfair

EMBANKMENT AREA

1. Please add a path over the hill.
2. Make a green walkway space.
3. Keep ETHS garden where it is.
4. Don't move the edible acre to the corner of Dodge/Lake. Keep it as a public green space instead.

ETHS PARKING

1. Consider allowing parking for Mason Park Events in ETHS north lot once access along Davis is improved for pedestrians.

EXHIBIT: EXISTING MASON PARK AREA | SITE PHOTOS



COMMENTS PROVIDED VIA POST-IT NOTES:

1. Add trail through trees (near embankment)
2. Add more picnic tables.
3. Add goal posts for football.
4. Add frisbee course.
5. Add more park benches.
6. Updates bathrooms
7. More bathroom hours
8. More programming – music, dance
9. Lighting in park sign doesn't work.
10. Uplighting at columns doesn't work + is a trip hazard.
11. Have gardening programs + classes. Have a tree farm stand.

EXHIBIT: EXISTING MASON PARK AREA | OPPORTUNITIES

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ENHANCE EXISTING FIELD HOUSE / BATHROOMS

ENHANCE / REPLACE EXISTING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

ADD A DOG PARK

ADD PICKLEBALL

ADD FITNESS / EXERCISE STATIONS

USE EXISTING SLOPE FOR A SLED HILL

USE EXISTING SLOPE FOR AN EMBANKMENT SLIDE

USE EXISTING SLOPE FOR A CLIMBING WALL

ADD TERRACED SEATING

ADD BIOSWALES / RAIN GARDENS

ADD PLAY MOUNDS

IN PRIORITY USE UP TO 4 STICKERS TO SELECT YOUR PREFERRED ENHANCEMENT

USE THE POST-IT NOTES TO ADD YOUR COMMENTS

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Participants were provided (4) stickers to select their most desired opportunities. Voting sticker counts are tallied below and the highest number of votes is at the top of the list:

1. Add Bioswales / Rain Gardens - 24
2. Add Terraced Seating - 21
3. Enhance Existing Field House / Bathrooms - 16
4. Add Fitness/ Exercise Stations – 8
5. Add a Dog Park – 7
6. Use Existing Slope for an Embankment Slide – 6
7. Add Play Mounds – 6
8. Use Existing Slope for a Climbing Wall – 5
9. Use Existing Slope for a Sled Hill – 5
10. Enhance / Replace Existing Playground Equipment – 3
11. Add Pickleball – 1

COMMENTS PROVIDED VIA POST-IT NOTES:

1. Dogs need a space in the park, not in the tennis courts! People are using the tennis courts to exercise their dogs, in spite of the signs.

EXHIBIT: MASON PARK EXPANSION AREA | MAP



COMMENTS PROVIDED VIA POST-IT NOTES:

1. Needs accessible path from Davis to ETHS – bike and/or walking path.
2. Better maintenance – graffiti removed at benches and lights.
3. Maintain/remove trash + debris at transfer station.
4. Needs marked crossing across Church St at embankment.
5. Keep tree canopy.
6. Please keep the trees from Lake St to Mason Park & Add a walking path.
7. Fieldhouse has broken vending machine.
8. Uplighting around pergola doesn't work.
9. A dog park is necessary. People are using the tennis courts to walk their dogs.
10. Disincentivize illegal behavior in the ravine. Open it up?
11. Watch for MWRD Deep Tunnel and access hatches at Darrow / Grove St.
12. Don't move Edible Acre
13. Please do not move the ETHS garden here (Dodge / Lake). Keep it as public green space.

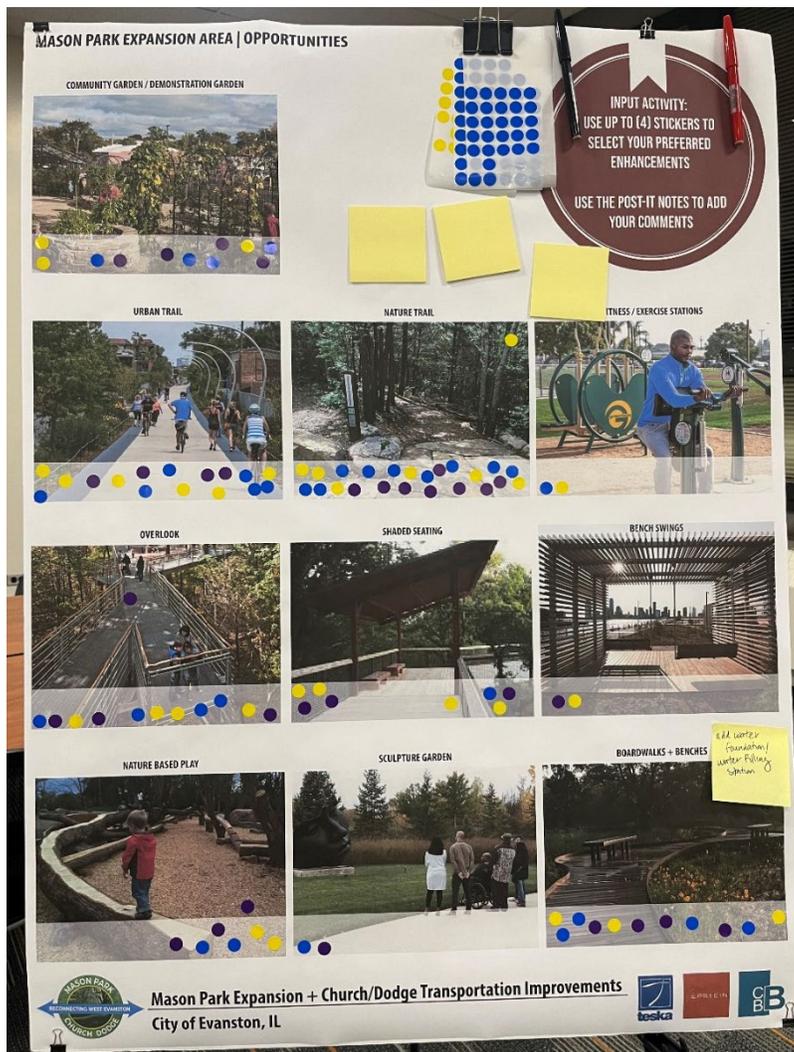
EXHIBIT: MASON PARK EXPANSION AREA | SITE PHOTOS



COMMENTS PROVIDED VIA POST-IT NOTES:

1. Pave the path and make real walkway.
2. Bury, move overhead electric lines.
3. Make this entrance of the green walkway. Clean up and keep trees.
4. Maintain this (Dodge/Lake corner) as a public green space.
5. Dangerous – needs to be cleaned up before this all gets going.
6. Lots of ETHS students walk to school through here. Yes, make a walkway/native area.
7. Make this a green path.
8. My daughter wants to be able to keep sledding on the hill.

EXHIBIT: MASON PARK EXPANSION AREA | OPPORTUNITIES



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1. Nature Trail – 24
2. Urban Trail – 16
3. Community Garden/Demonstration Garden – 11
4. Overlook – 11
5. Boardwalk/Benches – 11
6. Shaded Seating – 8
7. Nature Based Play – 7
8. Fitness/Exercise Stations – 2
9. Bench Swings – 2
10. Sculpture Garden – 2

COMMENTS PROVIDED VIA POST-IT NOTES:

1. Add water fountain/water filling station.

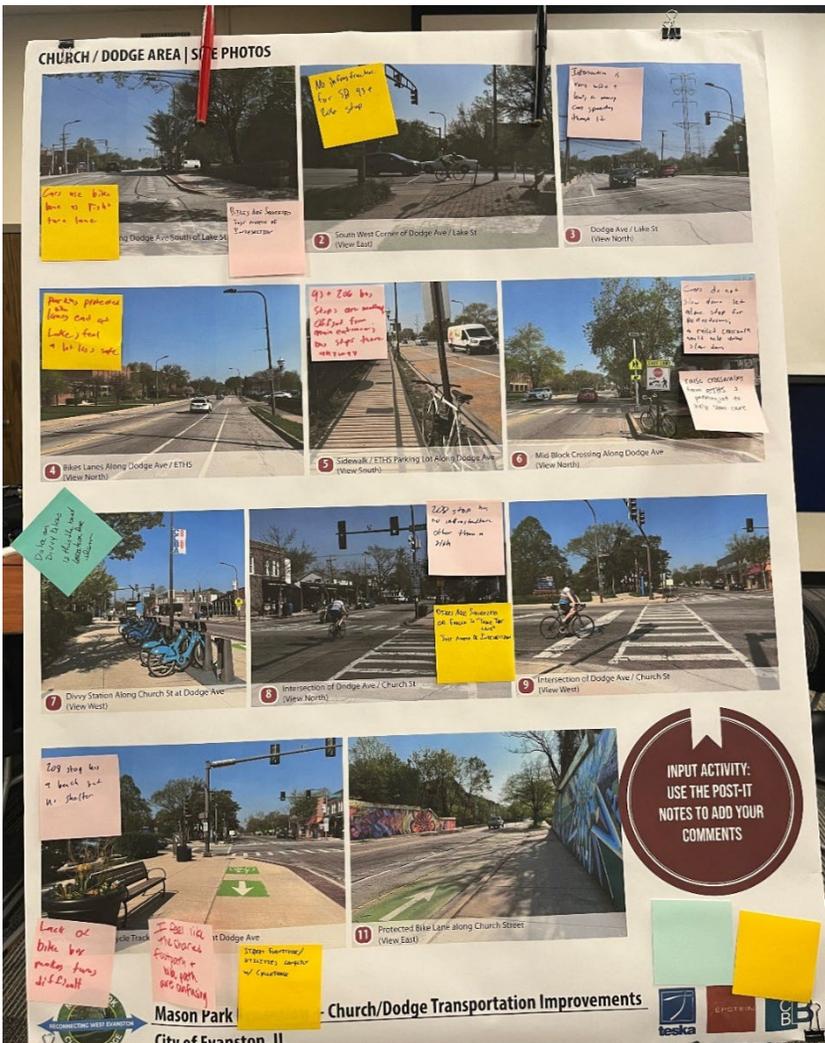
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COMMENTS PROVIDED VIA POST-IT NOTES:

1. Please add turn lanes to the intersection.
2. Church should have dedicated left turn lane.
3. Continue bike lanes through intersection.
4. Need left turn lanes on Church – sooo crowded.
5. Why a left/thru and not a right/thru? What are transit ridership #'s?
6. Please review Church St planned improvements west of Dodge.
7. Have protected bike lanes going both ways.
8. Left turn signals for Church St (west bound) to Dodge St (south bound) during peak hours.
9. Protected left turns. Drivers are only looking for cars and not pedestrians when turning left.
10. Protected bike lanes, pedestrian countdown timer, widen cycletrack curb cuts.
11. Put in a diagonal crossing cycle for pedestrians. No turn on red during peak times.

EXHIBIT: CHURCH/DODGE AREA | SITE PHOTOS



COMMENTS PROVIDED VIA POST-IT NOTES:

1. Cars use bike lanes as right turn lane.
2. Parking protected bike lanes end at Lake St. Feel a lot less safe.
3. Bikes are squeezed just north of intersection. Forced to take the lane.
4. No infrastructure for southbound 93 + 206 stop.
5. Intersection is very wide + leads to cars speeding through it.
6. 93 + 206 bus stops are offset from main entrance, bus stops there anyway.
7. Cars do not slow down let alone stop for pedestrians; a raised crosswalk would help drivers slow down.
8. Raised crosswalks from ETHS parking lot to help slow cars.
9. Data on the divvy bikes – is this the best location for them?
10. 208 stop has no infrastructure other than sign.
11. 208 stop has a bench yet no shelter.
12. Lack of bike box makes turns difficult.
13. I feel like the shared footpath and bike path are confusing.
14. Street furniture/utilities conflict with cycletrack.

EXHIBIT: CHURCH/DODGE AREA | OPPORTUNITIES

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PROTECTED BIKE LANE

MARKED BIKE LANE

BIKE REPAIR STATION + BIKE RACKS

BUS BULB

BUS SHELTER + AMENITIES

INPUT ACTIVITY:
USE UP TO (2) STICKERS TO SELECT YOUR PREFERRED ENHANCEMENTS
USE THE POST-IT NOTES TO ADD YOUR COMMENTS

need turn lanes + thru lanes in all directions + arrows on lights

Bus stop location so as to not impact traffic into Dodge street

Mason Park
EXPANDING WEST EVANSTON
CHURCH / DODGE

Mason Park Expansion + Church/Dodge Transportation Improvements
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Participants were provided (2) stickers to select their most desired opportunities. Voting sticker counts are tallied below and the highest number of votes is at the top of the list:

1. Protected bike lane – 19
2. Bus Shelter + Amenities – 9
3. Marked Bike Lane – 6
4. Bus Bulbs – 4
5. Bike Repair Station + Bike Racks - 3

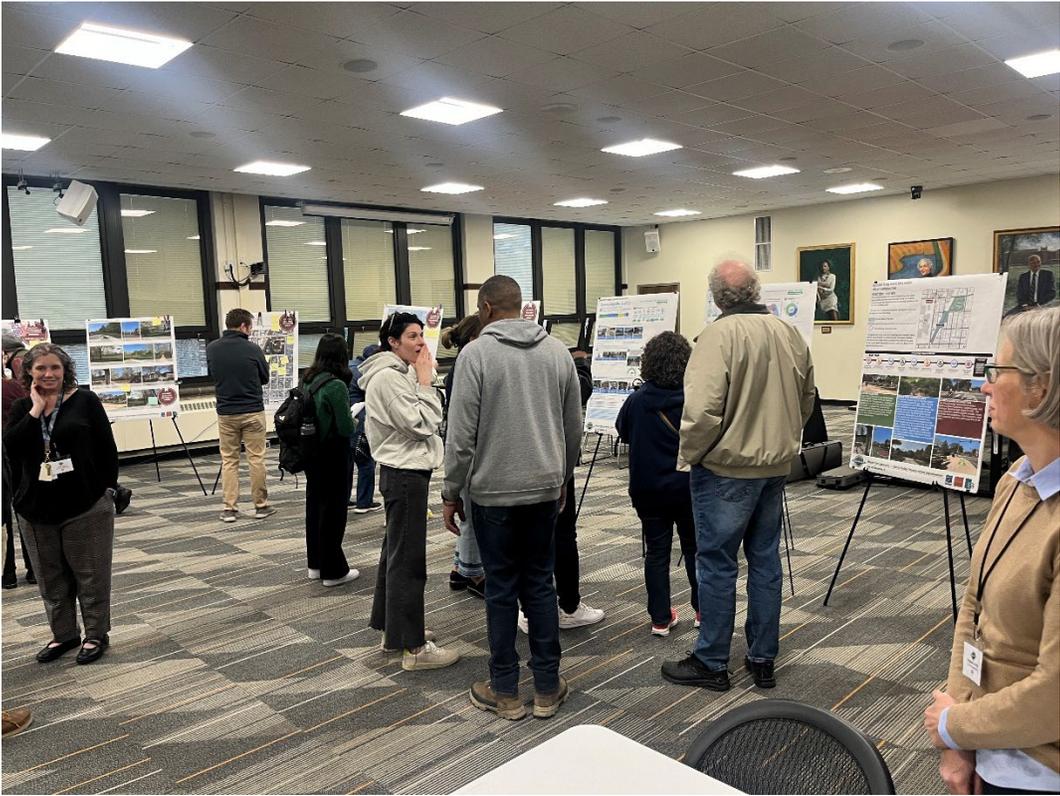
COMMENTS PROVIDED VIA POST-IT NOTES:

1. Need turn lanes + thru lanes in all directions + arrows on lights.
2. Bus stop location so as to not impact traffic into Dodge intersection.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 pm.

MEETING PHOTOS







Encl: sign in sheets; Exhibits

WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE!

PROJECT INTRODUCTION

PROJECT SCOPE + STUDY AREA:

This planning project is focused on expanding open space opportunities and improving vehicular, biking, and walking connections for the neighborhoods surrounding the Mason Park and Church-Dodge areas.

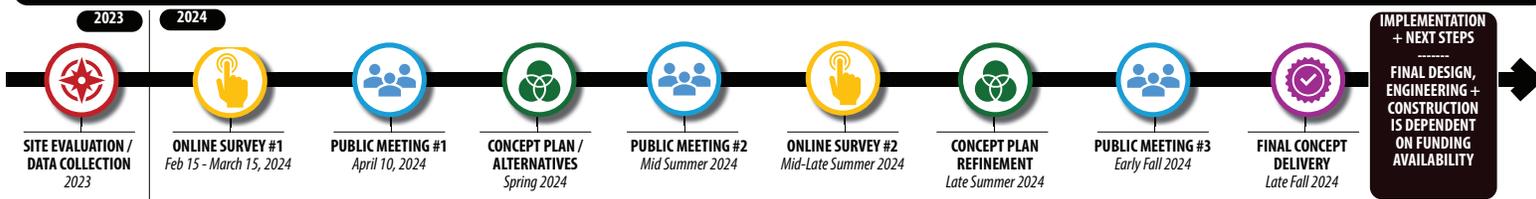
The study area includes the properties highlighted on the map (at right) and described below.

-  Existing Mason Park Area
-  Mason Park Expansion Area (former Railroad Embankment)
-  Church-Dodge Intersection Area

Throughout this study, the City is seeking public feedback about desired improvements via online surveys and public meetings. The result of this study will be a Concept Plan that will be used by the City to guide future improvements within the Mason Park and Church-Dodge Area.



ANTICIPATED PROJECT TIMELINE



EXISTING MASON PARK
 Mason Park is a City owned park located south of Church Street, between the former Railroad Embankment and Florence Avenue. Existing park features include a field house, basketball courts, tennis courts, a baseball field, a soccer field, and a playground. Mason Park also includes an undeveloped sloped parcel of property, located south of Davis Street and east of the former Railroad Embankment.



MASON PARK EXPANSION AREA
 This former railroad Right of Way (the Mayfair Cut-off) dates back to the late 1880s. The line was discontinued in the 1980's and the land was subdivided and sold to private owners. This property also includes high tension electrical transmission lines. At the time of its original construction, the Mayfair Cut-off was located west of the majority of Evanston's populated area. The City has since expanded westward and the embankment now bisects much of the City's west side. At Mason Park the embankment disrupts neighborhood access, resulting in safety and security concerns. Over the past several years, the City purchased many of the former Right-of-Way parcels to correct these issues and reconnect neighborhoods.



CHURCH-DODGE INTERSECTION
 The Church-Dodge Intersection is located nearby to active businesses, neighborhoods, and Evanston Township High School (ETHS). This busy intersection accommodates vehicles, buses, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The intersection often feels congested and lacks continuous flow for all users.



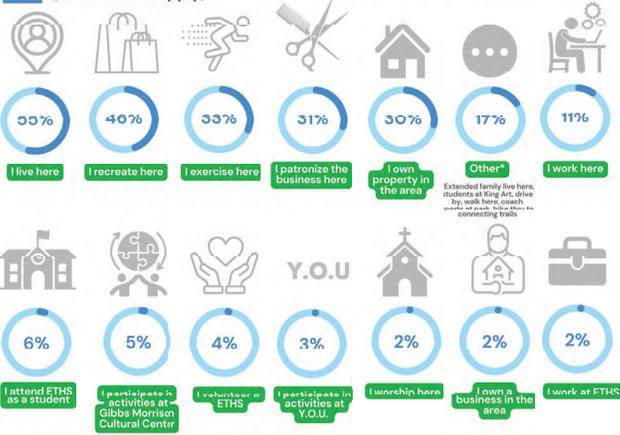
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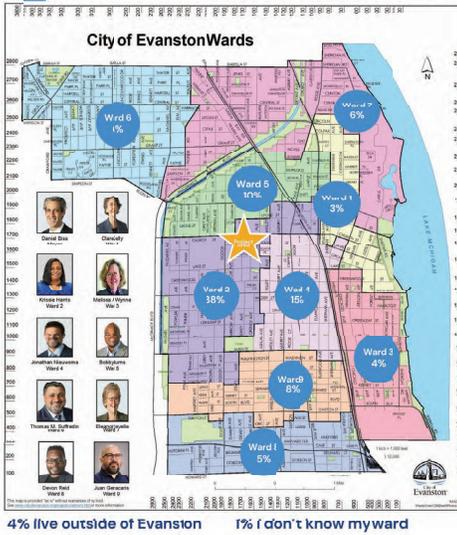
Survey Results (1 of 2)

Demographics

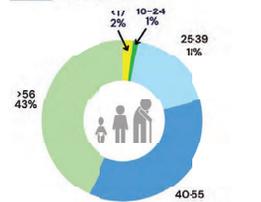
Q1 How are you connected to the Mason Park and Church-Dodge area? (Select all that apply)



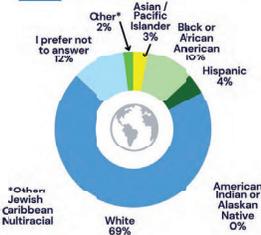
Q2 Please identify your neighborhood below (Select: One)



Q3 What group do you belong to?

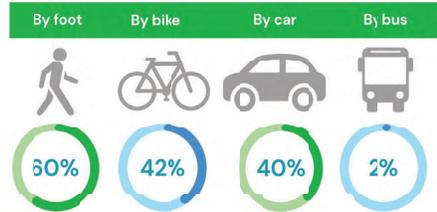


Q4 Which race or ethnicity best describes you?

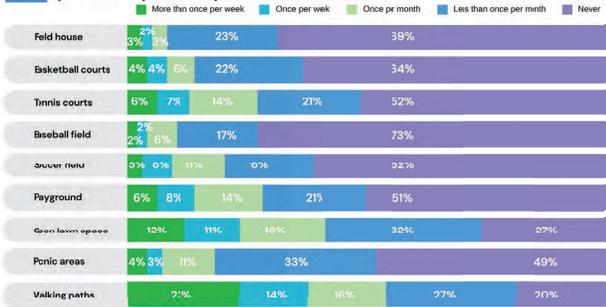


Existing Mason Park

Q5 How do you currently access Mason Park? (select all that apply)

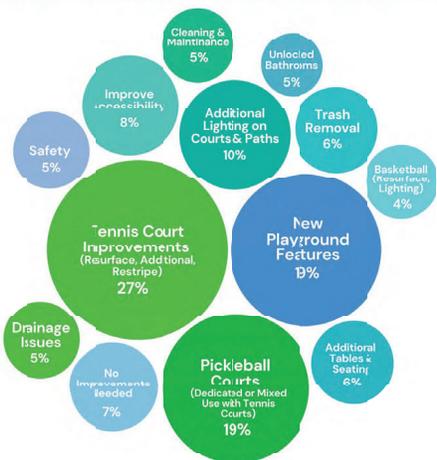


Q6 Below is a list of facilities at Mason Park. Please identify how frequently you and/or your family use these facilities.



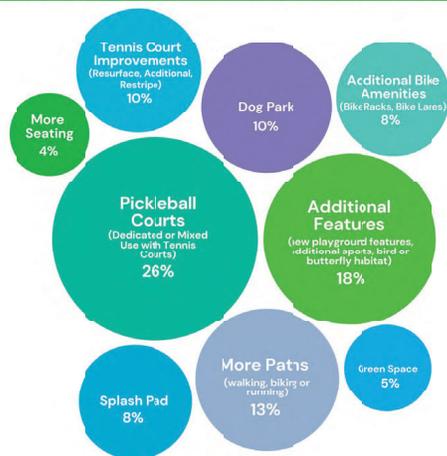
Q7 Are any improvements needed to the existing facilities at Mason Park?

Keywords reiterated the most are highlighted in the circles below; the size of the circles indicates the frequency/popularity of the response. Some community provided inputs are listed below



Q8 Do you have suggestions for additional recreational functions or features to be added to the Mason Park area?

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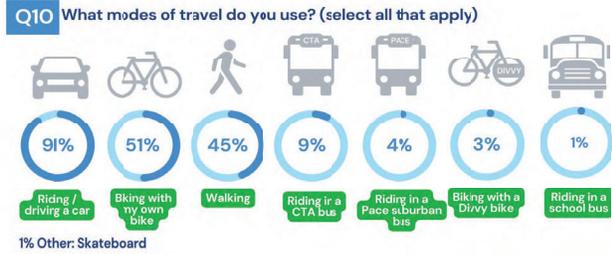
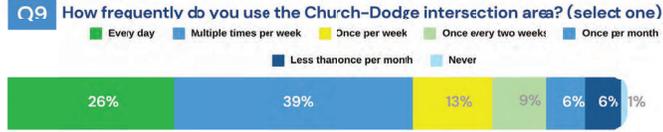
"Better lighting at night - we should be using Darl Sky approved lighting to keep height focused on the ground."
 "Yes, there needs to be more frequent maintenance and cleaning in the area - there's a lot of trash laying around and things are generally dirty"
 "The baseball field is in horrid slope and constantly collects water even in the lightest rain. It becomes giant mud pit that is both unplayable and very messy"
 "New playground equipment and a splash pad would be awesome"
 "The tennis courts are cracked and need resurfacing. These courts are most often used for pickleball and not tennis, so I would make sense to convert them to dedicated pickleball courts. 4 (maybe 6) pickleball courts could replace the 1 tennis courts. If the footprint were expanded, this could potentially be 6-8 pickleball courts, with the embankment improving a good wind block. This is a centrally located park could provide better access to pickleball for Evanston residents."

"Additional pickle ball courts and perhaps bocce ball courts, an expensive and international sport that will appeal a large segments of our diverse population."
 "Circle or semicircle of benches that would be inviting for older residents as they walk the pathways, watch sports from a distance. It would be great to have a motion-activated splash fountain! Not everyone goes to the lakefront to cool off and there are no outdoor pools in Evanston—a neighborhood feature like this would be amazing"
 "Green space is good"
 "Better biking connectivity between West bound biking on Davisto the two way line on Church west of the park"



Survey Results (2 of 2)

Church-Dodge Intersection Area

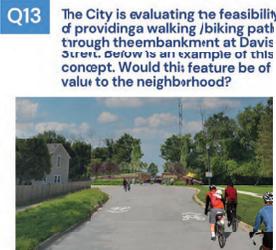


Q11 Describe any concerns you may have when traveling through the Church - Dodge Intersection area. (select all that apply)



13% of Respondents reported 'other' concerns, including the following responses:
 "Intersection needs marked no left turns when school starts/stops with enforcement to ease traffic backups."
 "It never seems safe."
 "Too many people double park/drop off kids and too much stop and go traffic due to crossing guards and pedestrian crossings."

Mason Park Expansion (Former Railroad Embankment)



Q15 The embankment area offers potential for expanded open space opportunities. Below is a list of potential uses. Please rank these functions in the order of your preference (drag your most preferred to the top of the list)



Open-Ended Comments

Q16 Do you have any other suggestions for expanded open space opportunities? Please enter them here.

Key Themes:

- Build upon the naturalized character of the site and incorporate sustainable materials and practices. Preserve quality trees, incorporate native plantings and invite birds and wildlife.
- Incorporate safety measures and additional lighting as practical.
- Accommodate multi-generational community users, residents, local businesses and ETHS students/staff.
- Plan for continued clearing and maintenance of the area.
- Establish walking paths and connections that bring the community together and connect us with the natural environment.

Q17 If you have any additional comments about this project, please add them here.

Key Themes:

- Alleviate traffic congestion at Church / Dodge.
- Establish clear bike routes and connections along Church Street.
- Improve pedestrian connections throughout the area, including safer passageways between the neighborhoods and ETHS.
- Make use of this opportunity to connect with the natural surroundings and unique neighborhood.
- Continue open line of communication with the community and general interest for this project.

"Maintain and prune existing trees in the park, especially on the hill"
 "I would love to see the city incorporate sustainable materials and solutions into this project."
 "A combination of walking path with community garden would serve students and the residents."
 "Trash cans need to be available please to keep the spaces nice. Open areas without trash cans exponentially increase their beauty and value b/c layers of trash sets the scene."
 "Native plantings, bird ornament preserve."
 "I think the embankment area has a lot of potential for naturalized areas. I myself enjoy walking through it, but think it definitely needs to be cleaned. Most of the trees are dead, but we could plant new ones. It would be very nice and pretty if we did that. People could volunteer to help clean it out and re-plant trees and plants, and it would be a nice community project."

"Great ideas!! Very excited to see some of the ideas put forward about 15 years ago bearing fruit. Like the idea of an opening in the embankment so that high school students have an easier and less dangerous access to the high school that Dodge and Church intersect. But I worry about security at night."
 "Reconfigure the bike lanes on Church Street. They need to be marked better as do the car lanes."
 "Let's connect our neighborhood!"
 "I think it's important to have more inclusive to the people who live on the west side of the embankment and it should have a HIGH priority to create a safe pathway through the woods to the high school. It's ridiculous that hasn't been a priority a long time ago with SO many kids cutting through there every day, in all weather conditions. I also think the park serves as a natural habitat for wildlife, and that should be kept as is. Also, the garbage disposal company needs to stay hidden. It's ugly, noisy, and stinky. We certainly don't want that to be an even bigger nuisance."

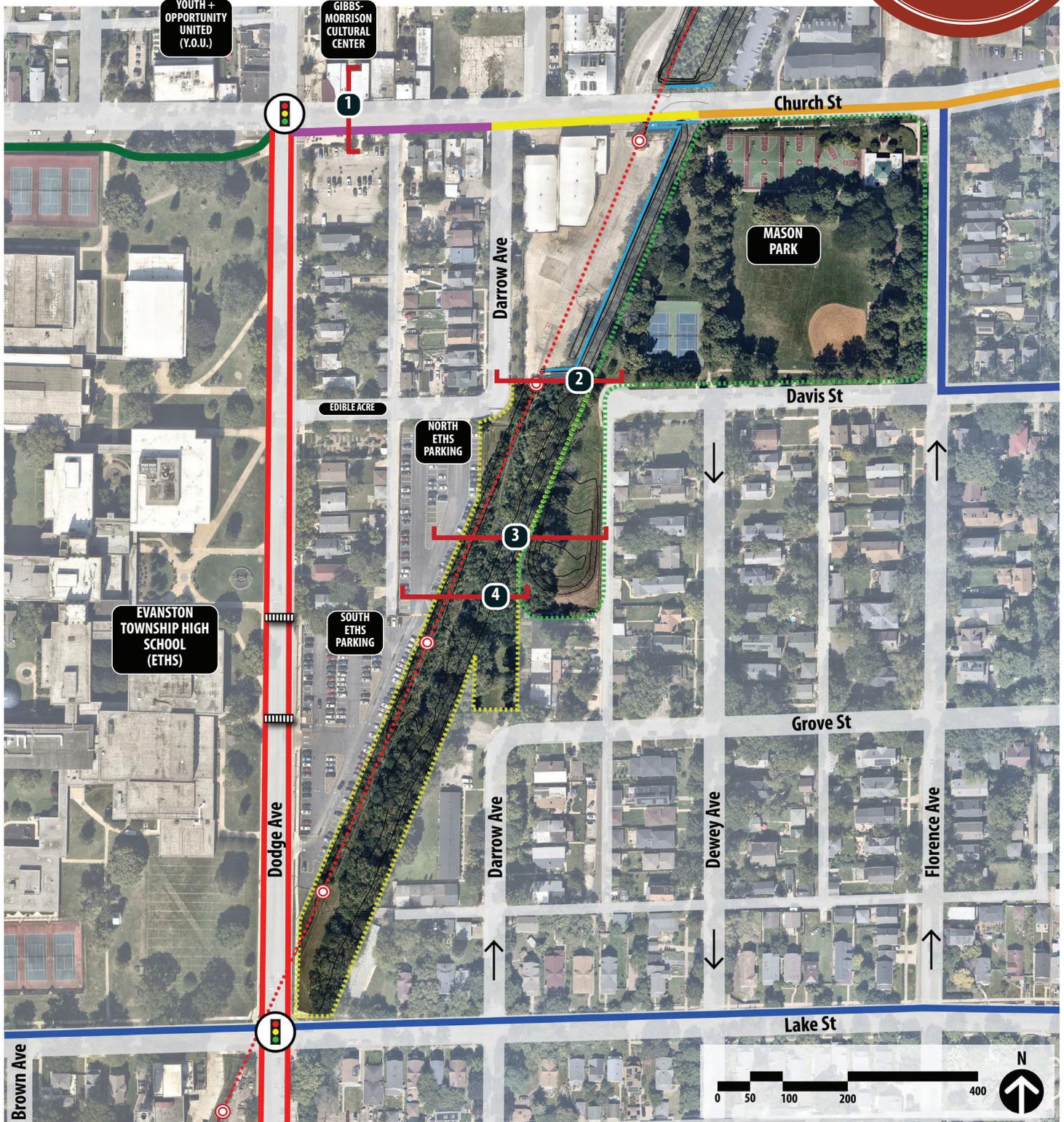


EXISTING CONDITIONS | MAP

-  Existing Traffic Signal
-  Existing Mid-Block Crossing
-  Embankment Wall
-  Mason Park Expansion Area
-  Existing Mason Park
-  ComEd High Tension Tower/ Overhead Wires
-  Section Elevations (See Section Exhibits)

- ### Bike Facilities
-  Existing Signed Bike Route
 -  Existing Bike Lane
 -  Existing Protected Bike Lane
 -  Existing Off-Street Cycle Track (2-Way)
 -  Existing On-Street Cycle Track (2-Way)
 -  Existing Bike Path
 -  Existing Bike Route

**INPUT ACTIVITY:
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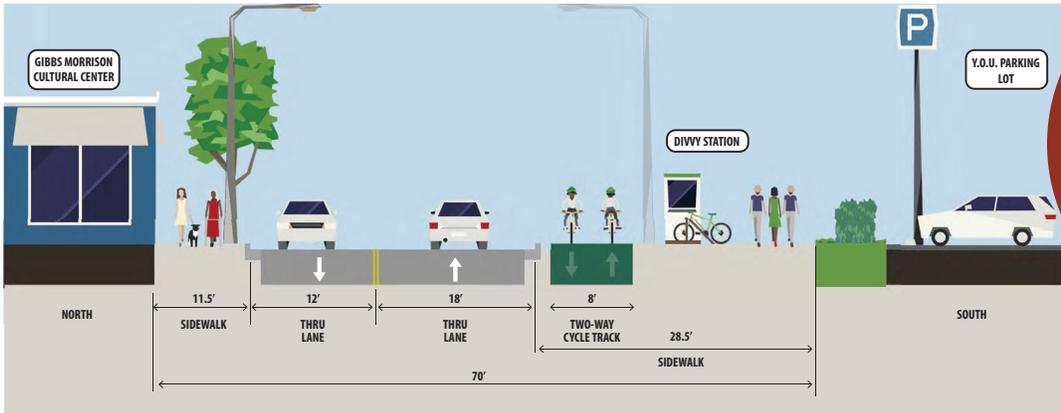
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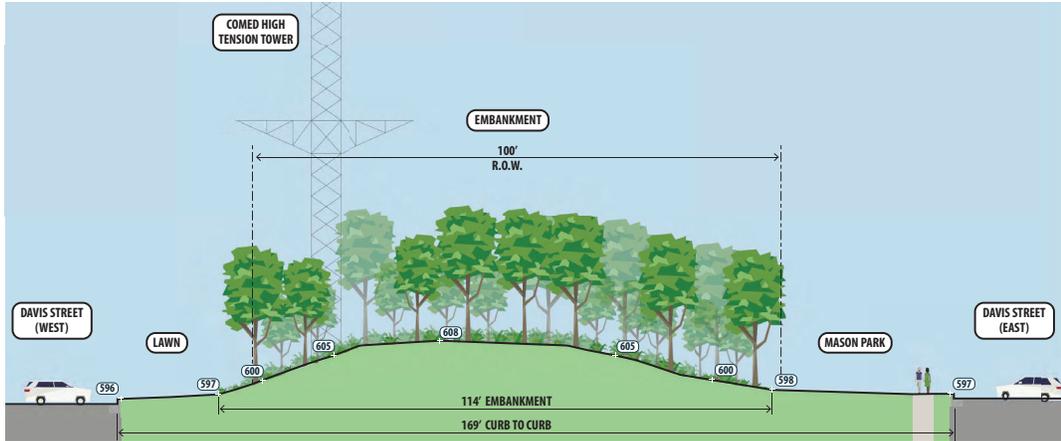


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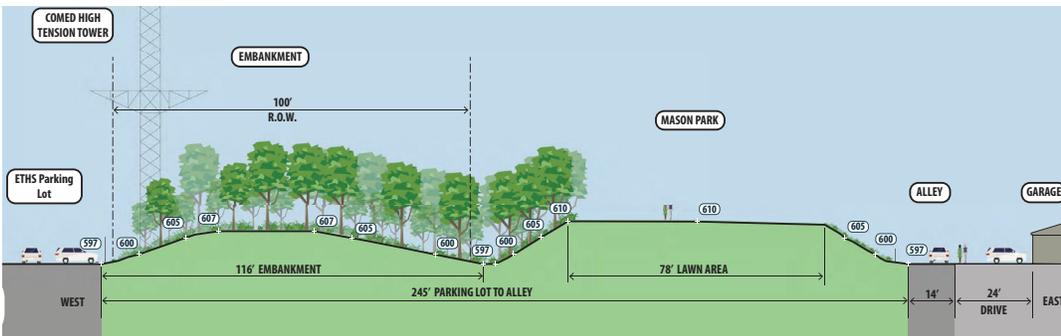
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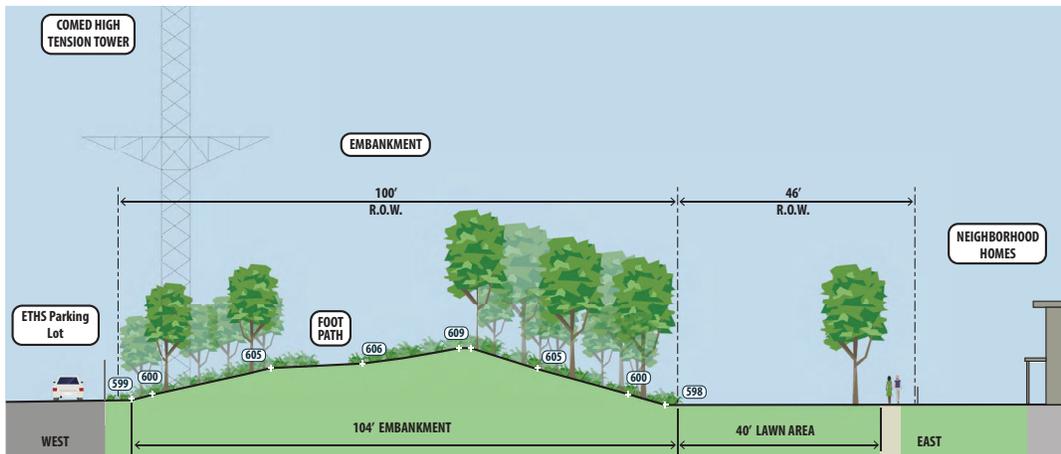
SECTION 2: EMBANKMENT BETWEEN EAST/WEST DAVIS STREET, LOOKING NORTH

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SECTION 3: EMBANKMENT BETWEEN ETHS (NORTH) PARKING LOT AND MASON PARK/ALLEY (EAST), LOOKING NORTH

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SECTION 4: EMBANKMENT BETWEEN ETHS (SOUTH) PARKING LOT AND NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES, LOOKING NORTH



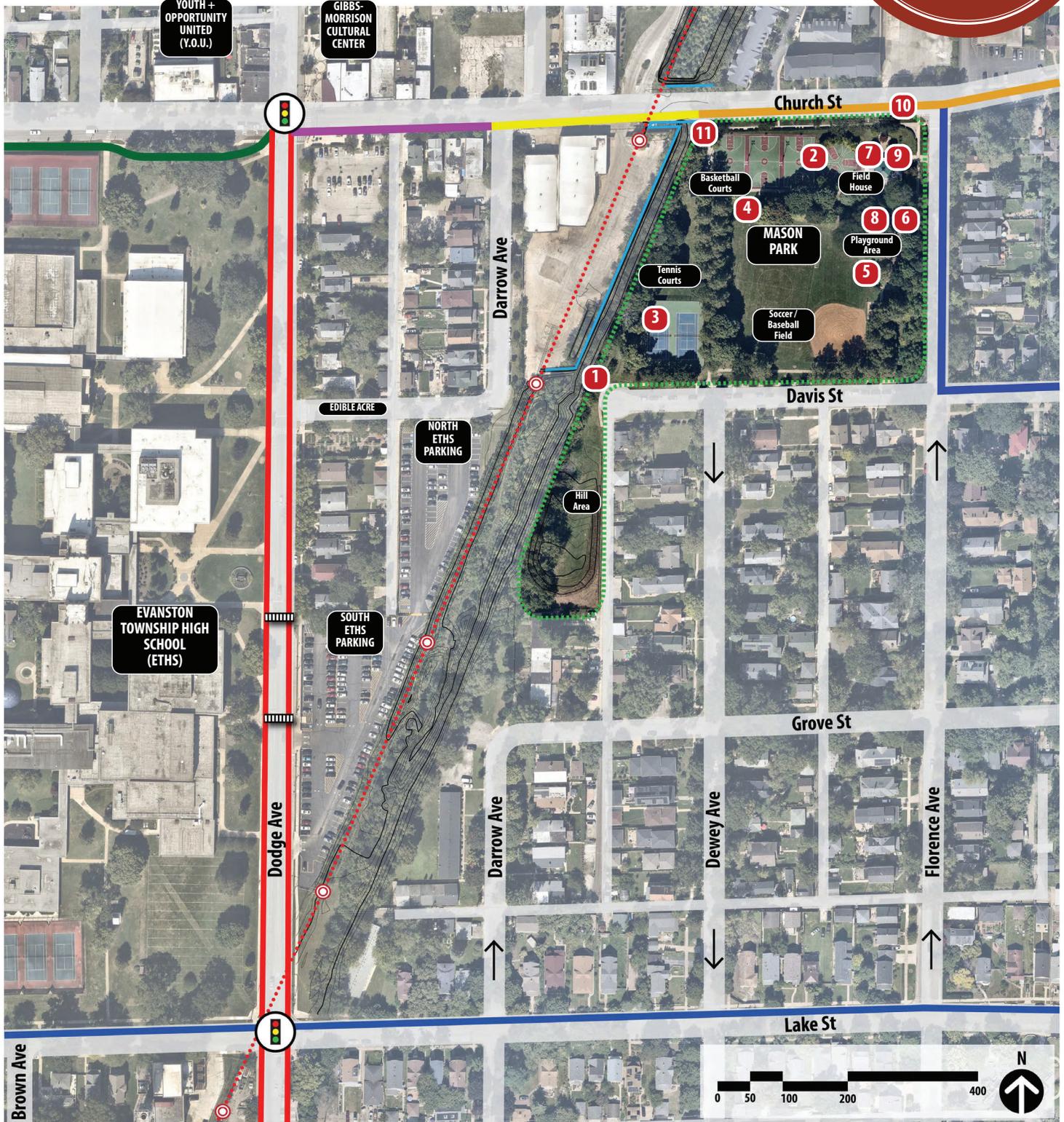
EXISTING MASON PARK AREA | MAP

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 Site Photograph Locations

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EXISTING MASON PARK AREA | SITE PHOTOS



1 Davis St Along Mason Park Property / Base of Embankment (View South)



2 Basketball Courts (View West)



3 Tennis Courts (View North)



4 Soccer / Baseball Field (View East)



5 Baseball / Soccer Field (View West)



6 Pathway to Playground / Park Building (View North)



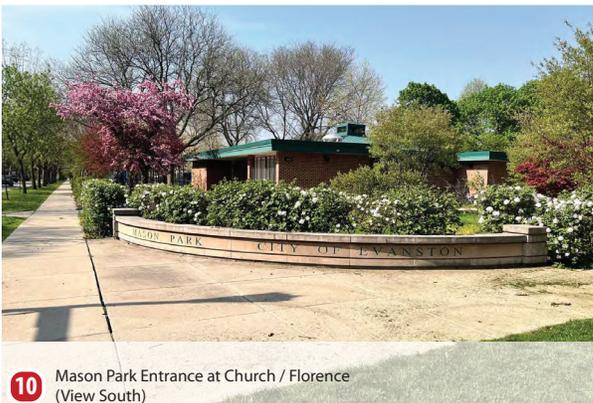
7 Pergola (View East)



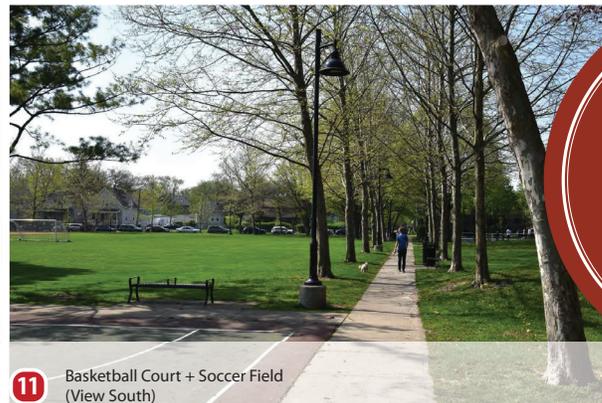
8 Playground (View North)



9 Park Building (View West)



10 Mason Park Entrance at Church / Florence (View South)



11 Basketball Court + Soccer Field (View South)



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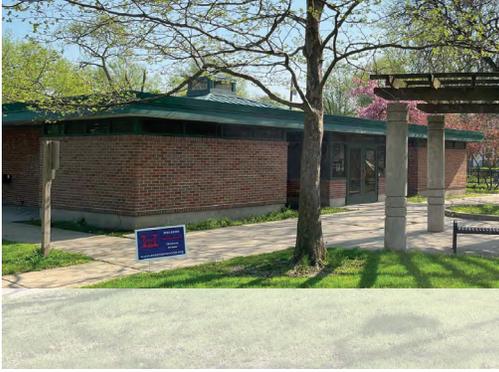


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EXISTING MASON PARK AREA | OPPORTUNITIES

ENHANCE EXISTING FIELD HOUSE / BATHROOMS



ENHANCE / REPLACE EXISTING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT



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ADD A DOG PARK



ADD PICKLEBALL



ADD FITNESS / EXERCISE STATIONS



USE EXISTING SLOPE FOR A SLED HILL



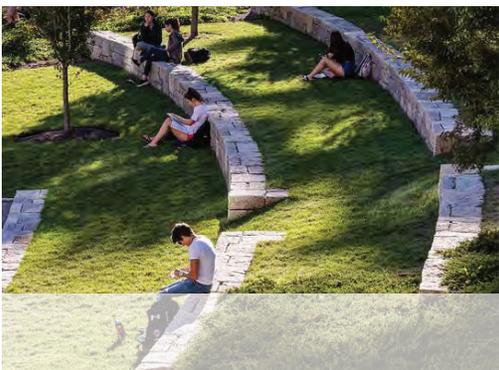
USE EXISTING SLOPE FOR AN EMBANKMENT SLIDE



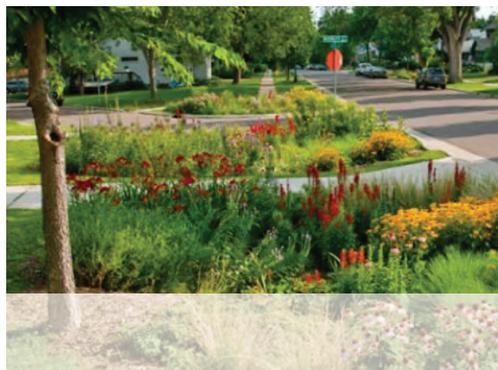
USE EXISTING SLOPE FOR A CLIMBING WALL



ADD TERRACED SEATING



ADD BIOSWALES / RAIN GARDENS



ADD PLAY MOUNDS

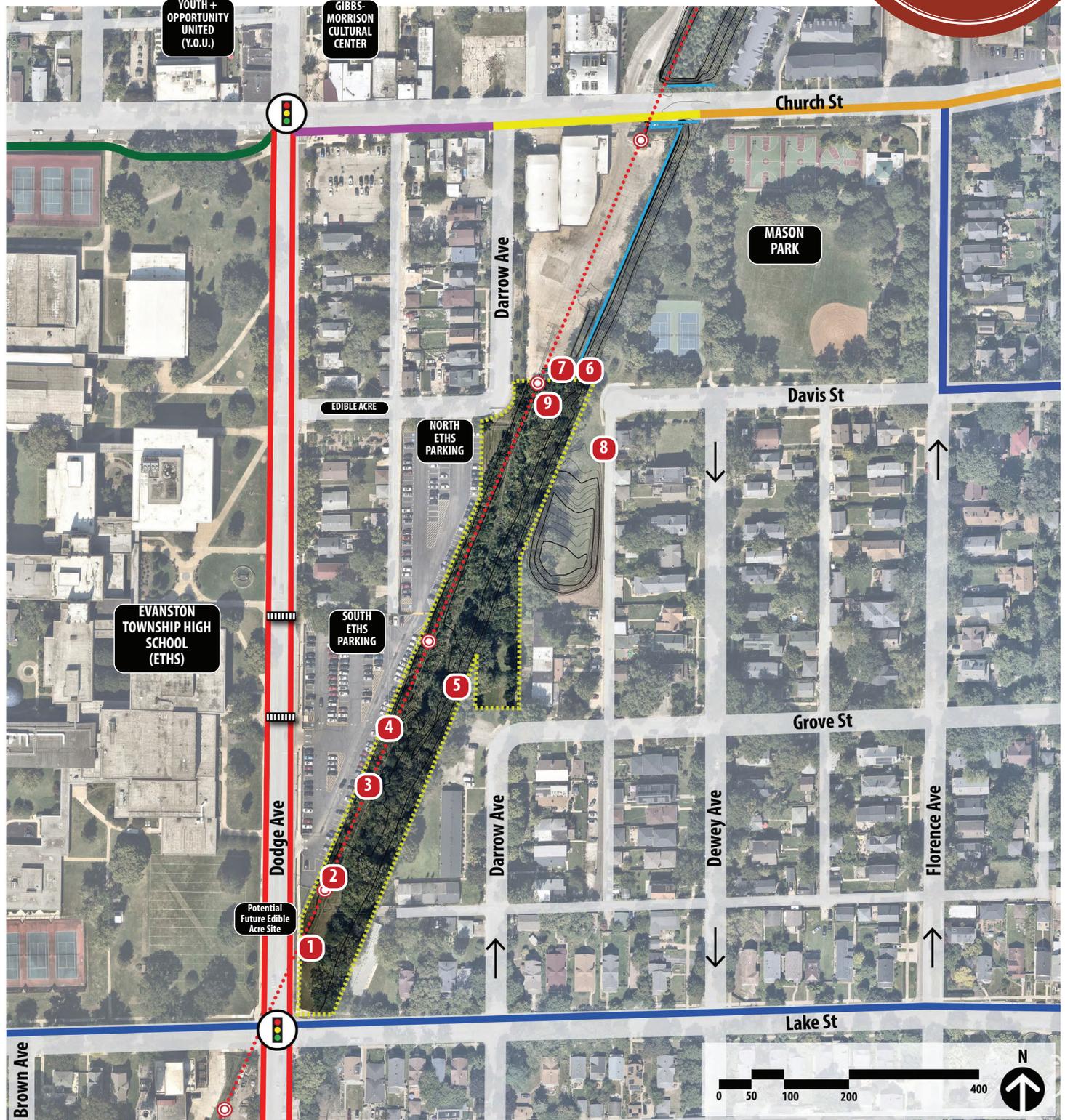


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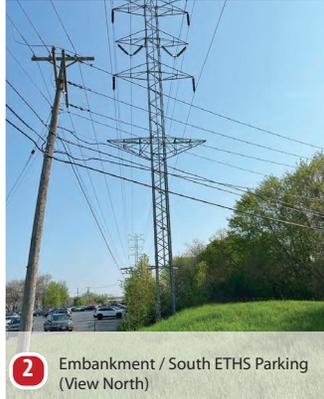
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1 South End of Embankment at Lake / Dodge Intersection (View North)



2 Embankment / South ETHS Parking (View North)



3 Embankment / South ETHS Parking Lot (View North)



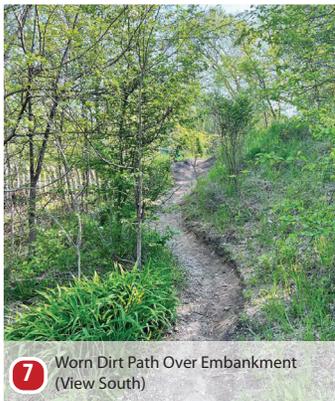
4 Embankment / South ETHS Parking Lot (View South)



5 Private Drive West of Grove St Along Embankment (View West)



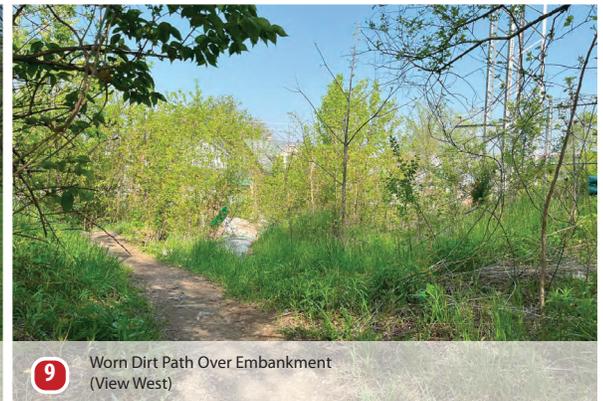
6 Worn Dirt Path Over Embankment (View West)



7 Worn Dirt Path Over Embankment (View South)



8 Alley South of Davis St Along Mason Park Property (View South)



9 Worn Dirt Path Over Embankment (View West)



MASON PARK EXPANSION AREA | OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY GARDEN / DEMONSTRATION GARDEN



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URBAN TRAIL



NATURE TRAIL



FITNESS / EXERCISE STATIONS



OVERLOOK



SHADED SEATING



BENCH SWINGS



NATURE BASED PLAY



SCULPTURE GARDEN



BOARDWALKS + BENCHES



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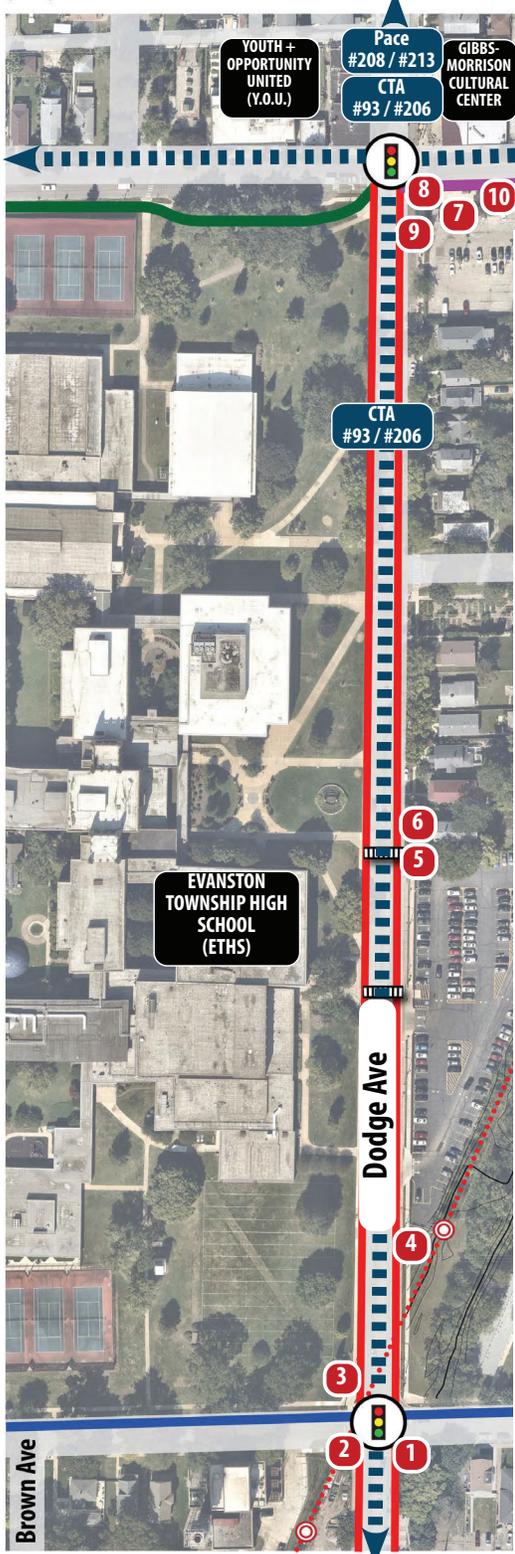


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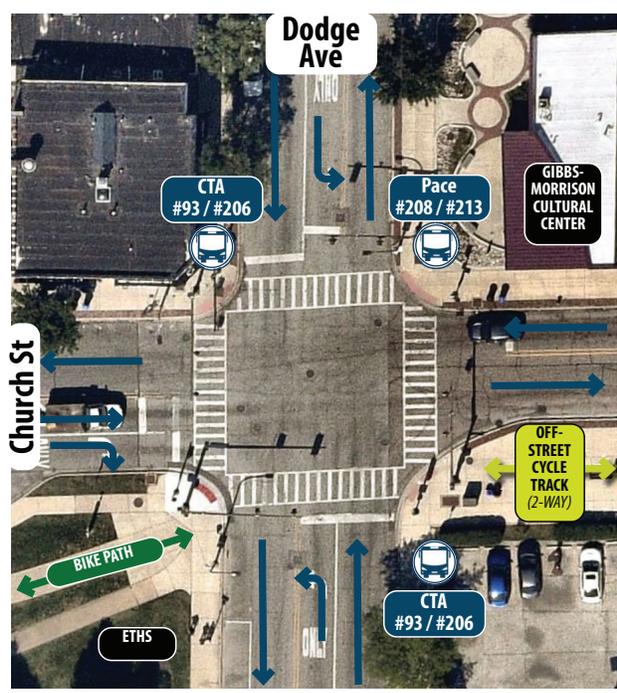
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- Existing Bus Stop
- # Site Photograph Locations

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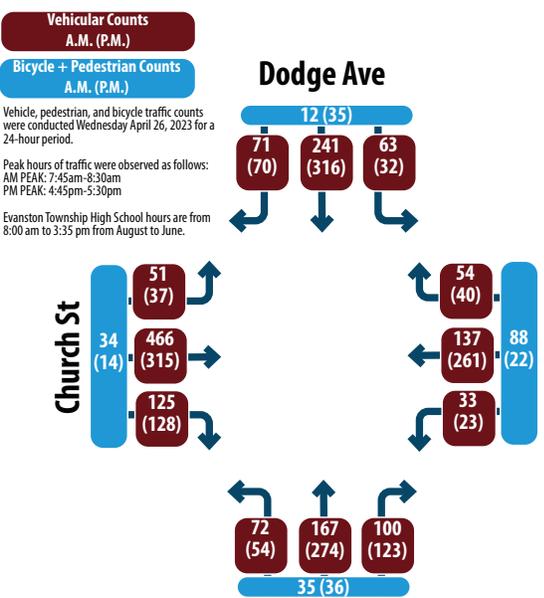
CHURCH STREET / DODGE AVENUE INTERSECTION ENLARGEMENT



- ### CHALLENGES:
- Eastbound through traffic has an excessive delay during the AM rush. The lack of a dedicated left turn lane for eastbound traffic potentially contributes to the delay.
 - Westbound through traffic has an excessive delay during the AM rush. The lack of a dedicated left turn lane for westbound traffic potentially contributes to the delay.
 - The change from street level to sidewalk level can cause confusion for bicyclists and pedestrians.

- ### OPPORTUNITIES:
- Consider adding a dedicated left turn lane for eastbound and westbound motorists on Church Street at Dodge Avenue.
 - Consider creating a dedicated lane for bicyclists through the intersection.

INTERSECTION TRAFFIC COUNTS



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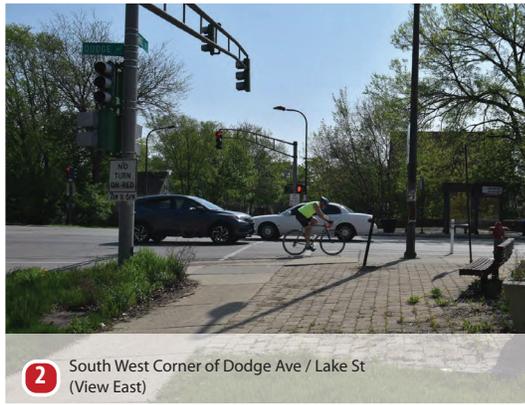
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CHURCH / DODGE AREA | SITE PHOTOS



1 Bike Lanes Along Dodge Ave South of Lake St (View North)



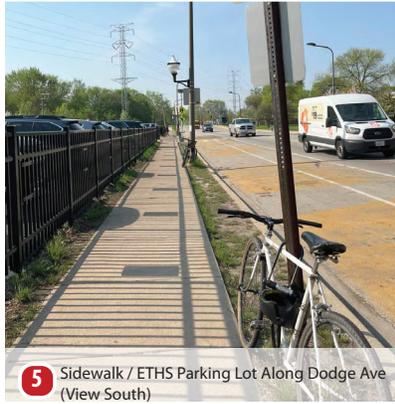
2 South West Corner of Dodge Ave / Lake St (View East)



3 Dodge Ave / Lake St (View North)



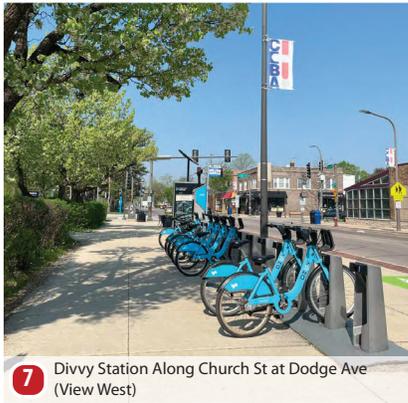
4 Bikes Lanes Along Dodge Ave / ETHS (View North)



5 Sidewalk / ETHS Parking Lot Along Dodge Ave (View South)



6 Mid-Block Crossing Along Dodge Ave (View North)



7 Divvy Station Along Church St at Dodge Ave (View West)



8 Intersection of Dodge Ave / Church St (View North)



9 Intersection of Dodge Ave / Church St (View West)



10 Off-Street Cycle Track Along Church St at Dodge Ave (View West)



11 Protected Bike Lane along Church Street (View East)

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CHURCH / DODGE AREA | OPPORTUNITIES

PROTECTED BIKE LANE



MARKED BIKE LANE



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BIKE REPAIR STATION + BIKE RACKS



BUS BULB

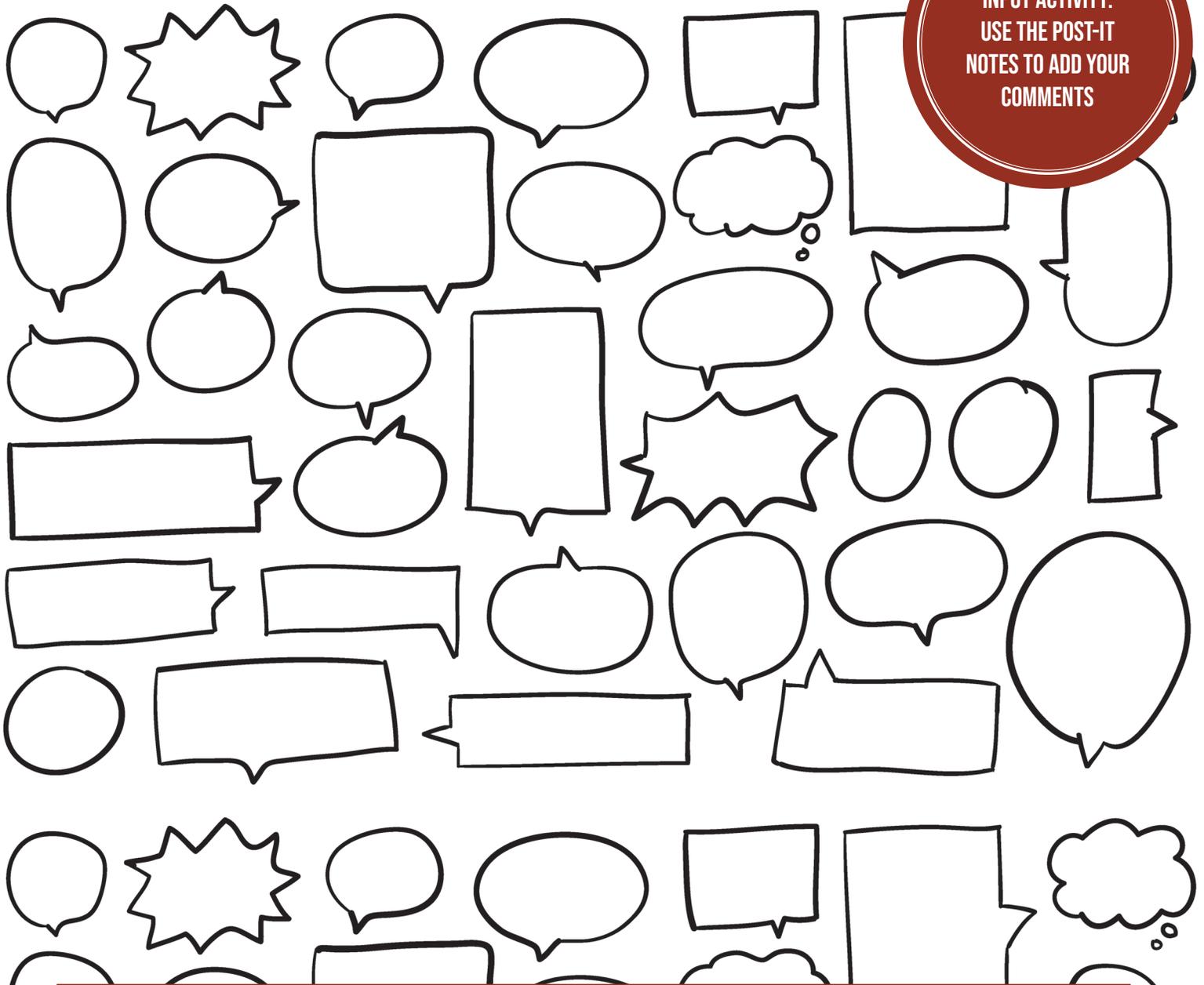


BUS SHELTER + AMENITIES



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NEXT STEPS

Thank you for participating in the Open House!
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