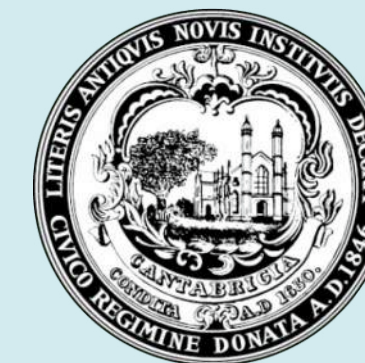




DANEHY PARK

IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

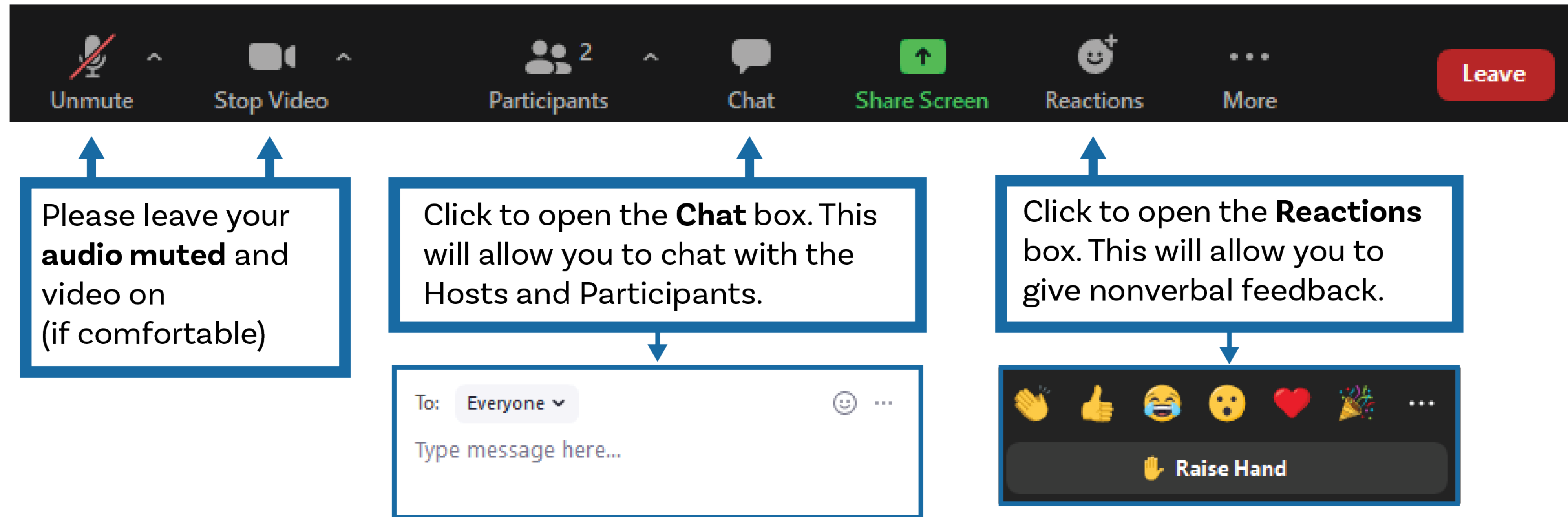
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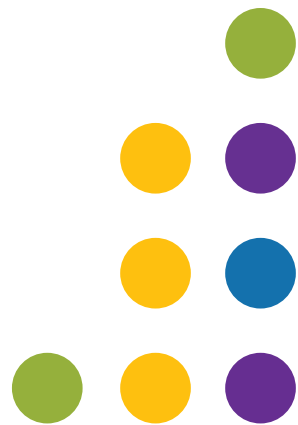


AGENDA

- 1 Draft Project Goals
- 2 Projects Recently Completed or In Planning / Design
- 3 Preliminary Project Idea Walkthrough



DRAFT DANEHY PROJECT GOALS



CAMBRIDGE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE GOALS:

- Providing environmental benefits in our urban context
- Expanding and enhancing park access for all
- Enhancing and improving design, operations, and management
- Activating and enhancing spaces



A CONNECTION TO NATURE

Protect and improve Danehy's open spaces and wildlife.



A WELCOMING AND SAFE PLACE

Make Danehy Park more welcoming. Create flexible spaces for new uses. Ensure safe access to and through the park.



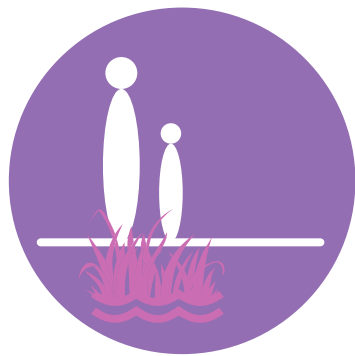
A STRONG FOUNDATION

Improve Danehy's infrastructure. It must endure and bounce back from both everyday use and big events.



A CULTURE OF CREATIVE PARK USES

Improve how people play and watch sports. Create more chances for casual gatherings and free play. Grow the park's art, events, and education programs.



PASSIVE RECREATION



ACTIVE RECREATION



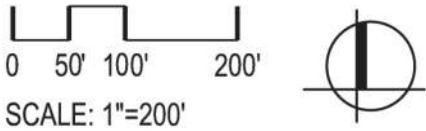
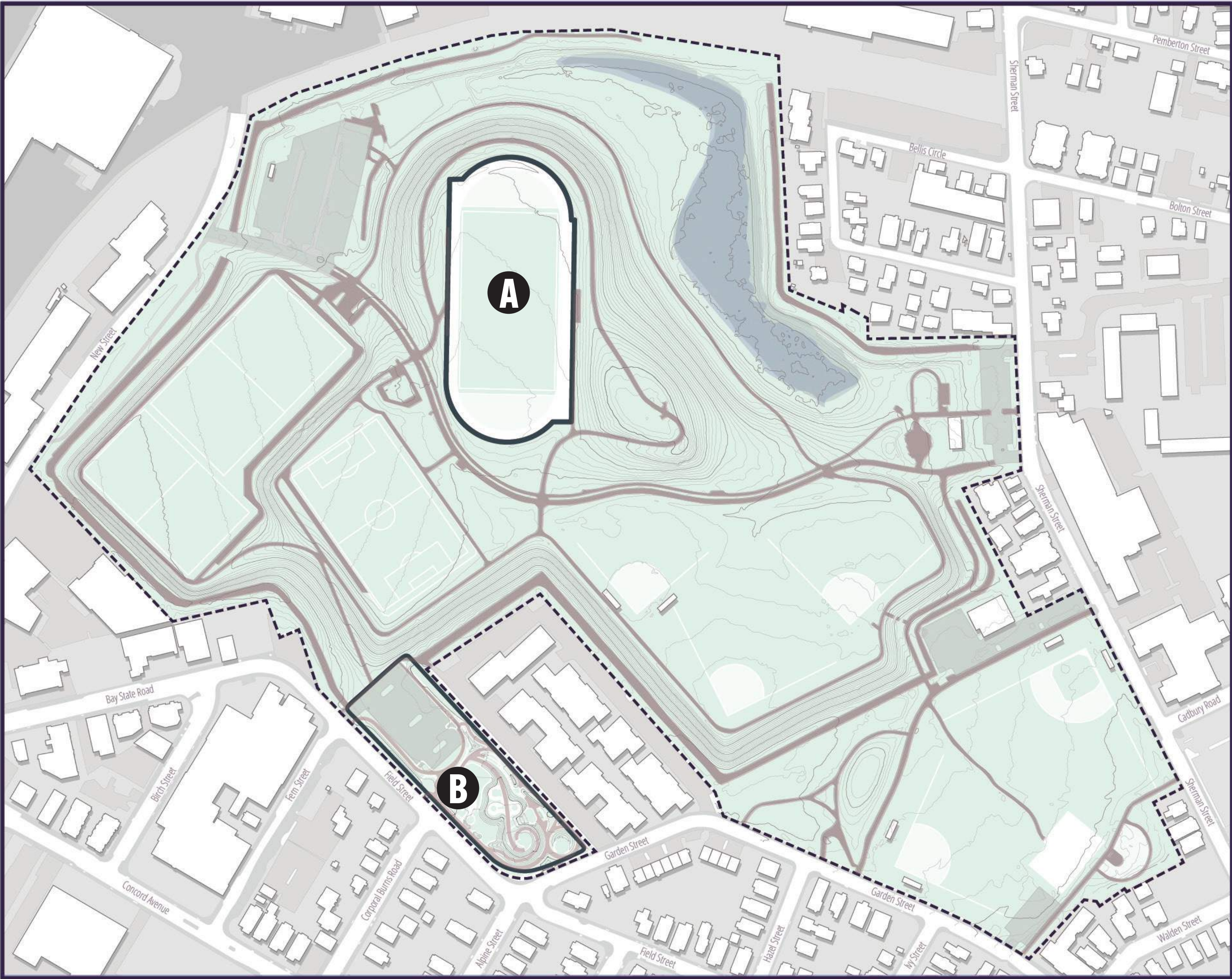
PUBLIC ART & EVENTS



CURRENT PROJECTS AND RECENTLY COMPLETED

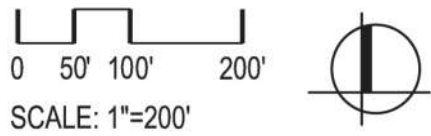
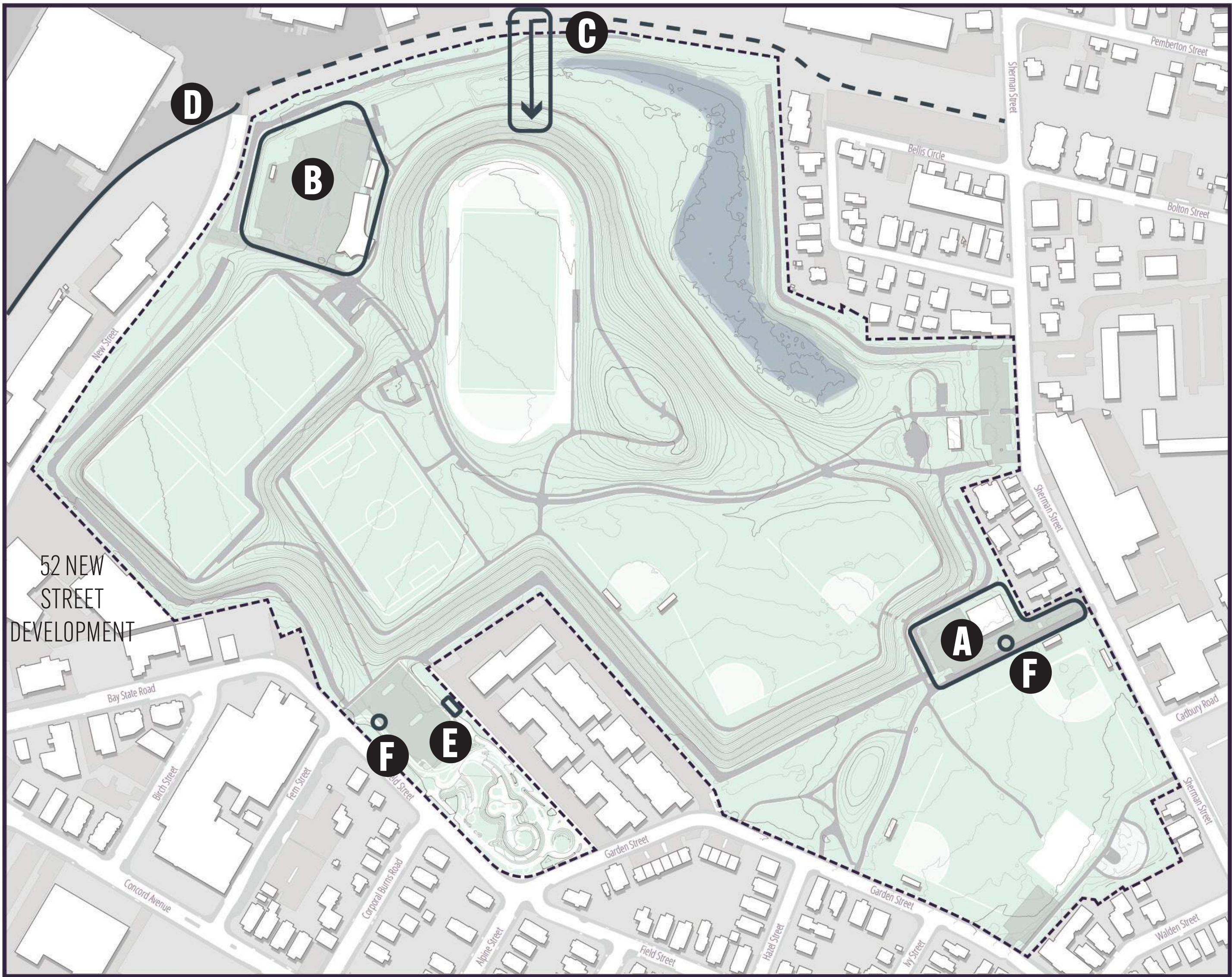
A Field 4 and Track Updates

B Louis A. DePasquale Universal Design Playground



PROJECTS IN PLANNING / DESIGN

- A** Salt Shed
- B** Gateway Pavilion
- C** Fitchburg Crossing
- D** New Street Bike Path
- E** Prefabricated Restroom
- F** EV Parking Upgrades: at Field Street and Salt Shed Parking Lots



NECESSARY PARK-WIDE EFFORTS

IMPROVEMENTS BAKED INTO EVERY CAPITAL PROJECT

Drainage

Electrical Service

New Irrigation System

Pathway Renovations*
(accessibility, wear & tear)

Lighting Safety

*Can also become stand alone capital projects

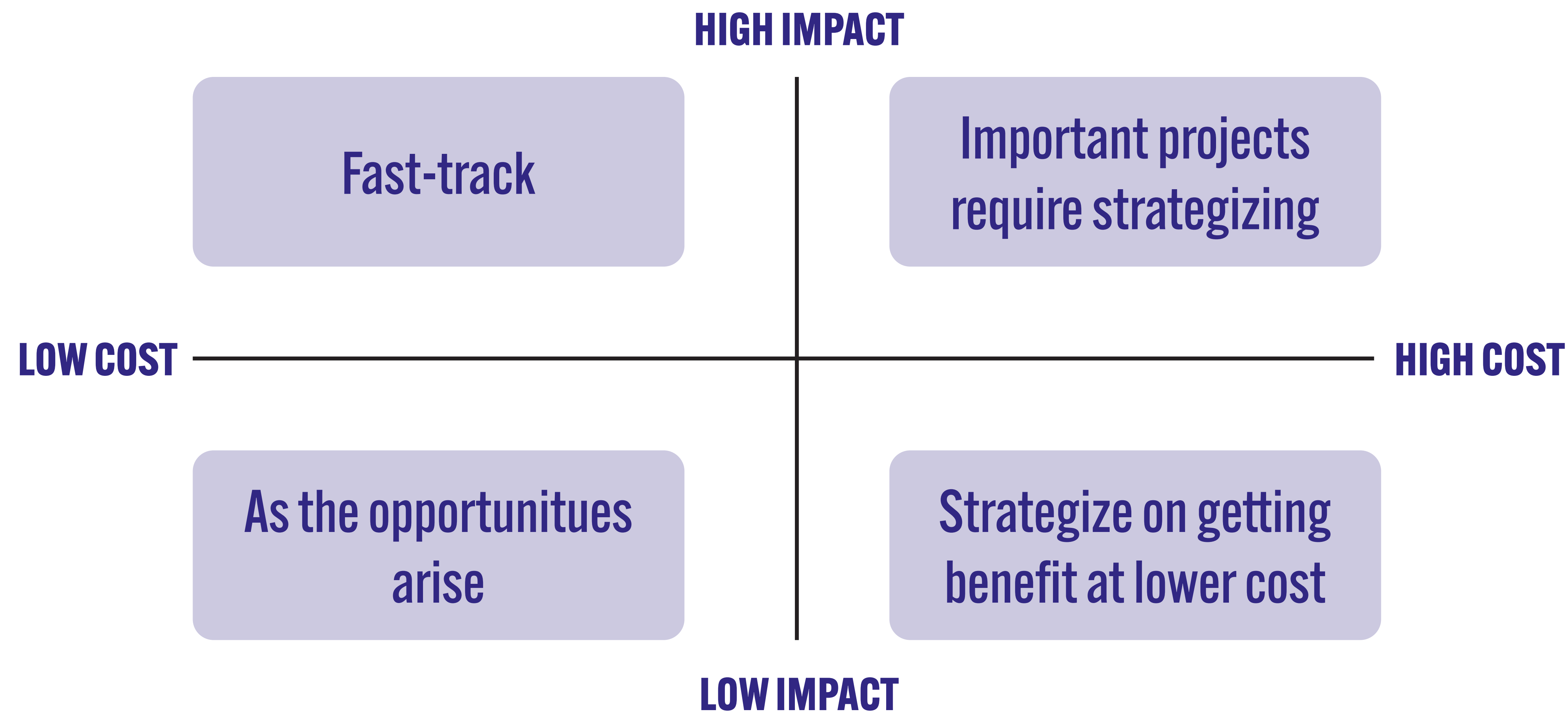
ONGOING MANAGEMENT

Post Landfill Closure

Tree Planting and Management*

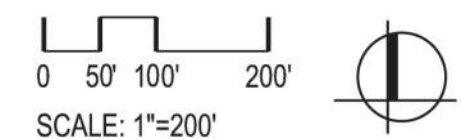
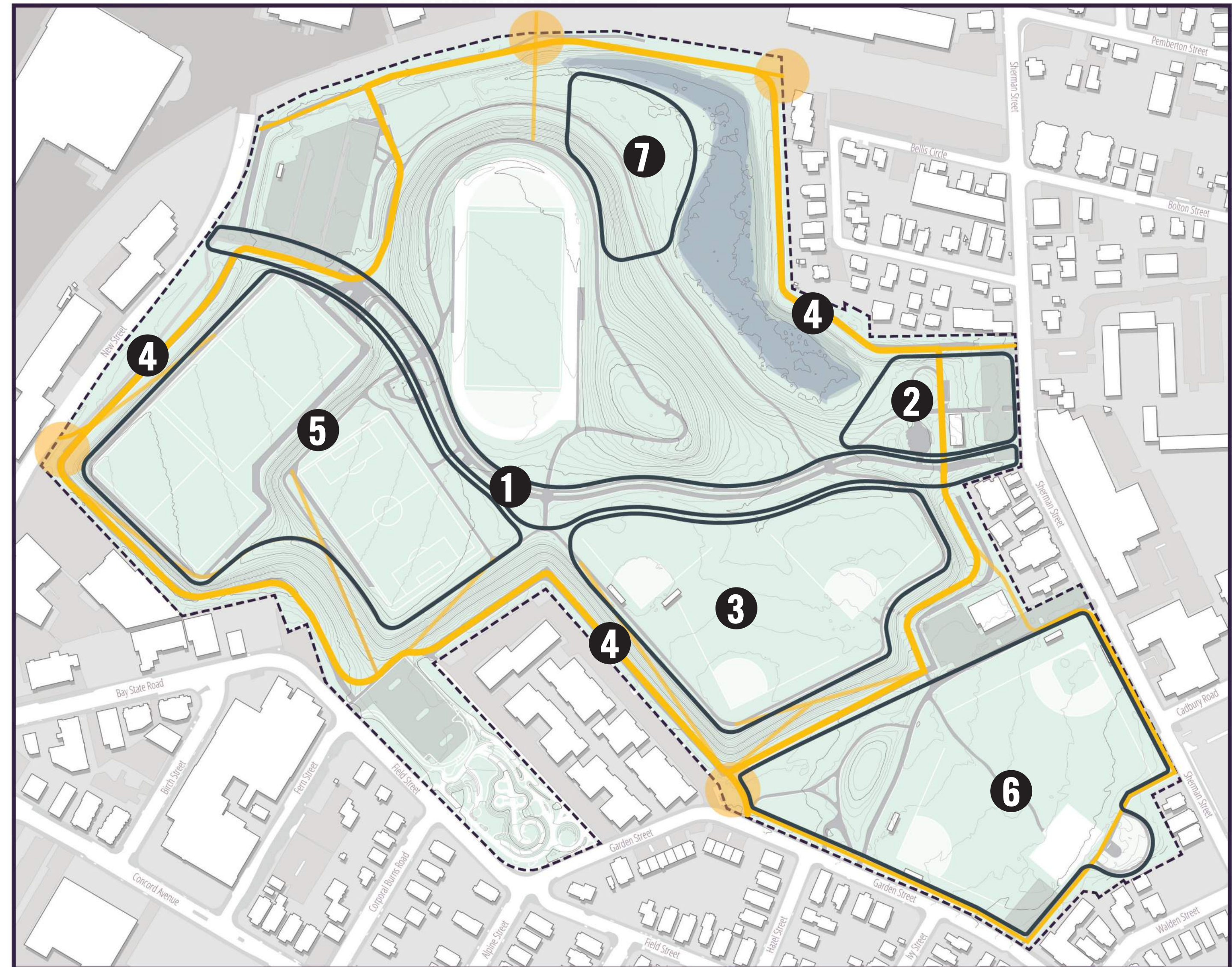


DECIDING PRIORITIES



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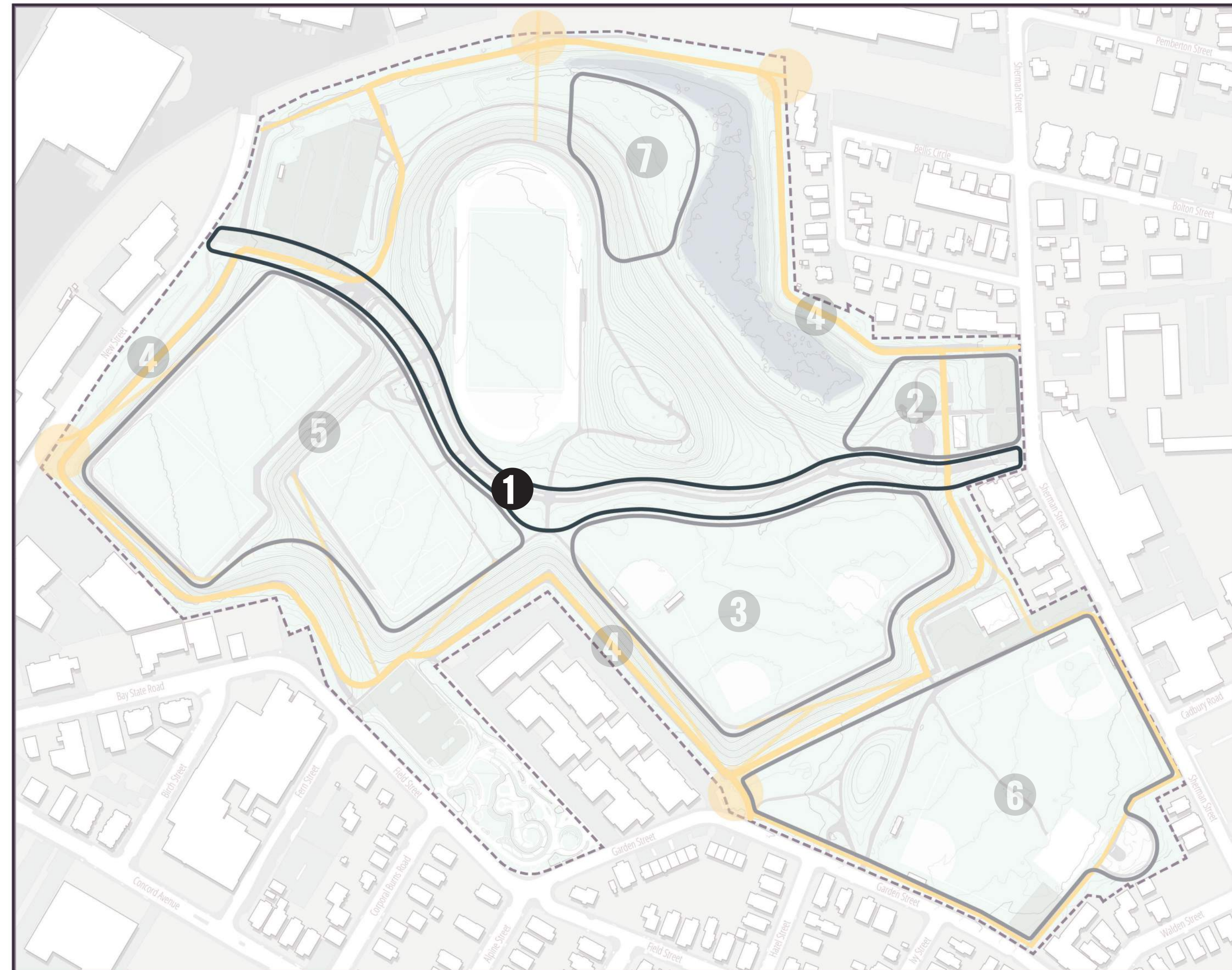
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- Establish and upgrade this path as the main utility corridor (water main and electrical upgrades, add communication and stormwater)
- Multigenerational gathering spaces, play and active use nodes
- Shade / cooling spots
- Tree removal and replanting, with soil improvements
- Drainage Improvements
- Phasing considerations

POTENTIAL EARLY WIN:

Drainage and utility upgrades on full path, tree removals and replacements and pathway renovation from Sherman to the Glassphalt Path.



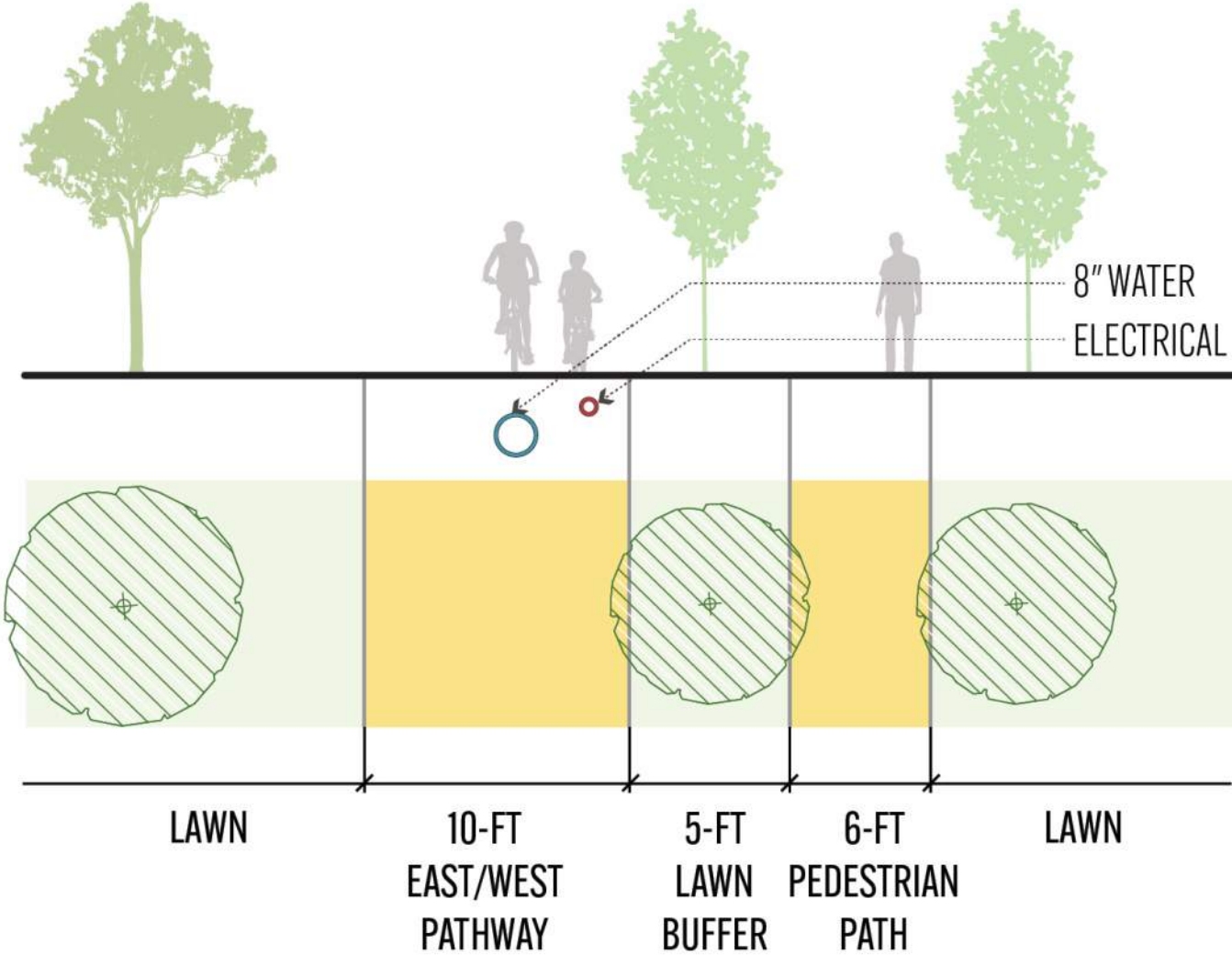
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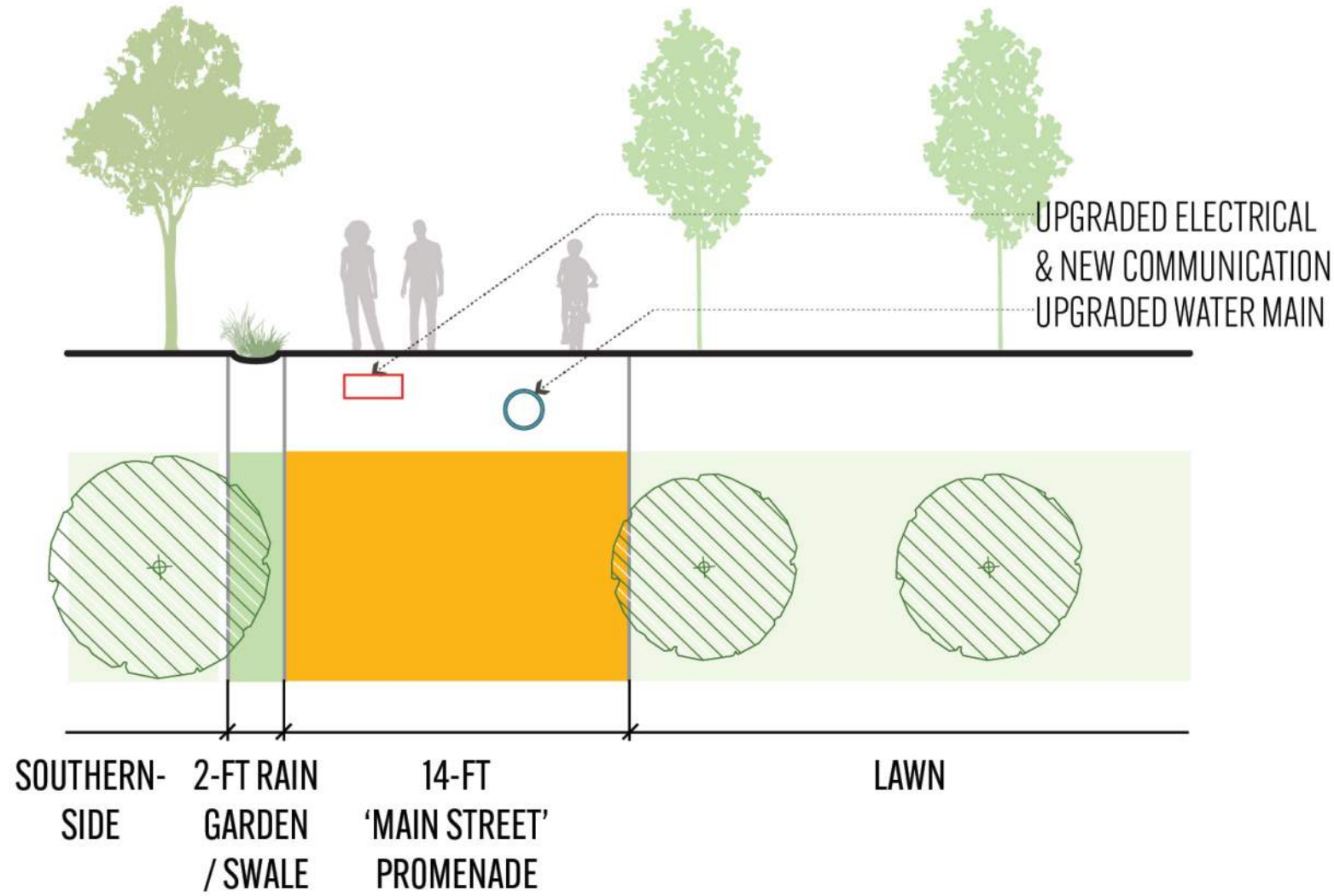
'MAIN STREET' PROMENADE



Existing Path, Typical Section



Proposed Shared Use Path, Typical Section



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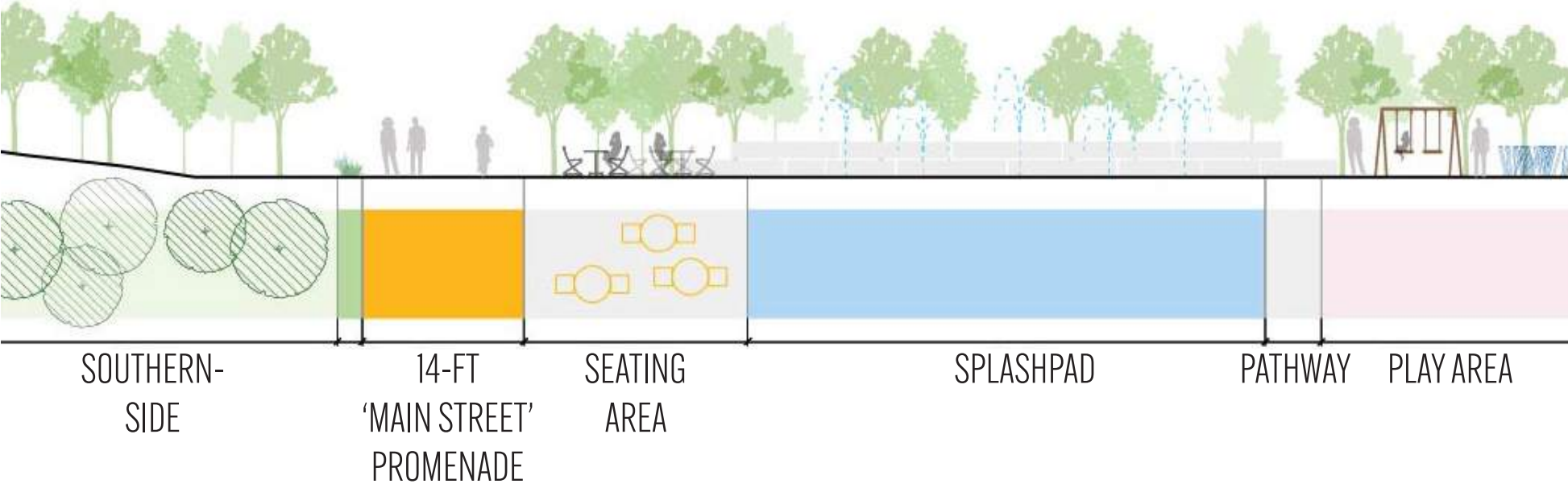


Shared Use, Bench Seating

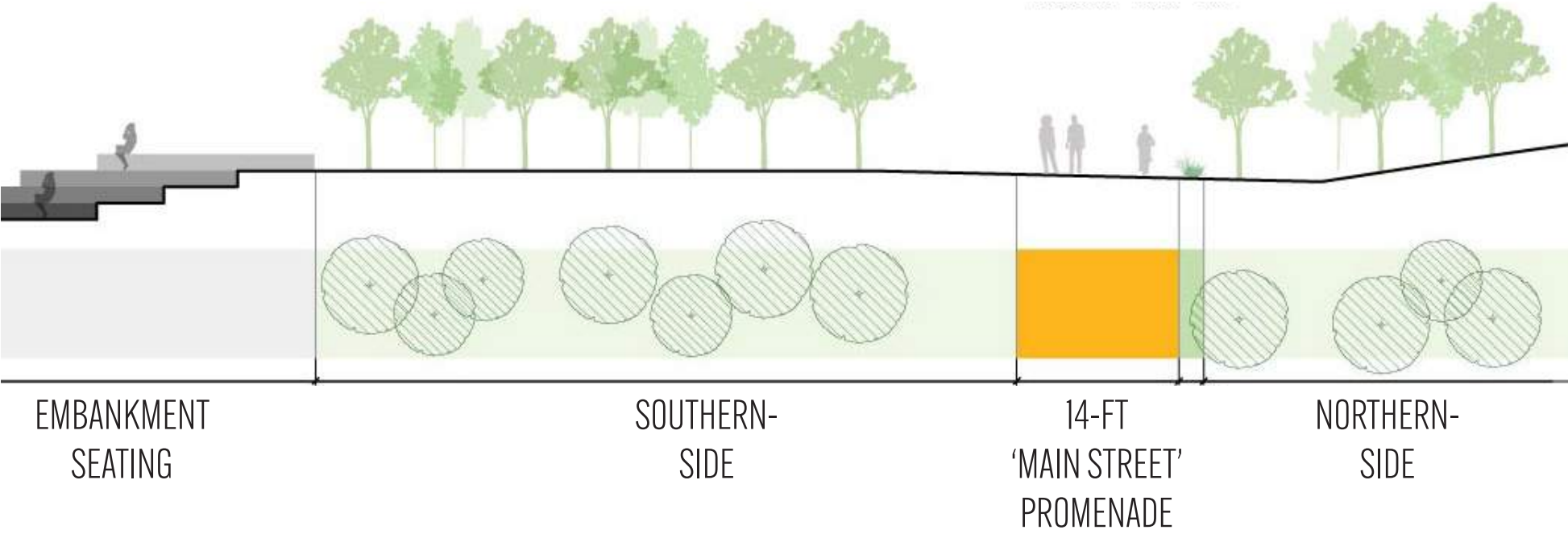


Open Play Ribbon

Path at Splashpad/Playground, Section A



Path along Embankment Seating, Section B



Special Paving at New Street and Sherman Street Entrances



Gathering nodes and Play Opportunities



Infrastructure Utility Enhancements



PRELIMINARY PROJECT IDEAS

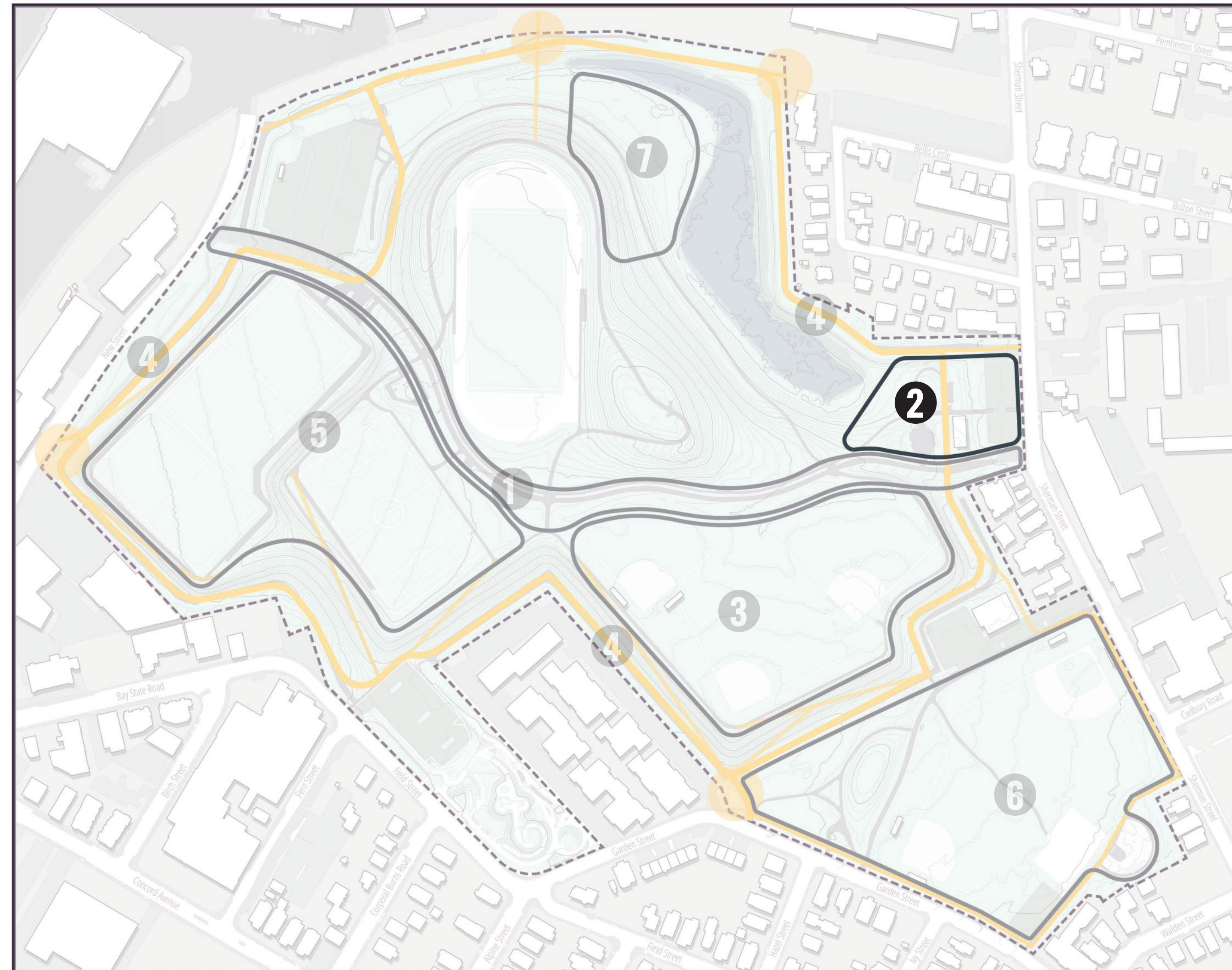
1. 'Main Street' Promenade

2. Sherman Street Play, Splash and Gather

- Pedestrian entry plaza and main gateway into the park
- Clear overgrown vegetation
- Full playground renovation
- Splash pad renovation and water service upgrades
- Small events space separated from the 'Main Street' Promenade
- Memorial garden
- Greenway loop connection
- Drainage improvements
- Comfort building upgrades

POTENTIAL EARLY WIN:

1. Greenway Loop connection, clear overgrown vegetation, relocate/renovate memorial garden
2. Splash pad and playground renovations, electrical upgrades in the comfort building



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SHERMAN STREET PLAY, SPLASH & GATHER - EXISTING



Wheeler Water Garden



Sherman Street Main Entry



Sherman Street Secondary Entry



Sherman Street Secondary Entrance



Regina Antoine Tot Lot



SHERMAN STREET PLAY, SPLASH & GATHER - CONCEPT A



Memorial Garden



Ecological Spine



Pedestrian Entry Plaza



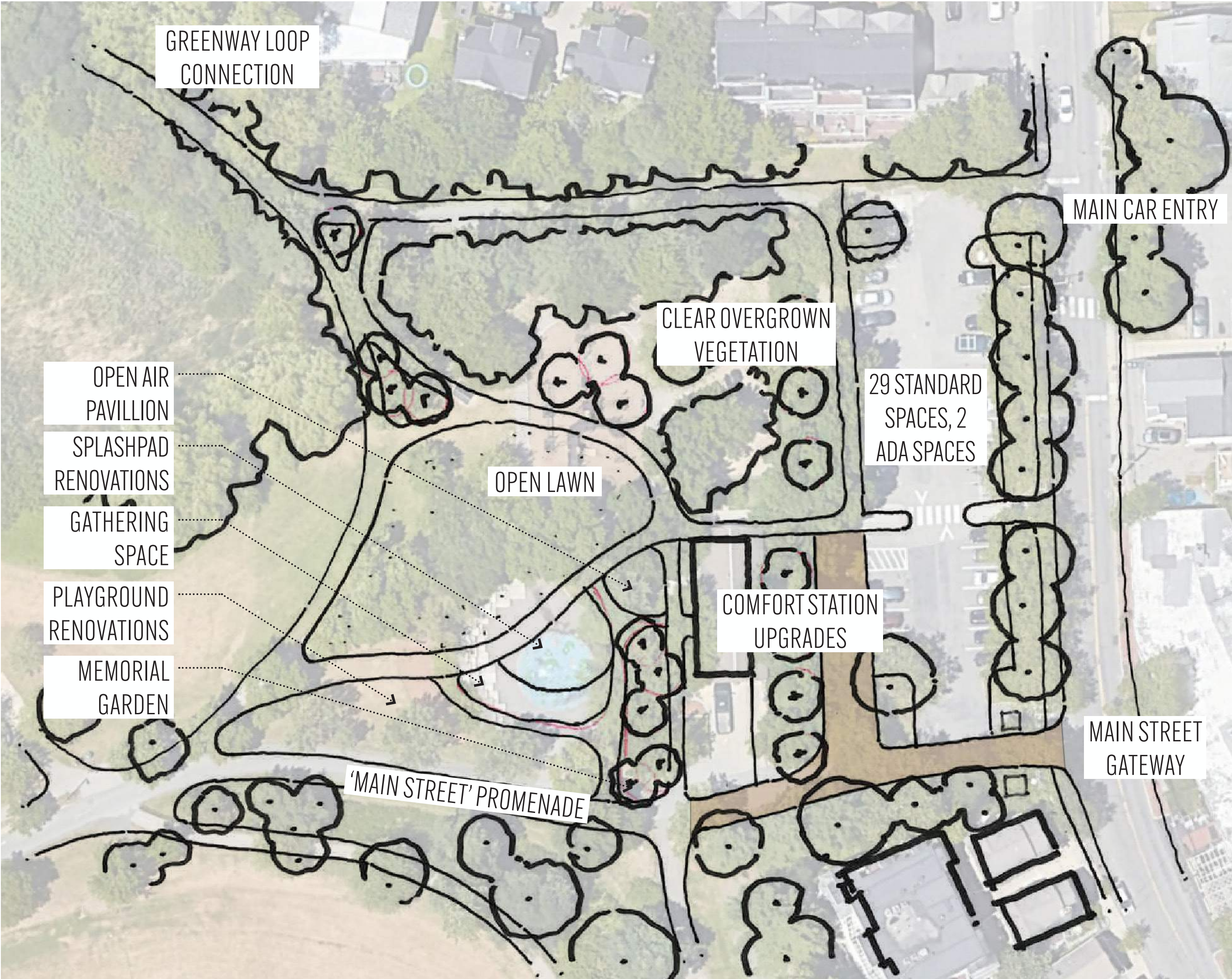
Picnic / Community Shelter



Main Street Gateway



SHERMAN STREET PLAY, SPLASH & GATHER - CONCEPT B



Smaller Splash Zone



Picnic / Seating



Small Open Air Pavilion



Playground Upgrades

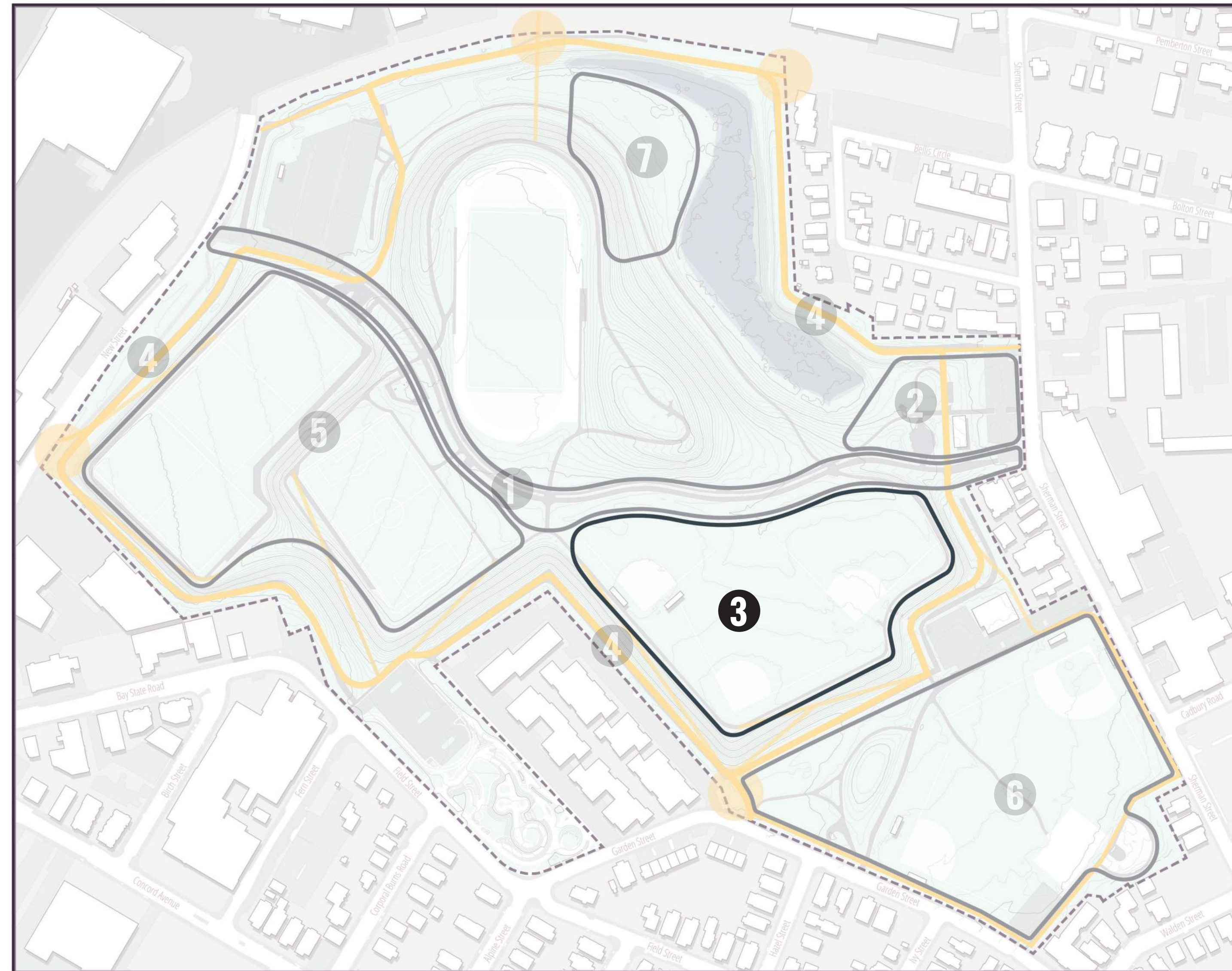


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- 3. Upper Softball and Large Event Lawn**
 - Consider two softball fields as an alternative concept
 - Reconfigured area to add a new active recreation not currently programed at Danehy (e.g. cricket pitch, volleyball)
 - Dedicated batting tunnel for softball
 - Large event lawn / passive rec space with better support infrastructure including service pathways

POTENTIAL EARLY WIN:

Portable toilet adjacent to the fields



UPPER SOFTBALL AND LARGE EVENT LAWN

- Using existing and potentially new tree lines to block sunset and wind from interfering with play
- Adjacent gathering space for siblings/parents to use
- Lighting
- Ball netting
- Shaded dugouts
- Shared batting cage and bullpen
- Scoreboard
- Storage
- Spectator seating
- Fencing
- Access to power
- Access to water
- Portable toilet
- At least one field sized to accommodate High School JV; A70; youth softball; adult softball (outfield fences should be 230'-245' foot radius from home plate).



Better Sports Amenities



Shaded Dugouts



Portable Toilet Area



Existing Softball Fields Area



Hillside Seating / Stage Setup



Central Events Lawn



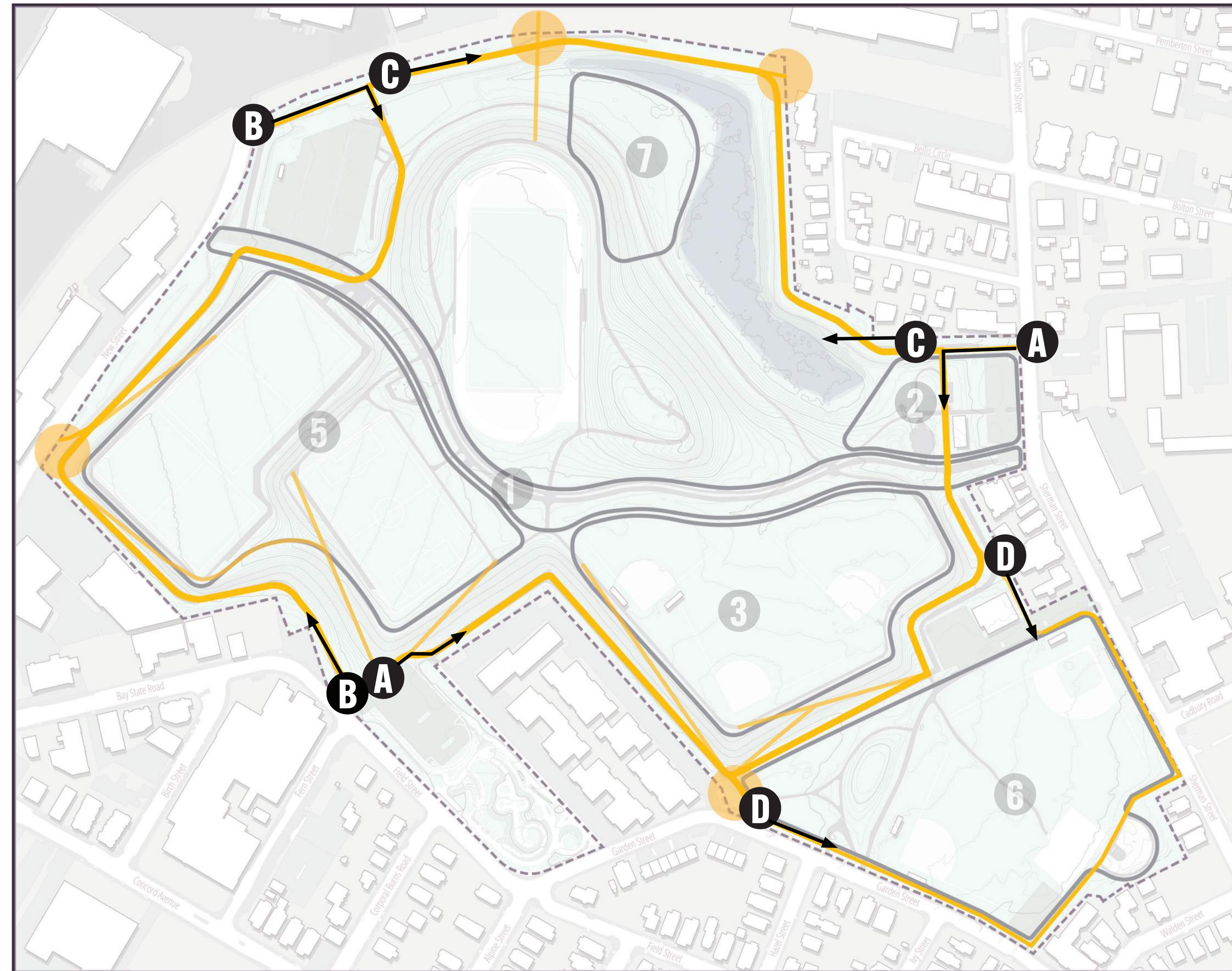
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- Use the existing vent trench as the location for new perimeter path loop.
- New pollinator and rain gardens can grow the park's ecological impact.
- Connect to other park paths with sloping pathways for full inclusivity.
- Establish a consistent feel for park entrances through select materials and clear signage.
- Phased approach

POTENTIAL EARLY WIN:

Phase A and sloped paths at the Sherman Street Playground to the Field Street Parking Lot



GREENWAY LOOP, CONNECTION & ENTRANCES

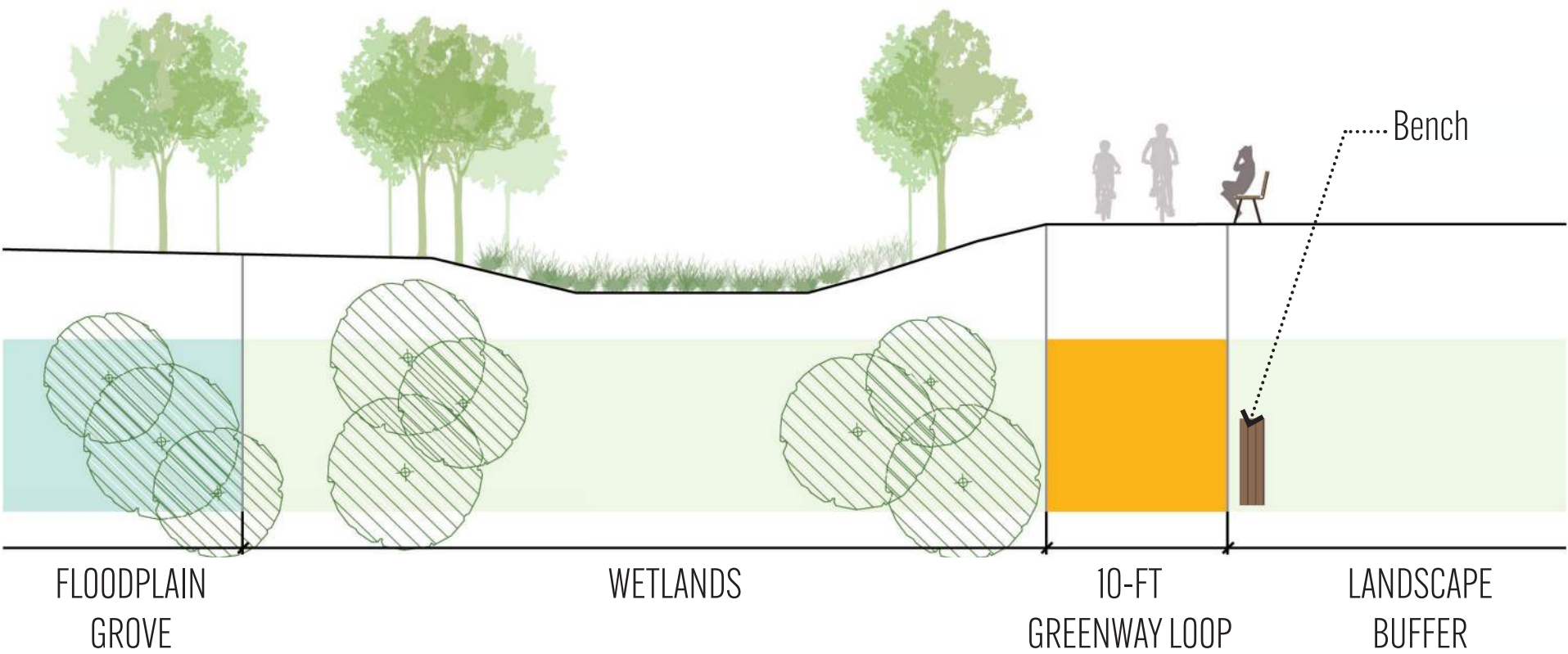


Sloped Pollinator Meadows



Greenway Loop and Path Connections

Proposed Shared Use Path, Typical Section

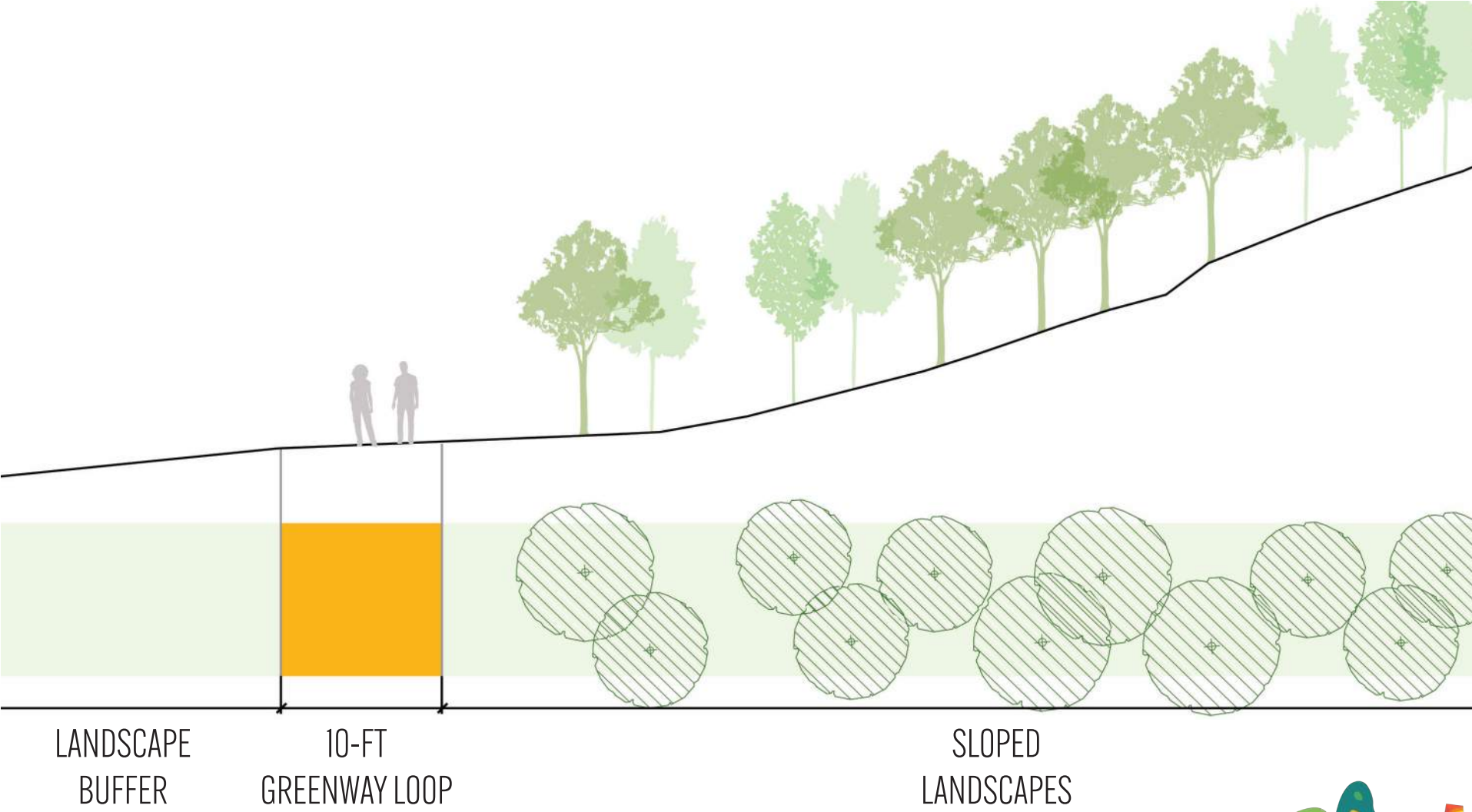


Main Entrance Upgrades & Wayfinding



Sloping Pathways/Ramps for full inclusivity

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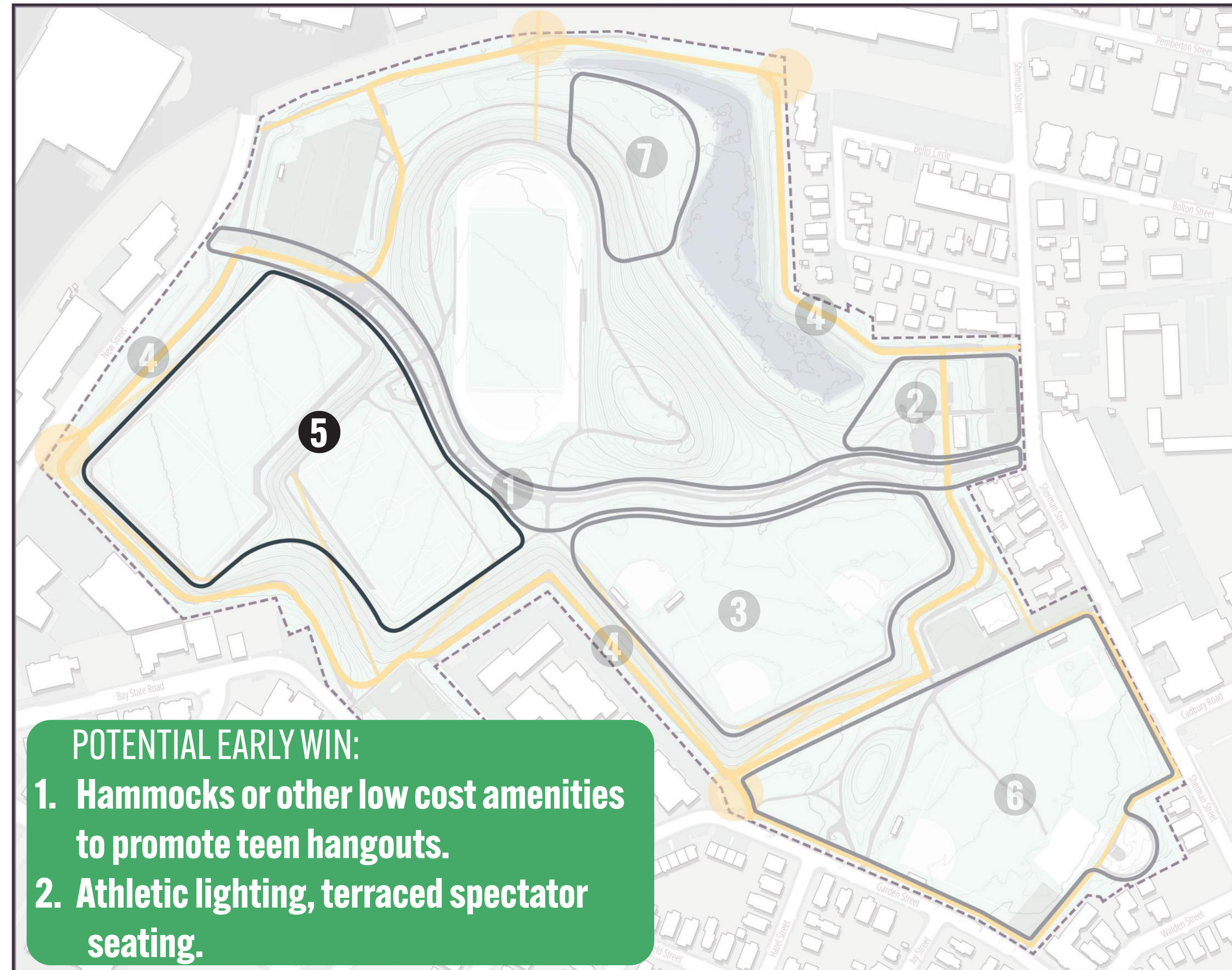


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- Multiuse Field – consider adding softball?
- Athletic Lighting
- Sunset spectator seating/viewing area
- Equipment storage, training space, and other amenities for athletes
- Improved entrance onto the fields
- Sloped connection from the Field Street Parking Lot
- Multifunctional teen hanging out space
- Consider parkour, pump track and skate concepts that weave in planting (i.e. 'skate garden')
- Node off Main Street and proximity to the athletic fields



TURF FIELD, SUNSET OVERLOOK & PLAYGROUND - EXISTING



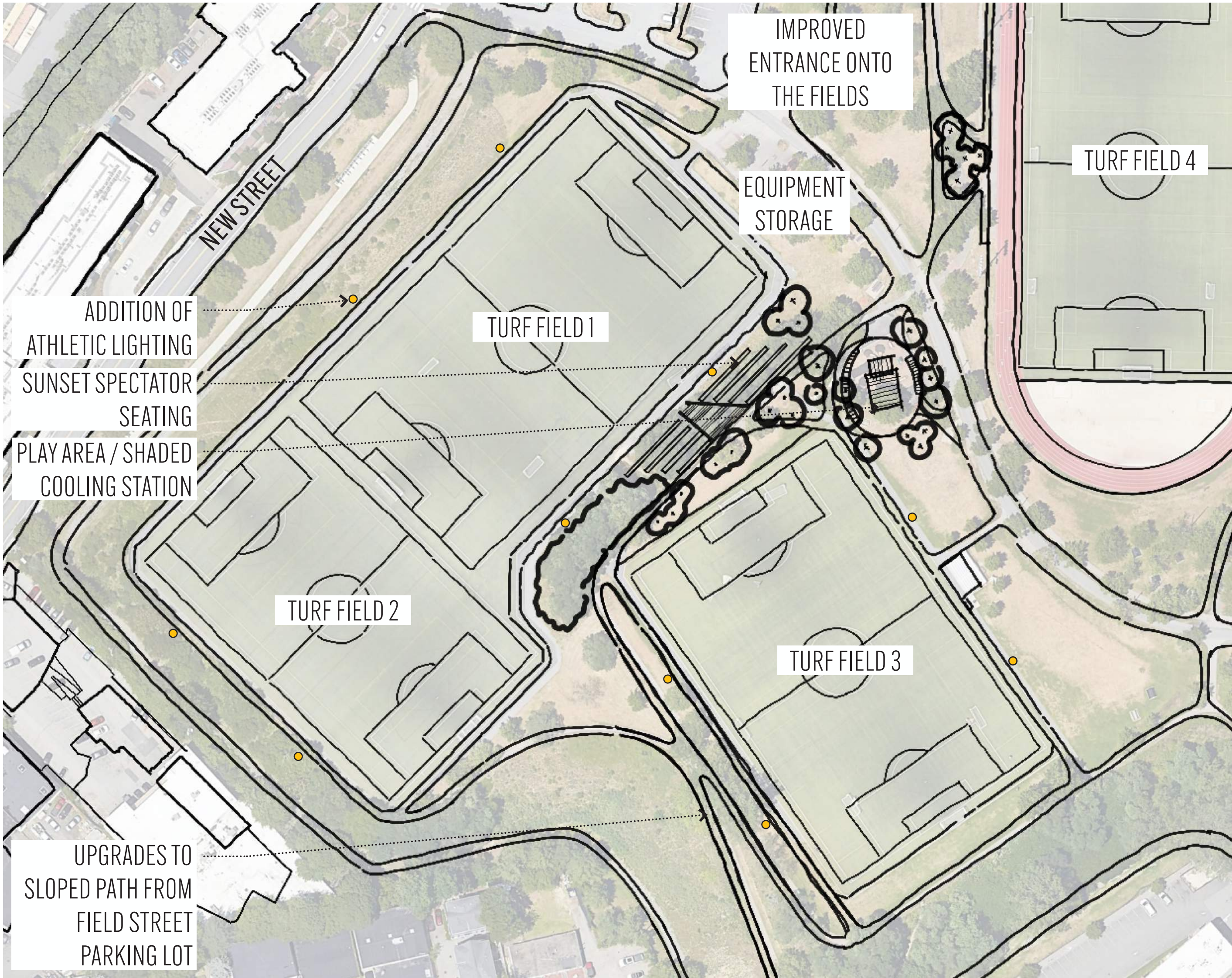
From Slope Above Turf Field 1



Turf Fields 1 & 2



TURF FIELD, SUNSET OVERLOOK & TEEN HUB - CONCEPT A



Shaded Cooling Station



Sensory/Artful Play



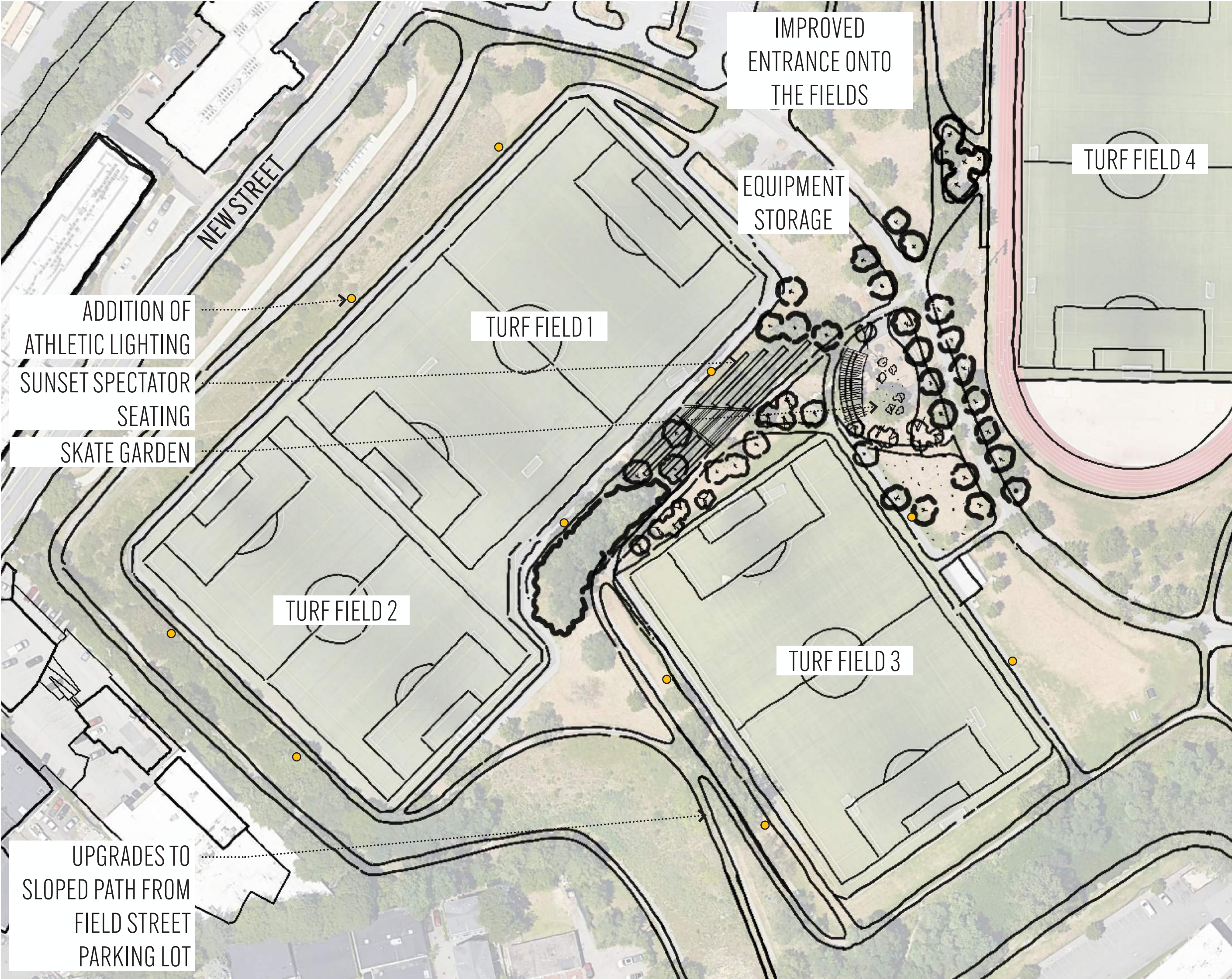
Better Sports Amenities



Hillside Seating



TURF FIELD, SUNSET OVERLOOK & TEEN HUB - CONCEPT B



Skate Garden



Play Zone with Boulders/Cooling Area



Quiet Spots for Relaxation, Yet Iconic and Artful



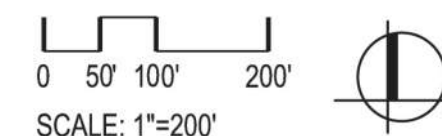
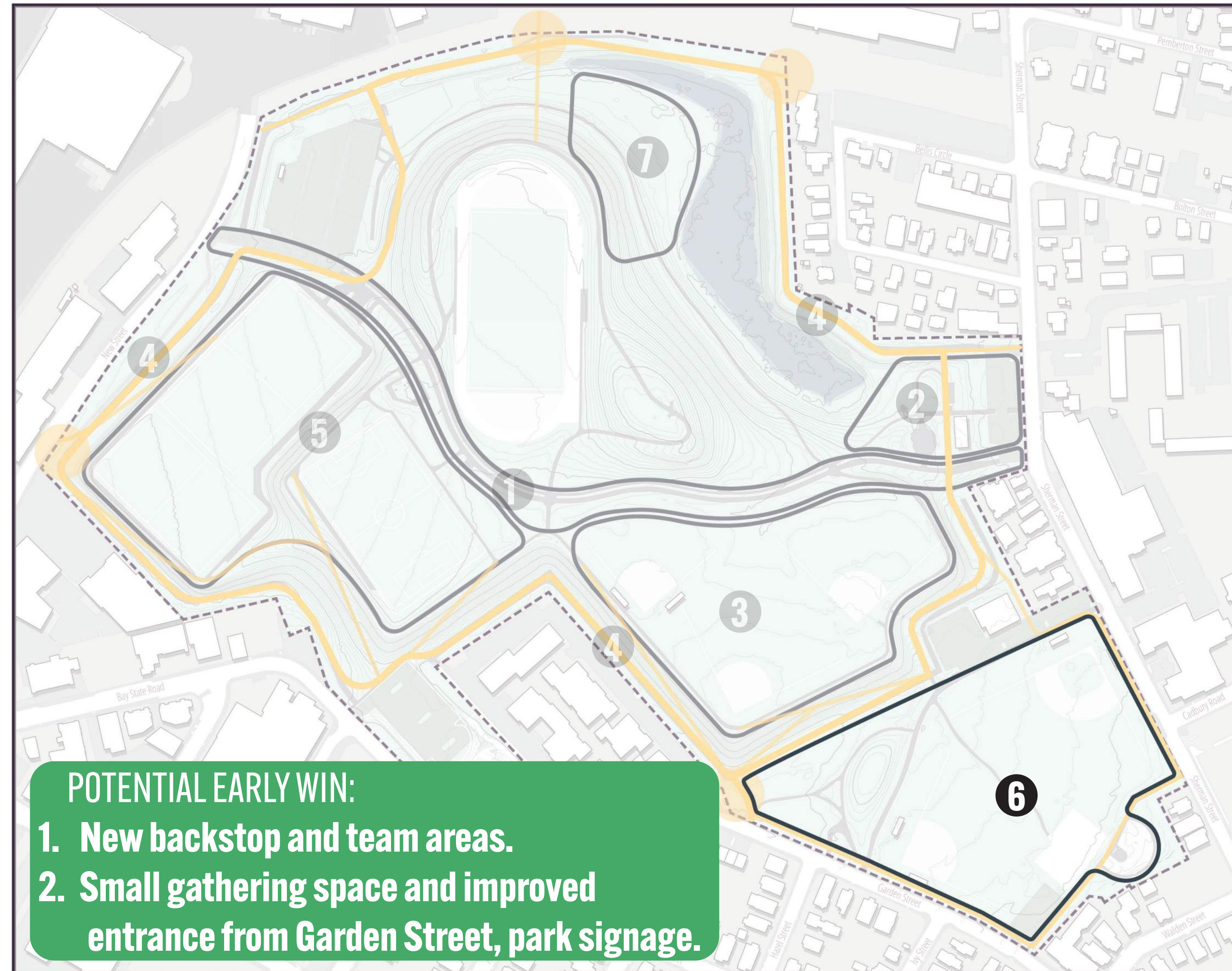
Open Play - Freerunning, Table Sports, Etc.



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- New backstop and team areas for the baseball fields
- Incorporate the Perimeter path interior to the park to the greatest extent possible
- Restore Public Art (Floating Stones)
- Relocated entrance at Briston Arms and the Garden St bend with sloped pathways to upper softball
- Basketball court diet or multi-use courts
- Post-tension concrete (lower maintenance)
- Full playground renovation
- Add shaded picnic and small gathering space



DINOSAUR PLAYGROUND & COURTS - EXISTING



Basketball Courts Area - 1 full court, 4 hoop courts



Dinosaur Playground



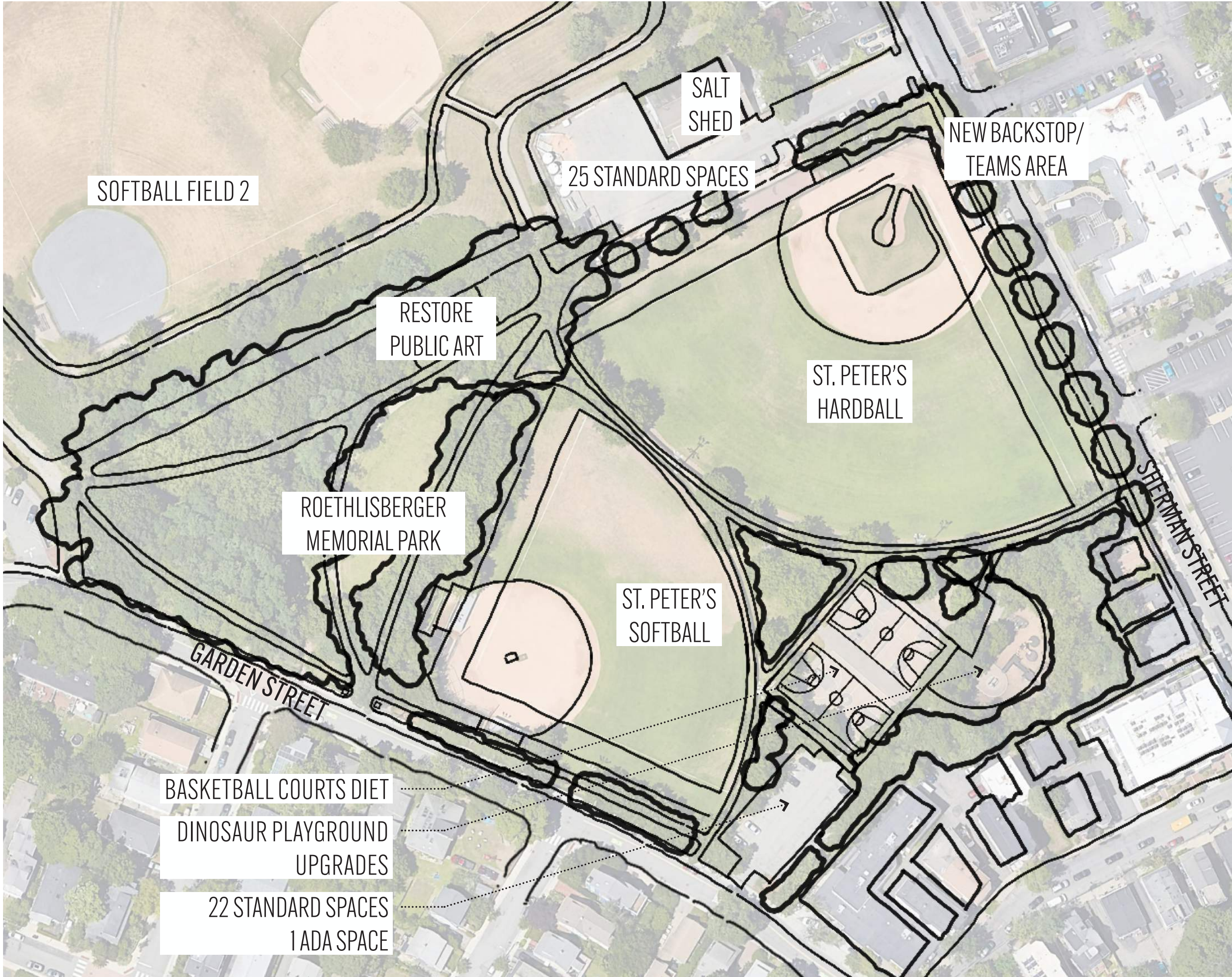
Public Art: Floating Stones - Edward Levine



Backstop at St. Peter's Baseball Field



DINOSAUR PLAYGROUND & COURTS - CONCEPT A



Play Area



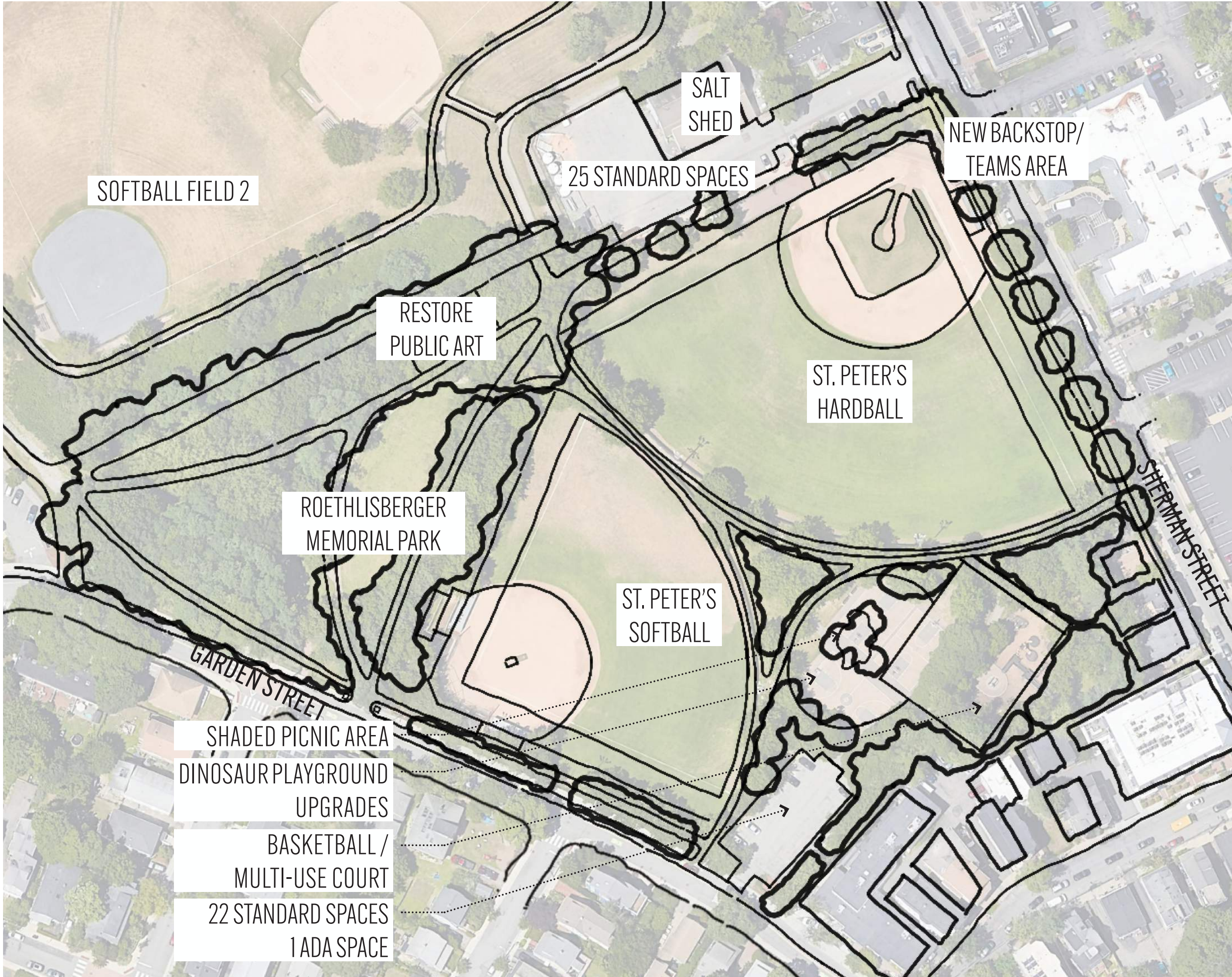
Multi-functional courts



Shaded Seating Area



DINOSAUR PLAYGROUND & COURTS - CONCEPT B



New backstop



Connections to Amenities



Gathering Nodes/ Multigenerational Seating Area



Floating Stones Artwork Restoration

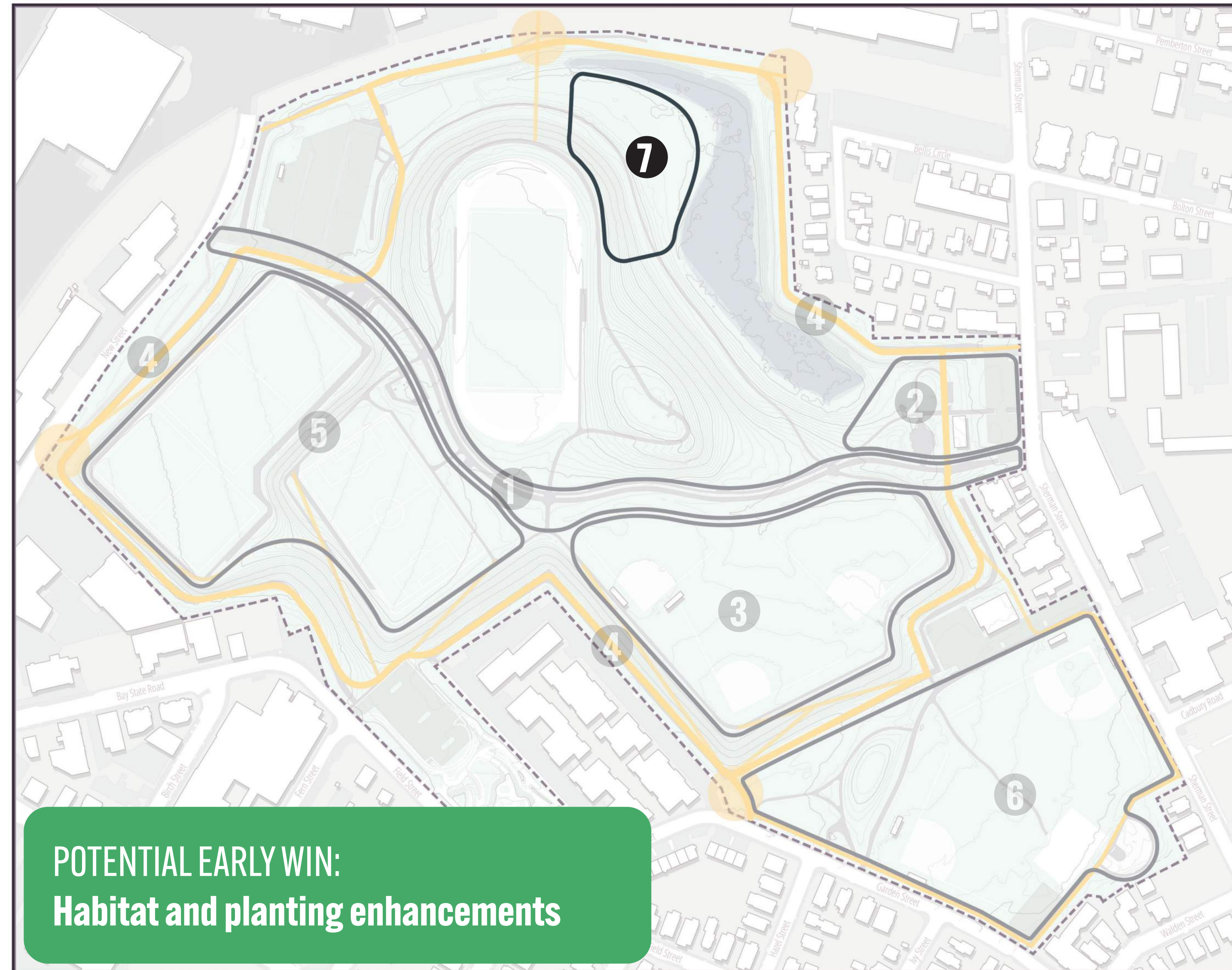


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7. Floodplain Grove

- New program now that the area is no longer needed for H.S. athletics
- Regular flooding takes place now. It sits within a 100yr wetland flood basin.
- Passive gathering space
- Accessible picnic tables and benches
- Habitat and planting enhancements
- Eco trail tie in to the Greenway Loop?



POTENTIAL EARLY WIN:
Habitat and planting enhancements

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FLOODPLAIN GROVE - EXISTING



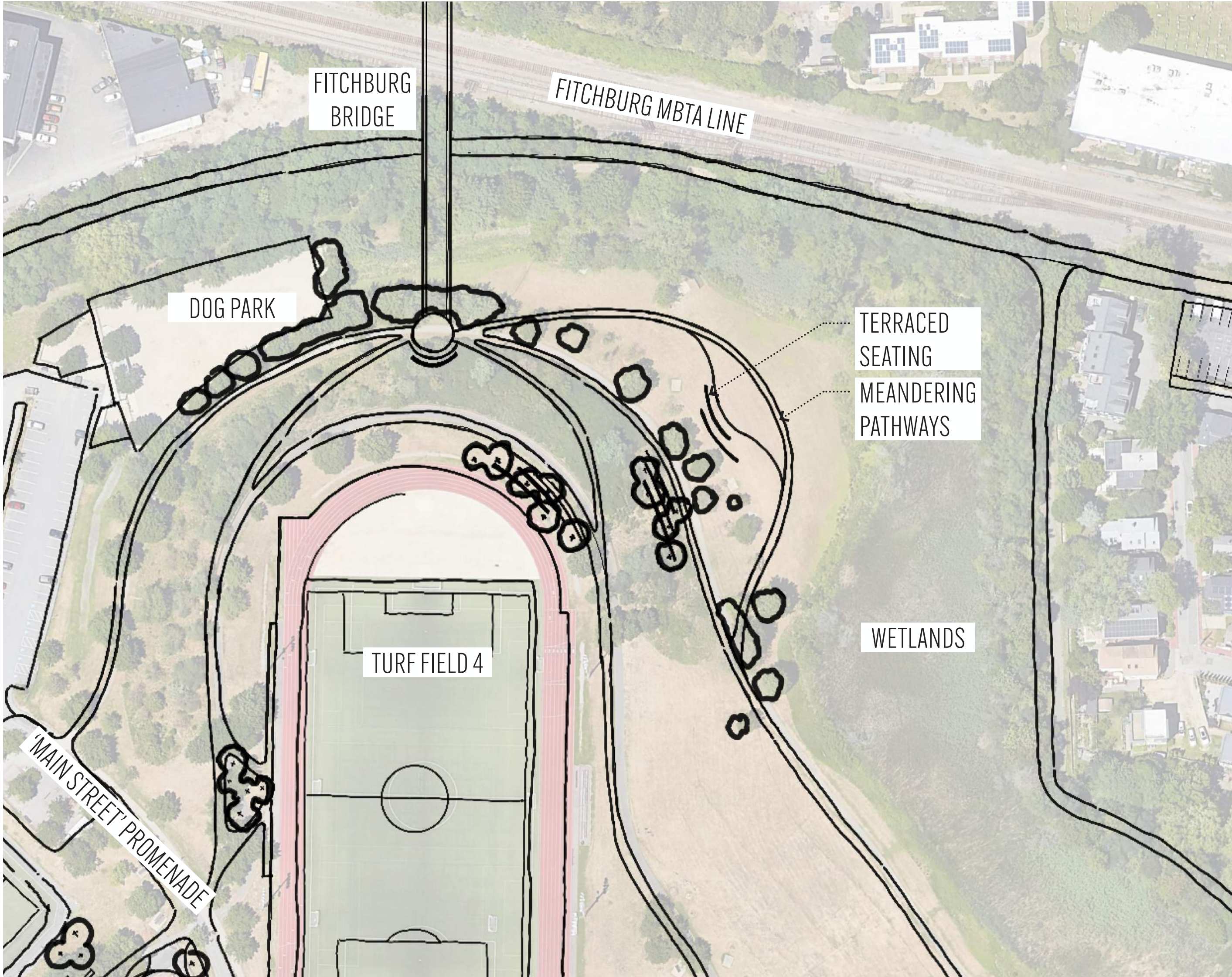
View towards wetlands



Walkway along wetland



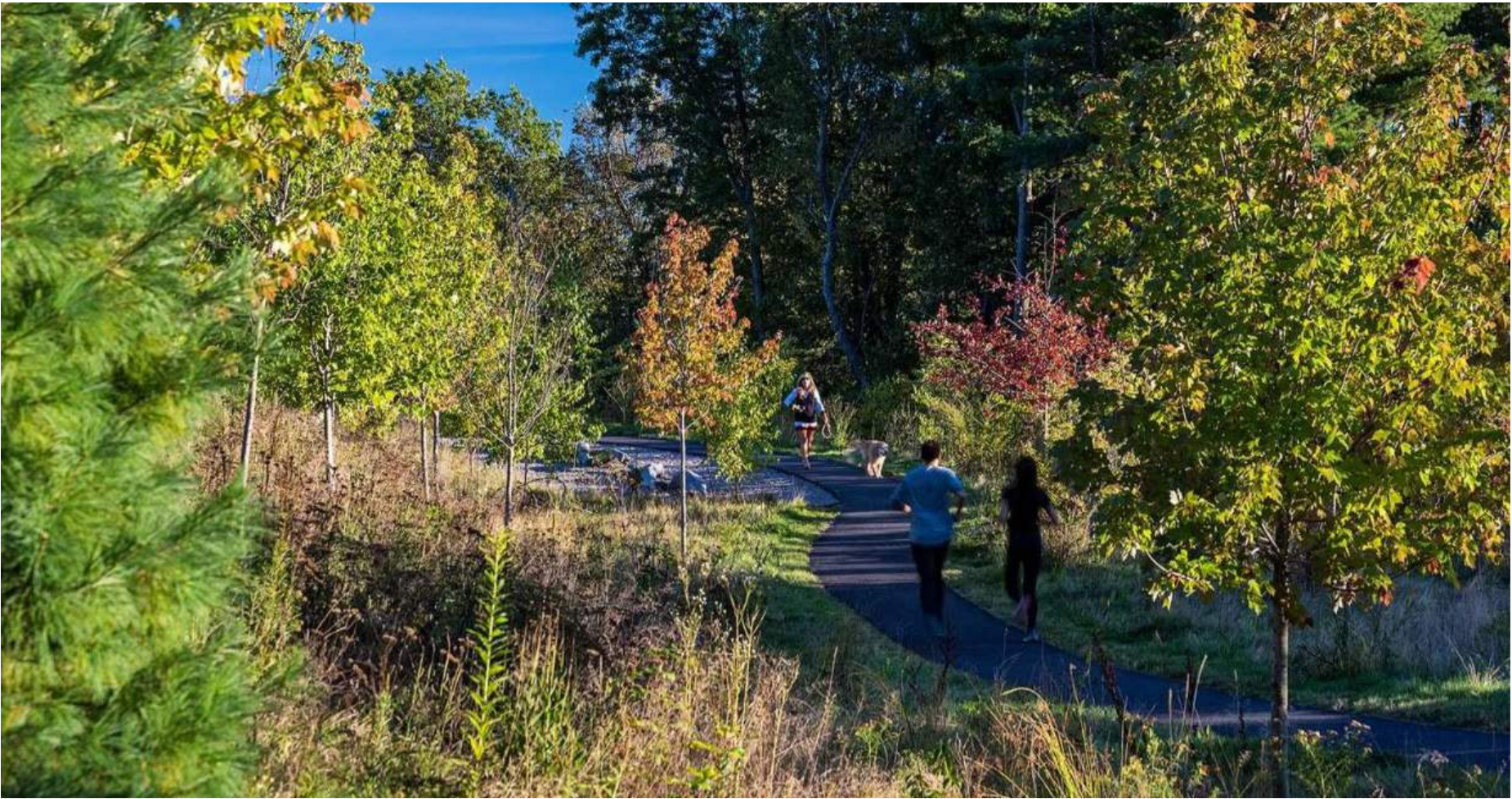
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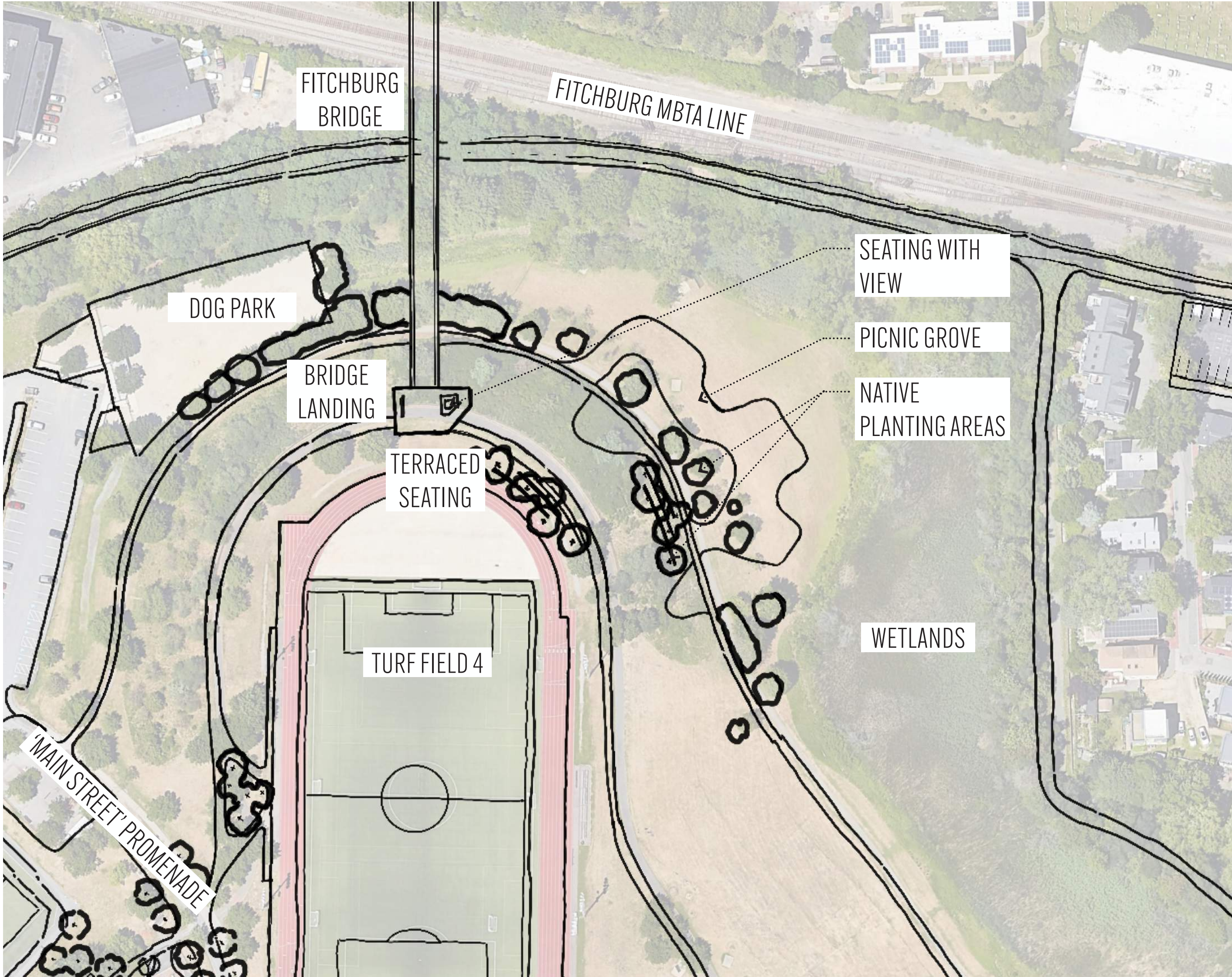
Terraced Seating



Walkways



FLOODPLAIN GROVE - CONCEPT B



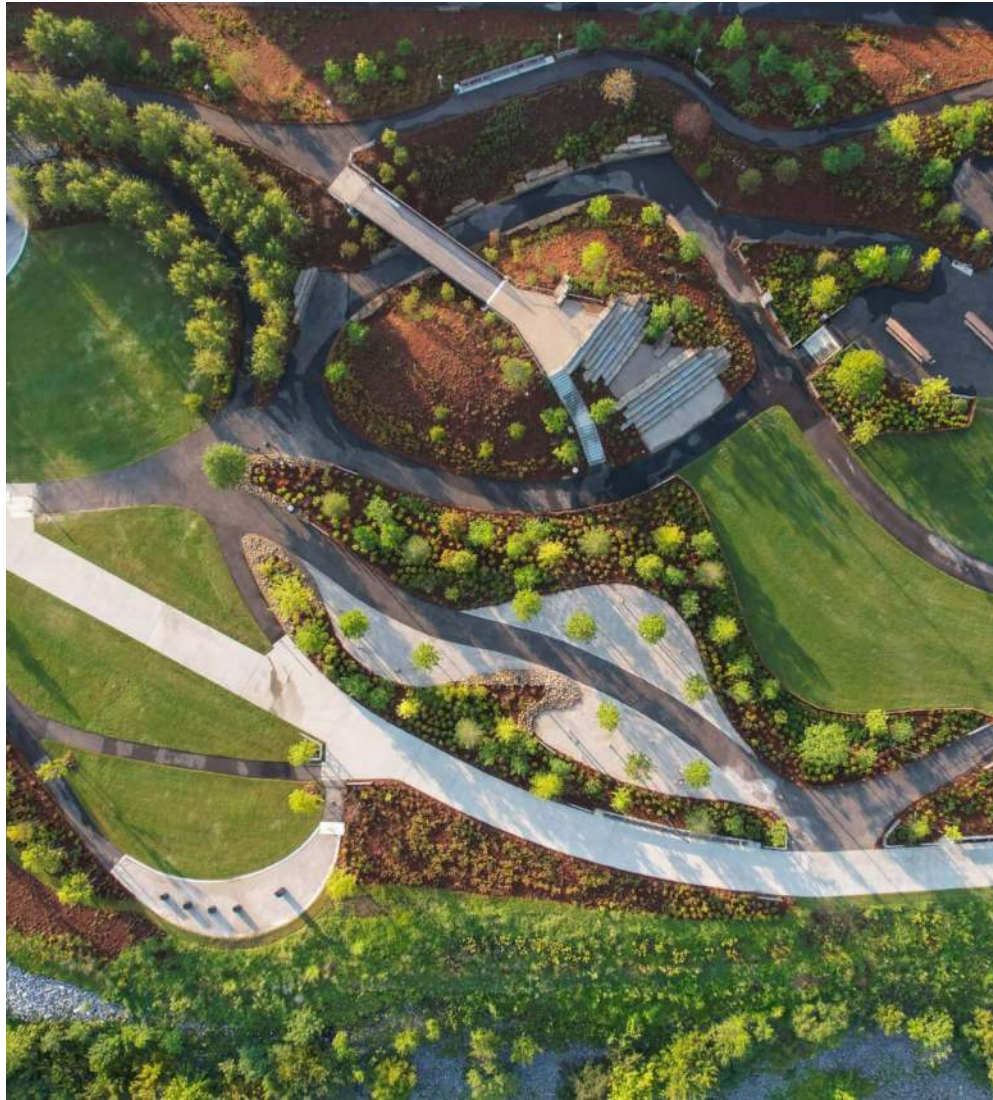
Picnic Grove



Bridge Landing



Native Planting



Seating/Planting Areas



Thoughts? Questions?



DANEHY PARK IMPROVEMENTS PLAN