

GOLD STAR MOTHERS MEMORIAL PARK

COMMUNITY MEETING 3

JUNE 9, 2026

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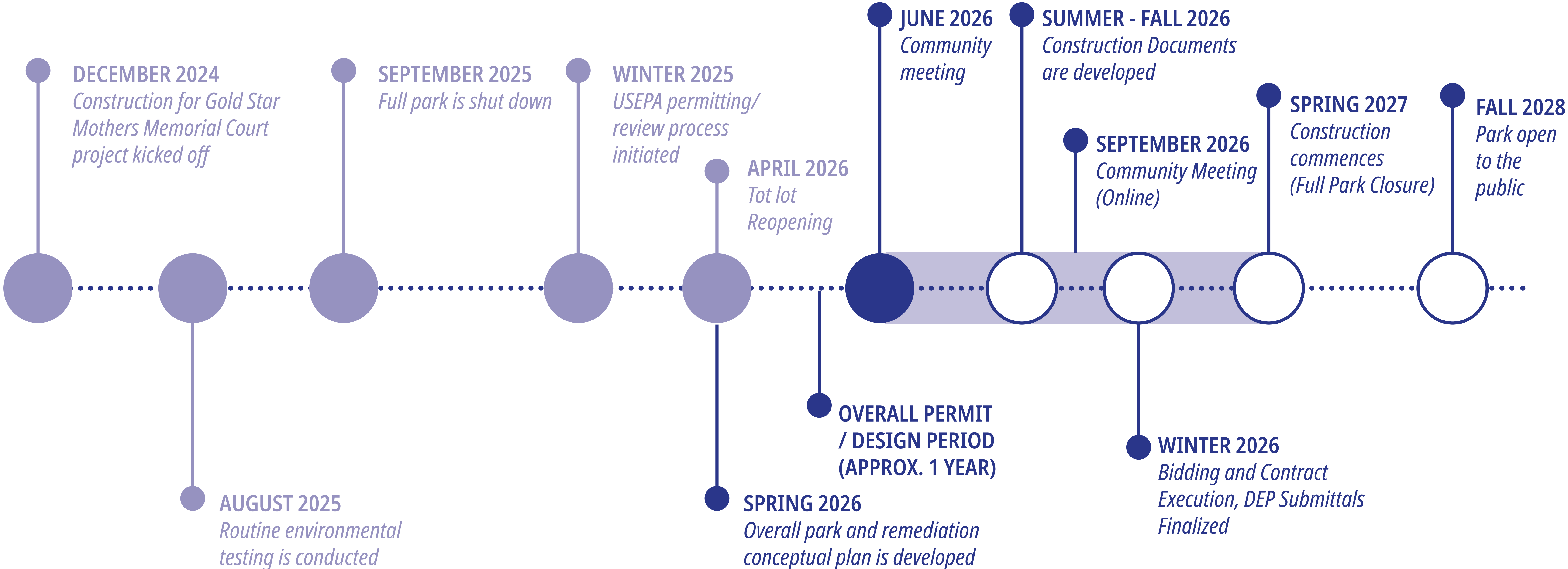
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Project Timeline

Community Engagement has been and will be ongoing throughout this process

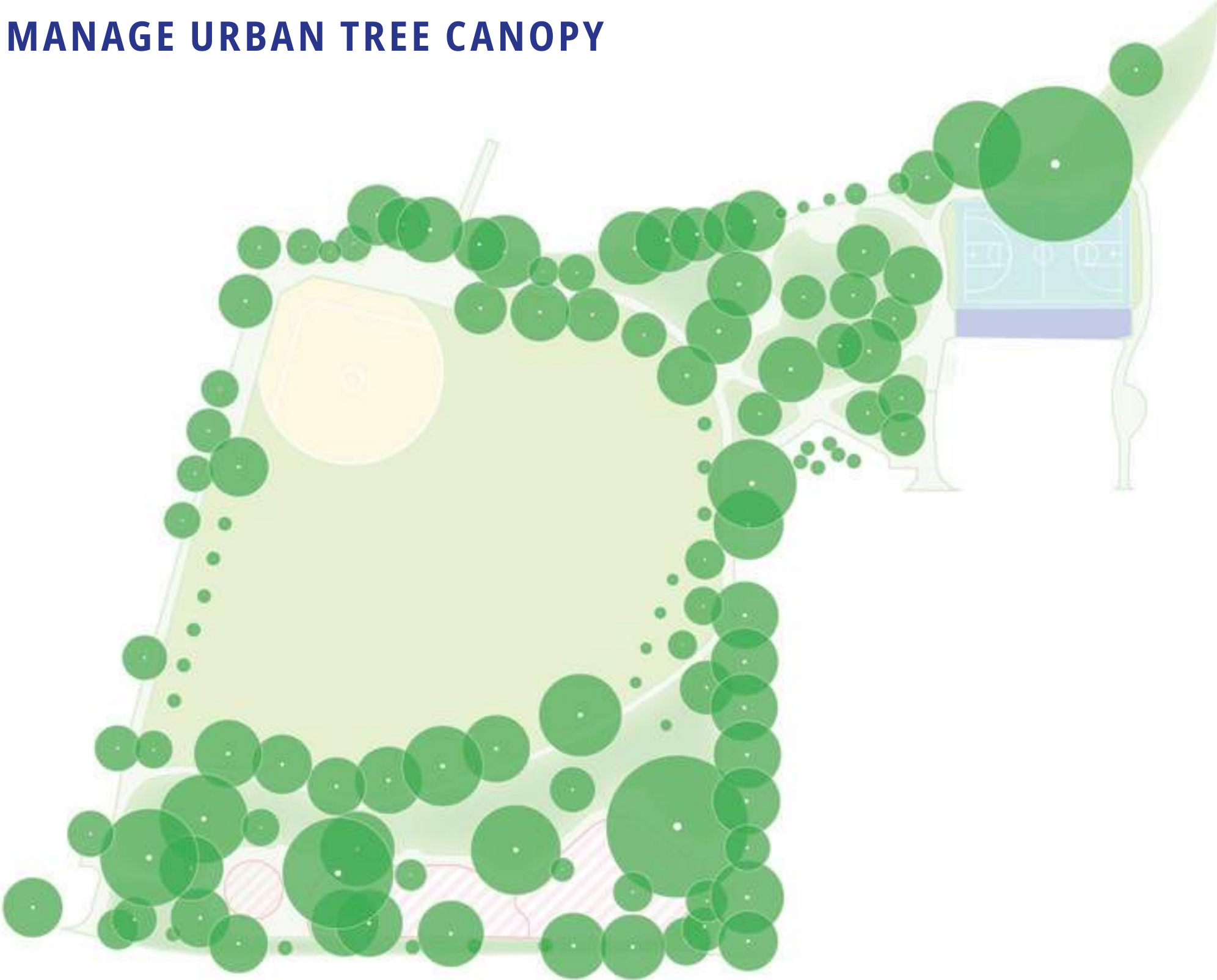


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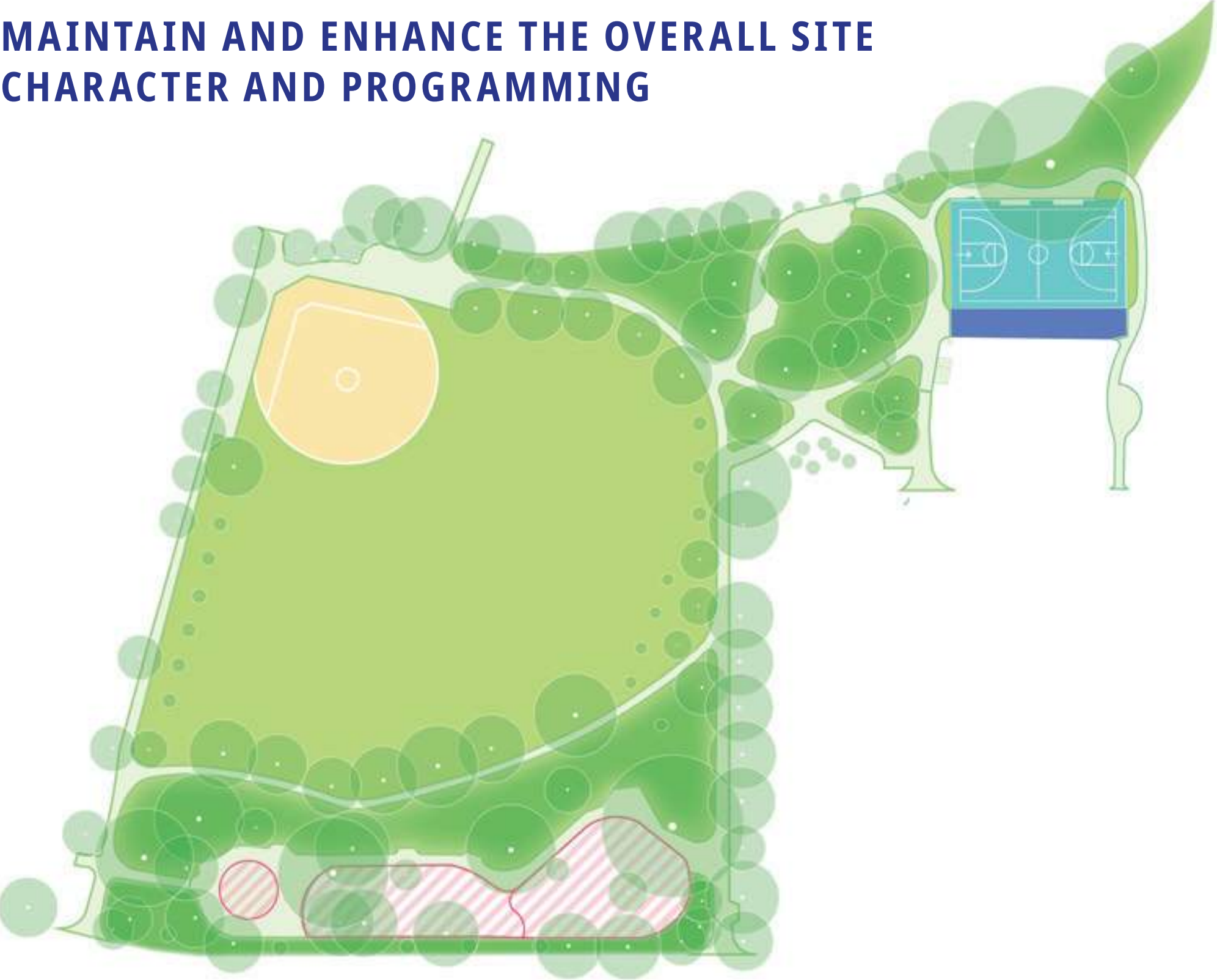


Project Goals

MANAGE URBAN TREE CANOPY



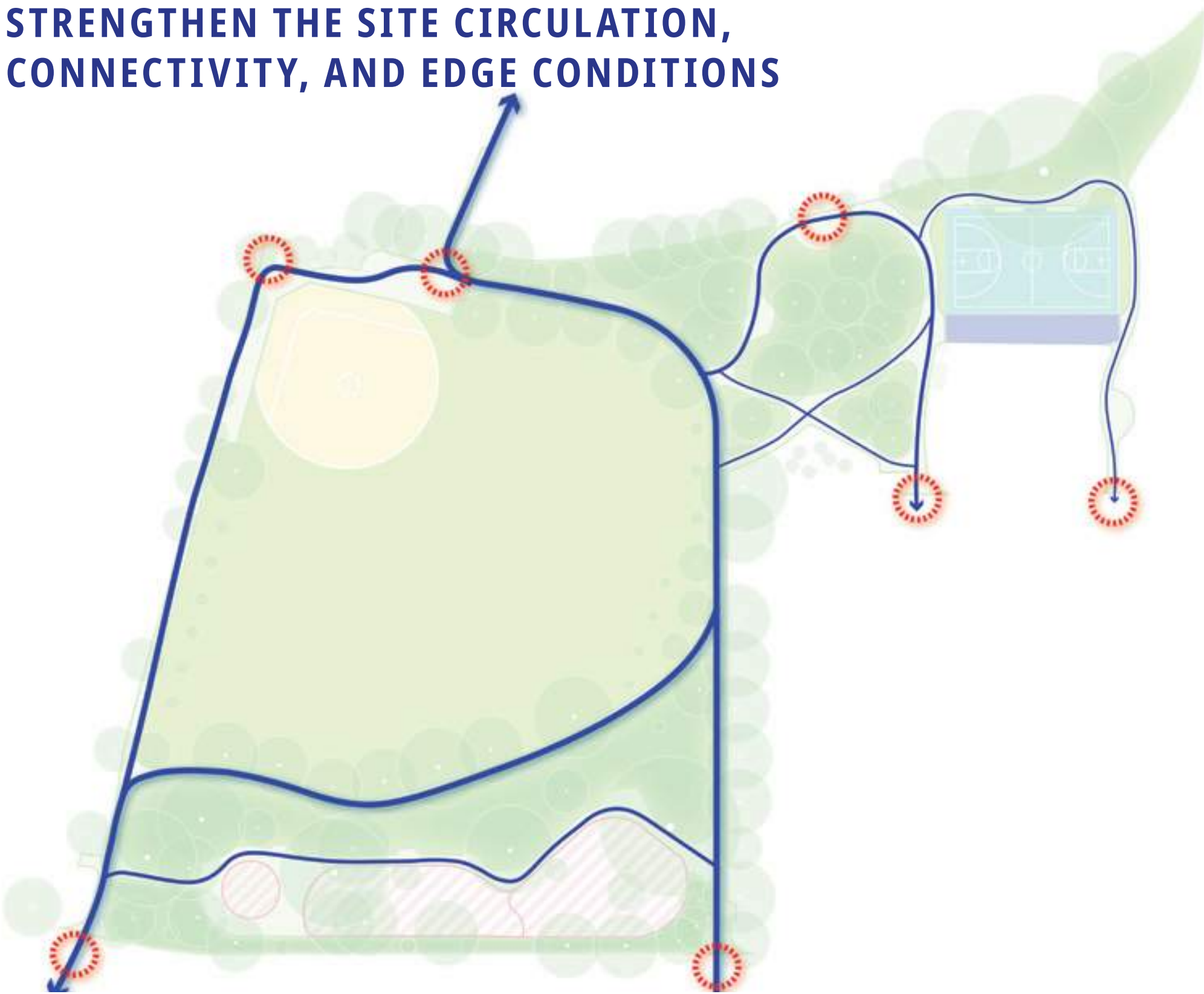
MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE OVERALL SITE CHARACTER AND PROGRAMMING



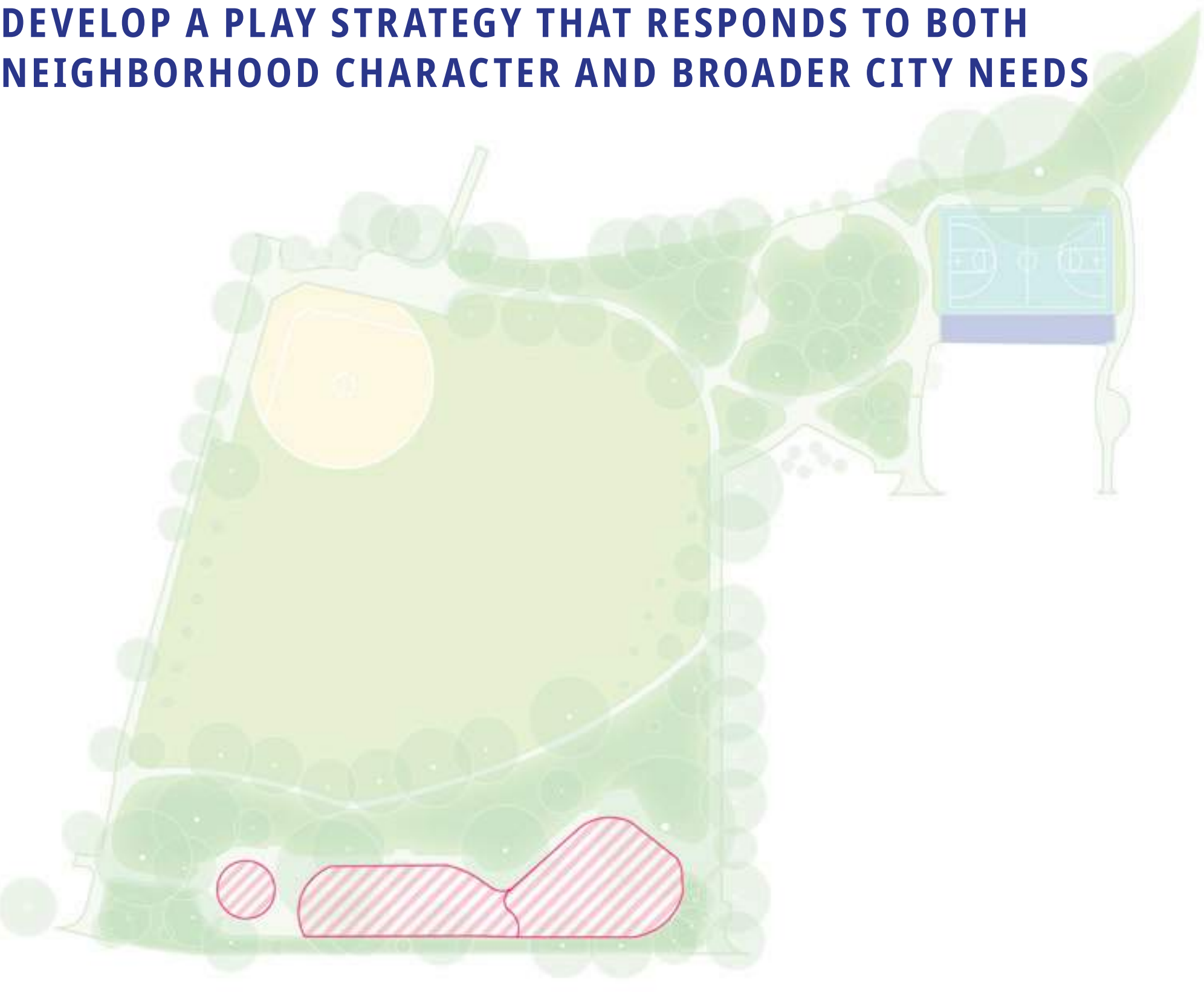
INCREASE SOCIAL GATHERING SPACES TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT LACK OF COMMUNITY SEATING AND INTERACTION AREAS



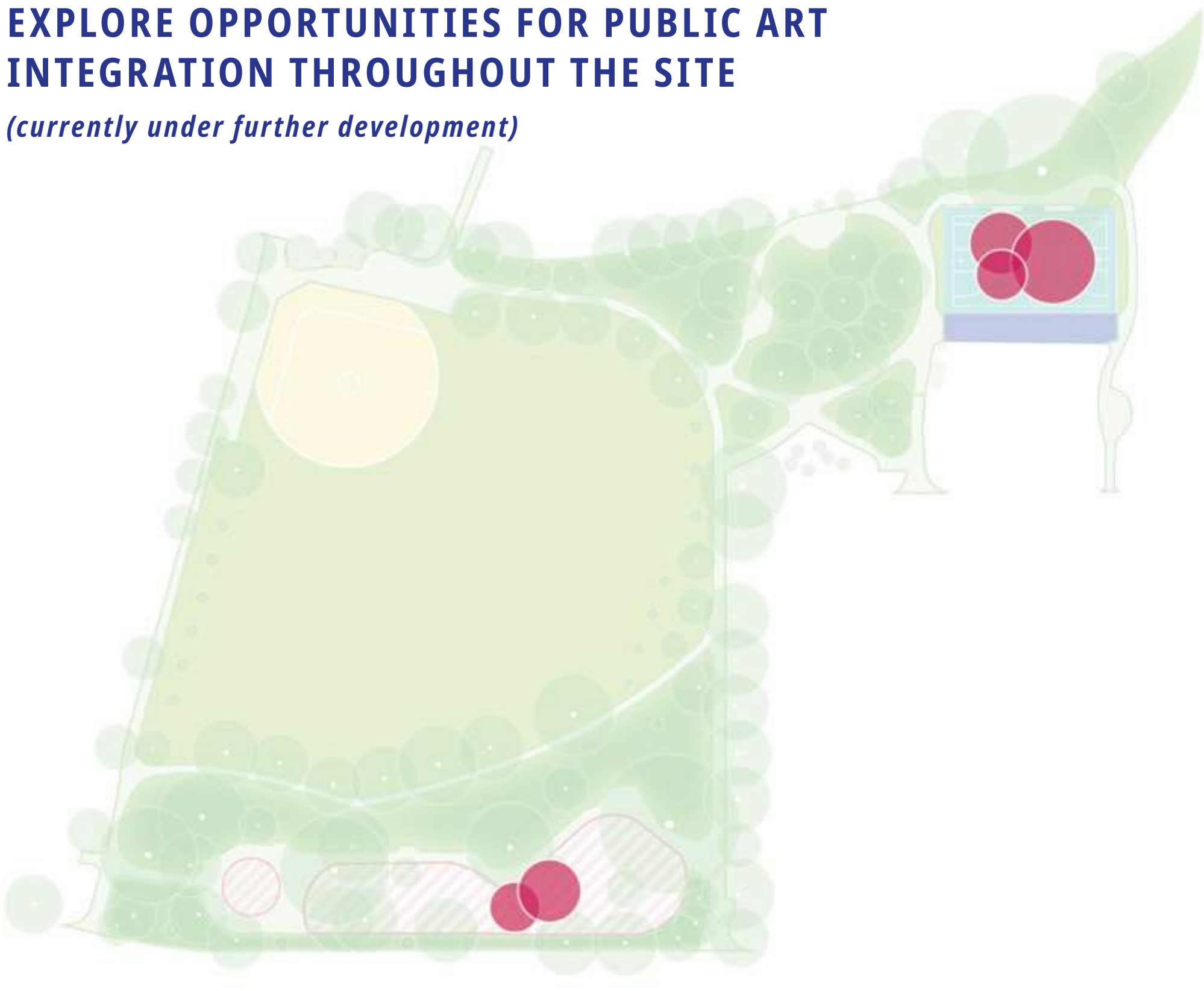
STRENGTHEN THE SITE CIRCULATION, CONNECTIVITY, AND EDGE CONDITIONS



DEVELOP A PLAY STRATEGY THAT RESPONDS TO BOTH NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER AND BROADER CITY NEEDS



EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC ART INTEGRATION THROUGHOUT THE SITE
(currently under further development)



Site History

Park Overview

The park is named for women whose children died in service during World War II. These women were called “Gold Star Mothers” because they received small flags with gold stars. In 1968 the city received a federal grant to purchase the land on this site and develop a park.



2003
Gold Star Park Concept Plan

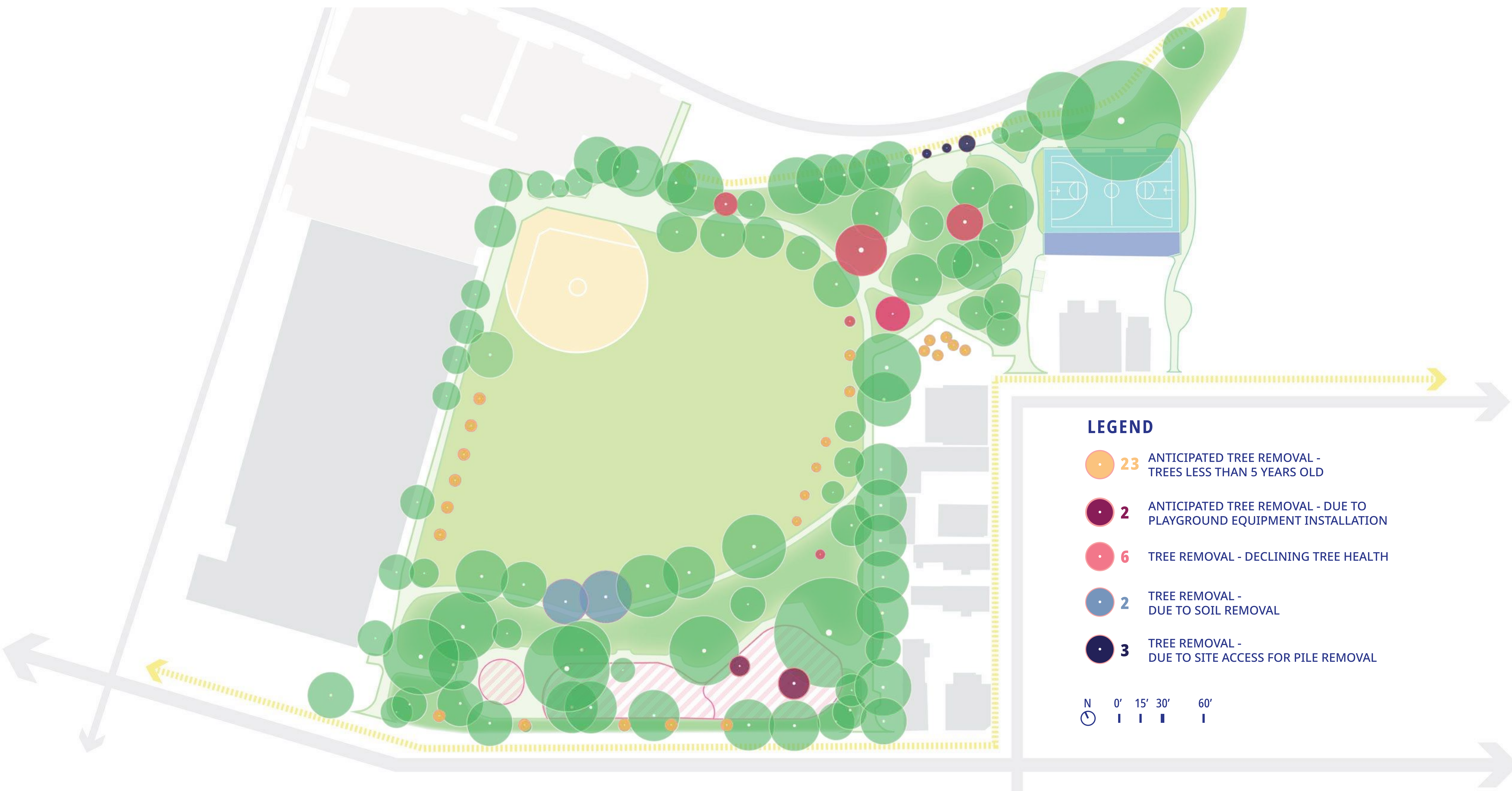


2024
Construction for Gold Star Mother's Memorial Court project kicked off.



2026
Overall park and remediation conceptual plan is developed.

Tree Canopy Preservation & Anticipated Removal



Deeper Soil Removal Locations

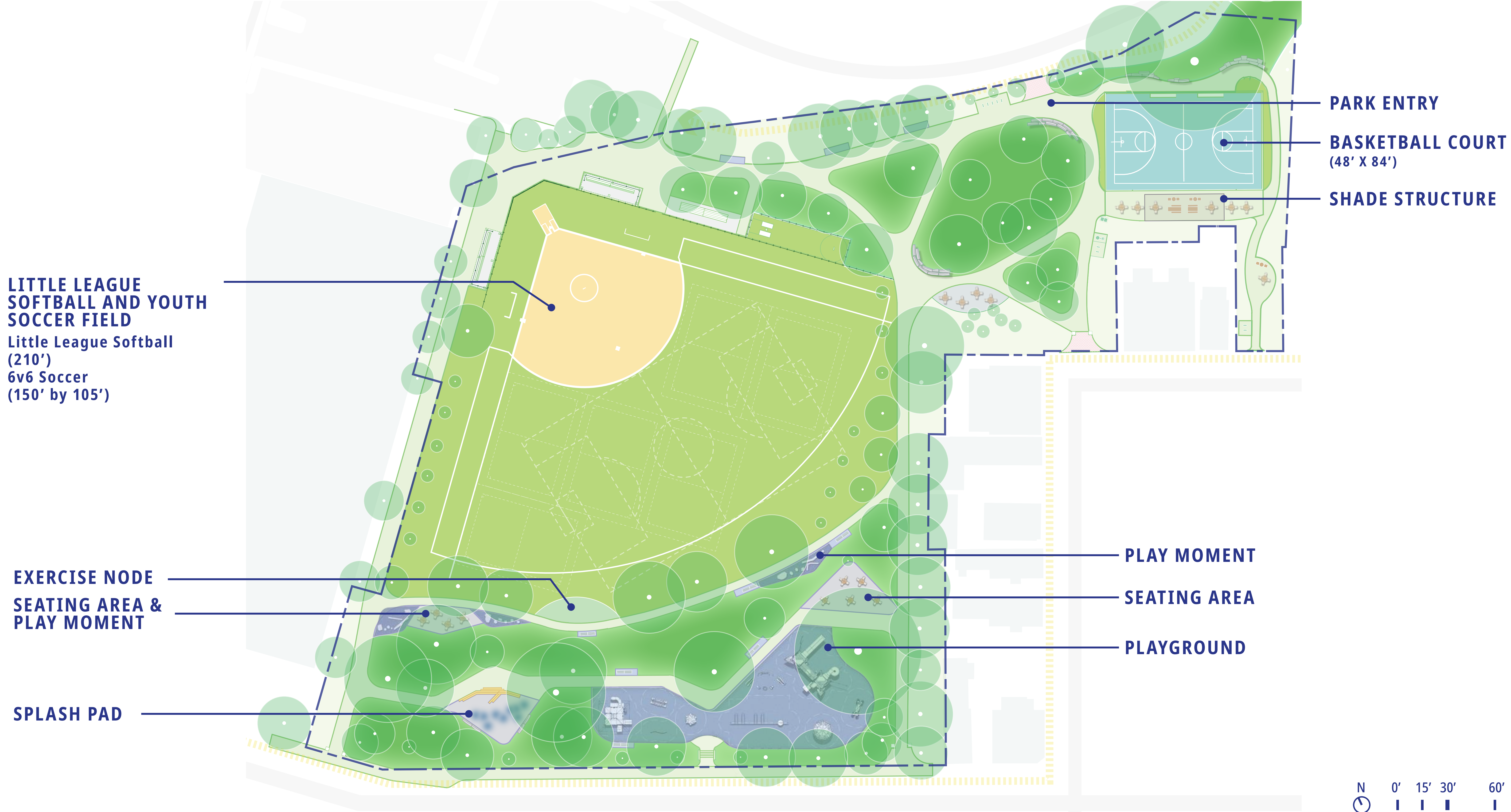


Clarifications/Questions?



For more information:
<https://www.cambridgema.gov/departments/publicworks/cityprojects/2026/goldstarmothersmemorialparkremediationandimprovementsproject>

Overall Site Layout



Overall Site Materials



Sports & Recreation Amenities



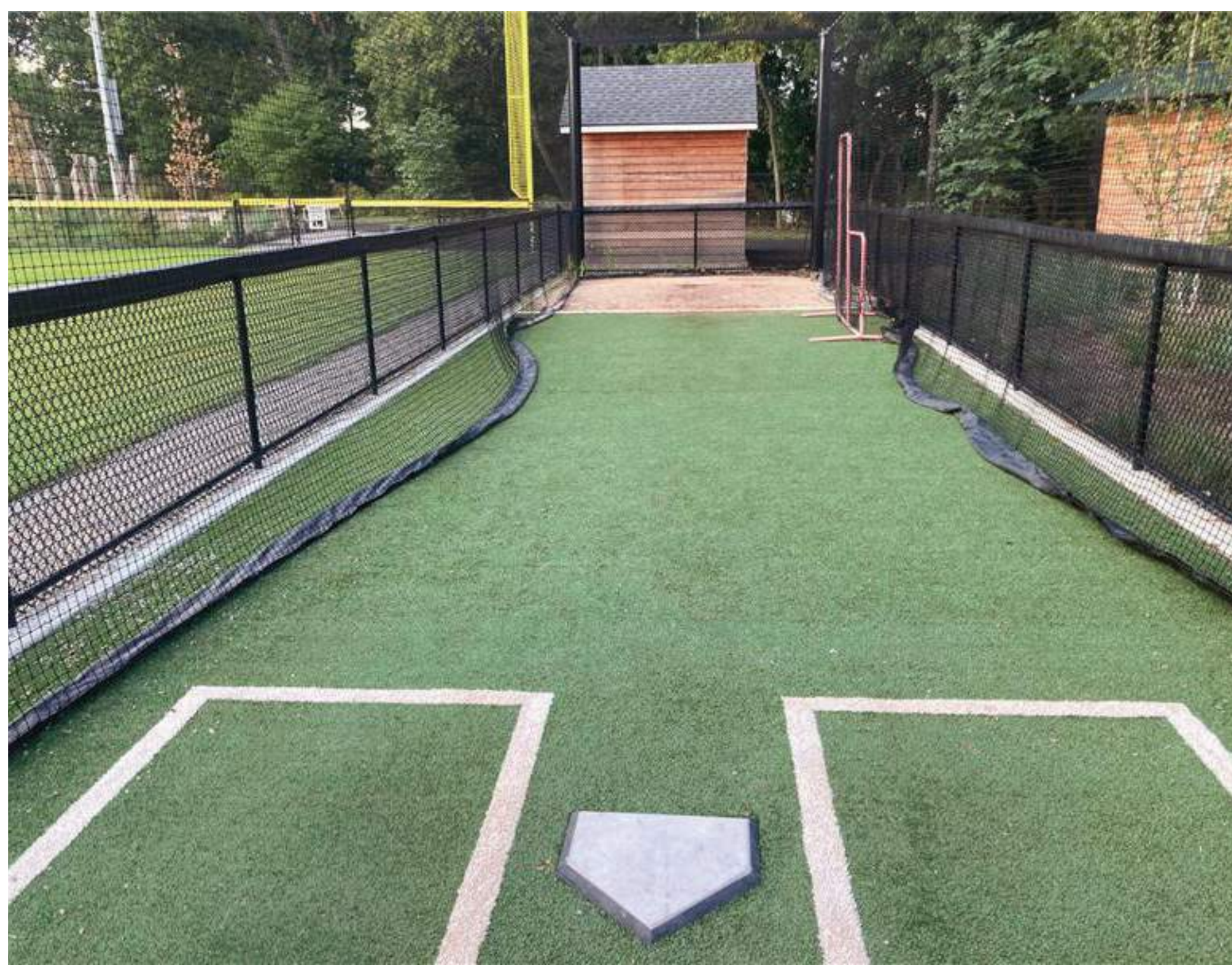
1 DUGOUT



2 SEATING AREA NEAR SPORTS FACILITIES



SITE PLAN



3 BATTING CAGE



4 ADULT FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Park Entry & Gathering



PARK PATHWAYS



ENLARGEMENT PLAN



SOCIAL GATHERING SPACE

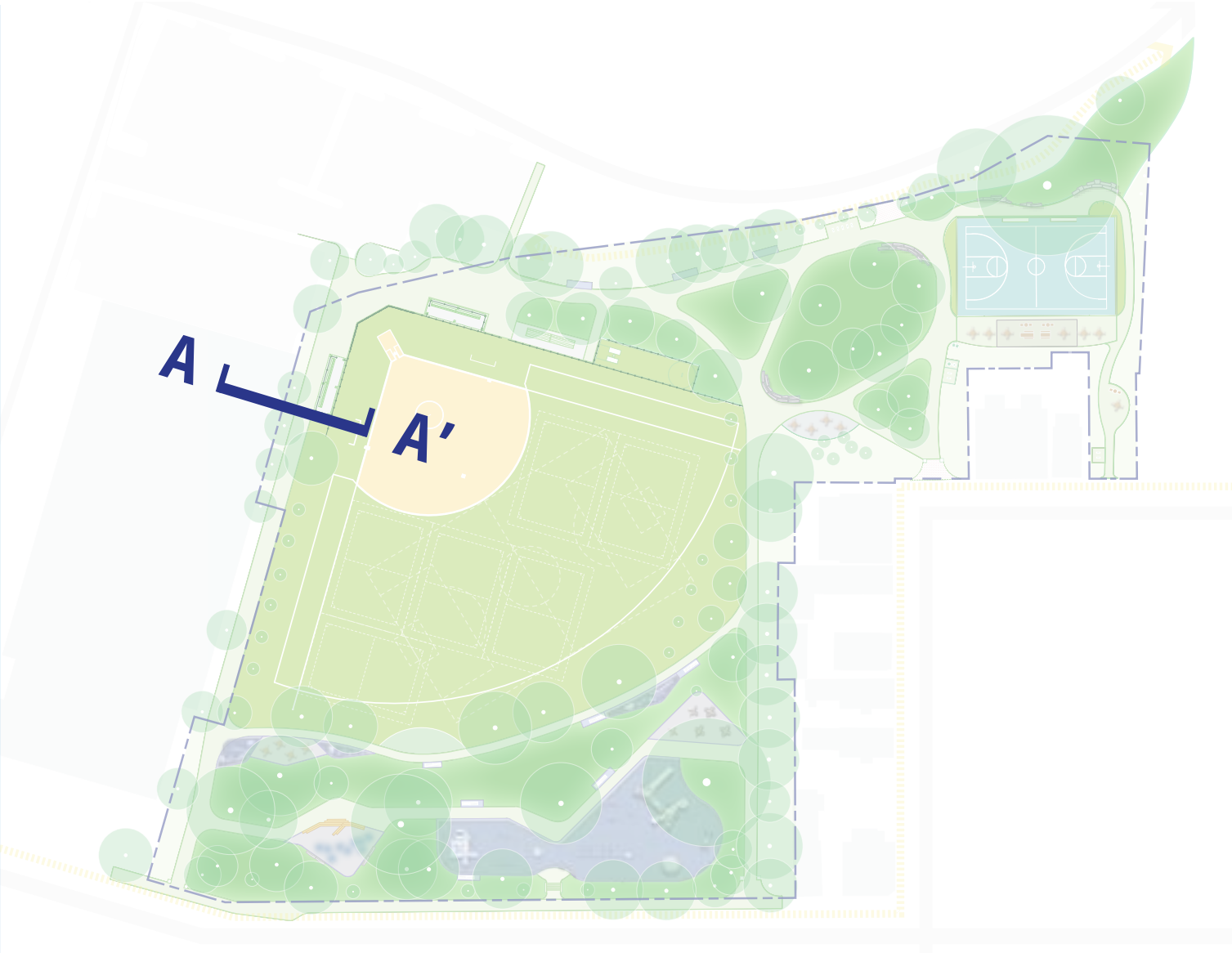
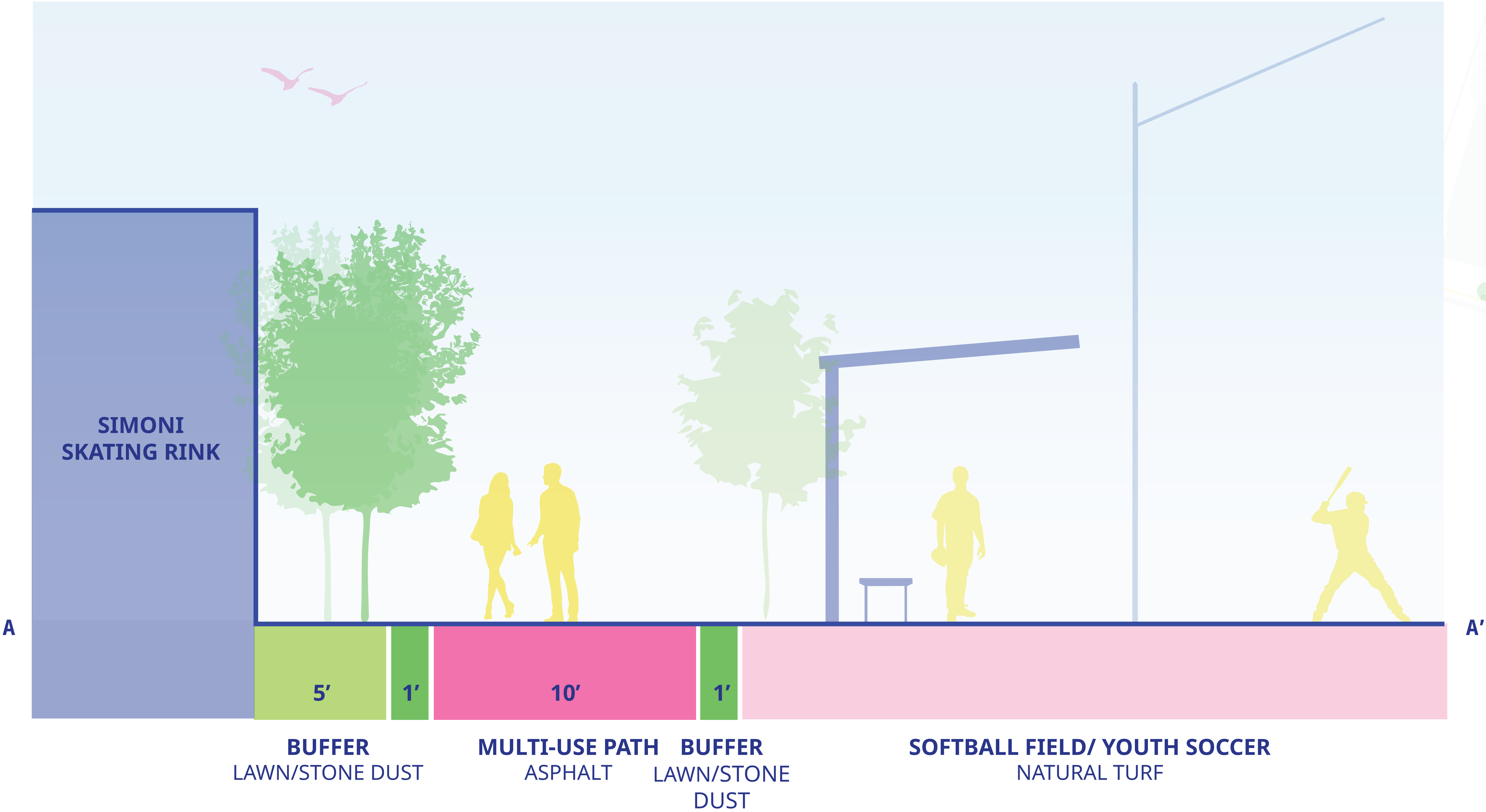


GRANITE BLOCK SEATING & LAWN

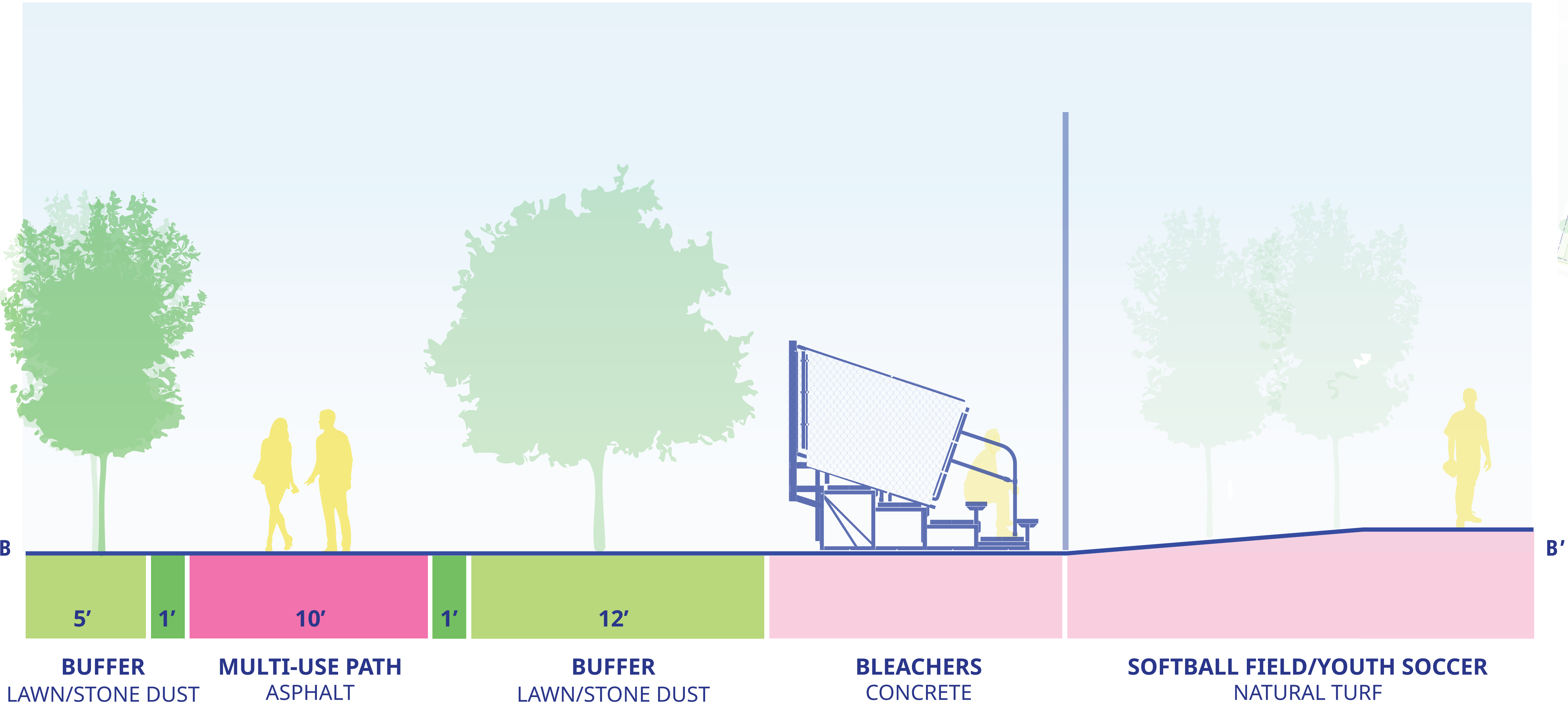


MULTI-USE PATH ADJACENT TO SEATING AREA

Multi-Use Path Sections



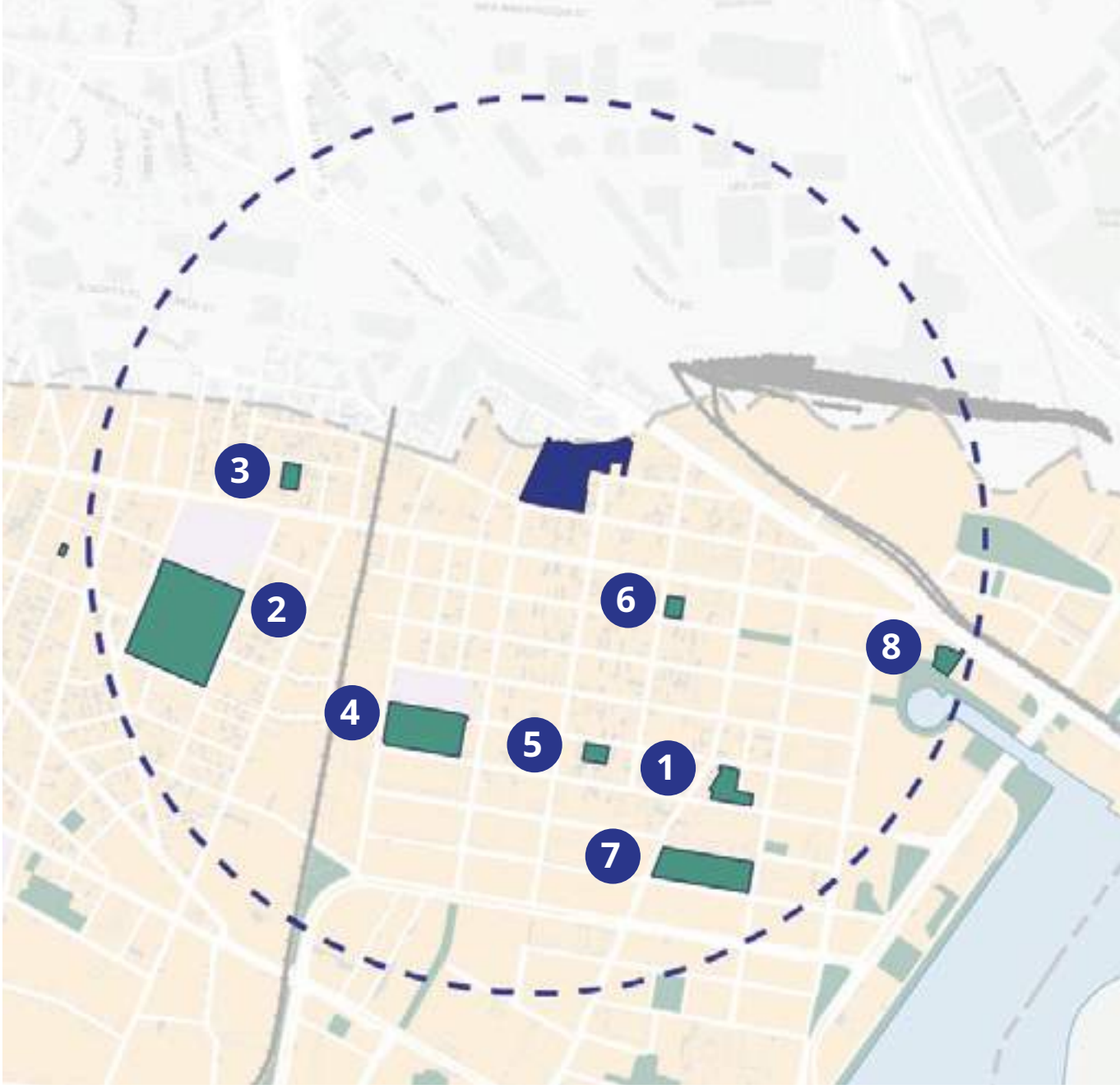
Multi-Use Path Sections



Playground and Splash Pad Neighborhood Context

Parks within 1/2 mile radius from Gold Star Mothers Park with Playgrounds / Splashpads / Exercise Equipment

	Swing	Play Hub	Slide	Rope Climbing	Springer	Nature Play	Exercise Equipment	Splash Pad
1 Costa Lopez Taylor Park		■	■					
2 Donnelly Field & Frisoli Youth Center		■	■	■			■	■
3 Gannett-Warren Pals Park	■	■	■		■			■
4 John A Ahern Field	■	■	■		■			■
5 Hurley Park	■	■	■		■			■
6 Silva Park	■	■	■					■
7 Timothy J. Toomey Jr. Park	■	■	■	■		■		■
8 Lechmere Canal Park	■	■	■	■				■



2 Donnelly Field (Frisoli Youth Center)

7 Timothy J. Toomey Jr Park Playground

Existing Playground and Splash Pad Overview



Above Ground Water Feature



2-5 Yr. Structure



5-12 Yr. Structure



Swings



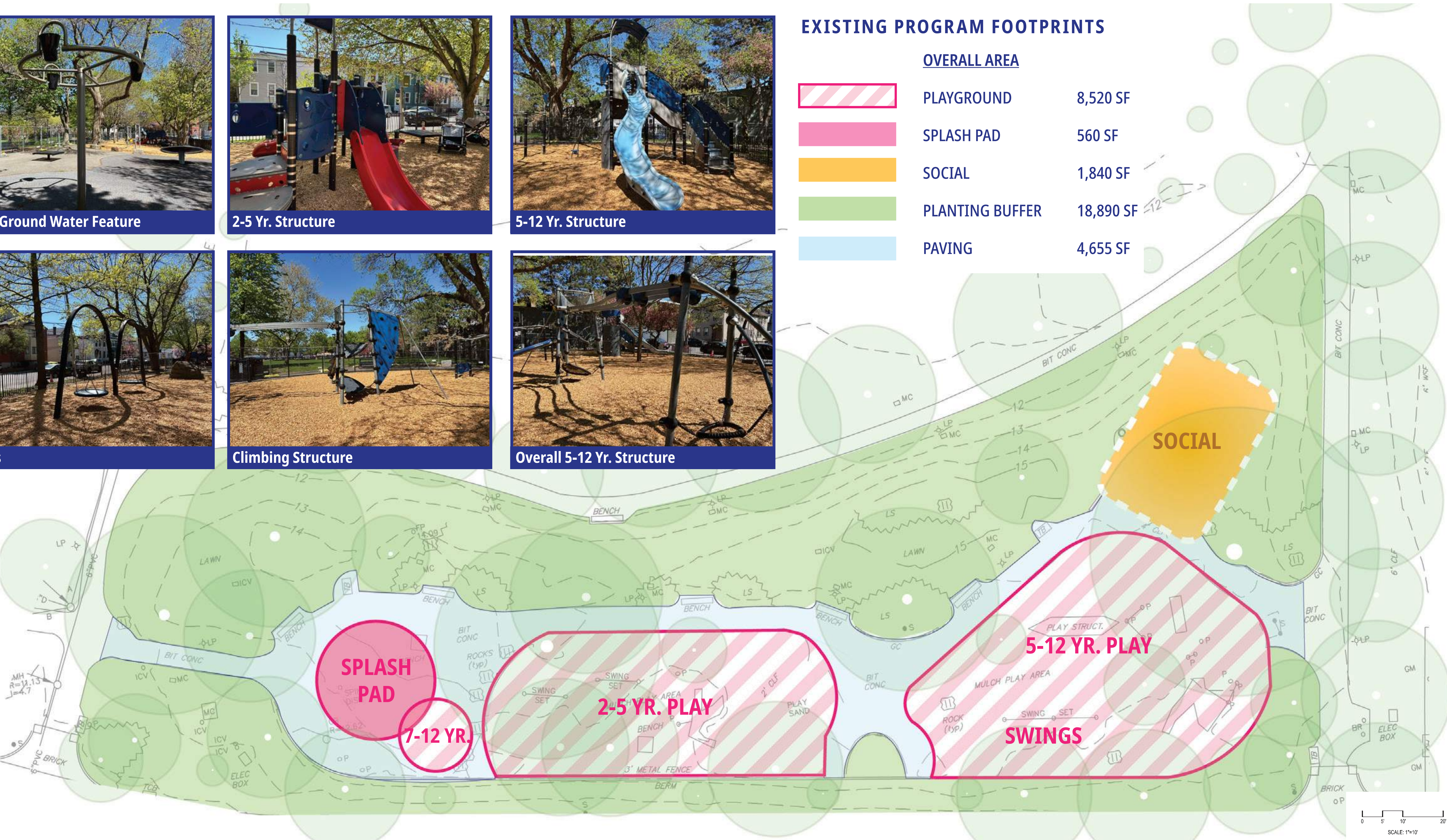
Climbing Structure



Overall 5-12 Yr. Structure

EXISTING PROGRAM FOOTPRINTS

OVERALL AREA		
	PLAYGROUND	8,520 SF
	SPLASH PAD	560 SF
	SOCIAL	1,840 SF
	PLANTING BUFFER	18,890 SF
	PAVING	4,655 SF



Playground and Splash Pad Concept A



SPLASH PAD



SEATING AREA WITH TABLES AND CHAIRS



PLAY MOMENT FEATURES



PLAY STRUCTURES AND SPLASH PAD SEPARATION



TERRACED WOODEN SEATING



SWINGS

Playground and Splash Pad Concept A



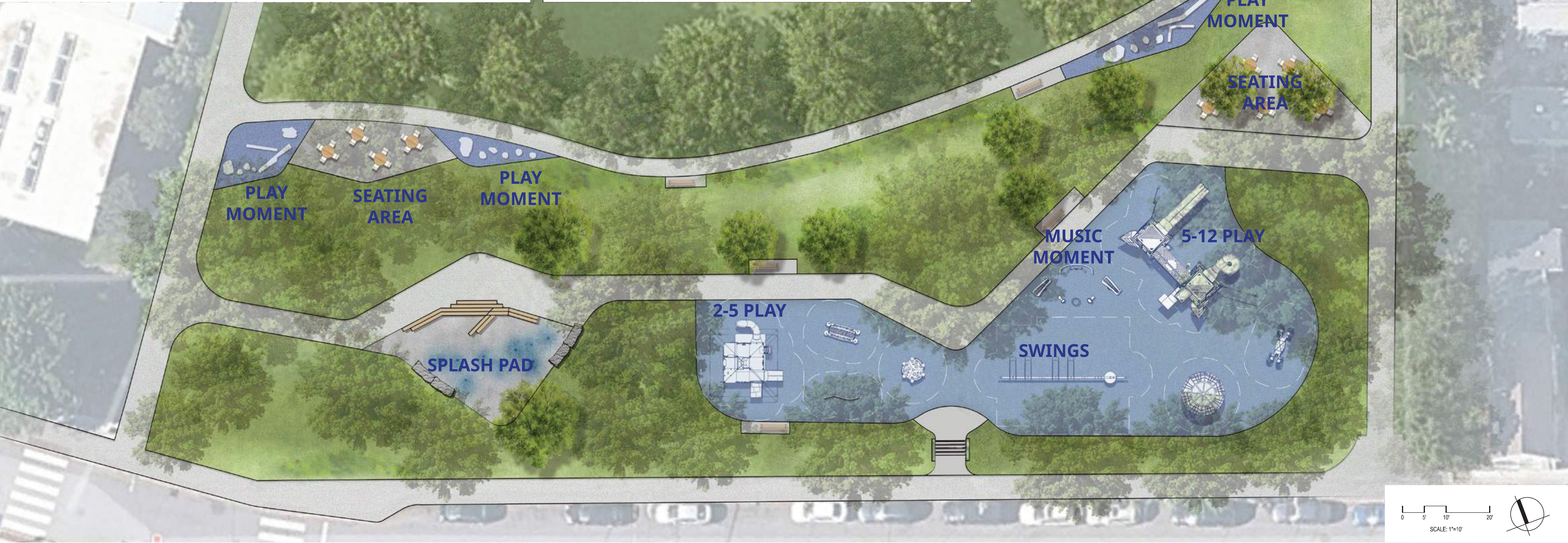
TERRACED SEATING AT SPLASH PAD



PLAYGROUND AREA

PROGRAM FOOTPRINTS

PROGRAM	EXISTING	PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
<u>PLAYGROUND</u>	8,520 SF	8,185 SF	+335 SF
<u>SPLASH PAD</u>	560 SF	1,050 SF	+490 SF
<u>SOCIAL</u>	1,840 SF	1,835 SF	-5 SF
<u>PLANTING</u>	18,890 SF	20,170 SF	+1,280 SF
<u>PAVING</u>	4,655 SF	3,254 SF	-1,400 SF



Playground and Splash Pad Concept A

PLAY EQUIPMENT



2-5 AGE PLAY STRUCTURE
TRADITIONAL POST AND PLATFORM



5-12 AGE PLAY STRUCTURE
TRADITIONAL POST AND PLATFORM



5-12 AGE SWINGS



2-5 AGE COZY DOME



2-5 AGE BOPPITY BRIDGE



2-5 AGE BALANCE BEAM



2-12 AGE WE-SAW



2-12 AGE UNIVERSAL CAROUSEL



2-12 AGE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Playground and Splash Pad Concept B



WALKWAYS



MIST AREA



SWINGS AT TEEN HANGOUT



ART OPPORTUNITY



PLANTING



PLAY



MULTI-GENERATIONAL SPACE WITH VARIOUS SEATING TYPES

Playground and Splash Pad Concept B



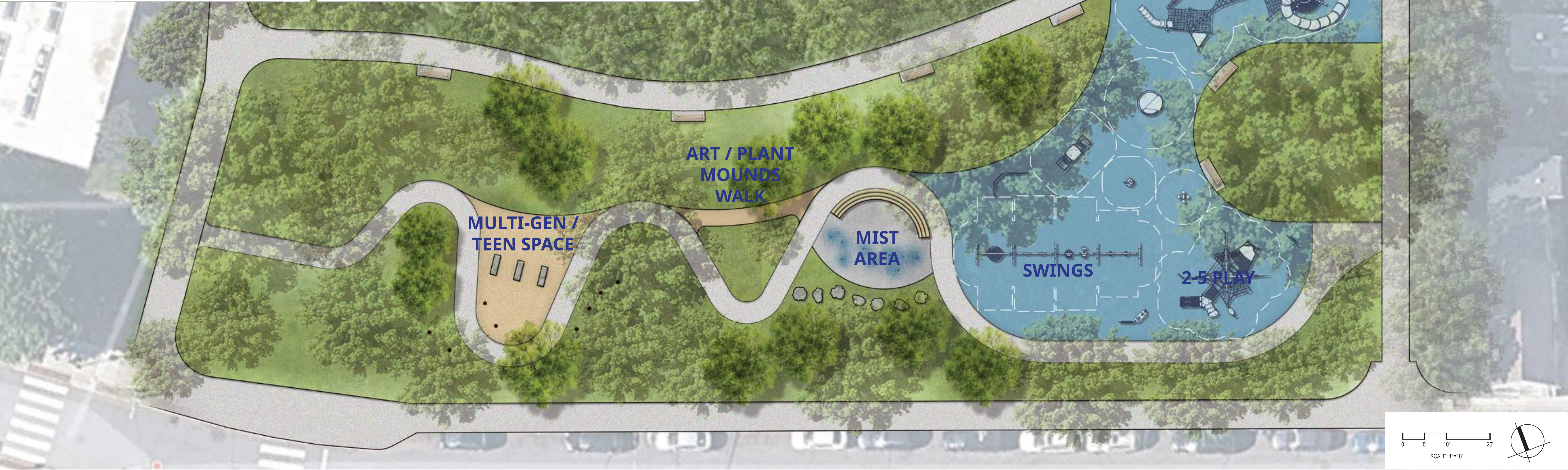
ART/PLANT MOUNDS WALK



MIST AREA

PROGRAM FOOTPRINTS

PROGRAM	EXISTING	PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
<u>PLAYGROUND</u>	8,520 SF	8,670 SF	+150 SF
<u>SPLASH PAD</u>	560 SF	660 SF	+100 SF
<u>SOCIAL</u>	1,840 SF	980 SF	-860 SF
<u>PLANTING</u>	18,890 SF	18,630 SF	-260 SF
<u>PAVING</u>	4,655 SF	3,040 SF	-1,615 SF



Playground and Splash Pad Concept B

PLAY EQUIPMENT



5-12 AGE SWINGS



2-5 AGE CLIMBING STRUCTURE



5-12 AGE PLAY CLIMBING STRUCTURE



2-12 AGE UNIVERSAL CAROUSEL



5-12 AGE SPINNER BOWL



5-12 AGE ROCKET ROLLER



2-5 AGE DAISY



2-12 AGE INCLUSIVE SEE SAW

Playground and Splash Pad Concept C



GRANITE BLOCK SEATING AND PLANTING



SPLASH PAD



MUSIC AND SENSORY PLAY



SITE HISTORY



EMBANKMENT SLIDE



SPLASH PAD



ART OPPORTUNITY



MULTI GENERATIONAL PLAY



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Playground and Splash Pad Concept C



WATER PLAY



SHADED PICNIC GROVE

PROGRAM FOOTPRINTS

PROGRAM	EXISTING	PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
<u>PLAYGROUND</u>	8,520 SF	8,485 SF	-35 SF
<u>SPLASH PAD</u>	560 SF	1,295 SF	+735 SF
<u>SOCIAL</u>	1,840 SF	1,720 SF	-120 SF
<u>PLANTING</u>	18,890 SF	17,210 SF	-1,680 SF
<u>PAVING</u>	4,655 SF	4,635 SF	-20 SF



Playground and Splash Pad Concept C

PLAY EQUIPMENT



5-12 AGE SWINGS



5-12 AGE PLAY STRUCTURE



2-5 AGE PLAY STRUCTURE



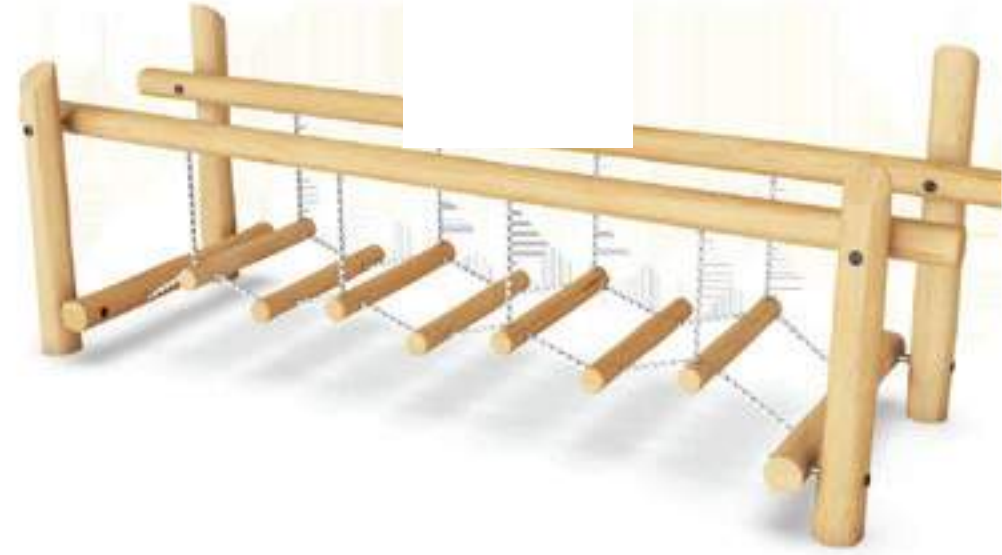
2-12 AGE MULE



5-12 AGE SPINNER PLATE



5-12 NET TUNNEL



5-12 WOBBLE BRIDGE



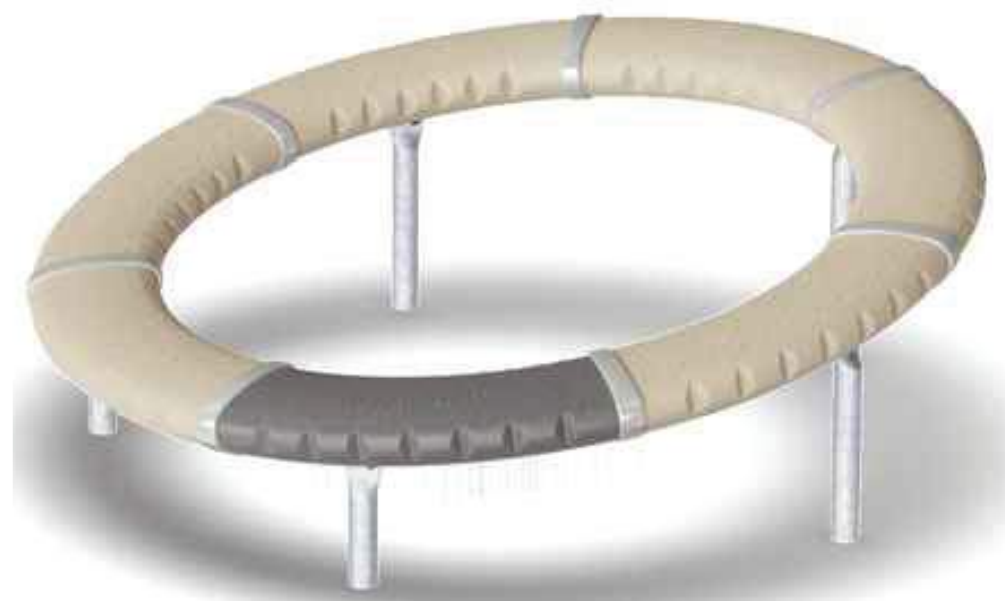
5-12 AGE PARKOUR 4 STRUCTURE



2-12 AGE BALANCE POST



5-12 AGE LOG NET CLIMBER



5-12 AGE SUPERNOVA



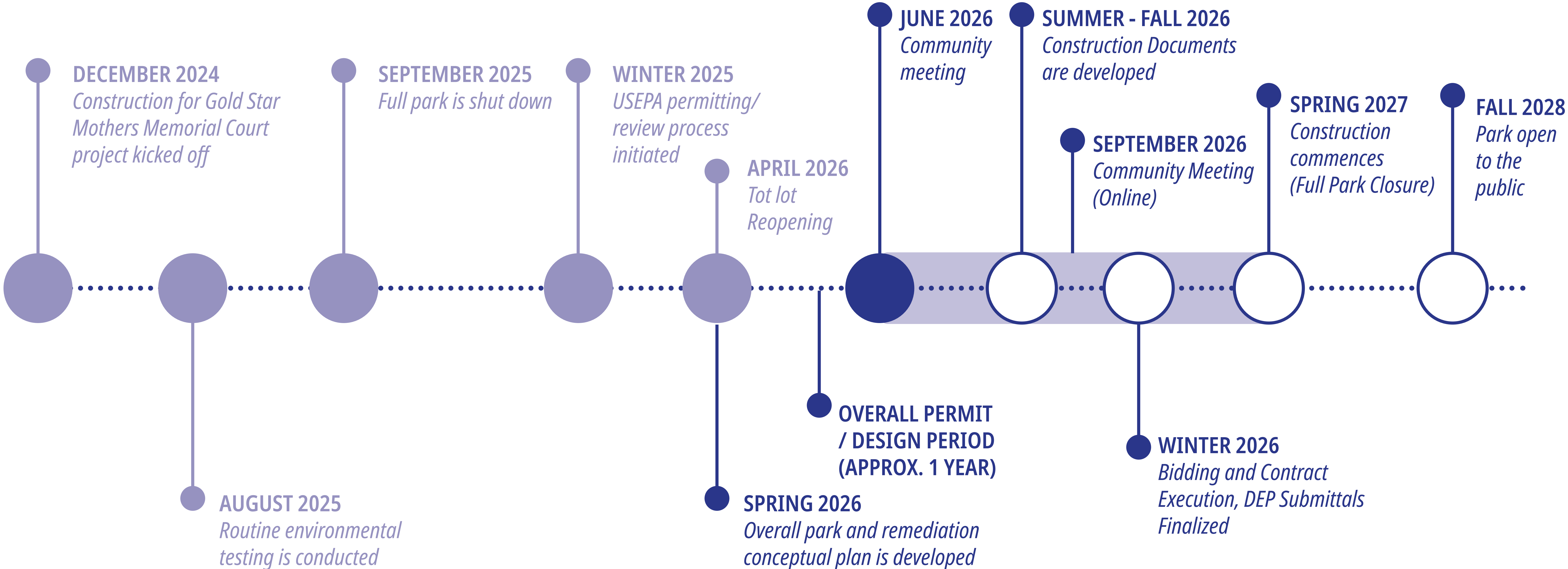
2-12 AGE HILL CLIMBER



2-12 AGE EMBANKMENT SLIDE

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Conceptual Design Open House

Join City staff and the project team to review the concepts and share your feedback. Help shape the park's renovation.

Project webpage:

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