



Improvements to
MALCOLM X PARK

**Welcome to Virtual Community Meeting #2
for Malcolm X Park.
Our meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.**

For more information, please visit
www.boston.gov/improvements-malcolm-x-park



Welcome!

Interpreter Call-in Numbers

Language	Call in Number	Access Code
Spanish	219-390-9807	PIN: 636 245 625#
Somali	470-285-0442	PIN: 506 427 885#
Haitian Creole	347-696-7712	PIN: 850 119 215#

AGENDA

- 1 WELCOME AND TRANSLATION SERVICES**
- 2 PROJECT OVERVIEW**
- 3 SUMMARY OF ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS/ MEETING #1**
- 4 REVIEW OF 3 CONCEPTS**
- 5 OPEN DISCUSSION**

PROJECT OVERVIEW



PROJECT TEAM



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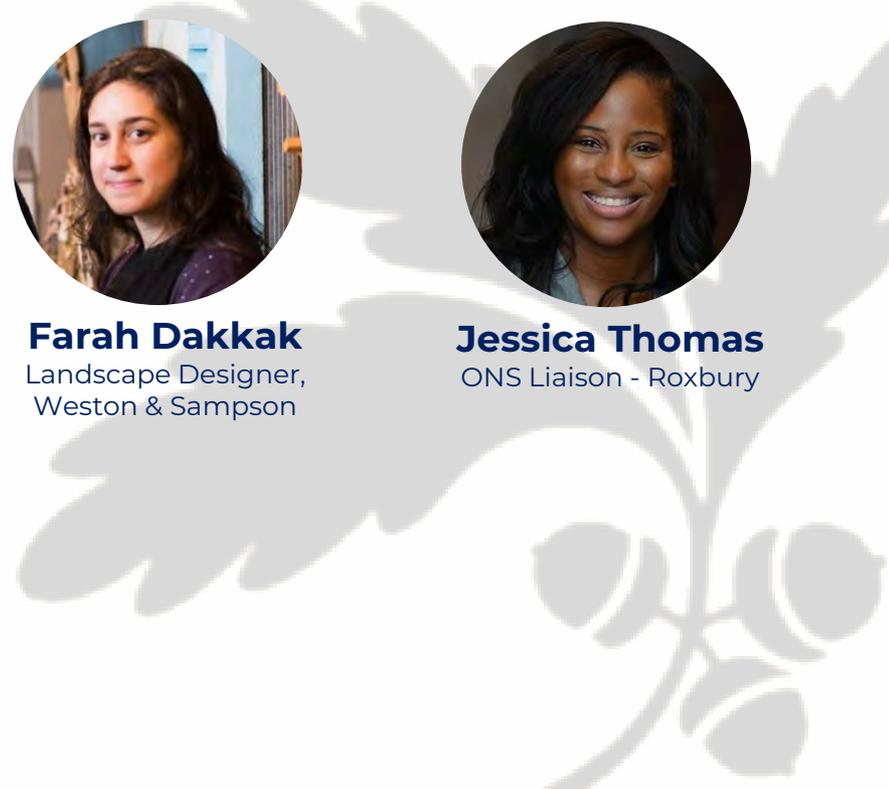
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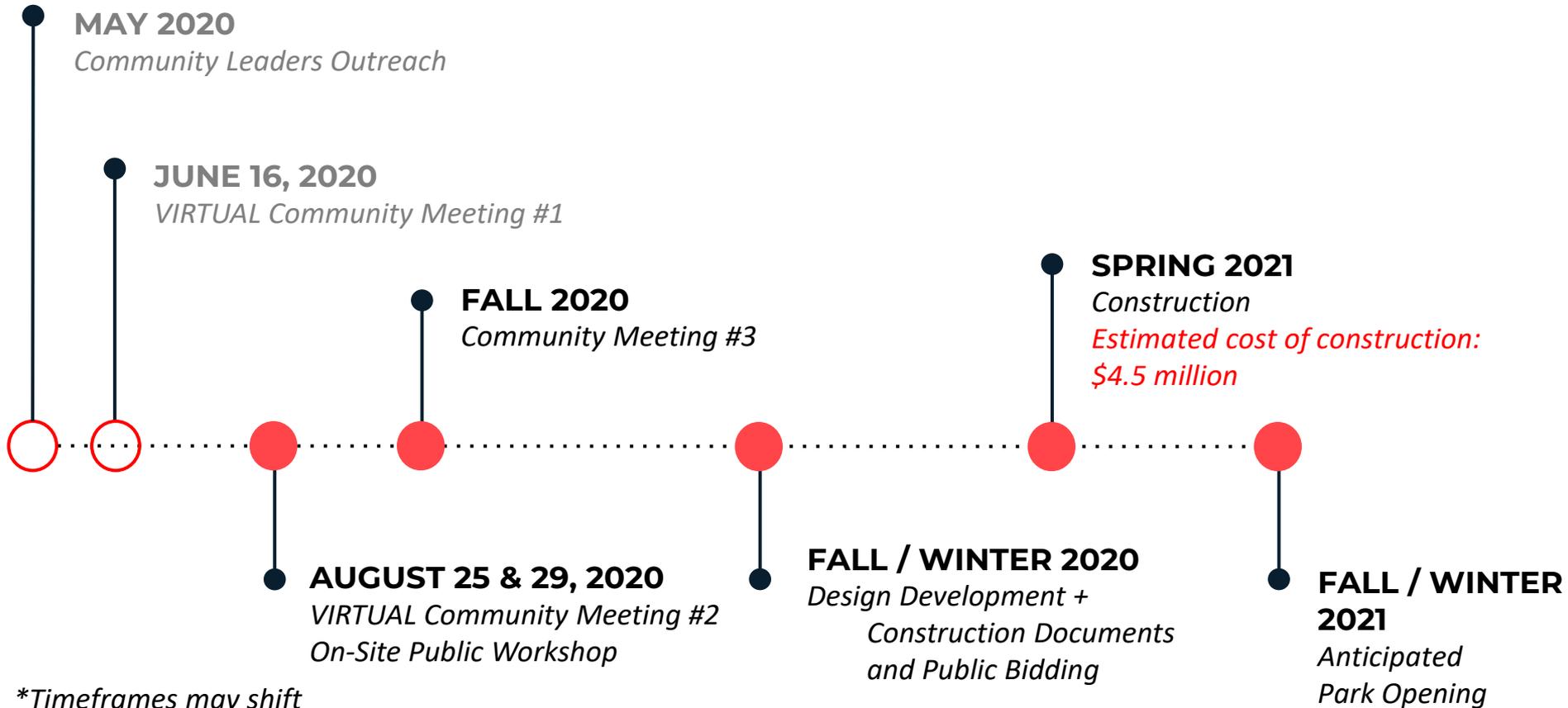
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TENTATIVE PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING



**Timeframes may shift
due to COVID-19*



City of Boston
Priorities

Safety Guidelines+
Regulatory
Guidelines

**PARK
DESIGN**

Parks + Recreation
Goals

Community
Input

INITIAL THOUGHTS & GOALS

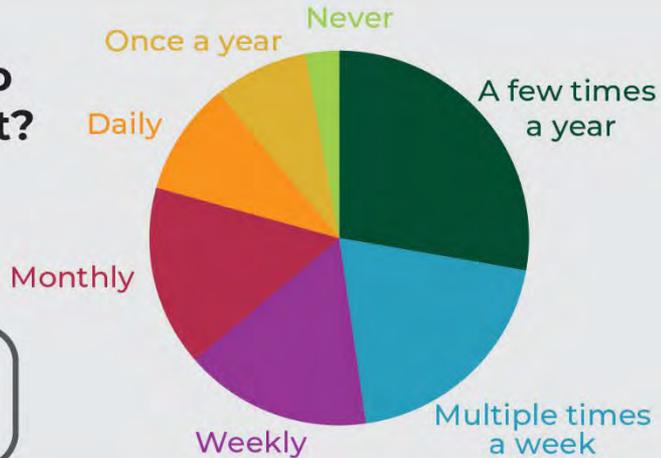
- Update playground and increase play value
- Increase site-wide accessibility and seating options
- Upgrade courts and court amenities
- Upgrade and unify park entrances
- Provide community gathering spaces
- Maintain existing tree canopy and supplement with additional trees
- Address safety concerns (as best we can)
- Strengthen community connection to the park
- Develop meaningful community engagement design process



SUMMARY OF ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

731 SURVEY RESPONSES

How often do you visit?



46%
visit at least once a week

How do you get to the park?



Most frequently used entrances

- Most
- Median
- Least



Top 5 most typical park activities



SUMMARY OF ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

731 SURVEY RESPONSES

Top 10 most desired park amenities



Are you familiar with Malcolm X's relationship to the neighborhood?

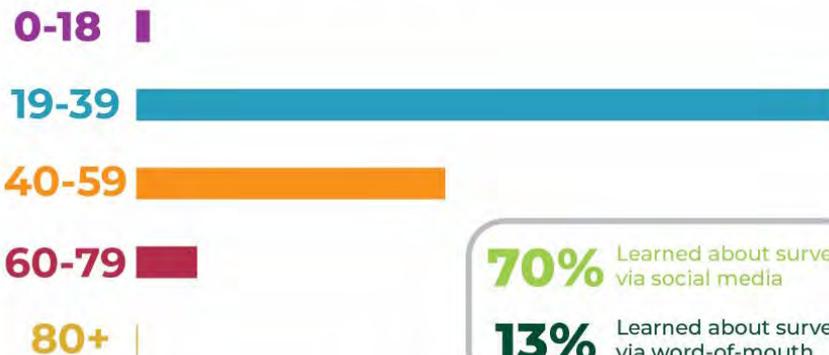
90% YES

10% NO

88% ★

Want to see increased recognition of him in the park

Age of respondents



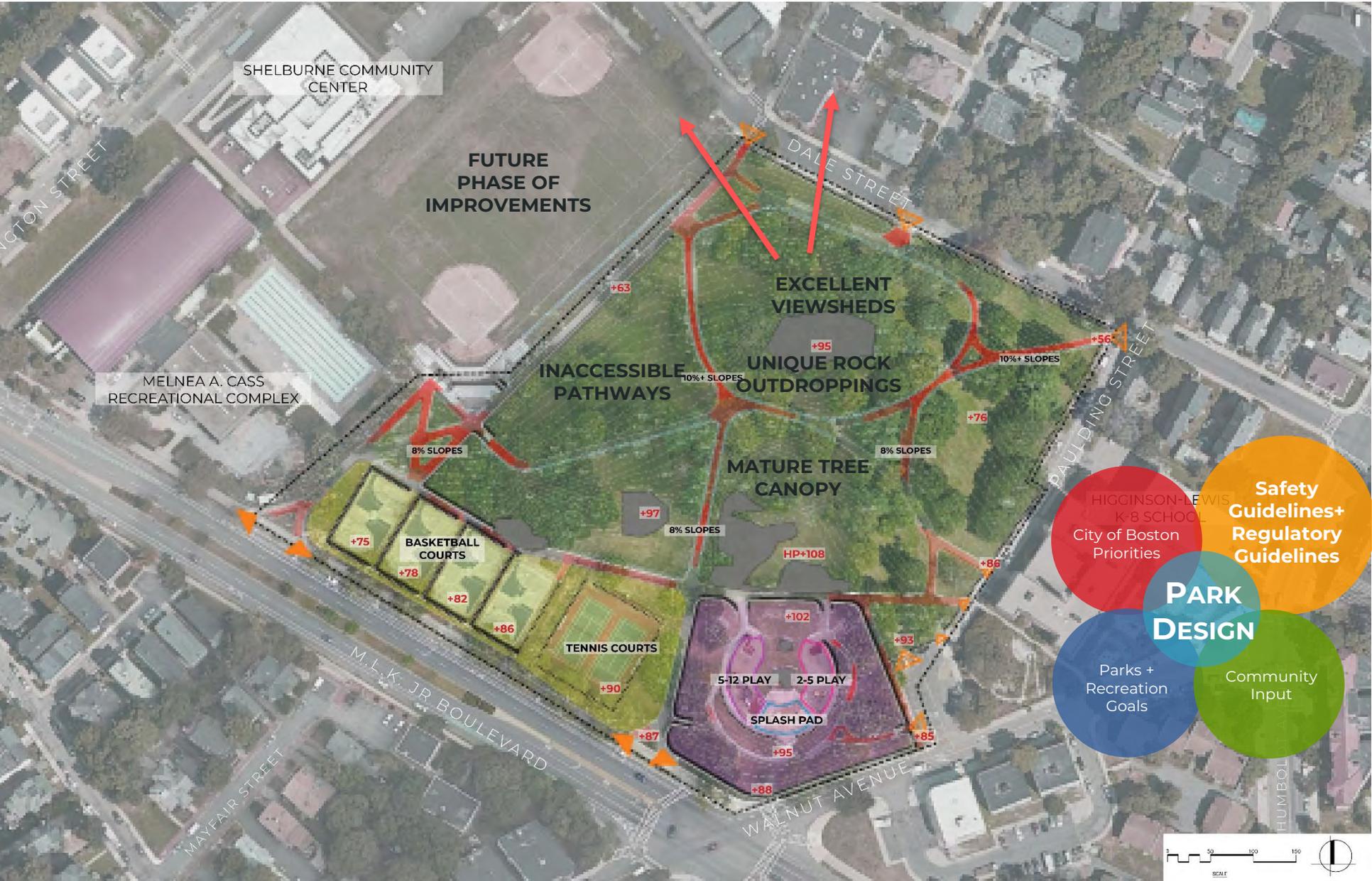
70% Learned about survey via social media

13% Learned about survey via word-of-mouth

Common open response topics:



SITE ANALYSIS



SHELburne COMMUNITY CENTER

FUTURE PHASE OF IMPROVEMENTS

EXCELLENT VIEWSHEDS

MELNEA A. CASS RECREATIONAL COMPLEX

INACCESSIBLE PATHWAYS

UNIQUE ROCK OUTDROPPINGS

MATURE TREE CANOPY

8% SLOPES

BASKETBALL COURTS

TENNIS COURTS

5-12 PLAY

2-5 PLAY

SPLASH PAD

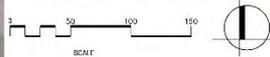
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City of Boston
Priorities

Safety Guidelines+ Regulatory Guidelines

PARK DESIGN

Parks + Recreation Goals

Community Input



MALCOLM X PARK CONCEPTS

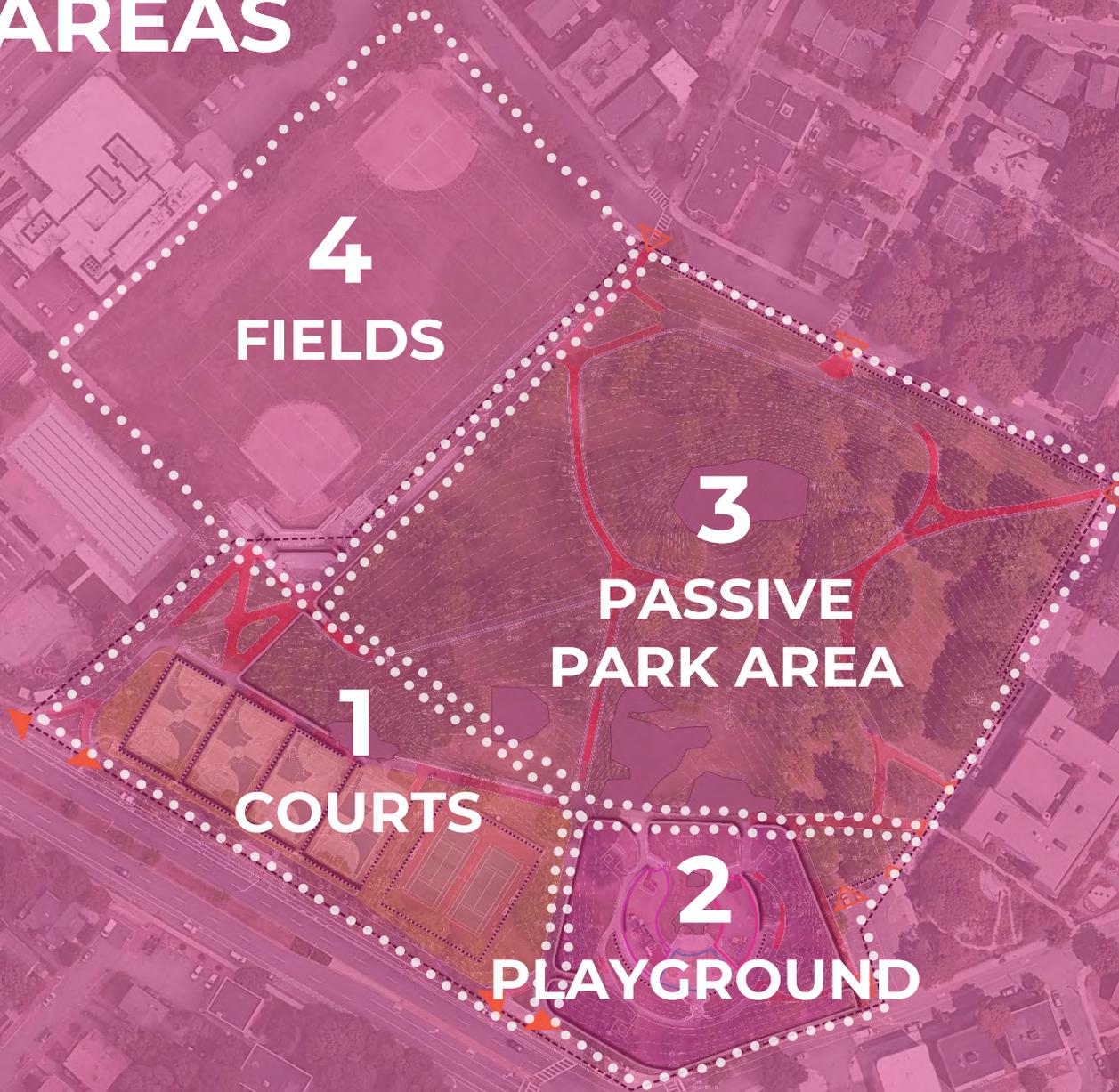


CONCEPT COMPARISON

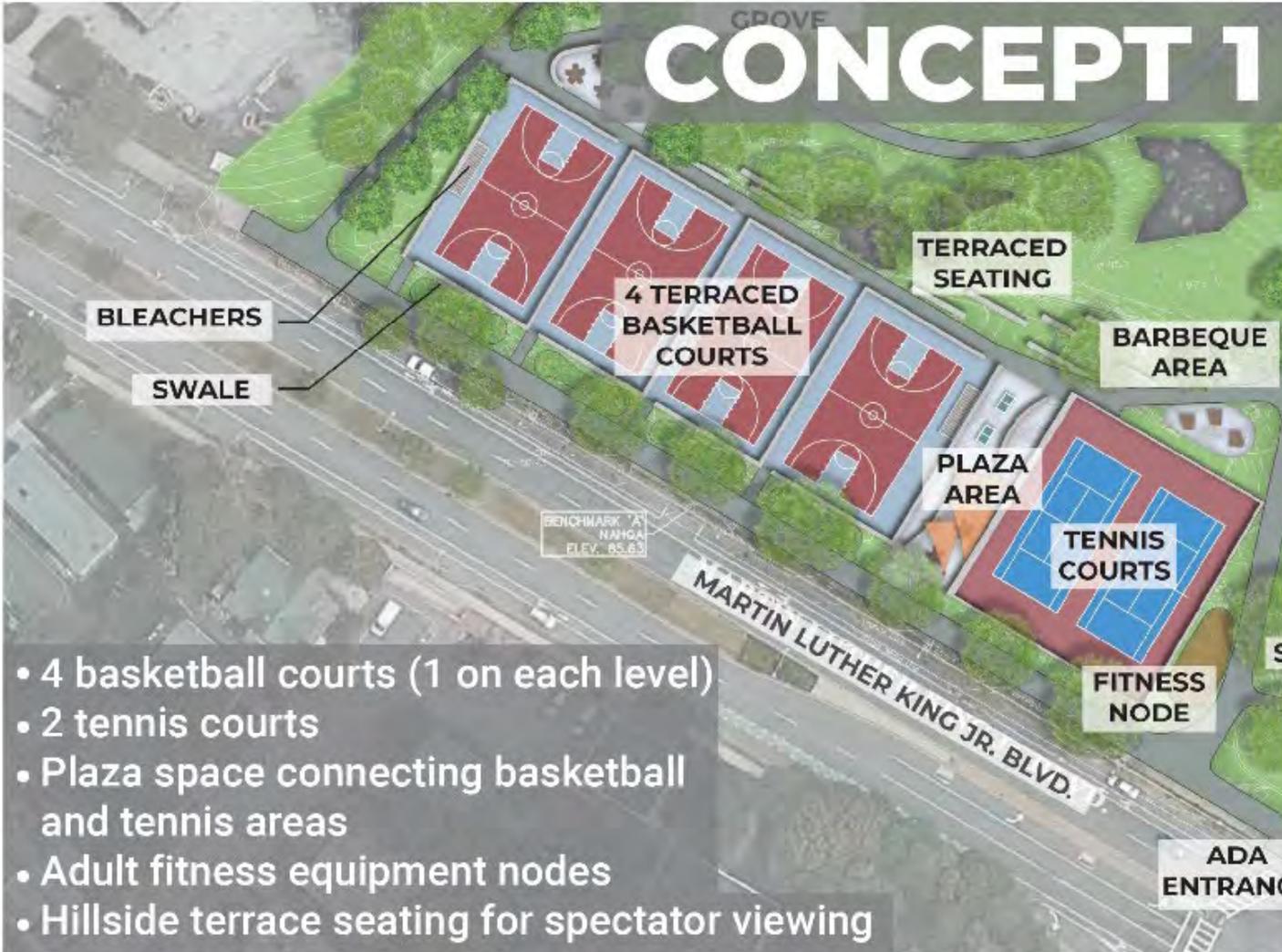
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PASSIVE RECREATION				
SEATING AREAS	✓	✓	✓	✓
BARBEQUE AREA	✓	✓	✓	✓
DOG PARK	✓	✓	✓	✓
PICNIC GROVE	✓			
INFORMAL AMPHITHEATER		✓	✓	✓
TERRACED SEATING	✓			✓
PLAYGROUND				
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	✓	✓	✓	✓
PICNIC AREA	✓	✓	✓	✓
SPLASHPAD	✓	✓	✓	✓
NATURAL PLAY				✓
MULTI-FUNCTION SPACE	✓			✓
SHADE SHELTER		✓	✓	
SENSORY PLAY	✓	✓	✓	
COURT GAMES		✓	✓	
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM		✓	✓	✓
ACTIVE RECREATION				
BASKETBALL COURTS	4 BASKETBALL COURTS	4 BASKETBALL COURTS	3.5 BASKETBALL COURTS	4 BASKETBALL COURTS
TENNIS COURTS	2 TENNIS COURTS	2 TENNIS COURTS	1 TENNIS COURT	2 TENNIS COURTS
MULTISPORT COURT			1 MULTISPORT COURT	
FITNESS NODES	✓	✓	✓	✓
BOUNCE WALL				✓
TERRACED SEATING	✓			✓
FITNESS LOOP		✓	✓	



DESIGN AREAS



DESIGN AREA 1: COURTS



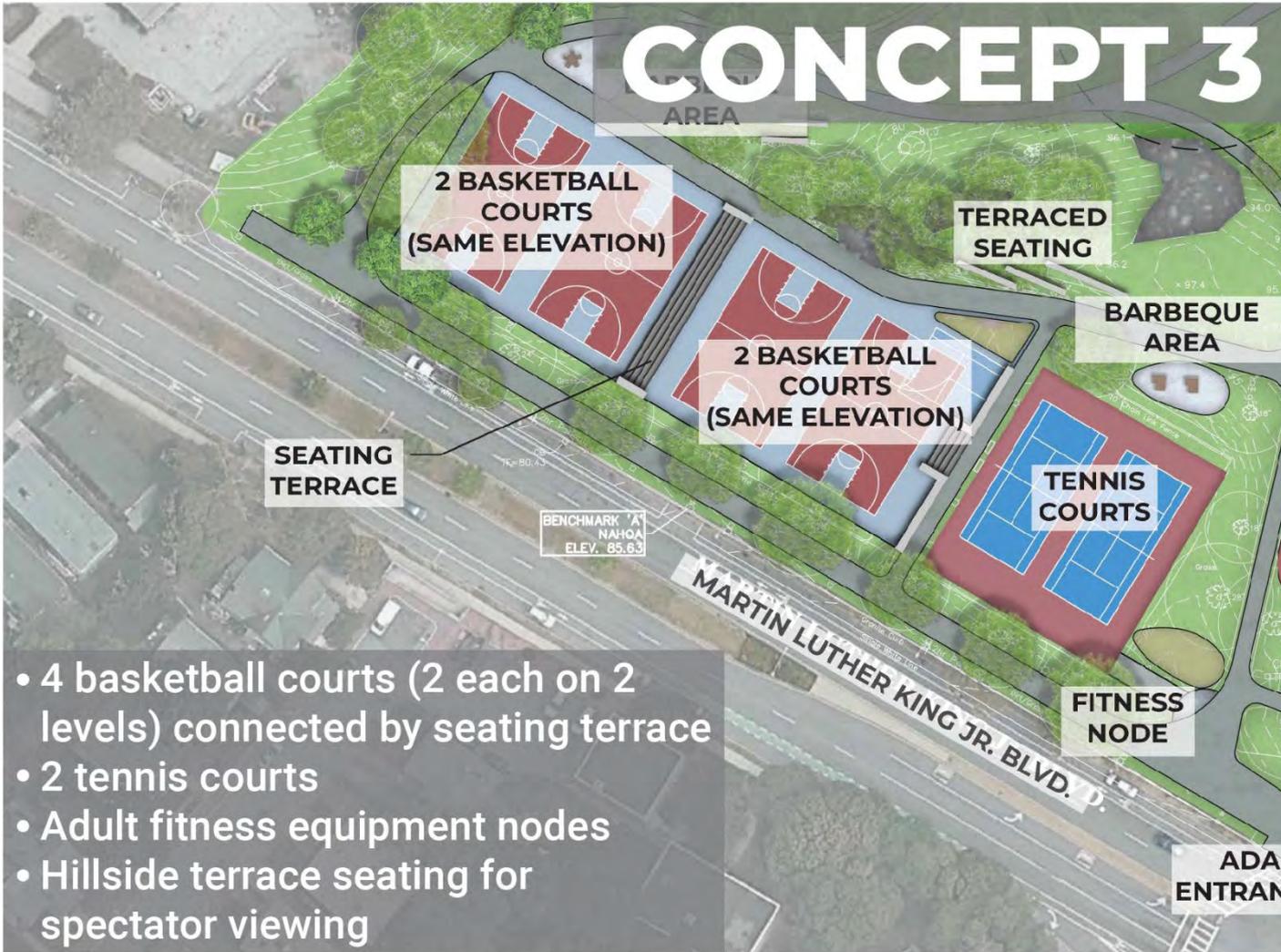
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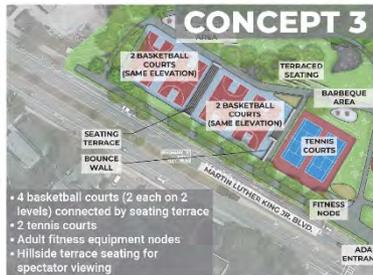
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POLL QUESTION



Which configuration of courts best meets the needs of the community?

- A. Concept 1
- B. Concept 2A
- C. Concept 2B
- D. Concept 3

DESIGN AREA 2: PLAYGROUND

PLAYGROUND STYLES- WHICH DO YOU PREFER?



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POLL QUESTIONS



Which style of play equipment do you like best?

- A. Traditional
- B. Natural
- C. Contemporary

Which play experiences are most important to you and your kid(s)? Please select all that apply:

- Climbing
- Spinning
- Rocking
- Swinging
- Balancing
- Socializing
- Quiet spaces to be alone
- Imaginative play
- Sensory play (touch, sound, smell, etc.)

DESIGN AREA 3: PASSIVE RECREATION AREA

DOG PARK – PROPOSED OPTIONS AT MALCOLM X PARK



CONCEPT 1

LARGE DOG RUN – 9,200 SF
SMALL DOG RUN – 4,500 SF
TOTAL 13,700 SF



CONCEPT 2

LARGE DOG RUN – 7,700 SF
SMALL DOG RUN – 3,800 SF
TOTAL 11,500 SF



CONCEPT 3

LARGE DOG RUN – 8,000 SF
SMALL DOG RUN – 4,000 SF
TOTAL 12,000 SF

DOG PARK – SIZE CONSIDERATIONS

DOG PARKS THROUGHOUT THE BOSTON AREA



RONAN PARK, DORCHESTER

6,400 SF



CHARLESGATE - PROPOSED, BOSTON

8,300 SF
TOTAL



DE FILIPPO, NORTH END

8,300 SF
TOTAL



MALCOLM X PARK?

~12,000 S.F.
TOTAL



BOSTON COMMON - PROPOSED, BOSTON

13,675 SF



PETERS PARK, SOUTH END BOSTON

15,000 SF



THORNDIKE FIELD, ARLINGTON

16,600 SF
TOTAL



DANEHY PARK, CAMBRIDGE

19,910 SF
TOTAL

Poll Questions

Would you like to see a fenced-in dog park at Malcolm X Park?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Doesn't matter to me...

Which Location do you like Best?

A. Concept 1



B. Concept 2



C. Concept 3



CONCEPT 1



CONCEPT 1



PLAYGROUND
USE EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY AS PLAY ELEMENT, INCREASE ADA ACCESS



BASKETBALL COURTS
INTEGRATE BLEACHERS AND SUPPORT AMENITIES FOR TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS



PICNIC GROVE
USE EXISTING TREE COVER TO PROVIDE PICNIC AREAS



PLAYGROUND
CELEBRATE CONTEXT WITH USE OF NATURAL MATERIALS



BASKETBALL COURTS
ADD COMMUNITY EXPRESSION TO THE WELL-LOVED SPACE



BBQ / PICNIC PLAZA
FORMAL COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACES



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
FUNCTIONAL SPACE FOR ADJACENT SCHOOL USE



SENSORY PLAY
DYNAMIC AND ENGAGING SPACE FOR ALL SENSES



SPLASH PAD
COLORFUL AND DIVERSE SPRAY FEATURES



DOG PARK
ENCLOSED DOG RUN IN SEMI-FLAT AREAS



GAME TABLE PLAZA
AMENITIES AND DESTINATIONS AT PARK INTERIOR

CONCEPT 2A



CONCEPT 2B



CONCEPT 2



PLAYGROUND
USE EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY AS PLAY
ELEMENT, INCREASE ADA ACCESS



BASKETBALL COURTS
SINGLE PLANE OF PLAY,
INTEGRATE PERIMETER
EXERCISE LOOP



SHADE SHELTERS
GATHERING SPACES
IN THE SHADE



PLAYGROUND
COURT GRAPHICS AND
GAMES FOR INCREASED
PLAY VALUE



ATHLETIC COURTS
PERIMETER EXERCISE LOOP
WITH FITNESS FEATURES



MULTI-SPORT FEATURES
FLEXIBLE-USE AND
DIVERSE COURT PLAY



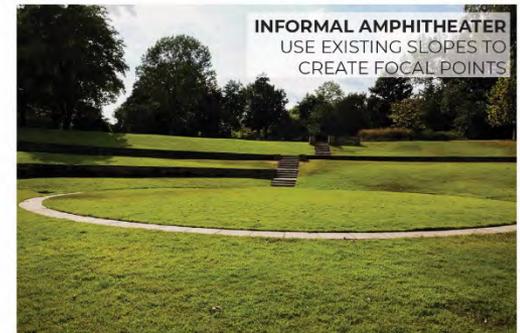
GAME TABLE PLAZA
AMENITIES AND
DESTINATIONS AT
PASSIVE ZONES



SENSORY PLAY
DYNAMIC AND ENGAGING
SPACE FOR ALL SENSES



SPLASH PAD
INTEGRATE EXISTING
ROCK FEATURES



INFORMAL AMPHITHEATER
USE EXISTING SLOPES AND
CREATE FOCAL POINTS



OPEN PLAZAS
TRANSITION GRADE
GRADUALLY WITH
NEW SEATING

CONCEPT 3



CONCEPT 3



CONCEPT COMPARISON

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DOG PARK	✓	✓	✓	✓
PICNIC GROVE	✓			
INFORMAL AMPHITHEATER		✓	✓	✓
TERRACED SEATING	✓			✓
PLAYGROUND				
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	✓	✓	✓	✓
PICNIC AREA	✓	✓	✓	✓
SPLASHPAD	✓	✓	✓	✓
NATURAL PLAY				✓
MULTI-FUNCTION SPACE	✓			✓
SHADE SHELTER		✓	✓	
SENSORY PLAY	✓	✓	✓	
COURT GAMES		✓	✓	
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM		✓	✓	✓
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BOUNCE WALL				✓
TERRACED SEATING	✓			✓
FITNESS LOOP		✓	✓	



POLL QUESTIONS

Please select which overall concept plan you like best.

- A. Concept 1
- B. Concept 2A
- C. Concept 2B
- D. Concept 3

Is there anything missing from your preferred concept that you would like to see included at Malcolm X Park?

Write-in response...

CONCEPT 1



PASSIVE RECREATION

- Increased ADA accessibility (see yellow notation)
- Overlook seating areas oriented toward existing view-sheds
- Barbecue grove area
- Outdoor classroom for public and school use
- Seating areas with cafe and game tables
- +/- 13,700 SF dog park

PLAYGROUND

- 2-5 and 5-12 age group play equipment
- Centralized splash pad
- Sensory play and shade ADA entry route
- Family seating areas for caregivers
- Picnic areas
- New tree planting and shade shelters to increase shade

ACTIVE RECREATION

- One basketball court on four levels
- Two tennis courts
- Plaza space connecting basketball and tennis areas
- Adult fitness equipment nodes
- Hillside terrace seating for spectator viewing

CONCEPT 2A



PASSIVE RECREATION

- Increased ADA accessibility (see yellow notation)
- Overlook seating areas oriented toward existing view-sheds
- Informal amphitheater space with stage for community events
- Terrace barbeque area
- +/- 11,500 SF dog park
- Seating areas with cafe and game tables

PLAYGROUND

- 2-5 and 5-12 age group play equipment
- Centralized splash pad
- Sensory play and court game play area
- Shade shelters, picnic, & seating areas
- Outdoor classroom for public & school use
- New tree planting to increase shade

ACTIVE RECREATION

- Three basketball courts on single level
- One basketball court on lower level
- Two tennis courts
- Adult fitness equipment node
- Exercise loop
- Double-sided seating to view courts or MLK Blvd.

CONCEPT 2B



PASSIVE RECREATION

- Increased ADA accessibility (see yellow notation)
- Overlook seating areas oriented toward existing view-sheds
- Informal amphitheater space with stage for community events
- Terrace barbeque area
- +/- 11,500 SF dog park
- Seating areas with cafe and game tables

PLAYGROUND

- 2-5 and 5-12 age group play equipment
- Centralized splash pad
- Sensory play and court game play area
- Shade shelters, picnic, & seating areas
- Outdoor classroom for public & school use
- New tree planting to increase shade

ACTIVE RECREATION

- Three basketball courts on single level
- One multi sport and one tennis court
- Adult fitness equipment node
- Exercise loop
- Plaza with court games and graphics
- Double-sided seating to view courts or MLK Blvd.

CONCEPT 3



PASSIVE RECREATION

- Increased ADA accessibility (see yellow notation)
- Barbecue areas
- Informal amphitheater space with stage for community events
- +/- 12,000 SF dog park
- Seating areas with cafe and game tables
- Expanded field amenities at softball backstop

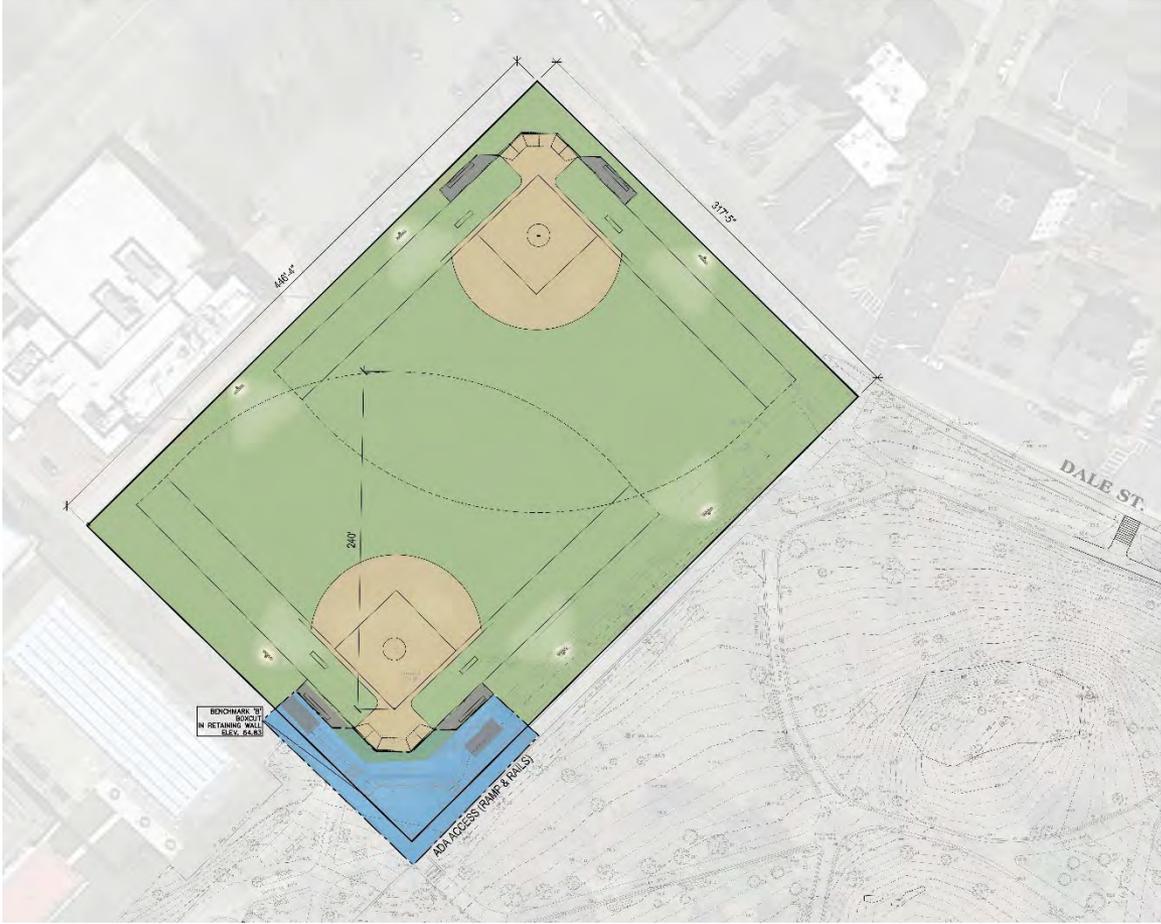
PLAYGROUND

- 2-5 and 5-12 age group play equipment
- Shaded, linear splash pad
- Central natural play area
- Multi-function gathering space
- Picnic and seating areas
- Outdoor classroom for public & school use
- New tree planting to increase shade

ACTIVE RECREATION

- Two basketball courts on two levels connected by seating terrace
- Two tennis courts
- Adult fitness equipment nodes
- Hillside terrace seating for spectator viewing

DESIGN AREA 4: Fields



SOFTBALL	849 hours
SOCCER	75 hours
OTHER ATHLETICS	330 hours

DESIGN AREA 4: Fields



POLL QUESTION

What improvements are most needed at the fields?

- A. Better turf/ infield conditions
- B. Improved access/seating
- C. Shade/Other Spectator amenities
- D. Lighting improvements
- E. Other (please specify)



ART IN THE PARK?

ON INDEPENDENT WALL



ON COURT WALLS



CUSTOM FURNISHINGS



ARTIST DESIGNED FENCE



POLL QUESTION

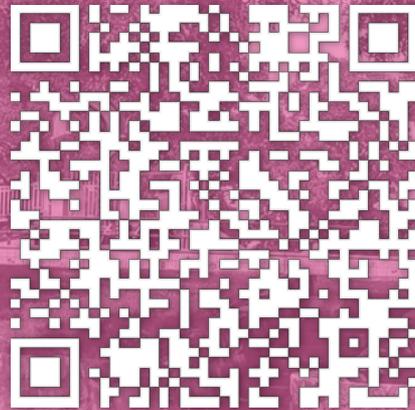
How can we better reflect the uniqueness of Roxbury within the park improvements? Please select all that apply.

- Public art
- Custom designed playground elements
- Interpretive signage about the park, the neighborhood's history, and it's heroes
- Interpretive signage about Malcolm X
- Materials and style of furnishings (i.e. traditional, contemporary, custom, etc.)
- Other (please specify)



SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND FEEDBACK!

VIRTUAL MEETING #2 MINI-POLL



[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/
MalcolmXMiniPoll](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MalcolmXMiniPoll)



THANK YOU!

NEXT STEPS: Join our On-Site Public Workshop to discuss design options, held at various locations at Malcolm X Park on August 29, 2020 from 10:00am – 12:00pm. State and City COVID-19 guidelines will be strictly followed, including social distancing and mask wearing.

We will be scheduling a third community meeting in the coming months to share the final park design. Please email **Lauren Bryant** to make sure she has your contact information for sending out upcoming meeting and project information.

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For questions contact Lauren Bryant, Project Manager
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OPEN DISCUSSION