



# RINGER PARK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Community meeting #2



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Boston Parks and Recreation



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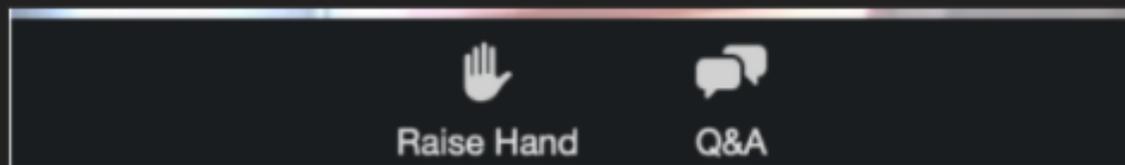
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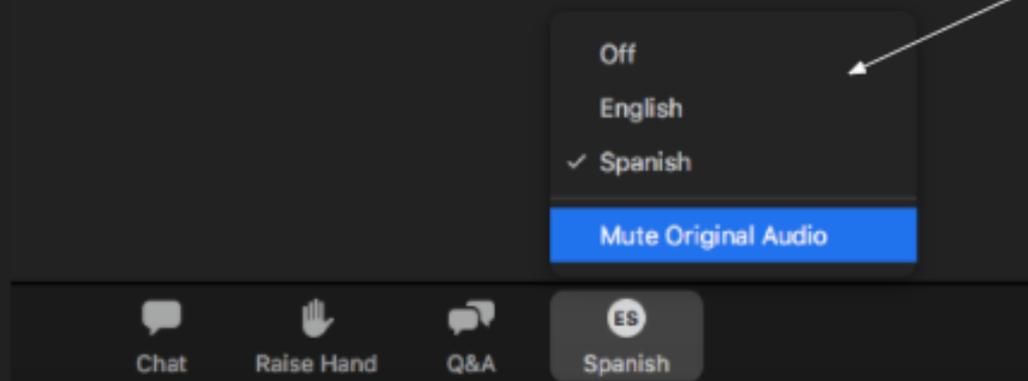


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# AGENDA

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**1 INTRO (PROJECT TEAM, BUDGET & TIMELINE, GOALS)**

**2 SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK AND ONLINE SURVEY**

**3 SITE DESIGN OPTIONS**

**4 DISCUSSION**

**5 NEXT STEPS**

# PROJECT TEAM

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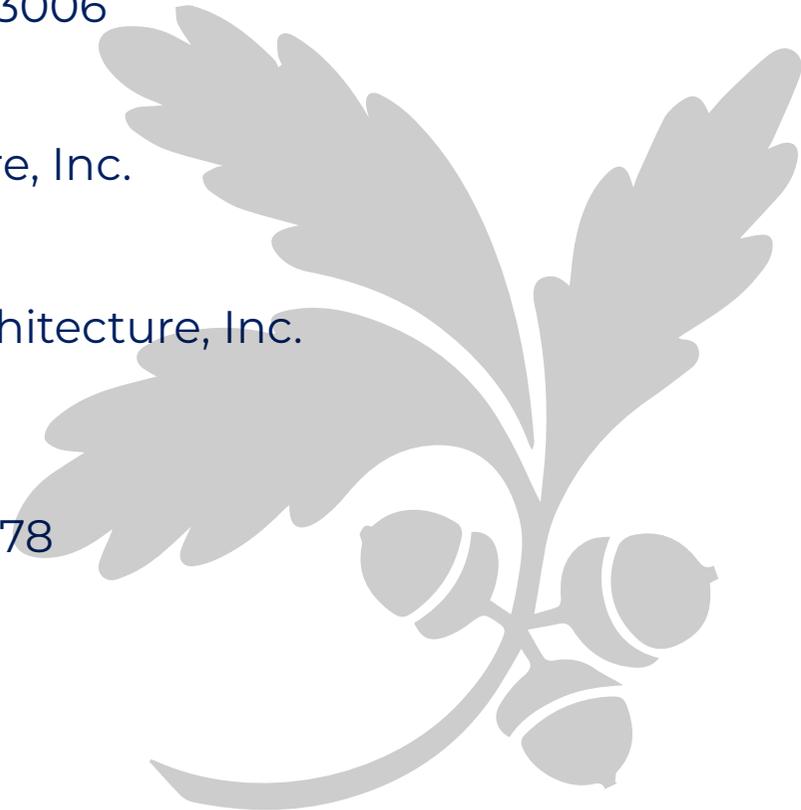
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# CITY OF BOSTON PRIORITIES

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- **Expanding walkable access to parks**
- **Addressing equity**
- **Climate resilience**
- **Health**
- **Housing and community building**



# PARK & RECREATION GOALS

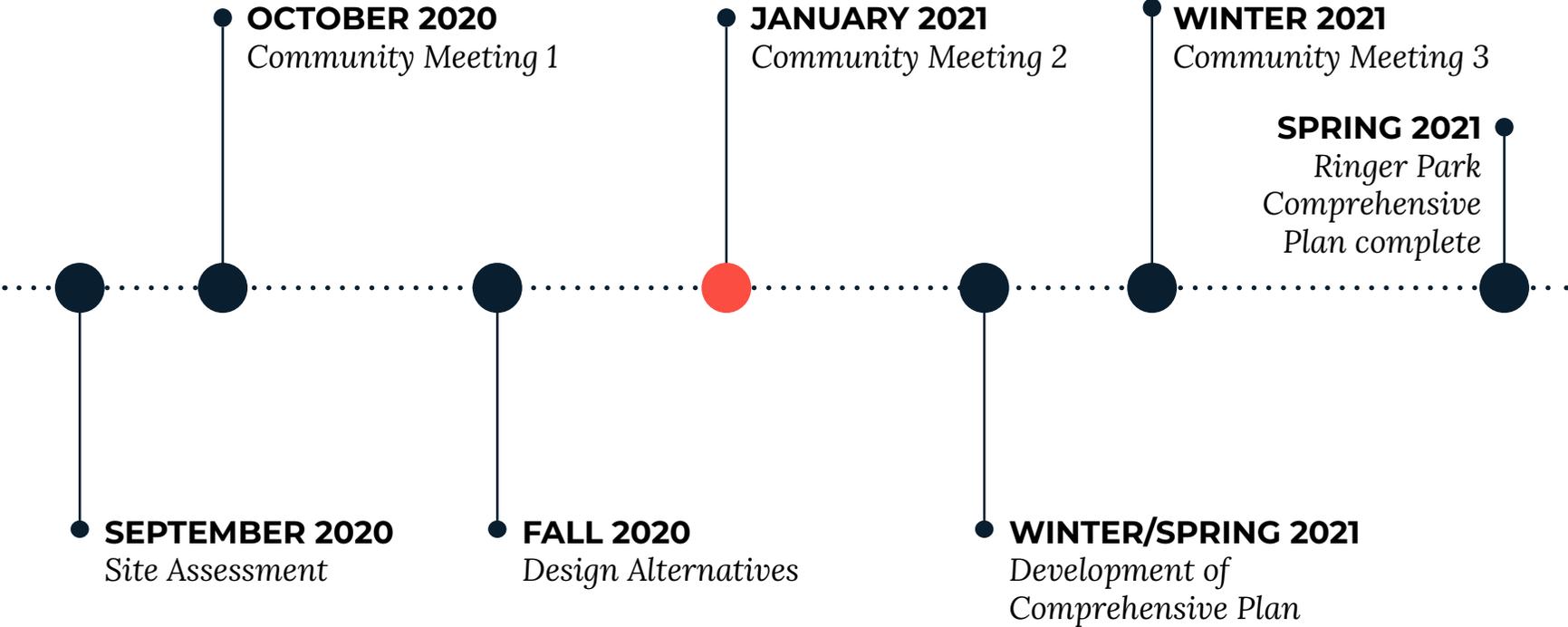
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- **Accessible and available to all**
- **Diverse, balanced, and efficient mix of uses**
- **Meaningful and inclusive community engagement**
- **Adaptive and resilient landscapes**
- **Promote connections**



# PROJECT TIMELINE

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# RINGER PARK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SCOPE OF WORK

- **Plan for long-term and short-term improvements for the entire park**



# WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY

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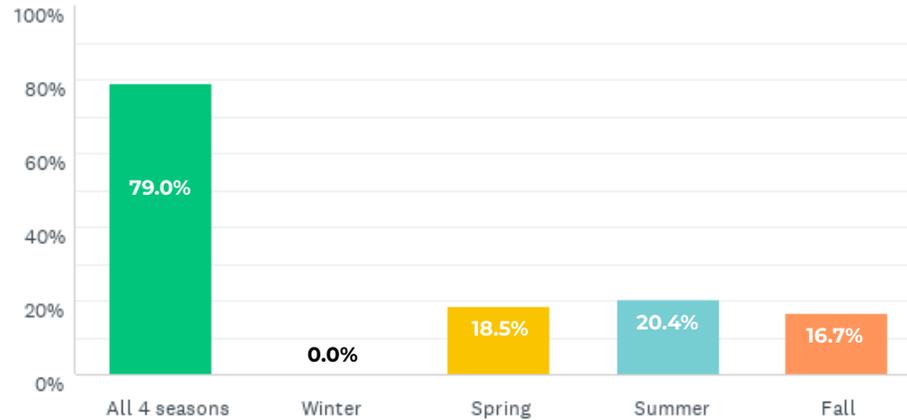
- **Provide a separate fenced dog park**
- **Improve maintenance of the park focusing on trash collection**
- **Add lighting**
- **Study changing the little league baseball field to a multiuse field**
- **Update the play area**
- **Improve safety in wooded area**
- **Consider managing the sports court lighting for evening use**
- **Address poor drainage**



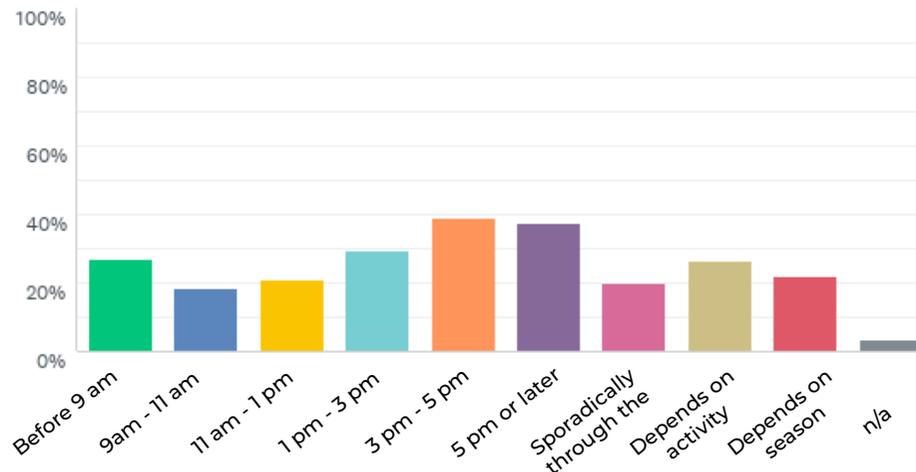
# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK: Online survey

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## 3. What time of year do you come to the park?



## 5. Do you have a favorite time of day to visit?



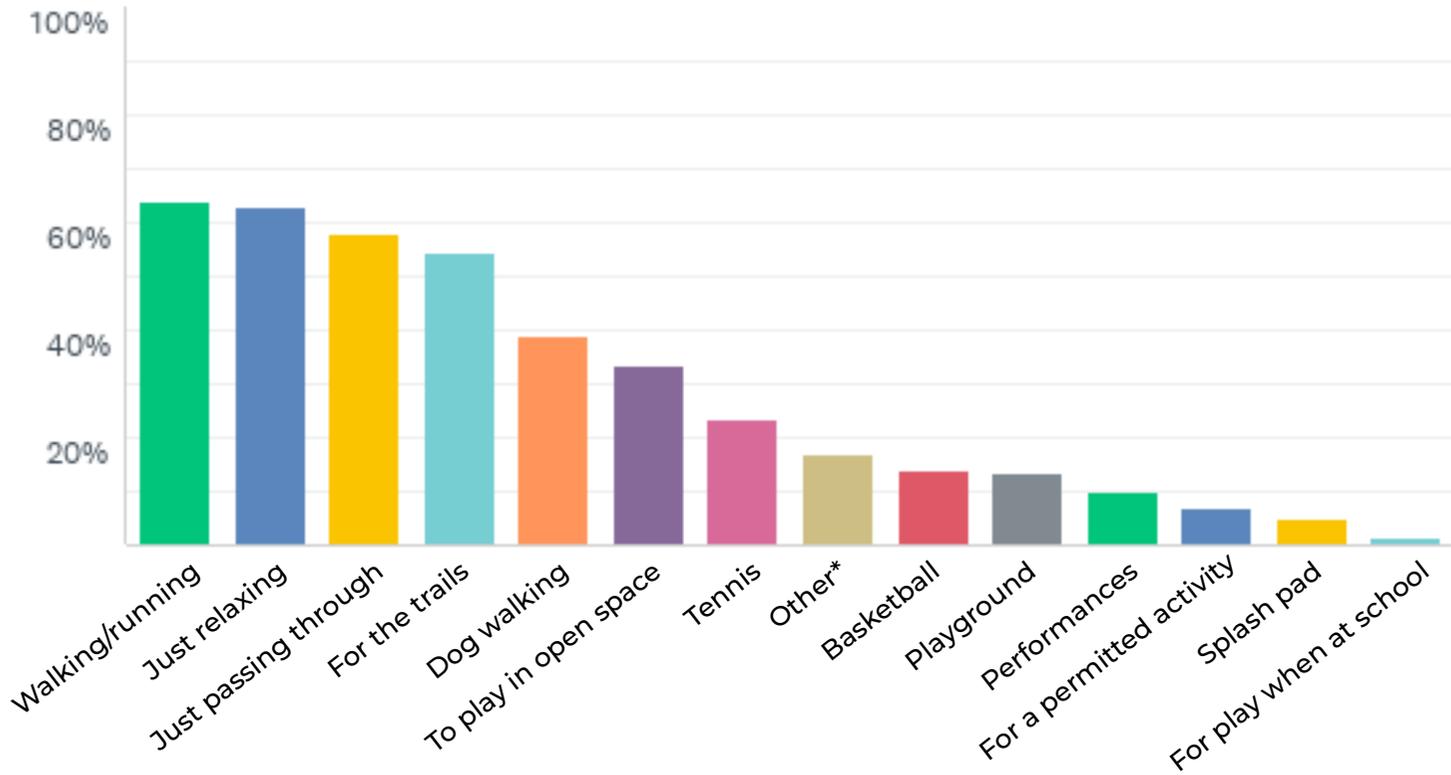




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## 11. For which activities do you and/or your family typically come to Ringer?

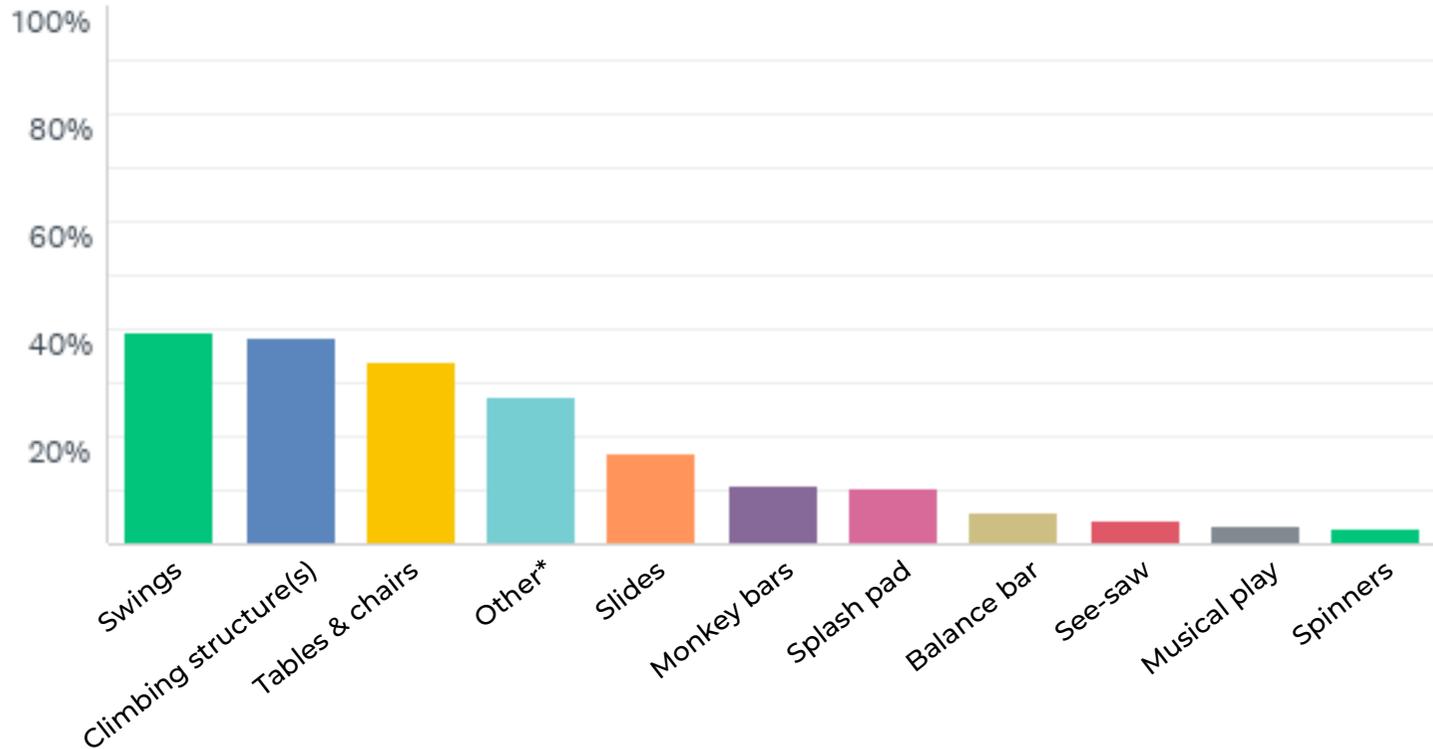




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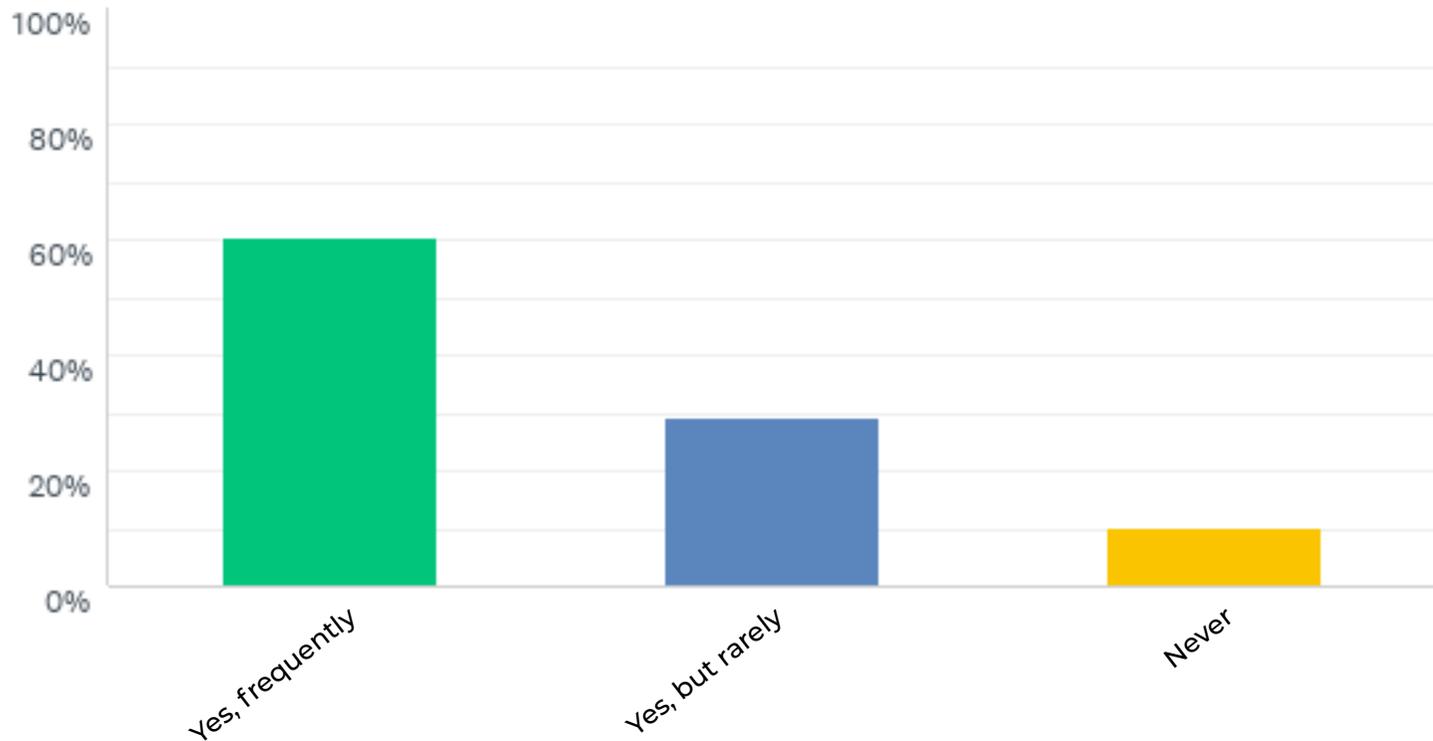
## 14. Do you have any "must haves" for the playground?



# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK: Online survey

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**17. Ringer Park has an "urban wild" component to it—a wooded and rocky area with a trail network and some great views. Do you and/or your family use this area?**





# GOALS FOR COMMUNITY MEETING #2

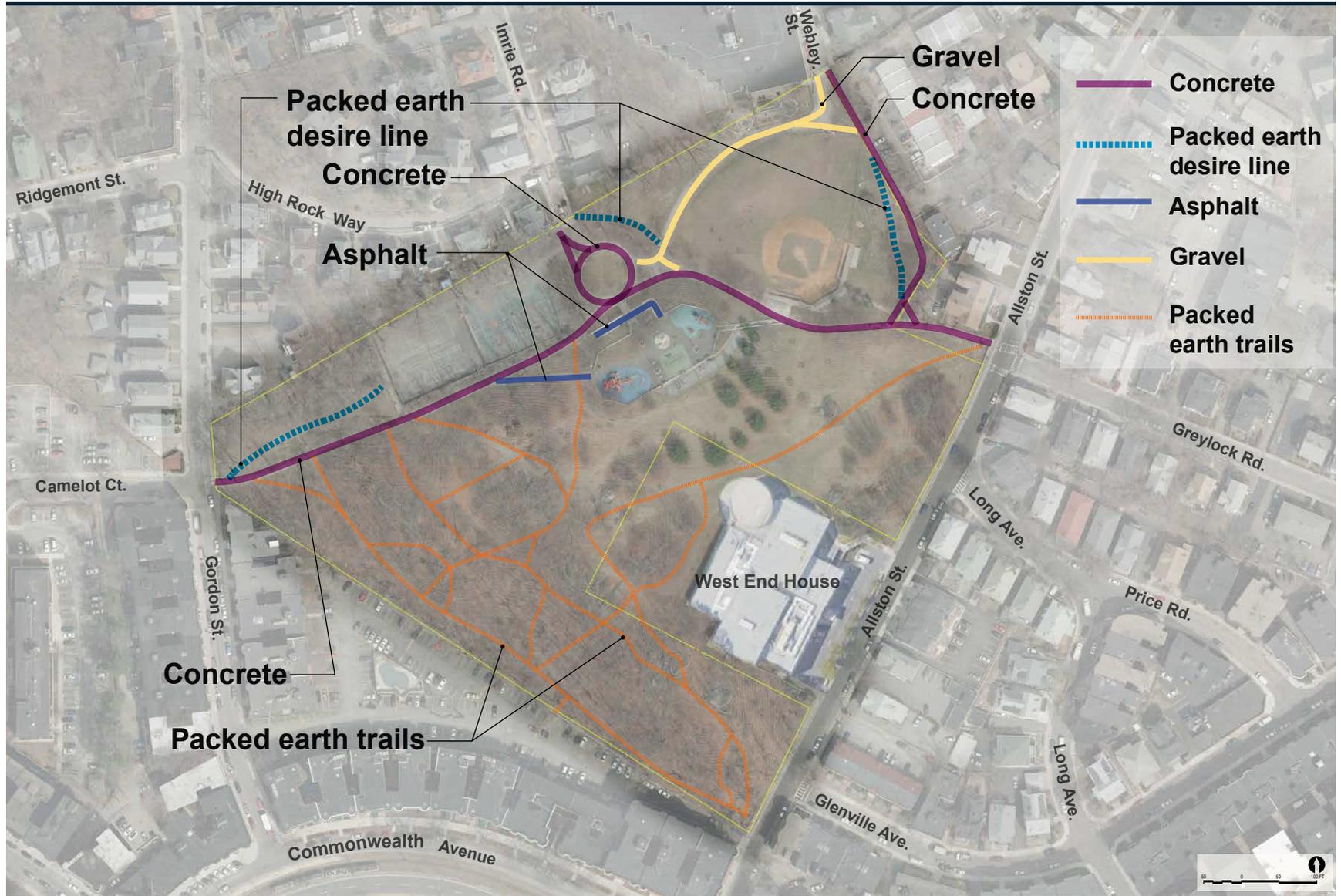
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- An aerial photograph of a park area. In the lower-left, there is a baseball field with a brown infield and green outfield. To its right is a basketball court with a red and green court surface. Further right is a playground with blue and green equipment. The park is surrounded by dense green trees. In the background, there are several large, multi-story apartment buildings with grey roofs and light-colored facades. A road with cars is visible on the right side. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.
- **REVIEW DESIGN IDEAS THAT ILLUSTRATE COMMUNITY COMMENTS**
  - **GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
    - 1. ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS**
    - 2. ADDRESS SAFETY CONCERNS**
    - 3. EASE OF MAINTENANCE**
    - 4. PLACEMAKING**

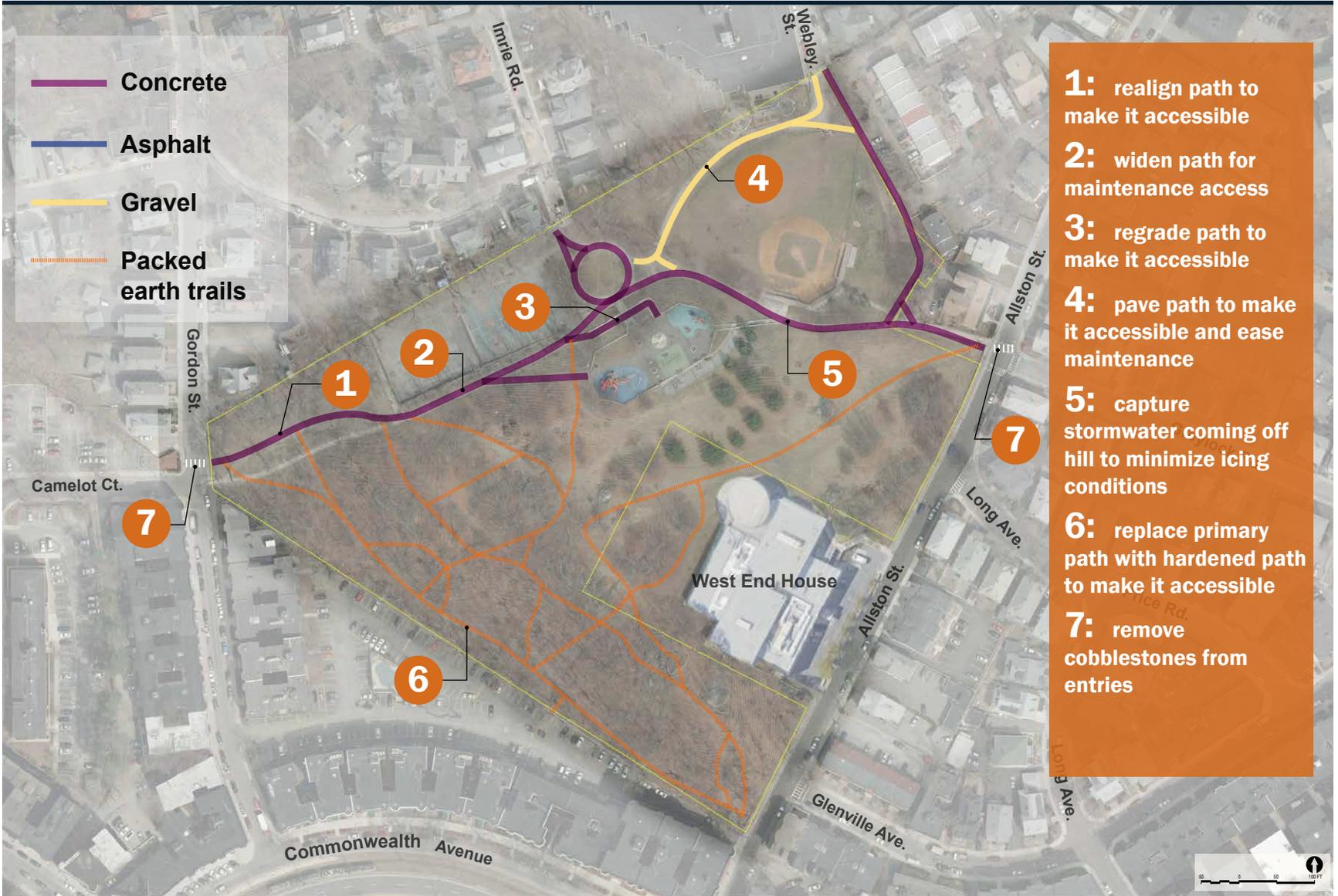
# EXISTING SITE



# PATHS: Existing condition



# ACCESSIBILITY: Pathway improvements



# MAINTENANCE ACCESS



**1:** existing route accessed from Webley

**2:** consider additional entry off Gordon

**3:** make connection for urban wild

**4:** adjust geometry and widen

# VEGETATION MANAGEMENT



- 1:** turf
- 2:** tree lined walkway
- 3:** wooded buffer
- 4:** pollinator meadow on slope
- 5:** tall grass with mown paths
- 6:** woodland

# URBAN WILD



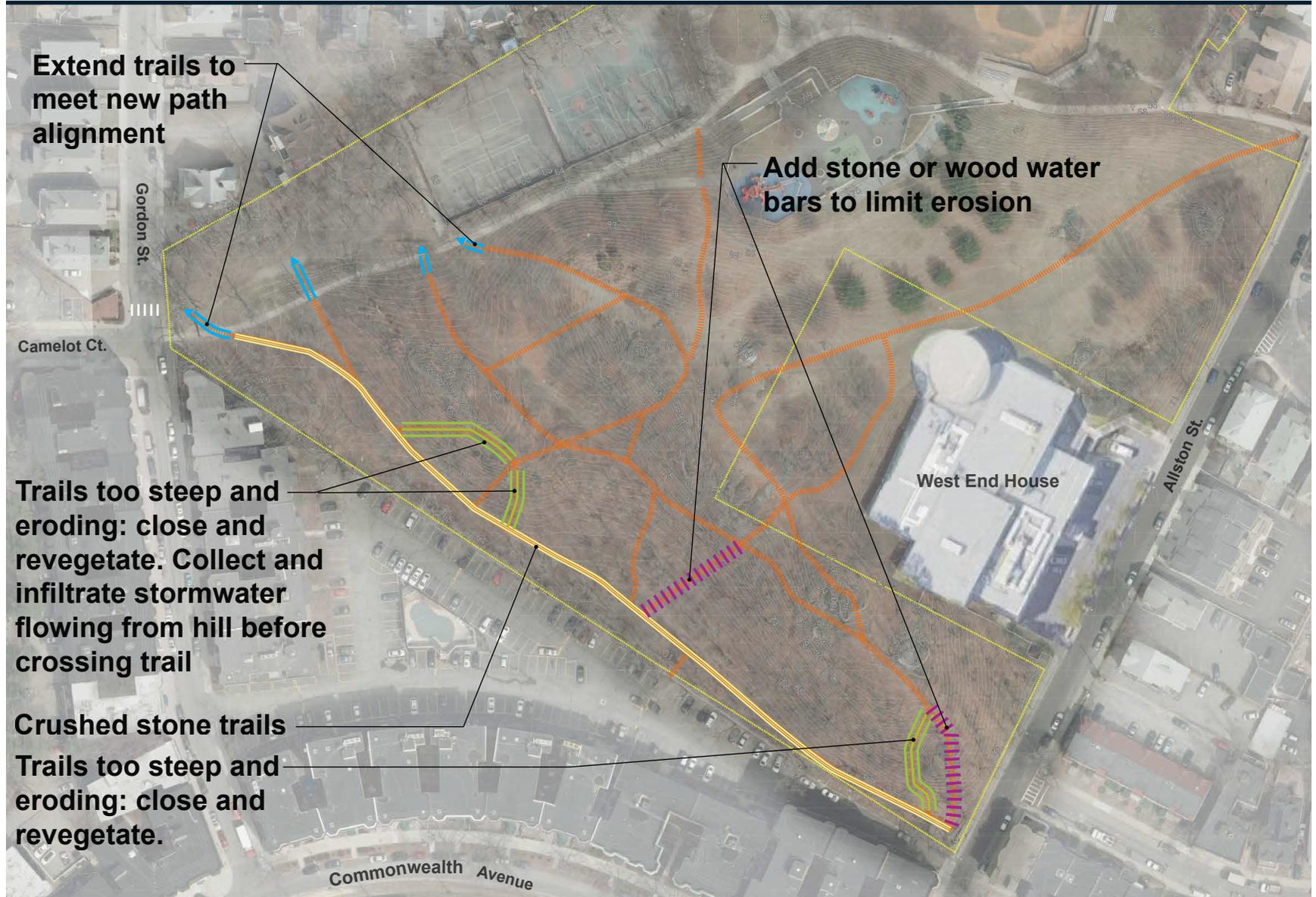
**Erosion:** add waterbars to direct stormwater; close steepest trails

**Safety & Security:** consider adding security camera(s)

**Litter:** improve maintenance access to facilitate cleanup

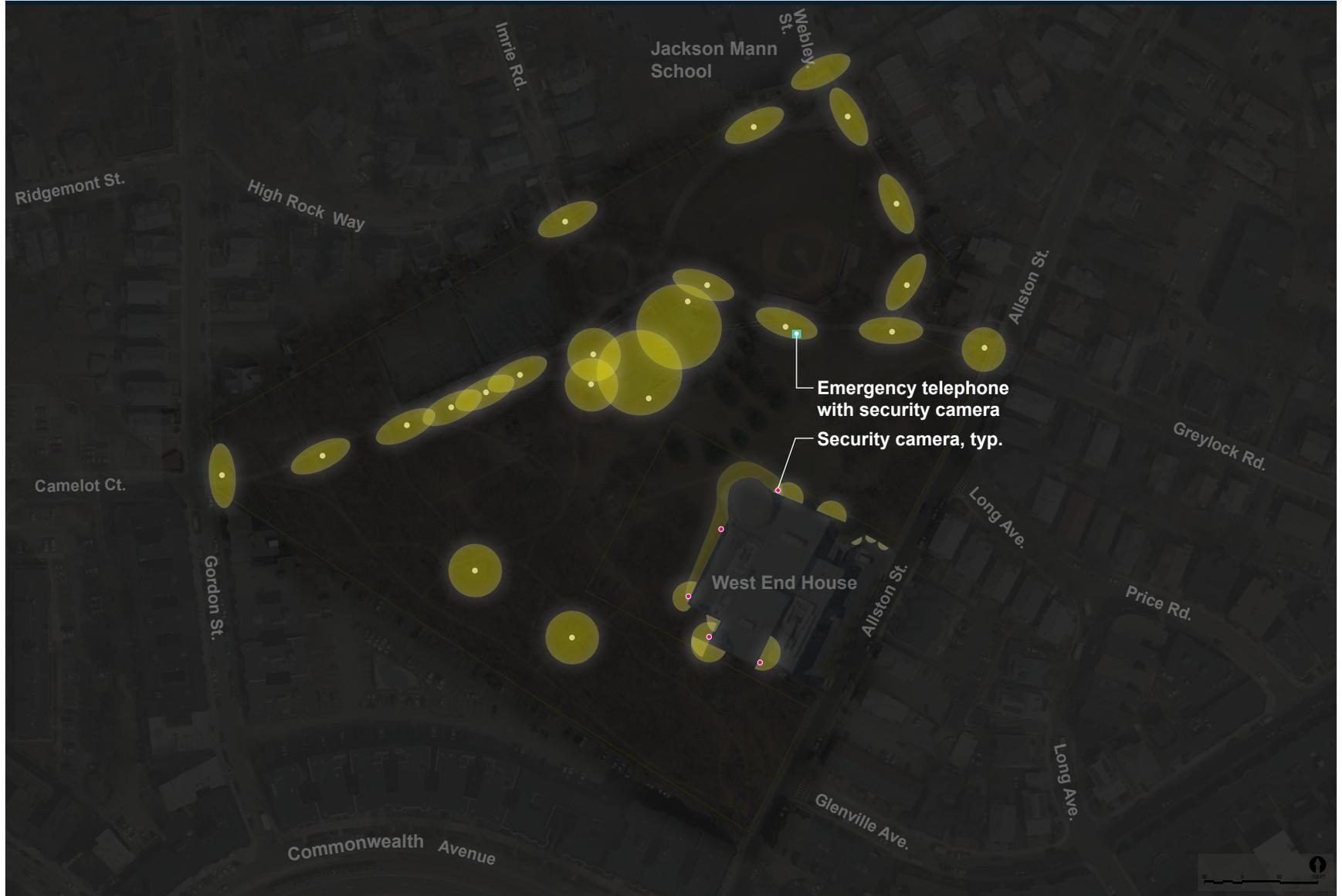
**Woodland Management:**  
Hazard tree removal, pruning, invasive vegetation management, vegetation protection

# URBAN WILD: Path improvements



# ADDRESS SAFETY CONCERNS: Lighting

(Existing conditions plan)

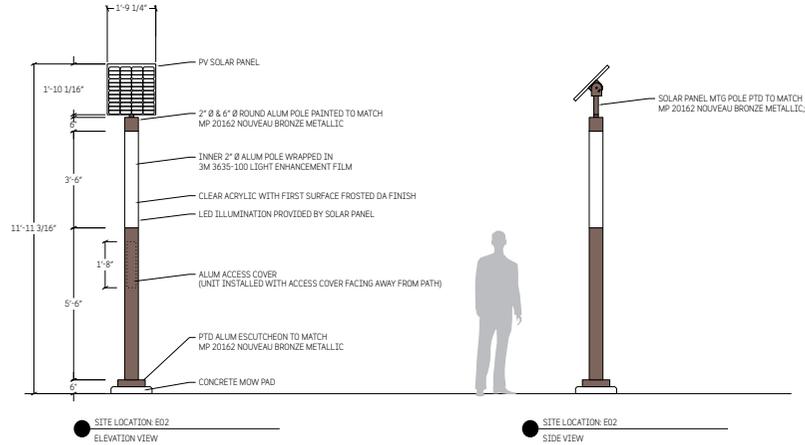


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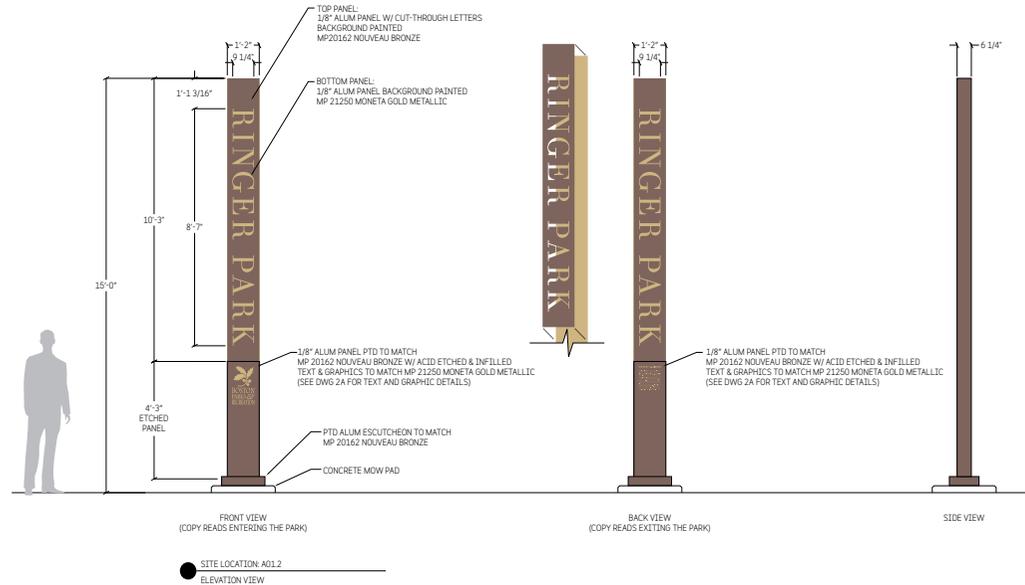
## (Existing fixtures and artistic lighting coming)



Existing Light pole/  
Existing Emergency telephone



### Proposed light pylon



### Proposed entry sign fixture

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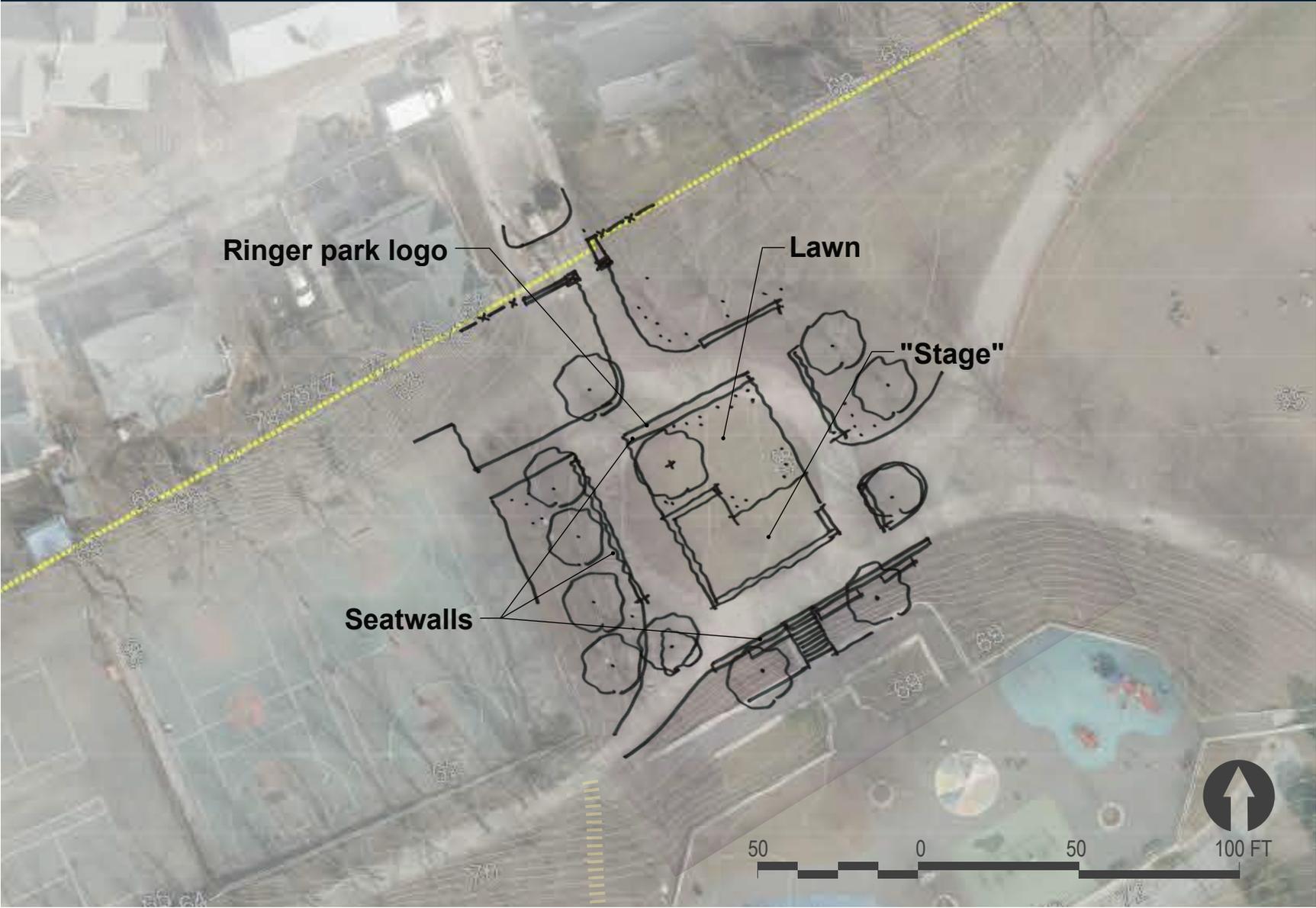
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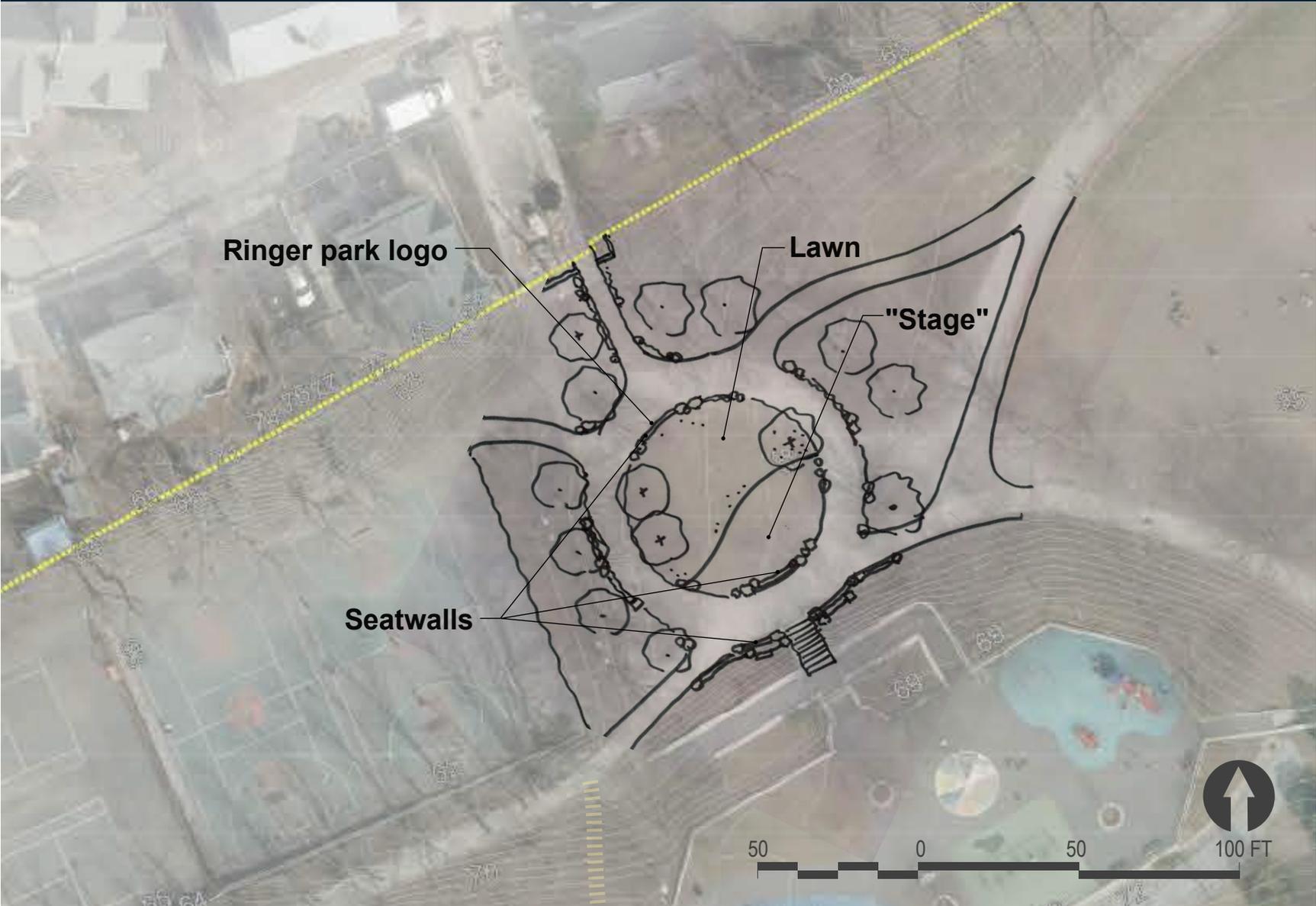


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# PLACEMAKING: Precedent images



# PLACEMAKING: Entrances



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(Existing conditions plan)



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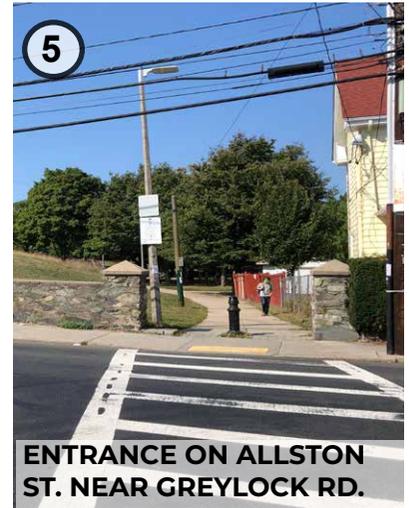
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**ENTRANCE ON GORDON ST.**



**ENTRANCE ON ALLSTON ST. NEAR GLENVILLE AVE.**



**ENTRANCE ON ALLSTON ST. NEAR GREYLOCK RD.**

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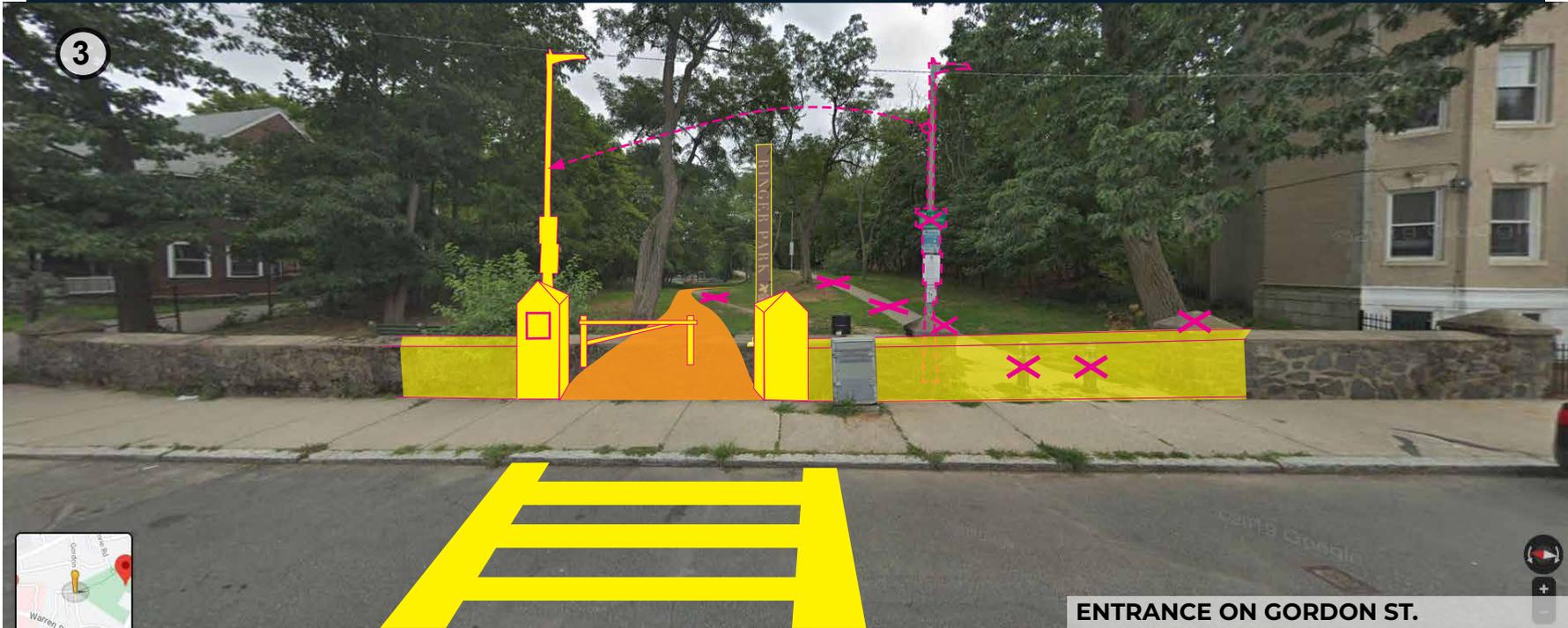
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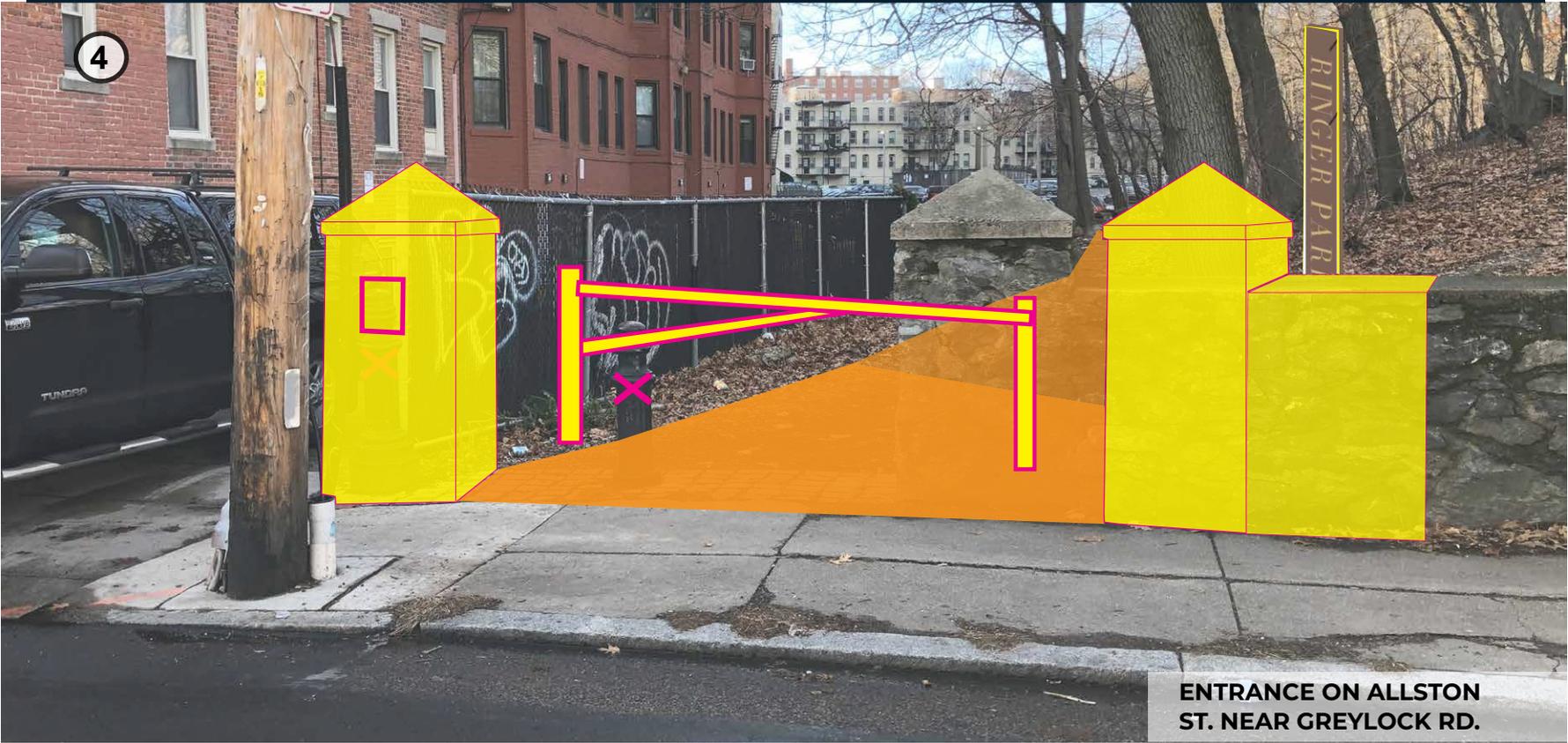
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ENTRANCE ON GORDON ST.

# PLACEMAKING: Entrances

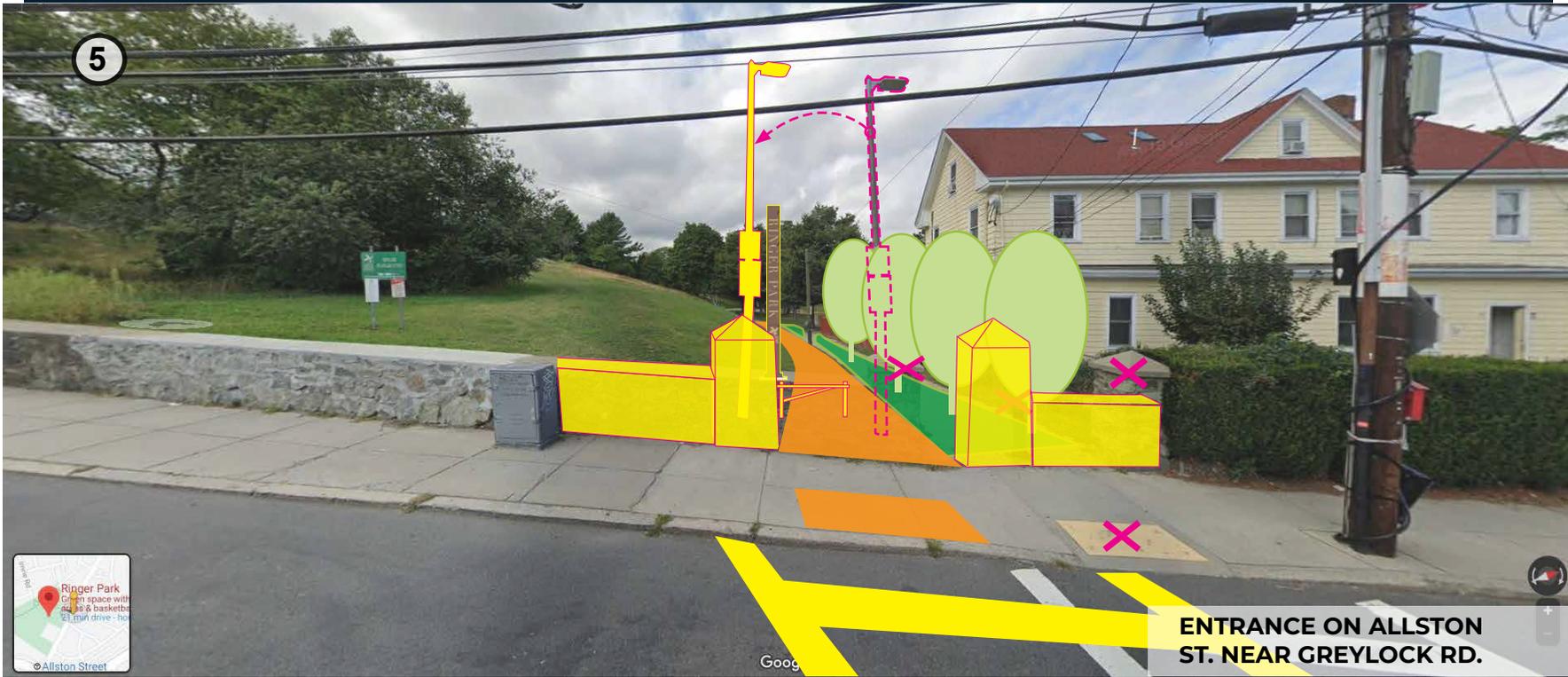
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**ENTRANCE ON ALLSTON ST. NEAR GREYLOCK RD.**

# PLACEMAKING: Entrances

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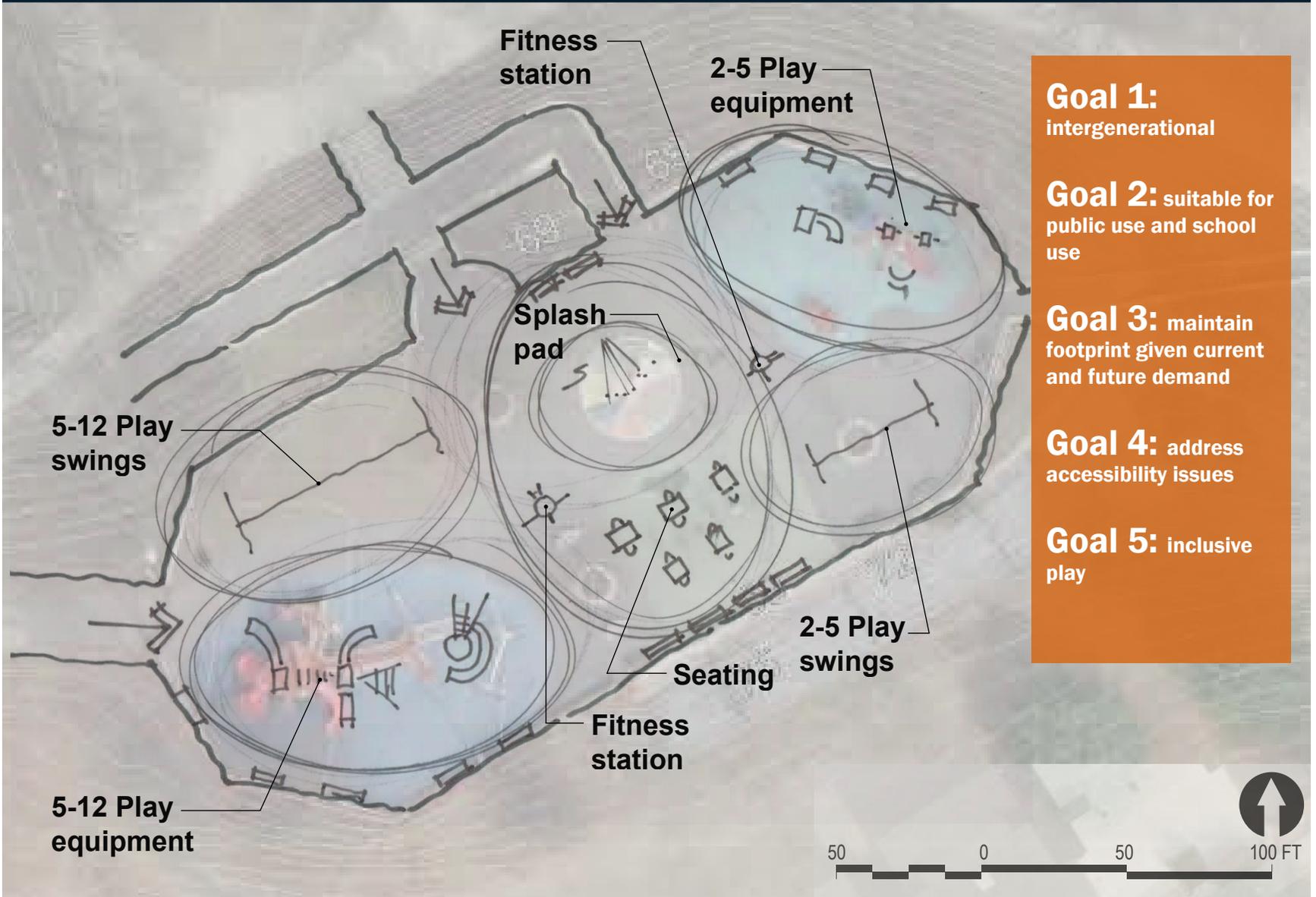
# ENHANCE PARK PROGRAMMING: Playground

(Existing conditions plan)



# ENHANCE PARK PROGRAMMING: Playground

(Proposed conditions plan)



**Goal 1:**  
intergenerational

**Goal 2:** suitable for  
public use and school  
use

**Goal 3:** maintain  
footprint given current  
and future demand

**Goal 4:** address  
accessibility issues

**Goal 5:** inclusive  
play

# ENHANCE PARK PROGRAMMING: Fitness circuit



# ENHANCE PARK PROGRAMMING: Fitness equipment

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# ENHANCE PARK PROGRAMMING: Courts



**Ringer:** 2 tennis and 2 basketball with lighting

**Overlook:** 2 basketball court with lighting

**Penniman:** 1 basketball court, no lighting

**Joyce:** 1 basketball court, no lighting

**McKinney:** 1 basketball court and 1 street hockey, with lighting

**Portsmouth:** 1 basketball court, with lighting

**Smith:** 2 basketball court, with lighting  
hockey with lighting

# ENHANCE PARK PROGRAMMING: Courts



**Art opportunities**



**Tennis/pickleball striping**



**Lighting on timers with glare control**

# ENHANCE PARK PROGRAMMING: Dog park

## DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:

- CENTRALLY LOCATED ACCESSIBLE
- FENCED ENCLOSURE
- NOT LOCATED ADJACENT TO PLAYGROUND OR SCHOOL
- AT LEAST 50' FROM A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LINE
- 5,000 SF. MINIMUM IN AREA



## Boston area dog park sizes

**Defilipo Park:** 6,500 sf.

**Richmond St:** 3,300 sf.

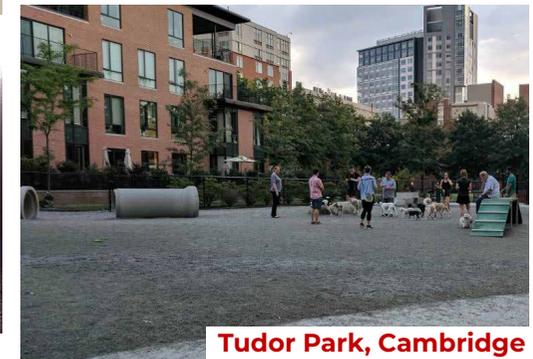
**Peters Park:** 9,400 sf.

**East 1 st St:** 10,650 sf.

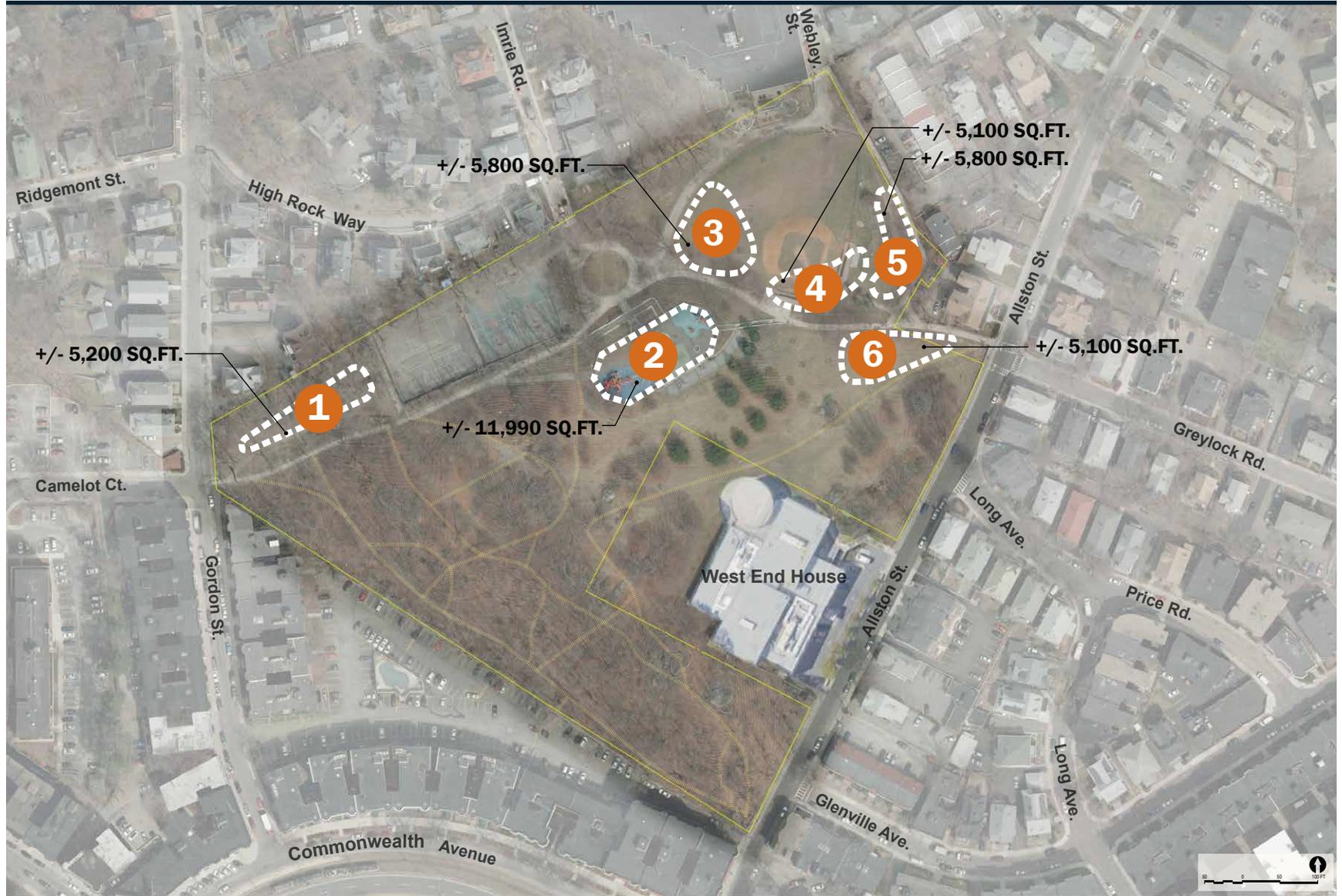
**Carleton Court (SWC):** 4,500 sf.

**Tudor Park, Cambridge:** 11,600 sf.

**Mansfield St Park, Allston:** 4,800 sf.



# ENHANCE PARK PROGRAMMING: Dog park locations



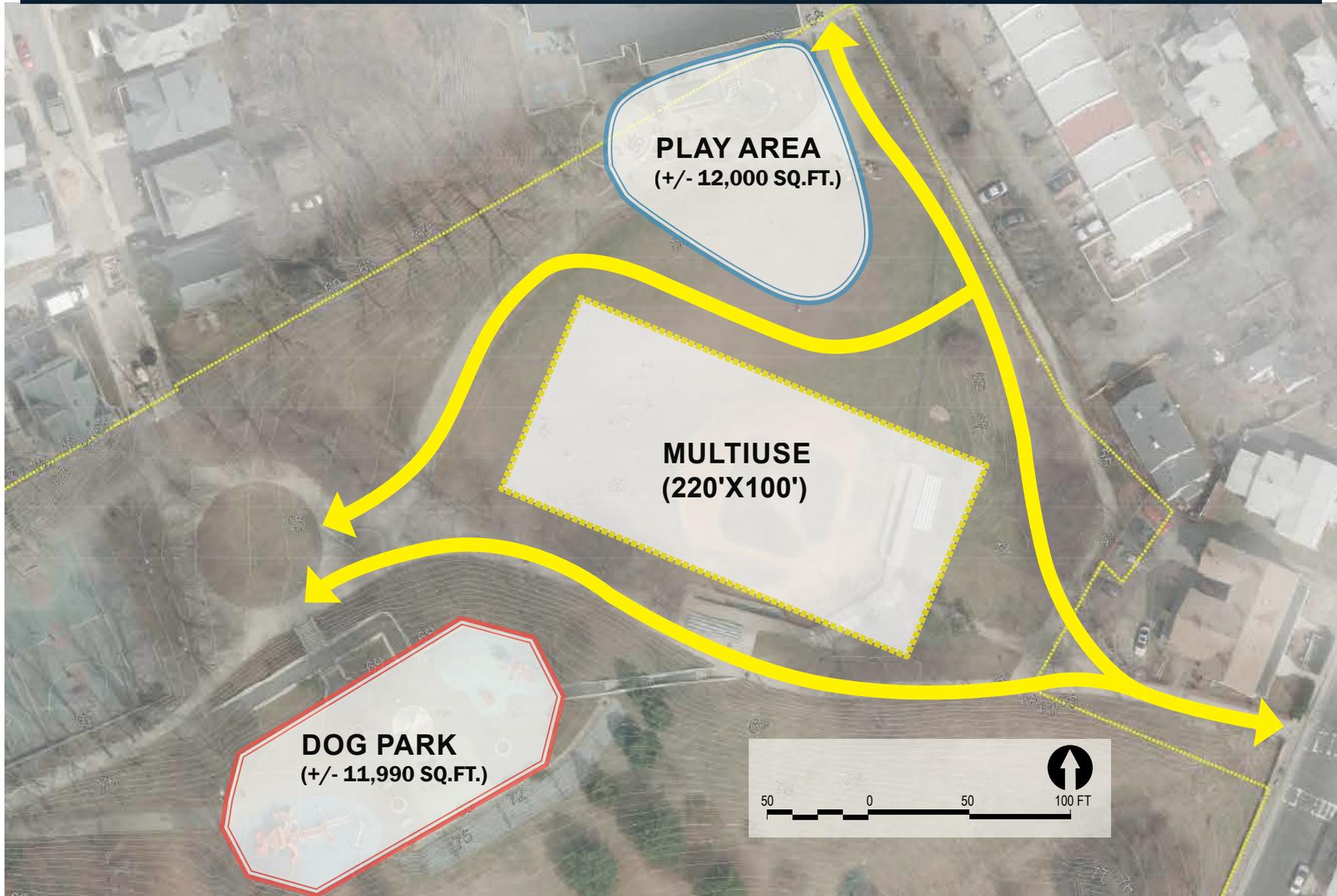
# ENHANCE PARK PROGRAMMING: Dog park locations

#1: Locate dog park adjacent to Gordon St.



# ENHANCE PARK PROGRAMMING: Dog park locations

#2: Convert playground to dog park, relocate playground adjacent to JM school, convert little league baseball to multiuse field



# ENHANCE PARK PROGRAMMING: Dog park locations

## #3: Convert little league baseball field to multi-use field with dog park



# ENHANCE PARK PROGRAMMING: Dog park locations

## #4: Convert little league baseball field to multi-use field with dog park



# ENHANCE PARK PROGRAMMING: Dog park locations

## #5: Retain little league baseball field and add separate dog park



# BIRDSEYE VIEW

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# NEXT STEPS

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## NEXT PUBLIC MEETING (WINTER 2021)

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## VISIT PROJECT WEBSITE

### WEB LINK:

*<https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/ringer-park-improvements>*

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# THANK YOU!

See the project website for future updates.

For questions, maintenance requests or concerns regarding any of our parks contact 311

