



Improvements to
MALCOLM X PARK

Welcome to Virtual Community Meeting #3
Our meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.

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

MEETING RECORDING



The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be recording the meeting and posting to our project webpage for those who are unable to attend the Zoom meeting live.

It is possible that participants may also be recording the meeting with their phones cameras or other devices. If you do not wish to be recorded during this meeting, please keep your microphone and camera off.

VIRTUAL MEETING ETIQUETTE

We want to ensure this conversation is a pleasant experience for all and that all community members/ stakeholders are comfortable sharing their comments, questions and feedback.

Please be respectful and mindful of each other's time when asking questions/ providing comments, so that all attendees are able to participate in the meeting.

Keep questions/ comments project-specific and not personal to yield solution-driven discussion.

Please wait until all attendees have had the opportunity to ask a question/ provide a comment before providing additional questions/ comments.

You can always set up a conversation with Lauren Bryant, lauren.bryant@boston.gov to further discuss the project or process.

ZOOM TIPS

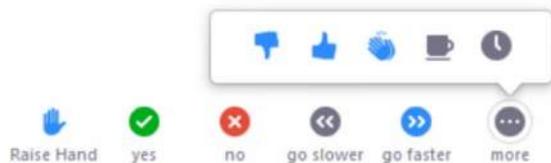
Here is how you can participate during the question and answer part of the presentation.

DURING THE PRESENTATION:



VIA WEB:

Turn video on / off.



To use these non-verbal options click on participants (bottom of screen); these options will pop up in side bar.

DURING THE Q&A:



JOINING VIA PHONE?

Use *9 to raise hand to ask for audio / video permission to ask questions or provide comments.



VIA WEB:

Chat to ask questions / comments or provide responses to poll questions



Raise hand to ask for audio / video permission to ask questions or provide comments.

AGENDA

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WELCOME

2

PROJECT SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

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SUMMARY OF PROGRESS TO DATE

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REVIEW OF CURRENT PLAN

5

OPEN DISCUSSION

PROJECT OVERVIEW



PROJECT TEAM



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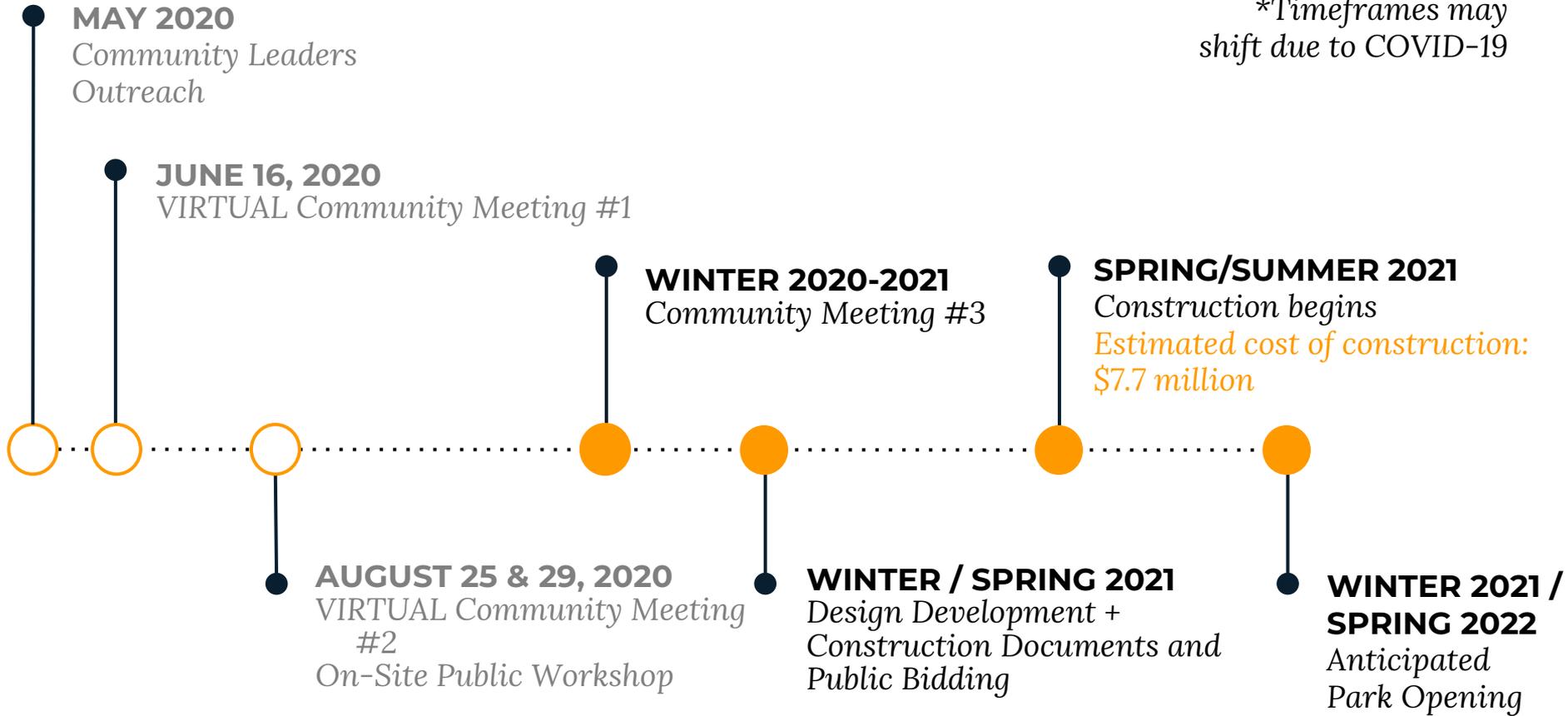
Elise Bluell
Landscape Designer,
Weston & Sampson



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Landscape Designer,
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TENTATIVE PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING

**Timeframes may shift due to COVID-19*





PROJECT 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
- Support climate resilience through stormwater mitigation and provide heat relief
- Address safety concerns (as best we can)
- Strengthen community connection to the park
- Provide meaningful community-based design process



SUMMARY OF PROGRESS TO DATE

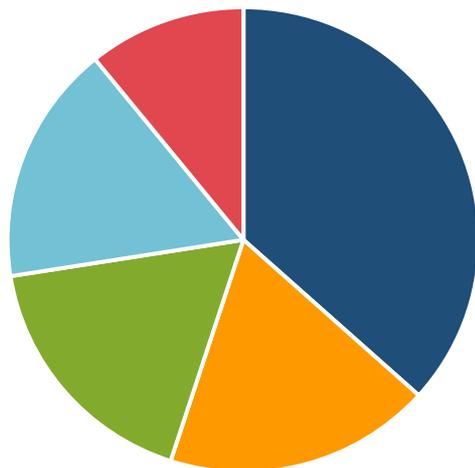


OUTREACH | ONLINE POLL #2 – KEY TAKEAWAYS

**75% OF RESPONDENTS AGREE THAT
MORE LOCAL ART IS A GOOD REFLECTION
OF THE COMMUNITY'S UNIQUENESS**

MOST NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS AT ATHLETIC FIELD

- Better turf
- Shade and spectator amenities
- Improved access
- Lighting
- Other



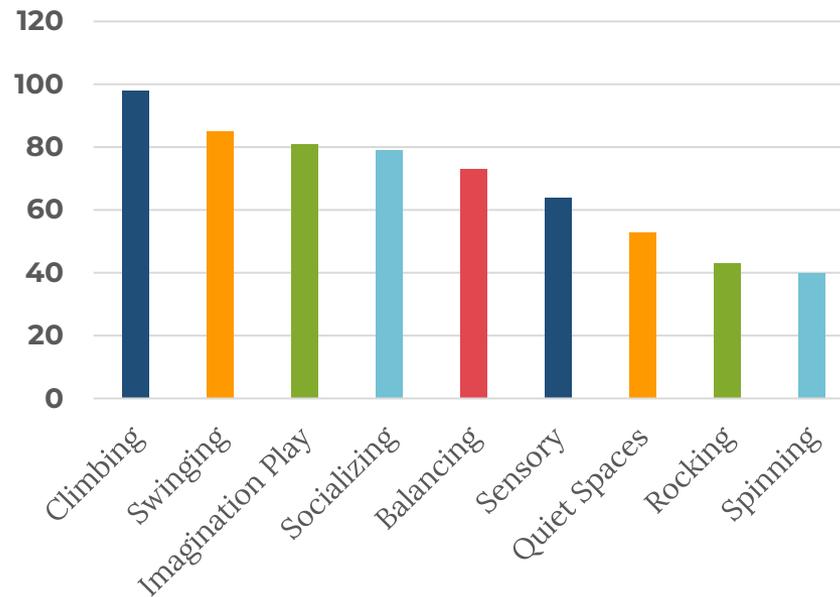
PREFERRED STYLE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

44% Traditional

37% Nature Inspired

19% Contemporary

MOST IMPORTANT TYPES OF PLAY



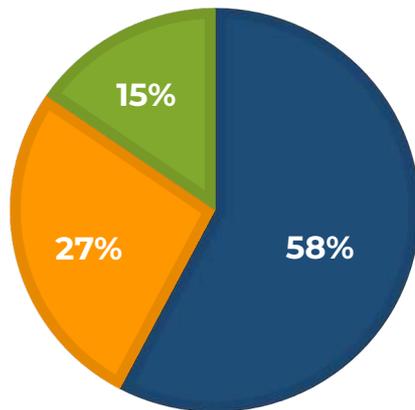
OUTREACH | SEPT 27, 2020 ONSITE WORKSHOP



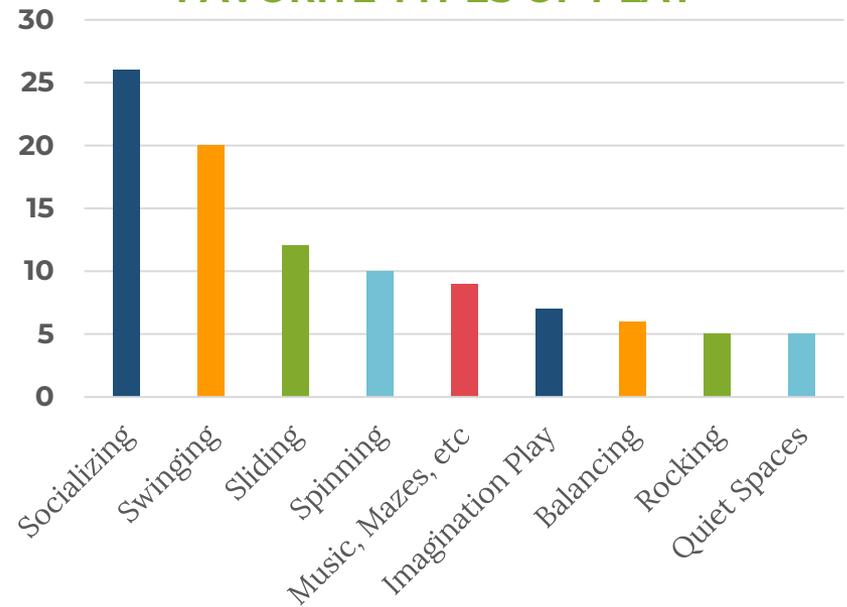
OUTREACH | STUDENT PLAYGROUND POLL

PREFERRED STYLE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

- Traditional
- Contemporary
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FAVORITE TYPES OF PLAY



ONGOING DESIGN COORDINATION

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTORS

- **Basketball + Athletic Field**
- **Playground**
- **History / Culture**
- **Public Art**

CITY STAKEHOLDERS

- **Age Strong Boston**
- **Boston Arts Commission**
- **Climate Ready Boston**
- **Boston Police Department**
- **Accessibility Commission**
- **Department of Economic Development**
- **Disability Commission**
- **Environment Department**



**Coach Dennis
Wilson**

Proposed Basketball
Consultant



Omo Moses

Proposed Playground
and Integrated
Learning Consultant



Rodnell Collins

Proposed
History/Culture
Consultant



Derrick Evans

Proposed
History/Culture
Consultant



**Bernard 'SMOK'
Johnson**

Proposed Art Consultant

ADDRESSING YOUR CONCERNS

WHAT WE'VE HEARD

- More and deeper involvement of black and minority stakeholders
- Clarity on purpose of stakeholder meetings
- DO NOT remove trees
- Include field in scope of improvements
- Create designs that reflect local culture
- Increase public safety
- Improve BPRD maintenance of park

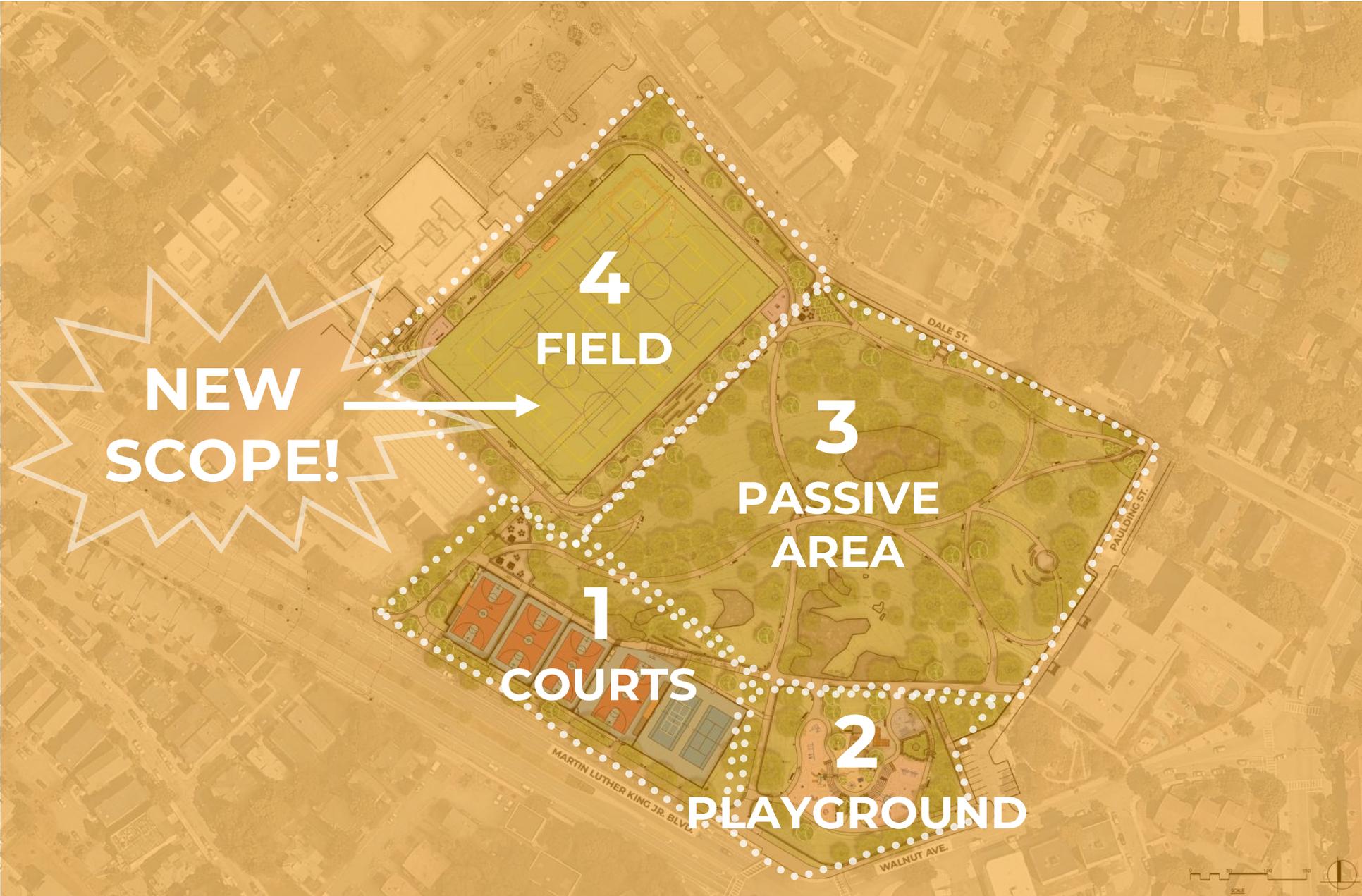
HOW WE'RE ADJUSTING OUR PROCESS

- Engaging subconsultants who are local Minority Owned Businesses (MBE)
- Engaging subconsultants who are community members with unique expertise
- Correspondence with local representatives regarding public art and neighborhood histories
 - Call for art proposals will solicit local artists – *Who should we reach out to?*
- Correspondence with city agencies regarding safety and maintenance
- Careful consideration of existing tree health; new planting will outnumber removal
- Commitment to transparency through the duration of the project

CURRENT PLAN



DESIGN AREAS



**NEW
SCOPE!**



**4
FIELD**

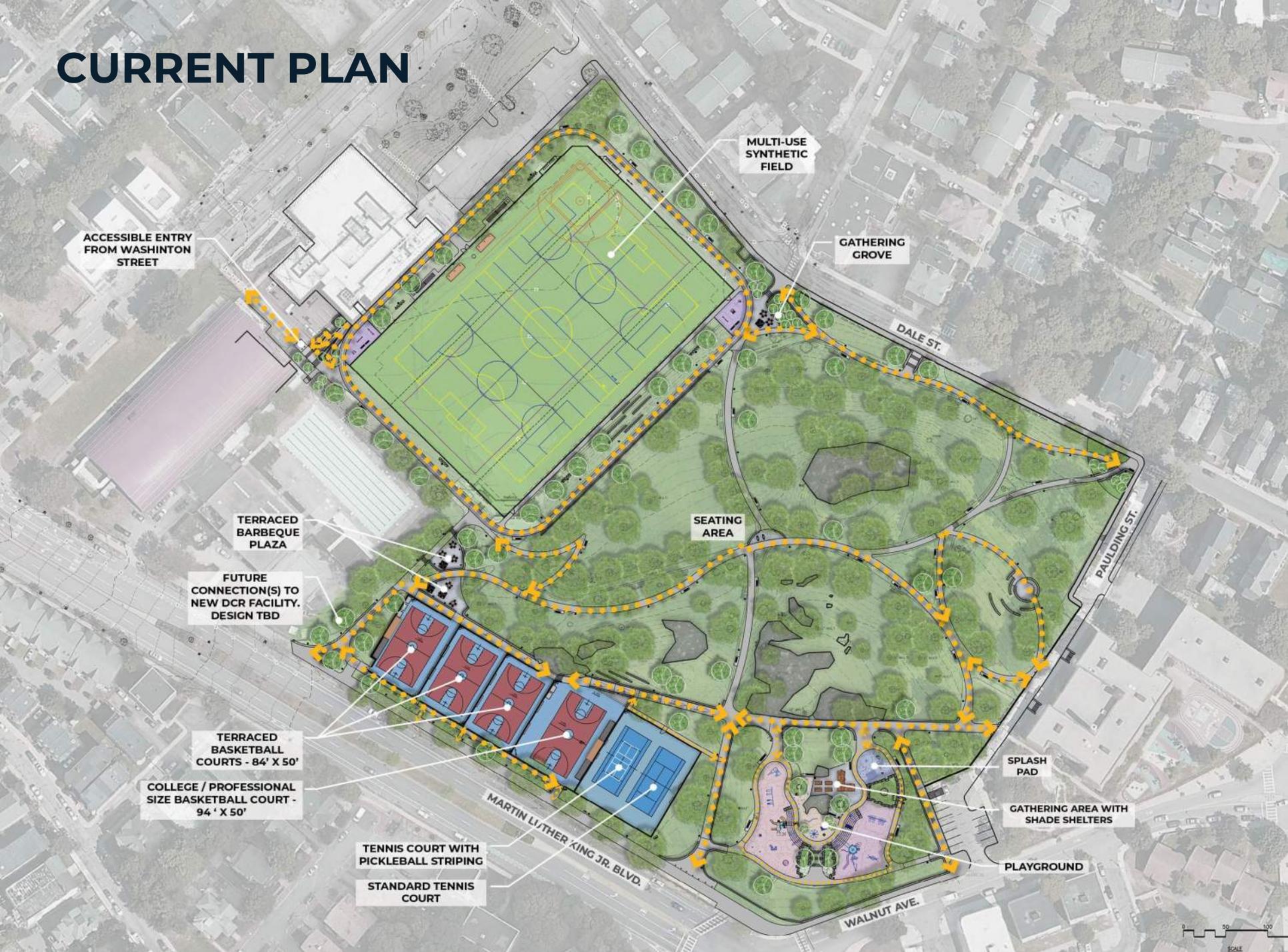
**3
PASSIVE
AREA**

**1
COURTS**

**2
PLAYGROUND**



CURRENT PLAN



ACCESSIBLE ENTRY FROM WASHINGTON STREET

MULTI-USE SYNTHETIC FIELD

GATHERING GROVE

DALE ST.

TERRACED BARBEQUE PLAZA

SEATING AREA

PAULDING ST.

FUTURE CONNECTION(S) TO NEW DCR FACILITY. DESIGN TBD

TERRACED BASKETBALL COURTS - 84' X 50'

COLLEGE / PROFESSIONAL SIZE BASKETBALL COURT - 94' X 50'

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD.

TENNIS COURT WITH PICKLEBALL STRIPING
STANDARD TENNIS COURT

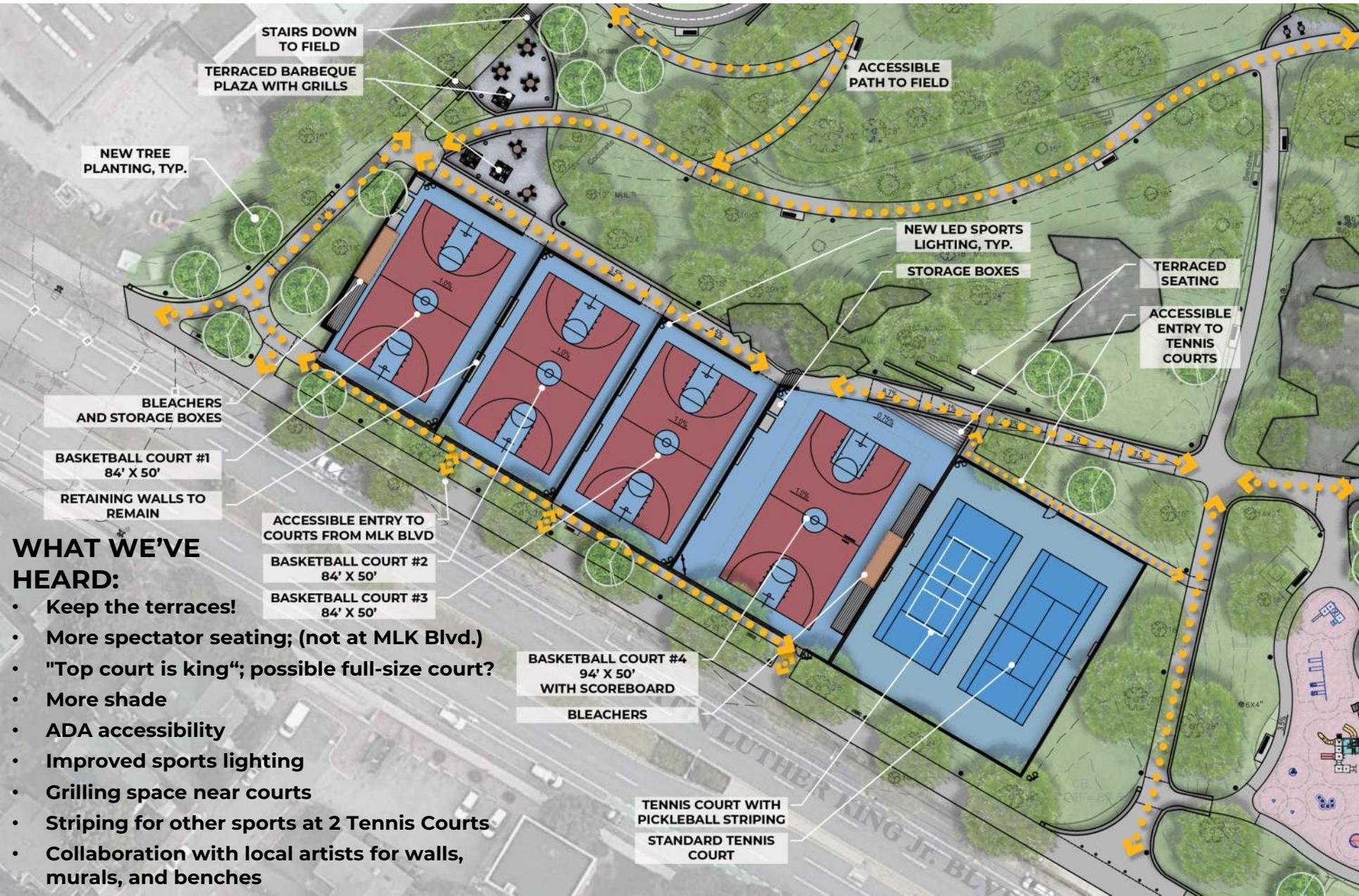
SPLASH PAD

GATHERING AREA WITH SHADE SHELTERS

PLAYGROUND

WALNUT AVE.

DESIGN AREA 1: COURTS



STAIRS DOWN TO FIELD
TERRACED BARBEQUE PLAZA WITH GRILLS

ACCESSIBLE PATH TO FIELD

NEW TREE PLANTING, TYP.

NEW LED SPORTS LIGHTING, TYP.
STORAGE BOXES

TERRACED SEATING
ACCESSIBLE ENTRY TO TENNIS COURTS

BLEACHERS AND STORAGE BOXES

BASKETBALL COURT #1
84' X 50'

RETAINING WALLS TO REMAIN

ACCESSIBLE ENTRY TO COURTS FROM MLK BLVD

BASKETBALL COURT #2
84' X 50'

BASKETBALL COURT #3
84' X 50'

BASKETBALL COURT #4
94' X 50'
WITH SCOREBOARD
BLEACHERS

TENNIS COURT WITH PICKLEBALL STRIPING
STANDARD TENNIS COURT

WHAT WE'VE HEARD:

- Keep the terraces!
- More spectator seating; (not at MLK Blvd.)
- "Top court is king"; possible full-size court?
- More shade
- ADA accessibility
- Improved sports lighting
- Grilling space near courts
- Striping for other sports at 2 Tennis Courts
- Collaboration with local artists for walls, murals, and benches

DESIGN AREA 1: COURTS



BASKETBALL COURTS
INTEGRATE BLEACHERS AND
SUPPORT AMENITIES FOR
TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS



TERRACED SEATING



SPORT COURTS
IMPROVED VISIBILITY,
FLEXIBILITY, AND SEATING



BASKETBALL COURTS
ADD COMMUNITY
EXPRESSION TO THE SPACE



BASKETBALL COURTS
ADD COMMUNITY
EXPRESSION TO THE SPACE



PICKLE BALL MARKINGS
AT TENNIS COURTS

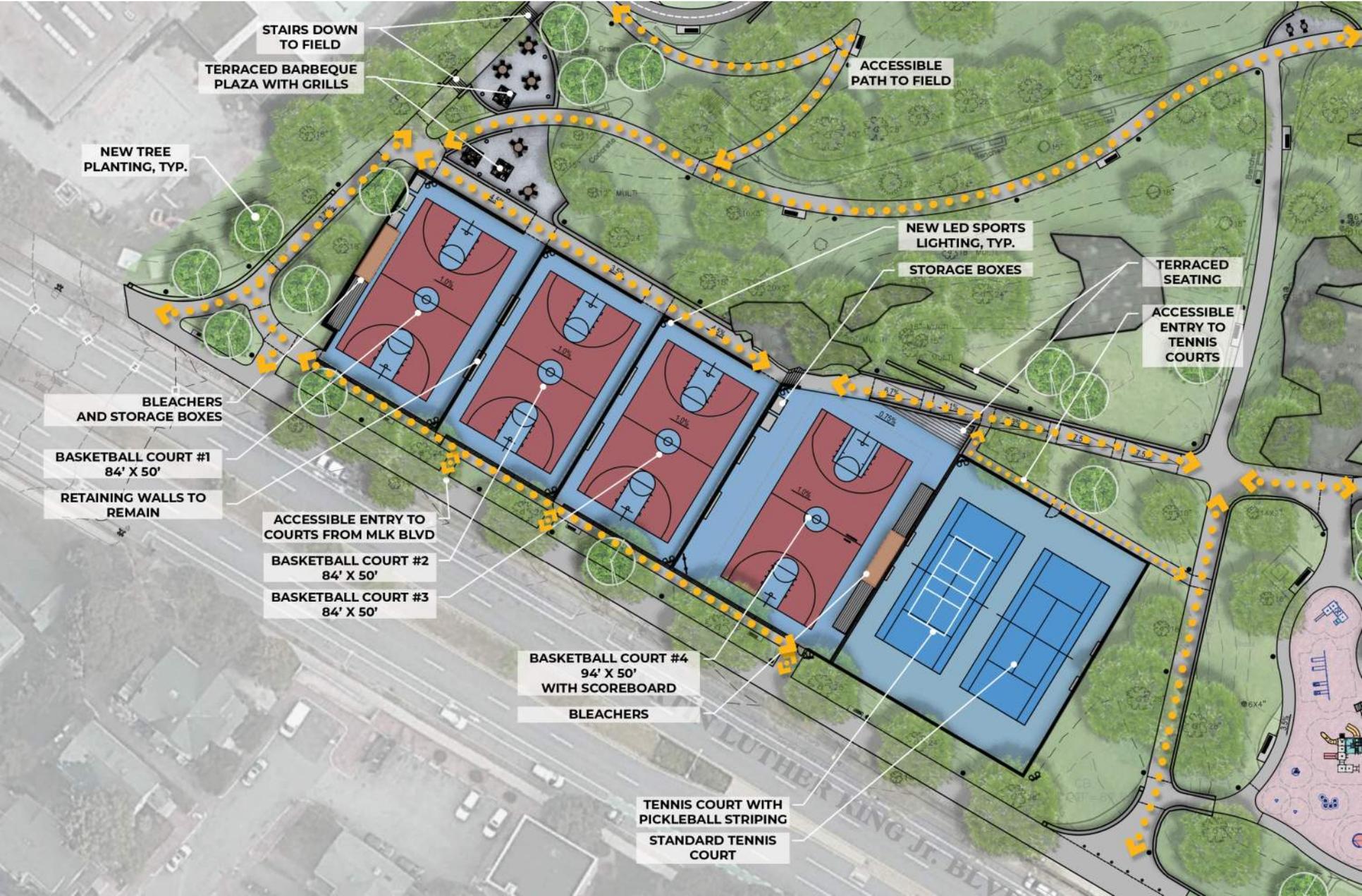


**TERRACED
BARBEQUE AREA**



TERRACED SEATING
USE EXISTING
TOPOGRAPHY TO OFFER
INFORMAL SEATING

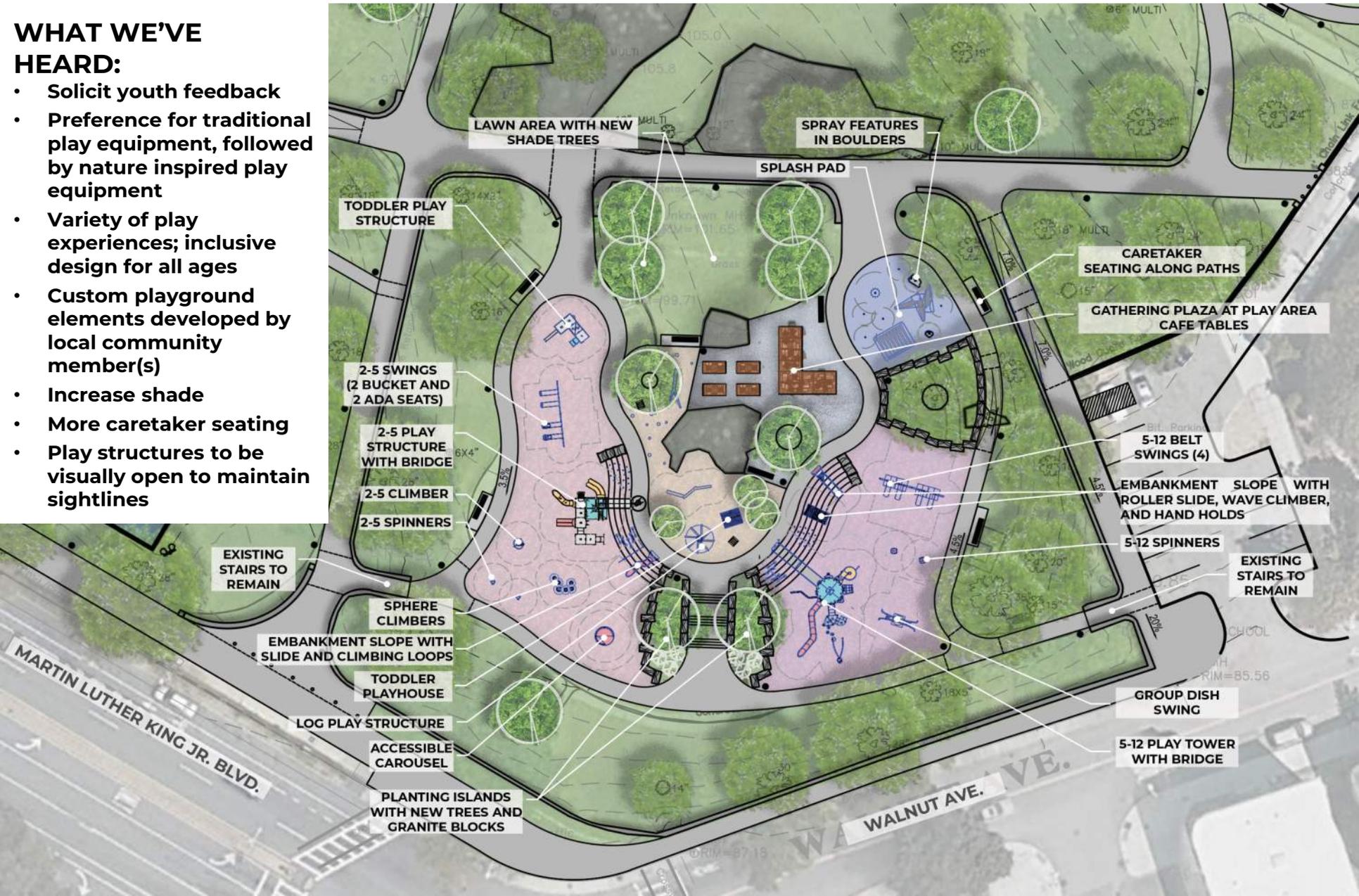
DESIGN AREA 1: COURTS - DISCUSSION



DESIGN AREA 2: PLAYGROUND

WHAT WE'VE HEARD:

- Solicit youth feedback
- Preference for traditional play equipment, followed by nature inspired play equipment
- Variety of play experiences; inclusive design for all ages
- Custom playground elements developed by local community member(s)
- Increase shade
- More caretaker seating
- Play structures to be visually open to maintain sightlines



DESIGN AREA 2: 5-12 PLAYGROUND



KEY PLAN

5-12 PLAY TOWER W/ BRIDGE



*Roof design still in progress



5-12 BELT SWINGS



GROUP DISH SWING



5-12 SPINNER

EMBANKMENT ROLLER SLIDE



EMBANKMENT WAVE CLIMBER

Preferred color palette for all play equipment based on student response



*Colors shown are conceptual. Final colors will be selected during construction

DESIGN AREA 2: 2-5 PLAYGROUND

2-5 PLAY
STRUCTURE
W/ BRIDGE

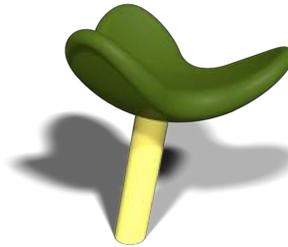


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KEY PLAN



2-5 SADDLE
SPINNER



TODDLER PLAY
STRUCTURE



RUBBER CLIMBING
SPHERES



2-5 SWINGS

DESIGN AREA 2: PLAYGROUND

EDUCATION TRAIL - Collaboration with Omo Moses

For Families:

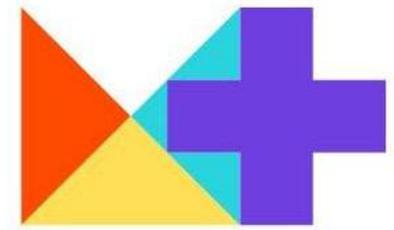
MathTalk was created to deliver unique resources, support, guidance, and interactive learning opportunities that make it easy for parents or other adults in children's lives to regularly engage with math, together.

For Children:

Particularly those from economically distressed communities, MathTalk helps to develop positive math identities by creating regular opportunities to discover and interact with math in their daily lives, wherever they are.

Similar Current Projects:

Magazine Beach Trail, Dudley Square. Distance marking of trail (unit of measurement design, etc.)



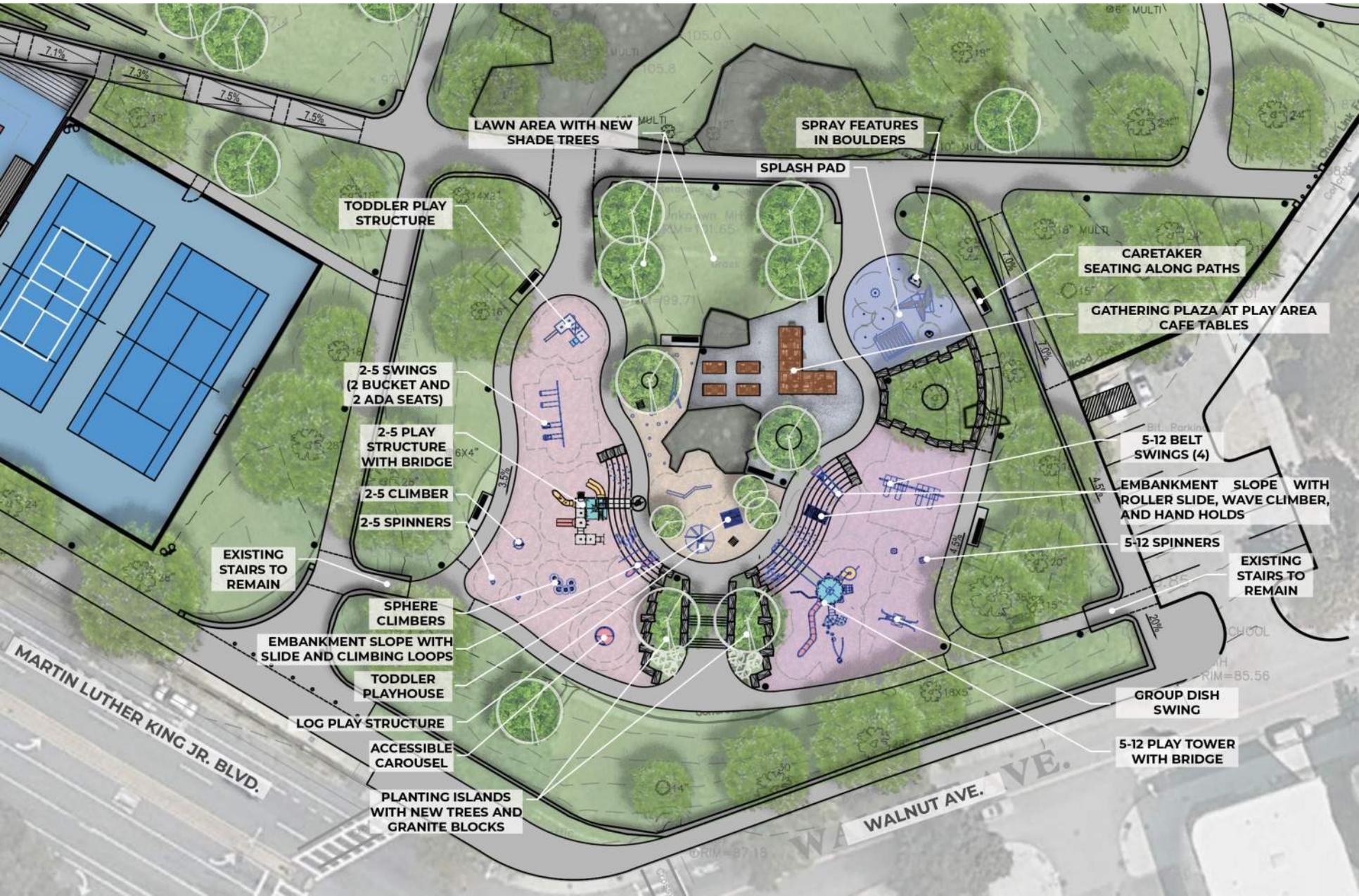
MathTalk

- **Community-based Hotspots:** installations and signage
- **Digital Products:** apps to “gamify” math concepts
- **Augmented Reality (AR):** bring math to life for a more meaningful learning process

EXAMPLES



DESIGN AREA 2: PLAYGROUND - DISCUSSION



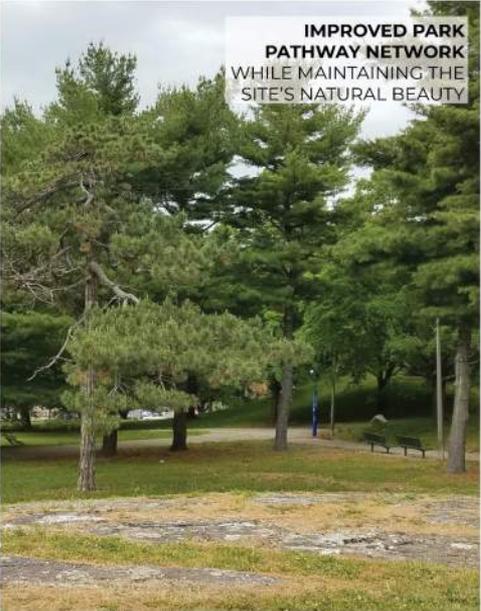
DESIGN AREA 3: PASSIVE AREAS

WHAT WE'VE HEARD:

- Park should accommodate multi-generational use
- Add more accessible routes through park
- Include BBQ area between courts and athletic field
- Add seating and game tables along Dale Street for seniors
- Add outdoor classroom
- Restrict vehicle access
- Provide vendor spaces along paths and MLK Blvd.
- Add bike parking at entrances



DESIGN AREA 3: PASSIVE AREAS



DESIGN AREA 3: PASSIVE AREAS - DISCUSSION



DESIGN AREA 4: FIELD

WHAT WE'VE HEARD:

- Softball field is in disrepair
- Add soccer striping of various sizes
- Spectators gather along parking lot edge of field
- Add accessible walking track buffered from the field
- Add fitness equipment nodes along walking track
- Integrate seating at hillsides
- Keep shade trees
- Add support infrastructure for community events



DESIGN AREA 4: FIELD



DESIGN AREA 4: FIELD - DISCUSSION



- WASHINGTON STREET
- DALE STREET
- NEW TREE PLANTING
- SCOREBOARD
- 4' HT BVCL FENCE WITH 25' HT SPORTS NETTING
- RETAINING WALL WITH POSSIBLE PUBLIC ARTWORK
- 8' WIDE FITNESS LOOP, 0.25 MI DISTANCE
- BENCHES
- EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN (5)
- SIDEWALK CONNECTION TO DALE STREET
- TEAM BENCHES
- BLEACHERS (2)
- MULTI-USE SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD
- ACCESSIBLE ENTRY FROM WASHINGTON STREET
- ADULT FITNESS EQUIPMENT NODE
- 4' HT BVCL FENCE WITH 25' HT SPORTS NETTING
- SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD MARKINGS
 - YELLOW = HS SOCCER
 - BLUE = U-12 YOUTH SOCCER
 - PURPLE = ULTIMATE FRISBEE
 - ORANGE = KICKBALL
- ACCESSIBLE GATHERING GROVE WITH GAME AND CAFE TABLES
- ADULT FITNESS EQUIPMENT NODE
- TERRACED HILLSIDE SEATING
- 4' HT BVCL FENCE
- NEW TREE PLANTING
- NEW LED SPORTS LIGHTING

DESIGN ALTERNATIVES: 2-12 “NATURAL” PLAYGROUND



KEY PLAN

LOG PLAY
STRUCTURE



TODDLER PLAYHOUSE



LOG STILTS

LOG BALANCING
SCRAMBLE



TODDLER TABLE

DESIGN ALTERNATIVES - DISCUSSION

“NATURAL” PLAYGROUND AREA



AMPHITHEATER/ OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



SHADE SHELTERS AT FIELD, BASKETBALL BLEACHERS AND PLAYGROUND

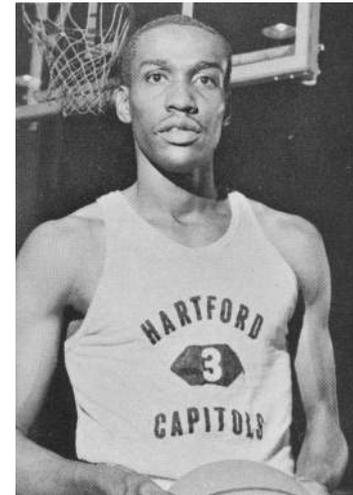


HISTORY

Which historic concepts should be represented in the park improvements?

- History of Malcolm X
- History of Civil Rights Movement in Roxbury
- Geologic History of Park and Surroundings
- Multicultural History of Community Surrounding the Park Over Time
- Notable Basketball Figures with Roots in Roxbury
- History of Park Design (Olmsted)
- Others?

EXAMPLES:



ART

Sarah Rodrigo
Public Art Project Manager,
Boston Arts Commission

What we heard: include art and murals on-site
Community input is needed on these spaces:

1. Are there certain artists you would like to see represented here?
2. Should the request go out to artists across the city or be kept focused to Roxbury?
3. Are there any art-advisors in the community that should be included in the process of selecting artists?



PROJECT CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION SESSION



Last updated: 11/18/20

EQUITY AND INCLUSION UNIT

*We promote inclusive contracting practices throughout
City of Boston departments and agencies.*

STAY IN TOUCH!

For any questions regarding our policies or upcoming events, please contact our team at 617-635-0355.

Joshua McFadden

Community Engagement and Outreach Manager
Mayor's Office of Economic Development
Equity and Inclusion Unit

The Malcolm X Park construction information session will be held on **Thursday, April 8th**. Please share your time preference with us.
3:30 PM OR 6:00 PM

JANUARY 21, 2021

Boston Parks and Recreation



OPEN DISCUSSION

For questions after the meeting please contact Lauren Bryant,
Project Manager Boston Parks and Recreation Department
617-961-3019, Lauren.Bryant@boston.gov
And visit the website:

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THANK YOU