

# CRAWFORD STREET PLAYGROUND AND WALNUT 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](mailto:lauren.bryant@boston.gov) to further discuss the project or process.

# ZOOM TIPS

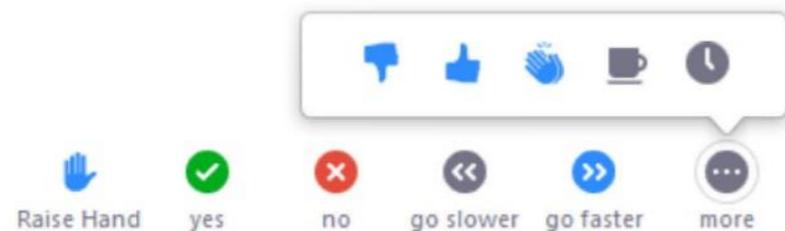
Here is how you can participate during the question and answer part of the presentation.

## 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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**PROJECT TEAM INTRODUCTION**

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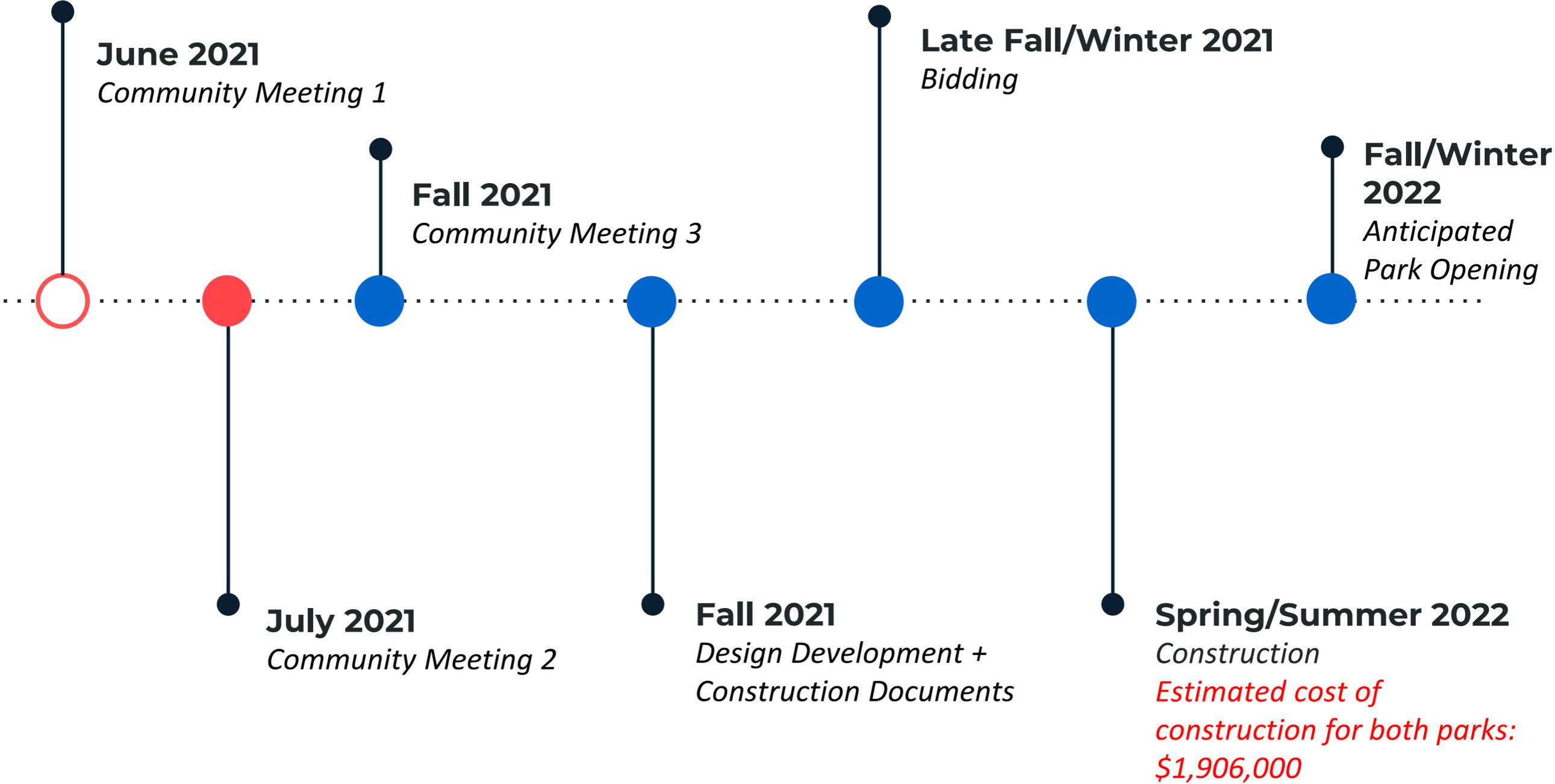


# PROJECT OVERVIEW



# PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING

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An aerial photograph of a city grid, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The image shows a dense network of streets and buildings, with a prominent diagonal road cutting through the center. The word "CONTEXT" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on the left side of the image.

# CONTEXT

# NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

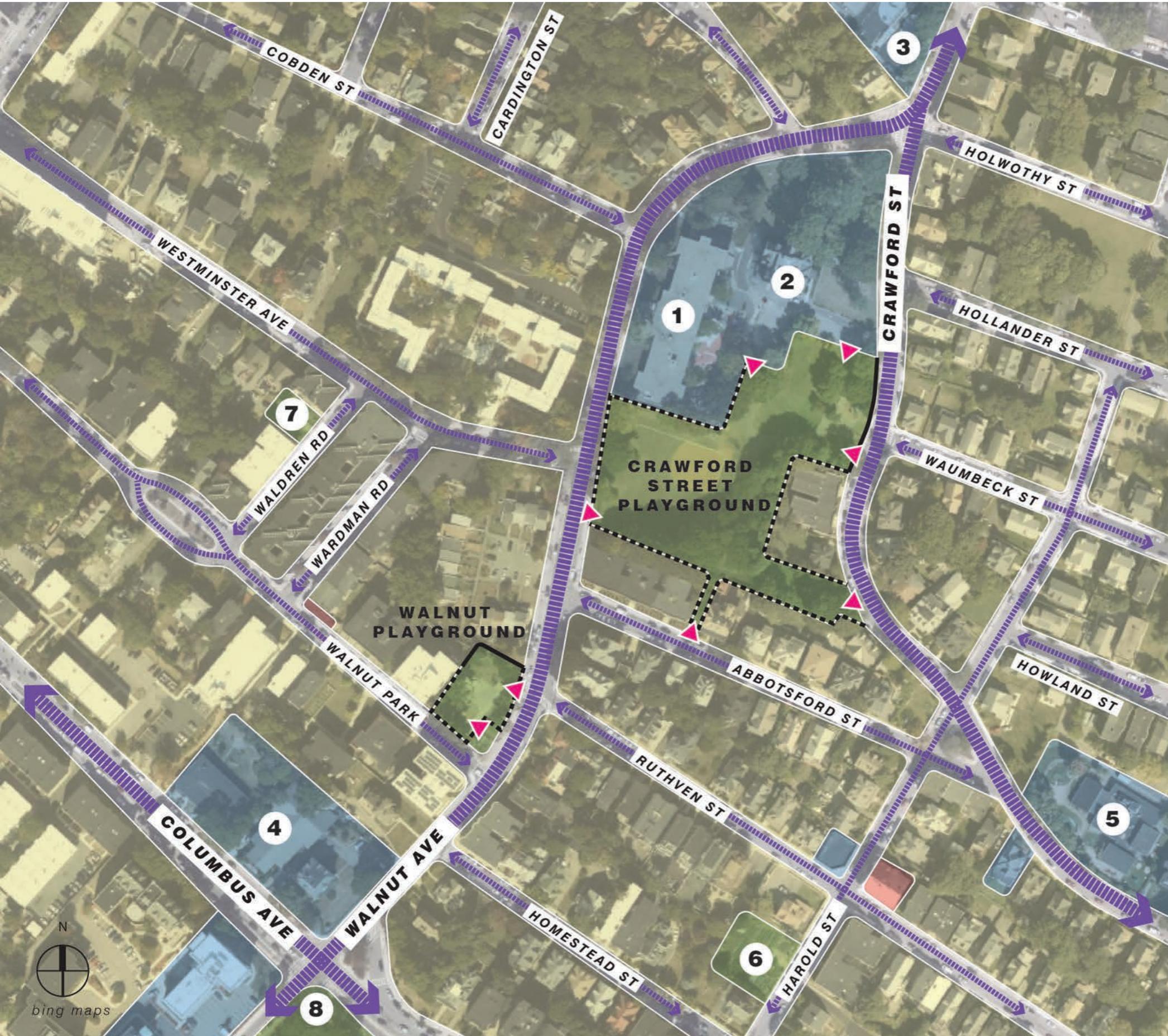


## LEGEND

- SCHOOL
  - COMMUNITY GARDEN
  - PARKS
1. Franklin Park
  2. Waldren Road Garden
  3. Rafael Hernandez K-8 Elementary Schoolyard
  4. Trotter School Playground
  5. Horatio Harris Park
  6. Egleston Square Peace Garden
  7. Laviscount Park
  8. Malcolm X Park
  9. Higginson-Lewis K-8 Schoolyard
  10. Mendell Schoolyard
  11. Marcella Playground
  12. Southwest Corridor Park
  13. Holborn Street Totlot
  14. William F. Flaherty Playground Park
  15. Elm Hill Park
  16. Forbes Street Playground
  17. Mozart Park
- PLAYGROUND
  - PASSIVE PARK
  - SPORTS FIELDS/COURTS
  - WATER PLAY FEATURE
  - EXCERCISE FEATURES



# IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS



## LEGEND

- PARKS
- RESIDENTIAL
- INSTITUTIONAL
- COMMERCIAL
- ▼ PARK ENTRANCE
- ⇄ CIRCULATION

## EDGE CONDITION

- WALL
- FENCING

## KEY SITES/BUILDINGS

1. David A. Ellis School
2. The Museum of NCAAA
3. Higginson Elementary School
4. Egleston Square Branch of the Boston Public Library
5. Crispus Attucks Children's Center
6. Garrison-Trotter Farm
7. Waldren Road Garden
8. Franklin Park

# SITE ANALYSIS RECAP

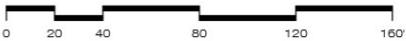


# CRAWFORD AND WALNUT | EXISTING CONDITIONS



**CRAWFORD STREET PLAYGROUND'S TOTAL PLAY AREA - 1,775 SQ. FT.**

**WALNUT PARK'S TOTAL PLAY AREA - 4,375 SQ. FT.**





# CRAWFORD | EXISTING CONDITIONS + CIRCULATION



# WALNUT | FIRST COMMUNITY MEETING SUMMARY

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The first public meeting was held on June 08, 2021. Key feedback we received from attendees included:

- Retain splash pad, swings, and play structures for 2-5 year olds and 5-12 year olds
- Create more privacy from Walnut Street
- Upgrade site lighting

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- Spectator seating for the sports field
- Upgrade site lighting
- Creating a gathering space where people can watch games on the ball field and keep an eye on the playground.
- Introduce splash pads, swings, and play features that offer different play experiences than Walnut Park's features
- Larger playground
- Features that recount site and neighborhood history
- A request was made for adult exercise equipment
- School Groups use both the playground and the field
- Walking Loop

# SCHEMATIC PLANS



# WALNUT SCHEMATIC PLAN | OPTION A



Shrubs

Ages 2-5 Play Structure

Ages 2-12 Spinner

Splash Pad with Sculptural and Flush Sprays

Existing Evergreen Tree, typ.

Ages 5-12 Play Structure

Backed Bench

Understory or Flowering Tree, typ.

Trash Receptacle

Gate

Proposed Shade Tree, typ.

Existing Deciduous Tree, typ.

Concrete Seatwall

Picnic Table

Water Fountain

Pedestrian Scale Light

Backless Bench

Dish Swings for Ages 5-12

Game Table

Gate

WALNUT PARK

WALNUT AVENUE



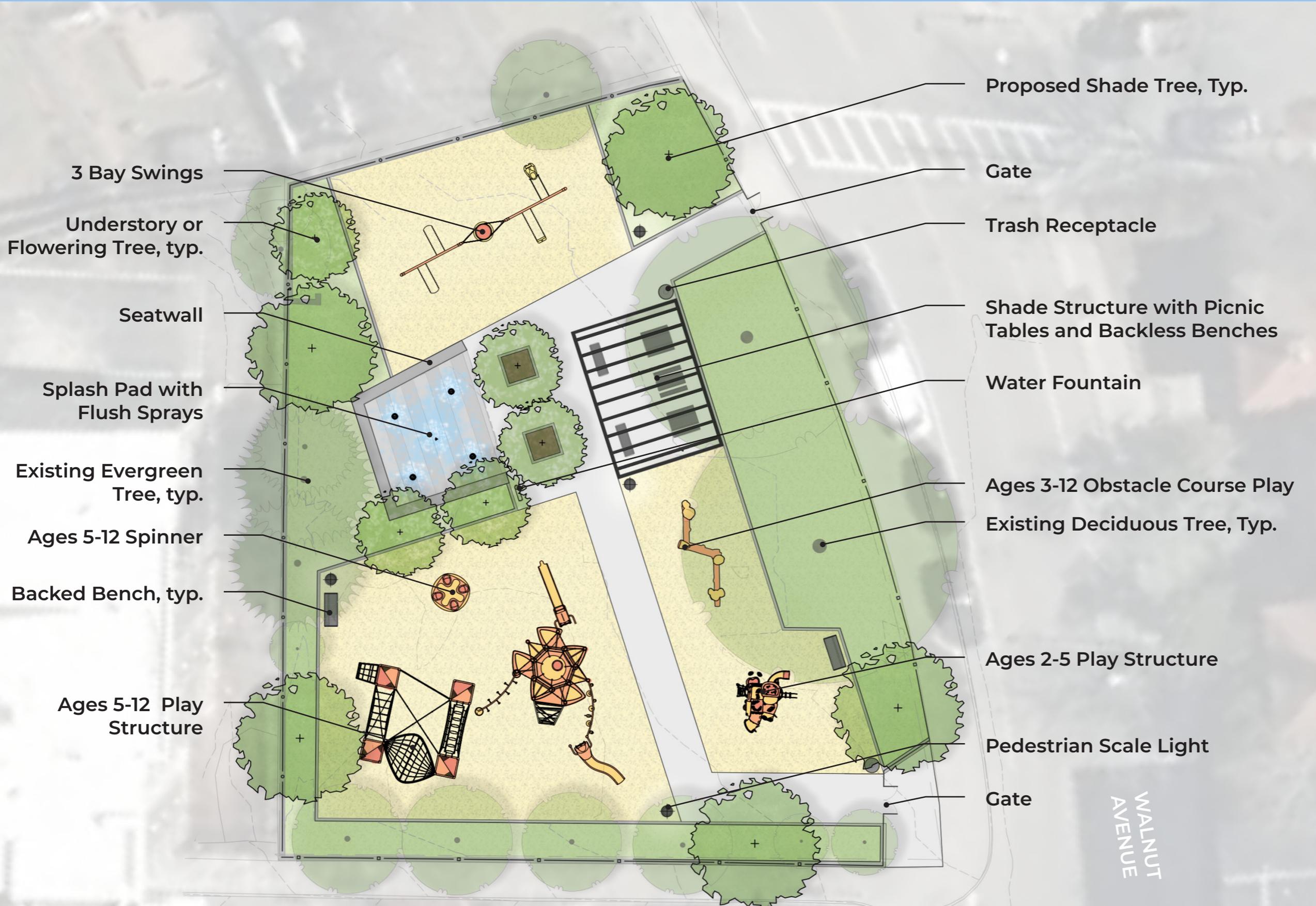
# WALNUT OPTION A | PLAY FEATURES



# WALNUT OPTION A | FURNISHINGS



# WALNUT SCHEMATIC PLAN | OPTION B



3 Bay Swings

Understory or Flowering Tree, typ.

Seatwall

Splash Pad with Flush Sprays

Existing Evergreen Tree, typ.

Ages 5-12 Spinner

Backed Bench, typ.

Ages 5-12 Play Structure

Proposed Shade Tree, Typ.

Gate

Trash Receptacle

Shade Structure with Picnic Tables and Backless Benches

Water Fountain

Ages 3-12 Obstacle Course Play

Existing Deciduous Tree, Typ.

Ages 2-5 Play Structure

Pedestrian Scale Light

Gate

WALNUT PARK

WALNUT AVENUE



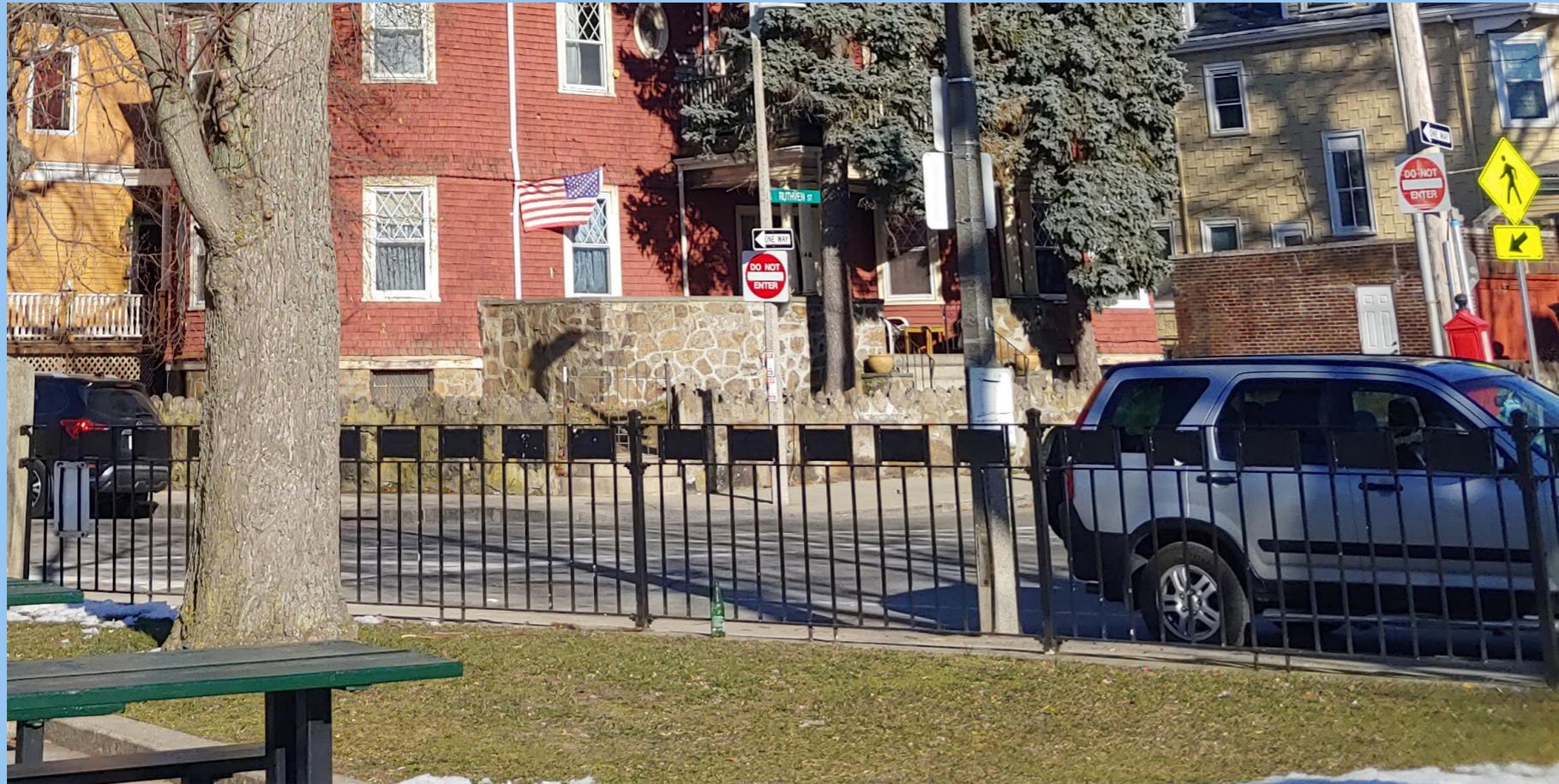
# WALNUT OPTION B | PLAY FEATURES



# WALNUT OPTION B | FURNISHINGS



# WALNUT | FENCE AND ART



# CRAWFORD PLAYGROUND SCHEMATIC PLAN | OPTION A



Regraded Lawn Area  
Series of Ramps

Existing Tree, Typ.

Renovated Softball /  
Little League Field

Team Bench Seating  
and Shelter

Existing Fence

Inclined Walk at  
Walnut Street Entry

Inclined Walk at  
Abbotsford Street

Pedestrian Scale  
Light, Typ.

Entry Plaza with  
Splash Pad

Ages 2-5 Play

Steps, Typ.

Ages 5-12 Play

Exercise Station and  
Bike Racks  
Crawford  
Street Entry

Retaining Wall, Typ.

Inclined Walk

Bleacher Seating with  
Shade Structure

Seating Plaza

Proposed Tree, Typ.

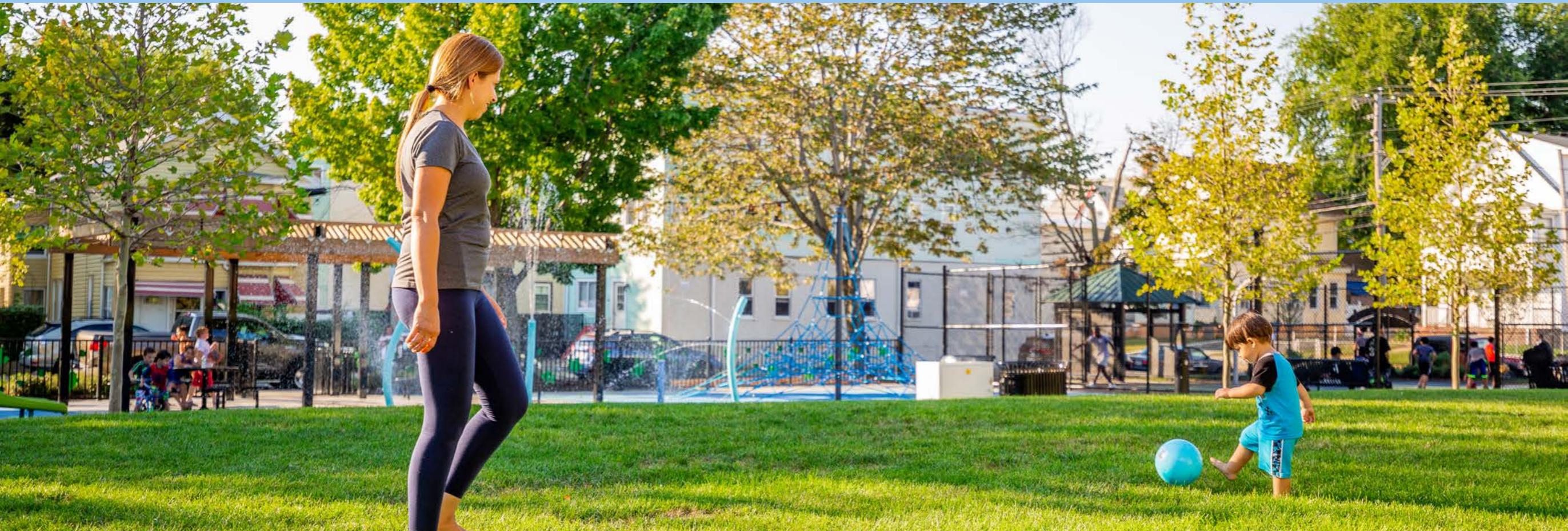
Series of Ramps at  
Crawford Street Entry



# CRAWFORD PLAYGROUND OPTION A | PLAY FEATURES



# CRAWFORD PLAYGROUND OPTION A | ATHLETIC FEATURE



# CRAWFORD PLAYGROUND OPTION A | FURNISHINGS



# CRAWFORD PLAYGROUND SCHEMATIC PLAN | OPTION B



Seating Plaza

Regraded Lawn Area

Inclined Walks and Seat Walls

Overlook Plaza with Splash Pad and

Renovated Softball / Little League Field, (Shifted and Existing Fence

Team Bench Seating and Shelter

Inclined Walk at Walnut

Pedestrian Scale Light, Inclined Walk at Abbotsford

Playground with Hillside Elements and Equipment for Ages 2-5 and 5-12 Inclined Loop Walk

Steps, Typ.

Crawford Street Entry with Bike Racks

Proposed Tree, Typ.

Spectator Seat Wall, Typ.

Exercise Station and Bike

Existing Tree, Typ.

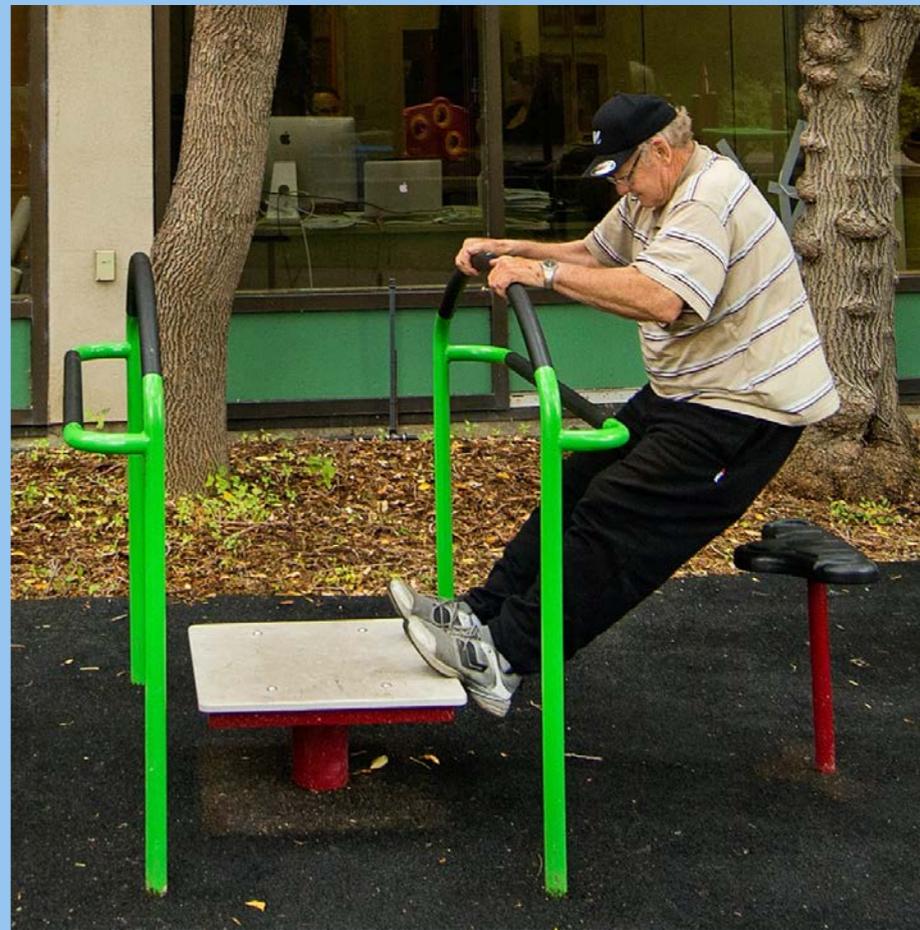
Series of Ramps at Crawford Street Entry



# CRAWFORD PLAYGROUND OPTION B | PLAY FEATURES



# CRAWFORD PLAYGROUND OPTION B | ATHLETIC FEATURE

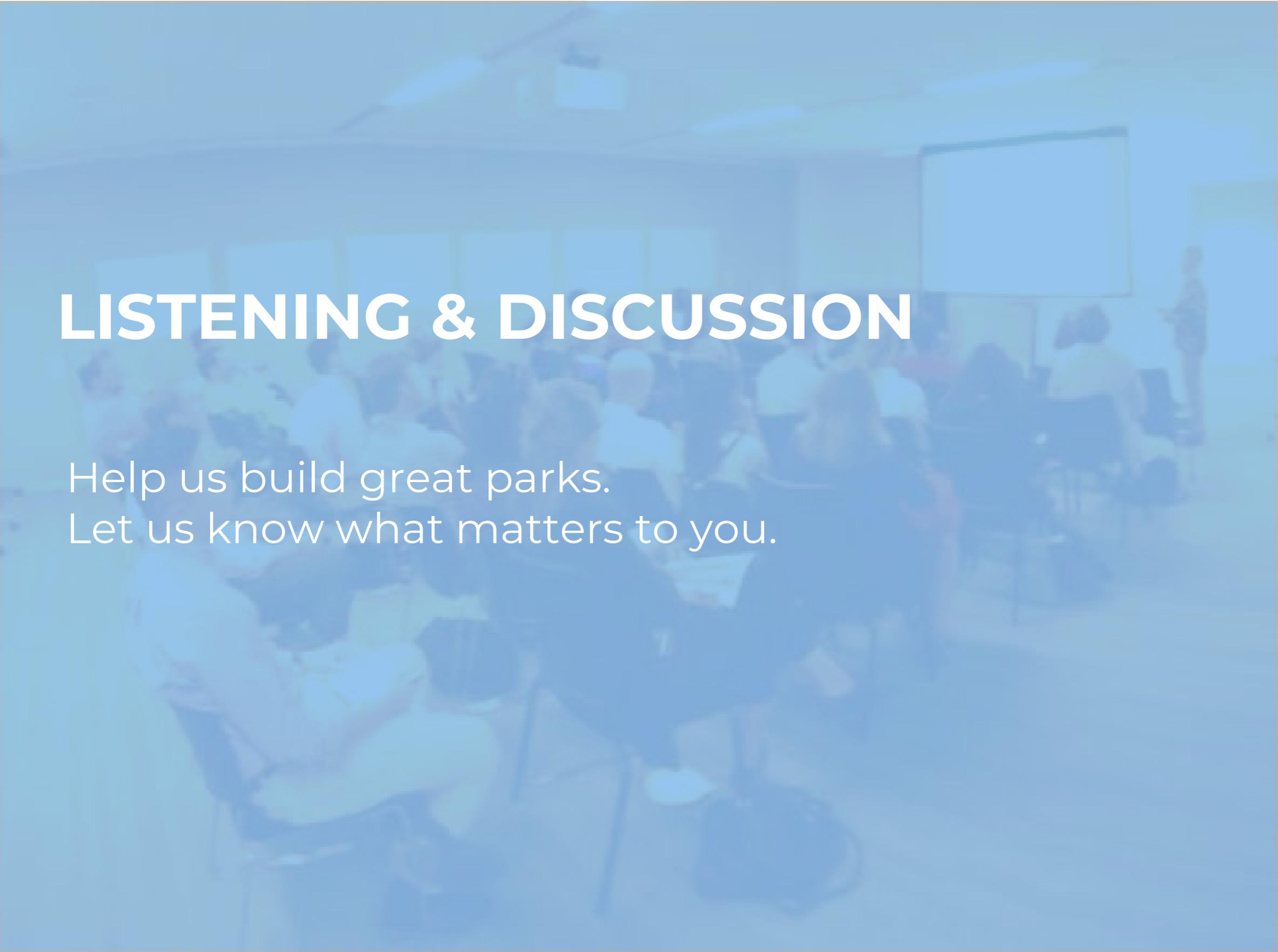


# CRAWFORD PLAYGROUND OPTION B | FURNISHINGS



# CRAWFORD PLAYGROUND | PARK ENTRANCES AND WAYFINDING





# LISTENING & DISCUSSION

Help us build great parks.  
Let us know what matters to you.



# THANK YOU!

## Next Meeting Fall 2021

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/improvements-crawford-street-and-walnut-avenue-playgrounds>

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

