

CRAWFORD STREET PLAYGROUND AND WALNUT PARK MEETING 3



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

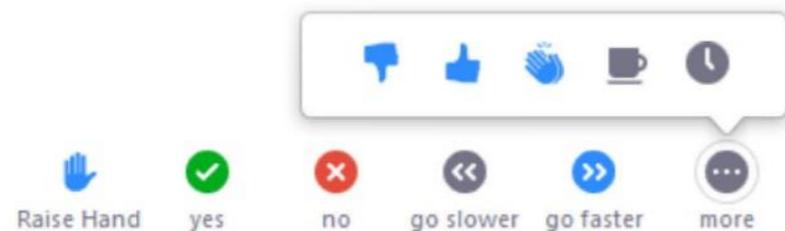
Here is how you can participate during the question and answer part of the presentation.

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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CLOSING REMARKS & NEXT STEPS

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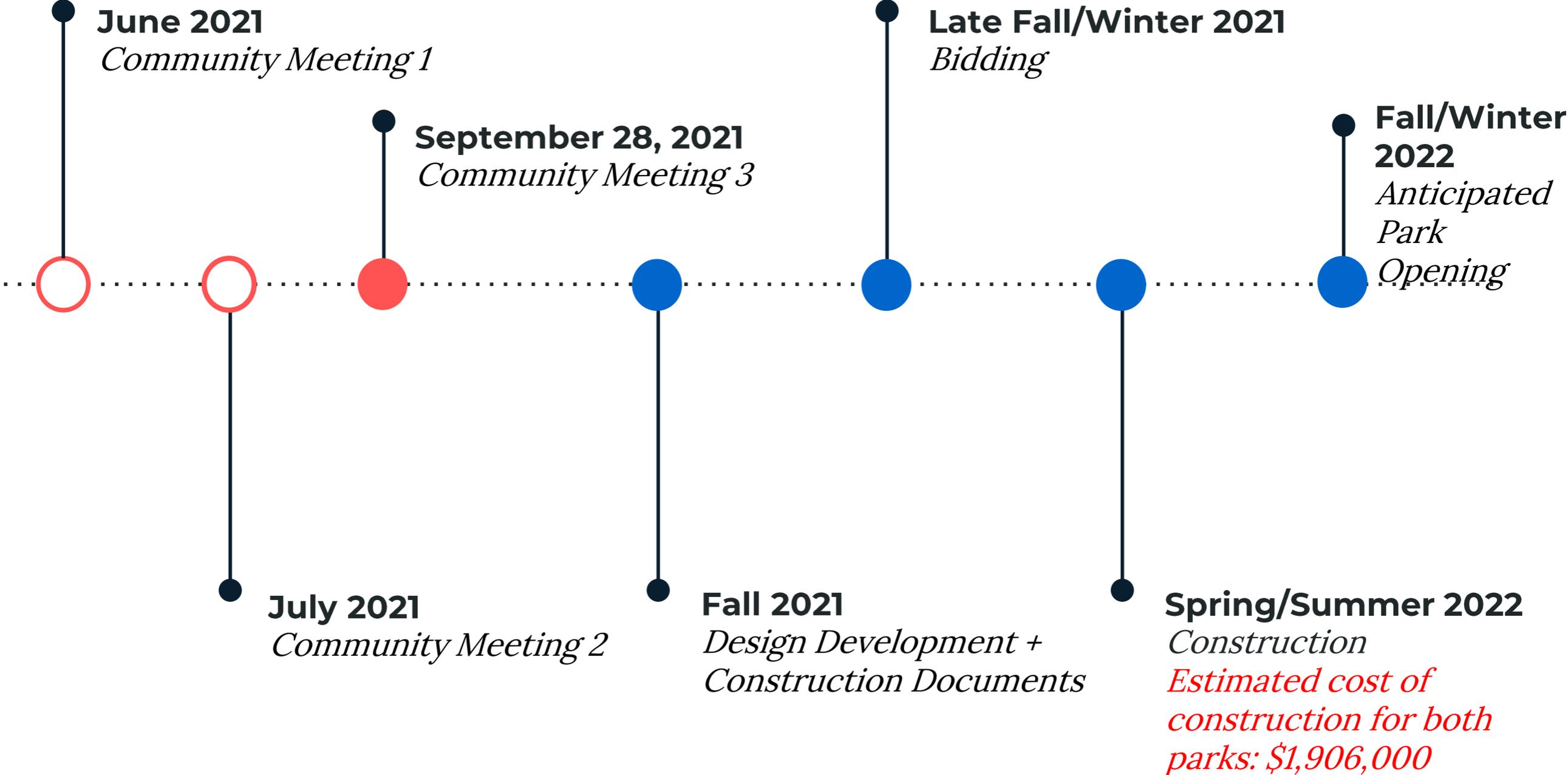
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

A blue-tinted photograph of a playground. The playground features several slides and climbing structures with wooden railings. The ground is covered in snow. In the background, there is a multi-story apartment building and bare trees. The text "PROJECT OVERVIEW" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font on the left side of the image.

PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING



An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The image shows a dense grid of streets, numerous houses with varying roof colors, and several green spaces or parks. The overall scene is a typical suburban or urban residential area.

CONTEXT

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT



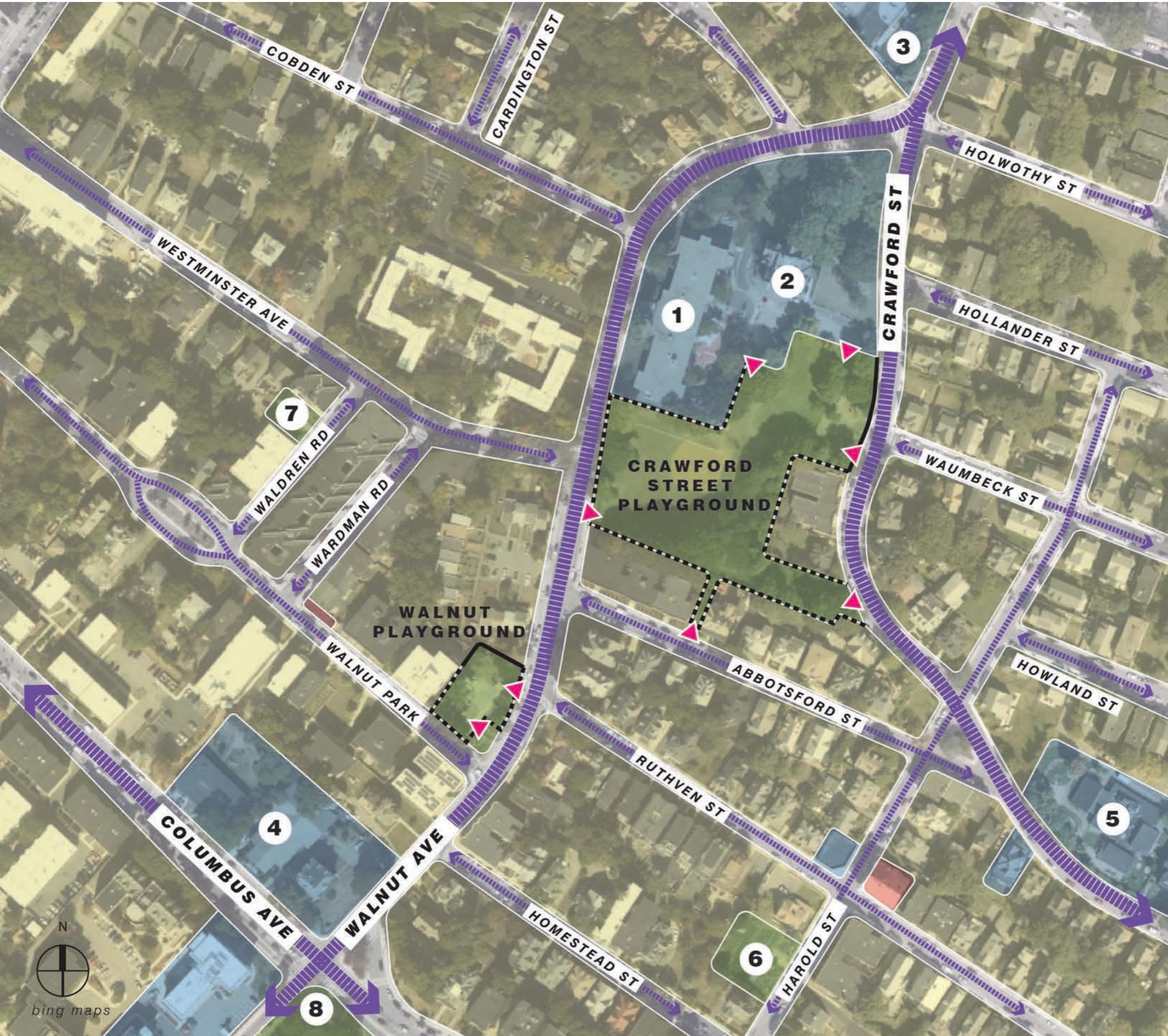
LEGEND

- 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

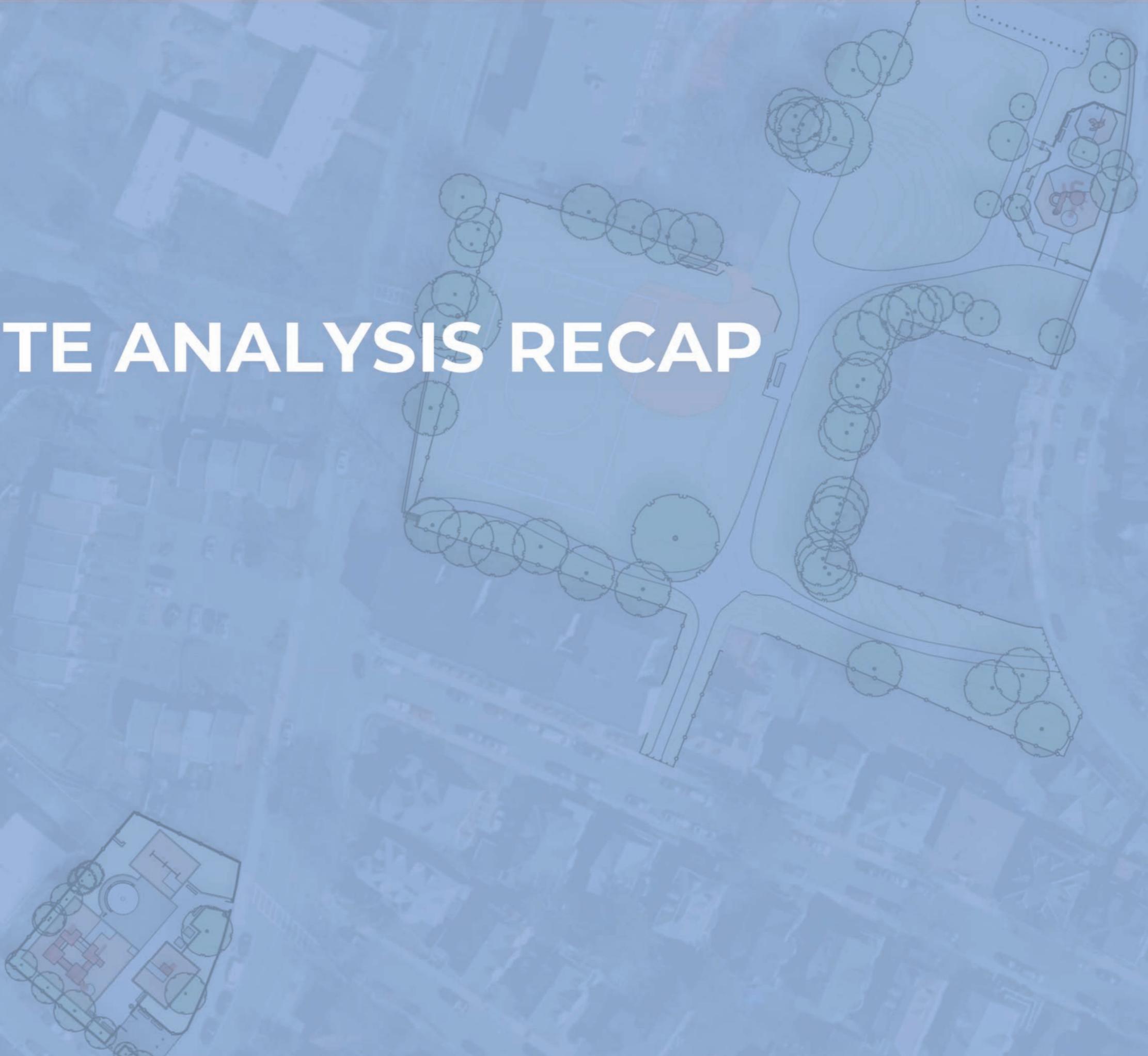
EDGE CONDITION

- 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

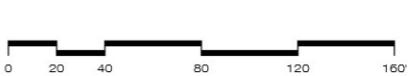


CRAWFORD AND WALNUT | EXISTING CONDITIONS



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

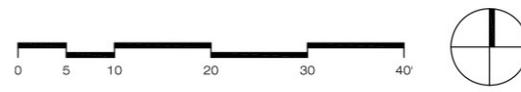
WALNUT PARK'S TOTAL PLAY AREA - 4,375 SQ. FT.



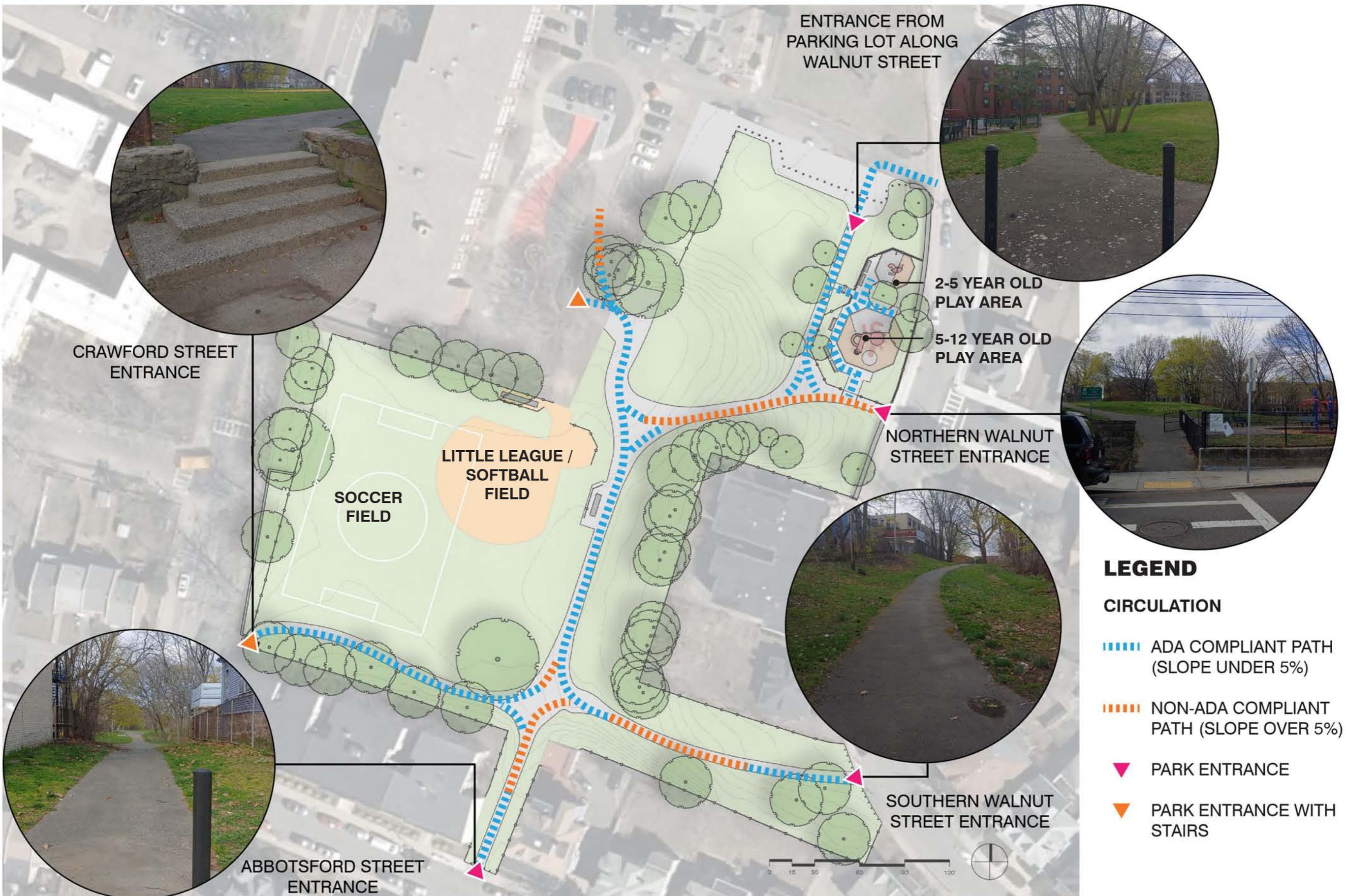
WALNUT | EXISTING CONDITIONS



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



CRAWFORD | CIRCULATION - EXISTING CONDITIONS + PEDESTRIAN PATHS



WALNUT | FIRST COMMUNITY MEETING SUMMARY

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

CRAWFORD | FIRST COMMUNITY MEETING SUMMARY

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

- 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

SCHEMATIC PLAN RECAP



WALNUT SCHEMATIC PLANS

OPTION A



OPTION B



WALNUT | SECOND COMMUNITY MEETING SUMMARY

The second public meeting was held on July 20, 2021. Key feedback we received from attendees included:

- Retain an entrance on Walnut Park
- Preference for flush splash pad features over sculptural features
- Separate the 2-5 and 5-12 Play areas for safety
- Create a themed motif that could unify the playground features from the splash pad to the play areas
- Add a shade structure for community gathering

WALNUT | PARK POP-UP SUMMARY

The park pop-up was held on July 27, 2021. Key feedback we received from attendees included:

- A tall play structure
- There was a strong preference for Schematic Plan 2 - that separated the play areas for ages 2-5 and 5-12.
- A theme was requested for the park
- Half of the respondents preferred raised sculptural spray pad features and the other half preferred flush spray pad features
- Bright and fun colors were suggested for park features
- Maintain picnic tables for family functions
- Interest in including Ellis School Children for input or creative feature

CRAWFORD PLAYGROUND SCHEMATIC PLANS



CRAWFORD | SECOND COMMUNITY MEETING SUMMARY

The second community meeting was held on July 20, 2021. Key feedback we received from attendees included:

- Create accessible conditions at entrances, with no stairs
- Maintain the overlook gathering space in Schematic Plan B
- Have play features that incorporate the site's existing hill
- Playground setback from Crawford Street
- Splash pad located near the playground
- Large play structure for ages 5-12 for neighborhood and school children
- Multiple individual exercise stations located near the little league field or along a circuit
- Include a circuit path within the park

CRAWFORD | PARK POP-UP SUMMARY

The park pop-up was held on July 27, 2021. Key feedback we received from attendees included:

- Clearer sight lines between the field and playground
- Playground is not large enough for a class of students
- Create an open gathering space that can be used for various programming (yoga, zumba, etc), such as an area of flat lawn
- Lighting was requested for safety and to extend the parks usable hours
- A park user commented that they use the uphill path for exercise

PREFERRED DESIGN



WALNUT | PREFERRED SCHEMATIC PLAN



3 Bay Swings:
2-5 Swings, Dish Swing,
and 5-12 Swing and
Adaptive Plastic Seat

Seatwall

Splash Pad with
Flush Sprays

Existing Evergreen
Tree, typ.

Play Structures for
Ages 5-12

Proposed Understory
or Flowering Tree, Typ.

Accessible Spinner
for Ages 2-12

Spinner for 5-12, Typ.

Existing Deciduous
Tree, Typ.

Proposed Shade Tree, Typ.

Maintained Walnut Avenue
Entrance

Trash Receptacle, Typ.

Shade Structure with Picnic
Tables and Backless Benches

Water Fountain

2-12 Seesaw

Backed Bench, Typ.

Reoriented Path to Walnut
Avenue

Play Structure for Ages 2-5

Pedestrian Scale Light, Typ.

Reoriented Entrance and
Entry Plaza

Walnut Park Gated Entrance



WALNUT PARK

WALNUT | PLAY FEATURES



WALNUT | FURNISHINGS



WALNUT | FENCE AND ART



CRAWFORD | PREFERRED SCHEMATIC PLAN



CRAWFORD | PLAYGROUND ENLARGEMENT



Walking Loop, Typ.

Backed Benches, Typ.

Splash Pad Plaza

Musical Instruments

Episodic Hillside Play

Retaining Wall, Typ.

Proposed Understory or Flowering Tree, Typ.

Meadow

Gently Sloping Lawn

Inclined Walk

Sloped Walkway in Rubber Safety Surface

Play Structure for Ages 5-12

Gate, Typ.

Light, Typ.

Picnic Table, Typ.

Proposed Shade Tree, Typ.

Double Dish Swing

Play Structure for Ages 2-5

Backless Bench, Typ.

Fence

Stairway

Bike Racks, Typ.

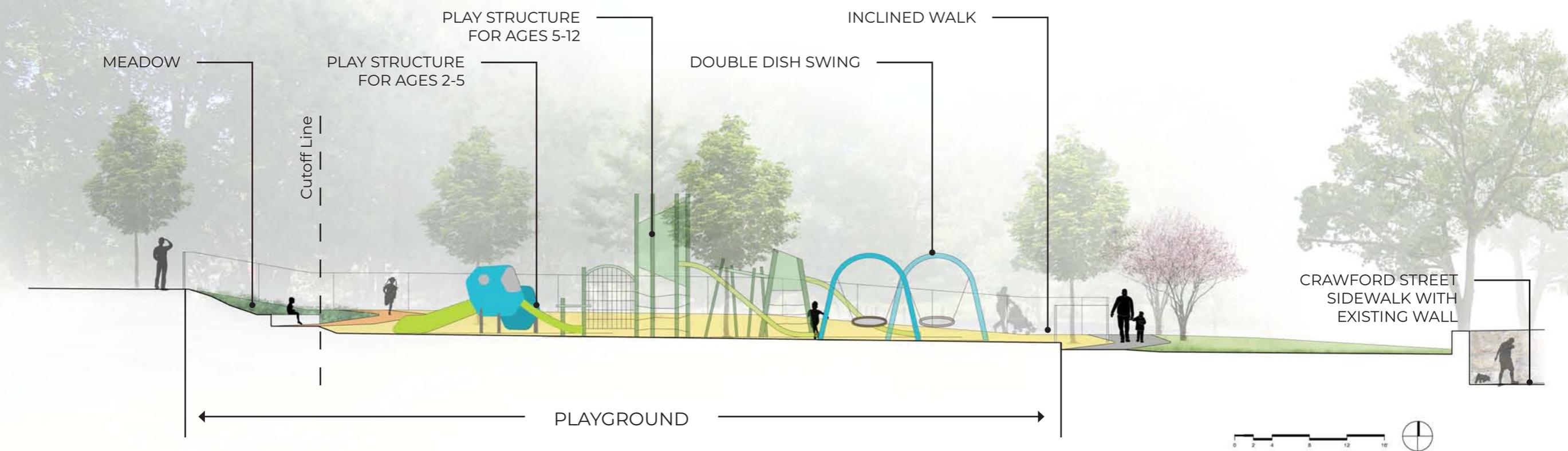
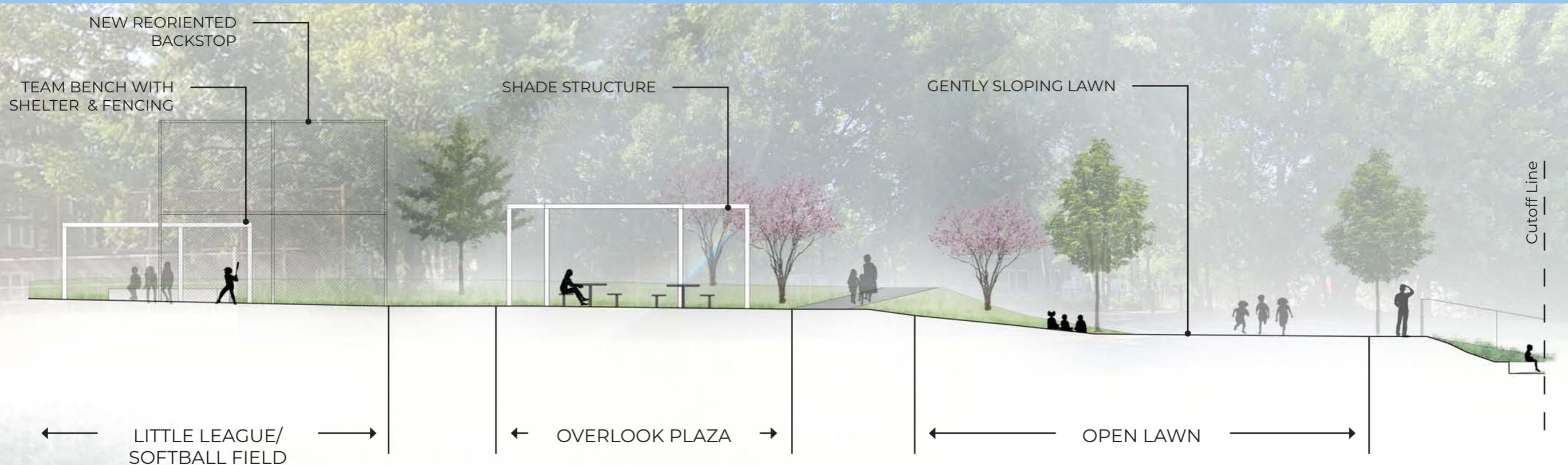
Existing Evergreen Tree

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CRAWFORD | SECTION CUT



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CRAWFORD | PLAY FEATURES



CRAWFORD | ATHLETIC FEATURE

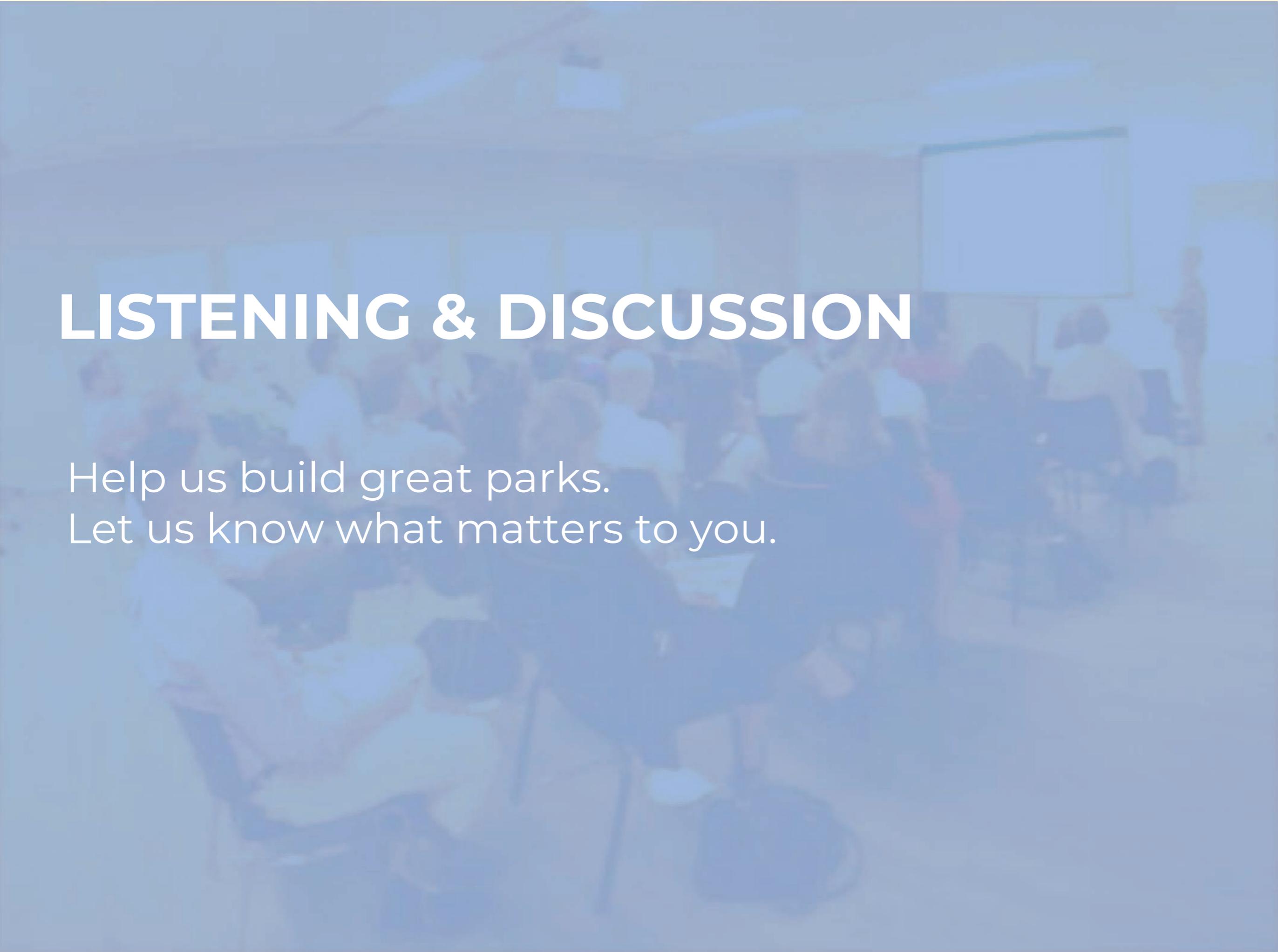


CRAWFORD | FURNISHINGS



CRAWFORD | FURNISHINGS AND WAYFINDING



A group of people are seated in a circle in a meeting room, engaged in a discussion. A whiteboard is visible in the background. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

LISTENING & DISCUSSION

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

THANK YOU!

<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



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