

Improvements to
WINTHROP PLAYGROUND



 BSC GROUP

December 8, 2021

Boston Parks and Recreation



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 **Nathan Frazee**, Nathan.Frazee@boston.gov to further discuss the project or process.

ZOOM TIPS

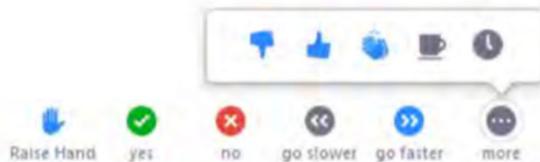
Here is how you can participate during the question and answer part of the presentation.

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



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AGENDA

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PROJECT TEAM INTRODUCTION

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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PRESENTATION

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LISTENING & DISCUSSION

5

CLOSING REMARKS & NEXT STEPS

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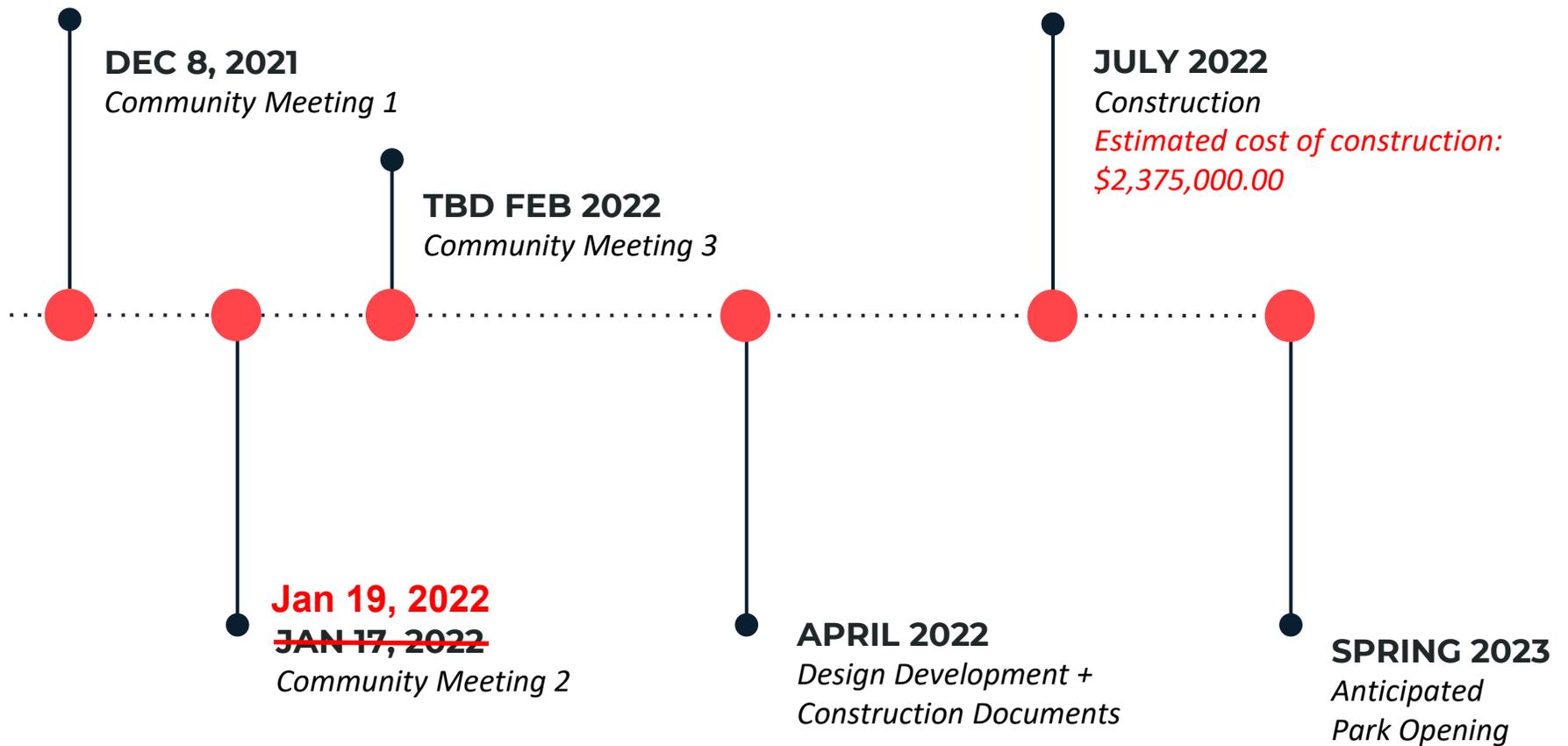
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PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING





City of Boston
Priorities

Safety Guidelines+
Regulatory
Guidelines

**PARK
DESIGN**

Parks + Recreation
Goals

Community
Input

CITY OF BOSTON PRIORITIES

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



PARK & RECREATION GOALS

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



THE **5**
ELEMENTS
OF
PLAY



SOCIAL/ EMOTIONAL

COOPERATION, DRAMATIC +
IMAGINATIVE PLAY



SEATING + TABLE AREAS,
THEMATIC PLAY ELEMENTS
(SHIPS), PLAY HOUSES

PHYSICAL

GROSS MOTOR/ FINE MOTOR SKILLS,
FLEXIBILITY, ACCESSIBILITY,
HEALTHY RISK + VARIETY



DISH SWINGS, MOVEABLE
OBJECTS, SWINGS, MONKEY
BARS, BALANCE

SENSORY

TOUCH, VISUAL. AUDITORY, SMELL
VESTIBULAR, PROPRIOCEPTIVE +
INTEROCEPTIVE



PUSH/ PULL ELEMENTS
WATER ELEMENTS, VARIED
TEXTURES + COLORS, SPINNING,
MOVEABLE OBJECTS, ROCKING

COGNITIVE

CREATIVITY, SENSE OF
ACCOMPLISHMENT, PROBLEM-
SOLVING, CAUSE + EFFECT, RISK
ASSESSMENT



INTERACTIVE WATER
ELEMENTS, ROPE CLIMBER,
LINKED PLAY ELEMENTS

COMMUNICATION

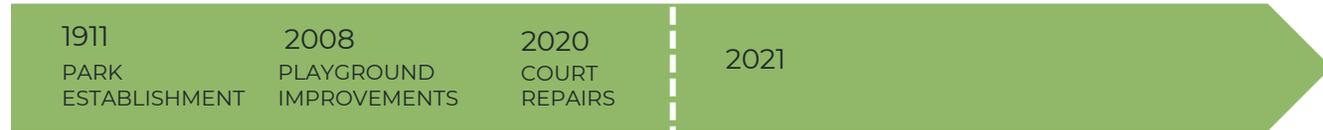
DEVELOPMENT OF RECEPTIVE +
EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE



TALK TUBES, SLIDES, THEMATIC
PLAY ELEMENTS, TRIKE TRACK,
SEE SAWS

PARK TIMELINE

Park
Name



Design+
Construction



Park
Maintenance



Friends
Group



SITE ANALYSIS

LEGEND

-  Project Boundary
-  Retaining Walls
-  Chain-link Fence
-  Picket Fence
-  Stairs
-  Light Poles

Prevailing Wind
from West



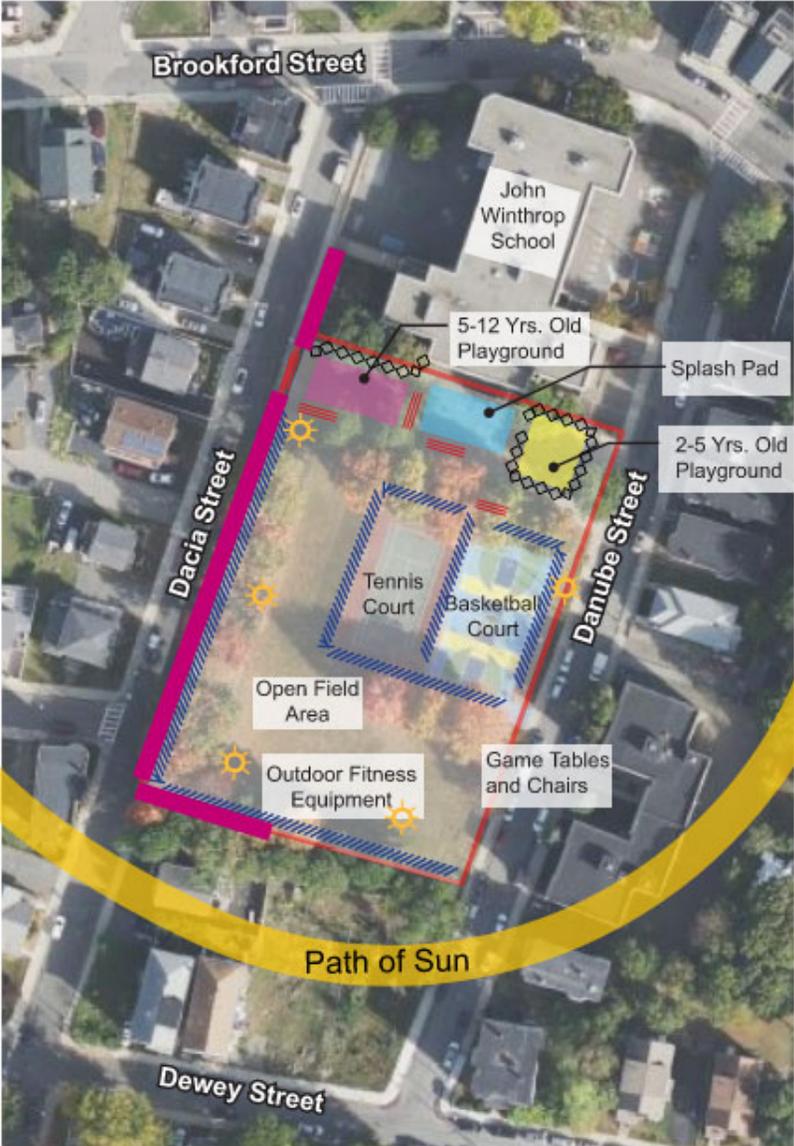
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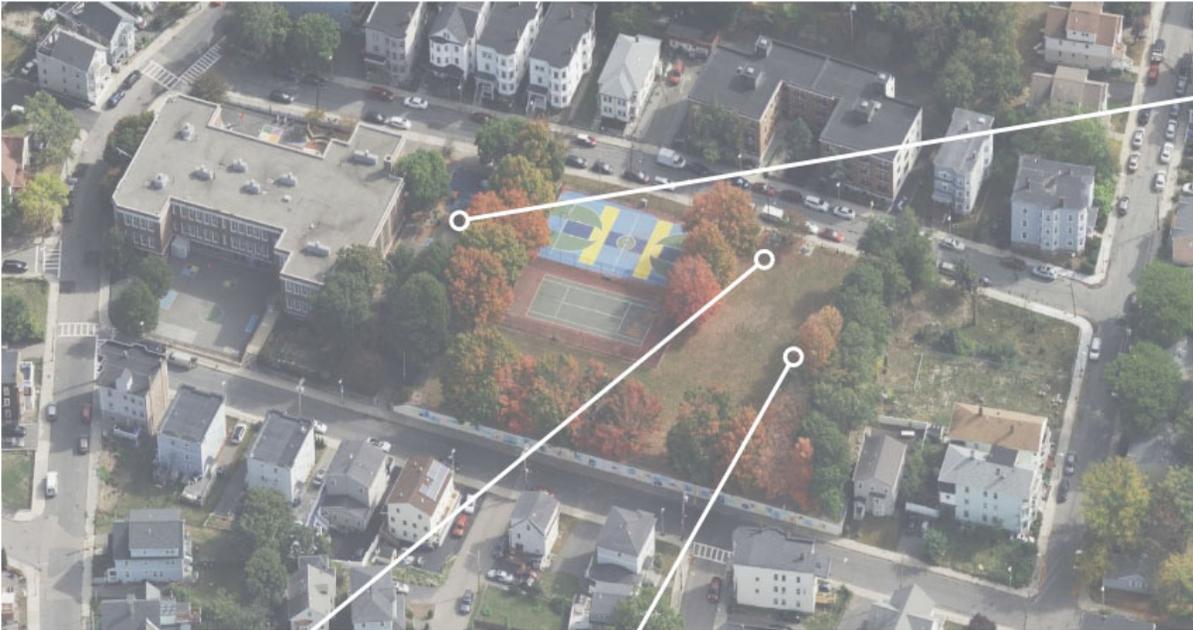
SITE ANALYSIS – CIRCULATION

LEGEND

-  Project Boundary
-  Park Access
-  Main Path/Sidewalks
-  Accessible Route
-  Non Accessible Route
-  School Access Route



SITE ANALYSIS – EXISTING CONDITIONS



Outdated and worn seating areas



Fitness equipment does not meet current standards



Splash pad play area is limited to a single spray feature

- Playground areas have exceeded lifetime play value
- Limited playground elements at toddler area (essentially climbing + sliding)
 - A few more activities at school age play area (could be updated)
 - Opportunity to update worn surfacing

SITE ANALYSIS – EXISTING CONDITIONS



Crumbling bollards and paving transitions need improvement



Chain link fencing blocks views through park. Excessive stairs are an opportunity to improve accessible circulation.

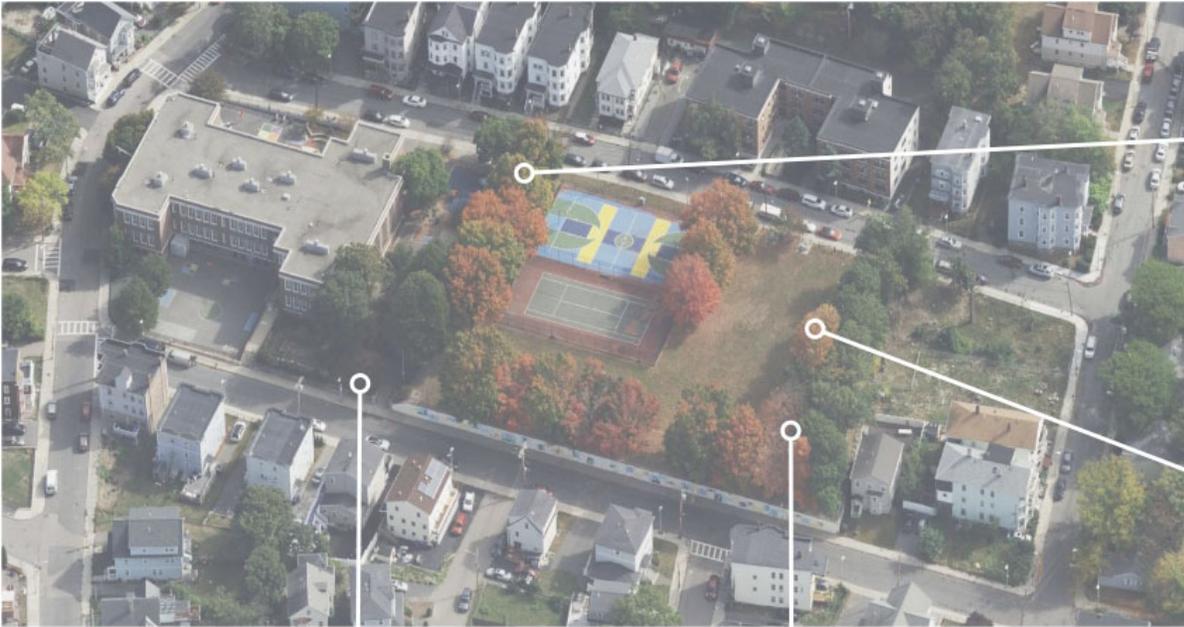


Tennis court surfacing needs repair



Cracked, uneven pavement with drainage issues

SITE ANALYSIS – EXISTING CONDITIONS



Retaining wall repairs are needed at Dacia Ave



Newer LED light fixtures



Older incandescent light fixtures
• Opportunity to upgrade all light fixtures to energy efficient LED



Existing trees appear to be in a state of decline and some nuisance trees are in conflict with the fenceline.

PARK AMENITIES – 2-5 INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND



PARK AMENITIES – 5-12 INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

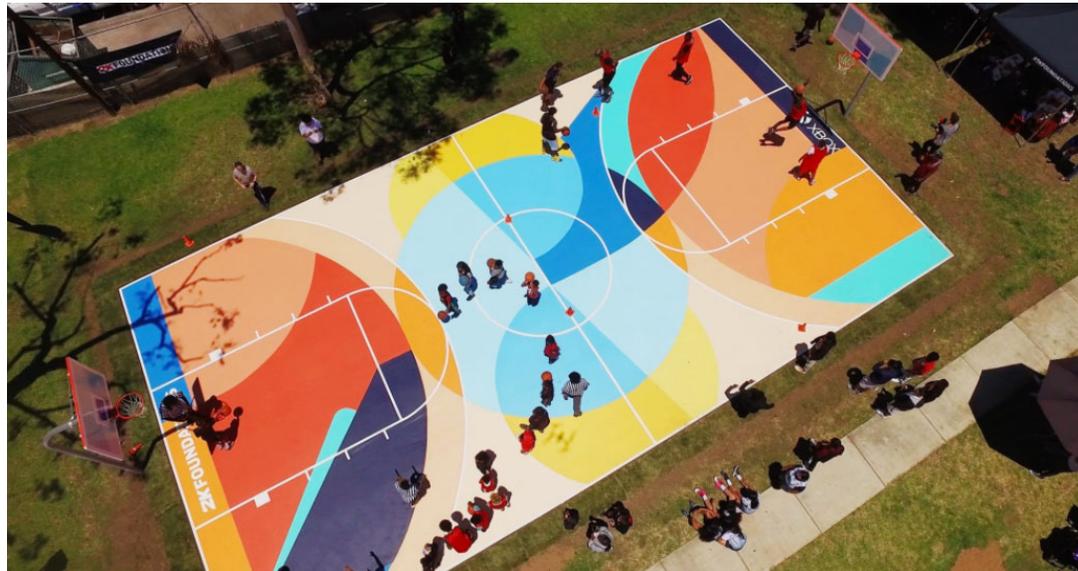


PARK AMENITIES – SPLASH PAD



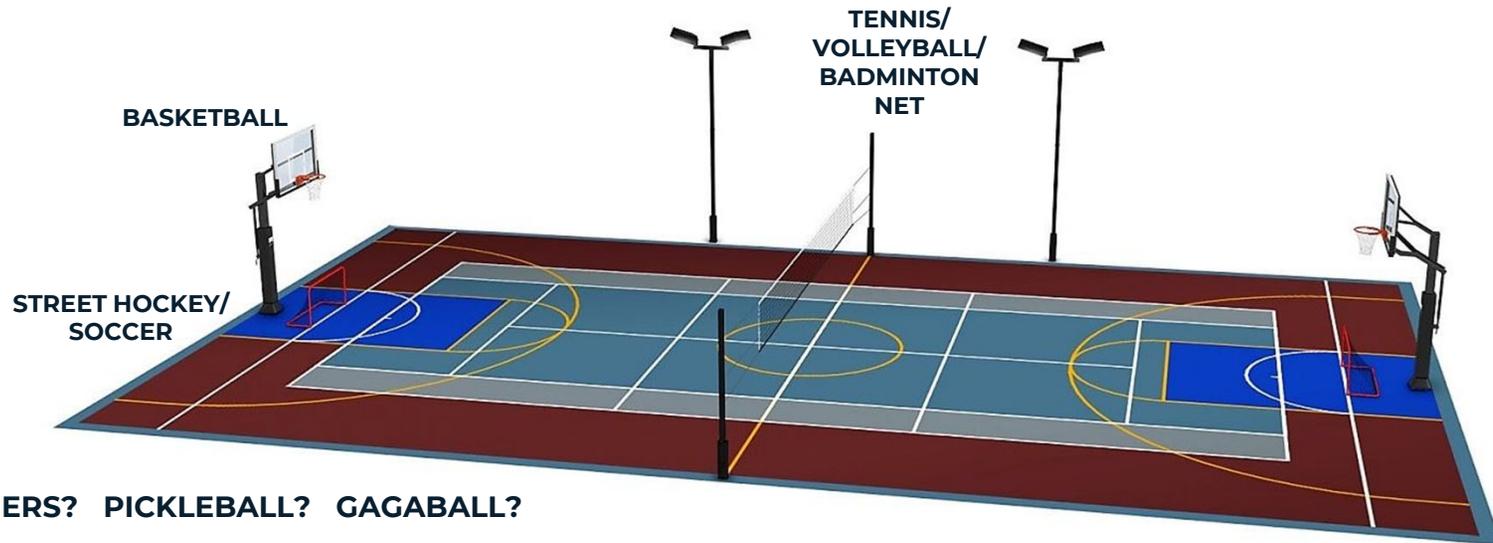
PARK AMENITIES – BASKETBALL + TENNIS

OPPORTUNITY TO RESURFACE EXISTING COURTS



PARK AMENITIES – MULTI-SPORT COURT

OPPORTUNITY TO REDESIGN COURT USES



OTHERS? PICKLEBALL? GAGABALL?

PARK AMENITIES – TODDLER/TIKE TRACK



PARK AMENITIES – FITNESS EQUIPMENT



PARK AMENITIES – SEATING



**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TABLE SEATING
(PROVIDE SEATS WITH BACKRESTS)**



BENCH SEATING WITH ARMS, BACKRESTS AND SIDE TABLES



PERFORATED GAME TABLE OPTION

PARK DESIGN – FENCING + BOLLARDS



EXISTING PICKET AND CHAIN LINK FENCING



EXISTING METAL BOLLARDS AT EDGE OF FIELD



OPPORTUNITY TO SOFTEN PARK EDGES

PARK DESIGN – ACCESSIBLE ROUTES



**WHERE POSSIBLE, ELIMINATE STAIRS AND PROVIDE (ACCESSIBLE) SLOPED WALKS.
POTENTIAL TO INCLUDE AMPHITHEATRE STYLE SEATING.**

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LISTENING & DISCUSSION

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



THANK YOU!

Next Meeting ~~January 17, 2021~~

January 19, 2022

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



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