

Improvements to
WINTHROP PLAYGROUND



 BSC GROUP

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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

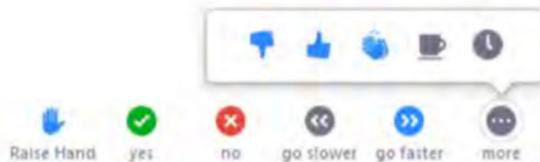
Here is how you can participate during the question and answer part of the presentation.

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



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

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LISTENING & DISCUSSION

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CLOSING REMARKS & NEXT STEPS

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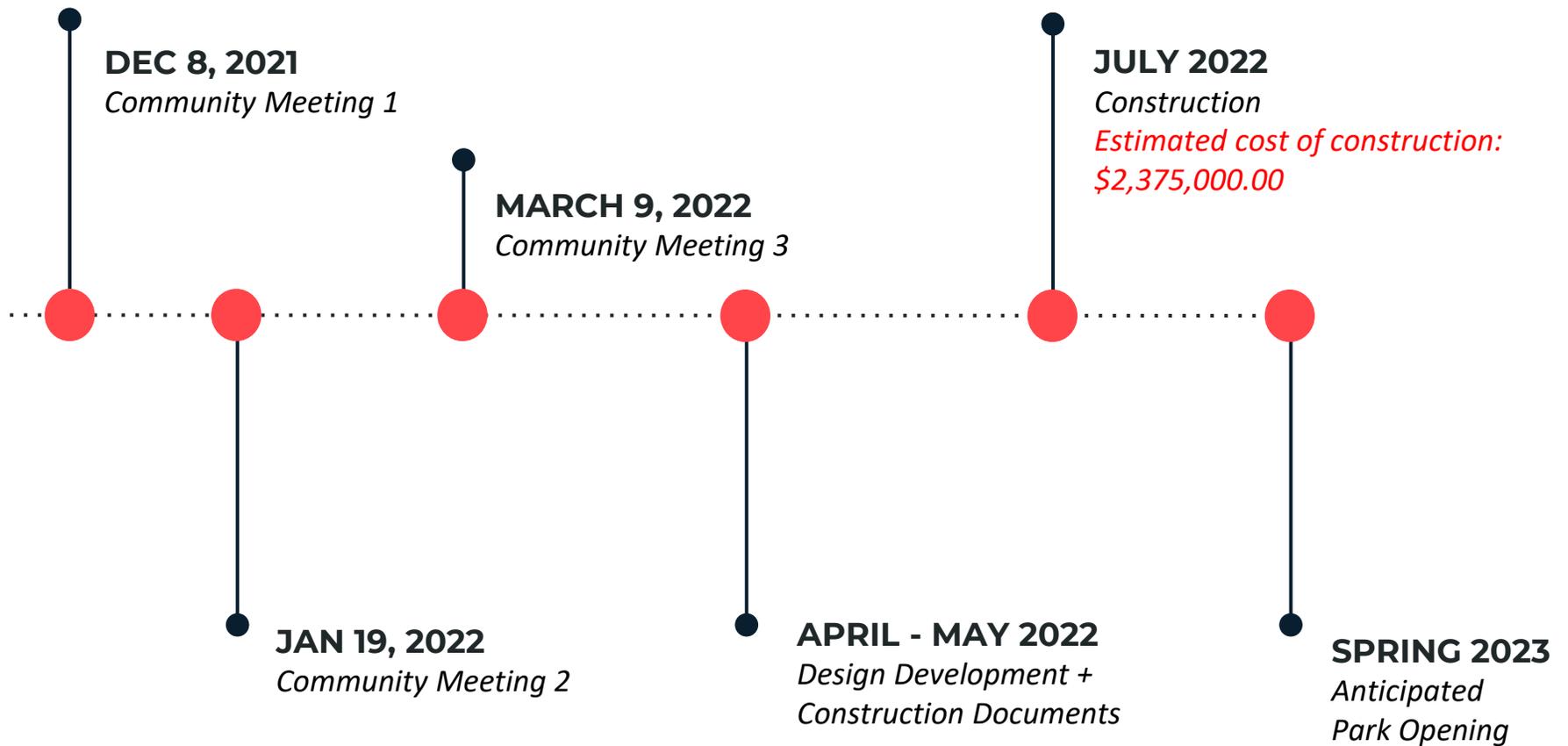
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PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING





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

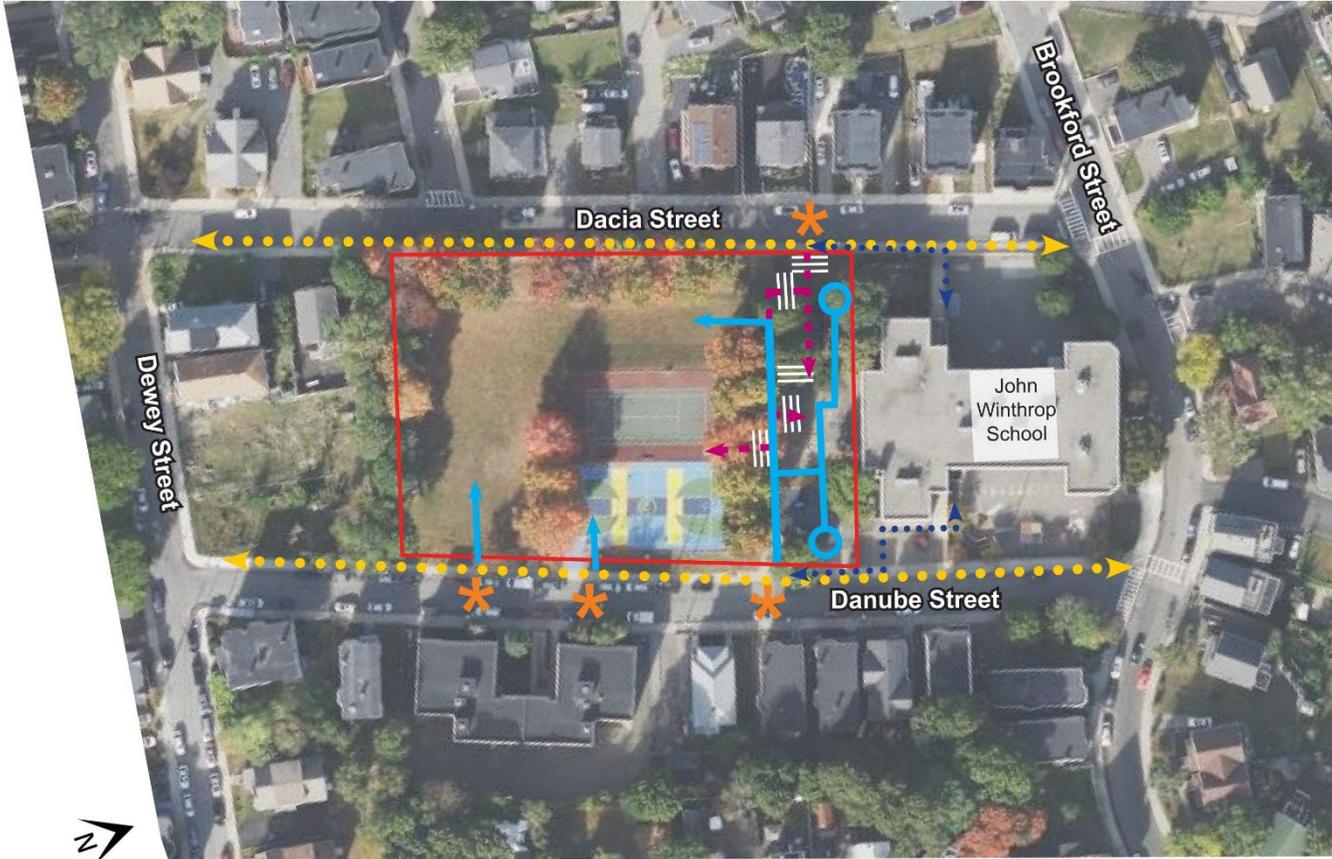

Prevailing Wind
from West



SITE ANALYSIS - CIRCULATION

LEGEND

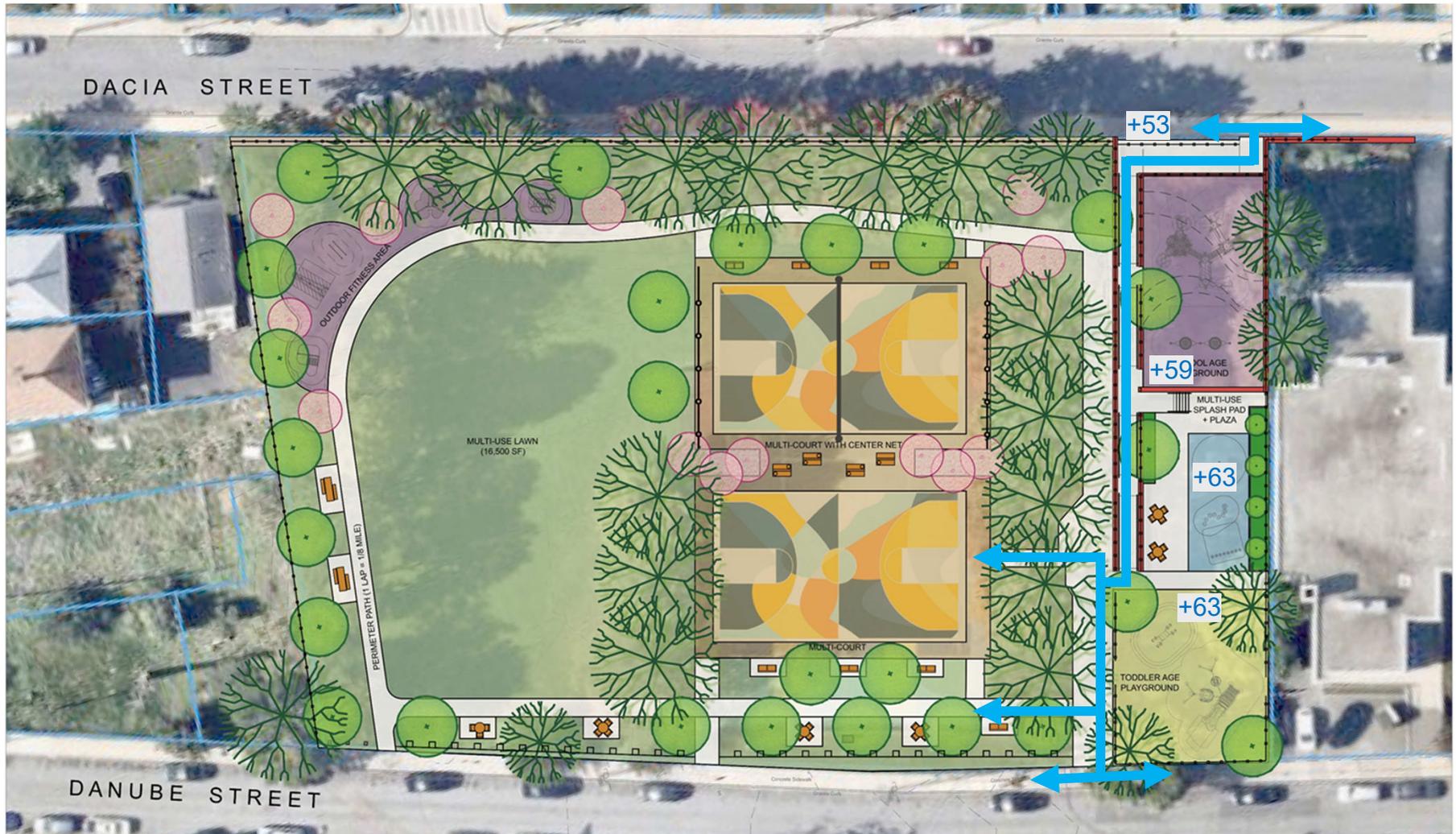
-  Project Boundary
-  Park Access
-  Main Path/Sidewalks
-  Accessible Route
-  Non Accessible Route
-  School Access Route



SCHEME A – CENTRAL SPORTS COURTS



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- COURTS REMAIN IN CENTER OF PARK (SPREAD OUT TO REMOVE SOME FENCES)
- PERIMETER PARK PATH (APPROXIMATELY 1/8 MILE)
- PLAY SPACES REMAIN AT CURRENT LOCATIONS
- PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE RAMP BETWEEN TREES AND PLAY SPACE (REMOVE LINDEN TREES)

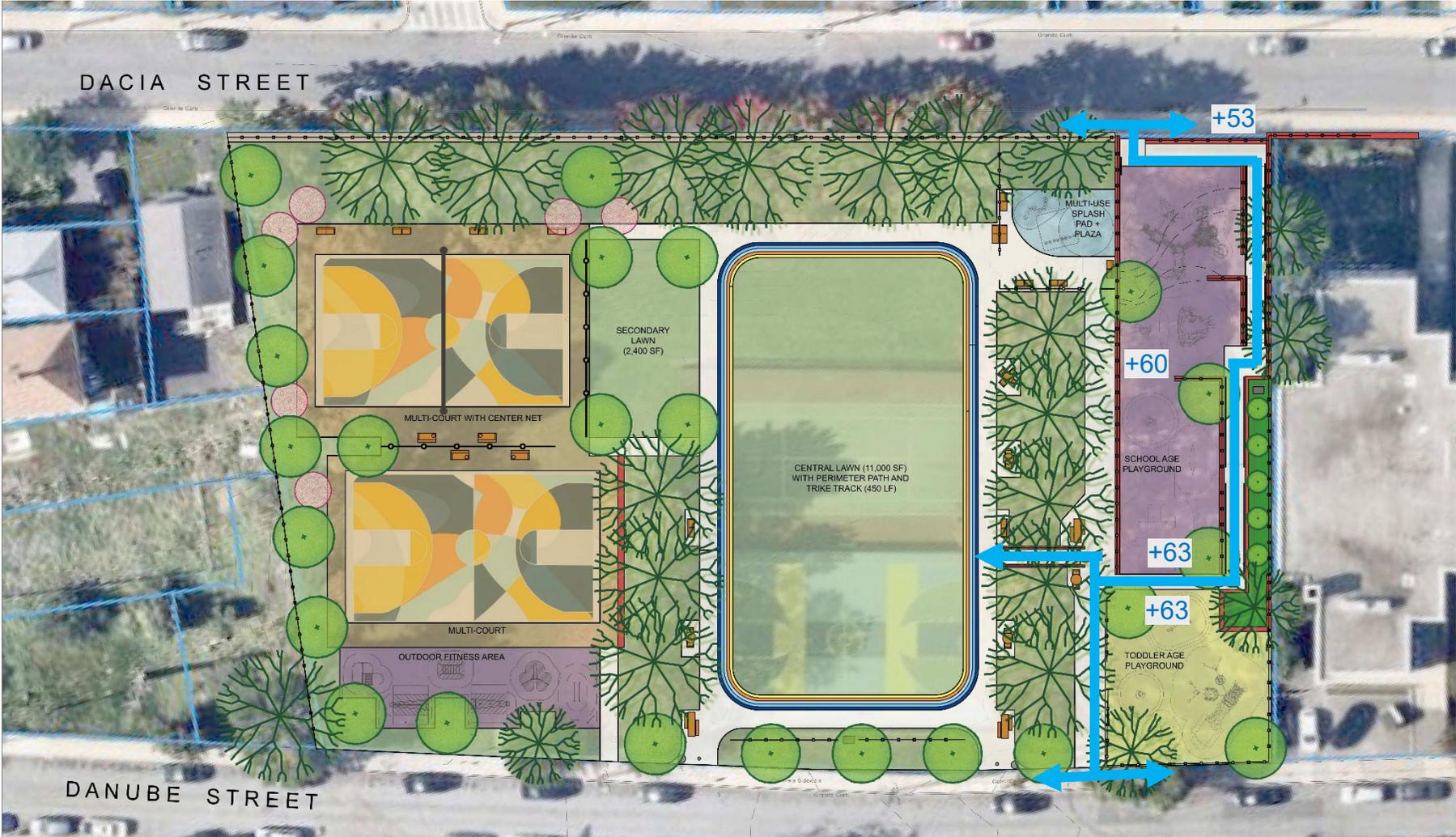


SCHEME B – CENTRAL LAWN



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SCHEME B – CENTRAL LAWN



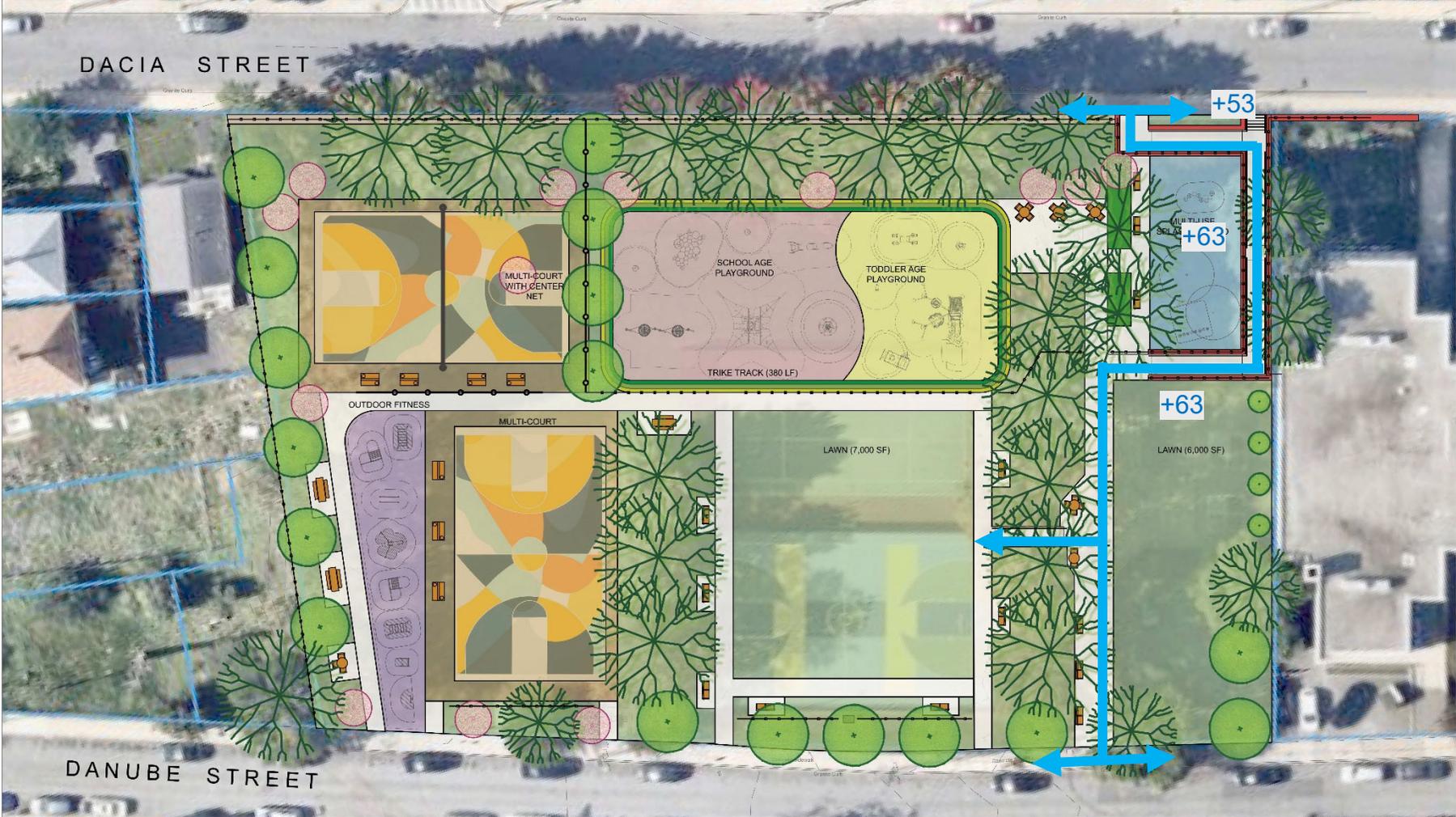
- COURTS MOVE TO SOUTH EDGE OF PARK
- LARGE CENTRAL LAWN (WITH TRIKE TRACK, 450 LF) AND SMALLER SECONDARY LAWN
- EXPAND SCHOOL AGE PLAY AREA + RELOCATE SPLASH PAD
- PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE RAMP ADJACENT SCHOOL BUILDING (REMOVE LINDEN TREES)



SCHEME C – RELOCATE PLAY AREAS



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- COURTS MOVE TO SOUTH EDGE OF PARK
- TWO SMALLER LAWN AREAS
- RELOCATE PLAY AREAS TO WEST EDGE OF PARK (INCREASE PLAY AREA)
- PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE RAMP ADJACENT SCHOOL (KEEP LINDEN TREES AND WALL AT DACIA STREET)



PLAY EQUIPMENT – MUSIC/SENSORY



XYLOPHONE



DRUMS



BONGOS



CHIMES

PLAY EQUIPMENT – SPINNERS



MULTI-USER SPINNER



SINGLE SPINNER



SUPERNOVA (BALANCE + SPINNING)



MULTI-USER SPINNER WITH CENTER WHEEL

PLAY EQUIPMENT – SWINGS



**FACE ME SWING WITH BUCKET SEAT
(2-5 YEARS/TODDLER RANGE)**



FACE ME SWING WITH INCLUSIVE SEAT



TRADITIONAL SINGLE USER SWING



NEST SWING (MULTIPLE USERS)

PLAY EQUIPMENT – SLOPES + SLIDES



TRADITIONAL (SINGLE USER) SLIDE BUILT INTO SLOPE

About Color



color for illustration purposes only



WIDE EMBANKMENT SLIDE



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PARK AMENITIES – 2-5 INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

PRIMARY STRUCTURES



TRADITIONAL POST AND PLATFORM



HYBRID STRUCTURE (SIMILAR ACTIVITIES VIA A VARIETY OF PLAY ELEMENTS)

PARK AMENITIES – 2-5 INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

ADDITIONAL PLAY ELEMENT OPTIONS



SENSORY PANEL



BALANCE BEAM



SPRINGER



SEE SAW

PARK AMENITIES – 5-12 INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

PRIMARY STRUCTURES



POST AND PLATFORM (WITH SOME HYBRID ELEMENTS)



HYBRID – CLIMBING NETS, LARGE SLIDES

PARK AMENITIES – TODDLER/TRIKE TRACK



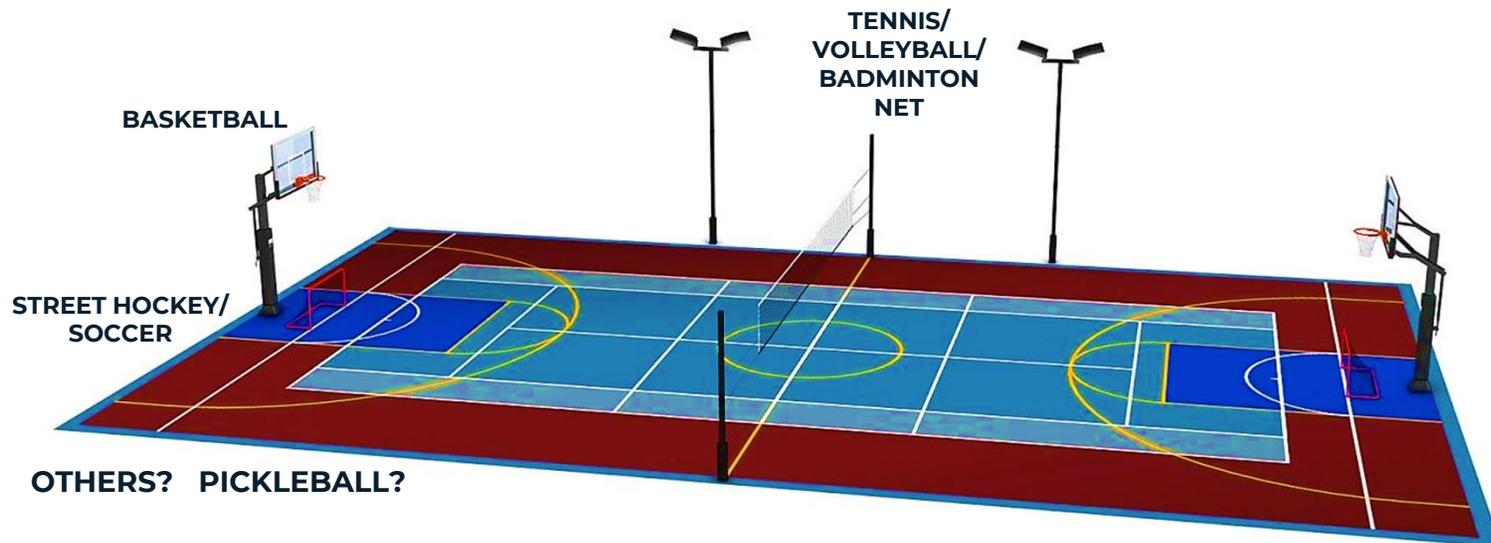
PARK AMENITIES – SPLASH PAD



PARK AMENITIES – MULTI-SPORT COURT



COLOR AND ART IS A KEY ELEMENT TO PARK IDENTITY



PARK AMENITIES – FITNESS EQUIPMENT



FITNESS EQUIPMENT AT MARY HANNON PARK INCLUDES.....



OVERHEAD LADDER



MAGNETIC BELLS



WALL WITH NET



BENCH, PULL UP BAR AND VERTICAL LADDER



PARALLEL BARS

POSSIBLE ALTERNATE EQUIPMENT



DIP BENCH



INCLINE PRESS



CORE TWIST



STEPS

PARK AMENITIES – BENCH SEATING



DOUBLE SIDED BENCH SEATING

- MODULAR OPTIONS FOR BACKREST, ARMREST AND SIDE TABLE
- WIDE ARRAY OF COLORS AVAILABLE



BENCH AND CHAIR SEATING WITH ARMS, BACKRESTS AND SIDE TABLES

PARK AMENITIES – TABLE SEATING



PICNIC TABLES WITH BENCHES

- ELONGATE TABLE OR SHORTEN BENCH TO PROVIDE WHEELCHAIR ACCESS
- WIDE ARRAY OF COLORS AVAILABLE



CAFÉ TABLES WITH 4 SEATS



2 OR 3 SEATS PROVIDE WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

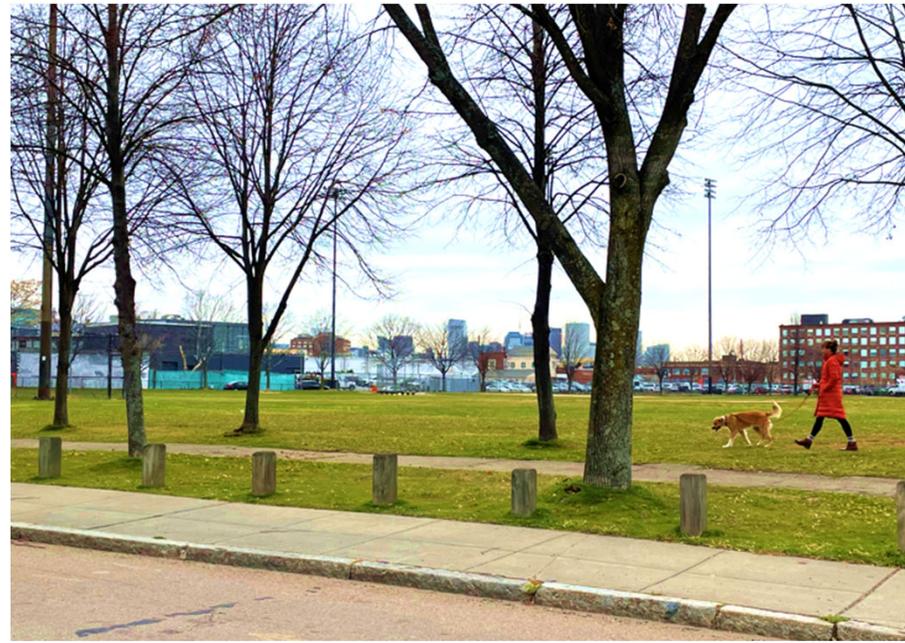


LASER CUT GAME TABLE OPTION

PARK DESIGN – EDGE DEFINITION



EXISTING METAL BOLLARDS AT EDGE OF FIELD



REPLACE METAL BOLLARDS WITH WOOD GUARDRAIL OR WOOD POSTS

PARK DESIGN – FENCING



EXISTING PICKET AND CHAIN LINK FENCING



WELDED WIRE FENCE (GREY COLOR PROVIDES MORE VISIBILITY THROUGH PARK)



OPPORTUNITY TO INCORPORATE COLOR INTO FENCE POSTS

A blurred photograph of a public meeting or community discussion. The scene is set in a room with a whiteboard and a presenter standing at the front. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is centered on the left side of the image.

LISTENING & DISCUSSION

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



THANK YOU!

Next Meeting March 9, 2022

www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/improvements-winthrop-playground

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



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