

Improvements to
**RYAN PLAYGROUND
IN CHARLESTOWN**

Community Meeting No. 3



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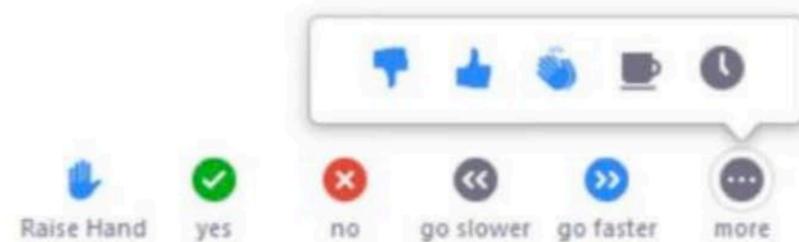
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DURING THE PRESENTATION:



VIA WEB:

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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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PROJECT TEAM AND PROJECT GOALS

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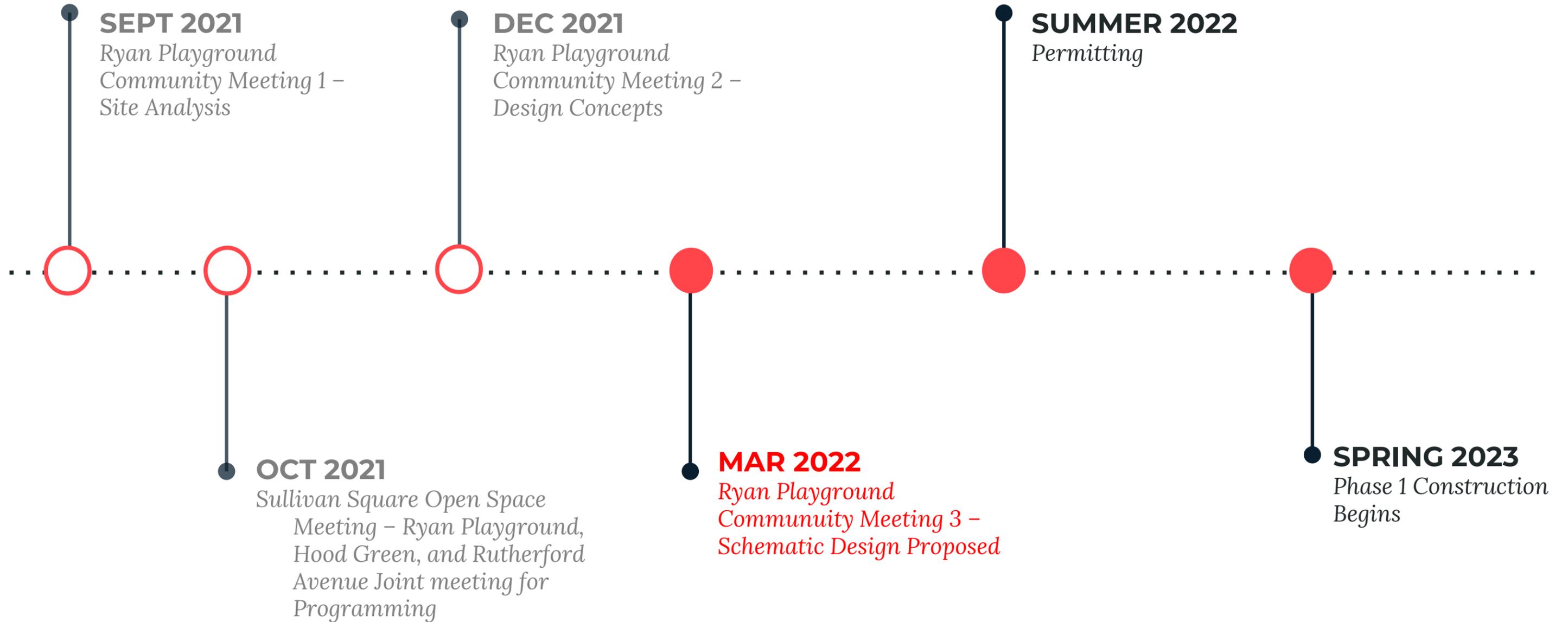
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PROJECT SCHEDULE



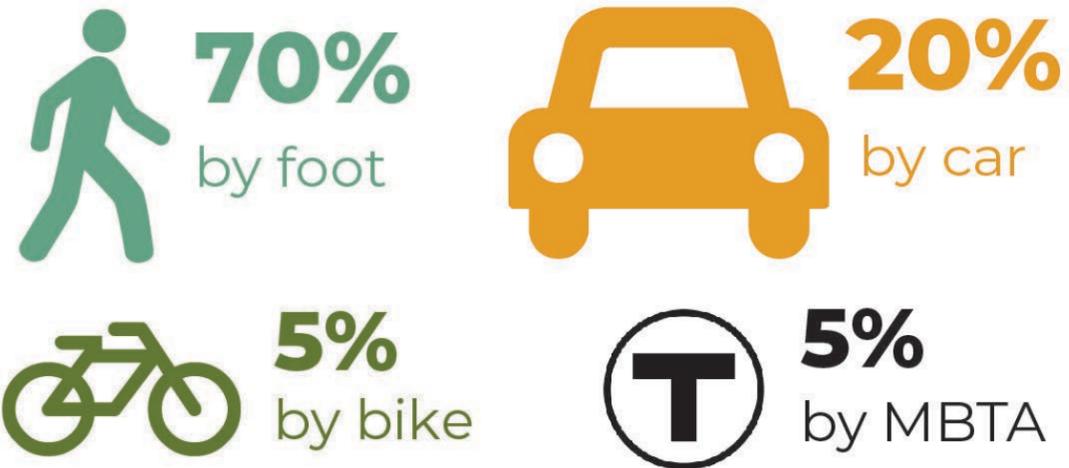


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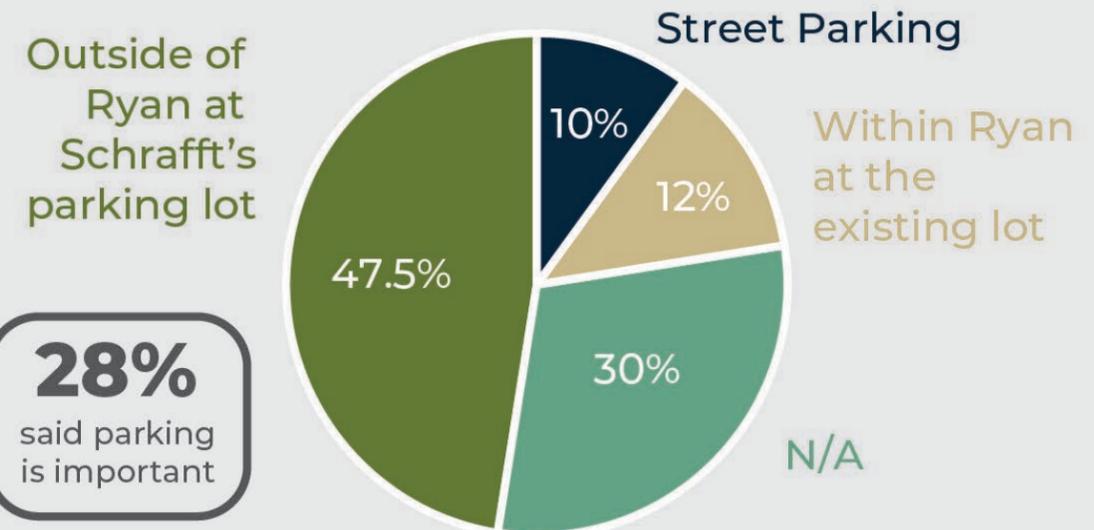
WHAT WE HEARD AT MEETING NO. 2

SUMMARY OF ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

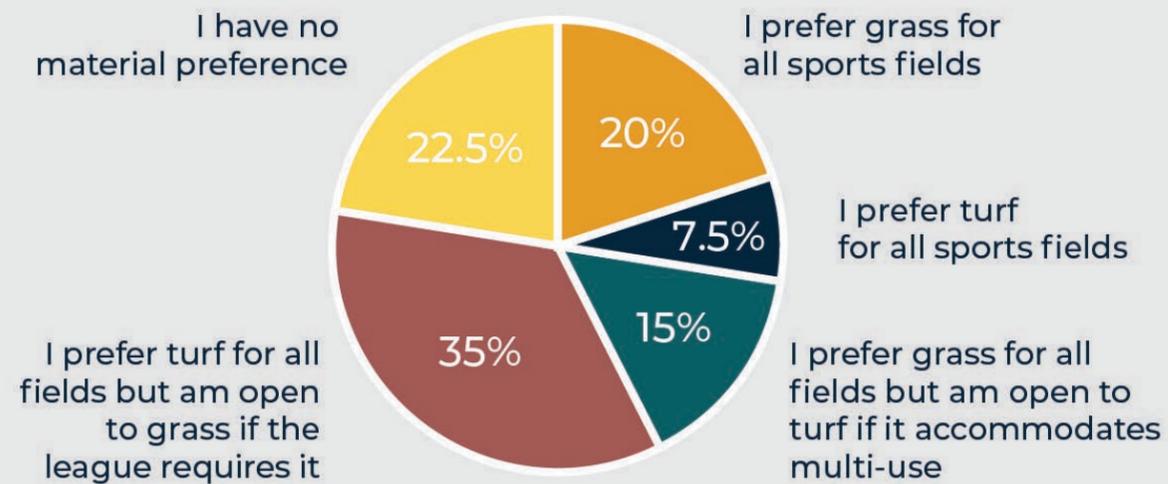
How do you get to the park?



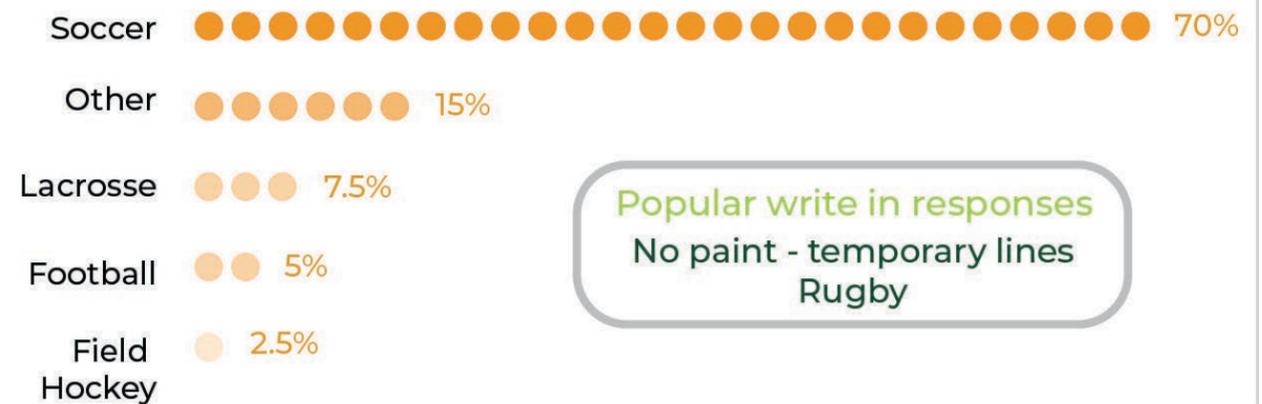
If you drive to Ryan Playground, where do you prefer to park?



Do you have a preference between grass and synthetic turf fields?

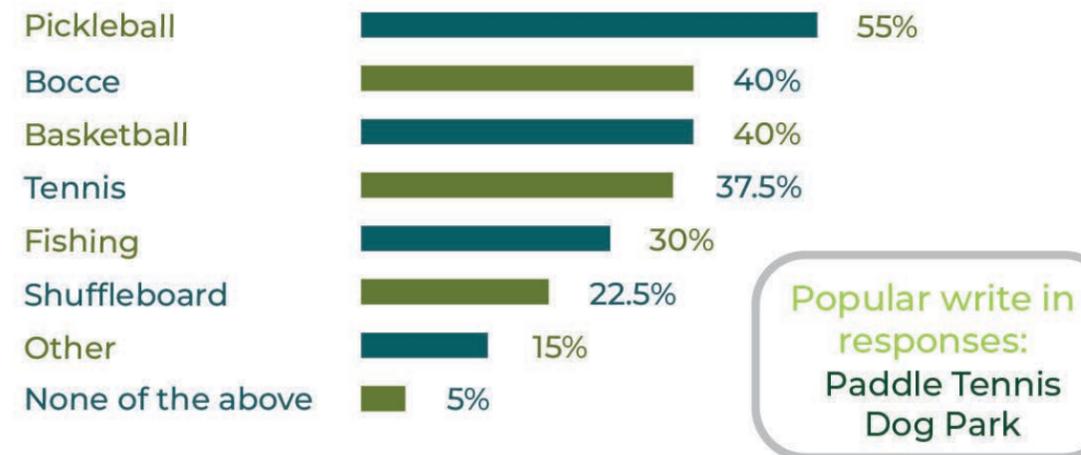


If Ryan Playground had a multi-use field, what sports field lines should be painted onto the turf?

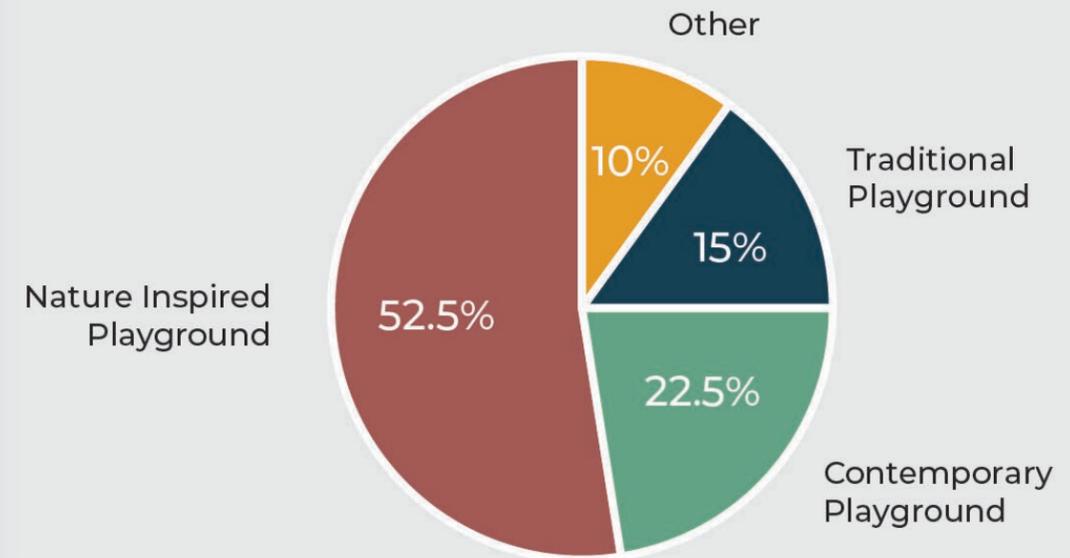


SUMMARY OF ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

Beyond field sports, what active recreation are you interested in?



What type of play space do you prefer?



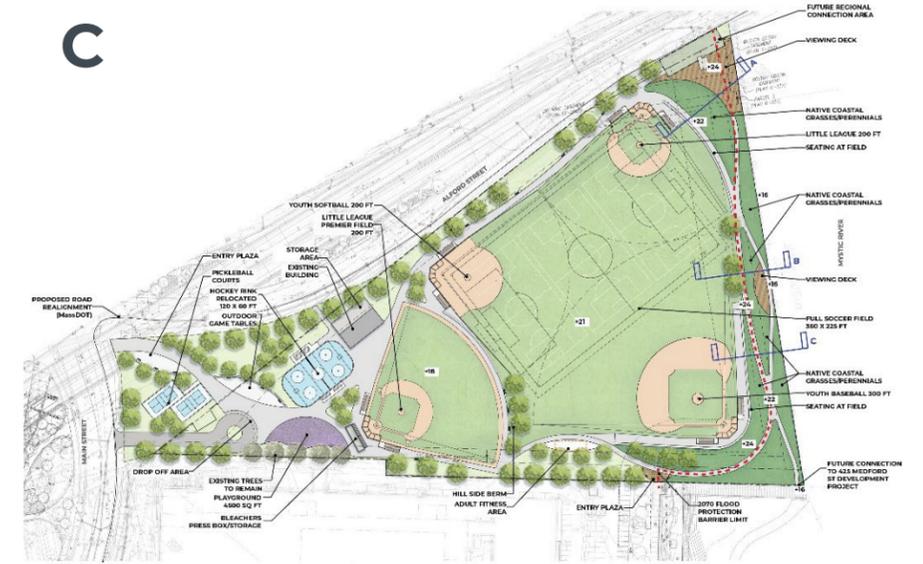
What do you love about Ryan Playground



How would you rank these park amenities?



COMMUNITY PREFERENCES



VIEWS

“Prioritizing water views across the park. LOVE stadium seating!”

TREES

“The trees – you’re really getting to a scale that can contribute to urban canopy and heat island.”

NEW ACTIVITIES

“The pickleball court is great for all ages, as well as the game tables both offer new activities.”

WAS ANYTHING MISSING THAT YOU’D LIKE TO SEE AT RYAN PLAYGROUND?

“Noise barrier from Alford St.”

“More dog recreation. More space for gathering, as opposed to athletics.”

An aerial photograph of an urban area, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The image shows a mix of residential and commercial buildings, a multi-lane highway running diagonally from the top right to the bottom right, and a large green baseball field with several diamond-shaped fields in the center. A river or canal is visible at the bottom left. The text 'EXISTING CONDITIONS & CLIMATE RESILIENCY' is prominently displayed in white, bold, sans-serif font across the upper middle portion of the image.

EXISTING CONDITIONS & CLIMATE RESILIENCY

EXISTING SITE (WITH PROPOSED EXTENSION)



PROPOSED
EXTENSION

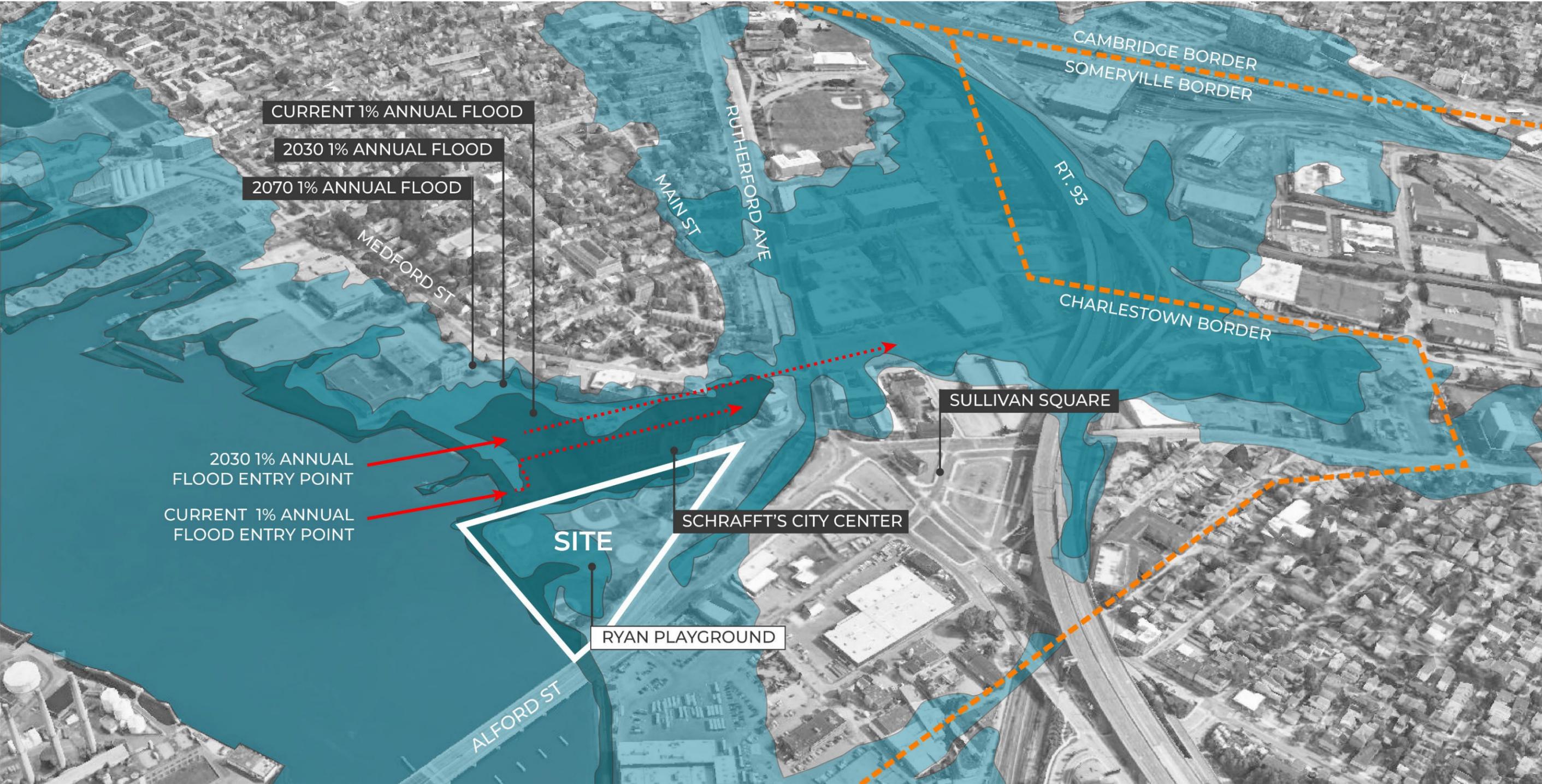
RYAN PLAYGROUND

SCHRAFFT'S CITY CENTER

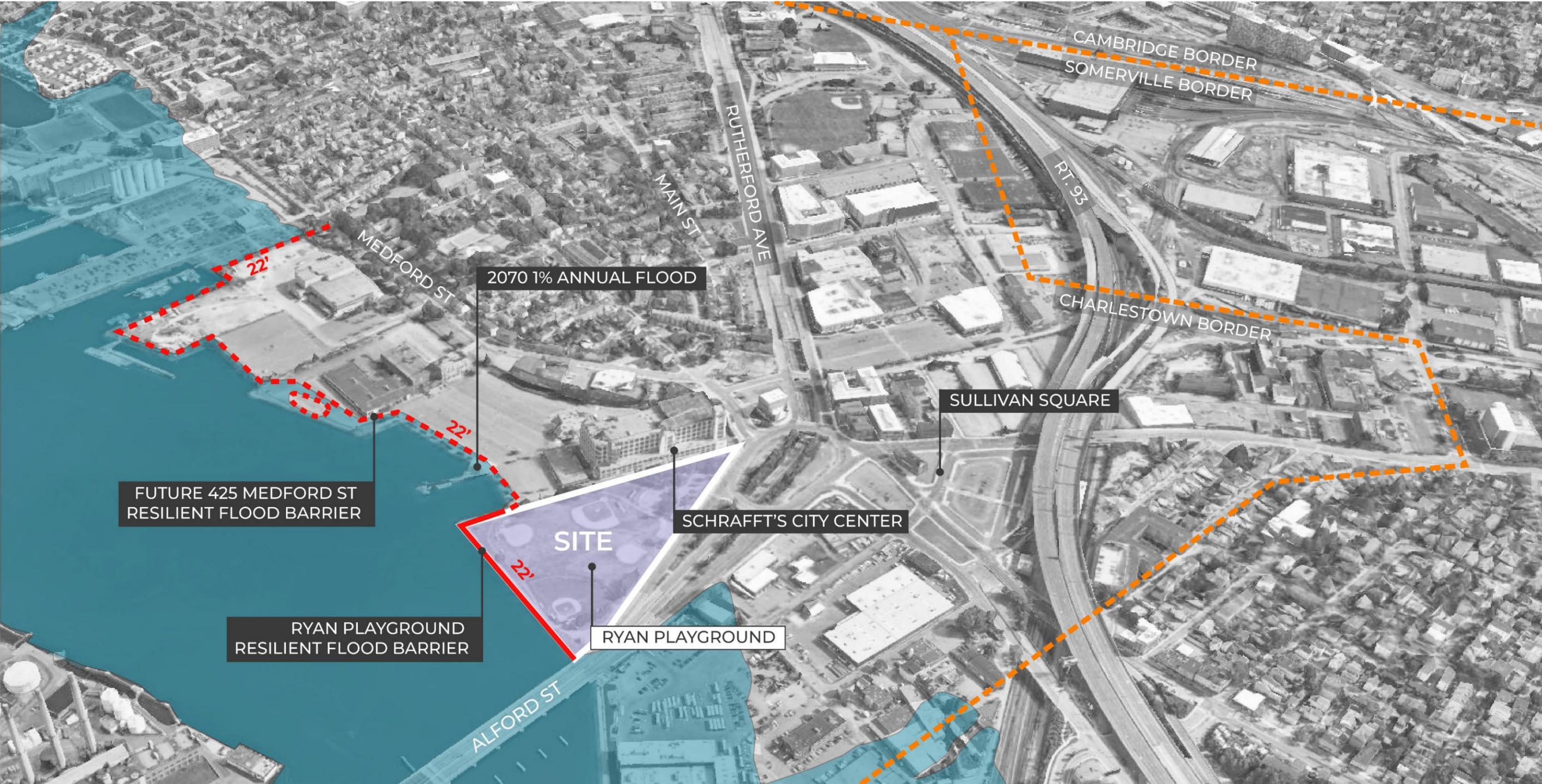
MYSTIC RIVER

ALFORD ST

EXISTING FLOOD RISK MAP



PROPOSED FLOOD PREVENTION



PREFERRED SITE PLAN



PHASING



PHASE 2 (2027)
PROPOSED
EXTENSION

PHASE 1 (2023)
RYAN PLAYGROUND

SCHRAFFT'S CITY CENTER

MYSTIC RIVER

PHASE 1



EXISTING MANHOLES TO REMAIN

VEGETATIVE SCREEN

YOUTH SOFTBALL FIELD

SOCCER FIELD 300 X 180 FT

MULTI-PURPOSE SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD

EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN

EXISTING BUILDING

SCREENED STORAGE SPACE

SCREEN WALL AND VEGETATIVE SCREEN

PARKING LOT 6 SPACES

EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN

RELOCATED EXISTING HOCKEY RINK 120 X 60 FT

PRESS BOX AND STORAGE

EMBANKMENT SEATING

NATURAL TURF PREMIER LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD 200 FT

BATTING CAGE 70 X 14 FT

PICKLEBALL COURTS

FUTURE CONNECTION TO 425 MEDFORD ST PROJECT

2070 FLOOD PROTECTION BARRIER LIMIT

SEA WALL

EXISTING EVERSOURCE BUILDING TO REMAIN

STORAGE AREA

SCREEN PLANTING

VIEWING DECK

OVERLOOK SEATING

HARBORWALK MIN. 12' WIDE

EMBANKMENT SEATING

PLAYGROUND 7500 SQ FT

SPLASH PAD 1100 SQ FT

ADULT FITNESS AREAS

SEAT WALLS

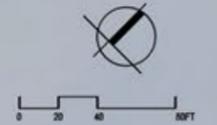
RAMP ACCESS

EMBANKMENT SEATING

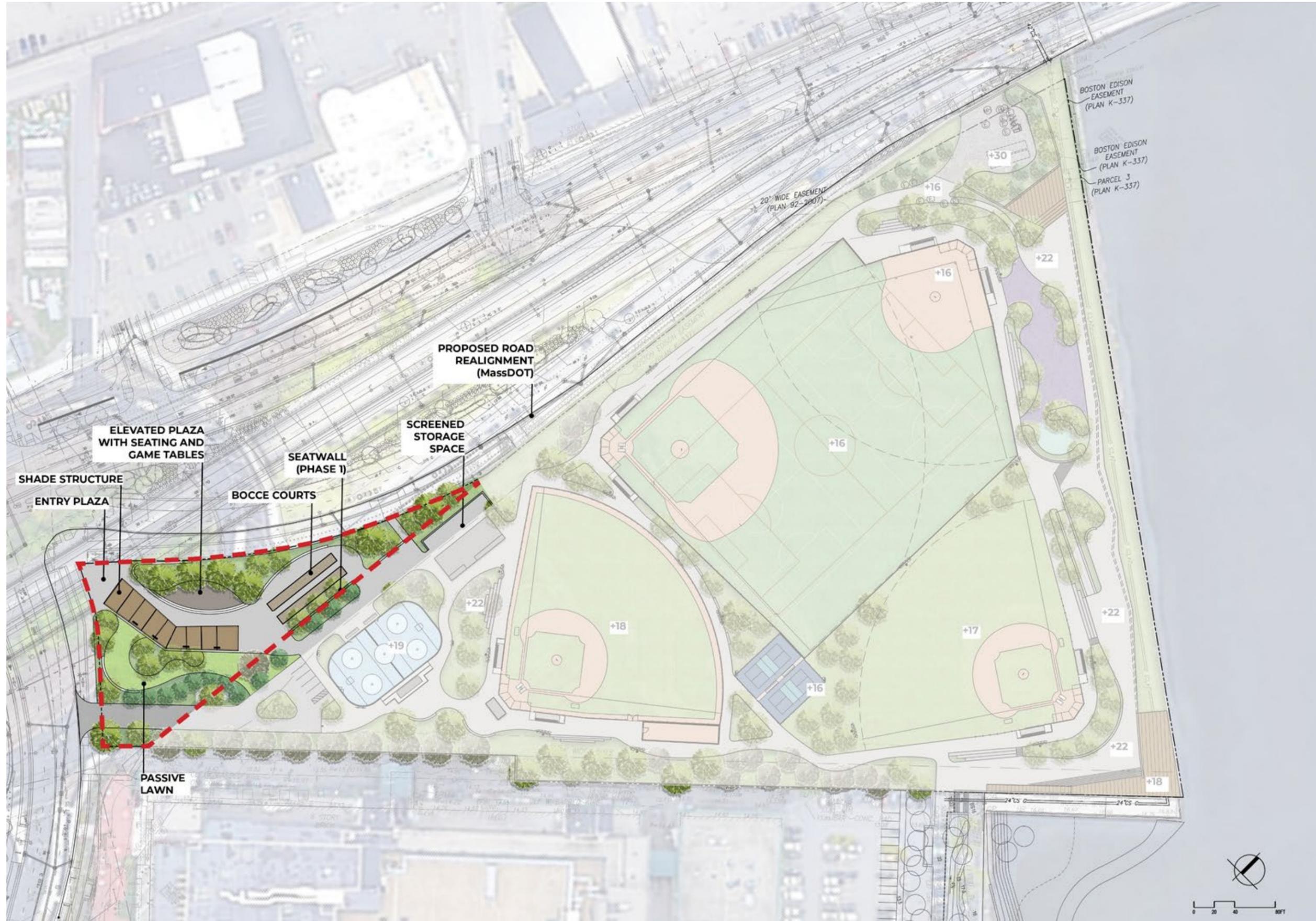
NATURAL TURF LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD 200 FT

DUGOUT SHADE CANOPIES

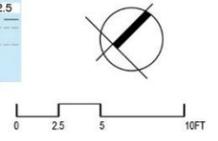
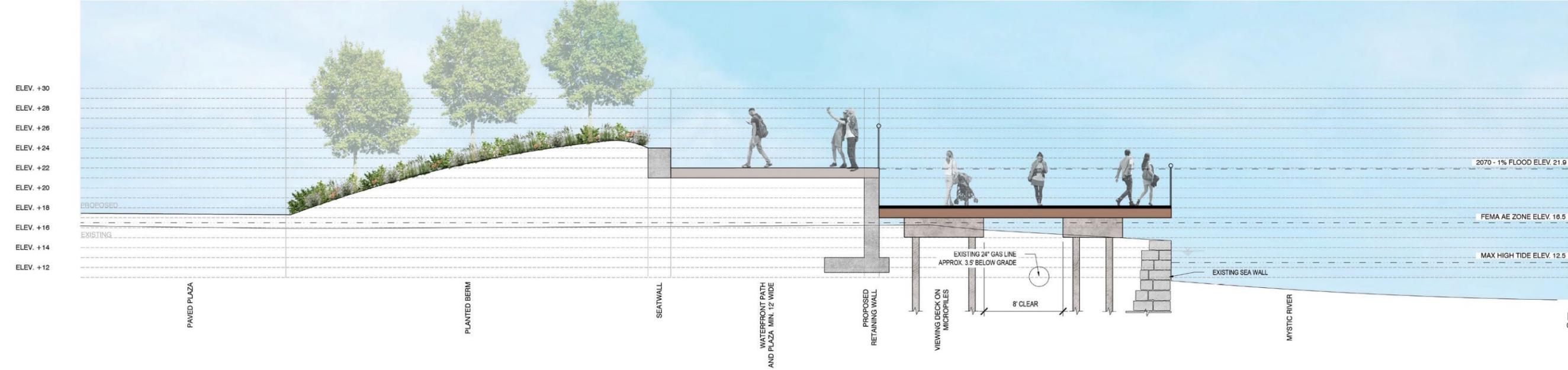
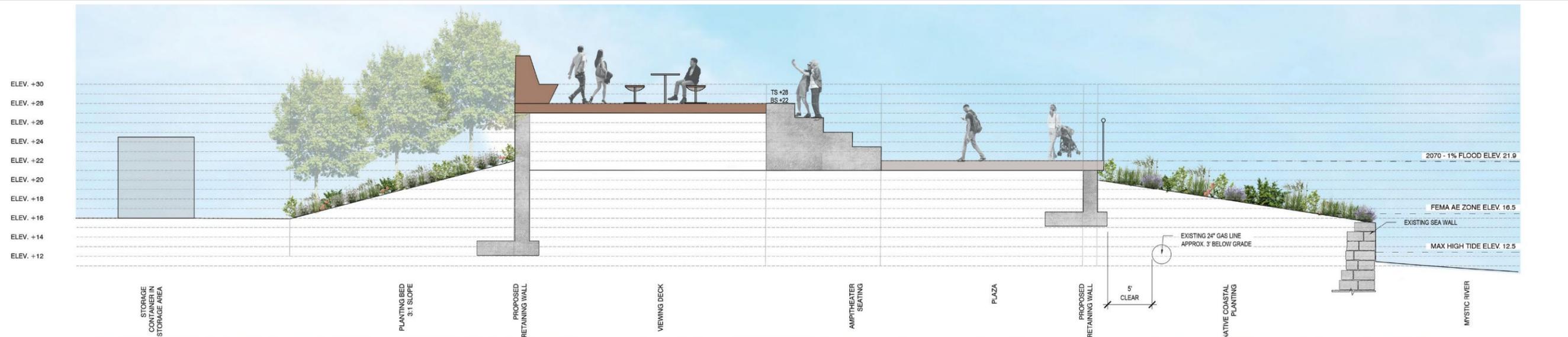
FISHING AREA AND OVERLOOK WITH PLANK DECKING



PHASE 2 EXPANSION (2027)

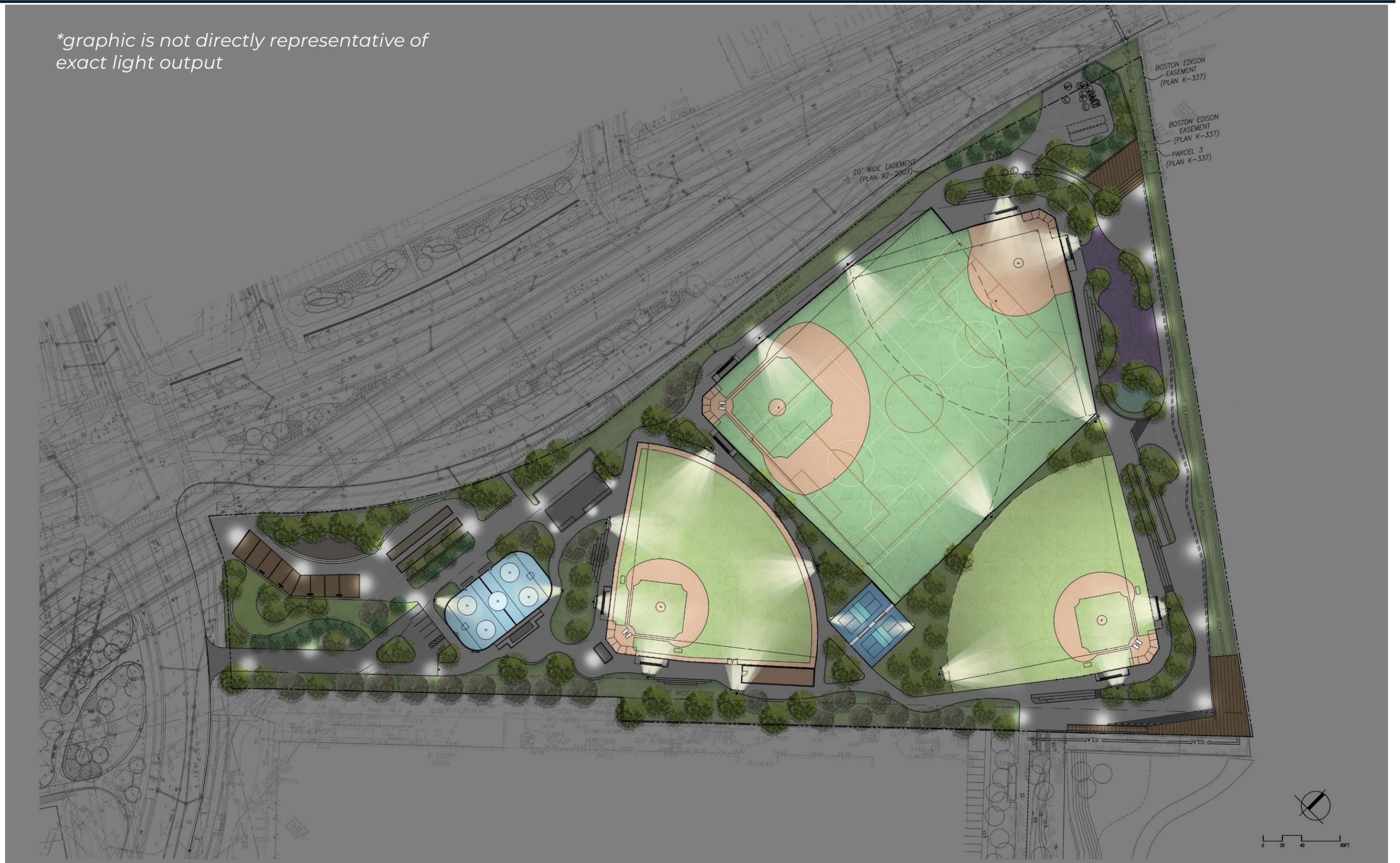


PREFERRED PLAN – STUDY SECTIONS



SITE LIGHTING – SPORTS FIELDS & WATERFRONT

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ACTIVE RECREATION

NATURAL GRASS FIELDS

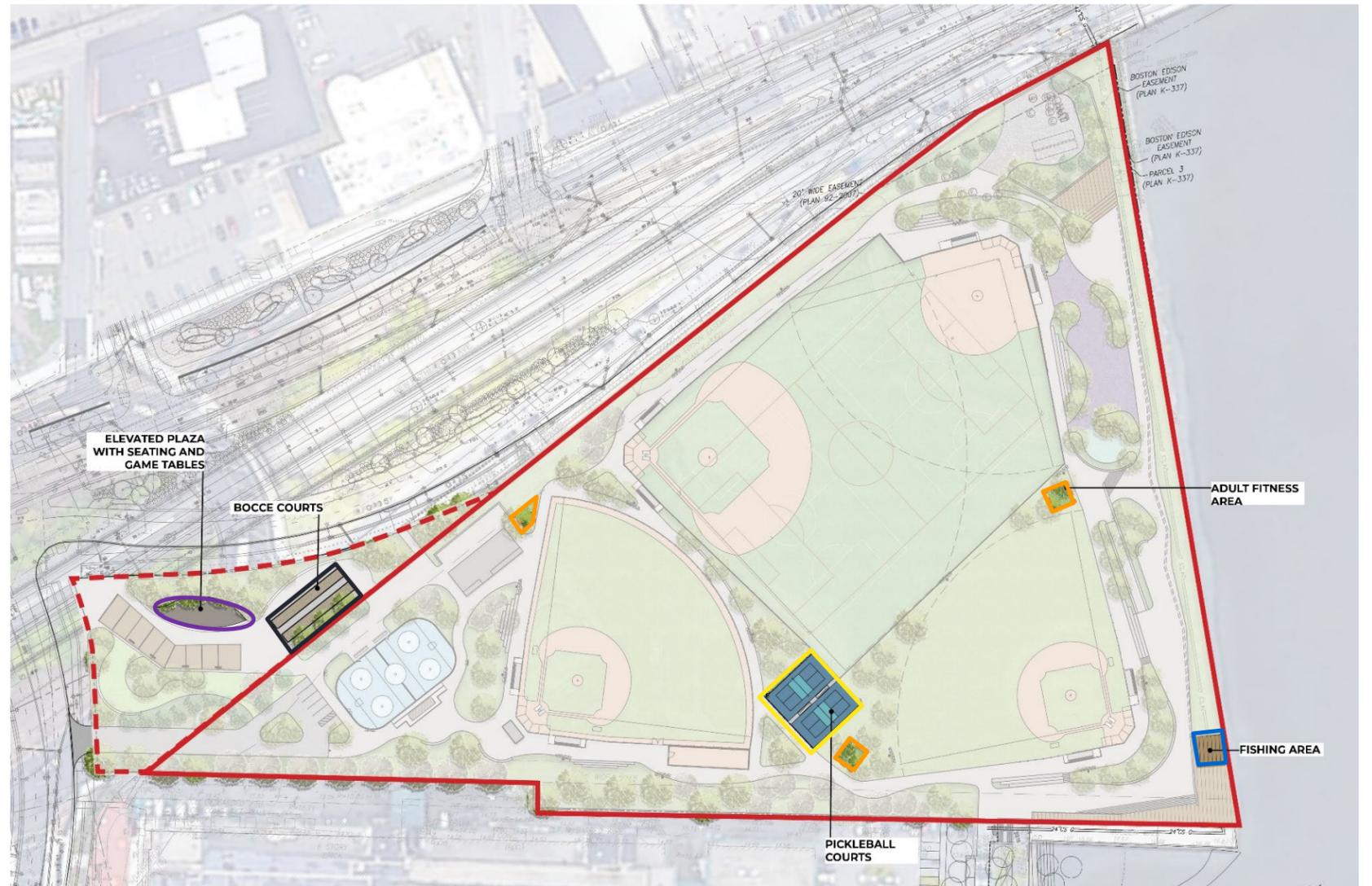


MULTI-USE FIELDS



ACTIVE RECREATION

OUTDOOR GAME TABLES (PHASE 2)



ADULT FITNESS



FISHING



PICKLEBALL COURTS

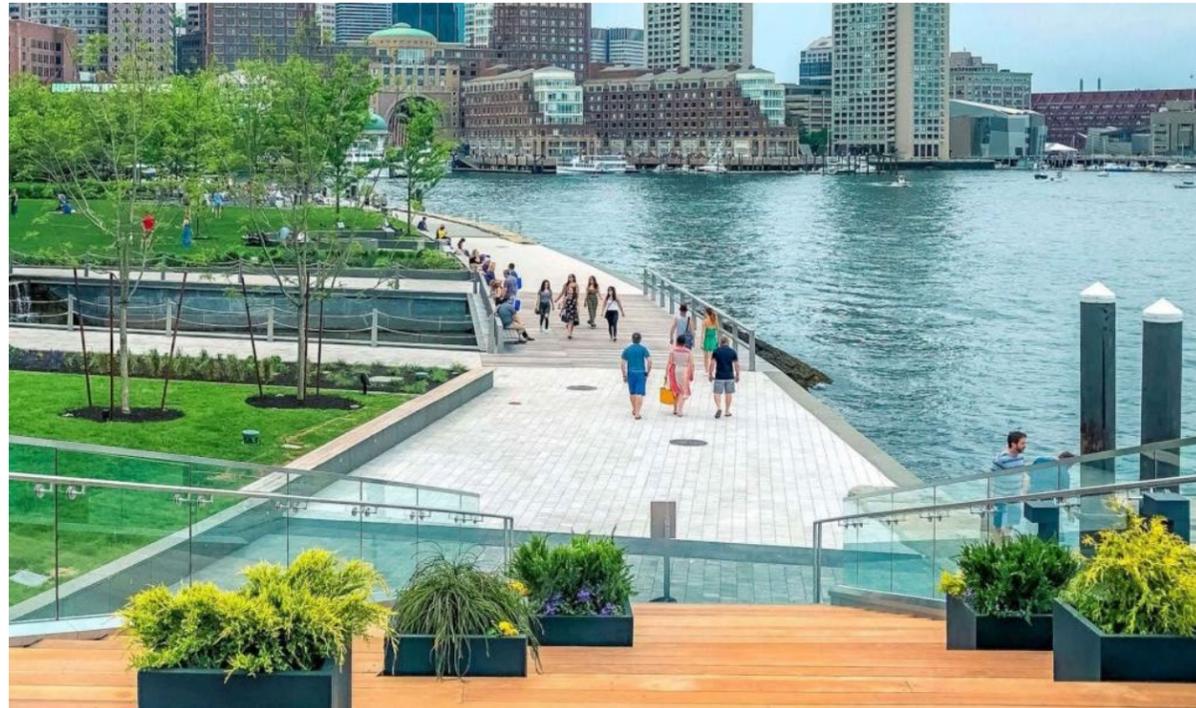


BOCCE COURTS (PHASE 2)



PASSIVE SPACE

OVERLOOK AREAS



EMBANKMENT SEATING



PASSIVE LAWN



PLAZAS

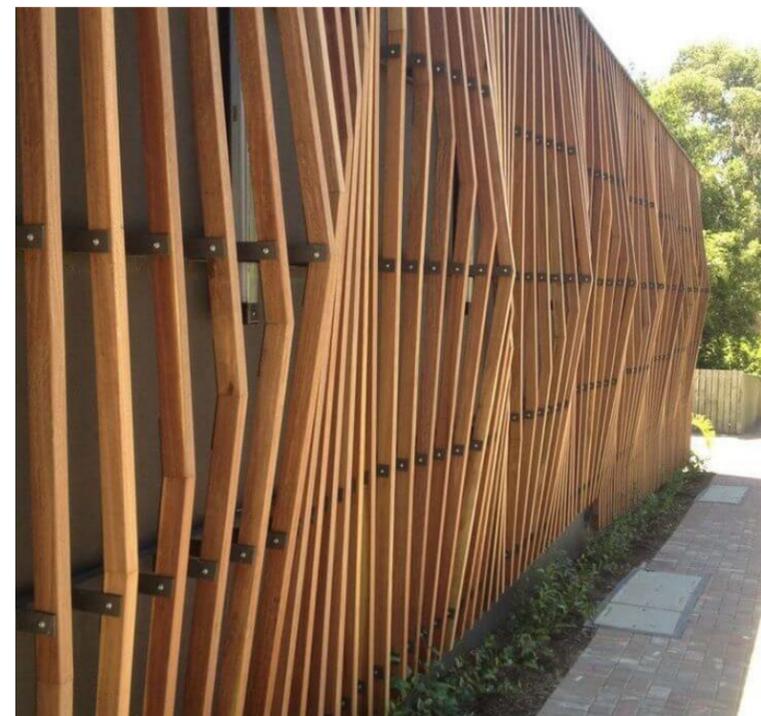
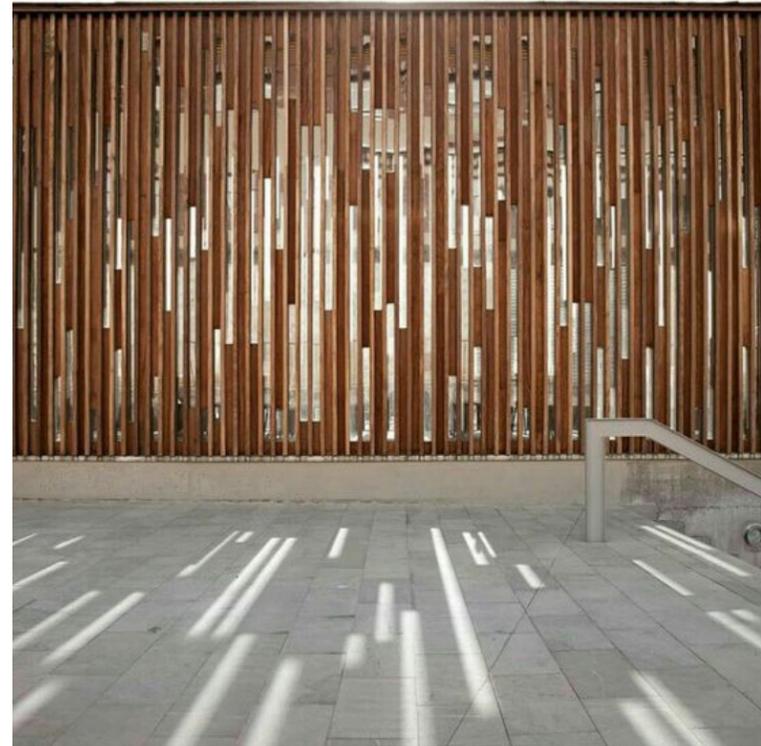


FURNISHINGS

SHADE STRUCTURE (PHASE 2)

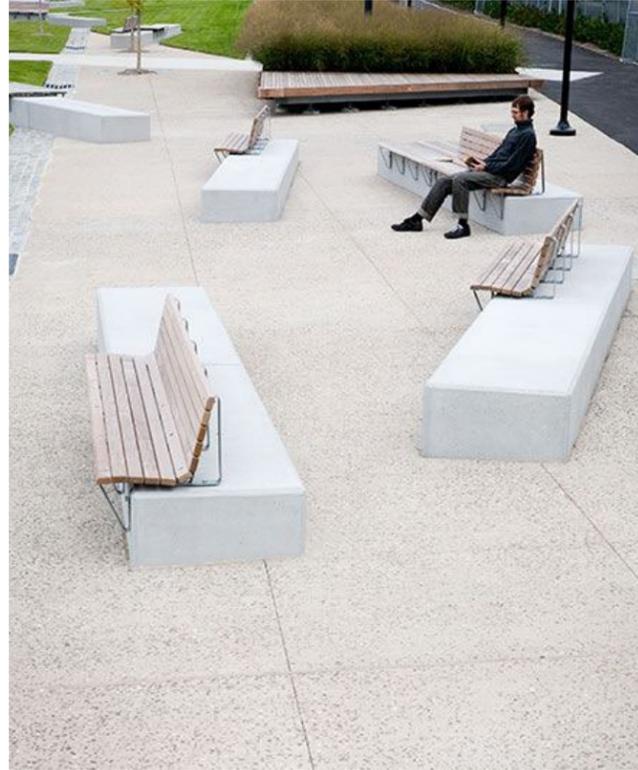


TEMPORARY SCREENING WALLS AND MURALS



FURNISHINGS

BENCHES



CAFÉ TABLES AND CHAIRS



PLAY PREFERENCES

ROPES AND CLIMBING FOCUSED PLAYGROUND



SPLASH PAD



SENSORY FOCUSED PLAYGROUND



SLIDES AND PLATFORM FOCUSED PLAYGROUND



COLOR AND MATERIAL PREFERENCES

WARM TONES



COOL TONES



NEUTRAL TONES

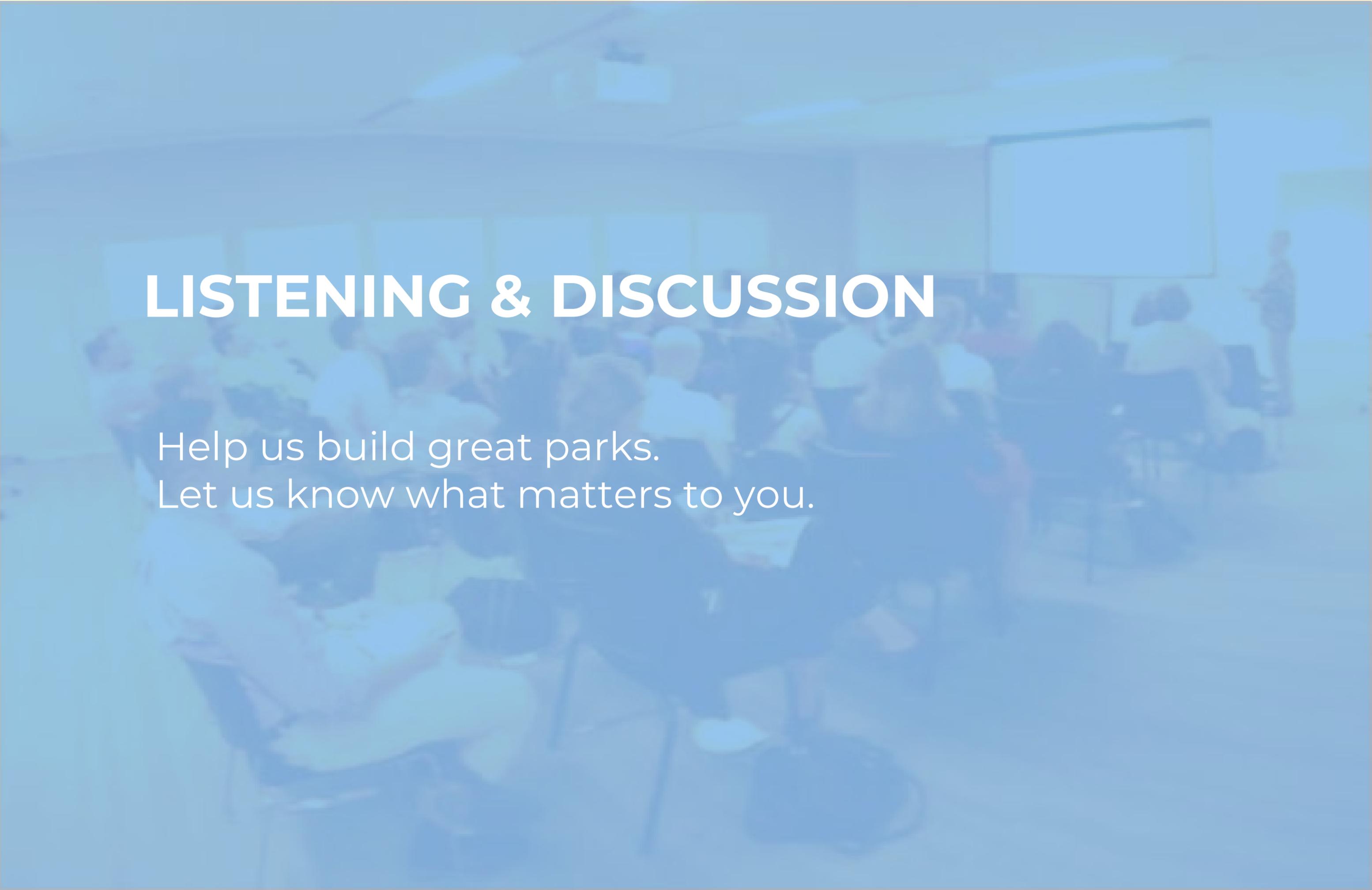


NATURAL MATERIALS



TRADITIONAL MATERIALS





LISTENING & DISCUSSION

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



THANK YOU!

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