

Improvements to **CLIFFORD PLAYGROUND**



Community Meeting 2: Zoom

In Person: December 2, 2023
Zoom: December 6, 2023
Boston Parks and Recreation



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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.*

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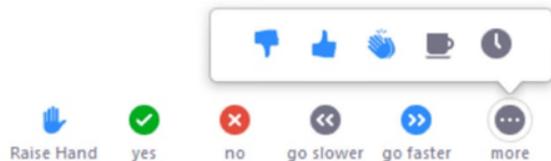
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VIA WEB:

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DURING THE Q&A:



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VIA WEB:

Chat to ask questions / comments or provide responses to poll questions



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AGENDA

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INTRODUCTION

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NEXT STEPS

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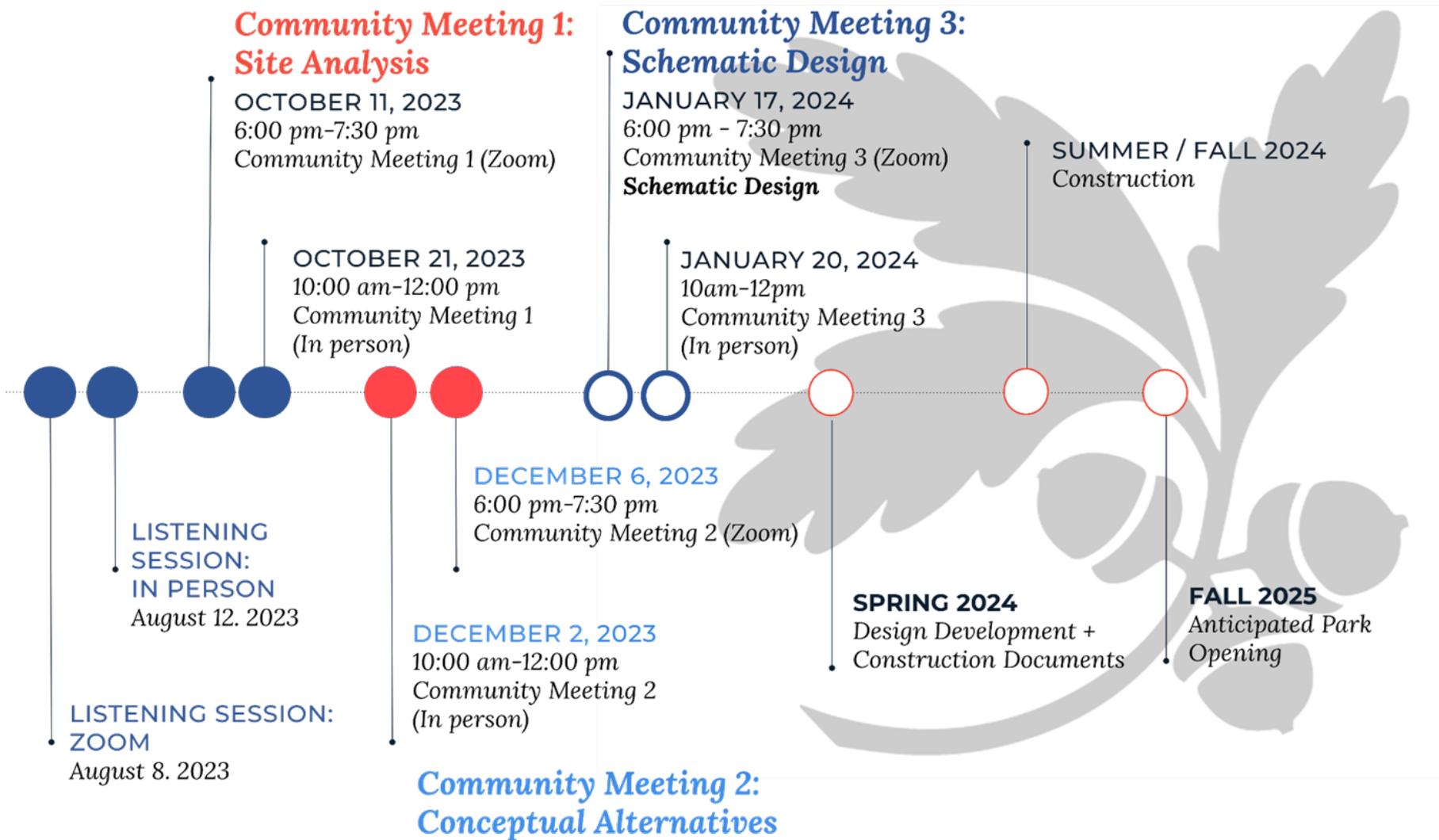
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PROJECT SCHEDULE





City of Boston
Priorities

Safety Guidelines+
Regulatory
Guidelines

**PARK
DESIGN**

Parks + Recreation
Goals

Community
Input

COMMUNITY MEETING #1: WHAT WE HEARD

Fields



- Create multi-use field (soccer, football)



- Softball fields are well used

- Need intermediate or larger size baseball field

Courts



- Prefer two basketball courts & two tennis courts



- Add painted games (e.g. four square, hopscotch) for additional activities

Playground



- Want expanded, accessible playground
- Splash pad separated from playground

Field Surface



- Combination of natural and artificial turf is OK if it accommodates multiple sports
- Community enjoys natural grass; however, combination of natural/artificial could work

Amenities



- More water fountains, benches
- Eating/picnic area
- Shaded team seating
- Updated lighting for evening events
- Designated spaces for team storage & portable restrooms

Misc.

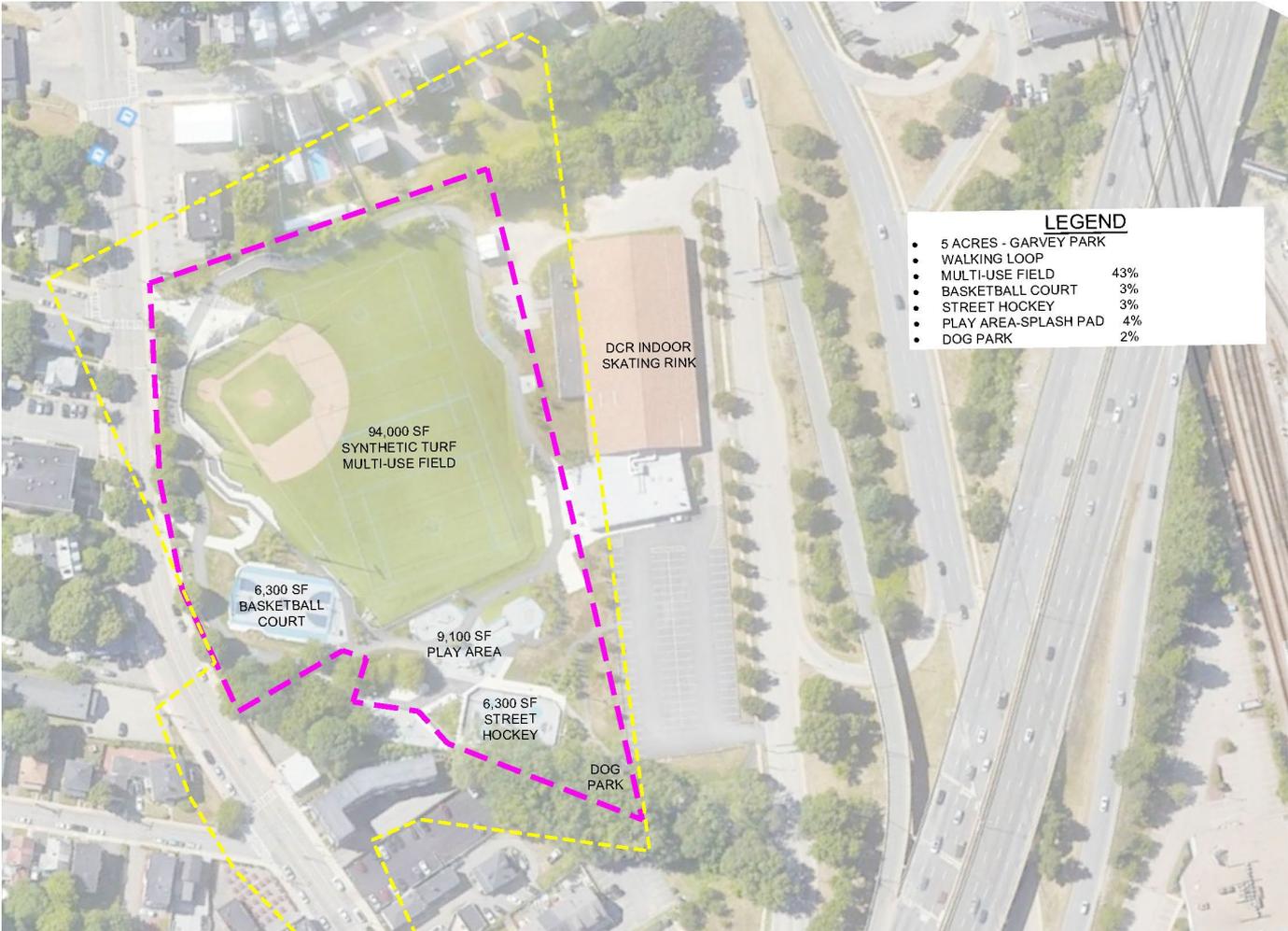
- Crosswalks/yellow lights
- Call Boxes

CITY PARKS COMPARISONS



- **Malcolm X Park, Roxbury – Adjacent to community center, includes mature woodland setting**
- Natural multi-use field (soccer, softball) & adult fitness area.
- Multiple contiguous basketball and tennis courts.
- Large play area over varied terrain with splash pad.

CITY PARKS COMPARISONS



- **Garvey Park, Dorchester**
- Synthetic multi-use field (baseball, lacrosse) with integrated seating along slopes
- Basketball & street hockey courts & walking loop
- Large play area, splash pad, dog park, rain gardens

CITY PARKS COMPARISONS



- **Billings Field, West Roxbury**
- Natural multi-use field, softball & baseball fields
- Multiple contiguous basketball & tennis courts at foot of wooded slope
- Play area & walking loop

RENOVATION VISION & GOALS

VISION

An inclusive, resilient, and highly utilized park which reflects the needs of all park users and contributes to the overall vibrancy of the surrounding community.

GOALS

- 1 Improve Openness and Visibility*
- 2 Increase Utilization of and Activity within the Park*
- 3 Increase Resilience of the Park*
- 4 Increase Vibrancy of the Neighborhood*

RENOVATION VISION & GOALS

Improve Openness and Visibility



RENOVATION VISION & GOALS

Increase Utilization of and Activity within the Park



RENOVATION VISION & GOALS

Increase Resilience of the Park for Park Users



RENOVATION VISION & GOALS

Increase Vibrancy of the Neighborhood



CONCEPTS & DISCUSSION

DESIGN PRIORITIES

- *Support use of two field sports and two court sports at the same time*
- *Expand existing field sports*
- *Maintain existing trees*
- *Maximize children's play areas*

CONCEPT #1



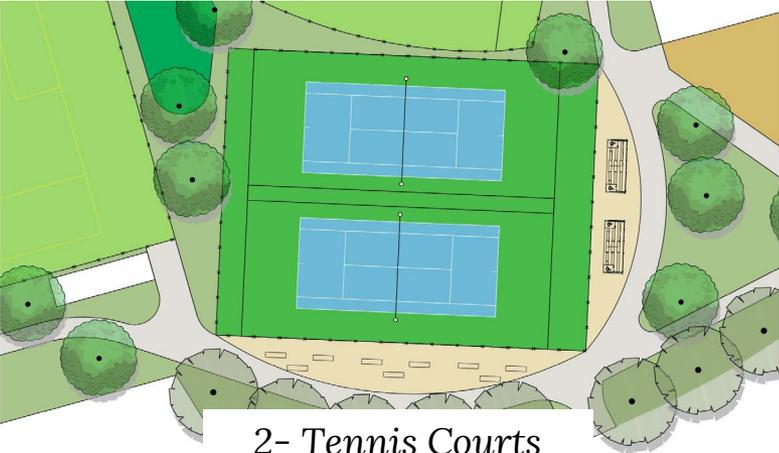
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- Allows for softball and baseball or multi-use field use simultaneously
- Fields could be natural grass, synthetic turf, or a combination of both
- Combination of courts possible (See next slide)
- Increased play area with separate water play
- Walking loop with exercise equipment stations
- New dog area

CONS

- Courts are further from Mason School
- Does not increase number of courts

CONCEPT #1 – COURT OPTIONS



2- Tennis Courts



2- Basketball Courts



1- Tennis Court,
1-Basketball Court



1- Tennis Court,
2-Half Basketball
Courts

CONCEPT #2



PROS

- Allows for two softballs/little leagues or softball/soccer use simultaneously
- Fields would have to be synthetic turf due to field overlap
- Increase in number of courts
- Increased play area with separate water play
- Walking loop with exercise equipment stations
- New dog park

CONS

- Less flexibility with field surfacing
- Fields overlap

CONCEPT #2 – COURT OPTIONS



2- Half Court Basketball
1-Basketball Court
2 - Tennis Court



2- Half Court Basketball
1-Basketball Court
2 - Tennis Court

CONCEPT #3



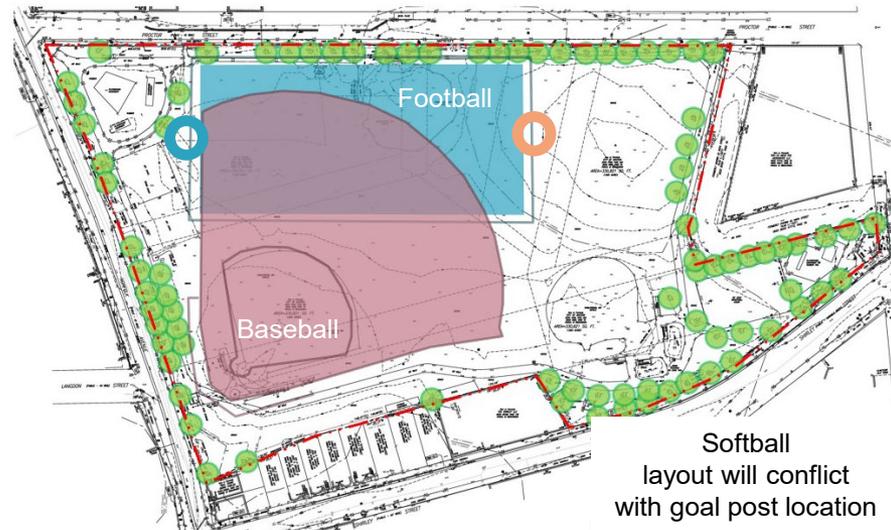
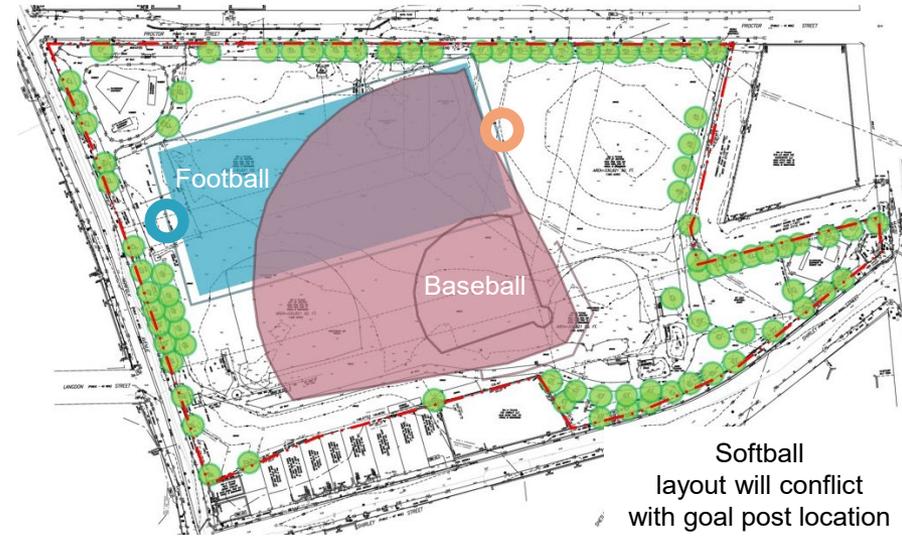
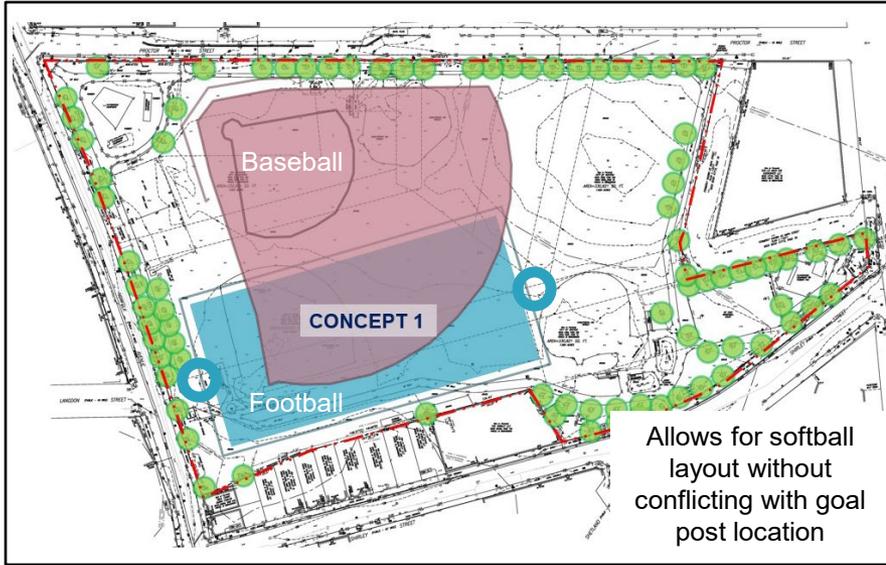
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- Allows for baseball and football/soccer use simultaneously
- Fields could be natural grass, synthetic turf, or a combination of both
- Increased play area with separate water play
- Walking loop with exercise equipment stations
- New dog park

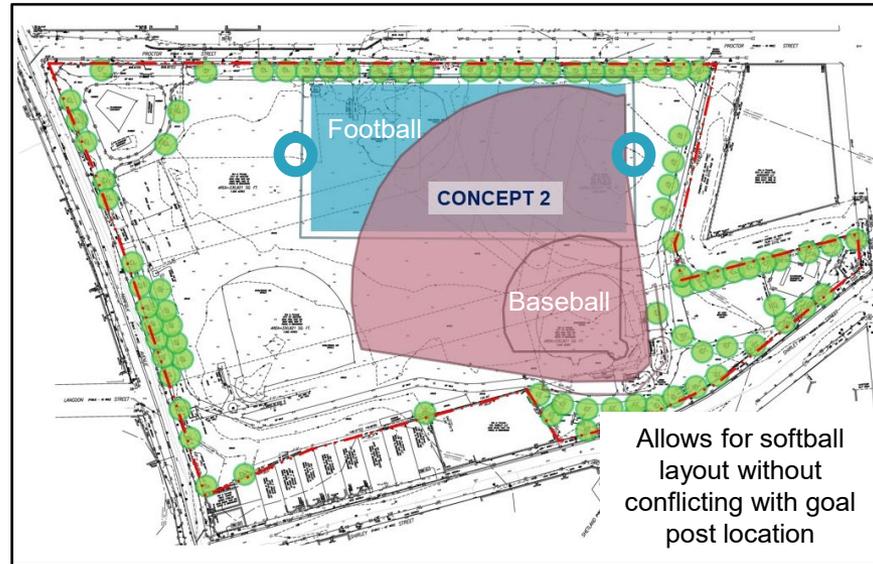
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- Courts are further from Mason School
- Does not increase number of courts
- Courts are separated from each other
- Smaller dog park area
- More unprogrammed space

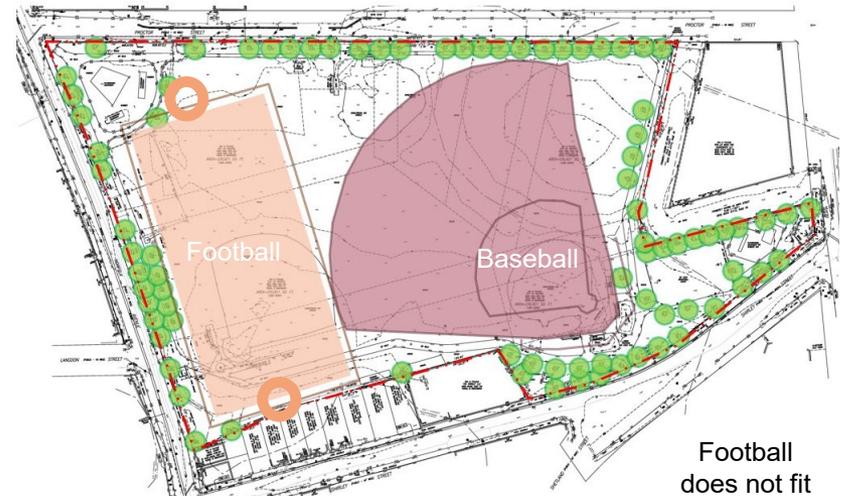
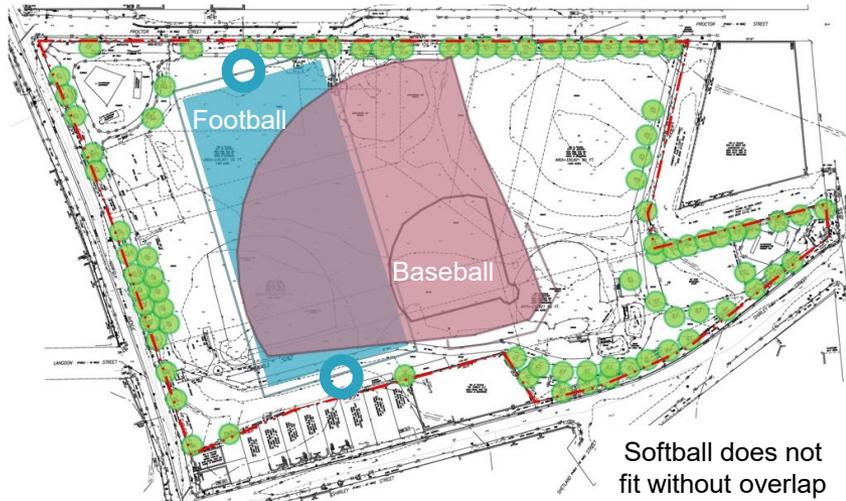
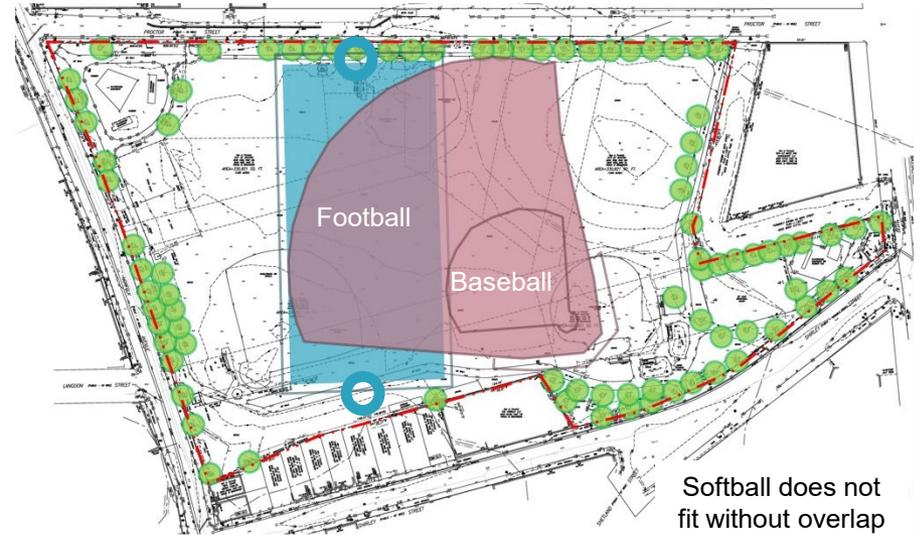
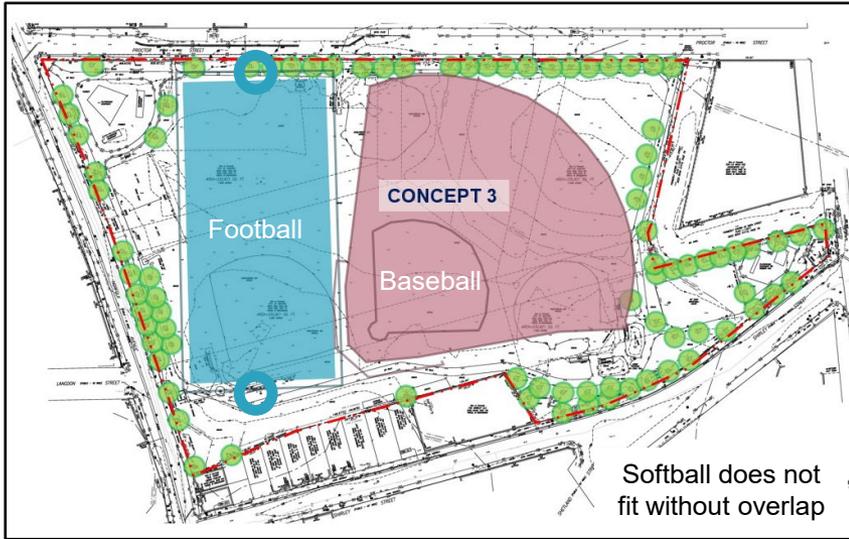
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Football does not fit



Football does not fit



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CONCEPTS SUMMARY

	CONCEPT 1	CONCEPT 2	CONCEPT 3
# Baseball/ Softball Fields 	2	3	1
# Tennis Courts 	1*	2	1
# Basketball Courts 	1*	2-Half, 1-Full Size	1-Full Size
Playground Sq Ft. 	8,800	11,600	8,300
Dog Park Sq Ft 	10,500	11,500	9,700
Requires Some Artificial Turf 	NO	YES	NO

* Concept 1 has multiple court alternatives

PLAYGROUND DETAIL

Play Features



Spinning



Hanging out with Friends



Sliding



Balancing



Using your imagination



Rocking



Climbing



Musical Play



Swinging

We will also be coordinating with the **MASON SCHOOL** to have the kids help us come up with playground designs!

Themes

Art (Paint, Colors, & Frames)



Source: Infinity Playgrounds; Landscape Structures

Under the Sea (Whales, Turtles, & Ocean Plants)



Source: Landscape Structures; [Monstrum](#)

Beehive (Bees, Honeycomb, & Flowers)



Source: Cunningham Recreation; Glengowrie Park

PLAYGROUND DETAIL



*One Large
Structure?*

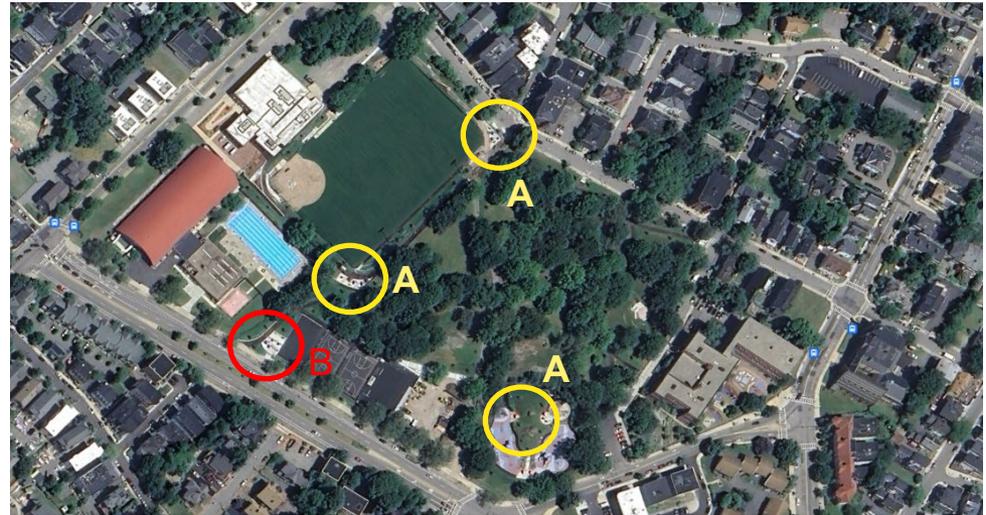
*Or Many Small
Elements?*



SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

What type of outdoor table seating would be best for your family and community needs?



Dispersed
individual
seating



Plaza group
seating



CLIFFORD PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS SURVEY

We want to hear from you!

Survey



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COMMUNITY MEETING 3: ZOOM

January 17, 2024, 6:00-7:30pm

COMMUNITY MEETING 3: IN PERSON

January 20, 2024, 10:00am- 12:00pm

