

Improvements to **McKINNEY PLAYGROUND**



PROJECT OVERVIEW



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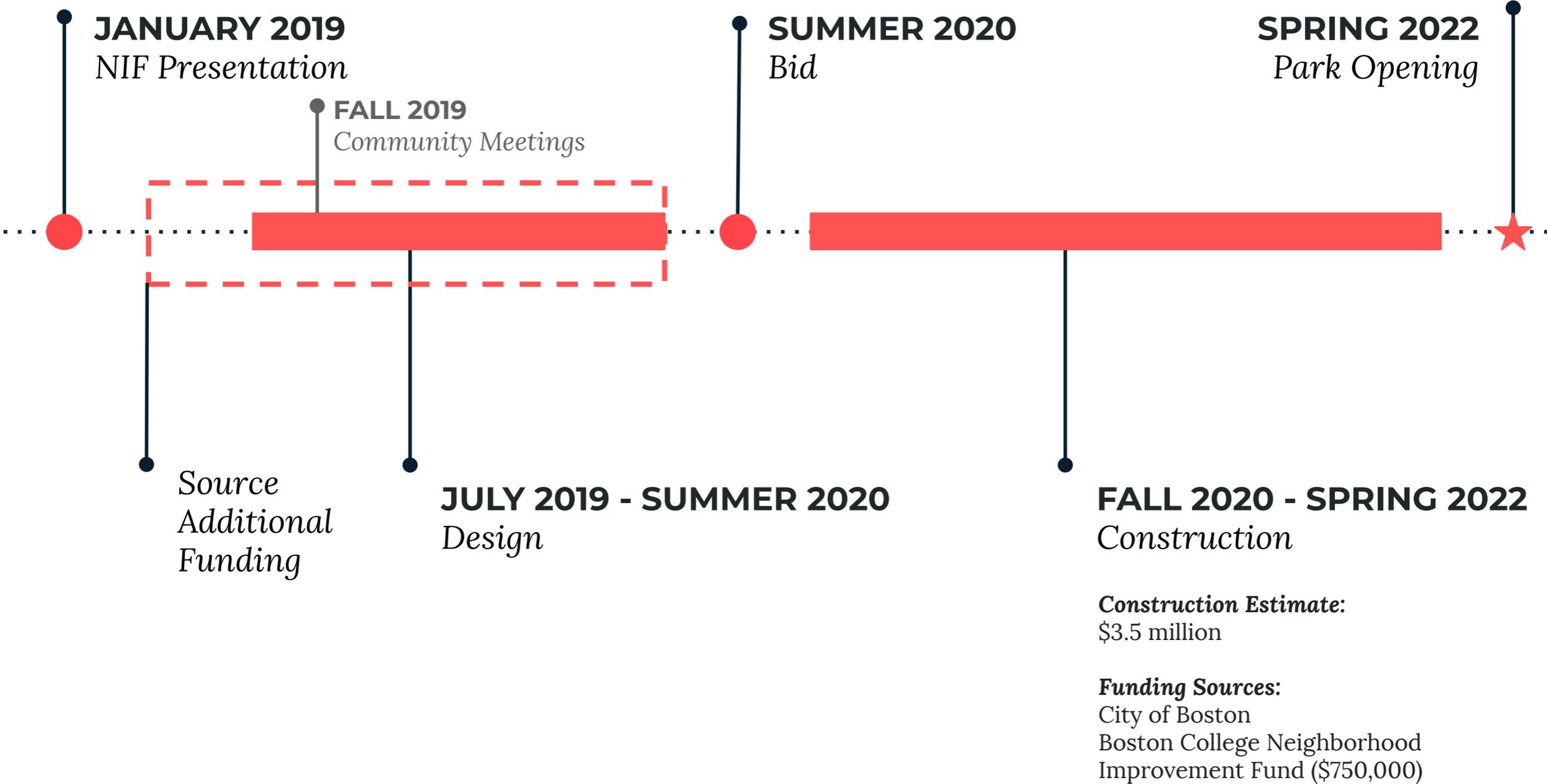
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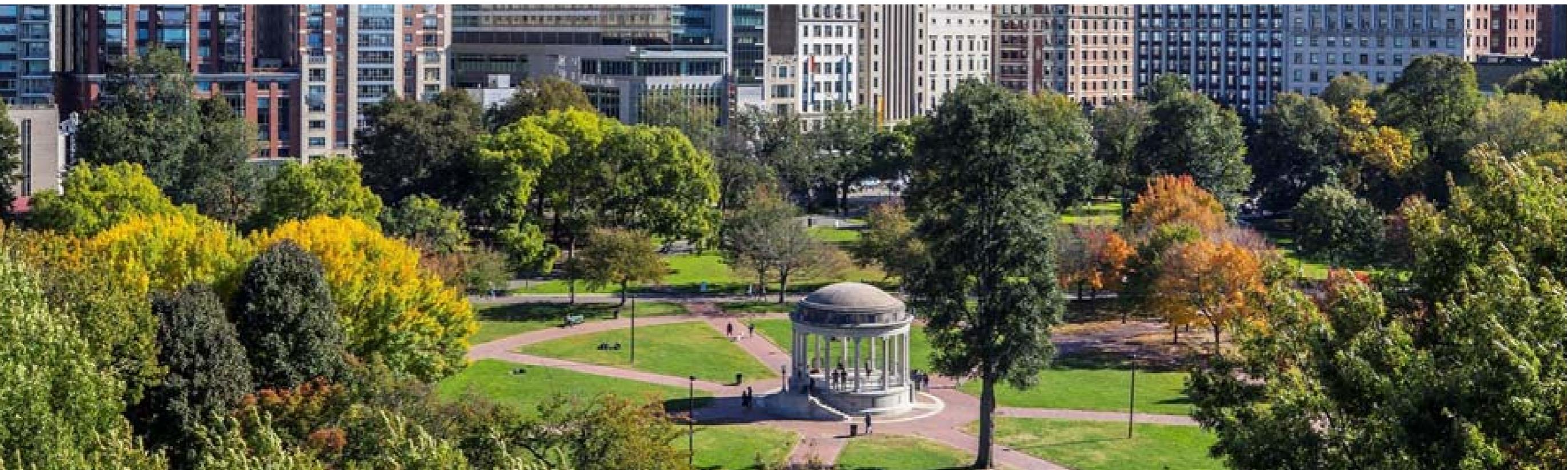


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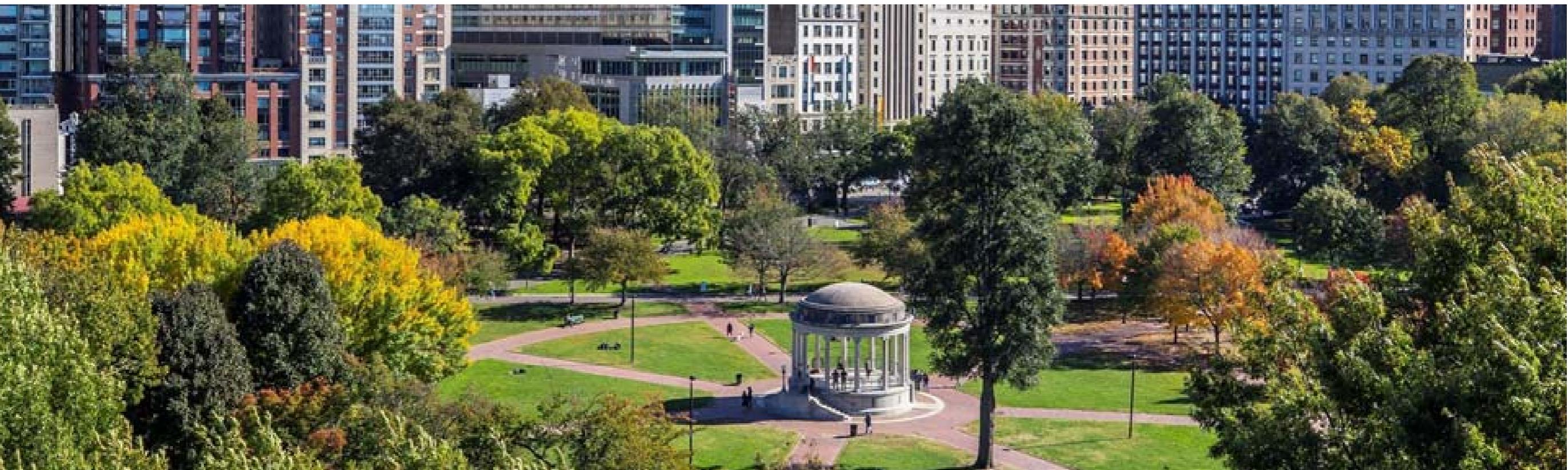
CITY OF BOSTON PRIORITIES

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



PARKS & 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**



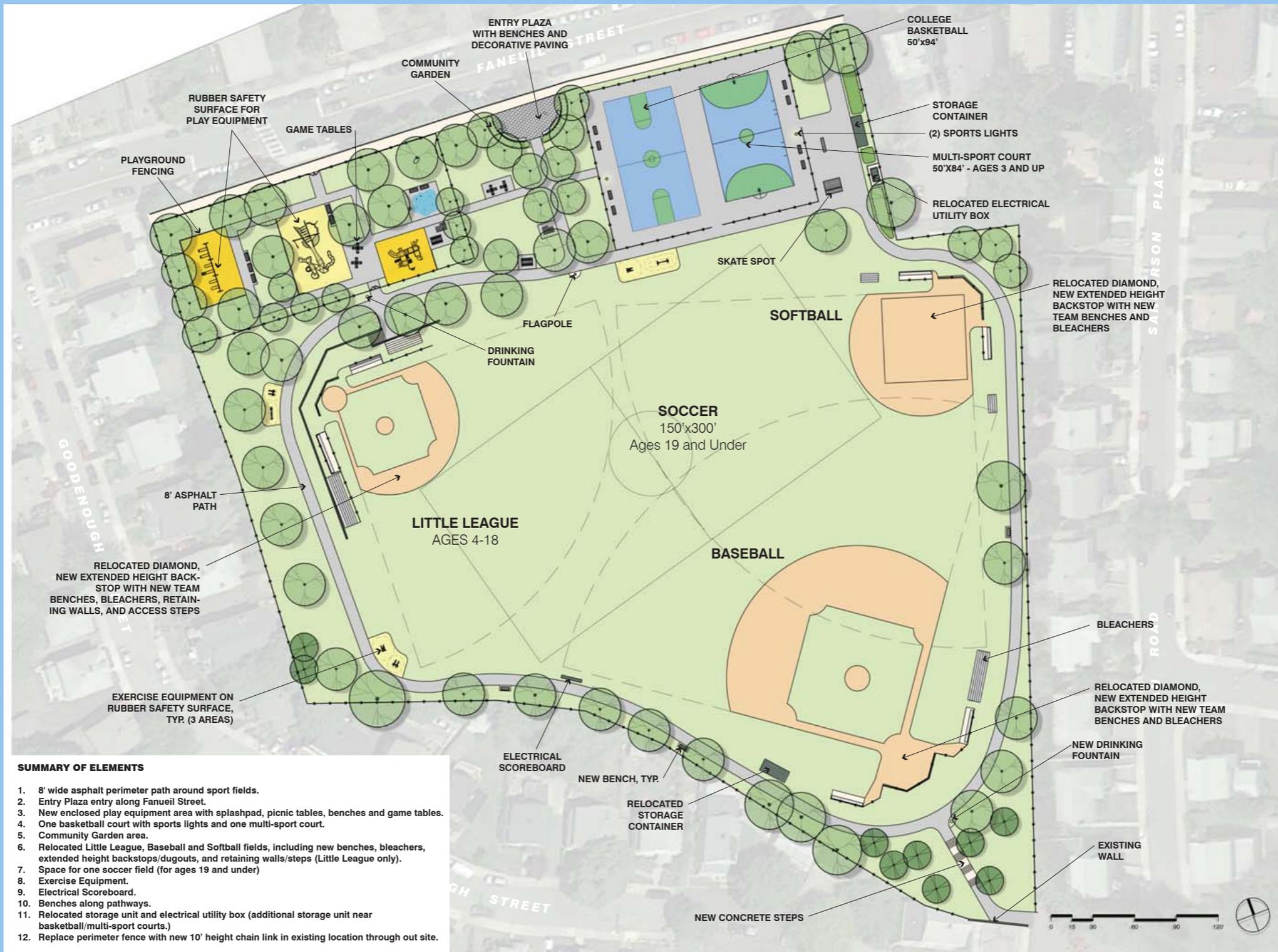


2017 MASTER PLAN

In 2016-2017, CBA produced a Master Plan for McKinney Playground. The Master Plan Report included site context, site history, current uses and existing conditions, and site analysis. Three public meetings were held.



2017 MASTER PLAN



SUMMARY OF ELEMENTS

1. 8' wide asphalt perimeter path around sport fields.
2. Entry Plaza entry along Fanueil Street.
3. New enclosed play equipment area with splashpad, picnic tables, benches and game tables.
4. One basketball court with sports lights and one multi-sport court.
5. Community Garden area.
6. Relocated Little League, Baseball and Softball fields, including new benches, bleachers, extended height backstops/dugouts, and retaining walls/steps (Little League only).
7. Space for one soccer field (for ages 19 and under)
8. Exercise Equipment.
9. Electrical Scoreboard.
10. Benches along pathways.
11. Relocated storage unit and electrical utility box (additional storage unit near basketball/multi-sport courts.)
12. Replace perimeter fence with new 10' height chain link in existing location through out site.



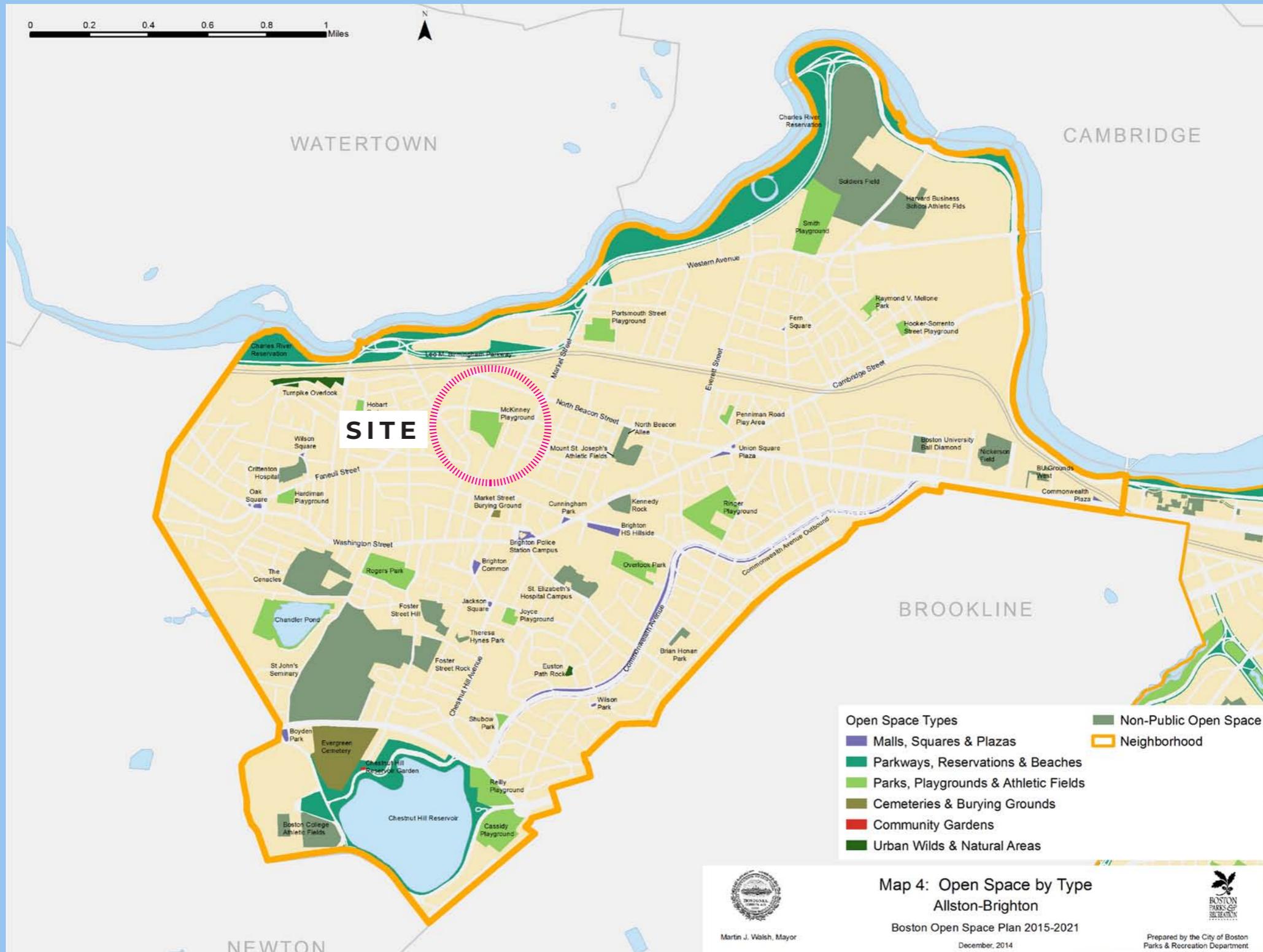
McKINNEY PARK GOALS

Several goals were identified during the Master Plan process:

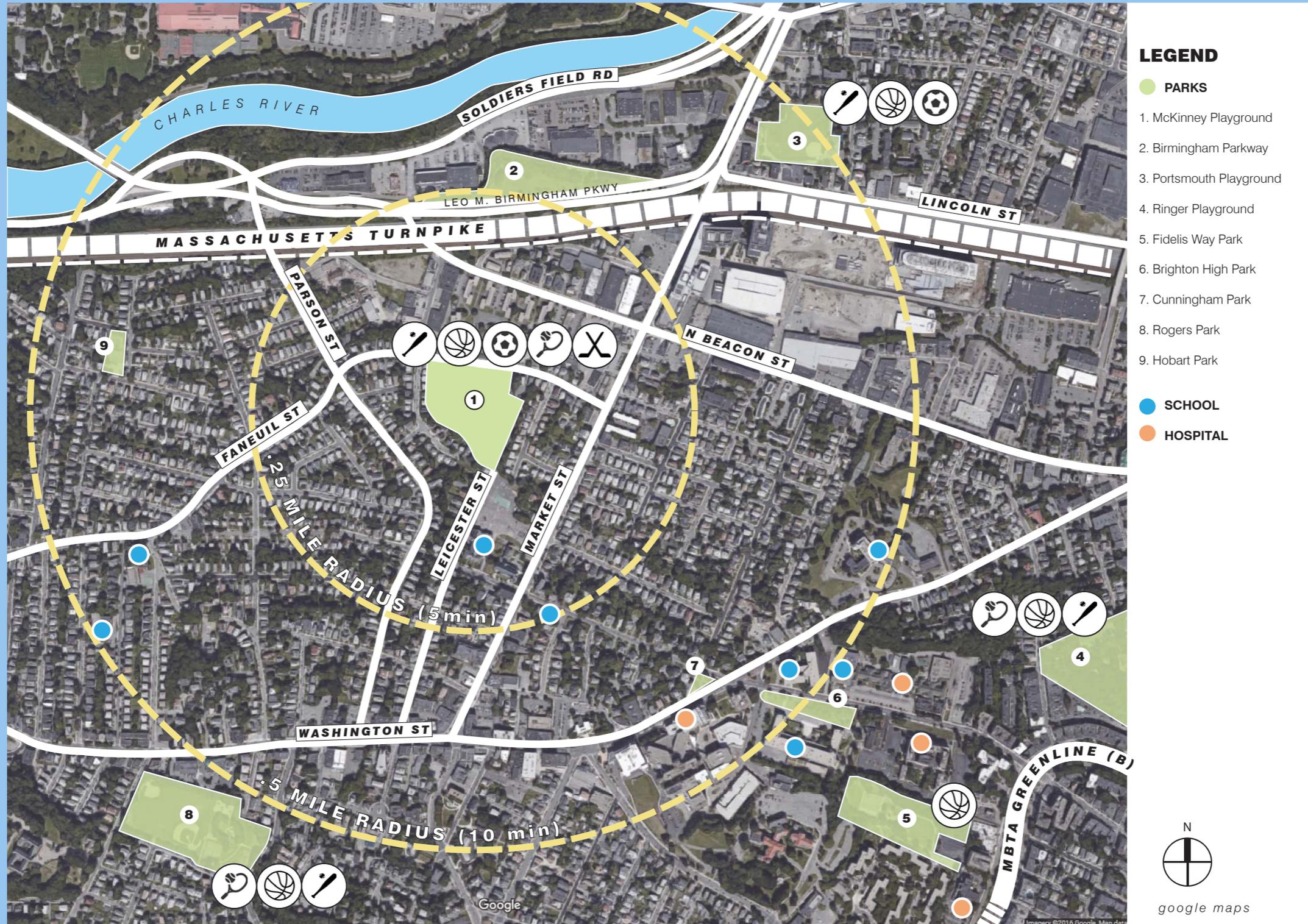
- Artificial turf will extend the programmable hours of the ball fields.
- Sports lighting will also extend the programmable hours of the ball fields.



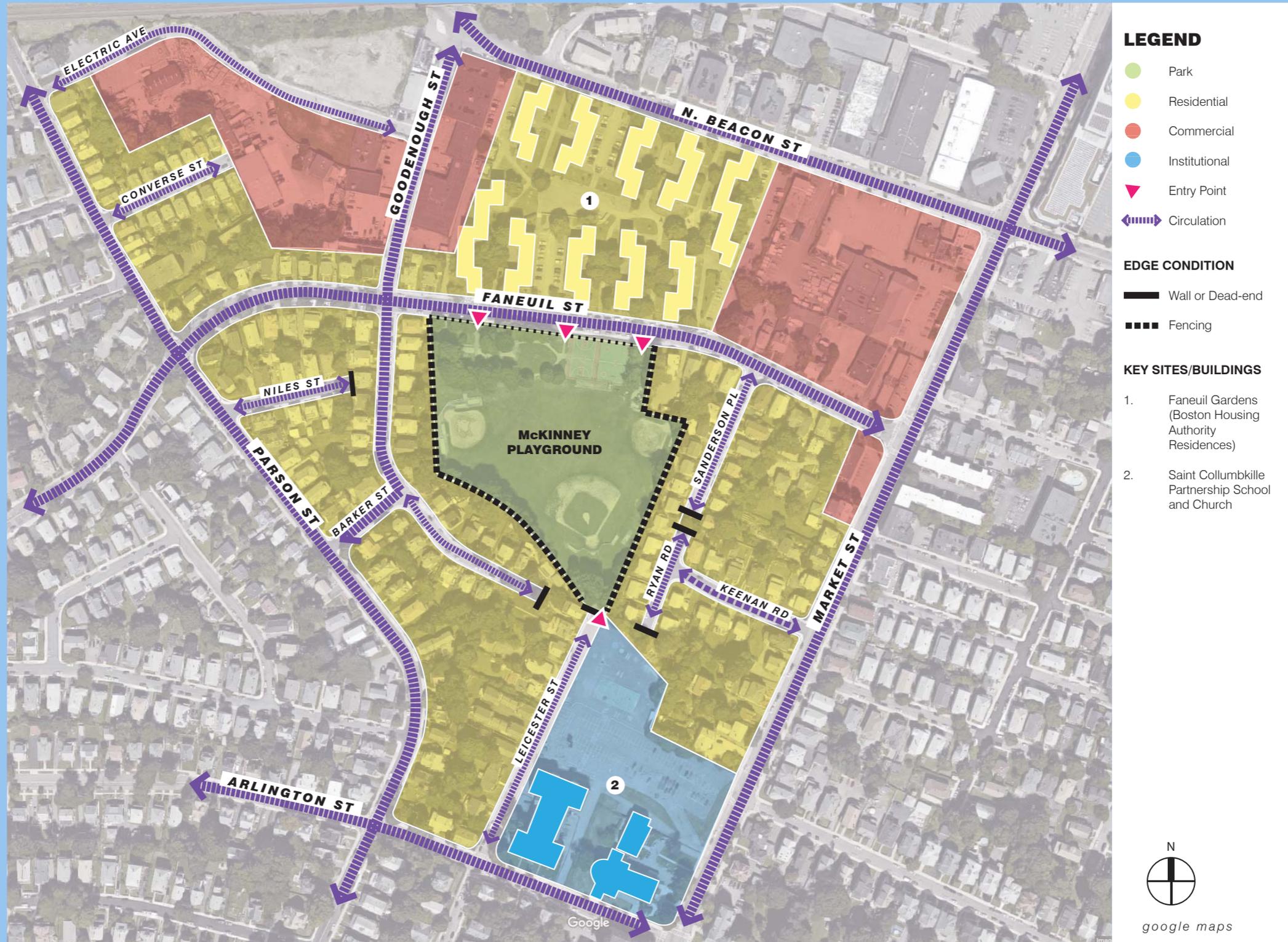
OPEN SPACES IN ALLSTON-BRIGHTON



NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT



IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS



EXISTING CONDITIONS



ANALYSIS: EXISTING SITE ZONES



ANALYSIS: CIRCULATION



ANALYSIS: PLAYGROUND AREA



IMAGES: PLAYGROUND AREA



Ages 5-12 Structure



Swings



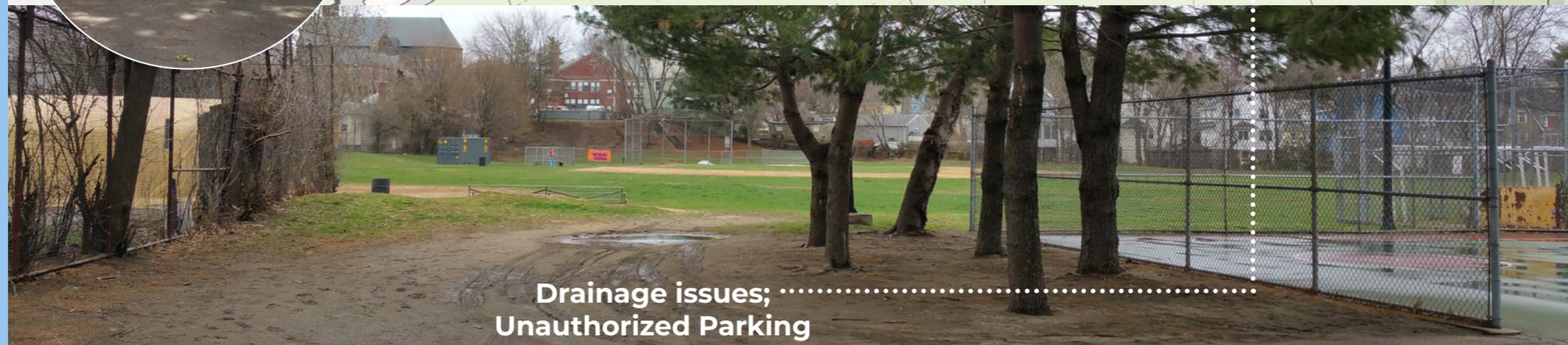
Spring Rider



Ages 2-5 Structure



ANALYSIS: ATHLETIC COURTS



IMAGES: ATHLETIC COURTS



Street Hockey



Cracks in Courts



Electrical Boxes



Soccer in Street Hockey Court



ANALYSIS: SPORTS FIELDS



Little League

Soccer

Softball

Baseball



IMAGES: SPORTS FIELDS



Soccer



Softball



Baseball



Batting Cages

ANALYSIS: SOUTHERN ENTRY



IMAGES: SOUTHERN ENTRY



View back from staircase



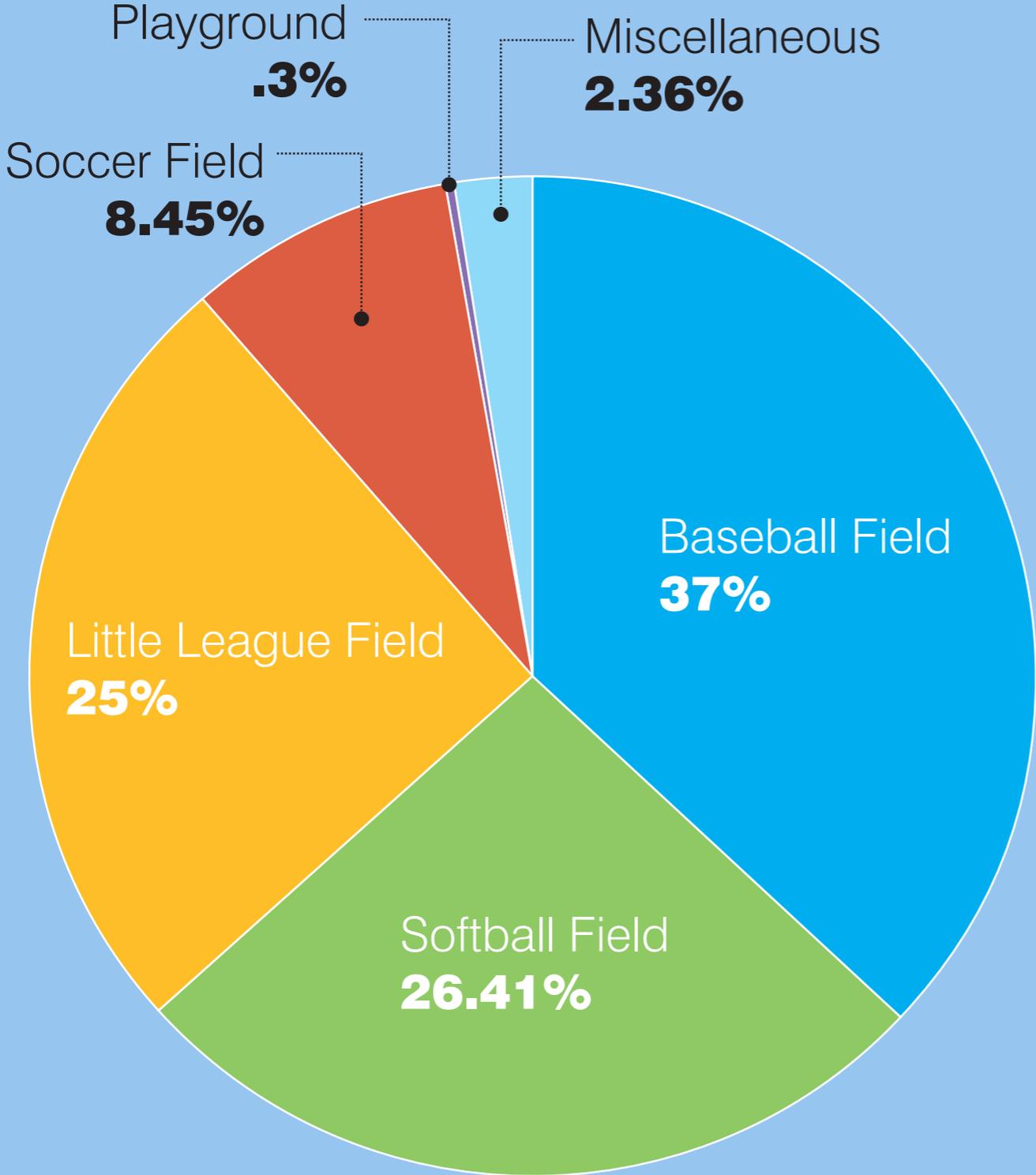
View back from cut-through



View back from cut-through



ANALYSIS: USAGE (2013-2016)



Activity Permits per Park Area

- **BASEBALL**
 737 for Baseball
- **SOFTBALL FIELD**
 524 for Softball
 1 for Kickball
- **LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD**
 505 for Little League
- **SOCCER FIELD**
 152 for Soccer
 16 for Field Hockey
- **PLAYGROUND**
 6 for *Artists in Residence Workshops*
- **MISCELLANEOUS**
 30 for "Sports"
 8 for "Summer Sports"
 4 for "Field Day"
 3 for "Family Fun Day"
 1 for "Boston UPC's Community Block Party"
 1 for "Customer Operation Event"



SUMMARY: EXISTING CONDITIONS



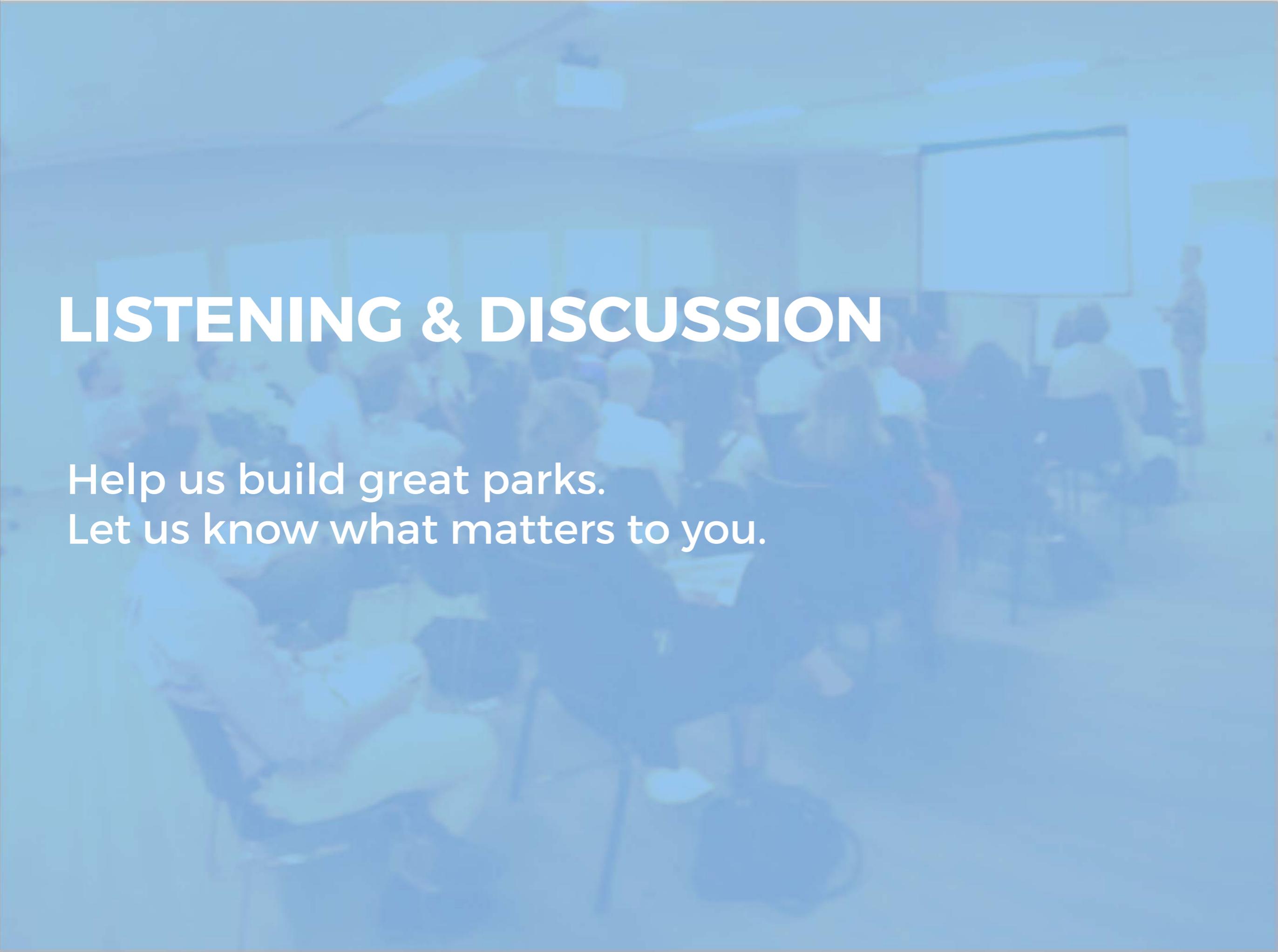
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LISTENING & DISCUSSION

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

THANK YOU!

Next Meeting: February 4, 2020

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



November 20, 2019
Boston Parks and Recreation

