

# MELLON PARK

## ACTION PLAN

COMMUNITY MEETING- PREFERRED PLAN PRESENTATION | MARCH 22, 2022



A photograph of a garden scene. In the background, there is a brick wall with a small decorative plaque in the center. Behind the wall, there are trees, including one with white blossoms. In the middle ground, there is a metal bench and a set of wooden stairs leading up to the wall. In the foreground, there is a large, well-manicured green hedge. To the left of the hedge, there are concrete steps and some small plants. The overall scene is a well-maintained garden.

1. Brief Overview

2. What We Heard

3. Preferred Plan Presentation

4. Open Discussion



## Action Plan **Goals**



Create a unifying  
**vision**

**Prioritize** future  
improvements

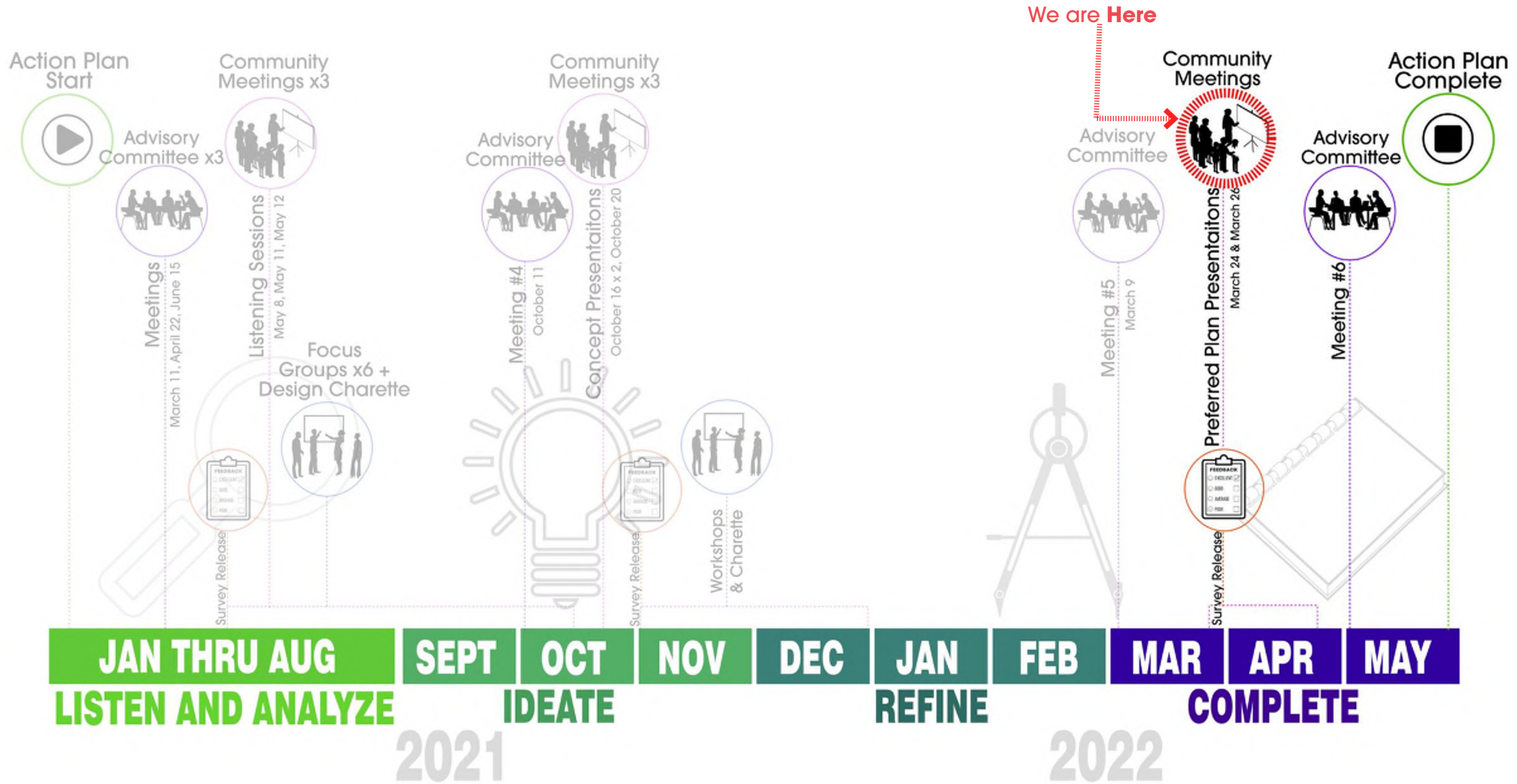
**Leverage** other  
projects

Focus on **Equity** and  
**Inclusion**

**Community** Driven  
Process



# Project Schedule







**What we HEARD**



# Concept Plans- Overall Park Improvements

Presented October 2021





## **Overall Park Improvements** Feedback

**Focus on pedestrian access and safety**

**More parking vs. preserving park space**

**More park amenities (benches, tables, etc.)**

**Balance events and unprogrammed space**

**Respect the landscape, history, trees**

**Off-leash dogs**

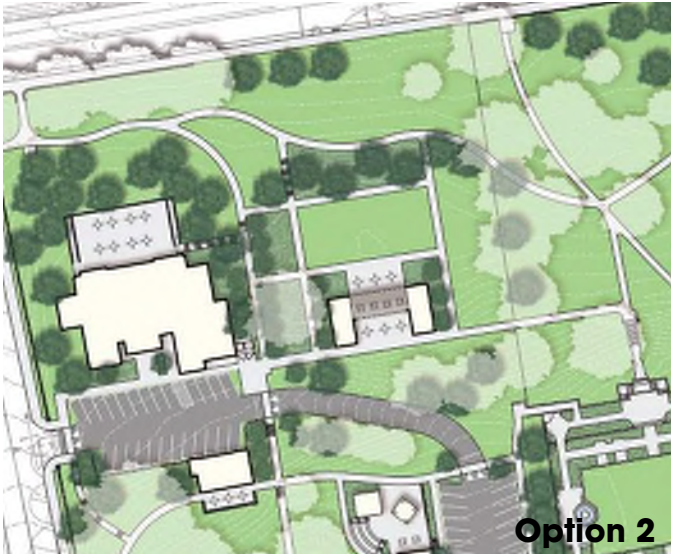
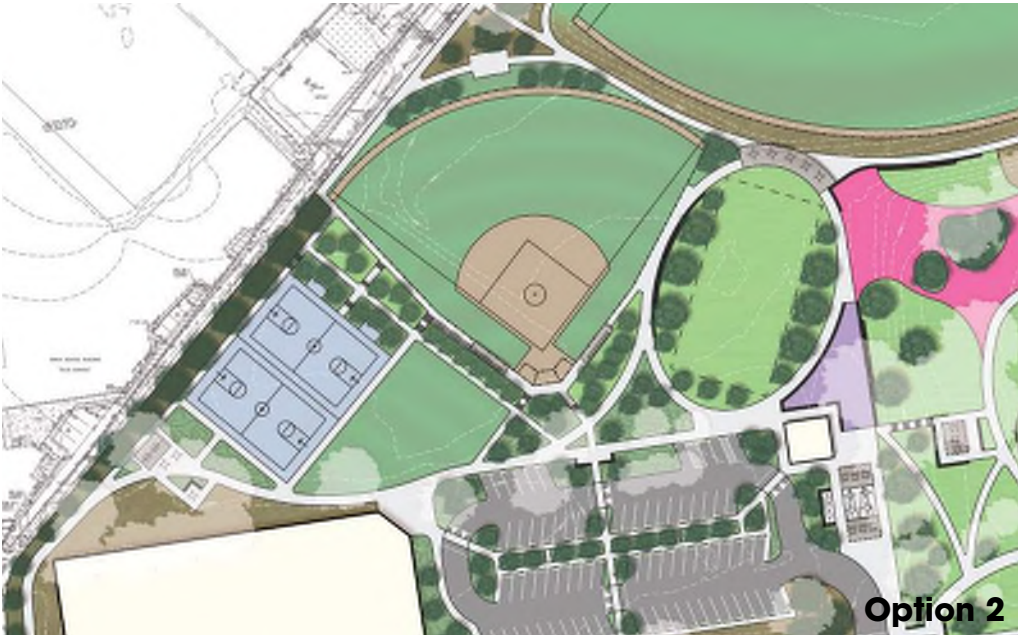
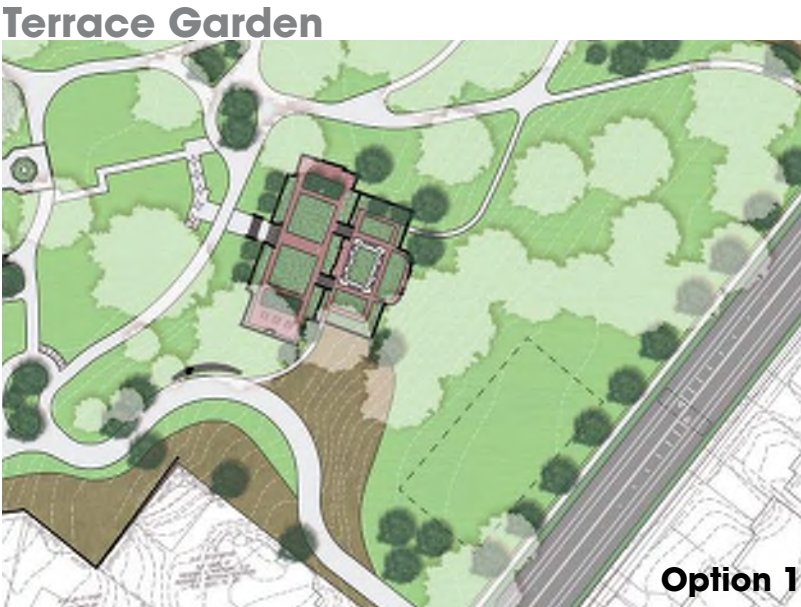
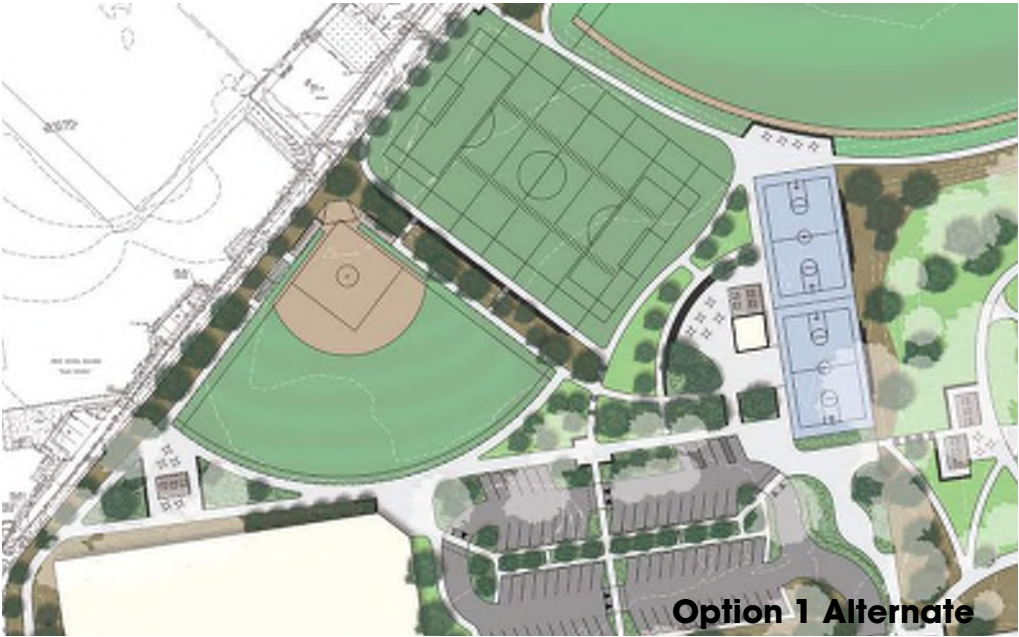




# Concept Plans- Design Options

Community Space and Fields

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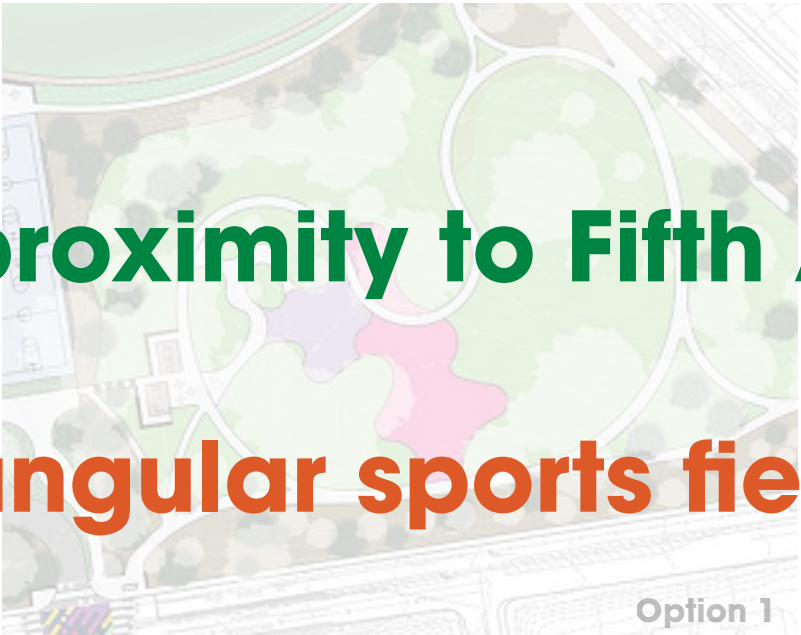


Design Options **Feedback**



**Play area vs. proximity to Fifth Avenue**

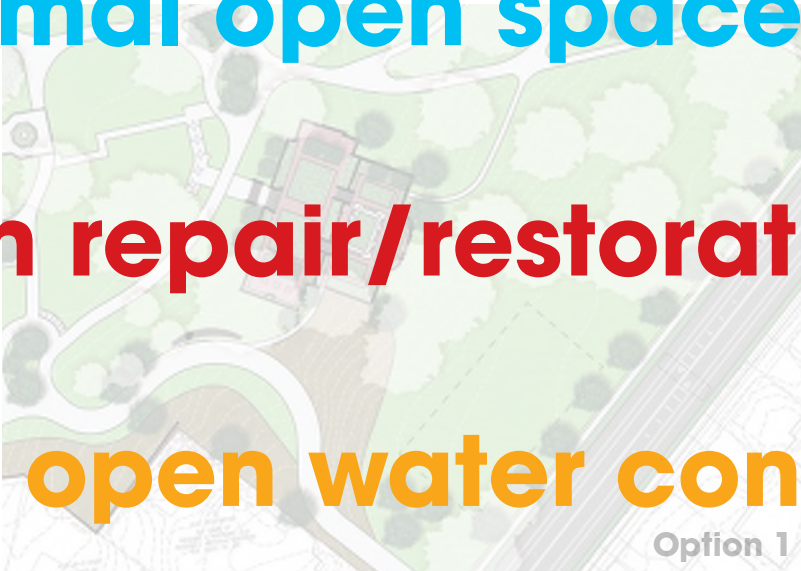
**Multi-use rectangular sports field**



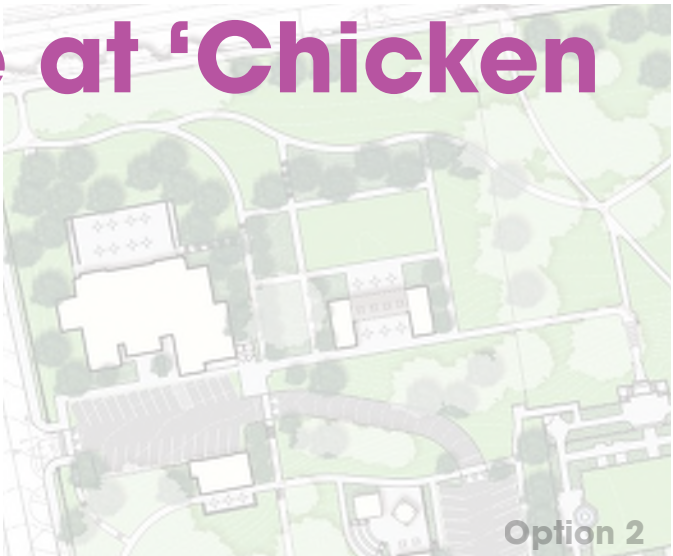
**Providing informal open spaces (both sides)**

**Terrace garden repair/restoration**

**‘Frog Pond’ vs. open water concerns**



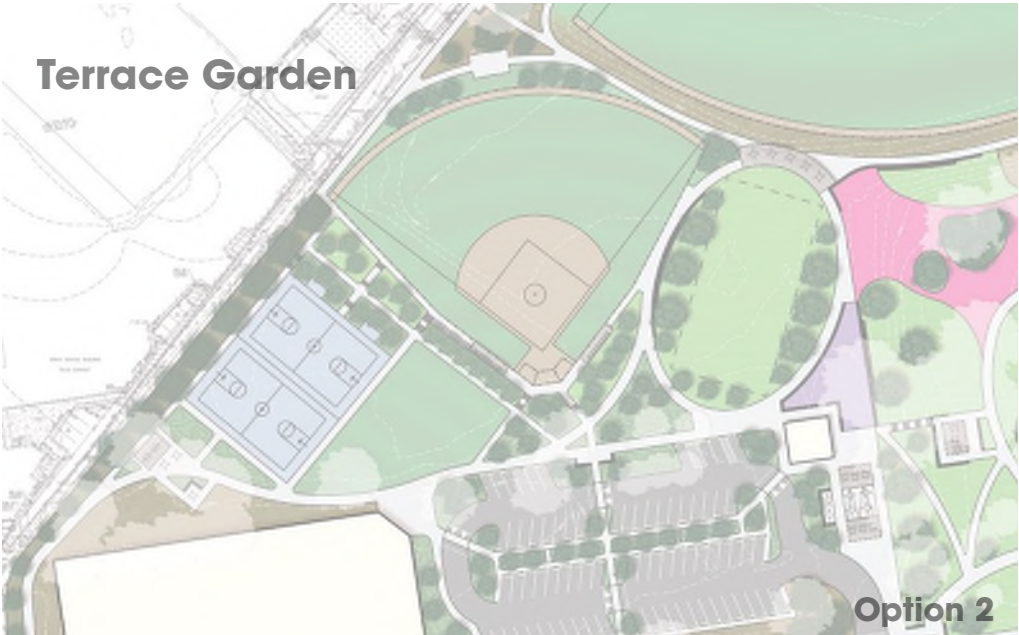
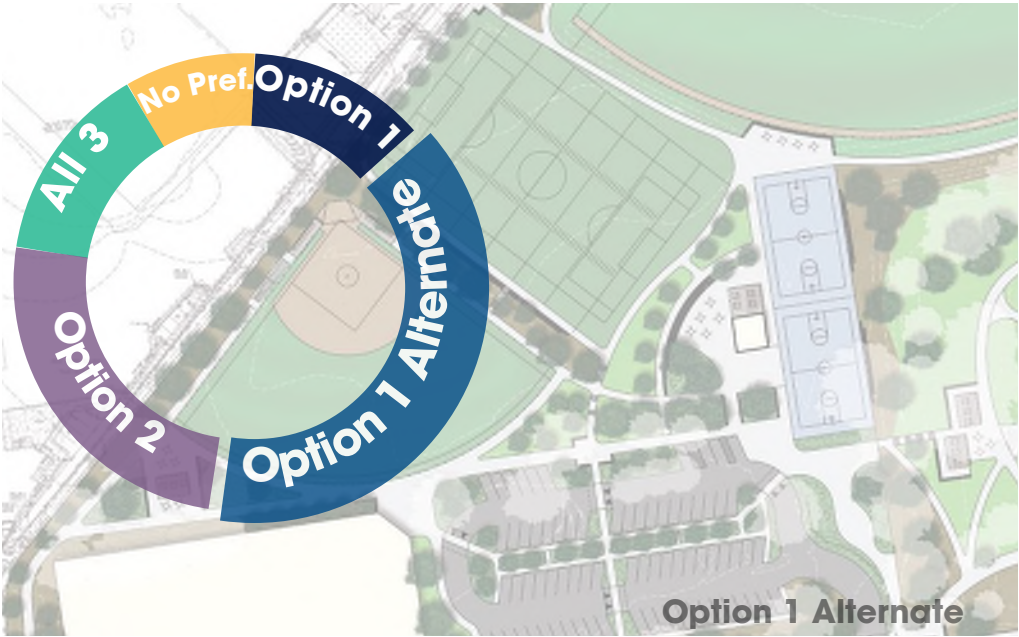
**Garden space vs. lawn space at ‘Chicken Coop’**



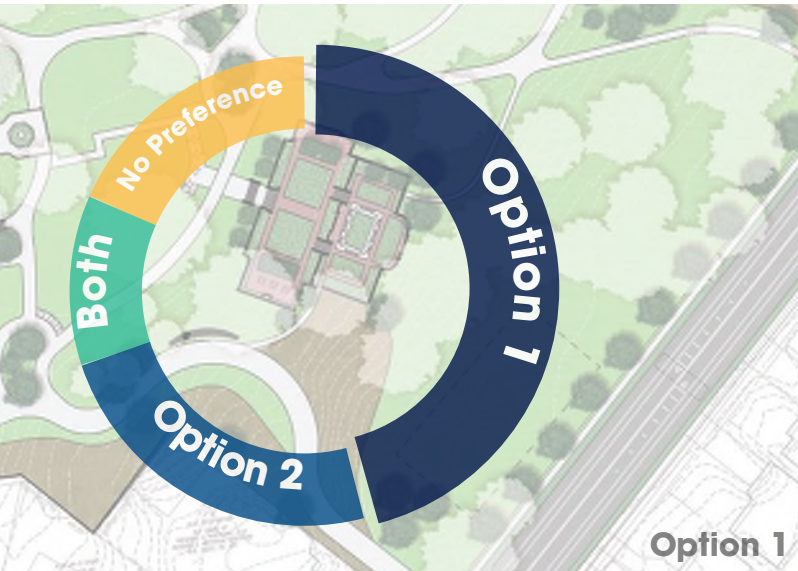
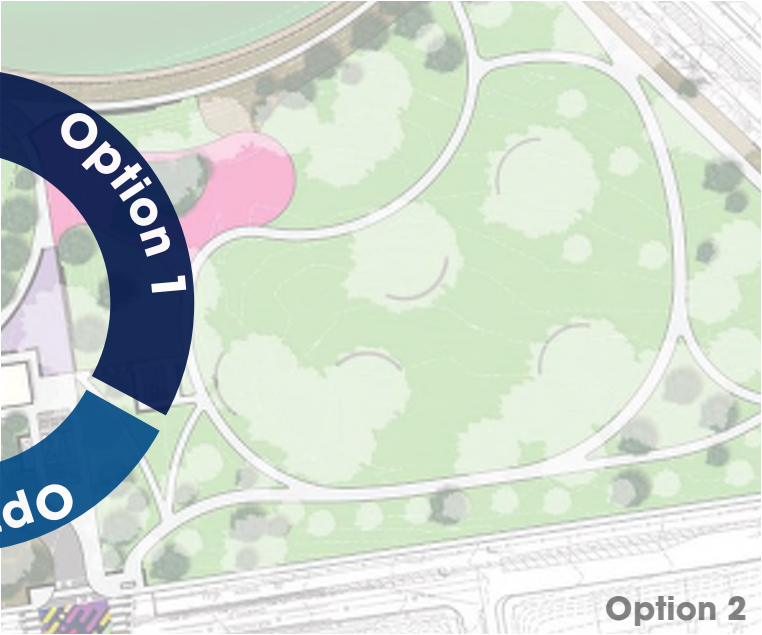
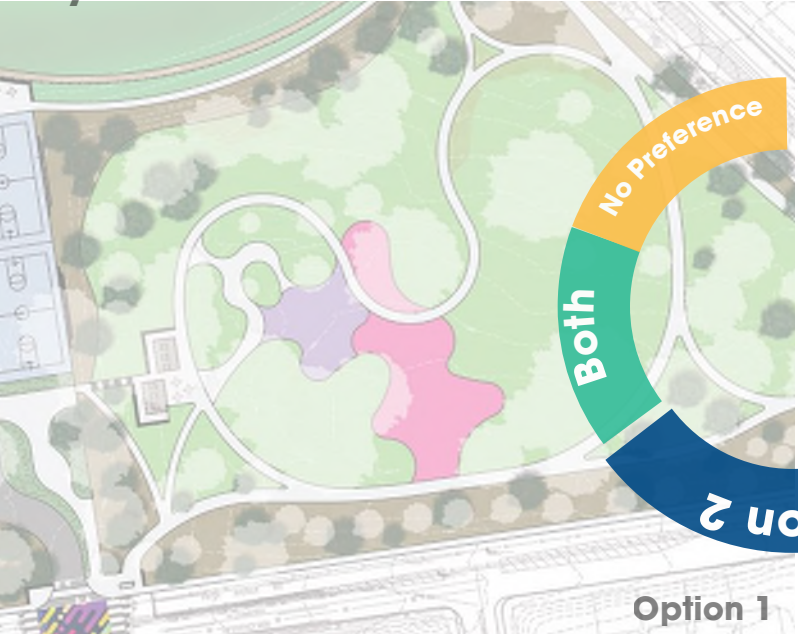


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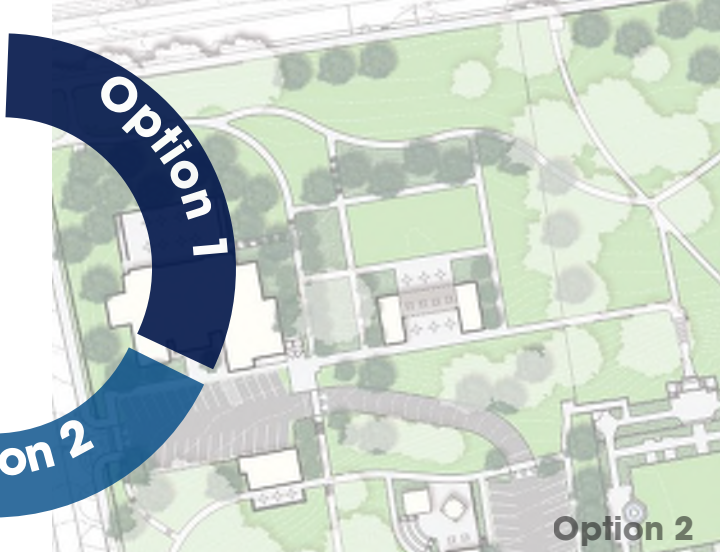
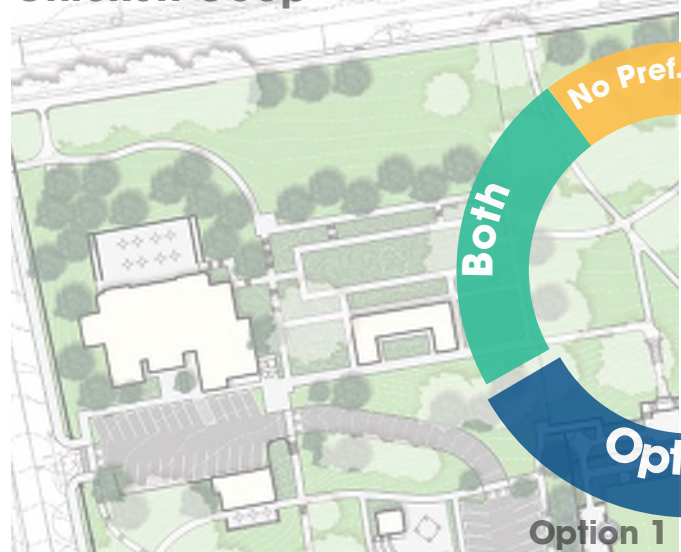
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Play Area



'Chicken Coop'







**So about Dog Parks...**



## **City Design Standards for Dog Parks**

**1.5 - 2 acres area, well-drained, 5% slope or less**

**Avoid interference with other established uses**

**Located 200' from adjacent residences or businesses**

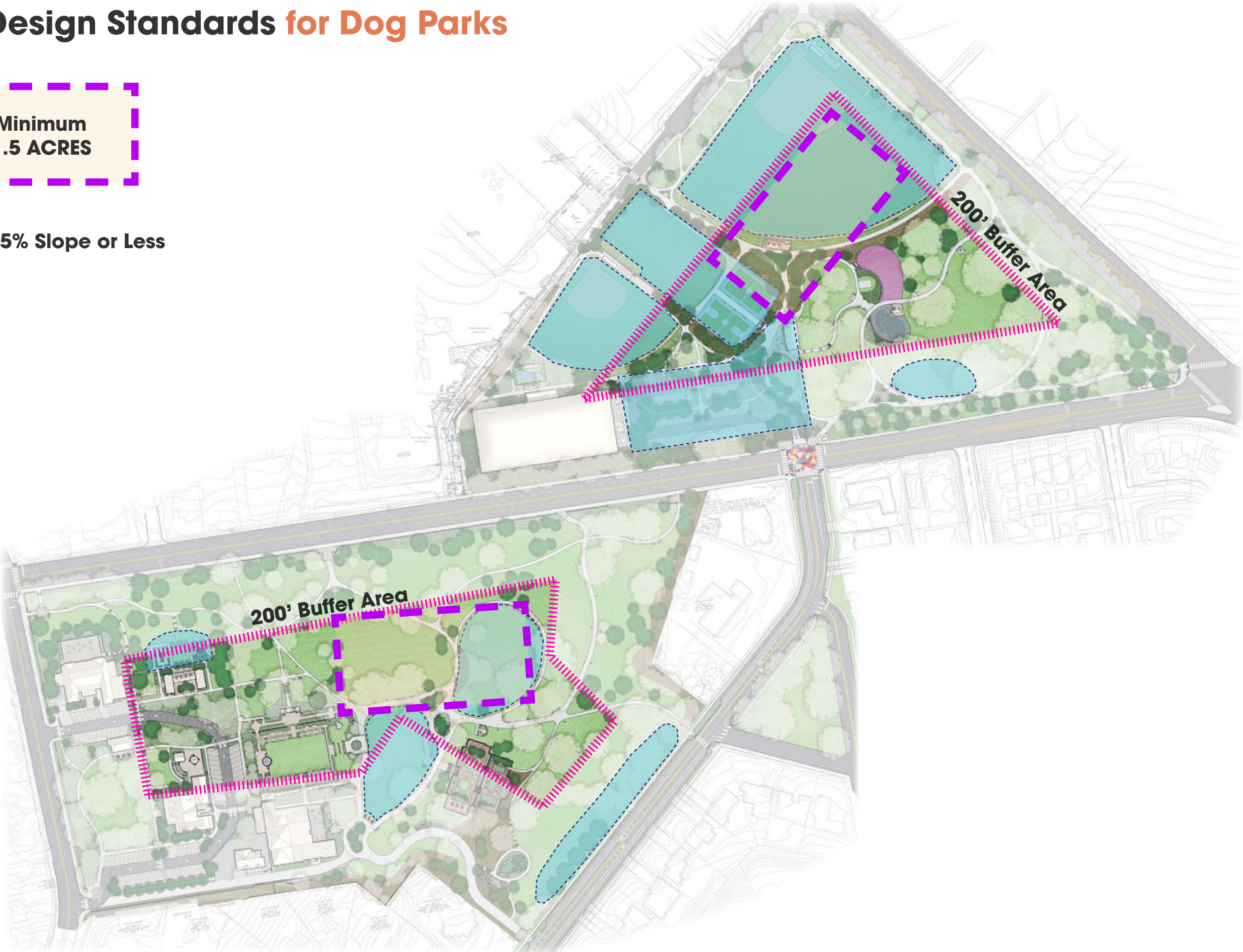
**Avoid sensitive environmental habitats/ protect specimen trees with fencing**



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**Preferred Plan**



# Preferred Plan- Overview

## The Preferred Plan is...

**A high-level master planning document**

**Intended to establish a design intent and framework**

**To be used as a tool to guide future investment and fundraising into Mellon Park**

**Subject to additional community engagement and input upon implementation**

**Not etched in stone!!!**





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## ADDITIONAL SHELTER SPACES

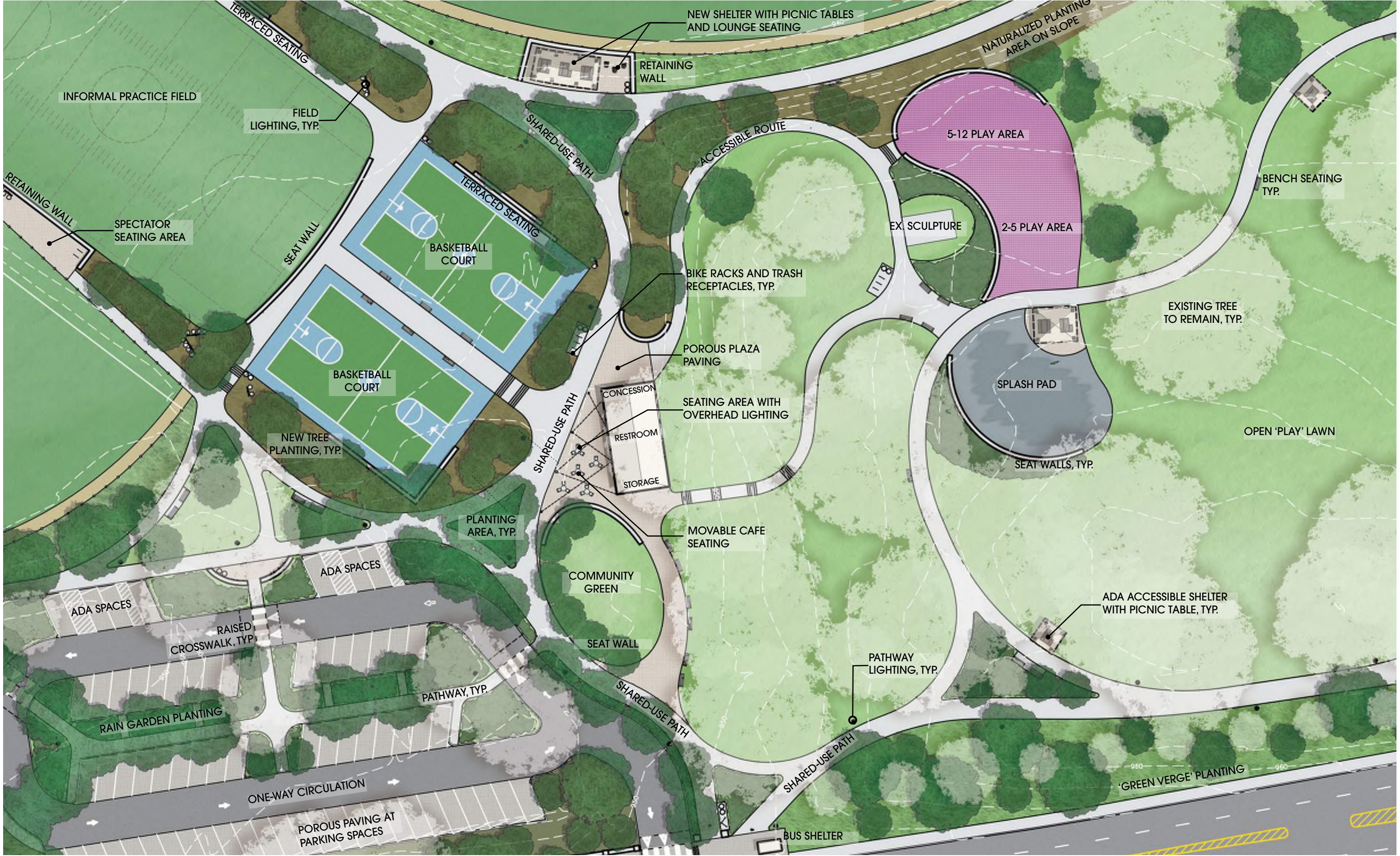
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# Preferred Plan- Community Green and Play Space Enlargement





Preferred Plan- Community Green Precedents



Community cafe and gathering space



Overlook terrace/ event stage



Informal practice field



Terraced seating



Preferred Plan- **Playground and Splash Pad Precedent Images**



Vertical play with nature theme



Nature themed splash pad



Nature themed climbing elements



Nature themed spray features





**Breakout Room Discussion**



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- 14 Naturalized planting area with native shrubs, trees, and grasses.



# Preferred Plan- Mellon Park South

# 'CAMPUS' INTEGRATION





## Preferred Plan- Mellon Park South

## LEGEND

- 1 Reconfigured parking area with 71 standard parking spaces and 8 ADA spaces between the three lots. One-way circulation and raised crosswalks enhance pedestrian safety.
- 2 Renovated Scaife Carriage House (currently DPW Garage and Maintenance Yard). Restored exterior of building and relocated maintenance yard entry and dumpsters to the cobble drive and establish as a service road.

- 3 building entrance facing the parking area, relocated loading access to the shared service drive, and expanded porch facing the park.
- 4 Repaired/renovated Scaife Building (currently Center for the Arts and Media). Improved entrances and connections to other buildings. Amphitheater space for classroom and public use.

- 5** (currently CitiParks). Improved entrances and connections to parking and other buildings. Rehabilitated terrace area with cafe seating for public use.
- 6** Reconstructed and restored historic Terrace Garden. See enlargement plan.

## 'CAMPUS' INTEGRATION





# Preferred Plan- Mellon Park South

# ENHANCE EXISTING SPACES





# Preferred Plan- Mellon Park South

# RESTORE AND REHABILITATE HISTORIC ASSETS



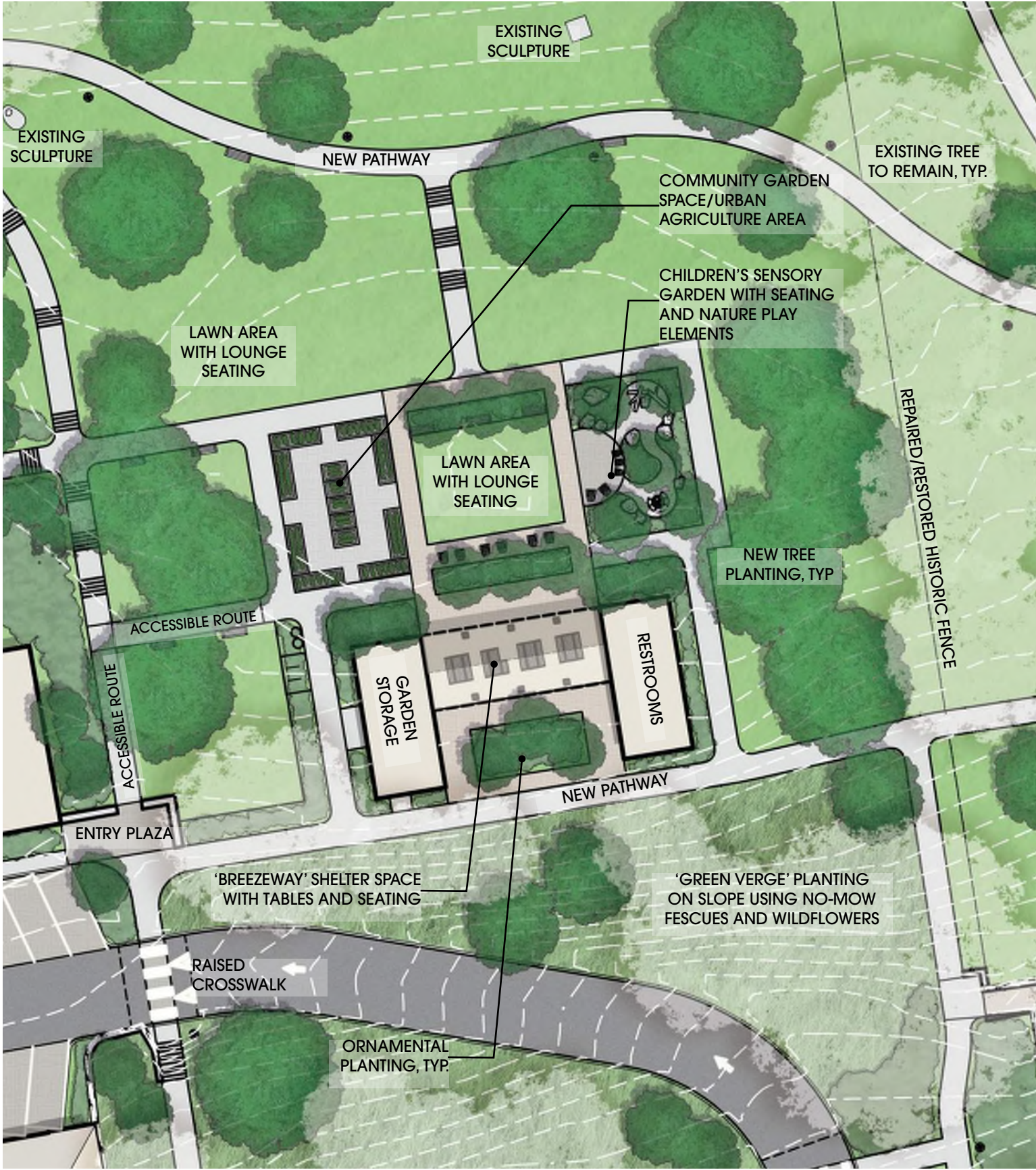


# Preferred Plan- Terrace Garden and Frew Knoll Enlargement





# Preferred Plan- Community Garden and Olmsted Rain Garden Enlargement





# Preferred Plan- **Terrace Garden** and 'Olmsted Rain Garden' Precedents'



Historic image of Terrace Garden



Formal gardens using native plants



Historic image of 'Olmsted Brothers' pond



Ornamental rain garden



# Preferred Plan- Community Garden Space Precedents



Children's Garden and informal nature play space





**Breakout Room Discussion**

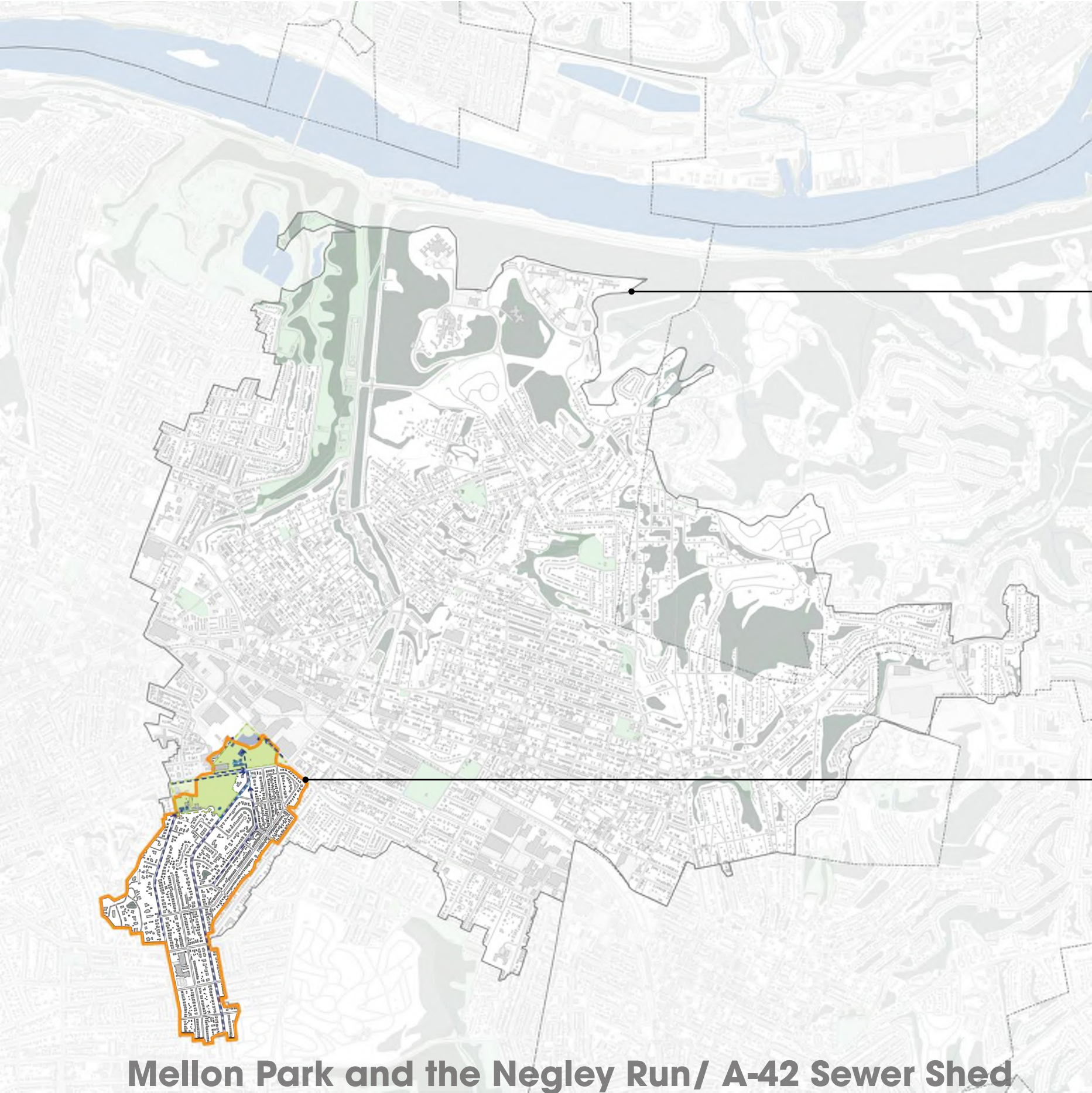




**Stormwater and Site Diagrams**



# Mellon Park Stormwater Strategy

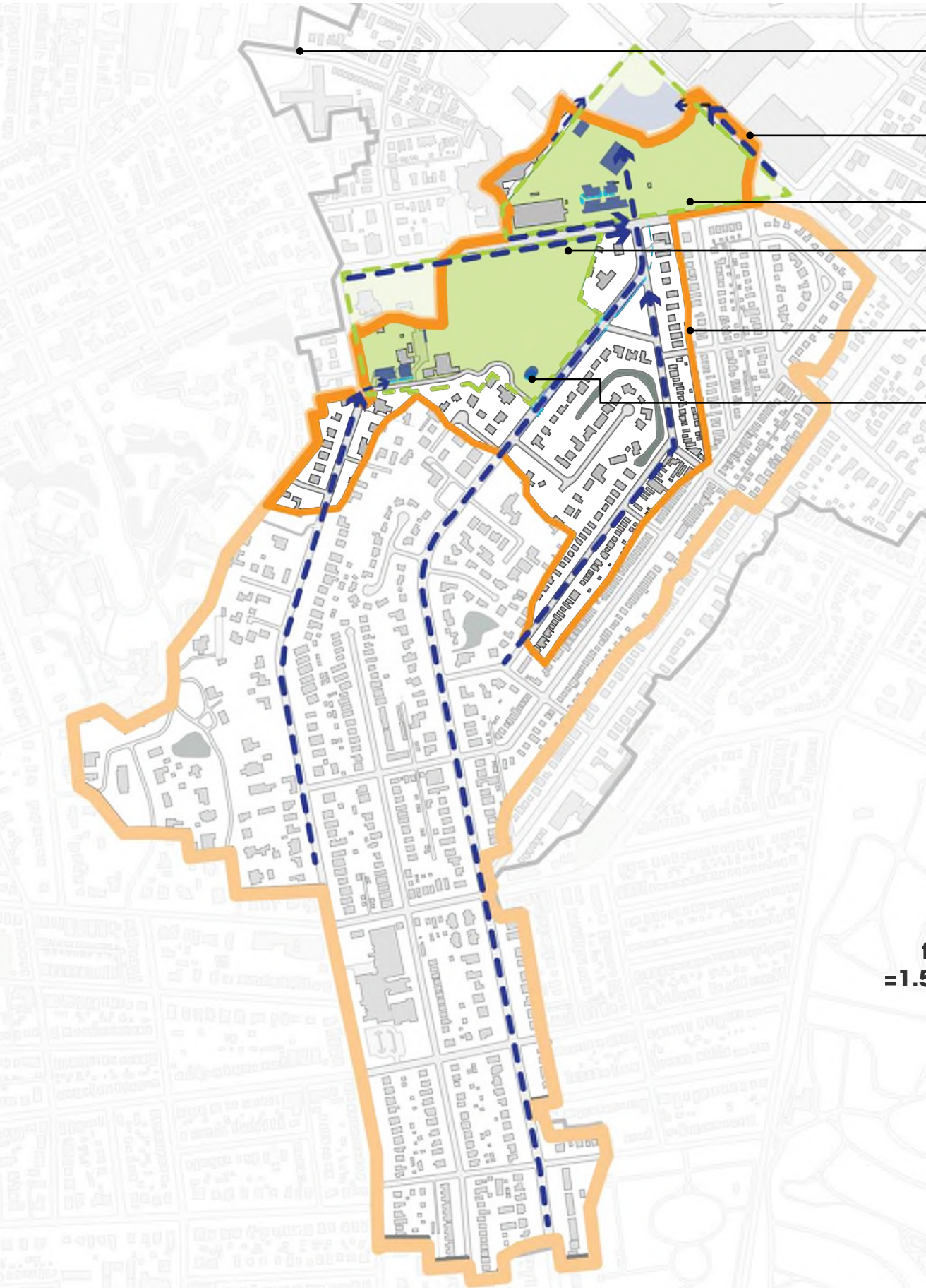


**A-42 Sewershed**  
**Mellon Park Basin**





# Mellon Park Stormwater Strategy



**A-42 Sewershed**

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**Mellon Park Parcels**

**Mellon Park Managed Subcatchment**

**Stormwater Storage**



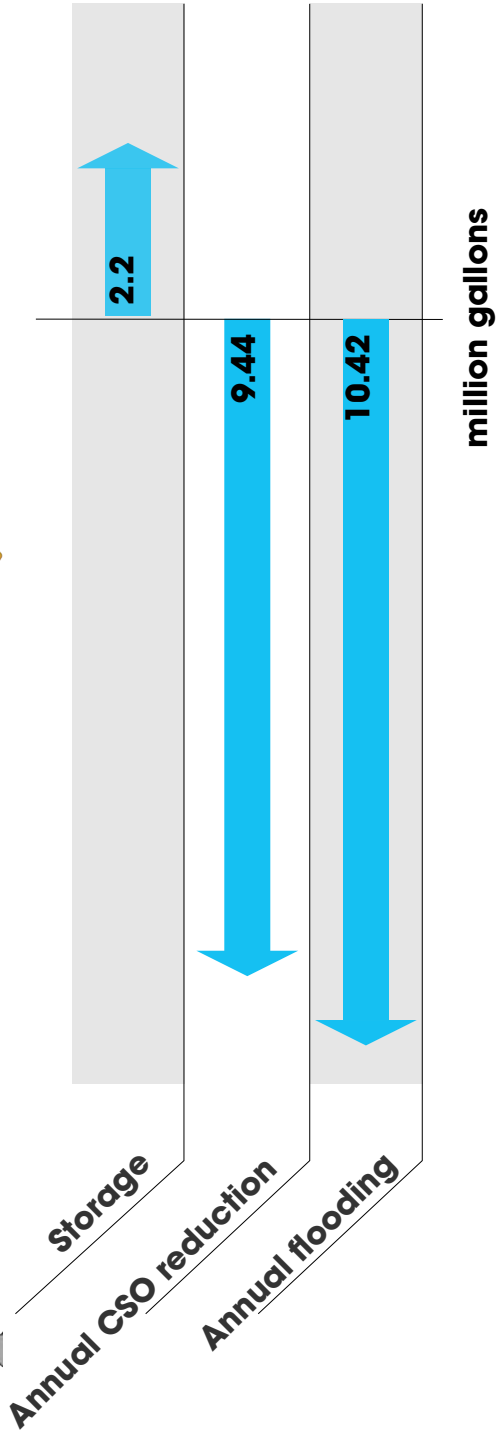
Mellon Park Basin & Managed Subcatchment



# Mellon Park Stormwater Strategy

Mellon Park  
Managed  
Subcatchment to GSI

Stormwater Storage





# Park Trees



Existing Specimen Trees to Remain



Existing Trees to Remain



Existing Trees to be Removed



Proposed Tree Planting



Mellon Park North- **205** New Trees

Mellon Park South- **207** New Trees

**412 Total** (planted incrementally)



# Park Vegetation



Permeable Paving- 3%

Impervious Surfacing- 22%



15% Reduction in Impervious Surfacing

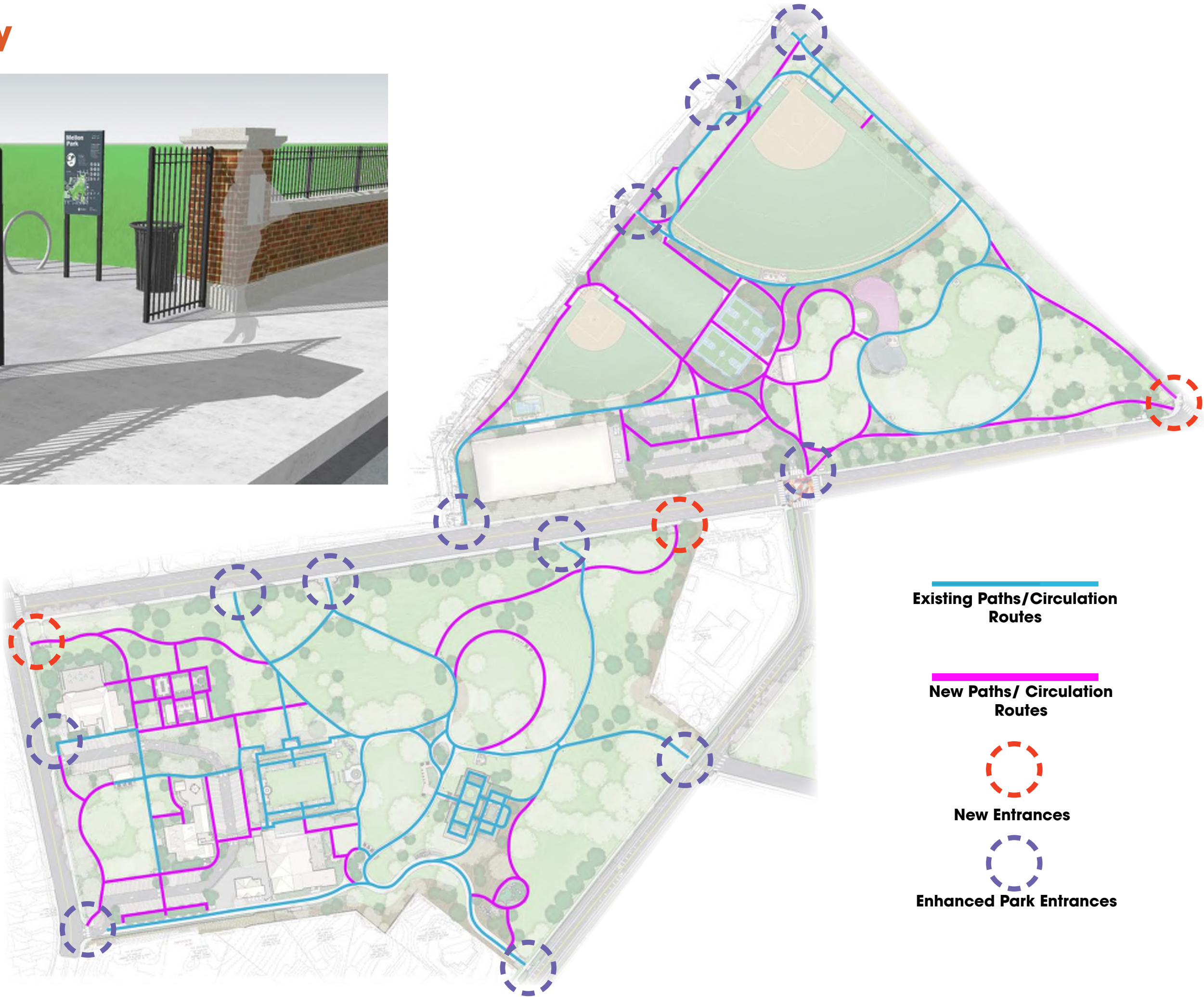
5% Reduction in Mown Lawn Area



# Park Connectivity



New or Enhanced Park Entrances



Existing Paths/Circulation Routes

New Paths/ Circulation Routes

New Entrances

Enhanced Park Entrances



# Park Accessibility



Example of Shared-Use Path



Accessible Routes

Non-Accessible, but  
less than 8%

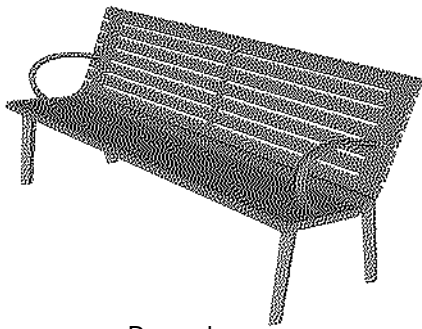
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Shared-Use Path



# Park Amenities

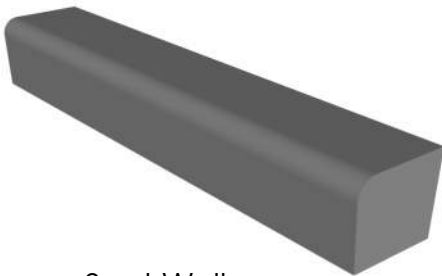
● Seating



Benches

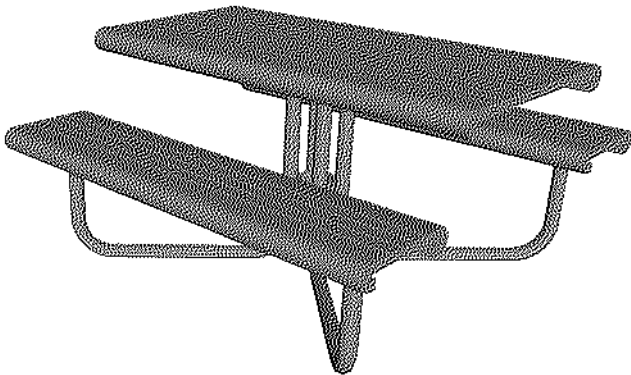


Lounge Seating



Seat Walls

● Tables



Picnic Tables

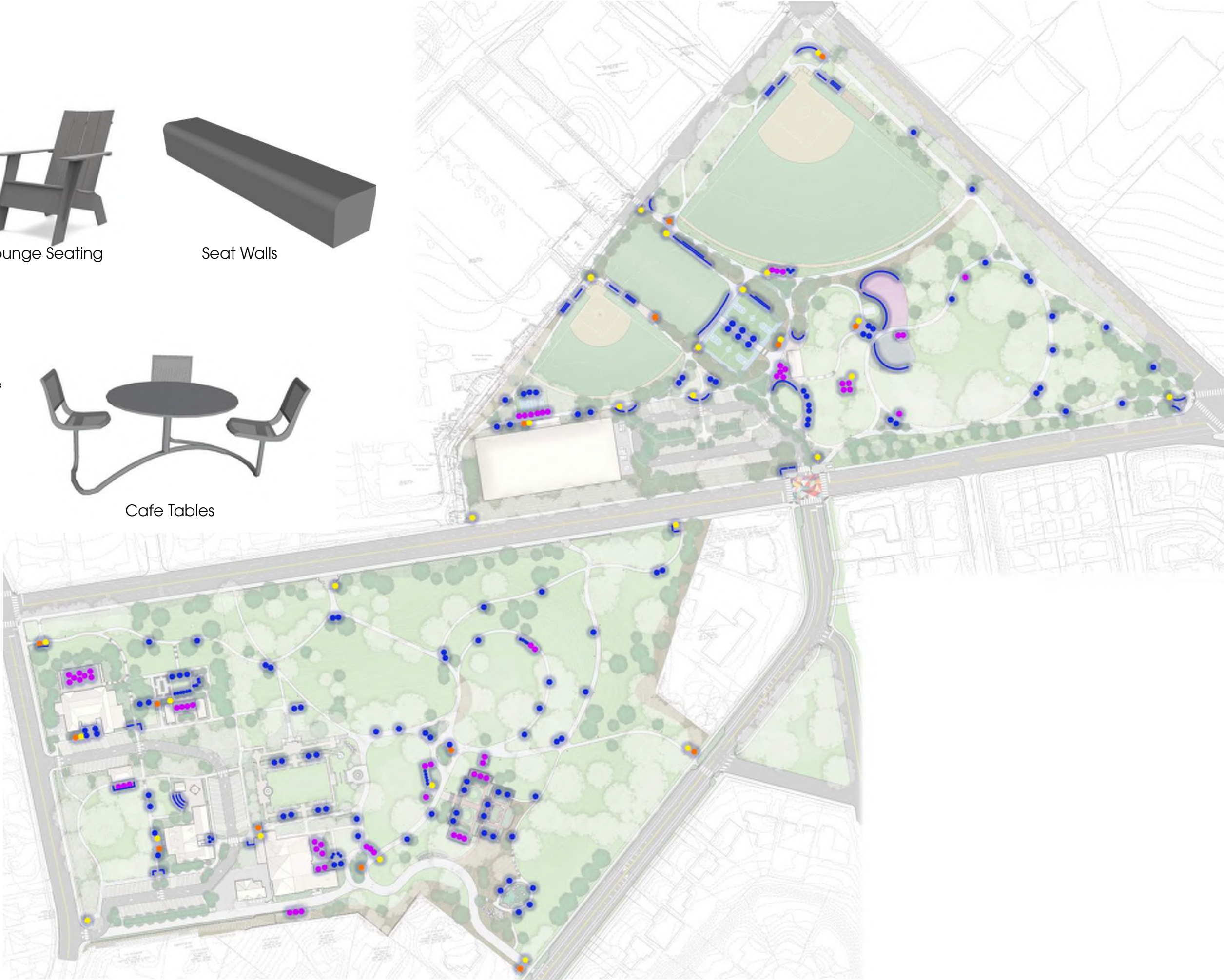
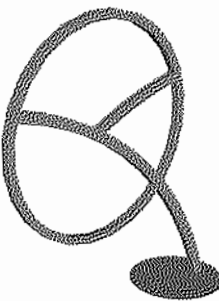


Cafe Tables

● Trash Receptacles

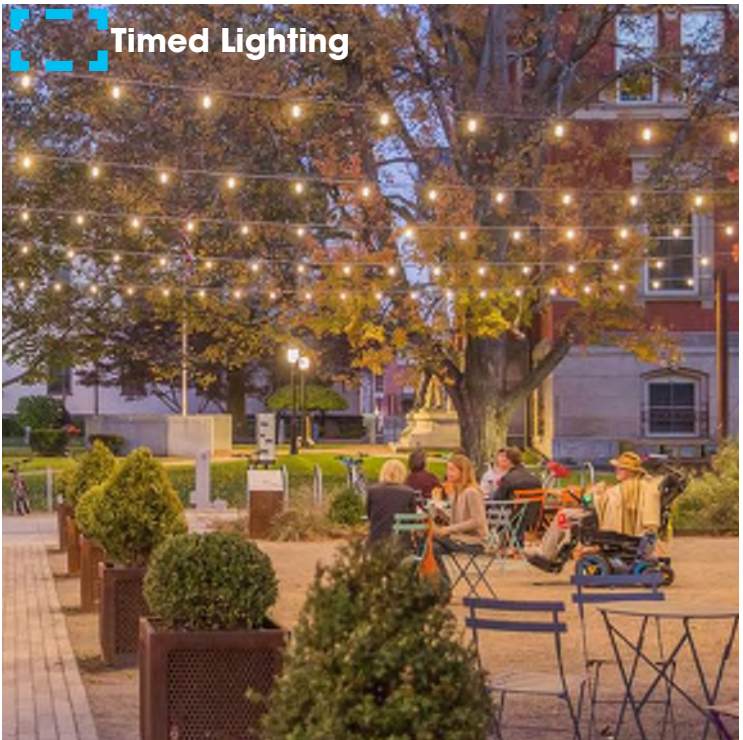


● Bike Racks



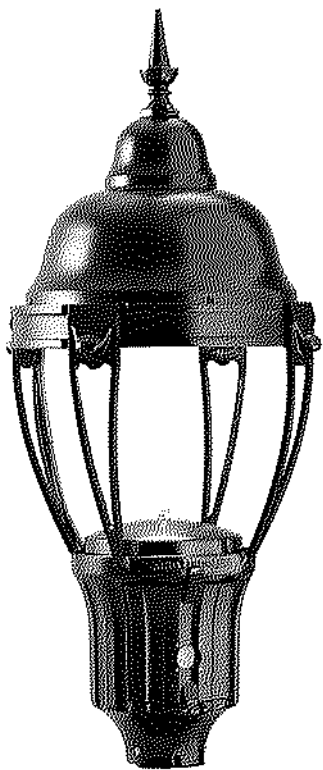


# Park Lighting- **Timed/Event Lighting**





# Park Lighting- Pedestrian Safety



Dark-Sky Compliant Fixtures





# Park Event Spaces



Fair in the Park (Mellon Park South)







**Open Discussion**





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# THANK YOU!

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