COMMUNITY MEETING #1 | AGENDA

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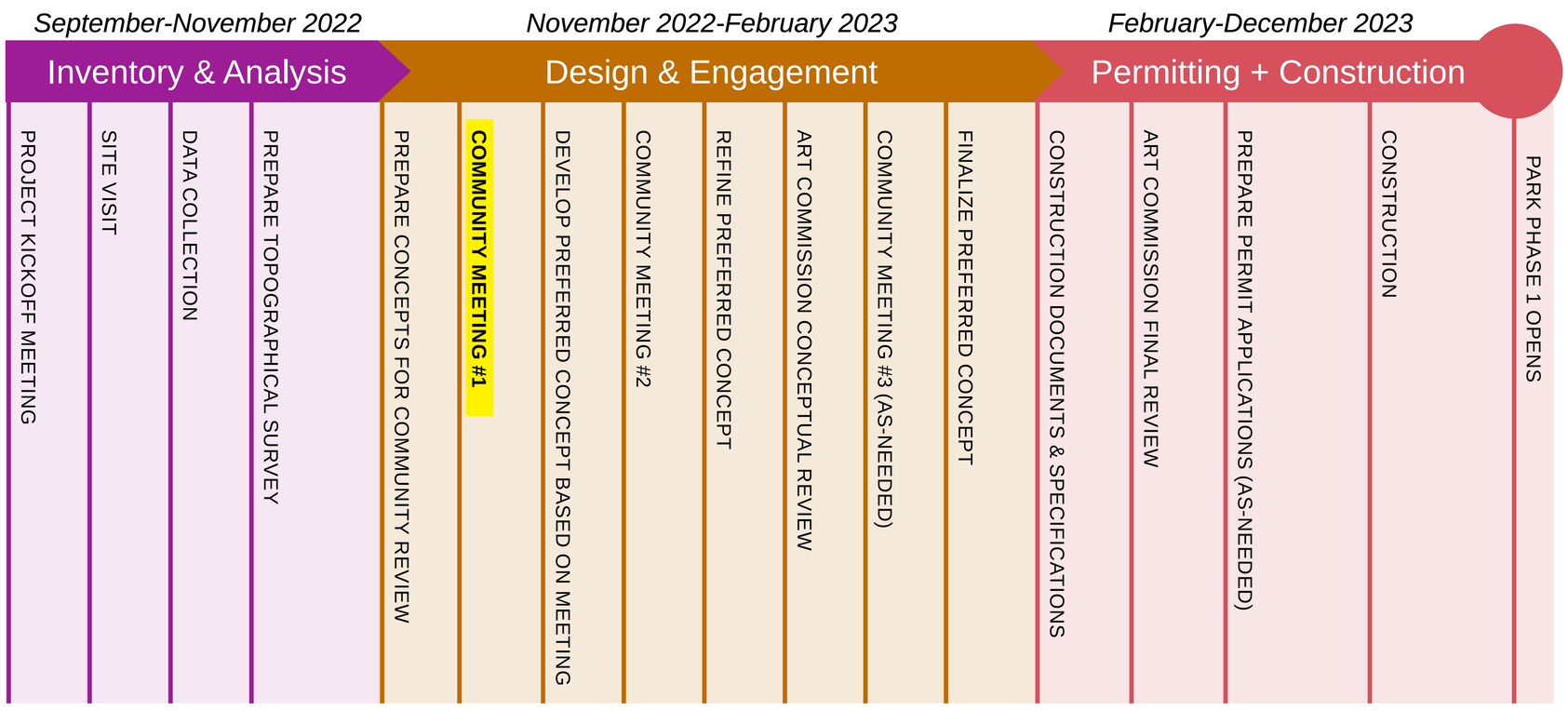

INTRODUCTION | SCOPE OF WORK

Phase One Site Elements

1. Park Building
2. Park Shelter
3. ADA Accessible Community Garden & Parking
4. Play Area
5. Basketball Court and Parking
6. Sand Volleyball Courts
7. Park Signage and Trail Improvements
8. Lighting and Safety
9. Stormwater Management

Phase 1 Limit of Work

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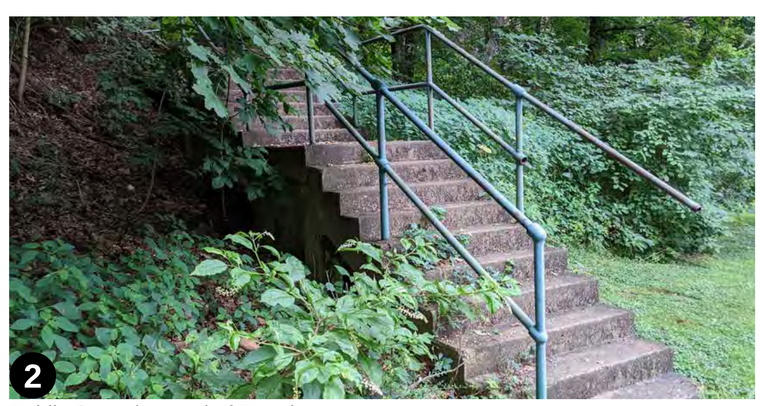
SITE INVENTORY & ANALYSIS | EXISTING CONDITIONS

1 Signage at Main Park Entrance


2 Public Steps in Need of Repair

3 Playground near Main Entrance

4 Surban Street looking north from Southern Playground

5 Open Lawn Area near Staircase and west of Surban Street

6 Gated Entrance to Main Trail Lacks Signage, Trail Improvements Needed

7 Trail West of Surban Street

8 Stone Walls and Historic Picnic Area East of Surban Street

9 Main Trail Terminus at Park Building

10 Upper Entrance to Park Building from Surban Street

11 Concrete Steps Connecting Upper and Lower Levels of Park Building

12 Park Building Looking from Parking Area

13 Surban Street ends at a Hairpin Turn at Parking Area

14 Parking Area Looking north

15 Tennis Courts

16 Playground

17 Park Shelter

18 Furnishings Worn (Benches and Bollards) or not Operational (Water Fountain)

19 Trails Appear to be Used but are not Clearly Marked

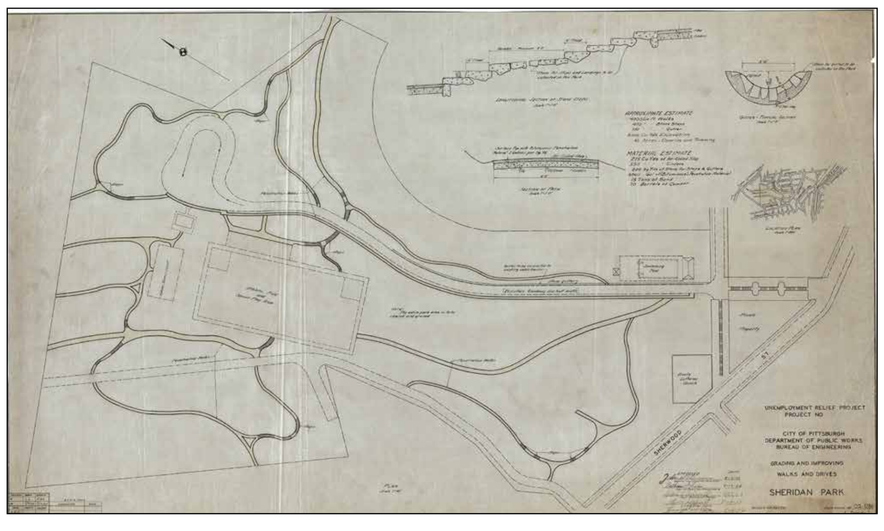
20 Unused Building near Baseball Field in Disrepair

21 Baseball Field

SITE INVENTORY & ANALYSIS | EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN

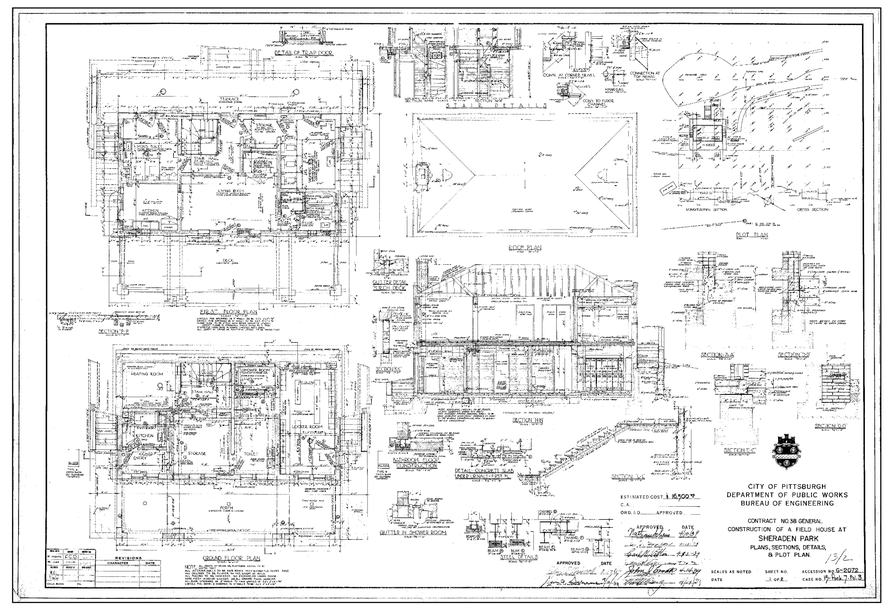
SITE INVENTORY & ANALYSIS | REFERENCES

Sheraden Park Walls and Drives, 1934



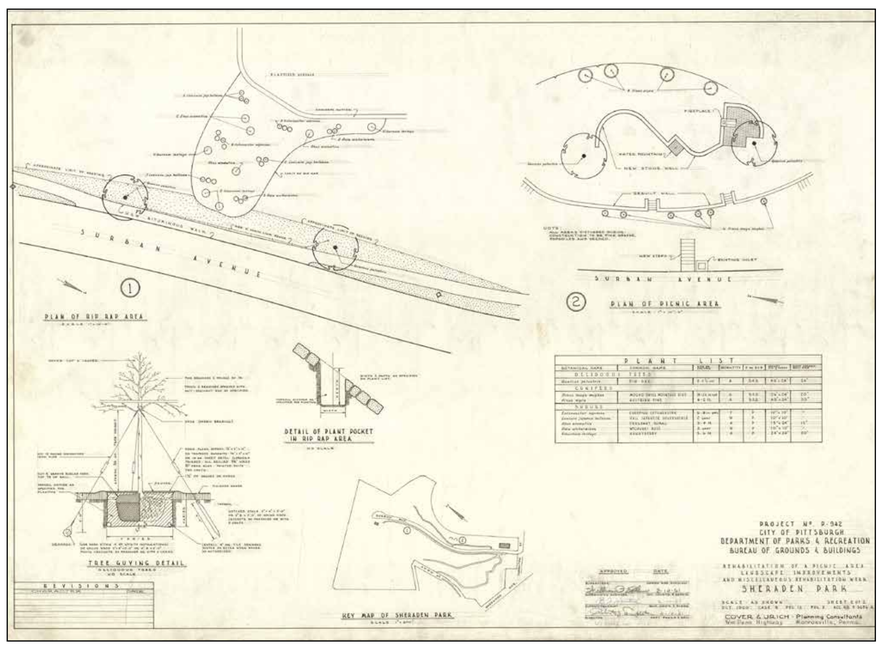
KEY TAKEAWAYS
- Most of the original park trails and paths are still prominent today.
- A swimming pool and building was originally located near the main park entrance.
- Several features included in this design were never realized, such as step entry from Sherwood Street.

Park Building Drawing Set, 1939



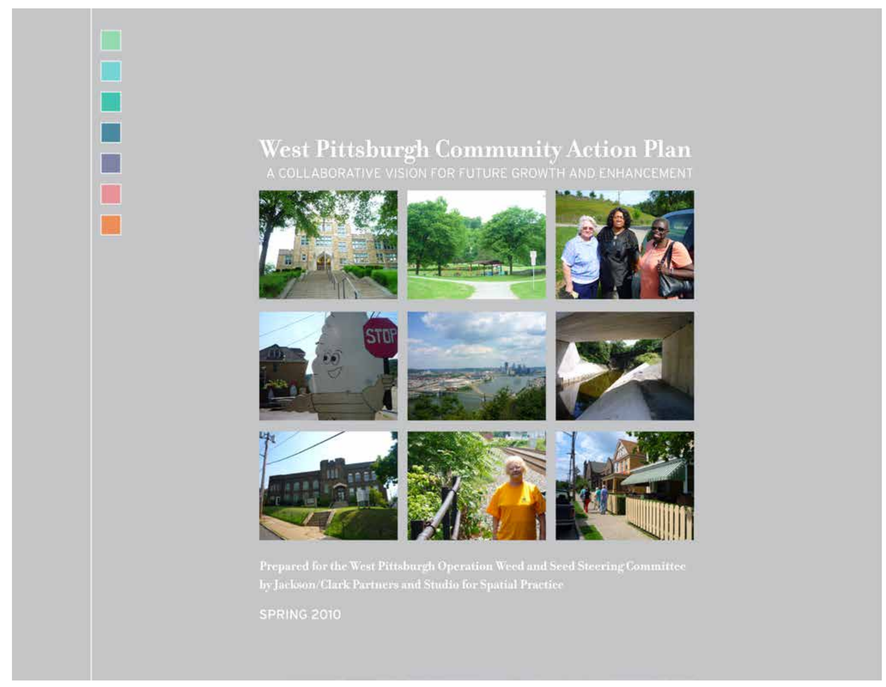
KEY TAKEAWAYS
- The original building was designed as a living quarters for a park caretaker.
- The building was constructed in 1939.
- The original design included a portico and deck, which has since been covered with an addition.
- The concrete steps and sidewalk surrounding the building are original.
- Estimated original construction cost: $2,000.

Sheraden Park Landscape Improvement Plans, 1961



KEY TAKEAWAYS
- The area along trail/ Surban Street was originally designed as a picnic area.
- Flowering trees were incorporated into the original landscape design.
- Stone walls from original design are still present on-site.

West Pittsburgh Community Action Plan, 2010

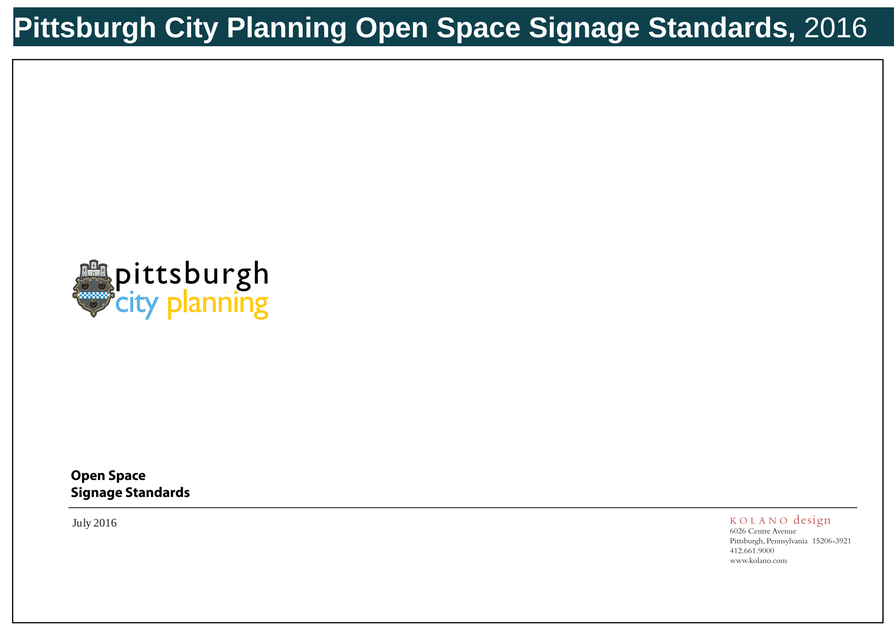


KEY TAKEAWAYS
- Chartiers Creek improvements will encourage public access.
- Enhance neighborhood gateways.
- Surrounding property vacancies, along with criminal activity, pose challenges to the park.
- Neighborhood amenities are primarily accessed by cars.

Open Space PGH, 2013

KEY TAKEAWAYS
- Connections and access issues are an overarching issue being addressed by the City of Pittsburgh.
- Environmental issues are also being addressed, along with park. maintenance and funding
- Quality of life directly correlates with public parks.
- Expand the reach of the park.
- Sheraden Park will be redeveloped into a signature community park.

Pittsburgh City Planning Open Space Signage Standards, 2016



KEY TAKEAWAYS
- The City is working towards unifying signage across city parks.
- Signs within the park must be clear to read for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles.
- Universal accessibility must be considered with signage to encourage all people to use the park.

Sheraden Park Master Plan, 2020

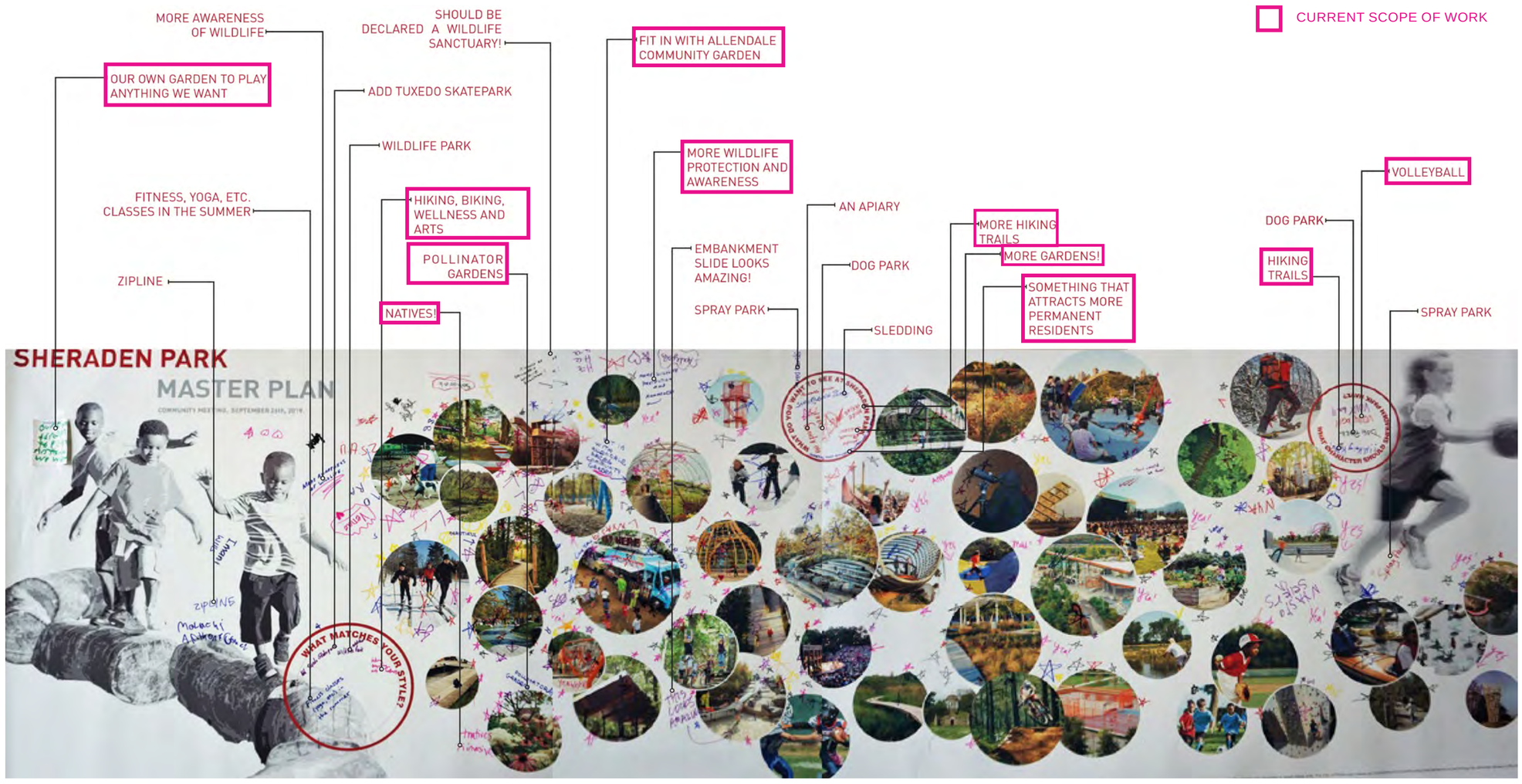
KEY TAKEAWAYS
- Improve facilities on site.
- Create easier access and circulation.
- Establish social & educational destinations.
- Promote nature-based recreation using the site's unique topography.
- Reestablish play & organized recreation opportunities.
- Improve environmental conditions.

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN | MASTER PLAN KEY TAKEAWAYS

Community Event 1

STAKEHOLDER PRIORITIES

1. More Lighting, more Police
2. More Maintenance (Dumping, Vandalism, Invasive Plants, etc.
3. Better Restrooms
4. Better Access to the Park
5. More Parking
6. More Group Picnic Areas
7. Bring Building back to Original Design



Community Event 2

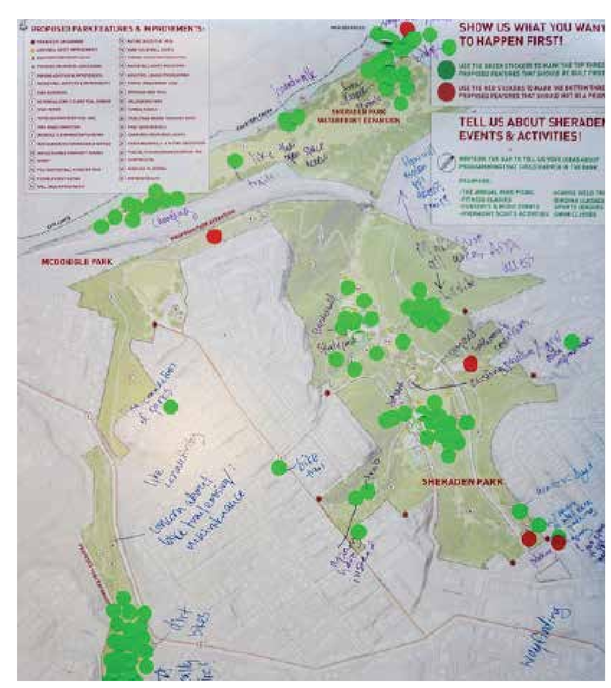
STAKEHOLDER PRIORITIES

1. Hiking Trails & Walks
2. Bike Trails
3. Connectivity
4. Play Areas
5. Sport Fields/Courts
5. Parking

Community Event 3

STAKEHOLDER PRIORITIES

1. Trails
2. ADA/Open Space Access
3. Connectivity/Wayfinding
4. Play Areas
5. Parking
6. Upgrade Existing Buildings



CONCEPTUAL DESIGN - CONCEPT A

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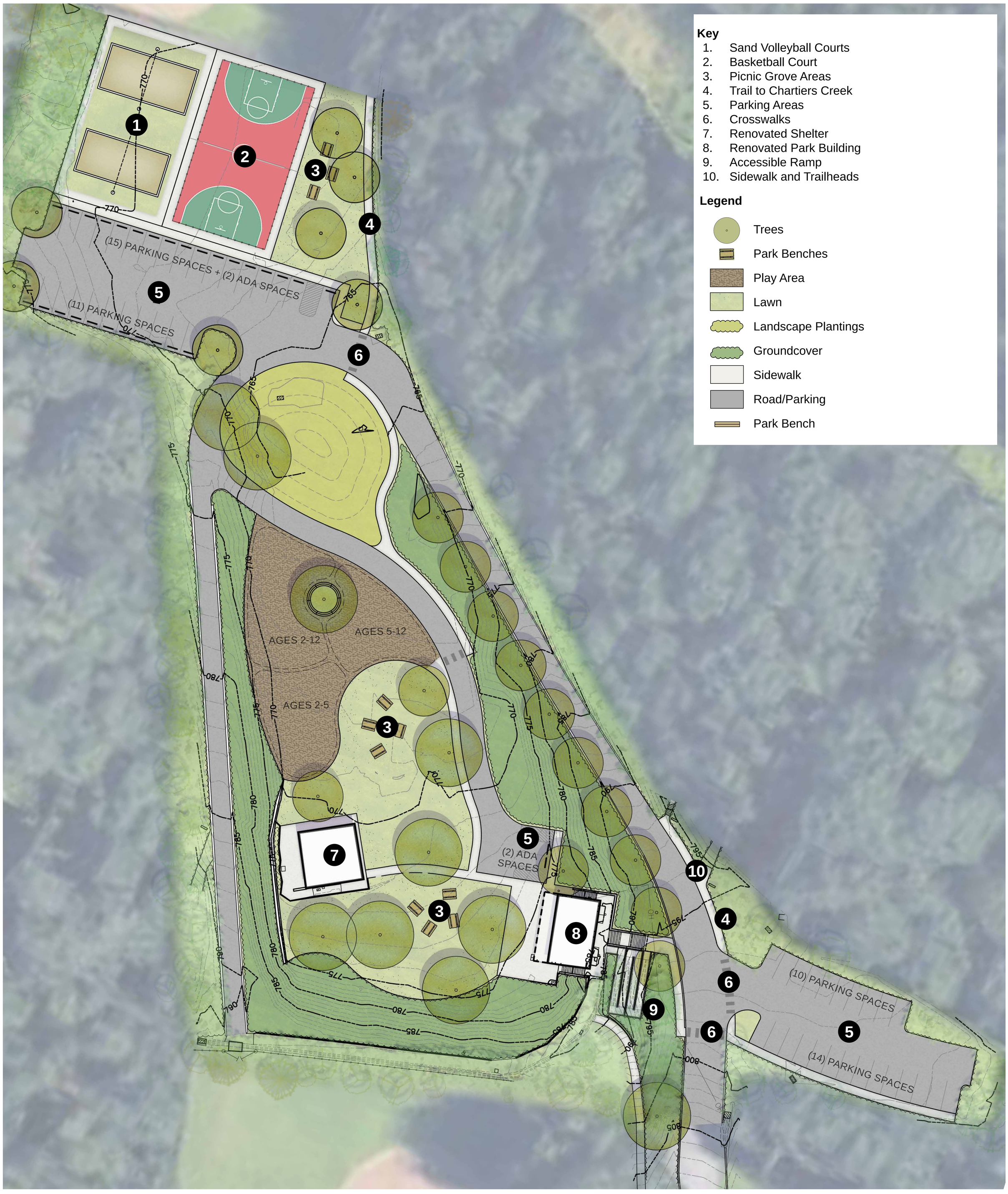
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN - CONCEPT B



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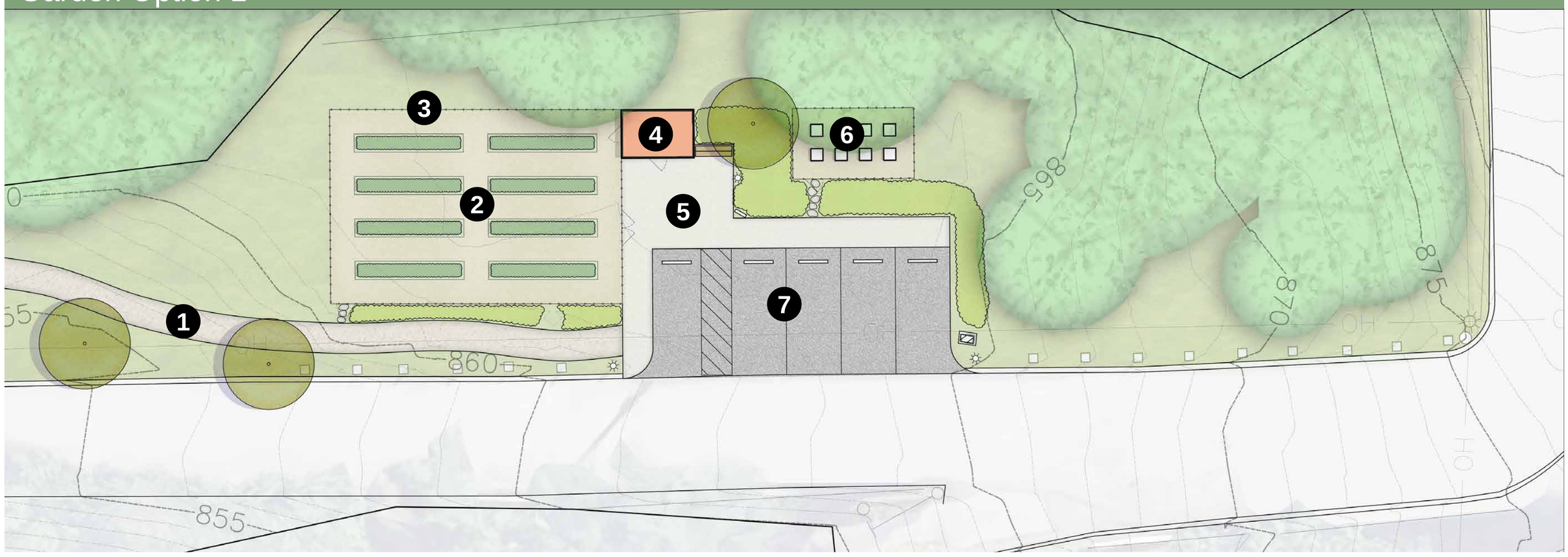
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN - GARDEN

Garden Option 1



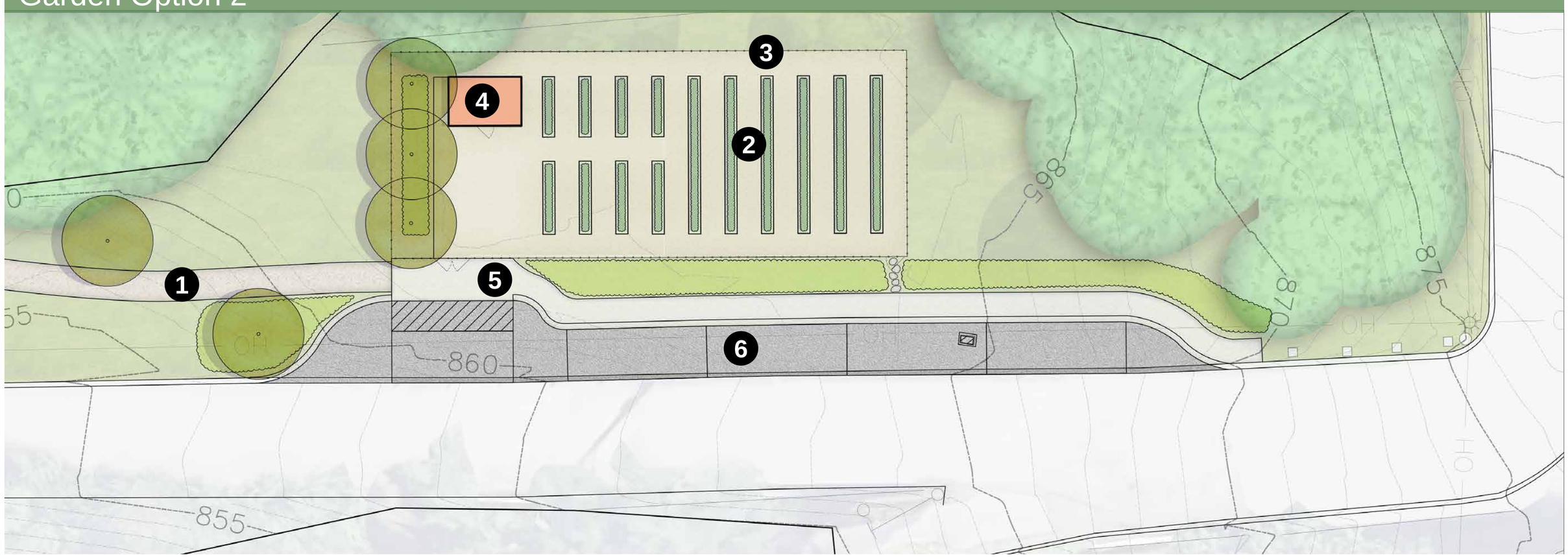
Key

1. Connection to Existing Trail
2. Garden Beds
3. Deer Fence
4. Garden/Tool Shed
5. Sidewalk
6. Apiary
7. (4) Parking Spaces + (1) ADA Space

Legend

- Trees
- Park Bench
- ADA-Accessible Pervious Surface
- Lawn
- Meadow Landscape
- Garden Beds
- Sidewalk
- Pervious Parking

Garden Option 2



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CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PRECEDENTS

Community Garden & Parking

Existing Site Area

Public Flower Garden

Raised Beds with Tool Shed in Background

WPC Community Garden Signage

Deer Protection/Fencing

Lawrenceville Community Garden

Play Area within Garden Area

PHASE ONE PUBLIC COMMENTS

What type of garden?
- Vegetables?
- Flowers?

Is a tool shed needed?

Is deer fencing needed?

Is there a play area within the garden?

Is a nearby source of water needed for plant maintenance desired?

Are benches desired?

Is signage identifying the community garden desired?

How many parking spaces are needed?

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PRECEDENTS

Play Area Improvements

Traditional Playground

Outdoor Fitness Equipment

Playground Climbing Net

Inclusive Playground

Natural Play Equipment

Pittsburgh's Wightman Park Playground

Playground with Natural Materials

Inclusive, Themed Play Structure

Playground Elements Inspired by Local Topography

Inclusive Playground

PHASE ONE PUBLIC COMMENTS

What age group will utilize this amenity?
- 2 to 5 years?
- 5 to 12 years?
- Adults?

What type of equipment is desired?
- Traditional?
- Natural?
- Net Style?
- Inclusive-inspired?
- Exercise?

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PRECEDENTS

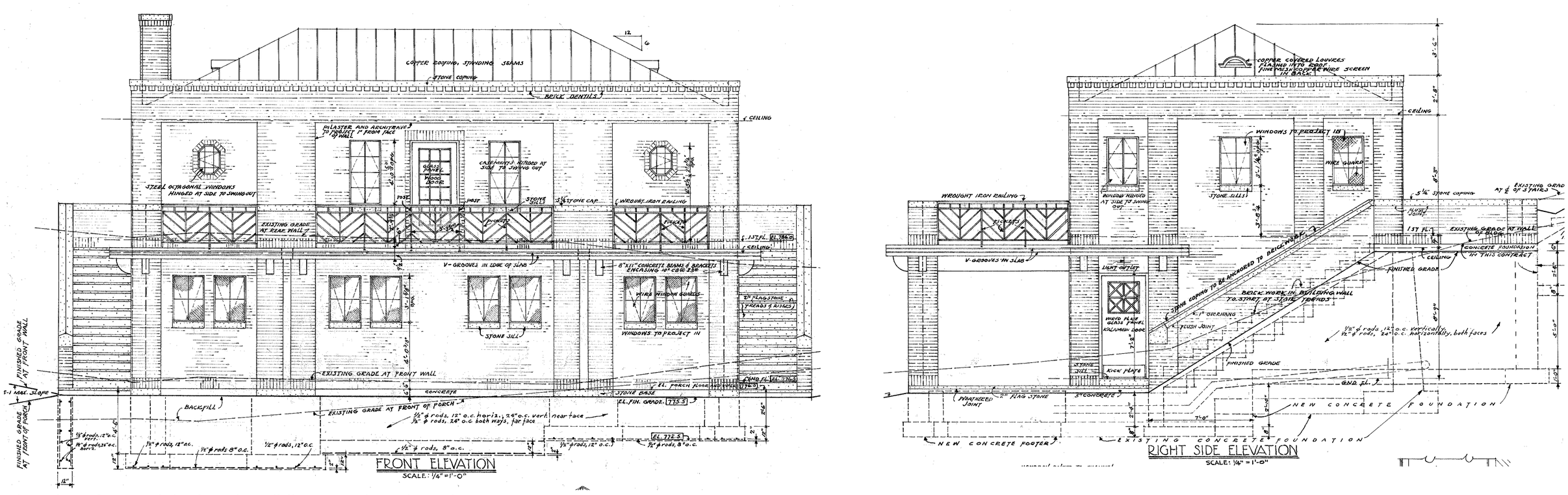
Park Building Improvements

Park Building looking southeast

Park Building looking east

Park Building looking west

Concrete Steps on north and south Sides of Building



Elevations from Original Park Building Drawings (1939)

PHASE ONE PUBLIC COMMENTS

How will the building be utilized?
- Community event space?
- Concessions?
- Restrooms?
- Storage?

What portion of the building is desired to be ADA compliant?
- Front?
- Rear?
- Both?

Would you like to see the building restored to its original design?

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PRECEDENTS

Park Shelter Improvements

Existing Shelter

Existing Water and Electric Connection

Park Shelter Lighting

Example of Existing Park Structure with New Roof

City Standard Park Grill

Fineview Park Shelter

McKinley Park Shelter with Cut Stone Piers

PHASE ONE PUBLIC COMMENTS

What improvements would you like to see for the existing shelter?

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PRECEDENTS

Basketball Court, Sand Volleyball Court, & Parking

Existing Basketball Court

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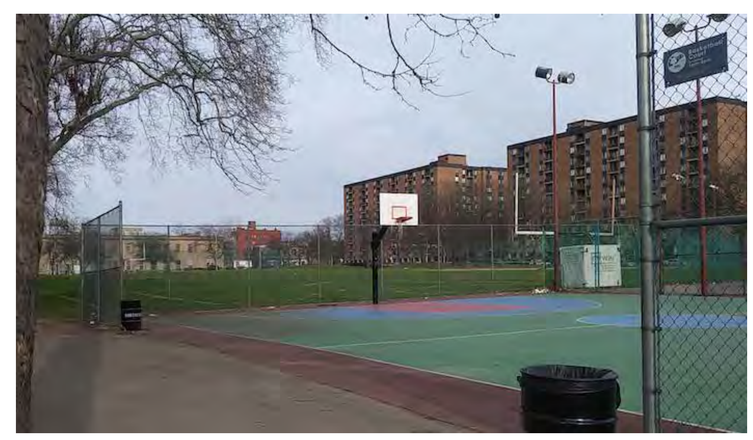
Fineview Park Basketball Court

Mellon Park Basketball Courts


Allegheny Commons Park Basketball Court

Sand Volleyball Court

Sand Volleyball Court

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PHASE ONE PUBLIC COMMENTS

How many basketball courts are needed?
Are the basketball courts full court or half court?

Is a sand volleyball court still desired?

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PRECEDENTS

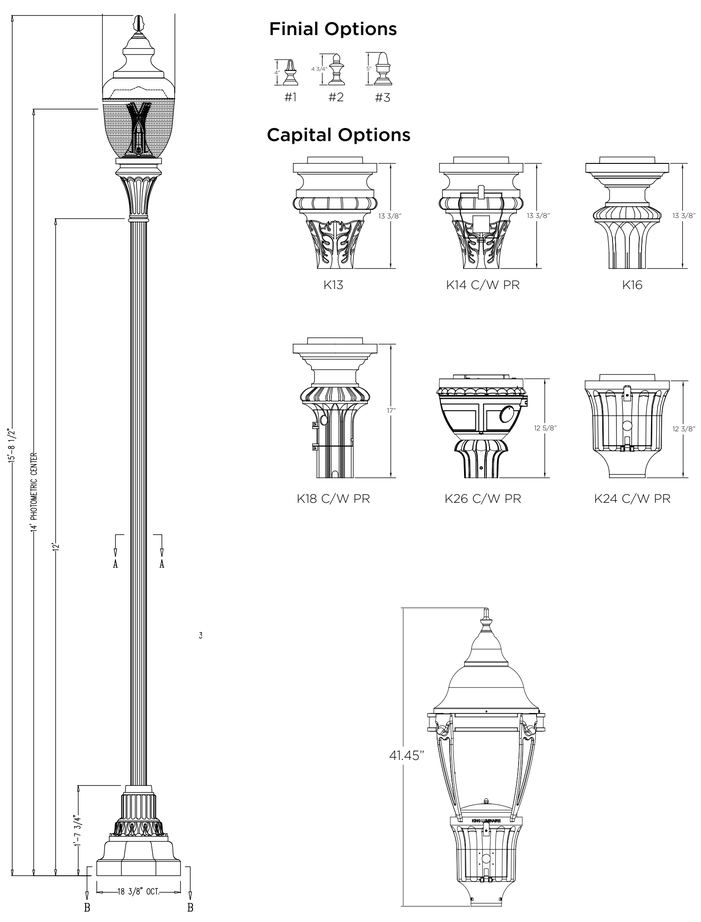
Safety & Maintenance

Existing Abandoned Building Presents Hazard

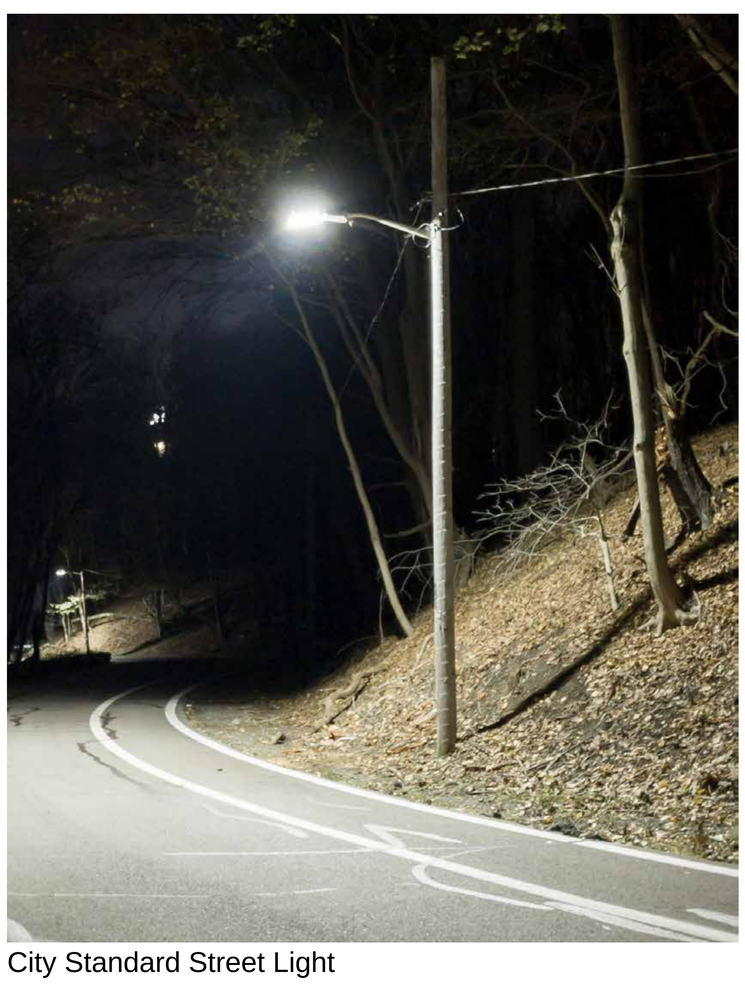
Existing Illegal Dumping

Existing Stone Walls

Existing Wooden Guide Posts Rotting



City Standard Light Pole (left/upper right) &
Dark Sky Retrofit (lower right)



City Standard Street Light

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Existing Erosion Seen on Steps along Trail

PHASE ONE PUBLIC COMMENTS

What safety concerns do you have?

What maintenance concerns do you have?

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PRECEDENTS

Trail & Signage Improvements

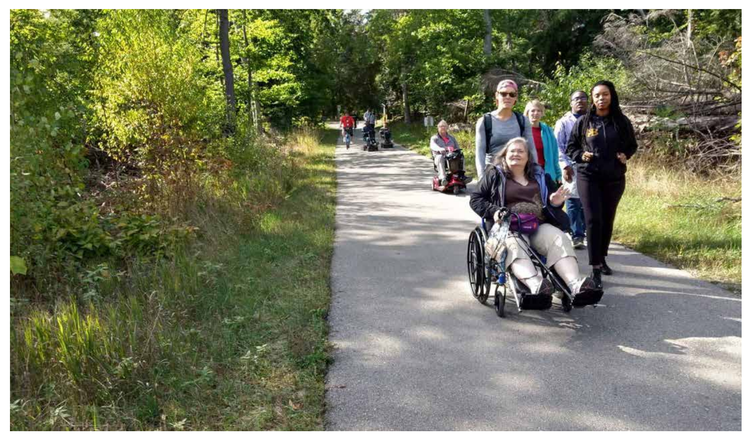
Gated Main Trail Access near Park Entrance

Steep Trail east of Surban Street

Compacted Aggregate Trail in Riverview Park

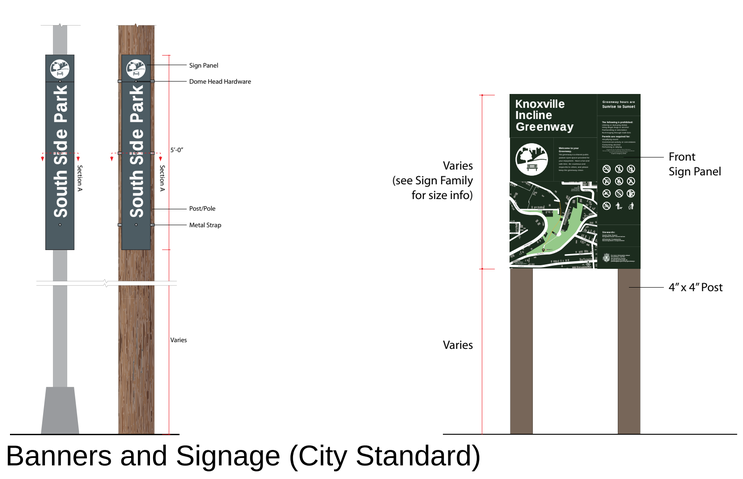
Multiuse Trail in Frick Park

Pittsburgh Bike Trail

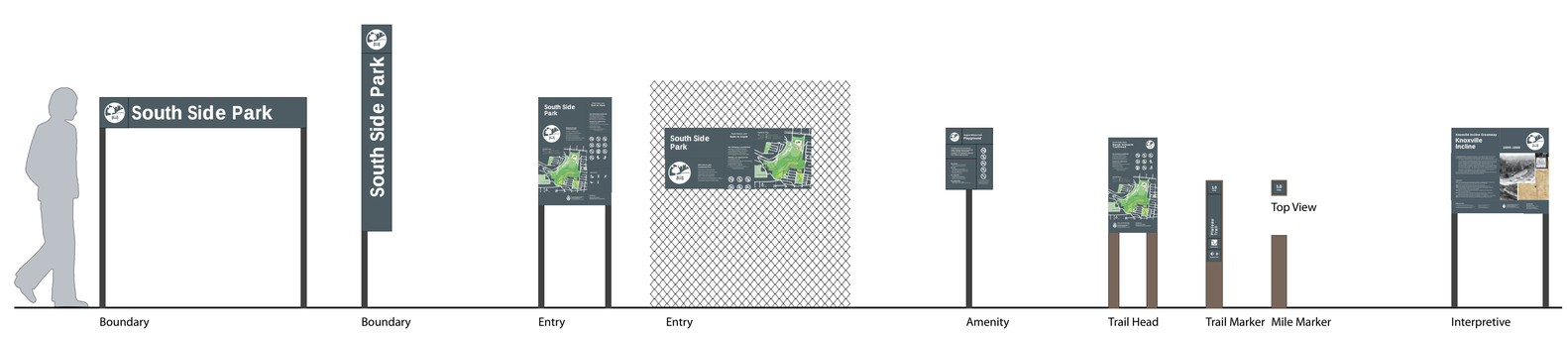


ADA-Accessible Trail

Community Park Signage (City Standard)



Banners and Signage (City Standard)



Community Park Signage Family (City Standard)

PHASE ONE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Which existing trails should be accessible?

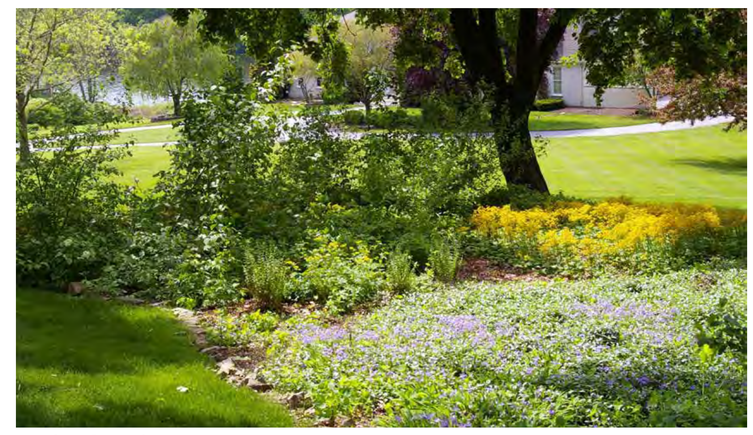
What is the preferred surface for trails?

Should bike trails be incorporated?

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PRECEDENTS

Stormwater Management

Vegetated Swale in Pittsburgh's Hill District



Rain Garden

Hillcrest Stormwater Project

Rain Garden at Wightman Park

Pervious Paving - Parking Lot with Pervious Pavers

Pervious Paving - Concrete Grid Pavers

Woodland Road Stormwater Project

Porous Pavement at McKinley Park

Porous Asphalt

Using Plantings to Combat Erosion

PHASE ONE PUBLIC COMMENTS

What green initiatives are desired?

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PRECEDENTS

General Site Elements

City Standard Picnic Table

City Standard Bench

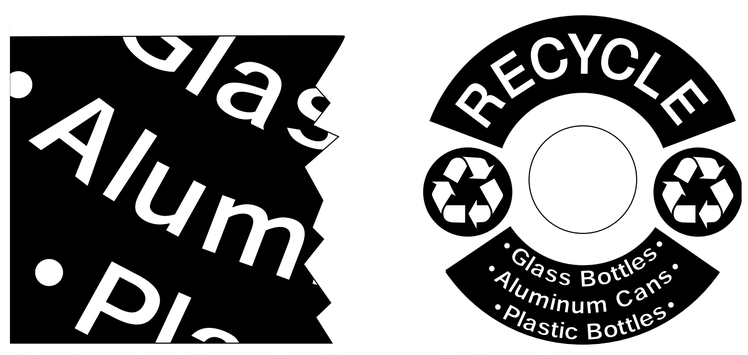
City Standard Water Fountain

City Standard Bike Rack

City Standard Light Fixture

City Standard Trash Receptacle

City Standard Bike Rack



City Standard Recycling Receptacle Decal

PHASE ONE PUBLIC COMMENTS

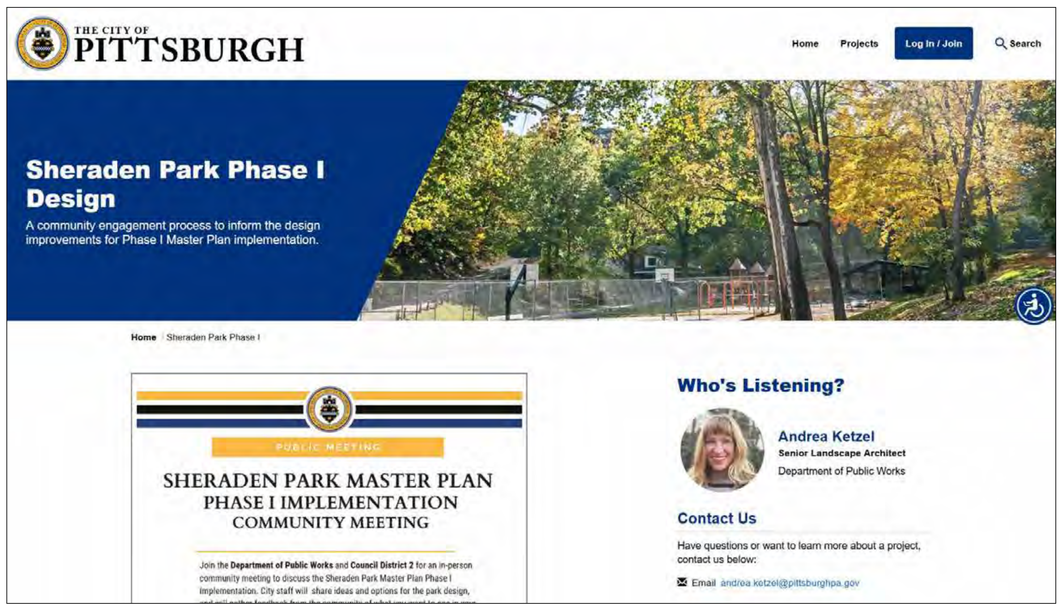
The photos shown above are the City's standard site elements that will be part of this project.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

WHAT DID WE MISS? PLEASE TELL US MORE.

NEXT STEPS

- Update conceptual design based on feedback from community meeting
- Community meeting #2 - present final conceptual design - Date to be determined
- Follow Engage PGH for updates and upcoming meeting announcements: https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/sheraden



SCAN ME

Meeting Materials will be posted, along with follow-up questions for those unable to attend today's meeting.

- Questions? E-mail: andrea.ketzel@pittsburghpa.gov