



Brookline Avenue Playground

Park and Recreation Commission

Design Review Committee

September 30, 2014

Overall Process

- Preliminary budget and scope included in the Capital Improvements Plan (2012)
- Park and Recreation Commission Design Review process with vote from Design Review Committee on 25%-30% complete design (Spring through Fall of 2014)
- Final vote on 25%-30% design from Park and Recreation Commission (Fall/Winter 2014)
- Construction documents for bidding—drawings, technical specifications, and Engineer's estimate (Winter 2014-15)
- Bidding (Spring 2015)
- Town Meeting Vote (May 2015)
- Construction starts after July 1, 2015

Potential Improvements

- Multigenerational use
- A beautiful green frame for the park to buffer it and make it an oasis
- Active and passive opportunities
- Build community
- Maximize opportunities for people and children of all abilities, and provide a place for them to come together

Goals for Tonight

- Review overall improvements—ballfield, planting, site furniture.
- Review layout options for play and passive recreation and provide direction.
- Review play options within designated spaces.

Overall Improvements--Ball Field Refurbishment



Replace players' furniture , refurbish fencing, and refurbish ballfield turf and infield mix.

Overall Improvements—Edge Treatments



Improve weaker edge conditions with clean-up and screen plantings utilizing a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees.

Overall Improvements--Planting



Establish a vegetated frame along the lines of Amory Playground, and incorporate plants with detail and interest into natural play in the playground.

Overall Improvements—Plantings and Views



Provide for the next generation of trees and plug gaps in the existing plantings, and install Elms along the Brookline Avenue edge. Street trees will be replanted as well under a separate contract.

Overall Improvements—Site Furniture and Drinking Fountains



Opportunity to provide more accessible site furniture and features.

Overall Improvements— Site Furniture



Institute a family of furniture that accommodates accessibility and multi-generational use. Provide for a variety of social interactions, and consider furniture that moves or can be moved, as well as furniture scaled for children.

Play Equipment and Surfacing

ADA—Play Types (John LaRue)

Children seek the same basic play experiences. They are focused on developing their skills, challenging themselves, and exploring their world. They are also focused on playing together, communication, and taking turns.

- Rocking
- Swinging
- Pretending
- Spinning
- Climbing/Crawling
- Sliding
- Gathering
- Experimenting
- Balancing
- Training

Potential Improvements: Play Equipment and Surfacing

Goals for Play Area

- Extended interaction in group play
- Features that pull a number of children in—focal points
- Cause and effect
- Shady areas
- Natural play
- Components/pieces (big or small) that can be manipulated
- Play that is directed by the child, not the equipment
- Imaginative play
- Play spaces that feel enclosed but are easily visible, such as underneath composite structures
- Tricycle route

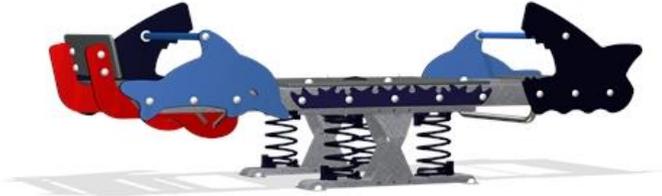
Swinging



Saucer Swings



Rocking



Rocking



Training



Sliding



Balancing



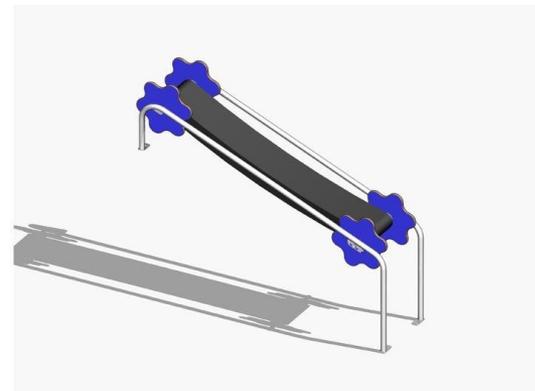
Gathering



Gathering/Spinning



Experimenting/Manipulating



Manipulating



Pretending



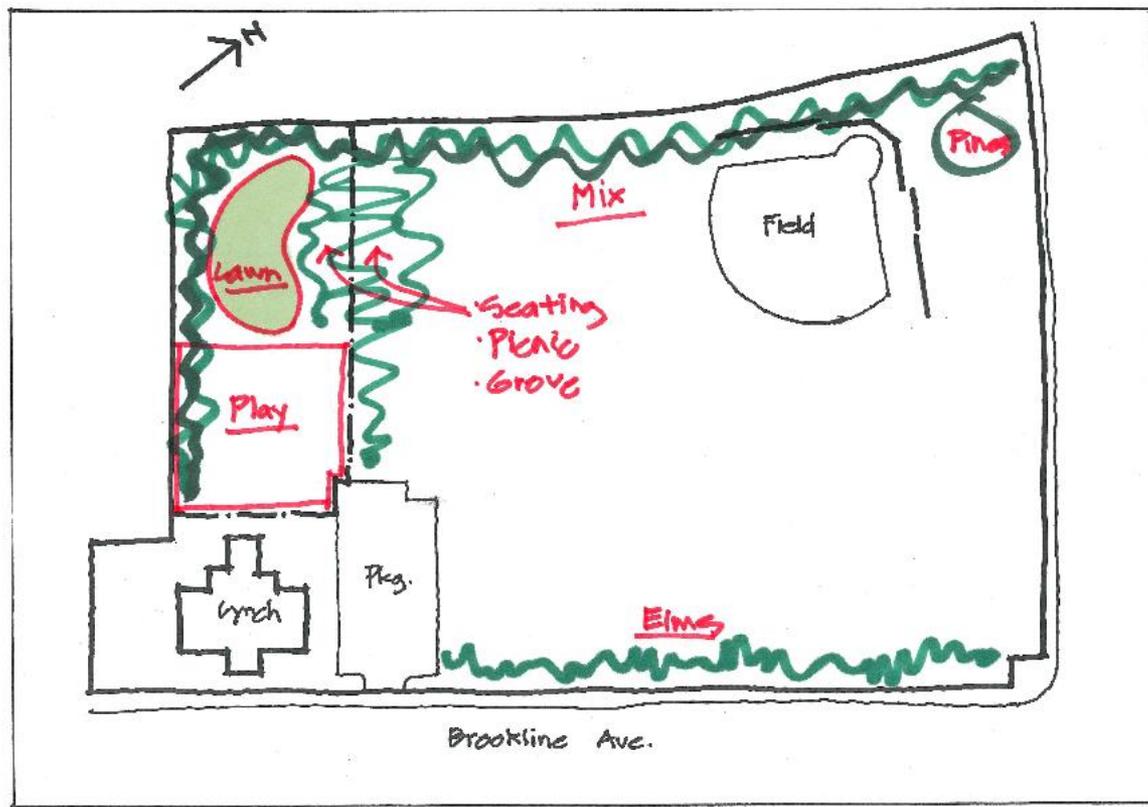
Natural Play



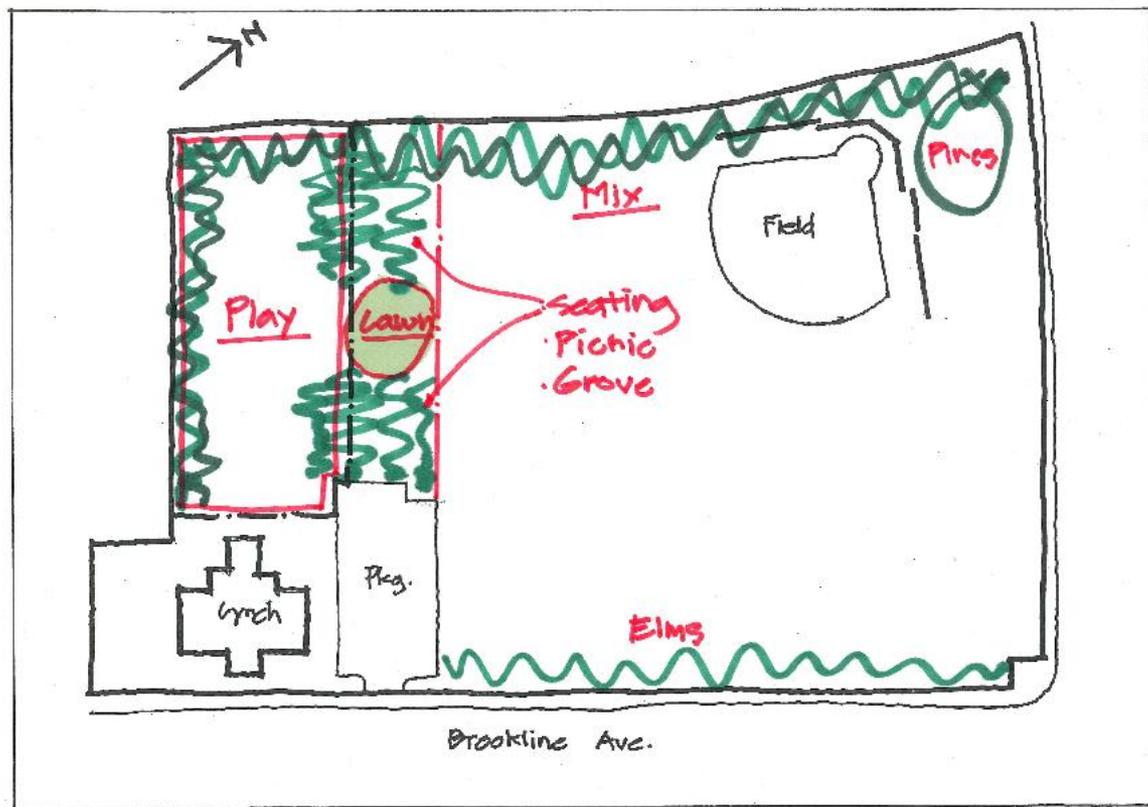
Composite Structure with Ramps

(Ages 5-12)

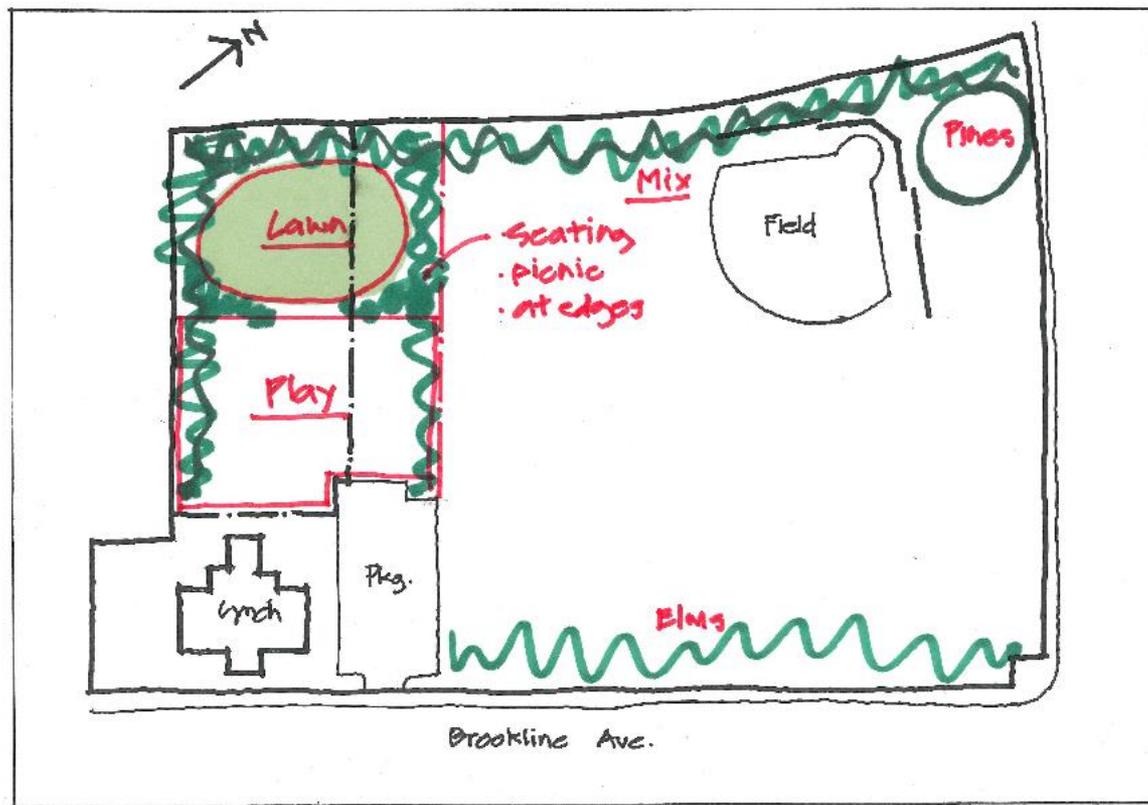




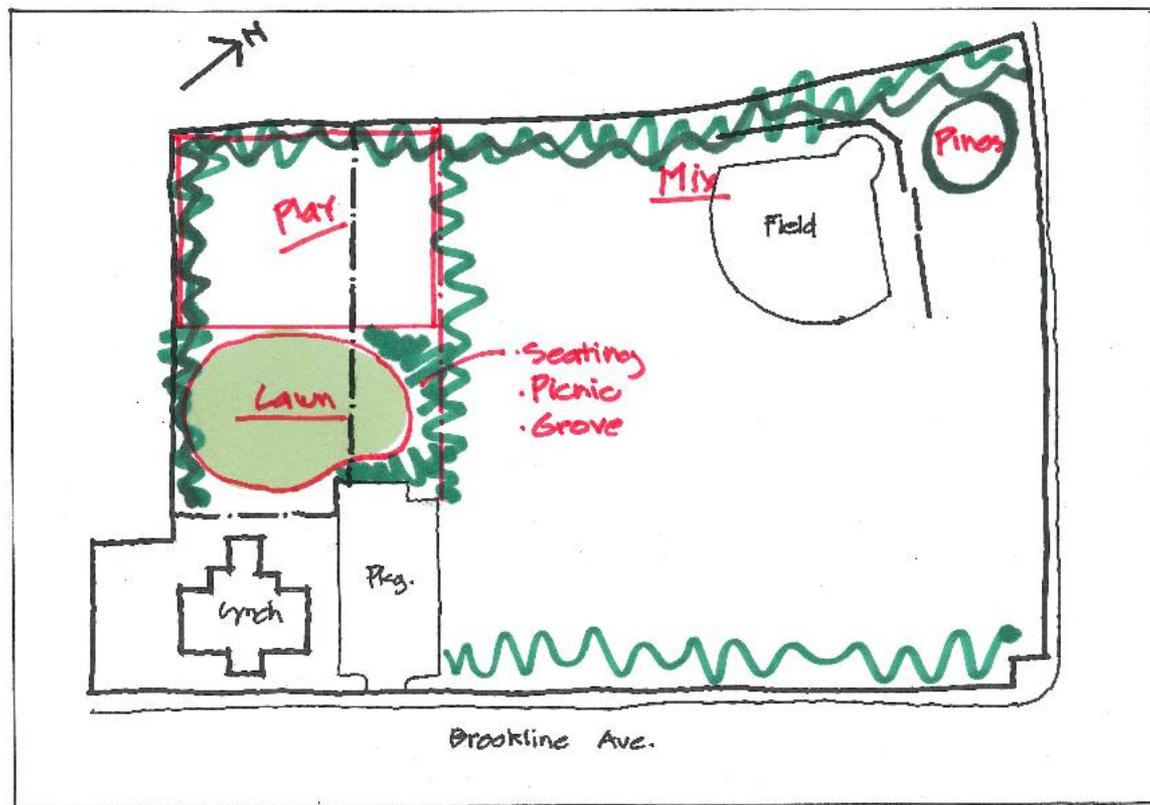
A - Existing Footprint



B- Maximize Equipment a la Menino



C-Enlarged Play/50-50



D- Like C but Flipped

Composite Structure with Ground Play (Ages 5-12)



Composite Structure with Ramps (Ages 2-5)

MBT-8900 Triumph

Approachable and well equipped, the Triumph brings all children together and into the act of playing. Here the "Play for All" concept is designed right in; kids can find out what they can do and also find out about each other. This BigToy represents a fun place where children are given opportunities to explore their full play potential.

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Meadow color choice shown.



Woodland color choice shown.



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Equipment must be installed over resilient surfacing appropriate to the safety guidelines for your area.

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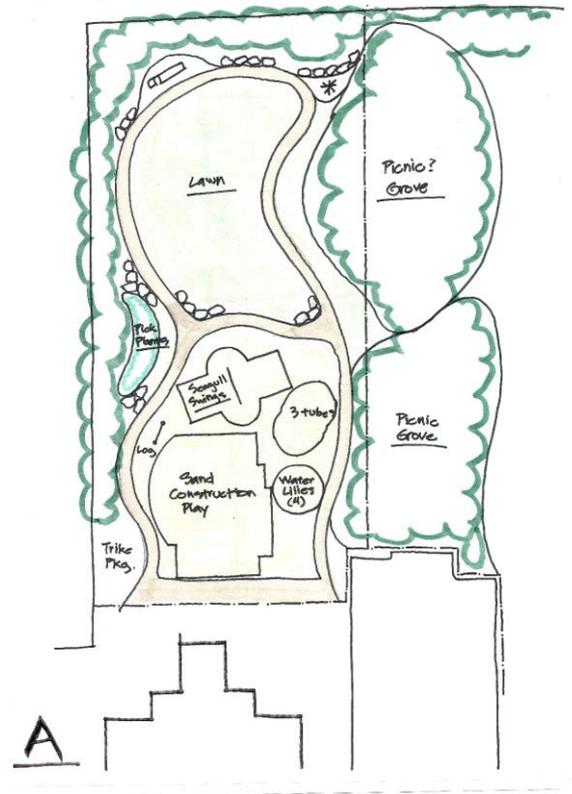
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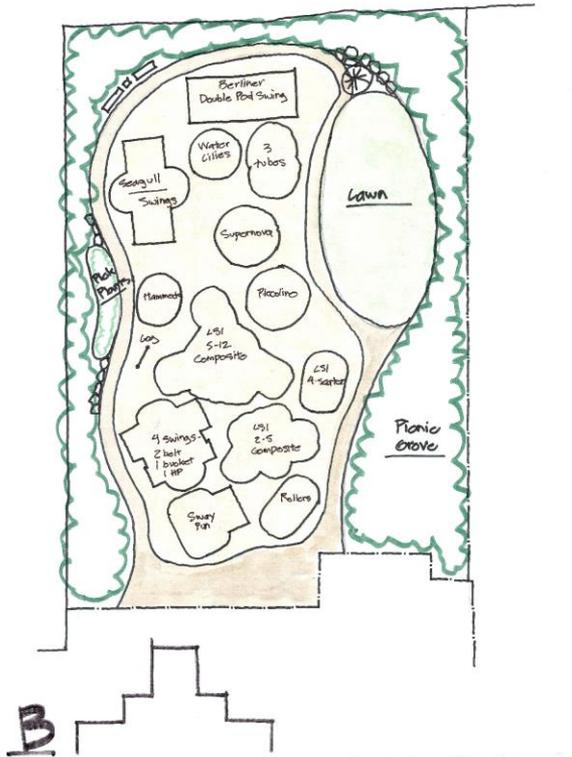
Composite Structure with Transfer Platform (Ages 2-5)

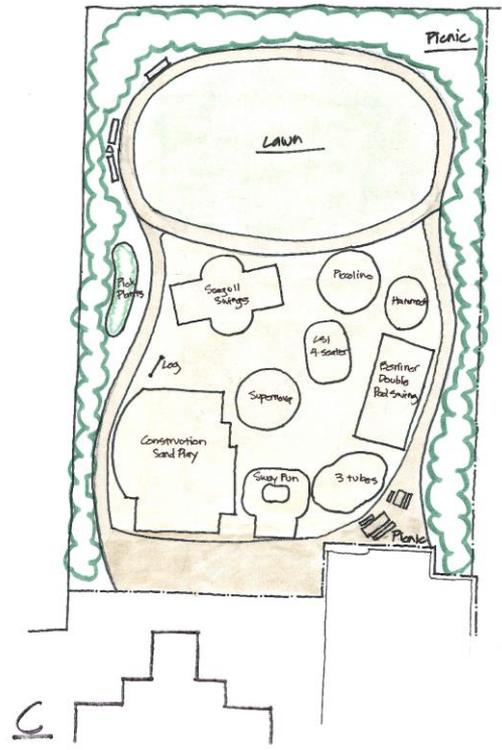


Play Spaces Underneath











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